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King has plenty to be thankful for: 2021 marked many milestones

By Mayor Steve Pellegrini

As we wind down the year 2021, it is a breath of fresh air to safely return to in-person activities despite the continuing battle against COVID-19.

Standing outside of the bright, beautiful new King City branch of the King Public Library and the King City Seniors' Centre in November, it was exciting to see dozens of people – celebrating the long-awaited opening of the facility.

The return to safe, in-person holiday events is meaningful for so many.

The annual Nobleton Tree Lighting returned in December, bringing holiday spirit that included local food and carols. Santa's Christmas Cruise, presented in partnership with King Fire and Emergency Services, the Schomberg Firefighters Association and York Regional Police, made its way throughout King Township neighbourhoods the first weekend in December. A Main Street Christmas Parades drive-through event also brightened Schomberg in 2021.

As we reflect on the last year, these are some of the many triumphs in King. Together, we are making great strides by staying healthy during the pandemic, supporting the local economy, protecting our environment, continuing Township services and planning for the future.

Township Vaccine Clinic

From April to July, King held a mass, community-led COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Township residents at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg. More than 75,000 doses were administered over four months.

The vaccine clinic, led by King Fire and Emergency Services, was made possible with the help of York Region, more than 250 volunteers, 30 Township staff, 15 firefighters, medical personnel and more than 40 sponsors.



COVID-19 Updates

King and King Township continue to share information from York Region and Ontario Health on the Township website at www.king.ca/covid19 and to offer choices of how service is provided. There is also information about how to access Township services at www.king.ca/ service.

Pop-Up Patios

When restaurants were able to offer outdoor dining in June, King Township offered its support with an expanded Pop-Up Patio program on Main Street in Schomberg. The program grew to four pop-up patios in 2021 following

the success of the program in 2020.

Community Improvement Plan

King rolled out the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Grant Program, receiving 13 CIP Applications and awarding more than \$62,000 in 2021.

#shopKING

The Township continued to promote local shopping through the #shopKING marketing program in collaboration with the King Chamber of Commerce and local media. Check out local goods and services at www.kingchamber.ca.

Zero per cent Tax Increases

Recognizing that many are struggling with the financial impacts of the pandemic, the Township approved the 2021 Budget in January 2021 and the 2022 Budget in November 2021, both with a zero-per-cent impact on the Township's portion of the tax base.

EV Charging Stations

In early December, the Province announced that the King City ONRoute is among the province's highway rest stops chosen to have electric vehicle (EV) charging capability.

In addition, the Township is installing up to a dozen EV charging stations throughout King starting this year after receiving a grant of \$200,000 in 2021 from the federal government. King will contribute \$300,000.

Please see 'Mayor's message' on page 4

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, January 10, 2022
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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, January 13, 2022
6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee
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 for employment opportunities.

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

- Manager of Environmental Services – Deadline Jan. 6th
- Personal Trainer – Until Position is filled
- Fitness Instructor – Until Position is filled
- Fitness Floor Monitor – Until Position is filled

REMINDERS



The municipal offices at 2585 King Road will close for the holidays at 4:30 p.m. **Thurs., Dec. 23, 2021** and reopen at 8:30 a.m. **Mon., Jan. 3, 2022.**
If you have an urgent matter requiring attention during the closure, please contact our 24/7 after-hours service at 905-833-5321 and your call will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.
Please visit www.king.ca for many services available online.

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.

Please do your part & recycle!

Please see more King Township notices on page 3

PUBLIC NOTICES



Season's Greetings

On behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Members of Council we wish all of our residents and their families warm wishes for this Holiday Season.



King is Ready to Serve You

King Township is excited to give a warm and friendly welcome to our in-person customers. All of King's public-facing services are now offered in-person during regular operating hours, following health and safety protocol.

In-person services are available at the King Township Municipal Centre—including through the customer service team (ServiceKING), the Clerk's department and Planning and Building—from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The King Township Municipal Centre is located at 2585 King Rd.

Choices of Service

Information on all King services is available at www.king.ca/service. Reach out to the Township by email, phone, in-person or online. For information about King Township and COVID-19, visit www.king.ca/covid19.

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NOTICE OF UPCOMING BUDGET RELATED MEETINGS
2022 WATER & WASTEWATER RATES BY-LAW**

As the Municipal Centre is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these will be electronic meetings held remotely (virtually) and live streamed via <https://king.ca/meetings>

RE: Virtual Presentation of 2022 Water & Wastewater Rates: **Monday, January 10, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**
(Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, January 10, 2022)

The Township of King 2022 Water and Wastewater Rates Report will be presented at the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, January 10, 2022 Council Meeting. The 2022 Water & Wastewater Rates information will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 6, 2022 or contact Peggy Tollett ptollett@king.ca for further information. Interested parties are invited to participate virtually to ask questions and comment.

For further information regarding the 2022 Water and Wastewater Rates Report, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer, ptollett@king.ca

Note: To **VIEW** the above **COUNCIL** and **COMMITTEE** meetings live virtually (except for the PIC) go to <https://king.ca/meetings> the day of the meeting. **NO** Pre-registration is required. To pre-register to participate in any of the meetings remotely (by audio-telephone), contact the Clerks' Division at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca by **12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.**

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services/Township Clerk

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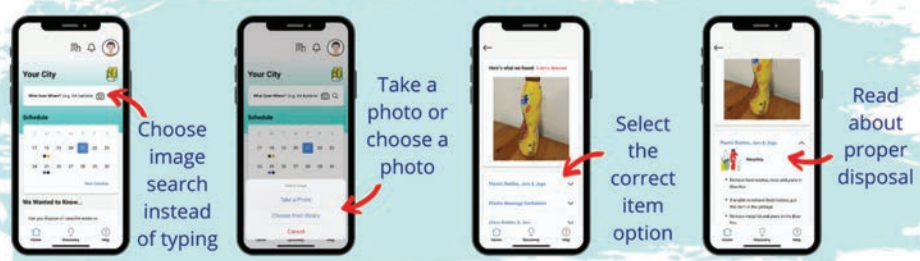
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Look for the 2022 edition of King Township's waste collection calendar in your mailbox delivered by Canada Post by the end of December. It will also be available online at www.king.ca/waste

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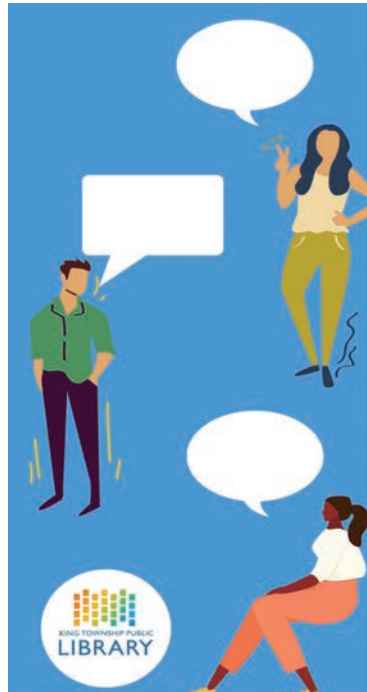
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Mayor's message

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Recycling App

King partnered with Recycle Coach to launch a mobile app to help residents become expert recyclers and to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills. Residents can access their waste collection schedule and reminders at www.king.ca/waste.

Climate Action

King completed the draft of its First Climate Change Plan. It goes to Council for approval in the first quarter of 2022. The Township also led sustainability workshops and partnership-based tree plantings.

In-Person Service

As part of a cautious approach to maintaining public and staff safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, King continued to gradually reopen in-person services, including at the King Township Municipal Centre. Visit www.king.ca/service, contact serviceking@king.ca or call 905-833-5321 for more information.

King's Website

The Township launched a new mobile-friendly website in 2021 with better navigation, accessibility, online subscriptions and improved ways to pay online. New microsites for Cold Creek Conservation Area and the King Heritage and Cultural Centre are available as of December 2021.

Digital Community Services Guide

King Township launched its very first digital-only Community Services Guide for the 2021 winter season. This digital guide includes Township programs, events and municipal services, all following Provincial guidelines and physical distancing measures.

Recreation, Culture and Library Services

The Provincial Government announced that Summer Camps could open for the 2021 season. King was pleased to offer both in-person and virtual camps for the 2021 summer season.

King hosted a successful season of outdoor skating early in 2021. The Township also reopened indoor public skating for 2021-22 and approved additional outdoor rinks for the upcoming season.

All branches of the King Township Public Library are now open for in-person services. For more information, please visit www.kinglibrary.ca.

Most in-person recreation, cultural and library ser-

vices returned in 2021. Guidelines and restrictions are in place due to COVID-19. Visit www.king.ca/recreation-living for more information.

Road Safety in King

Safe roads, and safety for pedestrians, are important to all of us. In 2021, King launched a traffic-calming strategy and put in place one of the strategy's key recommendations, which is to reduce the default speed limit to 40 kilometres an hour from 50 km/hour on urban local streets.

King also began the first year of 10-year plan to resurface a number of paved roads and upgrade the existing surface-treated and gravel roads to a pavement structure.

Federal and Provincial Grants

The Township is pleased to report that King received grant approval from the Federal and Provincial governments for \$38,849,090 to help build the new Township Wide Recreation Centre, which reduces the amount the Township will need to contribute.

The Township was also approved for \$375,000 in grants for accessibility projects, trail developments, pilot programs and operating budget offsets. Full budget information can be found at www.king.ca/budget.

Our King Official Plan

Our King: The Township of King Official Plan was adopted by Council in 2019 and approved by York Region in 2020, subject to modifications and three site-specific deferrals. The bulk of the plan is now in effect. King's Official Plan was developed with community input and provides a long-term vision for the future of King.

Looking Ahead

Life as we know it is slowly getting back to normal. We must continue to be vigilant, listening to public health orders, wearing masks when required and washing our hands frequently. Let's also remember and appreciate the hard-working first responders who continue to keep us safe.

I am proud to be your Mayor and to serve with my colleagues on Council. Whether we're lighting a tree in Nobleton, or gathering to vaccinate thousands of people, we are a strong, resilient community that comes together to create one of the best places to live in the GTA.

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Best of 2021 in King

MP praises front-line workers

By Anna Roberts
MP King-Vaughan



As we enjoy the holiday season, I reflect on the previous year and the noble efforts by members of our community to keep life functional during a time of uncertainty.

Our front-line professionals, such as physicians, nurses, firefighters, EMS, and police officers, deserve our gratitude for their dedication to the public good, and for the role they played in maintaining public trust in some of our most important institutions.

I would also like to highlight the dedication and commitment for all of those who went to work at our grocery stores throughout pandemic so that families could continue to shop for essential goods, which had the effect of calm on a community facing a very stressful situation.

Despite the hardships caused by the pandemic over the past year, I am confident that if we continue to work together and support one another the worst will be behind us, and our community will come out of this being stronger than ever.

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Province acting on key recommendations to create a better future for workers and their families

The Ontario government is releasing 21 recommendations from the Ontario Workforce Recovery Advisory Committee (OWRAC) on making the province the best place to live, work and raise a family.

The committee delivered their interim report in the summer, which has led to the passing of first-of-its-kind changes in Canada through the Working for Workers Act, 2021, including requiring most workplaces to have a right to disconnect policy, banning businesses from using non-compete agreements, and making it easier for internationally-trained individuals to practice in their professions.

“The future of work is already here. If we want to be leaders, we need to quickly adapt,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. “We’re not going back to where we were before the pandemic. Taking these steps now rebalances the scales and puts Ontario workers and their families first for generations to come.”

To better understand the challenges associated with the changing nature of work, the committee consulted extensively with workers, labour groups, businesses, and academics across Ontario and internationally.

“Workers are the subject matter experts of their own experiences, and this report would not have been possible without these sage perspectives,” said Rohinton P. Medhora, OWRAC chair and president of the Centre for International Governance Innovation. “It was a privilege to hear directly from over 700

Ontarians as our committee worked to identify practical solutions that will provide tangible improvements to the lives of workers in this province. With this report, I’m confident we’ve done just that.”

Recommendations from the committee include:

#8: “Appoint an expert to design and test a portable benefits program, where contributors could be employers, workers and the government.”

#15: “Create and recognize the dependent contractor category for gig or platform workers in the app-based space and give this category of workers basic employment rights.”

#21: Develop an employment brand and communications strategy for domestic and international markets to promote Ontario as a desirable place to work and live.

The government is considering all of the report’s recommendations and plans to take further action, including steps to protect and support digital platform workers. Already, Ontario is improving transportation, virtual care, and broadband internet access to become a “work from anywhere” province.

From June to September, the Committee met with over 150 workers, union leaders, advocacy groups, and employers. They reviewed and analyzed an additional 550 written submissions, and surveyed over 2,000 people from Ontario.

The OWRAC members included experts from a variety of sectors and professions, including labour law, governance, academia and venture capital.

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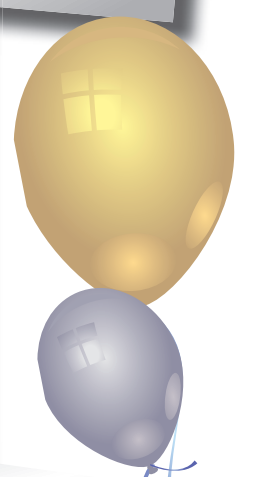
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LECCE DELIVERS FOR KING



MPP Lecce announcing over \$2.6 million to expand access to high-speed internet in King Township. He was joined by Mayor Pellegrini and ViaNet representatives.



MPP Lecce visited Kingcrafts Studio to announce two Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grants — \$26K and \$58K to support accessibility, energy efficient windows, and digital commerce.



MPP Lecce visiting Kettleby Public School where he outlined ventilation improvements delivered at all schools in King and Vaughan, including new HEPA units and improved mechanical ventilation.



MPP Lecce visited Nobleton Tandoori whom he assisted in accessing the small business grant and presented the owner, Mustafa, with an Ontario flag.



MPP Lecce secures funding to build state-of-the-art recreational centre for King. \$17.6 million in provincial funding to construct twin ice pad surfaces, an indoor year-round pool and track, multipurpose fitness studio, space for yoga, aerobics, and spin classes, along with baseball and soccer fields.



MPP Stephen Lecce thanked local farmers and volunteers at the Schomberg Agricultural Society's Annual General Meeting, and expressed a commitment to protect family farming.



MPP Lecce announced EV charging stations at every ONRoute across the province, starting at the King City ONRoute. Stephen was joined by Minister Mulroney, Mayor Pellegrini and the President of the King Chamber of Commerce President, Angelo Santorelli, part of a broader effort to reduce emissions and support growth in the green economy.

STEPHEN LECCE

MPP FOR KING-VAUGHAN

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Support for workers and employers will continue until July 31, 2022

The Ontario government is extending its Worker Income Protection Benefit program, which provides paid sick days, until July 31, 2022 to continue keeping workers safe and ensure they do not lose pay if they need to miss work for reasons related to COVID-19.

Employees can continue to access this paid leave to get tested, vaccinated, self-isolate, or care for a family member. Should the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit be extended, workers in Ontario have access to the most generous paid sick days program in Canada.

"Nearly a quarter-million workers have already used our program, which is the first and most comprehensive in the country, for paid time off work," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "Our government is working for workers and ensuring they have the support they need to keep themselves and their families safe."

Extending the COVID-19 paid leave program will help more workers take time off to get their booster shots and help more parents take time to get their children vaccinated. To date, the program has helped over 235,000 people stay safe without worrying about losing pay. The average number of days being claimed per employee is two. To support employers, Ontario will continue reimbursing them for providing this support to their workers.

In addition, the province is taking action to protect jobs and businesses by extending temporary changes to the Employment Standards Act that prevent temporary layoffs of non-unionized employees from becoming unwanted terminations, which can trigger payments and force businesses to close. This measure will now be extended until July 30, 2022.

These efforts build on Ontario's actions to support workers and businesses as we build the foundation for Ontario's economic strength and protect our progress against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ontario first introduced paid COVID-19 days in April 2021 as part of the COVID-19 Putting Workers First Act, 2021.

With the extension of the program until July 31, 2022, employers will have 120 days after their employees are paid to submit their application to the Worker Income Protection Benefit Program.

Over 515,000 paid leave days have been taken by employees since the entitlement was introduced.

Employers and workers can call the program's dedicated hotline at 1-888-999-2248 or visit Ontario.ca/COVIDworkerbenefit to get more information and updates about Ontario's paid sick days.

Extending paid COVID-19 days aligns with the government's plan, "A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term", developed in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

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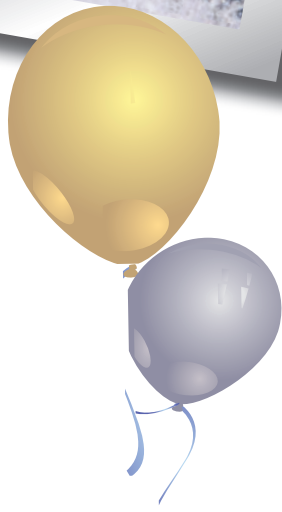
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Lieutenant Governor's 2021 holiday message

By Elizabeth Dowdeswell
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

Former Premier Bill Davis once said: "the real promise of Ontario is still very much ahead of us," and I agree.

His recent passing is but one reminder that 2021 was a year of hardship and sorrow for many.

So, this holiday season, I am thinking, first, of those who need a helping hand. My gratitude goes to all those Ontarians who've extended theirs: devoted volunteers, educators, and healthcare workers still battling on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic to keep us safe.

This New Year's Day, I will be celebrating inspiring examples of service by making special presentations of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. Begun as the Caring Canadian Award in 1995, I can think of no better way to honour those we've lost and inspire all of us in the year to come.

My heart also turns to those struggling with loss: those in marginalized communities and all affected by the terrorist attack in London, Ontario this past June.

And to all experiencing trauma and pain from the discovery of unmarked graves at former Residential Schools across Canada, this is indeed a moment of national reckoning that illustrates just how much work remains to realize the imperative of reconciliation.

But significantly, Premier Davis's message is one of faith in our collective future.

And he is not alone in expressing such sentiment.

During the recent COP26 Climate Change Conference, Her Majesty the Queen defined true statesmanship as acting "for the people of tomorrow ... for our children and our children's children."

As we set our gaze on the coming year, we look forward to the historic occasion of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

In recognition of her lifetime of service, may we draw from her example both inspiration and purpose, to fulfill our promise to the Ontario of tomorrow, to protect the fragile planet on which we depend and to serve our children's children.

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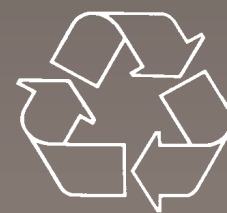
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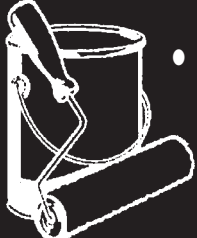
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