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**18**

AVERAGE  
CLASS SIZE

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**88**

GRADUATES IN THE  
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## Crews tackle 'stubborn' house fire

Crews from all three of King's fire houses fought a very stubborn house fire just on the outskirts of Pottageville last week. The call came in around 10:20 a.m. with flames coming out the front door. Fire Chief Jim Wall commended the troops who fought this fire with "grit and tenacity." He said this was an all around complicated fire to fight as it was unsafe to enter the structure. Crews remained at the scene through the next day and the cause is still unknown.

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## Province expands high-speed internet access

The Ontario government is taking the next step to help bring high-speed internet access to every community by the end of 2025. The province launched a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as part of a new competitive bidding process to connect more than 300,000 homes and businesses in unserved and underserved areas.

Under the new and innovative procurement process, qualified internet service providers (ISP) will later bid – through a series of reverse auctions in defined geographic areas – for opportunities to provide connectivity across Ontario.

"Our government is bringing access to high-speed internet to every home and business across Ontario," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "By taking this

next step, we are closer to ensuring that no one is left behind when it comes to participating in this digital world. We're saying that no matter where you live, you will have access to reliable, high-speed internet to work, learn, start a business, access vital services like health care, and connect with family and friends."

The new procurement process, led by Infrastructure Ontario, builds on the province's recently announced investment of up to \$14.7 million for 13 new projects under its Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program. This investment is providing up to 17,000 homes and businesses with access to reliable high-speed internet.

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Monday, September 27**  
6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

**Tuesday, October 12**  
6 pm – Public Planning Meeting  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit [king.civicweb.net](http://king.civicweb.net)

#### COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

**Tuesday, September 21**  
6 pm – King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

**Wednesday, September 22**  
6 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting - Not Live Streamed) If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by email [jwelch@king.ca](mailto:jwelch@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

### BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit <https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Cold Creek – Outdoor Program Facilitator: Deadline September 20th at 4:30pm
- Arena Assistant I (Contract): Deadline September 21st at 4:30pm
- Facility Operator I (Contract): Deadline September 21st at 4:30pm

Please visit the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) for employment opportunities.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### Truth and Reconciliation in Canada National Day for Truth and Reconciliation office closure

**WARNING:** This section deals with topics regarding truth and reconciliation in Canada that may cause trauma invoked by memories of past abuse.

A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line has been set up to provide support for former Residential School students. You can access emotional and crisis referral services. You can also get information on how to get other health supports from the Government of Canada.

Please call the Crisis Line at **1-866-925-4419** if you or someone you know is triggered while reading the content below.

The Township of King recognizes the importance of truth and reconciliation with indigenous people in Canada and taking time to reflect on the country's history of Indian Residential Schools.

The Government of Canada recently passed legislation to make **September 30th** a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and is meant to commit the Canadian Government to reconciliation and ensuring that the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools is never forgotten.

Accordingly, King Township staff will be offline on Thursday, September 30. Staff will return to normal working hours on Friday, September 31. For urgent matters, please contact our 24/7 after hours service at 905-833-5321.

In solidarity with the efforts of the [Indigenous Residential School Survivors Society](https://www.irsss.ca/) (<https://www.irsss.ca/>) of British Columbia, the Township encourages you to take part in wearing an orange shirt on September 30th. Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

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### NOTICE

#### VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

#### 2021 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

#### (DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 KING GRANTS)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Community Grants Program was postponed in recognition that most not-for-profit organizations were pre-occupied with reacting/responding to the challenges that all were facing during this difficult time.

The Township of King, in an effort to award much needed community grant assistance in 2021, is now advertising for the 2021 Community Grants Program. This program is available to not-for-profit community organizations, which provide or develop recreational, cultural, or social opportunities within the Township of King. Applications will be received until **Friday, November 5, 2021**.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) or [King.ca/CommunityGrants](http://King.ca/CommunityGrants). Alternately, please contact [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) for further information.

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Please see more King Township notices on page 5

### PUBLIC NOTICES

**COVID-19 Information**  
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#### Step Three Update - Expanded Services Available for In-Person Appointments

Limited in-person services are available by appointment every Wednesday at the King Township Municipal Centre (2585 King Road, King City).

For a full list of services please visit [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca). To schedule an appointment for any of the services, email [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca) or call 905-833-5321.

Visit King's COVID-19 Information Hub for all the latest updates at [www.king.ca/covid19](http://www.king.ca/covid19)

### King Township Village Urban Design Guidelines Public Open Houses

King Township is undertaking a review of its urban design guidelines which apply to its Villages of King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg. The outcome of this review is anticipated to be a new, consolidated set of urban design guidelines that apply to the Villages (outlined on the map on page 2), focusing on three areas: Village Centres, Established Neighbourhoods, and Employment Areas.

Each Village in King Township has unique characteristics, circumstances, and issues that must be considered in developing the Guidelines. All interested persons are invited to join one or more Virtual Public Open Houses to learn about this project and contribute to our understanding of the unique traits of each Village. The Draft Village Urban Design Guidelines are being prepared in 2021. Additional consultation events will be held as the project progresses.

#### What are the Village Urban Design Guidelines?

The Village Urban Design Guidelines are a series of statements and images that outline the types of design elements and features that will shape development in King Township. Urban design is informed by a variety of disciplines including architecture, land use planning, landscape architecture, and engineering. Building orientation and siting, streetscape design, built form massing and special locations in King Township can all be addressed through the guidelines.

#### Why revise King Township's urban design guidelines?

In September 2019, Township Council adopted a new Official Plan titled 'Our King' which supports managed growth in a manner that uses land wisely and elevates the quality of the built and natural environments. 'Our King' recognizes that effective design results in the building of complete and desirable places and contributes to the economic vitality and healthy community. There is a need to review the existing Design Guidelines to ensure that they are up to date and align with the urban design objectives of the new Official Plan.

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

Three Virtual Public Open Houses are being held, and each open house will focus on one of the Villages to inform the Project Team's understanding of the unique traits, opportunities, and aspirations of each Village:

**KING CITY: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**SCHOMBERG: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**NOBLETON: Thursday, October 14, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

To register for one or more of the Virtual Public Open Houses, please visit <https://speaking.king.ca/urban-design-guideline-review> to learn more and access the registration page, where you must sign-up to participate. You will be able to join the Public Open Houses via a computer or via telephone. The link and phone-in number will be automatically emailed to you following registration. We will do our best to provide any requested accommodations. Please email or call Kristen Harrison at [kharrison@king.ca](mailto:kharrison@king.ca) or (905) 833-4065 for more information.

#### If I miss 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/urban-design-guideline-review> to view a copy of the presentation and recording of a Virtual Public Open House.

We welcome all ideas and input into this project. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact: Kristen Harrison, Policy Planner, Township of King by email at [kharrison@king.ca](mailto:kharrison@king.ca) or (905) 833-4065.

#### What is the Study Area?

The Study Area for the Village Urban Design Guidelines project includes those lands within the urban Villages of King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg.

### Be a Good Neighbour



With the last few months of good weather available before we are shovelling snow again, King wants to remind everyone that sometimes your outside landscaping/hardscaping projects may impact your neighbours without you realizing it.

Below are a few tips of how you can be a good neighbour while working on your outdoor projects:



- sweep any dirt or mud that tracks out from your project area onto the sidewalk and/or street at the end of each day.
- keep the noise down as much as possible. Make sure the work is occurring in accordance with the Township's Noise By-Law.
- avoid blocking the roadway, sidewalk, and/or your neighbour's driveway.
- make sure all litter is picked up and there is no ponding water on your property at the end of each day.
- if in doubt that your project area could be unsafe for small children, install temporary fencing at the end of each day.





## Kingbridge receives funding for critical care services

The Kingbridge Centre will continue to deliver specialized care, thanks to some additional provincial funding.

The Minister of Health, Hon. Christine Elliott, Minister of Education, Hon. Stephen Lecce, MPPs Michael Parsa and Logan Kanapathi, York Region Chairman Emmerson and King's Ward 5 Councillor Debbie Schaefer were at Kingbridge recently to announce \$13 million in additional provincial funding to help York Region deliver critical services, create longer-term housing solutions and keep vulnerable people safe during the continuation of this pandemic.

The Social Services Relief Fund was set up in March of 2020 to help protect the health and safety of the community's most vulnerable people during the pandemic.

The provincial and regional leaders also thanked Kingbridge, York Region Social Services, Salvation Army and others for their dedication and collaboration for the last year and a half to provide shelter services to those most in need during these challenging times.

The unique partnership between the public and private sector working alongside not for profit organizations has been a highly effective model of collaboration in response to rapidly changing conditions and needs.

## Process will boost plans

*From Front Page*

It also builds on a range of other previously announced provincial initiatives that will connect another 70,000 homes and businesses throughout Southwestern and Northern Ontario.

"Infrastructure Ontario is excited to be launching this innovative new competitive bidding process," said Michael Lindsay, President and CEO of Infrastructure Ontario. "These past 18 months of working, learning and receiving care from home have shown the value and importance of achieving high-speed connectivity for every region in Ontario. This program will help more than 300,000 homes and businesses across the province gain access to this connectivity."

Ontario is now one of the few jurisdictions in Canada with its own comprehensive and proactive plan to achieve 100 per cent connectivity. In the coming months, the government plans to announce the results of the reverse auctions, along with additional details on how it will help ensure every region in Ontario has access to high-speed internet by the end of 2025.

In March, the Ontario government announced nearly \$4 billion to connect every region to high-speed internet by the end of 2025. This is the largest single investment in high-speed internet, in any province, by any government in Canadian history.

Internet service providers interested in bidding on these contracts must register with [www.merx.com](http://www.merx.com) to download the RFQ. Infrastructure Ontario will review the RFQ submissions and those

shortlisted will be invited to respond to a Request for Proposals to participate in the reverse auctions.

The reverse auctions allow internet service providers to bid on how much provincial funding they would require to supply the community with high-speed internet access. The winning bid would meet defined coverage and deployment requirements at the most competitive (lowest) price.

As many as 700,000 households in Ontario – making up 1.4 million Ontarians – lack access to high-speed internet or have no internet connection at all.

Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan is already providing internet and cellular access to homes and businesses in communities across Ontario.

The Ontario government is also helping to speed up construction of broadband projects by successfully introducing the Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021 earlier this spring.

Last year, the province launched the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program, a multi-year program that aims to support high-speed internet and cellular projects.

The province has invested in initiatives to improve connectivity across Eastern and Southwestern Ontario. It has also invested in high-speed internet projects in rural and Northern communities through other initiatives, such as the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and the Next Generation Network Program.

Expanding access to high-speed internet is part of Ontario's action plan which includes more than 30 projects.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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- Michael Connelly

## What if the mundane just isn't enough?

A current radio commercial notes that one of the toughest decisions adults face is what to cook for dinner each night.

If you have children, you know all too well the trials and tribulations of this nightly chore.

But wow, just how mundane and unimpressive our lives can be at times.

Sure, we learn, grow, mature, hone our talents, all so we can pop something into the microwave?

I'm not sure this is what God had in mind when he kicked us out of the Garden of Eden. Serves us right!

For many of us, a snapshot of our daily lives would be unremarkable, boring and even trivial.

Sad, but true.

Human beings are capable of some monumental things. We're strong, resilient, dexterous, agile and quite intelligent. We can learn and become wise, unlike millions of other creatures that share our planet. The only things we can't do is fly or hold our breaths longer than a minute or so.

Does making kids' lunches qualify as a task worthy of such beings? Can doing laundry possibly be part of a road to enlightenment? Will select-a-size paper towels lead us to greatness?

There are times when I shake my head, wondering if I was made for something better, something with a little more umph. Okay, in my current physical condition, it's unlikely I'd pass the physical for the space program, nor am I qualified to lead a scientific mission into the Amazon. But maybe I could become a civil servant, politician, reality TV actor or some sort of "specialist."

I've heard it said that "life is what happens when you're busy making other plans." True enough.

When I was a teen, preparing for a career, I never thought of disposable diapers, RESPs, life insurance or how to handle a mother-in-law. It never crossed



Mark Pavilons

my mind that I'd have to unclog a drain, separate recyclables or deal with pink eye.

I espouse the virtues of a good vacuum cleaner. I price match every week. I accept freebies. I brown bag it. I am constantly on the lookout for a good toilet bowl cleaner. I know how to use a rental carpet cleaner.

OMG, I've turned into a combination Robin Williams and June Cleaver!

Maybe it's a phase I'm going through, as I extend beyond middle age and there are fewer pages of my life story ahead than behind.

Mind you, I've got plenty of time to achieve greatness and notoriety. After all, Grandma Moses began her painting career in her 70s and Colonel Sanders began his franchise in his 60s.

Robert F. Kennedy said the purpose of life is "to contribute in some way to making things better."

Is our quest to find the meaning of life pointless and selfish? Are we here

to experience everything we can out of this blue green ball floating in space? Few circumstances or predicaments allow us to simply explore the world, eat, drink and be merry from adulthood until death.

I envy my oldest daughter who tends to grab the bull by horns. When the urge takes hold, she dashes off to Wasaga Beach to watch the sunset. She recently returned from an outdoor adventure in Alberta, seeing first-hand some of the most beautiful landscapes this country has to offer.

She's travelled and done humanitarian work literally around the globe. She has already done much more than yours truly.

There are some simple and undeniable truths about life.

There are those who struggle each day to stay alive and get enough to eat. They can't think much beyond the end of the week, because their plight is such a challenge. Some are plagued by illness, disease and poverty and while they hope for the best, they simply cling to the idea their children will survive into adulthood.

Thousands of our fellow men, women and children die each day in tragic natural disasters, wars, plagues and from malnutrition.

Millions of our ancestors perished in two world wars and various other conflicts. Many never got a chance to experience life much beyond age 30.

If I were young again, could I make a difference? If I knew then what I know now, would I make different life choices?

Maybe it's all about perspective.

Maybe school uniforms, nutritious snacks, light bulbs, bargain-hunting, multi-vitamins, proper footwear, skin moisturizer, UV rays, cotton balls, zip lock sandwich bags, electric garage door openers, robot vacuums and kitchen sinks are all part of the puzzle known as modern living.

The answer may not be blowing in the wind, as suggested by Bob Dylan, but it could be right in front of us, in those seemingly ordinary things.

Nurturing our children, respecting the environment, taking care of our bodies and treading carefully are part of the bigger picture. They're all part of an evolving humanity.

Our purpose may not involve some grandiose accomplishment or achieving guru status. It may simply involve being good parents to the next generation. It may be a means to an end - paying dues as it were.

When your dog licks your face or has that guilty look on her face, it's hard not to feel happy about life with these four-legged family members.

When your children want to save the world and have a bright spark in their creative eyes, how can it be anything less than meaningful?

When you take your spouse's hand and walk into the sunset, how can it be less than wondrous?

Legendary? No. Monumental? Depends. Memorable? Definitely.

Perhaps our lives are like dominoes - every little wiggle impacts the whole. And every piece is vitally important.

## Terry Fox Run 2021 is virtual

As much as many hoped that 2021 would allow for a full return to The Terry Fox Run as we know it, we are still in the midst of a pandemic that is shifting and evolving in unexpected ways. There are many more positives compared to the same time last year, including encouraging rates of vaccination and loosening restrictions on public gatherings in some regions of Canada.

Regional and local public health authorities are moving into different "Steps" or "Stages" of their re-opening plans at rates that are not consistent across Canada. It leaves the Terry Fox Foundation with a challenge in trying to establish a "one size fits all" strategy, as we did in 2020.

Each local Run will be a celebration of Terry's goals and values, and want to minimize strain on people and resources caused by the unpredictability of the pandemic.

To help foster a sense of community and excitement on Run Day, the Foundation will be offering a Virtual Run Show that will be available to all participants. The Virtual Run Show will feature breakfast tips from a celebrity chef, a musical performance, a warm-up routine, and heartfelt messages of thanks from the Fox Family and Canadian celebrities.

They are also launching a brand new website [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org) making it easier than ever before to register and fundraise online. The website also features an interactive timeline of Terry's journey across Canada, an exciting new "Kids' Corner" filled with fun content and activities, and more colour photos of Terry to bring his story to life.

In King City, t-shirts are also available and can be purchased on-line or by contacting the run organizer. If you have any questions or wish to purchase a t-shirt, please contact Lisa Barenthin at 905-751-4559 or by email at [lisa.barenthin@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.barenthin@gmail.com).



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Results from last week's poll:

**Do you know who you will vote for in the Federal election?**

a) Yes  **100%**

a) No  **0%**

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

*Do you think there's a 'light at the end of the tunnel' regarding COVID?*

a) Yes  
b) No

*Go to our website and cast a vote!*

**Quote of the Week**

*"I have always tried to live by the 'awe principle.' That is: Can I find awe, wonder and enchantment in the most mundane things conceivable?"*

- Craig Hatkoff

**Trivia Tidbits**

*A giraffe's tongue, at 18 to 20 inches long, is blue-black in colour.*

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# Getting our students back to safer schools

By Stephen Lecce  
King-Vaughan MPP  
Minister of Education

## Comment

It's September, and here in Vaughan and King Township and across the province of Ontario, students are returning to their classrooms for a more normal school year that includes sports, field trips and extracurricular activities.

In-class learning is critical to their mental and physical health, and overall development. I have been and will remain a passionate advocate for in-person learning.

I saw it first-hand, having visited several schools in the community and across the GTA, and I can tell you that so many students were excited to be back. Smiling, more confident, and enthused to learn!

Our government consulted with pediatric hospitals including Sick Kids, and worked closely with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health in developing Ontario's back to class plan. Dr. Moore said himself, Ontario's plan is "world-class," noting the comprehensive protocols in place and ventilation investments supporting safer schools. That position was echoed by Dr. Kurji, York Region's Medical Officer of Health who suggested Ontario's plan is, "cautious and sensible."

So what changed, since last summer?

Three major differences.

1. Vaccines.
2. Major ventilation upgrades.
3. New testing options.

First, with the advent of modern

science – we have over 80% of students aged 12 and up with at least one dose and over 70% double dosed. Over 82% of the general population is fully immunized. That is a critical layer of protection for schools and the community at large, notably helping to "cocoon" or better protect those children under 12 who are currently ineligible for the vaccine.

We have also required all education staff to be fully vaccinated or subjected to twice-weekly rapid testing to keep schools as safe as possible.

Second, we stepped up ventilation upgrades at every school in our community and across the province. Improving air quality in schools is key to keeping kids safe and creating a more normal school experience. Governments are investing \$17,251,000 to the York Region District School Board and \$16,985,000 for the York Catholic District School Board.

Air ventilation investments in King and Vaughan build upon improvements made over the last year. This summer, I was proud to announce \$2,780,000 in provincial funds to improve ventilation upgrades in 13 King-Vaughan schools, including:

Michael Cranny ES, Discovery PS, Herbert H. Carnegie PS, Joseph A. Gibson PS, Kettleby PS, Kleinburg PS, Maple HS, Roméo Dallaire PS, Our Lady of Peace CES, St. Patrick CES, Holy Name CES, Pope Francis CES and St. Mary of

the Angels CES.

Our government is also taking direct action to keep kids safe by investing more than \$600 million this year to improve school ventilation systems across our province. That's in addition to the \$1.4 billion in annual funding we provide to school boards to renew school facilities, including HVAC and windows.

Our government is instructing boards to use the highest-grade filters – MERV-13s, whenever possible, perform more frequent filter changes, operate air systems for longer periods, and calibrate HVAC systems for maximum air flow and fresh air intake.


Improvements to ventilation have been made across all schools and all boards in Ontario, and they are based on the advice of medical and public health experts, including Public Health Ontario, Sick Kids Hospital and Ontario's Science Advisory Table. In total, we have provided over 70,000 standalone HEPA filtration units and other ventilation devices to keep classrooms safe; 1,730 HEPA units are now in York Region schools. We have required a HEPA unit in every kindergarten class and HEPA units in every learning space in schools without mechanical ventilation.

Finally, we have made testing options easier for parents and students by launching take-home tests in high-schools, designed to help keep students in class and reduce absenteeism from the class and the curriculum.

In a sentence, our mission is to minimize

disruption and maximize safety of children, staff, and families. Thanks to the strong collaboration and advice of Sick Kids and the approval by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, students in Vaughan and King have returned to safer classrooms – with improved ventilation and high vaccine rates within our communities.




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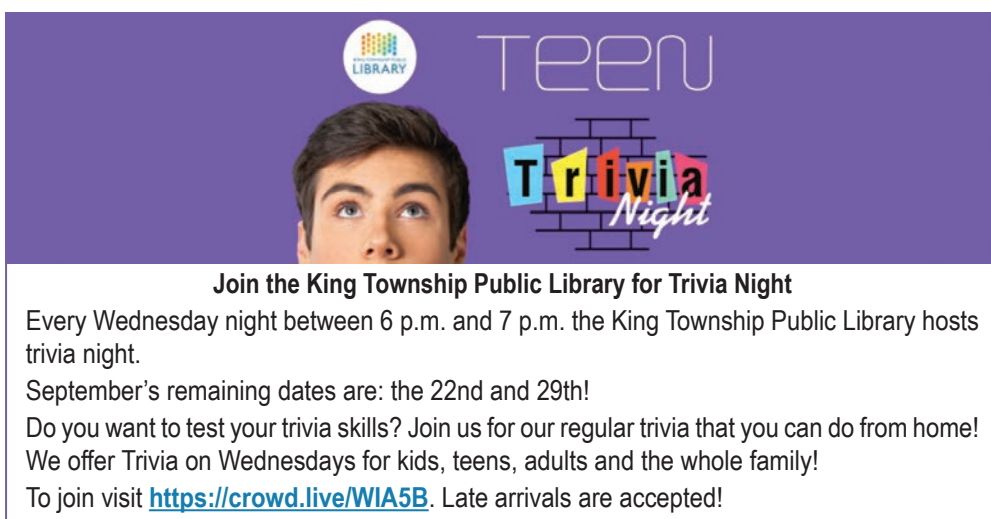
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# Rights of the majority take priority in pandemic

*No Man is an Island*

“No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”

MEDITATION XVII  
Devotions upon Emergent Occasions  
John Donne (1572–1613)

## Letter to the Editor

First, my apologies to those who would contend that in addition to updating the spellings in this 16th century poem, the wording should also have been edited to make it more inclusive. That is a discussion for another day. This is a counter view to Robert Belardi’s opinion piece in the King Sentinel of Sept. 2, “How coercing people will be a detriment to society,” in which he elevates individual freedom over the common good when it comes to vaccination against CoVID-19. It has been reported that the quoted portion of Donne’s sermon was rooted

in the Bible I Cor.12: 12-31 and/or Romans 12: 4-5, the latter passage reading “For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another (italization added).”

The issue that has arisen in Canada’s fight against the CoVID pandemic is that a significant number of individuals feel that they can conduct themselves solely as individuals, ignoring the health of the greater body, while demanding the benefits of remaining part of it.

Mr. Belardi claims that the Prime Minister’s statement, “If you don’t want to get vaccinated, that’s your choice. But don’t think you can get on a plane, or a train beside vaccinated people and put them at risk,” is an example of bullying, yet the PM’s very statement acknowledges “... that’s your choice” prioritizing the right of vaccinated passengers to a safe travelling environment over those who would choose to be, in Donne’s words, “islands.”

Our society, in general, no longer questions smoking bans in enclosed public spaces. The rights of employees and customers pre-empt the rights of smokers to light up. Yet unless that single instance of smoke exposure causes a fatal asthma attack, it is unlikely to result in anyone’s death.

Not so with this virus. It can infect even the vaccinated though at much reduced frequency. According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, on Sept. 3, a fully vaccinated Canadian had 1/13th the risk of infection and 1/36th the risk of hospitalization of an unvaccinated Canadian, but why should the vaccinated have to worry about unnecessary exposure and potentially carrying the infection to more vulnerable contacts so that others can ignore societal expectations?

I think back to 1976 when Ontario became the first jurisdiction in Canada to legislate the use of seat belts. Of course civil libertarians protested loudly that it was their right not to strap themselves in and the government had no right interfere. Whether it would stand ethical scrutiny I don’t know, but my response at the time was that they were right, and government should not force adults to wear seatbelts, but only if those who chose not to buckle up signed a waiver to eschew the benefits of government medical insurance when and if they were the victims of a collision. Of course that option is not available in the case of smoking or vaccinations where one’s decisions have a, potentially fatal, impact on others as well as oneself.

Mr. Belardi goes on to state, “To say to someone that an unvaccinated person can put someone who is immunized against the virus at risk ... doesn’t make sense.” Au contraire, the medical community and the media have gone to some lengths to explain the mechanisms involved, not only in chasing that elusive herd immunity in our own country, but in failing to inoculate the world at large. At the simplest level and as pointed out previously, a fully inoculated person is not “immune” in the fullest sense of the word: their risk of infection from the currently prevalent variant is merely greatly reduced. But pockets of the unvaccinated can be breeding grounds for other variants that may be even more infectious than the B.1.617.2 delta (δ) variant of concern or may even be vaccine-resistant as is a possibility with the B.1.621 mu (μ) variant of interest.

Mr. Belardi acknowledges breakthrough infections and the challenges

in keeping ahead of new variants, but his argument seems to be, peculiarly, that this is a reason for relaxing precautions rather than enhancing them.

Next, Mr. Belardi broaches a Constitutional argument, referring to the Constitutional Rights Centre. In the words of the Department of Justice:

“The Constitution says that the Charter takes priority over all other legislation in Canada because it is part of the “supreme law of Canada ... However, section 1 of the Charter also recognizes that even in a democracy, rights and freedoms are not absolute. ... Parliament or a provincial legislature can limit fundamental rights, but only if it can show that the limit

- Is set out in a law; pursues an important goal which can be justified in a free and democratic society; and
- Pursues that goal in a reasonable and proportionate manner.

The interests of society must always be balanced against the interests of individuals to see if limits on individual rights can be justified” (<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/cp-pm/just/06.html>).

Although some pundits have speculated that employers are treading on dangerous grounds when they impose vaccination mandates, it is also true that groups of law professors have issued public opinions that the current situation is one where societal good trumps individual freedoms, and if I’m not mistaken, lower courts have agreed. To expose employees to non-vaccinated employees would open the floodgates of law suits and Workers’ Compensation claims as vaccinated employees or those with legitimate medical vaccine exemptions became ill, not to mention the responsibility to protect customers.

Mr. Belardi appeals to “all citizens to stand up in unity to end the debate amongst one another. Come together and unselfishly set aside what our views are on COVID-19.” A noble sounding plea, but his solution is for the significant majority to potentially sacrifice their health and the health and possibly even a life of someone close to them to accommodate a minority who chose not to “follow the science” or, as the case may be, not to fact check the copious misinformation being spread.

Speaking of misinformation, Mr. Belardi refers to Canada’s Genetic Non-Discrimination Act (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/G-2.5/page-1.html#h-247308>) and to Ottawa lawyer Jane Scharf, who claims that polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are prohibited by the Act. PCR tests detect genetic material from a specific organism, such as a virus. The Act prohibits any person from requiring “an individual to undergo a genetic test as a condition of (3 bullets)” and defines genetic test as “a test that analyzes DNA, RNA or chromosomes for purposes such as the prediction of disease or vertical transmission risks, or monitoring, diagnosis or prognosis.” I’m not a lawyer, but I see a clear distinction between “detection” and “analyzing.”

Early in his opinion piece, Mr. Belardi notes that “there are many who worry about long-term effects of these vaccines in the years to come.” This is despite assurances from the medical establishment that there is little to no justification for such worry.

One should not permit worries over risks with vanishingly small likelihoods, particularly those with manageable outcomes, take precedence over risks with high likelihood of occurrence and tragic consequences.

*Bill Patterson*



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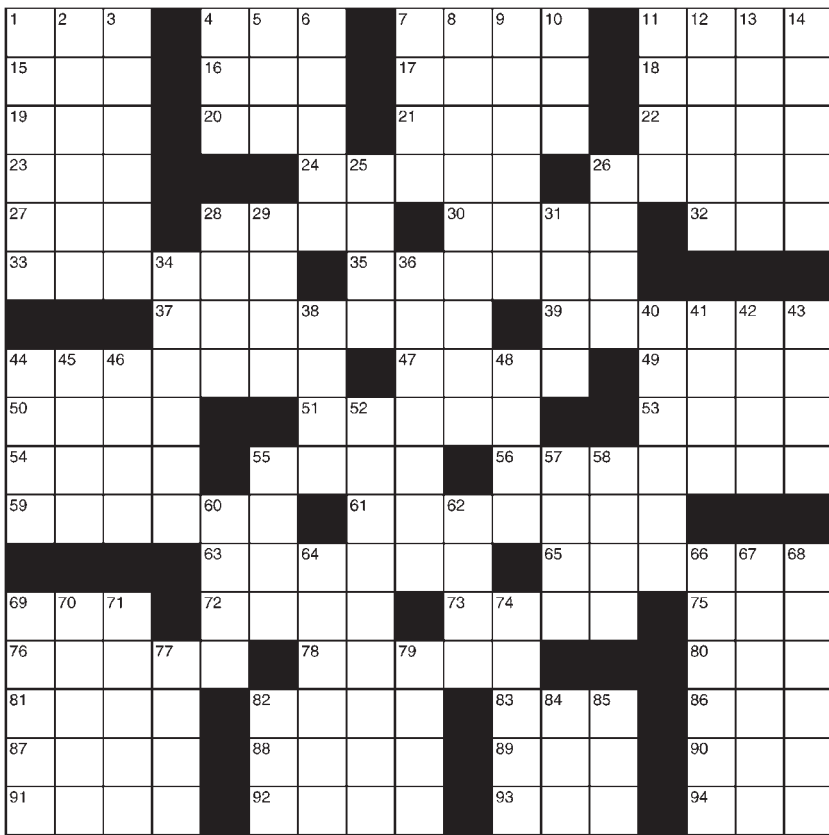
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4. \_\_\_ room (family room)
7. Church part
11. Pin money
15. Negative
16. Paddle’s cousin
17. Nerve network
18. Toast spread
19. Sable
20. Prior to, in verse
21. Of a time
22. Indian melody
23. WWII agency
24. Sailor’s “stop”
26. Come again
27. Steep
28. Coin
30. Continental currency
32. Florida island
33. Sparse
35. Expose
37. Follower
39. Sober
44. Mother-of-pearl source
47. Coily roguish
49. Promptly
50. Unit of cotton
51. Enrage
53. Western tie
54. Abba \_\_\_
55. Fencing equipment
56. Weirdo
59. Absolute ruler
61. Vital
63. Shoe part
65. Music lover’s equipment
69. On the \_\_\_ (fleeing)
72. Tropical American rodent
73. Killer whale
75. Flightless bird
76. Plato’s market
78. NBA site
80. Special favorite
81. Exposed
82. Waterless
83. Ghostly greeting
86. Foul up
87. Bread baker
88. “The Over-the-Hill \_\_\_”
89. In addition
90. Turkish ruler

**DOWN**

1. Notify
2. Wig
3. Geological layers
4. Sturgeon delicacy
5. Auricle
6. Coffee additive
7. Broad expanse
8. Keep trying
9. Marble figure
10. A real shocker?
11. Central part
12. Alas!
13. Musical transition
14. White with age
25. Considerably
26. Theatrical part
28. Art \_\_\_
29. Laundry utensil
31. Precipitate
34. Mineral
36. Bric-a-brac stand
38. Pounce
40. Tinker
41. Dwarf buffalo
42. Turnpike fee
43. Organic compound
44. Assist a criminal
45. Pamper
46. Wing-shaped
48. Gator’s cousin
52. Juicy fruit
55. Alcohol lamp
57. Phonograph record
58. Evidence
60. Palm drink
62. At the top
64. Ancient Egyptian symbol
66. Echo
67. Come to light
68. Distanced
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71. Manners
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77. Monopoly fee
79. Uneasy
82. Earlier
84. Before “blastoff”
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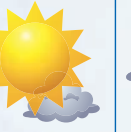

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# The King

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# Decision on Bill 197 legal challenge reaffirms the right to participate

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

A court ruling on Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) has citizens' groups calling for changes.

The Ontario Divisional Court determined that the Government of Ontario broke the law when it failed to comply with the public consultation requirements of Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR). Specifically, in a decision released on Sept. 3, it declared that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing acted "unreasonably and unlawfully" in failing to consult with the public on changes to the Planning Act regarding Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs).

"As Environmental Commissioner of Ontario for 15 years, I am heartened to see the Court uphold the rights of people to participate in government decision-making affecting the environment," said Gord Miller, Chair of Earthroots. "The Court's declaration is clear - the Government of Ontario broke the law in violating those rights."

"The Environmental Bill of Rights provides very significant tools for the people of Ontario to know about, and participate in, decisions that affect their environment. Complying with the Ontario EBR is not 'optional,'" added Theresa McClenaghan, executive director of the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA). "In this decision, the Divisional Court has reaffirmed the requirement for the Ontario government to ensure those rights are provided to the public."

In August 2020, after the passage of Ontario's controversial Bill 197, a legal challenge against the legislation was launched by: Earthroots, Ontario Nature, CELA, Cooper Price (a 17-year-old activist) and Michel Koostachin (who was born and raised in Attawapiskat).

"This judgement is a win for the involvement of young people in the political process. Our leaders must start listening to our voices when legislating our future," said Cooper Price.

Represented by Joseph Castrilli, Richard Lindgren and David Estrin of CELA, the parties to the lawsuit alleged that Bill 197 was enacted in a manner that failed to comply with the public notice and comment requirements of the EBR. The court agreed that the Minister should have consulted the public on the MZO amendments, given their potentially significant environmental impact.

The court also noted that prior to the passing of Bill 197, the Auditor General of Ontario had informed the Minister that the public should be consulted on the MZO amendments, because of their environmental significance. But the Minister failed to do so.

"The Government of Ontario chose to break the law and expand its powers to issue MZOs even after a warning from the Auditor General - before Bill 197 passed - that it was required to consult the public first. Such blatant disrespect for the law and our environmental rights should not be taken lightly," stated Dr. Anne Bell, Ontario Nature's Director of Conservation and Education.

"The Court's declaration holds the government publicly accountable. The people of Ontario now know that the Government of Ontario broke the law.

"I hope the Court's decision will help ensure that the government doesn't do so again. But in fact it's already a repeat offender. It broke the law when it scrapped Ontario's cap-and-trade program back in 2018. And it broke the law again with its mandatory anti-carbon

tax gas-pump stickers in 2019. This is the third time in as many years.

"The Court's decision doesn't change the Bill 197 amendments with respect to MZOs. They are still in place. These include greater powers to interfere with municipal planning and overrule decisions by municipal councils and planners - and to do so without giving public notice.

"But at least the government's law-breaking is not hidden from Ontarians. We can and must demand better from our political leaders."

Bell said citizens should be concerned about MZOs because they allow developers to "sidestep environmental protections, public consultation and transparent municipal planning processes and decision-making. They deprive the public of the opportunity to participate in critical land use decisions that may affect drinking water, farmland and green spaces in their communities."

Issued by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MZOs are used to directly zone land for particular purposes, without public notice or consultation. There is no opportunity for concerned citizens to appeal such orders.

The provincial government has issued dozens of MZOs, many impacting prime farmland and natural areas.

According to King resident Susan Lloyd Swail, the "rampant use of MZOs since 2018 is troubling as it shows a disregard for the rights of people to participate in government decision making. Our land use planning system relies on public participation and people want to have a say in shaping their communities.

"Many MZOs were issued on sensitive lands. If the normal public process were followed studies could have been conducted to minimize the impacts of those developments on the natural environment. With the current climate emergency escalating we need government to do more to reduce the loss of forests, wetlands, rather than fuel the crisis by bypassing environmental regulations.

"If the government thought fast-tracking developments would reduce the cost of housing, it hasn't."

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The GTA West Study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the Ontario EA Act and the GTA West Corridor EA Terms of Reference, which was approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008. On May 3, 2021, the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change designated the GTA West Study under the *Federal Impact Assessment Act*.

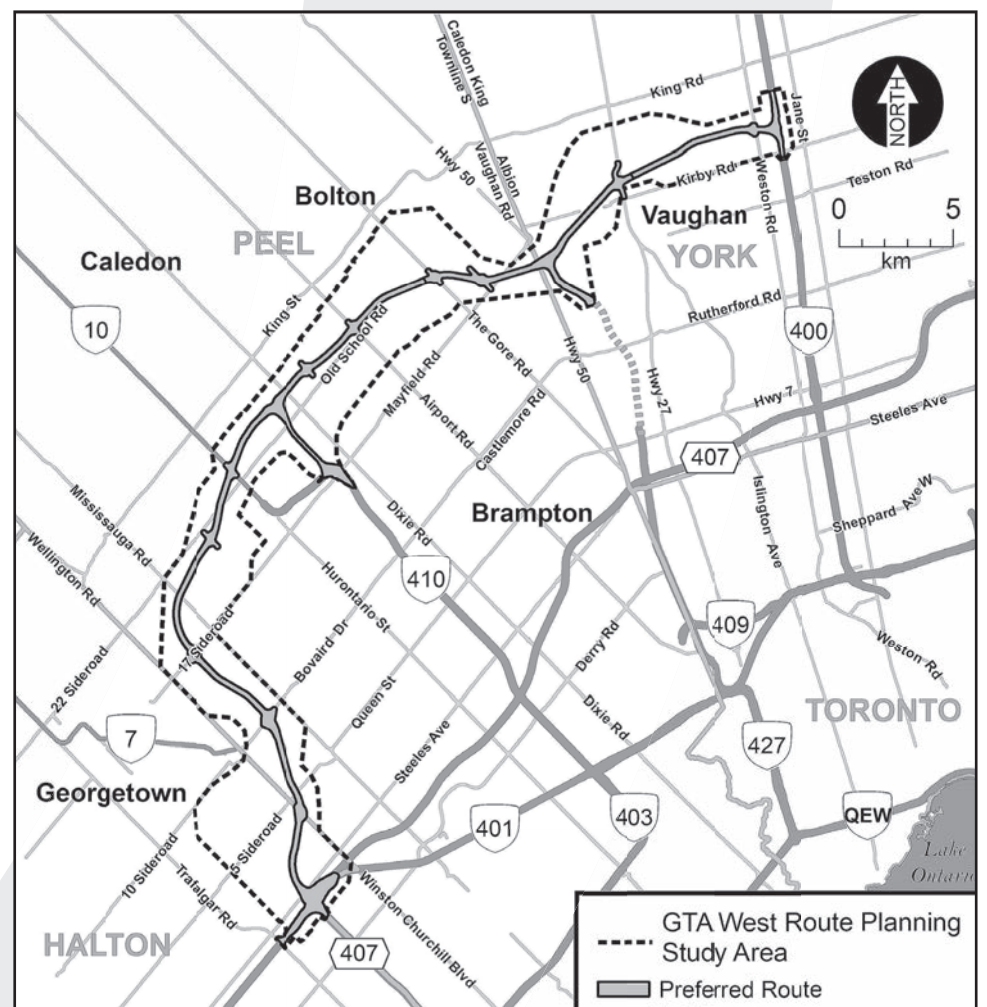
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To further meet the public's needs and address community questions, the GTA West Project Team hosted a Community Engagement Webinar in July 2021. **We are hosting a second Community Engagement Webinar on September 29, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The GTA West Project Team will provide the same overview of the project as was presented in July, followed by a question & answer period.** Expert panelists from a variety of disciplines (e.g. noise, air quality, fisheries, archaeology, etc.) will be in attendance to answer your questions. Public and Project Team member health and safety is of utmost importance. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, this Webinar will be conducted as an online session hosted through the Zoom platform. For the best experience, we encourage you to join the Webinar on Zoom through an electronic device. If you don't have access to an electronic device, you can listen to the Webinar through your telephone. If you join by telephone, please submit your questions in advance. A recording of the event will be posted on the project website.

**To register for Community Engagement Webinar #2, please visit the project website at [www.gta-west.com/consultation-2](http://www.gta-west.com/consultation-2) and click on the Zoom registration link under the *Upcoming Opportunities for Input* section. If you have accessibility requirements, please leave a message at the toll-free telephone line at 1-877-522-6916.** If you have questions that you would like to submit to the GTA West Project Team in advance of the Webinar, please e-mail them to [project\\_team@gta-west.com](mailto:project_team@gta-west.com), submit them through the contact form on the project website at [www.gta-west.com/contactus/](http://www.gta-west.com/contactus/) or call the toll-free telephone line at 1-877-522-6916.

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As always, comments and input regarding the study are encouraged. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation to meet the requirements of the Ontario EA Act. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact the Project Team at the e-mail address or telephone line listed above. Study information is available on the project website: [www.gta-west.com](http://www.gta-west.com). Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant 289 835-2484 (Yannick Garnier).



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## Environmental coalition asks minister to protect property

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

A property of “extraordinary historical significance” on the east shores of the Holland River in East Gwillimbury is directly in the path of the proposed Bradford Bypass highway, and would essentially be destroyed by its construction, an environmental group says.

Recognizing the rarity of the site and the destruction that would result, the Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition (SCGC) has formally requested Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Culture, to use her authority under the Ontario Heritage Act to protect the site of the Lower Landing.

“Former ministry staff have described the Lower Landing as being more significant than 95 per cent of the historic and archaeological sites in Canada,” said Bill Foster, founder, Forbid Roads Over Green Spaces (FROGS). “We are sacrificing an irreplaceable historical site to build an elevated highway similar to the Gardiner Expressway. There’s no way to save this site if the highway goes through. It will be lost forever.”

The Lower Landing site on the east shore of the East Branch of the Holland River is identified as part of the route of the province’s proposed Bradford Bypass, a 16.2-kilometre long freeway connecting Highway 400 and Highway 404. However, the entire eastern shore of the area is recognized for its cultural heritage significance to Indigenous peoples and for its association with the Euro-Canadian colonial exploration and settling of what became Upper Canada via the historical site of the Lower Landing. SCGC is looking to the

minister to ensure the long term protection of the shoreline.

Margaret Prophet, executive director of SCGC, believes that provincial priorities are not aligned with the needs of Ontarians.

“We know that the site meets the Ontario heritage provincial criteria, but the question is whether this government values anything more than highways and sprawl. We know that the environmental studies are out of date, impacts to Lake Simcoe and climate haven’t been studied and that the traffic congestion won’t be solved long term. That the province is willing to invest hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars into an outdated highway while hospitals, schools and long term care homes go underfunded while we’re in a pandemic and climate emergency is baffling.

“As we’ve said before, this isn’t just a typically destructive highway project. They are bringing the adverse impacts of a freeway to significant ecological and historical areas. Preserving and protecting these areas while truly solving traffic problems in a way that makes the affected communities healthier is our goal, not paying back developer buddies.”

Although this is a seldom used provision of the Ontario Heritage Act to designate the site as a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest of Provincial Significance, the significance of the site is equally rare.

To date, SCGC has not received any correspondence from Minister MacLeod or her office about the request and next steps.

“The province is pushing this highway through without proper study so

time is of the essence to conserve this site,” added Foster.

For millennia, Indigenous peoples used this area of the Holland River as a junction to get to and from other places. Arriving here from trails from Lake Ontario, including the river route from the terminus of the Toronto Carrying Place. The Lower Landing, so named as being downstream from other points on the river, was later used by Jesuit missionaries Fathers Jean de Brébeuf and Joseph Chaumonot, and notable French explorer René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle. For over 150 years the

fur trade, including coureurs de bois, voyageurs, and the North West Company, used this route to the upper Great Lakes and beyond.

The first definitive record of the Lower Landing’s use is that by Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe and his party on Oct. 11, 1793 on their return from Georgian Bay while seeking a northern military route.

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# Councillors table motions to reduce phosphorous runoff

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council unanimously passed Councillor Jonathan Scott's motion to reduce phosphorous pollution in the Holland River and Lake Simcoe. It calls on York Region to expedite planning and construction of the proposed Holland Marsh Phosphorous Recycling Facility.

The motion also called on the provincial government to help fund the project.

"I'm thrilled our council showed our

commitment to environmental sustainability by passing this motion unanimously," said Councillor Scott. "This facility is vital to protecting the health of our watershed, and improving the Lake's habitat, which is critical to sustaining our tourism and recreational industries, as well as reaching our commitments under the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan."

An identical copy of the motion will be debated on Sept. 17 in Georgina, sponsored by Councillor Dave Neeson.

"On behalf of the Holland Marsh Growers' Association, we wish to express our strong support for Council-

lor Jonathan Scott's motion related to the proposed Holland Marsh Polder Phosphorous Recycling Facility. Our members have done their part for many years to reduce phosphorous runoff from agricultural activities, and we were one of the first groups to call for this facility. This facility is a vital project to protect the Holland River sub-watershed and the Lake Simcoe watershed. It will reduce phosphorous runoff by an estimated 2.5 tonnes per year, equating to reducing nearly 85% of the phosphorous runoff per year from the Holland Marsh. Reducing phosphorous loads in the River and Lake is critical to the overall health of our watershed. As such, our association strongly supports this motion and echoes the call for all levels of government to work together to fund, design and build this important facility," said Jody Mott, executive director, Holland Marsh Growers' Association.

"Building this phosphorus recycling plant has got to be the easiest way ... to make good on those promises to protect the lake while actually taking a bite out of the lake's phosphorus loads ... There have been many promises waiting to be fulfilled for Lake Simcoe ... The promised plant would remove 90% of the (phosphorous) ... This is the largest diversion of phosphorus ever proposed for Lake Simcoe; we have to do it. The Lake Simcoe Protection Plan's phosphorus reduction target is 44 tonnes of phosphorus going into the lake every year. The latest 10-year average (2007-2017) is approximately 90 tonnes (per) year. In 2017 the load was 131 tonnes per year. This will not be the only solution for phosphorus reduction, but it would be very helpful," added Clare Malcolmson, executive director, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition.

"We need this Holland Marsh pollution reduction project to proceed," said Jack Gibbons, chair of Lake Simcoe Watch.

"I want to applaud Councillor Jonathan Scott and Councillor Dave Neeson for bringing forward a motion calling on all levels of government to work collaboratively to design, fund and build the much-needed Holland Marsh Phosphorous Recycling Facility. Reducing phosphorous levels in the Holland River and Lake Simcoe is a vital project to protecting this important watershed.

I'm proud to see my friend Jonathan Scott leading the way in his region to promote sustainability and environmental protection measures like this one," stressed Glen Murray, former Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.

Lake Simcoe Watch has come out against York's process. According to Gibbons, it appears the Region is holding the vital Holland Marsh pollution reduction project "hostage" as it tries to get its "big pipe" sewage project approved by the province. The two projects are at loggerheads, with one reducing phosphorous pollution reaching Lake Simcoe and the other increasing it.

He added it also means the region is essentially snubbing funding provided by the federal government for pollution reduction.

In November 2020, the federal Minister of Infrastructure, Catherine McKenna, announced that the Government of Canada will invest \$16 million in the Holland Marsh pollution reduction facility.

From the moment York Region publicly initiated the UYSS EA in 2009, it has faithfully followed the required process laid out in the Environmental Assessment Act. The Region proposed infrastructure almost 30 years ago to service growth forecast for the area to be serviced by the UYSS EA in York Region's first Official Plan in 1994, an Official Plan that was also approved by the Province of Ontario. This growth has also been forecast in provincial policy through the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and incorporated into the Official Plans of our local municipalities.

York Region staff pointed out that the Region originally focused on a sewage solution in the UYSS EA to be connected to Lake Ontario. After being directed by the Minister of the Environment, they considered innovative and novel wastewater treatment solutions such as wastewater purification systems and water recycling facilities located within York Region.

"We diligently followed the publicly transparent and comprehensive regulatory environmental evaluation and assessment process to review reasonable servicing alternatives."

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# York confident the UYSS EA is 'superior alternative'

From Page 10

This determined the proposed innovative Water Reclamation Centre solution in the northern end of the Region was superior to a sewage solution connected to Lake Ontario," staff said.

The proposed Water Reclamation Centre, which would employ advanced membrane and reverse osmosis treatment technology, is a world-class facility that would be a first in Canada, replacing 1960s-era sewage lagoons and demonstrating a strong commitment to environmental sustainability. If the project's EA decision were based on the scientific and technical merits of the proposed facility, including its net phosphorus reduction to Lake Simcoe, it should have been approved long ago.

Nearly \$100 million has been spent on the UYSS EA project to date, including land acquisition and design advancement. This includes more than \$25 million on the Environmental Assessment alone – including a year-long pilot treatment facility that successfully demonstrated the efficacy of the advanced treatment technology in a Canadian climate. This is the most expensive EA in York Region's history, reflecting the significant level of commitment, technical and environmental work and consultation undertaken.

The findings of the EA remain as valid today as the day the EA was submitted for approval. The advanced

membrane microfiltration and reverse osmosis treatment technologies proposed for the treating wastewater at the Water Reclamation Centre are the same technologies that remain accepted and widely used throughout the world for treating drinking water, resulting in a superior level of treatment. No other plant on Lake Simcoe is using or proposing to use the level of treatment proposed in the UYSS EA. Contrary to your message, the state of the art treatment facility has never been referred to as a "Big Pipe" nor has it ever proposed "dumping sewage" into Lake Simcoe.

"The Region has always been motivated to provide the best environmental solutions for the Lake Simcoe Watershed. In 2018, four years after submitting the UYSS EA, the Region was made aware of a phosphorus removal opportunity in the Holland Marsh. The Region and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) submitted an expression of interest to the Federal Government for a potential treatment facility on the Holland River designed to remove phosphorus generated in the Holland Marsh," according to staff.

The principle of the submission was it would potentially serve as an alternative to the stormwater retrofits proposed in the UYSS EA, achieve a higher level of phosphorus removal and leverage DMAF and UYSS project funding to build the facility. With federal funding of \$16 million, the resulting treatment

facility would cost approximately the same as the proposed stormwater retrofits for the UYSS project (\$24 million) but would remove up to 5,000 kilograms per year of phosphorus compared to a projected 500 kilograms per year. Using Federal funding provides a significant benefit to Lake Simcoe, the Region and the UYSS project.

Without the UYSS project, the Region does not have an approved funding source to advance its portion of the project. The Holland Marsh is not under York Region's jurisdiction and the Region does not have a means to justify the use of public funds for this expenditure.

"To be clear, the Region is not holding the Holland Marsh Project 'hostage' but only identified that it had a viable funding source to contribute to the effort through the UYSS EA. Since the start of the DMAF application process, the proposal for a Holland River phosphorus treatment facility has always been contingent on funding from the UYSS project."

During the spring of 2020, the Fed-

eral Government contacted the Region and requested submission of a full application for the Holland Marsh treatment facility in conjunction with a further funding round as part of the broader COVID-19 response and potential economic stimulus. The Region and LSRCA submitted a full application with the stipulation the Region could not fund its portion of the project without approval of the UYSS EA and the approved change from stormwater retrofits to the Holland Marsh treatment facility as part of the proposed phosphorus off-set program. The Federal Government informed York Region and subsequently publicly announced in November 2020 the DMAF submission was approved in principle. Further discussions would need to ensue on the balance of the funding.

"The Regional Municipality of York is extremely confident the preferred solution recommended in the UYSS EA is the superior alternative to service this area and will provide a lasting benefit to Lake Simcoe and the Lake Simcoe watershed."



## Lecce helps with backpacks

Education Minister Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, participated in the 2nd Annual Back to School event hosted by the Muslim Women of Vaughan to give away free backpacks to students in need. The event was held Sept. 3, outside at MacKenzie Glen District Park attended by members of the community who participated in the initiative, along with MPP Lecce who donated backpacks for families in need.

"I am so pleased to have partnered with the generous Muslim Women of Vaughan to give away school supplies to families and new Canadians in our community," Lecce said. "This is community at its best. I want to thank all the volunteers who came and donated their resources, energy and time in making a difference for families in King and Vaughan."

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Adjudicating the event is Michele van Maurik, (michelevanmaurik.com). It will be a fine opportunity for artists and their fans to hear her commentary. The winning artists will talk about their work and their

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## Local artist paints Schomberg

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Catharine is passionate about painting plein air/ onsite both locally and all over Ontario. She captures the beauty of what mother nature provides, in summer and winter, and in any type of weather.

Catharine also loves to paint the local scenes and historical buildings such as Schomberg's Feed Mill, (circa 1844). This local historical landmark building is now the home of the Scruffy Duck, The Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe and the Scottish Nook.

The Olde Mill Art Gallery is a co-op run by and featuring local artists and artisans where participating artists fill the walls and floor space of the Gallery with unique fine art. This is where you will find Catharine's finished painting of the Schomberg Feed Mill.

You are invited to come in and see Catharine's finished painting as well as the work of 8 other local artists. Catharine will also be teaching classes at the Gallery along with some of the other artists this fall, so please watch for updates on that.

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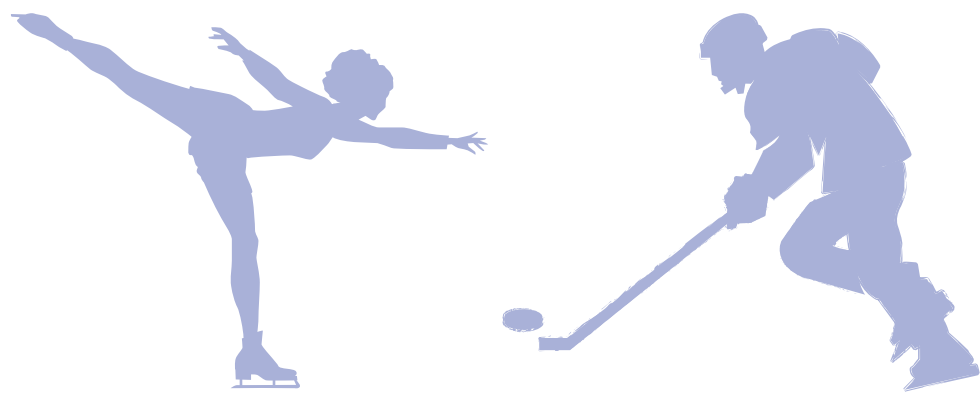
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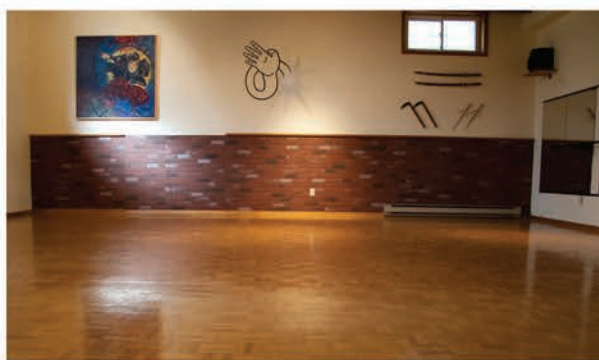
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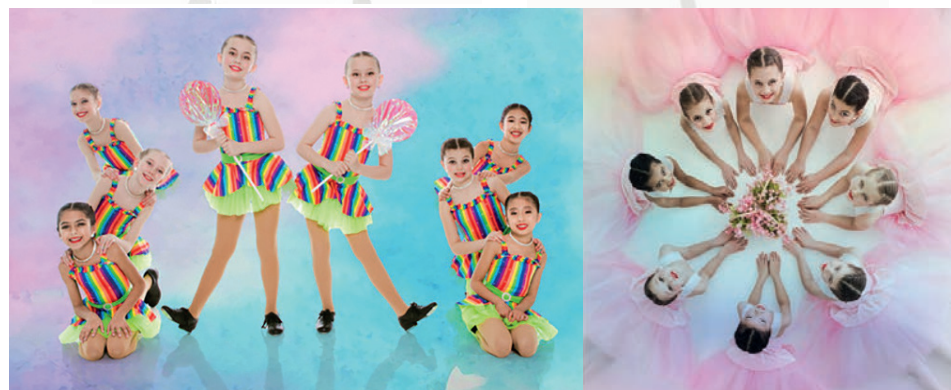
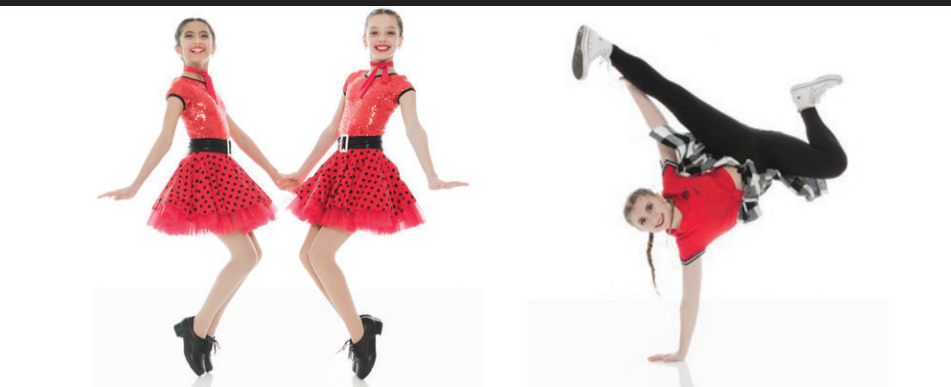
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# CSDA is launching its speech and debate classes

By Robert Belardi

The Canadian Speech and Debate Academy will finally be launching their classes virtually since the business was founded a year ago.

King City native and 2016 World Debating and Public Speaking Champion Natalie Ganzhorn co-founded the business with British Columbia's Top Speak in 2016, Jay McCauley.

McCauley and Ganzhorn have known each other since meeting through public speaking. Having been friends for eight years since the Junior National Championships, McCauley is a senior coach and Ganzhorn is the head coach at the academy.

"I've had so many incredible opportunities come out of speech and de-

bate," Ganzhorn said.

"I started this academy to be able to teach that skill to the next generation of young speakers and to really help young people recognize what a valuable life skill public speaking really is."

Ganzhorn, who is also two-time Junior National Champion and two-time International Champion, says the academy will be offering both private and public lessons to those interested. These lessons will range all the way from the fundamentals of public speaking to the advanced private lessons needed for competitive speakers.

Classes will be offered on a monthly basis every Saturday. Everything is going to be virtual right now until both her and McCauley can open up in-person learning in Toronto and across the

GTA.

"It can be a fantastic stepping stool into getting into top tier universities or private high schools. These are a group of kids that seek out the coaching that we give," Ganzhorn said.

"The other group of kids that need to be more persuaded to understand how valuable of a skill it is, we pitch it by saying our slogan, 'Discover Your Voice, Achieve Your Dreams.' That's the crux of our teaching philosophy. When you are able to express yourself eloquently, thinking on your feet, interacting with people in both a professional and casual setting and not being afraid to speak up and voice your opinion, it's really invaluable."

Ganzhorn has experienced multiple levels of speaking throughout her competitions. She has gone through persuasive speaking, impromptu speaking,

dramatic reading and parliamentary style debate.

While pursuing a competitive speaking career, the 23-year-old has also been a well-known actress, most notably for her role in Scary Stories To Tell In The Dark, produced by Guillermo Del Toro.

Although the filming of the movie's sequel has been put on hold due to COVID, she currently balances life between Toronto and Los Angeles to continue her acting career.

She has worked with the likes of Eugene Levy, Andrea Martin, Jason Priestley and Dean Norris.

For anyone who is interested in signing up their children, they may head to [www.csdacademy.ca](http://www.csdacademy.ca) and will receive a 20 per cent discount on pricing should you mention you saw this in the newspaper.

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## Artistic outreach coordinator will help centre address diversity, inclusion

By Brock Weir

Racism is something Glenn Marais says he has lived with his whole life.

The musician, artist and educator who grew up in Aurora, says although he has “a lot of affection” for his hometown, he also has a very “clear perspective” on what he went through – and it is this perspective he brings to the Aurora Cultural Centre in Marias’ new appointment as the organization’s Education Outreach Coordinator.

The Aurora Cultural Centre announced Marais’ appointment to the role, stating the creation of the position is part of the Centre’s plan to “address diversity and inclusion in the workplace and the community.”

“Selected members of the (Centre’s) team worked together over this past spring with a newly-formed Diversity & Inclusion Collaborative Working Group,” said the Centre. “Comprised of community-based social activists and artists who identify in under-represented communities, this volunteer group provides valuable feedback and guidance as we move forward with intention and action to create increased artistic opportunities for our entire community.

“This role will expand the Centre’s commitment to grow and learn how to serve all communities. We act intentionally to create opportunities for artists from vulnerable or marginalized groups who have faced systemic barriers that have limited their ability to participate in the arts. The Centre looks forward to working with Glenn on this dynamic and exciting new direction.”

The Juno-nominated performing artist, in turn, is also looking forward to helping the Centre execute this vision.

A long-time proponent of equity and inclusion, principles which are found not only in his own artistic output but in programs he brings into local schools, Marais says the drive to increase the Centre’s artistic roster to ensure the LGBTQ2S+ community, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and other People of Colour) persons and persons with disabilities are represented was of great interest to him.

“I felt a strong connection to what this was trying to achieve, having lived it,” he says. “This is an idea that I not only embrace but my work in the school system with music and the arts, even with my band and music to a degree, is based on social justice work in terms of Black History, Anti-Racism, LGBTQ2+, I have supported York Pride for years and have always advocated for the equitable treatment based on people’s gender and also people’s identity, recognizing and supporting that.

“That thread has always wound its way through the work that I do, so I think I can take this position and I am looking to expand it in a way of really being creative with it and finding exciting, innovative projects with the Centre, also focusing on education because I think there is a lot of learning to be done, particularly in York Region and not just Aurora. Globally, we have made a lot of strides in equity across all these sectors, but we have seen some things happen in the last year that have shown us that racism is still very strong. It might be below the surface a little bit, but it doesn’t take much to bring it to the service.”

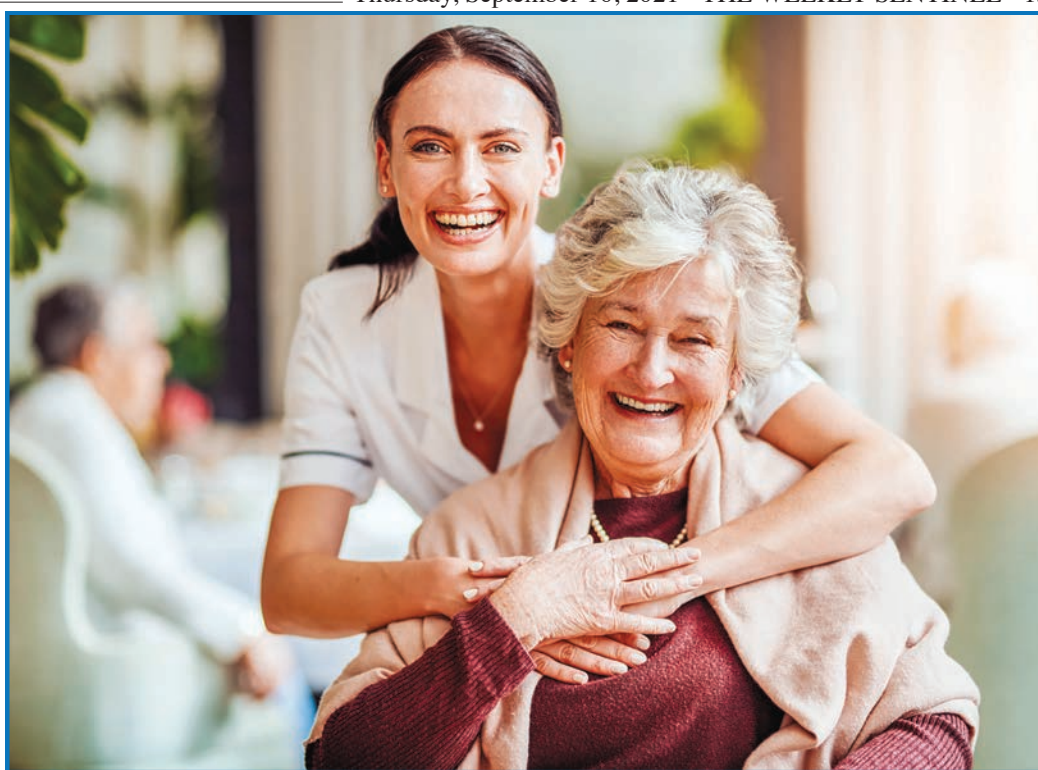
But, in this role, Marais says he would rather not focus on “issues of historical contention”; rather he would like to look at “where we’re moving forward to.”

“I want to build (the Centre) a really strong and diverse roster,” he says. “I have already started reaching out to artists, people who work in important sectors in the community, that work in anti-racism, that work in York Pride to have a strong contact list of different artists. Alongside of that ... I really want to send a message about being open to learning and open to engaging in positive discourse, to learn. We’re in this state right now with all this news around Indigenous people, where Canadians need to learn and to ask how we can help and how we can be good allies. The concept of this is sometimes foreign to certain demographics – I’m Canadian, I’m not racist’ – and I want to remove walls by being open and trying to engage people in good, creative conversations. I am open to talking about anything as long as it has a positive direction.

“We’re open for ideas. If someone has an idea for persons with disabilities, how can we make things more accessible? How can we use the arts and music to educate the public, for these people to have access, and for people to be represented in a way that is respectful of them? If we can come in with solutions and ideas, we need to stop and ask questions and listen – and that is the philosophy I hope people will embrace around Culture.”

### KCSS vaccine clinic Sept. 21

To further increase access to vaccines and improve overall vaccination rates, York Region will offer a series of targeted pop-up, school-based and community vaccination clinics. On Tuesday, Sept. 21, one will be held at King Secondary School, from 4 to 7 p.m. The vaccination clinic will offer both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines and will be open to walk-ins for first and second doses.



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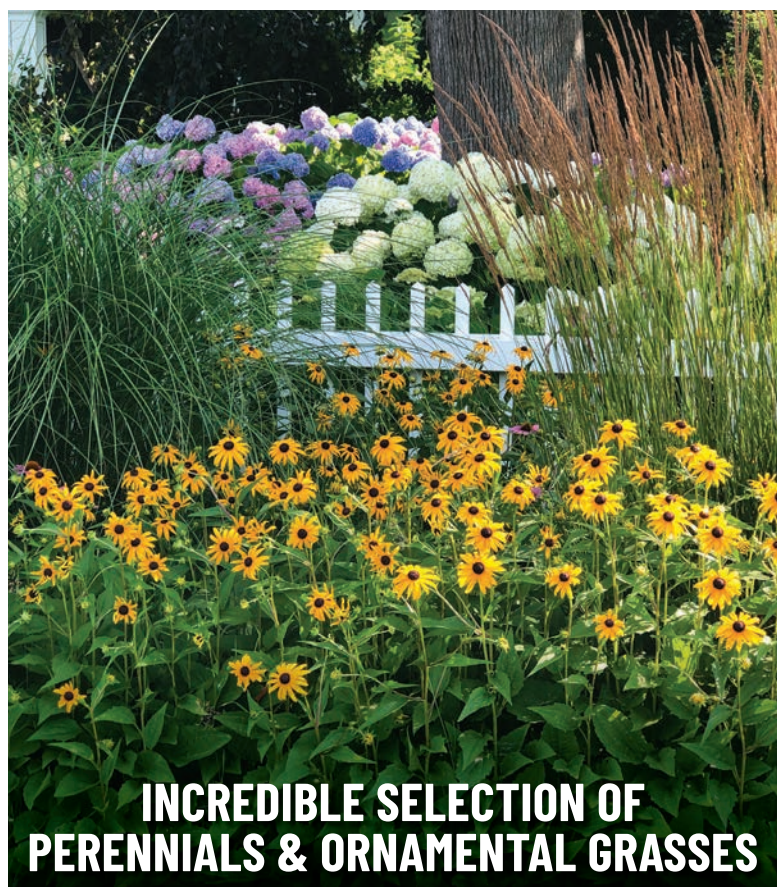
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# Vaccines still recommended for those who had COVID

By Mark Pavilons  
 Editor

Vaccines are still the preferred route, to reach targets and lessen the impacts of COVID-19.

York Region health officials noted that if a person has contracted COVID, it is still recommended to receive both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

A recovered individual would have some antibodies against COVID-19, but this can vary from person to person, and they may not be able to protect against reinfection.

York staff said there is no readily available test that can confirm a protective level of antibodies. Many studies have shown that people who have had a mild or asymptomatic COVID-19 infection often form very low levels of antibodies.

The COVID-19 vaccines are clinically proven to stimulate a strong immune response that protects against COVID-19, including the currently circulating Delta variant.

"The vaccine is the best way to strengthen your immune system and achieve the best protection against COVID-19."

Many myths and "conspiracy theories" surround the make-up of current vaccines.

One is that it contains graphene oxide, a toxic substance.

According to Dr. Ariyana Love in her Aug. 9 post, a former Pfizer employee and current analyst for pharmaceutical industries, came forward with "indisputable documentation proving that graphene oxide nanoparticles is the key ingredient in Biotech's COVID-19 serums. This means that an unapproved industrial poison is being dishonestly marketed as 'vaccines' and injected..."

However, York staff said there is no "reputable evidence" that shows COVID-19 vaccines contain graphene oxide. The complete list of ingredients for all approved vaccines can be found on Health Canada's website (e.g., Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna). The ingredients of COVID-19 vaccines have also been confirmed by numerous independent sources; graphene oxide is not present in any currently approved COVID-19 vaccines.

Over 5.5 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered around the world.

In York Region, 84% of eligible residents have received at least one dose, and nearly 79% of eligible residents are fully vaccinated. However, COVID-19 continues to circulate in the community, primarily in unvaccinated individuals and those under 12 years of age who are ineligible to receive a vaccine.

"We encourage everyone born in 2009 or earlier who had not yet received a vaccine to visit [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine) and get vaccinated as soon as possible."



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# New children's book highlights Filipino culture

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Increasing cultural awareness is the aim of a new children's book, written by a Kingscross resident.

"Riley the Raccoon Goes to the Philippines," by Jasmine Montreuil, is the first of a series of books dedicated to children in her life who grew up here and would like to learn about their cultural traditions and language outside of Canada.

"This one is dedicated to my kids and it teaches about the Filipino cultural tradition of pasalubong, along with Tagalog words and expressions," she said.

King City Library has agreed to carry the book, and it's available on Amazon.

Montreuil explained that growing up in Canada, she always felt insecure about her grasp on Filipino culture, food and language and worry that as the years go on, it will be even harder to pass it on to her kids.

"Even though I know that I have the capacity to keep learning, and there are plenty ways to learn, connect and re-connect, it's a constant worry.

"I wrote this book for them. It was my way of exploring and strengthening my own connection, while passing on some of what I know and love about the Philippines."

One of the traditions that she grew up with and still participates in is the tradition of pasalubong or gift giving. When you visit the Philippines, it's customary to bring gifts for your loved ones to celebrate your connection, despite the distance. When returning, you would bring souvenirs, food and other items unique to the Philippines, for your loved ones back home.

"As a kid, I would get so excited to pack my pasalubong ... and I still do! I also included some of my favourite Tagalog words, expressions and of course, food."

This book is written for children ages 3-10. It's a wide age range, as the book has many layers. It engages young kids with rhyming, a heart-warming adventure and animals. Lots of animals! It also teaches a Filipino tradition, modes of transportation in the Philippines, cultural foods, as well as Tagalog words and expressions, which older kids may appreciate.

"I wrote the book first, thinking about all of the elements I wanted to include, before figuring out the age range of the audience. I actually wrote it in an hour, the same night that I had the idea, although, it took many months to refine," she said.

Montreuil hopes Filipino-Canadian kids will feel more represented in children's literature.

"I also hope that by reading this book, and hopefully future books in this series, all kids will have a better understanding of the people and the wider world around them."

Even though book is focused on Filipino culture, Montreuil believes readers will see that while there are many differences, there is also a lot of sameness. This book is the first in a series that will teach kids about different cultural traditions from the different diaspora here in Canada.

"I'm fortunate enough to have the privilege of having such a culturally diverse group of family and friends who

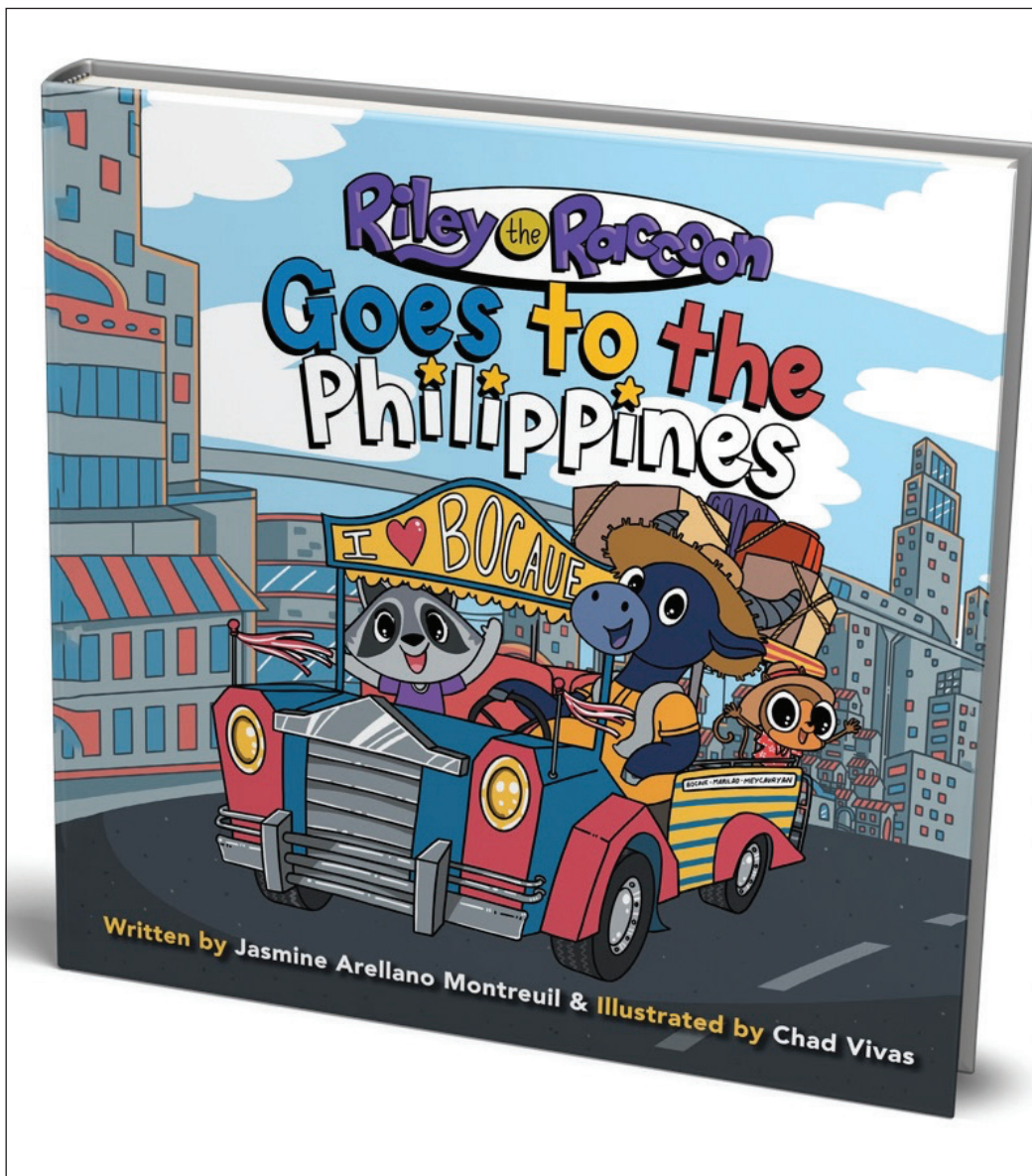
are willing to co-write with me and dedicate more books to the kiddos in my life," she said.

The book launched it on Sept 8, and it's available now on Amazon, and will be available soon on Indigo, Barnes and

Noble, independent book stores and wherever you like to get your books. Montreuil also started an Instagram account: @riley\_the\_raccoon\_bookseries if anyone wants to follow and get updates.



Jasmine Montreuil



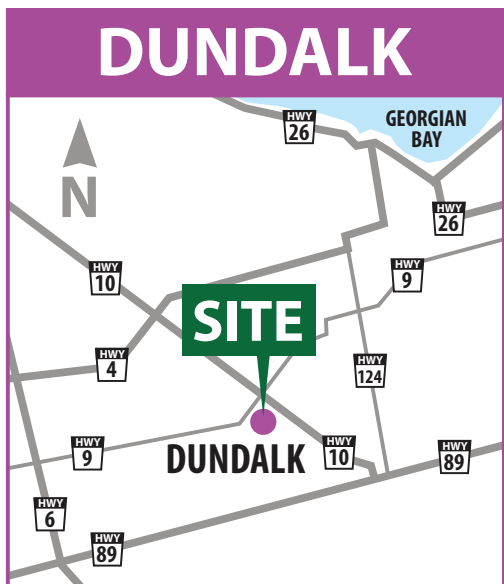
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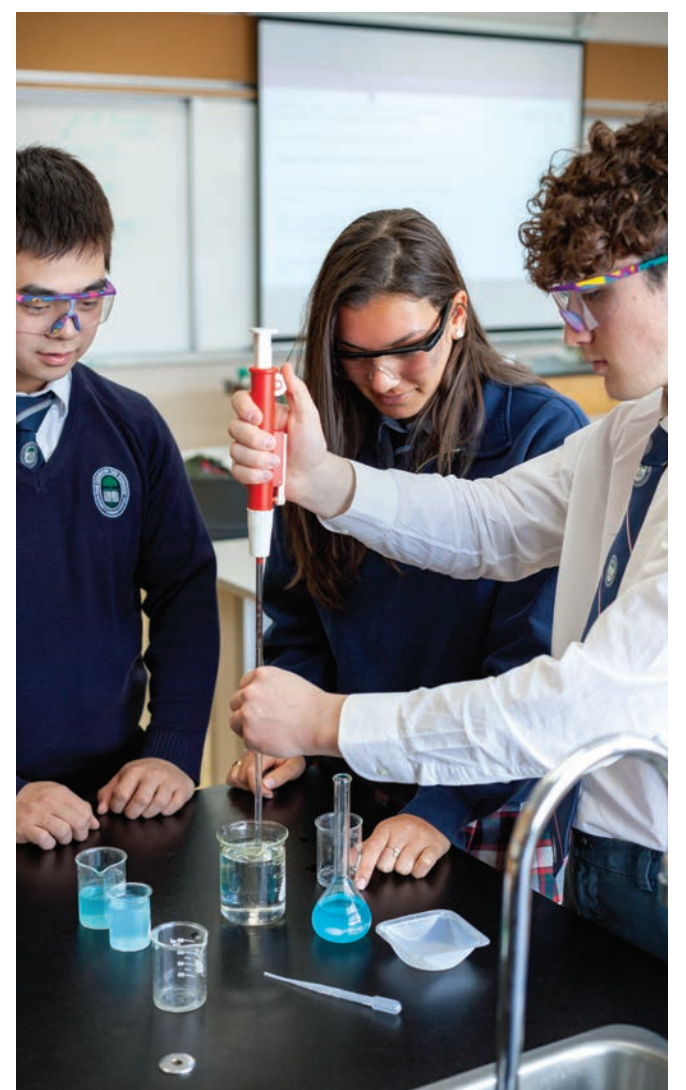
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## Canadian Team takes home top honours at BMO Cup

By Robert Belardi

Tottenham native Erynn Ballard along with Tiffany Foster, Eric Lamaze and Amy Millar were the heart and soul as together, they led Canada to the BMO Nations' Cup at Spruce Meadows 'Masters.'

The show-jumping team took home a \$600,000 purse on Sept. 11 in Calgary, marking their third time in history.

Canada trumped Ireland, Mexico and the United States en-route to claiming top prize.

Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, only these teams were permitted to compete however every nation was allowed to bring out a second team with the first.

"We felt we could put together two competitive teams, so we jumped at the opportunity. It's hard to get invitations to jump in a Nations' Cup, even at the three-star level. We showed we do have depth as our second team was one fault away from being second," chef d'equipe of the Canadian Show Jumping Team Mark Laskin said in the press release.

"Nations' Cups are hard. It has to be your day, but it also has to not be the other teams' day. I was quite confident, but you just never know. So much has come together. When it works, there is no sweeter feeling. And it's the most fun to win at Spruce Meadows. It's home."

Canada 2, who finished just shy of the first team, consisted of Mario Deslauriers, local Calgary native Brian Morton, BC native Samantha Buirs-Darvill and the other local Calgary native Ben Aselin riding anchor.

Canada earned their victory with eight faults in two rounds of play. In second came the United States with 15 faults and Canada 2 team finished with 16 faults. Mexico finished with 32 faults for fourth spot and Ireland came in fifth with 44 faults.

Ballard, 40, exuded skill and confidence to produce the day's only double clear performance. Riding Jack van't Kattenheye, an 11-year-old Belgian

Warmblood gelding (Diabeau x Canadian River) owned by Lindemann Barnett Sporthorses, Ballard overcame a dramatic moment at the open water in the opening round to deliver for her country. Ballard was also a member of the Canadian Team riding Robin Van Roosendael when Canada won its first BMO Nations' Cup title in 2006.

Last to go for Canada, Lamaze, 53, of Wellington, FL, delivered a textbook clear performance with his 2016 Rio Olympic bronze medal partner Fine Lady 5, an 18-year-old Hanoverian mare (Forsyth x Drosselklang II) owned by Artisan Farms LLC and Torrey Pines Stable. That left the Canada 1 team with only one time fault to count in the opening round. With seven faults added in the second round by Foster and Millar, Canada's score of eight faults had already secured the win, giving Lamaze no reason to return.

"How fitting that she was able to put in a good performance in her final gallop around this fine arena," said Lamaze, who has indicated that Fine Lady 5 will soon be retired from international competition. "The girls did a great job today; they all rode wonderful and allowed me to not have to jump my 18-year-old mare in the second round. It was a little emotional for me leaving the ring today; there are a lot of memories of a lot of great wins with her here."

Having claimed victory in the richest Nations' Cup team event held in North America in 2006 and 2014, Canada can now add a third win in the event that's been held since 1977 to its record.

"It's a simple formula; you get good riders, good horses, and good people," smiled Mark Laskin, chef d'equipe of the Canadian Show Jumping Team. "Nations' Cups are hard. It has to be your day, but it also has to not be the other teams' day. I was quite confident, but you just never know. So much has to come together. When it works, there is no sweeter feeling. And it's the most fun to win at Spruce Meadows. It's home."



Eric Lamaze and Dieu Merci van T&amp;L by Rolex Ashley Neuhof

## Aurora Tigers home opener free of charge

By Robert Belardi

The Aurora Tigers have provided fans an incentive that is totally irresistible; the home opener on Friday, Oct. 1 against the Stouffville Spirit is completely free of charge.

"We're allowed 500 people opening night, which is 50 per cent of the stadium. My wife and I are welcoming everybody back so we thought we would put a free event on for the town, for the kids and say come and enjoy a Friday night back in the hockey arena," Team Governor of the Aurora Tigers, Jim Thomson said.

"We're giving away to the first 300 people a Tigers t-shirt. Just happy to be back."

The Tigers also announced the signing of new goaltending coach to the staff, David Goverde.

Goverde was selected 91 overall in the 1990 NHL Entry Draft by the Los Angeles Kings. The former teammates, came to an easy agreement when meeting. Thomson remembers him as an excellent man with a resume that simply speaks for itself.

Goverde appeared in the OHL for the Windsor Compuware Spitfires and the Sudbury Wolves before reaching the NHL.

He went on to make appearances in the IHL, NHL, AHL, CoHL, ECHL, WCHL and WHA2 respectively.

To register for a ticket to enter the building October 1, please register you and/or your family by clicking the link in the club's Instagram biography. Please search @tigersjra.

The Tigers took on the Spirit in two exhibition games over the weekend. On Friday, the boys defeated the Spirit 5-2 and earned a thrilling overtime victory on Saturday night 3-2.

## York United earns win, draw

By Robert Belardi

Alvaro Rivero's lightning strikes twice as York United earned a disappointing draw against HFX Wanderers and an exhilarating victory against Forge FC.

In a tale of the good, the bad and the ugly, York, who have just one win in their last five CPL matches were left without a choice to defeat Forge following their last-minute collapse in Halifax.

Diyaedine Abzi got the lads on the board thanks to a crafty set-piece and a goalkeeping error that had York looking confident. Just 12 minutes after scoring the opening goal, German forward Julian Ulbricht finished tucked in the second goal thanks to a neat through ball from Michael Petrasso.

Subsequently, York United found themselves in horror as defender Jordan Wilson conceded what looked like two weak penalties that put HFX back into the game in the final 10 minutes.

In the 90th minute, a deflected kick from goalkeeper Christian Oxner fell to the feet of Spanish forward Alvaro Rivero and the Madrid native fired it home from half to give The Nine Stripes the lead ahead of the final whistle.

But a strong surge from HFX in the end and an own goal from Abzi led to York's demise as the lads ended in a 3-3 draw.

When asked post game on closing out games, head coach Jimmy Brennan said they have been working on it.

"We did work at it. To concede two penalties that quick, the first won Jordan doesn't need to go in. Player is going away from goal. The second one I don't feel it was a penalty. Didn't look like it was a penalty from where we were. Then you get one back you're up

3-2. Abzi's got to clear to the stands there they get a corner. Ball comes in, big scramble, I think Ozzy flicks it on, not that he meant to and they have a free header," Brennan said.

"This is what we talked about. We worked this week on closing out games. I thought we were good going forward at times and got our goals. But to concede two penalties like that, it's not good enough."

In the next match against Forge at Tim Hortons Field in Hamilton, a little bit of karma was served in favour of The Nine Stripes.

In the 17th minute, Abzi was brought down in the penalty area but Forge keeper Triston Henry kept the ball out.

But in the 60-minute one of the hardest working players in the league in Max Ferrari reminds us all why hard work pays off.

Ferrari plunged through Forge defenders on the right side of the 18-yard box and just when everyone thought the angle was too tight, he found a whole and knocked the ball off the side of the post and into the net.

"Noah just gave me the ball at the top of the box, I took a big touch and I kind of just hit it. Luckily, it went in off the post and I'll claim it as a shot," Ferrari said post game.

Two minutes later, Ferrari fed the ball to Isaiah Johnston. The young midfielder had his effort saved but the rebound fell to Rivero's feet to make it 2-0.

"Huge three points for us. We battled the whole 90. Especially that result we had last week, I'd say as a group we were pretty disappointed and to come here on the road, it's very tough team and a good crowd. To get the three points is massive," Ferrari said.

The lads also take on HFX Wanderers this Saturday. Kick-off is at 2 p.m.

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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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wsue52@hotmail.com

## Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

We would like everyone to remember to vote in the federal election. It is our civic duty to consider what person is the best to represent our area. The church does not recommend any person or party. If you have not voted already, please remember to vote on Monday, Sept. 20.

Last Sunday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m. Rev. Evelyn McLachlan conducted the service via Zoom. At that service, Rev. Evelyn blessed backpacks and briefcases.

Last Monday the Joint Board held its first meeting with our Pastoral Charge Supervisor, Rev. Lisa Naumann, who is currently serving Mayfield United Church. Their church has decided to go back to in-person worship. They are encouraging everyone to be vaccinated. We also want to encourage everyone to be vaccinated against COVID-19. If you

need a ride to a vaccination site, contact Kim Campbell or Sheila Darnowski.

Nobleton United is inviting Schomberg United to celebrate Nobleton United's 125th Anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 11:15 a.m. Val Ball & Sue DiFebo have been working on organizing a book about Nobleton United Church's activities and stories of various families in the congregation. King City's Sandra Kirby will be leading our Anniversary Celebration service. This will be a very musical service, as we listen to many old favourite hymns and some newer ones. Sandra is a professional singer and a licensed lay leader.

The music will be pre-recorded to keep everyone safe. Stefani Harris, a young mother, is a talented soloist and will sing "True Colours," a modern pop song. She felt that it fit with our church's statement of acceptance and love for all.

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 via phone.

## Rich Hill United Church

Well, the good people of the Rich

Hill United Church are at it again, and thank God they are! They are planning another one of their excellent, long-awaited dinners and we are all waiting with baited breath and anxious tastebuds!

The church will be holding a pick-up only Ham Dinner comprised of Black Forest Ham; home-made potato salad; coleslaw; their signature carrot salad; dinner roll topped off with apple crisp.

All orders must be placed by Sept. 19 and the actual dinner pick-up is on Sept. 25 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at Rich Hill Church, found at the corner of the 10th Sideroad and 2nd Concession. For your pre presold tickets, please call Grace at 905-939-7764.

## Main Street Christmas event

Well, it seems like some parts of our lives are approaching some sort of normalcy - school is heading back in; the Essa Fair Horse Show took Place this past weekend and even the Bolton Fair is planning a facsimile of their old fair.

However, our Main Street Christmas event will not be taking place this year as it not the appropriate time to

put 5,000 people in close quarters. Once again, for the second year running, we will be planning a drive-through, in our Fairgrounds, viewing our Farmers' Tractor Parade of Lights.

Last year, we were able to put over 700 car through and this year, it is going to be bigger and better and brighter! This year, we are going to hold it for two nights - Dec. 3 and 4. We are planning lots of decorations, lights, entertainment and plenty of good cheer!

We have time this year to plan, something we did not have last year, so there is so much more we can do! I hope you all come out and appreciate the effort, contribution and dedication our farmers give every year to make the Parade of Lights a spectacular event and a grand ending every year to our Main Street Christmas Event.

This drive-through is a twist of that parade where the farmers line up in our Fairgrounds and our cars drive past enjoying every twinkling light and decoration on these implements. You will hear a narration on your radio, as you drive past the implements telling you about the implements, lights, the farmers and their families. This is a very special event for Schomberg - please mark your calendars.

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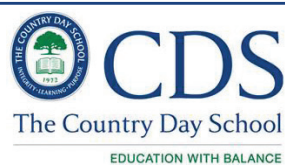
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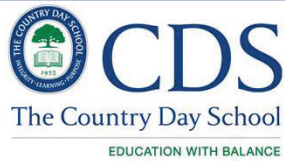
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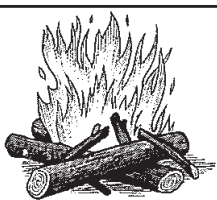
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## 611 GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, September 18th. 9 am-noon. Furniture, furnishings, jewellery, quilts, planters and more. Rain or shine. 65 Edward Pottage Cres. No previews.

## 612 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

## Live Auction Sale for Neil & Gail Baldwin Saturday Sept 25th, at 10:00am

886 Ninth Line, Erin, ON from Trafalgar Rd. at the south end of the town of Hillburgh come east on Cty Rd 22 for 2.7km to Ninth Line Erin. Then go north 1.7km to sale on West side of road. **OR** From Hwy 109 (Hwy9) take Cty Rd 24 south for 16.1km, then east on Cty Rd 22 for 2.7km to Ninth Line Erin. North to sale  
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**Tractors/Dozer/Backhoe/Truck/:** JD 6200L, Quicke Q940 loader, 4WD, 1 remote, 10K hrs; Case 2090 with cab, dual hydr, 504 motor, 7267 hrs; JD 2120 loader tractor, quicktach bucket, repainted, 15.5x38 rears

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# Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church  
By Linda Blydorp

We welcome you to join us in-person for worship this Sunday. 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 this week with a message covering questions that weren't dealt with last Sunday. Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

"A Message for All Time" is now available for on-demand viewing. This is God's message of salvation brought to you in love by imperfect people ... who said yes. This is far from a professional production but it is a perfect message. We invite you to access the YouTube link on the home page of St. Paul's website, stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Is there something we could pray about for you? We will be continuing our "Drive-Thru" prayer event the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Just drive on in and you will be directed to someone whose honour it would be to pray for you. You don't even get out of your car for this one. Our next "Drive-Thru" prayer event will take place Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Our LifeConnect Groups will be resuming over the next months. Our Women's Life Connect Group meets Tuesday morning at 9:30 to 11 a.m. via Zoom. For details, be in touch with us at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

## St. Mary's Church

We continue to welcome our parishioners back to St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Church for our regular Holy Mass Schedule.

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

Browse our websites:

St. Patrick's Parish: <https://stpatricksssc.archtoronto.org/>

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

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: Summer Fun - In person Movie Night - Calling all Teens Grades 7 to 12 to join our Life Teen - Life Nights. For more information, please contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or [zgangl@archtoronto.org](mailto: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.

New Meeting Code <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4383316713>

If there is anything we can do to support you, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at: [stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org)

We will be checking emails and phone messages periodically as the Parish Office will remain by appointment only until further notice.

Check out our Facebook page for parish updates, prayers and Sunday Holy Mass livestream. Kindly see the parish bulletin Mass schedule for Mass Times.

You may continue to request Mass Intentions, Roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe devotion, as well as weekly Sanctuary Light Offering and intentions. You

may contact the parish office with your request.

Please note, the Sacrament of Confession is available at St. Mary's Church on Saturdays after 4 p.m. by appointment. Please call the parish office.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our parish family.

You will continue to be in our prayers, Rosary and Mass Intentions, especially those in our community who are sick or homebound.

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## 708 OBITUARIES

**BULLOCK, Randall "Randy" Benny**



September 10, 1959 – September 2, 2021

It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of Randall Benny Bullock on September 2, 2021 due to complications of COPD. He will be loved and missed by his wife Karen Conolly and by his much loved, best pal and buddy, son Mackenzie. Randy leaves behind his sister Sandra, brother Larry and their families, in-laws and his many friends that he met along the way. Predeceased by his mother Margaret (Peggy) and father Benny. In keeping with his wishes, Randy has been cremated. Many thanks to the Doctors and staff at the Southlake Regional Health Centre. Online memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.peacefultransition.ca](http://www.peacefultransition.ca)

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# King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

This week's worship on Sunday, Sept. 18 will be held at New Hope United Church in Vaughan at 10 a.m. and we are asking that if you will be attending, you RSVP to the office at 905-833-5181 email newhopeunited@bellnet.ca

We are requiring those who attend to confirm that they have full vaccination status with a Health Canada approved vaccine and there is a full list of protocols and precautions on our website. The online worship will be available later Sunday afternoon for those who worship from home and previous weeks worship, are available on our YouTube Channel at YorkUnitedMinistries or our website at kcuc.net.

Rev. Lee is on vacation/study leave for the month of September. If you have any pastoral care emergencies during that month, please contact the office at the number below. 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 are still praying 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 it is deemed safe to do so. 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."

Fall Market at KBC on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We are looking for Vendors for a Fall Market at KBC!

Our market will be located and hosted by King Bible Church at 1555 King Road, in King City. We are in a prime, high-traffic location and are looking to create connections within the community. We are looking for artisans, craft makers, food vendors etc. from all over Ontario to showcase their diverse skills and creativity.

If you have any questions, please email us at: info@kingbiblechurch.com and visit https://kingbiblechurch.com/market-at-kbc

If you have any questions please email Lisa Lethangue at lisa@kingbi-

blechurch.com.

## Nobleton & King City Garden Club

Our next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 pm. on Zoom, and all are welcome. For more information contact us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com

The topic will be After the Harvest – What's Next?, with Julia Dimakos.

This presentation covers what to do with your harvest after bringing it indoors. It does not cover canning. Instead, it shows you how to properly store your vegetables, either whole or converted, in order to enjoy them for as long as possible into the winter.

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## St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King City. We are now meeting in person at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Konnie Vissers will be back with us this week.

What a joy it was to meet together in our sanctuary last Sunday. The Rev. Dr. John Vissers preached on the "Body of Christ" from Ephesians 4:1-5. If you missed it, the worship service videos can be found either on YouTube (St. Andrew's, King City) or by going to our

website. The "in person" services are recorded and posted later each Sunday afternoon (standrews-kingcity.ca).

Do you have prayer requests or want to share thanksgivings? We are happy to pray with you or for you, in confidence. 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."

Art for the Soul on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and the Tuesday evening Bible Study group for now are online. Contact Lynn Vissers for more information.

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: 416 998-4652, or our new Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis: 905-724-1979.

If there are questions re St. Andrew's reopening please contact us. Changes in your contact information? Please contact Kathy Patterson at 905-833-0391. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

The 11th Annual Schomberg Country Run for Indigenous water projects and to honour the memory of the Rev. Shelagh Ashworth runs Sept. 15-25 and welcomes any and all walking or running efforts.

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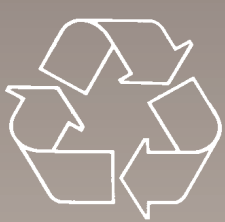
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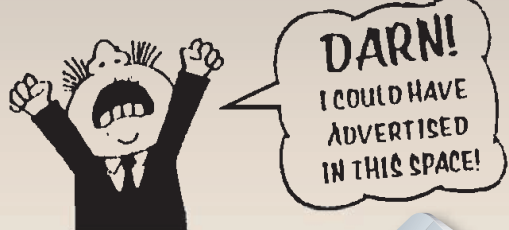
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# King's Corners

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It receives significant support from local churches including All Saints and last year raised \$22,000. Register at Eventbrite or check out [cr@anglican-parishoflloydtown.com](mailto:cr@anglican-parishoflloydtown.com).

Another pop up Yard Sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. until noon on the lawn in front of the church. A wide variety of lightly used quality household goods, art, books DVDs, toys and jewellery will be on offer.

Our recorded virtual services are available on You Tube go to <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsking/> and click live.

Fr. Michael spoke last Sunday on Christ's words from Mark 8: "If any

want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

"What if Jesus had told his followers, take up your sword and follow me?"

Peter wanted that. Anyone who wanted the Messiah to come and kick the Romans out of Israel wanted that. If Jesus had said "Take up your sword and follow me," what would he have been offering? He would have been offering victory, security, triumph, revenge, being in control of your own affairs.

All of those things sound very appealing. Instead, Jesus said "Take up your cross and follow me." What does that mean? It means you are putting yourself at risk, you're not going to have your way, you're not going to be a winner as the world counts winners.

"Saturday was the 20th anniversary

of 9/11. For years after 9/11 we were called on to take up our swords, and what were we offered? We were offered security, an end to terrorism, freedom from weapons of mass destruction, death of Osama? Twenty years later did we get any of those things?

"Yes, Osama is dead, but we live in a world that seems less secure. How many countries were broken? How many millions of refugees were left in camps? How many tens of thousand of innocents died?"

"Here we are. That's what taking up our swords got us. After 9/11 we were terrified of foreigners, we were terrified of people from the Middle East, we were terrified of Muslims. We were terrified of people like the Aslan family, the refugees that All Saints have embraced. And now in the wake of the end of the Afghan war, we are being asked

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## Blood clinic booked, but get on the list!

The Canadian Blood Services clinic slated for Sept. 23 at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg is fully booked.

However, staff do tend to see some last minute cancellations so space may open up for same-day appointments.

Interested donors can review the Donor Questionnaire on the website – [blood.ca/questionnaire](http://blood.ca/questionnaire)

Any donors who have medical inquiries can call 1 888 2 DONATE (1 888 236-6283) to speak to an information nurse.

To review the donor questionnaire, please visit: <https://blood.ca/en/blood/donating-blood/donor-questionnaire>

All blood types are needed. If you are in general good health, we need you to book and honour your appointment to help patients this month and throughout the year. Download the GiveBlood app, call 1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283) or book now at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca).

# Nobleton Notes

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Their church has decided to go back to in-person worship. They are encouraging everyone to be vaccinated. We also want to encourage everyone to be vaccinated against COVID-19. If you need a ride to a vaccination site, please either phone the church, 905-859-3976 (leave a message) or me at 905-859-0761.

Nobleton United's 125th Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 11:15 a.m. Val Ball and Sue DiFebo have been working on organizing a book about Nobleton United Church's activities and stories of various families in our congregation. King City's Sandra Kirby will be leading our Anniversary Celebration service.

This will be a very musical service, as we listen to many old favourite hymns and some newer ones. Sandra is a professional singer and a licensed lay leader. The music will be pre-recorded. Stefani Harris, a young mother, is a talented soloist and will sing "True Colours," a modern pop song. She felt that it fit with our church's statement of acceptance and love for all.

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

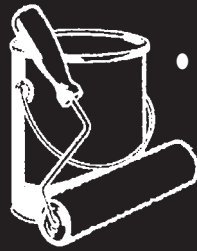
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## What do I do for you?



By **Julien Laurion**  
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

Recently, I was having a chat with someone at Longo's, and she asked; what do I do as a Realtor other than the obvious? I thought this was such a great question, and I decided to share my thoughts both on paper and in a video for my website and social media outlets.

One thing to keep in mind is that even though Realtors in Ontario are a part of brokerages, we are independent contractors. Thus, we run our own business but must abide by the values and principles of our brokerage.

Saying that I can only speak to what I 'do' since every Realtor's business model is different.

The obvious answer is I help trade real property in Ontario. I help clients and customers buy and sell homes! However, there is a lot more to the job than just touring clients around homes.

When a Realtor has a listing, they have to create and distribute all marketing materials, whether it be in print or digital form. For example, you will see an ad in this paper with all my active listings. This takes careful thought, insight and consideration of your marketplace. In today's world, I make sure that I use social media as a key part of my marketing strategy. In addition to this, I have to help clients prepare their homes for sale. How your home looks to a prospective buyer can make the difference between a quick sale for top dollar or a prolonged sale period for potentially less money. Doing things such as, decluttering the living space and closets, putting a fresh coat of paint in important areas of the home and getting around to those minor upgrades and repairs that have been ignored can have a huge transformational impact your home makes when that prospective buyer first walks through your door. You want the buyer to easily picture themselves living in your home.

When a sale or purchase agreement is signed, that is not the end of a Realtor's job. I continue to serve as the point person helping all parties to communicate and help facilitate a smooth closing, as well as providing advice and guidance for my clients. Avid readers should remember from a past TTR article that conditional clauses are a common part of a purchase and sale agreement so clearing those conditions is an ongoing responsibility that the Realtor assists with.

Additionally, I spend A LOT of time creating content to market your home. This includes writing articles, filming video clips for my social media and YouTube accounts, creating digital ads for Facebook and Google etc., photographs and blog posts. Sometimes I even use my drone to create captivating action shots of the property. This is especially important for the marketing of cottages or rural properties. It is the quality of the content that helps to differentiate between Realtors. You can see for yourself the difference good quality marketing content makes in promoting interest and activity in the sale of a property. I have no doubt that you have seen marketing material of some properties where the pictures are blurry or they are dark and do not do the property justice. You don't want that to be how your home is marketed! There are over fifty thousand registered Realtors in the GTA, so you want to select the right one.

There is so much more to what I do, and I'm not able to fit it all in a half-page article. So please, check out my YouTube channel or website [www.bigtuna.ca](http://www.bigtuna.ca), where you can find my latest video and where I get more in-depth on this topic!

Julien Laurion AKA Big Tuna is a local Real Estate Sale Representative with Royal LePage Your Community Realty in Aurora. I am a real estate agent who has expertise in both Real Estate and Renovations and has been involved in this community for over 20 years. If you have a question for my monthly article or if you are considering buying, selling or leasing a home please feel free to call or email me directly at (416) 402-5530 or [julien@bigtuna.ca](mailto:julien@bigtuna.ca) or by alternatively visiting my website [www.bigtuna.ca](http://www.bigtuna.ca) or Facebook page @bigtunarealty

## How to prepare your family for fire emergencies

(NC) Fire can spread rapidly through your home, and the National Fire Protection Association predicts you may only have as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once smoke alarms sound.

"We encourage everyone to evaluate their level of preparedness against potential dangers," says Ashley Gocken of First Alert, a leading fire safety brand. "It's imperative that people develop and practice a fire escape plan and install, maintain and regularly test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. These are life-saving practices that can make a real difference."

To ensure you and your family are prepared and protected, follow these steps:

### CHECK YOUR ALARMS.

Early detection is critical to preventing tragedies. Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in every bedroom and on every level of your house, including the basement. Test them regularly and change the batteries every six months. To eliminate battery replacements for a decade, upgrade to 10-year battery alarms.

### MAP YOUR HOME.

Involve everyone in your household when developing escape routes. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits. Identify two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Make sure everyone in the home understands the plan.

### PRACTICE YOUR PLAN.

Conduct fire drills at least twice a year during the day and night, making it as realistic as possible. Allow children to master the fire escape routes beforehand. The objective is to practice, not to frighten, so telling children there will be a drill before they go to bed can be as effective as a surprise drill.

### HAVE A MEETING LOCATION OUTSIDE.

Choose a designated outside meeting place a safe distance from your home. Once you're out, stay out. Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the fire department dispatcher when you call. Firefighters have the skills and equipment to perform rescues.

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There may likely be a need to deep clean, remove excess debris, decor and collectibles, pack away what's not needed, repair and paint in order to sell. The challenge of doing this preparation in advance of the home being placed for sale on the market would be worth tackling so that the home is in the best condition for Buyers to view.

Call a REALTOR® and ask for a virtual or safe face-to-face meeting as the first step who may be able to assist you with service providers and a core action plan to follow during this preparation process. They may be able to discuss with you multiple options of how the home can be shown in the best way possible to potential Buyers. REALTORS® often can provide area service professionals as needed to help eliminate many of the to-dos on the action plan. Alternatively, as a value add service the REALTOR® selected may be able to manage the preparation and staging of the home or refer other service professionals who can.

The process of preparing the home for sale can take as little as a week to many months depending on the way it has been maintained and cleaned. Once there is legal permission granted for the preparation of the home to sell, a well-designed plan will help you navigate the situation and save time and energy.

Ideally, divide the home's contents into various categories when moving room by room to manage what's remaining in the home, what is being donated to family, friends or a worthy cause and what will

be disposed of. Ask the REALTOR® if they can recommend online auction companies, or downsizing professionals to be contracted for the clear-out of the home contents.

Consider the causes that meant a great deal to the family member who has passed and to their family and friends; there may be clues on how they may have appreciated their goods distributed. Did the family member attend a place of worship, support group, volunteer or donate annually to certain causes? Many places of worship, shelters, nonprofit organizations will gladly accept household goods, clothing, tools and electronics with much appreciation. Drop boxes are often located throughout communities designated for clothing or household goods as well as managed drop-off sites at Salvation Army, Value Village Thrift Stores and Habitat for Humanity RE-Stores to name a few. It's best to check online on how items will be considered and accepted as protocols during COVID-19 times may change.

Keep personal safety as the priority during this transition when meeting any strangers and when attempting the physical work required in preparing a home for sale. Beyond family and friend support there are so many professionals and services available to assist home sellers to reach the goals needed prior to selling loved ones home.

— Written by Connie Power

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**Real Estate Market Update – Aurora**



## Buyers Push for Aurora Homes

The year-to-date push to invest in Aurora real estate before September rose by 59 percent for Buyers taking action compared to 2020.

Of the 1053 homes sold so far in 2021, many homes sold in 14 days for about 105 percent of the Sellers asking price. While in the month of August, home sales across Aurora were a little quieter than in July, with only 107 homes sold in this month. Inventory was extremely low once again, with only a one-month supply of choices for home purchasers of all home types to meet the demand.

The highly motivated Buyer purchases caused home values to continue to rise, resulting in the median price increasing by almost 10 percent month over month to \$1,085,000. Year to date, the median price of a home was \$1,160,000 when we take out the highest and lowest sales; that's a 23 percent welcome spike since last year.

Competition is a common result when supply remains so low, coupled with low lending rates. As fall approaches, the housing market is typically strong for those taking

action. For those with children heading as safely as possible back to school, more time may be available for homeowners to prepare their homes for sale and find the right size for their next homeownership opportunity. For anyone else considering selling, call a licensed REALTOR® and have a virtual or safe face-to-face meeting to discuss strategies in these challenging times to decide if now is the ideal time to sell as safely as possible.

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# How to plan your dream backyard makeover



(NC) There are many things to love about the summer, and spending time outdoors is high on that list. So, why not create the outdoor living space of your dreams?

Here are some tips and tricks to help you get started:

**DO SOME RESEARCH**

Updating your yard or patio is probably a good investment, so don't rush into it. Take your time and think about what works best for your house and your wallet. Look at different options and think about what you and your family would

get the most benefit from. Is it a water feature or an outdoor kitchen? A gazebo or storage shed?

**HIRE AN ARBORIST**

If you have any trees in your backyard that you want to remove, call a certified utility arborist. They will have all the necessary tools to ensure the work is done in the safest way possible and that no powerlines are affected.

Contacting a utility arborist is a good idea even if you only want to prune trees that are growing close or into powerlines. Never take chances with powerlines because electricity can jump to you and your tools. Touching a tree that's near or in contact with a powerline could result in an electric shock. Remember to keep three metres back from a powerline.

**CONSIDER A POOL**

If you have the space for it, a pool could make your backyard more enjoyable for the whole family. Start by choosing the type of pool based on your unique space. Above-ground pools may not seem the most attractive, and some digging might be required to level the ground, but the installation is super easy. Plus, they tend to cost much less than in-ground pools.

On the other hand, in-ground pools require a lot of work and can be expensive, but it also gives a facelift to your property. There are thousands of options to choose from, and for a little extra money, you can customize it the way you want.

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## Most popular spaces to renovate and their costs

(NC) After spending so much time at home last year, it's no surprise many of us are changing our spaces to fit our current needs.

**CANADIAN HOMEOWNERS** who renovated this past year spent an average of \$4,525, according to a recent report by insurance company Aviva Canada.

Thinking about improving your home? Check out how much Canadians have spent on average for the most common renos, and with costs coming in lower than you might think, it's time to find some inspiration for your next project:

**ADDITION — \$10,800**

Creating more livable space with an addition can boost the resale value of your home. There are plenty of options, including a kitchen bump out, new mudroom or small second-storey deck outside the primary bedroom.

**BACKYARD — \$6,200**

With outdoor hangouts becoming a safer option for gathering with friends and family, many invested in sprucing up their yard or patio. Firepits, hot tubs and comfy outdoor furniture are great ways to make your outdoor living space more useful and enjoyable throughout the year.

**ENTERTAINMENT — \$3,800**

As leisure activities undergo rotating shutdowns, we've all had to find our fun at home. The basement is a prime spot for creating a recreation hub, whether it's soundproofing and lighting upgrades to create a home movie theatre or splurging on old-school video games and fresh flooring for an 80s arcade.

**OFFICE — \$2,800**

While most of work-from-home arrangements were intended as short-term measures, today many offices are embracing permanent remote work or hybrid models. This means it's worth fixing up your makeshift home office with a fresh coat of paint, ergonomic furniture and some inspiring artwork.

**PLAYROOM — \$2,250**

Many families chose to help their kids enjoy spending more time at home by creating a playroom with fun activities to do and creative stations. Experiment with fun colours, soft rugs and double-duty pieces to create different zones for tactile play, arts and crafts, board games and more.

If you're planning to make major changes to your home, keep in mind that finishing a basement, removing structural supports or building an addition could impact your insurance coverage.

"These renovations may change the home's rebuild value," explains Phil Gibson, managing director, personal insurance and data science at Aviva Canada. "That's why it's always good practice to check in with your insurance broker or agent when considering renovations so you are adequately covered."

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## How to make your kitchen your favourite room

(NC) No matter the size of your home, the kitchen is likely the hub of your everyday life.

It's where you gather for meals, experiment with recipes and maybe even host impromptu dance parties. Since it's the centre of your home, why not make it your favourite room too?

### ADD A TV

Consider installing a TV so you can catch up on the news at breakfast or follow along with a cooking show for testing out a new meal.

A smaller TV is ideal as you don't want to overcrowd the space. Before installation, ensure the unit is away from your oven and other electrical equipment. If you find a perfect spot but there isn't an outlet close by, don't worry. You can hire a licensed electrical contracting (LEC) business to install an extra outlet for you, hide wires from view and make sure your space is safe from electrical harm.

But be careful when hiring someone to work in your home. Sometimes, unlicensed contractors offer their services for a lower cost. Always remember that in Ontario, only a LEC business can be hired to do electrical

work in your home. So before getting started, verify their ECRA/ESA licence number to ensure they are authorized to do electrical work.

### TURN UP THE VOLUME

Larger kitchens allow for a variety of social gatherings, like having extended family help make a holiday meal together, or entertaining guests for a celebration. Setting up a sound system can add extra ambiance for relaxing music, podcasts or even party tunes. Choose a spot away from the sink to put speakers and any other equipment, so moisture doesn't affect any wires or cause a fire.

### MAJOR APPLIANCES FOR A FACELIFT

If you're planning to fully renovate, dedicate some time for choosing the best appliances to fit your style and needs. Before putting everything in place, make sure you have the right electrical outlets. Some appliances like microwave ovens, refrigerators and dishwashers require dedicated circuits to protect you from potential accidents caused by overheating or overloading.

Use a ground fault circuit interrupter outlet for anything less than 1.5 metres from the sink. Hire a LEC business to assist with any electrical installation and be sure that they file a notification of work with the Electrical Safety Authority when the work begins.

With the right resources and expert help, small or big changes can transform your kitchen and make it your favourite room. Find more electrical safety tips at [esasafe.com/safety](http://esasafe.com/safety).

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GO FOR BOLD WITH THE RETURN **maximalism**

(NC) This season, it's time to embrace a "more is more" design philosophy with the return of maximalism. To help you bring this season's hottest interior trend home, Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, shares her top three tips to go all out with maximal style.

**BE BOLD.**  
Saturated colour, vibrant prints and a mixture of furniture from different eras and styles help define a maximalist aesthetic. Looking for colour inspiration? "Look to the exuberant colours of the 70s and opt for jewel tones and striking hues of mustard yellow or a bright turquoise like Deep Ocean 2058-30," suggests Grech.

**SHOW OFF YOUR STYLE.**  
Maximalism gives you permission to show off and celebrate your prized possessions throughout your space. If you enjoy collecting items, and tend towards a more eclectic, glamorous look, this trend will help bring out the best in your space. However, don't give into the temptation to clutter every surface. "Allow your favourite pieces to shine by creating

styled vignettes throughout your space following the designer trick of grouping objects in threes," says Grech.

**HIGH DRAMA IN SMALL SPACES.**  
Not ready for a full house of dramatic colour? Choose a small room to make a maximalist splash. "Powder rooms are the ideal space to experiment with bold hues and dramatic accents," says Grech.

Create a mirror-selfie-worthy powder room by selecting a bold hue in a matte finish, using humidity-resistant paint such as Aura bath & spa and pairing it with an extravagant mirror for instant drama in the smallest of spaces.

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**Home office ideas to boost your creativity**

(NC) After so much time at home, it's no surprise if you're in need of a creative boost. One of the great things about working from home is that you're much freer to personalize your workspace. This means you can decorate to boost your mood and motivation.

Here are some updates for your virtual home office to help get the juices flowing:

**1 FRESH VISUALS** Swap joyful artwork on your desk or walls regularly to keep your environment fresh. Better yet, install a gallery shelf above to house easily changeable prints, family photos and knickknacks that inspire.

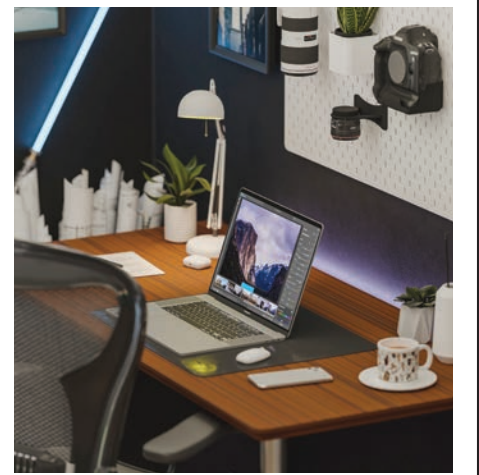
**2 PRETTY PLANTS** Bring the outside in with any plant you like. Choose air purifying ones like snake plants for the full benefits, but even a fake plant is better than nothing since green is said to be a colour that promotes productivity.

**3 POINT OF VIEW** Change your perspective and activate your imagination by adding another seating area to your workspace if you can. A comfy chair is a great alternative for when you feel chained to your desk. You can even try stacking books for a makeshift standing desk to achieve new heights for a new outlook.

**4 THE RIGHT GEAR** Sometimes it's old tech that's getting in your way. Whether it's adding a second monitor like you had at the office or upgrading your old camera to the latest from Sony for enhanced video calls, livestreams or media projects, new tools can expand your possibilities. Even little things like a mini tripod, a grip for hands-free camera control or studio lighting can also improve your output.

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**3 affordable ways to create a home office that works for you**

(NC) This year's home must-have is an office space that offers flexibility to go seamlessly from video calls to virtual classroom to everything in between. To help you create a workspace that works for you, Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, shares three affordable tips to create a stylish office no matter your style or budget.

**CHOOSE COLOURS THAT PROMOTE PRODUCTIVITY.**  
Struggling to find focus when working from home? Your wall colour can help promote a sense of calm and concentration to help you through your busiest days. "Tints and shades of green such as Spa AF-435 or Flora AF-470 can help foster a sense of calm and support your productivity," recommends Grech.

Giving your home office a coat of green paint is a project you can do yourself, and the increased focus and reduction in eye strain will help you work smarter all year long.

**MAKE ROOM FOR YOUR WORKSPACE.**  
If you don't have a dedicated home office, you can easily create a place where you can focus by making a work area in your home. A floating shelf or a side table can double as a compact desk in small spaces. Once you select where you want to set up your workspace, clean up any clutter that could be distracting. Grech suggests shopping your home for baskets, mason jars and catch-alls to store office supplies such as notebooks, pens and loose papers.

**CREATE A CHIC BACKGROUND.**  
On video calls all day? You can create an envy-inducing backdrop in just one weekend by painting out a bookcase, including the backs of shelves, in one solid hue like Amazon Soil 2115-30. Grech recommends choosing a durable paint designed to adhere to wooden surfaces such as Advance interior paint for results as professional as your new office. Once dry, position your bookcase, with styled shelves of books and decorative objects, behind you for a put-together background.

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**DESIGNER**  
advice for choosing the right **WHITE PAINT**

(NC) Ready to repaint but not sure how to pick the perfect neutral? Benjamin Moore colour and design expert Sharon Grech shares her top four tips to help you choose the perfect white paint for your space.

**KNOW YOUR EXPOSURE.**  
Overall lighting and the orientation of your room are the most important considerations when choosing paint colours, especially when it comes to selecting the right tint of white. Whether your room faces north, east, south or west, there is a white paint designed to bring out the very best in your space's natural light. "If you have a north or east exposure, opt for warmer

whites. Look for options with cooler tones to counter-balance south and west exposures, such as Decorator's White OC-149."

If you're in a space with limited natural light such as a basement or small den, consider Chantilly Lace OC-65, a bright designer favourite to bring an added sense of space and light to any room.

**PAY ATTENTION TO THE UNDERTONE.**  
When selecting neutral paints, one of the key differences to keep in mind is the undertone. From pink to green and everything in between, you can find a white paint with an undertone to suit your space. When selecting a white paint, consider the colour of the furniture and flooring in your space — if you tend towards warmer hues, opt for a white paint with a warm undertone to create a cohesive feel.

**EXPRESS YOUR SENSE OF STYLE.**  
From modern to traditional, white paint can bring out the best in a range of design styles. Express your

personal taste and give your neutral space a warm and inviting feeling by adding texture with throw blankets, cushions and rugs in natural fibres. To accentuate architectural details and add extra dimension to neutral walls, Grech suggests painting details such as trim, mouldings and even furniture in a high-gloss sheen to add a striking contrast to matte or eggshell walls.

**TEST BEFORE YOU PAINT.**  
Sharon's top piece of advice? "Always test a few variations of white paint on your walls before painting the whole room." A white paint that looks perfect in the store could look totally different once it's in your space. Once you've found your perfect tint, make sure to prime your walls if you're painting over a bold colour. Choose a paint like Regal Select interior paint to achieve professional results and flawless coverage.

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# SMART WAYS TO SAVE for a house or condo



(NC) With Canada's housing market hotter than ever, saving up a down payment can feel impossible. But wise spending and saving decisions can add up over time. Here, Vanessa Bowen, money expert and accountant, offers simple yet effective ways to save for the home you've had your eye on.

**ENSURE YOU HAVE A GOOD CREDIT SCORE**  
A better credit score means that you can qualify for lower interest rates and loans that you may require

when investing in a future property. Working to improve your overall credit score, such as by avoiding late bill payments, will help make your savings go further as you look towards purchasing the house or condo of your dreams.

**CONTRIBUTE LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS TO YOUR SAVINGS**

Large annual payments such as a work bonus or your tax return can be added as lump-sum contributions to your savings. Contributing larger sums helps you reach your end-goal more quickly, so remember to save these payments. It's money you don't count on in your day to day anyway, so it'll be easier to set aside and watch your savings steadily grow.

**SWITCH TO A NO-FEE BANK ACCOUNT**

A small step that you can take that will add up to big savings in the long run is switching to a no-fee

bank account. The PC Money Account is the bank account reimagined with no monthly fees and opportunities to earn PC Optimum Points on every dollar spent everywhere you shop. Now, instead of having to pay monthly banking fees, you can put your hard-earned money towards saving up for a house or condo.

**CUT DOWN ON UNNECESSARY SPENDING**

Try cutting back on expenses such as takeout food and shopping for things you may not actually need, like subscription services. Instead, put this money, which could potentially add up to thousands each year, towards a significant investment opportunity, such as a future home.

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## RENTING vs. BUYING in the current housing market

(NC) One of the outcomes of the COVID-19 pandemic has been soaring home prices. Many first-time buyers across Canada are wondering whether now is the right time to invest in a home, or if they should wait.

But it's important to carefully think through the choice between renting and owning, and to fully understand the costs of taking on a mortgage.

Renting and owning can both have benefits. The right choice depends on your financial situation, priorities and long-term goals.

Owning your home can give you:

- 1 a feeling of pride that you've made an investment,
- 2 independence from a landlord's choices about the future of the property, and
- 3 the ability to make permanent renovations or decorate to suit your own tastes.

In comparison, renting can give you:

- 1 a feeling of independence,
- 2 the ability to move easily to pursue opportunities, such as a new job, and
- 3 freedom from the responsibilities of maintaining a home.

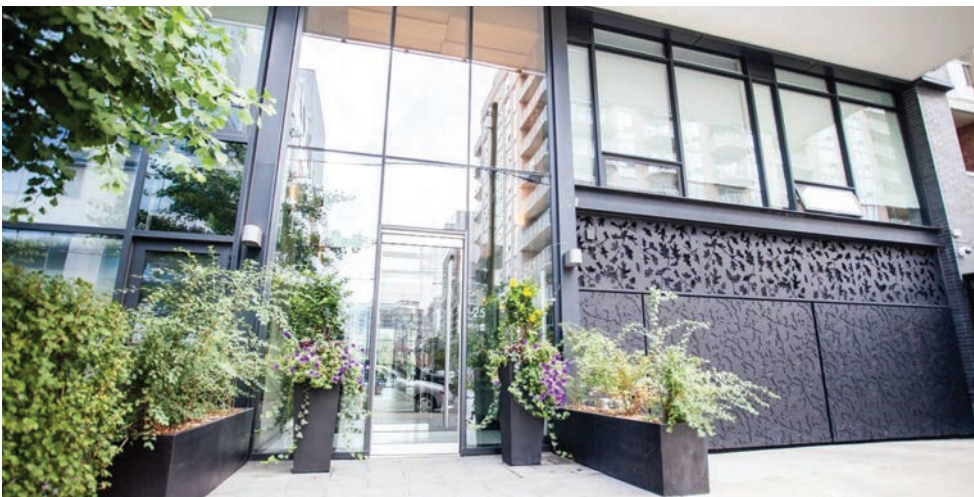
Remember, while financial calculations are essential in any decision to buy a home, many people will find that the emotions and values they place on owning or renting will influence their choices. Find resources to help you understand what each option will cost and decide what's best for you at [canada.ca/money](http://canada.ca/money).

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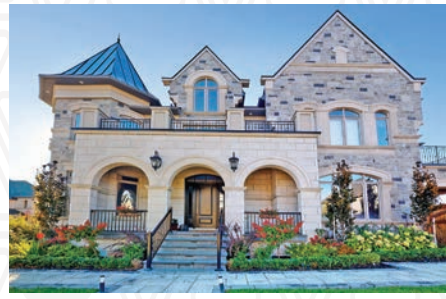
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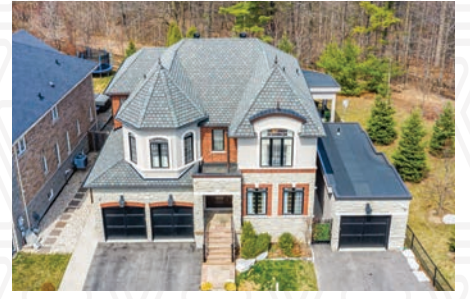
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