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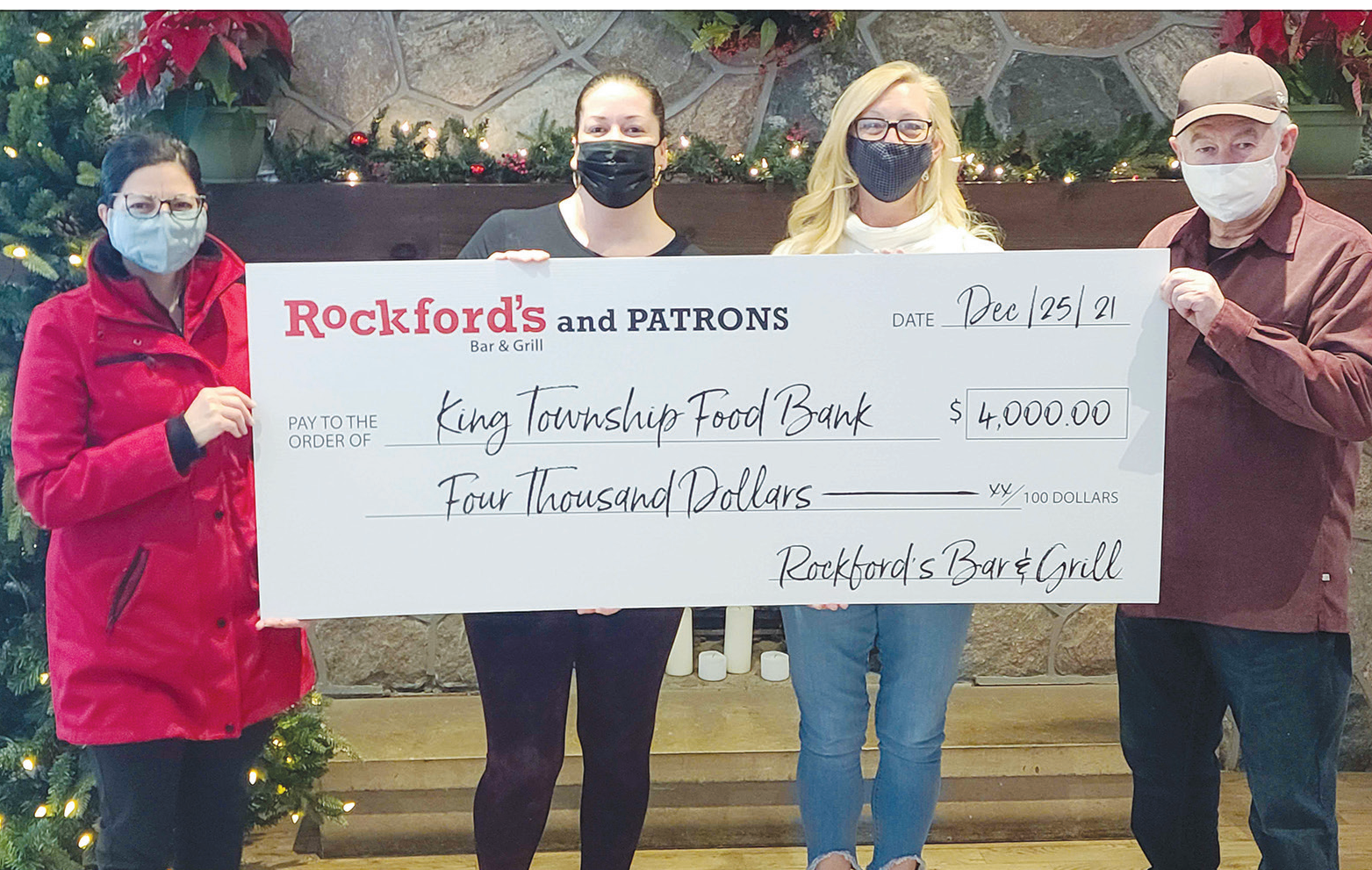
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King Township curbs non-essential services

In order to comply with the new Provincial health directives aimed at combatting the soaring COVID-19 case numbers, the Township is making changes to its non-essential services. All non-essential in-person services are temporarily unavailable until at least Jan. 26, the earliest approximate date set by the Province.

This will result in the temporary closure of King's arenas and community centres, fitness programs and indoor activities, the King Township Municipal Centre, the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, The King Township Public Library will operate at a reduced capacity.

For more information, visit www.kinglibrary.ca. Residents can continue to do business with King online, by phone or by email. You can visit the website at www.king.ca, call us at 905-833-5321 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or email serviceking@king.ca.

All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection,

by-law enforcement and road and sidewalk maintenance.

The recently announced provincial measures include:
Reducing social gathering limits to five people indoors and 10 people outdoors.

Limiting capacity at organized public events to five people indoors.

Requiring businesses and organizations to ensure employees work remotely unless the nature of their work requires them to be on-site.

Limiting capacity at indoor weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites and ceremonies to 50-per-cent capacity of the particular room.

Retail settings, including shopping malls, permitted at 50 per cent capacity. For shopping malls physical distancing will be required in lineups, loitering will not be permitted and food courts will be required to close.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, January 24, 2022
6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Monday, January 31, 2022
6 pm – Public Planning Meeting
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, January 13
6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed)
If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Tuesday, January 18
6 pm – King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

Wednesday, January 19
6 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee
If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing jwelch@king.ca by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Wednesday, January 26
6 pm – Committee of Adjustment

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.

- Planner II – Deadline January 14
- Program Instructor (Contract) – Deadline January 14
- Mainstreet Schomberg Event & Marketing Coordinator (Contract) – Deadline January 17
- Aquatics Contracts (Aquatics Manager, Aquatics Supervisor, and Aquatics • Lifeguard/Instructors) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Camp Director (Seasonal/Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Camp Counsellor (Seasonal/Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Camp Program Coordinator (Seasonal/Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Inclusion Program Coordinator (Seasonal/Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Inclusion Camp Counsellor (Seasonal/Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (Seasonal/Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Parks Seasonal Worker (Seasonal/Contract) – Position closes when posting 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.

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES

Recycle Coach

Ever wished you could just take a picture of something to see if it's recyclable? Now you can! Use the new image search feature to look up your waste on the Recycle Coach app today at <https://www.king.ca/waste>

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King Township 2022 Waste Calendar

The 2022 edition of King Township's waste collection calendar was delivered by Canada Post at the end of December. It is also available online at www.king.ca.

COVID-19 LIBRARY UPDATE



WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

- King City branch study rooms temporarily closed
- King City branch Make-It Lab temporarily closed
- Limited capacity in place

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Hours of operation remain the same
- All patrons must wear a mask when entering the library
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GREAT SERVICES STILL AVAILABLE

- Collection browsing and borrowing
- Limited computer and study space
- Virtual programming
- Photocopying, printing, scanning, and faxing
- Township waste tag purchases



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Group asks King to support outdoor solar panel concept

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Establishing outdoor solar panels in parking lots has many benefits.

And it's something a York-based group sees as picking up steam across the region.

Gloria Marsh, executive director of York Region Environmental Alliance, recently addressed King councillors, pitching the idea.

She explained that Pickering nuclear is scheduled to go out of service in 2025. Ramping up natural gas to provide electricity will not get us to the Canadian clean electricity goal of net-zero emissions before 2050. In fact, she argues it would raise our GHGE by more than 300%. Nor will small nuclear reactor proliferation fill the bill with their dangerous wastes and numerous security issues even though there is a push to develop them in Canada.

Furthermore, the full life cycle of small modular reactors does produce GHGE – twice as high as solar and six times higher than onshore wind. Marsh said York Region has vetoed SMNR and has sent a letter to the province asking for a natural gas fired electricity phase out, which YREA strongly supports.

“We already have a greener alternative with solar, available for immediate, safe energy,” she observed.

What if parking lots at our civic centres, libraries, community centres even our hospitals & shopping malls were shaded by solar panels? This would take commitment but municipalities in York could point the way for others to also try pilot projects. YREA sent a letter to the federal government asking that solar-covered parking lots be eligible for green infrastructure funding and have received a positive reply from her local MP saying it is a solid project, much needed at this time, helping to address the climate crisis.

A pilot project such as this would mean self-reliance on energy to power an adjacent building and it would also mitigate the urban heat island (UHI) by shading the hot asphalt and thus significantly lowering the ambient temperature by up to 20°C.

Marsh said it's a better option than erecting solar panels on agricultural grasslands.

“Why would we want to do that when we have all this hot asphalt on developed land just waiting to be cooled down? Imagine for instance, the parking lot of the Trisan Centre generating enough renewable energy to power it as well as some EV charging stations,” she said.



This is not a new, unproven concept. “When I ask King council, on behalf of YREA, to endorse a solar covered parking lot pilot project, I also walk the talk in support of renewable energy.”

She said YREA hopes that along with York, Newmarket and Georgina that King will also look into this.

“With the energy required for new developments and the increase in electric vehicles, even if we make a sensible move to buy hydro from Quebec it will be prudent for us to also secure local, safe sources of green energy to meet our needs.”

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said it sounds like a feasible idea. She can envision some great partnerships arising from this plan.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, who attended the recent FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) conference in Ottawa, said climate change is front and centre on everyone's mind. He said a task force is needed to examine all kinds of green measures. Specific goals and ways to get there all need to be explored.

Going green is a combination of all forms of power generation and we can't just rely on wind and solar alone, he said.

“Greater minds are looking into this,” he said.

York Region Environmental Alliance (YREA) is a not-for-profit, registered charitable organization. Incorporated in 2002 to initially campaign against the cosmetic use of pesticides, YREA has continually expanded its mandate to address ecological issues that impact our health, the health of our environment and the planet.

They seek sustainable solutions that address climate change and lower greenhouse gas emissions (GHGE). They also work to raise awareness of the impact of toxic substances on the environment and on human health and to campaign for the elimination of these substances.

Indoor spaces greatly reduced

From Front Page

Closing indoor meeting and event spaces with limited exceptions but permitting outdoor spaces to remain open with restrictions.

Public libraries limited to 50 per cent capacity.

Closing indoor dining at restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments. Outdoor dining with restrictions, takeout, drive through and delivery is permitted.

Closing museums, galleries, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attractions, amusement parks and waterparks, tour and guide services and fairs, rural exhibitions, and festivals. Outdoor establishments permitted to open with restrictions and with spectator occupancy, where applicable, limited to 50 per cent capacity.

Closing indoor sport and recreational fitness facilities including gyms. Outdoor facilities are permitted to operate but with the number of spectators not to exceed 50 per cent occupancy.

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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

Why does it always come down to money?

It's funny how many important actions always come down to money.

It's been said that money can't buy happiness or that it can't build meaning into life.

But when it comes to major policies, mandates, protocols - major change - yes indeed money matters.

Martin Luther King Jr. noted that any country that spends more money on its military than social programs will be doomed spiritually.

Some argue that it's money, not ideas and principles, that reign in American politics.

Arthur Laffer observed that there's no "public tooth fairy" and that you can't bail someone out without putting someone else into trouble.

Federal government spending in Canada reached historic highs in 2021, to a whopping \$445 billion. Queen's Park dished out roughly \$187 billion last year.

Fun fact: It would take a person like you and me 31 years, 251 days, 7 hours, 46 minutes, and 40 seconds just to count to 1 billion.

Sure, the pandemic has thrown all government spending, here and abroad, out of whack. We've poured billions upon billions into health care and fighting COVID. The result? Well, we are all familiar with current events. Third, fourth, even fifth shots are likely in the future.

It's like our economic engine is stuck in the mud, spinning its wheels, flinging cash everywhere, just to stay put. Forget about major non-pandemic issues like infrastructure and business stability. We can't even address those things properly until the books are balanced.



Mark Pavilons

So my friends, it all comes down to money, or a lack thereof.

We all know about the dangers of climate change. We've held global conferences, set emission targets and examined all kinds of green strategies.

The problem? Money. We have to spend money to achieve any small iota of positive change or progress.

Not to mention climate change, conflict between nations, poverty, disease, famine all rage on, regardless of our preoccupation with things. Our human condition is growing worse by the day.

The economy of Turkey is a prime example. Right now people are lining up outside bread kiosks. The prices of medicine, milk and toilet paper are soaring. Some gas stations have closed

after running out. Angry outbursts have erupted on the streets.

In December, annual inflation reached a staggering rate of 36 per cent, up from 21 per cent the previous month.

Experts are calling on gas prices here in Ontario to reach upwards of \$1.60 per litre this spring.

We've all noticed increases at the grocery stores, and it seems the cost of living is outpacing even modest salary increases, if you're lucky enough to get one.

It's estimated that the monthly costs for a family of four in Canada hover around \$5,382. The cost of living in Canada is more expensive than in 74% of countries in the world.

Despite our strong economy in this province and in the GTA, we're still feeling all of the same pressures. Price increases haven't gone unnoticed. As our buying power shrinks we may be rethinking our own personal situations.

There are times I forget about reality, and it has nothing to do with my reckless youth. I often don't see myself as a somewhat mature, 50-something male whose life has reached its mid-way point. Retirement may be less than a decade away, or maybe not.

Given the current turmoil, I can't even fathom what the next year will bring, let alone what my twilight years have in store. So, I try not to think about it, preferring the ostrich approach and trying to meditate to soothing ocean sounds.

My wife keeps encouraging me to get life insurance, but at my age, it becomes a little expensive. I don't want my passing to be burdensome. I told her to simply tie me to a home-made raft and send me adrift in the Humber, Viking-style, minus the flaming arrows. Okay, one or two would be nice.

Money has always been part of our western culture and society. But there are places around the world where the barter system is alive and well. Some have returned to this age old system

out of necessity during the pandemic, where supply or trade dried up.

Even today in our crazy lives, the best places are those without money.

When I think of the best places and most relaxing times, my thoughts turn to summers at the Delawana Inn on Georgian Bay, or lakefront cottages borrowed from friends. There, at high noon, money had no use, no meaning, no place among the windswept pines and pristine beaches. I could be penniless sitting on an ancient rock on the shoreline and not have a care in the world.

I think of times when Kim and I scraped together enough to get away for a week in the Dominican or Cartagena in the 1990s. I will never forget finding sand dollars with my toes in the waters of Sosua.

For those adventurous types I imagine money and modern entrapments have little place on a scenic mountain top in Alberta or BC.

I am an avid fan of travel shows and documentaries of places around the world. The world is a pretty big place, with plenty to explore.

I heard that we travel, not to escape life, but to embrace it. There's a series on Netflix called Moving Art, and it's merely videos of people, places and animals around the world. No dialogue, just soothing music and visually stunning images.

We may not be able to travel to French Polynesia, Angkor Wat or Koh Sumui, but our minds can, through these episodes.

Our travel plans may be currently on hold, but hopefully the summer will bring some relief.

There are also incentives for vacationing within Ontario this summer. The beauty of nature is all around us. You don't have to visit Thailand to enjoy gorgeous lakes, mountains, oceans or picturesque sunsets.

Look into the eyes of your loved ones and explore the world together! Feel the world - it was created just for us!

Letter to the Editor

Conservatives ignore climate change

Did you notice in your November Hydro One bill, seeing a small message "Choose a plan that meets your needs?"

After the Province replaced everyone's electricity meter with one that records usage by the hour, now Ford's Conservatives have given each household the choice. You can have a flat rate, instead of having tiered or time-of-use pricing. With time of use, each household is encouraged to use electricity in off-peak times.

The current off-peak charge is 8.2 cents/kWh, mid-peak is 11.3 cents/kWh, and the on-peak is 17.0 cents/kWh. With the residential flat rate, the charge is less than the mid-peak rate, at 9.8 cents/kWh up to 1000 kWh/month and just a bit more than the mid-peak rate 11.5 cents/kWh for over 1000 kWh/month.

The whole point of the time-of-use pricing was to limit the amount of electricity needed during on-peak times, so less plants needed to be built. This would help in the fight against climate change.

With this "choice," the Ford Conservatives have shown once again, that they do not believe in climate change and are not interested in saving the environment.

Ford's Conservatives fought tooth-and-nail against the Gasoline Tax which was designed to make us less car dependent or at least to get more efficient cars. They changed the Provincial Environmental Assessment Act so that there was less "red tape" for developers, and less protection for the environment for us. They limited the Conservation Authorities jurisdiction so that they would not be able to save wetlands which help protect us from floods, etc. They have issued many Minister's Zoning Orders and forced the Conservation Authorities to approve them. The Greenbelt Council's Chair David Crombie and six other members resigned over the abandonment of the environment's protections.

Do we need to protect our agricultural lands so that we can be more self-sufficient with our food supply? Apparently not, since the Ford Conservatives want to pave over farms to create a new "parking lot" congested with cars, called Hwy. 413. Lake Simcoe advocates have been trying to save that lake but now with the Bradford Bypass about to be constructed, Lake Simcoe will have the additional problem of contending with runoff from road salt.

Nancy Hopkinson
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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

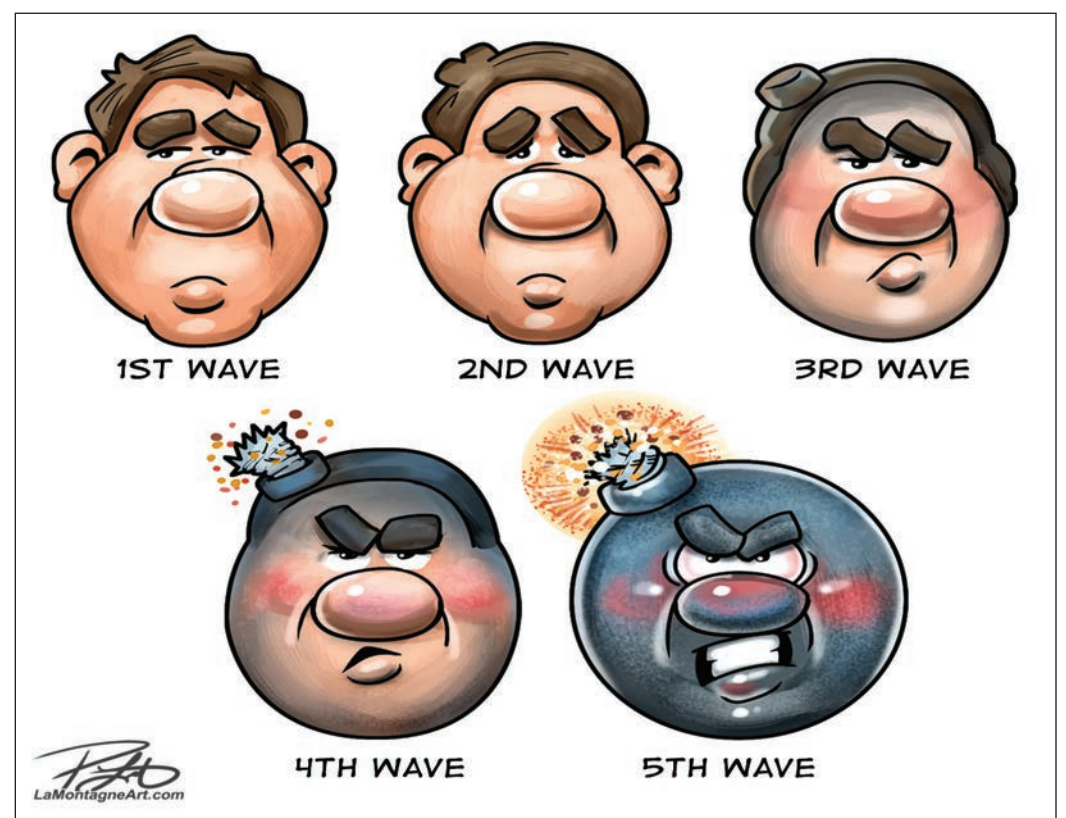
Do you support getting kids back in school as soon as possible?

a) Yes **55.6%**
b) No **44.4%**

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Results from last week's poll:
Do you believe a modified lockdown is the best solution in fighting COVID?

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



Quote of the Week

"The nice thing about standards is that there are so many of them to choose from."

- Andrew S. Tanenbaum

Trivia Tidbits

Aircraft black boxes are actually bright orange.

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Marylake not appropriate for development

How disappointing to learn of a proposed amendment to King's Rural Update, permitting development at Mary Lake. Why is this "recommended" when the overwhelming weight of evidence and existing legislation go against the AFOI's proposal for development beside the lake?

This kettle lake forms an integral part of the provincially significant Eaton Hall - Mary - Hackett Lakes Wetland Complex, protected by pre-existing environmental legislation under the ORMCP (since 2001), the Greenbelt Plan, the Regional Greenlands System Strategy, and King's own Environmental Protection Zoning and Open Space. Besides, with dwindling wetlands now recognized as valuable carbon sinks and natural water filters, when do projects get assessed through the critical lens of the existential climate crisis?

This dismal recommendation left me feeling betrayed on behalf of the remaining countryside, about to be subjected to "revamping" (so irresistible to bulldozers and pavement). Then, former Conservative MPP, Stephen Gilchrist, the original author of ORM

Letter to the Editor

legislation explained: "The Township has no ability to add further new uses to land uses with the boundaries covered by the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, after the Conformity By-Law was passed and accepted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Township has no ability to amend the Conformity By-Law to, retroactively, include any new uses."

Some politicians and planners have worked behind the scenes to achieve this shambolic planning result, intent upon moving the goal posts on behalf of the AFOI. Do forgive me for noting that religious properties are exempt from property taxes. The original monastery was supposed to present opportunities for modest self-sufficiency, quiet reflection, and prayer, but no longer as the monastic order passes into history for some, but not all, monasteries.

There do remain some issues with this project, but the AFOI's charity data site <https://www.charitydata.ca/charity/augustinian-fathers-ontario-inc/118796572RR0001/> shows the group's

spokesperson, Mr. Annibale, ceased to be the AFOI's secretary back on Maty 7.

Here's a summary of events and related concerns:

On Dec. 14, 2020, Mr. Annibale sought King's support for a MZO, allowing an "Augustinian Village," inclusive of a modern conference facility with a hotel or bed and breakfast establishment, plus an event center/banquet hall, in addition to a long-term care (LTC) centre, after new development subsidies for LTCs were offered by the province. Council refused the MZO.

On Feb. 8, 2021, Mr. Annibale returned to Council, proposing a 188-bed LTC, still requiring new infrastructure. Some on council were more receptive to this plan located outside of the King City Settlement Area, despite the ongoing availability of appropriate serviced sites elsewhere in the township.

On Jan. 26, 2021, the Augustinian-operated Maryann Home in Richmond Hill made a presentation to the COVID-19 LTC Commission, revealing "A new LTC home will be built at the Marylake Shrine of Our Lady of Grace, King City" ... two weeks before Mr. An-

nibale's presentation to King Council.

Clearly, the AFOI was able to expedite its project through Queen's Park and was likely involved in the completion of the mandatory 51-page application form for this project (where the government webpage stated that ALL 2020 applications "to build new or redevelop existing long-term care beds" had to be submitted by 25 Sept 2020).

Infrastructure Ontario (not the Ministry of Long Term Care) began trolling for investors in LTC facilities by mid-2020. Its Long Term Care Development brochure explained this unique assembly of properties "are supported by secure and growing demographic and economic fundamentals, with close proximity to high order transit, major highway networks and amenities. Importantly, the Properties are strategically situated between 0.1 km and 3.7 km of a hospital, substantially amplifying the LTC potential of the Portfolio, and allowing investors to tap into the primary demand drivers of both LTC residents/applicants and residential uses."

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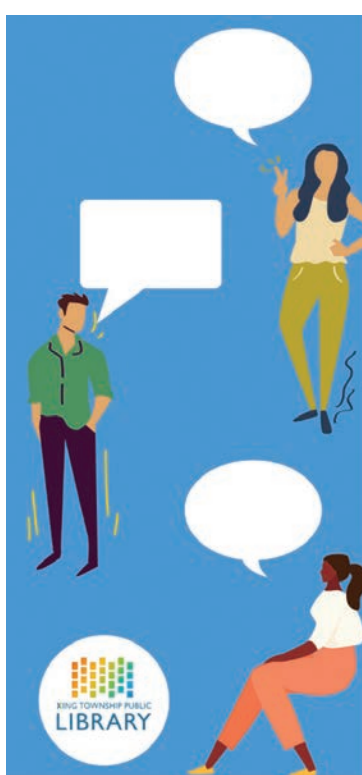
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Will 2022 be a good year for the environment?

By Tim Gray
Executive Director
Environmental Defence

Comment

Last year was dominated by environmental news. Despite ongoing COVID constraints on the economy, global fossil fuel consumption rebounded after its collapse in 2020. With this rebound came the increase in carbon emissions and effects of climate change.

As if to underscore the need for urgent action, climate change disasters raged across Canada with record-setting heat, fires and floods.

Here's a quick recap of environmental stories in 2021:

The federal election saw a turning point in the fight on climate action with an end of opposition to carbon pricing by the Conservative Party and a return of a Liberal government that promised substantial commitments to climate and broader environmental action.

World leaders met in Glasgow for COP 26 where they did not agree to take actions consistent with maintaining less than 1.5C of global heating. However, they promised to come back in 2022 with better plans. They also made collective commitments to curb methane emissions, to halt and reverse forest loss, align the finance sector with net-zero emissions by 2050, ditch the internal combustion engine, accelerate the phase-out of coal, and end international financing for fossil fuels. Despite significant headway on these fronts, national climate and financing commitments still fell far short of what is needed.

The federal government slowly moved ahead on banning select plastic items and the Canadian/US oil industry responded by going to court to try to

block the bans. Environmental Defence and our partners jumped in to help explain the importance of these bans.

Ontarians also rallied together in the face of ever escalating government attacks on climate actions and natural areas including farms and wildlife habitats, under the "Ontario: Yours to Protect" program. Across the province, groups worked to protect key areas like Lower Duffins Creek wetland from development and to secure a federal review of the proposed 413 mega-highway.

Our top 10 predictions for the environment in 2022:

1. New mega highways will be very unpopular.

The Ontario government's plans for several new multi-billion dollar mega-highways across southern Ontario will wake up people and communities to the stark choices they need to make about their future. Ontarians will have to choose between gridlock, sprawl and loss of nature and local food or sustainable transportation options, livable cities, and access to recreation. We know what most people will pick.

2. Electric vehicles finally come into their own.

The coming year will mark the introduction of many new EV models with greater range and lower prices than ever. But if you live anywhere except BC or Quebec good luck getting one. The federal government has finally promised to help address this problem by implementing a new requirement for car companies to sell a certain portion of their overall sales as zero emission vehicles (as BC and Quebec do). 2022 is the year this is supposed to happen.

3. Putting a cap on oil and gas carbon emissions.

Rising carbon emissions from oil and gas production have washed out reductions from every other sector. As a result, the federal government has committed to developing and implementing a cap forcing industry to reduce emissions to zero by 2050. Expect the oil industry to ask Canadians to pay for any emission reduction measures just as they have asked us to foot the bill for slowing methane gas leaks, cleaning up abandoned wells and addressing the trillions of litres of contaminated tar sands tailings currently leaking into the Athabasca River.

4. Consumers get to know the toxics that are in their cosmetics and cleaning products.

In 2022 new rules will be introduced that will require the disclosure of toxic ingredients on the labels of household cleaning products, cosmetics and some furniture. Allowing consumers to make better purchasing decisions to protect their health and the environment alike.

5. Financial institutions will become more transparent on climate risks.

After years of talking about sustainability while actually cranking up lending to, and investment in, oil and gas companies, we will finally see some positive change. Expect to see citizen campaigns focused on bank hypocrisy and for federal regulators to finally step in and create rules around transparency and reporting with regards to climate-related risk for federally regulated institutions.

6. Citizens will rise up against sprawl.

Following the example of Hamilton, which recently voted to stop sprawl and protect all the farms and forests outside its borders and build homes in the city, we expect to see residents in Halton, Peel, Durham and other regions across southern Ontario take a stand against developers whose plans will increase low-density sprawl which destroys natural areas and farmland and leads to highway networks that increase pollution.

7. The Ontario election will be all

about the environment.

The Ontario government has launched its re-election bid based on a promise to build more highways, more sprawl, which actually means less habitat for endangered species and more carbon emissions. Expect strong citizen and media engagement in the lead up to the June 2022 election and for environmental policy differences between parties to dominate the debate.

8. Some plastics will get banned and a returnable economy makes a new appearance.

We expect the federal courts will uphold our government's right to protect us and our environment from the impacts of plastic pollution and will keep the bans of key single use plastic items moving forward. We also expect to see a growing citizen and business community movement to adopt reusable packaging and support the repair of products (just like the good ole days).

9. Canada will finally get its new Toxics and Environmental Justice Laws.

Two important laws died when the fall 2021 federal election was called. One would have modernized the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, a long overdue refresh of our signature environmental protection law. The other was a bill to require the development of a strategy to redress a history of environmental injustice in Canada. Both are set to return to the House of Commons this winter and we hope for speedy passage.

10. The kids will be alright.

Young people will take an ever stronger role in fighting for a sane approach to solving climate change, addressing disinformation and supporting progressive change. For example, check out the "Birds Aren't Real" movement and feel better about the smart, motivated people who are trying to make a difference for a better world.

As you can see, 2022 is going to be a very busy year on the environmental front. Looking ahead, all of us at Environmental Defence have a lot that we want to accomplish (take a look at our wish list). And with your help, we can make it happen.

Facilities belong in urban centres

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Now, compare Infrastructure Ontario's 2020 "Long Term Care Development" prospectus to claims made in a Toronto Star report, dated 17 February 2021, regarding the Mary Lake location: "Some residents believe the site is too far from urban amenities, making it undesirable. But Annibale stressed that facilities tend to be outside urban areas for one main reason - the cost of land. The Province dissuades such facilities from being built on prime development land in urban areas."

Clearly, the province promoted LTC developments in serviced urban areas, and that is where care facilities belong, close to existing public services, libraries, shops, and other amenities.

By March 20, 2021, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, "starred as an understudy" for the role of Minister of LTC Care in a video at Seneca College, announcing a new LTC facility in King City at Mary Lake. In other words, the province had granted the AFOI's request for a MZO under some guise. Though legislation should have blocked such development, the project was approved right smack dab in the middle of the Greenbelt, where Premier Ford, and Municipal Affairs Minister, Steve Clark, had proclaimed NO new developments would be permitted.

In March 2021, Mr. Lecce crowed this new LTC facility was an election promise. Not at all - LTC was never a consideration for this government, NOR a succession of previous governments of any political stripe.

In fact, LTC inspections were among the first Conservative funding cuts in 2018. Worse yet, the LTC Commissioners noted Resident Quality Inspections dropped to 11 out of 628 Ontario facilities in 2020, the first year of the pandemic when deaths were soaring in LTCs.

Most perplexing of all, public participation via a FOI request, submitted by Donnelly Law on behalf of Kingscross Residents Association (KRA), was approved at the Township, but later nixed by the AFOI at mediation, thus preventing the release of necessary information to King residents. Sounds like some fictional plot where an 'oligarchy' takes control of an entire town, but anyone living in a modern democracy doesn't have to worry about that. Right?

How many developers or politicians have bothered to read the entire final report (released 30 April 2021) of the LTC Commission, informed by extensive submissions and presentations from so many invited medical, care-providing, and economic professionals?

Vicki Hotte King

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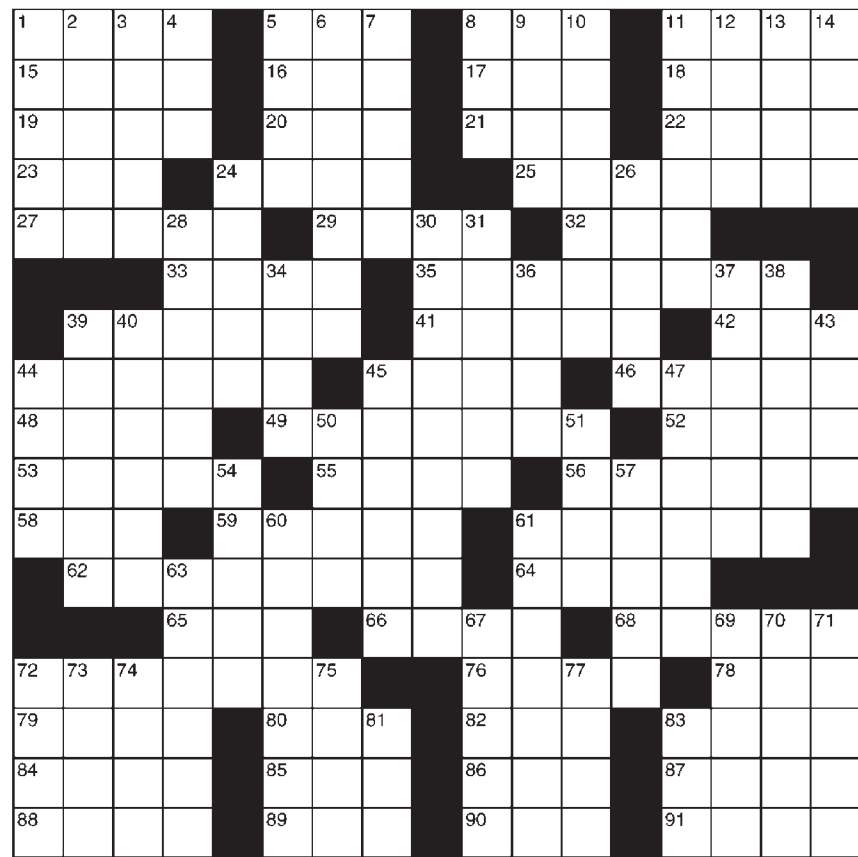
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1. Bias
5. Sash for a kimono
8. Rainbow's shape
11. Get ready
15. Edible root
16. Pull along
17. Round vegetable
18. Lounge
19. Dark, to Donne
20. Sickly
21. Pick up the ____
22. To boot
23. Doze, with "off"
24. Unaccompanied flight
25. Cook's garnish
27. Overweight
29. Makeshift bed
32. Pina coloda liquor
33. Larry, Curly, and Moe
35. Instruction
39. Going astray
41. Growing out
42. Hill dweller
44. React to a glare
45. Trade for cash
46. Gathering
48. Boar's tooth
49. Large, flightless bird
52. Skid
53. Prairie tale?
55. Formerly, formerly
56. Blame
58. Every
59. Theater
61. Imprison
62. Paragraph part
64. Electric sign
65. Forever and a day
66. Joint
68. Dye for wood
72. Nose part
76. Dec. 25
78. Paid player
79. Assist in mischief
80. Sharp turn
82. Dress finely
83. Grain husk
84. Hockey score
85. Squeeze
86. Unmatched
87. Habitual course
88. Drought-ridden
89. Once called
90. Went in front
91. Dill

DOWN

1. Office writer, for short
2. Barbecue choice
3. Undermine
4. Took first prize
5. Meat stew
6. Stocky pooch
7. Inuit abode
8. Capable
9. Harvest crops
10. Nightclub
11. Blood part
12. Biscuit
13. Further
14. Scheme
24. Finch
26. It has a foot
28. Baseball call
30. Navigators
31. Illuminated naturally
34. "____ the Woods"
36. Powdery mineral
37. Suspender
38. Register
39. Measures up to
40. Steal, as livestock
43. Category
44. Athenian portico
45. Hit
47. Mountain-climber's coup
50. Beheld
51. Hounds' quarry
54. Engine part
57. Irritable
60. Resident
61. Windflower
63. Stinging plant
67. Praise
69. Chef's smock
70. Vexed
71. Work for nine
72. Bugs
73. Double reed
74. Broil
75. Admire
77. Venerable
81. Command to oxen
83. Two-piece piece

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King

7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, January 13 to Wednesday, January 19

THURS 13TH	FRI 14TH	SAT 15TH	SUN 16TH	MON 17TH	TUES 18TH	WED 19TH
Clouds/Sun High -1C° Low -19C° Wind N 17k	Mainly Sunny High -12C° Low -25C° Wind N 21k	Mainly Sunny High -16C° Low -20C° Wind N 15k	Sun/Clouds High -5C° Low -7C° Wind S 21k	Light Snow High -1C° Low -14C° 1-3cm Wind SW 18k	A Few Flurries High -11C° Low -14C° ~1cm Wind NW 22k	Scattered Flurries High 1C° Low -4C° ~1cm Wind SW 23k

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Education, child care staff able to book appointments

Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, and Solicitor General Sylvia Jones announced additional vaccine clinics in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) that will provide accelerated access to COVID-19 booster shots for education and child care staff. With these additional locations, the Ontario government is enhancing access to vaccination to better protect children, staff, and families as Ontario responds to the Omicron variant.

“Our government has enhanced ventilation in every school, deployed high-quality PPE, and are accelerating access to the COVID-19 vaccine booster for all education and child care staff,” said Lecce. “As we work to get children back to class, we are taking swift action to establish additional clinics – open seven days a week – that will provide further protection for Ontario’s school communities.”

The 10 additional clinics, located in Toronto – Yonge Street – Midtown, Eaton Centre, Richmond Hill, Mississauga, Vaughan, Pickering, Hamilton, Oakville and Brampton will serve education and child care staff in the GTHA during dedicated time slots. The clinics will administer booster doses and will operate seven days a week by appointment.

One of the 10 vaccination clinics will be situated inside the Toronto Zoo and operate seven days a week, offering dedicated time slots for education and child care staff between 4 to 10 p.m., Monday to Friday, and on weekends throughout the day. Staff eligible to book an appointment at one of these 10 locations can do so.

“The province continues to deliver booster doses as quickly and conveniently as possible, and we are expanding our efforts to additional vaccine clinics in the Greater Toronto and

Hamilton area” said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. “A third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine offers additional protection against the Omicron variant, and we continue to urge everyone to get their booster dose as soon as possible.”

The Ontario government continues to work with all public health units (PHUs) to explore additional opportunities to provide access to booster doses for education and child care staff across all regions of the province. Local PHUs will continue to provide information on how vaccines can be accessed in their communities.

The announcement of additional vaccination clinics builds on the government’s ongoing efforts and investments to improve safety in schools and child care settings during the pandemic. Measures currently in place include:

Providing optional non-fit-tested N95 masks to all education and child care staff.

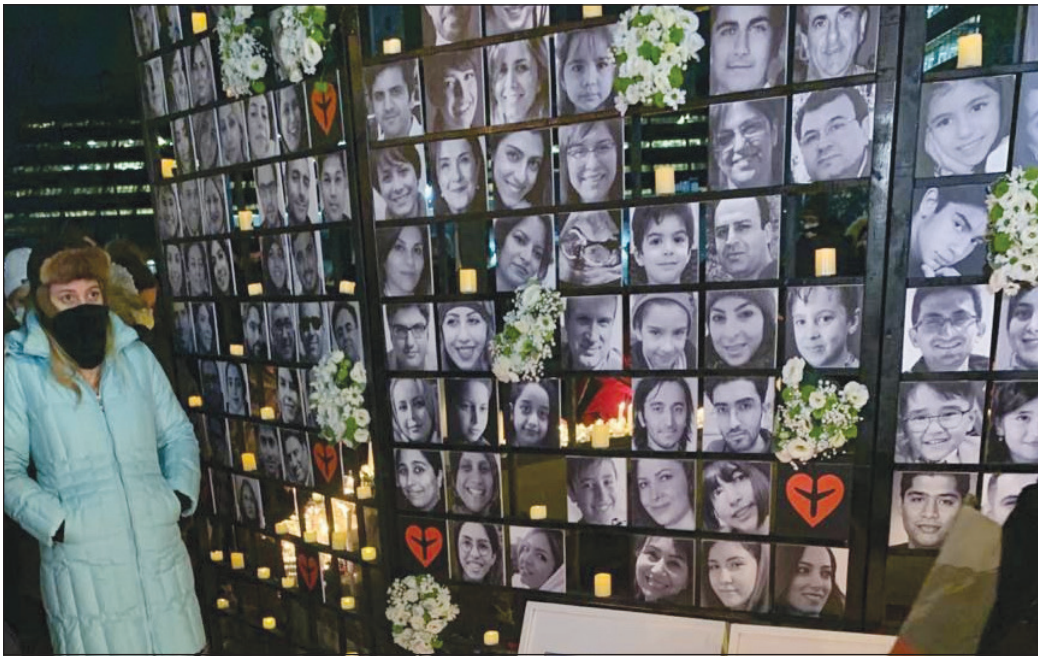
Updated and stricter screening requirements to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

Ventilation improvements measures at every school across Ontario, including more than 70,000 HEPA filter units and other ventilation devices already deployed to schools.

Access for school boards to \$1.6 billion in resources to protect against COVID-19, with 2,000 projected additional staff hired, including for example educators, custodians and mental health workers.

New time-limited cohorting protocols.

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health are also working together to make more rapid-antigen tests available to support the ongoing operations of child-care centres and schools when they return to in-person learning.



Families hold vigil to mark anniversary

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The Association of Families of Flight PS752 Victims held a virtual and outdoor vigil, commemorating the second anniversary of the downing of Flight PS752.

The Jan. 8 ceremony at Mel Lastman Square included a host of speakers, including Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transportation, Premier Doug Ford, Mayor John Tory, Andrii Bukvych, Chargé d’affaires, Embassy of Ukraine and Hamed Esmaillon, Association president and spokesperson.

“We stand in solidarity with their families and loved ones who continue to live with a profound sense of loss and suffering,” said Trudeau. “The government places the victims’ families and loved ones – those who matter the most – at the heart of its response, and is committed to ensuring they are supported.”

“We all remember that day clearly ... as though it were yesterday,” said Premier Doug Ford.

“We recall the horror of those early moments ... followed by the anger we felt once we learned that this was not an accident ... it was not a crash.

“177 lives were lost, including 55 Canadians and six Ontarians. Fathers, mothers, children and many members of our post-secondary community. They were all among the victims of this most heinous act.

“The sense of grief for the families of those taken will never fully go away – the loss for many is simply too big.

“But as time moves on, we will continue to mourn their loss and cherish the legacies they left behind.”

Videos were also shared in honour of the National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Air Disasters, and in memory of other Iranian-Canadian victims of the Islamic Republic.

The Association has been pursuing truth and justice regarding the tragedy over the past two years and have also prioritized honouring the flight’s crew and passengers alongside supporting the surviving families. The Association deeply appreciates the participation and support of the public.

More information about Flight PS752 and the Association can be found at <https://www.ps752justice.com/>

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Grants for small businesses electricity rate relief

The Ontario government is providing targeted relief for businesses and people impacted by the current public health measures aimed at blunting the spread of the Omicron variant. As part of this plan, the government is introducing a \$10,000 grant for eligible businesses that are subject to closures under the modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen and is providing additional electricity-rate relief for businesses, as well as workers and families spending more time at home.

“Our government understands that public health measures needed to blunt the spread of the Omicron variant are impacting the lives and livelihoods of small businesses, workers and families across Ontario,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “Since the first day of the pandemic, we have provided unprecedented levels of support to protect people, jobs and our economy. We will continue to deliver on that commitment.”

As part of a comprehensive plan to support workers and businesses, the government is announcing an Ontario COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant for small businesses that are subject to closure under the modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen. It will provide eligible small businesses with a grant payment of \$10,000.

“We are unveiling another round of supports for small businesses in our community to ensure they can get through this difficulty,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. “This new initiative will put money directly into the hands of small businesses – from restaurants to gyms and conference centers – during this critical time, as we work towards reopening.”

Eligible small businesses include:

- Restaurants and bars.
- Facilities for indoor sports and recreational fitness activities (including fitness centres and gyms).
- Performing arts and cinemas.
- Museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attractions.
- Meeting or event spaces.
- Tour and guide services.
- Conference centres and convention centres.
- Driving instruction for individuals.

Eligible businesses that qualified for the Ontario Small Business Support Grant and that are subject to closure under modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen will be pre-screened to verify eligibility and will not need to apply to the new program. Newly established and newly eligible small businesses will need to apply once the application portal opens in the coming weeks. Small businesses that qualify can expect to receive their payment in February.

“Small businesses, job creators and the entrepreneurial spirit are the backbone of Ontario’s economy. Unfortunately, these businesses have been some of the most impacted by COVID-19, and many continue to struggle,” said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. “Since the start of the pandemic, we have provided unprecedented supports for businesses in every region of the province. With the new Ontario COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant, our government will provide relief for thousands of small businesses that create jobs for hard working Ontarians.”

The Ontario government is also providing electricity-rate relief to support small businesses, as well as workers and families spending more time at home while the province is in Modified Step Two. For 21 days starting at 12:01 am on Tuesday, Jan. 18, electricity prices will be set 24 hours a day at the current off-peak rate of 8.2 cents per kilowatt-hour, which is less than half the cost of the current on-peak rate. The off-peak rate will apply automatically to residential, small businesses and farms who pay regulated rates set by the Ontario Energy Board and get a bill from a utility and will benefit customers on both Time-of-Use and Tiered rate plans.

“We know that spending more time at home means using more electricity during the day when prices are higher, that’s why we are moving to off-peak electricity rates 24 hours per day, seven days a week,” said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. “The off-peak rate will provide immediate savings for families, small businesses and farms as all Ontarians work together to slow the spread of the Omicron variant.”

Further, online applications for the previously-announced Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program will open on Jan. 18. This program will provide eligible businesses that are required to close or reduce capacity with rebate payments for up to 100 per cent of the property tax and energy costs they incur while subject to public health measures in response to the Omicron variant.

Eligible businesses required to close for indoor activities, such as restaurants and gyms, will receive a rebate payment equivalent to 100 per cent of their costs. Those required to reduce capacity to 50 per cent, such as smaller retail stores, will receive a rebate

payment equivalent to 50 per cent of their costs. A complete list of eligible businesses will be provided prior to the launch of the application portal.

“Small businesses are at the heart of every community across our province and make a tremendous contribution to Ontario’s economy,” said Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction. “Our government knows how important it is to support small business owners during such a difficult time. That’s why throughout the pandemic, our government has supported small businesses and continues to do so through the new Ontario COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant.”

The government is also improving cash flows for Ontario businesses by providing up to \$7.5 billion through a six-month interest- and penalty-free period starting January 1, 2022 for Ontario businesses to make payments for most provincially administered taxes. This supports businesses now and provides the flexibility they will need for long-term planning. Building on Ontario’s efforts to improve cash flows for businesses, the province continues to call on the federal government to match provincial tax deferral efforts by allowing small businesses impacted by public health restrictions to defer their HST remittances for a period of six months.

“Ontario’s heritage, sport, tourism and culture industries have been hit first, hardest, and are expected to take the longest to recover from the pandemic,” said Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries. “These new supports are critical to protect sectors that contribute more than \$76 billion and hundreds of thousands of jobs in communities across the province.”

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King monitoring gypsy moth problem

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King staff are evaluating options and a response to combatting gypsy moths across the township.

Now known as Lymantria Dispar Dispar (LDD), the moths are a non-native defoliating insect which has become troublesome in recent years.

King, like many surrounding municipalities, experienced issues in 2020 and 2021. While the infestation affected the tree canopy during these two years, staff said there doesn’t appear to be much in the way of long-lasting effects. Staff monitored various locations and found trees to be re-greening by the end of the summer season.

Staff have been working with other municipalities, York Region and conservation authorities to mitigate the problem. Egg mass removal and monitoring took place and data has been shared.

Egg mass scraping and public education took place this year. King staff already conducted a fall egg mass removal and will continue through April 2022.

It has been shown that some insecticides don’t reduce the moth populations. Biological insecticides can also harm other non-targets and the public is against mass spraying of pesticides.

King looked at aerial spraying parts of the municipality, but decided against it. Staff noted that many natural factors – diseases, predators – contribute to the eventual collapse of the bugs. Studies are showing the moth population is starting to collapse. In addition to the egg removal, staff are looking at other options for 2022 that could include burlap banding or ground treatments where high value trees are located.

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FLATO Developments boosts Academy Theatre in Lindsay

FLATO Developments Inc. and Lindsay's Academy Theatre for Performing Arts announce an exciting new partnership that solidifies a significant investment in Lindsay's performing arts community.

The Academy Theatre, a longstanding cultural centre in the Kawartha Lakes community, is now renamed the FLATO Academy Theatre Lindsay, thanks to a significant donation from FLATO.

The funds, which total \$1.375 million over 15 years, will be used to support the theatre's long-term growth and sustained revitalization. This donation comes at a time when the arts community has been hard-hit by the economic impact of COVID-19.

"At FLATO, we believe in investing in the communities we serve and we look for opportunities to make the community better for everyone," said Shakir Rehmatullah, president of FLATO. "In creating this partnership, we are proud to support Lindsay's arts community and invest in this iconic theatre, which is an integral thread in the fabric of the area and is essential to making the City of Kawartha Lakes such a wonderful place to live, work and visit."

For more than a century, the historic Academy Theatre has been an anchor in the downtown Lindsay community. This intimate space brings together tens of thousands of tourists, community members and aspiring young artists each year. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Academy Theatre for Performing Arts welcomed 20,000 visitors and close to one hundred performances a year.

"The Academy Theatre is more than just a venue. With year-round programming that inspires, educates and celebrates some of the most talented local and international entertainers, we truly offer something for everyone," said Mike Piggott, board chairman at the FLATO Academy Theatre Lindsay.

"This investment recognizes the social, cultural and economic benefits of having such an esteemed venue in the community and we are thrilled to be working with Shakir and his team at FLATO. We're excited to see the theatre thrive in the years ahead."

According to the theatre's board of directors, the donation's initial allocation will be used to fund priority capital improvements, while the sustained annual funding commitment will help maintain and enhance theatre operations and programming. This substantial investment will help the theatre recover and provide a longer-term horizon for planning.

"This exciting news comes at a time when our arts and culture community is struggling to rebound from the pandemic," said Andy Letham, Kawartha Lakes Mayor. "The long-term investment by FLATO will be appreciated by residents across Kawartha Lakes and visitors who frequent the Academy Theatre. It's a great example of community-building."

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Local owner Rory MacKinnon said having a nurse in his family "I know first hand what the stresses have been for the health care community. This has been a long couple of years."

"Our purpose at McDonald's is to feed and foster communities and this effort is aimed at acknowledging those who are doing so much to care for our communities right now," said Gemma Pryor, Senior Director, Canada Impact Team. "Throughout the pandemic we saw our franchisees finding creative ways to support their communities in times of need and that's what we're seeing again here with the free coffee offer."

In March 2020, McDonald's Canada partnered with its independent franchisees from coast to coast to coast, giving away more than one million complimentary cups of McCafé Premium Roast Coffee and Tea. Since then, franchisees have continued to show their support within their local communities, on many occasions providing coffee or breakfast to local healthcare workers and volunteers.

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Arts & Entertainment

ASK artists preparing for Studio Tour 2022

By Kathleen Rodgers

Visiting the country is a wonderful way to spend a weekend. It offers the opportunity to explore quaint villages and the studios of the local artists and artisans whose artwork often reflects the landscape around them.

In King Township, each spring brings the Studio Tour King at the end of April. Studio Tour King is celebrating its 17th year and will take place the weekend of April 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The studio tour will include fine paintings (in acrylic, oil, and watercolour), pottery, cards, photography,



fibre arts, mixed media, etc.

This year, Studio Tour King will feature 21 artists and artisans at several locations including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, Laskay Hall, as well as five home studios around King Township including King City and Schomberg. You can check out the Arts Society King (ASK) website at www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca. Then click on EVENTS then STUDIO TOUR 2022 to see the participating artists, their biographies and up to five photos of their artwork.

There will be a link to his/her website and social media accounts for addi-

tional artwork available. In March, brochures will be delivered with the Spring edition of Mosaic and available around King Township including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre to help plan your route. You can also LIKE our social media posts through Facebook/studiotourking, Facebook/artsocietyking2020 or Instagram @artsocietyking.

Here are three of the artists who will be participating this year:

Karen Bowen paints Canada's Countryside and Shorelines, oil on canvas. Her work has been exhibited in many Ontario galleries, studio tours and juried art shows, winning several awards;

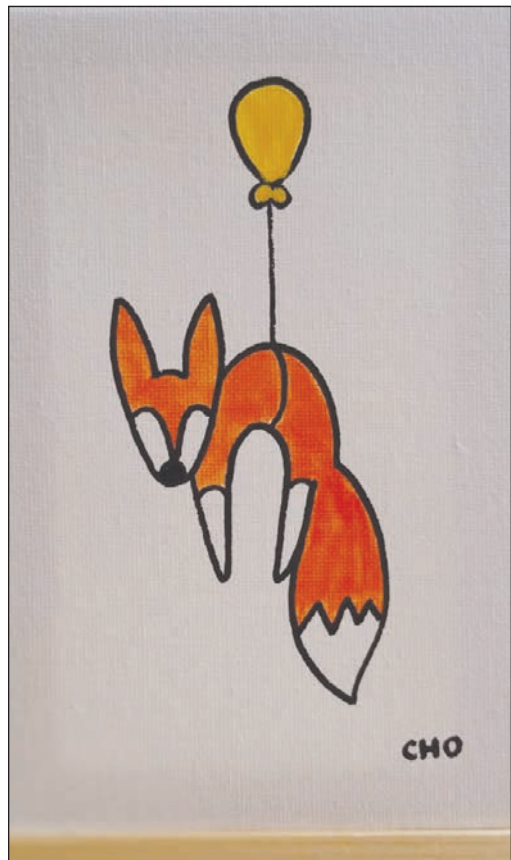
including top 10 seller at the McMichael Fall Sale 2019. You can visit her studio near Midland. Check out her website: www.KarenLBowenart.ca and social media, Facebook & Instagram: KarenLBowen

Wendy Cho is new to Studio Tour King. She is an oil pastel illustrator. She studied at OCAD in design and is a member of the Artists' Network (a Canadian, member-led, organization dedicated to supporting visual artists in their business practice), Art Society King, Richmond Hill group of artist as well as the York Region Arts Council. Her artwork is regarded as clever, whimsical and storybook like. Wendy's artwork brings joy and smiles to everyone. Check out her website: www.oneyoungdesign.ca.

Inge Dam is a hand weaver and has been weaving since 1982. In her work, she uses natural materials such as silk and cotton, dyeing most of them. She specializes in weaving scarves, and making small bags and greeting cards from her left over hand woven and hand dyed fabric. Sometimes, Inge finds inspiration for her work in nature but most often she finds inspiration from working with many different colours and combining them with complex weave structures. Check out her website: <http://ingedam.net>, [Etsy.com/ca/shop/IngesTextiles](https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/IngesTextiles) and social media, Instagram: Inge.Dam.

If you are looking for something to do in April after a long cold winter, take a drive in the country, visit the local art studios and support the artists and artisans. Some artists offer classes so it may be an opportunity to try something new. Who knows maybe one day you will be participating in a studio tour!

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Arts Society King (ASK) is a not-for-profit volunteer organization established in 2005. Its vision is to enrich King Township through arts and culture for all. Its mission is to promote, support, advocate, and celebrate arts and culture through effective partnerships and innovative events and programs.

The volunteer board of directors is led by President Michele Siebler-McNally who is joined by many hard-working individuals who plan and organize ASK initiatives. ASK's office and gallery space is located within the King Heritage and Cultural Centre in King City. ASK members are artists of all different mediums, as well as patrons of the Arts and supporters.

Arts Society King (ASK) is inviting artists who would like an opportunity to showcase their work to a rich, vibrant community of 11,000+ households as well as patrons of the Arts to purchase a membership. By joining ASK, you will:

- Be included in the Arts Society King website directory with a biography, photo, and link to your website/social media.
- Benefit from ASK's social media promotion of artists throughout the year.
- Be included in ASK opportunities in our very own King MOSAiC Magazine (10,000 copies quarterly).
- Receive "Call to Artists" for opportunities and exhibitions, local and regionally-based.
- Participate in Public Art initiatives and Public Art displays through ASK's partnership with King Township.
- Participate in ASK Signature events and exhibitions such as Studio

Tour King, Schomberg Street Gallery, Pop-up Art Shoppes, Themed Gallery Exhibitions, and Speakers' Series, Networking, Lectures (fees for some events may apply).

- Receive discounts on Arts events for artists and associates.
- Promote your personal shows, exhibits, and workshops on the ASK website Artist Bulletin Board.
- Have voting privileges at the Arts Society King Annual General Meeting (including having a voice in our mission and vision).
- Be a part of a strong vibrant organization that supports arts and culture in King Township.
- Receive FREE admission to the King Heritage & Cultural Centre.
- Receive a discount on registration fees for White Hot Shot Photo Contest; Autumn Reflections En Plein Air, etc.
- New Benefits for 2022!
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 - Art exhibitions with new partners: Kingbridge Centre and Eaton Hall.
 - ASK's partnership with other Arts organizations across southern Ontario for exclusive Call For Artists, Workshops, etc.
 - Call For Artists for Public Art around King Township.

Annual membership for this year runs through to Dec. 31. Although 2022 may challenge us yet again, rest assured that Arts Society King is embracing new avenues to share activities, including an Art Show & Sale in November (new event). An ASK Artist may be spotlighted in our bi-weekly eBlast, (eNewsletter) or in the ASK MOSAiC magazine which promotes the Arts in

King Township and is published four times a year. Each issue features an ASK Artist on the cover and includes a page featuring three ASK Artists. The magazine provides great exposure for artists, photographers, artisans and writers and reaches 10,000 households.

New memberships and renewals can be completed through the ASK website at www.artsocietyking.ca or you can mail in your renewal to our mailing address c/o King Heritage & Cultural Centre, 2920 King Rd., King City, ON L7B 1L6.



Second Holiday Light Tour another great success

The lights shone brightly in King Township and so did Christmas morning for a lot of individuals and families in the area, thanks to the generosity of King Township residents and beyond. The second Christmas in King Holiday Light Tour was another great success, bringing in close to \$4,000 through map purchases and donations.

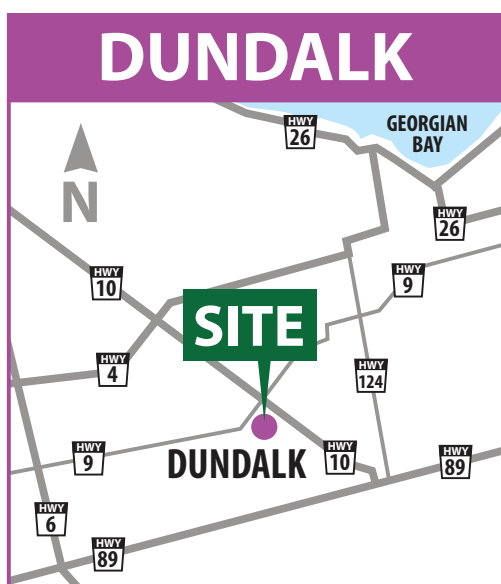
This year, Christmas in King touched the lives of close to 350 children and adults by providing them with their choice of gifts, donated hampers of festive foods, Santa Boxes and fresh, decorated wreaths, as well as turkeys, boxes of clementines and extra food cards to help make the holiday season brighter.

"Combined with proceeds from the Holiday Light Tour, 2021 has brought a new record in the generosity of the community to Christmas in King. The Holiday Light Tour has greatly raised the profile of Christmas in King, in addition to substantially adding to the funds available. We were able to offer more items than ever this year. A huge thank you to those who registered their light displays and to those who purchased maps and made donations," said Carol Ann Trabert, Co-ordinator, Christmas in King.

The Holiday Light Tour provided maps to guide drivers to 24 beautifully-lit residences and businesses and even included a special surprise in Nobleton where tour participants were delighted with an entire street populated by 10-foot tall blow-up Santas!

The Holiday Light Tour initiative was undertaken by a dedicated team of volunteers including Geoff Simpson, Kerstin Wyndham-West, Jenni Proos, and Filomena Mazzuca, led by Patti Skrypek.

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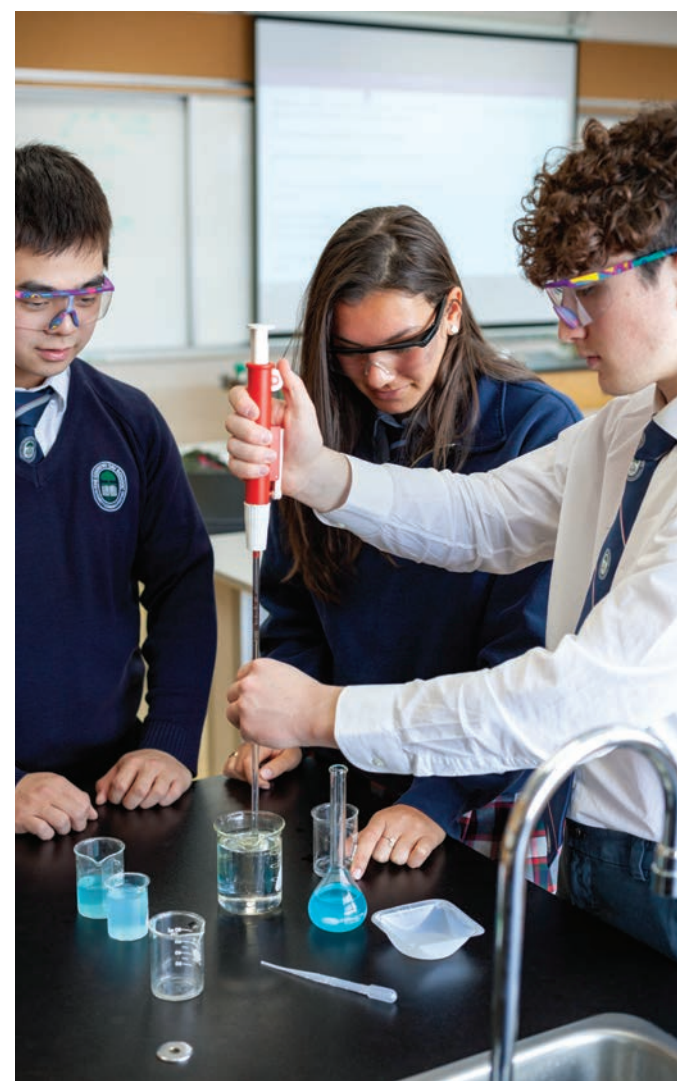
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Steve Vickers is honoured to be with other NHL stars

By Robert Belardi

Steve Vickers grew up as the oldest of six children in Scarborough, Ontario in the 1950s.

He wanted to get into sport but with his father being a firefighter, it was quite tough. When Vickers turned nine years old his mother put him in hockey. He still hears it from time to time, why his mother eventually signed him up.

“She put me into hockey because I didn’t have any friends,” Vickers chuckled.

“That was the way to meet people and to meet other kids. I played house league for two years. Couldn’t skate for my first year. The only way I could skate in those days was to hit the boards.”

It may have been clandestine to Vickers at the time, but his talents grew rapidly. He always practiced outdoors at a rink down the street from his home. He had an affection for the game and one that would open doors of opportunity.

He played for the Wexford Lions program all the way up to 16-years-old. In his midget hockey year, he was cut unexpectedly by the coach. A year later, Vickers decided to try out for the Markham Waxers, a Jr. B team in the MetJHL.

“I remember it was the first time I ever got paid to play hockey. I was making \$2.50 a game. Frank Bonello signed me in his car at the George Bell Arena in the parking lot. We got all of our equipment. I couldn’t believe it. They’re actually going to give me equipment with skates included,” Vickers recalled.

“I ended up running away with the scoring championship somehow.”

Vickers ended the year with 43 goals and 40 assists, turning the heads of many scouts in the nearby area and even abroad. Vickers had been offered scholarships to join Notre Dame, Michigan State, New Hampshire and even Cornell where Ken Dryden had played. He opted to stay at home and earned a spot on the roster with the Toronto Marlboros. He recorded 173 regular season points and 30 playoff points in his two years with the team.

Unlike the NHL Draft today – filled with the glamour, the fancy suits and



tens of thousands of people congregating in a chosen arena – it was a simple conference call in the early 1970s.

While cutting grass at Riverdale Park at his summer job with the City of Toronto, Vickers received a call from his mother on his break.

“She told me I had been drafted by the New York Rangers 10 overall. I said thanks mom and I took that information and went back on my tractor and finished the day. It’s a little different today,” he laughed.

As an added revelation, Vickers shared he was also a little upset. He had wanted to go to the Philadelphia Flyers. He knew he wouldn’t of had a chance to crack the NHL roster and he was right.

In 1971-72 he spent a year in Omaha playing for the Knights in the CHL. The next season in preparation for the start of the year, the Rangers had Vickers on their active roster. Known for his scoring talents, the Rangers wanted to see how he was ready to contribute. In an exhibition game in Flint, Michigan, Vickers showed another side to his game that was not previously known to the Rangers staff.

Noel Picard cross checked Vickers in the back of the neck after Vickers scored a goal past him. Instantly, Vickers turned around and clocked Picard with a right hand to the face, knocking the big man down.

The Rangers brought Vickers right to Manhattan and to Madison Square Garden after that. Initially, he was placed on the fourth line but with second line forward Gene Carr struggling to score, head coach Emile Francis swapped the two players. Vickers began playing with German born Canadian forward Walter Tkaczuk and Bran-

don, Manitoba native Bill Fairbairn.

Vickers ended up scoring two hat-tricks in two consecutive games on that line. He was the first ever player to achieve such a feat once stats began to be recorded. He won the Calder Trophy that year scoring 30 goals and adding 23 assists. He spent 10 amazing seasons with the New York Rangers before retiring and was nicknamed “The Sarge” on the ice.

Following his retirement, his family spent five years in New York before returning to Canada in 1987. The family shuffled around between Oakdale and Markham, before deciding to reside in Aurora. It was a great golfing area and new homes were being built at the time in late 80s. He has been in Aurora ever since.

He became involved in hockey locally

for a little while. His two sons and his daughter all played the sport in their youths. Now, he is a starter at Westview Golf Course.

With a successful nomination and now an inductee into the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame, Vickers said it is quite an honour to be a part of this.

“I thought it was quite an honour. I know some players I played with and against. They’re in there. I had a pretty good year and I thought maybe one day it might happen to me I guess. I know Mike Palmateer, the Murphy’s, Dave Gardner and Mike Kitchen,” Vickers said.

Vickers was inducted into the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame at the Royal Venetian along with Lois Thompson, the late Brendan Macken and Colin Graham.

Robert’s Rant

Closures are not the answer

By Robert Belardi

Does Premier Doug Ford truly understand what he is doing?

In last week’s gruelling announcement, Ford had ordered a closure of practically all indoor facilities and had implemented a 50 per cent capacity limit to retail, weddings and funerals.

A month prior, it was as if there was a pre-conceived notion the province would never return something similar of a “lockdown.” But with Ford’s announcement; that was quite frankly mercurial and inconsiderate to every small business, restaurant, gym, sports team (you name it at this point), it’s quite clear our premier simply doesn’t care.

The only thing Ford is concerned about is COVID-19. With the Omicron variant running rampant all over the province, doctors and infectious disease specialists did peg this new variant as the lesser of the few evils we had previously known. Sure, it spreads rapidly, but it isn’t deadly. It’s more of standard flu and that is an excellent sign moving forward.

So here we are again. Instead of hospitalizations being the number one concern, now it’s also a lack of hospital staff. Nurses and doctors are tired. How can we even blame them for wanting to take some time off to decompress? Then there’s nobody to cover them. Maybe volunteers need to come in and as a society, we all need to step in to help out. Then, we need to fix this issue for the future because our health care system cannot be in this current state moving forward.

So as a result, we have back-peddled to where we were in the past. Stage two restrictions when the entirety of the province was promised normalcy as long as vaccination targets were met. And because that is still not enough - because majority of people complying was of course not enough – now everyone must suffer once again.

I’d like to bring to your attention on who is also suffering very heavily. It isn’t just businesses, gyms and restaurants that we already know about. Young athletes, who work tirelessly to prove to the rest of the world they deserve a place in their sport, are facing life threatening changes. These young men and women who dedicate their lives in efforts to earn scholarships to top schools or a look into future drafts, now have to suspend their daily routines all because they are now unable to play their sport.

“We’ve actually, I think, gone above and beyond protocols. We’ve done double-screening before players come in and when they get there everyone gets screened. We bought our team foggers and everything like that. We wanted to make sure we were aligned above with what the government was saying,” said commissioner of the OJHL, Marty Savoy.

“We understand the frustration. It’s a virus we’re trying to deal with. But we look at the players. This could be now the third season disrupted that we have kids in seven-figures who are vying for scholarship offers through youth sports and going to the OHL. We spend hours and hours trying to plan for possible scenarios. We think guys we all played in this league and we look at what these poor kids are going through.”

The OJHL formally wrote a press release confirming their season will be paused up until Jan. 26. Savoy said the league’s staff had tried to anticipate what the government was going to do and ensured there was a plan for almost every possible scenario. The OJHL had over 60 different plans during the first lockout and have prepared 19 different plans for this year.

A former player for the Oakville Blades, Mimico Monarchs, Georgetown Raiders and Streetsville Derbys, Savoy and his staff implemented the First-Assist program last year; a mental health assistance program for all players and staff to utilize.

Accounting for the well-being of the league is not something every league has in place. There are sports leagues that are suffering now and the mental well-being of many children is surely in all of our thoughts, considering the fact schools are also closed and everyone is back to working online.

And of course, there are financial commitments that every sports organization needs to account for and that can easily throw sports leagues to the wayside.

“We’ve had commitments for nationally televised games. We have a 10-week schedule games on CHCH that we have to work around. We have sponsor commitments that we have to work through. The one thing that I have to say all of our partners from that side of it, even the rinks that we deal with have been unbelievable to deal with,” Savoy said.

“Everyone is going through COVID. It’s not just a hockey related thing. All of our partners in the league have been very understanding. We’ve had to adjust a lot of things.”

As we continue to wait until further announcements are made, I have an ever-growing concern that things will not be open on Jan. 26.

In dire need of normalcy, we all want to see children back in schools, athletes back on the ice and people out and about enjoying everyday life. It is stultifying for plenty of individuals to continuously live like this.

Hopefully Ford’s impetuous announcement is the last one of its kind we hope to hear. Hold your breath and cross your fingers.

Skiing and snowboarding are still available options

As COVID rages on, and the country is plunged deeper into despair with Omicron wreaking havoc from coast to coast, there is a natural mood booster widely available to Canadians – skiing!

Downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing all happen outside where there is plenty of ventilation, sunshine, and fresh air – all good for our mental health – and when combined with the physical benefits, these are perfect sports.

“Last year we learned so much,” exclaims Kevin Nichol, president of the Ontario Ski Resorts Association (OSRA). “We were able to implement the ideal safety protocols and keep all skiers safe for the season. Now, we’re ready to offer Canadians a way to stay mentally and physically healthy when other forms of exercise, like gyms and skating rinks, are needing to close because they’re primarily indoor activ-

ities. Hills and slopes, being outside, have natural advantages, as do skiing and snowboarding themselves, since they keep people at a distance while participating.”

Resorts and hills have had to make some changes in the current COVID conditions, such as closing indoor areas, but skiing can still be done, outdoor fire pits provide warming stations, online ticket sales keep attendance in check, and there is still fun to be had with friends and family.

Not sure what to expect when you arrive at a ski location? According to Paul Pinchbeck, president of the Canadian Ski Council: “Know before you go! It’s best to check with your destination to make sure you know their safety protocols, vaccine mandates and masking requirements. Every single ski hill, resort and trail throughout Canada is following the local guidelines, which will differ dramatically from one province to the next.”

But with skiing offered from coast to coast, why not take advantage of this fantastic outdoor sport to get active and have fun, while staying safe and boosting your mood. “Skiing is fun and it’s safe. Hills and resorts across the country are waiting to welcome Canadians.”

Founded in 1977, the Canadian Ski Council is a national, not-for-profit ski and snowboard organization whose mandate is to increase participation in recreational skiing, snowboarding, and cross-country skiing in Canada.



Historic court award in Flight 752 case sends a message

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice's massive \$107 million award to the families of six victims in the shooting down of Ukraine Airlines Flight PS752 by the Islamic Republic of Iran sends a strong message to the world.

The decision follows the May 20, 2021 decision of the court in which it found that the shooting down of the airplane was an intentional terrorist act perpetrated by Iran and the other defendants named in the Claim.

Names in the suit were the Republic of Iran, the Revolutionary Guard, Armed Forces and Supreme Leader of Iran himself.

On Jan. 8, 2020, the Islamic Republic of Iran fired two missiles into Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 departing Tehran en route to Kiev causing the aircraft to crash. Approximately 75 Canadians were killed.

The plaintiffs are some surviving family members who lost spouses, children, nieces and nephews. They filed a private law claim in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against the Islamic

Republic of Iran and others responsible for the disaster.

This damages Decision of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice is unprecedented in Canadian law. It is significant for the impact it will have on immediate surviving family members seeking justice.

Nobleton's Shahin Moghaddam lost his wife Shakiba and young son Rosstin in the tragedy.

Each of the plaintiffs filed victim impact statements and photographs from "happier times."

"If the words on the victim impact statements do not convey the full measure of the loss, the family photos that were attached to the affidavits certainly do," Judge Edward Belobaba wrote. The images reveal the enormity of the personal losses.

A press conference was held Jan. 4 via Zoom but it was derailed by strange images from hackers.

Jonah Arnold, of Weinman Arnold LLP, said the fight continues and work so far has been a total team effort.

Mark Arnold, counsel with Gardiner Miller Arnold LLP, said he expected this decision.

"My initial thought was profound sadness," he said, adding they knew if they put together a solid case, they'd get the results.

Moghaddam thanked the legal team and others, who did a great job. He extended his thanks to the support received from people around the world.

Justice Belobaba awarded \$7 million in compensatory damages and \$100 million in punitive damages, plus interest, to the family members who went to court.

"We intend to collect on this decision," Mark Arnold said.

He pointed out money is not the issue but the judgement sends a clear message that these acts can't be tolerated. The significance of this decision is how it will play out in the coming months.

The legal team can take this objective number and use it any future negotiations.

In the damages decision, Ontario Superior Court Justice Edward Belobaba found on a balance of probabilities that

the missiles that shot down the Ukraine International Airlines Flight were fired deliberately at a time when there was no armed conflict in the area.

As a result, he found it constituted an act of terrorism that would invalidate Iran's immunity against civil litigation.

Arnold has said that his team will look to seize Iranian assets in Canada and abroad to get the compensation.

The case was filed by Nobleton's Shahin Moghaddam, Mehrzad Zarei and Ali Gorji. Fearing reprisals from Iran, some of the other plaintiffs withheld their names.

Regarding pain and suffering, Judge Balabado asked "how exactly should a court monetize the terror that both crew and passengers must have felt after being hit by the first missile? And 30 seconds later, by a second missile? And then over the next four minutes as the plane hurled towards earth and inevitable death?"

He pointed out that U.S. judges "uniformly" award \$1 million to victims of terrorism and the judge felt this was appropriate for each of the case's plaintiffs.

He admitted when setting punitive damages, it was the most challenging component of the analysis. The level and importance of this decision weighed heavily on him. He said the focus should not be on the plaintiffs' losses but the defendants' misconduct and damages should be seen as a deterrent.

While the judge admitted that huge sums against foreign countries are seldom collected and remain outstanding, he's "satisfied that some level of enforcement may well be possible and some level of deterrence may well be achieved."

The \$100 million in punitive damages are made largely due to the enormity of the defendants' misconduct of killing innocent people. The judge also believes stronger messages in the war against terrorism need to be sent.

"This court is prepared to add its voice to others in the international community collectively condemning the terrorist actions of the defendant state," he wrote.

Ontario renews scholarships in honour of plane crash victims

In memory of the 57 Canadians involved in the 2020 fatal plane crash of Ukrainian International Airlines Flight PS752 in Iran, Ontario is renewing the scholarship fund created in their honour.

Many of the victims were part of Ontario's post-secondary community, and as such, the fund will disburse additional scholarship funding of \$10,000 to 57 students, one in memory of each victim.

"Two years have passed since this terrible tragedy, but I can still remember how incredibly shocked and saddened I was when I first received the news about Flight 752 – and I'm sure the families and loved ones of the victims still feel that devastating moment deeply," said Premier Ford. "I would like to extend my sincere condolences to those impacted by this tragedy and hope they find some small comfort in this continued scholarship funding that will honour the memories of those 57 Canadians we lost."

"I want to express my deepest sympathies to the families, friends and colleagues who lost someone during that terrible event," said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. "Many of the victims were students and professors at postsecondary institutions here in Ontario, and as such, our community was particularly shaken. We can never replace the loss of so many bright and promising scholars, educators – and above all – loved ones, but we hope to honour their memories through the continuation of this scholarship fund."

The Ontario post-secondary institutions who lost students or faculty in the fatal plane crash included: Carleton University, Centennial College, Fleming College, George Brown College, Lambton College, McMaster University, Queen's University, Ontario Tech University (formerly UOIT), the University of Guelph, the University of Ottawa, the University of Toronto, the University of Waterloo, Western University, the University of Windsor, and York University.

"I distinctly remember how this devastating event resonated across Canada, particularly within our strong Iranian community," said Goldie Ghamari, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges and Universities. "It is with great sympathy that we continue to grieve the loss of so many talented students, faculty and other victims – and I hope this scholarship fund pays tribute in a small way."

"Although we can't bring back the 57 Canadians that were lost on Jan. 8, 2020, we continue to mourn their loss and remember all they have done for our communities," said Michael Parsa, MPP for Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill.






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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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Schomberg Horticultural Society

The program director of the Schomberg Horticultural Society, Angela Rose, hit the ground running once the Christmas celebrations were over and booked a very exciting speaker for their first meeting for Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Here is a brief description of the first talk this month on vermicomposting:

Cathy Nesbitt is a worm advocate and founder of "Cathy's Crawly Composters." Established in 2002, this environmental business specializes in vermicomposting (indoor composting with worms) and organic diversion. Vermicomposting is a leading edge answer to our organic waste problem. Without a doubt, Cathy is Canada's foremost authority on vermicomposting.

Through inspirational story telling and an incredible sense of humour, Cathy has raised the level of awareness about environmental conservation. Over 75,000 students have seen her presentation! Cathy has spoken on vermiculture at provincial and national conferences. Cathy is also the subject of a documentary: Squirm - The Cathy's Crawly Composters Story. As if that isn't enough, she is a master Laughter Yoga instructor. This is sure to be a super fun presentation!

The Society is inviting community members to join their very inclusive Society and thus enjoy the opportunity to learn anything that has to do with horticulture and gardening.

This presentation is free to members of the Society. The membership entitles you to all the monthly meetings (via zoom unless notified otherwise) and plenty of community spirit. Your membership will help us promote and finance community projects, such as the Centennial garden at Hwy 27 and Main Street and also the gardens at the library on Main Street. A single membership is \$20, a family membership \$25. For membership information contact: schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

Schomberg United Church

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Harris has done a lovely solo for this service. For more details on this special service, please read Nobleton Notes.

If you are not on our regular email list, let me know if you would like to have the Zoom links and video workshops. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We continue to have a Zoom Coffee hour on Thursday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. Let me know if you want to be included in the email blast or want to join via phone. Our chat topics are wide-ranging.

My contact info is 905-859-0761 or nancy@hopkinson.ca.

Region supports York Region Arts Council

Regional Council approved the allocation of up to \$250,000 from the Pandemic Management Reserve Fund for the York Region Arts Council (YRAC) in support of regional arts, culture and tourism.

The arts, culture and tourism sectors have faced significant challenges throughout the COVID-19 global pandemic, including cancelled programming, lost advertising and decreased event revenues. To support the post-pandemic recovery of a vibrant and economically viable arts, culture and tourism sector in York Region, YRCA is looking to a variety of sources for financial support.

Regional Council's approved support of YRAC will see funds released on a quarterly basis pending the outcome of YRAC's applications for alternative funding recovery.

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York Region is expanding COVID-19 booster doses

Individuals 18 years and older, who received their second dose at least three months ago, can book an appointment for their third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

“To date, York Region Public Health’s COVID-19 booster strategy has emphasized providing added protection to those who were most at risk of severe illness and hospitalization, and together with our partners, we have successfully vaccinated over half of this 50+ population,” said Dr. Barry Pakes, York Region’s Medical Officer of Health. “As we continue to increase our capacity through expanded hours and new mass vaccination sites, we are pleased to announce the expanded eligibility for booster doses to those age 18+. Today, we are also announcing prioritized appointments for the education sector as part of support for a return to in-person learning.”

Shots are available to:

Health care workers and designated essential caregivers in congregate settings (including long-term care home

and retirement home staff and designated caregivers) as identified by the Ontario Ministry of Health.

Individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine (two doses of the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine or one dose of the Janssen/Johnson and Johnson vaccine).

Individuals who received two doses of a vaccine not approved by Health Canada.

First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults and their non-Indigenous household members (16 years of age and older).

Moderately to severely-immunocompromised individuals, as identified by the Ministry of Health and who are 12 years of age and older, are also eligible for a third dose if it has been 56 days since their second dose.

Eligible individuals can book an appointment at one of York Region’s COVID-19 vaccine clinics by visiting york.ca/COVID19Vaccine; residents who wish to book an appointment via telephone can call Access York at 1-877-464-9675; interpretation services are

available; booster doses are offered by appointment only.

Currently Moderna is being provided to all individuals 30 years of age and older; adult Pfizer will be provided at select clinics for individual ages 18 to 29.

Booster dose appointments are also available at select pharmacies and through the provincial booking system; this includes the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at Cornell Community Centre, operated by the Eastern York Region and North Durham Ontario Health Teams and Oak Valley Health and the Ray Twinney Recreational Centre, operated by the Southlake Community Ontario Health Team; York Region Public Health and its partners continue to work to expand clinic capacity and new appointments are added regularly.

York Region Public Health is offering prioritized appointments for education staff, including educators, custodial staff, administrative staff, school bus drivers and licensed child care centre staff.

Approximately 10,000 appointments will be available at York Region Public Health-led clinics on Saturday, Jan. 15 and Sunday, Jan. 16, with other clinics actively being planned. York Region is working directly with school boards and licensed child care centre operators to book appointments.

Reserving vaccines for educators and school staff to get their booster dose is one of the many ways York Region Public Health is supporting a return to in-person learning.

York Region COVID-19 vaccination clinics will continue to accept walk-ins for both first and second doses for all eligible individuals age 5+ (must be at least 5 years old on the date of immunization).

To ensure all appointments are available to those who are eligible, we encourage residents to book only one appointment per person and cancel any appointments they do not intend to use. For more information on eligibility, clinic locations, hours or to book an appointment, please visit york.ca/COVID19Vaccine

708 OBITUARIES

HUGHES, Brian

Peacefully passed away at home surrounded by his family on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 70 years of age. Beloved husband of Cathy. Loving father of Tiffany (Dan) Beeston and Kristen (Scott) Marven. Proud grandpa of Evan, Ella, Emily; Isla, Lily and Allie. Cherished son of late Orville and late Jean Hughes. Dear brother of late Jim Hughes, Marjorie Jean Hughes (Chris Graham) and Edie (Phil) Barley. Brian will also be lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews. A private funeral service will be held Skwarchuk Funeral Home, Bradford followed by interment at St. Paul Cemetery, Coulson’s Hill, Bradford. Live streaming of the funeral service will be available on the funeral home website on Friday, January 14, 2022 at 11 a.m. A public celebration of Brian’s life will be held at a later date. In Brian’s memory, donations may be made to the Gord Downie Fund for Brain Cancer Research <https://donate.sunnybrook.ca/gord> or Matthew’s House Hospice <https://www.matthewshousehospice.ca/>. Online condolences may be made at www.skwarchukfuneralhome.com.

708 OBITUARIES

RUMBLE, David Ross

August 27, 1980 - November 21, 2021 Suddenly as the result of a motor vehicle accident on Sunday, November 21, 2021 in British Columbia. David Rumble, beloved son of Margaret (née Smythe) and the late Ross (Jan. 2021). Lovingly remembered by his sisters Janet, Susan and Karen. David will be missed by many family members and friends. He had a charming way of connecting with everyone he met on his life journey of 41 years. Memorial Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 14485 Jane Street, King City, Ontario on Friday morning, January 14th at 10:30am. (Maximum capacity 120). Donations in David’s memory may be sent to the King Township Food Bank as requested by the family. Private burial will take place in King City Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements by Egan Funeral Home, Bolton (905-857-2213). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

709 IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE HOWARD WALTON (1932-2021) “His Life Lived”



He was known to Family and Friends as Howard. Howard was My Dad.

Howard was born south of Palgrave in the same farmhouse where his paternal grandparents had settled in the 1870s.

He barely knew his father Emerson Walton who died in 1937. Following his father’s death, his mother Ethel (known as Dee Gee), moved the family, Howard, and older sister Doris to Palgrave. Dad said that during the Depression his mother would feed men who would appear at their door after hitching a ride on the freight trains that went through town. He also mentioned seeing Farley Mowat at Gibson’s Garage.

Dad spent most of his 88+ years living and working in the area around Palgrave, Ontario, and the Humber River. At the age of 17, he started at The Woodbridge Advertiser (a weekly farm newspaper in Palgrave) as a typesetter and pressman. Ivan Lavery, Dad’s employer described him as a faithful and devoted employee. When Ivan died, Howard took over the business. I was 15 when I started working with my Dad at the newspaper where I recorded subscriptions and classified ads. He gave me my work ethic and taught me the difference between Jersey and Hereford cattle. My Dad sold the newspaper in 1982. The newspaper is still being published. After selling the newspaper he opened The Printery Antique Shop.

Dad married Laura Ray from Kleinburg in 1956. Daughters Valerie and Deborah followed. Deborah’s son, Alexander Howard Simpson was his only grandchild. In the early 60’s my parents bought me a Shetland pony that we named Trigger. Later Deborah added Duke and Cricket to the stable. In August 1966, his mother, Brother-in-Law Rae Matson, and oldest Niece Deanna were killed in an automotive collision. His Sister and Niece’s Husband Murray Bradley survived. Cheryl, his younger Niece, was safe at home.

Mom and Dad had never been on an airplane, instead our family went on camping trips in Ontario, Quebec, the Maritimes, and the Northeastern U.S. Dad was a member of Palgrave United Church and he played euchre at the Palgrave Orange Hall and the Caledon Seniors’ Centre. He served on Palgrave’s Morningside Cemetery Board of Directors with Bob Gibson, Jack Gibson, and Norval Patterson. Dad passed away at home on January 6, 2021. On September 25, 2021, he was buried in Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave, where he is now at rest with Family and Friends nearby.

Dad loved to talk to people, people he knew for years, and others he had just met. He listened, laughed, and remembered their stories. Just like Dad, I talk to everyone because I learned from the best. Thank you to all of Dad’s Family and Friends for picking up their telephones when he called, plus the times when they called him. He just loved to talk.

Missing you always,
Laura, Valerie, Deborah & Alexander

- Valerie Walton is Howard’s Daughter

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We welcome you to join us in person for worship this Sunday. Masks still must be worn and households are to be kept two metres apart from each other.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach will be leading worship this Sunday. Jeff will be leading a new series on the book of Revelations. His message is titled, "A Letter to Seven Churches" and is based on Revelations 1.1-20.

Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our Women's LifeConnect Group has begun meeting again on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 to 11 a.m. via Zoom. For details be in touch with us at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

St. Paul's is 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 to find a list of items needed.

Neighbourhood Watch

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

St. Mary's Church

The attendance for the Holy Masses will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once you enter the foyer of the church, we invite you to sign in on the forms provided with your family name, number of family members attending and contact number. If you are not well, we ask that you refrain from attending Holy Mass celebrations.

For those unable to attend the Holy Mass in person, please join us online on Sunday for the livestreamed celebration of the Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m. from

St. Patrick's Parish, Schomberg. Visit us on our Facebook page to join us virtually for the celebration of the liturgies. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Browse our websites:

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

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

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens for our Life Nights on Zoom. The next virtual event will be taking place on Saturday, Jan. 22. More information on the parish bulletin.

Please contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or zgagl@archtoronto.org for Zoom link. Hope to see you there!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program on Zoom has resumed. More details in the parish bulletin or contact our Children's liturgy of the Word coordinator on: 416-605-6843.

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

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

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

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

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

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

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we can order it. Our guest speaker/professional singer Sandra Kirby is not in favour of singing in-person at this time and so the only way that it is possible to have our musical service is to do it on Zoom.

We already delayed this service from October and we do not want to delay it further. Stefani Harris has done a lovely solo for this service. She explained why she chose "True Colours" for her song. I love her explanation:

"My reasons are:

I love the support this song shows, how in times of our lives, we will all go through dark, lonely, sad times but that there is always someone who loves us as we are and is willing to lift us up when we are not able to lift ourselves. It also speaks to me of how our church as a family is always so supporting and welcoming of one another and we genuinely want what is best for each member. I also love how the United Church is a welcoming church and literally, all are welcome. The idea of coming as you are, who you are and you will be accepted and loved, no matter your race, colour, culture, sexual orientation, etc. I believe this song speaks to all of these features of our church and thus, I sang it for you."

Val Ball and Sue DiFebo have completed the 125th Anniversary Book with many stories and photographs of various families and activities. There is even a two-page section on the stained-glass windows and the stories behind each one. Sue and Val found that learning how to organize a book was a challenge, but they are experienced at scrapbooking and those talents are evident in this beautifully finished product. We will be taking orders for these lovely hard cover keepsakes.

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Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is up and running, marking our 60th year of service to the community.

The Lions wish to thank all knitters and crocheters who have donated cozy, homemade slippers for 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 RMHs in south central Ontario. For followup details please contact Lion Rick at rick@rickevans.net

Do you know a student who has skills in posting to social media account websites such as Twitter, Facebook and possibly Instagram? The Club is looking for volunteers, and will certify the time spent, to help fulfill the requirements for volunteer hours. Contact Lion Rick as above, or Lion Ek at ek.heidebrecht@gmail.com

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 contact Rick, and we will drop packages outside your door, contact free.

As always, we welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Rick as above.

From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our health authorities, get vaccinated when your turn comes, and stay safe! We're in this together!

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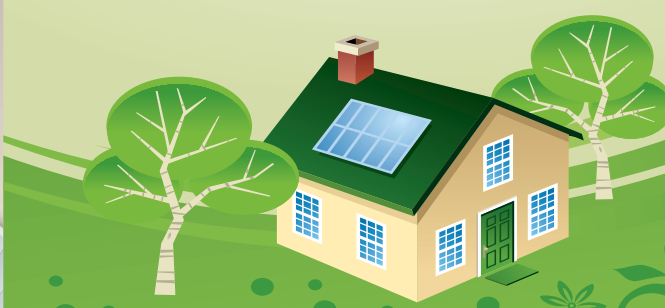
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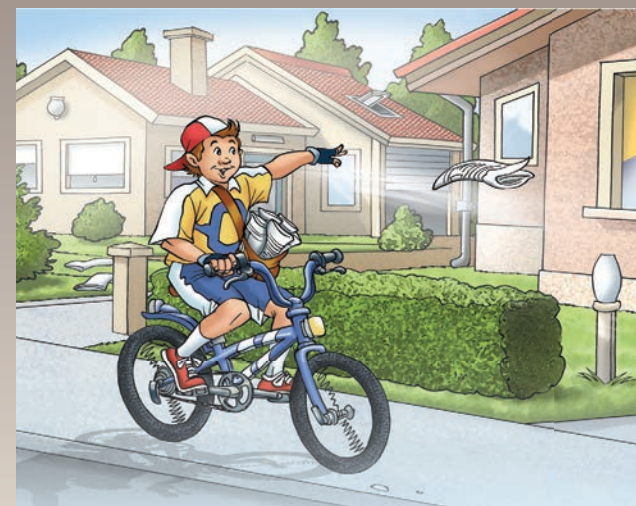
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Last week Rev. Lee's message of hope entered around our covenants with God focusing on His covenant with Jeremiah. His words reminded us that this "new covenant" is one that is written on our hearts and offering us "healing and encouragement and hope" in the darkest of times.

In the new year we pray that you will have faith, stay safe and trust that we will see better days, "For God is our God and we shall be his people."

After careful consideration and in response to rising positive COVID-19 cases, KCUC has decided to return to an online worship format only and close the in-person worship. We hope you will join with us on our online worship which will be through the Zoom format and uploaded to our YouTube Channel - YorkUnitedMinistries.

If you wish to participate through the Zoom at 10 a.m., please contact the office at kcuc@bellnet.ca to be put on the invitation list. We will provide all the details on our website at kcuc.net. If we experience any problems with live streaming we apologize in advance and the worship will be uploaded as soon as possible.

Last week's worship is available on our website. Any updates will be provided on our website.

Happy New Year and best wishes for health and happiness in 2022.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as we're back online for our services during the Modified Step 2 stage. You can watch the service live on Facebook or through our website (www.kingbiblechurch.com) or it will be uploaded on YouTube later on Sunday.

Please visit our website to register for our services (we require everyone to pre-register for the service) at www.kingbiblechurch.com

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

Please visit our website for links and further information. www.kingbiblechurch.com

We also have virtual Bible studies over Zoom. Further information is on

our website under "Small Groups."

If you have any questions please email Lisa Lethangue at lisa@kingbiblechurch.com.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us online this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at standrews-kingcity.ca. Until further notice, all in-person church use events and services have been cancelled except for the King Township Food Bank's once monthly distribution. If you need more information regarding the Food Bank, please contact ktfb.ca

Following the worship service, Coffee Time via Zoom happens! Grab your coffee/tea and let's chat! Call us if you need the ZOOM link.

Going into this year, St. Andrew's has a new sermon series of Jesus's Parables. We are appreciating their importance to us, found in God's Guide Book for Life.

The online Bible Study with Lynn is starting up again, early evening on Tuesdays. "Art for the Soul" takes place again Wednesday afternoons. Lynn encourages you to join, whatever your experience with art. Have fun expressing yourself! Another Bible Study will be coming for morning folks - either Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Let Lynn know your preference. Also, call Lynn for the Zoom links for any of the online programs.

In these uncertain, anxious times 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."

We are happy to pray with you or for you, in confidence.

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

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

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Our church is once again closed for worship. Please enjoy our live video Morning Prayer service with organ in-

terludes and sermon at 10:30 Sundays on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/allsaintsking.

King or Servant? A Sermon for the Baptism of the Lord by Fr. Michael on the text from Luke 3:

"I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming."

"All through Advent we've heard in scripture the wonderful promises to a people that sorely need good news. We've heard God tell his people that the bad times aren't going to last. A saviour will come to lead us out of the darkness. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, Isaiah says, and for us this Christmas, as always, that light was a star that led us to the baby in manger in Bethlehem. What sort of king will this little one become? Today he's on the muddy bank of the Jordan, patiently waiting his turn to be baptized.

"It's hard to see how Jesus is any sort of king.

"John the Baptist was out there in the desert, warning people to straighten up and fly right, because the one coming on his heels came from God himself. The crowds were expecting someone impressive. In Matthew's gospel, the Baptist is scandalized when Jesus comes down into the muddy brown water of the Jordan, where others have stood before him.

"Why did our Lord need to receive baptism? Jesus had nothing to repent of. I think the reason has to do with you

and me.

"I think the whole point of Jesus's baptism is to send his son to stand in the mud and water with us rather than to lord it over us. Here, God unveils the servant who will save us, the healer who will heal us. When the voice from heaven says "You are my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased" (Lk 3.22), we hear the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy that the Saviour would not be a king as the world understood kings, but a servant.

"Isaiah wrote: "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations" (Isa 42:1).

"Jesus's baptism is God's announcement that Jesus is the servant. Jesus will go to the bruised, to those whose hopes are faint, to those imprisoned by illness and by social stigma, he will teach and he will heal. His mission is to bring God's justice, to the earth, even if it has to lay down his life in shame and pain to do it. He comes to us because he loves us, as the Father loves him. We can find strength for whatever crappy, muddy place we find ourselves in, Jesus is standing there with us.

As we face this new year, with all its doubts and fears, how will you live in the knowledge that you too are God's beloved child? How will you love and serve others so they may see that they too are loved and called by God?"

Budweth retires after 30 years

Congratulations to Captain Dave Budweth on his retirement from King Fire and Emergency Services. After 30 years of dedication and exemplary service, Dave has decided to hang up his red fire helmet.

Since Dave's hire date in 1991, he dedicated well over 30 years of his life to the residents of King Township, especially to the residents of Nobleton. His commitment to the fire department and residents has never wavered - both on and off the job. Either it was Dave, his brother Alf (or both of them) and a large portion of their feed mill employees that continuously responded to emergency calls throughout the course of the years in Nobleton.

This kind of support from a local business owner was vital to the overall success of the Nobleton Station. A big influence of this success was due to Dave's upbringing. His father Alf Senior - a local business owner and ward councillor - and his mother too, played a significant part in this.

So that's what Dave did, he gave back to the community that he grew up in. And he did this with true dedication.

"As a firefighter, Captain, and as a Chief Officer, I had the good fortune to work with Dave at many incidents over the years," said Fire Chief Wall. "Dave's sense of what needed to be done next at an incident (especially at a fire scene) brought comfort to everyone. Just his sheer presence at an emergency scene instilled a level of comfort, trust, and confidence in Dave's abilities," said Wall.

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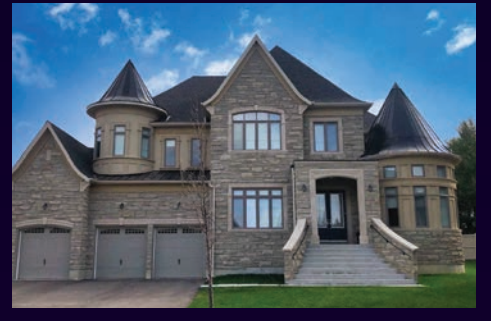
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