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## Officials tour vaccine clinic

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, joined Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, York Region Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Pakes, MPP Logan Kanapathi, and MPP Billy Pang at the Aaniin Community Centre & Library to tour the vaccine clinic set up for all eligible Ontarians ages 5 and up. "We are working with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health to protect schools by increasing vaccination rates of staff and students, on a voluntary basis," said Lecce. "Students need to learn in the classroom. That is why we are setting up school-based vaccine clinics that require parental consent, as well as improving ventilation, providing N95 masks for staff, and distributing millions of rapid tests to schools - to reduce risk and protect in-class learning for students." More information about the clinic can be found here at <http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine>.

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## Conservative MPs anxious to move forward

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Conservatives across Canada are regrouping under interim leader Candice Bergen, following the departure of O'Toole as party leader. The Conservative caucus voted 73-45 to oust O'Toole last week, who then resigned. Conservative MPs named Bergen the interim leader late last Wednesday evening. "I pledge my support and unwavering loyalty to our next leader and I urge everyone in our party to come together and do the same," O'Toole said. She wasted little time in setting the Conservative Parliamentary Leadership Team. She named House Leader: John Brassard (Barrie-Innisfil), Deputy House Leader and Co-Chair of Question Period Planning: Tom Kmiec (Calgary Shepard), Chief Opposition Whip: Blaine Calkins (Red Deer-Lacombe) and Deputy Whip and Co-

Chair of Question Period planning: Lianne Rood (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex). Bergen has been the MP for the Manitoba riding of Portage-Lisgar since 2008. She was previously the Conservatives' deputy leader and has been among the party's most prominent voices in the House of Commons, where she frequently squares off against Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and senior ministers during question period. King-Vaughan MPP Anna Roberts admitted it was a "sad day" when the party said good-bye to O'Toole. She felt for him and his family. Roberts admitted it's not easy being party leader and "he did his best." York-Simcoe MP Scot Davidson said with so many important issues gripping our country, it is "paramount that Canada's Conservatives are united and prepared for the next general election, while providing strong, effective, and principled opposition in Parliament."

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

Monday, March 7  
6 pm – Public Planning Meeting  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Monday, March 21  
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 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.

- Parks Seasonal Worker – Deadline February 15
- Public Works Coordinator – deadline February 15
- Administrative Clerk – Licensing & Public Services (Contract) – Deadline February 16
- Parks Maintenance Worker (six-month contract) – Deadline February 18
- Aquatics Manager– Deadline February 18
- Aquatics Supervisor– Deadline February 18
- Lifeguard/Instructor – Deadline February 18
- Camp Director – Deadline February 18
- Camp Program Coordinator – Deadline February 18
- Inclusion Program Coordinator – Deadline February 18
- Camp Counsellor – Deadline February 18
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (Contract) – Deadline February 18
- Fitness Floor Monitor – Deadline February 18
- Fitness Instructor – Deadline February 18
- Personal Trainer – Deadline February 18

**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**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATIONS CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

The Township of King has received applications to amend the King City Community Plan and the Schomberg King City Urban Areas Zoning By-law 2017-66 to provide for the re-development of the subject lands consisting of a 6-storey building containing 247 residential units with a floor space index of 2.1, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Sections 17 and 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13*, as amended.

The Township has determined that the applications are considered complete and the Planning Division has commenced processing. We welcome your comments regarding these applications.

**SUBJECT PROPERTY**

Location: 12764, 12780, 12796, 12800 Keele Street, King City  
Reg. Plan 84, Part Lots 26 to 35 and Reg. Plan 109, Part Lane

Owner: Keele West Developments LP.  
Applicant & Agent: Humphries Planning Group Inc.  
Township File No.'s: OP-2021-05 & Z-2021-15

**PROPOSAL**

The subject applications propose to amend the King City Community Plan (OPA540) and the Schomberg King City Urban Areas By-law to provide for a re-development of the subject lands proposing a 6-storey residential apartment building containing a total of 247 units and 326 parking spaces.

At such time as a public meeting is scheduled in accordance with the Planning Act, the Township of King will provide further notice specifying the date and time of the meeting. Any person may attend the public meeting (or participate virtually if the meeting is remote due to public health restrictions), and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or zoning by-law amendment.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications as well as related background and supporting information, are available for inspection by contacting Paul Kulyk, Planner II at [pkulyk@king.ca](mailto:pkulyk@king.ca) or by telephone at 905-833-5321, ext. 4063, quoting File Numbers OP-2021-05 and Z-2021-15 (12800 to 12764 Keele Street). Written comments may be emailed or personally delivered to the Planning Division and will become part of the public record.

Dated at the Township of King this 10th day of February, 2022.

Kathryn Moyle  
Director of Corporate Services  
Township Clerk  
Township of King  
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**Notice of Virtual Public Information Centre (VPIC)**

The Township of King invites the public to our Virtual Public Information Centre (VPIC) for the Western Avenue, Elmwood Avenue, and Castlewood Avenue Watermain Relining Project. The VPIC, which will include a brief presentation and drawings for the proposed works, will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, from 6pm to 7pm on Microsoft Teams.

To attend the VPIC please register in advance by completing the form found at the link below: <https://www.ainleygroup.com/kingtownship-vpic/>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Representatives from King Township and the Project Consultant (Ainley Group) will be in attendance to answer any questions and note any concerns or suggestions.

For more information please visit our webpage <https://www.king.ca/majorprojects> or contact Daniel Wilkinson, Project Manager, at 905-833-5321 ext. 6572, or by email at [dwilkinson@king.ca](mailto:dwilkinson@king.ca).

If you would like to receive email notifications and updates as the project progresses, please email Daniel Wilkinson at [dwilkinson@king.ca](mailto:dwilkinson@king.ca).

**WATER BILLS**



Due Date: February 18, 2022

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- 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").

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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.

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# Crucial time for the party

From Front Page

"I look forward to working with the new interim leader of the Conservative Party and continuing to stand up for the residents of York-Simcoe, who are looking to move on from this pandemic and get life back to normal."

"I would like to thank Erin O'Toole and his family for his service to our country as Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, and I wish him all the best in the future."

Davidson said the caucus has spoken and party faithful remain optimistic in these challenging times. There are a lot of big issues facing this country, he pointed out, noting a change of leadership is the "best way forward."

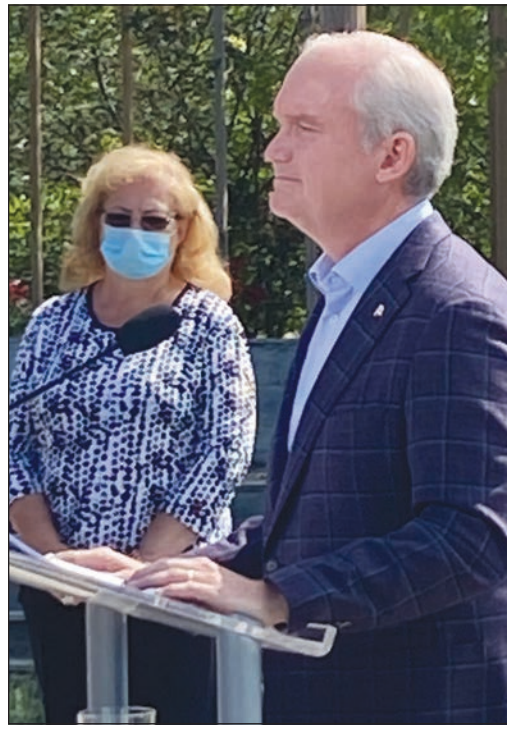
He noted he worked with Bergen in the past, adding he's always building relationships in Ottawa.

Davidson himself has had a whirlwind ride, being first elected in a bylaw election in February of 2019. He then participated in the 2019 federal election, and again in 2021. His support remained solid in both elections as he earned just under 25,000 votes each time.

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback noted O'Toole's departure was a question of leadership and the party needed a change. While the Conservatives have had three different leaders in the past six years, Seeback is not pessimistic.

In fact, he said the next leader will be someone who can not only pull things together, but tackle the challenges on behalf of constituents.

The Conservatives, he admitted, have to cement their policies on things like climate change and housing. Affordable housing an important issue facing all Canadians and this one issue needs to be addressed as soon as possible. The federal government, he said, has done



Erin O'Toole stopped in King during the 2021 election campaign. Also shown is current Conservative MP for King-Vaughan Anna Roberts.

nothing on this issue, despite their election promises. In fact, the Liberal government "can't walk and chew gum at the same time," Seeback observed.

The Liberals, he predicts, will continue to polarize Canadians.

The Conservatives are a "big tent" party and it will take a "special leader" to reunite them.

The national council will work with the interim leader, who can't run to replace O'Toole full time. The council hasn't set a date for the next leadership race.

Once the Leadership Election Organizing Committee (LEOC) is appointed, they will set the rules and procedure for the leadership selection process.

## Retired teacher charged in sexual assaults

York Regional Police have charged a 73-year-old Toronto in connection with historical sexual offences committed against several children.

In June 2021, police began an investigation into a retired school teacher after officers received information regarding a sexual assault.

Through the investigation, officers located four victims who reported incidents from their Grade 4 class in 1977 to 1980 at a public school in Nobleton. Three female victims reported sexual offences and one male victim reported a physical assault.

On Jan. 27, the accused was arrested and has been charged. The accused was a teacher with the York Region District School Board full time for many years and continued working as a supply teacher after his retirement up until 2020.

Investigators believe there may be more victims. Anyone with information is urged to come forward.

Lawrence Fritz, 73, has been charged with Gross Indecency x3, Indecent Assault x3, Forcible Confinement and Assault with Intent.

A sexual assault includes any non-consensual contact of a sexual nature. York Regional Police would like to encourage anyone who feels they may have been a victim of a sexual assault to come forward and report the incident to police. There is no statute of limitations for sexual offences and offenders can be prosecuted well after the date of the offence. If you are the survivor of sexual assault, you can report the incident online if:

- You are not in immediate danger.
- The person who assaulted you is not present.
- There is no evidence present that may be collected by police (blood, semen, saliva, etc.). Evidence can be collected for up to 12 days after the sexual assault has occurred.

• You have access to a private email address, to which the suspect does not.

If someone is not ready to report but is seeking support, please contact York Region Victim Services victimservices-york.org or the Women's Support Network womensupportnetwork.ca. Additional resources and information can be found on our website <http://www.yrp.ca/en/services/resources/sexualassaultsurvivorsguide.pdf>.

Anyone with information is asked to call the York Regional Police Special Victims Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7071 or contact Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com).



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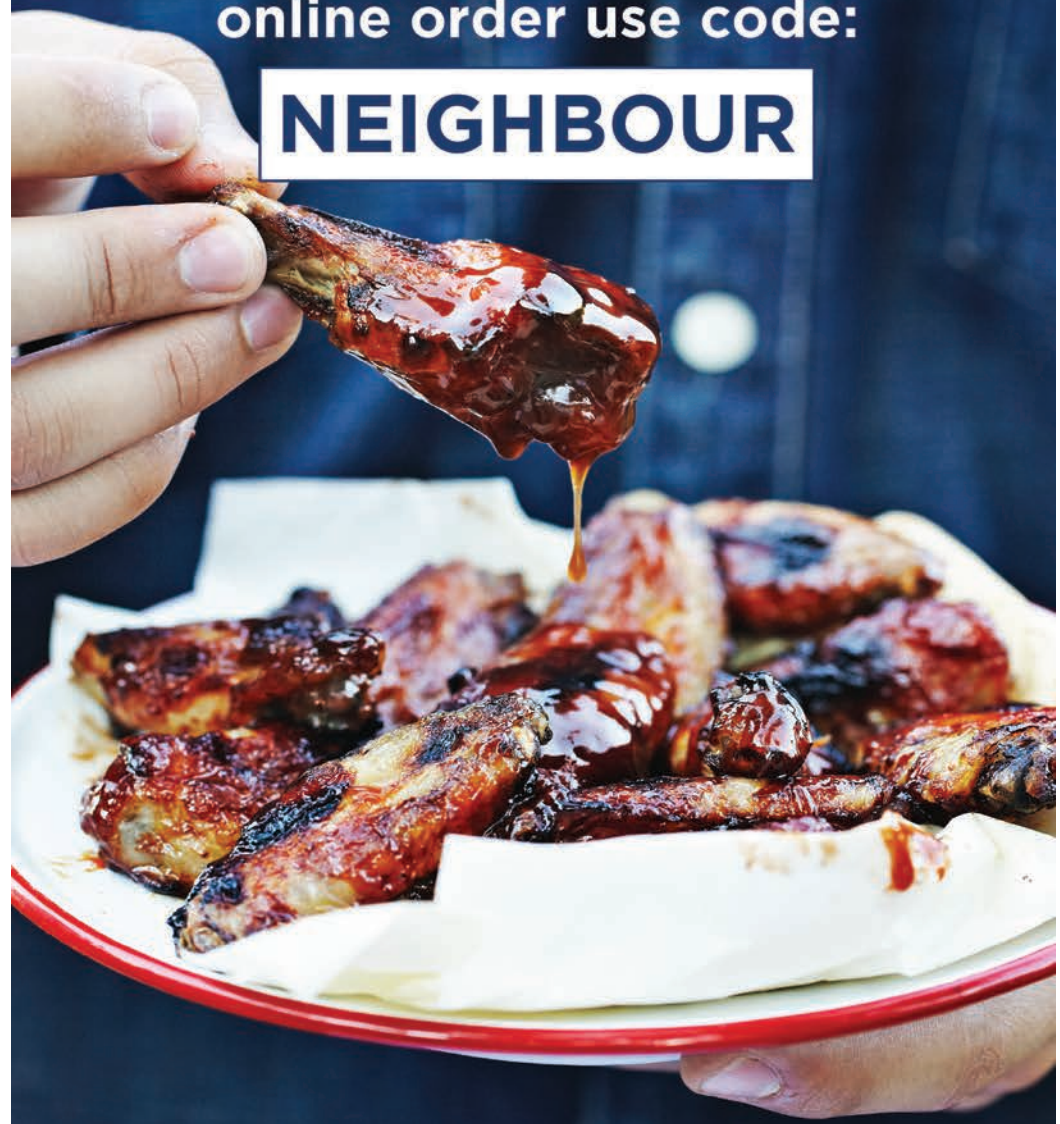
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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

- Michael Connelly

## Unnecessary loss of human life is tragic

I find it tragic and sad when human life is wasted.

When someone is born, lives and dies, but whose life goes by unnoticed, it's an extreme waste of potential.

Sure, I get it. Thousands of people, including children, die everyday. Many of these deaths are preventable, but our society has not evolved enough to get concerned about all life around the globe. I wonder just how long it will take before all governments, all people, all religions, come together in some fashion to further the human condition, not destroy it. Doubt I will see it in my lifetime.

When I think about a single, poor child in regions of conflict or famine, wasting away in her mother's arms, I cry. People in small, seaside villages are killed by renegade tsunamis on a regular basis. Entire families wiped off the face of the earth in seconds.

Gone is so much potential, an immeasurable amount of all things human - love, compassion, goodwill, friendship, contributions.

Maybe they were doomed from the start, given their precarious situation.

It's sad that tens of thousands of our fellow men, women and children don't have a chance to reach for the stars, simply because no one cares. If we did, each and every one of them would be properly cared for. Their basic needs of clean water, food and shelter would be met. They'd get life-saving medications and vaccines. They would go to school.

And yet, as the world's billionaires get richer, the poor get poorer and the disadvantaged die. They perish without so much as a thought, let alone any formal ceremony to remember their lives.

Every life is sacred. If that malnourished mother can comfort her kids and make them laugh, is that not important? If the disease-plagued residents of refugee camps can share stories of their an-



Mark Pavilons

cestors, sing and dance, isn't that what humanity is all about?

If we in the west truly knew and understood the level of global suffering, it would make us sick, more ill than any virus.

We are consumed by our trivial woes and whine about gas prices, a lack of abundance in grocery store shelves, and interest rates.

I hate it all.

I hate that in this day and age, when we develop telescopes to peer into the far reaches of the universe, we can't get homeless teens off the streets. I hate it that we can make self-driving cars but ignore malnutrition, malaria and overflowing refugee camps.

Maybe the pestilence mentioned in Revelation is here, but confined to certain parts of the globe. Take heed, my friends. Fortunately for us wee humans, all prophecies of the apocalypse have been wrong so far.

That gives us more time to get it right.

The plague before us has changed the world forever. It also took many souls from us prematurely - mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters. That is also a huge waste, a tragic loss that we can never qualify. How many healers, scientists, poets and philosophers were lost to humanity? How do we replace such enormous talent?

Why did it happen? Can we prevent it from happening again?

Who reminds us, who teaches us, to be kind to the downtrodden? Who leads the way in extending a helping hand? Who's responsible for maintaining the human race?

Yes, my fellow cogs, these are somewhat rhetorical questions. But that doesn't mean they can't be answered or those roles fulfilled.

Who wants to live the wrong life and then die?

Many of our fellow citizens - volunteers around the world - have dedicated their lives to improving the human condition. We have seen a modicum of progress. Infant mortality rates have dropped and more have access to necessities. Yet this work is never finished, not until every last soul is saved and every last person is given a fighting chance.

What if we dropped our designer gloves and hedge funds and picked up shovels and plows, planted trees and turned on the fresh water taps at every corner of our home world? What if we buried our guns and sidelined our tanks, in favour of convoys that deliv-

ered hope to the hopeless?

Earth is all we have. It's finite. Its inhabitants are unique in the universe. Here on the ground, we're not all that different if you think about it.

Prophets came and went, but all shared a similar desire - to unite, to help, to guide and to deliver.

Where are such gurus today? Who will save us?

The rich, those who turn a blind eye, will have little to boast about when the world crumbles around them, fires rage and humanity sinks beneath the seas.

We try to be good most of the time but sometimes we can't be bothered. Often, especially lately, it's just too much work.

Some think it's all meaningless in the end. We help someone, give a family member a kidney, sacrifice all the time and the result? We all die anyway!

That's a fatalistic and pessimistic way of looking at things. It's somewhat true, but since we're a resilient lot, we always look for the silver lining. If we can't help everyone, we help one. And that's a start.

If we didn't at least try, it would be every man for himself, like those crabs in a bucket.

What if Mother Teresa simply gave up? What if Ghandi just packed it in?

Maybe it's not about changing the world, but changing attitudes. Perhaps what we need as a society is a course correction.

Just like grandma's famous stew, the only ingredient we need is plenty of TLC.

### Letter to the Editor

## Money not well spent on highways

The Bradford Bypass and Highway 413 are being sold to Ontarians as time-savers, promising to shave 30 minutes off of commuters' trips.

Sounds great. But this doesn't add up. Transportation Minister Caroline Mulroney admitted in a Globe and Mail article that the 30-minute figure comes with a catch. Drivers would save 30 minutes only if they traveled the full length of the highway, which few commuters would actually do. In reality, the average driver would save closer to 10-15 minutes.

Okay 10-15 minutes still isn't bad. But this still doesn't add up because of something called induced demand. This means when something new is built, more people will eventually start to use it (think "if you build it, they will come" from Field of Dreams). So in a few years, and \$6 billion in taxpayer money later, drivers will be right back where they started. Then what? More highways? More sprawl? More money spent to solve the problem? Communities will suffer too - sitting in traffic isn't good for growth or the economy.

These types of projects don't solve the problems they claim to solve and we know it. This is stated in many reports such as Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan, and why the plan was developed in the first place: to avoid the mistakes of the past. The report states that to accommodate the 14.8 million people and 7 million jobs coming in the next 25 years, "complete communities" will be required. Complete communities are like a one-stop-shop. They are designed with efficiency in mind. Amenities are placed close together to reduce unnecessary car trips.

Then there are the environmental costs, which would be irreversible.

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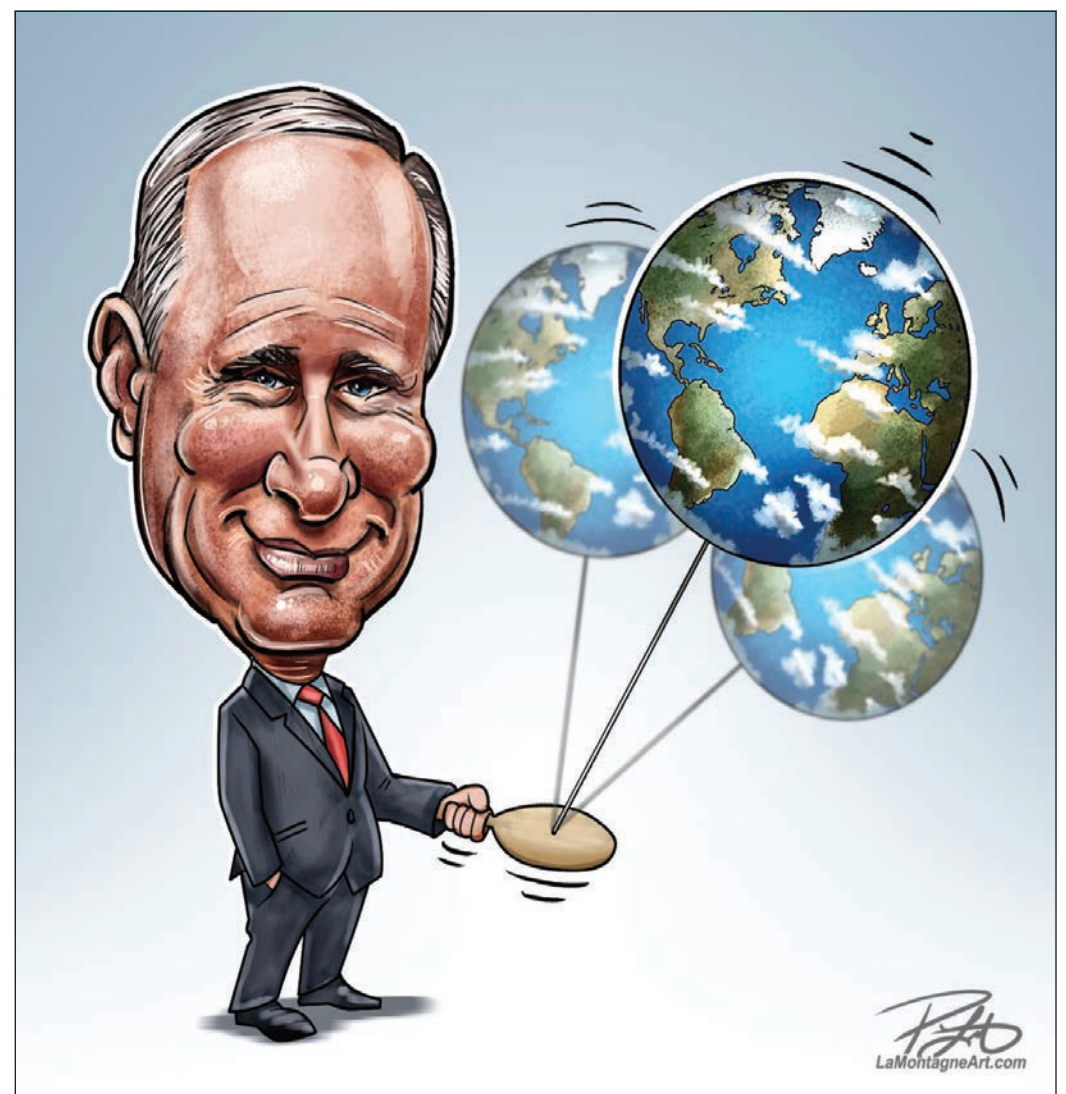
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# Call on government to deal with climate change!

By Mark Simmons

Comment

Let's face it – hearing about climate change can be overwhelming. We're told that so many of the things we rely on – the way we heat and cool our homes, the cars we drive, and the products we buy – are making climate change worse. But as overwhelming as it can be, there is still reason for hope.

Most people are concerned about climate change, but either aren't sure what to do about it, don't like thinking about it, or want to believe that the government will do what's necessary to prevent it from happening. If any of those resonate with you, I'm hoping this article will encourage you to turn that concern into action.

We need more from you and others if we're going to have any hope of stopping climate change. The good news is that a few simple steps on your part can make a real difference.

We already have the solutions we need to prevent the worst impacts of climate change. What's missing is the political will to put those solutions into action. The reason it's missing is because the government responds to the demands of the people it serves, and not enough people are demanding action on climate change. Politicians keep making promises about it, scientists keep warning us about it, and climate activists keep trying to raise awareness about it, but it's not enough. We need more people – people like you – to help turn all the talking into meaningful action.

And we can help make that easy for you. Here are two simple steps that you can take, right now, to help stop climate

change:

1) Contact your MP. Contact your local MP (you can find their contact information at <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en/search>), and tell them that:

- You're a constituent in their riding.
- Climate change is an important issue to you.

You want the government to take real action to stop climate change, including:

- Developing a concrete plan for ending fossil fuel production, and supporting a just transition to a green energy grid within this decade.

A just transition is an approach that creates a fair and equitable transition from Canada's current reliance on fossil fuels to a society that is driven by green energy, which ensures that individuals and communities affected by the transition are taken care of (for example, by retraining oil refinery workers to work on solar and wind farms).

2) Sign up for the Environmental Defence e-newsletter. You can sign up by going to <https://environmentaldefence.ca/>.

Environmental Defence is a leading Canadian environmental advocacy organization that works with government, industry and individuals to defend clean water, a safe climate and healthy communities. Their e-newsletter includes opportunities for people to show their support on environmental issues that they care about, and it presents these opportunities in a professional, rational, easy-to-understand way.

While those two actions alone won't stop climate change, they will encourage our government to take the actions that are necessary to stop it and will help keep you informed of other important, straightforward ways that you can take action as the need arises. If enough of us take these two small steps, our governments will have no choice but to hear us and to act.

With climate change, there is no shortage of work to be done. If you're looking to do more, please consider volunteering with Toronto350 by signing up at <https://www.toronto350.org/volunteer>. We'd be happy to have you join

our team.

Thinking about these issues can be frightening and overwhelming, but we've found the best way to manage those feelings is by taking action together. So please join us in calling on our government to do what's necessary to stop climate change.

We can't do it without you!

*Mark Simmons is a member of Toronto350, a non-profit organization committed to ending the extraction and consumption of fossil fuels through collective non-partisan, grassroots action and non-violent civil disobedience.*

## Some totals up in the last general election

In his report on the 44th General Election tabled in the House of Commons, the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, Stéphane Perrault, provides an overview of the events that took place during the election period. Later this year the Chief Electoral Officer will provide Parliament with a report on recommended changes to the Canada Elections Act.

"I would like to recognize and thank the more than 195,000 election workers, returning officers, field liaison officers and other stakeholders who worked in particularly difficult circumstances to ensure that their fellow Canadians could safely exercise their democratic rights to vote and run for office in the 44th general election," said Perrault.

Despite the challenges of a pandemic election, 2,010 candidates appeared on ballots in the 44th general election.

17.2 million Canadians, or 62.5 per cent of registered electors, cast a ballot in the 44th general election. Of those, more than 16 million chose to vote in person – more than 5.8 million at advance polls and 10.2 million on election day.

The more than 5.8 million electors who voted over the four days of advance polls represent an increase of approximately 21 per cent from the nearly 4.9 million Canadians who voted in advance polls during the previous general election.

The agency received more than 700,000 special ballots by mail, an increase from the roughly 55,000 received in the 43rd general election in October 2019.

Elections Canada mailed more than 27 million Voter Information Cards to individuals whose names appeared on the preliminary lists of electors.

Compared with the 43rd general election, there were 3 per cent fewer advance polling places and 7 per cent fewer election day polling places.



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# Internet connectivity complete at all publicly funded schools

The Ontario government is expanding access to high-quality online learning courses for secondary school students through partnerships with school boards, TVO and TFO.

Secondary school students will be able to preview online course content at [www.ontariocoursepreview.ca](http://www.ontariocoursepreview.ca). The move is a significant step forward in providing greater quality, choice and flexibility to students.

As part of the Broadband Modernization Program, the government has taken action to ensure network connectivity to all schools in Ontario. The government has now confirmed that internet connectivity is complete at nearly 100 per cent of schools – 4,841 elementary and secondary schools are now connected, with three active connectivity projects underway in remote schools.

Students will be able to preview the online courses, which will help students and families make informed decisions for online course selections for the 2022-23 school year. New online courses will be added to the preview sites over time, providing Ontario secondary students with more options to reach their

academic goals and meet the new online graduation requirements (opt-out provision remains available for all students).

School boards make a selection of online courses available to students who can register through their local school as part of the course selection process. The move positions Ontario as a leader in providing modern, online learning options that will ensure students have the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly digital world.

“Internet is essential in a modern economy, critical for students to learn, businesses to grow, and citizens to access the global marketplace. I’m proud to deliver investments to improve internet connectivity in King and Vaughan that ensures high speed internet at every school,” said Education Minister Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan.

“We have created the gold standard of online learning courses that are dynamic, led by an educator, and offer course variety for students,” added Lecce. “We are placing a major emphasis on real-world learning by embedding life and job skills into the curriculum.”

# Cost of 413 not justified

From Page 4

We would lose endangered species habitat and sensitive woodlands, rivers, valleys, wetlands, conservation areas and forested areas. The 2021 report by the Auditor General of Ontario on conserving the natural environment warns of unchecked growth (like building highways and the resulting sprawl) and the harms it would cause. This kind of growth can contribute to air and water quality degradation as well as greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. The past 7 years have been the hottest on record. Do we really want to roll the dice and see what happens if we continue this trend?

Then there’s the cost itself. These highways will cost \$6 billion, and that’s just to build. What about maintenance and repairs over the next 10 years?

\$6 billion and more just to save 15 minutes – for the few years that even that would last.

I’m happy to wait 15 minutes and spend that money to help my fellow Ontarians with some of the more serious problems we’re dealing with.

Take health care. This pandemic was relentlessly tough on the physical and mental health of healthcare professionals, and as a result, patients. Some of whom desperately need care that they’re not getting.

During the latest wave, nurses were leaving hospitals in droves after almost two years of working flat out. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it should be that our fragile health care

system needs attention – more than the 6,200 nurses the Ford government claims have been hired. Maybe \$6 billion would help people get their elective surgeries and give more of a buffer for ICU admissions as the pandemic continues – and for future ones.

What about a childcare deal? As I write this, we are the last province without a federal deal. \$6 billion would take the pressure off of a lot of parents who have to pay upwards of \$60, \$70, \$80 per day for daycare. I’d take \$80 a day over saving 15 minutes in the car.

Small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy, were hit especially hard and many closed permanently. What about more support for them? I personally know someone who is surviving on Kraft Dinner because the latest round of lockdowns has hit him and his family so hard.

And for transportation, what about the many alternatives that have been proposed like Brampton’s boulevard solution raised by council in August 2020. Or investment in public transit including expansion of GO service? Rail is the most efficient way to move people. Period. There’s also optimizing the existing infrastructure through demand management, truck priority on Highway 407 and widening of existing roads.

Suddenly, 15 minutes doesn’t seem like such a big deal. I’ll just leave earlier.

Tony Ferguson  
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# Preliminary work starts on Highway 413 corridor

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Preliminary pre-planning has begun on the somewhat controversial Highway 413 transportation corridor.

King councillors received an update from Ministry of Transportation staff recently.

While there's grassroots opposition to the highway, studies will look at all aspects of the project to determine its impact.

Project manager Hossein Hosseini noted the federal environment minister of climate change designated the 413 under the federal IA Act. This planning and decision-making tool will assess the positive and negative environmental, economic, health and social effects of the corridor.

He noted the corridor will include some 11 municipal interchanges, and connections with Highways 403, 427, 410 and 401/407.

It's very early in the pre-planning phase and much of it is a conformity exercise, summarizing issues and stakeholder submissions.

Mara Bullock, consultant with WSP, noted some key issues include the fact it doesn't conform to the Greenbelt Plan. There will be negative impacts on flora and fauna, along with "environmental costs." TRCA and CVC are active partners in the project's review.

Some of the complaints arise from a lack of public consultation, and a charge the project only benefits developers. There will be health and socio-economic impacts, she said.

At a recent York public information meeting, the issue of connectivity in Vaughan and the impact on local roads was discussed. As well, the new

road could impact the historic Carrying Place Trail which runs through King.

She said WSP will take all the issues and document them in the project description.

Hosseini said the ministry will still accept submissions on the concept.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer noted some 10 municipalities – representing 60% of the GTA population – have voiced their opposition to the project.

Hosseini did admit the agency feels there will be an adverse impact on three federally listed species at risk.

Currently, the process involves submission of the initial project description, followed by conformity and engagement on issues. It's estimated it will take five years before a concrete decision is made.

The presentation did show adverse effects on Greenbelt and agricultural lands.

There will likely be impacts on human health from increased pollution caused by the traffic, and potential impacts on drinking water and wells.

There is a potential the projects will result in the loss of heritage resources and cultural land spaces. MTO noted there has been a deficiency in engagement with the Indigenous community.

While the 413 is intended to be a multi-use transportation corridor, there are questions whether it's the best option.

An Air Quality Impact Assessment, which is part of the Provincial EA, predicts the cumulative concentration of various contaminants and GHGs. A human health impact scoping report will be prepared to assess human health impacts.

Social, economic and health studies

are being conducted for the three regions – Halton, Peel and York – as well as municipalities like King, Vaughan, Brampton and Caledon.

Everything from air quality, noise, safety, land use, employment opportunities and travel and tourism will be reviewed.

Through 2022, MTO will continue to

meet with municipal staff, stakeholders and review feedback. The initial project description will be submitted later this year to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada.

Further progress will depend on the IACC's decision on whether a Federal Impact Assessment is required for the 413.

## Organic climate solutions campaign launched in Ontario

The Organic Council of Ontario (OCO) has launched its Organic Climate Solutions campaign promoting the environmental and economic benefits of regenerative and organic agriculture, with support from Environment and Climate Change Canada's Climate Action and Awareness Fund (CAAF).

The goal of the Organic Climate Solutions campaign is to build public awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of regenerative and organic agriculture. The campaign, aimed at equipping farmers with information and resources to adopt climate-friendly farming practices, was launched in January.

"Climate change is the number one threat to agriculture. More frequent, severe and unpredictable weather events are causing major damage and putting our food systems at risk," says OCO Executive Director Carolyn Young. "Sustaining the status quo is not enough. Agriculture must be part of the solution."

"We know the climate crisis unchecked will have serious consequences for organic operators and our food system as a whole," said OCO's Communications and Membership Manager Stuart Oke, a member of the Farmers for Climate Solutions Policy Working Group. "Farmers can also be a huge part of the solution to the climate crisis. In fact, there are many practices that organic farmers are already using which can help to keep carbon locked up in the soil and mitigate the effects of greenhouse gas emissions."

The Organic Climate Solutions cam-

campaign provides Ontario farmers with evidence-based information about the environmental impacts of agriculture and the steps they can take to minimize their own greenhouse gas emissions. The campaign will connect Ontario farmers with the many financial and mentorship resources available to support the uptake of climate-friendly practices.

"Agricultural practices that mitigate climate change can also increase the resiliency and profitability of farms over the long-term," notes OCO President Rob Wallbridge. "A proactive approach to addressing climate change is a win-win for farmers and society."

CAAF was established in September 2020, with donations from the current Climate Action Fund (CAF) and substantial investment from the Environmental Damages Fund. CAF has awarded \$3 million a year to promote new ideas since 2018.

For more information on the Organic Climate Solutions campaign, please visit: [www.organicclimatesolutions.ca](http://www.organicclimatesolutions.ca)

The Organic Council of Ontario (OCO) is the "voice for organics" in Ontario. It is the only full value chain association operating at the provincial level. OCO represents over 1,300 certified organic operators, as well as the businesses, organizations and individuals that bring food from farm to plate. OCO works to incite sector growth, support research, improve training, increase data collection, encourage market development, protect the integrity of organic claims and inform the public of the benefits and requirements of organic agriculture.

### Have your say on York's draft official plan

York Region staff hosted a virtual open house Jan. 25 for the York Region Draft Official Plan (ROP).

All feedback will be documented and will help inform next steps as we finalize the plan.

It's anticipated the plan will be adopted mid-2022.

Regional staff want to keep this conversation going. Residents can share their feedback by emailing [futureyork@york.ca](mailto:futureyork@york.ca)

There is also a Have Your Say webpage, that includes information on how to participate, including how to provide comments on the draft Plan. A survey is open until March 31.

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## York Region invests \$1.5M in ventureLAB projects

The Regional Municipality of York and ventureLAB have partnered to expand the Hardware Catalyst Initiative, Canada's only lab and incubator for hardware and semiconductor companies.

York Region's investment of \$1.5 million over five years leverages the Government of Canada's investment of \$9.7 million through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) and continues to build a globally competitive cluster for hardware and semiconductor research, innovation, design and manufacturing centered in York Region.

This investment will enable ventureLAB to increase its capacity to assist homegrown innovation and commercialization opportunities and help international hardware and semiconductor companies establish and grow their businesses and teams in York Region. It will also create approximately 145 new jobs in York Region over five years.

"ventureLAB has gained strong momentum as Canada's Hardware Hub

through the success of the Hardware Catalyst Initiative," said Melissa Chee, president and CEO, ventureLAB. "We look forward to continuing to work with York Region to build a globally competitive semiconductor ecosystem that bridges research and commercialization, builds a strong domestic talent pool of highly qualified professionals and creates a connected, sustainable, resilient ecosystem for tech firms who choose the Region to build, grow, and scale."

Semiconductors power virtually every modern-day technology and product, from consumer electronics to home appliances to transformative technologies like electric and autonomous vehicles, life-saving medical devices like ventilators and in cybersecurity and national defense, and they enable innovations in traditional sectors like mining, energy, agriculture and many more. As the demand for semiconductors, chips and sensors continues to surge, the global shortage of chips continues to impact the automotive industry, medical devices and consumer elec-



tronics supply chain.

"York Region is home to one of Canada's largest tech hubs and we know supporting the growth of innovative companies is key to strengthening York Region's economic vitality," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "Our investment into the Hardware Catalyst Initiative will help ventureLAB expand its capabilities, attract top talent and jobs and continue to demonstrate that York Region is a global destination of choice for entrepreneurs and investors."

"Today's announcement builds on the Government of Canada's initial investment in ventureLAB's Hardware Catalyst Initiative (HCI). The HCI is creating opportunities for Canada to be a global leader of semiconductor products and we are proud to support Canadian businesses in this important sector," said the Honourable Helena Jaczek, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

With this investment, York Region joins ventureLAB's global network of over 35 industry leaders, including Siemens, Silicon Catalyst, TSMC, Arm, and many more. Together with eight founding partners including AMD, Synopsys, and others, and leveraging FedDev Ontario's initial investment, Hard-

ware Catalyst Initiative partners have committed over \$50 million in resources, equipment, expertise, and mentorship for the participating companies to enable a new generation of founders to commercialize their products and scale their companies in a way not previously possible in Canada.

ventureLAB is a leading global founder community for hardware technology and enterprise software companies in Canada. Located at the heart of Ontario's innovation corridor in York Region, ventureLAB is part of one of the biggest and most diverse tech communities in Canada. Our initiatives focused on raising capital, talent retention, commercializing technology and IP, and customer acquisition have enabled thousands of companies to create over 4,500 jobs and raise more than \$200 million in investment capital.

Funded in part by the Government of Canada, through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), the Hardware Catalyst helps tech companies accelerate their time to market in a sector that normally incurs lengthy entry and scale times, enabling Canadian hardware and semiconductor companies to grow and scale locally, and compete globally.

### Schreiner highlights Greens' housing plan

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.

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# New Catholic elementary school coming to York

The Ontario government is investing \$11.4 million to build a new Queensville Catholic Elementary School to help working families in East Gwillimbury.

This investment in York Catholic District School Board, announced by Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York - Simcoe, will support the creation of 409 student spaces as part of the Ford Government's commitment to building modern, accessible, and technologically connected schools for Ontario youth.

The project is part of a province-wide investment of more than \$600 million to support new school and childcare spaces that were recently announced by Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. The overall investment will support 78 school and childcare related projects. As part of this investment, the province dedicated more than \$565 million to create more than 19,700 new student spaces and 1,500 childcare spaces at schools across the province.

"In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made safer schools a priority, which is why we continue to invest in modern and accessible learning spaces with improved ventilation," said Minister Lecce. "This investment is part of our multi-year plan to build, expand, and update schools and childcare spaces across our province. It will leave a legacy that benefits working families for years to come."

The investment is part of the Ontario government's commitment to provide \$14 billion to support school construction over 10 years. There are currently more than 300 childcare and education building-related projects in development across Ontario with more than 100 actively under construction.

"The new Queensville Catholic Elementary School is great news for our community," said Mulroney. "This investment will provide choice and flexibility for families and new opportunities for the children of East Gwillimbury."



Elizabeth Crowe

"This is an exciting day for the York Catholic District School Board," said Elizabeth Crowe, chair of the Board of Trustees. "This investment will enable us to take an important step forward in making our dream for publicly-funded Catholic education in Queensville a reality."

Ontario's investment in new and updated schools will create the foundation for a modern learning environment for hundreds of students across the province.

- Highlights of the project include:
- 409 elementary student spaces.
  - 49 new licensed childcare spaces.
  - 3 new childcare rooms.

Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested over \$1.5 billion in capital projects in education, including 76 new schools, 75 additions and renovations to existing facilities and 4,908 new licensed childcare places.

For 2021-22, the province is also providing school boards with \$1.4 billion in funding to renew and maintain existing schools.

The governments of Canada and Ontario are providing \$656.5 million in funding for critical infrastructure projects to protect students and staff from

COVID-19 in the province's schools through the COVID-19 Resilience stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

The federal government provides 2.5 per cent of the total cost support for early learning and childcare operating expenses in Ontario, with Ontario families, the provincial and municipal governments providing the remainder.

Ontario has provided emergency childcare for the school-aged children of frontline workers, including public safety and health care workers, as well as those working with vulnerable populations, at no out-of-pocket cost. In 2021, at its peak, this program provided over 12,000 children with high-quality childcare each day across 717 sites province-wide.

Ontario is providing a 20 per cent enhancement of the Childcare Access and Relief from Expenses (CARE) tax credit for 2021. This will increase support from \$1,250 to \$1,500 per family, on average, providing about \$75 million in additional support for the 2021 childcare expenses of over 300,000 families.



MPP Caroline Mulroney

## Nominations accepted for alumni awards

The Board of Trustees of the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) is pleased to announce the return of its Distinguished Alumni Awards. This annual program celebrates the achievements of York Catholic alumni and recognizes the significant role that publicly-funded Catholic education has played, and continues to play, in their lives and in our communities.

Anyone can nominate a former YCDSB student by completing the 2022 YCDSB Distinguished Alumni Nomination Form. The nomination deadline is Monday, Feb. 28.

To be eligible for nomination, a candidate must:

- Have made a significant contribution to their field, industry and/or community and must be an inspiration to others.
- Reflect in practice one or more of the Catholic Graduate Expectations.
- Demonstrate creative and critical thinking skills and integrated Catholic Values in their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.
- Have been working in their field for a minimum of two (2) years.
- Have attended and graduated from a YCDSB secondary school or, if they didn't graduate from a YCDSB school, have spent the majority of their formative years in the board and continue to support the board's mission.

"Since 2005, our board has paid tribute to deserving alumni through our Distinguished Alumni Awards," said Chair Elizabeth Crowe. "And we are excited to see this important program return so we can continue to recognize the valuable and unique contributions our talented alumni are making in their respective fields and in their communities, here in Canada or abroad."

Distinguished Alumni Award recipients will be announced in late April and celebrated during Catholic Education Week, May 2-7.



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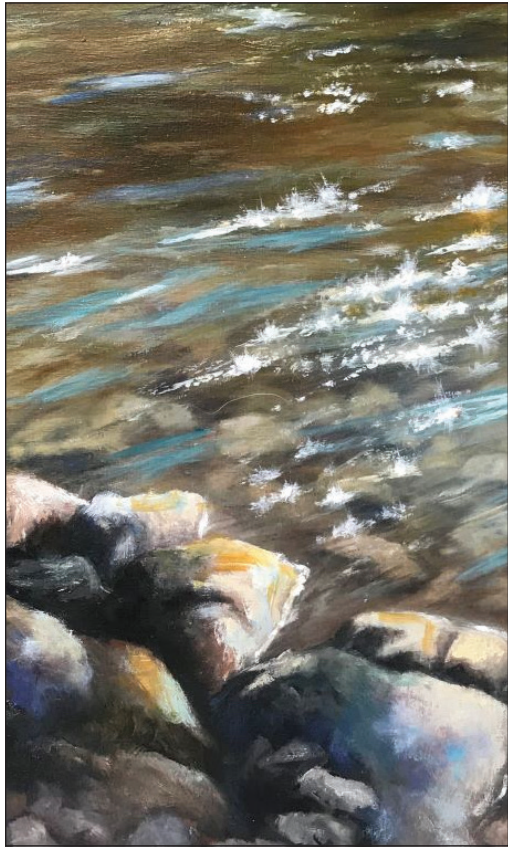
# Arts & Entertainment

## Artists provide cornucopia of work in Studio Tour 2022

By Kathleen Rodgers

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

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



This year, Studio Tour King will feature 21 artists and artisans at several locations including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, Laskay Hall, as well as five home studios around King Township including King City and Schomberg. You can check out the Arts Society King (ASK) website at [www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca](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.

There will be a link to his/her website and social media accounts for additional artwork available. In March, brochures will be delivered with the Spring edition of Mosaic and available around King Township including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre to help plan your route. You can also LIKE our social media posts through Facebook/studiotourking, Facebook/artssocietyking2020 or Instagram @artssocietyking.

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

Ivanka Pipinikova has been an artist since she first started drawing and painting as a child. In school she used to participate in competitions, and won several awards in recognition of her artistic talent. Many years later, Ivanka found herself rediscovering her love of creating art when she signed up for oil painting classes with Vladimir Ribachok in 2009. She hasn't stopped painting since.

She has been an artist member of Willowdale Group of Artists since 2011. Her paintings were chosen to be on display at the annual spring juried art shows every year since 2012. Other shows include annual fall shows and



Sunnybrook Hospital art show. In 2014 she joined the King Craft Studio. She became an artist member of King City ASK in 2014 and she has been taking part in ASK Studio Tour every year since 2014. In 2015 she joined SOYRA and has been participating with her art in the annual shows at the Aurora Cultural Centre. For the last 3 years her art work has been chosen for the Aurora Town Hall juried shows. In 2018 and 2019 she took part in North York Visual Arts Fall Show.

In her work she is inspired by nature landscapes. She is always fascinated by the amazing colors of the seasons, reflections in the water of the various lakes and rivers. Figures of people have also always been a source of inspiration for her. She mainly paints with

oils, but she is continuously exploring and experimenting with other mediums. Constantly growing and evolving as an artist, Ivanka aims to create beautiful, impactful art that convey the feeling and mood of a moment in a way that the viewer can become a part of it. Check out her social media, Instagram: @ivanka.p.art

Lucy Quintero finds inspiration in the endless wonder of the seasons and the beautiful scenery that Canada offers. From Ontario farm fields and provincial parks to the East and West coast, Visual artist Lucy Quin is enchanted by Canadian landscape. Canadian seasons were for her a new road and have had a dramatic impact on the direction she has taken as an artist. She prefers to paint in the classic style used by Tonalist/Luminist artists, with a contemporary approach that combined with the spirituality she finds in nature allows her to create works that are mood evoking and timeless.

Lucy says: "My passion for painting is rooted in nature and the fascination I have for light and shade. That has drawn me to paint through my senses to share what I'm feeling." Check out her website: [www.lucyquin.com](http://www.lucyquin.com).

After exploring traditional quilt blocks for 25+ years, Kathleen Rodgers became interested in creating fibre art designs based on colour and shape for Art Quilts, table runners and lap quilts using her own hand dyed and hand painted fabrics and batiks. She has participated in group fibre art exhibits for several years, including the International Women's Day Show (OMAH) and the Fibre Content traveling exhibit. She had her first solo show at Burr House Gallery and Tearoom in November 2019.

She is part of a fibre arts group that is creating travelling thematic exhibitions. Check out her website: [KathleenRodgersArtisan.ca](http://KathleenRodgersArtisan.ca) and social media at Facebook: [KathleenRodgersArtisan](https://www.facebook.com/KathleenRodgersArtisan) and Instagram: @KathleenRodgersArtisan.

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.



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# King actress shows her talent in newly released single

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The sky's the limit for a King native, who's honing her acting and singing skills.

Simone Miller, who stars in both "Detention Adventure" and "Run the Burbs," has released her second music single, title "Older."

When she turned 15, Miller reflected on the year and the pressure to accomplish a lot, and at the same time felt the pull of multiple lockdowns not allowing her to do what she wanted to do. She was at a standstill. She began to write her emotions down as a therapeutic way to allow herself to accept that the present moment is all we have. And Older was born!

You can view the song at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Whuq0i-W1ke4>

Her talent and maturity are quite something and she's definitely destined for greatness.

Miller said the song has made her a bit wiser.

But for her, "wisdom isn't about what you know, it's about what you do with

what you're given and how you process information and depth of thought opposed to seed.

"Originally I wrote the song Older as a way to process how overwhelmed I was feeling about the uncertainty of the future. Through putting pen to paper and conceptualizing the music video I've learned to take things one day at a time and be content with where I am right now. The present is truly a gift and I don't want to miss it and look too far forward."

She said she's beyond grateful for all the support and engagement for this song.

Run the Burbs, a new CBC entry into the sitcom realm, is so incredibly funny with great touches of heartfelt moments among the family it follows, she noted.

"I'm so proud to be a part of a production that includes and sheds light on different cultures and family dynamics. I've found that many families are able to watch Run the Burbs together and see themselves in each character."

She loves working on Detention Adventure and the set has always been lively, even through the pandemic restrictions.

The producers of Detention Adventure - Broken Compass Films Inc., and LoCo Motion Pictures Inc. - hired an amazing COVID-19 medical team during filming.

"They made it very comfortable and accommodating for all the cast and crew to abide by all of the protocol. There was daily screening on set, all of the PPE was always accessible and social distancing was always enforced."

The characters on this show have grown as a cast over the last four years. Miller said viewers get to different colours and depths to each character in every season and she said it's more evident in season 3.

"I cannot wait for you all to see it as it is premiering very soon!"

Miller said she simply loves getting to tell someone else's story and seeing the world from different perspectives through the characters she's played.

"I also love getting to meet like-minded people and getting to pick their minds which is always helpful. I've learned everything from script memorization techniques to different philosophical

perspectives about our society to the creative process for different projects."

Miller said she's interested both acting and music. She admitted she's still "getting started" and is already looking at future projects.

Miller plays Raign in Detention Adventure, which combines nostalgic adventure with modern technology in a smart, fun, serialized family series for all ages. It's about a motley crew of sixth graders who purposely get themselves thrown into detention after discovering the entrance to a labyrinth of tunnels, laden with traps and riddles, protecting a long-lost secret.

Miller plays Mannix in Run the Burbs, created by comedian, writer and actor Andrew Phung (Kim's Convenience) and his best friend and collaborator, filmmaker Scott Townend (The Secret Marathon).

The show follows the Phams, a young, bold Vietnamese-South Asian-Canadian family taking a different approach to living life to the fullest, while changing the way we think about contemporary family values and life in the burbs.



Simone Miller



King's Simone Miller also plays the role of Mannix, in the new sitcom, Run the Burbs.

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## Lamaze named Canadian Show Jumping Team Chef d'Equipe

Canadian Olympic champion Eric Lamaze has been named the new Technical Advisor, Jumping, which includes acting as Chef d'Equipe for the Canadian Show Jumping Team.

Equestrian Canada (EC), the national federation for equestrian sport, undertook a review of the Jumping High Performance program following the Tokyo Olympic Games including the position of Technical Advisor, a role formerly held by Mark Laskin since 2012.

As a result, a hiring panel was struck consisting of former World Champion Gail Greenough; EC Manager of Sport – Jumping Karen Hendry-Ouellette; EC Director of High Performance James Hood; Own the Podium's Chris Lindsay; 10-time Canadian Olympian Ian Millar; and EC Jumping Committee Chair Karen Sparks, who created the job description, reviewed all appli-

cations, and conducted interviews. At the conclusion of this process, Lamaze was the successful candidate.

"I am excited to help lead the Canadian Show Jumping Team to future success in a new capacity," said Lamaze, 53, who is cutting back on his own competitive agenda to give the Canadian team his full attention. "It's an honour to be named to this position and not one that I take lightly. I look forward to building on the foundation that Mark Laskin laid and am committed to the success of our athletes, both nationally and internationally. I have a strong vision for the sport in Canada and will not stop until we reach perfection."

As Canada's most decorated equestrian athlete, Lamaze holds gold, silver, and bronze Olympic medals; an individual bronze medal from the 2010



The 2008 Olympic show jumping champion Eric Lamaze was named Equestrian Canada's Technical Advisor, Jumping, and Chef d'Equipe of the Canadian Show Jumping Team.

Photo by Cealy Tetley



King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini delivers his rock during his first league game in the Wednesday Night Social League.

## King curlers are refuelled and eager to hit the ice again

By Shellee Morning

Once again the members of King Curling returned to the rink to resume the 2021-22 season of play.

As always, the sheets were alive as enthusiastic curlers with a refuelled amount of energy and grateful attitude all agreed it was great to be back. The 2022 season opened with the Men's League and judging by the dynamic hits and pristine draws to the button, it was as though the players never missed a beat, or shot.

The early draw posted some tight close end scoring that generated games into coming down to the last rock results. Skip Larry Sheardown and his rink of Wayne Rhind, Bryce Clark and Gino DiFebo won 4 of the 7 ends played collecting a 6-4 win over Team Mueller. The game between Teams Michael Johns and Scott Boynton went end for end with the exchange of points in a well-played strategic match. Johns, Mike Sidon, Nick Keehan and Dave Charleson dominated in rock placement in the last end to hold Skip Scott Boynton, Dave Swackhammer and Dan Keough to a 5-4 decision.

The late draw was entertained by its own amount of solid play that encompassed several double take-outs, scattered guards and mere inches of real estate for the chance at the button.

Team Mark Inglis, Alex Pokras, Greg Switzer and John De Faveri continued with their winning ways with a victory over Wasylikiw in Pool A.

Team Doug Brown also of Pool A and his mates Sylvain Pelland, Trevor Battershell and Anthony Strickland played a solid game to collect the win over Team Davis.

### Ladies League

This year's Women's Scotties Tournament of Hearts has been well viewed on TV and has truly been the conversation of choice.

As the ladies of King returned to re-

sume their season of play the ice shed was once again complete with traditional laughter good cheer.

Sheet K featured Team Morning against Team MacDonald with Morning earning the win. Skip Marnie Deathe guided her squad to victory over Team Brown and Team Davis won their match over Team Sheardown. The game against Teams Sinclair and Stronach was a competitive game that gave Sinclair the early lead after the first few ends. Stronach managed to fight their way back in the second half of the game tying the score in the last end to tie the game.

### Wednesday Social

Despite a very wintery evening and several curlers unable to make it to their return to play, members of the Wednesday evening league juggled their teams to share and spare for the teams that were short of players. The competitive actions by Team Teasdale earned themselves the win despite a tremendous shot by opponent Peter Wasylikiw late in the game for the win.

Skip Michael John's came from behind scoring back to back deuces followed by a single to tie Team Welch 5-5.

King township Mayor Steve Pellegrini, playing in his first league game on Team John's, had several successful draws to complement the solid efforts of teammates Ann Gerrits and Sharon Dorney who all contributed towards the victory.

Team Rhind won against good friend Bryce Clark, while Teams Allen and Wright battled the scoreboard back and forth with Wright getting the single for the win.

The game between Gerrits and Pelland was a game of demonstration that led to a high scoring match. Super hitter Sylvain Pelland executed some more than impressive take-outs, but it was George Gerrits and his strategic play that overruled for the win.

World Equestrian Games; and four Pan American Games medals including team gold. He has won every major grand prix event in the world including Calgary, Canada (2007 and 2011); Geneva, Switzerland (2008); Aachen, Germany (2010); La Baule, France (2011); and Rome, Italy (2011) and reached number one in the world rankings several times over the course of his extraordinary career. In 2021, Lamaze was inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and was awarded the Order of Sport, the highest accolade an athlete can receive from their country.

"I would like to thank Equestrian Canada and the hiring panel for putting their trust in me," said Lamaze, who is based in Wellington, FL, and Brussels, Belgium. "Fifteen years ago, I made the decision to base myself in Europe where I had the opportunity to compete against the best in the world,

week in and week out, and learned through experience what it takes to win at the highest level. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to share my knowledge and expertise with my fellow Canadian athletes and guide us back to where we belong, which is at the top of the podium."

Lamaze's first opportunity to act as Chef d'Equipe of the Canadian Show Jumping Team will be during the CSIO4\* Winter Equestrian Festival from March 2 to 6, in Wellington, FL, highlighted by the \$150,000 Nations' Cup on Saturday, March 5. Supported by the EC High Performance Jumping Committee, Lamaze will lead Canada in all team competitions, including the upcoming World Championships in Herning, Denmark, in August where Canada will have its first opportunity to qualify for the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France.

## Cougars drop both matches this week

By Robert Belardi

It was a tough week for the Schomberg Cougars.

Following a month-long hiatus the Cougars returned to action last week without five key players in their lineup and having practiced only a handful of times.

With a lack of fitness surely nipping the boys in the bud, the Cougars hosted the top-team in the division the Stayner Siskins last Thursday and visited the Alliston Hornets on the road on Sunday. This was the first multi-game week in the season, the Cougars did not earn a win.

At home against the Siskins, the Cougars did not get off to a great start in the first period. The boys conceded a total of four penalties, coughing up two goals from Ethan Salter and Derek Sweeney on the power play.

Early in the second period, Tyler Karl gave the Siskins a three-goal advantage. Head coach Stan Kondrotas had to do something.

"I changed every line. I started making lines up as we went through and saw who was playing and who wasn't," Kondrotas said post-game.

"Sometimes that motivates a guy who thinks he should be playing with other guys. Tell me why you should still stay there. It seemed to motivate everybody we got going a little bit better."

Marc Bottero potted home his 22nd goal of the season near the end of the period and it seemed as if the Cougars were looking more alive by the end of the frame.

In the third, the floodgates opened up. Good news and bad news for the Cougars. Kolkej added two goals and Jacob Futas contributed one of his own, but the Siskins managed to score four goals giving them a 7-4 victory.

On the road in Alliston on Sunday, the Cougars were short-handed four defencemen. Kondrotas said he called upon forward Anthony Nascimento to play defence.

For what he had, Kondrotas praised his group's effort and resiliency. Down 4-2 heading into the third period Kolkej and McKibbin got the game tied up. But with just over three minutes left to play, Rhys Brown scored his sixth goal of the season to seal the win. The Cougars outshot the Hornets 39-25.

Although this past week outstretched the group's adversity, this upcoming week the Cougars will need more of it. The boys take on the Penetang Kings tonight at the Trisan Centre at 7:30 p.m. before visiting Mayfield Arena on Sunday to take on the Caledon Golden Hawks on the road.

# Schomberg Should Know

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## Dufferin Marsh Community Skate

The Dufferin Marsh Group invites everyone out to celebrate their Annual Community Skate on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Marsh. There will be games, music and all kinds of outdoor fun! Please enter the Marsh at the corner of Dr. Kay and Main Street. Any donations to the group are welcome and appreciated. For further information, please visit [www.dufferinmarsh.ca](http://www.dufferinmarsh.ca) or call Mary at 905-939-7544.

## Horticultural Society

"Vegetable Gardening" is the topic for the next virtual zoom meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Sally Hossain from the Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners will discuss how to maximize your vegetable yields,

soil management, layout, companion planting and weed/pest management.

You will have time after the presentation to ask questions, so if you are interested in Vegetable Gardening and would like to join us for this meeting and find out what the Schomberg Horticultural Society has to offer, please call Linda Jessop at 905-939-2069.

If you have a collection of houseplants now is a good time to do a thorough inspection.

1. All plants need a gentle dusting with a damp cloth to keep their pores open.

2. At this time check for any pests such as spider mites (red), mealy bugs and scale. Take appropriate action if you find any with a product such as Safer's Soap.

3. Aerate the soil gently, check to see if you need to top up the pot with fresh soil.

4. If the plant appears to be root bound, check it out by putting your hand over the damp plant with the stem between your first and second fingers, gently tap the bottom and loosen the plant out of the pot, if the roots are wrapped tightly around the soil it's time to repot. You need to put the plant in a pot one size larger and use new

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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 continuing a new series on the book of Revelations. His message is titled, "Let Jezebel Speak" based on Revelation 2.18-29.

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 wom-

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

### Neighbourhood Watch

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

### St. Mary's Church

The attendance for the Holy Masses will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once you enter the foyer of the church, we invite you to sign in on the

forms provided with your family name, number of family members attending and contact number. If you are not well, we ask that you refrain from attending Holy Mass celebrations.

For those unable to attend the Holy Mass in person, please join us online on Sunday for the livestreamed celebration of the Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick's Parish, Schomberg. Visit us on our Facebook page to join us virtually for the celebration of the liturgies. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Browse our websites:

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

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

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

Please contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or [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 co-

ordinator 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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**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 follow-up details please contact Lion Rick

at 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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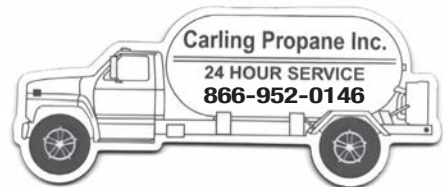
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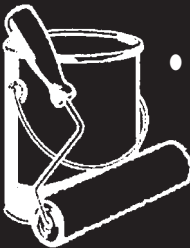
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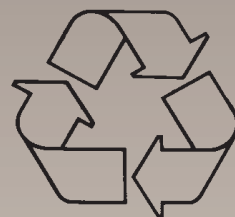
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# King's Corners

**King City United  
By Sheryl Sinka**

Last Sunday's message from Rev Andrew was entitled "The Calling Misunderstood."

He reflected on the ways that God's call is heard in the past and now in our lives today. We are encouraged to take the time to consider thoughtfully and be open to the opportunities we have to open our life to God and the good works we may do in His name.

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 until Feb 20. We will be back in person worship on that date with requirements that those attending are fully vaccinated and RSVP to the invitation. 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 [atkcuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:atkcuc@bellnet.ca) to be put on the invitation list.

We will provide all the details on our website [atkcuc.net](http://atkcuc.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 in-person for our services! We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

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

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

We will be having a Pop Up Clothing, Toy and Book Giveaway event on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please don't forget to wear your mask!

Please visit our website for links and further information. [www.kingbi-blechurch.com](http://www.kingbi-blechurch.com)

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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@kingbi-blechurch.com](mailto:lisa@kingbi-blechurch.com).

## St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's is pleased to invite you to our in-person Worship Service this Sunday, Feb. 13 at 10:30 a.m. Our church reopened for church use groups Saturday, Feb. 5, however, Sunday, the 13th will be our first in-person service since before Christmas!

We will be careful to adhere to the Ontario Regulations and to York Region Public Health's recommendations. For those who cannot attend and may not feel comfortable at this time, the services will be recorded and posted on our website later on Sundays at [standrews-kingcity.ca](http://standrews-kingcity.ca).

We are continuing with our sermon series of Jesus's Parables and their importance to us today. As always, there is lots to think about and the Bible Studies offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays provide a chance for more discussion!

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.

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

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

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 8 a.m. Eucharist in the chapel and 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in the main church are now welcoming parishioners and visitors in person. If you are uncomfortable attending, you can watch our 10:30 service live on Facebook [www.facebook.com/allsaintsking](http://www.facebook.com/allsaintsking).

Fr. Michael's sermon last Sunday used the Gospel story of the huge haul of fish from Luke 5: "But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

"If, like Peter, you've ever had thoughts of inadequacy, then you're not alone and there's even a term for it, the Impostor Syndrome. Many people feel, despite their accomplishments, their diplomas, and their previous successes, that they are totally unqualified to do something, that they are impostors.

"Of course, the problem with all of our doubts and self-doubting is that we forget about God and we never think that God may have more confidence in us that we have in ourselves. Why would God call us as disciples if God didn't believe in us?" Which brings us to Luke 5:1-11.

"I've read this passage many times. The story of Jesus calling the fishermen and telling them from now on they will be catching people instead of fish. At first, when Jesus tells the fishermen to go out into deep water, Peter's response 'Master' seems politely respectful. Peter agrees to the odd request, even if he grumbles first: 'we have worked all night but have caught nothing.' After the amazing haul of fish, the grumbling

turns to wonder: Peter looks at himself and sees his own inadequacies, recognizing that he is a 'sinful man.'

"Peter judges himself unworthy to be in God's presence, and here he may remind us of people that we know who avoid church or faith because they don't think they're good enough for God.

"Jesus says "Do not be afraid," which are words that we often hear when heaven touches earth, but he never revokes the job offer because Peter thinks that he is unqualified. In fact, Jesus acts as if Peter has accepted the offer, for his next words, 'From now on you will be catching people' are spoken as if this is Day One of the new job. Peter is now a disciple.

"I think this story is helpful for those of us in our faith lives who think that we have some spiritual deficiency. If that is you, think about Jesus and Peter. Jesus sees the worth in Peter and calls him to this new life of attracting others to God.

"I would encourage you to think of how God knows you far, far better than you know yourself, that God loves you and believes in you, and that God has a use for you.

"So the good news for us today is that God's already signed us up, we're in the crew. We may say, 'But Jesus, we're not good enough for you, we're sinners,' and his answer is 'Yes, of course you are, come on let's go.'

"From now on you will be catching people.' A final thought - what's more attractive than quiet self confidence? What's more attractive than a confident church? Confidence that we are loved by a God who sees our value and potential. I submit to you that a church imbued with this quiet confidence, the opposite of the spiritual impostor syndrome, will be attractive to others, which is where evangelism starts."



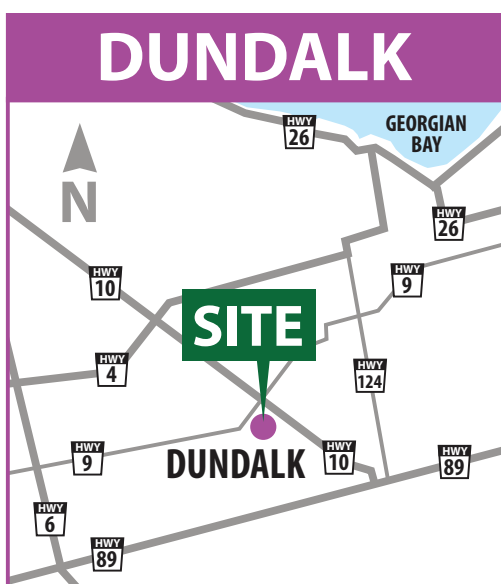
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By **Julien Laurion**  
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

Dear Julien, I may have to relocate for my work, and if I do, I cannot afford to keep my property here in Aurora and another in the new city, given how much houses are right now. This makes me kind of nervous because if I have to list my property, it will not be in one of the 'hot' markets. Could you provide some insight?

Thank you in advance, Cookie Monster.

Historically and logically, sellers prefer to list their homes during the peak market time. For example, the spring and fall months. However, the market right now is quite different than in the past. COVID has somehow changed the game quite a bit. The demand for affordable and not so affordable homes is very HIGH!

Supply is dwindling all around the GTA, and in turn, this is driving home prices up. Compared to 2020, the number of properties that were listed at this time is down by 21%. It was a buyer's market in 2017-2019 where supply exceeded demand, and we are now seeing a very strong trend towards a seller's market once again. Properties that are priced right, well maintained, and are

located in good neighbourhoods, are selling at strong prices regardless of when the home is listed. Comparing December 2020 to 2021, the average home sale price grew by 17.7% and there were 28% more homes sold. These numbers should be encouraging to you! While life does not always line up perfectly to market trends, if you have to list in the calmer time of the year, given the current trends, you will still get top dollar for your home. Additionally, it seems that this year will also be another big year. Home prices are expected to soar by another whopping 11% across the GTA. However, we are expected to see several mortgage rate hikes this year, so it will be interesting to see if this will slow the market in any way. If you need to sell, give me a call and we can discuss all the options. You will have a lot of things you will need

to worry about with relocating, and you should work with a Realtor who can take the stress out of selling your home. Let me do that heavy lifting! Good luck.

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

**COOKIE MONSTER**, are congratulations in order? I hope that this potential relocation is something you are looking forward to!

Yes, that is true, while listing your home in January, February, or March may not be the 'hot' time to buy and sell in cold climates, such as Aurora, I would not be discouraged.



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NUMBER OF SALES	NUMBER OF SALES
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53 ACTIVE LISTINGS	50 ACTIVE LISTINGS
SALE TO LIST RATIO	SALE TO LIST RATIO
116%	103%
YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE	YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE
35.03%	37.05%

\*The statistics provided were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's Market Watch January 2022: Summary of Existing Home Transactions for All Home Types + Focus on the MLS Home Price Index for Composite for York Region's Aurora and King.

Continued lack of inventory is fuelling multiple offers and competitive bidding situations. Pre-emptive offers are also becoming commonplace which is why Buyers need to be paired with a professional working in their best interests so that they are well represented and kept apprised of ever changing market conditions. Conversely for sellers, it has never been a better time to sell.

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# 5 COMMON *home buyer questions*

The Michele Denniston team has twenty-plus years of collective real estate experience in the King and surrounding regions. During our time servicing our clients have come across frequently asked questions by our buyers and are here to highlight them and provide you with the answers.

to remind our buyer clients to budget for this at our initial consultation because we want to ensure every client has a smooth and stress-free buying experience with no surprise fees. It's your realtor's job to communicate these lesser-known aspects of the buying process.

**I'm buying my first home; where do I start?**

Your number one priority should be getting pre-approved for a mortgage. This first step lets you know how much you can spend on a house while securing you at a fixed interest rate for up to 90 days. Once you complete a pre-approval, you can shop with confidence in your budget and get the help of a qualified local realtor.

**Should I buy or continue to rent?**

This question is unique to the client's lifestyle and goals. Many people can get panicky once they see the added expenses, commitment and additional chores of buying a home. However, owning is an excellent way to create a permanent home that will appreciate over time. A qualified realtor will happily work with first-time buyers, their budget and criteria to find them a perfect first home or property.

**Is there a "Best Time of Year" to buy a home?**

In short, no. Home prices will fluctuate depending on inventory, demand, and other market conditions, and the intensity of these changes will differ from city to city.

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# Know the cost of breaking your mortgage

(NC) With all the news about the hot housing market and interest rates, you may be thinking about your mortgage.

Should you put your house on the market? Consider switching lenders to get a better deal? Should you go with a fixed or variable rate? A longer- or shorter-term mortgage?

If breaking your mortgage is factoring into your decision, make sure you understand the pros, cons and associated costs of doing so.

The cost to break your mortgage contract depends on whether it's open or closed. An open mortgage allows you to break your contract without paying a prepayment penalty. But if you break your closed mortgage contract, you normally have to pay a penalty that can cost thousands of dollars. You may also have to pay other fees such as administration fees, appraisal fees, reinvestment fees or a mortgage discharge fee.

Here are some pros and cons of breaking a mortgage:

**PROS**

- You may get a lower interest rate, which you can lock in for the new term of the mortgage.



- You may be able to pay off your mortgage faster if you keep your payments the same.

**CONS**

- You could end up paying more in the long run because of fees and a prepayment penalty.
- You may no longer qualify for a mortgage under the current economic conditions.

By breaking your contract, you may also have to repay any cash back you received when you first signed up for it. Cash back is an optional feature where your lender gives you a percentage of your mortgage amount in cash. Read through your current mortgage contract carefully and speak with your bank about your options.

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## When Canada's housing bubble pops, what will happen next!

The price of Canadian homes has increased faster than those of any other member of the OECD. Rising interest rates now threaten to bring the market down.

According to a recent report, between January and August of last year investors were responsible for a quarter of house purchases in the province.

These speculative investments are, of course, driving up prices. They are also creating major problems for the economy as a whole because the rising cost of housing has increased the amount of private debt held by individuals. While interest rates have remained low this debt has been sustainable. The possibility of hikes now threatens to bring Canada's housing market crashing down.

The Bank of Canada is warning that a "frenzy of real estate investment," combined with impossibly high levels of household debt, "could destabilize the economy as rates start to rise." The central bank's deputy governor Paul Beaudry suggests that a reckoning is fast approaching because the Bank of Canada now plans to increase interest rates.

A key concern here is that financially stretched households have little breathing room to absorb any disruption to their income. A job loss could force many to drastically cut their spending to keep servicing their debt.

The cause of this instability is the commodification of housing, and unimpeded it will lead to further indebtedness on the part of private buyers and threaten millions with economic dislocation. It also drives up rents, forces precarious housing on many. It's clear that only a real challenge to the commodification of housing can make a meaningful difference in this situation. In the wake of the dislocations and hardships that were triggered by the pandemic, many politicians have paid lip service to the need for a "just recovery."

"With the housing supply issues facing the country having only gotten worse to start 2022, take any decline in sales early in the year with a grain of salt because the demand hasn't gone away, there just won't be much to buy until a little later in this spring. But when those listings eventually start to show up, the spring market this year will almost certainly be another headline grabber. If you're thinking about jumping into the market as either a buyer, seller or both, I have the information and guidance you will need to navigate the market in these unprecedented times." Ann Duncan, Broker With Sutton Group Admiral Realty.



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# 5 simple ideas to breathe *new life* into your home

(NC) The new year is a great time to revamp your home with fresh new décor and design. Get inspired by checking out these easy and affordable ideas.

**1 GROW YOUR GREENERY** Outside, winter can be dull and lifeless. But at home, you can make your home lively and cheerful by bringing nature indoors. Choose beautifully patterned and trending plant varieties, like satin vine, silver leaf monstera and banana plant.

**2 WOW YOUR WALLS** Statement walls are having a moment, with creative ways to decorate plain walls becoming increasingly popular. On a smaller wall in your hallway or bathroom, test out some funky prints with wallpaper, which is back in style. Or try some wall stencils or stickers to brighten up your home office space.

**3 SHOW OFF YOUR SHELVES** Floating shelves are a cool and contemporary way to display some of your favourite items while squeezing in some open storage solutions. Place treasured photos in rustic frames next to wicker baskets with lids and accent with candles and dried flowers. For premium floating shelves in a variety of finishes, lengths and depths explore Kitch's affordable options.

**4 FIX UP YOUR FURNITURE** Older pieces can get a second life with a little elbow grease and DIY energy. A fresh coat of paint and new hardware can transform a vintage dresser. A dated wrought-iron side table can become an eclectic work of art by gluing leftover mosaic tiles on the tabletop. Use your imagination and go online for ideas.

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# Reno tips to make your home look like an expensive custom build

(NC) It seems like everyone is making over their home these days, from small additions to complete teardowns. Although it sounds pricey, there are ways to transform your home while sticking to a budget. Here are some renovation tips to help you get started:

**Never underestimate the power of good lighting.**

Nothing says luxurious quite like the perfect mood lighting of beautiful fixtures. From gallery-style recessed lighting to illuminate your artwork, to pot lights built into a rustic piece of reclaimed wood for hanging over your dining table, light fixtures are a fun and functional way to create ambiance and show off your personality.

**Accessorize with high-quality investment pieces.**

Achieve an expensive look by carefully curating accessories and decorative items. For example, some plump throw pillows and a plush area rug can elevate your living room. You can also try hanging curtains from ceiling to floor, even if your windows are small — this will elongate your walls and draw the eye upward. Splurge on custom framing to showcase your favourite photographs on a gallery wall or floating shelf.

**Learn how to achieve the handmade look for less.**

Anything custom-made says luxury because it's uniquely tailored, fitting your style and space perfectly. But customizing anything from scratch can be prohibitively expensive. Fortunately, there are many ways to get the same results on a budget.

For premium and tailored cabinetry in your kitchen and bathrooms, try working with Kitch. The company specializes in making high-quality doors, drawer fronts and accessories for popular IKEA systems. The result is fabulous and unique cabinetry that's personalized for your home, style and organization needs.

Find more design inspiration at [mykitch.ca](http://mykitch.ca)

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## Tips for extending the life of your home appliances

(NC) Household appliances like your dishwasher, range, washer and dryer are essential for making everyday life easier. To help get the most out of them and avoid unnecessary surprise repairs, keep the following in mind:

Pay attention to regular maintenance guidelines set out by the manufacturer. For example, you may be surprised to find that your washing machine tub needs to be cleaned regularly. Just like the grimy stains left behind on a bathtub, dirty water lags at exiting the drain in your washing machine so it winds up drying up and clinging to the enclosure. If not cleaned, it can be detrimental to the longevity and performance of your washing machine.

Always follow the instructions to prevent unintended damage. You may be tempted to scrape off the burnt

cheese from the bottom of your oven with a sharp metal scraper, but this can damage the surface. Instead, the instructions usually suggest using a plastic scraper, sponge or non-scratch scouring pad to help clean the surface without damaging it.

Use an authorized service provider to maintain and repair your appliances. Many companies have authorized service provider networks of recommended partners that know how to care specifically for their machines. Brand-recommended partners often receive extensive

training to diagnose, maintain and repair these appliances.

Look for a flat rate for out-of-warranty support to minimize the cost of repairs. For example, LG's Out of Warranty program is a unique and exclusive program that allows customers to pay a flat rate for both parts and labour for appliances that are considered out of warranty.

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## RENTING vs. BUYING in the current housing market

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

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

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

Owning your home can give you:

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

In comparison, renting can give you:

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

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

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## Top pitfalls to avoid during the home buying process

(NC) Buying a new home is an exciting time but it also includes lots of homework and new responsibilities to consider. If you're not careful, you can end up with issues that haunt you for years to come. Here are some of the top pitfalls:

1 Not getting a home inspection before closing the sale. Once you've found the perfect place, it's understandable to want to own it as soon as possible. And in a tough market you may be tempted to forego due diligence like a home inspection in order to present a more attractive bid. But an inspection can pinpoint red flags of a future money pit or indicate costly repairs, so you can decide before committing to the property.

2 Not taking measures to secure your new property. According to a survey by Aviva Canada, one of Canada's leading insurers, most Canadians have

not implemented additional proactive security measures to help protect their homes against events like weather catastrophes and home invasions.

Aside from preparedness for fire with items like fire alarms and fire extinguishers, less than 25 per cent of Canadians have other protective measures in place such as home security systems, video surveillance and water detection systems. With severe weather events and overland water damage being the top cause of loss, consider leveraging technology to keep your home safe. You can talk to your broker

to understand if there are discounts available if you have smart devices installed to help protect your home.

3 Not changing your address once you move. After you've made your big purchase, it's important to update your address with all official documents such as your health card, driver's license and auto insurance. Not doing so and misrepresenting your address to insurance companies can be considered fraud and have major consequences down the road.

You could face higher premiums, invalidated coverage and cancelled policies, or even be denied future coverage. You may think it's no big deal, but accurate information is key for an insurance company to accurately assess your risk, and therefore the correct coverage and premium.

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3 designer tips for  
a dreamy bedroom



(NC) Getting a restful night's sleep isn't just important to our energy, it plays a key role in our overall well-being. To help you create a bedroom that encourages you to rest and relax, Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, shares her top tips for a serene space.

**MAKE SPACE FOR SWEET DREAMS.** If your goal is a tranquil bedroom, decluttering is a good place to start. "It's easier to feel calm and relaxed when your space is free from clutter," says Grech. To help store your favourite items, consider adding smart

storage solutions into your space. "Bed frames with storage drawers and even using a chest of drawers as a nightstand are clever ways to add concealed storage to your bedroom." Once you've tucked away all the items you need, but don't need to see, out of sight you can focus on highlighting just a few favourite pieces for a calming, intentional esthetic.

**CHOOSE COLOURS THAT SUIT YOUR MOOD.** Whether you want a space that gives you a spark to wake up, or a bedroom that invites you to cocoon under the blankets, there is a colour that can help create the ideal ambiance.

"If you want to relax and unwind, consider soft, warm colours like Pale Moon OC-108 that are often used for cozy and intimate spaces, or cool hues like Hint of Violet 2114-60 that create calm, yet refreshing atmospheres," suggests Grech. Looking for a bedroom that gives you energy to get

out of bed in the morning? "Deeply saturated paint colours such as Mysterious AF-565 or Wild Flower 2090-40 energize and envelop."

**CONSIDER THE FIFTH WALL.** When it comes to the bedroom, the ceiling is often overlooked. While classic white paint is a perennial favourite, a pop of colour on the ceiling enhances a bedroom's character.

"Contrary to popular belief, painting a ceiling with colour can visually expand a room, especially with blue that nods to the open skies," says Grech. For professional results at home, she recommends Waterborne Ceiling Paint, which dries to a flawless finish so you can transform your bedroom in one weekend.

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## Home décor tips to refresh your space

(NC) The new year is a great opportunity to give your home a facelift. So, take advantage of the wintertime urge to nest by transforming some of your favourite rooms. With a few creative changes and strategic investments, giving your home a fresh new look and feel is easy and affordable.

**FOR THE BEDROOM** When it comes to the space where you spend at least a third of your life sleeping, creating a sense of calm and security is key. Crisp new linens or throw pillows in bold or cheerful colours can revitalize the whole room. Adding candles and new artwork or photographs on the walls are simple ways to freshen up the aesthetic while showcasing your personality.

**FOR THE DINING ROOM** Remember how much you loved setting a festive table during the holidays? Keep this indulgence alive to give your dining room an extra oomph, and encourage your family to use this space throughout the year. Splurge on some really nice table linens in colours you love and make a fun DIY centrepiece with elements from nature — check online for tutorials and ideas.

**FOR THE HOME OFFICE** After a couple of years working remotely, most of our office spaces could use an upgrade. Get a new calendar that you'll love looking at, whether it's photos of dogs or inspirational quotes, and change up your picture frames to reflect more recent memories.

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Wherever you choose to work, take some time to make sure your space is set up ergonomically and that your chair and monitor are positioned to eliminate strain on your eyes, wrists and back.

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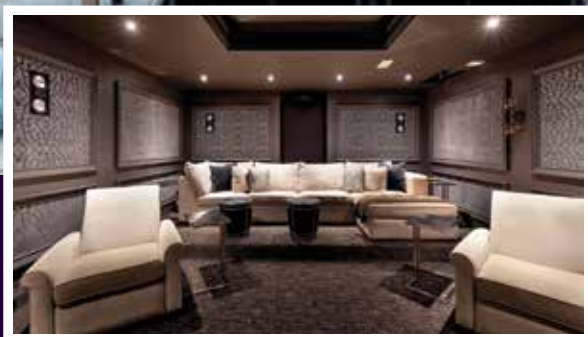
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