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## Agricultural Society holds AGM

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan shared remarks on behalf of the Government of Ontario at Schomberg Agricultural Society's Annual General Meeting held Nov. 20. The Schomberg Agricultural Society consists of over 150 members and they have organized and operated the annual Schomberg Fair for over 170 years. "I'm thankful to the Schomberg Agricultural Society for being a pillar in our community," said Lecce. "For over 170 years, the dedicated volunteers of the society have taken great care of the fairgrounds, run the annual Schomberg fair, along with ongoing work to support local farmers and protect the family farm." Turn to "Schomberg Should Know" on Page 26 for the new executive members.

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## King updates its Recreation Master Plan

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

King council has given its stamp of approval to an update of its Park, Recreation and Community Master Plan.

The plan was last updated in 2013 to provide short and long-term perspectives and provision of municipal services. It's a document that's used extensively by staff as a valuable tool to help shape council decisions.

Using the federal-provincial Framework for Recreation Canada, staff encouraged input from all stakeholders.

Complementing targets and goals in King's Official Plan, the plan incorporates community feedback to establish some key priorities. They include active living, inclusion and access, connecting people and nature, supportive environments and recreation capacity.

The main focus is to provide meaningful and accessible recreational opportunities for citizens.

The majority of the recommendations in the plan focus on maximizing current resources, leveraging partnerships and accessing available grant funding. Other points in the plan include developing a co-op program, establishing marketing campaigns, and training.

Many initiatives will be funded through one-time program requests. All funding requests come as part of King's annual budget process, similar to other department requests, and will be phased in over the next few years.

Following council's endorsement, staff will incorporate all feedback received and being to implement some of the identified objects as part of the 2022 work plan.

"The Recreation & Community Master Plan sets priorities for the Township to provide physical activity, inclusive services, nature connection through recreation and strong community partnerships," noted the staff report.

See 'Plan' on Page 3

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, December 6

6 pm – Public Planning Meeting

Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Monday, December 13

6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole

Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

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

### COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, December 9

3 pm - Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board Electronic Meeting (noon) on the day of the meeting

Tuesday, December 14

1 p.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [dmoratto@king.ca](mailto:dmoratto@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Tuesday, December 14

6 pm – King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

Wednesday, December 15

6 pm – Committee of Adjustment

Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

## BID NOTICES

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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

All applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day they close.

- Climate Change Coordinator – Deadline November 26
- Program Instructor (Seasonal, Part-Time) – Deadline November 29
- Manager of Transportation Services – Deadline Dec. 1
- Administrative Clerk – Clerks Support Coordinator (Contract) – Deadline December 2
- Fitness Instructor (Contract) – Until Position is filled
- Personal Trainer (Contract) – Until Position is filled
- Fitness Floor Monitor (Contract) – Until Position is filled

## PUBLIC NOTICES



King is geared up and ready to tackle the snow and ice this winter.

Our winter maintenance crews are responsible for clearing over 320 kilometres of roads. The Township's fleet includes two graders, 12 plows—complete with sand and salt units—and three contracted sidewalk plows.

King will remove snow from roads when severe accumulations affect two-way traffic and the ability for on-street parking. This may take several days after accumulations occur and is performed on a priority basis.

First priority is given to commercial areas and areas where safety is a concern.

Residents are reminded to avoid parking on the street so that snowplowing and snow removal crews can operate effectively.

Some snowstorms last many hours or have initial freezing rain that turns into snow. In these conditions, a re-plowing of priority streets may be required to maintain traffic safety. Re-plowing may occur before road crews can move on to other local streets. The priority of snow clearing is based on Minimum Maintenance Standards Regulations.

Class of Road	Total Snow Accumulation	Time to Clear
Arterial Roads	8 cm	12 hours
Collector	8 cm	16 hours
Local	10 cm	24 hours

Due to varied shapes, sizes and presence of centre islands, cul-de-sacs require specialized snow removal equipment and procedures. The Township road system currently contains many cul-de-sacs and we understand the frustration that can occur for affected residents.

Most routes are completed with a 12-hour period. Clearance times may be longer when snowfall is exceptionally heavy, there are complications due to freezing rain, many cars are parked on the street or crews are working during peak traffic times. In accordance with Ministry of Labour Regulations, drivers cannot work more than 13 hours without a rest period. This can impact snow clearance time.

For more information on snow removal in King, please visit [www.king.ca/snowremoval](http://www.king.ca/snowremoval).

**Please do your part & recycle!**

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

## PUBLIC NOTICES



### King Township Services

As part of a cautious approach to maintaining public and staff safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, King continues to gradually reopen in-person services, including at the King Township Municipal Centre.

The following in-person customer services are available at the Township Centre from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as of Monday, Nov. 22:

- Garbage, bulky item and appliance tags
- Green bin, kitchen catcher and blue box sales
- Yard composters and rain barrels
- Payments for taxes, water bills and recreation programs
- Dog Tags

Passive screening and mandatory masking will be in place.

The following services are available in person each Wednesday and can be booked in advance by contacting [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) or calling 905-833-4069:

- Marriage licences
- Commissioning services.

The following services are available in person each Wednesday and can be booked in advance by contacting [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca) or calling 905-833-5321:

- Planning applications and some planning services
- Building permits and some building services.

Most in-person recreation, cultural and library services are in place with ongoing COVID-19 safety guidelines and restrictions.

Visit [www.king.ca/recreation-living](http://www.king.ca/recreation-living).

See a full list of services, below. For information about King and COVID-19, visit [www.king.ca/covid19](http://www.king.ca/covid19).

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING

pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended

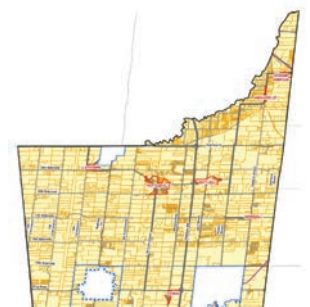
### TOWNSHIP OF KING ZONING BY-LAW FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to Section 238(3.1)(3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

As the Municipal Centre is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is an electronic meeting held remotely and live streamed via <http://meeting.king.ca>.

#### Purpose of the Public Planning Meeting

**TAKE NOTICE** that Council for The Corporation of the Township of King will be holding a virtual Public Meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act to consider a new Zoning By-law for the Countryside. The purpose of the virtual Public Planning Meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Zoning By-law, which relates to lands within the Countryside and Hamlet designations, as well as the Nobleton Village Reserve Lands (shown in yellow, on the map, right). The rural area excludes the Villages of Nobleton, King City and Schomberg.



#### Purpose of the Rural Zoning By-law Review Project

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

King Township is undertaking a review of its zoning for the rural areas of the Township, which are currently regulated by the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 74-53, as amended and the Oak Ridges Moraine Zoning By-law 2005-23 (applying to lands within the Oak Ridges Moraine Area).

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

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

#### How to Participate in the Public Meeting

- 1) **VIEW THE MEETING** live virtually at <https://www.king.ca/meetings>. No pre-registration is required.
- 2) **SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS** to the Township Clerk at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Comments will form part of the public record and will be circulated to Council and the Planning Division.
- 3) **SPEAK TO COUNCIL** remotely (by audio-telephone) by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, December 6th, 2021. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating by telephone. All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

Please provide your full name, address, contact details and the item you wish to speak to when contacting the Clerks Department. **Please note that all comments will become part of the public record.**

#### Appeal Procedure

If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT"), does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the Township of King the proposed Zoning By-law for the Countryside is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed Zoning By-law for the Countryside is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT") unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

#### How To Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Zoning By-law for the Countryside, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca).

#### Additional Information

A copy of the proposed Final Draft Zoning By-law for the Countryside and related information and material will be available for inspection via the Township's public engagement website, SpeakKING at: <https://speaking.king.ca/rural-area-zoning-by-law-review>, on Monday, November 15, 2021. The staff report will be available at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) on Thursday, December 2nd, 2021.

For further information contact Kristen Harrison by email at [kharrison@king.ca](mailto:kharrison@king.ca) by telephone at 905-833-4065. Written comments may be mailed or emailed to the Planning Division and will become part of the public record.

Dated at the Township of King this 11th day of November, 2021.

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



# York Health reports outbreaks at two King schools

York Region Public Health reported there are roughly two dozen open outbreaks of COVID-19 in the region.

In King, both King City Public School and St. Mary Catholic Elementary School reported cases of COVID-19.

An outbreak was declared at King City Public School Nov. 18. and at press time, there were four 3 confirmed student cases of COVID-19.

The cases and dismissed students are in Grades 5 and 6 and therefore are unvaccinated.

The school remains open; all stu-

dents and staff identified as close contacts have been dismissed and provided instructions on isolation depending on vaccination status.

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School reported an outbreak Nov. 17, and there are currently 10 confirmed student cases related to this outbreak.

All cases are in students between the age of 10 and 12. Six cases are under 12 and are therefore unvaccinated; one case is 12 years of age and unvaccinated.

The school remains open; all stu-

dents and staff identified as close contacts have been dismissed and provided instructions on isolation depending on vaccination status.

York Region Public Health works with administrators, principals and/or operators to determine dismissal requirements.

Decisions to dismiss cohorts are not made lightly as they impact both families and students and may vary depending on the school and/or jurisdiction.

If a student or staff member is identified as a close contact of a case, and they are fully vaccinated, they are able to return to school and do not have to self-isolate.

Health Canada has authorized the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for youth ages five to 11. York Health looks forward to being able to offer vaccination to this age group at our clinics to help protect children from infection and severe illness, as well as reduce exposures and dismissals in important

activities such as school.

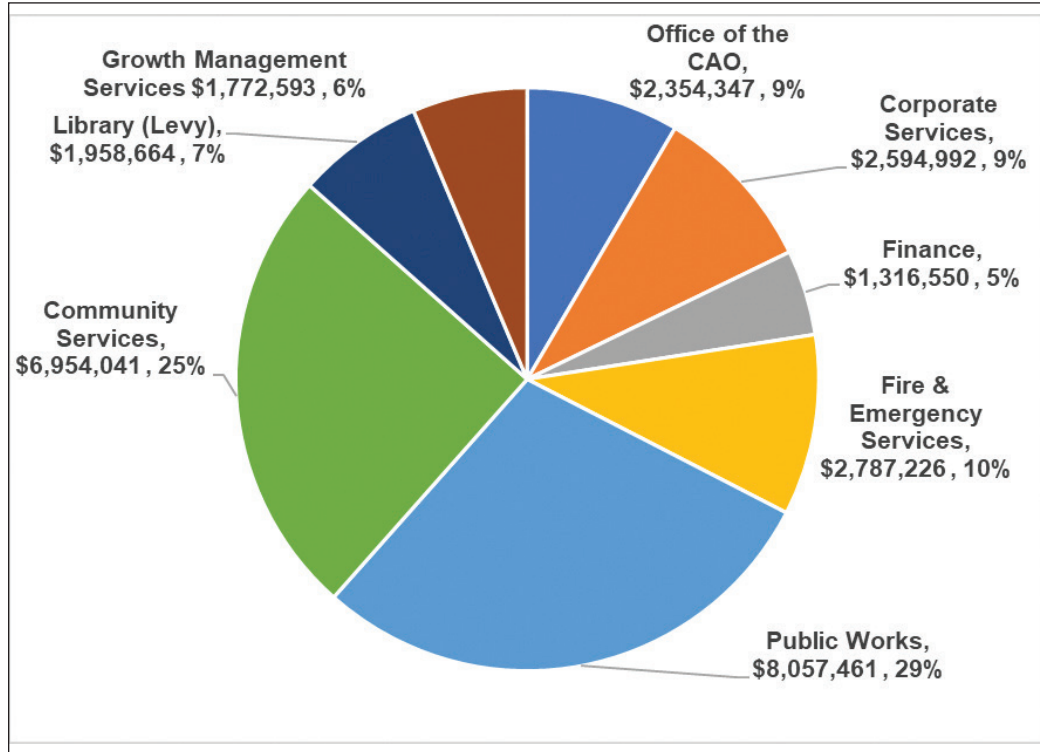
Public health closures are based on several factors including:

- Evidence of widespread transmission within and among different cohorts.
- Infections reaching high proportions of the overall student body (also known as the attack rate).
- High number of cohorts dismissed in the setting.
- High number of staff or children identified as a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 or cases of COVID-19 occurring at school where no other source has been identified.

Other considerations such as access to and uptake of testing or capacity for contact tracing.

School risk assessments are completed in combination with York Region Public Health.

Closures, whether public health or school board initiated, are made collaboratively between both school boards and public health.



## Plan will address residents' needs

From Front Page

In developing the recommendations for this plan, staff has considered existing strategic documents, feedback from citizens, demographic characteristics of our community, trends and best practices when providing recreation and community services," said the staff report.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said she's pleased the plan mentions bolstering a robust volunteer force, noting the vaccination clinic held at Trisan was proof of King's dedicated volunteers.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said the Township needs to communicate such plans and "tell the story." The more hype about King's programs and successes will help motivate residents.

Regarding some of the objectives, he wondered why some things are earmarked for 2026 and beyond. "Do we have to wait?" he asked.

The plan is responsive, staff noted, and with corporate sponsorships, more can be done sooner.

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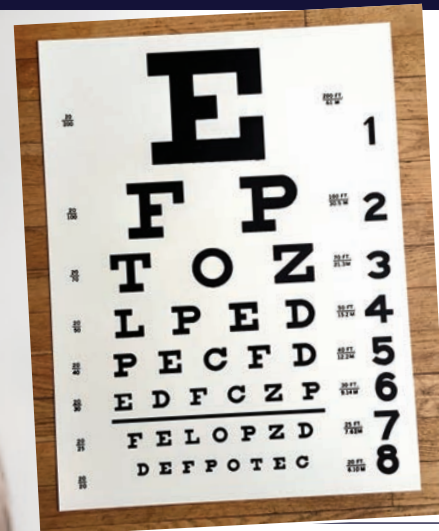
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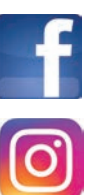
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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

- Michael Connelly

## Our freedoms demand that we act responsibly

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

- Peter Marshall

Canadians enjoy a multitude of rights and freedoms.

Most are enshrined in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, an impressive document that outlines many fundamental freedoms in our society.

This fact, and that we're so welcoming, tolerant and non-judgemental, makes Canada a destination of choice for newcomers. We're known the world over as a generous, multicultural lot. We're peacekeepers and level heads.

We're not boastful and almost decidedly apologetic.

That being said, no system is perfect. Democracy, by its very nature, is basically rule by the majority. It's making decisions based on what's best for the many, not the few.

And herein lies a flaw, one that has recently reared its head.

Many Canadians who are resisting the COVID vaccination say it's not the vaccine they have a problem with. It's being told, outright, what to do. It's being limited, segregated, isolated and singled out.

The good of the many has served us well over the centuries, but history contains many examples of unintentional consequences.

This philosophy, known as utilitarianism, is what's behind the notion of the "greater good."

It determines things like ethics and morals by the end result, not the methods used to get there.

Dating back to the 1800s, this approach sort of answered the question "what good is it?" It's sort of trying to please almost everyone, most of the time.



Mark Pavilons

Differentiating between pleasure and pain (good and bad if you like) was the basis of social, legal and moral reform. What is the greatest good for the greatest number?

This is the ultimate test question, one that carries a lot of might still today.

Unlike many other doctrines and systems, it's fairly easy to follow. It's also easy to calculate the ramifications. Does it help the most, with the least amount of pain?

But the problems are in its very nature. The end, we can now attest, never justifies the means, ever. If it did, it would give credence to every genocide known in history.

The means must justify themselves. Experts say an act can't merely be good if it results in something positive.

Also, the concept of utilitarianism can't protect the rights of minorities and less protected groups.

It's also a matter of hindsight – the results have to be judged after the fact. If we messed up, too bad. We backtrack, rescind and reject.

Freud said many of us really don't want freedom because it involves responsibility, something we tend to shy away from.

So here we are, with 2021 drawing to a close and an unprecedented slate of events that unfolded over the past two years.

We're still not out of the woods, and judging by COVID cases in recent weeks, we're still in harm's way. You would think the majority of new cases are among the unvaccinated, but a number actually include fully vaccinated individuals.

We're at the point where boosters and even third shots are being planned, to hopefully put this thing to rest.

But will it?

The real answer is we don't know.

As a dutiful citizen, I got both shots as soon as they were offered. As a hybrid person (1 Astra, 1 Pfizer) my acceptance is still up in the air.

I agreed with the direction from on high, that the good of the many outweighed the need of the few, or the one.

My main motivating factor was what if I contracted COVID and gave it to someone who became gravely ill? That's something that weighed heavily on my conscious. It was really the only factor.

I never thought I'd get it, or fall ill to it. Maybe that's part of my Boomer mentality of indestructibility.

I watched in disbelief the protests, rallies and angry opposition to the vaccine from the haters. I never expected such a reaction.

But then again, as I mentioned at the outset of this column, people don't like being told what to do.

Even John F. Kennedy once said that "conformity is the jailer of freedom."

I can see such outspoken reactions in communist countries or those with dictatorships, where freedoms are non-existent. Those people don't trust their governments and compensate by acting on their own accord, showing their defiance.

But here, and south of the border, citizens are given so much freedom and so many rights, it's like we're walking around with a "get out of jail free card."

In order to co-exist in a free society, we have to take others into consideration. We have to understand and promote freedom of speech, religion, association, and more. We have to respect language rights, and gender issues. We have to fight discrimination and rally for transparency.

For the most part, our system works. It's fair and impartial. It may be slow, but it's all we have at the moment.

That doesn't mean it can't change, given the right set of circumstances. Laws are updated all the time, when new information, or new pressure from society arises. It can't always be easy for law-makers, senators and top-level officials to do what's best for the majority without stepping on some toes.

The pandemic is our latest stress test of democratic principles.

Failures in our past have included internment camps, Residential Schools, spreading hate and more.

It took public engagement to eliminate the Ernst Zundels of our country, and extend rights to same sex unions and members of the LGBTQ community. It took grass roots upheaval to insist we have the right to decide how we die.

Undoubtedly, we will look back on the COVID pandemic with some opened eyes and analyze our actions, or inactions. Yes, we sought to protect the good of the many.

Hopefully, it will be worth it in the end.

### Editorial

## Report puts feds to shame

The federal government needs to listen to its citizens.

A comprehensive analysis of the downing of Flight 752, released by the Association of Families of Flight PS752 Victims, not only presents iron-clad evidence, but shows just how an organized group of citizens can amass valuable information.

"The Lonely Fight for Justice, An Investigative Analysis of the Downing of Ukraine International Airlines Flight PS752," is a comprehensive, 217-page report, filled with documents, photos, graphics and key evidence. How can a relatively small collection of citizens muster the resources, expertise, testimony and set of facts unrivalled by any government to date?

The answer may be as simple as "politics." Our leaders tend to tread lightly where international relations are concerned.

Ottawa's pussy-footing does a disservice to these victims, and indeed anyone who values truth, justice and reparation.

The entire world condemned Iran for its crime, and mounting evidence indicates it was intentional. Deliberate or a result of "human error," Iran needs to come clean, admit their guilt and offer substantial compensation to the families.

And countries like Canada have to force their hand. The time for playing nice is over – force Iran to cooperate or face increased sanctions, harsher penalties, and exile from the United Nations.

The murder of innocent human beings today cannot be ignored or go unpunished.

The ball is in our court, and Canada has an obligation to take the lead on the world stage.

The anniversary is fast approaching. Let's not waste any more time.

MP, Editor

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# Where does Canada go now following COP26?

By David Suzuki

Comment

As the world moves on from the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, the signs of our predicament are everywhere. Where I live, torrential rains have flooded towns and valleys, stranding and killing people and animals, wiped out roads, bridges and railways and cut land access to Vancouver. A state of emergency was declared. Horrific memories of summer heat domes and wildfires are still fresh. This is a small corner of the world. But the signs are everywhere.

We should never consider this as some kind of “new normal,” and we must do everything we can to prevent it from getting worse. In light of that, was COP26 just more “blah, blah, blah,” or will it help us avert catastrophe?

International gatherings and agreements are important but they alone aren't enough. COP26 was intended to finalize the Paris Agreement and get countries to accelerate climate action this decade. It's all proceeding as intended, but things get watered down during negotiations, and many of the

agreed-upon measures are voluntary.

Most world leaders are sincere in recognizing climate disruption for the crisis it is, and in wanting to address it. But until they recognize the urgent need to radically shift course and halt all new coal, oil and gas development, we'll continue to face ever-accelerating risks from flooding, heat, drought, wildfires, human displacement and more.

Although many countries made some progress, including reducing or eliminating methane pollution, cutting fossil fuel subsidies abroad and reducing coal, oil and gas production, they came up short in many areas. Funding to help countries most vulnerable to climate change impacts – most of which contribute least to the crisis – is inadequate. Along with lack of recognition for Indigenous rights, COP26 was an epic fail for climate justice.

In many ways, the agreements increase divisions among rich and poor countries and civil society and corporate interests, worsening the situation for those losing their lives, homes and

livelihoods to climate change impacts.

Despite limited measures to curb fossil fuel subsidies, governments around the world, including Canada's, will continue to bolster the industry with tax and royalty breaks and things like infrastructure purchases — not to mention public relations support from some provincial and state governments.

Despite its failings, the climate summit did get politicians, bureaucrats, corporate executives and others to agree on important goals. But it's not enough to leave it all up to people, countries and companies with widely varying agendas and priorities. We must all get involved.

We can thank those who have engaged for much of the progress at COP26. Millions of young people and elders taking to streets around the world, massive marches in Glasgow during the summit, and people speaking out, writing, petitioning and creating art have made the world pay attention to humanity's role in the crises we now confront.

When we demand action, politicians must listen. Here in Canada, our gov-

ernment has made strong commitments. We need to make sure those words are backed with effective action, and we need to push for better.

Canada must work quickly to update its climate plan, cap and ratchet down oil and gas emissions and develop a blueprint for a managed production decline. To confirm a true change in direction, our country must sign on to the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance and deliver on the commitment to end public finance for oil and gas subsidies abroad by 2022. Canada must also bring in just transition legislation without delay to ensure workers affected by the necessary energy shift are given support and opportunities.

Canada may only contribute around two per cent to global greenhouse gas emissions (not counting those from others burning the products we sell or producing abroad the products we buy), but we have the third-highest greenhouse gas emissions per capita, the third-largest known oil reserves.

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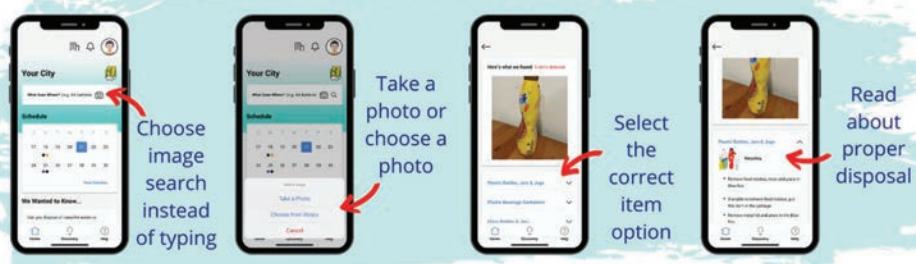
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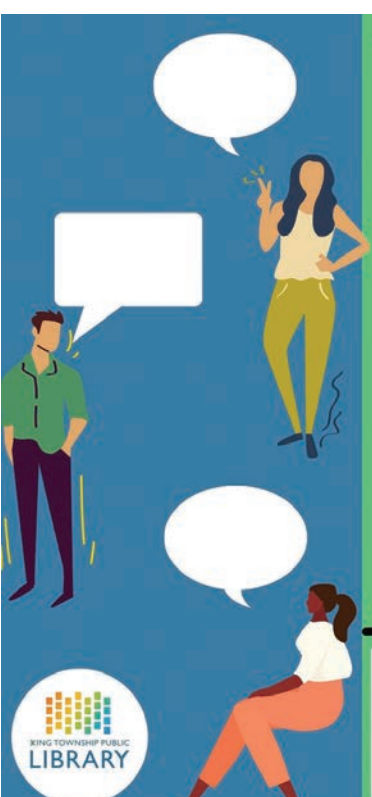
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# Food theft is on the rise as prices climb

By Sylvain Charlebois  
Professor  
Dalhousie University

Comment

Shoplifting has been on the rise in Canadian supermarkets in recent months. And that ultimately costs us all.

Concrete data on theft in grocery stores is difficult to get since incidents are typically underreported. Managers tend to take matters into their own hands.

But with the increasing number of reports of theft, and security guards stationed inside and outside grocery stores, things are likely more complicated than we're aware of.

Speaking with various retailers in Montreal, Halifax, Toronto and Vancouver – even those in the heart of neighbourhoods where crime rates are typically lower than average – thefts are a new cause for concern.

According to anecdotal estimates, the number of thefts has increased by 25 to 40 per cent in just the last six months. A mid-sized grocery store can easily catch 10 to 12 shoplifters a week.

The cost of living and the price of food are enticing some people to find other ways to obtain supplies.

The most coveted items in supermarkets include meat such as ground beef, steaks, sausages and roasts, cheeses, spices and over-the-counter medicines. Energy drinks and alcohol are also targets in provinces where beer, wines and spirits are sold in grocery stores.

Some people can steal up to \$300 worth of products from multiple locations in a single day.

In addition, some employees may act as accomplices in internal thefts, either in the warehouse or at the back of the store before the products are even on the shelves.

On average in Canada, every grocery store loses \$3,000 to \$4,000 worth in stolen groceries per week. For every 500 supermarkets that open their doors every morning in Canada, the food in the equivalent of nine will be free that day due to theft.

That's a lot of food, and the associated costs are a huge problem for retailers.

Some merchants go to great lengths to prevent theft. Aside from the addition of security cameras and door people, hiring security guards also seems to pay off. Plainclothes mystery shoppers roam the aisles to catch thieves in the act. Although expensive, this strategy works well.

These offenders don't have a typical profile – they come from all age groups and backgrounds. That makes catching them more difficult. In Canada, according to some crime experts, about half of all those charged have no criminal record. First offenders are often well educated, come from well-off families, hold stable positions and enjoy a good reputation. Many are just down on their luck.

Obviously, self-service checkouts can facilitate theft. It should therefore come as no surprise that surveillance has been added around these areas. With profit margins declining to near one per cent, the profitability of stores depends a great deal on increased surveillance to minimize theft.

The great majority who follow the rules must pay extra for food due to shoplifting. For merchants to cover their costs, all consumers pay a premium of approximately about 2.5 per cent for shoplifting and internal theft.

However, online shopping makes theft impossible. Since the start of the pandemic, e-commerce for food has exploded. Canadians now buy more than \$5 billion in food a year online. These sales are obviously safe from any temptation to take products and leave without paying. Grocers know this and want to encourage online shopping to lower their risk.

Meanwhile, food inflation is providing unpredictable shocks in stores, and the situation could deteriorate in coming months. That means merchants will have to double their vigilance.

It should come as no surprise that some retailers are using new methods to deter in-store delinquency.

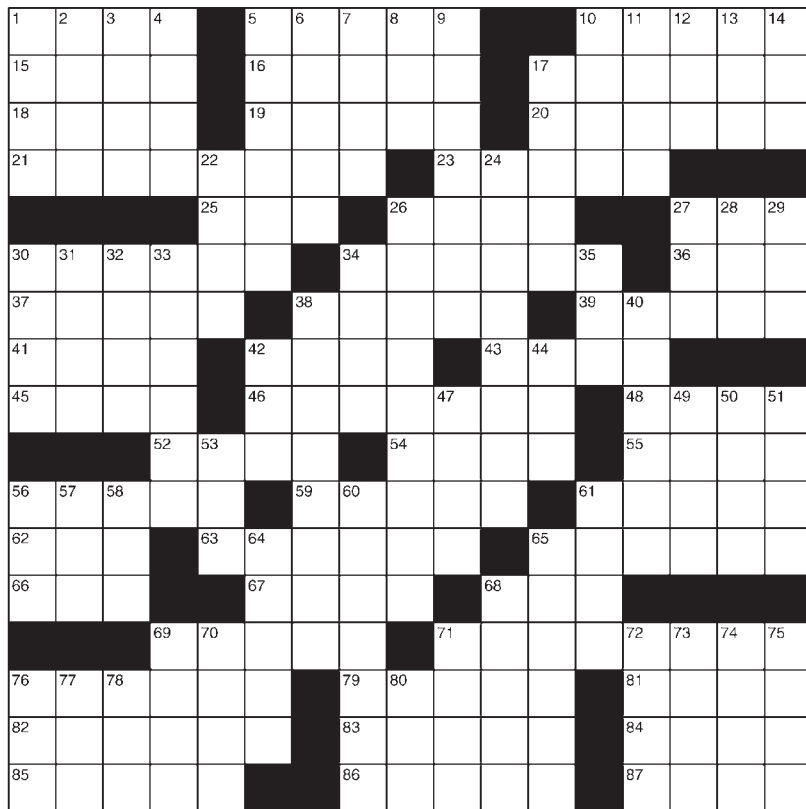
The very first self-service grocery store opened in 1916 in Memphis, Tenn., under the name Piggly Wiggly. Previously, customers presented their shopping lists to employees, who collected the merchandise from the store shelves. Then the Piggly Wiggly founder had a revolutionary idea: allow customers to serve themselves.

Since then, we've been able to visit stores, see the products and place them in our basket. For the sake of our grocers, this privilege shouldn't be taken for granted.

*Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is senior director of the agri-food analytics lab and a professor in food distribution and policy at Dalhousie University.*

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**ACROSS**

- 1. In line
- 5. Scale
- 10. Covered with foliage
- 15. Daddy
- 16. Spokes
- 17. Country club worker
- 18. Load
- 19. Coral-landmass chain
- 20. Large ducks
- 21. Touse
- 23. Weeping
- 25. Whole ball of \_\_\_\_
- 26. Pitch
- 27. Shade provider
- 30. Hunting hound
- 34. Focus
- 36. Colorful carp
- 37. Measuring device
- 38. Welsh herder
- 39. At the end
- 41. Spring bloom
- 42. Singe
- 43. Fashion
- 45. Doll's cry
- 46. Craftsperson
- 48. Granny
- 52. Van or skirt
- 54. Handbag

**DOWN**

- 1. Footless creature
- 2. Hindu queen
- 3. Literary work
- 4. Bathe
- 5. Necktie
- 6. Type of paint

- 7. Graven image
- 8. Wire measure
- 9. Beef jerky
- 10. Hideout
- 11. Circular current
- 12. Summer refresher
- 13. Douglas \_\_\_\_ (tree)
- 14. Okay
- 17. Discontinue
- 22. Jug
- 24. Approximate
- 26. Province
- 27. Enlarge
- 28. Skipper's diary
- 29. Actress Farrow
- 30. Hat's edge
- 31. Personal atmosphere
- 32. Marginal
- 33. "\_\_\_\_ Street"
- 34. Cold-weather garment
- 35. Spit
- 38. Name
- 40. Degrading
- 42. Metal container
- 44. Billfold item
- 47. Irritated
- 49. Feel a dull pain
- 50. Middy

- 51. Small forest-buffalo
- 53. Resting place
- 56. Single thickness
- 57. Fish eggs
- 58. Ingest
- 60. Ten times ten
- 61. Flying stinger
- 64. Conform
- 65. Hose holder
- 68. Old-fashioned
- 69. "Mine eyes have \_\_\_\_"
- 70. Sandwich filler
- 71. Beep
- 72. Not present
- 73. Skin opening
- 74. Dreadful
- 75. Sincere
- 76. Swab
- 77. "Roses \_\_\_\_ Red"
- 78. Cousins, e.g.
- 80. Metallic rock

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## We need to prepare ourselves for climate change

From Page 5

We're the world's fourth-largest oil exporter. What we do matters. Our climate is rapidly changing, and it will continue to do so for some time because of the emissions we've already pumped into the atmosphere. That means, as well as halting activities that contribute to climate disruption, we must also find ways to protect ourselves from costly and deadly floods, fires, slides, extreme weather events and more.

COP26 and the Paris Agreement are part of the solution, but we need so much more.

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# Ontario takes next step to build the Bradford Bypass

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Despite public opposition, the Ontario government is moving ahead with the Bradford Bypass.

The province has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to design and build a bridge crossing for the Bradford Bypass, a new four-lane freeway connecting Highway 400 and Highway 404 in Simcoe County and York Region. It's designed to relieve gridlock in the region.

The 16.2-kilometre route will connect Highway 400 to 404, cutting through King. The freeway will include interchanges at Highway 400 and the 10th Sideroad.

"With Simcoe County and York Region expected to experience rapid growth over the next 10 to 20 years, investing in this new corridor is absolutely necessary if we are going to ease gridlock on Highway 400 and existing east-west local roads," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation and York-Simcoe MPP. "Gridlock hurts

everyone. It prevents people from getting home at a reasonable time and our farmers from getting goods to market. Our government is not only easing gridlock that already exists, but is also unlocking housing opportunities and job creation."

Following the initial Expression of Interest phase, shortlisted teams are being invited to submit proposals to design and construct a grade separated bridge crossing for the future Bradford Bypass on Simcoe County Road 4 (Yonge Street) between 8th Line and 9th Line. The bridge will include the widening of County Road 4 from two to four lanes in this section.

"We are getting shovels in the ground to build critical transportation infrastructure, including highways, roads and bridges," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "This important infrastructure is helping to ensure frontline workers get to where they need to go and is also supporting the distribution of vaccines and PPE, which are vital to the health and well-

being of all Ontarians. By investing in infrastructure, our government is investing in our economic future, our health and safety, and our quality of life."

A Preliminary Design and project specific assessment of environmental impacts in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21 for the project is currently underway and is expected to be completed by December 2022.

The proposed freeway will extend from Highway 400 between 8th Line and 9th Line in Bradford West Gwillimbury to Highway 404 between Queensville Sideroad and Holborn Road in East Gwillimbury.

The project will support more than 700 jobs per year on average during construction and generate more than \$70 million in annual real GDP.

Motorists and trucks are anticipated to see significant savings in travel time when using the Bradford Bypass compared to existing routes along local roads, saving commuters up to 35 minutes per trip.

The government has invested approximately \$2.6 billion in funding for 2021-22 in support of the Ontario Highways Program, which features more than 580 expansion and rehabilitation projects, including the Bradford Bypass.

Early works construction is expected to begin in late 2022.



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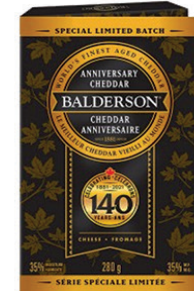
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## LSRCA celebrates local environmental champions

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The accomplishments of area land-owners makes them “champions,” in the eyes of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA).

Several King Township residents and groups stood out from the crowd.

At its 39th annual Conservation Awards ceremony, held virtually Nov. 26, the LSRCA paid tribute to 29 incredible individuals, businesses and groups who are working hard to improve our environment.

According to the Authority’s Chief Administrative Officer Rob Baldwin, this is their favourite event of the year.

“It’s a time when we get to hear success stories about people across the watershed who are helping to improve its health. We hope our awards ceremony gives them a sense of our appreciation for their efforts; efforts that positively affect us all!”

The Authority’s chair, York Region Chairman and CEO, Wayne Emmerson, added: “We like to think of them as en-

vironmental heroes. Their selfless actions deserve recognition and serve as a reminder about the positive impact our activities can have.”

Eek Farms was one of eight recipients of the Healthy Water Award.

Farming 90 acres in the Holland Marsh, Eek Farms has planted riparian buffers and helped stabilize the eroding banks along a drainage ditch and river on their property. They have also participated in the Authority’s DIY (Do-It-Yourself) tree planting program and have planted their own seedlings along the bank.

Since 2016, Eek Farms has used a multi species mix of cover crops for erosion control to suppress weeds and improve their overall soil health by building up microbes.

A Tile Outlet Control Structure was also installed in 2019 to help control and manage the water on their field, as the control structure is closed during the winter and early spring to help keep moisture and nutrients on the field. During the late spring, summer and fall, the control structure is set for op-



Bill and Avia Eek

timal plant growth and can be closed during rain events to reduce loading to the municipal drains, allowing water to slowly drain into the waterway.

Kettleby Valley Camp of King was another recipient.

Together with various partners, Kettleby Valley Camp restored a section of Kettleby Creek that runs through the camp property and removed an aging dam structure that was a barrier to fish migration. Kettleby Creek is a coldwater stream that supports Brook Trout and historical records have shown the presence of Redside Dace, a species of fish listed as endangered under the federal Species-at-Risk Act.

The removal of the barrier will have a positive impact on Redside Dace habitat in Kettleby Creek and beyond, allowing their unimpeded migration through the ecosystem. Reconnecting rivers and streams through barrier removal is also important for the resiliency of the Redside Dace population in the watershed.

Enhancing fish habitat can improve the genetic stock of fish populations and can reduce the thermal impacts that dams and barriers have on these populations. Reducing thermal impacts caused by barriers on streams will also build resiliency in our watershed to a warming climate.

Natural watercourses, with their vegetated flood plains and meandering channels, help to slow the rate of water flow and provide storage, thus controlling peak water flows and velocities in the creek. These naturalized areas

provide ideal habitat for all life processes of healthy fish populations including reproduction and rearing habitats over time.

Danielle and Allyson Flynn, King were one of 12 recipients of the Healthy Land Award.

Danielle and her mother Allyson Flynn took part in the Authority’s tree planting program in 2019 and 2021. In 2019, 2,300 tree seedlings were planted and in 2021 another 4,300 were added to their family property in King City. These plantings contribute to the creation of over three hectares of new forest cover in York Region.

A windbreak and three new forest blocks were added to preserve soils and enlarge an existing forest block on the property. Their new forest will help in the fight against climate change by sequestering carbon and producing oxygen.

The Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, King was also praised for their efforts.

The MapleCross Nature Reserve in King Township is over 32 hectares in size and contains a pine plantation with over 10,000 trees, a wetland, a natural forest and a riparian corridor. In the spring of 2019, volunteers helped plant 400 native deciduous trees and shrubs.

By undertaking a Grassland Restoration Project that would provide a breeding habitat for Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark (both threatened bird species), 2.4 hectares of horse pasture was restored to a Tallgrass Prairie habitat. Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark are ground nesting grassland birds that have specific habitat requirements that only allow them to breed in prairies and grasslands. They have resorted to nesting in hay fields when other suitable habitat is unavailable, but unfortunately, the first harvest of hay usually happens during nesting season and destroys the nests and young birds.

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# Variety of local projects all benefit the ecosystem

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Tallgrass Prairies are a rare ecosystem with only remnant patches remaining in southern Ontario. The decline of this ecosystem has led to the decline of species that inhabit it.

This project began in the spring of 2020 and involved removing fences and invasive trees that were separating old horse pastures, creating a contiguous habitat. Large tarps were used to solarize areas of the grassland and 975 native herbaceous plants were installed. A prescribed burn occurred in March 2021, as fire is a natural way to destroy non-native plants and allow fire-tolerant native plants to establish. Tallgrass Prairies and their inhabitants have evolved with fire, and it is a crucial process for mitigating succession and shrub/invasive plant encroachment.

This property will be used to educate the public on different ecosystems and to see & learn about tallgrass prairies. Some good news to share: Eastern Meadowlark and Bobolink have been seen for the first time on the property since the March 2021 burn!

Karat King (Township of King) farms over 220 acres on muck soil and uses cover crops to help improve poor soil conditions, prevent wind and water erosion, and increase nutrient re-

tention and replenishment. This farm also installed a closed loop wash-water treatment system for their vegetable processing plant, and a de-dirtter to knock off excess dirt from the vegetables before they are washed and rinsed.

The excess water from this process is stored in a tank, treated and re-used for other purposes such as cleaning equipment. This extensive system reduces the amount of water used in the vegetable washing process and prevents discharge from the processing plant.

Ziemba Farms is passionate about soil conservation and preservation and is currently farming 100 acres in the Holland Marsh.

They use cover crops to control wind and water erosion, prevent soil loss and reduce weed control. This farm also installed de-dirtting equipment on their carrot harvester to help improve the system's efficiency and prevent soil from clogging the harvester. A de-dirtter is used to knock off excess dirt from the vegetables as soon as they are harvested, allowing the soil to fall back onto the field rather than being taken from the fields.

Full details about all the winners' achievements, including pictures and videos, can be found on the Authority's website: <https://www.lsrca.on.ca/conservationawards>



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# Important links between nature and mental health

Over a one-year period, approximately 3.7 million people travelled to a Greenbelt destination to engage in a nature-based activity, according to a new report released by Greenbelt Foundation. The Greenbelt Value of Nature Survey for Recreation in the Greater Golden Horseshoe examines the way in which people connected with nature and the impacts of COVID-19 on nature-based activities between July 2020 and August 2021.

The study further emphasizes that with a growing population and inequities in current access a proactive regional approach to increasing and improving available greenspaces is required.

The purpose of this study, which builds on the findings from the 2012 Canadian Nature Survey, was to collect in-depth data from residents of the Greater Golden Horseshoe region (GGH) about their interactions with nature. The study further emphasizes that with a growing population and inequities in current access a proactive regional approach to increasing and improving available greenspaces is required.

In a year marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, engagement with nature was stronger than ever with 85 per cent of adults indicating they had participated in a nature-based activity. Adults in the Greater Golden Horseshoe also spent 50 per cent more time than usual participating in walking or hiking, 39 per cent more time cycling, and 35 per cent more time bird watching. The average number of day trips for participants was nine day trips to a Greenbelt

destination during the study period.

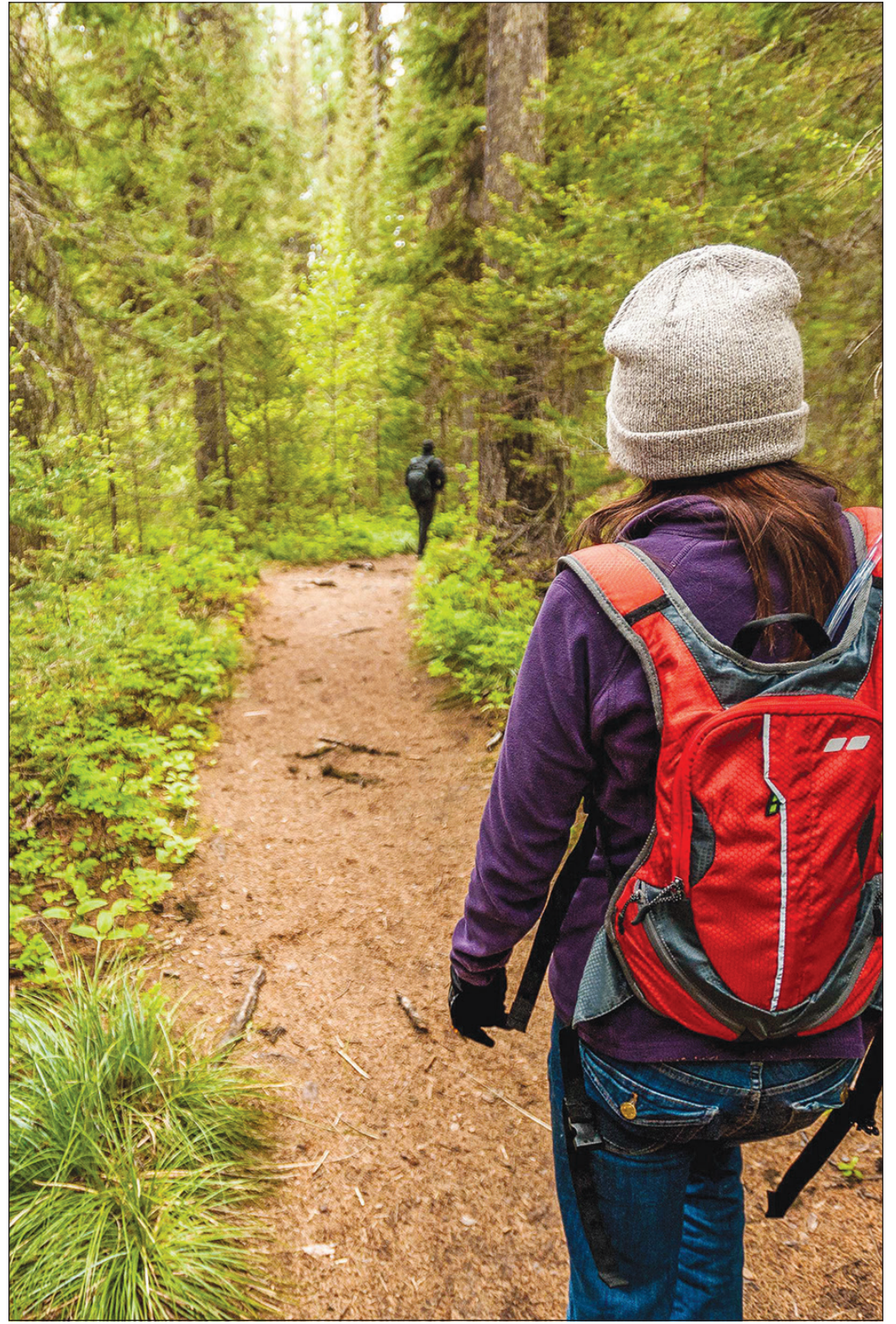
Survey participants drew important links to mental health and well-being, with 60 per cent saying they engage in nature-based activities to relieve stress, while 58 per cent noted an improvement in mental health, and 55 per cent indicated that nature-based activities cleared their minds.

"The pandemic further highlighted the critical importance of access to nature and greenspace for the physical and mental health of people in near-urban areas," says Edward McDonnell, CEO, Greenbelt Foundation. "We are so fortunate to have two million acres of Greenbelt adjacent to Canada's most populous urban area and research such as this reminds us how important it is to protect and invest in it."

In addition to boosting mental health, the economic impacts of nature-based activities cannot be understated. Greater Golden Horseshoe residents spent over \$6.5 billion participating in nature-based activities over this one-year period, on items such as equipment, fees, and supplies; food and accommodation; and transportation.

"The majority of study participants indicated that it is important for them to live in areas with good access to nature," says Thomas Bowers, Director of Research and Policy, Greenbelt Foundation. "However, access to nature is not equal. Many responded that their access to nature was not as good as they wished it to be. We need a regional, systematic approach to address that gap."

The most common barriers beyond COVID-19 that keep people from ex-



periencing nature-based activities include lack of time, locations being too crowded, and not knowing where to go. As the region's population grows, the provision and management of natural spaces become increasingly important.

The Greenbelt Foundation's website has resources such as the Greenbelt Explore Page to help people find the best options for hiking and cycling routes,

food and farming discovery routes, and many more Greenbelt adventures. Research into the state of large parks and near-urban nature in the Greater Golden Horseshoe can also be found on Greenbelt Foundation's website. These reports are entitled State of Large Parks in Ontario's Golden Horseshoe and Near-Urban Nature Network: A Solution to Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss.



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# Arts & Entertainment

## Portraits of Giving showcases King's Barbara Winslow

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The annual Portraits of Giving was on display in King, showcasing York's finest.

Portraits of Giving is committed to celebrating York Region Leaders and individuals who demonstrate Social Responsibility. The annual initiative celebrates and inspires our community across York Region municipalities to "keep on giving."

The local display wrapped up Dec. 1 at Carrying Place Golf Club.

"This year, more than ever, we are pleased to continue to inspire York Region by shining a light on more outstanding people in our York Region community. In our 12th anniversary year, we are pivoting to celebrate front-line workers who have shown incredible courage and perseverance to help our community," said organizer Karen Merk.

The King honouree this year is Barbara Winslow.

Winslow has been a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine since 1992. She grew up with a love for animals and a fascination for medicine, enjoying many interesting conversations with her father who was an ER physician.

It's no surprise that the rewards of Barbara's work exist in the great relationships she forges with many pet owners as well as her amazing team. She is committed to supporting the animals in her care, their owners, and her staff—always striving for a fear-free environment for pets, open lines of communication, and doing all she can to strengthen the bond between animals

and their humans.

Dr. Barb's ultimate objective is to partner with the pet owner to serve a mutual goal: the well-being of their pet. She believes that pets are good for people, and by helping them she's helping their people, too.

For those who can't afford veterinary care for their pets, Dr. Barb is often able to help them access funds through the OVMA's (Ontario Veterinary Medical Association) Farley Foundation, a terrific organization that ensure animals receive the necessary care they might not get otherwise. The most memorable time was for an older Golden Retriever; Dr. Barb attended a house call for her because she was not eating or able to stand. Her owner was sure she needed to be euthanized. Upon examining the dog, Dr. Barb identified a uterine infection was causing her serious symptoms. She needed surgery to remove the painful infected uterus, and Barbara worked quickly with The Farley Foundation to get funding approved, which included a portion donated from her practice.

The beautiful Golden Retriever was operated on within a couple of days. The dog needed to be wheeled into the clinic the morning of her surgery, and amazingly walked out under her own power at the end of the day!

The clinic team has proudly hosted several successful fundraising events in support of The Farley Foundation including three pet portrait shoots and a street fair.

Barbara works with animal rescue operations, mentors students in her practice, and volunteers with the Peer Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Col-



On hand to honour Barbara Winslow (left) as King's recipient of the Portraits of Giving were Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Karen Merk and King Chamber representatives.

lege of Veterinarians of Ontario (CVO), a program that helps veterinarians achieve excellence in their practice. She shares that throughout her life and career, she's struggled with mental health issues and anxiety and appreciates that PAC endeavours to support the mental health of veterinarians as well as their professional skills.

Six days a week, Barbara goes above

and beyond for her pet families. Sundays are her down time. She and her husband are fond of their photo drives, travelling to various locations within a few hours of home in search of photo-worthy scenery.

"Strive to leave people, animals, and circumstances better than you find them - in work and community," Winslow said.

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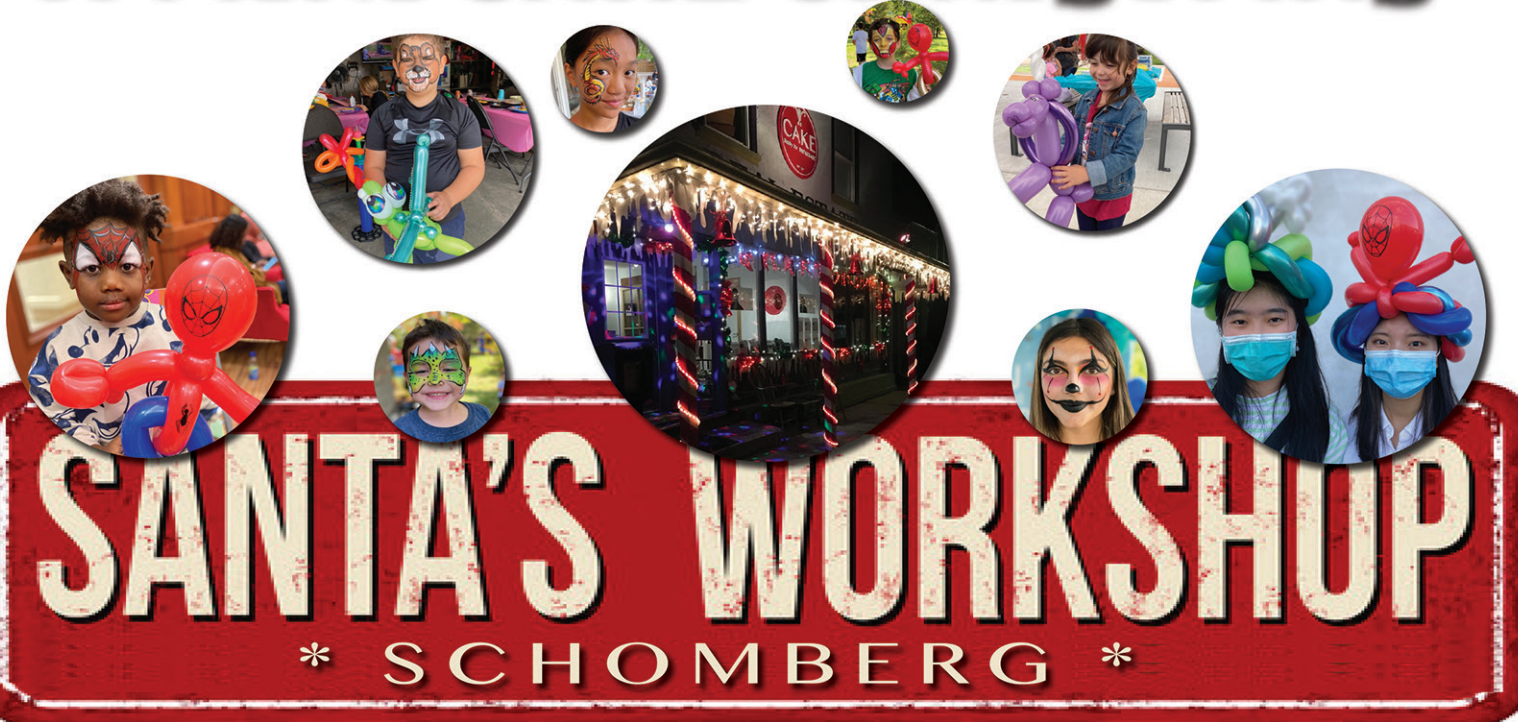


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# World loses renowned painter and explorer Cory Trépanier

By Rob Paul

Caledon lost one of its best on Nov. 5, as internationally renowned artist and filmmaker Cory Trépanier passed away after a battle with cancer.

His death came shortly after the launch of his new book, "Into the Arctic: Painting Canada's Changing North."

After spending a decade exploring and painting, Trépanier travelled 60,000 kilometres through six national parks and 16 Inuit communities to capture the landscapes of the Canadian Arctic which led to the creation of over 100 oil paintings and three documentaries.

Trépanier leaves behind his wife Janet – who was a partner in all of his artistic endeavours – and two daughters who drew inspiration from him, with Andie, an artist, and Sydney, an explorer.

"Cory's adventurous and generous spirit shone brightly, and his legacy will forever continue in the hearts of all who knew him and his work. Cory was and always will be, our North Star," his family said in a statement. "Cory's painting expeditions grew in grandeur throughout his life, from the hills of Caledon to the shores of Lake Superior with his young and adventurous family and eventually to the expansive Canadian North. Following in the footsteps of explorers such as the Group of Seven and Tom Thomson, Cory dared to capture some of the most wild and changing places on the planet and graciously shared them with the rest of the world through his art and films."

Trépanier was the recipient of the Caledon Walk of Fame honour in 2018 for his impact on Canadian art and had also been highlighted as one of Canada's best explorers by the Canadian Geographic.

He had a long list of achievements and distinctions in his 52 years and had long championed the Caledon community. After coming to Bolton early in his childhood and attending Humberview, he had spent nearly 40 years in Caledon.

Numerous times he credited the Caledon scenery and natural beauty as part of his early inspiration as a landscape artist.

"Caledon isn't just the place that I grew up, I've raised a family here and it's a place where I really broke into what I'm doing today," he told the Citizen in June. "It has allowed me to chase my passion of pursuing fine art—and not just to pursue it and make a living

with it, but really it's what inspired my interest in doing my own landscape paintings rather than the commercial art that I was doing at the time. One of the earliest pieces I did outdoors was actually of the hill behind my parents' place. The beauty of the natural landscape around me has always been integral to my life and career choices."

Earlier this year to celebrate Canada's Parks Day, Trépanier made the decision to release his Into the Arctic documentary trilogy for free (A Painter's Odyssey, Into the Arctic, and Into the Arctic II) because he wanted to share his painting journey and the beauty of Canada's North with all.

"Painting and filming the Canadian Arctic has been challenging and awe-inspiring, bringing me face-to-face with some of our planet's greatest natural wonders," he told the Citizen at the time. "These films share that awe, and I hope that they also inspire conversation about the North, the Inuit for whom it is home, the power of nature and the importance of humanity's role in protecting it."

The coffee table book features almost 100 arctic paintings, sketches, and stories and words from many of the people he crossed paths with in his time as an artist and explorer.

"Anyone familiar with Cory's work, or lucky enough to call him a friend, knows that he is, at heart, a journeyman," said Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdsell at the book launch. "That he is willing to confront any conditions, sail any strait, walk or snowshoe any distance, to go where he must, to tell the stories he is called to share. The COVID-19 pandemic has served to underline such fundamental truths, that we are interconnected, both with natures, and with one another; that so too are we mutually vulnerable. Cory's beautiful work expresses these connections, and points to an urgent reality: that the work to heal our world – our responsibility – begins right here at home."

All of Trépanier's works, including art reproductions, films, and the book, can be found online at [corytrepanier.com](http://corytrepanier.com).

Anyone who wishes to support Trépanier's family as they work through the loss, there's a GoFundMe campaign that can be found at [www.gofundme.com/f/help-cory-and-his-family](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-cory-and-his-family).





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By Patti Skrypek

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The Holiday Light Tour is open to local residences, businesses, schools and churches (and any building that is lit up and can be seen from the road).

This year, Christmas in King will touch the lives of more than 300 people, providing gifts, gift cards, festive food hampers and other holiday items to help make their holiday season brighter.

Maps will be available for purchase through the website by Dec. 7. Lights/display will be turned on from 6 to 10 p.m., Dec. 7 to 31 inclusive.

Let your lights shine and share your display while helping others have a happy holiday season! Register today at [christmasinking.ca](http://christmasinking.ca). The addresses of participants will be published on a map, available for purchase for just \$10 from [christmasinking.ca](http://christmasinking.ca).

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# Ontario reveals plan to combat bullying in schools

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, joined by Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, and Sam Oosterhoff, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education, announced new funding to combat bullying and discrimination against students with disabilities. They also unveiled a strengthened plan to counter bullying in-class and online.

This updated anti-bullying policy requires all school boards to have a policy in place that protects students from bullying. The protocol will help foster more welcoming and supportive school communities, with an emphasis on preventing bullying and hate in schools.

For the first time, there are specific references regarding religiously motivated discrimination, such as anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, along with discrimination based on sexual orientation and racism.

Students with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities face an elevated risk of bullying. Advocacy groups have called for greater supports in schools to help vulnerable children feel included, respected, and safe. According to the Canadian Survey on Disability (2017), 42 per cent of youth with a disability have experienced bullying at school because of their condition. This increases to 62 per cent among those with a more severe disability.

To help combat bullying and ensure early intervention, training for educators will be key. That is why the government is partnering with the Rick Hansen Foundation and Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario to enhance training of education staff, and increase access to culturally relevant resources and student-centered initiatives.

The provincial government announced \$70,000 for the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario to help build safer and more inclusive classrooms in Ontario for students with special education needs. As well, \$47,000 will be provided to the Rick Hansen Foundation to create inclusion and disability-based bullying resources, such as 'Kindness Prevents Bullying' presentations and activities for elementary and secondary students, as well as ambassador presentations on how

kindness can stop bullying. Schools can also request real-time ambassador presentations with student Q&A. These resources are available to all boards and schools on the Rick Hansen Foundation Website.

"Bullying against students with disabilities is reprehensible," said Minister Lecce. "By working together, we will stop bullying, save lives, and advance the values of respect, unity, and human dignity. These partnerships will help students and school communities act decisively to counter bullying, wherever it takes place – online, in-class, or on the playground."

In 2019, the Ontario government announced new measures to help prevent and combat all forms of bullying in schools. Part of that commitment was to review the definition of bullying in ministry policies to ensure it reflects the realities of today. The last time the definition was reviewed was 2012. With the prevalence of cyberbullying and new disturbing forms of victimization emerging against children of diverse backgrounds, the government is acting to ensure the definition accurately reflects the realities young people face today.

To better protect students, the Ontario government has updated and strengthened its formal guidance to school boards around bullying prevention and intervention to clarify expectations when boards are establishing their bullying and prevention plans and policies. With this new measure, the policy is better aligned with the social context of bullying and realities of today, including the evolution of technology and the role it plays in the lives of children and youth. For example, the description of cyberbullying has been expanded to reflect a broader range of online activity where cyberbullying takes place.

In 2019, Minister Lecce unveiled an updated Health and Physical Education curriculum for Grades 1 to 8 that now includes mandatory learning about online safety in all grades, including learning about cyberbullying, cyber security and privacy. Students also learn how to build and support healthy relationships, and develop skills to identify, prevent, and resolve issues that may lead to bullying.

The updated guidance, Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 144, provides a framework for all school boards to adopt as a directive of the ministry. This PPM was updated and strengthened.

## Schreiner retables Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act

MPP for Guelph and Ontario Green Leader Mike Schreiner officially retabled the Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act, 2021.

"This pivotal bill provides model legislation to protect water and moraines across the province for generations to come," Schreiner said.

"As the climate crisis worsens, Ontario needs to preserve its water supplies before the situation becomes more costly and dire. More delays will cost us with our wallets and with our health.

"I've heard from the people of Guelph loud and clear: protecting water and the Paris Galt Moraine is a top priority for the region."

Guelph is one of the largest cities in Canada to rely solely on groundwater for its water supply. But this is under threat from drought, climate change, urban sprawl and reckless industry.

Schreiner's proposed legislation would protect drinking water for hundreds of thousands of Ontarians in a region that is expected to add up to 1 million new residents by 2041. It is based on the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, passed in 2001 by the PC government of the time.

The Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act passed second reading in 2019 at Queen's Park and was in committee before Doug Ford prorogued the legislature this past September.

"Ontario Greens don't back down from protecting people and nature," Schreiner said. "Even when Doug Ford wipes the order paper and gets rid of our important bills, we come back fighting."

Ontario Greens are committed to restoring and protecting nature and water. And as part of the Roadmap to Net-Zero climate plan, would protect 25% of Ontario by 2025 and 30% by 2030.

"We have a real plan for real action. And this bill is an example of the types of steps Ontario Greens are taking to build a greener and healthier Ontario."

## Form 2 Expropriations Act

### Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application by the Ministry of Transportation for approval to expropriate land, pursuant to s.11(2) and subsection 11.1(3) of the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act*, being in the Geographic Township of King, Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario

for the purpose(s) of: Property is required for the widening of two sections of Highway 400 from six to ten lanes, to accommodate a buffer separated high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane and 4 general-purpose lanes in each direction, and all works related thereto. This widening of Highway 400 will take place from north of King Road to south of 16th Sideroad and from north of 16th Sideroad to south of Lloydtown-Aurora Road in the Township of King within the Regional Municipality of York.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described in the schedule attached hereto.

The approving authority is the Minister of Transportation with an address of:

Minister of Transportation  
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8  
tel: 416-327-9200

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given, who desires to comment on the proposed expropriation of the land for the described purpose(s) may do so by submitting the comment within the time stated herein to the Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Infrastructure Management Division, Ministry of Transportation, in writing.

#### SCHEDULE A

All right, title and interest in the following lands in the Township of King, Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario, being:

- Part of PIN 03383-0038 (LT), being Part of Lots 18 and 19, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0152, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35293.
- Part of PIN 03383-0039 (LT), being Part of Lot 18, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0152, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35293.
- Part of PIN 03383-0040 (LT), being Part of Lot 18, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 3 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0152, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35293.
- Part of PIN 03383-0044 (LT), being Part of Lot 19, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 4 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0152, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35293.
- Part of PIN 03383-0467 (R), being Part of Lots 19 and 20, Registered Plan 154, in the Township of King, designated as Part 4 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0150, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35282.
- Part of PIN 03383-0065 (LT), being Part of Lot 20, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0150, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35282.
- Part of PIN 03383-0071 (LT), being Part of Lot 20, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0150, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35282.
- Part of PIN 03383-0097 (LT), being Part of Lot 22, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 13 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0150, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35282.
- Part of PIN 03383-0426 (LT), being Part of Lot 23, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0149, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35206.

The Ministry will review the comments for their technical/engineering information, having regard to the need for the land for the purposes of the project.

The Assistant Deputy Minister must receive the comments within thirty days after the owner is served with this notice, or within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The comments must be sent:

By e-mail to: Property.Process@ontario.ca

Or by mail to: Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure Management  
Ministry of Transportation  
4th Floor, Garden City Tower  
301 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines, ON L2R 7R4

Please include the municipal address of the land in the comment.

The expropriating authority is the Minister of Transportation with an address of:

777 Bay Street, 5th Floor  
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tel: 416-327-9200

Minister of Transportation  
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c/o Yvonne Grossi  
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159 Sir William Hearst Avenue  
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# Food Bank of York publishes first Report on Hunger

The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) published its first 2020 Report on Hunger in collaboration with the York Region Food Network (YRFN).

The report analyzes statistics from the 83 York Region community partners FBYR provided food assistance to in 2020 and the individuals and families in York Region experiencing food insecurity and hunger.

The findings of this report indicate that food insecurity has increased significantly across York Region since the onset of the pandemic, exacerbating existing trends of food insecurity in the region for some time to come. Families and individuals with incomes dependent on government assistance, such as disability support or old age security are struggling with the cost of living, and the rising cost of food.

“Food insecurity is a serious public health crisis and it impacts every facet of a person’s physical, mental, social and cultural wellbeing,” says Kate Greavette, Executive Director of York Region Food Network. “This report, in combination with other research – both qualitative and quantitative – that has been conducted across the Region is helping us understand the full extent of food insecurity in York Region so we can develop coordinated action in addressing it and advocating for policy change to eliminate poverty and hunger.”

## Seneca receives \$500,000 grant to help students to study abroad

Thanks to the new Global Skills Opportunity program, more than 150 Seneca students will have the opportunity to take their studies abroad in countries such as Thailand, Ecuador, Peru and Denmark.

The \$500,000 grant from Employment and Social Development Canada will allow Seneca to expand its faculty-led study abroad program, which gives students the opportunity to gain international experience connected to their academic programs.

The Global Skills Opportunity program removes economic barriers to international study, and funds at Seneca will be targeted to students in financial need.

“This much-needed funding will help cover the travel costs that exclude too many students from participating in international experiences,” said Keith Monrose, Executive Director, Seneca International. “We want the students travelling abroad to represent our diverse and vibrant population, not just those who can afford it.”

Future international study opportunities at Seneca supported by the Global Skills Opportunity program will include veterinary technician students learning at animal rescue centres in Ecuador and fashion students travelling to Peru to discover Andean culture and understand challenges faced by local designers.

Funds for the Global Skills Opportunity program are administered jointly by Colleges and Institutes Canada and Universities Canada.

“Study and work abroad programs are invaluable learning experiences that ensure students are culturally literate, resilient, adaptable and ready to succeed in an increasingly globalized world,” said Denise Amyot, President, Colleges and Institutes Canada. “This is perhaps more important than ever, which is why we are so proud to work with our partners to deliver Global Skills Opportunity. This groundbreaking program will allow more Canadian students to access these opportunities to develop the skills they need to gain a foothold in today’s global marketplace.”

Seneca is taking on the great challenges of our time – rebuilding the economy, equity and sustainability – while navigating through the pandemic safely. They’re delivering great poly-technic education that combines rigorous academics with practical training. From health care to technology, business to creative arts, community services to arts and sciences, they help students get ready to make their mark in the world.

Despite the perceived affluence and wealth in York Region, according to the 2016 Census, nearly 158,000 York Region residents lived in low-income households, representing approximately 24,700 households or 14% of the total households in York Region. Of these, 28.5% were children.

The 2020 Report on Hunger in York Region provides an indicator of how food insecurity affects the region as a whole and by individual city/township. The measures of the report reflect data collected from several types of community organizations, including food pantries and closets; seniors’ programs; women’s shelters and services; homeless shelters; youth and transitional housing; and social housing across the nine municipalities. In 2020, these 83 agencies served over 24,000 unique individuals experiencing food insecurity.

The demographics of residents who accessed food programs, compiled on page 8 of the report, including types of individual and household incomes, age and housing status, provide indicators of some of the root causes behind food security.

“Our Report on Hunger in York Region clearly demonstrates the critical role that food assistance plays for the most vulnerable members of our communities. The Food Bank of York Region’s model of delivering nutritious fresh and frozen foods helps our community partners provide for a growing number of households that require food support in York Region,” says Alex Bilotta, CEO and Founder of Food Bank of York Region. “With the cost of food, housing and energy on the rise, all food access programs in York Region will require continued support from the community to ensure that no one goes hungry.”

While provincial and federal support have helped to ensure that food banks continue to provide their vital services, municipal and regional governments must also play an important role in fostering food secure communities and food sovereignty. The three key recommendations highlighted in the report to

help reduce the prevalence of extreme food insecurity are: to develop a policy framework to address food insecurity and poverty; develop a public policy to address poverty; and build and support the emergency food sector.

The support of the community, through donations and volunteering, food and fund drives, and cause marketing campaign is also critical to ensuring that at-risk food insecure residents of York Region receive the food assistance they need. Together we can work to alleviate and address food insecurity in our region!

To download and read the official 2020 Report on Hunger in York Region, please visit <https://fbyr.ca/annual-reports/>. For more information about FBYR or ways to donate, please visit [www.fbyr.ca](http://www.fbyr.ca) and follow us on social media.

York Region Food Network (YRFN) is a centre for the promotion of food security – a healthy, accessible and sustainable food system in York Region. Through its services and programs YRFN raises public awareness on the many issues affecting food insecurity such as affordable housing, decent work and social assistance policies. To learn more about YRFN, visit our website at [www.yrfn.ca](http://www.yrfn.ca).

The Food Bank of York Region is the regional food distribution hub serving the nine municipalities of York Region. They source, collect, warehouse, and deliver surplus fresh, frozen, and non-perishable food donations for 75+ local front-line direct service non-profit agencies within our network, and into the homes of York Region residents through our COVID-19 Home Delivery Program.




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## Notice of Completion Design and Construction Report

Highway 400 Widening from North of King Road to South of 16th Sideroad and from North of 16th Sideroad to South of Lloydtown-Aurora Road, Township of King, Regional Municipality of York GWP 2835-02-00

### THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) retained **Morrison Hershfield Limited (MH)** to undertake the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for the widening of Highway 400 from north of King Road to south of 16th Sideroad and from north of 16th Sideroad to south of Lloydtown-Aurora Road (see Key Map). The project is located in the Township of King within the Regional Municipality of York.

The project involves the widening of two sections of Highway 400 from six to ten lanes, to accommodate a buffer separated median high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane and 4 general purpose lanes (GPL) in each direction. The proposed work will bridge the gaps between adjacent widenings previously and currently being constructed along Highway 400. Following completion of construction, the extra HOV lane and GPL/direction is planned to be opened from King Road to Highway 9.

The project also includes improvements to the existing Highway 400 northbound Truck Inspection Station, a new southbound truck layby (south of 18th Sideroad), drainage improvements and stormwater management measures, culvert replacements, partial illumination at each of the HOV access/egress locations, pavement rehabilitation within the study limits and safety upgrades.

### THE PROCESS

The project is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000). A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared that provides background information about the project and process, the design, associated environmental effects and proposed mitigation measures, and provides an overview of the public consultation that has occurred to date. The DCR is available for a **30-day public comment period, beginning on December 2, 2021 and ending on January 4, 2022.**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this document is available electronically on the project website: <https://morrisonhershfield.com/Hwy400KingtoHwy9>.

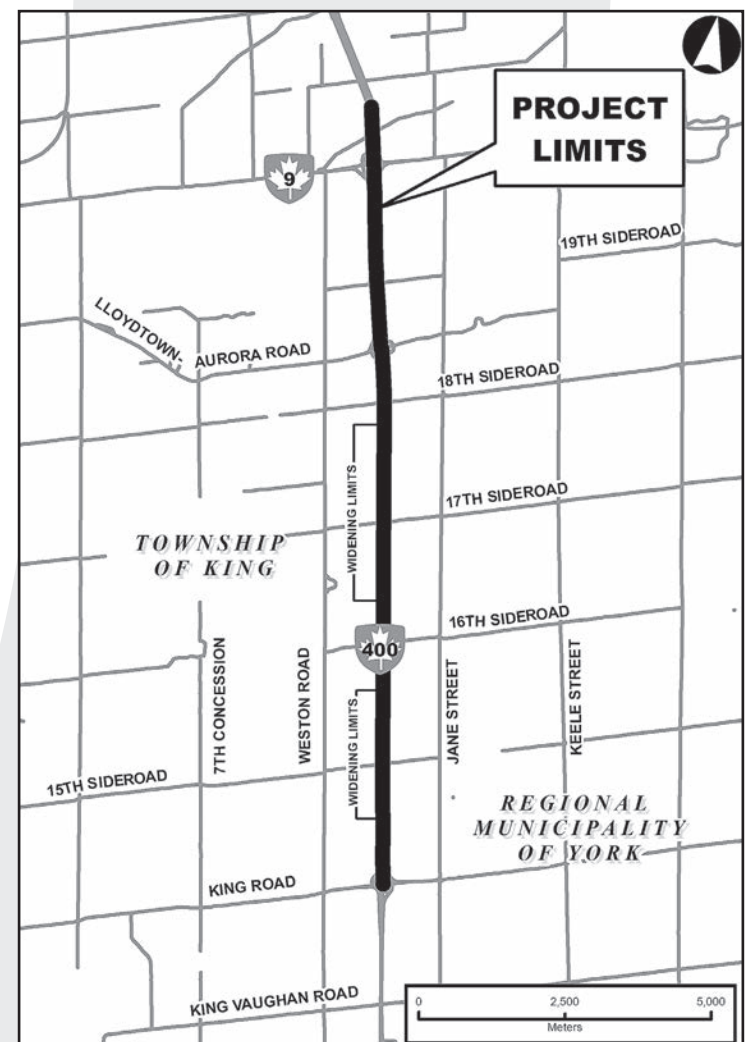
The construction phase is anticipated to commence in Spring 2022, subject to funding and approvals.

### COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review the DCR and provide written comments by **January 4, 2022**. To obtain additional information or to provide comments, please visit our project website at <https://morrisonhershfield.com/Hwy400KingtoHwy9> or please contact:

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Outstanding concerns are to be directed to the proponents listed above for a response, unless the outstanding concerns are regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, in which case Part II Order requests on these matters should be addressed in writing to:

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**and**  
**Director, Environmental Assessment Branch**  
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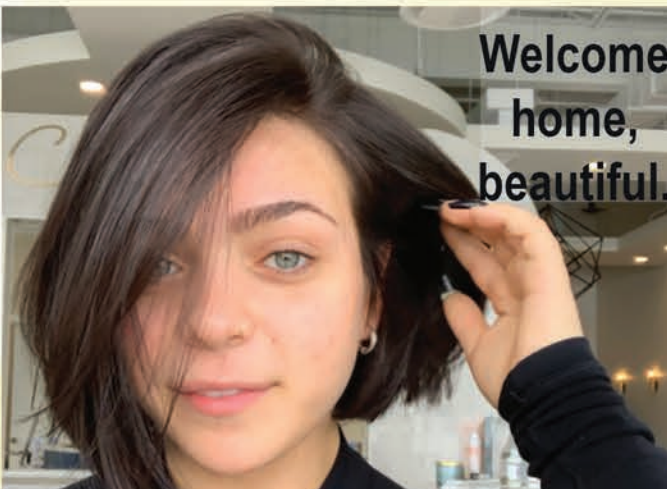
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# King Weekly Sentinel

SECTION B

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## Men's and women's leagues finish round one

By Shellee Morning

The first round robin schedule for the men's and women's leagues have now been completed and it's to no surprise how close the points are within their respected standings.

Each league was constructed of seven games in the first round for a collection of total points. The Men's league, with a roster of 16 teams, were divided into two groups, Pool A and Pool B.

With the completion of this past week's games Skip Mark Inglis, Vice Alex Pokras, Second Greg Switzer and John DeFaveri as Lead posted a perfect 7-0 record to lead the Pool A Division.

Team Davis, after a close game against Gerrits, found the winner's circle finishing his first round in a 3-way tie for 3rd place overall. Skip Jack Campbell lost his final match after a tight 1 point deficit score dropping from 2nd to sit in 3rd. Team Barber lost their last game (to Inglis) completing the 3-way tie for 3rd overall.

Pool B was just as close after a near perfect record for Team Robert Lostracco. Lostracco along with Dan Scully, Brian Cardin and Mark Roszell lost their final game in a close end for end match against Team Earl. The 5-1-1 record put them in a tie for first overall. Skip David Livingstone played their final round in a nail-biter match against Team Mueller.

Livingstone, with Vice Robert Pizicaralao, 2nd Dean Teasdale and Lead Andre, gave it their all coming up just short in the last end resulting in a tie game that left them with a 5-1-1 record tying them with Lostracco for first place. Team Wasylkiw sits alone in 2nd

place overall in Pool B after his team's narrow 7-6 win against Team Holmes.

The equality between the teams in Pool B is so well matched where the difference of a single point could be the deciding factor of where you stand overall.

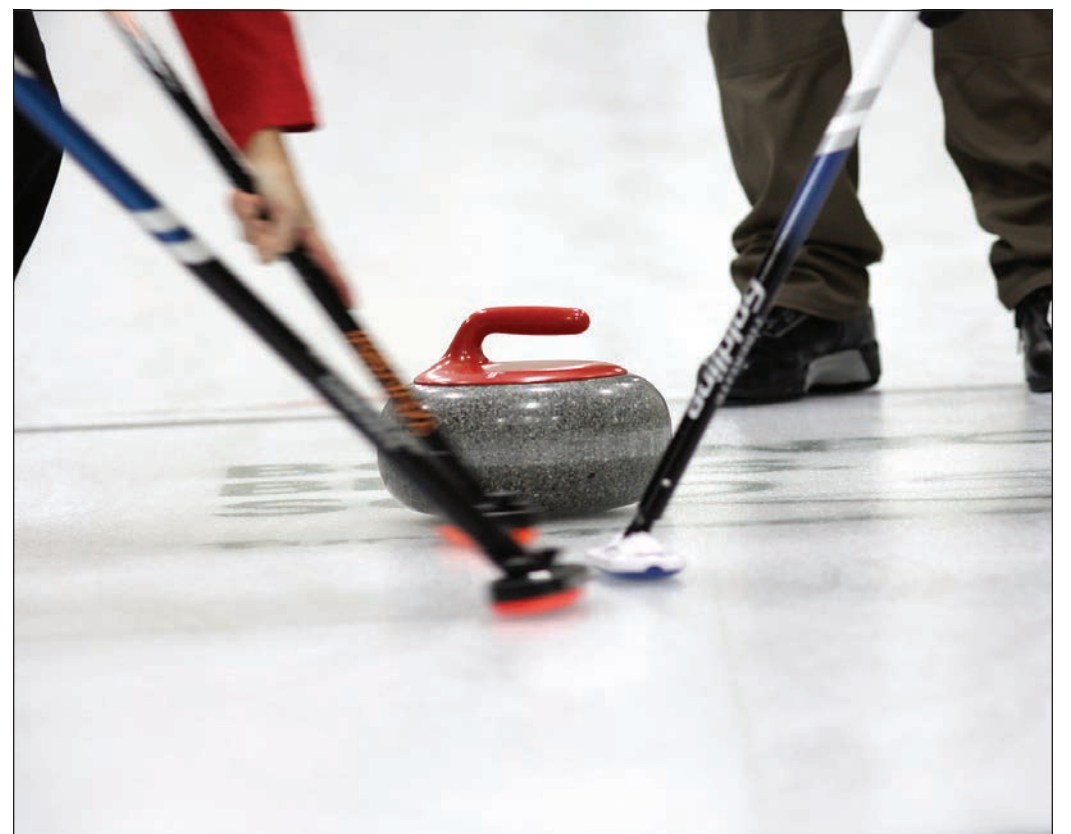
### Women's League

The Ladies League has also completed their first round robin schedule with a 3-way tie for first between Teams Davis, Morning and Stronach. All three teams concluded with a 6-1 record where the one game loss for each shows just how important every game is.

Morning lost to Davis in the second game of the season but finished with a 6-game winning streak. Davis lost game 3 to Stronach before going on their 4 game run. Stronach on a 6-0 record going into the final game lost to Morning after a tight end for end match that could have gone either way.

Teams Brown and MacDonald sit with a 2-4-1 record while Teams Sheardown, Sinclair and Deathe round out the remainder of the field. Each week the 4 sheets include great shots, supreme sweeping for ultimate guard placement and of course a good mixture of fun and laughter.

This past week the ladies opened up their second round robin with much of the same ingredients. The back to back meeting between Morning and Stronach was anticipated to be close as redemption for Stronach was evident right from the first push from the hack. The 7-end game was an exchange of points throughout with Stronach need-



ing a couple to tie. With Morning hitting one of Stronach's counters out and a near miss on Stronach's final throw, victory went to Morning. Team Davis continued on their winning streak with a win over Deathe while teams Brown and Sinclair both capturing the W for their opening games in Round 2.

## York United has a lot to be proud of

By Robert Belardi

Heading into this season, York United faced a hefty amount of doubt. Nobody gave them a chance.

The Nine Stripes were looked at as the babies of the Canadian Premier League. This was the youngest squad. A fusion of young flair with a go for it all mojo. Of course, there was some old wisdom in the mix and that plays its part as well.

But against all odds and proving everyone wrong, York United travelled to Tim Hortons Field last Sunday and yes, it was for a playoff match. York took on two-time champions Forge FC on their home turf and in this one, it was experience that did the trick.

For Forge FC they've been here before and nine minutes into the match, their tempo and control of the match immediately dictated how this was going to go.

A neat ball from Tristan Borges slipped through Jordan Wilson and Christov N'sa, catching Woobens Pacius on the run. The forward, tucked the ball off of the post and into the back of the net to give Forge the lead.

Skipping all the way to the 38 minute, York United had a life-line. A failed, headered clearance from Daniel Krutzen was controlled splendidly from Michael Petrasso. Instantly, Petrasso caught goalkeeper Triston Henry off his line and swooped the ball up and over the goalkeeper to put York level.

"That goal was a life-line for us. It gave us that little spark we needed going into the half. We were going to try and us that as momentum going into the second half. We were trying to work out things tactically to get more shots on target because we didn't have many in the first half," said York United defender Dominick Zator in the post-match press conference.

"Obviously, we had the wind and the rain going with us the second half. Still Forge made it difficult for us to get anything on target."

With only four shots forward and one hitting the target in the first half, York United's offence was shut down completely in the second half having only mustered two shots towards goal.

Joshua Navarro got the go-ahead goal in the 66 minute and just seven minutes later, Noah Verhoeven scored an own-goal that put the match out of reach.

After the game, there was nothing but high praise from Zator to the rest of the group.

"Looking at the whole season, just immensely proud of the boys. Everyone counted us out from the start, everyone was thinking we're going to finish last. So the whole season was about proving people wrong," Zator said.

When everybody went back into the locker room, this was also the first words out of head coach Jimmy Brennan's mouth.

"I'm very proud of them. After the match I told them right away I said 'look guys, what you've been through as a group. How hard this season was to get to the playoffs, it's been a great season for them,'" Brennan said.

"Obviously for them it's disappointing because they wanted to get to the final but the good thing is they got a taste of it. Especially the young guys they got a taste of how hard a grueling season can be after 28 games. Then they got a taste of playoffs so they gained an awful lot of experience throughout this season. As a group, I couldn't be any more proud of them."

## Cougars' second nature is blowing out their opponents

By Robert Belardi

It's one thing to go for the kill. It's quick and it's painless. But it's another thing when the kill becomes a slow process. It's torturing and that much more painful.

Teams that have gone up against the Schomberg Cougars this season have gone through woes. Their facial expressions say it all on the ice. It's obvious to anyone even through the cages attached to all the players' helmets.

Yet before their 8-1 drubbing of the Midland Flyers at the Trisan Centre last Thursday, assistant manager Sandy Bell, celebrated his 1,000th junior hockey game behind the bench.

"I don't think I've met a person that's done more for the league and for players than he (Sandy Bell) has. He's great for the league and a great ambassador to the game in fact I called the PJHL why there's nothing on the website yet and they're going to get on it," said head coach of the Cougars Stan Kondrotas.

Then of course following an 8-1 win on Thursday, the Cougars went over to Caledon to smash the Golden Hawks 5-2 on their home ice last Sunday.

On paper, it's quite astounding. The Cougars lead all of the PJHL in goals forward with 109 goals in 17 games. That's a whopping 6.4 goals forward per game.

The only other club that comes close are the boys right in their own division. The Stayner Siskins are currently averaging 6.13 goals per game.

Although there have been impressive stats to go along with tantalizing performances there is room for improvement for the Cougars.

In comparison to other teams in the league, the Cougars could use some work capitalizing on the power play more often.

Currently the Cougars have the 23 ranked power play in the PJHL scoring on 25 per cent of their chances.

"Our problem with the power play is we haven't been able to keep the same lineup in all the time to be able to keep the same guys on. We just got Christian

Taylor (came from Stayner) so he'll be able to help our power play out."

The Hanover Barons lead the league (62.5 per cent) and the Essex 73s are right behind them with 56 per cent.

To even maintain these power play numbers for these clubs might not be realistic. On paper, 25 per cent execution rate on the man advantage is quite good. But when push comes to shove in the near future – and it will happen at some point – surely the boys will want better for themselves.

Offensively speaking this what the Cougars are currently working with. On the flip side, defence hasn't quite been their forte and the numbers surely speak volumes on how they can improve that.

"We just got to pay more attention to the structure. We got a young defensive core. We got two players that have played junior before. It's a big step up for a lot of our players. In fact the game against Caledon, we had no veterans back there. We had five rookies and an AP from the Barrie Colts AAA team," Kondrotas said.

"The attention to details. That's it. You can make your game a lot easier if everybody does their job. Not just pinning it on defence because the forwards have a job to do too."

The Cougars recently acquired defenceman Andrew Parsons from the Caledon Golden Hawks in exchange for James McLean to help out on the back end.

The boys rank 36 in the league having conceded 54 times. So, while they might be struggling at times to keep the puck out of the net, at least the Cougars can outscore you on the ice to rake over hockey games.

Marc Bottero, who leads the team and is ranked third in the PJHL with 33 points, will look to continue his career-best start. The same goes for captain Cameron Kokelj who is fourth in all of the league with 32 points.

As we move into the final month of 2021, the boys will head up to Huntsville this Friday to take on the Otters in the lone game of the week at 7:30 p.m. at the Canada Summit Centre.

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# Beth Underhill Joins Eric Lamaze's Torrey Pines Stable

Canadian Olympian and King native Beth Underhill has joined Eric Lamaze's Torrey Pines Stable with bases in Brussels, Belgium, and Wellington, FL.

The new collaboration will see Underhill competing at the highest levels of show jumping with the horses of Torrey Pines Stable.

Lamaze, the 2008 Olympic champion, continues to battle serious health issues which have forced him to take a sabbatical from the sport. His last competitive appearance was on home ground at the 2021 Spruce Meadows "Masters" tournament in Calgary, in September where he was a member of the victorious Canadian team in the BMO Nations' Cup riding Fine Lady 5, the horse he rode to an individual bronze medal at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Underhill will take over riding duties on Lamaze's top string when the horses relocate from Belgium to Florida this month. She will be based at the Torrey Pines Stable property in Wellington, FL, and will begin competing at the Winter Equestrian Festival which runs from Jan. 5 to April 3, 2022.

"I've known Beth for many years, and we first rode on a team together at

the 1994 World Equestrian Games in Den Hague," said Lamaze. "I've always admired her determination and winning attitude as well as her dedication to producing the best results for Team Canada.

"Due to my own health issues, I have to hand the reins over to someone else and I could think of no better candidate than Beth," continued Lamaze, who will continue to oversee the horses' training programs from the ground. "She's been to Belgium to ride some of the horses, and we are both excited to see her in a position to compete with top-caliber mounts."

Underhill has been a mainstay of the Canadian Show Jumping Team for the past three decades and has represented her country in Olympic, World Championship, Pan American Games, and World Cup Final competition. She and Lamaze were teammates at the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, where Canada won a bronze medal. She has been crowned the Canadian Show Jumping Champion on four occasions, most recently in 2019 riding Count Me In.

"I'm very excited at the prospect of riding for Eric," said Underhill, whose own students will be based with her



Beth Underhill, pictured here competing for Canada in the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival Nations' Cup in Wellington, FL, is joining Eric Lamaze's Torrey Pines Stable.

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at Torrey Pines Stable for the winter. "We've been friends for many years and competed on numerous Nations' Cup teams together. He's also been a fantastic supporter, teammate, and friend to me. While I'm saddened that Eric's health is forcing him to take a step back from his own riding career, I'm thrilled to be given the opportunity to join the Torrey Pines team."

Several of the horses that Underhill will be riding are owned by Lamaze's Torrey Pines Stable in partnership with fellow Canadians Mark and Tara Rein, who began supporting Lamaze in 2019.

"The quality of horses that Eric has is outstanding and I'm thrilled to be able to ride such top-level horses, especially as I've not had one at that level myself for some time," continued Underhill. "I would like to give special thanks to Mark and Tara Rein for their support, which has been simply outstanding. It's amazing that they have embraced the sport again at this level with their support of Eric and now me as well. It's really a momentous occasion."

"Our partnership with Eric has always had the goal of helping Canada

compete at the highest level of international show jumping," said Mark Rein. "He's been able to find and develop some incredible horses, several of which are starting their climb on to the world stage. When he suggested that Beth help us continue toward that goal, Tara and I were instantly supportive because she's one of Canada's best riders but didn't currently have any horses at this level. We're very much looking forward to seeing her work with our horses in Wellington this winter."

"For years we have marveled at Eric's incredible generosity toward other riders and, combined with his unwavering devotion to helping Canada succeed, it makes us proud to be his partners and honoured to be his friends and supporters," concluded Rein.

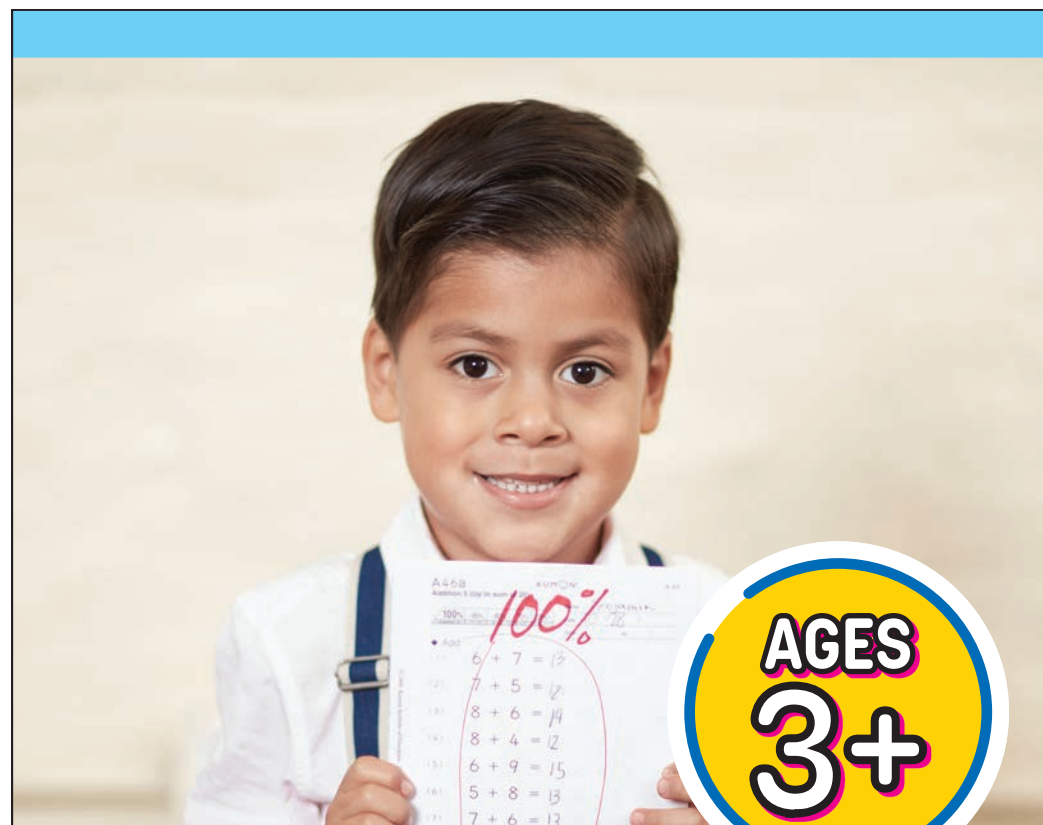
Lamaze, 53, is Canada's most successful show jumping athlete having claimed gold, silver, and bronze medals in Olympic competition alone. Lamaze and Hickstead, the horse he rode to individual gold and team silver medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, were recently inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame on Oct. 3, 2021.

Visit [www.ericlamaze.com](http://www.ericlamaze.com).



Longtime friends and teammates Beth Underhill and Eric Lamaze discuss strategy on a course walk at the 2019 Royal Horse Show in Toronto.

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# Timekettle makes giant leap forward with translation buds

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

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Timekettle Technologies presents its WT2 Edge, an unrivalled earbud translation device. The WT2 Edge, just launched in North America, is a perfect gizmo for any traveller or business person.

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# Hospice partners with businesses to spread hope ahead of holidays

By Brock Weir

Attention will soon turn to the holiday season – and one area hospice is partnering with local businesses to not only support them through trying economic times but also help residents along their journey.

Hope House Community Hospice, which serves Aurora and King Township, has partnered with dozens of York Region businesses for a new initiative called Baskets of Hope.

Featuring a variety of local products, two Baskets of Hope are available to order: Fun & Pamper, as well as Food & Drink.

“In these uncertain times, Hope House wanted to help the local businesses that have so generously supported our programs and services for almost 40 years,” says Hope House Committee lead Laurie Calvert. “The businesses that participated are local or have a connection to a community member.”

Each have the opportunity to showcase their fabulous products – right in

their own neighbourhood, says Hope House, with Ms. Calvert adding, “We’re so pleased to have such a great response and over 40 businesses have supported our efforts by offering their best price or by donating items.”

Baskets are now available to both order and pick up from Hope House, well in time for Christmas and the holidays.

One hundred per cent of the proceeds from each basket sale will go towards supporting Hope House programs, many of which have been influenced by the ongoing global pandemic, says Hope House Executive Director Heidi Bonner.

“I think they would make an amazing gift for the holidays and because not only is the person receiving them getting this fabulous basket of incredible goodies, they are supporting local suppliers and, of course, hospice,” she says. “There is a real variety of items in each of the different types of baskets.”

“One of the areas of great need (for our hospice) during this pandemic is our grief and bereavement support

programs. Because people are losing loved ones during these terrible times and many of them weren’t able to have funerals of any sort, it has really led to some difficult times for people. We have had quite an increase in referrals in our grief and bereavement groups and we’re actually going to be running a young adult bereavement group and a children’s group coming up as well. One of our greatest needs right now is support for our grief and bereavement for which we receive no funding.”

People seeking out Hope House services are still feeling the affects of the pandemic, particularly when it comes to loss, says Ms. Bonner. People are coming to Hope House months after a loss when they find they are having difficulty navigating “the journey through the grieving process.”

“We have run three Loss During COVID programs and those were specifically for individuals who have had a loved one die during COVID, but it doesn’t necessarily have to be because of COVID. We listen to the needs of our community and we’re able to create support programs specific to what the community needs (and that) is where those bereavement groups stem from.”

Additional programs that have been developed in response to community needs are wellness programs for individuals diagnosed with illnesses, their family caregivers, and those who are dealing with a death of a loved one. Focused on stress management, these programs include yoga, meditation, qi gong, and aromatherapy.

For more information on how to purchase a Basket of Hope, visit [www.hopehousehospice.com/baskets-of-hope](http://www.hopehousehospice.com/baskets-of-hope).

Participating businesses, services and individuals include Barrons Warehouse, Black Forest Nursery, Bridgedale, Canadian Natural & Specialty Brands, Canadian Tire – Newmarket, Coconut Village Spa, Cookie it Up!, Cottage & Crown, Cousins Market Nobleton, Craigeith “B” Honey, Doug Rankin Ent. Inc., Ernest Cider Co., For All Occasions, fraktals, Greco’s Fresh Markets, Healthy Planet Aurora, Hong Gao, Horton Tree Farm, Joy Rudyk, Leslie Hobson, Laurie Calvert, Linda Haarer, Lovely Nails by Lala, Lynnette Lanning, Marilyn Redvers Tennis Centre, Marina Brown, Market Brewing

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“This has been an unforgettable year and we’re so pleased we could bring safe fun and amazing experiences back into people’s lives,” said Norm Pirtovshek, general manager. “With the return of WinterFest, guests can continue to enjoy time with friends and family safely, while making new memories at this beautiful outdoor holiday event.”

WinterFest features millions of holiday lights, enchanting, themed areas, festive food, an artisan Christmas market and more than 40 attractions.

For the full list of shows and attractions, operating hours, tickets and reservations, please visit <https://www.canadaswonderland.com/winterfest>

Canada’s Wonderland has implemented a mandatory vaccination policy for guests at WinterFest. All guests 12 years and older will be required to present proof of full COVID-19 vaccination (plus government-issued ID) for admission into the park. Reservations for WinterFest will also be required. More information on safety protocols can be found online.

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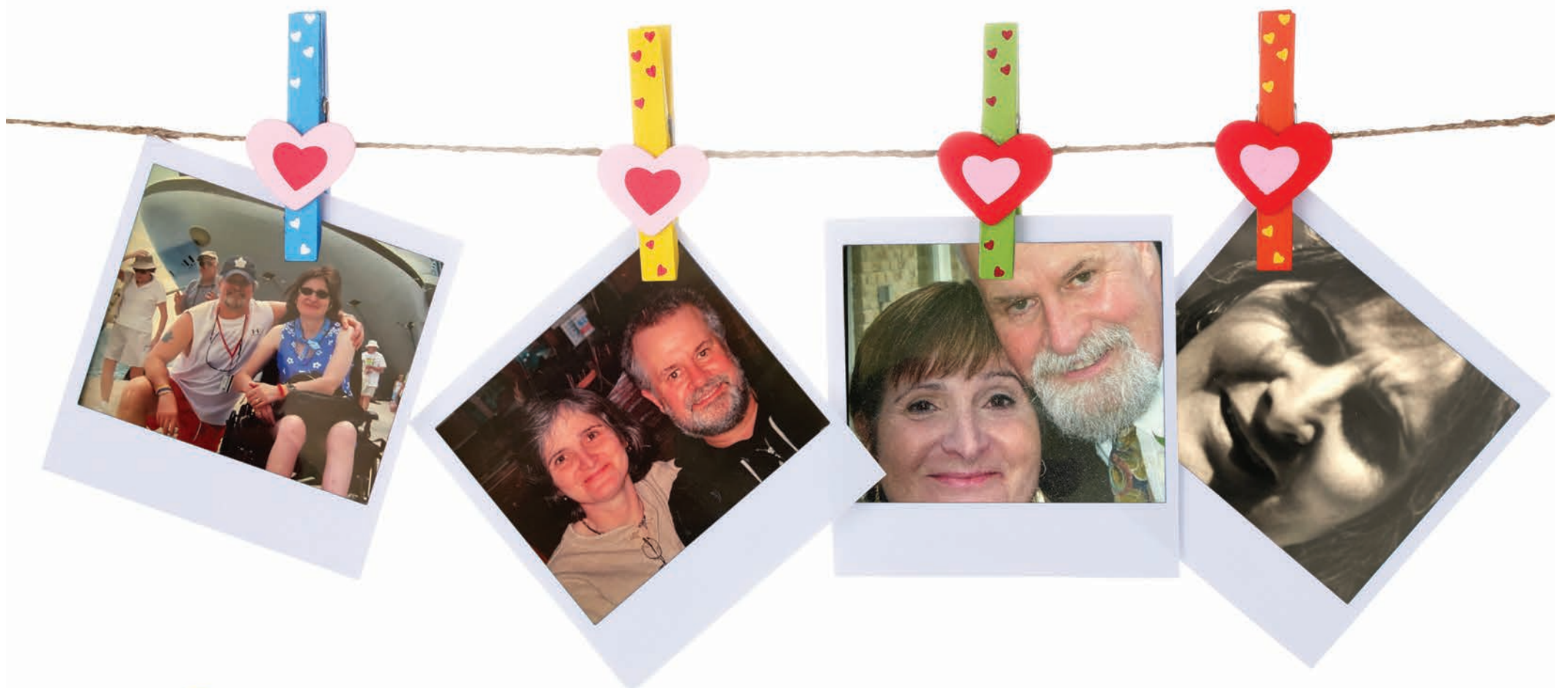




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# King's Corners

**King City United  
By Sheryl Sinka**

This Sunday we will celebrate the second Sunday of Advent and light the second candle, the candle of Peace. In Rev Bruce's message last week we were encouraged to:

"Wait with love. Be a source of hope for others in the love you share. Find peace in the love you bear for each other. Have faith in the love that Christ has for you. Faith, hope, peace, love – gifts from God through Christ, precious pearls. Bring them out into the open, use them and they will shine brightly for the entire world to see."

We hope that you will take the time to worship with us virtually or in person though the Advent season and if not in person, sermons and the link to the on-line recording will be available on our website at kcuc.net

Weekly worship has resumed and if you would like to attend worship next Sunday, Nov. 28 at 10 a.m. please RSVP to the office at 905-833-5181 or email kcuc@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 worships, are available on our YouTube Channel at YorkUnitedMinistries or our website at kcuc.net. 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

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Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series Witness of a New Era – the Book of Acts.

We invite you to join us for our traditional Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 6:30pm. It will be both in-person and online. Please register ahead of time on our website if you will be joining us in-person.

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## St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King City invites you to join us this second Sunday of Advent as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Alison Agnew will bring us the message of Peace. (Jesus is the Prince of Peace).

Last Sunday, the Rev. Konnie Vissers spoke to us about Hope. (Romans 15:13 "May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Lynn Vissers, Konnie Vissers and Alison Agnew will be leading us during Advent.

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If you cannot join us, the worship service videos can be found on YouTube (St. Andrew's, King City) or by going to our website. The in-person services are recorded and posted later each Sunday after 4 p.m. (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."

Contact Lynn Vissers for more information about Art for the Soul on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and the Tuesday Bible Study group. These groups have been online.

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

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St. Andrew's is taking part in the Christmas in King Light Tour fundraiser again this year! Coming soon, an enhanced Christmas Story mural on our outside south wall of the church, by Lynn Vissers and her youthful, creative friends!

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service is at 7 p.m. We are careful to follow the Public Health rules.

Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship may be reached at 416-878-8499 regarding their Sunday Bible Study. Please check re their change of time to the afternoon.

For pastoral care please call Lynn Vissers: 416-998-4652, or our new Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis: 1-905-724-1979.

If there are questions re St. Andrew's in person or virtual services, please contact us.

Has your contact information changed? Please let Kathy Patterson know at 905-833-0391.

**All Saints Anglican Church  
By Patrick Gossage**

Community Carol Sing - Please join us outdoors in front of the Church next Sunday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. for a rousing

singing of your favourite Christmas carols. No masks required!

Fr. Michael's text last Sunday was from Luke 21: "Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

"Every year at this time, smart people fill magazines and journals with predictions for the coming year. This year's crop are full of "fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world". According to The Economist magazine, in 2022 we will have more tension with China, more armed conflict, more Covid, more economic disruptions, more climate change catastrophes, less political stability, more dictatorships, less democracy.

In his charge to Synod this week, Bishop Andrew noted that in March 2020, all of the carefully laid plans, budgets, and assumptions of our Diocese were thrown out the window by COVID. But guess what? COVID wasn't the much predicted doom of the Anglican Church.

Instead, we've been doing church in entirely new ways, new ways of bringing the gospel to the world outside our church walls. We've seen that God showing up in phone trees, Zoom wor-

ship, and outdoor activities.

Our church keeps going because God keeps showing up. That's what God does. That's why we have hope. We have God's promise that we will flourish, even in scary times. God's people are not meant to cower in some shelter. Instead, Jesus says, "Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near (Lk 21.28)."

Today we start Advent, a time of joyous waiting. What do we wait for? Bethlehem has happened. The babe has been born. We 'Repeat(s) the sounding joy' of the angel choir. Joy is the Christmas motion: "Joy to the world, glad tidings of great joy." This joy is a gift from God, a sign of God's work in our midst. That joy should be an inspiration to others. Our joy comes from God's determination to keep increasing our devotion to our ministries of service to those around us. Until God finishes that work, let's not be fearful of the future.

Don't doubt God's ability to increase our love, our faith, and our purpose. Don't give in to fear. God's people don't crouch defensively. They stand upright, heads held high, looking to the good future that is God in Christ, who is, and was, and will be."

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**708 OBITUARIES**

**Evans: Brian Clifford**

Brian passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 28th, 2021, with his family by his side at his home in Innisfil. Brian Evans at the age of 77 years, beloved husband of 50 years (August 2021) to Mary Ann (Bailey). Loving father of John (Louise) and Sue (Tim) Monaghan. Sadly missed by his grandchildren Jackson (Maddy), Sam, Palmer, and Julia. Fondly remembered by Mary Ann's siblings Bill (Sandy), Jo-Ann (Charlie), Bob and his sisters in England Eileen (Hugh) and Hazel (John). Respecting Brian's wishes, cremation has taken place and a gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date. Donations in Brian's memory to the ALS Society of Canada would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-936-3477. For those who wish to leave an online tribute, please do so at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)



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**Carole Stephenson (Ellison)**

Peacefully at Scarborough General Hospital on November 18, her 78th birthday. Loving wife of Ronald Frederick Stephenson. Beloved mother of Lisa Laurene Stephenson and Kirsti Lillian Stephenson. Proud sister of Rodney Ellison and Philip Ellison. Proud aunt of Stephanie, Rory and Ginger. Carole was born and raised in Beeton, Ontario, but moved to Toronto in her early 20s. She was an Office Manager for lawyers, dentists and doctors over the course of many years. She was a political and community activist and a lover of the wilderness and all living things. But she derived her greatest joy by being the glue that held her family together. Carole was known for her kindness, calm nature and great love of family and friends. She will be greatly missed by many. The family of Carole Stephenson held a time of visitation on Monday, November 29, 2021 from 6-8pm at the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home (166 Main Street North, Markham). There was a Celebration of Life the following day at 6pm in the chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations made to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada in Carole's name would be appreciated by the family. An additional visitation will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home (1666 Tottenham Rd, Tottenham) Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 11am-1pm. The interment will follow at Beeton Presbyterian Cemetery

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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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## A Main Street Christmas

Schomberg Village Association (SVA) and all the folks involved with our "A Main Street Christmas" respectfully ask you to save these dates - Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4. This will be our 2nd AMSC drive-through "Parade of Lights."

Putting safety in the forefront, this is a morphed version of our traditional, beloved Main Street Christmas celebration but it is surely a spectacular way to share Christmas cheer and joy and lights and entertainment within the confines of health and safety for all!

The cars will follow the route from Church and Western Avenue, along Western through to the parking lot of the old arena. As you enter the parking lot, you will be able to turn on your radio and hear the narration as it begins to take you through the Christmas Wonder World of our MSC. You will hear a brief introduction to all our special farmers, their hard-working implements and their amazing lights as you drive past them, in the fairgrounds.

While all this is happening, you will be regaled with lights, decorations and entertainers everywhere.

The longer video version of this narration, which will include an in-depth history of our farming families, showing the closeness and dedication of our farming community, will be able to be viewed on our SVA Facebook page and on our website, after our event.

Tickets will be \$10. a car and you book them at 15 minute intervals. This will help eliminate congestion of everyone coming at the same time. If you go to Schomberg.ca, it will lead you to a ticketing page. You can pick your time, your night-either Friday or Saturday. You can pay by PayPal or e-transfer and there is a donation button if you wish to donate something, as well.

I invite you all to come out on the 3rd and 4th of December to celebrate our festive time of year, but also to appreciate the effort, dedication and contribution our farming community gives every year to make the Parade of Lights

a spectacular event and a grand ending every year to our traditional MSC.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help us, in any way - it could be gates, traffic calming, entertaining, decorating, costumes or costume-making - whatever, please contact us, we welcome your input.

You can call myself at 905-590-0054 or Charles at 905-939-9297.

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(thanks to Jack Campbell for arranging and thanks to Donna Carson for allowing us to have Phil), along with a live Mary and Joseph at the manger. Santa will once again greet each child in the car.

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. Our chat topics are wide-ranging.

## Reverse Advent Calendar for King Food Bank

The Schomberg Lions have partnered with the King City Lions Club and the Nobleton Lions Club to present a unique, inspiring, important and necessary month-long event. The "Reverse Advent Calendar" asks participants to buy one food item each day of the month which will be gathered and delivered to the King Township Foodbank on Dec. 4. Details can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/SchombergLions/posts> Please consider those in need as we approach the holiday season.

Your Schomberg Lions Club is our one Service Club for our Community.

## Coats for Kids

Carla Day, our resident Chiropractor in town, is up to her Christmas Good Cheer Hijinx Coat Drive once again!

The program is called "Coats For Kids" in York Region and Carla has been running this for many years. This coat-boot drive, benefitting kids in all of York Region, is looking for gently-used children's coats, snowsuits, boots, hats, scarves and mittens. These items can be dropped at Schomberg Chiropractic in the courtyard of the Brownsville Junction Mall, on Highway 27 from now on until Dec. 15.

Your support this year and every year is appreciated by Carla and all the kids of York Region who might otherwise go without-thank-you!

## Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to come out to their Second Annual Christmas Basket Sale on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4, celebrating our Farmers' "Parade of Lights" event. This sale is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and for those of

you who are new to town, the church is located on Main Street, beside the Sugar and Spice Bakery and across the road from Tony's Quality Meats. So you can do three things: Buy yourself a beautiful basket or complete your Christmas list; treat yourself to a coffee and a treat at Sugar and Spice and get yourself some wonderful meat products at Tony's.

These lovely baskets are wrapped in cellophane and bows and ribbons, all ready for giving! There is something for everyone - the tea lover, the chocolate lover, the taco lover, the cheese lover and even something for your fur babies. The prices range from \$12 to \$45 per basket.

## Horticultural Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Schomberg Horticultural Society was held via zoom on Nov. 23. During this meeting, president, Trish Maguire thanked all the volunteers for their dedication to the Society and for all the volunteer hours the members put in during the year. Elections were held and overseen by District 15 director Barb O'Malley.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society proudly presents the executive members: Trish Maguire - president; Jill Watts-Hayward - past president; Janice Crone - 1st vice president; Barb Prince - 2nd vice president; Judith Henderson - secretary; Pat Janse - treasurer; Chris Somerville - flower secretary; Angela Rose - program director; Eleonora Schmied & Susan Zweep - public relations directors; Liz Macpherson & Sheila Kelly - social directors; Barb Niemeyer - garden tour director; Eleonora Schmied - garden tour committee co-chair; Kathleen Gorsline - plant sale committee chair; Mary Tzarik & Maria Ruksa - committee chairs at large.

The winners of the photography contest were announced: Overall winner: Susan Zweep. 1st price winners are: "Let it snow" - Pat Earl, "Blossom time" - Janet Orr, "Down the garden path" - Susan Zweep, "Fall Bounty" - Susan Zweep, "Photographer's Choice" - Donna Parrish.

A fun horticultural quiz entertained the attendees and a first-ever Virtual Garden Tour of four members' properties concluded the meeting. The executive members wish everyone a happy holiday season, a peaceful time with family and friends.

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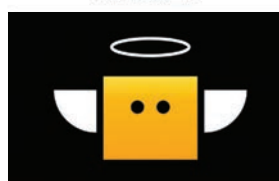
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## Nobleton Notes

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, who will be leading our worship this week. Jeff has entitled his message, "Shoot!" Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages on [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

St. Paul's invites you for a family friendly "Walk-Thru Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 18, anytime between 3 and 6 p.m. This will be a short stroll through our parking lot capturing a flavour of what that day might have been like when Christ, our Saviour was born. This will take place outside so please dress appropriately. Masks must be worn and households will be asked to please keep 2 metres apart.

St. Paul's will be coordinating with the King Township Food Bank in the distribution of "St. Paul's Love Bags." These bags will include items that are seldom donated and are in high demand for those less fortunate. If you would like to help by contributing to this mission, please check [www.stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca) to find a list of items needed.

We will worship together on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. There will be an attendance cap, so please pre-register not later than December 19 to ensure there is a seat for you. You can do so by noting the size of your group and the best contact phone number in the comments on the connection card at [stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect). We hope to see you!

### Neighbourhood Watch

We are setting up a Neighbourhood Watch in various areas of Nobleton and surrounding area. If you are interested please send me an email to: [amaccarone999@gmail.com](mailto:amaccarone999@gmail.com).

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

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program is on Zoom every Sunday. More details in the parish bulletin or contact Rose Pallotto on: 416-605-6843.

Perfect for those preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2022 and their siblings from JK to Grade 5.

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> or call on the new phone number: 647-374-4685 followed by the Meeting ID: 980 5411 8568#, Passcode: 079342

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)

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.

### A really green gift!

This season the Nobleton/King City Garden Club is offering 2022 Membership Gift Certificates as stocking stuffers! Each certificate entitles the recipient to learn from a series of 7 speakers about a wide range of gardening topics - a perfect way to meet new folks (ZOOM or in person) and get outside! There are also flower shows, a plant sale, discounts and member events. Email us at [nkcgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nkcgardenclub@gmail.com) for more information. Shop local! Merry Christmas!

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### Nobleton Lions

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months, we will mark 60 years of service to the community. Like many other groups, we meet via Zoom at our regular meeting times, and continue to operate to the extent allowed. The Club has proactively reached out to those organizations which we usually support, to offer financial aid in line with what we typically provide.

The Club wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to Susan, Dave, and Stephanie Zacchigna - "Team Zacchigna" for their ongoing support, marked by their latest effort, a community street sale held last month which raised more than \$800, which they kindly donated to the Club. Those funds will be put to good use in the community.

Joining with the Schomberg and King City Clubs, we are sponsoring a "Reverse Advent Calendar" whereby food items are collected and dropped off in each town on December 4th, and will then be delivered to the King Township Food bank. Look for the large ads in the Weekly Sentinel, or on the Nobleton Lions website at [www.nobletonlions.com](http://www.nobletonlions.com)

Just in time for Christmas shopping, the Club will be hosting an online auction featuring a host of new and gently used items. Watch this space and the Clubs website later this month for details.

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

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

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our health authorities.

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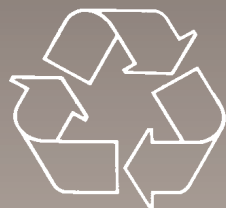
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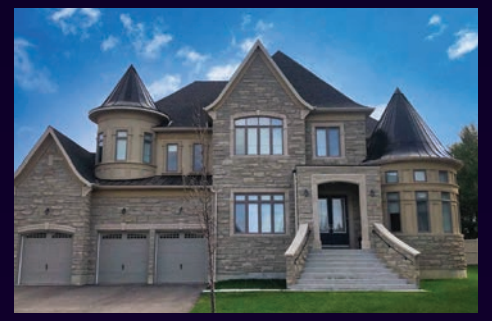
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