

Eastern bluebirds spotted

A small flock of eastern bluebirds has been spotted recently northeast of Nobleton. They have hung on through heavy snowfalls, severe cold, and high winds. We hope that's a sign that spring is not far away.

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King's building web pages feature online options

The Township of King is making building services easier to find and use online with the launch of new building web pages at www.king.ca/building.

The new web pages provide enhanced information and service to customers, including a new online building inspection booking form.

With the online options, residents, developers and others can:

• Complete a COVID-19 screening to ensure their safety and the safety of King employees during building inspections.

• Provide all relevant contact information as part of the inspection request to ensure the Township can notify applicants that their request has been received.

· Book inspections while parked in a vehicle on a mobile device, onsite at a building or at home without making a phone call or sending an email message.

In addition to the online inspection booking form, the Building Division web pages also have these features:

Pre-assembled application guides and packages by type. User's guide on the application process, including a

flow chart.

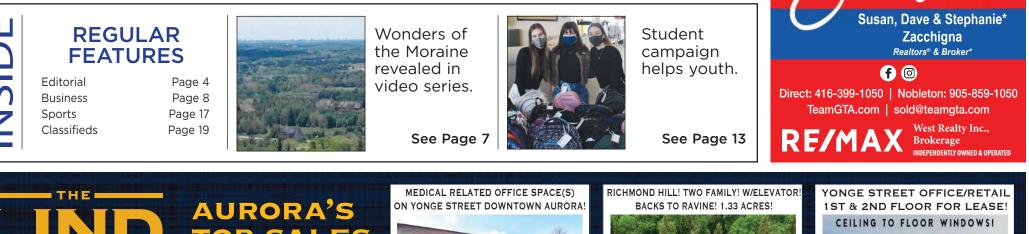
Updated fees section.

Online security deposit waiver.

Resources and contact information.

Future additions to the Building Division web pages include provincially mandated private sewage system maintenance program updates and an online application for security deposit refunds.

"The new online booking form makes it easy and convenient to safely schedule a building inspection with the Township of King. It is part of the enhanced building information on King's website to better serve our customers, wherever they are," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.







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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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 SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

Virtual meeting live streamed at http://king.ca/meetings

Monday, March 21 6 pm - Council and Committee of the Whole Virtual meeting live streamed at http://king.ca/meetings

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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). tlf you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Tuesday, March 15

6 pm - King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

BID NOTICES

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Aquatics Seasonal Positions (Aquatics Manager, Aquatics

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, **CLOSED SESSION**

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022 - 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to section 238 (3.1) (3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

As the Municipal Council Chambers is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this will be an electronic meeting held virtually.

The purpose of this special meeting is to accommodate a necessary Special Council Meeting, Closed Session for Council Education and Training purposes.

Motion to move into Closed Session pursuant to Part 5, Section 39 of the Procedural By-law Number 2018-60, as amended, to consider the items as set out in the Agenda.

(i) Part 5, Section 39, Subsection 39.3(a): Purpose of Education or Training the Members

> Council Education / Training Session Re: King City Servicing

> > Kathryn Moyle Director of Corporate Services **Township Clerk**



- Supervisor, Lifeguard/Instructor) Deadline March 4
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (Contract) Deadline March 4
- Administrative Clerk Community Services Deadline March 11
- Project Manager Parks Deadline March 11
- Project Manager Facilities (12-Month Contract) Deadline March 11
- Recreation Coordinator Special Events Deadline March 11

REMINDERS

Half-load Restrictions

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per starts on designated Township roads effective March 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022 per our By-law 2010-141. For further information, call 905-833-5321.

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 OPPORTUNI-TIES 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.

Kathryn Moyle Telephone: (905)833-5321 Director of Corporate Services E-mail: clerks@king.ca Township Clerk Township of King 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1



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

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

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

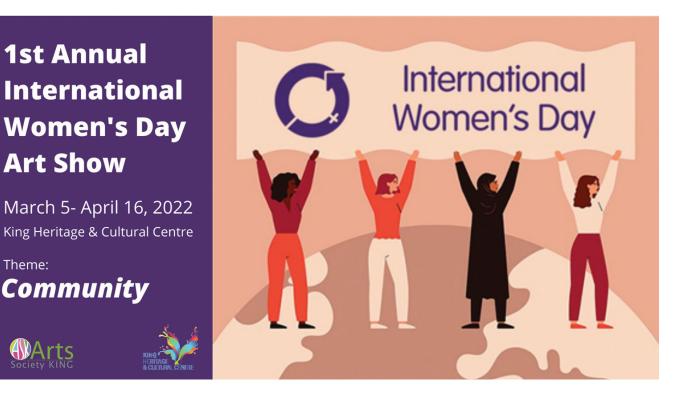
Awards will be presented at the Council Meeting on Monday, April 25th, 2022.

Kathryn Moyle

Theme:

<u>Arts</u>

Director of Corporate Services / Township Clerk



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Small Urban Mayors point to report's shortcomings

By Mark Pavilons Editor

While The Small Urban GTHA Mayors group supports the goals and principles outlined by the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force, there are some major concerns and discrepancies.

The mayors do recognize the need for increased missing middle housing, more rental housing, transit oriented development and intensification.

"We believe there are more balanced and moderate ways to achieve the outcomes than many of the methods suggested. We urge the Province to consult directly and meaningfully with municipal leaders before implementing any of the recommendations," the group said.

They believe The report has some promising policy outcomes for further investigation, in particular, increasing the supply of rental housing, missing middle housing, increasing second suites and garden suites and increasing density particularly in Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs).

The Province should achieve these policy objectives at the macro level by gets and tenure targets through their approval of municipal official plans and then let municipalities achieve those targets as they see fit based upon their significant understanding of their communities and their own official plans.

The OLT should only hear cases that are based upon a claim that the municipality did not adhere to its own official plan in the planning decision it made. The OLT should not entertain De Novo hearings.

The Province must take a more comprehensive approach to housing affordability, the group says, which should focus on issues beyond just housing supply but also innovative funding options, rental housing incentives and policies, investor speculation, social housing, innovative financial tools, and use of Provincial Land including surplus school sites.

The mayors are concerned because the recommendations place "an undue focus on municipal process and politics thereby erroneously suggesting that there is lack of support for housing options and increased housing supply

ly suggesting that the housing affordability challenge could be meaningful addressed if municipalities would only 'allow builders to build' or by removing heritage protections or consultation.

"It fails to recognize that the majority of municipalities and municipal councils are fully and significantly engaged in supporting more housing options, intensification, transit oriented development and increased the supply of rental housing."

The report seems to suggest that local planning is best achieved at the Provincial level and "fails to recognize the deep understanding that local elected officials and staff have in relation to their communities, including how best to achieve housing targets and intensification."

The mayors also charge the report suggests, without evidence, that municipal red tape is responsible for the slow progress of new housing options yet fails to recognize that the greatest element of red tape in the planning process is the OLT.

"The report fails to examine, in a meaningful way, the role the Province could play in addressing housing af-

setting intensification targets, unit tar- at the municipal level and erroneous- fordability through direct funding, financial incentives, or the provision of Provincial land for affordable housing projects.

"The report suggests without evidence that housing supply is being limited as a result of the abuse of the OLT process by the public. The report calls for an end to the 'politicization' of the planning process. This approach could result in the limitation of legitimate public participation and the ability of local elected officials to respond to the concerns of the public. Democracy and public participation cannot be seen as a barrier to development but should be seen as a part of a healthy and respectful dialogue."

The report also suggests without evidence that Development Charges and planning fees are a cause of lack of housing supply and/or affordable housing supply.

"Artificially limiting or reducing development charges and planning fees will result in towns and cities that do not have the recreational or community infrastructure that is necessary for a healthy and vibrant and livable community and could ... undermine the financial stability of municipalities."

Bill Cober not seeking re-election

Long-serving councillor Bill Cober will not seek re-election in this year's municipal vote.

Cober said it's with mixed emotions that he decided not to seek another term on council

Cober noted that five consecutive terms on municipal council have been "very rewarding."

"It has been almost 20 years since I entered the world of municipal politics. As a community we have advanced and I am proud to have been a part of this progress. I love serving our community as the Ward 4 Councillor and working with constituents, staff, council and community groups to do what we can to help make our township better. I'm grateful for the opportunity, the partnerships, the challenges, successes and the lessons learned, the friendships created and the fun. The best attribute about our community remains the people and the community connections."

He said he's been very fortunate, and it has all been a tremendous honour and a privilege to serve and represent the community.

"But time with family demands of my career and exciting opportunities all beckon. Those who know me know how strongly I feel about engagement, about stepping up, about not complaining if you're not prepared to make a contribution towards a solution, and there's no question that I will still be very much engaged."

He said he appreciates the support and help he's received from so many people throughout his time as Ward 4 Councillor, but it's "time for a change."

"I would like to personally like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Ward 4 for their continuous support and partnership. I look forward to our work together in 2022 to complete this current term of council.

"Finally, I would like to thank my family. It is their support and sacrifice that has truly made it possible for me to serve and support our Township for so many vears."



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~ Michael Connelly

Rich rise while rest of humanity stumbles

Poverty is an anomaly to the rich. And it's odd that God gave the poor a rich heart, and some of the rich, a poor one

A new survey indicates that one new billionaire is "minted" every 26 hours and inequality contributes to the death of one person every four seconds.

A new billionaire every day? That's great, isn't it?

Every day around the globe, some 160,000 people pass away.

Roughly 13,800 children under the age of 5 died every day in 2020. Globally, infectious diseases, including pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria, remain a leading cause of under-five deaths, along with pre-term birth and intrapartum-related complications.

For roughly \$6, we can treat uncomplicated cases of malaria quickly. For roughly \$230 (U.S.) you can treat severe pneumonia.

It costs roughly \$5,000 (CAN) to build a well in a less fortunate country and ed on behalf of CanadaHelps, most roughly \$3,500 for a communal toilet. Canadians (74%) are concerned about The benefits to the community are almost immeasurable.

These costs would drop further if strategic partnerships were in place among manufacturers, distributors, construction companies and volunteers.

I strongly believe that we could drastically reduce all childhood illness in the world quickly, efficiently and frugally.

We've witnessed just how the world can cooperate and form a network to deliver vaccines to the majority of the population. These same connections can be used in the future to address any and all medical emergencies or necessities.

try indulges in bottled water from the These billionaires now have six times Swiss Alps without giving it a thought. more wealth than the poorest 3.1 billion

According to an Ipsos poll conduct- people.

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a) Yes

b) No

Results from last week's poll:

Do you plan to eat out now that

restrictions have been lifted?

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Mark Pavilons

inflation and 17% plan to give less to charities in 2022, citing the effects of inflation on their finances. The number of Canadians who rely on charitable services in 2022 to meet their basic needs because of the pandemic or inflation could balloon from 11% today to one in four (26%).

Let's flip back to the wealthy.

The world's 10 richest men more than doubled their fortunes from \$875 billion to \$1.9 trillion (CAD) – at a rate of \$18,700 per second or \$1.63 billion (CAD) a day – during the first two years of a pandemic. This period has seen the incomes of 99 per cent of humanity fall and over 160 And yet our bloated, bloviating gen- million more people forced into poverty.

In a new briefing "Inequality Kills," Oxfam says that inequality is contributing to the death of at least 21,000 people each day, or one person every four equality as a form of "economic vioseconds. This is a conservative finding based on deaths globally from lack of access to health care, gender-based violence, hunger, and climate breakdown.

happening by choice, not chance," said Diana Sarosi, Oxfam Canada's director of policy and campaigns. "Not only have our economic structures made all of us less safe against this pandemic, they are actively enabling those who are already extremely rich and powerful to exploit this crisis for their own profit."

In Canada, during a global pandemic, 15 new billionaires have been minted and the fortunes of the country's 59 billionaires have increased by \$111 252 richest men have more wealth than billion since March 2020, roughly the all one billion women and girls in Afrisame amount the Canadian government ca, Latin America and the Caribbean spent on COVID-19 income support to workers, including CERB and CRB (\$109 billion).

Billionaires' wealth has risen more in the 22 months since COVID-19 began than it has in the last 14 years. At \$6.25 trillion, this is the biggest surge in billionaire wealth since record keeping began. A one-off "pandemic windfalls tax" on the 10 richest men at a rate of 99 per cent, for example, could pay to make enough vaccines for the world, and provide universal healthcare and social protection, fund climate adaptation and reduce gender-based violence in over 80 countries. All this, while still leaving these men \$10 billion better off than they were before the pandemic.

prehend such numbers and vast wealth. We're content making our mortgage

And these numbers are just for the tip of the iceberg, the top of the wealth er multi-millionaires who are equally in.

comfortable and capable of pitching in as it were.

Some organizations see extreme inlence," where policies and political decisions that perpetuate and protect the wealth and power of a privileged few result in direct harm to the vast majori-"Inequality at such pace and scale is ty of people across the world and to the planet itself.

> We've witnessed the inequality in the distribution of vaccines, where the have countries sent their surplus to the have-nots.

> The pandemic has set back gender parity globally, which won't be achieved now for 135 years (up from 99 years). Women collectively lost \$876 billion in earnings in 2020, with 13 million fewer women working now than in 2019. The combined.

> Ok, it's easy to dump on the mega-rich and point fingers. But when you view these figures, it seems evident that the world's wealthy could almost single-handedly end poverty and inequality as we know it. The ruling elite, in our human history, has never been overly altruistic.

> I will never forget one of Canada's heroes, Terry Fox. During his Marathon of Hope, he asked for just \$1 from every Canadian to go to cancer research. Just \$1

> What if we increase that demand of the wealthy to \$10 or \$100, maybe even \$1,000?

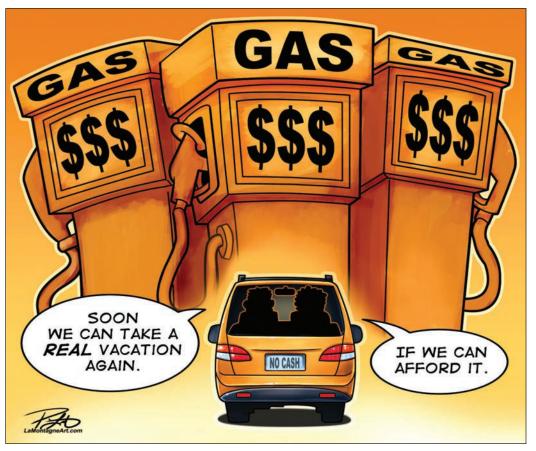
It's sad that we enjoy a rather com-For most of us, we can't even com- fortable lifestyle while our fellow human beings suffer, die and stagnate.

I don't know about you, but I'd rather payments and staying ahead of our bills. not wait 135 years for our world to attain equality.

Maybe this should be part of every food chain. There are thousands of oth- country's economic goal from here on

World Conflict Humanitarian aid for Ukraine

The Ontario government is assisting the people of Ukraine by providing \$300,000 in humanitarian aid during this difficult and challenging time.



"We witnessed a violent attack on a sovereign nation as Vladimir Putin launched a war of aggression against Ukraine," said Premier Doug Ford. "The bonds between Canada and Ukraine run deep, and generations of Ukrainian-Canadians have helped build the Canada we know and love. This morning I spoke with the Consul General of Ukraine and assured him that the people of Ontario stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Ukraine."

"I am deeply concerned about the escalating situation in Ukraine and condemn the unprovoked actions against Ukraine," said Parm Gill, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. "Ontario is home to more than 375,000 people of Ukrainian origin and they have made our province a better place. Our government stands in solidarity with the Ukrainian community in Ontario and with the people of Ukraine."

Ontario's monetary support will be donated to the Canada-Ukraine Foundation and will be used to support humanitarian purposes, including providing medical aid, emergency shelter and food security in Ukraine. The Canada-Ukraine Foundation will ensure the donation will be used to provide assistance quickly and efficiently to people and families in need.

Ontario will also be ready to assist anyone fleeing from Ukraine who is in need of settlement services. Settlement agencies support newcomers and refugees to find housing, employment, health services and more when they arrive in Ontario.

"We share Premier Ford's concern over Russian aggression into Ukraine. We know the required humanitarian support will be significant and we are grateful to the government and the people of Ontario for supporting this worthy endeavor," said Orest Sklierenko, President of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation. "We hope to continue to work with the province of Ontario in the coming weeks as we support the people of Ukraine during this trying time."

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Quote of the Week

There can be no liberty unless there is economic liberty.

– Margaret Thatcher

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THIS WEEK'S

QUESTION

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Do you think

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Anthropocene means we hold the key to our future

By David Suzuki

Geologists have classified most epochs in Earth's history according to fossils, radiometric dating and composition of the strata. The widely endorsed label for our current era, the Anthropocene, describes the extent to which our collective human footprint is changing the planet. It's a proposed "geological epoch dating from the commencement of significant human impact on Earth's geology and ecosystems."

It's not a surprise to hear that humanity's impact is negative overall, as evidenced by global climate change, biodiversity loss and species extinction. Although life on Earth has undergone vast changes over millions of years, never before has one species been the cause.

Happily, in response to our negative impacts, many humans are engaged in repairing historical and ongoing ecological damage. Alongside our long list of negative impacts, examples of positive effects abound.

Actions that degrade and repair the planet's ecosystems do not amount to a zero-sum game, though. At any moment places are being destroyed and restored, but they're not the same places, and the actions don't happen in equal measure. We haven't repaired nearly as much as we've degraded and destroyed. (In fact, most restoration initiatives are pet projects of the very industries damaging the land.)

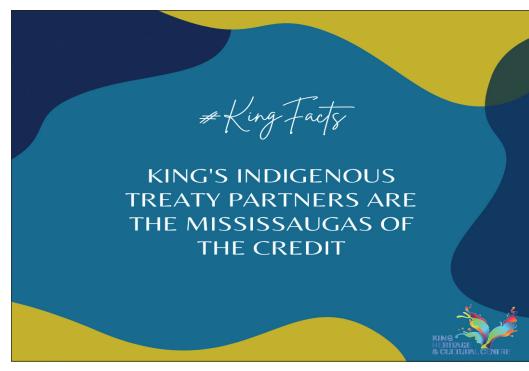
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It's unrealistic to imagine that human lives, coupled with our many wants and needs, could ever be benign for the planet. But no one is arguing for this. Ecologists around the world are making the case for societies to change the systems that oversee development and resource extraction so that ecosystem functionality – which supports all life – can be maintained or restored.

Figuring out and upholding thresholds to ensure ecosystem health is not easy. Much thought has gone into determining goals to tip the scales in nature's favour, so that initiatives to heal the planet will outweigh activities that further degrade it, and ecosystem health can be restored where it's been lost.

Some scientists have argued that "nature needs half" - that half the planet's natural areas should be protected to maintain the processes that support human and non-human well-being. Considering we're just one of around 10 million animal species, and many areas we grudgingly yield are covered with rock, ice and snow, that's not a lot.

Last year, a group of international conservationists released a paper that advanced benchmarks to achieve a "nature positive" world. The goals are to reach zero net loss of nature after 2020, damage less than we repair by 2030 (become "net positive") and achieve "full recovery" by 2050.



Full recovery could mean many can be torn down. things. The Convention on Biological Diversity links it to ecosystem services maintenance: "By 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people."

Our federal government is responsive to these targets and has made commitments to achieve them. However, it has not come up with a plan that outlines how these goals will be assessed and reported, nor defined what full recovery would look like in the Canadian context.

But there's wind in the sails; the UN has even declared this the "decade on restoration."

Our marks on the planet don't have to be permanent. They were put down by us and can be taken up or out by us too. We can apply the same ingenuity we used to construct the infrastructure we've imposed on the world around us to reconfigure it. Roads that fragment wildlife can be pulled out and replanted with vegetation; dams that block fish

As the editors of the essay collection Arts of Living on a Damaged Planet write, acts of restoration give us an opportunity to explore the question, "How can we repurpose the tools of modernity against the terrors of Progress to make visible the other worlds it has ignored and damaged?"

Our impacts on the planet are ongoing. One way of looking at the Anthropocene is to recognize that we are continually shaping the world with every development and restoration plan. Restoration initiatives give us the chance to hold the ground, literally, until, as Barry Lopez wrote in his book Horizon, "industrial expansion ends and begins to show signs of drawdown" and the scales tip back toward the health of lands and waters and the life they support.

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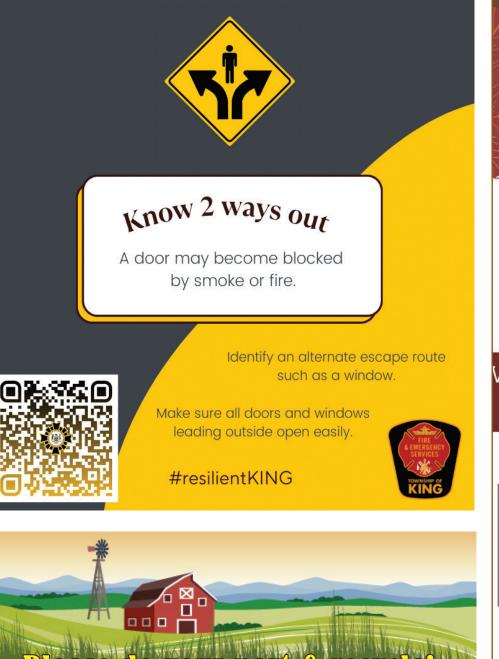
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6 - THE WEEKLY SENTINEL - Thursday, March 3, 2022 Politicians, decision makers 'financially divorced' from citizens

By Franco Terrazzano Federal Director Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Politicians and government decision makers are financially divorced from the Canadians they're supposed to represent. And it shows. From higher taxes to revolving lockdowns, government decisions during the pandemic have been full of pain. But that pain hasn't been felt by those pulling the levers.

Quite the opposite.

While millions of their constituents struggled, members of Parliament gave themselves two pay raises. Their third pandemic pay raise is scheduled for April 1. After this raise, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation estimates that a backbench MP's annual salary will be \$189,702 while Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will take home \$379,404. That means their pandemic pay raises will range from \$10,802 to an extra \$21,604.

It's the same story for government bureaucrats. There were 528,347 government employees who received at least one raise while governments were

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busy locking down. Not a single federal or provincial government bureaucrat took a pay cut during the pandemic, according to research from Secondstreet. org.

Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland claims Canada has "more than recovered lost jobs" during the pandemic. But whose jobs have been recovered?

There are now 305,200 more government jobs across Canada than there were pre-pandemic, but 272,800 fewer jobs outside of government.

Then there's the three-decades-high inflation.

The Bank of Canada printed about \$370 billion during the pandemic. And the more dollars the central bank prints, the less the dollars in your chequing or retirement account buys.

The Bank of Canada's primary job is to limit inflation. Tiff Macklem is the governor of the Bank of Canada and he gets paid between \$463,100 and \$544,800

per year. Has Macklem felt any pain or been held accountable in any way while the Bank of Canada hasn't kept a lid on inflation?

The federal carbon, payroll and alcohol tax hikes during the pandemic have also been driving up the cost of living. Politicians are talking about a second carbon tax buried in fuel regulations, luxury taxes, wealth taxes and higher taxes on businesses.

Are political leaders really feeling the pinch of their tax hikes when their pay goes up every year and when taxpayers pay for their car allowance and fly them all over the world?

The carbon tax is set to reach nearly 40 cents per litre of gas by 2030. When that happens, it's expected to cost 184,000 jobs. Trudeau's second carbon tax is expected to lead to 30,000 fewer jobs. How many of those job losses will occur on Parliament Hill?

The raft of new taxes means a raft of new bureaucrats to administer those taxes.

Take the second carbon tax, for example. Taxpayers will need to pay an extra \$85 million to fuel the bureaucracy administering this regulatory quagmire. Basically, Canadians will have the pleasure of paying higher taxes so more federal paper-pushers can increase our fuel prices and force our neighbours out of a job.

It's crystal clear that the people calling the shots are shielded from the impacts of their decisions. And it's starting to look like the politicians and bureaucrats that are supposed to be serving the people are public servants in name only.

There's no silver bullet to reverse this trend. But it must start with making sure politicians and bureaucrats aren't financially detached from the people they're supposed to work for. MPs could at least take a pass on their third pandemic pay raise in April.

Franco Terrazzano is the Federal Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

As Public Health restrictions ease, remember to assess your personal risk and take appropriate precautions





No YRT fare increase in 2022

continued freeze on York Region Transit (YRT) fares in 2022, maintaining the rates set in 2019 as residents continue to feel the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"York Regional Council remains committed to providing a reliable and customer-focused transit system for travellers across the Region," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "Freezing transit fares will support travellers who rely on public transit to get to work, school and other places they need and want to go."

three years due to the pandemic.

"YRT has continued to operate throughout the pandemic, ensuring transit remains a viable option for all residents," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, chair of the Region's Transportation Services. "Transit remains an es-

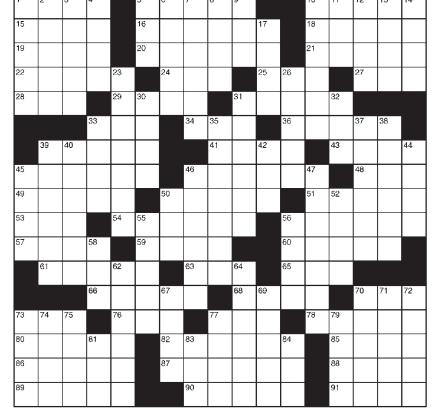
York Regional Council approved a sential service for many and supports communities and travellers by maintaining fares and meeting the demands of customers through a variety of transit options."

YRT continues to manage impacts to operating costs by adjusting service levels to meet demand, including replacing conventional service with demand response service in lower ridership areas.

Since early 2020, YRT has provided Mobility On-Request, a ride-sharing service, to York Region residents aged 65 and older with a trip to and Fares have not increased for the last from their residence to go to a vaccine appointment. Recently, the Mobility On-Request service further expanded to all ages in the towns of Georgina, East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville, providing residents with transportation to and from a vaccination appointment.

York making progress in fight against COVID

York Region continues to make terrific vaccination progress regarding vaccinations. To date, 569,281 COVID-19 booster doses have been administered in York Region, representing 47.3% of all York Region residents. So far, 61.5% of York Region children age 5 to 11 have received their first dose vaccine and 33.6% have received a second dose.



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Newly released videos help you discover the Oak Ridges Moraine

raine) Coalition released two videos in a 12-part series on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Each video segment is a visual feast and features a conversation with experts including scientists, academics, planners and municipal leaders at scenic locations across the moraine. The Oak Ridges Moraine is an iconic and critically important natural heritage landscape of southern Ontario, home to a unique groundwater feature in the Greenbelt.

"We are pleased to share these stunning informative videos that communicate the value of the Oak Ridges Moraine, which is part of the Greenbelt. If people understand how the moraine functions, and its role as the "rain barrel" of the Greater Golden Horseshoe, they will be more likely to protect it," notes Ian McLaurin, STORM chair. "Residents were vital to the creation of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan 20 years ago. Today, people need

STORM (Save the Oak Ridges Mo- to play an active role in advocating for moraine protection more than ever."

> The purpose of this video series, funded by Greenbelt Foundation, is to encourage people to get to know the moraine, meet those engaged in protecting and stewarding the moraine, and get engaged themselves. The videos profile the science behind groundwater systems, how it is protected, and threats to the moraine's long-term health.

> "The Oak Ridges Moraine provides an essential corridor for wildlife movement and ecosystem services like clean drinking water, flood and erosion control, and carbon sequestration," says Rob Messervey, chair of the Oak Ridges Moraine Committee for Greenbelt Foundation. "A growing population, climate change, and an unprecedented loss of biodiversity make the moraine more important than ever."

> The Government of Ontario created the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan in 2001 to protect the moraine's

> > Form 2

surface and underground water sys- of Lloyd Swail Consulting, project cretems and natural heritage systems, but some threats remain. Threats include new infrastructure such as roads and pipelines, the dumping of contaminated soil, and below-water table aggregate extraction.

Experts in the video series note how urbanization and climate change put additional stress on water resources and natural systems. While the province created the plan, the responsibility of plan implementation falls to municipalities.

Conservation authorities across the moraine monitor forest conditions, surface and groundwater quality, and stream health – all key indicators of a healthy environment. Residents can also help steward and enhance the moraine by working with conservation authorities and other moraine advocates.

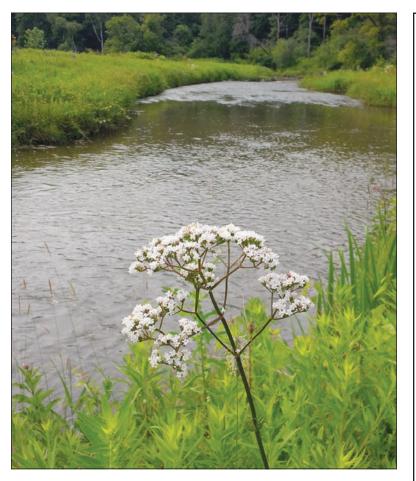
"Urbanization remains a threat to the Oak Ridges Moraine headwater areas," said King's Susan Lloyd Swail

ator, scriptwriter, and host. "Through this video series our aim is to highlight the fragility of the moraine's water systems that feed major rivers like the Don, Rouge and Humber, underscore the significance of its natural heritage systems, explain the science behind the conservation plan, and celebrate the many people, First Nations, and organizations that care for the health of the Oak Ridges Moraine."

The newly released video series is available on YouTube, Save the Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition's website, and many partner websites.

"Thanks to funding from the Greenbelt Foundation, you can now learn about the science and beauty of the moraine from your home or on the go," added Lloyd Swail.

The series is sponsored by Save the Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition and funded by Greenbelt Foundation. The 12 videos were filmed and produced by Sara Cornwaithe Productions.





Expropriations Act Notice of Application for Approval to **Expropriate Land**

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Ministry of Transportation for approval to expropriate land, pursuant to s.11(2) and subsection 11.1(3) of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, being in the Geographic Township of King, Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario

For the purpose(s) of: Property is required for the widening of two sections of Highway 400 from six to ten lanes, and all works related thereto, to accommodate a buffer separated high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane and 4 general-purpose lanes in each direction. This widening of Highway 400 will take place from north of King Road to south of 16th Sideroad and from north of 16th Sideroad to south of Lloydtown-Aurora Road in the Township of King within the Regional Municipality of York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described in the schedule attached hereto.

The approving authority is the Minister of Transportation with an address of:

Minister of Transportation 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8 tel: 416-327-9200

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given, who desires to comment on the proposed expropriation of the land for the described purpose(s) may do so by submitting the comment within the time stated herein to the Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Infrastructure Management Division, Ministry of Transportation, in writing.

The Ministry will review the comments for their technical/engineering information, having regard to the need for the land for the purposes of the project.

The Assistant Deputy Minister must receive the comments within thirty days after the owner is served with this notice, or within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The comments must be sent:

By e-mail to:

Or by mail to:

Property.Process@ontario.ca

Assistant Deputy Minister Transportation and Infrastructure Management Ministry of Transportation 4th Floor, Garden City Tower 301 St. Paul Street St. Catharines, ON L2R 7R4

Please include the municipal address of the land in the comment.

The expropriating authority is the Minister of Transportation with an address of: 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor

Minister of Transportation

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∕o Yvonne Gross Conveyancing Supervisor 159 Sir William Hearst Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bldg. D Toronto, ON M3M 0B7

SCHEDULE A

All right, title and interest in the following lands in the Township of King, Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario, being:

- 1. Part of PIN 03383-0112 (LT), being Part of Lot 24, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0205, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-39579, subject to an easement over Part 2 as in Instrument KI26821, and Part 5 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0149, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35206.
- 2. Part of PIN 03383-0079 (LT), being Part of Lot 21, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0206, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-39686 and Part 11 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0150, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35282.
- 3. Part of PIN 03365-0157 (LT), being Part of Lot 10, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0210, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-39681 and Parts 4 and 5 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0151, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35262
- 4. Part of PIN 03365-0168 (LT), being Part of Lots 11, 12 and 13, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0209, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-39685 and Part 3 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0154, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35294. save and except Part 3 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-209, being a reference plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-39685 and Parts 5 and 6 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0153, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35292.
- 5. Part of PIN 03383-0080 (LT), being Part of Lot 21, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0208, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-39683 and Part 12 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0150, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35282.
- 6. Part of PIN 03383-0102 (R), being Part of Lot 22, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0207, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York as Plan 65R-39695 and Part 14 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0150, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York as Plan 65R-35282.
- 7. Part of PIN 03365-0020 (LT), being Part of Lot 13, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0154, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-35294 and Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0211, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-39689.

A limited interest from October 21, 2022 up to and Including November 30, 2024 in the nature of a free right and easement for the Minister of Transportation, successors and assigns, and any representative of the Minister of Transportation to enter with all necessary vehicles, machinery and equipment over and upon the lands described as follows:

In the Township of King, Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario, being:

8. Part of PIN 03383-0080 (LT), being Part of Lot 21, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of King, designated as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-2752-0208, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-39683.

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Red Tape Reduction Act features fewer fees, better services

The Ontario government continues its work to make Ontario the first choice for families and businesses ready to invest with the introduction of this year's red tape reduction package, the Fewer Fees, Better Services Act, 2022.

Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, introduced the latest Act in the Legislature.

"Since day one, we've been relentless in finding ways to make it easier for people and businesses to interact with will further support businesses and en- properties align with key programs, the government," said Minister Tangri. "With this legislation, we want to create a business-ready environment for investment, put money back in people's pockets, and make Ontario the number one choice in North America to raise a family and operate a business."

The transformative actions taken by this government to-date, have resulted in almost \$400 million in net annual savings to businesses. If passed, this act

Grocery prices rising, farmers' share declining

Retail food prices are rising.

To explain these increases, many commentators point to rising prices for farm products and cite drought, other production problems, the pandemic, or supply-chain issues. This is not an accurate explanation.

Public data shows that corporate food processors and retailers have relentlessly, for decades, pushed up retail prices even as the prices paid to farmers remained largely stagnant.

"Consumers need to know that less and less of the money they spend on food actually makes it back to the farmer. Retail food prices are high because meat packers, other large processors, and big retailers are taking ever larger shares. For most food products, the farmers' share continues to shrink," said Stewart Wells, National Farmers Union (NFU) vice-president of operations and Saskatchewan farmer.

"Big processors, packers, and retailers are charging consumers more, paying farmers as little as possible, suppressing workers' wages, and taking more for themselves. That's why retail food prices continue to increase, not because of rising grain or livestock prices, COVID-19, or supply issues. It's important that policymakers and all Canadians know who's behind the rising cost of food," added Wells.

NFU President and Ontario farmer Katie Ward explained that "governments" misplaced priorities have facilitated food sector concentration and paved the way for the high retail prices we're seeing. Federal approvals for waves of packer, processor, and retailer mergers and the closures of processing plants have increased the power of these corporations. Food price increases are just one effect of this rising corporate power. Another effect, as the pandemic and supply-system shocks have revealed, is that our highly concentrated system is fragile – lacking resilience, diversity, and adequate local and regional capacity and access."

"Processors and retailers are overcharging because they can; mergers and concentration have multiplied their power. This is creating many negative effects: on farmers, workers, the environment, the climate, animals, and, as rising retail prices show, on all Canadians. To reverse these negative effects, we need smaller scale, local and regional processing, and we probably need the breakup of the largest packers, food processors, and retailers. Rising market power and declining competition has led to steadily rising retail prices; governments must intervene to curb all of these damaging trends," Ward concluded.

trepreneurs, ease financial burdens on people and remove overly complex processes that only serve to frustrate and thwart investment.

Some of the proposed changes in the Act include:

· Cutting costs for millions of Ontario vehicle owners by refunding licence plate sticker renewal fees paid since March 1, 2020.

· Establishing a single window for business services, which will require service standard guarantees so businesses can track the information they need from the government.

• Helping to level the playing field for Ontario businesses by changing the government's approach to procurement. The change will strengthen the province's supply chain and help domestic businesses grow and create good paying jobs.

• Providing more flexibility related to provincial assets by creating a Centre of Realty Excellence. This holistic approach across all government-owned properties will ensure priority surplus including affordable housing and longterm care.

· Giving commuters a break by removing tolls from Highways 412 and 418. This responds particularly to requests from municipal leaders and Indigenous communities in Durham Region.

"Cutting red tape and modernizing our regulatory system remains a top priority for this government," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "Making it easier to follow rules and holding government to clear service standards encourages our incredible entrepreneurs to invest in Ontario and create good jobs."

Ontarians expect clean air, clean water, safe products, and safe working conditions. Good rules and regulations are necessary to maintain these high standards. The changes Ontario has made to date are helping the government deliver clear and effective rules that promote public health and safeguard the environment without sacrificing innovation, growth and opportunity.

Funding supports postsecondary institutions

The Ontario government is investing \$583 million over three years to help colleges and universities provide a modern and safe learning environment for students, faculty and staff, both virtually and on campuses.

This funding will help institutions modernize classrooms by upgrading technology, carrying out critical repairs, improving their environmental sustainability and supporting virtual learning projects that increase access to postsecondary education for students.

"Ontario's postsecondary institutions offer world class education, which is critical to the future of the province, and our economy," said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. "Our government's investments to build Ontario will help colleges and universities renew and modernize their facilities and buy vital training equipment so they can continue to deliver high-quality education to students - anytime and anywhere."

instructional equipment and learning resources.

• \$30 million through the new Training Equipment and Renewal Fund (TERF) to help universities purchase and renew modern, state-of-the-art equipment.

To help colleges and universities deliver relevant, high-quality education and training to meet evolving employer needs, some of these investments require institutions to secure matching contributions from a private sector partner. This support will ensure students have access to modern instructional equipment to meet business and industry standards, increase student access to micro-credentials, enhance the overall student experience and support Ontario's economy.

Established in 1986, FRP provides annual funding to help colleges and universities renew and modernize their campuses by repairing and renovating existing facilities, including major building systems upgrades, roof repairs, heating and ventilating system upgrades, and mechanical and electrical system upgrades. The government's investment of \$144 million in FRP for 2021-22 is more than double the investment made in 2019-20, helping institutions to address their deferred maintenance backlog. Established in 2002, CERF provides annual funding to help publicly assisted colleges purchase and renew instructional equipment and learning resources, such as specialized equipment, machinery or tools for use in labs, shops and classrooms. Established in 2021, TERF is a new program that provides annual funding to help publicly assisted universities purchase state-of-the-art equipment.

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This investment includes:

• \$493 million through the Facilities Renewal Program (FRP) to help publicly assisted colleges and universities with the critical maintenance, repairs, upgrades and renewal of existing facilities.

• \$60 million through the College Equipment and Renewal Fund (CERF) to help colleges purchase and renew

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Quanta Vici delivers world's best heated wearables

By Mark Pavilons Editor

The cold is no longer a hurdle for outdoor enthusiasts and pain sufferers.

Thanks to the efforts of Canadian company Quanta Vici, their high-end heated wearables make any outdoor task more enjoyable, and fashionable.

They've definitely raised the bar to almost unreachable levels with their remarkable heated gloves and socks. While there are several types on the market today, none come close to Quanta Vici in terms of looks, design and function. To put it simply, they're the best.

Quanta Vici is the first-ever smart heated wearables on the market. They're stylish, thin and comfortable.

With the app's help, you can set the precise temperature you'd prefer (whether it is 35 degrees or 55). The app interface is super user-friendly, and it is easy to control. It has more than 30 features, including an anti-theft function.

"We raised the bar by prolonging the battery life significantly," according to a company spokesperson. "On the highest mode (55 degrees), our wearables last up to 6 hours, compared to the average of 2 hours on the market. On top of that, they are super thin, breathable, and not bulky."

After years of prototyping and thorough market research, the company reached the "ideal of the synergy of technology and fashion."

Chic is definitely a way to describe their style.

The main inspiration of founder Adrien Beyk was people who were suffering from medical conditions such as Raynaud's, arthritis, migraines, and muscle pain. After analyzing the wearables market, he realized that something was missing, and the creation of Quanta Vici was the solution to the problem.

The Canadian cold was the perfect breeding ground to marry heat with high-end fashion.



<u>Smart Consumer</u> <u>Essentials</u>

Company surveys reveal the bulk of the customers are those who suffering from Raynaud's; skiers/snowboarders; hiking and adventure lovers; outdoor photographers and nature lovers.

This spring, the company is launching its smart heated leather gloves, vests and jackets. The lines for men & women will be separated (focusing on women's aspect of menstrual cramps and back pain), and the materials will be sustainable and animal-free.

The socks ride high on the leg and are quite comfortable. While they may look like "average" warm socks, they integrate a smartness that's simply amazing.

The women's gloves are gorgeous and form-fitting. These simply shout luxury.

Even the men's gloves, with a bit a utilitarian flavour, are strong and sturdy without being bulky.

They charge just like smart phones and the heating system contains sensors. The gloves also have touchscreen compatible fingertips.

This synergy of luxurious wearables with modern technology that is an ideal solution for a wide range of customers.

The company's meteoric rise is a testament to the vision and the products themselves.

In less than one year, Quanta Vici has strategically gone from a Kickstarter project to selling its products at Best Buy, allowing thousands of consumers to experience smart heated wearables for the first time.

"We have had a great start, but this is exactly what it is, only the beginning," said Beyk. "The National Defence of Canada is now keeping real-life 'James Bonds' warm and in style with Quanta Vici's products. Despite the challenges of the global pandemic, including the shortage of silicon chips and supply chain issues, our startup overcame them with flying colors."

Yes they're a bit pricey, but we are talking the top of the line of heated apparel here. The packaging alone, even before you open it, screams high-end.

The launch of their Smart Heated Wearable Tech was designed towards being universal, meaning other brands, across fashion, sports, and even therapeutics, can easily licence and integrate Quanta Vici's technology into their own styles of products.

Visit https://QuantaVici.com



King Facts

MARGARET BRITNELL WAS THE FIRST FEMALE MAYOR OF KING TOWNSHIP IN 1972

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SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE BOARD SEEKS DIRECTORS

Southlake is building healthy communities through outstanding care, innovative partnerships, and amazing people. We deliver a wide range of healthcare services to the communities of northern York Region and southern Simcoe County. Our advanced regional programs include Cancer Care and Cardiac Care and serve a broader population across the northern GTA and into Simcoe-Muskoka.

Our team of nearly 6,000 staff, physicians, volunteers, students and Patient and Family Advisors are committed to creating an enviroment where the best experiences happen. As a recognition of our commitment to quality and patient safety, we have received the highest distinction of Exemplary Standing from Accreditation Canada.

With an annual operating budget of over \$500 million, we care for a rapidly growing and aging population and have developed an exciting plan for new facilities to serve our communities into the future. A member of the Southlake Community Ontario Health Team, we are working with our partners to deliver connected care to northern York Region and southern Simcoe County.

The Southlake Board of Directors currently seeks to elect new Directors. To complement our skillsbased Board, we invite applications from qualified individuals with governance expertise and knowledge, and/or experience or skills in human resources, information systems, government affairs or finance and accounting.

Board members must possess a strong commitment to ethical standards, in addition to an appropriate level of education and skill. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate knowledge of the healthcare sector and understand what it will take to meet the future needs of the rapidly-growing communities we serve. Previous experience serving on a public Board of Directors would be an asset.

Board members receive no monetary compensation and are expected to devote approximately 12 hours per month to hospital matters. In addition to serving as a member of the Board, members must serve on a minimum of two Board sub-committees: Audit, Governance and People, Quality, Finance & Property. To learn more about Southlake and the role of the Board of Directors, visit our website at <u>southlake.ca</u>.

Please send a letter or email describing your background and your interest by March 11, 2022 to the Chair, Board of Directors, c/o Tracy Austin, Southlake Regional Health Centre, 596 Davis Drive, Newmarket, L3Y 2P9 or via email to <u>taustin@southlake.ca</u> Candidates will also be required to provide one or more letters of reference.

We thank all applicants who apply but regret that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Applications received will be considered for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

Southlake Foundation has a new Maternal Child Initiative – Homeward – and a goal of raising \$2 million for specialized equipment that gives our tiniest and most vulnerable patients the support they need with one objective in mind – to bring them home.

Wendy and Chris Neal are the Foundation's newly appointed Lead Community Volunteers to champion this fundraising initiative in our communities. The Initiative will fund lifesaving equipment to care for Southlake's tiniest and vulnerable patients. Critical equipment in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Birthing Unit is outdated and needs to be upgraded and replaced to continue delivering leading edge care.

For an infant no bigger than the palm of your hand, every piece of equipment must be tailored to their uniquely delicate and fragile bodies. From monitors that measure the faintest breaths and heartbeats, to beds that offer much-needed warmth and protection to specialized care stations that provide lifesaving intervention close at hand, this advanced equipment is intricate and costly. ing history of support for Southlake as donors and volunteers," said Jennifer Ritter, president and CEO, Southlake Foundation. "They are outstanding leaders who have deep roots in our communities. We are extremely grateful to Wendy and Chris for taking on these roles and know their experience with and commitment to neonatal care at Southlake will go a long way in helping us achieve our \$2 million fundraising goal."

As donors and volunteers, the Neals have been by Southlake's side as champions of local health care in our communities. Most recently, Chris, Co-owner of Neal Brothers Foods, partnered with Michael Croxon, President and CEO of NewRoads Automotive Group, to honour essential workers with their community signs project, raising \$30,000 for Southlake's COVID-19 Action Fund.

Wendy and Chris Neal need only to look at their 22-year-old twins, Sarah and Zoe, to appreciate the care available to them when they were born – and all that is available today to premature babies at Southlake Regional Health Care Centre's NICU.

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Grade 11 students to study Indigenous literature

Beginning in 2023-2024, all students in York Region District School Board will take Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices as their required Grade 11 English credit.

The course is already being offered as an option or replacement for Grade 11 English at many secondary schools in the board. It will be offered in all schools in 2022-2023, and will become the required Grade 11 English credit for all students in 2023-2024.

The course is designed to expand students' understandings of Indigenous peoples, cultures and contemporary realities. Learning about the history, perspectives and cultures of Indigenous peoples, will help students better understand Canada's past, present and potential for the future.

"We are excited to be making this important change," said Heather Sears, coordinating superintendent of Education - Curriculum and Instructional Services and Continuing Education. "Students will continue to gain the important skills taught through Grade 11 English, while learning more about Indigenous perspectives, about Canada, the importance of truth and reconciliation and the relevance of treaty relationships."

"The course is a natural extension of the Grade 10 history course," said Andrew McConnell, coordinator of First Nations, Métis and Inuit education. "By using contemporary works, students will have a chance to see the diversity of experiences and ideas that modern Indigenous people bring to our communities today."



The Neal family (I to r) Sarah, Chris, Wendy, and Zoe.

six pounds nine ounces, and Zoe thirty-three minutes later at six pounds three ounces. But now they are grown and in their last year at Queens University. Both enjoy being active together including, snowboarding.

"The care and the love and compassion that we received as a family – not only towards our daughters, but to me and Wendy and the situation we were in – was pretty incredible," said Chris.

At Southlake, the first 36 hours were critical, and the Neals' healthcare team efficiently and effectively assessed and diagnosed the girls. Sarah experienced bleeding on the brain, and Zoe had jaundice. Both required careful monitoring and treatment to heal and be ready to go home. They were in the NICU for two weeks.

The twins' care was only possible with generous investments from our communities in essential lifesaving equipment that was needed to let these girls heal.

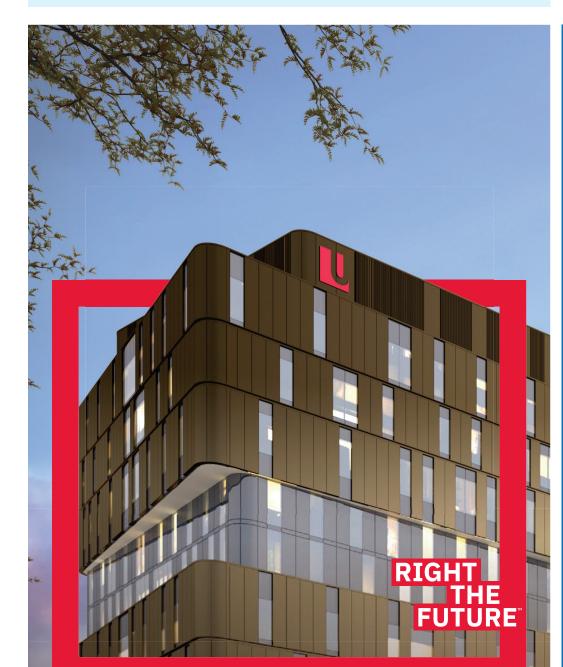
Chris and Wendy recently revisited the NICU 22 years later. They observed with their own eyes that many critical pieces of equipment premature babies need at Southlake are reaching the end of their service lives, and more advanced neonatal equipment is now available. Yet contrary to popular belief, the government does not fund this new or replacement equipment. It creates a monumental financial need to bring such critical specialized advanced lifesaving technology to Southlake. The equipment Southlake needs depends upon our donors' generosity.

"At some point, the needs of the Maternal Child Program must be addressed – I think that time is now. There's a possibility that our children will have their children at Southlake," Chris added. "Are they going to use the same equipment that their parents used? There is something wrong with that."

With 2,600 babies born annually, five new lives come into this world every day at Southlake and almost 20 per cent of these babies need NICU care. And, the demands on Southlake's Birthing Unit and NICU are only increasing as the population in the Southlake catchment area grows.

The Neals feel fortunate to have such an amazing hospital like Southlake. It is just 15 minutes away from their home in Aurora.

"Southlake is a very important part of our community. Having a hospital that provides leading edge care close to home is a tremendous asset. Our girls faced incredible challenges at the beginning of their lives. They were cared for and could live because Southlake had the right tools and technology at the right time," adds Wendy.





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Foundation grows, extends its humanitarian reach

By Mark Pavilons Editor

Expanded efforts by a local organization are ensuring help gets to where it's needed most.

The Uzazi Foundation, led by Schomberg's Jo-Anne Cober, has been helping youth in Jamaica for several years.

The Uzazi Foundation is a Canadian Registered charity that was "conceived from a dream and a need to make a difference in the lives of children in the developing world."

Devon Dunn had this vision in life and finally realized it on a trip to Jamaica where he happened upon a small school in Rural Jamaica called Mount Hermon Primary and Infant school. He asked them what they needed. Most items they told him were things we take for granted here and this is how the story begins!

Fast forward to 2022. Uzazi now has 16 rural and urban schools benefitting from the programs they have developed and continue to grow each year.

Uzazi Foundation is excited to share that they have merged with Jamaican Self Help (JSH). They are another registered Canadian charity that was formed in 1978 by John and Rosemary Ganly, two teachers from Peterborough.

Cober said Uzazi and JSH share the same goals and aspirations to help struggling youth and families get out of poverty through education and community development programs.

Although JSH is closing as an acting charity their programs will be supported through Uzazi Foundation.

Uzazi launched its Auto Tech Program, which has been presented to five high schools in Jamaica. Each school will receive two go-kart engines and two sets of wheels. They are still in need of shock absorbers if anyone can help with this item. They will accept used shock absorbers from cars and repurpose them for use in go-kart construction.

The students will design and build the go-karts from scratch. The competition will be judged on design, ergonomics, cosmetics and of course a race for performance ability! This program will begin in the fall of 2022. The engines just shipped in barrels through Tradespan Cargo. All the engines were purchased at Princess Auto at a reduced cost.

The break down for getting the engines and shipping is \$400 for buying barrels and shipping costs; \$800 for the engines; \$300 for the wheels. They are being purchased in Miami and shipping from there.

The purpose of the Auto Tech Program is to motivate and inspire youth to create tangible units while aspiring to appreciate academic skill sets that are applied to vehicle construction. Also, to contribute to the technological development of Jamaica. Each team where possible is encouraged to have female students on the team.

"This will empower female students to participate along with their male counterparts. One of the schools is a boys' school so we will see how they solve this challenge," Cober said.

The schools participating in the Auto Tech challenge are Munro High, Denbigh High, Spanish Town High, Papine High and Donald Quarrie High.

Financial help is always appreciated. You can e-transfer to uzazifoundation@ gmail.com and their newest platform for donations is through the Canada-Helps.org website. Just search Uzazi and it will bring you to their page. Visit uzazi.ca and there is a donate button there as well.

Uzazi Foundation is always working towards shipping a container. Right now container #3 is in the works. Cober pointed out that the pandemic has created a shortage of containers, which has driven the cost up to purchase one to triple the price they once were.

When the funds are raised they have enough donations collected to fill it. This container will be provided to Woodlands Primary and Infant School as the third component of a cafetorium that Uzazi is building. This cafetorium will provide a principal's office, staff lounge, library, science department and tuck shop. It will be rented for functions in the community as a fundraiser.

Cober pointed out that Uzazi is always collecting items to be repurposed to support schools in Jamaica. Many



Devon Dunn poses with one of the barrels used to ship motors to the school from local donors.

people in the area know that items can be dropped off at 115 Moore Park Dr. in Schomberg. Cober has been collecting items since the inception of the charity and comes home most nights to donations on her doorstep.

The support and love that the King Township community gives Uzazi continues to fill her heart with so much joy. Uzazi would like to thank each and everyone of the people who have helped in the success of Uzazi and helped us help over 13,000 children in Jamaica!

Right now they are asking for working gas stoves, fridges, deep freezers, books, toys for younger children, outdoor play structures, furniture for staff rooms, desks, chairs, school supplies, tablets and computers. The list is endless to be honest. This spring is also when Uzazi has their annual Purdy's Easter Chocolate campaign. Twenty five percent of all sales help send the 3rd container to Jamaica. Orders must be in by March 23. Here is the link – https://fundraising. purdys.com/1201021-92324

At this time the charity is very much in need of financial support to keep all of these campaigns flowing.

Uzazi also sponsors 3 students to attend high school through their scholarship program.

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New portal matches volunteers with opportunities to help during emergencies

The Ontario government is calling on citizens 16 years of age and older to help their communities in times of crisis by joining Volunteer Corps Ontario. The new program will register, screen and train volunteers so Ontario is better prepared to mobilize volunteers and safely respond to emergencies, from public health crises to natural disasters.

"We saw the true Ontario Spirit in action during the COVID-19 pandemic when countless heroes stepped up and volunteered their time," said Premier Ford. "We want to harness that Spirit by establishing Volunteer Corps Ontario to ensure we are prepared and ready to respond when the next emergency comes and requires everyday heroes to once again stand tall and support each other."

all backgrounds and experience levels are encouraged to register. All volunteers would be required to take online foundational courses prior to deployment.

Since launching on Dec. 22, 2021, more than 3,700 Ontarians registered with the COVID 19 Volunteer Portal to support health care providers and others working at COVID-19 vaccination clinics across the province.

The Heath Workforce Matching Portal continues to recruit trained health care professionals to assist with Ontario's COVID-19 response.

Individuals who registered with the COVID-19 Volunteer Portal will be automatically added to the Volunteer Corps Ontario database and given the choice to volunteer for other emergencies.



We all win when we support Southlake's 50/50 community raffle

Two big winners for Southlake's new 50/50 community raffle were announced. Angela F., a registered nurse at Southlake, won the first-ever jackpot of \$35,885! In January, Karen K. of Bradford took home \$23,505.



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"We appreciate our communities' generous support as they continue to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets," said Jennifer Ritter, Southlake Foundation President and CEO. "Each monthly draw generates much-needed funds for Southlake Regional Health Centre, in addition to having a meaningful impact for the grand prize winner."

Southlake's 50/50 community raffle continues monthly, and you can purchase your tickets today. Be sure to get your tickets for the latest draw by Tuesday, March 1 to qualify for the \$1,000 Early Bird draw.

The jackpot continues to rise each day. Donor support is essential to Southlake, because the government does not fully fund new or replacement equipment – critical to funding advanced tools and equipment to support our communities. Our frontline caregivers need these resources to deliver leading edge patient care, close to home.

Details of how the Southlake 50/50 raffle works:

Tickets can be purchased at southlake5050.ca.

All tickets will only be sold to people who are 18 years of age or older. Must be in the province of Ontario at the time of purchase.

Tickets are three (3) for \$10, forty (40) for \$20, or our BEST VALUE two hundred (200) for \$40!

Early Bird deadline for a \$1,000 cash prize is 11:59 p.m. EST on March 1.

The final draw will take place on March 16, at 11:59 a.m. EDT.

To learn more about the Southlake 50/50 Raffle, including the complete rules of play, visit southlake 5050.ca.

Since the inception of Southlake Foundation in 1980, more than \$213 million dollars has been raised in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre. Working with members of the community, hundreds of volunteers, the Southlake Family and incredible donors, Southlake Foundation will continue to support life-saving medical equipment, infrastructure upgrades and expansions, patient programs and staff education, all for the goal of providing leading-edge care for patients and families, close to home. For more information visit southlakefoundation.ca.

King Food Bank lauds its volunteers

Congratulations to the 2021 Award recipients from King Township Food Bank.

At the on-line ceremony held Feb. 28, conducted by the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards, the following were recognized for their distinguished service over the years:

In the 15 year category, Kathy Haverlock. In the 10 year category, Mark Pavilons, Charlie Wilson, Pat Johnston, Nancy Fortnum. For 5 years of stellar service, Meline Beach.

The 2021 Youth Award was presented to Faith Oviedo.

2020 was the first year that KTFB submitted names, and the awards presented in 2021 were as follows:

Ashley and Jim Gairdner for over 15 years; Shawn Kay and Bill Salmon in the 10 year category.

The 2020 Youth Awards were given to Lauryn Oviedo and Madeleine Nikmanesh.

King Township Food Bank is grateful for the incredible contributions these volunteers have made and continue to make, some since its inception in 2005.

Student-led 'Bags of Promise' a lifesaver for homeless youth

By Julia Galt

Trust students to know the value of a good backpack.

Schomberg's Celina Lovisotto, a student at Queen's University, and partner Brooke Baker, a student at the Royal Military College of Canada, are the founders of Bags of Promise, an organization that supplies at-risk youth aged 13 to 24 with reusable backpacks full of essential resources and supplies.

These much-needed items include school supplies, hygiene and self-care products, hats and gloves, masks, water bottles, and more- anything that helps the owner weather the many challenges that come with being homeless.

Founded in spring 2021, the movement was inspired by Baker's own life experiences before university.

"We were both students at Queen's University, and I had confided in Celina my own personal experience with being homeless," said Baker. "That was when we came up with the idea for Bags of Promise."

Initially planning to eliminate the use of garbage bags by replacing them with reusable backpacks, Lovisotto and Baker later decided to fill them with the necessities homeless youth may lackthings, Lovisotto said, that most people "don't have to think twice about."

In addition to their work collecting and distributing backpacks and supplies, Bags of Promise also operates around what Lovisotto and Baker call their "three pillars:" service, advocacy, and education.

These involve reaching out to the community to receive donations, contacting companies for partnerships and sponsorships, and hosting information booths around campus.

Much of the donations for the backpacks have come from King Township community members, with others coming from businesses in King and Kingston, where the two girls attend school.

On the advocacy side, Bags of Promise works to establish public policy and mitigate the gaps in care for homeless youth. They're also working on a mentorship program at the Kingston Youth Shelter, which will connect at-risk youth with university students for peerto-peer support.

Bags of Promise is also in the process of an educational pilot project at a high school in Ottawa, which delivers

shops. Virtual workshops, which will launch in a Calgary high school and throughout Kingston, are also in the works.

"Brooke and I both feel that if we can have these conversations early on, and start mitigating the gaps earlier on, then people won't be left in the dark," said Lovisotto. "Brooke wouldn't have had a difficult time expressing her story

"Youth Homelessness 101"-style work- to her peers, and someone like myself wouldn't have some difficulty approaching it and talking to her about it."

To date, Bags of Promise has packed 60 bags, distributing 30 – 15 for women, and 15 for men and gender-neutral individuals. They plan to distribute the rest in spring, when the needs of the shelter change, and shift their focus to include more food items.

Currently at 12 members, member-

ship is open for any post-secondary students who would like to get involved.

"I always go back and think that if Brooke had never told me her story, then I would have never known, and assumed that she was an individual just like myself who fortunately came from a very supportive home," said Lovisotto.

To join or support Bags of Promise, email bopkingston@gmail.com.

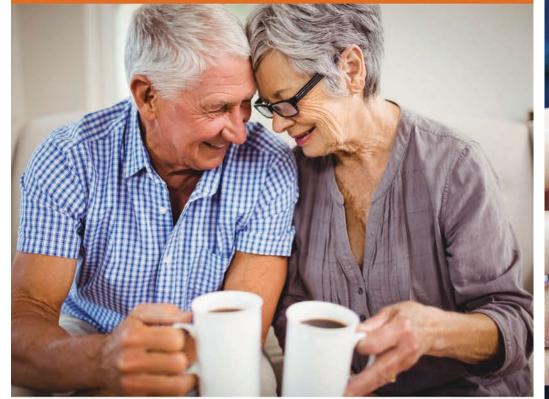






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Artist's work showcased in OFL March 8 Project

By Mark Pavilons Editor

female empowerment stories.

Schomberg's Giovannina Colalillo has applied her talents to promotional art for the Ontario Federation of Labour once again.

The OFL's March 8 Project has been supporting women's organizations across Ontario as they rise, resist, and organize for equality across our province.

This is the 12th year of the March 8 project. The project was developed by the Ontario Federation of Labour Women's Committee to celebrate International Women's Day. This year's theme is HERstory!

According to the organization, it has been an unprecedented two years for everyone around the globe. The pandemic has exposed the hard truth that people getting harmed the most are the people already facing the worst inequities, especially women, who are predominantly our front-line workers, our lifelines.

"We are in a time of crisis and we need to reset our norms to focus on a system of care, a care society. Women are making HERstory everyday as "sheroes" during the pandemic. Celebrate women and their stories of survival, persistence and strength this International Women's Day by wearing an OFL 2022 HERstory lapel pin in solidarity and sisterhood."

These pewter pins and posters are works of art that members and community partners will value for many years to come. Both products are proudly union-made in Canada.

Colalillo said the concept for the Her-Story poster and pin is about women telling their own story, their history/ A King artist's work is highlighting herstory from the female perspective. The stories of these last few years, how the pandemic has effected women in their work and roles as women, at work and at home, are especially important.

The art in the poster represents women's faces - various ages and ethnicities. In the piece, women together with strength, support, solidarity, look straight ahead stare at viewer.

Colalillo said it's like "looking through and getting through," the many various roles and jobs they had to do before during and after the pandemic.

Ideas that run through the art include recovery, renewal, resurgence, rising up, solidarity and strength.

"Women gave up lower paying jobs to watch kids at home," she said. The art also shows women's ability to work and watch kids - balancing work and family.

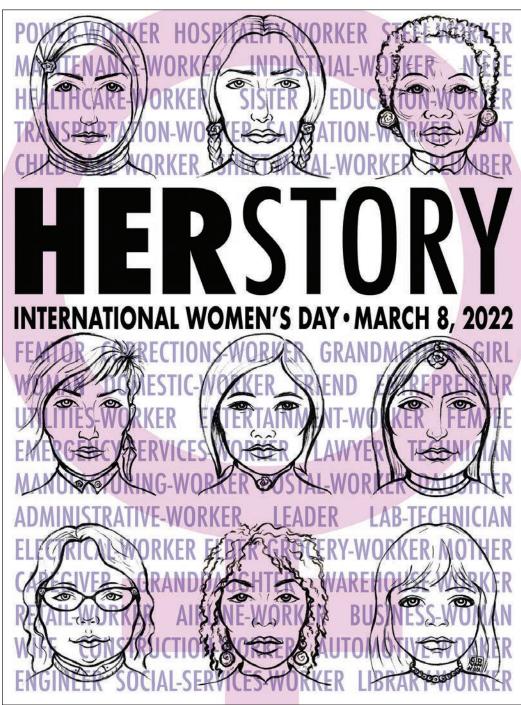
Colalillo noted in the poster and pin each woman has a rose embedded on her.

On the poster you can find the roses from left to right and top to bottom: as a pin on the hijab, ties for the braids, earrings, button on shirt collar, centre collar of shirt, hairline of forehead, corner of glasses, dangling earring, necklace/collar.

The rose represents the rise from a special poem during the suffrage movement.

"Bread and Roses" is a political slogan as well as the name of an associated poem and song. It originated from a speech given by American women's

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suffrage activist Helen Todd. A line in strike." The slogan pairing bread and that speech about "bread for all, and roses too," inspired the title of the poem Bread and Roses by James Oppenheim.

roses, appealing for both fair wages and dignified conditions, found resonance as transcending "the sometimes tedious struggles for marginal economic The poem was first published in The advances" in the "light of labor strug-American Magazine in December 1911. gles as based on striving for dignity and The phrase is commonly associat- respect," as Robert J. S. Ross wrote in 2013.

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ed with the successful textile strike in Lawrence, Massachusetts, between January and March 1912, now often

"I have incorporated a rose in all the posters and pin for the past 11 years. It's referred to as the "Bread and Roses like finding Waldo," she said.

Gallery offers adult art classes in March

The Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe is offering classes and workshops beginning in March.

Several of the Gallery's exhibiting artists are artist-instructors who have an extensive portfolio of teaching experience and knowledge. After receiving numerous requests for classes from clientele, and the fact that things are beginning to finally open up, the artists felt it was a good time to share their love of the arts with you.

Adult classes will be offered beginning in March. Each month a new slate of new and different classes will be offered.

The classes and workshops will include:

- * An Introduction to Reduction Linocut Printmaking.
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For more information, please email oldemillartgalleryandshoppe@gmail.com or come in to the Gallery to pick up a registration form.

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Kettleby author releases LGBT romance novel

By Julia Galt

Kettleby author Monique Duclos has released her first ever novel, an LGBT romance heavily influenced by punk and her longstanding love for California and Los Angeles.

Written in the first person, Inked Caffeine follows the life of Dallas Penske, a barista working at a Starbucks in Hollywood. When Penske meets a local tattoo artist, Jimmy, he comes to terms with his own sexuality and together, the two confront a series of sinister events in the city.

"There's action and violence, but it also touches on some more serious subjects that the gay community still has to deal with today," said Duclos. "There are relatable personal life issues for different individuals. It's an LGBT romance novel that's never been told before, and has you eagerly turning every page."

The first in a series of five novels, Inked Caffeine was first conceptualized in 2011, and published in early 2021. Duclos is currently working on the second book in the series.

"It's fresh, fun, and exciting," said Duclos. "It has adventure, romance, and drama."

Inked Caffeine is available online at Amazon, Indigo, and Barnes & Noble and on Duclos' website, moniqueducloswrites.com.







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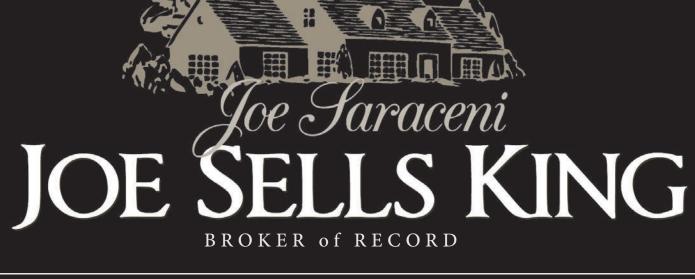
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Wednesday social curlers really 'rock' the house

By Shellee Morning

The Wednesday afternoon Social League is a very unique group of curlers with the retired, semi-retired, shift workers and of course those that can steel an afternoon away from work for the love of the sport.

For the writer's pen, the sheets of King were filled with action last week and the stories per game were packed and stacked with highlights. The early frames in each contest were close on the board always within 3-4 points of each other but they were all truly matched in regards to the "hurry-hards" and laughter that was clearly evident across the ice.

Lady Skips Diane Howard and Maria Ruska were matched up for a battle of defeat and Diva Rights on sheet K. Ruska and her team of Jack Campbell, Lloyd Bloom and Alan Courneya pushed from the hack on a game of solid play throughout. Team Howard with Craig Honey and Pam McKinley never gave up but found the game of chase to be in favour of the opposition. Skip Diane Howard on her last shot of the game delivered an in-off hit on a rock from the edge of the 12 foot ring to roll to the button for a single.

With a healthy lead after the opening ends and a late run by Howard Team Ruska held on for the 6-4 win. Howard said it "was a too little too late but was a lot of fun." She also tipped her broom to Jack Campbell who never missed a shot during their contest.

Skip David Grosse and his squad of Karl Davis, and spares Dan Steenhoek and Grant Morning went end for end against Skip Gavin Bloom and his rink of Richard Quick, Kim Bayley and Nancy Honey.

At times the game was held in serious situations, but not so serious when one member on the Grosse team stopped during play to conduct business on his phone. It is a social league

so anything can happen.

The deciding moment came late in the segment with Grosse up by 2 but with 2 of Blooms rocks in the counting position that could tie the game. Skip Grosse threw his final rock that changed to a Plan B mid-way down the ice for a thin in-off hit of one of his own re-directed and hit both Blooms stones out to sit 3 for the winning score of 9-4. Vice Richard Quick (for team Bloom) smiled shaking his head in disbelief commented afterwards, "it was a really great shot," and then laughed heartedly when he added "he didn't even apologize for his great shot."

Mark Saldat, John De Faveri, Raymond Honey, and spare Shellee Morning scored 2 in the first end of their game but then gave up singles in the next 3 ends against Joe Becker and his crew of Dave Barber, Karl Span and Kim Campbell.

In the 7th, Saldat took over the lead by 1, handing Becker the hammer for the final 8th end. The house was setting up perfectly for a Saldat win after narrow misses by the Becker clan until Skip Joe stepped into the hack. His first rock eliminated one of the opposition counting stones then after Skip Saldat's final stone came up short for the guard, Becker was given another shot at removing another rock for the win.

Vice Barber called the line while sweepers Span and Campbell brushed towards the "Skips Deuce" a hit and stick, a for the 2 point win.

The final game featured Team Rosie Kamstra against Team Steve Bradley. Kamstra's team who consists of her husband Peter, who have not played together in 10 years, along with Janis Gervais and John Caruso. Any team sport, the members of each need to gel in order to produce, and this husband and wife duo did just that. "She's the Skip and it's her call," said Peter, who played his Vice position as he should.

Kamstra led the scoring after solid

efforts by her group and some clutch wards a 2 point lead and a chance for shots by herself for the advantage.

Bradley and his team of Fabio Lus and Vivian De Faveri also played offensively executing superior sweeping and timely take-outs. Late in the game Skip Rosie called on her husband Peter to throw for a double take-out. A text book result on his first shot and a narrow miss by the rivals, earned him to do it again on his second shot. The back to back doubles led Team Kamstra tothe victory dance.

Skip Steve Bradley said that it was a great game where everyone played well and contributed. Bradley congratulated Rosie on a well called game finely tuned line calling and a couple of key "clutch" shots. Her response was that it's a team effort and more importantly it's about the fun and the going out for dinner afterwards ... and that's a winwin in her world.

Schomberg Cougars regain second place with a win and loss

By Robert Belardi

The Schomberg Cougars moved back into second place in the North Carruthers Division with a 6-2 victory over the Huntsville Otters.

The boys then visited their rivals the Stayner Siskins on the road last Sunday in the final game of the month, falling 5-3.

Against the Otters it was all goaltender Tyler Miller in the first period. The Otters netminder, stopped all 14 shots against him to keep the game even-steven.

But in the second period, Miller couldn't do much as the Cougars began to figure him out. Bottero popped in his 28 goal of the season just 1:08 into the frame and Luke Miehm got on the scoresheet 37 seconds later. Before all 75 fans in attendance knew it, it was 2-0 for the home boys.

Thomas Tomlinson scored his first of the year for the Cougars and Bottero put home his 29 of the year near the end of the period with a turn-around snapshot from the house. Tye Lindeman broke the deadlock for the visitors to make it 4-1 in the third.

The Otters came flying into the third period trying to figure out Cougars netminder Tristan Szymanowski and were rewarded. Adam Dupuis' fourth goal of the season put the Otters within two. But Anthony Roberts and Christian Taylor immediately put that hope to rest midway through the third period.

Szymanowski was rewarded with his 11th win of the season.

The Cougars had their work cut out for them as well on Sunday, falling to the Siskins 5-3. Down 2-1 after the first period with Jordyn Palazzo the lone Cougar with the goal, the Cougars pulled the game back even in the second. Samuel Vachon gave the Siskins a 3-1 lead with an early goal, but captain Camerona Kokelj and Palazzo pulled the boys even.

In what was a very tight third period, the Cougars slipped up under two minutes in and coughed up what was the game-winning goal.



Karl Subban speaks with children at Schomberg P.S. for Black History Month

By Robert Belardi

Retired teacher, principal, and father of three NHL players, Karl Subban spoke to children at Schomberg Public School last Friday.

Students from kindergarten all the way to Grade 6 attended the virtual presentation.

Teacher Jennifer Watt, reached out to Subban, to educate her students on Black Heritage Month as well as wellness and well-being.

"She (Jennifer Watt) gets all the credit for me coming to that school. She reached out to me. She didn't stop until she was able to get in touch with me. Through the support of her principal and the administration there, she invited me on board," Subban said.

In the beginning of the presentation, Watt introduced Mr. Subban to all in attendance. Subban now spends his time speaking to groups, about wellness and mental health, hard work and reaching your full potential.

Subban began his presentation by shedding light on the celebration of Black History Month, honouring the success and achievements of black Canadians.

He also shared that he was currently celebrating an achievement on a personal level.

"I'm celebrating a few things. One, it was eight years ago I was in Sochi for the Winter Olympics. And my son was there for Team Canada. I never saw that one coming. But we were there. The second thing I'm celebrating is P.K Subban played his 800th game in the NHL on Feb. 7 against the (Ottawa) Senators," Subban explained.

"I said to them, it all started with a dream. Even the trip to Sochi. That's what I mentioned to them that in my presentation, I will spend some time talking about the importance of life dreams and goals and how they help us fulfill our potential."

He referred to the remarkable storv of the first ever black player in the NHL, Willie O'Ree.

The 86-year-old, Fredericton, N.B., native recently had his jersey retired in January. O'Ree, spent his entire career with the Boston Bruins from 1958-1979.

O'Ree had a dream to play hockey and play in the NHL. He was always in a conflict resolution situation. O'Ree continuously faced racial backlash from fans, players and others.

"But he didn't let those things detract him. Also, he lost an eye early in his career. The doctor had told him you'll never play hockey again. Willie did not accept it. It didn't stop him. The racism the name calling and also being blind in one eye," Subban said.

"It didn't stop him from fulfilling his dream. I asked them, what's stopping you? From being a better person. From being a better student. From being a better athlete. What is stopping you?"

Subban reflected on a time when his son P.K was told by a coach that he would never make it to the NHL. When he asked all the students if words had stopped P.K from making it, they all simultaneously shouted "no."

O'Ree lived by a quote and Subban ensured that it was written so the children can read it.

O'Ree said, "If you think you can, you can. If you feel you can't, you're right." He quoted Martin Luther King and quoted a saying that he lives by. Subban, wanted the children to know that their potential is endless. Everyone is born with it. Nobody missed out on that. It's just a matter of believing in yourself first.

Subban appreciated the time with the students and said everyone was fantastic. Schomberg Public School, was honoured to have Subban speak with all the children and thanked him for his time and motivation.

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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, "Tepid" based on Revelation 3.14-22.

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

Important update on the lifting of capacity restrictions.

A short note from Cardinal Collins to the faithful regarding the lifting of restrictions.

"I wish to extend my deep gratitude for your ministry during these almost two years of pandemic. These have been difficult and challenging days. but I am heartened by the witness and outreach exhibited by all of you in accompanying and caring for the Catholic community as we journeyed through this valley of tears. Please know that your work is deeply appreciated.

"The restrictions have stayed with us for longer than we had hoped are gradually being lifted. Beginning on Tuesday, March 1, capacity limits at our churches, including physical distancing requirements, will be removed just in time for the beginning of the Holv Season of Lent. The Eucharist remains the source and summit of our life in Christ.

"For Christians, participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the central experience of the week, and that is the foundation for the obligation of every Catholic to be personally present at Mass every Sunday. Of course, if there is a legitimate reason (such as being sick) this obligation does not apply. It is understandable as well that some may feel hesitant at first about returning to personal participation.

"But as the restrictions are lifted, now is the time to encourage Catholics to return to physical presence at Sunday Mass, if not impeded for a legitimate reason, in keeping with our basic Sunday obligation as Catholics.

"Masks will continue to be worn in our churches until directed otherwise by medical and health officials. Thank you again for your patience and dedication to fostering a safe environment over the past two years."

Browse our websites:

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

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

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Halleluiah! Nobleton United Church will be celebrating and worshiping in-person starting this Sunday, March 6 at 11:15 a.m.

We have not been in-person for two vears! Masks will be required. We ask that people sit a bit distanced from each other. We will also have a Zoom option for those who wish to join from their home.

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will be our pulpit supply for all of March. We will be able to sing (with our masks on).

The date of the famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner is Friday, March 25. There is a drive-thru option (pick up 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.), and a dine-in option (6 p.m.). We have kept the cost the same as originally planned two years ago! The dinners will need to be booked in advance.

The contact person is Fran Bones, 416-573-3819. The cost is \$22 per adult, \$10 for children aged 5 to 10 years. Children under 5 are free if they are dining in with an adult. We are limiting 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. The dinner includes pasta, meatballs in a special tomato-based (DiFebo heritage recipe) sauce, and a Caesar salad. Dessert for the drive-thru is a white cupcake. Dessert for the dine-in is ice cream with a special Italian crispie waffle cookie called a pizzelle.

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.

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

Nobleton Lions

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

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

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

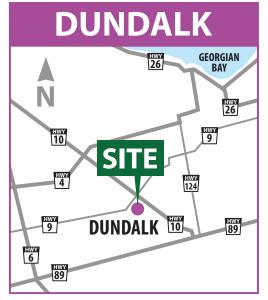
If you have the time and wool, patterns are apparently available on the internet, for slippers of any size or colour. The Nobleton Lions will collect them and forward them to various RMH's in south central Ontario. For followup details please contact Lion Rick at rick@rickevans.net

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

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









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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop 905-590-0054 wsue52@hotmail.com

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.

Blood Donor Clinic

The next Blood Donor Clinic is planned for Wednesday, March 23, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre.

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matters to every patient across Canada because it is something we can do today to help others wake up healthier tomorrow.

Life Teen event

Life Teen presents Youth Mass & Bonfire on Saturday, March 5 at 5 p.m. The Youth Mass will be at St. Mary's Church at 5, followed by a bonfire at the Herald's of the Gospel at 5535 17th Sideroad, Schomberg.

Please RSP to Zephania at 905-830-2644.

United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Schomberg United Church will be celebrating and worshiping in-person at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, at 9:30 a.m. Masks will be required. Chairs will be distanced.

If you prefer to join a service via Zoom, Schomberg's sister church, Nobleton United, will be Zooming its service at 11:15 a.m. Please let me know if

Please book your appointment at you need the Zoom link, if you are not on our regular email blast.

Nobleton United Church will be Remember, your donation matters. It holding the famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner on Friday, March 25. Mark your calendar. Nobleton is offering a choice, pick-up dinners 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. or dinein dinners (at half capacity) at 6 p.m. For more details check Nobleton Notes. This meal is organized by Sue & Gino DiFebo and Val Ball.

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

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



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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday, March 6 marks the first Sunday of Lent which began on Wednesday, March 2 with Ash Wednesday.

The season of Lent lasts 40 days and is a time for reflection and preparation leading up to Easter and it commemorates Jesus's 40-day fast in the desert. There is a Lent guide/devotional with readings and actions available through our office focusing on Living Lent in a "Green Way." If you would like one please contact the office at kcuc@bellnet.ca

Our worship on Sunday begins at 10 a.m. and we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion this Sunday. In order to prepare the elements, we ask that you RSVP to kcuc@bellnet.ca if you will be attending or call our office at 905-833-5181 during office hours (Tuesday to Thursday, 1 to 5:30).

As we have returned to in-person worship we continue to ask that those who attend attest that they have been fully vaccinated. The worship will be

recorded and available on our website kcuc@bellnet.ca later in the day for those unable to attend.

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 You Tube.

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 Erathe Book of Acts.

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

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

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

King City Seniors

We are pleased to add another activity to our schedule. Starting on Monday, March 7 from 10 to 11 a.m. we will offer

Viva Dance. This is a good cardio workout to a Latin beat. This activity covers an eight-week session for a fee of \$40 payable on March 7.

Our other activities will continue as follows: Mondays 1pm Intermediate Bridge; Tuesdays 1 p.m. Bid Euchre; Wednesdays 1 p.m. Novice Bridge; Thursdays 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Gentle Motion; 1 p.m., Carpet Bowling; Fridays at 1 p.m., Euchre.

St. Andrew's **By Kathy Patterson**

We have been enjoying our "safe" in-person services now at St. Andrew's and invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m., the first Sunday in Lent. Alison Agnew will bring us the message.

The worship services are recorded and posted on our website around 4 p.m. at standrews-kingcity.ca for those who cannot attend or may not feel comfortable at this time.

Last Sunday, we were pleased to have the Rev. Jonathan Dennis, our Interim Moderator, with us for our morning worship and for Holy Communion. Following the service, Jonathan moderated our Annual Congregational Meeting which was also on ZOOM for those who

Bob Henderson (Jadeen), Bonnie McPhee (Dave) and their families. Remembered with love by his extended family and friends. Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd., Totten-

held in the chapel on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 11am. Interment will be held in Morningside Cemetery Palgrave. For those who wish, donations in Trevor's Memory to the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated.

left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuner-

could not attend. Another first for St. Andrew's!

The Bible Studies offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, led by Lynn Vissers, our Director of Congregational Ministries, are able to be in-person. Check with Lynn whether they will be held at the church and/or online. Lynn will send you the ZOOM link if needed.

The studies are 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 link.

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.

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Peddle: Gladys (Hayward)

Passed away peacefully at Royal Victoria Hospital on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, after courageously living with diabetes and kidney disease for decades. In her 80th year, Gladys joins her husband and

best friend Ray, who passed away in 2013. She leaves behind her beloved daughter Charlene and son-inlaw Ian who will greatly miss her enduring love and friendship. Gladys will be greatly missed by her dearest son Darren. Grandma will be missed very much by her three grandchildren, Hayden, Zachary and Mackenzie whom she loved immensely. She was predeceased by her brothers Albert Hayward and Cyril Hayward, and is survived by her dear siblings Ethel Abbott, Roy Hayward, Lloyd Hayward (Mary), Phyllis Burnand (Greg), Marlene Abbott (Ted), and sister-in-law Pat Hayward. She had many friends who considered her their "Best Friend". If you were friends with Gladys, you had a friend for life.

The family would like to thank everyone who reached out and supported Gladys over the past few difficult months, right up to her final days. Gladys lived life to the fullest, always with a ready smile, laughter on her lips and a sparkle in her eye. That is the way she will be remembered always, by everyone who loved her.

The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Saturday, February 19, 2022 from 12:30 - 3:00pm. A private funeral service was held in the chapel following the visitation at 3:30 pm. Interment will take place in the spring. Donations in Gladys' memory to Tottenham United Church (26 Mill Street, East, Tottenham, LOG 1W0) would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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CLOSS, Colleen

side at Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 87 years of age. Beloved wife of late Andy Closs, late Blake Coulter and late Don Munshaw. Loving mom of Debbie (Henry) Beintema, Larry (Christine) Munshaw, Bill Munshaw and Cathy Laurence (Norm Flynn). Proud grandma of Jeffrey and late Theresa Beintema; Michael (Nadia), Ricky and David (Kristen) Munshaw; Sarah and Roland Laurence, Sara Flynn and Melissa Flynn (Matt). Cherished great grandma of Katana Parker; Mina and Ian Munshaw; Addy and Camille Flynn. Dear sister of Sandra (late Bud) Ingledew. Colleen will be fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews; and the Closs, Coulter and Munshaw families.

A visitation was held at Skwarchuk Funeral Home, 30 Simcoe Road, Bradford on Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 2-4 p.m. A Spring interment will be held at Kettleby Cemetery.

In Colleen's memory donations may be made to Diabetes Canada.

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HENRY, Lorne Andrew Trevor

Peacefully passed away with family at her Peacefully at his home in Orangeville, on Thursday, February 24, 2022. Trevor Henry in his 94th year, beloved companion of Evelyn Henderson (née: Cairns). Loving father of the late Doug Henry (Mary Ellen), Diane Trimble (Chris), and Lenore Snell (Bob). Dearly loved grandfather of Jason, Jackie Lee, Derek, Kurt, Craig, April, and great grandfather of Myles, Addison, Ellie, Cooper, Liam, and Demi. Predeceased by his siblings Eunice Sloan (the late Russell), and Gerald Henry. Forever in the hearts of Evelyn's children:

> The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams ham 905-936-3477 on Monday, March 7, 2022 from 2-5pm. Funeral Service will be

Online condolences and memories may be

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Notice to Creditors and others in the estate of Joseph Z. Dale deceased, late of Tottenham, Ontario, who died on January 28, 2022. Take notice that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named must file with the undersigned Estate Trustee by March 31, 2022 a full statement of their claims and of securities held by them. Cori Gould

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Do keep in touch!

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Shrove Tuesday annual drive-by pick-up Pancake Dinner took place March 1.

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 ness of the cross. 'Forgive', says Jesus, 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 forgive-

'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."

No YRT fare increase in 2022

York Regional Council approved a continued freeze on York Region Transit (YRT) fares in 2022, maintaining the rates set in 2019 as residents continue to feel the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"York Regional Council remains committed to providing a reliable and customer-focused transit system for travellers across the Region," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "Freezing transit fares will support travellers who rely on public transit to get to work, school and other places they need and want to go."

Fares have not increased for the last three years due to the pandemic.

"YRT has continued to operate throughout the pandemic, ensuring transit remains a viable option for all residents," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, chair of the Region's Transportation Services. "Transit remains an essential service for many and supports communities and travellers by maintaining fares and meeting the demands of customers through a variety of transit options."









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