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Families enjoy Marsh skate

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Facilities named after two firefighters

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The Schomberg fire hall will pay tribute to two former members of King Fire and Emergency Services. King council gave their stamp of approval on the plan to honor the memories of Bruce Jessop and Paul Jackson. Training rooms within the station will soon bear the names of these two remarkable men.

Bruce Jessop was a former fire chief out of Schomberg and the Bruce Jessop Training Centre will be a lasting reminder of his service. The Paul Jackson Training Room will pay tribute to the former training officer. An outstanding service award presented by KFES is also named after Jackson.

Jessop was a volunteer fire chief with the then Schomberg Fire Department in 1997. He was progressive in this small village fire department, and a true "vision-

ary" who was full of passion when it came to his volunteer staff.

"Bruce always knew 'it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog,'" said Fire Chief Jim Wall, borrowing a phrase from Mark Twain. "Chief Jessop was committed to going after and building a successful training facility at any cost for his Schomberg firefighters. The inspiration and idea was born when the construction of a two-storey training house got under way at the back of the Schomberg fire station."

Wall pointed this was the very first training centre of its kind at the time in York Region.

The desire to carry on with advancing this training facility after Jessop retired was taken on by the late Paul Jackson, the first full time training officer. Jackson passed away in the line of duty in June of 2008.

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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 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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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

Thursday, March 3
6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Tuesday, March 8
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

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

BID NOTICES

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

- 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 do your part & recycle!

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

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

WATER BILLS



Due Date: February 18, 2022

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Pre-Authorized Debit bank withdrawal (PAD)
- Online with your financial institution
- By Credit Card- Visit the Township Online Services Portal at www.king.ca
- 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 (search for "PAD").

Please visit our website for details.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX NOTICES



2022 Interim Tax Notice

Due Date: February 23, 2022 and April 27, 2022

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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

Please see www.king.ca/propertytax for information on the Township's Tax Relief programs available for Extraordinary Circumstances.

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

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

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

To ensure enrollment please apply prior to due date.

The deadline to enroll for the monthly **PAD** program is **May 31, 2022**

In accordance with the Township By-law 2021-053 unpaid balances following the due date, a penalty of one and one quarter per cent (1.25%) per month, shall be levied on the first day of the next calendar month following the due date and each month until paid in full.

Please visit our website for details.



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- Planning hierarchy in Ontario
- Our King Official Plan
- Development review process
- York Region Official Plan process
- King City and Nobleton Regional population numbers to 2051

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The two-storey training facility built inside the Schomberg fire station allows crews to perform search and rescue, roof operations, ground ladder training and rapid intervention.

Recognition well deserved

From Front Page

Since 1997, there have been countless firefighters who have contributed directly to this facility's success, Wall pointed out.

"After all of these years, it is time to appropriately recognize these two individuals that facilitated the success of the Training Centre," Wall wrote in his report. "The posthumous naming of the Training Centre and Training Room recognizes not only these individuals by name, it recognizes and values their contributions and what they brought to the forefront on a daily basis.

"Both of these men left a lasting impression on our communities, our fellow firefighters, and the fire service as

a whole."

The only costs to the Township would be the signage installed on the training compound fence and indoor signage. The cost is estimated at \$1,000 and would be covered in the Fire and Emergency Services operating budget.

Councillor Bill Cober said this is a "wonderful tribute to amazing leaders in our community."

Councillor David Boyd, who is also a firefighter, said he had the pleasure of working with both Jessop and Jackson, who were "excellent role models." He noted among their finest traits were their dedication to the community they served, and to their colleagues.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said this move is long overdue, and a fitting tribute.



King's population grows to 27,333

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Township has a population of 27,333, according to the 2021 Census released by Statistics Canada.

Since the last Census in 2016, King's population grew by 2,821, or 11.5%.

There are a recorded 9,346 private dwellings in King.

At 332.12 square kilometres, King has a population density of 82.3 people per square kilometre.

Canada is the fastest-growing country in the G7, due in large part to immigration, according to 2021 census data.

The newly released census numbers put Canada's population at 36,991,981 in the spring of last year, with close to 27.3 million Canadians living in one of Canada's 41 large urban centres.

There are approximately 1.8 million more people living in Canada than there were five years ago, a growth rate of 5.2 per cent between 2016 and 2021.

Stats Can says it will release more data on demographics in stages throughout 2022.

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- Michael Connelly

Salvation lies in traditional fresh-cooked food

"Food, in the end, in our own tradition, is something holy. It's not about nutrients and calories. It's about sharing. It's about honesty. It's about identity."

- Louise Fresco

Humans are obsessed with food. And why shouldn't we be?

When is the last time you cleaned your plate because the meal was made with magical ingredients - love and tradition?

Ever since we discovered fire and learned to cook, we created the most diverse meals from natural ingredients, those provided by "the gods."

Some of the food we eat today dates back hundreds, if not thousands of years. From traditional Mexican tacos and Argentinian stuffed pizza, to home-made Italian lasagna and German sauerbraten, flavours are as distinct as dialects.

In many countries around the world you will find generations of home cooks, making magic in make-shift kitchens, using recipes passed down from their ancestors. Combining ingredients native to their region, they create masterpieces, cooking in cauldrons and fire pits. Many are involved in the entire process, from growing and raising, to cooking and serving.

You may find some of the best authentic dishes for a buck or two on any street in any small town throughout Mexico, South America and Asia. From food carts and back doors, to stalls and bicycle baskets, you will discover the heart and soul of our fellow human beings.

Behind the stall, behind each dish, there is a story, dozens of human tales. And that's very special.

While we maintain many cultural and ethnic traditions in North America, we did ourselves a terrible disservice when fast food took over our lives. We



Mark Pavilons

let convenience reign, just to make our lives a bit easier, more convenient. And in this search for expediency, we gave up something much more important than taste - our past.

Walk through any North American suburb and you'd be hard-pressed to find a unique identity, a culture so to speak. Our strip malls and food courts contain token international cuisine, strange concoctions that we've become accustomed to and demand.

Doesn't anyone want sushi made with fresh caught fish? Where can you get tacos made with meat that came out of the pit just an hour ago? How about scratch-made tortillas, biscuits, picarones and a spicy salsa handed down from the Mayans themselves?

Yes, my column does have a common theme. Blame it on Netflix and a couple of documentaries I watched on street food in Latin America.

Watching these self-taught culinary

experts, you will find it's much more than taste. It's almost limitless TLC, passion, tradition and pride. They love making people happy with food. They want their customers to leave smiling and full, and coming back for more.

These concepts are foreign to us these days.

When is the last time you witnessed such passion? Has a cook ever come to your table asking about your meal? How many have thanked you for choosing them and said "God bless" on your way out?

Sure, there are such places, including right here in King, but they're few and far between.

It's those places - those entrepreneurs - that you should hold close, cherish and support. Here's a personal hats off to Alvaro at Port Soirée.

Throughout these eye-opening documentaries and personal stories, a few themes emerge. All are proud in their region's history, its abundance and its food. It's who they are. To them, a meal means family; paying homage to friends and family; having respect for one another.

In many of these places, street sales are the only occupation available. But the population base and cheap food prices make it lucrative. From standing-room-only taco stands, to food market booths, incredible dishes come hot, fresh and overflowing.

These days we tend to be a bit reluctant of street food and various food related illnesses. But these people have been serving street food for decades. I can't wait for a return to street festivals across the GTA this summer.

In some countries around the world

you will find 70- and 80-year-olds, extending their wrinkled hands, offering you their age-old recipes. It's like a gift from above. It really IS the way grandma made it!

We use what God gave us. We share what He provides. We also share our history, our stories. Why not share it over a bite?

Have you noticed that when you're gathering for a meal, and you have food in your mouth, nothing else matters at that moment in time? All is good in the world, and all your worries can wait, at least until after dessert.

Think of eating your most favourite dish, tasting each bite. You close your eyes, let the flavours dance on your taste buds and you feel good. Endorphins are released and your brain gives you a sense of euphoria. Researchers discovered that pizza makes us particularly happy!

Thank you, brain!

Jean Brillat-Savarin once said: "Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you who you are."

Think about that for a minute. What meal or type of food describes you, your ancestry, your lineage?

If you come up short, there's still time for your salvation.

You don't have to dine out. Buy good food. Call your mom and ask for her favourite recipes. Dig out grandma's dusty recipe cards. Call your aunt and ask about special family dishes.

Most Boomers know the importance of the family table, the food, the wine, the bread, the laughs, the love. These are hard to find today.

Eat with your hands, let the sauce drip from your mouth, and live!

Editorial

Religious 'phobia' makes no sense

In our progressive society, we are trying to curb racial and religious discrimination.

We often hear of "hate crimes", antisemitism and Islamophobia. Governments and school boards are working hard to combat these practices.

But it would seem education may be the key.

You see, almost every religion has similarities and shares its roots with one another.

Judaism has important core elements found in early Christianity.

All monotheistic religions believe in a strong faith with the Creator, one true God.

Most religions have had their prophets and leaders, whether it was Abraham, Moses, Jesus or Muhammad. In fact, the Quran specifically names Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus as prophets in Islam. In Islam, they also recognize the Angels Gabriel and Michael.

Sikhs believe in one creator and a divine unity and equality of all humankind. They also practice seva (selfless service).

All aspire to teach and enlighten. All embrace love of humankind.

Doesn't sound all that strange after all, now does it?

We have more in common than we think. We are more alike than we care to believe.

We should be drawn together by "not-so-different" cultures and religions and strive for unity.

MP, Editor



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Results from last week's poll:

Are you cheering for Canadian athletes at the Olympics?

a) Yes **87.5%**

b) No **12.5%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you concerned about Russian aggression towards Ukraine?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Quote of the Week

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- Louise Fresco

Trivia Tidbits

Karl Benz is often credited with creating the world's first car.

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Focus on COVID solutions, not protesters

The following letter, to Premier Ford, was submitted to the Weekly Sentinel.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Premier,

As you are fully aware, there are a number of protesters at present in the province, loudly making numerous demands and causing significant disruption to people's lives and the economy. I have heard statements by the organizers (non-truckers) behind the convoy to Ottawa, and have read parts of their "Memorandum of Understanding."

These organizers clearly are totally irrational and have no idea how the Canadian system of government operates. The concept that the Senate, the Governor-General, and a group of wackos should form an interim government sounds like something penned for the January 6th insurrection in Washington (cross-out Vice-President and insert Governor-General).

It is encouraging that none of the trucking associations were duped into supporting this nonsense, and it is unfortunate that a number of their individual members were.

I applaud your recent public appearance where, visibly frustrated, you stated that Ontario is on schedule to have restrictions lifted in the near future, and why can't these people wait a few weeks.

We hear that Premiers Kenney and Moe have accelerated the lifting of mandates in their provinces, and I have heard rumours that you may do so in Ontario. Please, sir, continue to follow the advice from your Science Table, not from protesters.

My whole cadre of friends feel the same. They are aghast at "pandemic planning by polling" as Robyn Urback

has phrased it, and to expand that to "pandemic planning by polling protesters" would be unconscionable.

There may be some truth to the truckers' argument that their lives of isolation in their cabs mean that they are not a high risk group, but alternatively one could argue that having coffee together at truck stops and then fanning out across the continent makes them very high risk for rapid spread of any new variants that develop. You yourself have criticized the federal government in the past for not enforcing stronger border controls. I think the salient point is that anyone who accepts the science recognizes that vaccines, (albeit administered world-wide), are the best tool towards putting this pandemic behind us, and the federal government is using the tools at its disposal to encourage anyone it can to join the majority.

On that line of thinking, I would encourage the Government of Ontario to make proof of vaccination a requirement for entering LCBO outlets. We have seen the positive boost in vaccination rates in Québec when that province linked alcohol purchases to proof of vaccination.

My son tells me that quite a number of people he comes in contact with here in southern Ontario are not vaccinated, not because they have anything against vaccines, but because they consider themselves healthy and that coronavirus infection would be a minor inconvenience. But they also say that if proof of vaccination were a requirement at the LCBO they'd be getting the job in a flash. An extended family member and his wife in Saskatchewan were the

same – they just hadn't bothered to get vaccinated, but did so to purchase alcohol.

May I challenge you, sir, and Minister Elliott, to make lowering the COVID case counts within the province's ICUs a priority so that our medical professionals can get back to performing "elective" (NOT) surgeries. Set some

goals, with numbers, in that regard (as opposed to merely keeping the ICUs themselves on life support) and use those goals as a messaging theme to continue with your measured approach to easing restrictions.

Bill Patterson
King City

Province supports agricultural and horticultural societies

The Ontario government is providing \$1 million to support the province's agricultural and horticultural societies who continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This will help them continue to operate and support their important efforts to educate people about the value and significance of agriculture in the province.

"Ontario's agricultural and horticultural societies have long-enriched communities throughout the province and we look forward to them continuing to make significant contributions, from main street beautification projects to hosting the long-standing tradition of agricultural fairs, throughout the province in 2022," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "These investments reflect the value of the societies' contributions and our government's recognition of the pandemic-caused pressures these organizations have been weathering."

The funding will flow through the Agricultural and Horticultural Support and Recovery Funding Initiative and builds on previous investments of more than \$7 million to assist these organizations during the pandemic.

This initiative features two funding streams:

Base Support Funding will be issued to all eligible Agricultural and Horticultural Societies through funding payments of \$1,000 as a means of supporting their continued incorporation and activities.

Hardship Funding for eligible Agricultural Societies will provide additional support which will be based on reported gate revenues from 2019. This will help off-set operating losses, liabilities, and fixed overhead costs related to land and buildings.

Eligible agricultural and horticultural societies can expect to receive funding before March 31.

"The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) appreciates OMAFRA's continued financial support for our over 200 agricultural societies. This new funding shows Minister Thompson's and OMAFRA's confidence in our agricultural societies and the impact the societies and their members have on their local communities.

"During the pandemic, our agricultural societies have continued to creatively promote agriculture and food awareness and engage their communities through in-person and virtual fairs, events and activities," said Vince Brennan, Manager of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies.

Provide input into long-term care

Many of us are caring for aging parents in long term care/retirement homes and are dealing with challenging situations. Some of us are contemplating our own futures without much optimism.

The federal government has worked with more than 18,000 residents, family members, workers and medical experts to draft new standards for long term care in Canada. The draft has just been opened for general public comment and will be closed at the end of March.

You now have the opportunity to make your ideas known and change the way we care for our elders, and ourselves in due course! A major change is the move to resident-focused care that values compassion, respect, dignity, trust, and a meaningful quality of life.

Go to <https://healthstandards.org/public-reviews/long-term-care-services/> before the end of March to help solve a problem and make your future better.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Seeking Nominations for Volunteer Awards Closes March 16, 2022
Awards presented at the April 25th Council Meeting

Council of the Township of King are now accepting nominations for awards to recognize volunteer contributions and achievements in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Special Recognition: Non-resident of King
- Senior Citizen Award of Merit
- Special Recognition
- Lifetime Achievement
- Youth Award of Merit

Nominations for volunteer awards must be submitted on the Volunteer Recognition Award Nomination Form and will be received by the undersigned by mail, or email at clerks@king.ca until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16th, 2022. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available on the Township website at www.king.ca or by emailing clerks@king.ca.

Awards will be presented at the Council Meeting on Monday, April 25th, 2022.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services / Township Clerk

NOTICE

VOLUNTEER NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN KING ANNUAL 2022 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM (DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 KING GRANTS)

Non-profit volunteer community organizations which PROVIDE OR DEVELOP RECREATION, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES OR ENHANCES ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES for the residents within the Township of King are advised that applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2022 are now open and must be completed and submitted to the Township by the **FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022** deadline.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at www.king.ca or King.ca/CommunityGrants.

Alternately, please contact Corporate Services – Clerks Division at clerks@king.ca for further information.

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Province eases public health measures

With key public health and health system indicators continuing to improve, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is cautiously and gradually easing public health measures sooner, with the next phase of measures being eased today (Thursday, Feb. 17).

“Given how well Ontario has done in the Omicron wave we are able to fast track our reopening plan,” said Premier Doug Ford. “This is great news and a sign of just how far we’ve come together in our fight against the virus. While we aren’t out of the woods just yet we are moving in the right direction.”

Last month, Ontario released its plan to follow a cautious and phased approach to lifting public health and workplace safety measures if health indicators continued to remain stable and improve. Positivity rates have fallen and new admissions to hospital and ICU have been declining week over week, signalling that the Omicron peak is behind us. Over the coming days and weeks, these trends are expected to continue, allowing the province to safely accelerate its timelines.

“Thanks to the province’s high vaccination rates and the continued sacrifices of Ontarians, we are now in a position where we can move forward in our plan earlier than anticipated,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “With hospitalizations and ICU admissions continuing to decline, we are committed to maintaining a gradual and cautious approach to protect our hospital capacity and ensure patients can access the care they need when they need it.”

Ontario will further ease public health measures, including, but not limited to:

- Increasing social gathering limits to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Increasing organized public event limits to 50 people indoors, with no limit outdoors.
- Removing capacity limits in the following indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is required, including but not limited to:

Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments without dance facilities; non-spectator areas of sports and recreational fitness facilities, including gyms; cinemas; meeting and event spaces, including conference centres or convention centres; casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments.

Indoor areas of settings that choose to opt-in to proof of vaccination requirements.

Allowing 50 per cent of the usual seating capacity at sports arenas

Allowing 50 per cent of the usual seating capacity for concert venues and theatres.

Increasing indoor capacity limits to 25 per cent in the remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including nightclubs, restaurants where there is dancing, as well as bathhouses and sex clubs.

Increasing capacity limits for indoor weddings, funerals or religious

services, rites, or ceremonies to the number of people who can maintain two metres physical distance. Capacity limits are removed if the location opts-in to use proof of vaccination or if the service, rite, or ceremony is occurring outdoors.

Capacity limits in other indoor public settings, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, retail and shopping malls, will be maintained at, or increased to, the number of people who can maintain two metres physical distance.

In addition, Ontario is expanding booster dose eligibility to youth aged 12 to 17. Appointments can be booked through the provincial booking system and the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre, as well as at select pharmacies administering the Pfizer vaccine. Appointments will be booked for approximately six months (168 days) after a second dose. To book an appointment online, individuals must be 12 years old at the time of appointment.

Effective March 1, Ontario intends to take additional steps to ease public health measures if public health and health system indicators continue to improve. This includes lifting capacity limits in all remaining indoor public settings.

Ontario will also lift proof of vaccination requirements for all settings at this time. Businesses and other settings may choose to continue to require proof of vaccination. Masking requirements will remain in place at this time, with a specific timeline to lift this measure to be communicated at a later date.

To manage COVID-19 over the long-term, public health units can deploy local and regional responses based on local context and conditions.

“Thanks to the efforts of Ontarians to help blunt the transmission of Omicron, our health care indicators suggest a general improvement in the COVID-19 situation in the province,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “We are now in a position to lift more public health measures, but it is important to stay vigilant, as we don’t want to cause any further disruption to people’s everyday lives. We must continue to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in our communities by following the measures in place and by vaccinating those who have not yet received their doses.”

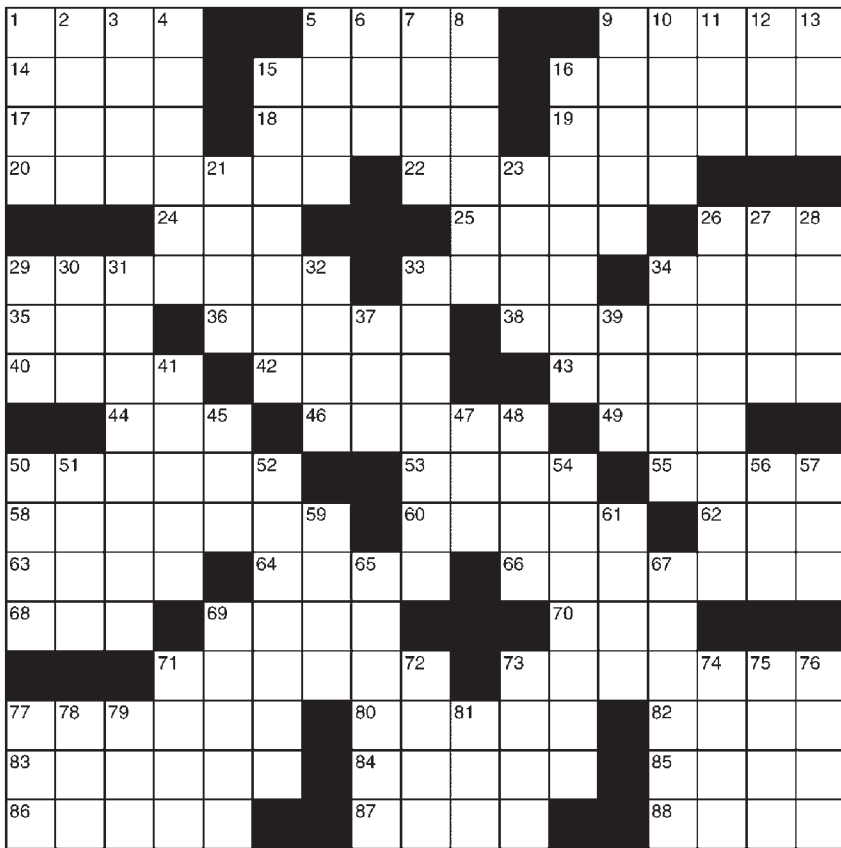
Due to a steady decline in COVID-19 related hospitalizations and ICU admissions, on Feb. 10, the government lifted Directive 2 to begin a gradual and cautious resumption of non-urgent and non-emergent surgeries and procedures across the province.

Since Ontario entered modified Step Two, over 202,000 Ontarians have received a first dose and more than 2,575,000 Ontarians have received their booster.

To further support the province’s cautious easing of public health measures, Ontario is expanding access to free rapid tests, with 5.5 million rapid tests to be distributed each week for eight weeks through pharmacies, grocery stores, and community partners in vulnerable communities.

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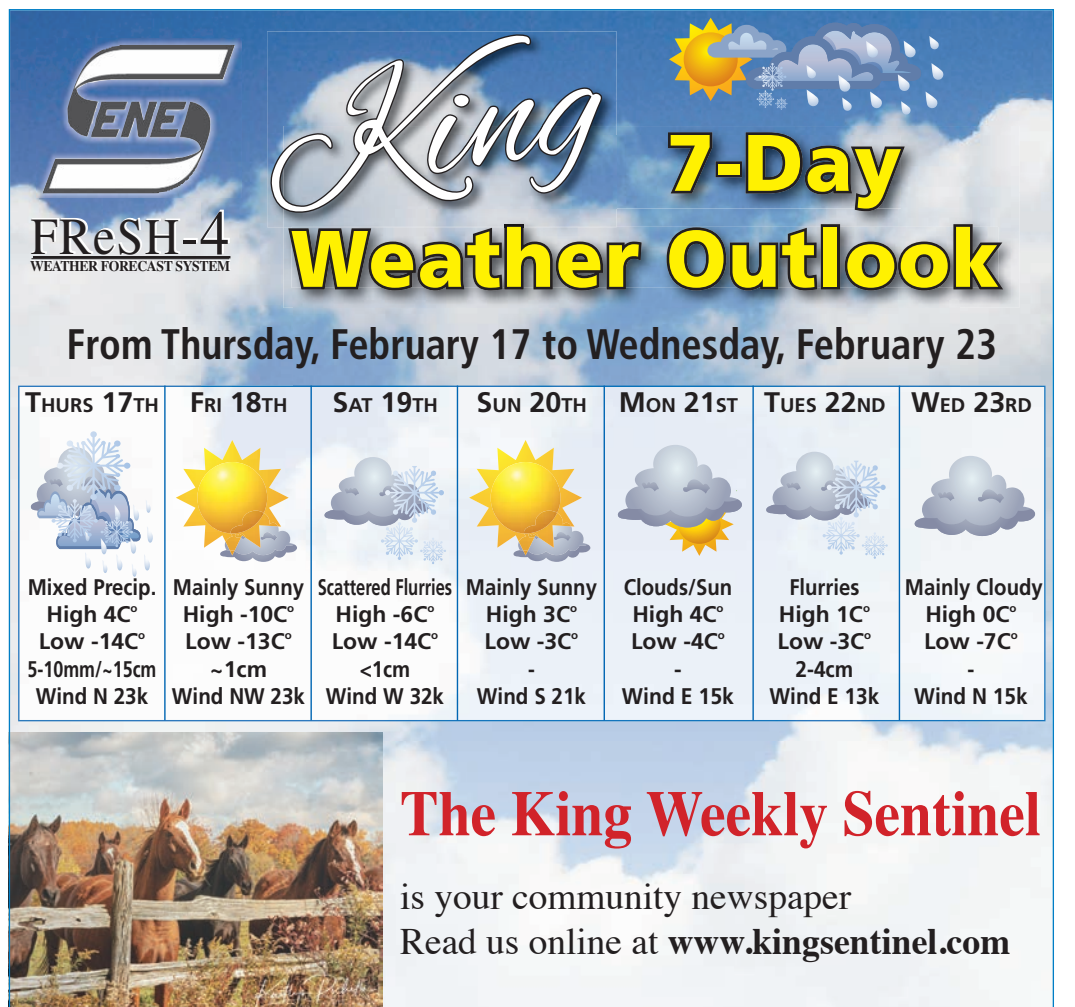
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SENE King 7-Day Weather Outlook

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York Region updates its long-term transportation plan

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

York Region is keeping a close eye on its transit needs by updating its Transportation Master Plan.

Key issues identified in the Plan will help the region meet the needs of commuters and residents for the next several decades, through 2051.

Regional staff updated King councillors recently on the plan and some key areas of focus.

Lauren Crawford, manager of transportation long-term planning for York, said hopes are the revamped plan will be before regional council in June for final approval.

During the consultation period, staff heard from roughly 1,000 respondents that included residents, municipal councils and staff as well as businesses.

The consensus seems to be that connections are key and safety remains a top priority. The public is looking for fast and convenient travel options and

many residents hope to see more walking, cycling and public transit options.

Crawford noted that there's been a strong interest in cycling and it's a growing trend. York has a plan in place for sidewalks and cycling networks to be developed. Also being expanded is York's trail network, which is almost 80% complete.

Dedicated bike lanes are planned for Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham.

The trail network already exists in most areas, but will expand. King will see some major connections to the region-wide trail network.

The regional road network will prioritize investments to maximize the benefits to residents and commuters. Road improvements in King are planned for Highway 27, south from Nobleton, and King Road, from Nobleton to Highway 400.

The master plan will also examine safety and reduced car travel, especially during rush hour periods. Regional

corridors will be reviewed and their role and function assessed.

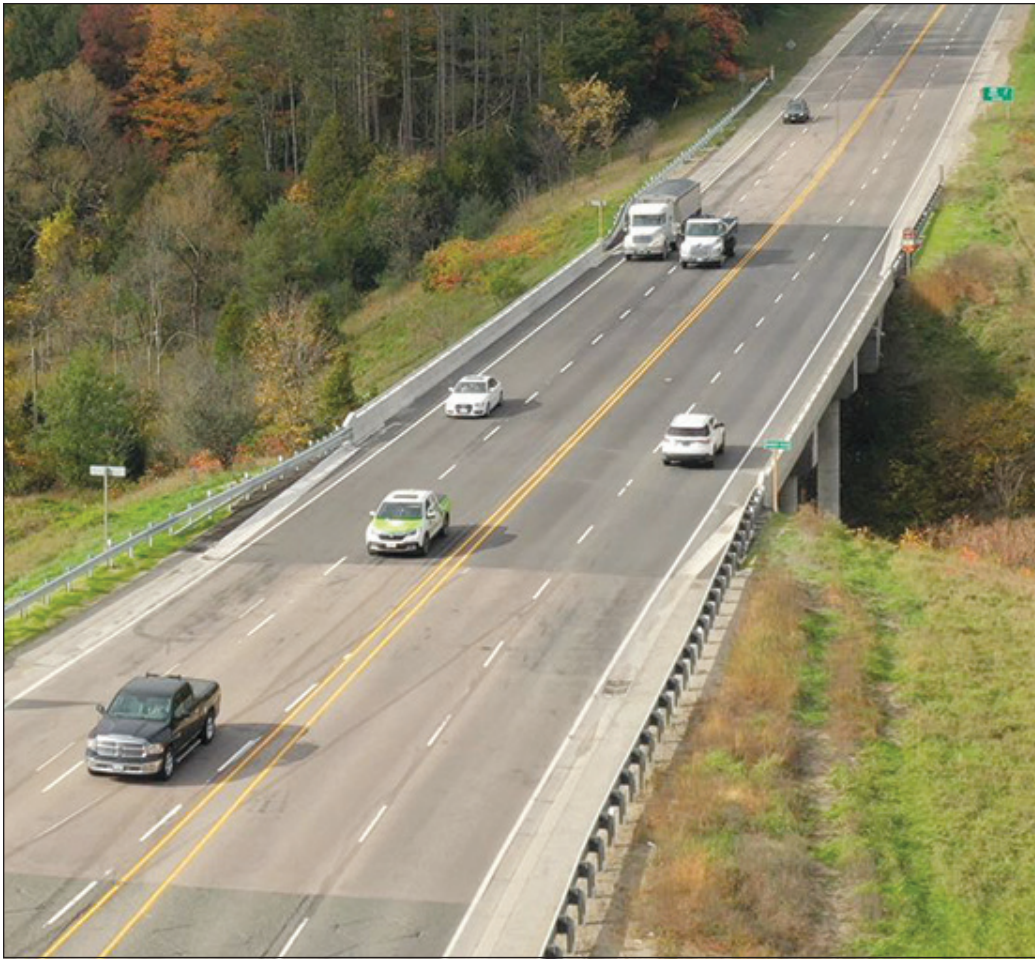
Councillor David Boyd said he hopes regional staff are looking at sidewalk improvements in Nobleton as part of their plan.

Councillor Avia Eek asked regional staff whether they have any input from the agricultural community. Crawford said they are happy to meet or connect with all stakeholders in this process.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer asked

staff whether they are planning with the Highway 413 in mind. Crawford said their plan will be flexible and adaptable, but they are following the Province's lead. At this point the plan does allow for the 413 corridor but Crawford said if it changes, the plan will simply change.

The draft plan will be presented to regional council in March. A final public information session will take place this spring as well.



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Taste of Main food event under way in Schomberg

The restaurants on Schomberg's Main Street are collaborating for the inaugural Taste of Main prix fixe dining event. A prix fixe (a French term meaning "fixed price") is a menu that offers a full meal at a set rate.

The event takes place through March 6, and includes seven dining establishments, Craft Kitchen and Beer Bar, The Grackle Coffee Company, Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smokehouse, Port Soiree, The Schomberg Pub and Patio,

The Scruffy Duck, and Sugar and Spice Bakeshop and Café.

The event truly has something for everyone with breakfast and lunch options at both cafés, and lunch and dinner options from all other restaurants ranging from \$10 to \$50. The Main Street chefs have pulled out all the stops to create extra-special dishes including crab cakes and smoked duck salad, bison burgers and lobster quenelles, coconut saffron mussels, prime rib with



traditional Yorkshires and hickory smoked baby back ribs, just to name a few.

The restaurants have also each created unique signature cocktails to commemorate the event. All the menus, prices and dining times can be found at

schombergmainstreet.ca.

Restaurants are currently open at 50 per cent capacity and will hopefully move to full capacity in the middle of the event.

Diners are encouraged to make reservations for Port Soiree, The Schomberg Pub and Patio, Craft Kitchen and Beer Bar and The Scruffy Duck although walk-ins will be available, space-permitting. Reservations will not be needed for the other three venues, which will also offer their menus as takeout.

Taste of Main is one of the first Main Street activations planned as part of Phase 2 of the Schomberg Main Street Revitalization Plan, which has been funded through a matching grant to King Township by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. For more information about the Main Street Revitalization Strategy, visit www.destinationschomberg.ca or contact ecdev@king.ca.

"The past two years has been really hard on our restaurants. This is a great opportunity for our community to give them the boost they need, as we reopen and get back to business. And, speaking from experience, I can tell you that the food on Main Street is fantastic! We want all of the restaurants on Main Street to be booked solid for this entire event," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Jordan Rulloda, co-owner of the Schomberg Pub and Patio, noted they used this time for interior renovations and has a fresh new look.

"We want to say thank you! This has been an incredibly hard two years for our industry and we can't thank our customers, friends and staff enough for the support. It's not over yet but we're determined to make this pub everything it can be. We can't wait for people to come check out the new renovations inside as well as our new menu."

York public school renamed Nokiidaa P.S.

York Region District School Board trustees voted to rename the former Sir John A. Macdonald Public School to Nokiidaa Public School.

The decision follows a community consultation that included receiving feedback from the school community, Indigenous students, staff, family members and members of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation.

Nokiidaa is the Ojibwe word that means let's work or let's all work together.

The word is reflective of the commitment to work together, to build relationships and to build a bright future for our students. It also reflects the board's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. As an Ojibwe word, it honours the importance of language and of the First Peoples on this land.

"We are honoured to be renaming this school Nokiidaa Public School, and grateful to everyone who participated in the community consultation process," said Allan Tam, board chair. "It is a name that will inspire and in which the school community can take pride."

"Renaming schools is a sensitive process and cannot be done in isolation of the name that has been removed. The name should have Indigenous significance. We all need to recognize that Indigenous languages are part of our original fabric and of the land we all share as Canadians," said Indigenous Trustee Lauri Hoeg. "It is imperative that healing is also part of the process and for healing to happen, medicine must be put on the wound. Our language is our medicine."

"Thank you to everyone who supported this renaming process. Renaming a school is an important responsibility, and I am grateful to all who shared their feedback and participated in the consultation. We speak of our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, but our legacy will not be measured by the words that we speak if they are not aligned with our actions. In renaming this school Nokiidaa Public School, we are aligning our words and our actions," said Ron Lynn, trustee for Markham Wards 2, 3 and 6.

"The renaming of this school is reflective of our commitment as a school board to Truth and Reconciliation and to working together as a community in the interests of our students. It is a name that honours the Ojibwe language, the First Peoples on this land and provides an opportunity for the school community and our larger board community to deepen our own learning and understanding," said Louise Sirisko, director of education.

The school was previously named after Sir John A. Macdonald. The Board of Trustees voted to rename the school in July 2021, acknowledging that the first Prime Minister of Canada supported the creation of residential schools, and created policies to starve Indigenous peoples, to remove them from their homes on the plains to allow for railroads and settlement of non-Indigenous people. In addition to targeting Indigenous populations, Macdonald also denied Chinese immigrants citizenship and supported legislation that would exclude them from voting until 1946.



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GO station work moved ahead

The Ontario government is moving forward with construction at Bradford GO Station that will enhance station features and amenities while supporting future two-way, all-day service along the Barrie GO line.

“Residents of Bradford deserve a modern transit hub that sets them up for success. As we continue to make progress in the fight against COVID-19, our government is also preparing for the return of transit riders, which is why we are getting shovels in the ground to better connect communities along the entire Barrie GO line,” said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. “Building Ontario through critical transit projects, like Bradford GO Station and GO service expansion to Barrie, is part of our government’s plan to improve travel options for people in the Greater Golden Horseshoe and across the province.”

The improvements to Bradford GO Station include the installation of a traffic signal at the Dissette Street entrance, three new bus bays, a bus loop and an enhanced passenger pick-up and drop-off area that will provide better access to regional GO and local Bradford West Gwillimbury Transit bus service. Customers will have access to new heated bus shelters, new passenger pick-up and drop-off spaces and an expanded parking lot with 33 additional parking spots.

“I want to thank the province for kicking off this important work that will improve the experience for our transit users in Bradford,” said Rob Keffer, Mayor of Bradford West Gwillimbury. “The upgrades at Bradford GO Station fit in with the creation of our Bradford West Gwillimbury bus service in recent years, the new Simcoe County LINX service across our region and the ongoing expansion of GO train and bus service on the Barrie line. These related transit improvements are critical to our goal of reducing traffic congestion in our area.”

“Improving our GO station is not only important to facilitate continued expansion of local and regional transit to reduce congestion and meet our climate change goals, it is also a significant step forward for our revitalization goals in downtown Bradford,” said Ward 2 Councillor Jonathan Scott, who chairs the town’s Downtown Revitalization Committee. “Improvements to

this historic train station will help to enhance a key corner at the entrance to our downtown and will enable future transit-oriented re-development projects in the area.”

The station improvements will support plans for 15-minute service on the Barrie GO line beyond Aurora to Bradford GO in the future, serving communities like Vaughan, Aurora and Bradford.

“We’re taking the next step to improve the way our customers travel at Bradford GO with direct connections to regional and local transit, enhanced safety and easier ways to get in and out of the station,” said Phil Verster, President and CEO of Metrolinx. “This project is part of GO Expansion, which will support faster, more frequent travel at Bradford GO Station and two-way, all-day service in the years to come.”

Improvements to Bradford GO Station include a new 18 vehicle passenger pickup and prop-Off area (Kiss & Ride), an additional 33 parking spaces, new sidewalks into the station, a traffic signal at the Dissette Street entrance, new CCTV system for improved security monitoring, pedestrian crossings throughout the station, a new bus loop and three new bus bays for GO Transit and local transit.

Construction is expected to be completed by Spring 2023.

Through the GO Expansion program, two-way, all-day electrified GO train service, every 15-minutes or better, will extend past Aurora GO Station to Bradford GO. Barrie South and Allandale Waterfront will receive 30-minute two-way, all-day GO service.



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St. Paul's cares about the community and those in need

By Robert Belardi

A little care and support will always go a long way.

Last year, Elder at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Nancy Boyd brainstormed on how she and the church could help out the community. She understood before and during COVID times, that people were suffering. She wanted to find a way to turn around their days ahead.

Of course, struggling patrons could turn to the food bank. But Boyd, had something else in mind. She pointed out what items are rarely donated and wanted to provide them for families in need.

"They don't receive personal hygiene items, cleaning products that type of thing. They're really expensive. They are seldom donated. We felt, it's just a hole that we as a church, could help the community fill."

Boyd entitled the initiative Love

Bags in honour of spreading the word of the Lord. She called John's No Frills, Dr. Diane Contino at Nobleton Dental and Dr. Hurst at Hurst Elwood Dr. and Lacey Real Estate, asking if they wanted to donate. And they did so in a heartbeat.

Working along with the food bank, Boyd was able to closely identify which families are in need. Not by name – because all bags donated are done so anonymously – but by family size.

"In December there were 40 identified families. Now the list that I just got is 56. Some of them are singles, and some of them are five members in the family. Some of them are eight to nine," Boyd said.

In St. Paul's annual Christmas offering, this past year has been all about the Love Bags initiative. Many citizens who regularly attend masses at the church, left many hygienic products for Boyd to distribute. Aside from local donations from



MPP King-Vaughan Stephen Lecce, Elder Nancy Boyd and Pastor Jeff Loach celebrate their "Love Bag" campaign.

suppliers and dentists, the church also raised enough funds from the community to purchase extra items. Boyd will restock items in need to fully prepare all bags before distribution.

Last Friday, MPP of King-Vaughan Stephen Lecce visited the church to share his thanks for the parish's efforts in helping the local community. He praised Boyd for her hard work and donated a few bags of his own to support the cause.

"There's people really struggling. We want to reach out to the community to let them know we're here and we want to help," Boyd said.

"For me it's passion. At Christmas that was our first round and we did 40 bags. There was no room in the church to put them. The community is so generous. So, giving. It's overwhelming. People do want to help. They just need to know how."

If you wish to support the cause there are a few ways to do so. You may leave hygienic products in the bin outside of the church's front doors.

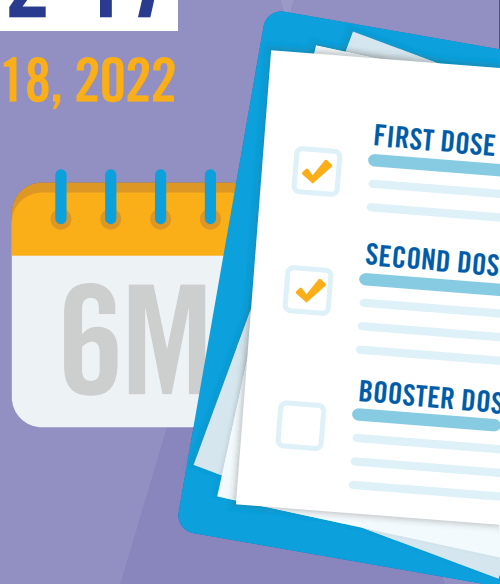
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King Fire and Emergency crews battle fires, elements

Over the last few weeks King Fire and Emergency Services has fought some pretty stubborn fires in extremely cold temperatures. Some of these fires had gone undetected until a neighbour or passerby spotted the fire. At this point, the fire was already breaching through the roof.

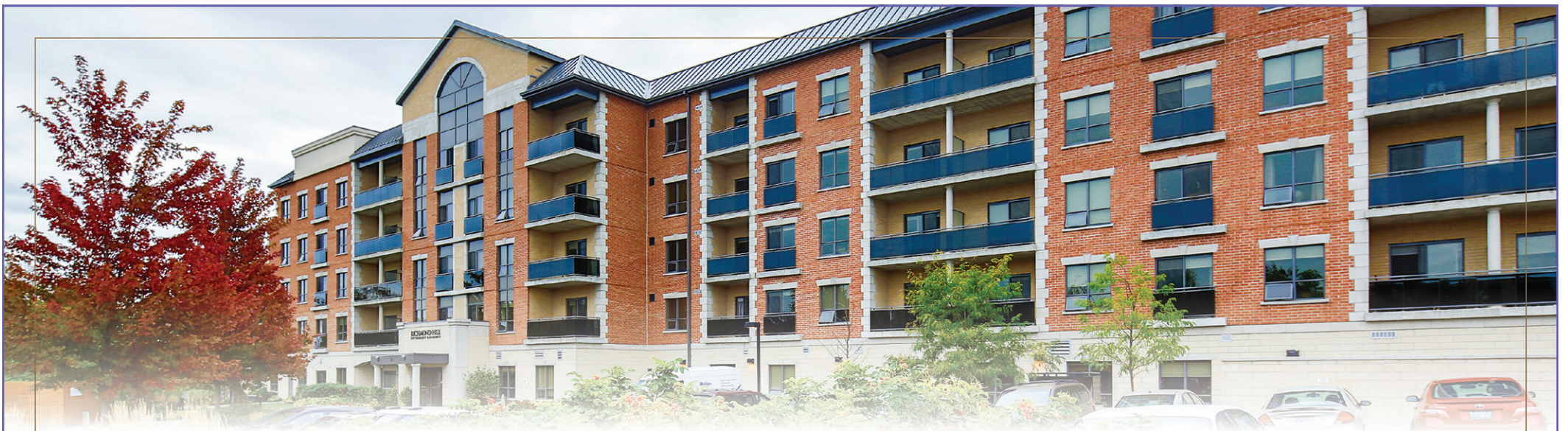
In another case, the homeowners were completely unaware of a fire on the main floor of the home while they were in another portion of the house. By the time they escaped the home, the fire had a significant hold on the home with flames coming out the windows and burning through the roof.

Fire Chief Jim Wall urges residents to install and maintain working smoke alarms.

“Early notification, early exit of the occupants, and timely arrival of the local fire services can and will make a difference,” he said.

The chief extended a big thanks to all members who worked tirelessly at these incidents.

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More funding in aerospace firm's rover contract

A Bolton-based aerospace firm has received the thumbs-up from the Canadian Space Agency.

Canadensys Aerospace Corporation has received an amendment with a \$270,000 funding increase to its Lunar Rover Mission (LRM) Phase A contract. The amendment also includes authorization from the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) for Canadensys to start planning for the integration of the NASA-contributed payload on to the LRM. This additional funding will ensure the final rover design is optimal for the full international payload suite.

"This continued support by the Canadian Space Agency enables collaborative work and rapid progress on the LRM Project with our major partners in the US," said Caledon's Christian Sallaberger, president & CEO at Canadensys.

"APL is proud to be leading the NASA-contributed science payload elements. We have a history of working with Canadensys and are thrilled to be working with them again on a lunar surface mission and with their entire Canadian team on this historic Canada/U.S. collaborative project," added Benjamin Greenhagen, Principal Investigator on LRM's US science payload from Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

The Canadensys-led Canadian lunar rover mission team is comprised of Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, NASA Ames Research Center, NGC Aerospace, Maya Heat Transfer Technologies, Nokia, Bubble Technology Industries, Waves in Space, Simon Fraser University, Avalon Space, Western University, the University of Winnipeg, l'Université de

Sherbrooke, Centre des Technologies Avancées, Leap Biosystems and Surrey Satellite Technology.

The team's scientific investigators are among the leading lunar researchers in Canada and the U.S., and are affiliated with the core team organizations as well as Arizona State University, Southern Methodist University, the University of Alberta, and York University.

"Our lunar rover activities have now entered a very exciting phase. Breadboard and risk mitigation testing in support of the lunar rover program has commenced at Canadensys facilities in Toronto and Stratford," said King Township's Jim Middleton, LRM program executive and director of operations at Canadensys.

Canadensys Aerospace is Canada's leading lunar rover development company. After completing several multi-year contracts to conduct lunar rover mission studies, develop key technology components, and designing, building and delivering to the CSA a prototype of the lunar rover, Canadensys is now executing the Phase A conceptual design of the flight program for the CSA.

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Small Urban GTA Mayors meet with MPP Lecce

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors met with the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, to discuss the current state of education within their communities.

The Minister provided an update regarding the importance of a safe return to school for all students and steps being taken to support their transition back into the classroom. Making available high speed internet in all schools, providing increased mental health supports, additional tutoring, and the return of extracurricular activities, are just a few examples of what the Province is doing to help bring a sense of normalcy back to our schools.

The Minister also highlighted changes to the Ontario curriculum that will align with current market needs, such as in the area of Skilled Trades by expanding the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and introducing Financial Literacy in the primary grades.

The Mayors requested the Minister consider reviewing the process for declaring and disposing of surplus school properties and access to those properties by municipalities for possible future affordable housing projects. The Mayors emphasized the need to plan the building of new schools based on future growth targets to better meet the needs of their growing population and consider innovative modulated designs in those areas of intensification.

The Mayors also raised safety concerns with the transportation of school children in rural communities on dead end streets and the importance of equitable access to capital resources in all schools across the province.

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Provincial housing report draws praise and criticism

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A report on affordable housing in Ontario has met with mixed reactions.

The report from the Housing Affordability Task Force highlights expert recommendations for additional measures to increase the supply of market housing to address the housing crisis. The Task Force is part of Ontario's ongoing three-part consultation with industry, municipalities, and the public to help the government identify and implement real solutions to address the housing supply crisis.

"Everyone has a role to play in addressing the housing supply crisis. As our government consults with municipalities, the public, and industry leaders and experts, we are balancing these perspectives to develop practical, forward-thinking policies that unlock and fast-track all types of housing for all types of Ontarians," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "I'd like to thank Jake Lawrence and the entire Task Force for their hard work, including conducting extensive consultations with other stakeholders, to develop their report."

The Task Force report's recommendations include five main areas to quickly increase the supply of market housing, to meet a goal of adding 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years:

- Make changes to planning policies and zoning to allow for greater density and increase the variety of housing.
- Reduce and streamline urban design rules to lower costs of development.
- Depoliticize the approvals process to address NIMBYism and cut red tape to speed up housing.
- Prevent abuse of the appeal process and address the backlog at the Ontario Land Tribunal by prioritizing cases that increase housing.
- Align efforts between all levels of government to incentivize more housing.

Additionally, the Task Force's report makes other recommendations to increase housing supply over the long-term, including to digitize and modernize the approvals and planning process, grow the skilled labour workforce, and encourage new pathways to home ownership.

"When Premier Ford and Minister Clark created the Task Force our instructions were clear: to deliver concrete, actionable recommendations to address the housing affordability crisis by getting more homes built," said Jake Lawrence, Chair of the Housing Affordability Task Force and Chief Executive Officer and Group Head, Global Banking and Markets at Scotiabank. "Lengthy reviews, bureaucratic red tape, and costly appeals are making it too difficult to build new housing. We propose an ambitious and achievable goal to build 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years and the steps needed to get there."

King Councillor Debbie Schaefer has some serious concerns with the recommendations.

The report, she said, would have significant impacts on both current and future residents.

"I would argue that the quality of life in Ontario will be seriously damaged," she said.

The mandate of the HATF was to provide recommendations to quickly build houses to increase supply of affordable housing.

Schaefer reads this as a directive to "eliminate all good planning practices except for those policies which will be determined by Queens Park for the whole province and eliminate public engagement."

The HATF says they have a plan for 1.5 million new affordable houses to be built in 10 years.

"This is impressive. It is curious that there is not a recommendation that developers and builders should start building what is already approved: in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) there are 250,000 housing units approved and unbuilt; of these 50,000 are in York Region," Schaefer pointed out.

She concedes there are recommendations which are very valuable. The HATF promotes the necessity of achieving greater density within the urban boundaries. This is consistent with the 2006 Growth Plan which directed more growth to existing urban areas and has resulted in more housing within already serviced areas preserving farmland and providing more housing options.

Another positive recommendation is one which mirrors Schaefer's letter to Minister Clarke in July 2020 providing feedback about the proposed amendment to the Growth Plan for the GGH.

"I pointed out that his Ministry's methodology for forecasting was poor whereas the Ministry of Finance's projections were significantly more accurate and should be used. Perhaps the Minister will listen to the task force!"

She believes some concepts have value if planned and implemented by the local community.

For example: eliminate exclusionary zoning. The latter prohibits anything other than single detached homes and the task force recommends that "as of right" four-storey multiplexes should be allowed on any street without consultation.

Schaefer agrees that the backlog at the Ontario Lands Tribunal (OLT) is causing delays.

"I would argue that there would not be so many appeals if developers were prohibited from making appeals when their requested amendments to provincially approved official plans and zoning bylaws are refused. To create the latter municipalities have spent thousands of hours and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"The HATF's recommendation to reinstate permission for appealing official plans, virtually the day after they are approved, is outrageous. It rescinds a 2018 regulation giving a two-year period of protection for such."

Another recommended "fix" for the backlog is to reduce citizen appeals by charging a \$10,000 fee versus the current \$400 fee for third party appeals.

"My objection to the fee is that it is reprehensible in itself but it also reinforces the inequity in our society: you have appeal rights only if you can afford it."

Schaefer said it was good to see how the HATF linked density with public transit which is consistent with the 2006 Growth Plan and the Big Move.

"We need to leverage the investment in the latter and we need more investment to create a truly connected Region. But, to recommend 'zoning up to unlimited height and unlimited density in the immediate proximity of individual major transit stations' is not useful as a policy."

Schaefer said there's an "exquisite irony" that local council members are deemed to be weak and controlled by their voters, whereas our provincial duly elected members, who have an election in 4 months, are assumed to be immune to the influences of their voters and those who fund their campaigns."

The report drew praise from the Vaughan-based Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON).

"The task force has come up with an ambitious blueprint for building 1.5 million new homes in the next decade by revolutionizing how municipalities approve housing projects," says RESCON president Richard Lyall. "This is the progressive and out-of-the-box type thinking that we need to boost supply and address the soaring cost of housing in Ontario.

"We are particularly pleased that the task force is recommending changes that would lessen the grip that municipalities have over developments and provide the province the tools to increase density in neighbourhoods that are zoned exclusively for single-family homes as well as speeding up construction of much-needed new housing by legislating timelines for development approvals."

Ontario is falling far short of producing the number of homes that are needed over the next decade to accommodate anticipated growth of 2.27 million people. With an expected influx of more than 400,000 immigrants to Canada each year, many who will end up staying in the Toronto area, there is an urgent need to build more housing.

The cost of buying a new home in Ontario has nearly tripled in the past decade. In Toronto, for example, the cost of the average dwelling relative to income is by far the worst amongst G7 countries, in large part because the approvals process is too cumbersome and stymies new development.

"This task force report is certainly welcome news for developers, builders and those in need of housing," added Lyall. "We are in the middle of a housing crisis and can no longer tinker around the edges and apply band-aid solutions. It is time for concrete measures to speed up the housing development process."

RESCON has advocated for changes to cut red tape and speed-up the development of new housing.

On March 3, the organization is hosting Housing Supply Summit 2022: Solutions to Build More Homes. The event, moderated by TVO reporter John Michael McGrath, runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



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Arts & Entertainment

ASK artists showcasing 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. Then click on EVENTS then STUDIO TOUR 2022 to see the participating artists, their biographies and up to five photos of their artwork.

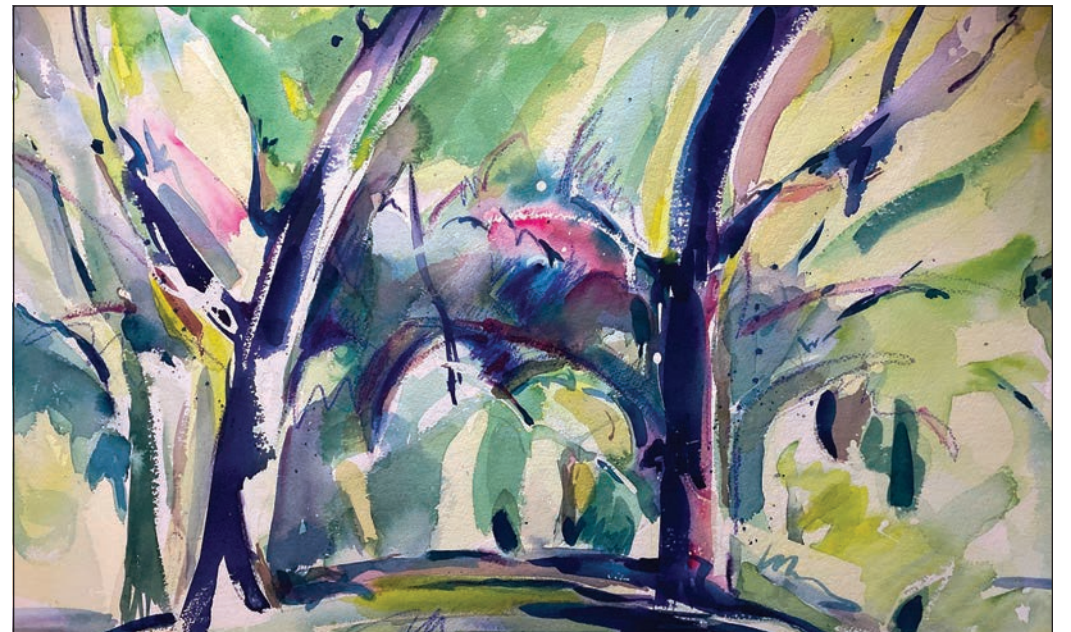
There will be a link to his/her website and social media accounts for additional artwork available. In March, brochures will be delivered with the Spring edition of Mosaic and available around King Township including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre to help plan your route. You can also LIKE our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

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

Sue Sherman is new to Studio Tour King. She is an award-winning art quilter who painstakingly paints plain white cotton fabric with dye and thread to create images of wild animals living free.

Sue is a Juried Artist Member of Studio Art Quilt Associates. Her pieces have won cash awards at the Canadian National Juried Show (2018, 2019, 2021), the American Quilters Society Charleston show (2019), the International Quilt Festival (Houston, 2019, 2021), and have also been shown at the National Quilt Museum (Paducah, KY) the International Quilt Museum (Lincoln, NB), the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum (CO), the Texas Quilt Museum (TX), and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum (AZ). Check out her website: www.sueshermanquilts.com.

A native of Toronto, Canada, Steve



Silverman is a Canadian award-winning, fine art photographer with a keen and unique artistic vision. His love and appreciation for black and white photography are reflected in his dramatic landscapes and engaging cityscapes from across Canada. Check out his website: www.monochromevision.com.

Catharine Sommerville is new to Studio Tour King. She was born in Toronto and lives between the UK and Canada.

After completing her early art education in Toronto Catharine went on to study at Georgian College and later realized a BA Arts and Humanities (Art History) at the Open University, UK. In 2009, she completed her postgraduate studies at West Dean College/University of Sussex. This included spending 6 weeks in Edward James surreal garden, Las Pozas, Mexico resulting in a

series of work that won the Chairman's Prize. Catharine holds lectures, exhibitions and inspires other artists to make work by teaching and mentoring. Her main studio is Herringbroom Studio in West Sussex, UK.

When in Canada, she continues to work under the Herringbroom Studio identity. Catharine continues to participate in Artist in Residence programs internationally.

Major awards include "Iceberg" presented to The Gryphon Theatre Co., The Chairman's Prize, West Dean College/University of Sussex and Best Architectural Feature, Arts Society King, Ontario. Catharine is represented by Colborne Street Gallery, Gallery 1313, Jordan Art Gallery, The Elmwood Spa (artist in residence), Women's Art Association of Canada, Artel, Artscape's Gallery, and Artscape.



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Exhibition calls for artists and community in the face of pandemic

By Kimberley Rush-Duyguluer

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

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

With an eye to conjuring connections and relationships we've dearly missed, artists are asked to create works responding to the concepts of gender equality, diversity, and inclusivity as they relate to the idea of "community." What does community mean to you and

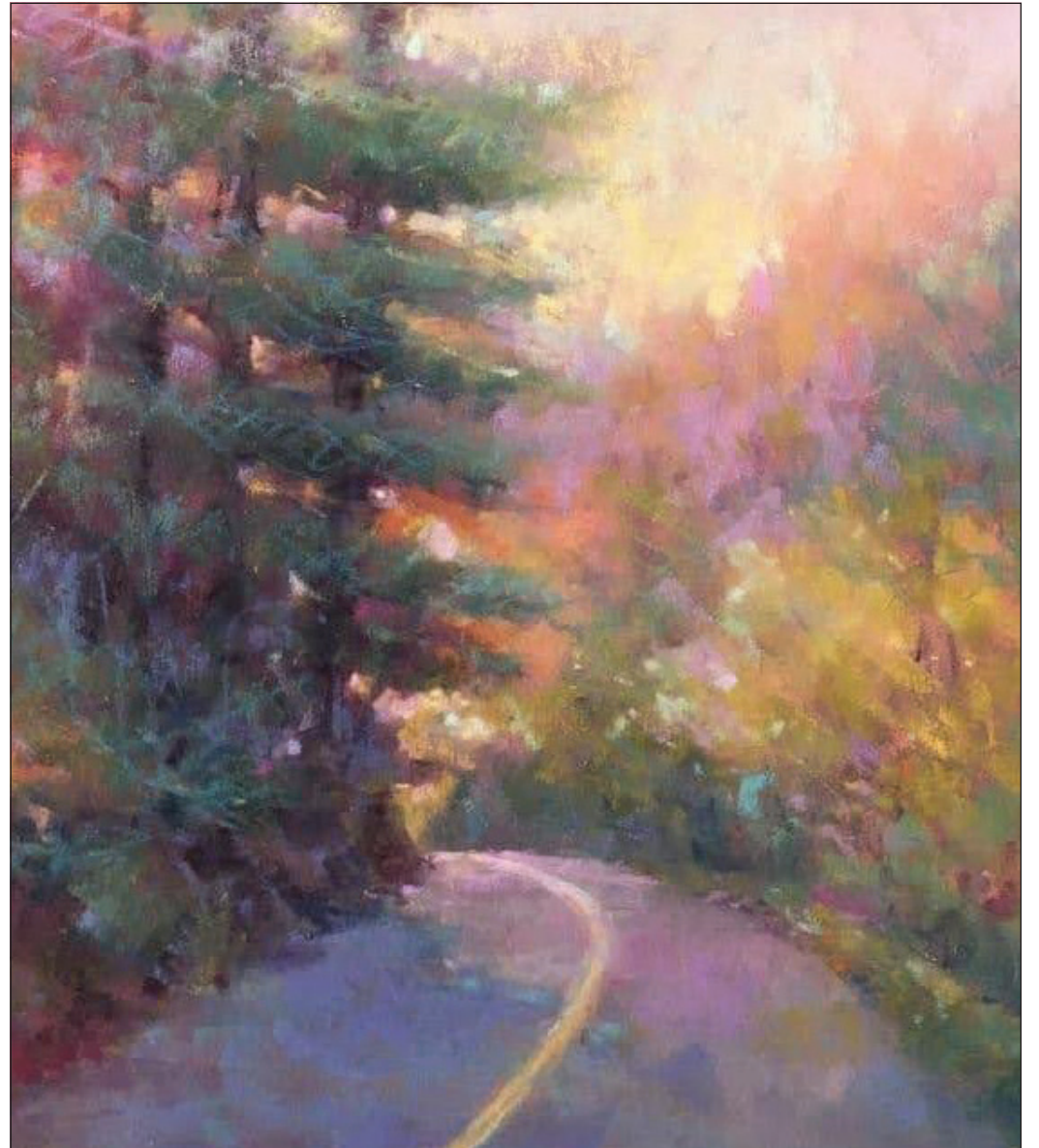
how do you create community in your own life?

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

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

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

Artworks must be delivered to the KHCC Friday, Feb. 21. For more information please visit kingheritageandculture.ca or call 905-833-2331.



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Lake Simcoe 'abandoned by feds and province,' groups say

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has announced it will not revisit its decision to deny a Federal Impact Assessment designation for the Bradford Bypass. The request to review that decision was initiated by three small groups of residents all of which will be affected by the Bradford Bypass, Forbid Roads Over Greenspaces (FROGS), the Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) and the Stop the Bradford Bypass group based in Bradford West Willimbury.

Minister Guilbeault agreed with the agency's recommendation that since "there have not been any material changes to the project," there was no need to revisit the decision.

The groups who launched the request to revisit the designation cite that Ontario's exemption from the Environmental Assessment Act, found significant archeological sites, weakening of endangered species protection and municipal requests to understand impacts to Lake Simcoe were significant enough to demonstrate a lot has changed since the first request and deserving of a second look.

"Because the federal government and its agencies have decided to let this go without any further study, we are going in blind now. We don't have a budget; we don't have engineering studies; we don't know what it's going to do to Lake Simcoe and none of that will matter. Build now, pay the price later. It seems no level of government cares enough about the known impacts - water contamination, loss of endangered species habitat, loss of fisheries, destruction of ancient heritage sites, increased carbon emissions - to do what they were elected to do. This will only embolden the speculators who are already buying up huge amounts of farmland around the bypass to convert into sprawl. It seems no level of government is particularly concerned about how we will feed ourselves or ensure our water stays clean," said Bill Foster, a founding

director of Forbid Roads Over Green Spaces (FROGS), which has fought the highway since 1993.

Claire Malcolmson, executive director of the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition added: "So this is how we make decisions in the midst of a climate emergency with Lake Simcoe on the brink? We just let bureaucratic inertia and fear of change prevent us from saving ourselves? This decision is beyond disappointing. Can't wait to tell the kids how little anyone with the power to change the status quo cares about them and their future."

"I am very disappointed with this outcome," noted Tricia Hulshof of the Stop the Bradford Bypass group. "But I am most disappointed for neighbours along the route who were hoping that they would have more time before their homes are expropriated. However, the resolve against this highway continues and is growing stronger. People are concerned about the cost, the harm to the Holland Marsh Wetland and Lake Simcoe. We will continue to speak out for them. Our future generations, our communities and Lake Simcoe have been abandoned by every level of government."

Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) Chair, Bruce Craig pointed out that "seven Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities requested an Impact Assessment for the Bradford Bypass project. The Province of Ontario is not respecting these wishes, and now the Federal government has shown that they won't support local priorities either. This is no way to protect Lake Simcoe."

"We were hoping that the federal government would make good on its global climate commitments and interest in Lake Simcoe," stressed Margaret Prophet, executive director of the Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition. "(The) announcement shows that status quo highway building that pollutes our air and water will continue unabated

by the federal government or the province. My kids have done nothing to deserve the estimated extra 89 million kilograms of carbon that will be created each year from this highway, but they will suffer the consequences of this decision. Now it will be up to the people who want better, including our youth, to keep pushing for the change we need, not the change that some deem politically possible."

"Many municipalities and the people within rely on a healthy Lake Simcoe for quality of life and livelihoods. The Lake Simcoe watershed supports a \$240 million / year sustainable recreation sector, but of course it relies on healthy water and fish. This decision kicks fishing, swimming, and sustainable recreation providers in the gut, in favour of sprawl, pollution, and an expensive highway that won't solve local traffic congestion issues. Lake Simcoe has

been completely abandoned by many of the political leaders who say they love it," added Malcolmson.

The group vows that this won't be the end of the opposition - the highway is too destructive and too costly to allow it to go unchecked as the province and some municipalities along the route have chosen to do.

"Almost 50% of people in the region don't want this highway. We will continue to speak for them and the 7 municipalities and local leaders who are equally concerned about this project. We won't stand idly by while neighbours are being forced from their homes, ancient burial sites are destroyed and endangered species' habitat is bulldozed. This is an agenda to destroy the Ontario we know and love. Now it's only people that stand in the way and up to them to demand better," said Prophet.

Free rapid antigen tests available across riding

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King residents can take advantage of free rapid COVID tests, made available at many local grocery stores.

Queen's Park released millions of the boxed tests last week and vow to deliver 5.5 million each week for the next seven weeks.

"I am determined to ensure that our community gets their fair share of rapid tests for those that need them," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "By delivering rapid tests to 15 locations in King and Vaughan alone, we are helping to reduce risk for families. With Omicron in retreat, kids in school, small businesses open, we are on track to put this pandemic behind us."

Province-wide, more than 2,300 participating grocery and pharmacy locations will provide free rapid tests while supplies last, with a limit of one box of five tests per household per visit. Participating retailers have the ability to determine how tests are distributed in order to best serve the community, including through appointment bookings, at checkout or through online orders.

Free rapid testing kits are available in 15 locations in King Township and the City of Vaughan:

Nobleton Guardian Pharmacy (12931 Highway 27, Nobleton); King City Guardian Pharmacy (27-1700 King Road, King City); Shoppers Drug Mart (2140 King Road, King City).

To date, Ontario has directly procured a total of approximately 157 million rapid tests, including 126 million between December 2021 and January 2022 alone. In addition to procuring additional rapid tests where possible, Ontario continues to also work closely with the federal government to address delays in shipments. Of the 54.3 million rapid tests the federal government committed to provide Ontario in January, about 36 million have been delivered.

A list of participating retailers as well as information can be found at ontario.ca/rapidtest.

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Measurements, steals and excitement in curling

By Shellee Morning

Thursday evenings at the Trisan Centre is accommodated by the Mixed Team Entry league. Each team consists of 2 men and 2 women that throw alternatively by gender.

The 12-team league currently holds a field of several veteran players comprised with both strategy and skill. With a more competitive flare to its environment, there is and always will be the laughter and complimentary credit that's shared across the 4 sheets of King.

Last week's early draw included the league's top 2 teams in the standings where both own a more than impressive record with just 2 points in separation.

Skip Jack Campbell and his rink of Kelly and Brad Stronach and Kim Campbell lead the field followed by Skip Bryce Clark, Brenda Clark, and Gino and Sue DiFebo where both would be keeping a close eye on their counter-parts game.

Campbell versus Baldissera was a game of chase in the early frames before Campbell broke out with a go ahead score of 4 then another 3 in the 5th. Campbell commented that Skip Paul Baldissera called a good game that included a well-guarded house and come around draws that made Campbell earn every shot for their win maintaining top spot.

The game between Teams Clark and Barber as always was slated to be a healthy competitive match.

Skip Dave Barber, forced to deliver with a stick due to a sore back, earned singles in the first 2 ends. Clark responded with 2 in the 3rd then followed with a steal of 2 more in the 4th.

Barber, lying with a counter on the top 4 foot ring, saw a bit of light before DiFebo delivered his first stone with a freeze to the Barber counter. DiFebo's second stone in the same end was a perfect tap pushing Barbers stone out for Clark to lie 3 more. Valiant efforts were made by Barber and his team but it was Clark that collected the win.



The late draw had the league's current 3rd place and only lady Skip Team Shellee Morning up against Team Fraser McDonald. Singles were exchanged in the first 2 ends. MacDonald with precision hits and a last rock draw collected 3 in the 3rd to be up 4-1. Morning, along with Rick Ahle, Jill Renshaw and Chris Welch scrambled for the single in the 4th but then came back strong with a steal of 2 more in the 5th.

MacDonald and his squad of Beth Eagan and Jim and Pat Earl executed a crisp takeout for 1 in the 6th and the 1 point lead going into the 7th and final end. With only a guard up front Morning was in full offence mode when Vice Rick Ahle delivered a text book draw completely buried for shot rock. MacDonald's final throw was an even better draw after his sweepers dragged it to out-score Ahle's stone. With just enough of his stone sticking out behind the guard, Morning on her last rock needing 2 for the win threw for a hit and stick. Superior line call by Ahle and the brisk sweeping of Welch completed the team shot for the hit and the

win.

The Social crew on the Friday night league is used to promoting more of a social environment during their league games but due to the current Covid19 restrictions, their night for the time being was more about the skill and the score. The laughter and resilience is still evident at ice level as is the "taste-for-the-win."

The match game between team Gagliardi and G Allen as it turned out was a very entertaining game. The two easy-going Skips in a game that was tight from the first push from the hack, required the measuring rod on 3 different occasions. In the end, it was a 7-7 draw that left both teams feeling a great deal of accomplishment.

Team Pizzicarola and Saldat also presented a back and forth game where the Lead rocks set the tone for each end. Saldat eventually won the exciting game 7-6 that included several congratulatory comments on the efforts of both teams.

Other winners from the Friday night draw were Teams Wasylikiw and Lebdeva.



Evan Wilson was named Team Player of the game following the 5-2 win against Caledon.

Cougars bounce back with wins

By Robert Belardi

Schomberg Cougars forward Marc Bottero moved into second in league scoring with 27 goals after this week, as the Cougars regained their mojo against two tough opponents.

Having juggled his lineup the week prior, head coach of the Cougars Stan Kondrotas was rather weary about this past week's match-ups. There were players that were going to be missing and naturally that would worry any bench boss. But the commitment of his group has been clear from the onset and these boys will always adjust to whatever the nature of the game is to get the job done. In his eyes, it was time to pair the big boys together.

"What I did is I just put the big boys together. I had Kokelj, Bottero and Taylor is back and healthy and playing really well," Kondrotas said.

"You got Luke (Miehm) who is good. Gallow has really stepped it up. The boys are buying in and the compete level is much better. Their readiness to play is exceptionally better."

The Cougars welcomed the pesky Penetang Kings to the Trisan Centre last Thursday and boy did the Cougars get off to one of the hottest starts they've had all season.

Whatever Cougars forward Zach Gallow ate or drank that day, it surely did the trick. Under three minutes into the game, Gallow scored two goals ending his three-game scoreless drought. Towards the end of the frame, captain Cameron Kokelj whistled one past Kings netminder Zach Mather to begin this game with a commanding three-goal advantage.

In the second period, Gallow sealed his hat-trick from Jonathan Calleja. Garrett Watson got the Kings on the board just over two minutes later, but Cougars forward Jordyn Palazzo added

another to make it 5-1.

The Kings battled hard as Mike Redick and Marcus Stolte gave the opposition some life. The Cougars have done exceptionally well at eliminating the oppositions momentum all year long. Bottero scored with 4:03 left to go in the second and Kolkej added his second of the game less than a minute later.

In the third, Kokelj would seal his hat-trick and the second hattrick of the game for the home side.

The Cougars outshot the Kings 38-26 in a dominant 8-4 performance and the boys would replicate this kind of outing on the road in Caledon last Sunday.

The Cougars outshot the Golden Hawks 39-17 in this one and were clinical on the power play.

"Our power play was outstanding. Four for five. I can't ask for better than that," Kondrotas said.

Scoring comes fast and early in some games in Jr. C but it was the Golden Hawks who got on the board first. Justin Callisto snuck one past Matteo Tarantino 1:25 into the first period to give the home side the edge. Former Golden Hawk Luke Miehm, retaliated 10 minutes later that evened the game heading into the second.

Andrew Hrinco scored his second of the year and Bottero got on the board all in a span of seven minutes that swung momentum in the Cougars' favour. Noah Crispo did bring the game within one, but in the third period Kolkej potted home his 25th of the year and Bottero added his 27th to give the Cougars a 5-2 road win.

With this win, the Cougars are tied for third spot on 35 points with the Orillia Terriers.

The Cougars host the Terriers at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday, before welcoming back the Caledon Golden Hawks this Saturday at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Ontario training workers for jobs in harness horse racing

The Ontario government is investing \$2.1 million to train workers for rewarding careers in the horse racing industry. This new training program will provide 250 participants with free training, up to \$3,000 to cover expenses, and paid work placements. Employers can also receive up to \$1,000 per hire.

Details were shared by Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development, joined by Donna Skelly, MPP for Flamborough-Glanbrook, Bob Bailey, MPP for Sarnia—Lambton, Randy Pettapiece, MPP for Perth-Wellington, and Bill Walker, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, at the Ancaster Fairgrounds in Jerseyville.

"Our horse racing industry is something everyone in our province should take pride in, but many farms, racetracks and training centres are having difficulty finding workers with the skills they need," said Minister McNaughton. "This investment will ensure these growing businesses can find the talent they need while connecting local people with training for careers they can take pride in."

The horse racing and breeding sector contributes \$2.3 billion annually to Ontario's economy but continues to face a shortage of workers, with over 1,000 jobs going unfilled in September 2021. Today's investment will help the Ontario Harness Horse Association (OHHA) develop and deliver a training program that teaches participants about horse behavior, handling and care, nutrition, and safety in stables.

"Grooms and caretakers are fundamental to the health, welfare, and safety of the horses, and therefore are critical to the success of our industry," said Jim Whelan, President of the Ontario Harness Horse Association. "This project is an incredible opportunity for unemployed and under-employed job seekers in small-town Ontario who are eager for a rewarding career in the equine industry."

The OHHA is using a training curriculum it has developed in close cooperation with Equine Guelph and local employers. The course includes eight weeks of on-line academic instruction, followed by paid work placements of six to 12 weeks at local employers.

"These programs open doors to young people who have never worked with horses but would embrace a career in the horse industry" said MPP Skelly. "The equine sector needs to fill job vacancies and this program connects trained job seekers with racing industry employers."

This funding builds on the government's ongoing efforts to attract, support, and protect workers, making Ontario the top place in the world to work, live and raise a family.

People interested in the program can contact Jim Whelan, President, Ontario Harness Horse Association, at 519-770-5184 for more information.

The program runs until Oct. 31.

In 2020, there were 17,500 pet groomers and animal care workers employed in Ontario.

Pet groomers and animal care workers in Ontario earned an average wage of \$20.68 per hour.

This training project is supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

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, "The Dead In Christ" based on Revelation 3.1-6.

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

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

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

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

While we wait for it to be safe for our kids' ministry to meet in person on Sundays, we are providing Family Ministry At-Home boxes each month for parents interested in engaging with their kids in faith development. If you would like to participate, tick the appropriate box on the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect. We're planning for the return of in-person kids' ministry, and will relaunch it as soon as it is safe to do so.

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 zgagl1@archtoronto.org for Zoom link. Hope to see you there!

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

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

If there is anything we can do to support you, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at: stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org

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

You may continue to request Mass Intentions, Roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe devotion, as well as weekly Sanctuary Light Offering and in-

tentions. You may contact the parish office with your request.

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

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Did you think about love on Valentine's Day? We send out a photo-newsletter nearly every month. The recent one was packed with information and photos (16 pages worth). If you would like to receive this, please let me know.

I asked Rev. Evelyn McLachlan to write something for this recent issue and touch on how to react when someone disagrees with you. I was thinking about how many friends are breaking up because of disagreements about vaccines and vaccine mandates.

Rev. Evelyn wrote a wonderful piece about Valentine, what is known about him, and the wonderful passage from 1 Corinthians (love is patient, love is kind, etc). Rev. Evelyn points out that Jesus's love was filled with compassion, inclusion, tenderness and had a heart for the outcast. She asks what does love look like in our lives.

"Not speaking harshly to someone who cuts you off or makes a statement you wholeheartedly disagree with?" She reminds us to remember to love, even when it is difficult and celebrate the love that surrounds you, even when you are difficult.

For February 20, we are having a video for our service with worship leader Pat Edmonds. On Feb. 27, at 10:30 a.m., Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will be leading a Zoom service. Later that day we will meet again on Zoom to have our Annual General Meeting at 1 p.m.

We are currently planning in-person worship to resume in March @ 11:15 a.m. with Rev. Evelyn McLachlan being our pulpit supply. We are hoping to be able to figure out how to make the service a hybrid service for those who feel safer staying at home.

We are planning the famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner but this time as a Drive-Thru, for March. The details will be available next week.

Val Ball and Sue DiFebo have organized various pictures and family stories in a beautiful hard cover 125th Anniversary book. There is a section on the stained-glass windows and the

stories behind each one. There are pictures and info from pre-pandemic Messy Church. We are taking orders for these lovely keepsakes. The cost is estimated between \$40 and \$50 each and depends on what deals are available once we have an idea of how many books to order. Please let me know by Mon. Feb. 21 if you would like to order a book or if you would like to see it first.

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

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

Nobleton Lions

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

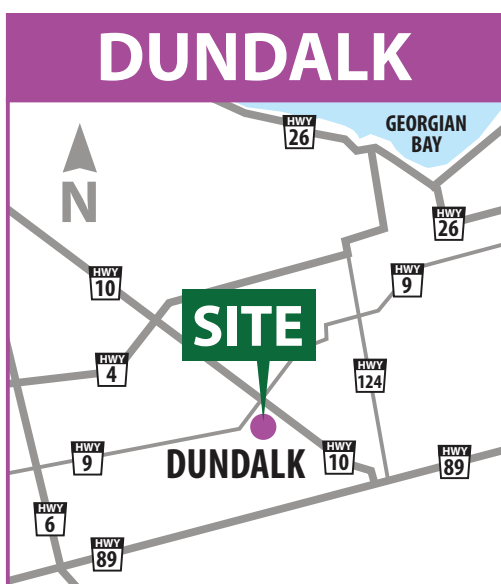
The Club wishes to thank all knitters and crocheters! You have done a fantastic job for this ongoing project. Please keep up the good work. There is a need for cozy, homemade slippers at various Ronald McDonald Houses.

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

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

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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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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Taste of Main

Something new and exciting is coming to our historic and quaint Main Street and is long-awaited and will be well-received!

This is to introduce the first-ever culinary event hosted by the cafes and restaurants along our Main Street and will take place through to March 6.

After the last two pandemic years of deprivation and self-isolation, loneliness and fear, grief and longing, social-distancing and masks, the sky looks like it is finally beginning to open up. Mandates are slowly lifting, more events are being opened up to the public and we can actually enjoy indoor dining again at our favourite restaurants.

This is perfect timing for the "Taste of Main - Schomberg" where we can enjoy a prix-fixe dining event at seven participating Main Street restaurants

showcasing the incredible talent and unique eats and special offerings created just for this event! With prices ranging from \$10 to \$50 covering breakfast, lunch and dinner, there is something for everyone!

The restaurants include Schomberg Pub and Patio, Craft Kitchen and Beer Bar, Port Soiree, the Grackle Coffee Company, the Scruffy Duck, Sugar and Spice Bakeshop and Cafe, Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smokehouse.

Please remember and respect that Proof of Vaccine is still required for indoor dining.

This is a win-win-win. We actually get out and enjoy a lovely meal where we can socialize and meet up with our fellow Schombergonians, all at a Prix Fixe and we all support our local businesses who have had a tough couple of years!

Please visit schombergmainstreet.ca/taste_of_main/ to view the menus, make a reservation and for any further information.

Backyard Bird Count

The good people of the Dufferin Marsh committee invite you all to come out and find out what this Great Back

Yard Bird Count is all about and how to do it! So, if you could all meet up at the Bulletin Board on Dr. Kay Drive, in Schomberg on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 9 a.m., you will find out!

Call Mary at 905-939-7544 or visit the Dufferin Marsh website at www.dufferinmarsh.ca

The GBBC is an annual 4-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages across North America in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are. Anyone can participate, from beginners to experts. You can count for as little as 15 minutes on a single day, or for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun and easy, and it helps the birds.

It's as simple as counting the birds near you, estimating how many birds that you saw of each species and finally filling out an online check-list on the Great Backyard Bird Count website. As the count progresses, you can visit the GBBC website to view the results and share photographs. You can also enter the photo contest, win prizes and share your experiences on the Facebook and Twitter social networks.

Email gbbc@birdscanada.org for more information.

The Dufferin Marsh gang is also wel-

coming everyone to join the Climate Action King's Annual General Meeting, with the theme being "Provocations for Climate Action in King" featuring guest speaker Prashant Pathak, Chairman Kingbridge Innovation Centre.

This all happens on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. online. Please register for this event at ClimateActionKing.ca

United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Did you think about love on Valentine's Day? We send out a photo-newsletter nearly every month. The recent one was packed with information and photos (16 pages worth).

Rev. Evelyn wrote a wonderful piece about Valentine, what is known about him, and the wonderful passage from 1 Corinthians (love is patient, love is kind, etc). Rev. Evelyn points out that Jesus's love was filled with compassion, inclusion, tenderness and has a heart for the outcast. She asks what does love look like in our lives.

We are currently planning in-person worship to resume in March at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Evelyn McLachlan being our pulpit supply.

Contact me at 905-859-0761.

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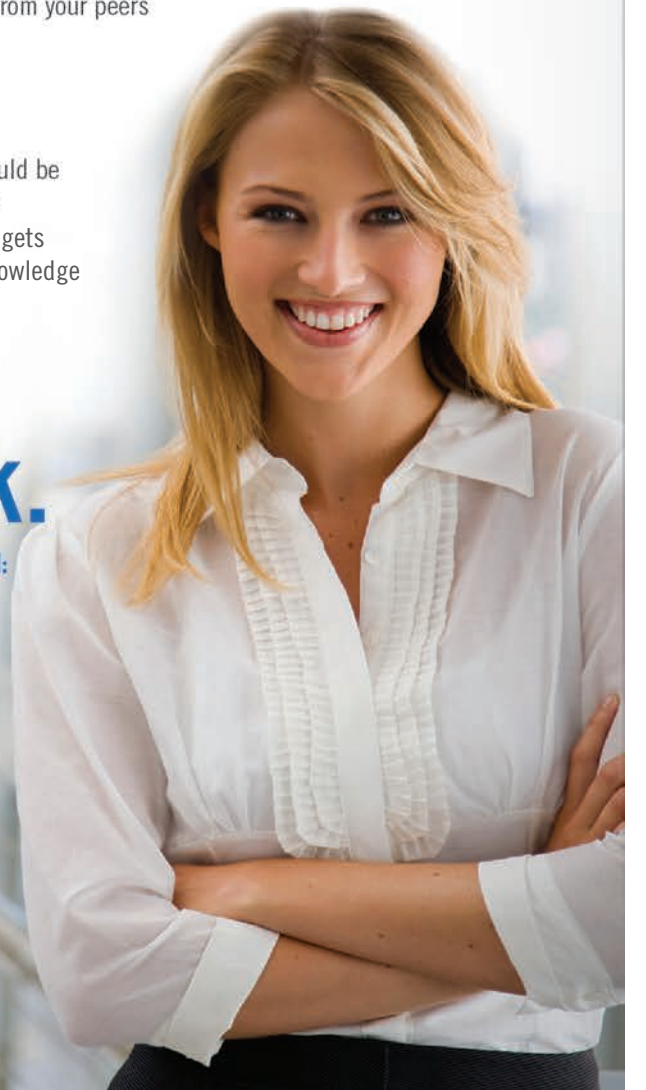
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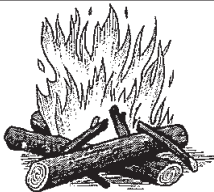
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**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Sunday, Feb. 13 message from Rev Bruce Roffey entitled "Worship and Action" was a reminder that "worship is not an escape from the world, rather it thrusts us back into the world. Worship and action are simply part of the same experiences living all life under God."

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. We will be welcoming limited attendance starting Feb. 20.

KCUC will return to in-person on a limited basis this Sunday, Feb. 20. We require that those attending are fully vaccinated and to RSVP to our office at 905 833 5181 during office hours (Tuesday to Thursday, 1 to 5:30) or email us at kcuc@bellnet.ca. You can also choose to join with us on our online worship which will be through the Zoom format and uploaded to our YouTube Channel - YorkUnitedMinistries.

If you wish to participate through

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

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

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.kingbiblechurch.com

We also have virtual Bible studies over Zoom. Further information is on our website under "Small Groups."

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

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's has reopened! Our first in-person worship service was last Sunday with Alison Agnew presiding. What a joy it was to be together again. Following the service we were able, via ZOOM, to chat with some who couldn't be with us in-person!

The worship services will be recorded and posted on our website later in the day at standrews-kingcity.ca for those who cannot attend or may not feel comfortable at this time. 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.

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All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Our 8 a.m. traditional Book of Common Prayer Eucharist in the chapel and 10:30 a.m. Eucharist now again with choir in the main church are welcoming parishioners and visitors in person. If you are uncomfortable attending, you can watch our 10:30 service live on Facebook www.facebook.com/all-saints-king

Fr. Michael's sermon last Sunday spoke to the Paul's writing on the resurrection from Corinthians 15: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins."

"Last week in our Bible study a participant asked, 'why does Jesus have to die?' The answer I would give, is that Jesus had to die to rise again. For Paul, writing to the church in Corinth, the resurrection is everything. Paul has evidently heard that there's an argument in the church in Corinth over the truth of Jesus' resurrection. Paul said earlier that his preaching on the cross

seemed like 'foolishness' to many. I am sure that many in 1st century Corinth found it just as hard to believe that a crucified Jewish criminal could rise from the dead as people in 21st century Canada do today. I honestly wouldn't think any the less of you if you told me that you struggled with believing in the resurrection.

"Perhaps the mistake we make in belief is thinking that faith is head knowledge as opposed to heart knowledge. Paul is saying that the resurrection is real. We can see the reality of the resurrection in changed and transformed lives, starting with Paul himself, who went from persecutor of Christ to a preacher of Christ.

"If we can see resurrection, we can understand it and believe in it. I've never seen someone raised from the dead, not physically. But I have seen people raised from the dead in other ways that were just as meaningful or even more so.

"Here are some resurrection stories that help me make sense of the world. I know a beloved priest who gave up his career as a stockbroker because he thought a life of greed was killing him. That was resurrection. I've seen a young father, an alcoholic, pulled back

from divorce and ruin by the love and care of his friends in AA. That was resurrection I've seen a soldier, who lost his legs to a roadside bomb, teach himself to run marathon on steel springs. That was resurrection.

"I've seen a woman, her body ruined and mocked by cancer, face her death with grace and serenity because she knew that God would take her hand and bring her across the void to the other side. That too was resurrection.

"When Paul talks about resurrection, he's talking about the transfor-

mation that God can work in our lives. Without resurrection our lives become stunted and withered. Without resurrection, there is no regard for the poor, no care for the homeless, no peacemaking, no need for us to do anything but soullessly pursue our own empty pleasures. Resurrection is God's assurance that we aren't trapped in living deaths in a meaningless void.

"Jesus had to die to show us the way back to life, new life, our best life, the life that only Jesus can give to us, but now, and after death."

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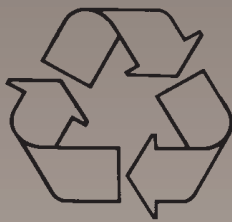
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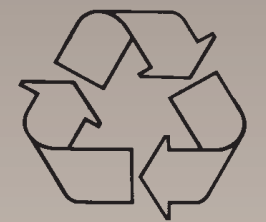
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