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King has released its 2022 paving schedule for Township roads. Some residents feel their road should be included in the list of priorities.

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Council updates paving plan, includes gravel road forecasts

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King is ahead of the game when it comes to paving its road network.

For some residents, upgrades to their roads can't come soon enough.

Councillors discussed the roads capital project update with some last-minute additions.

Councillor Jakob Schneider wanted staff to create a separate schedule for the remaining 64 kilometres of King's gravel roads. This will let residents know where they stand on a timeline for scheduled improvements.

Two 17th Sideroad residents asked that priority be given to a small, two-kilometre stretch.

Andrew Brown said similar nearby portions of road and he's disappointed this piece isn't included in King's short-term schedule. The dust-suppressing used on gravel in the summer is not effective, he said, and he wanted this

portion included in the paving schedule.

Linda Lord agreed, noting it's a very hilly section and paving would improve the road greatly.


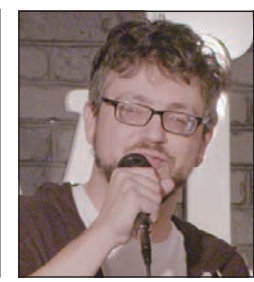
Samantha Fraser, King's public works director, said their 10-year strategy is data-driven, based on traffic and usage. She added visual surveys are conducted of every road to determine the priority.

One of the reasons why the 17th was not identified was it hosts lower through traffic levels. This road also requires a full reconstruction, and they can't just put a layer of asphalt on top.

King's roads needs assessment is updated every two years, and a new one is coming shortly.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini asked staff if they could extend their schedule beyond the 10-year time frame. He also pointed out that King has paved more roads in the past three years than it has in the past 30. They've accelerated the paving program.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, May 30
6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

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

Monday, June 13
6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, May 25
6 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by email at solvieri@king.ca by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Thursday, June 2
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.

Thursday, June 9
3 pm - Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board Electronic Meeting

Tuesday, June 14
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 10 am on the day of the meeting.

Tuesday, June 14
6 pm – Committee of Adjustment (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.

All applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day they close.

- Building Inspector (6-Month Contract) – Deadline May 18
- Camp Program Coordinator (Seasonal; Contract) – Deadline May 19
- Camp Counsellor (Seasonal; Contract) – Deadline May 19
- Inclusion Camp Counsellor (Seasonal; Contract) – Deadline May 19
- Aquatics Manager (Seasonal; Contract) – Deadline May 19
- Aquatics Supervisor (Seasonal; Contract) – Deadline May 19
- Aquatics Lifeguard and Instructor (Seasonal; Contract) – Deadline May 19
- By-law Student (Student; Contract) – Deadline May 20
- Water/Wastewater Operator – Deadline May 24
- Project Manager – Parks – Deadline May 26
- Construction Inspector – Parks and Facilities (12-Month Contract) – Deadline May 26

REMINDERS

Holiday office closure

The municipal offices at 2585 King Road will be closed for the Victoria Day holiday Monday, May 23, re-opening at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 24. If you have an urgent matter requiring attention during the closure, please contact our 24/7 after-hours service at 905-833-5321 and your call will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Half-load Restrictions

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per axle starts on designated Township roads effective March 1 to May 31, 2022 per our By-law 2017-103. For further information call 905-833-5321 or visit our www.king.ca/roads

Municipal water flushing

The Public Works Department flushes all water mains and hydrants in King City, Nobleton, Schomberg and Ansnorveldt in the spring. As a result, residents over the course of the next few weeks may experience low pressure and/or discoloration. This process contributes to the safe, effective delivery of municipal water and does not affect the safety of your water. Should you require further information please contact the Public Works Department at 905-833-5321.

Notice to property owners destroy weeds

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 16 and 23 THAT unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Municipality of the Township of King are destroyed by date of 1st June, 2022, and throughout the season, the Municipality may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging costs against the land, as set out in the Weed Control Act.

All properties ten (10) acres or less may have noxious weeds destroyed without notice to the owner. The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING NOTICE OF MEETINGS RENEWAL OF PARKLAND DEDICATION BY-LAW

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

At this time, Council/Committee meetings are being held virtually. This will be an electronic meeting held virtually and live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

In accordance with Section 42 of the Planning Act, Council of the Township of King is holding the following meetings:

RE: Committee of the Whole Meeting: **Monday, May 30, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**
Draft - Parkland Dedication By-law
(Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, June 27, 2022)

The Township of King's Parkland Dedication Staff Report and draft By-law will be presented at the Monday, May 30, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the June 27, 2022 Council Meeting. Information will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, May 26, 2022.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, June 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**
Final Parkland Dedication By-law
(Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, June 27, 2022)

The Township of King Council will consider adoption of the Final Parkland Dedication By-law at the June 27, 2022 meeting.

Public Comment:

To comment in writing, please send written comments to the Clerk's Office at clerks@king.ca no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting**. Written comments will be circulated to Members of Council prior to the start of the Meeting and will become part of the formal record of the meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak to Council virtually (Audio-telephone in) must register by contacting the Clerks Department at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting**. When your registration is received, a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the virtual meeting will be provided. Please provide your full name, address, contact details when contacting the Clerks Department. Please note that all comments will become part of the public record.

For further information regarding the Draft Parkland Dedication By-law, please contact: Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance & Treasurer at ptollett@king.ca or by telephone at 905-833-4010.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services/Township Clerk

NOTICE OF MEETING AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

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The Audit Committee of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold an Audit Committee Meeting to review, discuss and receive the Report to the Audit Committee – Draft 2021 Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

**Monday, May 30, 2022
at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Live streaming of the meeting will be available to the public, during the meeting, via <https://king.ca/meetings>

Kathryn Moyle
Director, Corporate Services
Township Clerk

Traffic Disruption Notice Hwy. 27 and King Road

Please be advised that Hwy 27 (between Sheardown Drive and Hill Farm Road), Hill Farm Rd, Wellar Ave and King Road (between Wellar Ave and Old King Road) will experience periodic traffic disruptions for the

**Nobleton Victoria Day Parade
Monday, May 23rd, 2022
Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

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Dated at the Township of King May 9, 2022



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BY-LAW 2022-032

Funds come from different sources

From Front Page

The mayor noted money for some road improvements comes from the development charges fund, paid for by developers. Using this money saves taxpayers' dollars.

Fraser added King is actually ahead of the game and ahead of its own schedule. They took advantage of great contract prices provided by contractors, to stretch their funds.

Schneider asked for the separate gravel road strategy to come back to council for approval. Mayor Pellegrini also wanted community consultation. He did note that traffic, by nature, will take motorists everywhere and with mobile GPS, shortcuts are found everywhere.

He mentioned that aside from the gravel roads, some paved stretches are in awful condition and need attention.

He said the Township is trying to be fair across the board and he knows from experience that not all residents agree on paving all the gravel roads.

Fraser said the strategy provides the best value and promotes the longest life for King roads.

Councillor David Boyd initially thought Schneider's motion would pit residents against one another for priority and he didn't want to skew the original strategy.

Fraser said it would not impact the overall strategic, mostly because funding for gravel and paved roads comes from two different sources. Staff will provide the two separate strategies.

Councillor Bill Cober said this will be a valuable tool moving forward. Road improvements aren't biased, and there's no division between rural and urban needs.

Roads identified for upgrades in the budget his year include Kettleby Road and almost 4 kilometres of Woodchopper's Lane. It also includes the 18th Sideroad, from Concession 7 to .38 kilometres east. Diana Drive will a reconstruction, as will portions of the 17th.

Funds for some of these will come from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

While council had previously asked for work to be done on the 11th Concession, staff said the portion between Highway 9 and the 19th will be removed from this year's schedule.

Chamber hosts candidates' debate

Make your voice count.

The King Chamber of Commerce is inviting you to "Meet Your Candidates" Tuesday, May 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at King City Senior's Centre, 1970 King Road, King City.

Come out to meet your local candidates for King-Vaughan in the upcoming provincial election. Candidates will discuss their platforms, address issues concerning our community and answer submitted questions.

Confirmed so far are Stephen Lecce (PC), Gillian Vivona (liberal), Samantha Sanchez (NDP), Michael Dimascolo (New Blue). Green candidate Ren Guidolin is unable to attend.

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Cracking open a two-four with purpose

It's that time of year we've all been waiting for: the "unofficial" start of summer.

Never mind that summer proper will still take another month to get here, give or take a few days; if we have an opportunity, even early, to get into that easy, breezy summer mindset, I'm all for it.

Summer did indeed arrive early this past weekend, even if Mother Nature did do a little fancy footwork to fake us out and bring things back down on Monday to more reasonable temperatures.

And people enjoyed it to the fullest. Our trails and parks have been hopping, our sports fields have been packed, and our water features – ponds, kettle lakes, and, yes, even well-kept and deceptively picturesque stormwater management ponds – saw a booming business.

We Ontarians are subject to harsh winters, a season which, thanks to reasons we all know about, is becoming increasingly unpredictable. So, even if we're jumping the gun on the whole summer thing, let's just count it as our just reward after the long stretch of November to April.

As much as I welcome the start to summer – official or otherwise – it's also a season of one of my biggest pet peeves: the evolution of the so-called "May Two-Four" weekend.

It seems that Victoria Day, a double-barrelled holiday that is not only to celebrate the May 24-born Queen Victoria, a woman often dubbed the "Mother of Confederation", but it is also designated as the Monarch's Official Birthday, whoever he or she might be at the time.

It's served as the "official" Canadian birthday of Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII (although he only stuck around as King for a single May), George VI and his daughter, Elizabeth II – all of whom, with the possible exception of the eventual Duke of Windsor, have, in my opinion, served this country well and continue to do so.

Comment By Brock Weir

Maybe that's why I bristle just a little bit every time I hear the days leading up to the Monday itself as "the May Long Weekend" or, in the case of people who simply associate the "unofficial start of summer" with popping open a cold brew, the aforementioned "May Two-Four."

Don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to pour cold water on anyone's summer fun – I've been anxiously awaiting it myself – but it feels like yet another occasion that has been stripped down from its purpose and rebranded in the most generic way possible.

It's not the only example, either. This country is rife with holidays and observances which are either just mentioned in passing or simply serve as footnotes on the calendar.

On February 15, how many of us celebrate Flag Day?

"We have a Flag Day?" you might ask yourself, perhaps thinking that this was strictly an American thing.

Yes, National Flag of Canada Day is indeed February 15 – but, outside of a few cursory tweets from our politicians or civic-minded organizations, it's a day that typically comes and goes with little more than a whisper.

Last month was Vimy Ridge Day, an anything-but-statutory holiday introduced by the Government of Canada in 2003, following a campaign led by a veteran of the Korean War, to commemorate those who took part in what historians argue was Canada's most decisive battles and an integral stepping stone on our road to true nationhood. Aside from flag-raising and talks spearheaded by local Legions, museums and historical societies, it came and went with very little notice.

Lost amid Christmas, Hanukkah

and other religious observances in the late fall and early winter is an official holiday which marks the anniversary when Canada became nation truly autonomous from the United Kingdom – but, aside from the display of the Royal Union Flag outside of government buildings, this very important date in our history as a country is just an ordinary December 11.

Then there's the thorny issue of just what are we celebrating in August? Yes, of course, we're celebrating and enjoying a well-earned holiday Monday, but are we commemorating the legacy of John Graves Simcoe (for better or worse) as the name Simcoe Day suggests? Well, in some parts of Ontario, the answer is yes. In theory. If you're in Guelph or Ottawa, you're commemorating John Galt and Colonel By respectively.

Many provinces have declared it a day to celebrate just that, the province as a whole, but Ontario is an outlier – so we just enjoy the day as it unfolds paying little attention to just why we have the day off.

Yet this Victoria Day is a unique one. It's a chance to celebrate the continued legacy of the Queen of Canada in her Platinum Jubilee year – an occasion that has never before been celebrated by a Canadian monarch.

With some imagination, it could be a day to celebrate and recognize not only her service to Canada, but the significant advancements we have collectively made as a nation since the start of her

reign in 1952: leaders, innovators and advocates who have helped shape our country; the recognition and advancement of the rights of peoples who have been historically marginalized in these lands well before Confederation; the emergence of our nation on the world stage; and the continued examination of just who we are as a country.

"Over the course of her reign, Her Majesty has been a constant presence in the life of Canadians, offering steadfast leadership in times of change, hardship or uncertainty," said the Prime Minister at the start of the Platinum Jubilee year. "She has shared in some of the proudest and most memorable moments in our recent history – from the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Confederation in 1967, to the Montreal Olympics in 1976, to the proclamation of the Constitution Act in 1982. Her Majesty is the patron of more than 600 charities and organizations, including 36 in Canada. To this day, she continues to show our country her devotion and generosity, and to champion our most cherished values of unity, peace and freedom."

Unity, peace and freedom are three words that are oft-mentioned in today's heated political climate, but I think we can agree they are values that are indeed cherished however we define them.

If we must crack open a Two-Four this weekend, let's raise a can or glass, even if just for a moment, to Victoria Day and what – and who – it really represents.

Health Care *Health Connect makes it easier to access timely care, Lecce says*

The Ontario government and Ontario Health have launched Health Connect Ontario, a new tool that will allow Ontarians to call or chat online with a registered nurse and find the health care services and information they need all in one, easy-to-use website.

Health Connect Ontario will replace the former Telehealth Ontario, adding enhanced online tools and allowing individuals to call 811 or visit the website 24 hours a day, seven days a week to get health advice, help navigate health services and find information. This will help Ontarians avoid unnecessary visits to emergency departments and unneeded delays in accessing care, helping to preserve hospital capacity for when it is needed most so that the province can stay open.


"Families in King Township and the City of Vaughan deserve equitable access to modern, patient-centred online health tools," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "By launching Health Connect Ontario, our government is making it easier for King and Vaughan families to access potentially life-saving health care advice when they need it."

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— Rumi

Trivia Tidbits

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Are you planning to attend outdoor festivities in King this year?

a) Yes	<div style="background-color: black; width: 50%; height: 15px;"></div>	50%
b) No	<div style="background-color: black; width: 50%; height: 15px;"></div>	50%




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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Does any one provincial leader stand out from the rest?

a) Yes
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Green living is good for you and the planet!

By David Suzuki

Comment

It's hard not to despair over the state of the world, but one well-known, proven antidote is action. And though what you do every day to avoid environmental damage may seem small and ineffectual – especially if you feel no one else is doing anything – know you're not alone. Green living is coming onstream faster than ever before, and many people taking many actions add up to a world of difference.

Of course, confronting major issues like climate disruption, pollution and species extinction requires top-down actions from governments, industry and societal institutions, but each of us can contribute to the tidal wave of change the planet needs. After all, humanity's utter interdependence with nature means that how we treat our surroundings affects us all.

One-in-five Canadians feel the planet is too far gone: yet not all is doom and gloom

A study on the fate of the planet, conducted by Tero finds one-in-five Canadians feel the planet is too far gone and their personal actions will not make a difference.

That number is much higher among younger adults (31%) than those 55-plus (13%).

The Tero Planet Poll asked 1,506 Canadians about the state of the Earth and who holds the main responsibility for its fate. More than half of people (53%) feel angry, anxious, and helpless about the future of the globe, with women (60%) feeling much more so than men (47%). Young people (68%) also are far more stressed than those 55-plus (44%).

Four-in-10-Canadians feel COVID-19 and the rise of weather-related disasters have increased their commitment to the environment (women at 44% and men at 34%).

Two-thirds of the country feel the state of the planet is a problem for future generations. When asked about responsibility for the future, three-in-10 said it's the government's role (that number rises to 46% for younger adults). In contrast, an overwhelming 86 per cent feel it's corporate Canada's job to provide solutions for a more sustainable world.

"Governments at all levels have a huge role to play as well. They do so through regulation and consumer/corporate incentives," said Elizabeth Coulombe, Tero co-founder and president. "Nevertheless, companies have an enormous self-preservation incentive in addition to a moral responsibility. Also, as a citizen, it is possible to make a difference through managing household waste and other measures."

Eighty-six per cent of consumers feel they have the knowledge, power, and tools to reduce their household waste (including food). A similar number (88%) feel it's easier to reduce their footprint by taking smaller steps rather than overhauling their lives. Three quarters are willing to adjust their lifestyles to help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Personal action is a great entry point into making the world a better place. With good information, anyone can make informed choices and adopt sustainable practices. Mindfully considering your habits and their effects on nature can also help you develop a deeper understanding of complex challenges our species faces.

Linking environmental issues to everyday activities makes environmentalism easy, accessible and tangible. And simple steps like walking, cycling or taking transit instead of driving, or growing your own food and making your own home cleaners and personal care products, can save money and improve your health and quality of life.

Get out of your car. Plant gardens for butterflies and bees. Take part in climate strikes. All are ways to connect with others, build relationships and ignite hope – important for mental health. Learning about and practising sustainable habits will also help you more confidently participate in conversations on topics you care about.

It can be a challenge to live sustainably, though. That's because many of our systems are deliberately designed to promote excessive consumption and waste for the sake of profit and economic growth. Making changes in your life can catalyze deeper involvement in activism – in your community and beyond – to improve those systems.

With so much going on in our lives, it can be difficult to know where to start, or find ways to step up our efforts. Joining a local organization is one option, but lots of online resources can also steer you in the right direction.

For almost two decades, the David Suzuki Foundation's Queen of Green program inspired thousands to adopt Earth-friendly habits. Recognizing the

need to remove barriers from participating in sustainable lifestyles and to seek input from diverse segments of society to identify solutions, the Foundation recently launched a renewed Living Green program.

Growing awareness of social and justice consciousness has brought problems in the eco-lifestyle community to light. It hasn't always accurately reflected the true cross-section of society and, historically, could be considered sexist, classist, colonial and gendered.

Marginalized people and those living in remote or rural communities often face greater barriers to adopting green lifestyles – including lack of safe and sustainable transportation infrastructure, food insecurity, precarious work or housing, income insecurity, affordability of everyday goods, access to green spaces and environmental racism.

Disproportionately shouldering the role of nurturer in households and communities – including workplaces – women are also more likely to champion environmental causes and support sustainable lifestyles. Studies show some men won't adopt green behaviours such as carrying reusable tote bags because they could be perceived as "too feminine."

It doesn't have to be that way. Diverse communities in all socioeconomic circumstances have long traditions of practising sustainable lifestyles for economic, cultural and survival reasons. And to overcome environmental crises, we all have to contribute. We can learn from each other, and the beauty and strength diversity brings is not just theoretical; it's proven by science.

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Policy restrictions have caused the housing crisis

By Wendell Cox

Comment

For 18 years, I have been monitoring international housing affordability as author or co-author of the Demographia Housing Affordability series. The latest edition rates 92 major markets in eight nations using the “median multiple”: the median house price in a place divided by the median pre-tax household income.

In the early 1990s, median multiples in Canada, Australia, Ireland, New Zealand

and the United States were 3.0 or lower. That means the median house cost no more than three times the median income.

Even in the mid-2000s, housing affordability in Canada’s largest “census metropolitan areas” (or CMAs) was still as good as in 1971. Toronto’s median multiple was actually 0.4 percentage points lower than in 1971, at 3.9, while

Montreal, Ottawa-Gatineau, Calgary and Edmonton were all between 2.7 and 3.1. The exception was Vancouver, which deteriorated from 3.9 in 1971 to a very unaffordable 5.3 in 2004.

How things have changed! Toronto and Edmonton provide the starkest contrast. In 2004, the average price of a single, detached house in the Edmonton market was about \$200,000, while in Toronto it was \$320,000. March 2021 real estate reports indicate that the average Edmonton price is now a bit over \$500,000, while in Toronto it has risen to nearly \$1.7 million.

In other words, prices are up about 150 per cent in Edmonton but nearly three times that (430 per cent) in Toronto. In the mid-2000s, Edmonton’s median multiple was 2.8 and Toronto’s was 3.9. By 2021, Edmonton’s median multiple had risen to 3.6, while Toronto’s was a staggering 10.5. The difference between the two cities rose from 1.1 in the mid-2000s to 6.9 in 2021. That’s a massive increase, equal to nearly seven years’ worth of household income.

How did this happen? The cause was not underlying demand. Between 2004 and 2021, the Edmonton CMA experienced much stronger population growth, 46 per cent, compared to Toronto’s 27 per cent, according to Statistics Canada. Nor do differences in construction costs explain the gap. Data in the Altus Canadian Cost Guide do indicate that house construction costs are, in fact, higher in Toronto – but only about 30 per cent higher, a far cry from Toronto’s 240 per cent higher house prices.

The real difference between the two CMAs is in land values and regulation.

The one big change in the two cities’ environments has been Toronto’s “Places to Grow” policy, introduced in 2006, which imposed a greenbelt. Like an urban growth boundary, greenbelts generally ban new housing on the urban periphery, where land costs are most affordable. Economic research has associated these urban containment strategies with huge increases in land values – generally from 10 to 20 times – where development is still permitted, that is. And that’s before subsequent price escalation when normal demand growth outstrips the newly rationed land supply.

Toronto is not alone in imposing such obstacles to affordable growth. Around the world, many metropolitan areas have adopted urban containment, usually to stop urban expansion (for which the ideological term is “urban sprawl”). Households have paid a heavy price, as housing costs have skyrocketed relative to household incomes wherever there is a strong urban containment policy.

From London to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Auckland, Sydney, Melbourne and elsewhere, the result has been the same. Vancouver, which adopted urban

containment much earlier than Toronto, has even more unaffordable housing: its median multiple is now 13.3. Only Hong Kong and Sydney had more unaffordable housing in the latest Demographia report. Skyrocketing returns may attract international investors to markets such as these, but they make life unaffordable for normal people.

In each of these urban areas, the median multiple was around 3.0 before urban containment. After it, house prices have doubled, tripled or risen even more relative to incomes. Lower middle-income households have been forced to seek subsidized housing, for which there is insufficient political support to supply adequate volume.

Other middle-income and even upper-middle-income households can no longer afford the middle-income houses that until recently were typical of life in Canada. Meanwhile, the housing affordability crisis has morphed into a standard of living crisis. In the United States, the higher costs of living in the most expensive metropolitan areas are at least 80 per cent explained by their higher housing costs.

In this environment, younger generations – millennials, generation Z and those who follow them – face unprecedented challenges in acquiring the same housing that was affordable to their parents and grandparents. At the same time, however, places like Edmonton and many other smaller population centres across the country are still within reasonable reach and may well remain affordable – so long as they do not opt for urban containment, in which case their median multiples would begin to track Vancouver’s and Toronto’s.

However, the crisis is spreading as households leave the Toronto and Vancouver CMAs to acquire the housing they desire. This intensified demand, along with similar provincial and local restrictions, has led to rapidly rising house prices in places like Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, Brantford and London near the Greater Toronto Area, and Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Nanaimo and Kelowna near Vancouver.

The prospects for material improvement are dim in urban containment markets unless regulations on the urban fringe, even if beyond the greenbelt, are relaxed. Greenbelts poll well and are liked by many, especially those already owning houses next to them. But if middle-income housing is to be within reach of younger generations, affordable land needs to be made available. We face a clear choice: a modest expansion of greenfield development or greater housing poverty.

Wendell Cox is a senior fellow at the Frontier Centre for Public Policy and author of Demographia International Housing Affordability.

Live green and feel better for it


From Page 5

As humans, we must embrace diversity – in our families, organizations and communities.

It’s important to push for changes to the institutional and societal structures and beliefs fuelling the climate, biodiversity, pollution and other environmental crises, and the changes we make in our individual lives signify support for those large-scale shifts needed to protect nature’s diversity and the well-being of all life. They can also get us to question our values, an important step in a world where wealth and unbridled consumerism are often prioritized.

Live green. You’ll feel better for it. Let’s all be part of the solution!








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Township departments see increases in 2021

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Four divisions of growth management services at King all saw growth in 2021, despite the challenges presented by the pandemic

Building, bylaw enforcement, economic development and planning were merged in 2021 under Growth Management.

Each division, according to staff, saw a maintenance or increase in activity level. The building division saw a 2.5% decrease in permits, but this was the result of transferring swimming pool permit approvals to Public Works.

The total number of permits was roughly the same as 2020, with significant increases in residential dwellings, additions and commercial related permits. Of note, the value of construction projects increased by 30% from 2020 to 2021, indicating both larger scale projects and inflationary costs of construction materials.

Bylaw enforcement saw a 17% increase in the number of complaints and investigated over 2020. Last year, staff handled 2,847 incidents.

Visits to EconomicKing website grew last year, resulting in 81 new business investment inquiries, up from 61 in 202. A total of 24 new businesses opening across King in 2021. The department, through the Community Improvement Plan, delivered more than \$58,000 to 13 local businesses.

Planning saw a dramatic increase in the total number of applications, a hike of roughly 50%. Official Plan amendments, site plan applications, zoning bylaw amendments and minor variances led the way.



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Financial Advisor

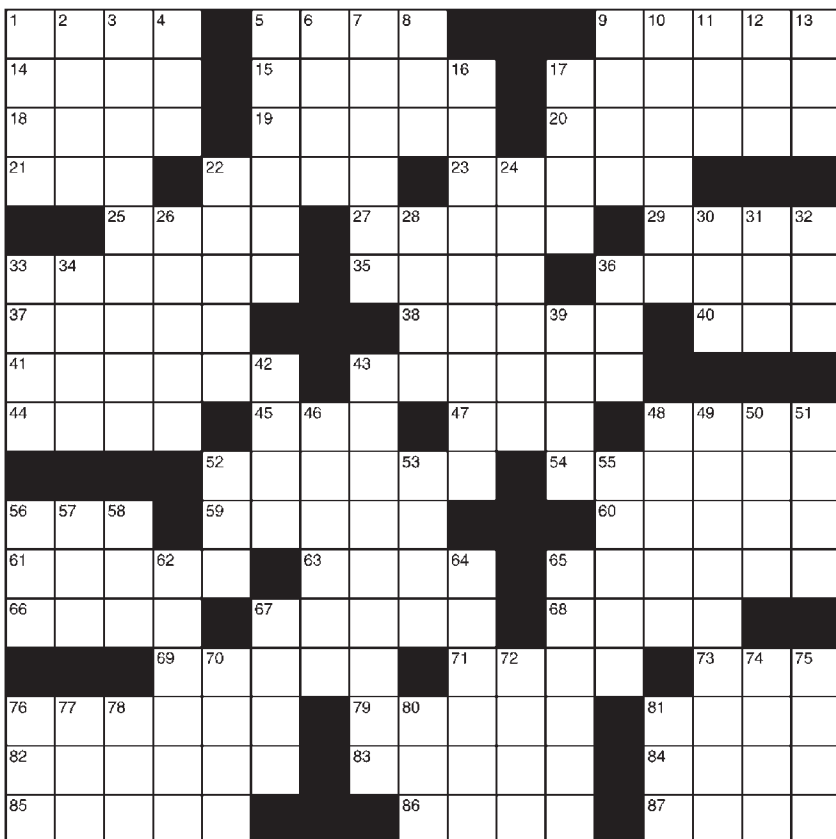
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Local Ukraine fundraiser still needs your support

By Mara Wray

It has been two months since Tom and I created a fundraiser to show our support for Ukraine after war broke out Feb. 24.

We have been selling colourful signs depicting sunflowers – the national flower of Ukraine – and packs of sunflower themed greeting cards for \$20 each. The signs can be displayed in windows or on the lawn (step stakes included) and are a constant reminder that you stand with Ukraine.

We decided to aim for \$10,000 and have raised \$5,000 so far. Donations submitted to the Canada Ukraine Foundation go towards humanitarian aid for items like food, water, shelter, hygiene products, medical supplies, heating, fuel, etc.

A dedicated Facebook page “Support For Ukraine” has been created to spread awareness and give updates

on businesses carrying our signs and greeting cards.

In Schomberg, they’re available at 399 Main St. Scruffy Duck Pub, Grackle Coffee shop, Cottage and Crown, Blumarbl, Schomberg Dental and Schomberg Library.

In Nobleton, you can find them at Cappuccino Bakery and Nobleton Library.

In King City, look for the at The Roost Cafe and King City Library.

We’d like to see businesses in other neighbourhoods get on board, so please let us know if you can help. Call Tom at 416-994-0174.

Check out the cheerful 18 x 24 image printed on art weave, coated with a protective finish and displayed on a bright blue frame. It’s the perfect conversation piece for a fence or wall, and it’s for a very good cause.

We’d like to raise the next \$5,000 as soon as possible and with your help we can do it!



Tom and Mara Wray

Cash donations down at York Food Bank

The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) has sadly hit a lull in the amount of cash donations received this past April for their annual Spring Plant Compassion campaign.

The FBYR normally executes three monetary campaigns each year to help raise funds from the community to support their ongoing programing, to make food purchases, and support their operational needs. When compared to the incoming cash donations from last April’s Spring Campaign, the monetary contributions have decreased significantly by 55%.

“Monetary donations have continued to decline post-COVID and unfortunately that is not the case with food insecurity. Our network did see a small dip in how many people we are feeding once we entered a covid-recovery period, but only by 4%,” explains Alex Bilotta, founder and CEO of the Food Bank of York Region. “Whereas, we saw a 70% increase in the number of people we were feeding from 2018 to 2020, prior to the pandemic beginning. We’re still feeding more people than ever before, and we don’t anticipate that need to change much in the coming months.”

The FBYR is appealing to all residents of York Region to consider making a cash donation or gift to their non-profit organization instead of food donations at this time. Due to their capacity to source and collect bulk amounts of perishable and non-perishable food products on a full-time basis, they currently have plenty of food to go around and share amongst the network.

What they do need is funding to maintain their current programs and build upon new ones, hire, and train staff to run these programs, to purchase select perishable food products as needed, and support their operational costs when it comes to their fleet of vehicles and general logistics.

The programs run by the FBYR support a network of 70+ social service organizations, and 23,000 unique individuals across 7,000 low-to-moderate income households in the region. When you support the FBYR, you are indirectly supporting children, seniors, and individuals alike experiencing hunger and food insecurity. Cash contributions are vital to helping the FBYR feed more people in a time where our society is facing high inflation rates in food and housing pricing.

Consider donating to the FBYR and help create stability in the lives of those who need it most. For more information on the FBYR and ways to donate, please visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/70947>.

The Food Bank of York Region is the regional food hub and mobile food pantry with a network of 70+ social service agencies and emergency home delivery programs. The network supports food programs in the nine municipalities of York Region, serving 23,000+ individuals in 7,000 households. The COVID-19 pandemic increased the number of people accessing food bank programs in York Region by 42% from 2018, expanding the threshold of food insecurity to a larger scale of members of our community.

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Guide Light offers residents, elderly peace of mind

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A GTA entrepreneur is passionate about giving back. He's also adamant about saving lives.

Tony Nowzari wants to ramp up the use of his Guide Light, currently in use in King, and communities across the country.

"I'm not here to save the whole world," he admitted. "But if I can just one person, it's all worth it."

He admitted there are many devices on the market that alert 911 or responders when there's an emergency. But the key is they have to find you and get right to your door.

Guide Light helps pinpoint your location with a bright light and directs emergency personnel to your home, saving valuable seconds.

It's a simple, intelligent light bulb, complete with its own remote, that brings help right to your door. In fact, it's been proven to save lives. Each

bulb is synchronized to the remote.

You simply replace your existing exterior light bulb with the Guide Light. In the event of an emergency, it flashes red, alerting first responders and neighbours of trouble. The light can be seen a great distance away Day or night, emergency personnel can find you much faster.

Guide Light has already been installed in many King homes and its response has been amazing. It has also saved lives and that's what makes it all worthwhile.

"I want to get the Guide Light in everyone's hands," he said.

Not only does it direct personnel to your home from miles away, it alerts neighbours and passers-by that there's an emergency. Even a stranger can be a hero in a time of need.

Nowzari noted that while GPS is a major benefit in locating people's addresses, it's not perfect, especially in rural or remote communities. Several Indigenous communities have also expressed interest in the light. They can also be used on barns and other accessory buildings on large properties, too.

Nowzari has also received very positive response from fire departments across Alberta and even south of the border. The product is extremely well received at trade shows across North America.

He said his main motivation is to help seniors and the elderly who live alone. He has great respect for our seniors' population, noting they worked hard to build this country of ours. They deserve to be protected and shouldn't have to worry about their safety, he said.

The flashing red light can also alert neighbours and the police about threats like break-ins and home invasions. It also offers great peace of mind for those at home recovering from surgery who have limited mobility.

Nowzari said it's like an insurance policy – you may not need it today, but when you do, it's a life-saver.

He's passionate and he's always giving back to the communities who use the Guide Light. A percentage of sales go to charities and to help sup-

porting seniors.

Nowzari pointed out it's an ideal community funding project and it's in everyone's best interest. He's urging corporate sponsors to get on board and pitch in so every single res-

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For more on the product itself, contact Nowzari at 416-876-1010 or Tony@safetyaid.com

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Stephen Lecce, PC candidate for King-Vaughan, brought Team Lecce to participate in the 17th annual Strides for Mackenzie Health held May 14, at Canada's Wonderland. Mackenzie Health announced they surpassed their goal by 114% and were able to raise \$163,074.51, so far.

Team Lecce participated for the fourth time in this exciting charity 5KM walk-run.

Lecce has been a strong advocate of quality health care for the community and as MPP for King-Vaughan, he delivered \$20 million in funding for Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Mackenzie Health Richmond Hill Hospital that will directly improve medical care from mental health to emergency health. Stephen also delivered an additional 256 long-term care beds and is building a new long-term care home for the Mackenzie Health Vaughan Long-Term Care Facility, so that seniors can get the quality care they deserve.

"Such amazing strength and spirit from our community who came together in support of the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital," said Lecce. "I am so glad Team Lecce rallied together again to participate and raise funds for Mackenzie Health to ensure our loved ones receive the best care in their time of need."

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Lecce, PCs stand on their strong track record

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The Progressive Conservatives, according to King's representative, are the only party with a clear path to sustainability.

But you don't have to take Stephen Lecce's word for it.

The provincial government, during Lecce's first term as MPP, has delivered more for the riding than any previous one. More money has been injected right here in King than ever before.

Lecce said he's worked very hard to serve and deliver results. He has a solid track record of getting things done and bringing about change, and never losing focus on what matters – his local community.

Even amid union negotiations that Lecce was thrown into to help fix by Ford, and global economic challenges, and once a century pandemic, he remained present, active, and dedicated to King. Lecce showed up and delivered for King, as the mayor and council have repeatedly said.

"This is what builds community," he said.

"Being engaged, focused and working with all levels of government to get things done – be it high speed internet, the new King Recreation Centre, or the King City GO expansion."

Let's not forget that Lecce was literally thrown into the deep end as Minister of Education. At the outset of his term he had to deal with challenging teacher and union negotiations, one year into his tenure as MPP at 32 years old. Once those were ironed out, the pandemic hit, throwing the education system around the world into turmoil.

"I was tested from day one," he observed.

But Minister Lecce responded quickly and efficiently during unprecedented times.

Just recently, Lecce was pleased to announce funding for a new school in Kleinburg. Back in the fall of 2020, the Ontario government invested \$550 million in accelerated funding to build 20 new schools and upgrade eight others, along with ventilation upgrades at every school in King and Vaughan.

Some of the best results came in our health care system.

Even during a pandemic, the Province delivered, opening the state-of-the-art Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital that will serve the riding for decades to come. This was Lecce's most pressing priority – fix the Liberals' "hallway healthcare" that hurt many families."

Recently, Lecce and Christine Elliott announced much-needed funds to expand York's jewel, Southlake Hospital, and build a new hospital.

To top things off locally, the Province provided roughly \$17 million in funding for King's new Township Wide Recreation Centre. This will be a centrepiece for the community for generations to come.

Lecce noted that it took only two years from the funding announcement to the point where shovels hit the ground. He worked closely and tirelessly with King council, Mayor Steve Pellegrini and other levels of government to make this happen. Lecce has proven that he will work across party lines and all levels of government to collaborate and deliver for the community.

Lecce said he initially ran to fill a generational void, and be that voice in government. He wanted young people to have a say on the issues of the day, which include jobs, housing and entrepreneurship.

It seems to have paid off. Numbers of young PCs and volunteers are strong and young people are becoming more politically aware and active.

Residents in King-Vaughan deserve a say and he's been listening throughout his term. He stressed he's been active and present and he's done his best to ensure the community gets its fair share, and benefits from infrastructure improvements.

To that end, upgrades at the King City GO station will benefit many commuters. There are also plans for a second Vaughan subway stop at the east end of the municipality.

Upgrades have been made to broad-



band internet access for constituents, especially those in rural King.

The government has also committed to providing long-term care beds to improve space, with over 500 beds delivered by Lecce for King and Vaughan.

Lecce said people are tired of politicians who offer a never-ending list of excuses.

"We need political leaders who are ready to work across party lines and get things done," he said.

In all of his high-level duties and responsibilities, Lecce said he never forgot those who sent him to Queen's Park – the voters of this "diverse and beautiful community."

Investments in infrastructure, including the expansion of Highway 400, will help alleviate congestion along major highways. Lecce pointed out that the GTHA will welcome some 900,000 more people in the coming years.

His position has been a labour of love and he's still very much excited and energized to continue his work as MPP.

While affordable housing remains a challenging issue, the Progressive Conservatives do have a strategy to increase supply to bring the costs down. Being more efficient and removing roadblocks will go a long way to addressing the problem.

The Conservatives are the "only party that wants to build with a vision," he said. Building for the future – both in infrastructure and in housing. Congestion untimely costs the economy billions in lost productivity and impacts the environment. Ford has a plan to get people moving.

He added his colleagues have achieved a strong "customer service focus."

While Lecce serves two distinct communities in King and Vaughan, hard working residents deserve the same thing – tax relief, affordable child, quality health care and education.

He's worked hard with politicians at the local level to achieve results.

Some constituents have praised Lecce for being consistently professional, poised and full of grace in the face of fire.

Said one local resident: "Stephen got handed some of the most difficult challenges in a generation and under such pressure, he demonstrated grace and dignity in office. He has earned my support as a moderate guy that never stops working."

Another said: "He's a young man that is thoughtful, intelligent and always kept us seniors on his mind. He clearly has a bright future and deserves another term."

Lecce reflects on his family's immigrant experience, the son of immigrants, he feels blessed to be a citizen of "the best country on earth – truly a nation of limitless opportunity."

Lecce said he feels a moral obligation to give back to the country that gave his family, and so many others, jobs, freedom, a stable and safe democracy, and hope.

"It's all in how you stay focused," Lecce concluded. "I will stay focused on our community and ensuring we have a seat at the table to get things done – to improve local infrastructure, grow the economy, and protect the social services that we depend on. That is my commitment to you."

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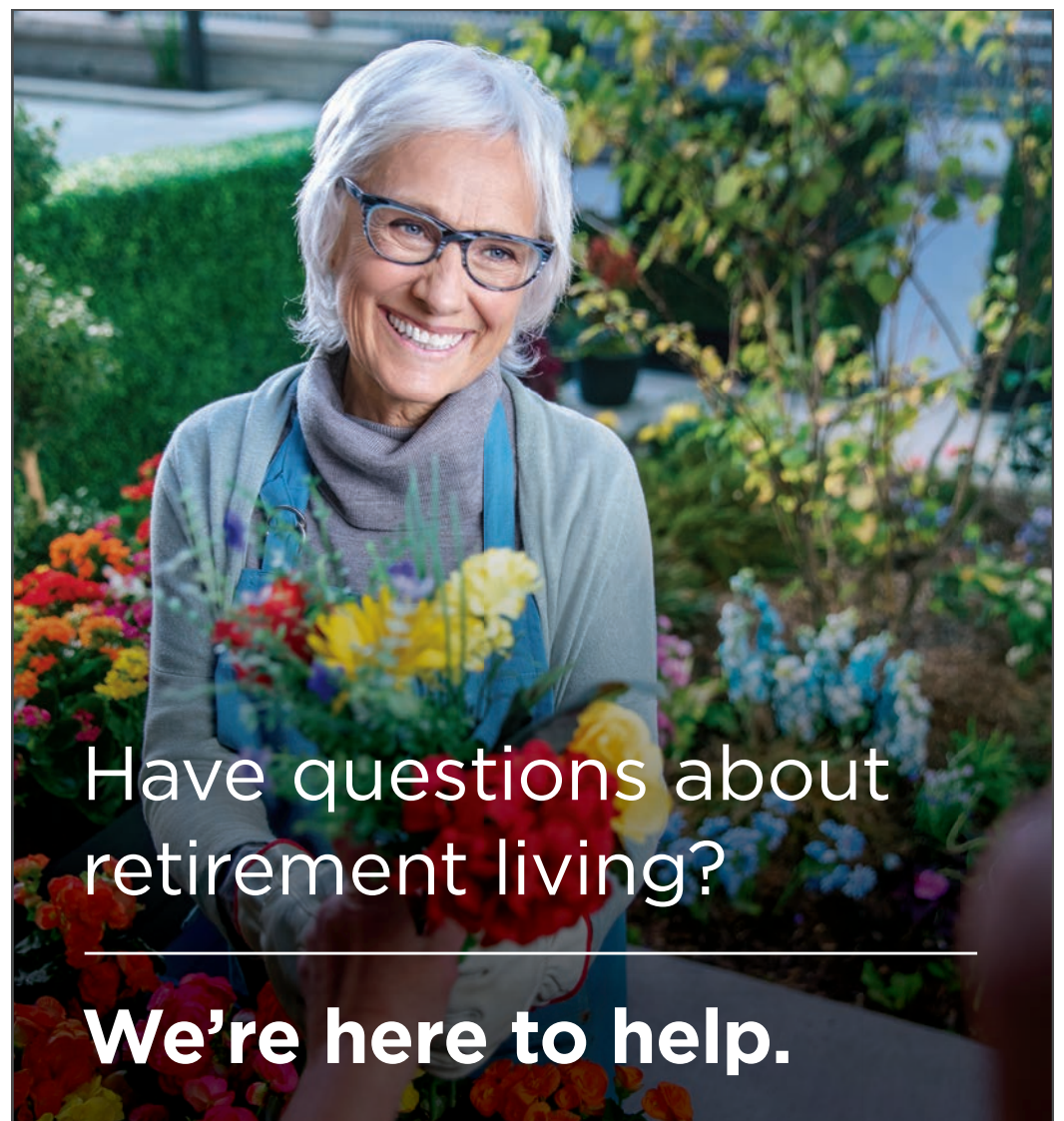
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The best thing about King is its people!

McHappy Day receives tremendous local support

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Canadians from coast to coast to coast came together to celebrate the 28th annual McHappy Day fundraiser last week, in support of local charities and Ronald McDonald House.

In Schomberg, 50% of the proceeds raised from the McHappy Day will be contributed directly to Toronto Ronald McDonald House and 25% will be donated to The We Believe in Abby Foundation to support the building of an accessible park in Schomberg, and 25% to the King Township Food Bank.

It is a McHappy Day tradition for civic and community leaders to join us in our restaurants to celebrate with customers.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini did an early morning shift, followed by Abby volunteers and members of various community organizations. Councillors David Boyd and Bill Cober also donned aprons in support of the event. Some special guests came from the CFB Borden Command Team.

“Proud of our teams that have worked so hard to prepare for McHappy Day 2022. Throughout Canada, this day will help make a difference in the lives of 26,000+ families this year,” said local franchise owner Rory MacKinnon.

Becky Eveson, Abby’s mom, said she’s always grateful to the support Rory and his team have shown. She shared some thoughts that came to

mind:

“In 2014 while Abby was admitted in the Cardiac Critical Care Unit at SickKids Hospital in Toronto, another little boy of a family from up North was admitted to the same room, there are 4 children in a room. Our family was leaving random acts of kindness at this time. I remember hearing that the baby had not been diagnosed prenatally. I walked into the room and saw the mom falling back into a chair hearing about how sick her child was. It made me flash back to that moment of when I went through the same thing with Abby. As I was leaving that night I saw the family in the waiting room and went up to them and handed them a gift card for dinner from venues at SickKids.

“No expectations. Thinking they would never know who I was. I posted the story on this page, We Believe in Abby. The baby, Jaxon, did not survive. Someone has made the connection that the act of kindness I had posted about was about a family that they knew. It was a grandchild to a firefighter family that Craig was familiar with.

“Our story and the families story didn’t end there though. There is a SickKids heart parent Facebook group. To connect with one another and discuss things heart parents would understand. There was a post in 2019 that Jaxon’s mom shared her story as a comment and I happened to see it. It made me think that it might have been the baby that Abby had shared a room with

for a short time. So I asked some questions and sure enough that is who it was. We started chatting privately and discovered they live in Burk’s Falls, very close to our cottage. Last summer we actually managed to meet in person as they came to visit us well we were north.”

“Wednesday, at McHappy Day, I turned around to find Jaxon’s family

joining us for McHappy Day. They happened to be close by and decided they wanted to come to support the event.

“It was a very small act of kindness 8 years ago that made this story happen.

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Southlake Emporium Run raises \$330,000 and counting

By Brock Weir

Hundreds of supporters of Southlake Regional Health Centre laced up their running shoes on Sunday for the annual Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, raising \$330,000 and counting for local health care provided by the hospital.

Held April 24 on Newmarket's Davis Drive, the 2022 Run for Southlake was a return to in-person activities last held in 2019 and participants were not only eager to get in some exercise for a good cause but to also say thanks to the healthcare professionals who have been working tirelessly through the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're super-excited to be back in person," said Jennifer Ritter, President & CEO of the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation, who emceed the event alongside Southlake Regional Health Centre President & CEO Arden Krystal. "Together, alongside patients and staff, friends, family, supporters and volunteers, we're so grateful to have you all come out to support the jewel in our community, Southlake Regional Health Centre...and the incredible people who have been looking after us for so many years and particularly during the last two difficult years."

"Today means so much to us," added Ms. Krystal. "It has been a long two

years, but we've come together stronger and more resilient. Southlake is your hospital and we're here for you when you need us. We're always by your side and today you are here by our side when we need your support."

Sharing in the excitement was Newmarket Mayor John Taylor who said the "massive turnout for this incredibly important day" was an exciting one for north York Region and South Simcoe.

"Many of you are here because this hospital has touched you personally, for a family member, for yourself, a friend - maybe a parent, a mother, or a father like Madison Macken who runs each year in her father's memory," Ms. Ritter continued. "It is an important day and everyone is here because it has a great personal meaning."

This is certainly the case for Joe D'Addario, Owner of Nature's Emporium, the title sponsor for the event.

"Ten years ago when we first got involved with the Run, it was our dream that this would become a tradition and it's safe to say that indeed the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake is a tradition," he said. "Thank you to this great community for always coming out and supporting us. It means so much to us. We have raised over \$2.3 million over the past 10 years and it's something I am very humbled and very proud to be a part of. It's a great testament to our

community and it underscores what is truly important to us all: living well and supporting our community."

Speaking to the crowd, Newmarket-Aurora MP Tony Van Bynen hailed these community partners for helping build better communities.

"I am so proud to be a part of the community that champions healthcare for our families, our friends, and what our neighbours deserve," he said. "Your support here makes it possible to deliver leading-edge care close to home. Nothing is more important than our health and investing in our hospital is a vital concern and a vital priority for

our community."

At press time the 2022 Run for Southlake had raised north of \$330,000 with a strong showing from the Aurora community. The Town of Aurora's aptly named "Team Aurora" currently leads by a significant margin in the Municipal Cup stakes, which is given to the municipal government that raises the most for the event. Orange Fitness Newmarket-Aurora is also leading the Corporate and Business Team Challenge, while the Optimist Club of Aurora leads the Community, Family & Friends Challenge.

For more, visit runforsouthlake.ca.

King Chamber hosts Mayor's luncheon May 25

The King Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Mayor's Annual Luncheon on Wednesday, May 25, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club, featuring Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Mayor Pellegrini will highlight the Township's key accomplishments for 2021, King's resiliency during the COVID-19 pandemic, and will share project updates and discuss future partnerships.

Tickets are available at www.kingchamber.ca/events.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has presented King with challenges that have tested us, brought out the best in us, and highlighted our strength and resilience," said Angelo Santorelli, resident, King Chamber of Commerce.

"The King Chamber of Commerce is pleased to invite the business community and others in King to the Annual Mayor's Luncheon. Mayor Steve Pellegrini will discuss King's successes, plans for the future and will answer questions from participants. It promises to be a wonderful event."

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Group asks council to back hike

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A major fundraiser is getting a boost from King Township and its councillors. Jennifer Adams asked King to help promote the Hike for Hospice event in aid of Margaret Bahen Hospice.

She pointed out the hike is the group's largest fundraising and many residents come out to walk in the memory of a loved one. This year's format will be virtual once again, being held May 22-29.

Participants are asked to share their stories on social media.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor Avia Eek both vowed to use their social media connections to promote the event.

To operate Margaret Bahen Hospice and Doane House Hospice, it costs roughly \$1.8 million annually. Government funding covers a little over \$1 million, leaving a shortfall of some \$850,000.

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Arts & Entertainment

Former resident shines in AMI's 'Breaking Character'

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

A King native is using his talents to spread awareness.

And he doesn't mind if you laugh at him.

AMI's Breaking Character explores disability representation through the eyes of six performers with disabilities.

And one of them is Nobleton native Dan Barra-Berger, a legally blind comedian.

Dan, a stand-up comic who is partially sighted, made the long list of CBC's Next Up competition series. Now he just needs to become a regular on the comedy club circuit.

Though humour is at the core of everything he does, so is storytelling. With the support of his partner Michelle, Dan is on a path to combining those talents to make people laugh, subvert their expectations and advocate for a more accessible world.

He's been doing stand-up on-and-off since late 2017 when he attended the Second City Training Centre.

"It's something I'd wanted to get in to for a very long time, but didn't have the drive, time, or opportunity. Comedy has opened up a lot of doors for me, leading to speaking lines on TV shows (I'm on Apple TV's SEE, for example), commercial work, and now, Breaking Character. And beyond that, who knows?"

He admits making people laugh is a bit self-serving.

"I mean I know they're more at ease when they're laughing, and maybe in that, they're less focused on my disability. And also, when I'm on stage and talk about disability, I know some of the crowd's laughter comes from their

discomfort – which is good! They have to consider why they're laughing, and I can use that opportunity to teach and, hopefully, change their misconceptions about blindness."

After losing his vision in 2009, he spent a few years in "recovery" and went through a divorce in 2012. He then went travelling.

"I backpacked solo across Europe, armed with just my white cane, and over those eight months I relearned how to do everything for myself. I also learned how to tell my entire vision-loss story in a succinct two-minute 'Coles Notes' version. I began to play with how I told that story, and began to realize people were attentive, they laughed when I knew they'd laugh, they'd ask questions and I'd have answers.

"So I guess I'd say losing my vision led me indirectly into doing comedy, and having had what I'd call my toughest gigs – explaining to a group of inebriated backpackers about something as heavy as my disability, I doubt I'll find many stages more intimidating.

"That's not to say it doesn't scare me every time, going on stage. But I believe that nothing's worth doing if it doesn't scare you, even just a little bit, since you learn something about yourself every time. If it's easy or not scary, you're probably doing something wrong."

Throughout Breaking Character Dan tries to defy expectations.

"I think that's something all six of us featured in it do. The truth of the matter is we are not represented well in any media form, and while that's changing, it's a slow process.

"Sighted people have played blind roles for decades, even though there are talented blind actors at the ready. The



same goes for wheelchair users, neurodivergent people, people in the deaf community, and any number of other disabilities and differences – they've all been portrayed, often incorrectly or as the butt of jokes, by able-bodied people.

What Breaking Character hopefully shows is that they're more than capable of doing the work, and with the lived experience, they give an authentic representation of the role and not just a script-writer's idea of it.

"Also too, we try to show that our disabilities shouldn't be our raison d'être, that we be included in film and televi-

sion not because our disability is a plot point. That's a more realistic portrayal of real life, and film, theatre, TV, modeling, and comedy have a long way to go to truly understand inclusion.

"Breaking Character does a great job of showing that, yeah, we're here, ready and willing to work hard. We know it's an uphill battle, but we're getting there. And lucky for the casting directors out there, I know at least six people who can fill any role perfectly."

In the past decade, less than three percent of films featured a character with a disability.

And, often, these rarest of roles have been taken by neuro-typical and able-bodied actors.

But the industry is at a tipping point as it feels the push for a more inclusive representation.

Major broadcasters have committed to auditioning actors with disabilities. Advertisers are creating campaigns that reflect disabilities in a relatable manner while promoting their products. Those leading the fight aren't just the ones in front of the camera but the people representing them.

Breaking Character is a candid 10-part documentary series capturing the journey these mold-breaking performers make as they navigate the fast-paced and sometimes cutthroat entertainment industry in Hollywood North. Each episode delves into the performers' daily lives and takes us behind the scenes as they go through the audition process, hone their craft, eagerly await news of whether they got the gig, and adapt to the pressures of life in the business.

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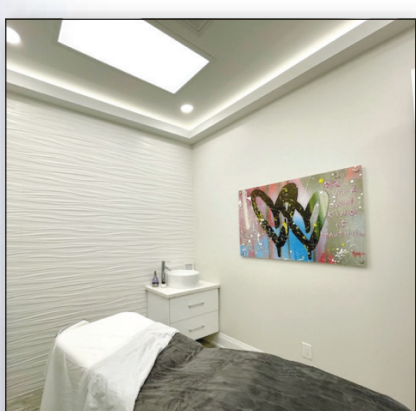
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Unusual finds await at Schomberg book store

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Old books have some pretty neat stories to tell.

Blow off the dust and crack one open to visit bygone days and learn about many of society's milestones.

There's definitely an air of mystery in George Burt's antique book store in Schomberg. Nestled inside

the historic and charming Olde Mill on Schomberg's Main Street, Burt displays roughly 2,500 books from his vast collection.

The floors in this 1840s-era building creak. The books and antiques on display have that deliciously musty smell. You can't help but be drawn to the shelves, where history awaits.

Burt's retirement goal was to open a book store in Schomberg, but his wood-

turning exploded into a demanding hobby. He's a common face at almost every local craft show and community event.

The octogenarian is ready to once again welcome the public into his world of books, following the pandemic restrictions.

From fraternal organizations and underwater exploration, to military history and rare collector's editions, Burt has it all. He specializes in out of print and rare books, things you just can't find in a library.

He has many antique books that have brilliant covers and spines, making them ideal to display in any home decor. He also has rare children's books.

He does his research online and

prices his books accordingly. You can find books on virtually any subject matter.

Burt also welcomes inquiries from the public and he will evaluate your old, rare books to give you an idea of their value.

He hopes the bookstore will be a destination shop, and attract regular visitors. The building is also home to the Olde Mill Gallery, a collective of 10 local artists from across King. It's an amazing collection of a variety of themes and media.

While Burt is at the gallery most days (Thursday to Sunday) from 2-5 p.m., he is recommending people book an appointment or contact him. You can email him at cdnoble@rogers.com



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Pieces of Laskay Hall history up for grabs

By Erika Baird

Over the past 160 years hundreds of people have made memories in Laskay Hall. Though it may feel timeless, the Hall has undergone many changes since it was first built by the Sons of Temperance in 1861, all with the intent of making the space as functional and welcoming as possible.

Some historic changes include installation of the wood panel interior in 1926 and building a chimney in 1954, while many remember the more recent move of the Hall to the King Heritage & Cultural Centre (KHCC) in 2017. With each change ensures that the Hall remains strong and standing to welcome a new generation of visitors.

With all of these changes, some may long for the old days and memories made over the years.

We are now offering you the rare opportunity to take these memories home and own a piece of Laskay Hall. For many years one of the features of the Hall have been the historic wooden chairs that are now known as the "Laskay Hall Chairs."

With newer, more functional, chairs now furnishing the hall, there is no longer available space to store the over 80 wooden chairs at the KHCC. The chairs are now available for sale for \$20 each to take home and be cherished by a new owner.

Each chair will be marked with an official "Laskay Hall Chair" stamp on the bottom and numbered for authenticity. Condition for each chair is "as is" (remember, they've been sat on many times). They are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The KHCC will retain 10 chairs for the King Township Collection to be preserved and exhibited for present and future generations.

Chairs are available at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, 2920 King Road, King City Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. while supplies last. Please direct all inquiries to kingmuseum@king.ca or 905-833-2331.

Erika Baird is Heritage & Cultural Supervisor with the Township of King.

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Masons offering child ID program at Schomberg Fair

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A missing child is every parent's worst nightmare and Ontario has the highest per capita rates.

Often, parents don't have identifying items handy when they have to call police to report a missing child.

The MASONCh.I.P. program is back again at the Schomberg Fair, running May 26-29. This child ID event is being sponsored and supported by volunteer Masons of York Masonic District.

This free program involves the collecting of such identifying features as fingerprints, digital still photos, video interview, height, weight and age and DNA swabs of each child.

All this information is given to the parent or guardian. None of it is kept by the event provider but the information gathered is fed into the Amber Alert program.

The MASONCh.I.P. program uses modern, police-approved techniques to create a child identification kit for the ones you love.

The kit collects photos, video, voice recordings, digital fingerprints, saliva swabs as well as traditional statistical information (height, weight, hair and eye colour, etc.).

This information is matched to work seamlessly with Ontario's law enforcement providers. By being so compatible, the critical identifying information can be broadcast and shared more

quickly than ever before to assist with the safe recovery of missing children.

The kit is a valuable resource and parents can take copies everywhere they travel.

The MASONCh.I.P. program is brought exclusively to families by dedicated Masons and their volunteers, free

of charge.

The Masons have developed the tools, management skills and volunteer network needed to provide one of the most comprehensive child recovery and ID programs in North America.

Stop by and say hello when you're at the Fair this year.



King reduces number of days that fireworks can be set off

King Township has updated its fireworks bylaw and will increase enforcement on the Victoria Day weekend to help keep residents and property safe.

An updated fireworks bylaw was passed by King Township Council at the May 9 meeting with several changes including:

Reducing the number of permitted days to set off fireworks (eliminating the two days immediately preceding and following the designated days).

Fireworks can only be set off between dusk and 11 p.m. on the designated days.

Vendors will now require a permit to sell fireworks within King Township.

The bylaw penalty structure was increased to address the severity of the offence.

Fireworks can only be set off on Canada Day, the Victoria Day holiday and the third day of the Diwali Festival.

Fireworks cannot be set off on any public land, including parks, parking lots or roads. They are potential fire hazards and the loud noises they make can negatively impact pets, livestock, wild animals and people sensitive to loud noises.

They must be set off at least eight metres from any structure and three metres from property lines, public walkways or roadways.

Enforcement will take place over the Victoria Day weekend, including stationed officers and officers on general patrol. Enforcement will include any prohibited activity occurring in parks or on roads. There will be zero tolerance for contravention of the updated bylaw.

To report a complaint or concern contact the Bylaw Division directly at 905-833-4002 or by email at by-law@king.ca. Please report any issues as soon as possible.

Residents are being encouraged to attend the Nobleton Victoria Day Fireworks display on Monday, May 23 at the Nobleton Arena. Be sure to come early because parking and space fills quickly. For the best views, attendees are welcome to sit in the field behind the Nobleton Arena at 15 Old King Road. The show starts at dusk.

For more information, please visit www.nobletonvictoriaday.com.

"We listened to the community when drafting this new bylaw, particularly where animals have been seriously harmed because of local fireworks. Fireworks are beautiful but are also potentially dangerous if not used properly. Instead of setting off your own, plan to attend the fabulous display in Nobleton," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"We've adjusted our fireworks bylaw to strengthen our current permitting process and provide staff with a greater ability to regulate the sale, use and display of fireworks within the Township of King," added Fire Chief Jim Wall.

Did you know that most parents do not have identifying items ready to help law enforcement quickly recover a child that has gone missing?

The MASONCh.I.P. Program, offered by the Masons of Ontario at absolutely no cost to the parents or guardians, provides a way to collect pertinent information and packages it in a kit that is given to the parents with the sentiment: "we hope you will never need to use it."

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Second annual Hackathon offers 28 hours of learning

For the second year in a row, a group of York Region District School Board (YRDSB) students led a successful hackathon giving students an opportunity to problem solve and learn from industry experts.

The hackathon gave students an opportunity to work in teams to develop a technological solution to a problem. The event lasted 28 hours straight, and featured workshops from industry experts on topics such as web development, Application Programming Interface (API), cyber security and entrepreneurship. More than 350 students participated from across York Region, an increase from last year.

“The goal of the competition is to create a welcoming and exciting hackathon experience for high school students of all strengths and skill levels. They do not need a solid programming background to participate in YRHacks. As long as they have a passion for learning, we will provide all of the necessary support through mentors, talks and workshops. I am grateful that YRHacks was able to do so this year,” said Benny Wu, event co-organizer and Grade 12 student at Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S.

“After such a positive response to last year’s event, we had to continue!” said event co-organizer Trinity Yip. Yip is in her second year as an executive with the event and a Grade 12 student at Richmond Green S.S.. “Just like last year, we are mainly student-led. Our team of 14 student executives worked so hard throughout the year to reach out to community partners, develop and communicate logistics to staff and community partners, market through our website and Instagram, and create and analyze the budget.”

Fourteen students from secondary schools across the Board were members of the executive team, with their duties being split into four sub-teams including: logistics, finance, marketing and outreach. Students also organized a variety of prizes.

“Aside from the overall first, second and third place prizes, we hosted categories for Best Bot/AI, Best Game, Best Use of API (Application Programming Interface), Best Web App, Best Use of Any Database, Best Pitch and Best UI (User Interface)” explained event co-organizer Claire Wang, a Grade 12 student at Bayview S.S.



Lecce, Tibollo announce funding

Stephen Lecce, PC candidate for King-Vaughan, joined Michael Tibollo, leaders from Human Endeavour, and local seniors in Vaughan to announce funding of more than \$54,000 to create Vaughan’s first Seniors Active Living Centre.

Lecce is delivering an investment from the provincial government to further support seniors in staying active, remaining socially connected, so they can contribute to their communities and live in their homes and communities for as long as they can.

“The lovely seniors from Human Endeavour represent faith and heritage from around the world,” said Lecce for King-Vaughan. “It’s an honour for our government to partner with Human Endeavour to announce funding to create Vaughan’s first Seniors Active Living Centre and help seniors stay active, socially connected and independent. Seniors in King and Vaughan worked hard, sacrificed to build a better country, and deserve our support to stay active, healthy, and supported.”



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Former local coach urges everyone to be confident

By Robert Belardi

When you listen to Dr. Ivan Joseph speak in his TEDx Talk with university students – The Skill of Self-Confidence – you are reminded why there is no place for negativity.

That little voice in your mind or the little guy on your shoulder, is to be ousted from your life immediately. They are both, a hinderance to your true capability.

Dr. Joseph realized the true power of self-confidence when he was playing soccer at Grayson University.

Benched by his coach following a red-card in one of his matches, Dr. Joseph had been hit in the head by a mental brick.

“Because I wasn’t playing, I didn’t believe I was any good. I started acting as if. What happened was I gave my power away. I let somebody else believe I wasn’t any good. That’s the first time I realized the power of self-confidence,” Dr. Joseph said.

“When we stop believing in ourselves we act differently. I said woah, I need to study this. All of a sudden, I became a starter, the captain, all-conference, all because of the way changed how I thought about myself. That fueled me to think about how I approach everything in life.”

It is the reason why Dr. Joseph was able to earn a BA in Physical Education and Health, a Masters in Higher Education Administration and a Ph. D., in Sports Psychology. It is the reason that he became a national champion as the Director of Athletics at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson) and credited for the \$100-million renovation of Maple Leaf Gardens.

Now as the vice-president of student affairs at Wilfrid Laurier University, he also the head coach of the Guyanese senior women’s national team. With an all-important match against Nicaragua on April 8, in the 2022 CONCACAF World Cup qualifiers, a victory, would see the Lady Jags advance to take on Trinidad and Tobago; who they have never defeated before. If they defeat Trinidad, the lady Jags win Group F and move on the final eight teams.

For the Joseph family, things never began easily. Ivan and his sister, waited for his parents to make enough money to bring them to Canada. And when

they arrived at Jane and Finch in the 1970s, his father struggled to find a job.

“My dad was a McGill graduate, but back in the 70s there was a lot of racial discrimination,” Joseph said.

“My dad, although he was 27-years-old, had lots of experience as a sole scientist, had an Ivy league number one prestigious university degree, and couldn’t get a job. He didn’t have any Canadian experience. So, he had to hitch-hike from Jane and Finch, all the way to a farm in Maple, Ont. He worked as a higher hand and sold encyclopedias on the side.”

Joseph joked that his father never left Jane Street. He moved from Jane and Finch, to Jane and Kirby, before eventually residing in King City at Jane and 17th Sideroad.

Going to King City High School, Joseph said he grew up as a jock. He played all the sports and coming out of high school, he was offered a soccer and track and field scholarship at Grayson University.

Forced to remain in Canada by his parents, Joseph flunked out of university in his first year. He couldn’t tell his parents of course. No way you can tell Caribbean parents that one.

Eventually, Joseph convinced his father a move to Grayson would work for him. So, he attended Grayson University, and from that point onward, he turned his life around.

As a coach and as a mentor, Joseph has inspired NBA players, university athletes, university coaches, Olympic athletes and regular, every-day people. His TEDxTalk at Toronto Metropolitan garnered the attention of agents. He was even offered north of \$10,000 for an hour of speaking.

To know he continues to make a difference in someone’s life, is the kind of happiness that he enjoys. He loves the messages that he sees in his emails. He’s helped people overcome their own difficulties and inspired them to make the change within themselves.

“I’m not some guru, I’m not Anthony Robbins, I’m not Oprah. What I am is a guy, that really wanted people to believe in themselves,” Joseph said.

“At the end of the day, our job is to leave this world better than we found it. I hope that my message, helps believe in that.”

So, to anyone who doubts themselves

because of someone else or debunks their own confidence simply because they might not believe they are capable, Joseph’s words and his story, is simply a reminder that you can accomplish anything as long as you believe in you. Whoever you are. Following that step, everything will fall into place.

Joseph, has over 24 million views on his TEDxTalk on YouTube. His speech, earned a top-ten ranking by Forbes. He

has also been an NAIA coach of the year.

His book You Got This: Mastering the Skill of Self-Confidence, is available on Amazon.

Joseph owes it all to his family for all of their sacrifices. It is the reason he is where he is today.

For more information on Dr. Joseph, you can read all about him at <https://www.drivanjoseph.com/>.

York United take out Forge FC in CPL semifinals rematch

By Robert Belardi

Magic is of course, the art of deception.

Who else can make your eyeballs, bulge out of your head? Like when magicians saw someone in half, cause you to stare and then in the blink of an eye, piece that human being right back together.

In York United’s wonderful performance against Forge FC last Friday, who knew United midfielder Sebastian Gutiérrez had a little Harry Houdini in him?

The Colombian attacking midfielder, who joined the club in 2020, had a nice little magic trick prepared for Forge FC defender Dominic Samuel and goalkeeper Triston Henry. It was called, fake it and he’ll drop.

In the 79th-minute of the match, Gutiérrez played a one-two with Osaze De Rosario. Gutiérrez, faked the shot sending Samuel sliding across the penalty area and swung the ball to his left side, only to fake the shot again sending Henry to the ground before tucking the ball into the corner.

“The Colombian-Spanish hips came out for sure. He faked me and I was at the half-line, I thought he was going to shoot and he didn’t and he rolled it in,” said York United midfielder, Jordan Wilson in the post-match press conference.

“I’ve seen him do that many times in training. It’s just nice to see it come to fruition in a game. And I think that’s just a product of our overall performance. I think we wanted it a bit more than them.”

Earlier in the week, York United stalwart Roger Thompson picked up an injury that would sideline the defender from this match. Wilson, took his place alongside Dominick Zator and the two, held the backline all night long. The Nine Stripes, were also without midfield-engine Max Ferrari who was also out.

Despite down a few key players, the boys found a way to beat Forge FC for their second win of the season.

“Yeah unbelievable goal. My heart went; I don’t know where it went when he did that dummy, I was like ‘Just put it in the net,’” head coach of York United, Martin Nash joked after the game.

“Unbelievable dummy. Great confidence. And that’s what we’ve seen from Seba (Sebastian) he’s a great player. He’s got good technique. He’s a great finisher.”

Earlier in the week, York United kicked off the Canadian Championship preliminary round against Atletico Ottawa. Their next league match comes against Valour FC this Sunday. Kick-off is at 5 p.m. EST.

All Sport One Day coming up

By Robert Belardi

Sport Aurora’s famous All Sport One Day will be held on June 11 and Sept. 24 this year. McMahon Park will be this year’s host for the event, as Sport Aurora prepare to offer lawn bowling, tennis, rugby, soccer, martial arts, pickleball, football and more as part of the day. Children between the ages of six years old to 16, will have the chance to try all of these sports. For half of a day, it will cost \$15 and the cost to enroll for a full day is \$25. To register your child, please head to sportaurora.ca. Participation, is not limited to residents of Aurora.



Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, joined the Kleinburg Nobleton Soccer Club for an exciting announcement at their local clubhouse in Kleinburg.

Funding for local soccer club

MPP Stephen Lecce delivered \$246,500 through the Community Building Fund and \$149,900 through the Resilient Communications Fund Grant. These funds help organizations continue operating facilities and deliver experiences or programs for Ontarians by purchasing technology and software to expand virtual programming options, and employing staff to explore operational capacity and new financing models.

It will also rebuild and recover from impacts of COVID-19 by implementing virtual coaching and player development, purchasing equipment, and developing alternative sources of revenue to build organizational capacity.

“I’m excited to get more kids playing soccer in our community through enhanced programming and a new initiative to recruit more girls by delivering \$400,000 in grants to the Kleinburg Nobleton Soccer Club,” said MPP Lecce. “It was amazing meeting the student-coaches who are inspiring the next generation, as we see young girls and boys participate in sport and learn about the value of team work, discipline, and competitiveness. A special thanks to the coaches and volunteers for working so hard to inspire children over the past years.”




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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 at 10 a.m.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will be leading us in worship. Jeff will be continuing his series in Revelation. This week's message based on Revelation 10 is entitled "Take It All In."

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 rebranded "Junction" children's ministry is now meeting in person for all children up to Grade 6. We will continue to provide St. Paul's "At Home" boxes each month to facilitate God-focused family learning. If you would like to engage with this resource, tick the appropriate box on the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

Our Women's LifeConnect Group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11 a.m. via Zoom. Another LifeConnect Group, for both men and women, is meeting on Tuesday evenings at the Church and on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. Both groups go deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It's a good way to do life together with other followers of Jesus, and inquirers, in a more intimate setting than you can get on a Sunday morning. For details of either group, be in touch with us via our online connection card, stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

Every Tuesday at 1 p.m., a group of women gather in the basement of the church to sew or tie quilts for people who could really benefit from them.

St. Paul's is coordinating with the King Township Food Bank in the distribution of "St. Paul's Love Bags." These bags 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.

St. Mary's Church

I hope and pray that you and your families are enjoying this glorious day as we look forward to celebrating the

Fifth Sunday of Easter. Join us at the Holy Mass celebrations this weekend at St. Patrick's or St. Mary's to pray for our Confirmandi as they are presented to the congregation in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in a few weeks.

For those unable to attend the Holy Mass in person this weekend, please join us online on Sunday for the live-streamed celebration of the Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m., from St. Patrick's Parish, Schomberg. Visit us on our Facebook page to join us virtually for the celebration of the Sunday liturgy.

Browse our websites:
St. Patrick's Parish: <https://stpatrickssc.archtoronto.org/>
St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmarysno.archtoronto.org/>

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our parish family. You will continue to be in our prayers, Rosary and Holy Mass Intentions, especially those in our community who are sick or homebound.

Garden Club

The Nobleton King City Garden Club meets Monday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Laskay Hall.

Mari Decker will speak on the development of the RBG Rose Garden; what new roses are coming out, and a section on Canadian roses including the two new 49th Parallel roses (there are now four in the series although the fourth, now in development, is not yet available). Mari will also include information about the every fragrant David Austin roses that do very well in our area.

How we can plant these roses instead of the troublesome Hybrid Tea.

Phone or email contact for further information including website: nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com or our Facebook page.

Nobleton Book Club

Our schedule for meetings is the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Nobleton Program room, with the exception of July and August.

Whether you have read the book or not, you will enjoy an entertaining evening discussion - with so many different points of view! All these titles are available through the Nobleton Public Library and other King Township libraries.

Here is the reading list for 2022:

Tuesday, June 14: The Girl From Foreign - Sadia Shepard.

Tuesday, September 13: Homes Abu Bakr al Rabeeah - Winnie Yeung, et al.

Mark your calendars, come and join this lively and interesting group of Nobleton readers.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

This coming Sunday at 11:15 a.m., Doug Reid is our worship leader. He has been our worship leader several times now. The service is always joyful and welcoming. Afterwards, we socialize in what we call the "quilting room."

We do have actual quilters who hand-stitch most Wednesdays in the morning and early afternoon. If you are interested in purchasing a baby quilt, or a larger quilt, please contact the church @ 905-859-3976 and leave a message. One of the quilters will contact you.

The following Sunday, the Schomberg Fair is on, so Schomberg United Church will be closed and its members invited to join us at Nobleton United at 11:15 a.m. with Rev. Evelyn McLachlan being our worship leader.

Last week we joined Schomberg United for their 9:30 a.m. service (theme of Love led by Rev. Evelyn McLachlan) and attended the "Farewell to Sheila" luncheon afterwards. Kim Campbell expressed her thanks on everyone's behalf and presented her with a lovely painting of a Schomberg heritage home on Hwy. 27.

We also prayed for the friends and neighbours of those killed or injured in Buffalo where a racially motivated hate crime occurred on Saturday. A young white male drove for several hours to come to an area with a high percentage of black people. He killed 10 people and wounded 3. He seemed to be convinced from the internet that white people are being replaced by others and that white people need to do something about this. I guess that this young fellow never heard of the Good Samaritan story where Jesus encouraged us to look after everyone, not just people who were similar to ourselves.

We would like to hire a young person, aged 15-30 years old, to do a major refresh of our website and to offer training sessions to the community on how to use social media sites, such as Twitter, Tik Tok, etc. This job is for \$15/h, 30h/wk, for 8 weeks. We can offer this job, thanks to a Canada Summer Jobs Grant. If you know of someone who

might be interested in this position, please let them know. They can email me or phone me for more info. My contact info is at the end of this column.

Our Search Committee is still looking for a full-time minister but, in the meantime, we have lined up a variety of different worship leaders. We are closed in August.

Our Zoom Coffee hour is 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. We would love to have you drop in and say hello.

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

Nobleton Tennis Club

Junior tennis camps will be offered the week of July 11 to 15 and the week of August 8 to 12. Registration and prices for summer camp can be found on the website.

Nobleton tennis club will also be participating in the Intercounty tennis league and will be entering a Mixed A team, Ladies A team and Ladies B team. If there is enough interest we also have the possibility of entering a 55+ team. Anyone interested on playing on any of the above Intercounty teams should contact the club ASAP.

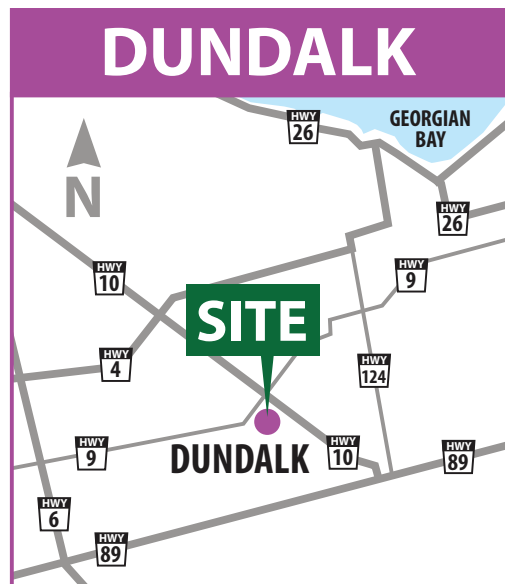
We have some exciting developments for 2022, Come and see what's new!

Nobleton Lions

There are busy times ahead for the Nobleton Lions, starting with the Victoria Day parade, and day long festivities at the arena on Monday, May 23.

Sunday, May 29 will be the date for the Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides. This year, there are 2 formats, in person, and virtual. Registration for the in person event is at the Library gazebo at 9 on May 29, and the walk starts at 10. For more details and sponsor forms see the Club's website, easily found by doing a search for "Nobleton Lions."

Calling all golfers! Are you itching to get out on the links? Save the date - Sunday, June 5 at Nobleton Lakes will see the first Nobleton Lions Community Fundraising Golf Tournament since 2019. Watch this space for further details, or contact Jim Kassam at KARS for details, or visit the Club's website as above. Donors and hole sponsors will be welcome. This will be the Club's first in person fund raiser in over two years.



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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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Horticultural Society

The next virtual meeting for the Schomberg Horticultural Society will be on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30.

Our speaker this month will be from the South Simcoe Master Gardeners and they will be discussing the planting and care of Bulbs. Most people think of Tulips and Daffodils in the spring but there are many types of bulbs that can be grown all year long. If you would like to join us for this informative talk just email to schomberghort@gmail.com to receive the zoom link.

Schomberg Fair

Plans are well underway to celebrate the Schomberg Agricultural Society's 172nd Spring Fair, the weekend of May 26 to 29. Our theme this year is "Celebrating our Community Heroes."

World's Finest Shows will be back with their rides and games, starting on Thursday at 5.

Smashen & Bashen is back for Friday night at the Derby Pit, the flag goes down at 7:30.

There will be lots of food and the beer tent will be back as well and it moves to the center tent on Sat. with entertainment.

Saturday you will see something new and exciting in the corral, at 10, 2, and 4.

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Demo - does anyone remember Annie Oakley?

Don't forget to check out the vendors and Viki Kidd is back with her Sheep Herding dogs.

Our famous Parade will be at 11 starting at Main & Moore Park and continues along Main St.

The dignitaries and our special guests, 3 of our Community Heroes, will gather on the stage at 12:30 for the official opening.

New at 1:30 is the children's Tractor Grand Priz at the south end on the tarmac.

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Sunday will have our great Beef & Jr.

Beef Show as well as the 4-H Fit & Clip, and don't forget to check out the critters in their tent looking cute and furry as ever. The Baby Show will be back in the big tent as well.

Doo Doo the World Famous Clown will be back to entertain as well as Magician Aaron Mathews all weekend long.

Don't forget for this year only Homecraft will be at the Trisan Centre, look for an ad with times and admission costs and the full schedule.

See you at the 172nd Schomberg Agricultural Society Spring Fair.

For information, visit our web site schombergfair.com

There you will find the fair prize book which lists nearly all the events that happen at the fair, including all classes for Homecraft. If you have any questions about entering any of the Homecraft classes, call the chairperson and he/she will walk you through the procedure.

The Homecraft Division of the Fair will be located this year at the nearby Trisan Centre due to renovations being undertaken at our previous site, the Schomberg Community Hall. We suggest you park at the Trisan Centre and visit our amazing Homecraft displays

and take the free shuttle. bus over to the Fair.

Our famous Food Booth will be back along with our "Home Made Pies." We will be selling slices of pie, whole baked pies and whole frozen unbaked pies both Saturday & Sunday.

4 Seasons Market

The 4 Seasons Market is back in Schomberg for its' summer market on Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Schomberg Agricultural Fairgrounds. This is put on by three women who love to host events and love shopping. It is a social shopping market for everyone to enjoy once in every season.

Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

This coming Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Doug Reid is our worship leader. He has been our worship leader several times now. The service is always joyful and welcoming. Afterwards, we socialize.

The following Sunday, the Schomberg Fair is on, so Schomberg United Church will be closed. Everyone is welcome to join Nobleton United's service at 11:15 a.m.

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King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, Rev. Bruce's message was entitled "The New Commandment," speaking to us of the love of God and the manner in which we express our love back to God. We were left with poignant words which in difficult times and taking in account the troubles we encounter in our world today, reminded us that by "putting their faith into action, by loving in real and concrete, even if small, ways are even now turning the world around." To view the worship recording or read the entire sermon please visit kcuc.net

We are happy to welcome you back to in person worship and are grateful to be worshipping together again. We continue to ask that only those fully vaccinated attend the in person worship and that you continue to wear a mask and distance while in the church.

Our worship on Sunday begins at 10 a.m. and the worship will be recorded and available on our website kcuc.net later in the week 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 YouTube.

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

We will be having a Pop Up Clothing, Toy and Book Giveaway event on Saturday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please don't forget to wear your mask!

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

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

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

King City Seniors

By Carol Kanitz

Please note that the Viva Dance session has ended for the season and will resume in the fall. All of our other programs are continuing throughout the summer months. We plan to offer some

special presentations for seniors so watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.

Our programs include: Monday – 1 p.m. Intermediate Bridge; Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing; 1 p.m. Bid Euchre; Wednesday 10 a.m. Drop-In; 1 p.m. Novice Bridge; Thursday – 9:30 a.m. Gentle Motion; 1 p.m. Carpet Bowling; Friday 1 p.m. Progressive Euchre.

A reminder that our social drop-in time on Wednesday mornings (10 a.m. to noon) is a great opportunity for people to get together for coffee/tea and enjoy a chat, work on handiwork activities with others for company or join in some board/card games. Or, have your regular morning meet up with your friends and the coffee is on us! Seniors do not have to be a member of KCSC to drop-in and spend some time once a week. Please encourage your acquaintances, friends and neighbours to come out and see the new Centre. We would be happy to meet others who may just want to pop by for a short visit.

St. Andrew's

By Kathy Patterson

Join us this Sunday, May 22 for our Sunday morning worship service at

10:30 a.m. Alison Agnew will be with us as we continue to look at the early church following Pentecost as recorded in the book of Acts. Lynn Vissers' text last Sunday was Acts 2:42-27 which speaks to us about the fellowship of believers and how we can live in fellowship today.

The worship services are recorded and posted by 4 p.m. on our website at standrews-kingcity.ca. We encourage the wearing of masks for everyone's safety while attending in-person services.

Bible Studies are offered on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for the "after work ladies" and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., led by Lynn Vissers, our Director of Congregational Ministries.

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.

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Williamson: Marjorie Bernice

Peacefully, at her home, Newmarket, on Wednesday, May 11th, 2022. Marjorie (Gough), in her 91st year, beloved wife of the late Keith Williamson. Loving mother of the late Ann, and Jane and her husband Luke Mullin. Dear sister of the late Wallace (Elda) and Bev (Marion). Sadly missed by her many nieces, nephews and extended family. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 from 12 pm until time of Funeral Service in the chapel at 2 pm. Donations in Marjorie's memory to the Kathryn Ann Williamson Bursary Fund would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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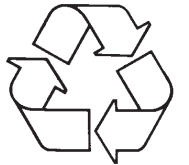
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Mark your calendar! "Messy Church" is Sunday, June 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. This is an intergenerational, free event, so adults, bring your children and enjoy a time with music, Bible stories and art, followed by supper. Weather permitting, it will be held outside.

For pastoral care please call Lynn Visser: 416-998-4652.

King City Tennis Association

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Visit their 2022 website - kingcitytennis.com to join and register today.

KCTA is waiting to welcome you to your local community non-profit tennis club. See you on the courts!

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

Join us for a High Tea to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. It will be held on Saturday, June 4 from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are available at \$20 per person and reservations can be made by calling the church at 905-833-5432. We are really enjoying Canon Erin Martin's joy and enthusiasm in leading us as our new priest in charge. Come and worship with us.

What God Has Made Clean. Canon Erin spoke about the story of Peter being urged by God to treat the gentiles the same as the Jews in the early church as described in Acts 11.

"So many of our stories revolve around 'us' versus 'them.' But then Jesus came and shifted our perspective to show us that God is for everyone, especially those once considered outside and unacceptable. God created and loves all of us without exception. It's

that simple. But we make it so complicated. "I say it's simple even knowing that it hasn't been easy for the church to embrace the inclusive nature of Jesus's good news. We still struggle with it, and it wasn't easy for Jesus' disciples either, even though they'd witnessed Jesus's acceptance of people first-hand.

"The earliest crisis in the first years of the Christian community was the question of what to do with Gentile believers in Jesus. Up until that point the community of Jesus's followers were made up of Jewish people who faithfully followed the laws of Moses and they criticized Peter for associating with non-Jewish believers. But Peter took them through, step by step to show them how he'd had his mind changed and how God had prepared him for his work of sharing the good news. He told them that One day he had a vision. He saw a blanket being lowered from heaven with all kinds of creatures on it and a voice told Peter to, 'Get up, kill and eat.'

"But most of the creatures in the blanket were ones that Peter was forbid-

den to eat by Jewish Law. Peter thought it was a test and refused, but God told him that what God had made clean he must not call profane. It turned out his vision wasn't about food at all, but about the inclusion of all people into the family of God. When Peter was sharing the good news with a Gentile family he saw the Holy Spirit descend upon them in the same way it had descended on the original disciples and Peter realized that God was with them in the very same way. After sharing this, Peter asked his critics 'Who was I that I could hinder God?' And they were silent. They recognized that it was indeed God's work and became excited to be a part of it.

"It goes back to the command that Jesus left his disciples, to love one another the way he loved us. Those were his parting words. He wanted us to understand that unconditional love is to be the hallmark of God and Jesus and of the Christian church. Christian people should be known in the world by our practice of loving and embracing others fully and putting that love into action. It's just that important."

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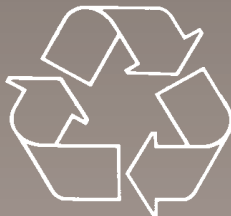
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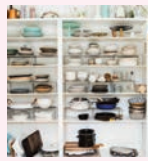


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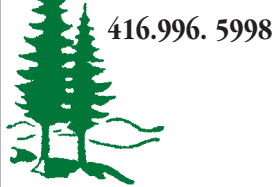


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