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## King crews battle house fire in King City

Crews from all three of King's fire stations responded to a house fire in King City recently. They arrived quickly and worked hard in freezing conditions. Turn to Page 3 for the full details.

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## Council gives more time for input into plan

By Mark Pavilons  
 Editor

King council decided to give local stakeholders more time to digest and comment on the Township's first Climate Action Plan.

Councillors were ready to approve the document at the last council meeting, but members of the public asked for a delay and more consultation. They believe there's more to add to make this a more comprehensive strategy.

Chris Fasciano, director of Community Services, said it has been a long, extensive process, one that involved the community the whole way.

Josh Welch, King's Climate Change Coordinator, pointed out that the Township itself only produces less than .5% of the municipality's emissions.

The plan is geared to take King through 2050, but Welch noted there would be continual updates and changes,

since it's a fluid document.

The first steps included an emissions inventory, goals and targets, outlining a clear direction and setting priorities.

He said the Township ensured public feedback, but admitted the limitations of the pandemic hindered their approach. They did receive more than 300 survey responses and countless submissions.

King's goal as a Township is a 45% reduction, but the actual target is 35%.

Welch pointed out that surprisingly, King is higher than Toronto, India and the UK in terms of per capita CO2e emitters.

In general, the per capita emissions model is based on a population stat over a total emissions statistic. Given the large geography of King, with small population (relative to size) and relatively high emissions based on King's

*See 'Climate' on Page 3*

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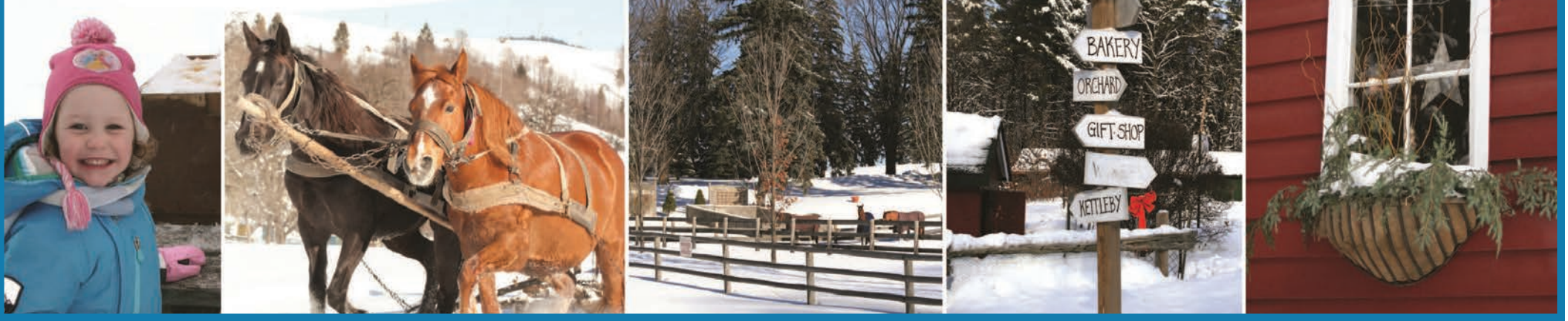
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**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Monday, February 7, 2022  
6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Monday, February 28, 2022  
6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

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

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

Thursday, February 3  
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](mailto:cpang@king.ca) by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Tuesday, February 8  
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [dmoratto@king.ca](mailto:dmoratto@king.ca) by 9am on the day of the meeting.

Thursday, February 10  
3 pm – Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board, Electronic Meeting (noon) on the day of the meeting

Tuesday, February 15  
6 pm – King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

Wednesday, February 16  
6 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by email at [solvieri@king.ca](mailto:solvieri@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Wednesday, February 23  
5 pm – Committee of Adjustment (virtual meeting)  
**Please note new time**

**BID NOTICES**

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

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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- Aquatics Supervisor (Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Aquatics Lifeguard/Instructor (Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Parks Seasonal Worker (Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Camp Director (Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Camp Counsellor (Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Camp Program Coordinator (Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Inclusion Program Coordinator (Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15
- Inclusion Camp Counsellor (Contract) – Deadline Feb. 15

**REMINDERS**

King Township residents are being asked to stay off both stormwater ponds and other ponds on public property for a variety of safety reasons.

There are several reasons why skating on stormwater ponds is dangerous.

- Stormwater ponds are designed to continuously collect stormwater from surrounding roads and neighbourhoods.
- No matter how deep into the winter or how thick the ice may appear, temperature changes and water flowing in/out can cause major variations in ice thickness.
- Air pockets are also easily formed under the surface and contaminants like salt weaken the ice.



Please see more King Township notices on page 5

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**WATER BILLS**



Due Date: February 18, 2022

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

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

- Pre-Authorized Debit bank withdrawal (PAD)
- Online with your financial institution
- By Credit Card- Visit the Township Online Services Portal at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)
- By Mail (must be stamped and mailed prior to due date and received on time)
- Drop off box located at Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City

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

In the case of a proven water leak or meter malfunction, an adjustment to the most recent bill may be applied, provided the property owner has proof of repair to the equipment in the household that was the direct cause of the leak and there is a notable reduction in consumption. Please see the Township's website for further details.

**Due to COVID:**

- the Municipal office will re-open January 31, 2022
- the water department will enter homes to check water meters for emergencies, by appointment

When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select Water, enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567800).

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

Please visit our website for details.

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX NOTICES**



2022 Interim Tax Notice  
Due Date: February 23, 2022 and April 27, 2022

PROPERTY TAX NOTICES are due. Please contact Service King at 905-833-5321 or [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca) immediately if you have not received your bill.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

- Pre-Authorized Debit bank withdrawal (PAD) for installment due dates or over a 10 month period
- Online with your financial institutions
- By Credit Card- Visit the Township Online Services Portal at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)
- By Mail (must be stamped and mailed prior to due date and received on time)
- Drop off box located at Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City

Please see [www.king.ca/propertytax](http://www.king.ca/propertytax) for information on the Township's Tax Relief programs available for Extraordinary Circumstances.

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

When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select Tax, enter your 15 digit roll number with no dashes (i.e. 000123456780000)

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

To ensure enrollment please apply prior to due date.

The deadline to enroll for the monthly PAD program is **May 31, 2022**. In accordance with the Township By-law 2021-053 unpaid balances following the due date, a penalty of one and one quarter per cent (1.25%) per month, shall be levied on the first day of the next calendar month following the due date and each month until paid in full.

Please visit our website for details.

**NOTICE**

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The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) or [King.ca/CommunityGrants](http://King.ca/CommunityGrants).

Alternately, please contact Corporate Services – Clerks Division at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) for further information.

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# Climate plan will set the stage for King's future

## From Front Page

habits, like transportation (specifically heavy use of personal vehicles for commuting, 60% of the commuting population travelling for 30 minutes or longer), this is in part the reason for King's level.

Welch did point out the increase in population in coming years would decrease our per capita emissions partly.

Moving forward in 2022, King will expand its green fleet; make improvements to the Trisan Centre; ensure the new Recreation Centre has a near-net-zero design; create an electric charging policy and more.

Members of the public asked for a pause, saying the plan is not ready to go.

Councillor Jordan Cescolini was the lone voice in wanting the plan approved so King can move forward and "get the ball rolling." He said consultation can be ongoing and the plan can be tweaked, but it's important to start.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said we all need to move together on this and there's no need to rush. He wants everyone to "have a good read" so that in the end, it's a "call to arms." He wants to make sure the public's voices are heard.

"It's all hands on deck," he said. "This (final plan) should be a celebration."

Following council's decision, Bruce Craig, on behalf of Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT), said they welcome council's decision to provide a brief additional period of time for community engagement. CCKT would be pleased to participate in the proposed task force.

At the Jan. 24 council meeting, Craig said the KCAP provides an excellent foundation and includes many forward-looking ideas across many sectors including transportation, natural heritage and home and building retrofits and construction.

He requested additional time to review, noting the plan was only released a few days prior to the council meeting.

CCKT suggested an additional two months.

CCKT "heartily supports the goals of restoration and preservation of natural heritage systems in King's settlement areas and rural areas including the increase of the tree canopy."

As well, all wetlands need to be sustained and restored where possible, as they play a highly important role in sequestering carbon and mitigating the effects of extreme rain events and drought. "Look for opportunities to enhance existing wetlands," he told council.

Craig pointed to the "significant loss of the tree canopy" happening on an ongoing basis through tree removal

particularly in King's three settlement areas.

"We need to preserve our trees for today and tomorrow. CCKT recommends the crafting and swift implementation of an effective King Private Tree Protection Bylaw before more and more trees are lost."

"Let's seek to engage everyone in the Action Plan," he said. "It is clear we can do what's needed quickly and well. Let's roll up our sleeves with all hands on deck and move forward with the Action Plan."

Susan Beharriell also pointed to a rather short window for public review of the document. She also charged that while surveys were done, local groups were not part of drafting the plan.

She, too, asked for a pause to allow time for the draft to be "compared" to the worldwide standards recommended by the David SUZUKI Foundation and international scientists.

The plan, in its current form, is restrained by the draft York Region Plan that anticipates determining its own targets 10 years from now. It provides little evidence of what taking a specific action will do to reduce emissions.

Once the extended consultation is completed, council could then make the "well-considered changes" and review and approve a plan by the end of April.

Beharriell said one significant omission deals with protecting the tree canopy now present in King.

"Just planting babies, will not solve our problems, but saving healthy mature trees brings instant benefits," she said.

The plan is developed in alignment with King's declaration of a "climate emergency" back in 2019. The plan sets out building blocks and identifies 25 actions over several time frames, moving King towards a low-carbon future.

The staff report noted King as a whole emits roughly 250,000 tonnes of CO2 equivalent. The largest contributor to emissions is transportation (vehicles) and residential heating and cooling.

The Climate Plan gives the community, staff and council a better understanding of how to reach their goals, knowing where the emissions are coming from. The guiding actions can help the municipality and its residents reduce current and future emissions.

The plan addresses mitigating climate change, enhances natural heritage, promotes conservation and reduction.

"The actions outlined in this plan will require staff, council and the public to work diligently over the coming years to make the necessary changes, transitions and recovery; working with one another, partners and at all levels

of government to see King as the green climate-driven leader we promised to be," said the staff report.

"The task ahead is not a simple one. The meaningful action we all must take to prevent the global temperature rise and curb emissions is as important as any other threat we as humans face. Working together, King commu-

nity members can prosper and benefit from the climate action outlined within this plan and future iterations, creating healthier, more sustainable communities; protection and preservation of our vast natural environments, active and sustainable lifestyles, and supporting a stronger, more resilient King for all."



## Crews battle King house fire

All three of King's fire houses were alerted to a working house fire in King City recently.

York Regional Police were on patrol and attended the scene in short order. All of the occupants evacuated the home prior to fire crews' arrival.

Fire Chief Jim Wall said overall, for minus-20 degree Celsius weather, everything went exceptionally well. All three firehouses did an awesome job.

"Thanks to CH37 and CH38 for their support on scene. The fire was contained to a bedroom over the garage where staff members managed to contain it there. All of the family members were checked and released from the hospital which was fantastic news.

The fire was investigated by CH31 and FPO Bob Tibbitts. The cause of the fire was determined in a relatively short time frame. Fire damage is in the range of \$400,000 to \$500,000.

"On behalf of my office, CH31, as well as from our Mayor, Steve Pellegrini, a big thank-you for a job well done especially in these temperatures," Wall said.

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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

## Can we ever pull our own strings in life?

We're all performers, whether we'd like to admit it or not.

Shakespeare once wrote that "All the world's a stage,

And all the men and women merely players;

They have their exits and their entrances ..."

Puppet or puppet master?

Ah, there's the rub, as the Bard put it.

I think we play both roles during the many stages of our lives. But mostly, in our capitalistic society, I believe we're players, puppets of flesh and bone, being pulled this way and that. We're manipulated, not by some unseen force, but by our own devices. We're at the mercy of society.

Our lives, now more than ever, are carved, like a clear path in the woods. Our journey is more on asphalt and painted lanes than through uncharted wilderness. We're guided, or led, by the ties that bind, by convention. We may have wanted desperately to buck tradition, dance to the beat of our drum, and rebel when it suited us. Fact is, we're somewhat hog-tied, constrained by normalcy.

Unlike Hemingway, who escaped to the Florida Keys to write, ponder and drink, most of us have to follow a clearly defined path, a route that's somewhat limited and confined.

In other words, most of us can't live the adventurous lives that books are made of.

Sure, we'd like to think we make our own decisions, choices, and reach for the stars, but we're really followers. We follow the rules, follow our hearts, follow what we're told. If we stray, we almost always find our way back to the straight and narrow.

When I was 19, I chose to study journalism at college. My guidance counselor at the time said I was suited for that, or becoming an English teacher. I may already be retired with a great pension had I chose the latter.

Was this all of my doing, or was it fate, perhaps even destiny? Maybe all the above.

People aren't like salmon, who instinctively know they have to fight the current and swim upstream, just to spawn. Crazy how strong these drives are in creatures great and small. Bees can communicate the exact location of



Mark Pavilons

a food source through their dancing, a dance that is completely instinctive.

Dogs are ready to discover diseases like cancer and polygenic disease and warn humans of pending heart attacks and strokes.

And yet my Labs will eat a bug for no apparent reason. Are they in charge of their own destiny?

For us frail humans, years turn into decades, and there comes a time when our best years are behind us. Does that mean our worst lay ahead?

I hope not.

Fortunately God gave us senses that deteriorate over time, so we're not reminded of the stupid blunders we made in our 20s, or the bad choices we made in our 30s. No, my brain is perfectly wired to give me happy thoughts, echoes of laughter and mental photo albums of good times.

Why would I want to remember putting dad's car in the ditch or getting the silent treatment from mom over a hurtful comment? No, my mind sets me free from all that. It has also hidden all those strategically placed bread crumbs along the way. Just where would I find my way back to anyway?

"Back there" no longer exists. I hope I enjoyed it while it lasted.

I am here now, and it took some doing let me tell you. But if I were to dwell too long on my would-haves or could-haves,

I'd sink deep into despair.

But aren't I blessed, playing the part of the leading man in my own story? Yes. My wife and I built our stage together and we created some fine productions. We also gathered quite the troupe of players - our children. They are their own puppet masters now, and I wish them Godspeed and all the luck of the Irish.

If they ask, I'm ready to dispense some snippets of wisdom - many "don'ts" to keep in mind. But they seldom ask. Maybe that will come.

I plan to stock up on a lot of stale bread, so these little ones can indeed find their way home. They're always welcome.

Here's a little twist on things, some alternate food for thought. Quantum mechanics is dependent on the observer so it postulates that for every decision that a person makes in their life, every path that they have chosen, there is the alternate path that exists in a virtual state. However, this virtual state or states could actually be parallel worlds.

So my friends, this theory is like the ripple effect in a pond. Toss in a rock, and watch the ripples spread far and wide. Could human "ripples" actually impact time and space? Are there other Marks in other universes, pondering the same things? It's mind-boggling.

Regrets, I have a few, but what playwright doesn't?

It's weird because we humans take so much for granted, it's hard (even today) to put things in perspective.

Like our solar system, we bring friends into our "orbit," get to know them and enjoy their talents and good qualities. While our orbits change over the years, hopefully we remember their place in our lives.

My "celestial body" was drawn to my wife and our worlds collided. We zigged and zagged and found our rhythm. We evolved together and formed a family.

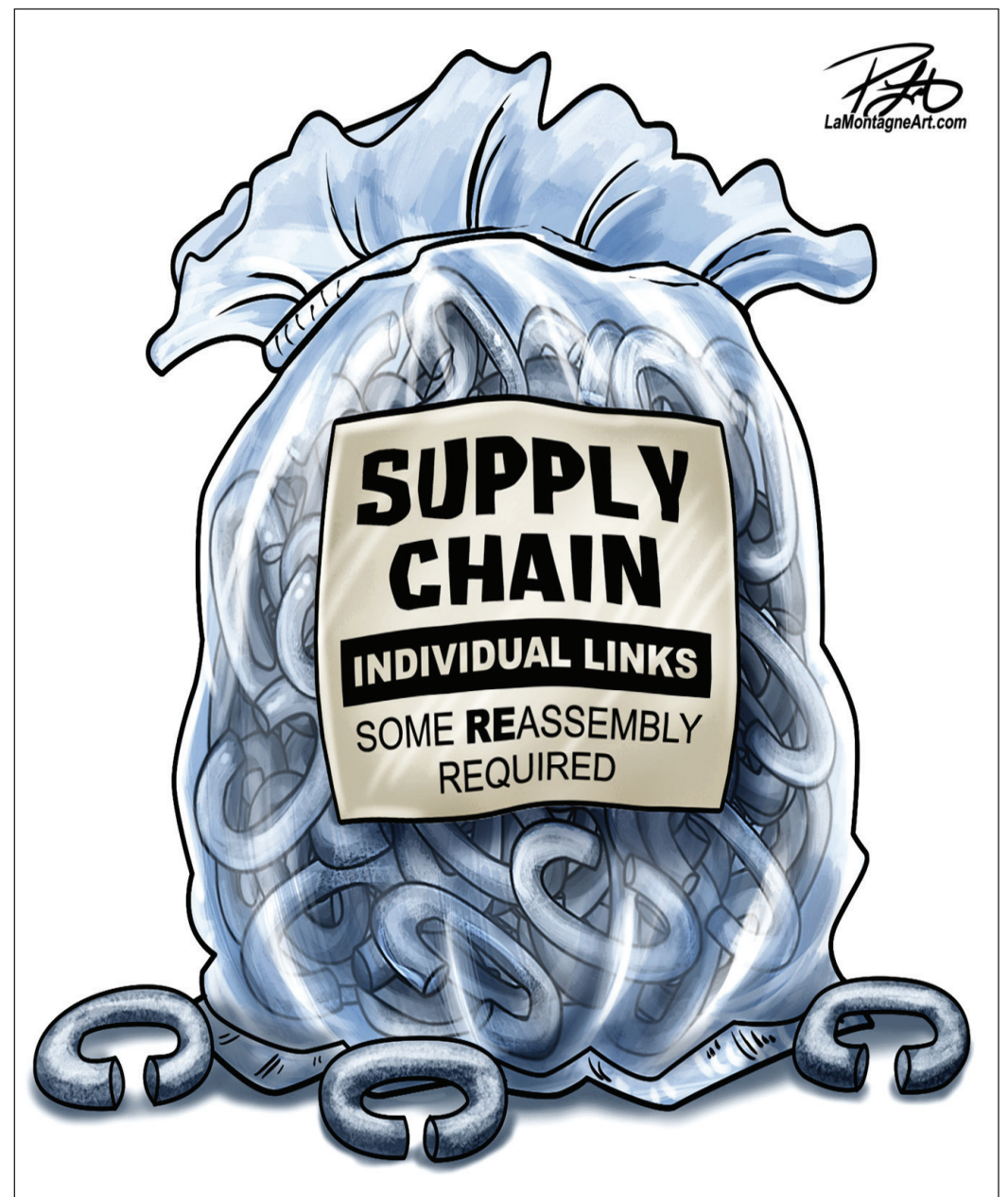
Nothing adventurous or "living on the edge," but a rather normal progression. The small victories do matter.

I don't ever recall running around with a copy of the playbill in my back pocket, all rolled up and crinkled. Maybe some unseen force is constantly scribbling lines, acts and scenes in this comedy.

For most, finishing the play to rave reviews is tops on our bucket list.

If we've done our job, despite the strings, our offspring can dart out, explore, think for themselves, protest if they want. They can learn, seek and enjoy.

Youth is the best time to enjoy a litany of possibilities. I hope they soak up every second.



### Letter to the Editor

## CAK lauds engagement

Climate Action King is a group of citizens dedicated to healthy communities and ecosystems through transformative climate action in King Township. Our mission is to inspire, encourage and support transformative climate action in King Township and lead by example.

On behalf of Climate Action King, we are excited about the expansion of the community engagement period and are looking forward to hearing how this will proceed.

If council decides to form a task group, Climate Action King would like to participate.

Given the urgency of the climate crisis, we hope that the plan for the expanded community engagement happens very soon.

Susan Beharriell  
Chair, Climate Action King

**KingWeeklySentinel WEBPOLL**  
www.kingsentinel.com

Results from last week's poll:

**Do you think there's "light at the end of the tunnel" regarding the pandemic?**

a) Yes  **60%**

b) No  **40%**

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Are you glad to see business restrictions lifted?

a) Yes  
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

**Quote of the Week**

*"What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it."*

- Mac Anderson

**Trivia Tidbits**

*On March 29, 1848, Niagara Falls ran dry.*

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# Government actions threaten the environment

By Gord Miller

The time has come to put the brakes on the Ford government's rampant dismantling of the environmental laws, policies and approvals that have protected Ontario for 50 years.

This system was meticulously built up – begun by Progressive Conservative governments – to assure the orderly growth of our economy and our infrastructure while minimizing environmental damage and maintaining a social licence for development. The system has served us well and made Ontario successful and wealthy while avoiding major environmental failures.

But this system has been under attack by this government for some time. Frequent insults to our planning system – including a blizzard of Let'er-rip Minister's Zoning Orders – have been accumulating recently. Matters have come to a head in the government's abandoning of all prudence, wisdom and caution in a mad rush to begin construction of the Bradford Bypass highway before the June provincial election.

The Bradford Bypass is a 16-kilometre, four- to six-lane freeway that would cross 28 waterways in the headwaters of Lake Simcoe, and would bisect one of the Greenbelt's largest and most important wetlands, the Holland Marsh.

Many outstanding concerns about this project have not been fully and properly addressed. They include endangered species habitat, fisheries impacts, and water quality and stormwater management in the already stressed Lake Simcoe watershed.

Despite these issues the government has exempted the highway from Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act (EAA). As a result construction of portions of the road are scheduled to commence before various impact studies are completed or approvals are considered or issued.

This violates one of the fundamental tenants of sensible environmental planning: you don't break ground on a project until you have done the work to know what the environmental consequences will be.

The other major matter that this government action threatens is the public's right to consultation and participation in significant environmental decisions.

The Ford government has shown a propensity to avoid hearing what the public has to say. Something highlighted by the recent Auditor General's report. And, it disbanded the Office of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario whose primary role was to assure that such public participation occurs.

More recently it ignored the public notification and consultation requirements for major changes enacted by a bill that degraded forestry management among other legislative changes. In that case Earthroots (an environment group I chair) and others had to sue the government in Divisional Court to get a ruling that they had indeed violated the Environmental Bill of Rights.

In the case of the Bradford Bypass the EAA exemption means that full public notification and consultation will not occur on many aspects until the project is well under way, if at all.

The purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act is "the betterment of the people ... of Ontario by providing for the protection, conservation and wise management in Ontario of the environment."

That's how environmental planning is intended to be done in Ontario. That's largely how it has been successfully done for 50 years. Clearly the rushing of the Bradford Bypass, by proceeding under an exemption from the law, reneges on that commitment.

There is unfortunately no further recourse in the provincial regulatory system for Ontarians that believe that their government has abandoned the "betterment of the people."

But there is an option at the federal level of government. A coalition of citizens groups has petitioned the federal

Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Hon. Steven Guilbeault, to designate this project under the federal Impact Assessment Act and implement a full and complete review.

There are plenty of outstanding issues falling under to the federal jurisdictions like fisheries, endangered species and migratory birds. And, there are legitimate concerns like green house gas emissions and First Nations consultation.

It is time for the federal government to step in and do the job that the province won't do.

*Gord Miller is the Chair of Earthroots Canada. He was the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario from 2000 to 2015.*

## Letter to the Editor

### Fair or unfair election coverage?

In late August, both PM Justin Trudeau and Conservative leader Erin O'Toole were in King Township.

Trudeau dropped in at Nobleton's St. Phillips Bakery to join MP Deb Schulte. O'Toole visited Dog Tales Rescue and Sanctuary in King City.

In the King Weekly Sentinel, the visit by O'Toole was on Page 1 while the visit by Trudeau was on Page 14!

Has the King Weekly Sentinel become a Conservative paper?

In the coming provincial election, are we going to have fair coverage of the various parties?

*Nancy Hopkinson  
Nobleton*



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## ROMA Conference

# Province announces funding to boost economic growth and job creation

The Ontario government is building strong rural communities with investments that will help to accelerate the creation of new housing, support modern and efficient public infrastructure and boost economic development. The funding was announced during the 2022 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference and will help to support families, small businesses and create local jobs – all of which are critical to building a strong economic recovery for rural Ontario.

“Rural and Northern communities are the backbone of Ontario and key to the province’s economy,” said Premier Doug Ford. “Our government will continue working with ROMA and its members to protect the progress we’ve made against COVID-19 and lay the groundwork for strong, thriving communities in every corner of the province.”

Ontario is providing over \$28 million to support 322 projects through the Municipal Modernization Program to help small and rural municipalities find better, more efficient ways to deliver local services for residents and businesses. Municipalities can use the funding to conduct reviews of local services and administrative operations to find efficiencies, including accelerating the creation of new housing through streamlined development approvals and working with neighbouring municipalities to share services.

“Since day one, our government has been working with our rural municipal partners to address local priorities, seize opportunities and help empower communities to reach their full potential,” said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “Together, we will keep our communities safe and ensure that rural municipalities have the support they need to build more homes faster, attract business and investment and create jobs.”

Premier Ford, Ministers, Associate Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants held virtual meetings with hundreds of municipal officials during the ROMA conference, which took place from January 23 to 25. They discussed key priorities for rural municipalities, including economic growth, public health, resource development, increasing housing supply, supports for the province’s most vulnerable and working across all levels of government to keep communities safe, as Ontario continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Our government remains committed to supporting and protecting the people who work and live in rural Ontario,” said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “That is why we are investing \$1 billion over the next five years, through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, to help build and repair local roads, bridges, water and

wastewater infrastructure. We’re making sure small, rural and northern communities have the resources they need to build stronger, healthier and more resilient communities.”

Through a new targeted intake of the Rural Economic Development (RED) program, Ontario is also helping local communities to attract and retain workers, create new jobs and help support families and businesses affected by COVID-19. Municipalities, not-for-profit organizations, Indigenous communities and local service boards can make application for funding beginning Feb. 7 running to March 7.

The province also continues to work with rural municipalities to make it easier for hardworking Ontarians and their families to find a home that meets their needs and budget. On Jan. 23, Premier Ford and Minister Clark hosted a roundtable with rural, remote and northern municipalities to discuss the unique housing opportunities and challenges that these communities face and what additional supports the province could provide to help build more housing.

“Rural communities are key to the economic and social vitality of our province,” said Robin Jones, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association. The ROMA conference is an important opportunity for provincial and municipal leaders to discuss and collaborate on rural priorities. We thank the Premier and Cabinet Ministers for taking part. We appreciated that they listened to rural Ontario’s goals and aspirations, as we seek a path to recovery and growth after the pandemic.”

The RED program supports projects that help to attract business and investment in rural and Indigenous communities, while providing greater value for taxpayer dollars. The Government of Ontario has committed more than \$15.2 million to fund more than 287 economic development projects through the RED program since 2019.

The Ontario government is providing \$375.6 million to help 107 municipalities across the province operate and improve local transit. The funding is being delivered through the Gas Tax program and can be used to extend service hours, buy transit vehicles, add routes, improve accessibility or upgrade infrastructure.

Ontario has provided \$92 million in operating and capital grants through the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s Community Building Fund to support 834 community organizations, municipalities, Indigenous communities and non-profit tourism, culture, sport and recreation organizations across the province – enhancing quality of life and supporting local jobs.

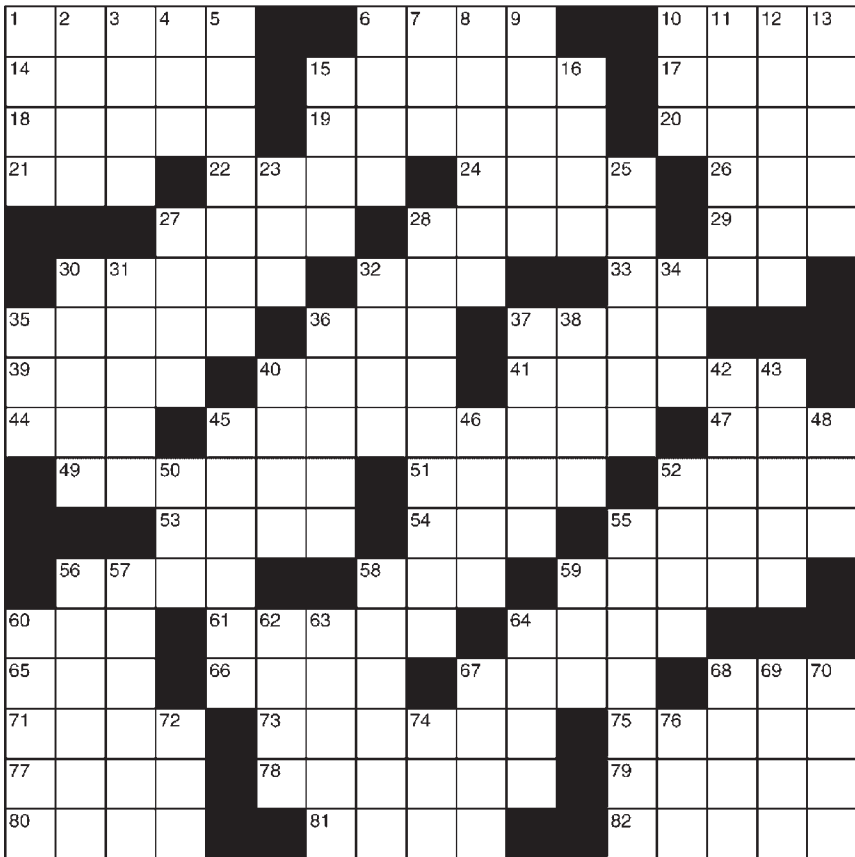
Ontario is providing an additional \$1 billion over the next five years to help build and repair local roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure in small, rural and northern communities. This investment is part of the government’s plan to build Ontario by getting shovels in the ground on critical infrastructure projects that support economic recovery, growth and job creation.

The Ontario government is providing nearly \$4 billion to bring access to reliable high-speed internet for every community across the province by the end of 2025.

During the 2022 ROMA conference, more than 285 delegation meetings were held with rural municipalities and municipal organizations.

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## PUZZLE 415



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### ACROSS

1. Skinny one
6. Junk e-mail
10. Ratite bird
14. South American raccoon
15. Daze
17. Fender flaw
18. Promo producers
19. Danger
20. And
21. Corded fabric
22. Spout
24. “\_\_\_ Is Your Life”
26. Unit of length
27. Cat’s call
28. Feudal lord
29. “Home Again” addition
30. Mix thoroughly
32. Young fish
33. Shopper’s bag
35. Hurl
36. Barnyard sound
37. Roster
39. Maui feast
40. Maidenhair
41. Angry
44. Coffee container

45. Shuttle’s domain
47. Bro, to Sis
49. Creel
51. Little bit
52. Harmony
53. Acquaintances
54. Big Band, e.g.
55. “Beetle Bailey” superior
56. Prudish
58. Pismire
59. African animal, shortly
60. Take legal action
61. Suit
64. Old stringed instrument
65. Gridiron org.
66. Skunk’s defense
67. Ballerina’s short skirt
68. Jabber
71. Off yonder
73. Stringed instrument
75. Loomed up
77. New York \_\_\_
78. Intertwine
79. Fortwress
80. Patella location
81. Beginner

### DOWN

1. Blemish
2. Secret language
3. Sloped surface
4. Enjoyed brunch
5. Oriental root
6. Brood
7. Play on words
8. Disinterest
9. Cafe order
10. Diet letters: abbr.
11. Biker’s headgear
12. Store, as fodder
13. Lagoon’s boundary
15. Merganser’s kin
16. Bridle strap
23. Group of whales
25. Seat for two
27. List of activities
28. Passing
30. Ad copy
31. Woody vine
32. Card game
34. Bumpkin
35. Winter ailment
36. Shelllike bed
37. Gaucho’s tool

38. Humpback’s kin
40. Shoe fillers
42. Employ wrongfully
43. Peculiar jargon
45. With hands on hips
46. Left, nautically
48. Busy one
50. Snow slat
52. Recording
55. Place
56. Sea parrot
57. Describe
58. Jauntily
59. Shanty
60. Nibble
62. On \_\_\_ (tense)
63. Spring of water
64. Temptation
67. Cantina meal
68. Wail
69. Befuddled
70. Bouncy
72. Kind of bread
74. Roofer’s caulking material
76. Legendary bird

**Solution on page 17**

## King senior dies of COVID

York Region Public Health reported that a King Township man died from COVID-19.

The 85-year-old passed away Jan. 21 at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. His symptoms appeared Jan. 14. His exposure is unknown.

# King

## 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, February 3 to Wednesday, February 9

THURS 3RD	FRI 4TH	SAT 5TH	SUN 6TH	MON 7TH	TUES 8TH	WED 9TH
Snow High -7C° Low -18C° 5-10cm Wind N 22k	Sun/Clouds High -13C° Low -21C° - Wind N 18k	Mainly Sunny High -12C° Low -16C° - Wind N 12k	Sun/Clouds High -6C° Low -11C° - Wind S 16k	Clouds/Sun High -2C° Low -11C° <1cm Wind S 13k	Scattered Flurries High -1C° Low -17C° ~1cm Wind SW 17k	Cloudy High -4C° Low -8C° 1-3cm Wind SW 18k

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# King car insurance rates are among most expensive

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Vaughan has replaced Brampton as the most expensive city in Ontario for car insurance in 2021.

And King Township is in the top 10 of most expensive areas.

A report from RATESDOTCA, indicates the high priced area, even though average Ontario auto insurance premiums decreased by 3.8% last year.

The Auto Insuramap is RATESDOTCA's interactive online map that lets users search for estimated auto premiums by postal code.

The average Ontario estimated auto insurance premium in 2021 was \$1,555, a 3.8% decrease from 2020, when the average was \$1,616.

"In insurance, the losses of the few are absorbed by the many," says

RATESDOTCA expert and insurance professional Tanisha Kishan. "Over the past two years, many Ontarians have been driving much less than they used to, due to pandemic-induced lifestyle changes such as remote work. There has been a corresponding drop in accidents and claims, which means fewer losses to be absorbed. This could contribute to the continued decrease in premiums we are seeing now. But it won't last forever. When Ontarians begin driving more, it is likely we could see a corresponding rise in rates."

Brampton rates fell by 27%, placing the city 4th on the list of most expensive insurance premiums in the province at \$1,976.

Though auto insurance rates in Vaughan decreased 6.7% overall, the city moved up in the rankings, becoming the most expensive city in the prov-



ince for auto insurance premiums at \$2,179.

Within Vaughan, the communities with the highest premiums are the L4L district in Woodbridge and L4K in Concord at \$2,584 per year.

While prices decreased in most places in the province, prices increased by 14.2% in Nobleton, Schomberg, Orangeville and King City, which tied for 10th place in the top 10 most expensive cities.

The cheapest cities for auto insurance premiums are: Cornwall, Elizabethtown, Amherstview, Gananoque, Martintown, Iroquois, Brockville and Kingston, where premiums are estimated at \$1,132.

Prices went up for drivers in smaller, more rural parts of the province, the report noted.

Toronto drivers saw significant decreases, as well as suburban drivers who commute to the city for work.



## Police looking for suspect in car break-in

Police are asking the public's help in finding the person responsible for a car break-in in King.

On Jan. 14, the suspect (pictured above) was captured on video surveillance along James Street in King. At roughly 2:27 .am., the suspected entered the car and stole a combination of hand tools, a Dewalt circular saw and two hard drives.

He was wearing a large parka with a fur-lined hood, camouflage pants and black and white running shoes. The suspect was with an accomplice who was walking a large dog.

If you have any information about this crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or leave an anonymous tip at [www.180022tips.com](http://www.180022tips.com)

## Schreiner highlights plans on housing, green jobs

Ontario Greens leader Mike Schreiner virtually addressed the participants of the 2022 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference. Focusing on the housing crisis which is at a breaking point in many rural communities, Schreiner contrasted Doug Ford's unaffordable urban sprawl agenda with the Ontario Greens' plan to build livable and affordable communities.

"The road to recovery should not pave over the farmland that feeds us and the wetlands that clean our water and protect us from flooding," he said. "It's bad for the environment, people's health and their wallets. It increases costs for municipalities and makes infrastructure more expensive."

Ontario Greens plan to invest aggressively in expanding housing affordability within existing urban boundaries by building 100,000 affordable rental units and 60,000 permanent supportive housing spaces.

Schreiner also pledged his commitment to help rural municipalities deal with the impacts of climate change with a \$2 billion-a-year Climate Adaptation Fund.

"Rural communities are on the front lines of the climate crisis," he said. "The Ontario Greens are here to be a partner in making your communities safer and more climate resilient."

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## Beretta Farms makes appears in new documentary

By Julia Galt

King City's Beretta Farms continued a spate of high-profile media appearances with a recent feature in Grass Farmers: Regenerative Agriculture & the Canadian Grasslands, an A&W produced documentary now streaming on Crave and CTV.

Grass Farmers examines regenerative agriculture and low-impact ranching in Canada, exploring how making soil health a top priority can lead to healthier grass, healthier cattle, and, ultimately, a healthier earth.

Regenerative agriculture, which is practiced by Beretta Farms, is a farming and grazing practice that claims to reverse climate change by rebuilding organic matter and restoring biodiversity in soil. Cattle live off the land, returning nutrients to the earth and, in turn, helping grasslands flourish.

Well-managed grasslands with grazing cattle can also capture carbon in the soil, preventing it from lingering in the atmosphere and contributing to global warming.

Beretta Farms co-founder Mike Beretta and daughter Lieschen make a strong case for practicing "green" regenerative agriculture in Grass Farmers, marking the latest in a series of A&W partnerships – including last year's national grass-fed beef advertising campaign – that stretch back years.

Shot on the Beretta ranch in the summer of 2019, Grass Farmers was an opportunity for the Beretta family to get to know the crew, educate them on regenerative agriculture, and tour them around the farm on horseback. The benefits of grass-fed farming, from the flourishing grasslands to the rich, healthy soil, could be seen- and documented- firsthand.

"The documentary sheds a lot of light on how cattle production can be green," said Lieschen Beretta. "It showcases ranches in Canada who have been raising cattle this way from the beginning, and how a simple concept can become a huge player in climate change."

Their relationship with A&W as suppliers of organic, grass-fed, and antibiotic and hormone-free beef has been going on for nine years now. In total, the family has been in the grass-fed beef business for nearly 30 years.

As Beretta Farms' ranch manager, Lieschen intends to continue her parents' long-standing commitment to regenerative agriculture by raising awareness of the practice wherever she can.

"I just want to help continue making a shift in the beef industry as a whole," said Beretta. "Instead of the beef industry being blamed for global warming, let's focus on these regenerative practices and raising cattle that help keep soil healthy and promote carbon sequestration."

With awards including Best Canadian Documentary at the 2021 Montreal Independent Film Festival and an official selection at 2021's Wildlife Conservation Film Festival, the message behind Grass Farmers has certainly found footing with farmers and consumers alike.

"The importance of this documentary is the education piece behind it: from educating everyday consumers to the cattle producers who want to make more changes to their management practices," said Beretta.

Grass Farmers: Regenerative Agriculture & the Canadian Grasslands is available for free on Crave and CTV until Feb. 27.



## Ontario cuts electricity rates

The Ontario government is providing 21 days of electricity-rate relief to support families and workers spending more time at home, as well as small businesses, consistent with the length of time the province is in modified Step Two public health measures.

Electricity prices are lowered to the off-peak rate of 8.2 cents per kilowatt-hour – less than half the on-peak rate – 24 hours per day.

"Families and small businesses will benefit from 21 days of electricity rate relief as our government implements the off-peak rate," said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. "The off-peak rate, which is less than half the on-peak rate, will provide immediate savings as Ontarians spend more time at home and work together to slow the spread of the Omicron variant."

Electricity customers won't have to do anything to benefit from the rate cut, it will be applied automatically to both Time-of-Use and Tiered rate plans on the bills of residential customers, small businesses and farms who pay regulated rates set by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB).

Implementation of the off-peak rate builds on existing programs introduced by government to reduce electricity prices including the Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER), which provides a 17 per cent rebate on the subtotal of the electricity bill of eligible customers including households, small businesses and farms. Eligible customers will continue to benefit from the OER while off-peak pricing is in place.

The Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program provides eligible businesses that are required to close or reduce capacity with rebate payments for a portion of the property tax and energy costs they incur while subject to public health measures in response to the Omicron variant.

The government is ensuring that natural gas and electricity utilities disconnection bans remain in place until April 30, 2022.

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# King Township updates its Asset Management Plan

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

King's planned approach to managing its infrastructure got a boost recently.

Councillors approved the Township's Asset Management Plan (AMP), which provides a strategy to maintain and invest in its infrastructure assets.

The plan helps in both budgeting and long-term planning.

King owns and manages more than \$594 million in capital assets. They need to be maintained and kept in good conditions to serve residents.

Having an AMP is mandated by the Province and they're governed by certain regulations. The AMP includes an asset inventory, levels of service, lifecycle management strategy and financial strategy.

King partnered with Watson & Associates Economists to update the 2016 AMP.

The core assets include roads, bridges, culverts, water and wastewater systems. The "transportation assets" make up the lion's share, pegged at almost \$210 million.

The AMP also outlines the condition of those assets, as well as long-term replacement plans. Overall, the majority of roads (40%) are deemed excellent or very good (27%). Most of the Township's bridges (62%) are in good shape, but 15% are poor and 23% are fair.

King has 20 bridges and 58 structural culverts with a combined replacement cost of \$73.4 million. The average age of local bridges is 36 years and our culverts are roughly 34 years old.

The AMP points to areas that need to be addressed. But overall, a lifecycle strategy has to be in place to ensure their deterioration is monitored.

"To ensure that municipal assets are performing as expected and meeting the needs of customers, it is important to establish a lifecycle management strategy to proactively manage asset deterioration," staff wrote.

For roads, that means providing crack seals every five years; resurfacing every five years and full reconstruction every 50 years.

Data indicates the Township needs to set aside roughly \$11 million annual-

ly to address its needs. Currently, King funds \$3.1 million for core infrastructure, leaving an \$8 million shortfall.

Staff noted more investment is needed every year to meet the long-term objectives. To achieve, the Township can look at taxes, user fees, capital levies, reserve funds and taking on debt.

The AMP is still evolving and the next phase will include a detailed, long-term financial strategy. A supplemental plan will be developed by Watson later this year.

King is looking at an Enterprise Asset Management Solution (EAMS), which includes a new maintenance management system and software.

"EAMS will allow Township staff to continually update and refine asset data and will make reporting more efficient predictable," staff noted. "It is expected that having staff utilize these applications will lessen the reliance on external consulting services for future AMP updates."

## Climate change issue on the agenda for authority AGM

At its 71st annual General Meeting, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority board members and guests heard from the Authority's senior staff experts about its activities throughout 2021.

Chief among the presentations was the keynote topic, "Climate Change: An Optimistic Outlook," provided by Ben Longstaff, General Manager of Integrated Watershed Management. Longstaff's presentation was followed by Katie Thompson, a Risk Management Official with the City of Barrie, who presented on the City of Barrie's climate change efforts.

Guests also heard from Christa Sharp, the Authority's Manager of Restoration Services, who delivered an overview of the Authority's top 10 restoration projects in 2021. With more than 100 projects completed, at a value of almost \$2 million, choosing the top 10 to highlight was not easy. Featured projects included prescribed burns in King and Innisfil, a stormwater retrofit in Barrie, the removal of a fish barrier in Kettleby Creek, significant public/private partnerships, agricultural projects, as well as numerous community action projects.

CAO Rob Baldwin shared a year-in-review video compilation showcasing some of the conservation authority's work and highlighted the Authority's online infographic containing metrics and outcomes from 2021.


Opening the business of 2022, election of the chair and vice-chair positions took place, with York Region Chairman Wayne Emmerson and Bradford Councillor Peter Ferragine being re-elected to their respective posts. Chair Emmerson thanked board members for their continued confidence in him, noting his pride in chairing an organization that, despite the challenges of the past two years, continues to excel in its delivery of watershed protection. Councillor Ferragine was equally pleased to continue in his role as vice-chair and looks forward to the coming year ahead.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Variety of media from Studio Tour artists

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](http://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.

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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.

This article continues with the introduction of three more artists who will be participating this year:

Shiva Moghaddasi is new to Studio Tour King. She is a textile and pottery artist and a graduate of OCAD U Material Art & Design.

As a textile artist, she designs nuno felt shawls and paints on silk fabric, creating colourful luxurious silk scarves. As a potter, Shiva makes colourful functional and decorative ceramic pieces. Craftsmanship and attention to detail are paramount in her work. Every element of design and workmanship is considered in order to stimulate and heighten your experience with each piece.

Shiva employs contemporary colour palettes and designs that reflect the subtleties of colour, which she witnesses in her surrounding environment. Check out her website: [www.ShivaStudios.ca](http://www.ShivaStudios.ca)

Since 2010, Mary Morganelli has immersed herself in her art with passion

and an indomitable spirit, producing numerous paintings on a variety of subjects and experimenting with various mediums – a collection she shares through her dedicated website, Mariellart Gallery. Mary's ultimate desire is for her creative gift to touch lives, bring light and joy, a smile to your face and beauty to your eyes.

She will be welcoming visitors to her home studio. You can find her work at her website, [www.mariellart.com](http://www.mariellart.com).

Evangelina Munns has been painting for many years. Her love of nature is reflected in her landscape and floral paintings where she tries to capture the beauty of what she sees in her daily walks and frequent excursions into the country. She is thankful for the creative outlet that painting provides.

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.

The artists look forward to seeing you and sharing their work with you on this year's Studio Tour King 2022.



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# Organizers call for artists for first Women's Day Art Show

By Kimberley Rush-Duyguluer

At a time of increased social isolation brought on by two years of the COVID pandemic, the King Heritage and Cultural Centre is calling on women artists to imagine a space of connection, unity, and sisterhood for its upcoming exhibition.

In tandem with the International Women's Day March 8, the KHCC is mounting its 1st annual International Women's Day Art Show and is putting out a call for artists. The exhibition runs Saturday, March 5 to Saturday, April 16 in Laskay Hall on King Road in King City. A public artist talk is also being planned.

With an eye to conjuring connections and relationships we've dearly missed, artists are asked to create works responding to the concepts of gender equality, diversity, and inclusivity as

they relate to the idea of "community." What does community mean to you and how do you create community in your own life?

KHCC Exhibition Committee member and ASK artist liaison Kathleen Rodgers has participated in the Orillia Museum of Art and History's International Women's Day exhibition since 2017 and was inspired to try to create a similar showcase at the KHCC.

Participants are encouraged through this exhibition opportunity to uncover their own empowerment and artistic potential.

The call is open to women artists and artists who identify as women of all skill levels, new and emerging and, to all mediums. Artists are required to provide an accompanying statement contextualizing their artwork. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, Feb. 11.



Kathleen Rodgers will be participating in the Women's Day Art Show. This is one of her creations.



## MPP Lecce marks Literacy Day

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan along with local leaders celebrated Family Literacy Day at the Civic Centre Resource Library in Vaughan.

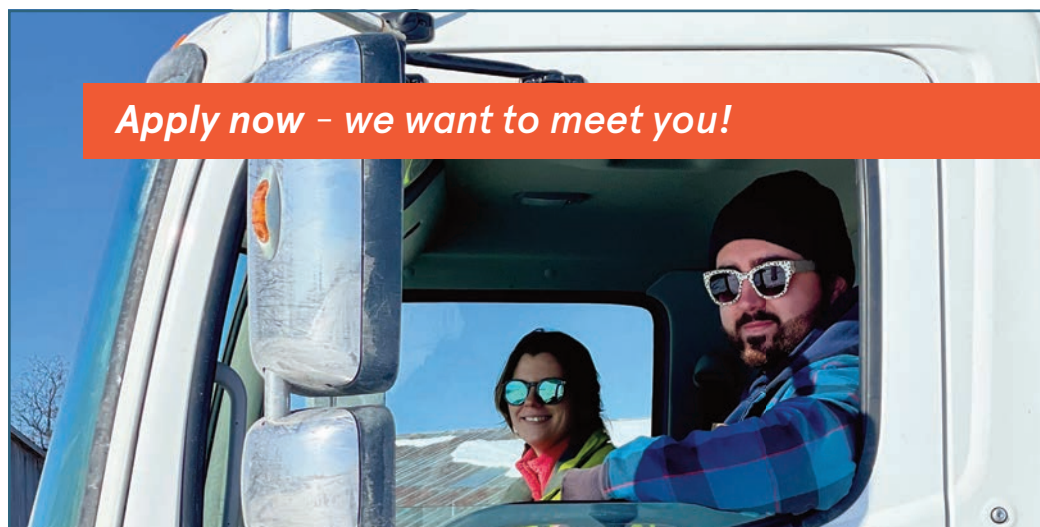
Family Literacy Day takes place every Jan. 27 to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family. Stephen Lecce in his role as Minister of Education has increased provincial funding for literacy programs and expanded access to tutoring to help support learning recovery.

"This Family Literacy Day, I was pleased to partner once again with Vaughan Public Libraries to promote the love of reading," he said. "Literacy is a foundational skill and our government is committed to ensuring Ontario students are equipped with the right reading and literacy resources and support to reach their full potential. It was a wonderful opportunity for a fun storytime for local children – thank you to Vaughan and King Libraries for your dedication to our young people."

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# York schools well equipped to ensure everyone's safety

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Ontario schools, and particularly those in York Region, are all well equipped to meet the challenges of the pandemic.

King-Vaughan's MPP wears many hats. Stephen Lecce serves as the youngest Minister of Education in Ontario and throughout the pandemic has focused on keeping schools in Ontario and here in York Region as safe as possible.

The plan also has the sign off of Dr. Moore, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, who thanked the Minister for being focused on reopening schools for the benefit of student mental and physical health.

Lecce ensured York schools received their allotment of N95 masks, which were deployed ahead of the reopening of schools recently. In his role as Minister, he also provided new three-ply masks for students that are recommended by Public Health Ontario. Under his leadership, Ontario is the only province to provide N95s to staff and one of a handful of provinces to give all teachers accelerated access to the booster shot.

Nearly 300,000 rapid tests have also shipped to York Public and Catholic school boards, and these tests have been promised to continue as more supply becomes available to Ontario. The province also distributed 11 million rapid tests through the holiday period.

As a leader in this respect, Ontario was the only province to do so and to

think ahead to reduce the risk of infection for families over the holidays.

To clarify for the public, the Ministry of Education and provincial health experts determine policy and set the mandates. The school boards are responsible for carrying them out. Further, the funding goes to the boards, and they decide how to spread it around to their individual schools.

The Minister's spokesperson said regarding PPE and masks, the boards place the orders to distribute these items to their staff and students. The boards order the volume and sizes according to their student population. She noted some have complained about ill-fitting masks, but the boards determine what they order. They are free to request more numbers and sizes any time from the province.

Even more is coming, and the flow is constant, assured the Ministry.

Regarding ventilation, the ministry has invested heavily in King and Vaughan schools. In York Region public and catholic schools, over \$35 million has been invested and over 2,500 HEPA units have been delivered to improve ventilation. HEPA units are required in every kindergarten class, and in those schools that do not have mechanical ventilation.

Well ahead of Omicron, starting last September, more than 70,000 HEPA units were deployed and \$600 million was invested into improving ventilation. Lecce also mandated that all schools have to report on their ventilation status and improvements online on board websites, which started last September, to ensure transparency for par-

ents. No other province has done this or invested so heavily in ventilation.

For those schools with mechanical ventilation, it may have meant an upgrade to the central system, or a highest grade filter put in place in those systems (MERV 13), something you wouldn't necessarily notice. But it makes a big impact using the highest quality filtration.

For the older schools, the Province has supplied the portable HEPA units to use in all kindergarten classrooms and in every learning spaces. Every one of those classes has at least one HEPA unit. Again, it's up to the boards to ensure these are installed as per Ministry guidelines. But to make sure they were in place, Lecce visited local schools over the past months to inspect ventilation upgrades and meet with front-line staff and students.

Lecce's office said the York boards have confirmed these measures are

all in place, with every local school reporting improvements. But they are still supplying more HEPA units, more PPE, and more rapid tests to ensure the schools remain safe and open.

"It seems teacher unions want to shutter schools to score a win against the government ahead of an election. The truth is, parents are watching and demanding that they work with government to ensure their kids can learn in school. The kids need to come first."

Ontario leads the way in terms of ventilation equipment and PPE, and most other provinces are now scrambling to get sufficient supplies. It's a thankless job, but Lecce has stayed focused on the kids, and pushing back against the unions.

He's been relentless in his position that kids need to be in school. While protesters appeared outside his home, he has never wavered from "doing what's right, even if it isn't easy."



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# Councillor concerned with direction of energy production

By Mark Pavilonis  
Editor

A King councillor feels misinformation could be misleading the Province in its approach to future energy production.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer has been corresponding with Energy Minister Todd Smith about phasing out gas production, in favour of cleaner alternatives. She believes “fear mongering” on the part of the Independent Electricity Supply Operator (IESO) may have led Queen’s Park to stay the course.

She told the Minister “your direction lacks urgency.” In her most recent letter she characterized the lack of urgency being like that of the President in the satirical movie “Don’t Look Up.”

Schaefer is concerned that the benefits of phasing out Ontario’s coal fired

plants is being reduced by continuing and increasing use of natural gas generation.

“Our electricity system will produce 375% more greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and more than 600% by 2040 compared to emissions in 2017,” she observed. Ontario is on track to lose almost 50% of the benefit achieved due to the phase-out of our dirty coal plants.

IESO has been asked to evaluate a moratorium on new natural gas plants, and that’s something that Schaefer, and many others, support but there is no urgency. The science says that we need to significantly beat the current GHG emission targets by 2030 if we are going to achieve the crucial internationally agreed temperature rise of 1.5.

“I believe the IESO was scare mongering to say that a scenario of phasing out the gas fired generators by 2030

would add an estimated \$100 per month to the average residential bill. I say this with confidence as they have acknowledged that they had not included the increasing carbon tax but had used the current tax; specifically, IESO assumed a \$50/ton tax versus the \$170/ton promised by the federal government in 2030,” she said.

In addition, the IESO’s assertion that a gas plant phase-out would raise residential rates by 60% is not reasonable given that its study forecasts that a gas plant phase-out would raise Ontario’s total electricity costs by only 20%. One way to reduce costs is to conserve it; but Schaefer pointed out the IESO’s energy conservation budget has been reduced by more than 60% by the Province, “despite the fact that energy efficiency is our lowest cost option to keep our lights on.”

Schaefer questions why work to expand the capacity of the current Hydro One corridor to Quebec would not begin as it will take time even though the Minister says that there is not as much electricity available from Quebec as she perceives.

Minister Smith noted that Ontario has one of the cleanest and most flexible electricity systems in the world with approximately 94 per cent of our electricity generation producing zero emissions. Our current system is able to remain reliable and flexible due to our diverse supply mix, which includes resources like nuclear, waterpower, wind, solar and limited natural gas-fired generation. As such, our emissions are significantly lower than not only the United States, but also the United Kingdom, France and Germany.

The IESO’s October 2021 report stated that a rapid phase-out of gas generation, without adequate time to prepare, would add an estimated \$100 per month to the average residential bill by 2030. The IESO has also said that, even under the most optimistic scenario, they would frequently need to resort to emergency actions, such as rotating blackouts, to manage the resulting energy shortfalls.

Furthermore, the consequences outlined in the IESO report would not only impact current consumers, but would hinder other actions to reduce emissions, such as decarbonization and electrification.

“Simply put, the IESO said that On-

tario still requires gas-fired generation in the next decade to ensure that there is a backup for wind and solar in Ontario when the wind is not blowing or the sun is not shining, and also to ensure we have a source of generation to quickly meet our air-conditioning demands in the summer months,” Smith wrote.

“However, Ontario does need a viable path forward, which is why we have since asked the IESO to evaluate a moratorium on new natural gas generation and to develop an achievable pathway to phase out natural gas generation and move toward zero emissions in the electricity system.”

Smith pointed out that it’s not currently feasible to import substantial amounts of additional power from Quebec at a price that makes sense for Ontario’s ratepayers. As the IESO indicated in their Gas Phase-Out Impact Assessment, this is due to Quebec’s own substantial electricity needs during the winter months, as well as transmission constraints limiting the amount of power that can currently be imported.

In September 2020, the government directed the IESO to establish a 2021-2024 electricity conservation and demand management (CDM) Framework that focuses on cost-effectively meeting the needs of Ontario’s electricity system. Anticipating emerging capacity needs, the new Framework targets the achievement of provincial peak demand reductions and includes a Local Initiatives Program to address regional electricity system needs, identified through the regional planning process. Through a mid-term review, electricity system needs will be reassessed, and consideration will be given to the need for updates to the CDM Framework.

“Our government is always interested in working with businesses, stakeholders and government partners, including at the local level, on emerging technological applications and innovative business models that have the potential to lower electricity costs, create jobs and ensure a clean, reliable energy future,” Smith said.

Although Schaefer is not hearing the answers that she wants she is pleased to have received a genuine response indicating that it was read and considered. She hopes that her most recent letter, including updated information, will get the same attention.

## York officer sentenced on corruption charges

A 47-year-old York Regional Police officer was sentenced to 7.5 years in jail following his November 2021 conviction on eight corruption-related charges.

Constable Richard Senior is also subject to a 10-year weapons prohibition, a lifetime ban on restricted/prohibited weapons and must submit his DNA. He has initiated an appeal from conviction and is expected to be released on bail until that process is complete.

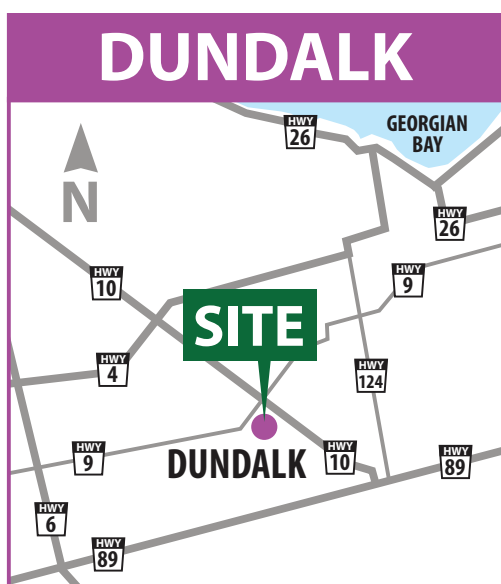
A 10-month-long investigation initiated by the York Regional Police Major Projects Unit in January 2018, alleged the officer was involved in a number of criminal enterprises, including the attempted armed robbery of a quantity of cocaine; the theft and illegal possession of a York Regional Police shotgun; the trafficking of steroids to another officer; trafficking cocaine; and the disclosing of confidential police information. On October 9, 2018, he was arrested and charged with numerous criminal offences. He was ultimately prosecuted on 14 charges in the Superior Court of Justice.

On Nov. 10, 2021, he was convicted of the following offences: Traffic a Controlled Substance - Cocaine, Traffic a Controlled Substance - Testosterone (steroids), Possession of a Weapon Obtained by Crime, Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose, Unauthorized Use of Computer x2 and Breach of Trust x2.

Constable Senior has been a member of York Regional Police for 16 years. He has worked in uniform patrol in Markham and most recently worked in the #5 District Community Oriented Response Unit.

Police Chief Jim MacSween has now suspended the officer without pay. Under the Police Services Act, the Chief of Police cannot withhold pay from a suspended officer unless that officer is convicted of an offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

“This unacceptable criminal behaviour is not tolerated by our organization and my thanks go to the members who investigated this case and the prosecutors who secured the convictions,” said Chief MacSween. “This is not a reflection of the hard-working, dedicated and professional members working each day to keep our community safe. We remain committed to being transparent and accountable to our community.”



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Robert's Rant

## Bengals upset Chiefs, Rams end losing streak to 49ers

By Robert Belardi

The National Football League conference championships were nothing short of exciting.

The Cincinnati Bengals against all odds went to Arrowhead Stadium and took down Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs. The Los Angeles Rams ended their six-game losing streak against the San Francisco 49ers as the host stadium of the Super Bowl will see the host team take part.

Kansas City were flooring the Cincinnati Bengals. By halftime it was 21-3 and everything had seemed as if the Chiefs would make their third consecutive Super Bowl appearance.

Immediately when the second half began the tables had turned. The Bengals defence had stifled Patrick Mahomes. Travis Kelce was completely taken out of the game and Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow was rolling on offence.

The Bengals stormed back and scored 24 unanswered points. But Mahomes gave the Chiefs a chance to tie and kicker Harrison Butker sent the game to overtime.

The Chiefs won the toss and Mahomes threw an interception. Burrow gave sensational rookie kicker Evan MacPherson the chance to send the Bengals to the franchise's third Super Bowl appearance ever and he fired it right between the pipes.

There were two incidents in this match-up that baffled viewers. On the cusp of half-time, The Chiefs found themselves on the one-yard line. Mahomes tried to score a touchdown, passing the ball to wideout Tyreek Hill. But the Bengals prevented that, and it seemed as if it took the wind right out of the Chiefs offence.

The second incident was the entirety of the second half. The Chiefs accrued only 83 yards of total offence and Mahomes was held to 16 pass yards. Mahomes could not decide what to do pretty much on every play and was forced to run in circles around the pocket.

On the other end, the former Heisman Trophy winner and college national champion with LSU will be-

come the first quarterback taken No. 1 overall to reach the Super Bowl within his first two years in the league. The Ohio native, becomes the second quarterback to defeat Mahomes in the playoffs and the third quarterback in franchise history to reach the Super Bowl.

On a day of comebacks, the Rams stormed back in the fourth quarter to end their six-game losing streak against the San Francisco 49ers.

For the second consecutive year the host team of the Super Bowl will take part in the big dance. Last year the Tampa Bay Buccaneers hosted the Super Bowl and won.

In a game that looked to be all but over thanks to a George Kittle touchdown, the Rams who were struggling on offence all game simply found a way to break down a tough 49ers defence.

Stafford found triple-crown winner Cooper Kupp wide open in the end zone on third and one at the beginning of the fourth quarter. In what could have been a game changing interception, down 17-14 Stafford threw the ball right to 49ers safety Jaquiski Tart who dropped the ball with nobody around. That led to a game-tying field goal and then eventually another field goal from Matt Gay with just under two minutes left.

On the ensuing 49ers drive, 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo threw an unwarranted interception while being tackled down to the ground giving the Rams the victory.

On the anniversary of being traded to the Rams one year ago, this moment was particularly special for Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford.

Stafford spent 11 years with the Detroit Lions having never won a playoff game. In his first year as a Ram, Stafford is heading to the Super Bowl.

It will be the battle of the first-overall picks. Stafford was chosen by the Detroit Lions first overall in 2009. Burrow was selected first overall by the Bengals in 2020.

In what should be an enthralling Super Bowl bout between the underdog and the favourite, I see the Los Angeles Rams taking home the Super Bowl.

Prediction: 28-24 Rams.



## Residents make use of Marsh pond

The Marsh pond in Schomberg is available for skating. Thanks to Bill and Charles (and all those anonymous volunteers) for their hard work in clearing the snow and keeping the ice surface maintained.

## Additional CCTV cameras help police

The Ontario government is providing an additional \$1 million in the fight against gun and gang violence across the province.

The funding is being provided through the Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant program and will help an additional nine police services fund projects to replace outdated equipment, enhance current technology, and expand CCTV camera coverage in areas where gun and gang violence and correlated crimes such as drug and human trafficking are most prevalent. The grant program, launched in August 2020, represents an investment of \$6 million over three fiscal years (2020-21 to 2022-23).

"CCTV surveillance cameras are an essential tool in helping police detect, prevent and deter criminal activity and keep Ontarians safe," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "Tackling gun and gang violence requires all levels of government to work together. Ontario has stepped up to do its part, and we are pleased to support these locally led initiatives to help stamp out violence in communities across the province."

The Ontario CCTV Grant program is part of the province's Guns, Gangs, and Violence Reduction Strategy. Projects funded through the grant, which will help deter criminal activity and improve public safety, build on a recent provincial investment of \$75.1 million to support initiatives including a multi-jurisdictional gun and gang specialized prosecution unit and the Office of Illicit Drug Intelligence. To date, approximately \$187 million has been invested to combat guns and gangs in Ontario.

## Explore nature in winter

As nations around the globe prepare to mark World Wetlands Day, Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is celebrating an important "wetland win" right here at home. DUC has surpassed an incredible milestone of conserving one million acres in Ontario.

Since 1974, DUC has completed more than 5,000 conservation projects in Ontario, altogether conserving one million acres of natural habitats – specifically, wetlands and their next-door natural spaces like grasslands and forests. Together, these habitats help make up functioning ecosystems and they're making life better for wildlife and communities.

What that means on the ground is 4,000 square kilometres of nature in Canada's most populous province. To celebrate this milestone, we're inviting everyone to put on their boots and jacket and take a stroll in nature. There's an old saying, enjoying winter is all about how you dress. With the right gear, winter can be as much fun as summer.

"We're inviting Ontarians to bundle up and enjoy a winter wetland together. There are a million reasons to get outside in a winter landscape," said Lynette Mader, DUC's manager of provincial operations for Ontario. "Fresh air and special times together, that's what many of us are looking for these days."

On World Wetlands Day, instead of scrolling, we want Ontarians to try strolling in a winter wetland. Wetlands are one of Ontario's best kept winter secrets. There are many public wet-

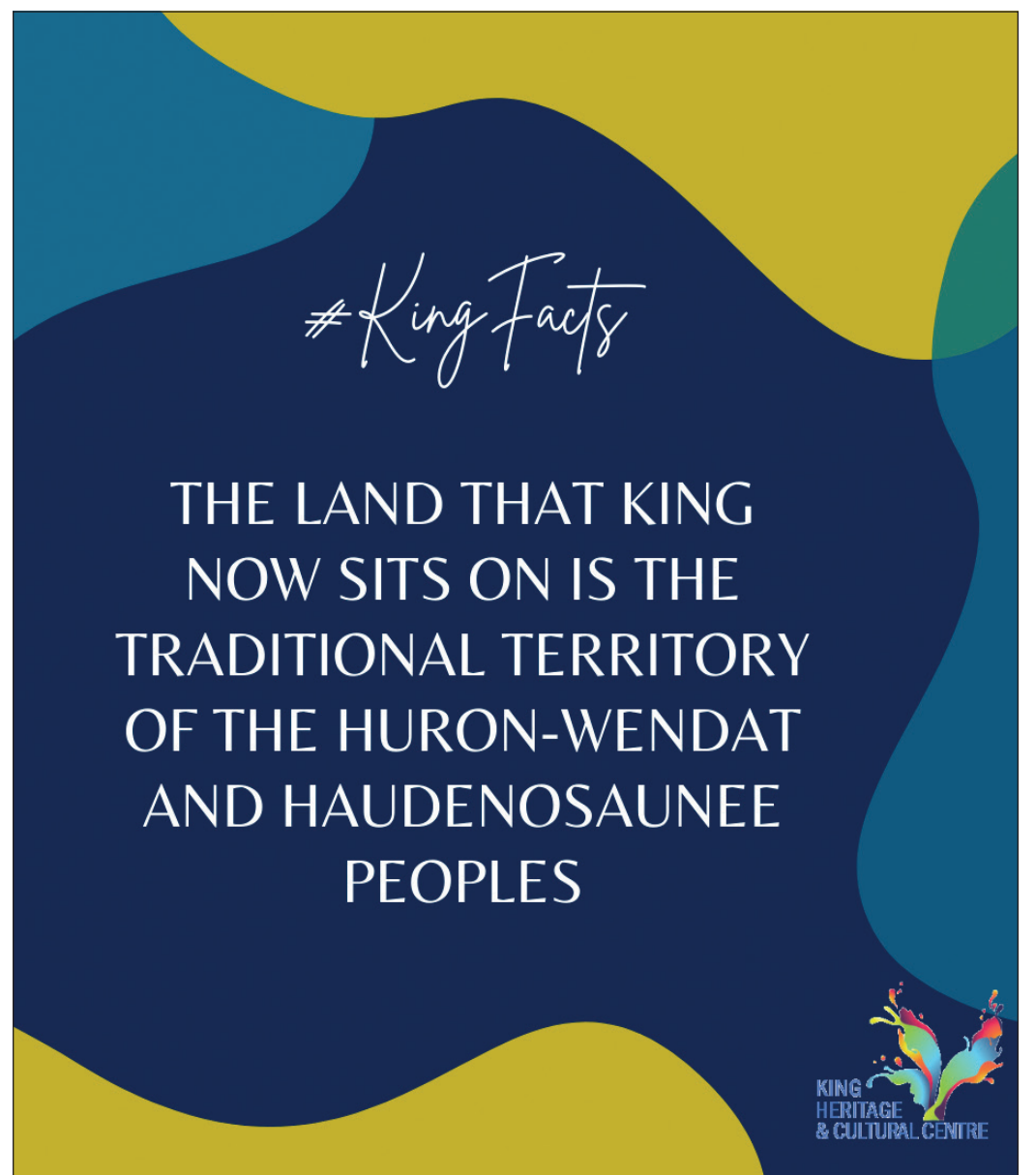
lands to enjoy and we've created an interactive map to help people discover 17 winter wetlands where they can go for a stroll today. New interactive map from DUC: [ducks.ca/winterwetlands](https://ducks.ca/winterwetlands)

The 17 wetlands featured on the map are all conservation projects carried out by DUC on public lands, which are owned and overseen by the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada or local Conservation Authorities. Together with conservation landowners, both public and private, we are making progress on conserving important wetlands across the country.

DUC is uniquely positioned to provide large-scale, science-based wetland restoration. Restoring wetland habitat contributes to the natural infrastructure of landscapes by boosting climate resiliency, water quality, flood mitigation, phosphorus reduction and overall watershed health.

The same productive wetland habitat sustains wildlife including waterfowl, other birds and hundreds of other species such as turtles, fish and pollinators.

"Our mission of protecting and restoring landscapes has resulted in more than one million acres of healthy wetlands and adjacent habitats in Ontario. What we've learned over the course of more than 5,000 conservation projects has uniquely positioned Ducks Unlimited Canada to provide the large-scale wetland restoration that is both needed and demanded by our communities for clean water and flood protection," said Lynette Mader, DUC's manager of provincial operations for Ontario.



# Classroom resources will help address antisemitism

As the world marks International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, joined by Stan Cho, MPP for Willowdale, and Rob in Martin, MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence, announced new investments and resources to combat rising antisemitism in schools and communities across Canada and the world.

Jewish people remain one of the most targeted minorities with respect to hate crimes – globally and in Canada. In 2019, Statistics Canada found police-reported hate crimes against Jewish people accounted for the highest number of religion-based hate crime in Canada.

According to Statistics Canada, in 2020, there were 321 police-reported incidents targeting the Jewish population in Canada. This is a five per cent increase from the 306 police-reported hate crimes in 2019 against Jewish people.

The problem of antisemitism was underscored by the B'nai Brith Canada 2020 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents which reported a record number of antisemitism cases in 2020, up 18.3 per cent

from 2019. This trend has been exacerbated since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, as Ahmed Shaheed, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, noted that antisemitic hate speech has increased alarmingly since the start.

In 2020, over 44 per cent of antisemitic violence was COVID-related, including incidents of Jewish people being spat on and assaulted with weapons.

As part of the province's plan to fight racism, hate, and prejudice in the classroom, the Ontario government is investing almost \$300,000 to partner with the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs and the Friends of the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies.

\$148,000 to the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies to create a collection of bilingual classroom resources and programming that will introduce students to the topic of antisemitism and ways to recognize and address antisemitism. This will include workshops and webinars for students and parents.

\$150,000 to the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) to develop bilin-

gual classroom resources, targeted at students in grades 5-8, on the dangers of antisemitism. Parent resources will also be developed on how antisemitism manifests on social media and online gaming.

"Over the past months, we have observed a disturbing increase of hate crimes targeting Jewish students, families, and synagogues," said Minister Lecce. "We must fulfill our collective responsibility to acknowledge and decisively combat antisemitism. To ensure that students learn from history so not to repeat it, we are delivering new resources, training, and tools to eliminate this hateful reality from the classroom and hearts of students, staff, and communities."

The funding announced today is part of the Ontario government's Priorities and Partnerships Funding (PPF) COVID-19 Equity Supports.

For this school year, Ontario's Priorities and Partnerships Funding (PPF) includes more than \$288 million in funding for approximately 150 initiatives that include a focus on strengthening math skills, access to mental health and

well-being supports, combatting racism and other forms of discrimination and support for children with disabilities.

As part of the Safe Return to Class Fund, the Ontario government directed \$6.4 million to support equity-related projects. This included funding to community organizations to address anti-Asian hate, antisemitism, and Islamophobia, support for Black, Indigenous and 2SLGBTQI+ students as well as support for newcomer youth, parents and families to enhance access to school and community resources, and culturally appropriate mental health and well-being supports for youth, families and teachers.

In 2021, the Ontario Government launched the new Anti-Racism and Anti-Hate Grant Program that will focus on increasing awareness on the impact of racism and hate. It is a two year investment of \$1.6 million.

To hold educators accountable for racist remarks and behaviour, Ontario amended regulations to explicitly set out remarks and behaviours that expose persons to hatred based on a prohibited ground of discrimination.

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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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Well, it looks like things are starting to prepare to open up once again, according to the Provincial government.

So, if you are involved in hockey, figure skating or curling, whether it is you or your kids, be sure to contact an executive of these associations or the Tri-san, and find out how soon we can all be back on the ice! Hallelujah!

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Worship leader Sandra Kirby reminded us of Nobleton's history from the very earliest days when the church was west of its current location, up on the hill on the King Road near where there is a cemetery. The old church was torn down and much of the building material was reused to build a new church in its current location at 6076 King Road in 1896.

We sang (while muted) old favourites such as "Holy, holy, holy, In the Garden, In the Bulb there is a Flower, It Only Takes a Spark" and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

Dennis Kowal and I each pre-recorded one of these hymns, and Sandra sang the others. Stefani Harris pre-recorded a modern song called "True Colours." We could hear the singing, while looking at the words and admiring the

photos that illustrated what was being sung. Many thanks for all the work of putting this together by Sandra.

Val Ball and Sue DiFebo showed the various pictures and family stories of this beautiful hard cover 125th Anniversary book. There is a section on the stained-glass windows and the stories behind each one. There is also info and pictures about Messy Church.

Val and Sue need to include a few

more family stories to complete the book. Then we will be taking orders for these lovely keepsakes.

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

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

# Stop sign coming to intersection

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

A new stop sign will be placed at the intersection of the 16th Sideroad and 7th Concession in King.

Councillors approved the recommendation contained in a staff report calling for the stop sign.

Staff noted the 7th Concession was paved between the 15th and 16th Sideroads in 2021. Given the horizontal and vertical alignment of this T intersection, as well as the approaching sightlines, a stop sign was deemed necessary.

Staff pointed out the traffic operation at this intersection would function more safety once the new stop sign was installed.

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# Show your love through dessert this Valentine's Day

Romantic sentiments are expressed in many ways come Valentine's Day. Gifts may include sparkling jewels or personalized prose, but a homemade dessert from the kitchen can win over some hearts as well.

Even though chocolate may be expected on Valentine's Day, tiramisu can be a welcome and delicious alternative. Tiramisu is an Italian layered dessert, and the name translates to "pick me up" or "cheer me up." It is made from spongy cookies soaked in coffee and liqueur, nestled among dollops of rich mascarpone cheese. Requiring no baking at all, it is an easy treat to offer a sweetheart. Enjoy this recipe for "Tiramisu" courtesy of the American Dairy Association.

## Tiramisu

Yield: 9 servings

- 6 egg yolks
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/4 cup mascarpone cheese
- 1 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 12 oz packages Savoradi Lady Fingers
- 1/2 cup cold espresso or strong coffee
- 1/4 cup coffee flavored liqueur (optional)
- 1 tablespoon cocoa for dusting

Combine egg yolks and sugar in the top of a double boiler, over boiling water. Reduce heat to low and cook for about 10 minutes, stirring constantly. This is your sabayon. Remove from the heat and whip yolks until thick and lemon colored. Add mascarpone to whipped yolks, and beat until combined.

In a separate bowl, whip cream to stiff peaks. Gently fold the whipped cream in the mascarpone-sabayon mixture and set aside.

Mix the cold espresso with the coffee liquor, and dip the lady fingers into the mixture just long enough to get them wet; do not soak them! Arrange the lady fingers in the bottom of a 8 inch square baking dish (or 6X9). Spoon half the mascarpone cream filling over the lady fingers.

Repeat the process with another layer. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Dust with cocoa before serving.



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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, "Satan's Backyard" based on Revelation 2.12-17.

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.

LifeConnect Group is also meeting on Tuesday evenings at the Church and on Zoom at 7:30 for both men and women. Both groups will be going deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It's a good way to do life together with other believers in a more intimate setting than you can get on a Sunday morning. For details of either group, be in touch with us at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

St. Paul's is coordinating with the King Township Food Bank in the distri-

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

### 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 [zgangl@archtoronto.org](mailto:zgangl@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](mailto:stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org)

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

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.

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We are planning the famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner but this time as a Drive-Thru, for March. The exact date has not yet been set.

Last Sunday, we celebrated our 125th Anniversary, on Zoom. The great thing about Zoom is that people can tune in from afar. We had Joan Jackaman joining us from St. Thomas (she was an active member when she lived in Nobleton) and even my son from BC!

Worship leader Sandra Kirby reminded us of our history from the very earliest days when the church was west of its current location, up on the hill on the King Road near where there is a cemetery. The old church was torn down and much of the building material was reused to build a new church in its current location at 6076 King Road in 1896.

We sang (while muted) old favourites such as "Holy, holy, holy, In the Garden, In the Bulb there is a Flower, It Only Takes a Spark" and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." Dennis Kowal and I each pre-recorded one of these hymns, and Sandra sang the others. Stefani Harris pre-recorded a modern song called "True Colours." We could hear the singing, while looking at the words and admiring the photos that illustrated what was being sung. Many thanks for all the work of putting this together by Sandra.

Val Ball and Sue DiFebo showed the various pictures and family stories of this beautiful hard cover 125th Anniversary book. There is a section on the stained-glass windows and the stories behind each one. There is also info on Messy Church.

Val and Sue need to include a few more family stories to make it complete. Then we will be taking orders for these lovely keepsakes.

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

My contact info is 905-859-0761 or [nancy@hopkinson.ca](mailto:nancy@hopkinson.ca)

### Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is up and running, now celebrating 60 years of service to the community. Watch this space for some interesting views from the past.

The Club wishes to thank all knitters and crocheters! You have done a fantastic job for this ongoing project. Please keep up the good work. There is a need for cozy, homemade slippers at various Ronald McDonald Houses.

It seems that people sometimes find themselves needing to stay in close proximity to hospitals when their children require hospitalization on an unexpected basis. Ronald McDonald Houses provide what they can, and here is a chance for us to help them.

If you have the time and wool, patterns are apparently available on the internet, for slippers of any size or colour. The Nobleton Lions will collect them and forward them to various RMH's in south central Ontario. For followup details please contact Lion Rick at [rick@rickevans.net](mailto:rick@rickevans.net)

The Club continues to offer a free service to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions are providing a delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Rick, 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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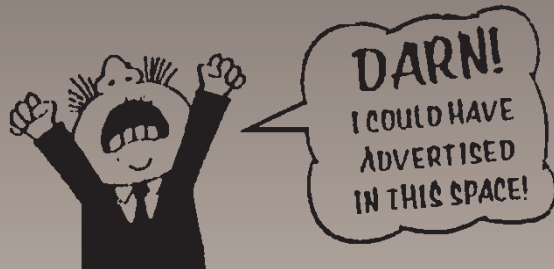
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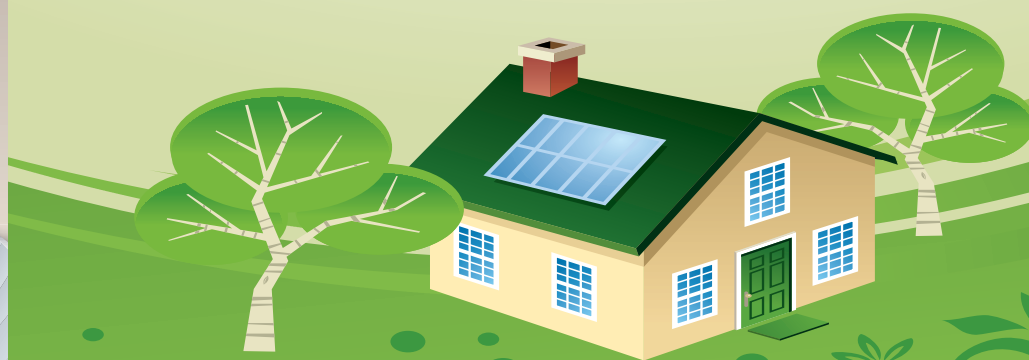
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# King's Corners

## King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Last week Rev. Bruce's message was entitled "The dangers of Reading the Scriptures." In today's world we rarely have time to read, let alone read the bible. Sometimes we tune the reading of the scriptures out during a worship on Sunday.

Regardless, we were encouraged to look at reading the scriptures in a new way and to "experience the deep sense of joy and gratitude that arises from God's Word." To read the whole message or the recorded worship please visit our website and view last Sunday's service. Next Sunday's online worship will be at 10 a.m. and available on our website [kcuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:kcuc@bellnet.ca)

KCUC continue with an online worship format only and is closed to 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 - YorkUnited-Ministries. If you wish to participate through the Zoom at 10 a.m., please contact the office at [kcuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:kcuc@bellnet.ca) to be put on the invitation list. We will provide all the details on our website at [kcuc.net](http://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.

## 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](http://www.kingbiblechurch.com)) or it will be uploaded on YouTube later on Sunday.

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](http://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](mailto:lisa@kingbiblechurch.com).

## St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us online this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at [standrews-kingcity.ca](http://standrews-kingcity.ca) or view at your convenience throughout the week. Until further notice, all in-person Sunday morning church services are canceled.

The King Township Food Bank's once monthly distribution is continuing. If you need more information regarding the Food Bank, please contact [ktfb.ca](mailto:ktfb.ca)

Following the worship service, grab your coffee/tea and let's chat over ZOOM during Coffee Time! Call us if you need the ZOOM link.

We are really appreciating our new sermon series of Jesus's Parables and their importance to us, found in the New Testament of "God's Guide Book for Life."

Alison Agnew spoke to us from Matthew 20 last Sunday. This parable reveals the difference between God's economy and our economy. God knows and supplies what we need, not necessarily what we want or feel we deserve.

The online Bible Studies with Lynn are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for the "after work ladies" and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. where we further discuss the parable for the week. "Art for the Soul" takes place Wednesday afternoons. Lynn encourages you to join, whatever your experience with art. Have fun expressing yourself! 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.

We are saddened that Juanita (Nita) Guthrie of King City, a dear member of our congregation, died Friday morning, January 28. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. A small family funeral is being arranged in Bolton for next week.

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

Visser: 416-998-4652, or our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis: 1-905-724-1979.

Mark your calendars: our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for February 27, following the Sunday morning worship service. We'll keep you posted as to the time.

Do keep in touch!

## All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Our Church remains closed. Our 10:30 Sunday service of Morning Prayer with organ interludes and sermon is available live on [www.facebook.com/allsaintsking](http://www.facebook.com/allsaintsking) or later recorded <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-0roHWIUzDk>.

No Hometown Hero: Fr. Michael's sermon last Sunday on Luke 4: "All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?'"

"What hometown doesn't love its heroes? Today's gospel, which continues the story of Jesus' return to Nazareth, invites us to think who Jesus speaks to and who Jesus serves - besides us. When he speaks to his hometown crowd, Jesus gets a complex reaction, moving from approval to murderous rage. They approve 'the gracious words that came from his mouth' (4.22) to remembrance of who they think Jesus is ('Is not this Joseph's son? 4.22) to rage when Jesus provokes them by saying his mission is not just to make his hometown look and feel good (4.23-29). What makes them change their minds so quickly?"

"What they get is an antagonistic Jesus who basically says that he has nothing to offer his hometown. Jesus puts himself in the same company as

the prophets Elijah and Elisha whose miracles benefitted gentiles but not their own people (Lk 4:25-27) and says that he won't do the miracles and teachings he's done elsewhere (4.23). In other words, Jesus seems to almost taunt the hometown crowd by saying, "Yes, I may be one of you, but I'm not here to serve you."

"Jesus never gave any indication that he wanted to be the hometown hero. Before he was born, his mother Mary knew that Jesus would be the one who would lift up 'the lowly', feed the hungry, and send 'the rich away empty' (Lk 1.52-53). When the aged Simeon met the infant Jesus, he prophesied that the child would 'salvation' for 'all peoples', 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles' (Lk 2.29-32). By the time Jesus returns to Nazareth, we as Luke's readers know that Jesus is far, far more than just 'Joseph's son.'

"From the very beginning Jesus has announced that he will be God's son for all people. Now, in the Nazareth synagogue, Jesus bluntly tells the hometown crowd that he will take the love and salvation of God to those who don't yet know him.

"Today's gospel reading calls us to ask whether we are willing to share Jesus with a wider world that needs him, needs him even more than we do. Are we here to be served, or all we called to serve? How can we cooperate with Jesus' mission to those who lack our comforts, our privilege, our faith?"

"Yes, we all have our own needs and our own prayer concerns. Trust that you are part of the flock that the good shepherd has safely in his keeping. But ask yourself who else has needs, who else has Jesus come to serve, and how you can you as disciples and church help? Do you expect Jesus to serve you, or will you help Jesus serve others?"

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