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ASK member makes winter art

Former King resident John Panopoulos, an ASK member, took advantage of winter, in all its glory, by creating a 100-foot diameter snow carving on the lake near his east coast home. He first created the design on paper, using traditional drafting tools. Then, he and his wife Charmaine spent about two hours stomping in the snow with snowshoes to make this beautiful piece of art. The drone photo shows how big the snow carving is compared to the house in the distance.

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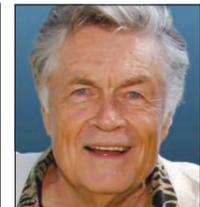
Pathak provokes thought at CAK's AGM

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

There are no quick fixes to the climate change challenge, but there are short- and long-term approaches. Citizens, along with governments at all levels, need to be "provoked" into action. That message came from Prashant Pathak, chair of Kingbridge Centre and Innovation Hub, guest speaker for Climate Action King's inaugural AGM. Pathak stressed there needs to be dialogue at all levels and especially within the community to "energize" people to be impactful. Leaving climate change solutions to the marketplace is a mistake, he said, noting market-driven innovations are often short-sighted. "What this implies is pursuit of 'green washed' ideas may give us some near term comfort yet not move the needle in long term," Pathak said.

Understanding and altering our consumption is key, he said, to sustainability. Proactive citizens' groups, such as CAK, need to look beyond emissions and the fossil fuels industry. Attacking climate change requires a comprehensive plan, taking each issue further and including economic analysis. In order for King Township to meet its 45% reduction target we have to generate ideas and alter people's behaviour to lower the per capita emissions. That's the challenge, he said. At Kingbridge, they're implementing various ideas, monitoring the progress and impact, and creating a "play book" to apply to the greater society. From fostering pollinators and experimenting with different species of trees, staff at Kingbridge hope to generate very real solutions.

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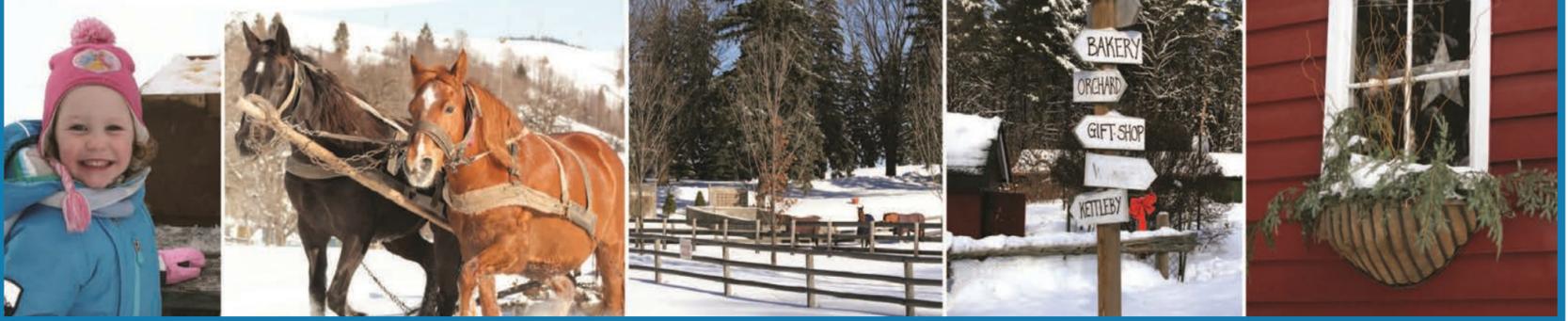




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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

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

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

Thursday, March 10

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE
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)

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- Outdoor Program Facilitator (Contract) – Deadline March 4

PUBLIC NOTICES

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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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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.



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
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- 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



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Local groups share provincial seniors' funding

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

York-based organizations received a shot in the arm, thanks to funding through the provincial Seniors Community Grant Program.

In all, the program is handing out \$5 million to more than 250 community organizations. The aim is to keep seniors

healthy and engaged in their own communities.

"Seniors Community Grants keep Ontario's seniors fit, active, healthy and connected to their families and friends. Our government is proud to invest in local organizations which are well-positioned to meet the needs of seniors in their community," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility.

"Seniors Community Grants provide tremendous enjoyment and personal value to Ontario's seniors."

In addition, Ontario is increasing its investment in the Seniors Community Grant Program up to \$6 million for the 2022-23 program cycle. Intake will begin on March 1, 2022 to allow community organizations time to prepare their applications. The application window is nine weeks and closes at 5 p.m. on April 28.

"After several months of increased social isolation, we have seen a surge in demand for targeted and reliable access to programs and services that address the unique needs of Ontario's seniors," said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and MPP for Vaughan-Woodbridge. "With this investment, our government is taking real action to further empower seniors in their own communities and provide them with high-quality supports that contribute to their physical, mental, and social well-being."

Caregiving Matters in King Township will receive \$25,000. This project

supports 1,790 rural and isolated seniors in King to join virtual networking and learning opportunities with peers and experts, from the safety of their own homes.

Newmarket's Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region will receive \$21,400. The project promotes health, safety and well being for 40 seniors with mental health, complex care and dementia-related concerns.

Hospice Vaughan in Woodbridge will get \$25,000 to expand the psycho-social model of care to build accessibility, capacity and resiliency for seniors with a terminal illness.

The funded projects offer diverse and innovative ways for older Ontarians to safely connect with friends and neighbours and engage with their communities.

The Seniors Community Grants Program provides funding ranging from \$1,000 up to \$25,000 for local projects.

Ontario's seniors are the province's fastest growing demographic, and by 2023, there will be 3 million Ontarians over the age of 65.

Consumption is part of the equation

From Front Page

"Based on the early work we have done at Kingbridge with local partners indicates we can effectively move the needle given our natural and green endowments and forest cover. Additionally, that combined with the agri and food productivity from the marsh provides us a clear advantage to develop a low carbon and i dare say even a carbon negative city. Let alone net zero."

Having a satisfactory impact within our city and across the region on issues of sustainability will require a simultaneous collective and individual effort. It will also mean changing some long developed habits and conveniences.

The most effective path to addressing sustainability is smartly and efficiently reducing consumption on a unit basis versus output basis. This essentially means reducing the overall carbon footprint and "embedded" carbon load across all of our activities while maintaining the useful throughout of those activities. This includes understanding the energy balance of our most common daily and repeated activities. Small changes herein can make big impact overall, he noted.

Locally, there are some easy goals that will help in the long-term.

Pathak suggested residents look at their driving patterns, idling and even vehicle heating and air conditioning usage. These all impact energy efficiency. Simple things, like encouraging everyone to use nitrogen in their car tires, can also help immensely. We have to start "driving behaviour change."

Regarding single-use plastics, Pathak said the problem lies not in their production, but in their efficient use and packaging. People tend to look at the perceived convenience and habits have to change.

Angelo Santorelli, president of the King Chamber of Commerce, asked if consumer rewards or incentives would help change attitudes.

This, Pathak said, is tricky in that these can lead to disincentives so we have to be careful how they're applied. If people think they're more energy efficient, it can actually lead to over-consumption and negate any real benefits.

However, if a local developer building a subdivision installs heat pumps in every home, that will make a huge difference.

He lauded the members of CAK and the Township for being aware and concerned about climate change, and working towards solutions. The task now is the convince the silent majority to get on board.

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Province eliminates licence plate renewal fees, stickers

The Ontario government is making life more affordable and convenient for nearly eight million vehicle owners by eliminating licence plate renewal fees and the requirement to have a licence plate sticker for passenger vehicles, light-duty trucks, motorcycles and mopeds, effective March 13.

"As the cost of living continues to go up, our government is cutting costs for families to make life more affordable," said Premier Doug Ford. "Eliminating the fee to renew your licence plate and refunding the cost of doing so for the past two years is a concrete way we can put and keep more money in the pockets of hard-working Ontarians."

The government introduced red tape legislation Monday that would enable the province to refund eligible individual owners of vehicles for any licence plate renewal fees paid since March 2020. Upon passage, vehicle owners will receive a cheque in the mail starting at the end of March and throughout the month of April.

"Our government is taking strong action at a time when the cost of living and doing business in Ontario is skyrocketing," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "For many families, driving is an absolute necessity. Eliminating licence plate renewal fees and stickers is part of our government's commitment to support drivers as we continue to build Ontario's transportation network, including by building the Bradford Bypass and Highway 413."

To receive a refund cheque, vehicle owners who have moved recently will need to confirm that their address information on their vehicle permit or driver's licence is up-to-date at Ontario.ca/AddressChange by March 7, and pay any outstanding fees, fines or tolls. For more information and/or assistance with changing an address, vehicles owners can call ServiceOntario's dedicated line at 1-888-333-0049.

"Our government is putting money directly back into the pockets of Ontario families and workers to help make life more affordable," said Ross Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services. "Eliminating these fees and stickers is just one of the ways we are reducing the burden on Ontarians and making it easier, quicker, and simpler for Ontarians to access critical government services."

Under the proposal, renewal fees will also be eliminated for passenger, light duty commercial vehicles, motorcycles and mopeds that are owned by a company or business. However, no refunds will be given for the period of March 2020 to March 2022.

Vehicle owners will still be required to renew their licence plate every one or two years at no cost to confirm their automobile insurance is valid and pay any outstanding Highway 407 tolls and other municipal fines.

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- Michael Connelly

What does it take for human beings to evolve?

What will it take for our species to rise up, meet the challenges as one, unified world?

My son told me something very poignant the other day. He said if we don't let go of animosity in our hearts and come together as one species, we will never rise to another, greater level.

In other words, we won't evolve into something better unless we let go of our negative human qualities.

He's quite right.

Of course, here in the western world we're likely the worst role models. We have plenty of negative qualities and "sins" that we have to atone for.

We buy short, flip houses, and sell things with huge mark-ups. We work overtime, trying to convince our bosses that we deserve that promotion. We collect things. We created cryptocurrency.

We stress over money and the price of gas at the pumps. We waste food.

Compare that to the average farmer in India, who thanks God for his one cow that provides so much for his family.

And what about the Mexican street vendor, who serves customers around the world with food using his great-grandmother's recipe? He charges pennies for his labours.

Humans are smug, thinking we are the champions, sitting atop the food chain. We take comfort in our intelligence, and opposable thumbs, giving us an edge. And yet, our intelligence is limited and can hinder our personal growth.

Take it from a wise man we all knew: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." (Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!)

Yes, Theo, there's so much to learn.

Since we're sitting pretty in command of this planet, we seldom think about the relative intelligence of the creatures we share our earth with. And yet, all living things possess a certain degree of perception and understanding.

One key factor in trying to measure intelligence in lower life forms is self-awareness. We can't be sure that



Mark Pavilons

ants, bees, snakes and butterflies are not self-aware. Do they possess a concept of "self"?

Mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians show problem-solving and social skills and even some mathematical abilities.

The corvid family of birds is quite clever and experts say crows are as smart as a seven-year-old child.

Elephants have the largest brains and not only have exceptional memories but co-operate with one another and engage in "play." They also have a sense of humour.

Pigs can solve mazes, display emotions and have mastered the concept of "reflection."

The octopus is the only invertebrate that uses tools. Raccoons are quite adept at picking locks!

Other smart critters include rats, squirrels and chickens.

Of course we have our best friends - cats and dogs. They likely could understand and learn much more if we only took the time to teach them. One owner reported teaching his dog hundreds of words.

Dolphins have self-awareness and also possess intelligence, a sense of humour and a desire to communicate with

humans.

So a dolphin would love to have a conversation with us, share stories and co-operate, even though we are two entirely different species? Yet we humans can't get along.

Just as Seuss pointed out, we could learn so much from one another - from all of the world's floral and fauna - if we tried. Okay, that's a whole other level of science and effort, but it's worth a try.

We have the tools and advanced knowledge to deal with humans on all levels. We understand languages and can communicate. We have a grasp of neuroscience. We have a handle on religion and culture. We know where babies come from regardless of whether you live in a palace or grass hut.

And yet we can't agree on politics, equality, economic stability, military might or climate change.

Right now, the Russian leadership is more concerned about flexing its military muscle, and exposing western weakness, than solving its own internal COVID or economic problems. Other NATO countries are worried because they once lived under Communist rule and never want to experience oppression ever again.

We know all about conflict, civil war, strife, aggression and destruction. Why would "intelligent" beings even consid-

er such violent, destructive behaviour? Have we learned nothing from our past?

Here in North America, we recognize bullies for what they are, and work hard to curb their behaviour.

People wonder why we have a passion for exploration and send vehicles into space. Why not spend the money here and eliminate homelessness and addiction? Why not build shelters instead of probes?

I think discovering "what's out there" may very well help us figure out "what's down here." Our thirst for knowledge is a very human quality.

Hopefully we will be visited again by our alien cousins, who drop in on us from time to time and monitor our progress. Not sure if they're pleased.

They still may not be fully convinced we deserve first contact. I see where they're coming from.

They may in fact have better luck chatting with dolphins or ravens.

My son also pointed out that our knowledge cannot be "un-learned." So our own inner data banks can absorb and retain countless gigabytes of info. Let's use it all!

We have tremendous potential to mature into something great.

Moving forward, we have to walk on common ground, join hands and really open our eyes.



Letter to the Editor

Time for Just Transition Act

Now that the House of Commons has resumed and our Members of Parliament are back at work, it's time for Canada to pass the Just Transition Act. The simple fact is that if Canada is going to meet our climate commitments, we need to start phasing out fossil fuels.

And, if we're going to phase out fossil fuels, we need to make sure that communities, families and workers aren't left behind. The best way to do that is by passing a Just Transition Act that guarantees good, green, union jobs, that follows climate science and that puts people first.

Even Justin Trudeau agrees with this. He did, after all, promise that Canada would be among the first countries on the planet to pass a Just Transition Act. That was two elections ago.

In that time, the climate crisis has only gotten worse, devastating communities from coast to coast to coast. We need action on the climate emergency now.

Canada needs a Just Transition Act and it's up to this House of Commons to get it tabled, debated and passed.

Lucrezia Chiappetta

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Results from last week's poll:

Are you concerned about Russian aggression towards Ukraine?

a) Yes **80%**

b) No **20%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you plan to eat out now that restrictions have been lifted?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Quote of the Week

"Our problems are man-made, therefore they may be solved by man. And man can be as big as he wants. No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings."

- John F. Kennedy

Trivia Tidbits

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The feds need to end their lockdown subsidies

By Franco Terrazzano
Federal Director
Canadian Taxpayers Federation

When governments subsidize something, you can expect more of it. With the federal government covering the cost of keeping workers and businesses afloat during provincial lockdowns, it's no surprise that provincial politicians are biased toward new restrictions.

Since COVID-19 touched down, Ottawa has dished out \$511 billion through direct subsidies, tax deferrals and low-interest loans. This debt-fueled spending binge has sent the federal debt through the \$1-trillion mark. The

entire federal debt is expected to balloon by nearly 90 per cent by 2027, and the feds aren't projected to balance the budget until 2070. Taxpayers can't afford for this to become the new normal.

More than 80 per cent of government pandemic subsidies have come from Ottawa. Not only are federal pandemic subsidies massively expensive, but when the feds pick up the bulk of the bill that allows premiers not to consider the full costs of their lockdowns.

Take the latest round of lockdowns implemented by Ontario Premier Doug Ford. On Dec. 22, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that the federal government is extending its pandem-

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ic subsidies for workers and businesses impacted by provincial lockdowns. This will mean another \$4 billion for taxpayers to pay back.

Less than two weeks later, Ford closed Ontario gyms, prohibited dining in restaurants and restricted capacity in retail shops. Ford didn't have to worry about his government covering the full bill for the subsidies because Ottawa already had its credit card on the table.

It will take years to evaluate pandemic measures, but two things are already clear: First, if the feds cover the bills for lockdowns, that creates a bias toward that measure for provincial governments. Second, it raises an important issue of fairness.

Consider the contrasting approaches of Quebec and Saskatchewan. Quebec has implemented some of the strictest lockdowns in the world, including curfews, which triggers big federal lockdown subsidies for its workers and businesses. Rather than these strict lockdowns, Saskatchewan is focusing on getting boosters to a higher percentage of its population than Quebec.

Federal lockdown subsidies favour provinces with tougher restrictions, like Quebec. Yet, Saskatchewanians and everyone else are paying for Quebec's lockdowns through federal taxes.

Federal lockdown subsidies also create incentives for people to stay home, even when they're healthy, at a time when businesses are having a hard time finding workers. That's slowing the full economic recovery we so desperately need and making it harder for more supply to ease the burden of ris-

ing prices.

Here's the reality: if a province feels it needs a lockdown, it has had more than enough time to tailor subsidies to its unique needs. Yes, provincial subsidies would put pressure on provincial budgets. But they should. Accountability dictates that it's better to link decisions to the government responsible for the costs.

Here's another reality: premiers are enthusiastically ignoring: they're not just spending more money on pandemic measures; they're spending more money on virtually everything. When the federal government covers lockdown subsidies, it is enabling provinces to carry on with wasteful spending unrelated to the pandemic. If provinces covered their own pandemic bills, they would have to redirect wasteful spending to real needs.

Once again, Ontario provides an example of wasteful spending: politicians should reprioritize. Ford recently gave \$295 million to the Ford Motor Company. He also added millions to the handouts for political parties, including his own, even after he had promised to end them.

If premiers truly believe lockdowns are the best measure, they can cut wasteful spending within their own budgets in order to subsidize the businesses and people they are locking down.

It's time for the federal government to end its wage and business lockdown subsidies. Pandemic subsidies have cost Ottawa more than half a trillion dollars. That kind of spending can't go on forever.

Franco Terrazzano is the federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

Need to reduce road salt seepage

By Claire Malcolmson

Road salt contamination of freshwater waters begs the question, can we make better use of the roads we have?

A deep dive into the salt pollution of freshwaters has led me to some radical thinking.

Lake Simcoe is on a trajectory to reach toxic levels of salt in 37 years if current patterns continue. Models indicate that 64% of plants and animals in Lake Simcoe may already be affected by salt contamination. Having saltier water allows for easier invasions from salt-water species into our freshwater lakes, and having more salt in low-oxygen water creates conditions for harmful algae blooms which make the water dangerous to swim in and drink. We ignore the impacts of salt at great risk to ourselves, not to mention to all the other living things in freshwater.

Science is telling us that the lake will be toxic in one generation unless we change course. In 37 years my little boys might have their own kids. The thought that they could not safely swim in our lake is devastating. It's an example of the intergenerational unfairness that centuries of unbridled growth and externalizing environmental impacts have yielded.

The controversial Bradford Bypass highway is proposed to cross many rivers that flow through the Holland Marsh farming and wetland areas, on their way to Lake Simcoe. One of these is the East Holland River, whose annual chloride (salt) concentration is 224

mg/L, roughly double the Canadian Water Quality Guideline for long-term exposure for the protection of aquatic life from chloride, of 120 mg/L. Studies confirm that major highways contribute to chloride hot spots in rivers. Despite improved salt application practices and training from our Conservation Authority, the problem is worsening.

Seems not a good time or place to put another salt-spewing highway.

And yet, the province of Ontario is ramming the Bradford Bypass through without completing the Environmental Assessment (EA), having exempted themselves in October 2021. They are evicting people from their homes now, and want to start construction in March 2022, in their haste, before a budget, detailed engineering drawings, or environmental studies are complete.

I think they have it wrong. People do not only love their cars. I believe people want a better commute AND they want to know that governments are taking care of our water and environment so that we don't need to worry about anyone taking a swim one generation from now.

Simply put, the more roads you have, the more salt is used, the more water is polluted. What to do?

One of the solutions that we need to consider is this: what if we just make better use of the roads we have? That is already happening in more enlightened parts of the world.

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Highest investment in learning recovery announced

Following two years of global learning disruption, caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ontario government announced record funding for the 2022-23 school year. The funding will support learning recovery and mental health supports for students to enable them to return to a more normal school year next year.

Education Minister Stephen Lecce introduced Ontario's Learning Recovery Action Plan – a five-point plan to strengthen learning recovery in reading and math, anchored by the largest provincial investment in tutoring supports, summer learning and mental health. The government outlined investments that will bridge learning gaps, supporting academic success and focus on overall mental health and well-being.

Together, this total funding amounts to over \$26.6 billion in 2022-23 – the highest investment in public education in Ontario's history, with highlights including:

- A \$683.9 million increase in Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding, with projected total funding of \$26.1 billion. This represents a 2.7 per cent increase from 2021-22.
- Average per pupil GSN funding is projected to rise to \$13,059, which is an increase of \$339 or a 2.7 per cent increase from 2021-22.
- Over \$500 million in Priorities and Partnerships Funding (PPF).
- \$90 million in total mental health investments, representing a 420 per cent increase in funding since 2017-18.
- \$15 million to deliver expanded

summer learning opportunities

- \$92.9 million increase in Special Education Grant funding through the GSN where it is projected to increase to over \$3.25 billion, the highest amount ever provided in Special Education Grant funding.

- \$304 million in time-limited additional staffing supports, through the COVID-19 Learning Recovery Fund as part of the GSN. This funding will go towards the hiring of an estimated 3,000 front line staff – including teachers, early childhood educators, educational assistants, and other education workers to address learning recovery.

The government is also continuing to provide \$1.4 billion for the repair and renewal of schools for the 2022-23 school year.

The Province's \$600 million Learning Recovery Action Plan will help students recover from the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic and will be available to students this year and into next school year. \$175 million is being invested to expand access to free publicly funded tutoring in small groups after school, during school, on weekends and over the summer. This province-wide program will start in April 2022 and continue until Dec. 31 to ensure continuity of access to tutoring to ensure students can catch-up as they start the next school year.

The plan leverages and expands proven, high-yield programs and supports, and introduces new initiatives to address critical gaps.

Many parents and educators have noted stagnation or regression in read-

ing skills. To further support literacy and numeracy focused learning recovery, the government is providing \$40 million in foundational learning supports in reading and math, including \$25 million for professional assessments and reading intervention programs for children who face difficulty learning to read.

The government is also expanding summer learning with \$15 million, building on Ontario's historic investments in the largest summer learning programs initiated in 2020 in response to the pandemic. Summer programs in 2022 include \$10 million in funding for students with special education needs and opportunities for summer learning for First Nation students living on reserve.

In addition to in-person tutoring opportunities, the government also announced an expansion of teacher-led, one-on-one digital tutoring. Ontario is also supporting the expansion of online tutoring through Mathify and Eureka! so more students can access these services.

Nationally, Ontario students continue to be among the top performers in math, reading and science, as demonstrated in the 2019 Pan-Canadian Assessment Program results. These investments will help preserve the province's competitive advantage and ensure students have the skills they need for the jobs of the future as they recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To support student mental health and well-being in 2022-23, Ontario will be investing more than \$90 million including \$10 million in new funding, of which \$5 million is to be used for evidence based mental health programs and resources. This funding will help to retain the existing mental health workers in schools, including the 180 mental health professionals that are providing critical supports directly to students in secondary schools across the province.

This investment will support the mental health and well-being of all students and will enable school boards to continue to assist students who are experiencing mental health challenges that are impacting their learning.

In addition to stabilizing and strengthening historic mental health funding made available in 2021-22, the ministry, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, will engage with a wide range of stakeholders to leverage the best available evidence on emerging student mental health needs. Consultations are expected to start in summer 2022.

Minister Lecce also announced the mental health components of the learning recovery plan may include:

- Mandatory professional development on mental health for educators.
- Working with the Ministry of Health to consult with stakeholders, including parents and students, to leverage the best available evidence on emerging student mental health needs

and the potential of a graduation requirement on resilience and mental well-being.

The Ontario government also announced \$26 million to renew funding for school-focused nurses in public health units, with up to 625 nurses supporting student health and well-being, along with and infection prevention and control plans and other supports to keep schools as safe as possible.

"No government in Ontario history has invested more in public education, tutoring supports, mental health, and special education than ours led by Premier Ford," said Minister Lecce. "We are bridging learning gaps that have emerged over the past years through a massive increase in small group tutoring programs and through the expansion of mental health supports to benefit children across all schools in Ontario."

In addition to the GSN, Ontario's Priorities and Partnerships Funding (PPF) enables school boards and third parties to undertake important curricular and extra-curricular initiatives that promote student success, development, and leadership skills. In 2022-23, the PPF will include more than \$500 million to fund approximately 150 high-impact initiatives that include a focus on STEM, mental health and well-being, job skills, tutoring, reading supports, de-streaming transition programs, and summer learning, as part of Ontario's plan for learning recovery.

As part of its plan to prepare students for in-demand jobs, the government is investing more than \$8 million in the 2022-23 school year to:

Launch entrepreneurship education pilot programs requiring partnership between school boards and third-party organizations to help students develop these important skills.

Pilot experiential learning programs that support students to gain important job and life skills outside of the classroom.

Expand access to Dual Credit programs to support skilled trade pathways.

Respond to Apprenticeship Youth Advisors recommendations by developing online modules on skills needed to succeed in the skilled trades and funding experiential learning for guidance counsellors to help students navigate and access the required training.

Focus on Youth provides learning and employment opportunities for youth in select low-income neighbourhoods who face challenges that hinder their learning, achievement and full participation in school, and barriers to employment due to circumstances directly linked to systemic inequality, racism and discrimination and their lived experiences of socio-economic disadvantage.

In addition to funding available in the GSN for de-streaming, the ministry is also investing \$11M in PPF to support transition programs.



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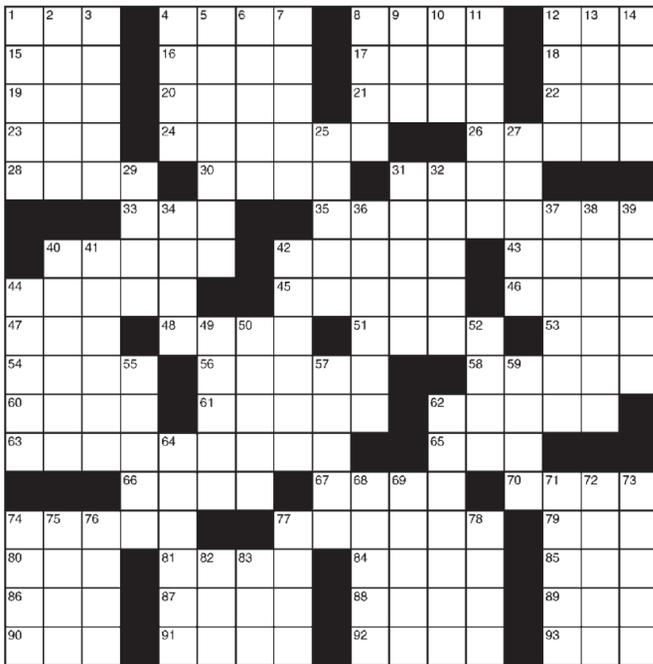
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20. Afresh
21. Choir part
22. Exist
23. "___ Got Sixpence"
24. Northern
26. Herring
28. Salon offering
30. Chime
31. Nautical position
33. Adverse
35. Benefit
40. Receiver
42. Rye or whole wheat, e.g.
43. Spoonbill's kin
44. Candle parts
45. Computer transmission: hyph.
46. Clothes
47. Dock rodent
48. Diplomat's skill
51. Staff symbol
53. A Khan
54. Milky jewel
56. Sweepstakes
58. Too soon
60. Maui goose
61. Fatty liquid
62. Soar
63. Novice
65. Former
66. "___ Window" (Hitchcock film)
67. Brace
70. Continental currency
74. Imitation leather
77. Red shade
79. Lightweight metal
80. Distinctive period
81. Keep
84. Venerable
85. Produce lace
86. Turkey type
87. Accessible
88. Make a ringing sound
89. Zeta follower
90. Less than two
91. Barber's call

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1. Expose
2. Throw
3. Ardent
4. Commander in David's army
5. Dignify
6. Cordwood measure
7. Bath item
8. Score for Pele
9. Each and every
10. Set ablaze
11. Slacken
12. Culture medium
13. Marsh bird
14. Frost, e.g.
25. Clock feature
27. Small
29. Stoat's kin
31. Be of use
32. Soup server
34. For fear that
36. Church official
37. On ship
38. Laugh
39. Theme
40. Baby's garment
41. Gas pump number
42. Improved
44. Awry
49. Hilo howdy
50. Pigment
52. Plummeted
55. Suspiciously alert
57. Trace
59. Attache
62. Unexpected boon
64. Wrestling hold
68. Testy
69. Stiff
71. Speak
72. Gaucho's tool
73. Drawn from a keg: 2 wds.
74. Presidential refusal
75. Shackle
76. John Doe, e.g.
77. Part of a dollar
78. Tense
82. Tarzan's chum
83. Provoke

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Make better use of what we have

From Page 5

Locally, better use of the so-empty-you-can-land-a-plane-on-it Hwy. 407 has been advanced by a number of experts as an alternative to building new highways 413 and the Bradford Bypass, if the movement of goods is the problem we are trying to solve.

We can work towards this aim of just making better use of what we have, by building up where possible, and increasing the density of people in existing neighbourhoods.

It's high time we get real and accept that the perpetual growth party is over. Let's make sustainability the priority it needs to be so that people and fish can continue to enjoy one of life's glorious pleasures – swimming in freshwater lakes.

Claire Malcolmson is the Executive Director of the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition.



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From Thursday, February 24 to Wednesday, March 2

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Province helps improve program delivery in King

The Ontario government is providing over \$28 million to help 322 small and rural municipalities find better and more efficient ways to deliver local services for residents and businesses.

The funding is being delivered through the Municipal Modernization Program and will support the following project in Township of King – Land Manager System Modernization (\$350,563)

“Across King-Vaughan, we are investing to connect more homes and small businesses to the internet,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. “I am proud to deliver \$350K to the

Township of King to support enhanced internet technology and connectivity across our rural community.”

Municipalities can use the funding to conduct reviews of local services and administrative operations to find efficiencies, including accelerating the creation of new housing through streamlined development approvals and working with neighbouring municipalities to share services.

“COVID-19 has highlighted the need for municipalities to be as efficient and nimble as possible, while ensuring services remain financially sustainable today and in the future,” said Steve

Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “Through the Municipal Modernization Program, our government continues to support our municipal partners to operate more efficiently and streamline processes to deliver high-quality, sustainable services for residents and businesses, when and where they need them.”

With the Municipal Modernization Program, as well as the new Streamline Development Approval Fund and the Audit and Accountability Fund, our government is helping municipalities across the province make their planning and approvals processes more efficient in order to unlock and fast-track new housing to address the housing supply crisis.

“The Township of King is pleased to be a part of the Province’s Municipal Modernization Program, which supports small and rural municipalities across the province, said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. “The contribution to King from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will benefit people in King as we make improvements to our Building, Planning, Bylaw, and Recreation systems, resulting in improved services.”

Over the lifespan of the Municipal

Modernization Program and Audit and Accountability Fund, Ontario is providing up to \$350 million to help municipalities identify and implement modern solutions.

At the Jan. 19 Ontario-Municipal Housing Summit, Ontario announced a new \$45 million Streamline Development Approvals Fund, as well as an additional investment of over \$8 million through the Audit and Accountability Fund, to help large urban municipalities identify efficiencies and streamline processes, such as development approvals, with the goal of building more homes faster to address the housing supply crisis.

The province’s ongoing work to address housing supply complements our continued supports for supportive and affordable housing for our most vulnerable Ontarians. Through the Community Housing Renewal Strategy and Ontario’s response to COVID-19, the province is providing more than \$3 billion between 2020 and 2022.

This includes over \$1 billion through the Social Services Relief Fund to municipal and Indigenous partners, which is one of the largest investments in affordable housing and homelessness supports in the province’s history.

Ontario cuts electricity rates to help families, businesses

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

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

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

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

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Main Street chefs pull out all the stops

The restaurants on Schomberg’s Main Street are collaborating for the inaugural Taste of Main prix fixe dining event.

Running through March 6, the event 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 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.

All the menus, prices and dining times can be found at schombergmainstreet.ca.

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.

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Drinkmate's home carbonator a game-changer

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Consumer Savvy

It's time to pamper ourselves and prepare for the upcoming summer entertaining season.

With light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, hosts will love adding "Arctic Blue" to their entertaining repertoire.

Drinkmate, a leader in home drink carbonation, offers this blue model to their lineup. Carbonated beverage lovers can now add a pop of blue to their kitchens while enjoying healthier drinks from carbonated water to juice, and even cocktails.

The Arctic Blue color is a soft, pure, breezy bay blue with a twilight blue undertone. The perfect complement to any kitchen, Drinkmate enables users to add personality. The Arctic Blue home carbonator joins the existing color line that includes black, red, and white models.

Drinkmate's countertop unit is one of the leading systems available in the Canada, the U.S. and UK. It boasts "proprietary technology" that allows consumers to carbonate any kind of beverage safely and quickly.

"We're excited to offer carbonated beverage lovers with our new Arctic Blue model," said Douglas Wang, CEO of Drinkmate. "It's always been part of our mission to provide aesthetically pleasing units that don't distract from our consumers' decorating style. With the Arctic Blue expansion, they can now choose a pop of bright color to

represent their unique personality."

While there are many bubbly drink makers on the market, Drinkmate's model is not only fun, it makes a statement. It reflects quality and is definitely a high end unit. It's also fun and brings a smile to your face when you use it.

Fizz infuser technology gives you the freedom to carbonate any beverage. Not only water, but juices, cold tea or coffee, wine, cocktails, and more. So whether you want to create healthy sparkling drinks or craft cocktails, they have you covered.

Drinkmate gives you big savings over store-bought carbonated drinks. And it's eco-friendly by cutting down on glass and plastic bottle usage. Not to mention the benefit of not lugging all those heavy bottles around. But most of all, you can get creative and have fun while making drinks with exactly the amount of fizz you like.

Drinkmate is also conscious about the environment and has expanded their convenient online Recycle & Refill CO2 exchange program. They also offer a CO2 exchange box and return label.

Plastic bottles are not biodegradable and usage negatively impacts the environment by overflowing landfills, requiring high amounts of fossil fuel for production, and covering the ocean surface with plastic products, which endangers wildlife.

What's more, the tremendous

amount of plastic bottle waste that is dumped into oceans ends up getting inadvertently consumed by marine life, making its way into the human food chain. Drinkmate's goal is to provide consumers with a convenient, fun, and healthy way to reduce overall plastic bottle use.

"It's always been our goal to provide customers with a product line that enables them to easily make their own carbonated beverages, which can significantly reduce plastic bottle waste while also providing a healthier alternative to packaged bottled soda and wa-

ter," said Wang.

Drinkmate's mission is to allow consumers to get creative in discovering new beverages, drink healthier and have fun, while reducing plastic bottle waste. Its proprietary technology allows the consumer to carbonate any kind of beverage safely and quickly.

Based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the company serves as the global headquarters for the Drinkmate brand with operations in Asia, Europe and the Americas.

For more information, please visit <https://drinkmate-canada.com/>



Lecce, MPPs consult on budget

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan participated in a pre-budget 2022 consultation meeting Jan. 18 with MPP Michael Tibollo and MPP Daisy Wai hosted by the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, MPP Michael Parsa.

In attendance were various local leaders and stakeholders representing different sectors from Vaughan, King Township and Richmond Hill. They included King Chamber President Angelo Santorelli, and other King small business and non-profit leaders. Santorelli noted his appreciation to MPP Lecce for advocating and delivering for King small business, including through ongoing investments in broadband expansion, road improvements, and increased financial supports for the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Southlake Hospital.

"We are listening to the priorities of our community as we work to get our economy back on track and move Ontario's recovery forward," said Lecce. "I am determined to continue to fight for investment and deliver upgrades to our local infrastructure, and that includes ending the digital divide by expanding internet, building a state-of-the-art Community Center in King, and upgrading the King City GO. We will continue to work together with Mayor Pellegrini and the Chamber to support affordability, job creation, and global export access for our small business community."

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Arts & Entertainment

Enjoy artistic bounty during 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 fea-

ture 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/artssocietyking2020 or Instagram @artssocietyking.

This article is the final installment for introducing three more artists who will be participating in this year's Studio Tour King:

Joe Trimmeliti is new to Studio Tour King. He is a self-employed graphic artist who has rekindled his interest in painting in recent years. He enjoys capturing nature and landscape images in both oil and acrylic. He lives in King City with his family.

Lynn Wilson lives and paints in her home studio in King City. Her work is described as strong, bold, powerful and colourful! Lynn has a wide range of inspired creativity including florals, abstracts, streetscapes, intuitive art, altered book journaling and sculptured clay pieces.

All her work incorporates many media including acrylics, metallics, irides-



cents, inks, graphite, calligraphy, collage and clay. Having shown her work in many juried art shows, live art events and Studio Tours since 2002, Lynn now teaches both live (group and private lessons) along with online art classes and is an active participating member of Arts Society King (ASK) and the Society of York Region Artist (SOYRA).

She will be welcoming visitors to her home studio. Check out her website, www.artbylynnwilson.com and social media at Instagram: #lynnski777.

Michelle Zikovitz has been weaving baskets for over 20 years and teaching for the past 15 years, throughout southern Ontario. An appreciation of the beauty and function of hand-woven baskets, Michelle prefers to design baskets for teaching that incorporate many different weaving techniques, materi-

als and concepts that can be applied to a variety of baskets. Reed is her personal material of choice for teaching, incorporating hand dyed reed whenever possible.

She is happiest when she feels her students are learning something new that will enhance their own work while developing a true appreciation of the ancient artistry of basketry! Check out her website: www.michellezikovitz.ca.

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

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



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Art Hindle to receive ACTRA Award of Excellence

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A King actor and advocate will be recognized by his peers at the 20th anniversary of the ACTRA Awards in Toronto.

Art Hindle, an actor described by his colleagues as “Canadian film royalty,” will be presented with ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) Toronto’s 2022 Award of Excellence at the an online ceremony to be streamed at 8 p.m. on March 6.

Hindle, who has also worked and lived in L.A., has 200 IMDb credits to his name. He started out in the film and TV business in 1968 after a successful but brief career as a stockbroker. He credits method acting coach Eli Rill with teaching him his craft.

Hindle shot to instant stardom playing the hockey player Billy Duke in Face-Off (also known as Winter Comes Early). In L.A., he appeared in Invasion of the Body Snatchers, Starsky and Hutch, and Law and Order, among many other film and TV titles. Hindle was a regular on Kingston Confidential and Dallas.

Back in Canada, he was in the iconic Canadian film Porky’s and won a Gemini for the role of Mike Fennell on the award-winning series ENG (96 episodes), as well as beginning his career as a director. He starred as Peter Braga on Paradise Falls for three seasons and directed a number of episodes.

He continues to be in demand and has won awards in recent years for his performances in The Big Fat Stone (2014) and Robbery (2018). He voiced Mr. Sherman on the animated children’s series DOT. His guest spots on both sides of the border are legion.

Hindle also appeared in several Hallmark holiday films, including Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe, alongside Lacey Chabert and Brendan Penny.

For 16 years, Hindle has volunteered his time and celebrity to ACTRA. He has been on ACTRA Toronto Council, ACTRA National Council and was for 10 years a V.P. on ACTRA Toronto’s executive. He has volunteered for ACTRA Toronto’s editorial committee and never missed marching in the Labour Day parade, encouraging new councillors to “just show up.”

He encouraged other Canadian stars

to run for council. He was a favourite with politicians when he lobbied with ACTRA for better protections, consistent tax credits and more work opportunities for performers. For years he has played in the AFC’s fundraising golf tournament, a charity providing support to entertainment professionals.

Over the years, as many emerging filmmakers wanted Hindle in their first films, he organized countless new producers to “Go ACTRA.” In addition to his star power, his ACTRA council colleagues unanimously praised his humility and generosity.

Art and his wife Brooke have eight children and grandchildren between them and live near King City.

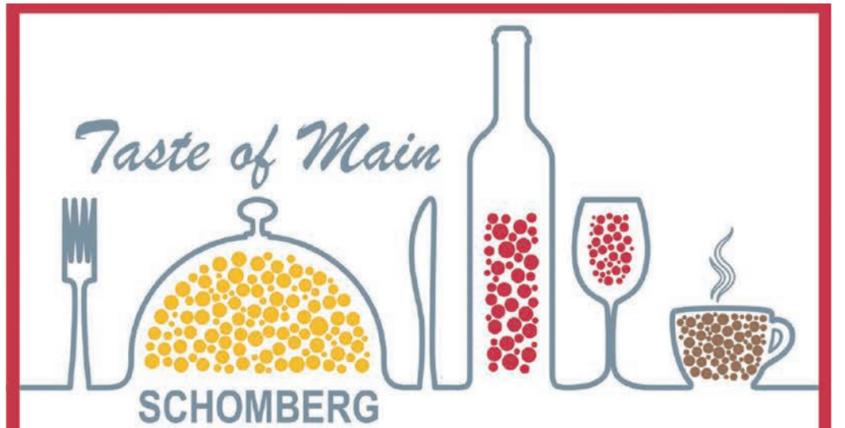
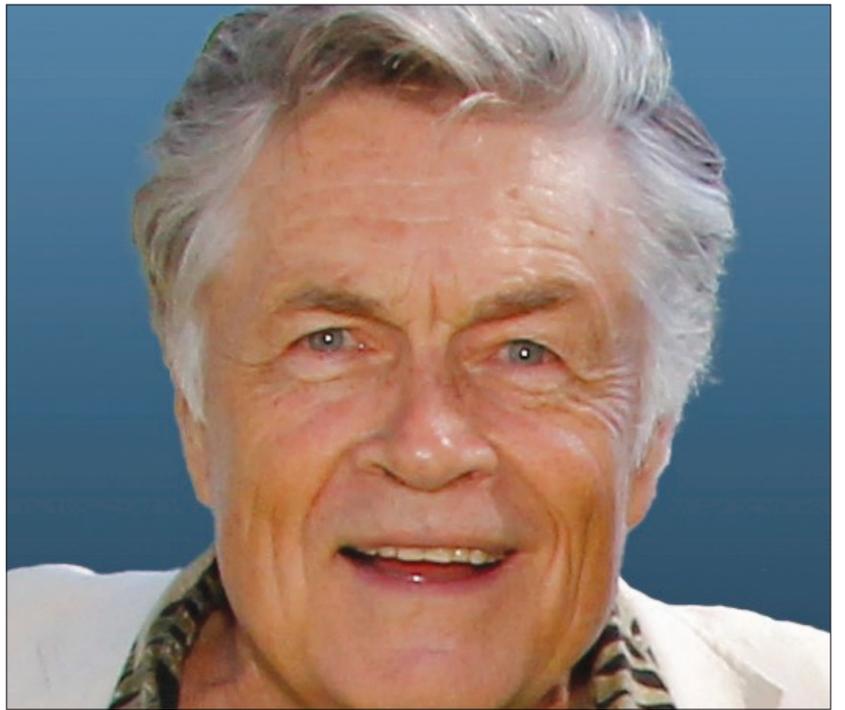
“In my almost 54 years as an actor, I have received awards and compliments, but nothing surpasses being recognized by one’s peers for what has evolved into a career,” said Hindle. “Joining the list of past winners of the Award of Excellence is an incredible honour and one I never expected. Thank you, ACTRA Toronto!”

“Art Hindle is a rare individual,” added ACTRA Toronto President David Gale. “Not only is he a consummate actor and director with credits longer than both arms, he’s also a mentor and an activist. Over the years, he has taken countless up-and-coming performers and directors under his wing and guided their careers. And I’ve seen Art many times use his star power and march, flag in hand, fighting for the rights of his ACTRA siblings.”

ACTRA Toronto’s Award of Excellence recognizes a distinguished ACTRA Toronto performer whose outstanding career achievements as a performer are matched by a significant volunteer contribution to the industry and ongoing work of ACTRA Toronto to improve the lives of its members.

ACTRA Toronto is the largest organization within ACTRA, representing over 15,000 of Canada’s 27,000 professional performers working in recorded media in Canada. An advocate for Canadian culture since 1943, ACTRA is a member-driven union that continues to secure rights and respect for the work of professional performers.

Hindle may have an air of a very fine vintage about him, but “they keep calling.” And he answers the call, not only for himself, but for Canadian talent.



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Latest fiscal update demonstrates Ontario's economic resilience

The government released the 2021-22 Third Quarter Finances, which provide an update on Ontario's 2021-22 economic and fiscal outlook since the release of the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario (also referred to as the Fall Economic Statement).

The report shows \$2.3 billion of new investments in response to the Omicron variant, including additional funding to support hospitals, workers and business supports such as the Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program and the Ontario COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant.

Primarily as a result of higher than forecast revenues reflecting improved economic performance, Ontario is now projecting a deficit of \$13.1 billion in 2021-22 – an improvement of \$8.4 billion from the deficit forecast in the Fall Economic Statement. Despite ongoing un-

certainty as a result of the pandemic, the government's swift actions and critical investments to protect the economy have been successful and Ontario's economy remains resilient.

"We have made important progress in our fight against COVID-19 through record investments to protect people's health and support our economy, and while (the) report demonstrates that Ontario's economy is getting stronger, there is still work ahead," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "Our government's plan for recovery will build Ontario with investments in new highways and hospitals, supports for workers and employers, and measures to put more money into the pockets of families and seniors."

As of the 2021-22 Third Quarter Finances, the Province is investing an additional \$2.3 billion, primarily in health care and supports to business

and workers, offset from existing contingencies, relative to the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. Highlights include:

- \$1.3 billion in additional funding to support hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic, including expenses such as personal protective equipment, additional staff and Infection Prevention and Control measures, as well as funding to support the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines.

- \$300 million for the Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program to provide property tax and energy cost rebates to eligible businesses that were required to close or reduce indoor capacity as part of the additional public health measures in response to the Omicron variant.

- \$293 million for the Ontario COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant to support small businesses that were

subject to closures as part of the additional public health measures in response to the Omicron variant.

- \$164 million to help long-term care homes prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19, including increased staffing supports and purchasing additional protective equipment supplies.

- \$108 million to train up to 8,200 new personal support workers (PSWs) for high-demand jobs in Ontario's health and long-term care sectors to address the personal support workforce shortage.

- \$75 million in additional funding to support further electricity cost relief for eligible residential, farm and small business customers for the period Jan. 18, to Feb. 7.

With a balance of \$500 million remaining in the Time-Limited COVID-19 Fund for the remainder of the fiscal year, the Province continues to maintain the prudence and flexibility necessary to respond to future needs in the fight against the pandemic.

The government's actions throughout the pandemic have ensured that Ontario's economy remains poised to keep growing over the medium-to-long-term. The government's plan to build Ontario will leverage this strength to make key investments that will make life more affordable for the people of Ontario, while supporting job-creation, productivity and economic growth.

From the very beginning, the government has been accountable to Ontario taxpayers by providing regular updates on the Province's finances. This is the government's eighth financial update since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The government remains committed to defeating the COVID-19 virus and will provide its next financial update as part of the 2022 Budget.

With the release of the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario, the Time-Limited COVID-19 Fund had a \$2.7 billion allocation to respond to the ongoing uncertainty related to the pandemic and the future pace of economic recovery.

The Fiscal Sustainability, Transparency and Accountability Act, 2019 requires Ontario's fiscal plan to incorporate prudence in the form of a reserve to protect the fiscal outlook against unforeseen changes in the Province's outlook, including those resulting from changes in Ontario's economic performance.



MPP thanks local diner

"Now more than ever, I am buying local and supporting local restaurants and small businesses," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "While picking up take-out (at Nobleton's Diner King), I took the opportunity to thank the staff for working throughout this pandemic and keeping King families well fed!"

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York University advances new School of Medicine plans

York University has announced the next steps in its plan to develop a new School of Medicine that will focus on training family and primary care doctors in an integrated community setting. The University's plan for the new medical school has received wide support from health sector partners and governments in York Region.

The City of Vaughan's Council voted in favour of proceeding with negotiations that will establish York's role in the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct, together with Mackenzie Health, to build a hub of healthcare excellence in Ontario. The University has also submitted a Conceptual Proposal to the provincial government for a new School of Medicine that would be located in the Precinct.

"These two critical steps forward make clear that York's advanced planning for a new School of Medicine is on track with strong, supportive partners to deliver the primary care physicians who will shape the future of health care in the province," said Rhonda Lenton, President and Vice-Chancellor, York University. "We are delighted that the City of Vaughan, Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Council have expressed clear support to proceed with discussions related to acquiring and developing land within the Healthcare Precinct, working closely with Mackenzie Health and ventureLAB providing a unique opportunity to integrate health programming, research and innovation in building a stronger health care system in the province of Ontario and Canada. As our proposal makes clear, York's medical education will emphasize increased access to family doctors and other primary care physicians who are selected and trained to work in integrated health teams in the diverse and fast-growing communities stretching from North Toronto to York Region, Simcoe and Muskoka."

A modern medical education that incorporates the determinants of population health, digital health solutions, and an integrated community-based approach to health care will inform York University's vision of providing a holistic and preventive model of care extending beyond the walls of hospital facilities. Our model will facilitate greater health equity for diverse and underserved communities in North

Toronto, York Region, Simcoe County, and Muskoka, and the more than one million Ontarians who do not currently have access to a family doctor.

"I am pleased that York University continues to advance efforts to establish a new School of Medicine in Vaughan that will focus on training primary care physicians using an integrated community-based approach to health care," said Mayor Bevilacqua. "Through the continued partnership between the City of Vaughan and York University, we remain focused on enhancing healthcare services, research and innovation to support the healthcare needs of citizens in Vaughan and beyond. The Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct - Enabling Next Steps Report marks yet another important milestone in the partnership between the City of Vaughan, York University, Mackenzie Health and ventureLAB.

This collective journey began in October 2019 when the partners came together to formally sign a memorandum of understanding with the goal of pooling and leveraging resources to bring healthcare, innovation and jobs to the rapidly growing community. The ongoing work is guided by the direction and priorities set for the future of the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct as a magnet for health and healthcare delivery, education, research, innovation and commercialization. Vaughan Council is pleased to support York University's efforts to advance the proposal with other levels of government.

York's many strengths in basic and applied health research are fuelling successful innovation, commercialization, and collaborative community-centred partnerships.

The University is home to centres of research excellence in antimicrobial resistance, disease modelling, data visualization, advanced robotics, global health, healthy aging, muscle health, and health management and leadership, among others. York's Centre for Vision Research is world-renowned and has an expansive network of global health partners. IP Osgoode provides thought leadership on the ownership, use and governance of data, including personal health data.

In February 2022, York submitted its Conceptual Proposal to the provincial

government.

In February 2022, York submitted a Letter of Intent to the City of Vaughan that was endorsed by Council, beginning discussions related to developing land within the Healthcare Centre Precinct.

In November 2021, York announced a new local health partnership with

Oak Valley Health in Markham, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Uxbridge and beyond.

In May 2021, York announced it would be moving ahead with plans to build a new School of Medicine, with strong support from local governments and health sector partners across the GTA.

Province tops up gas tax funding

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

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen how critical public transit is for frontline workers and for Ontarians who depend on these services to get to medical appointments, the grocery store and other important locations," said Caroline Mulrone, Minister of Transportation. "Gas Tax funding remains a vital source of long-term transit funding that municipalities can rely on to help operate and expand existing public transit services - ensuring people have access to safe and reliable transportation when they need it."

Funding for the Gas Tax program is determined by the number of litres of gasoline sold in the province during the previous year. Municipalities that support public transit services in their community receive two cents per litre of provincial Gas Tax revenue collected.

To make up for reduced gas sales due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Gas Tax program funding includes one-time additional funding of \$120.4 million to ensure municipalities can continue to support their transit systems.

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Humber is the highest-ranked college in Ontario according to Research InfoSource

Humber College is the second top research college in the country, according to rankings released today by Research InfoSource Inc. Humber's leadership in Canadian applied research is also noted by its top three ranking nationally for research partnerships.

Humber has steadily improved its ranking since the launch of the report by Research InfoSource Inc. in 2011. The rise is in part the result of a strong network of research partners, as well as Humber's five Centres of Innovation which create learning opportunities for students, faculty and industry to work together to solve real-world challenges.

"Through our Centres of Innovation Network and applied research projects, Humber serves as an innovation intermediary for organizations of all sizes and from all industrial and social sectors and this recognition reflects that work and commitment," said Chris Whitaker, president and CEO, Humber College. "We will continue to seek out new ways to support industry, create opportunities for researchers and engage our students with Canadian businesses and community organizations to respond to the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic."

"Our government is proud of Ontario's strength in postsecondary research that advances knowledge, drives economic growth and creates a better future," said the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. "The applied research being undertaken at Humber, and in partnership with industry, is training the next generation of workers and positioning Ontario to meet the demands of the labour market now and into the future. Congratulations on this incredible achievement!"

In 2021, Humber received more than \$15 million in funding for various research projects. Some highlights include:

- **Affordable housing for all:** In South Etobicoke, Salomeh Ahmadi, Professor in Humber College's Faculty of Social and Community Services, is working towards a day when all renters can consistently access affordable housing. The research project

aims to uncover cost of living issues and develop a baseline of housing affordability. It will also identify measures to inform decision-making and contribute to the fight against homelessness.

- **3D landfill modelling:** Landfills pose a risk to the public and the environment and must be closely monitored, however, current modelling methods are expensive and time-consuming. Maria Jacome, Professor in Humber College's Civil Engineering Technology program, went in search of a solution and received funding from The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

With the help of industry partner DGI Geoscience, she developed a fast, cost-effective alternative to traditional methods, creating 3D models of landfills. Their method simulates the landfill's behaviour, showing the interaction between landfill gas and contaminated groundwater moving through the landfill.

- **Reducing youth crime and gang violence:** Youth at risk of entering the criminal justice system need help and resources, especially those who become involved with gangs. Ann Corbold, Professor in Humber College's Faculty of Social and Community Services, is studying what makes community agency partnerships effective.

The overarching goal is to reduce youth crime and gang violence in Canada. Researchers will evaluate each program for cultural sensitivity, alignment to reconciliation and more.

Humber's Office of Research & Innovation leads the college's research activities by bringing together industry and community organizations, researchers, and students to collaborate on projects that use new or existing knowledge to solve real-world challenges with immediate practical applications. Project outcomes often lead to innovative products and services that benefit the economy and society.

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King Rebellion crowned U9 A champs in Kingston

By Robert Belardi

Two weekends ago it was as if the world came crashing down for the U9 King Rebellion A team.

The boys had lost the championship game at home in King City.

"When we went down 2-0 kids were crying on the bench. We never went through that," head coach Steve Mignardi said.

"Kids didn't want to play. Stuff like that. It took us about a week or so with the kids we talked them back into it. I was proud of them."

Mignardi and his staff wanted to bring the team to another tournament. The goal was to get all the children and their families out on a trip to come closer together in a team-building experience. So the staff signed the boys up for the Showdown in YGK tournament in Kingston, Ont.

Humbled by the final's loss, every game was played like game seven. The boys never lost a game in the preliminary round. They defeated the St. Catherine's Falcons, Loyalist Jets, Norfolk Knights and tied the Nickle City Knights.

In the semi-finals, the Rebellion took down the Welland Tigers. In the finals, the Rebellion went up against a familiar foe. They had to take on the Nickle City Knights once again.

The Rebellion got off to the right start. Giuliano Bartella got the Rebellion on the board 1:27 into the first period.

Just 19 seconds later, the Knights pulled one back. Sam Seguin got the

boys on the board to even it up.

Not backing down, nor being discouraged from a quick equalizer, the Rebellion found themselves with a one goal lead again. Brayden Brown ripped it in from the blue line.

In a teeter-totter of a first period, Cedric Poulin gave the Knights life again. It was 2-2 after the first.

The game, seemingly settled down. Both teams had been sharing chances. But in the second period, it took a moment of magic to take back the lead. From that point onward, coach Mignardi preached to the boys to continue playing the Rebellion way.

Stefano Mignardi went coast-to-coast to give the Rebellion the lead once more. From that point onward, coach Mignardi preached to the boys to continue playing the Rebellion way.

"I'm telling them to play Rebellion hockey, which is get the puck, carry the puck and look for your teammates. One thing we always do before the game is we tell the kids, what we're going to do on the ice is work hard and have fun," Mignardi said.

"We're talking to the kids on the bench. We said 'guys, like, this is what we're here to do. We're here to win the championship. Let's go out and have fun. I want to see smiles on your faces. I want to see sweat dripping down your faces.'"

Luca Pupo held it together between the pipes. The Rebellion held on to win the gold medal 3-2.

Mignardi and his staff were proud of the group's resilience. The staff believe the boys matured after losing in the fi-



The King Rebellion U9 team took gold at a tournament in Kingston.

nal in the tournament prior. It was a learning curve he believes, that will make them better in the long run.

The Sentinel, congratulates coach Mignardi, assistant Steve Brown, assistant Paolo Sacilotto, trainer Peter Paris and manager Sonia Mignardi for all of their work leading up to this tournament win.

The Sentinel would also like to con-

gratulate the boys on the ice, Alexander Dimitriou, Luca Pupo, Matteo Paris, David Filippo, Luca Gorniak, Giuliano Bartella, Simon Samaroo, Brayden Brown, Dante and Rocco McCague, Stefano Mignardi, Mason Macri, Christian Farro, James Sacilotto, Max Giannone, Grayson Winhall and Giordano Bisogno for bringing King Township another gold!

Schomberg Cougars secure two important victories

By Robert Belardi

The road was not easy lately for the Schomberg Cougars.

Since the beginning of the month, the boys have taken on the Stayner Siskins, the Alliston Hornets, the Penetang Kings and the Caledon Golden Hawks. All, bearing in mind, shortages in the lineup. Players have been missing in the lineup due to injury and other commitments.

Speaking with head coach Stan Kondrotas last week, this upcoming week was important for the Cougars. It was a test both mentally and physically. The boys had to host the Orillia Terriers in a snowy Thursday night game, before hosting the pesky Golden Hawks Saturday night at the Trisan Centre.

Whatever the speech was heading into this week, it most certainly worked. The Cougars earned themselves two exceptional victories, moving up to second place in the North Carruthers Division.

The Terriers entered this game 4-1 in their last five games and in the first period the visitors kept that momentum going.

Lucas Wessinger scored his fourth goal of the season just over five minutes into the game. That goal didn't stop the Cougars. As a matter of fact, it ignited their spark. The boys poured 10 shots on goal in the frame. Luke Miehm squeaked one past Reed Spinola to tie it up.

In the second period, former Cougar Sam Pink scored his 10th goal of the season against his former club. But Miehm was on a tear this game and found the back of the net for a second time in the period.

Captain Cameron Kokelj added his



26 goal of the year 15:35 into the second to give the boys their first lead of the game.

In the third, Anthony Nascimento got on the board. The Cougars were giving it all they had firing 12 shots at Spinola. The Terriers got one back, but couldn't find their way to overtime as the Cougars held on for the win.

In a rare home-and-home, the Cougars welcomed back Kondrotas' old team to their barn. The pesky Golden Hawks were in town and the Cougars most certainly made this club's 60-minute visit unpleasant.

In total, the Cougars outshot the Golden Hawks 54-26. It was one of the most dominant performances on paper all year round.

The Cougars chased goaltender Markus Stoikos out of the goal in the first period-and-a-half of the game.

Chris Dirracolo, Christian Taylor and Kokelj all got the Cougars up and running to a 3-0 start. In the second Thomas Viveiros and Justin Callisto put the Golden Hawks within one goal but that didn't faze the Cougars one bit.

Christian Taylor who finally saw some action this week scored twice in the second period. Golden Hawks forward Kyle Church put the visitors back within arm's reach.

Golden Hawks goaltender Mason Kameka stood on his head since coming in relief keeping the Golden Hawks in the game. Matteo Tarantino kept the door shut for the Cougars in the third earning his eighth win of the season.

The Cougars will host the Huntsville Otters this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. before heading up north to Stayner this Sunday.



CYGHA campaign received lots of love

By Robert Belardi

The Central York Girls Hockey Association received plenty of support over the past weekend.

The second annual She Shoots She Saves campaign was featured live on CTV News Barrie by anchor Alessandra Carneiro.

Aurora Mayor Tom Mrkas and Newmarket Mayor John Taylor attended the event on Sunday, that is meant to raise awareness on the use and access of Automated External Defibrillators.

"It was great to see both Mayor Mrkas and Mayor Taylor show their support for girl's hockey and in this great initiative, to place more outdoor AEDs at our outdoor local rinks," said She Shoots She Saves Coordinator, Trish Murphy.

In 2019-2020, former Panther Raychel Gillies was timekeeping her father's hockey game when suddenly, a goaltender on the ice suffered cardiac arrest. Gillies, heroically performed CPR and used an AED on the man, saving his life.

Inspired by this effort, the CYGHA Panthers hope to raise \$25,000 to install three more AEDs this year. Two AEDs were installed last year in Newmarket at Riverwalk Commons and Ken Sturgen Park. One was installed at Town Park in Aurora and the fourth one was installed in Bradford at Henderson Park.

Also sharing support for this initiative, was Rogers Hometown Hockey host Tara Slone. The broadcaster sent a video over to CYGHA.

In her messages, Slone said: "I just wanted to give a shout-out and express my admiration for everybody who is taking part in the She Shoots She Saves Campaign. I want to encourage everyone to keep taking your shots. Take a shot, save a life. I can't wait to hear how much you've raised after all of this. I know you'll do great. Keep on doing it! Big love!"

On the ice, it was also an excellent weekend for the U15DS and the U13 A team. Both teams went to their respective finals in the Bolts and Hearts Tournament.

Also, over the weekend, the Aurora Black Community displayed their initiative Diversity on the Ice. The U13 AA Panthers provided free skating lessons to everyone who attended.

"Yesterday (Sunday) was miraculous, powerful, fun and simply amazing. Keith (Higgins) and you (Trish Murphy) and your team are fantastic, the young ladies on your team are patient, positive and kind. Your level of commitment to support others speaks loudly," President of the Aurora Black Community Association Phiona Durrant wrote over Instagram.

#KingFacts

A girls' softball league was organized in the 1930s with teams from King City, Bolton, Schomberg and Nobleton



King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday Feb. 20th's message from Rev Andrew Lee was entitled "A Love Beyond Fairness."

The message was entered on how we engage with the world and the people around us and asked us to consider the reading from Luke 6:27-38. We were encouraged to take steps, even small steps to practice putting into action this "genuine and divine love" in our everyday lives.

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. 27 and we will be holding our Annual General Meeting on that day following our worship at 10.

KCUC has returned to in-person on a limited basis. We require that those attending are fully vaccinated and to RSVP to our office at 905-833-5181 during office hours (Tues. to Thurs. 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.

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.

King City Seniors

Hello King City Seniors. We are coming back. We have a number of activities that will begin the week of Feb. 28. Please note that we are still required to have proof of vaccination and masks must be worn in the building. We hope you will be able to take part in some of these activities.

Monday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m., Intermedia Bridge. Tuesday, March 1 at 1p.m. Bid Euchre; Wednesday, March 2 at 1 p.m., Novice Bridge; Thursday, March 3 at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., Gentle Motion; 1 p.m. Carpet Bowling; Friday, March 4 at 1 p.m., Euchre.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to join us for our in-person services Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. It is a joy to be together again in-person to worship the Lord. We are careful to adhere to the Ontario Regulations and to York Region Public Health's recommendations.

The worship services are 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.

This Sunday, Feb. 27, we welcome the Rev. Jonathan Dennis, our Interim Moderator, who will deliver the sermon, preside over our "safe" Communion

Service, and will moderate our Annual Congregational Meeting at noon which will also be available via ZOOM.

Lynn Vissers chose the parable from Luke 14 about the importance of placing Jesus first in our lives as His disciples. Again, we found there was lots to think about. What did Jesus really mean? The Bible Studies offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays provide a chance for more discussion!

They are online with Lynn on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for the "after work ladies" and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. "Art for the Soul" takes place Wednesday afternoons. Lynn encourages you to join, whatever your experience with art. Call Lynn for the ZOOM links for these online programs.

Philippians 4:6,7 has become a favourite verse especially in these uncertain, anxious times "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 available to pray with you or for you, in confidence.

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

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

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

Do keep in touch!

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Shrove Tuesday annual drive-by pick-up Pancake Dinner, March 1 from 4-5 p.m. Please reserve by calling office at 905-833-5432 or e-mail allsaints3@bellnet.ca. Pay by donation.

Forgiveness - Fr. Michael spoke on Christ's words from Luke 6: "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Luke 6:27-28)

"In these words from today's reading from Luke's gospel Jesus sets for us a seemingly impossible standard of radical forgiveness for how we treat those do wrong to us. This standard is light

years beyond the norms of human society, with our bruised egos, and tit for tat grudges. Rather, Jesus urges us to be as merciful as God is, 'for (God) is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked' (Lk 6:35). We urgently need to hear these words at this fraught time in our country's life.

"The last month has been an awful time for Canada in an awful two years. It's been hard to make sense of the protests and the so-called Freedom Convoy, which seem to have been fuelled by rage, suspicion, paranoia, fear, and shadowy money.

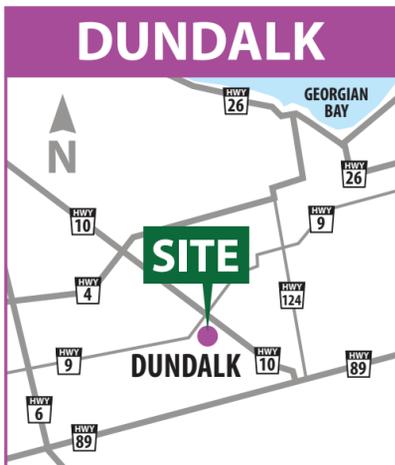
"For a country supposedly committed to peace, order, and good government, it's all been embarrassing. These last few weeks have been triggered by forces that have been building for years. They include two years of frustrations over COVID restrictions, populist suspicion of government and science, the ability of the internet to foster conspiracy theories and paranoia, fear of the future, fear of immigration, perceived threats to whites, and the growing influence of hyper-partisan US-style politics and culture wars.

"Those protestors chanting freedom are personal to me because for two years I've dutifully worn the mask and gotten the jabs and stayed home because I was willing to sacrifice my freedom to protect others, and now the demonstrators are telling me that I'm a fearful, deluded sheep instead of a citizen? But then Jesus says 'love your enemies.' We sure need to hear those words.

"COVID is going to leave us a more disunited society than at any time in our recent history. I don't see any way out of this except that we start to 'love our enemy.' To love our enemies does not mean that we have to accept horrible statements or condone heinous positions. Hateful speech and horrible behaviour should be firmly and calmly opposed.

"Remember that we all stand under the gaze of God and under the forgiveness of the cross. 'Forgive', says Jesus, 'and you will be forgiven' (Lk 6.37). All of us need to be forgiven. When Jesus reminds us that God 'is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked' (Lk 6:35), he's speaking to all of us. We're all sinners, and we pray that God will forgive us all, as we stand under his cross.

"Let us all remember, as we struggle with our anger and with our divisions, that God's love is poured out on all of us. May God bless and have mercy on our country."



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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.

United Church
By Nancy Hopkinson

On Sunday, 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.

Schomberg United Church will decide at the Annual General Meeting whether to open to in-person worship in March.

The Nobleton United Church Board has agreed to in-person worship to resume in March 6 at 11:15 a.m. along with a Zoom option with Rev. Evelyn McLachlan being our pulpit supply.

Did you know that Schomberg United Church decided to commit \$2,000 each year 2021/22/23 to support Big Brothers and Big Sisters, specifically for the Go Girls! group mentoring program? Did you know that Schomberg United Church also committed \$2,000 each year for 2021/22/23 to support the INNclusion initiative run by Blue Door of York Region? INNclusion is a transitional program for 2SLGBTQ+ youth, age 16 to 26 years old. It is located in Newmarket.

Nobleton United Church will be holding the famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner on Friday, March 25. Mark your calendar. Nobleton is considering having a choice, pick-up dinners or dine-in dinners. The details will be finalized at

the Annual General Meeting on Feb. 27. This meal is organized by Sue & Gino DiFebo and Val Ball.

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.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday! We must still abide by masking and physical distancing guidelines, but there's room for you.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach will be leading worship this Sunday. Jeff will be continuing a new series on the book of Revelation. His message is titled, "The Door Is Open" based on Revelation 3.7-13.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Nobleton Notes

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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

On Sunday, 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.

The Nobleton United Church Board has agreed to in-person worship to resume on March 6 at 11:15 a.m. along with a Zoom option with Rev. Evelyn McLachlan being our pulpit supply.

The date of the famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner is Friday, March 25. Mark your calendar. We initially thought that this would only be a drive-through dinner only but now we are considering having a choice, pick-up dinners or dine-in dinners. The details will be finalized at

the Annual General Meeting on Feb. 27. The dinners will need to be booked in advance.

Last time that this was organized, the cost was \$22 per adult, \$10 for children aged 5- 10 years and free to those under 5. We are considering keeping the costs the same again. We may limit the dine-in dinners to 50 people (half capacity) in our Lower Hall. This meal is organized by Sue & Gino DiFebo and Val Ball. The dine-in dinners are a lovely occasion. There is time to talk to neighbours.

Last call for orders for our lovely keepsake book, 125th Anniversary of Nobleton United Church. Call me ASAP if you forgot to order one already. It is chock full of pictures and stories from many of our various families, and has been expertly arranged by Val Ball and Sue DiFebo.

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 follow-up details please contact Lion Rick at rick@rickevans.net

The Club continues to offer a free service to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions are providing a delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Rick, and we will drop packages outside your door, contact free.

As always, we welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Rick as above. From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our health authorities, get vaccinated when your turn comes, and Stay Safe! We're in this together!

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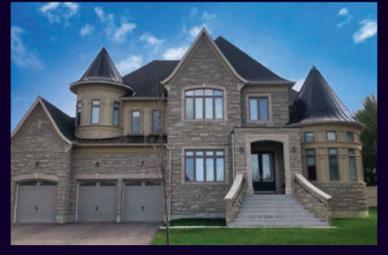
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