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King Township staff are reviewing plans for a six-storey condo development in Schomberg. Details were presented recently and members of the public commented on some of the aspects of the plan. This artist rendering is showing the building from the south-east.

## King reviewing condo proposal; residents say it's too large

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Plans for a six-storey condo building in Schomberg has drawn public scrutiny and initial opposition.

Township staff are reviewing the proposal by Marcor Realty and residents voiced their concerns at the first public meeting recently.

The plan is for an L-shaped building that will contain a mixture of roughly 73 units in total. The first and second floors of the existing dwelling will also have 171 square metres of commercial space. The complex includes eight one-bedroom units, 35 one-bedroom plus den units and 30 two-bedroom units. The existing heritage building will be converted to commercial with outdoor patio space. There will be a total of 111 parking spaces, 35 at grade and 76 underground.

Kayly Robbins of Weston Consulting, represented the proponent. She said the heritage home on the site will be

the focal point, to maintain the character of Main Street. The building will be set back from the street. She said the plan does conform with provincial rules and York's Official Plan, which encourage mixed use and multi-storey development.

The bylaw amendments sought by the developer are site-specific. The input and feedback from the meeting will be taken into consideration as the project moves forward.

Staff noted the building covers roughly 33% of the lot and landscaping the remaining 46%.

It's designated as village core in King's OP. While intensification of the core is supported, it must demonstrate compatibility with the village character.

Visual and shadowing impacts of the building will be evaluated, along with tiering, step backs and buffering to see if it's compatible with the residential areas.

See 'Condo' on Page 3

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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/meetingst>

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit [king.civicweb.net](http://king.civicweb.net)

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

Tuesday, May 17  
6 pm – King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

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](mailto:solvieri@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the 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](http://www.king.ca) for employment opportunities.

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

- HR Summer Student (Contract; Student) – Deadline May 17
- Seniors Centre Attendant (Contract) – Deadline May 17
- 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 & Instructor (Seasonal; Contract) – Deadline May 19

**REMINDERS**

**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 or visit [www.king.ca/roads](http://www.king.ca/roads).

**Municipal water flushing**

In the spring the Public Works Department flushes all water mains and hydrants in King City, Nobleton, Schomberg and Ansonsveldt. 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.

**Street sweeping**

The Township of King will begin its street sweeping program at the beginning of May, weather-permitting. Sand and debris are swept from King's roads to prevent materials from clogging the storm sewers and to provide a safe and clean roadway for all users. King rotates the areas swept each year. The locations to be swept starting in May, as weather permits, are:

- May 2-6 – Nobleton
- May 9-13 – King City
- May 16-19 – Schomberg

Residents are asked to not park or block residential streets to avoid blocking street sweeping operations.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**WATER BILLS**

Due Date: May 17, 2022



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

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

- Pre-Authorized Debit bank withdrawal (PAD)
- Online with your financial institution
- By Credit Card- Visit the Township Online Services Portal at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)
- By Mail (must be stamped and mailed prior to due date and received on time)
- Drop off box located at Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City

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

In the case of a proven water leak or meter malfunction, an adjustment to the most recent bill may be applied, provided the property owner has proof of repair to the equipment in the household that was the direct cause of the leak and there is a notable reduction in consumption. Please see the Township's website for further details.

When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select Water, enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567800).

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

Please visit our website for details.

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**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

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>

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

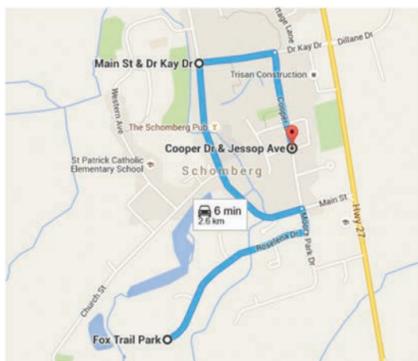
**Traffic Disruption Notice  
Main Street, Schomberg**

Please be advised that there will be a scheduled temporary road closure of Main Street and surrounding roads in the Village of Schomberg for the annual

**Schomberg Agricultural Spring Fair Parade  
Saturday, May 28th, 2022  
Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the proposed roads will be closed no later than 1:00 p.m. Staging for the parade to begin on Roselena Drive at approximately 10:00 a.m.

The following roads will be temporarily occupied or closed for the parade: Roselena Drive, Moore Park Drive, Cooper Drive, Dr. Kay Drive, and Main Street. On behalf of the Township of King we thank you for your patience in this matter.



For more information, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-833-5321 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca).

**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.**

This portion of the road will be accessible to residents in the affected area to allow for entry into their properties. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during this time.

For more information contact Maria Evans, Marketing Coordinator, Community Services Department at [mevans@king.ca](mailto:mevans@king.ca) or (905-833-5321, ext. 1046). In the event of an emergency during the closure, please contact the above at 416-819-308 for assistance.

Dated at the Township of King May 9, 2022



# Condo site being reviewed; home to be designated

**From Front Page**

King's Heritage Advisory Committee met back in February and recommended the old home on the property be designated on the Heritage Register. Currently it's neither listed or designated.

Staff is reviewing the application, looking at the building mass and height; step backs, adherence to urban design guidelines and compatibility. Traffic, parking environmental buffers and floodplain managements are also being examined.

Councillor Jakob Schneider said anyone who knows Main Street in the village will agree that a modern glass and steel structure won't fit in, and this building requires a more traditional look.

Councillor Avia Eek said the "ambitious" project has to take flooding mitigation into account and she urged the proponents to ensure measures are in place.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer questioned whether the old home on the property will actually be the focal point, since the condo will tower high above it.

Resident Katie Konstantopoulos said while condos are intriguing to younger home buyers, a lower complex of perhaps three to four storeys would be preferred in this spot. This property, she said, is one of the last buildable lots in Schomberg and she'd like to see more affordable housing options. Without local transit and the likelihood that these will be expensive units will dissuade first-time buyers.

Alicia Turner said residents in the core value the walkability of Main Street. They want to build a strong community, one with "smart intensification" that complements the character.

She agreed affordable options are lacking and they need to do something to keep young people here and become part of this vibrant community. The OP mentions a goal of 25% affordable housing, but there's nothing affordable in today's market.

She pointed to the devastation of the adjacent Dufferin Marsh and shadows cast by the building. The underground parking, in a floodplain, will also be problematic, she said.

This plan, she noted, is not a local one and a six-storey building will change everything.

"This isn't the right plan for us," she said.

Neighbour Jeffrey Boyd said this would be one of the highest points in the village, and the plan needs major revisions. A lot of healthy trees will be removed to make way for the project and the structure will be visible in all directions. The focus, he said, won't be the heritage building, but a "towering, modern, glass structure."

Neighbours' privacy will be gone and the shadow cast by this "monster" goes against what is appropriate and acceptable for Schomberg.

Bryce Baker, who owns Grackle in the core, said while he may benefit from the influx of new customers, this project does not constitute mixed use in the true sense.

An increase of traffic on a narrow main street will present many challenges and the construction period will cause chaos.

David Hastings-Grgas has conducted research on the Marsh and local species at risk. This building will increase light pollution and impact local bats, snapping turtles and chimney swifts, to name a few. He wants environmental

impact studies reviewed to ensure they address these things.

Mary Asselstine, who's been a strong champion of the Marsh for decades, said this building is simply "way too massive." Given all the concerns, the concept is "out to lunch." Buffers are insufficient;

"I believe in intensification in the village core to supply a diversity of housing, especially affordable housing, to provide opportunities to support local business, to activate the street and to contribute to a sustainable community.

"I am pleased to see that the developer will retain the heritage house on the property as it contributes to the character of the village.

"However the proposal is too massive to ever fit into the village and it poses unacceptable impacts on the character of the community, pedestrian and vehicle safety, and the natural features and functions of the Dufferin Marsh. As a new building it does not fully mitigate the effects of the structure on climate change."

Asselstine noted the Official Plan provides some guidelines in support of the vision for the village core. Section 5.4.3 states that the maximum height for new buildings is generally three storeys. Heights up to 6 storeys may be considered if the development is compatible with the community and designed to minimize visual and shadowing impacts and provides appropriate transition with adjacent buildings. Section 3.4.1 says six storeys may be considered for projects located in a transit zone or where the units are deemed affordable.

"A modern six-storey structure on top of a hill overlooking the Main Street is not compatible with the otherwise 2-storey heritage buildings in the neighbourhood."

With no public transit available in Schomberg, Asselstine wants to know why a six-storey structure would be considered.

Regarding traffic, she said there are constant complaints about traffic congestion and parking issues on Main Street today. Part of this is caused by a non-standard width road.

Access/egress to/from the site also requires crossing a narrow sidewalk that has heavy pedestrian use. And right across the road is the Community Hall that hosts several events every year complete with its own traffic/parking issues.

"I just don't get it. So the question is why would we be considering a 6 storey structure at this location?"

Site alteration, she argued, may not occur within vegetated areas that form buffers to a key natural feature – the Dufferin Marsh.

Section 4.2.2 goes on to say that development or site alteration within 120 metres of a key natural heritage feature will require establishment of a minimum vegetation protection zone which is of sufficient width to protect the key natural heritage feature and its functions during and after construction.

The proposal is to provide a 30-metre buffer (or in some places it is referred to as a 20m buffer) to the wetland on the south side of the property. This is a minimum buffer requirement and as far as I can tell from the EIS there was no attempt to determine a site appropriate buffer.

"It is clear that an appropriate vegetated buffer needs to be assessed," she said.

While a study concluded that there was no significant wildlife habitat on the subject property, there is on the ad-

jacent Dufferin Marsh.

"These adjacent features were reviewed generally, however, no targeted surveys were conducted." It was concluded that the "wetland likely provides valuable habitat for local fauna."

She stressed it's clear that research avoided looking too closely at the Dufferin Marsh and basically ignored the species of concern.

"We know that there are over 100 species of birds, 6 species of frogs and toads, two species of turtles, Monarch Butterflies, assorted dragonflies and other insects, bats and other mammals that use the Marsh and some of them are species of concern.

"We also know that the activity of these species does not stop at the property line. A six-storey wall of glass immediately adjacent to the open space area of the wetland, introducing shading, glare, light pollution, noise and continuous urban activity will be hugely detrimental."

She believes the building needs to be reduced to 2 or 3 storeys, in compliance with the vision set out in the Of-

ficial Plan. She would also like to see an assessment needs carried out, to determine the required buffers needed to protect the features and functions of the Marsh.

Charles Cooper said it seems the developer has a "cavalier" attitude towards the Marsh and its importance can't be overstated. This project will have a huge impact on the Marsh. Further, Cooper said this development flies in the face of all the work that has been done to improve the village core over the years.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini stressed to staff the almost two dozen items of concern that were raised.

Councillor Bill Cober said there are many compatibility issues with this development in its current form. The concerns and conflicts all need to be addressed.

Councillor Schaefer made a motion to have staff report back on proceeding with designating the old home as a heritage building. This affirms council's intention to designate the structure.

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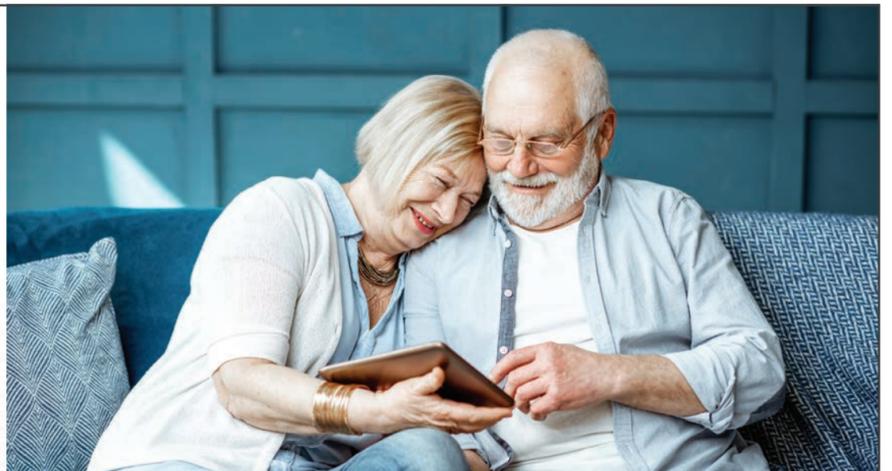
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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

~ Michael Connelly

## We are all part of something much bigger

*"No one saves us but ourselves. No one can and no one may. We ourselves must walk the path."* – Gautama Buddha

Are we all alone in this, or are we part of something bigger, more complex and well, just more?

There's been a lot of debate on just who to rely on to help pull us out of our self-made holes.

Many, like Buddha, contend only we can clear our own paths, walk them and accept the consequences.

Sounds easy, right?

In reality, we do all choose our own destiny, even if it's one decision at a time. From getting gas and stopping for lottery tickets, to making life-altering moves, we steer our own ships. We make hundreds of tiny moves each day and any one could spell disaster, or alternatively, triumph.

How much of our lives are governed by chance, accident or fate? Is there a master plan?

Okay, I'm not the best sailor, so scraping some rocks and sandbars have been common in my voyages. I may have fallen overboard on occasion, but fortunately I know how to swim.

I still remember, with a certain amount of PTSD, my first swimming lesson at a local community centre. I was actually pushed in and told to make it to the stairs at the other end of the pool. I dog-paddled to save my life and when I reached the stairs, gasping for air, got down on my knees and thanked God I was alive.

Funny what we remember. Did it make me stronger?

Hell no, it scared the crap out of me!

Wise scribes and self-help gurus encourage us to take the fork in the road. How do we know which fork? What if



Mark Pavilons

we're wrong?

Why isn't there a fortune teller parked at that infamous fork? Maybe they could give us some advice.

Yes, almost everything we do rests on our shoulders. Some are incredibly important and heavy choices. Often they seem too much for just one person to bear.

And that's the key. Are we alone to follow our hearts and minds and use our best judgement? Can't we rely on, or at least ask, our friends and family members for some guidance? Maybe there's a water witch in our family tree, leading us to success.

Maybe uncle Bob, with his vast experience, can help us with our problems.

Nana's sage wisdom may be comforting, but not always practical.

Sadly, there are no connections left in my family tree to depend on. I watched

them leave, one by one, until I was the last man standing.

Yes, there are times I feel so alone it's terrifying. It's frustrating and I'm overcome by a sense of loss and failure. I'm pretty smart, so I can identify the problem and possible solutions, but often they just won't work. The actual "fix" involves things I don't have – excess money, time, flexibility and the agility of a 20-year-old.

That's why we have liquor cabinets!

Our lives, like the universe itself, are constantly unfolding and unravelling. Things go from bad to worse, back to good and once in a while, end up great.

I never liked roller coasters, and yet I'm forced to ride one, every day of my life. No wonder I feel like throwing up now and again.

In terms of mutual support, I often feel I shouldn't burden others with my problems. My wife and kids have their own challenges and struggles, they sure don't need mine getting in their way.

And so, I remain quiet, alone with my thoughts. My wife often comments that it must be nice for me to live in my own head. On the contrary, my brain is no place for visitors, let me tell you. It's not even a hospitable place for the owner.

They say hell is being trapped in your own inner nightmares.

Steve Jobs once remarked that life sometimes hits you in the head with a brick. The key is not losing faith. But what if that brick causes a concussion?

Our life is filled with daily coin flips. Maybe we need to view either side as advantageous. Otherwise, it must land on its edge for us to be satisfied.

My son and I have discussions on our

porch before bed each night. We look up at the stars and feel small. We talk about the incomprehensible size of the universe and how it seems to run smoothly, maintaining orbits and such, at break-neck speeds.

We talk about time, other dimensions, the meaning of it all. We talk about purpose.

We don't have the answers. But what we do have are curious minds, questions and a certain amount of awe.

He may not see it, but I know his life – the next 20 years or so – will bring many incredible changes, technological advances, and maybe even "first contact." His children will vacation on the moon, or the orbiting space hotel (which incidentally is set to open in a couple of years).

He may not be able to teach his kids to drive, because the electric vehicles will all be autonomous by then.

While the future may seem bright, it will also bring many challenges, not the least of which are housing affordability, sustainable jobs, climate change and potential conflict. I fear things will get worse before they get better.

But our kids not alone, at least not as long as Kim and I are around. We have much more wisdom and advice to dispense and are happy to do so. We may not be able to give them downpayments or fancy cars or elaborate weddings.

But we can give them support, love and an all for one, one for all approach.

And maybe they will teach us a thing or two along the way.

We are not alone.

Enjoy being part of something bigger!

#KingFacts

During WWII Lady Eaton opened up Eaton Hall as a convalescent home for the Navy and English children uprooted by the war



**King Weekly Sentinel WEBPOLL**  
www.kingsentinel.com

Results from last week's poll:  
**Will the Toronto Maple Leafs advance in the playoffs?**

a) Yes  **66.6%**  
b) No  **33.4%**

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**  
Are you planning to attend outdoor festivities in King this year?  
a) Yes  
b) No  
Go to our website and cast a vote!

**Quote of the Week**

*"You are not a drop in the ocean. You are the entire ocean, in a drop."*  
– Rumi

**Trivia Tidbits**

*The strawberry is the only fruit with its seeds on the outside.*

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

Monday, June 6th, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

(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 remotely and live streamed via <https://www.king.ca/meetings>

The public are invited to remotely attend the Virtual Public Planning Meeting to receive information and provide comments on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application to facilitate the development on the property located at 12840 Highway 27, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13*, as amended.

The Township has determined that the application is considered complete, and the Planning Division has commenced processing. We welcome your comments regarding this application.

**Subject Property**

Location: 12840 Highway 27, Nobleton  
Plan 65M4448, Part Block 209  
Owner: Tribute Nobleton Commercial Corp.  
Agent: Kevin Bechard, Weston Consulting  
File Number: Z-2022-04  
Staff Report: The staff report will be available at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

**What Is The Proposed Amendment?**

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Weston Consulting on behalf of the owner, Tribute Nobleton Commercial Corp., under Planning File Z-2022-04 concerns a commercial property located at the southwest corner of Highway 27 and Oliver Emerson Avenue, in the Village of Nobleton. The subject property measures 0.76 hectares (1.87 acres) and supports a commercial plaza.

The application proposes to amend the Nobleton Urban Areas By-law 2016-71 to update and expand the range of permitted commercial uses on the subject property to including but not limited to a Bake Shop, Child Care Centre, Convenience Retail Store, Day Spa, Dry Cleaning Depot, Farmer's Market.

Any person may attend the virtual public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. **Written comments will become part of the public record.**

**Lead Planner**

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including supporting information, are available by contacting Paul Kulyk, Senior Planner, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with reference to the address or file number for more information. Written comments in advance of the staff report being published may be sent to:

Paul Kulyk, Senior Planner  
Email: [pkulyk@king.ca](mailto:pkulyk@king.ca)  
Telephone: 905-833-4063

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- 3) **SPEAK TO COUNCIL** remotely (by audio-telephone) by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, June 6th, 2022. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating by telephone. All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

**How To Stay Informed**

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca).

**Appeal Procedure**

If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT"), does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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Dated at the Township of King this 12th day of May, 2022.

Denny Timm  
Deputy Clerk  
Manager of Legislative Services  
2585 King Road  
King City, Ontario  
L7B 1A1

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The public are invited to remotely attend the Virtual Public Planning Meeting to receive information and provide comments on the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications, concerning a property located at 12734 Keele Street, King City, in the Township of King in accordance with Section 34 and Section 17 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13*, as amended.

**Subject Property**

Location: 12734 Keele Street, King City, ON  
Plan 84, Lots 38-40  
Owner: KeeleOne Developments Ltd.  
Agent: Humphries Planning Group  
File Numbers: OP-2022-01 and Z-2022-03  
Staff Report: The staff report will be available at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

**What Is The Proposed Amendment?**

The proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Humphries Planning Group Inc. on behalf of the owner, KeeleOne Developments Limited, under Planning Files OP-2022-01 and Z-2022-03 concerns a property on the west side of Keele Street, approximately 90 metres north of Station Road in the Village of King City. The subject property measures 0.28 hectares (0.69 acres) and backs onto the MetroInx rail corridor and currently contains a dwelling.

The applications propose to amend the King City Community Plan (OPA540) to address policies relating to density and height and amend the Schomberg and King City Urban Areas By-law 2017-66 to facilitate the development of a 6-storey apartment building with a total of 78 units and a floor space index of 2.38.

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Nobleton Lakes Golf Club  
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**A Golden Legacy**  
The King Township Historical Society Celebrates 50 years  
Over the past 50 years, the King Township Historical Society (KTHS) has been responsible for significant projects including the building of the Lloydtown Cairn, the restoration of the Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery and the moving of the King Railway Station, to name but a few.  
The KTHS has played a vital role in preserving local history for 50 years ... and counting. As it celebrates its 50th anniversary, this exhibit highlights the people and the passion that have made the Historical Society such a success.  
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## Township improves email system

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

In an effort to improve record-keeping and maintain an efficient system, King will implement improvements to its email system.

The draft Email Management and Retention Policy establishes a framework and sets standards for the efficient and effective management and retention of emails. This will also strengthen the Township's records and Information Management Program. It will help in meeting regulatory requirements, protect confidential information and reduce corporate risk.

Staff noted that email has become one of the most important methods of business communication. King staff

spend a "significant amount of time" receiving, reading and responding to emails. Email also serves to document the written business activities of the Township.

They do need to be properly managed, filed and retained.

"Accurate record keeping protects the reliability, integrity and authenticity of records so that they may be relied upon as evidence of organizational activity and administrative decisions, and thereby meet legal, evidential, audit and accountability requirements," staff observed.

Email at King has seen exponential growth over the last decade. Over a 30-day timeframe this year, King received an estimated 120,000 emails and staff sent more than 40,500. King now manages and retains upwards of 2 million emails each year.

In 2021, the Township established a working group consisting of 10 other municipalities and their record professionals, to develop and draft the policy. This involvement was "pivotal" staff said, noting the input gathered can assist other municipalities in drafting their own policies.

King staff also consulted with City of Toronto staff and government ministries to create their policy.

The policy proposed to set a retention limit of three years on emails, that remain within the Microsoft 365 Outlook platform. This is based on York Region's existing policy and thought to be a reasonable period. Emails for councillors are retained for the duration of their term of office, four years.

Staff will be required to file emails that are official records, into designated electronic repository. In this way, emails can be accessed by other staff through proper security and access controls.

After a training program with guiding materials, the policy will be rolled out and monitored to ensure it's successful.

### Helping electrify York Region's buses

York Region has submitted an Expression of Interest to the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) to cover the difference in cost for up to 180 electric buses and related equipment to support the electric conversion of York Region's transit fleet.

The Canada Infrastructure Bank, which helps public-private partnerships by providing financing for infrastructure of national importance, introduced a \$10 billion, three-year growth plan in 2020 which includes \$1.5 billion for a Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) initiative. Under York Region's Expression of Interest, CIB could finance the difference in cost between buying electric buses and conventional diesel buses.

Funding through this program could reduce York Region's conversion period by 10 years and result in approximately 31% of the transit fleet being converted to electric through the Zero Emissions Transit Fund program.



### House fire in Nobleton

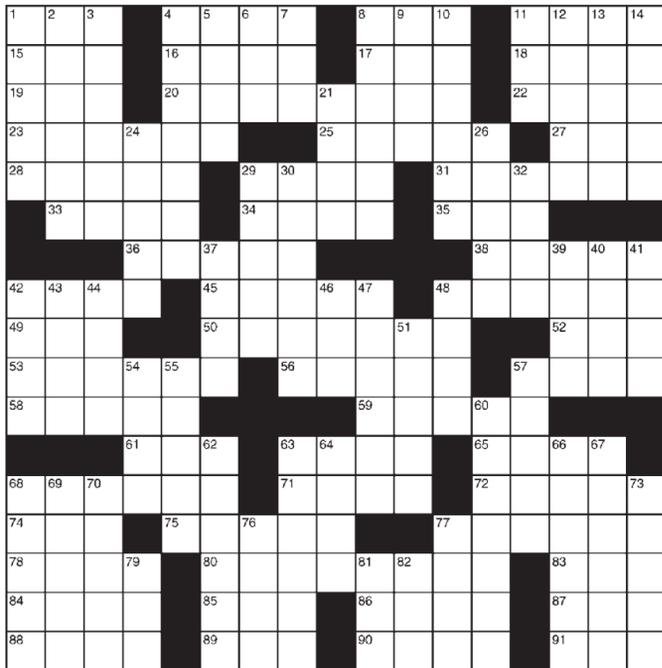
All three fire houses responded to an early morning house fire in the village of Nobleton on Mother's Day.

Thanks to a concerned resident, KFES were notified of a possible structure fire with alarms activated. Thanks to the great work of E381, the captain and his crew went door-to-door and actually found the fire. Staff went to work right away and located a working kitchen fire that breached the kitchen ceiling into a 2nd floor bathroom, and then into the attic space.

Thanks to the great work of Engine 381, 382, 361, and 341, the fire was extinguished in short order with both a primary and secondary search complete, with no occupants found. The homeowner was located by York Regional Police. Everyone was accounted for.

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Chatter
- 4. Big event
- 8. Gear
- 11. Ella's forte
- 15. Operate
- 16. Rueful word
- 17. Previous to, in poems
- 18. Tropical nut
- 19. Superhero's chest letter
- 20. Airship
- 22. Spring bulb
- 23. Seat for two
- 25. Lasso
- 27. Learn
- 28. Nasal sound
- 29. Will beneficiary
- 31. Mountainous
- 33. Ninny
- 34. Approval word
- 35. Mauna follower
- 36. Skewered meat
- 38. African animal, for short
- 42. Jubilee
- 45. Point \_\_\_\_\_, California
- 48. Certain oil

**DOWN**

- 1. Hypothesize
- 2. Concur
- 3. Confer an honor
- 4. Newspaper
- 5. Ship's position
- 6. Track-runner's circuit
- 7. Serpent
- 8. Veggie stick
- 9. Pavarotti solo
- 10. Of the mind
- 11. Take part in a biathlon
- 12. Queen's dog
- 13. Klaatu or E.T.
- 14. "A \_\_\_\_\_ of Honey"
- 21. Silk from Assam
- 24. Tot rod?
- 26. Honolulu hello
- 29. White with age
- 30. Actress Anita \_\_\_\_\_
- 32. Nuisance
- 37. Bundle, as of hay
- 39. Little, in Milan
- 40. +
- 41. Solemn promise
- 42. Bubbles
- 43. Jealousy
- 44. Young adult

**Solution on page 18**

# King

## 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, May 12 to Wednesday, May 18

THURS 12TH	FRI 13TH	SAT 14TH	SUN 15TH	MON 16TH	TUES 17TH	WED 18TH
Sunny High 24C° Low 11C°	Mainly Sunny High 23C° Low 13C°	Chance of Shower High 24C° Low 13C° ~1mm	Light Rain High 21C° Low 12C° ~5mm	Cloudy/Showers High 17C° Low 8C° 2-4mm	Sun/Clouds High 14C° Low 6C°	Sun/Clouds High 15C° Low 6C°
Wind SE 15k	Wind S 17k	Wind S 16k	Wind S 16k	Wind W 21k	Wind W 17k	Wind NW 18k

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# Province creates 15,693 student and 1,502 child care spaces

Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, joined by Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP for Oakville North-Burlington, recently announced the government is investing nearly \$500 million to support 37 school projects, including 23 with child care projects, across the province as part of the 2022-2023 Capital Priorities Program. This funding will build and improve schools and create new licenced child care spaces throughout the province.

The newly approved Capital Priorities Program projects will create nearly 15,700 new student spaces, and just over 1,500 new licensed child care spaces in schools. The announcement was made at Dr. David R. Williams Public School in Oakville, where the Halton District School Board will receive nearly \$24 million from the Capital Priorities Program to build a new public elementary school for the new development in the northeast community of Oakville.

“We are building new schools, building more affordable child care spaces, and building hope and opportunity for Ontario students as they learn in more normal and safer classrooms,” said Minister Lecce. “We believe that students deserve to learn in-person in state-of-the-art facilities that are internet connected, accessible, with modern ventilation systems, which is why our government is delivering a major investment that accelerates construction to get it done for parents, students, and communities.”

The investment is part of the Ontario government’s commitment to provide \$14 billion over 10 years to support school construction, repair, and renewal. There are currently more than 300

child care and education building-related projects in development across Ontario with more than 100 actively under construction.

In addition, the Ontario government, in partnership with Infrastructure Ontario and several school boards that were selected from the 2021-22 round of Capital Priorities, will drive forward innovative solutions for accelerated school construction through a Rapid Build pilot that will leverage Infrastructure Ontario’s rapid procurement and rapid delivery expertise, inclusive of the potential to use modular construction methodologies. These alternative builds will identify opportunities for the government to assess for future builds to procure and deliver projects in shorter periods of time so that students can take advantage of new and updated schools sooner.

The five schools selected for the pilot are:

New Northglen Neighbourhood School - Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board.

New Centre Wellington Elementary School - Upper Grand District School Board.

École élémentaire catholique Saint-Viateur Addition - Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l’Est ontarien.

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School Addition - Northwest Catholic District School Board.

J. J. O’Neill Catholic Elementary School Addition - Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board.

Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested over \$2.0 billion in capital projects in education, including 100

new schools, 88 additions and renovations to existing facilities and 6,410 new licensed child care spaces. The support for school-based child care centres is part of the government’s commitment to invest up to \$1 billion in the creation of up to 30,000 new licensed child care spaces over five years. To date, over 25,000 new spaces have been approved, which will support families and ensure

a stronger and more accessible child care system for Ontario families.

The governments of Canada and Ontario are providing \$656.5 million in funding for critical infrastructure projects to protect students and staff from COVID-19 in the province’s schools through the COVID-19 Resilience stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.



## Funding for Kortright

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, joined Michael Tibollo, MPP for Vaughan-Woodbridge, local community members, and members of the Earth Rangers, a kids conservation organization which inspires 200K+ members to learn about the environment & help protect animals, at an outdoor event in Vaughan. MPP Lecce announced \$167,000 in funding for the Kortright Centre.

“The Earth Rangers is an incredible organization that encourages students to get outdoors and benefit from hands-on experiential learning,” said MPP Lecce. “Our government is proud to partner with the Kortright Centre and the Earth Rangers to protect Vaughan’s natural beauty.”

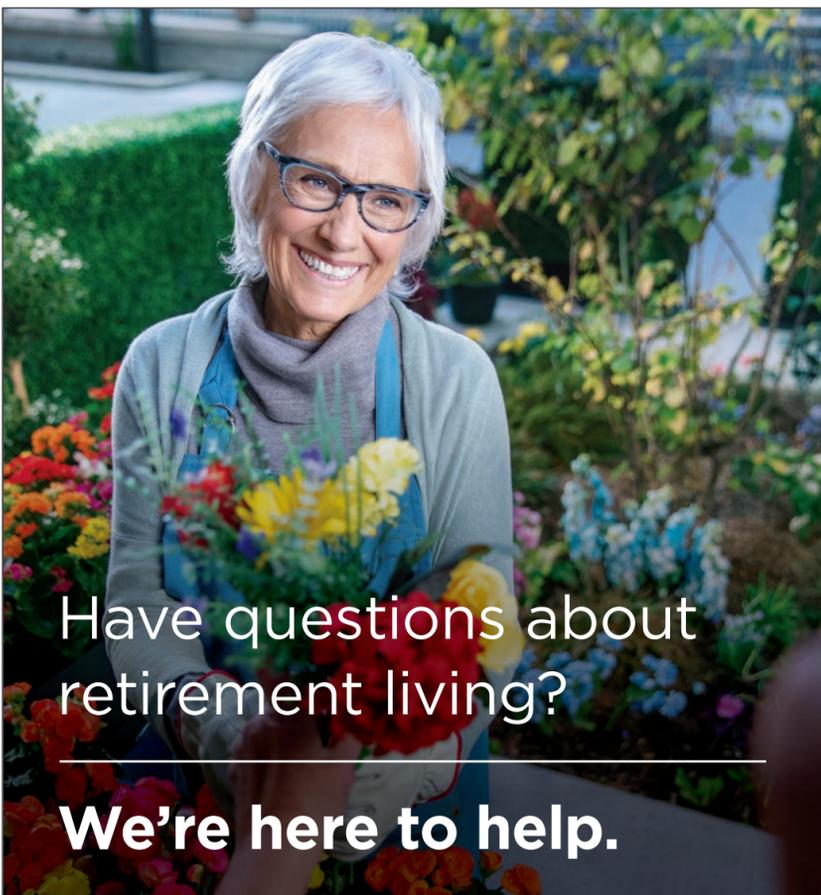
## York has healthy DC reserve fund

York Regional Council received a year-end summary of development charge activity and reserve balances for 2021, which totalled \$469.8 million.

Development Charges (DC) recover growth-related capital costs from residential and non-residential developments. Reserve balances increased by \$86.8 million from 2020 due to collection exceeding draws by \$68.3 million, DC deferred accounts increasing by \$9.6 million and \$9.1 million of interest earned during the year.

The Region offers the ability to defer payment of development charges for qualifying developments, with each deferred amount moved into its own Deferred DC Reserve for tracking purposes. Each Reserve has a parallel account to store any DC collections arising from deferral agreements.

The Deferred Development Charge Reserve has now increased to \$100.8 million.



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## Nobleton clinic helps bring out the best 'you'

By Mark Pavilons  
 Editor

Taking the time for ourselves is key these days.

And a Nobleton clinic can help you do just that.

Nobleton Rejuvenation Clinic has been thriving in the community since 2016 and they've expanded twice, due to the increasing demand.

Owner Jeanine Harrison said they needed a nurse practitioner level of medical aesthetic care in the community. She has been a member of the community for more than 18 years.

Harrison has spent 22 years as Nurse Practitioner and staffer Jackie has more than 24 years experience as an esthetician.

They provide popular Botox treatments and fillers, along with plasma injections.

"Clients are looking to our experts for everything from jawline contouring and lip and cheek augmentation to the overall management of the symptoms of aging - wrinkles and skin collagen

depletion," she said. Harrison said her philosophy in business has always been to "start low and go slow."

She works with the individual patient's goals to achieve a natural look, which is key to success in this area of practice.

"Taking time to take care of ourselves is a key component to feeling like we are the best versions of ourselves," she observed.

Harrison pointed to recent studies that show people who manage their skin care and overall appearance have less depression and anxiety.

The response has been great, leading to continual expansion over the last seven years.

Harrison noted they thrive on positive word of mouth within the community.

The trust they have built carries on from customer to customer who refer a significant number of patients to the clinic.

You can call them, or book an appointment using online scheduling through the website at <https://www.thenrc.ca/>

For more, call 647-201-5986 or email Jeanine at [nobletonrejuvenationclinic@yahoo.com](mailto:nobletonrejuvenationclinic@yahoo.com)



### Library seeks public input

King Township Public Library is hosting a focus group at the Ansnorveldt Public Library branch Thursday, May 19 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Your feedback will be invaluable in helping them shape services and programs to match community needs as a part of their Strategic Plan for 2023-2026.

As our thank you for your time, you'll receive a ceramic KTPL mug stuffed with a \$10 coffee gift card and other goodies, as well as a door prize raffle for a chance to win a \$100 grocery store gift card.

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Jeanine Harrison



### Salon hosts fundraiser

PNK Hair Design Studio hosted a blow dry and silent auction event for The DOVEEgene Project, which is an organization who helps with developing a test for early Ovarian and Uterine cancer detection. It is ran out of McGill University

The studio was thrilled to raised \$1,230 for the cause. Several local businesses donated items for the swag bag and event, including Seasons Floral, Bare and Co., Vintage Peony, Mary Kay, Its A Sweet Life Quilts, Chilly Moose, and re-actor Sarah Ogbors.

The cause is close to their hearts, especially owner Christine Longo, whose long-time friend was diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer.

"I wanted to do this do help find a cure for this silent cancer," she said. This was the first of many fundraisers for the studio.

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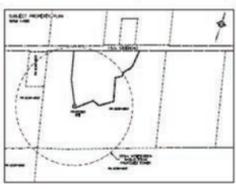
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# ExBar enters the exercise fray

By Mark Pavilonis  
Editor

A new portable device could become a mainstay in your exercise arsenal. Former King resident Andrew Mizzoni has brought ExBar to the world. They just launched on Kickstarter and are appearing on CBC Dragon's Den.

Mizzoni explained he was in the process of setting up a home gym and quickly became frustrated with the weight products currently on the market. Everything took up a lot of space, time to assemble and was costly, he pointed out.

"I knew there had to be a better solution. That night, I was struck with the solution. I quickly showed my future partner, who is a Certified Personal Trainer and military veteran, and from that day ExBar was born."

After much tweaking, several prototypes, overseas communications with manufacturers, they are patent-pending. With Kickstarter, they're receiving global recognition.

He explained the ExBar is the world's first extendable dumbbell to barbell fitness equipment. It allows you to perform hundreds of exercises with one or two hands.

"It's a total gym that fits in the palm of your hand. Fun, easy to use, compact and affordable. The very first of its kind."

The first version is 10 pounds, but they will have various other sizes as well as different colours to choose from.

Mizzoni said they tested the product rigorously and the results "are truly amazing."

It's ideal for people who lack space, time and finances, now can exercise anywhere, anytime, at an affordable price.

He used it personally and it allowed him to eliminate the "Dad Bod" weight after having his second child.

To catch a glimpse of the product, visit <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/exbar/exbar>

And keep an eye out for Mizzoni on an upcoming episode of Dragon's Den.



## York invests \$420 million in roads, transit

York Regional Council approved an investment of \$420 million in 2022 for roads and transit infrastructure improvement programs.

This contributes to an overall investment of \$3.5 billion over the next 10 years to build and maintain infrastructure, increasing the capacity of the Regional road and transit network to provide communities and travellers with access to safe, reliable and convenient transportation options.

Through investments in the Growth Program and the Asset Management Program, York Region is expanding the capacity of the Regional road and transit network and ensuring the more than \$6.2 billion in roads and transit infrastructure, including Regional roads, cycling lanes, bridges and transit terminals, remain in a state of good repair.

To enhance road and transit, over 90 projects are planned across the Region for 2022. These projects include road widening, major intersection improvements, rail bridge replacements, rehabilitation of 243 lane-kilometres of roads and a new bus terminal opposite the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital.

## 'Stop, Shop and Stroll' down Schomberg's Main Street this Saturday

Schomberg Main Street businesses are taking their stores to the sidewalk on Saturday May 14, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Come ready to shop and save while enjoying fun activities, live entertainment and workshops.

Four months of Sidewalk Saturdays are scheduled: May 14, June 11, July 9 and August 13.

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Start your day off by attending a Frog Calling workshop hosted by the Dufferin Marsh Committee's founding member Mary Asselstine. Venture through Schomberg's beautiful Dufferin Marsh for an educational workshop where you can learn frog- and toad-calling techniques.

After browsing the many different shops, complete your trip down Main Street by grabbing a bite to eat. Restaurants and coffee shops will offer sidewalk specials that you can't turn down.

Schomberg's Main Street encourages all residents and visitors to continue practicing safe social distancing during their visit. For more information visit [schombergmainstreet.ca/sidewalkable-saturdays](http://schombergmainstreet.ca/sidewalkable-saturdays) to stay updated on participating businesses, fun activities and workshops.

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# Controlled burn a big boost for Nobleton

By Susan Beharriell

Last week, after four seasons of trying, York Region staff finally found the ideal conditions to conduct a very important and successful controlled burn of rare tallgrass prairie (a form of native grassland habitat) located in the Nobleton Tract just north of the village.

Now it is the responsibility of all visitors to the tract to let nature bring back the original Tall Prairie Grasslands and all the wonders and benefits they bring. If we do not keep off the burned areas, then the slow-growing and sensitive prairie plants will not be able to establish themselves. This means that the plants, pollinators, birds, and animals that we seek to restore will not succeed.

Please always keep your dog on a leash and stay on the obvious paths. Who wants to come home with paws and shoes covered in ashes and mud having crushed countless rare species? While it may be fun to break the law and drive ATVs and dirt bikes etc. on the Tract, they are "weapons of mass destruction" as well. Please keep them out of our rare treasure! Please respect the rules of the York Regional Forest.

Over the course of the summer the plants should thrive, and staff will continue to remove the saplings that do not

belong. By August there should be few traces of the burn at all.

Prior to human settlement wildfires were a natural occurrence, and grasslands including prairies and savannas evolved to be fire dependent. Since grasslands were easier to farm than properties covered in forests, most native grasslands were destroyed by early settlers.

While tallgrass prairies were once common in Ontario, it is estimated that only one per cent of the original (pre-settlement) cover of prairie and oak savanna ecosystems remain in Ontario today, and they are now considered a rare ecosystem.

We in King are very fortunate to host just such a system. Will we take care of it and help it thrive? I heard a meadowlark yesterday and bobolinks nested here last summer, both species at risk. Will they thrive or be forced to move on due to our careless negligence?

With habitat destruction and an otherwise fire-adverse society, natural tallgrass prairies have no way of persisting on the landscape if we don't let fire do its job. Fortunately for these habitats, a controlled burn provides the same effect as a natural wildfire but with minimal risk. Fire stops weedy plants, trees, and shrubs from taking over while the fire-resistant grassland species, which



store 65% of their energy below ground as roots, can regrow.

The York Regional Forest, including the Nobleton Tract, is home to a variety of ecosystems including grasslands and fire is an important management tool used to help maintain these habitats and ensure they continue to flourish.

Controlled burns are a part of the long-term management plan to restore and enhance these rare and important ecosystems, and represent the Region's commitment to support biodiversity, pollinators, and healthy natural systems.

Let us all do our part to help it thrive while we enjoy this new habitat!



## York Region donates two decommissioned ambulances

Regional Council approved the donation of two decommissioned ambulances to Nunavut through Ambulances4NU, a non-profit organization that connects northern communities in need of ambulances with Ontario municipalities who regularly donate decommissioned ambulances.

Decommissioned ambulances are those that have reached their maximum lifespan of five years or 250,000 kilometres. Since 2014, Regional Council has approved the donation of 12 decommissioned ambulances to registered charities, not-for-profit and humanitarian aid organizations providing training, first aid services at local community events, mobile mental health education and paramedic services.

To support and benefit more communities, Regional Council amended the guidelines to allow for the donation of ambulances to communities and non-registered organizations like Ambulances4NU, who do valuable humanitarian work.

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# Budget supports building highways, transit and hospitals

Ontario's Plan to Build 2022 budget has five pillars to improve economy, lower costs.

Queen's Park releases its 2022 budget last week, which will rebuild Ontario's economy; support workers; build highways and key infrastructure; keep costs down and boost a plan to "stay open."

The government's plan will seize the opportunities in critical minerals, batteries and electric and hybrid vehicle manufacturing, help deliver better jobs and bigger paycheques for workers, help keep costs down for families, and get shovels in the ground for highways, transit, hospitals and other key infrastructure. Supported by a plan to stay open, the government is building Ontario.

"The people of Ontario deserve a government that has a real plan to build," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "Our government's Budget is Premier Ford's vision and our plan to cut through the excuses and act right away on the priorities of the people of Ontario."

The 2022 Budget continues the government's track record of strong fiscal management. The plan includes increases to base program spending at an average annual rate of about five per cent over the next three years. The Budget also presents a recovery plan that will eliminate Ontario's deficit two years earlier than projected in the 2021 Budget.

"Our government has a plan, and that plan is working," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "But the work is not over, and the job is not done. We are ready to get it done for the people of Ontario."

Rebuilding Ontario's Economy is the first pillar of the government's plan. While Ontario lost 300,000 manufacturing jobs between 2004 and 2018, the government has a plan to help create jobs and build prosperity everywhere, for everyone.

**Highlights include:**

Seizing Ontario's critical minerals opportunity begins in the North. Critical minerals will become part of the future of clean steel, batteries and hybrid and electric vehicles as the next generation of automobiles are built in Ontario, by Ontario workers and sold across North America and the world. The government's plan includes up to \$1 billion for legacy infrastructure, such as all-season roads to the Ring of Fire, building the corridor to prosperity.

The plan is also supported by a Critical Minerals Strategy and \$2 million in 2022-23 and \$3 million in 2023-24 to create a Critical Minerals Innovation Fund.

Helping create good manufacturing jobs as Ontario becomes a North American leader in building the vehicles of the future. As of early April 2022, Ontario has seen more than \$12 billion in new investments for vehicle production mandates and battery manufacturing over the past 18 months. Ontario is also supporting investments to help make the province a world-leading producer of clean, low-emission steel to help build automobiles in the province.

Working to bring jobs at provincial agencies to communities across Ontario to help spur economic growth. This begins with exploring the relocation of the headquarters of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) to London, working in close partnership with the agency and other partners, and identifying main street communities to headquarter new government agencies.

Investing nearly \$107 million over the next three years to help the province compete with jurisdictions in a global race to develop and own critical technologies.

Nearly \$4 billion to support high-speed internet access to every community in Ontario by the end of 2025.

Working for Workers is the second pillar of the government's plan. Ontario workers deserve a government that works as hard as they do for Ontario. That's why the government has a plan to support better jobs and bigger paycheques.

**Highlights include:**

Increasing the general minimum wage to \$15.50 per hour on Oct. 1, while guaranteeing digital platform workers the general minimum wage and new, first-in-Canada protections.

Investing \$1 billion annually in employment and training programs to help people retrain and upgrade their skills as the province continues to support better jobs and opportunities for Ontario workers.

Investing an additional \$114.4 million over three years in its Skilled Trades Strategy to break the stigma associated with the skilled trades and simplify the system.

Expanding college degree granting to help build a pipeline of job-ready

graduates in applied fields and allow students to gain the education, experience and skills to enter the workforce faster.

Providing \$268.5 million over three years in additional funding through Employment Ontario to strengthen the government's skills training and employment programs, including pandemic recovery initiatives.

Relaunching the Second Career program as Better Jobs Ontario to support a larger, more diverse range of Ontario workers with \$5 million in new funding in 2022-23, in addition to the nearly \$200 million invested over the last three years. Better Jobs Ontario helps laid-off unemployed workers access the training they need to become qualified for in-demand, well-paying jobs and connects local employers with the high-skilled workers they need.

Attracting newcomers with a plan that includes an additional \$15.1 million over three years in the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP), which nominates applicants for permanent residence who have the skills and experience that match Ontario's labour market needs.

Building Highways and Key Infrastructure is the third pillar in the government's plan. For too long, the people of Ontario have been stuck in gridlock, with thousands of hours wasted on packed trains, or behind the wheel in bumper-to-bumper traffic, costing billions to the province's economy. This has to change. The government is getting shovels in the ground to build highways, transit and other infrastructure projects to fight gridlock, boost the economy and create jobs.

**Highlights include:**

Planning one of the most ambitious capital plans in the province's history, with planned investments over the next 10 years totalling \$158.8 billion, including \$20 billion in 2022-23.

Investing \$25.1 billion over the next 10 years to support the planning and construction of highway projects across the province, including:

Building Highway 413; building the Bradford Bypass; steps to enable the future widening of Highway 401; improving the QEW Garden City Skyway; continuing the next phase of construction for the new Highway 7 between Kitchener and Guelph; reconstructing Highway 101, the Timmins Connecting Link.

The government will also invest \$61.6 billion over 10 years for public transit, including breaking ground on the Ontario Line; advancing planning work for the Sheppard Subway Extension; planning and design work for the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension to Toronto Pearson International Airport; the Bowmanville GO Rail Extension; weekday GO Rail trips between London and Union Station in Toronto; passenger rail service to Northeastern Ontario.

Keeping Costs Down is the fourth pillar in the government's plan. When costs go up, it has a direct impact on families, seniors, workers and the economy. That's why the government has a plan to help keep costs down by increasing housing supply, making it less expensive to drive or take transit, and by providing relief on everything from child care to taxes.

**Highlights include:**

Implementing a long-term plan to address the housing crisis, informed by the Housing Affordability Task Force's recommendations. This includes supporting the creation of all types of housing by speeding up approvals to get more shovels in the ground faster, prioritizing Ontario homebuyers over foreign speculators, cracking down on unethical developers, and committing to introduce a housing supply action plan every year for the next four years.

Making it less expensive to drive by eliminating and refunding licence plate renewal fees for passenger vehicles, light-duty trucks, motorcycles and mopeds, cutting the gas tax by 5.7 cents per litre for six months beginning July 1, and removing tolls on Highway 418 and 412.

Proposing to provide an additional \$300 in Personal Income Tax (PIT) relief, on average, to about 1.1 million taxpayers by enhancing the Low-income Individuals and Families Tax Credit.

Lowering child care fees for parents and securing a fair deal for Ontario by signing a \$13.2 billion agreement with the federal government in an important step towards achieving an average of \$10-a-day child care by September 2025.

A Plan to Stay Open is the fifth pillar in the government's plan. The province has cautiously lifted restrictions, and the economy is recovering. The government is making significant investments in its plan to stay open.



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# Arts & Entertainment

## Nobleton singer Morson releases his latest single

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

“True Country,” is a reflection of Matt Morson’s way of life in rural Ontario.

The Nobleton native, an accomplished country singer-songwriter, released his latest single recently.

The music video for True Country is coming soon.

Matt Morson lives and breathes the country lifestyle he sings about in this latest single.

“I wanted to write something that walks the line between being a fun summer smash and an unapologetic in-your-face country tune,” he said.

“In addition, I wanted to deliver an honest message that could also act as a friendly nudge against some of the stereotypes that are promoted by mainstream country music – about everything from the way people look to what they drive, and what they do for fun.”

From his small town King Township roots, Matt understands what it is to live that country life.

“In my neck of the woods, we come

from all walks of life, and it’s nowhere near as easy as it might seem to others. We struggle, we scrape by, we work like dogs, and we have as much fun as our time allows us, before the grind starts all over again. The common bond between everyone in the country way of life is that we all do the best we can.”

Morson has built a reputation of being an enthusiastic and seasoned performer. He has opened for artists like Paul Brandt, JoJo Mason, Bobby Wills, Doc Walker, George Canyon, and River Town Saints.

To supplement “True Country,” Matt has organized a series of “Who We Are” music showcases around Ontario that shine a light on him and other artists. He’s also playing the inaugural Music from the Vineyard Country Festival at Terra Estate Winery (featuring Andrew Hyatt, Madeline Merlo, and others) on July 23, which he also co-organized.

Keep an eye out for another single from Matt this fall.

You can follow Matt Morson on Facebook and Instagram and you can now stream “True Country.”



## King Library goes fine-free

In an effort to provide more equitable and accessible service, King Township Public Library (KTPL) will be removing overdue fines.

KTPL was one of many libraries to waive fines during the pandemic. It was so well received that we have decided to make it permanent and will retroactively forgive all existing fines.

Joining over 100 major libraries across North America who have transitioned to a fine-free service model, the Library is excited to announce that this initiative has come into effect.

“We anticipate that the removal of

fines will encourage new registrations as well as re-engage inactive patrons, ensuring all people can enjoy and benefit from our wonderful collections. Library staff look forward to shifting the focus away from payment transactions to readers advisory, program awareness and connecting the community with its information needs,” said Kate Gibson, manager of content & IT.

“The foundation of public library service is equitable access to all. We know that fines disproportionately affect our most vulnerable community members. We’re pleased to say the KTPL Board voted unanimously for the permanent removal of overdue fines to provide a more inclusive and accessible model of service,” said CEO Ashley Nunn-Smith.

Patrons will still be notified by email and phone calls when their materials are overdue and will be responsible for materials borrowed. The Library will continue to charge for lost and damaged items.

Visit one of our three branch locations or our website at [kinglibrary.ca](http://kinglibrary.ca) for more information.

## Timeless Tales writing contest now on

Timeless Tales: The Artifacts, is the second such writing contest of King Heritage & Culture and Arts Society King. History and creative writing make a perfect pairing. Last year’s contest uncovered a calibre of local writing that so impressed it led to the publication of the Timeless Tales anthology, which contained all the entries and sold out two printings.

Nifty prizes, fame and glory await inspired wordsmiths of all ages. Contestants may choose from six images of artifacts, or can see the real thing up close by visiting the King Heritage & Cultural Centre at 2920 King Road, just east of Jane Street.

For rules and entry forms go to [artsocietyking.ca](http://artsocietyking.ca).

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## Victoria Day in Nobleton returns with a bang!

Victoria Day is back in full swing this year.

The festivities kick off with the Victoria Day Parade at 11 a.m. It winds its way along King Road and into the arena parking lot.

If you’d like to be a participant in the parade, it’s not too late. If you have a classic or modern classic car that you would like to show, or you’re a community group, local business, band or want a float entry, they want to hear from you.

Those interested can contact Councillor David Boyd at [dboyd@king.ca](mailto:dboyd@king.ca) for more information. Cars can be registered that day at the Nobleton Library between 10 and 10:30 a.m.

This year’s fair runs from noon to 4 p.m. on the holiday Monday and is presented by Tim Hortons. The event features live entertainment, a dog show, midway and rides, games, inflatables, and a variety of food and retail vendors.

Join the organizers for the signature fireworks show beginning at dusk. Presented by King Fire, the Nobleton Victoria Day fireworks have been credited as the best Victoria Day display in all of Ontario.

Be sure to arrive early because parking and space fills quickly. For the best views, attendees are welcome to sit in the field behind the Nobleton Arena on Old King Road. Bring blankets, chairs and enjoy!

# Greenbelt Foundation supports three urgent projects

The Greenbelt Foundation has announced targeted investment for three projects that address key recommendations of the Southern Ontario Nature Coalition (SONC), to protect biodiversity where it is most at risk and value near-urban nature's ability to strengthen climate resilient communities.

This investment strategically supports projects that address recommendations from SONC's Near-Urban Nature Network: A Solution to Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss – Final Report, published in July of last year. Projects include a native seed strategy from Carolinian Canada, the establishment of important connectivity lands around Rouge National Urban Park from Wildlands League, and a project from Ontario Nature that assesses municipal and conservation authority lands towards Canada's 2025 Protected Areas Target. Planning is also under way to advance

SONC's 54 Million Trees recommendations from the 2021 report.

"All three projects work towards solutions that protect and enhance near-urban nature across the Greater Golden Horseshoe, one of two ecological hot spots in Canada," said Edward McDonnell, CEO, Greenbelt Foundation. "It is essential that we continue to invest in work that supports landscape connectivity in the region, which is essential to enabling species movement across southern Ontario and provides other benefits such as climate mitigation and increased greenspace for residents."

The Coalition will draft a southern Ontario native plant seed strategy in coordination with Indigenous, conservation, agricultural and native plant nursery industry leaders to restore healthy, climate resilient landscapes in the Greenbelt and preserve biodiversity. The region will need increased seed sup-

ply and planting to address challenges of climate impacts and improve conditions for biodiversity loss and urban development. Native plants are a necessary solution to increasing the resilience of nature and our communities as climate change impacts intensify.

Ontario Nature will partner with municipalities and conservation authorities to assess public lands and confirm their status to be counted towards federal biodiversity and climate targets. Ontario has fallen short of meeting the national target for protected areas and has currently protected less than 11 per cent of land. Environmentally significant municipal and conservation authority lands are vitally important to conservation in the Greater Golden Horseshoe but are under-reported towards the federal target.

The Wildlands League will identify and advance lands important to ecological connectivity in Rouge National Urban Park's greater ecosystem and adjacent Greenbelt lands. The project's focus on connectivity supports a "cores and corridors" approach to protecting biodi-

versity in the region, which has some of the highest concentrations of biodiversity in the country, but due to proximity to urban areas, is also under the greatest threat.

The dual crises of climate change and rapidly accelerating biodiversity loss have spurred international action, including investments from the Government of Canada to conserve 25 per cent of Canada's lands, freshwater, and oceans by 2025, working toward 30 per cent by 2030, and to stop and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030.

These commitments are important steps in the right direction and will help advance meaningful protection of Canada's biodiversity, including in near-urban areas, which are critical to environmental sustainability and contain some of the highest levels of species diversity in the country.

Since its formation in 2019, the Southern Ontario Nature Coalition (SONC) continues to convene and further the goals of the Near-Urban Nature Network: A Solution to Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss final report.

## Conservation Authority encourages online form for submitting violation concerns

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has seen a deluge in complaints about environmental malfeasance within its boundaries in the past two years. In response, they've implemented changes to how they receive complaints.

To put it in perspective, the complaints have more than doubled in the past two years since the pandemic began, from 145 complaints in 2019 to almost 400 complaints in 2021.

"We're struggling to keep up with the volume," said Ashlea Brown, Director of Environmental Regulations at the Conservation Authority. "We had to think outside the box and find a way to ensure we review every complaint and prioritize the most serious issues," she adds.

The Conservation Authority has developed an online form that requires complainants to submit detailed information to better assess the magnitude of the issue. It supports a "hit the ground running" approach by providing the information needed without a lot of back and forth.

The benefit for residents is that they can access the online form any time of the day or night, including submitting photos of the alleged violation. The web page introduction to the online form provides greater detail about what sorts of activities fall within the Conservation Authority's regulations.

Animals in distress, for instance, should be directed to local animal control or the province's animal welfare line. Cutting of trees is a local municipal bylaw issue. Environmental spills are the responsibility of the Ministry of Environment through the Spills Hotline. Providing more detail up front is intended to help re-direct complaints to the appropriate agency, leaving more resources to address serious environmental issues such as wetland destruction and building in floodplains.

The conservation authority piloted the form in 2021, and so far it's helped gather better information, but many people are still submitting complaints that are not within the Conservation Authority's area of responsibility. They're hoping the additional up-front instructions, and a move away from phone complaints, will help.

The online complaints form is available on the conservation authority's website.

Their mission is to work with the community to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed by leading research, policy and action.

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## Beth Underhill wins €500,000 Rolex Grand Prix

Canadian Olympian Beth Underhill of Mulmur won the €500,000 Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule May 8, to close out the CSIO5\* International Jumping La Baule in France.

On Friday, Underhill delivered double clear rounds to lead Canada to a third-place finish in the €250,000 Nations' Cup riding Dieu Merci van T&L. The pair carried their form into Sunday's €500,000 Rolex Grand Prix where they again jumped clear in the opening round of competition to join 11 other riders who qualified for the second round.

Underhill and Dieu Merci van T&L tackled the second-round course set in the François André Stadium by French course designer Gregory Bodo and delivered yet another clear round in a time of 43.77 seconds to put the pressure on those who followed. None were able to catch her time and leave all the rails up, giving the win to Underhill and the 13-year-old Belgian Sport Horse stallion (Toulon x Corrado I) owned by the Rein Family LLC and Torrey Pines Stable Inc.

"He was spectacular all week and didn't put a foot wrong," said Underhill of her winning mount. "He gave me everything he had without question and felt better every round."

Underhill, who operates her own Beth Underhill Stables training business in King City, began riding horses for Eric Lamaze at the beginning of this season when health issues forced the 2008 Olympic champion to take a step back. Lamaze has since formally announced his retirement from the sport but has taken up his new role as chef d'equipe of the Canadian Show

Jumping Team with gusto.

Underhill, 59, recounted: "When I went in the ring for the second round, Eric said, 'It's yours to take.' It galvanized me. I thought about all that Eric has done for us and has given me a renewed opportunity at this stage in my career. All the Canadian riders wanted to make this week count. I wanted to hold my own and put into practice all the things that we had been working on. I wanted to do it for Eric. To have a result like this is thrilling."

Dieu Merci van T&L was acquired in the summer of 2020 and is owned in partnership between Lamaze's Torrey Pines Stable and Mark Rein and Tara Dow-Rein's Rein Family LLC. Prior to La Baule, Underhill had only competed the horse during two weeks of competition in March at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL.

"Mark has been texting after every round encouraging us; we couldn't ask for better owners," said Underhill of the 2021 Equestrian Canada Jumping Committee's 'Owner of the Year.' "I grew up riding with Mark years ago as a junior. He is a Canadian and someone who loves the sport. We are so appreciative that he and Tara have brought their support to this level, and all that they've done to get us to this point. I'm very thankful to have a horse at this level."

"To watch the Canadian flag being raised and hear the anthem being played was an emotional moment, with the whole team there supporting us," continued Underhill who represented Canada at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona with Monopoly. "To be part of a competition like La Baule is



Beth Underhill won the €500,000 Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule riding Dieu Merci van T&L.

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a dream come true for me. The crowd was electric and so supportive of the Canadians. Because of Eric's history with the show, I think they have a soft spot for Canadians. It was an incredible week. We did what we came to do."

Lamaze has won the Grand Prix of La Baule on three occasions, in 2007 and 2011 riding his Beijing Olympic individual gold and team silver partner, Hickstead, and again in 2014 aboard Powerplay.

"As Canadians, we couldn't be happier; Beth continued the form she had in the Nations' Cup," said Lamaze. "It was an excellent course. It was a big grand prix track that was built with a lot of thought behind it. Beth was fast enough in the second round but not fast enough to do something stupid. She did

what she needed to do at that stage of the class, and it worked out for her. Beth looks strong on that horse and winning the Grand Prix of La Baule is a major achievement in your career."

"I'm proud not only of Beth for the win, but for the entire Canadian team and their attitude, the way that they handled everything and supported each other this week," continued Lamaze. "Competing in Europe is something I've done by myself for so many years; we eventually managed to get some teams over here, but it was never properly organized. This week shows that good things are to come for Canada."

For more information on CSIO5\* La Baule and full results, including video footage of Underhill's winning round, visit [www.labaule-cheval.com](http://www.labaule-cheval.com).

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## Nobleton boys helped Caledon Cougars finish third in the province

By Robert Belardi

Local boys Ethan Basic, Alex Gudaitis and Graydon Jurik helped lead the Caledon Cougars U-14 Bantam team finish third in the whole province.

The Caledon Cougars captured the bronze medal with a 65-58 victory over TPG, at the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre on May 1.

"Their goal was to try and get top four in all of the province," said head coach and co-founder of the organization, Mike Dodig.

"They accomplished that goal. Which is a good sign. They showed a lot of improvement over the years. So, they worked hard and developed. It wasn't an easy year with COVID and anything else, and adjusting practices and all that kind of stuff. It was a good year overall."

In a year full of obstacles, Dodig was particularly impressed with the way the group changed how they thought about themselves. The boys garnered a larger belief in their group as the season rolled along.

Heading into this tournament on

Friday, the Cougars opened up their round robin against the London Ramblers, with a 49-36 victory.

Jurik led the way with 21 points in the contest and Basic recorded 11 of his own.

In game two of the competition on Saturday, the Cougars took care of business once again, with a 45-38 win over the Guelph CYO Knights.

Moving on to Sunday, the Cougars went up against a tough opponent in the Durham Gators Orange. Unfortunately, the Cougars fell 57-43.

Owen Campbell had 17 points in the game and Caamric Williams contributed 11 of his own.

In the bronze medal game with Jurik and Adrian Pierre-Louis out of the lineup, the Cougars fell into foul trouble at the end. Basic, Campbell and Williams fouled out, so for most of the game, scoring had to come from elsewhere.

Gurpinder Kajla led the way with 19 points and Gudaitis finished with 18, as the Cougars fended off TPG 65-58. Quincy Subido, Sebastian Stinson, Shayson Henry and Amanpreet Gill also contributed heavily to the win.



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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. based on Revelation 9:1-12 is entitled "Trumpet V."

Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://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](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

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](http://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. If this might be of interest to you, we'd love to have you join us.

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](http://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca) to find a list of items needed.

In-person children's ministry, as mentioned above, has resumed. If you would like to participate, tick the appropriate box on the connection card at [stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect).

## St. Mary's Church

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://stpatrikssc.archtoronto.org/>

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

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens (Grades 7-12) for our Life Nights. See bulletin for more details.

Please contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or [zgangl@archtoronto.org](mailto:zgangl@archtoronto.org) for our next event. Hope to see you there!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program takes place at St. Patrick's Church on Sundays at the 9:30 a.m Holy Mass and resumes at St. Mary's Mission.

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

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

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

## Nobleton Book Club

We are delighted to announce that the Nobleton Book Club has resumed its in person monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library. Recently, we met at the library and put together a list of book titles for the upcoming 2022-2023 book club season. Our schedule for meetings is the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Nobleton Programme room, with the exception of July and August.

While the Nobleton Book Club has been meeting regularly over the past 10 years, new members are always most welcome! Come by and check out these interesting, lively and varied group discussions. It does not matter if you are able to come every month, but rather, come when you are able. 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.

Tuesday, October 11: From the Ashes - Jesse Thistle.

Tuesday, November 8: My Remarkable Journey: A memoir - Katherine Johnson.

We would like to welcome and thank Ms. Multnai, who is our resident Nobleton Library facilitator.

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

## Nobleton United Church

By Nancy Hopkinson

We are hiring 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 11 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.

We will not be open this Sunday at Nobleton United Church, as we want to join our sister church in saying a "fond farewell" to Schomberg's Sheila Darnowski who is moving away.

The next seniors' luncheon will be a hybrid model, with in-person entertainment on May 17 starting at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg or the meal delivered in time for dinner. Gerry Duffy will be the entertainer! Contact Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315 by May 14, if you would like to attend. These luncheons are organized by Schomberg United Church. If you would like to volunteer to help with these lunches, please contact Kim Campbell at 905-939-2992.

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: Sun. May 22, Doug Reid; Sun. May 29, Jt service with Schomberg at 11:15 a.m. in Nobleton United Church, Rev. Evelyn McLachlan; June 5 & 12, Doug Reid; June 19, Pat Edmonds; June 26 & July 3, Doug Reid; July 10, Sandra Kirby; July 17, Congregational Picnic at the Campbell's; July 24, Sandra Kirby; July 31, Doug Reid. 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](mailto:nancy@hopkinson.ca).

## Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club mourns the loss of our last charter member, Dave Harper. His obituary is on the Eagan's website. The whole community is poorer with his passing.

Plans are under way for the Club's participation in the Victoria day parade in Nobleton, and the day long festivities at the arena.

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.

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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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## Schomberg Sidewalk Sale

Stop, shop and stroll throughout our quaint Schomberg Main Street, on Saturday May 14th from 10am to 4 pm as our Schomberg Main Street Businesses bring their stores to the sidewalk! Come ready to shop, eat, drink and enjoy all kinds of fun activities.

This is Schomberg's first ever "Sidewalkable Saturday." There will be live music, face painting, balloon twisting, undeniable sidewalk sales, sidewalk food and so much more on our Main Street!

## Dufferin Nature Connection

Along with our Main Street celebrations, the Dufferin Marsh folks invite you to their Schomberg Frog Workshop, also on the 14th at 10 a.m. Meet at the shelter in the Dufferin Marsh on

Dr. Kay Drive at 10 a.m. for this is a free event!

## Homecrafts

If you are new to the area and have not been to the Schomberg Fair before, this is something you don't want to miss. The fairgrounds is located just off Main Street, the entrance is between the Schomberg Community Hall and the Presbyterian church. There is also another entrance off Western Avenue by the "old arena" (now King Twp. Parks Department). The dates are May 26-29.

For information, visit our web site [schombergfair.com](http://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.

Our Food Booth will be located just inside the door on the curling pad. Stop by & enjoy a variety of fresh made sandwiches, tea, coffee, pop, juice, water and if it is cold. And of course, a slice of our famous pies. There will be apple, blueberry, cherry, raspberry, raisin, rhubarb, and rhubarb/strawberry. This is where you can buy your whole pie to take home for supper, or a frozen uncooked pie you can use later.

Another event that we welcome back both Saturday & Sunday is the Masons CHIP identification program. The sponsors of this program are the Freemasons & Masonic Lodges of York District. The last time they were at the fair we were in the old arena.

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

Another group that we are happy to see back in Homecraft are the "Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners." They can answer all your gardening questions and will be selling Heirloom tomato plants and a variety of vegetable plants.

## Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg United Church, 116 Church St., the guest worship leader is Rev. Evelyn McLachlan. Please enter by the back door, as it is accessible. Nobleton United Church will be joining the worship service as the members want to bid a "fond farewell" to Schomberg's Sheila Darnowski who is moving away.

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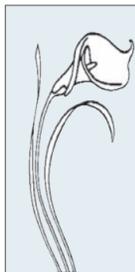
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# King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

We hope that everyone had a good Mother's Day and that this week of warm weather brings some welcome relief to the winter doldrums that have persisted.

Last Sunday Rev. Andrews's message entitled "Encounters" was based on the scriptures from Acts 9:1-20, the encounter of Saul with Jesus and the opening of his eyes.

How many of us have had our eyes opened and allowed the direction in our lives to be changed for the better? How many of us have taken that opportunity and turned things around. In Rev. Lee's closing words he "invites you to look into your heart; to look around yourself; to look up at the sky; to look down on the ground. And encounter what God has prepared for you. May the God of mystery inspire you and give you the light that surrounded Saul today." To view the worship recording or read the entire sermon please visit [kcuc.net](http://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 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](http://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](mailto:lisa@kingbiblechurch.com)

[blechurch.com](http://blechurch.com).

## King City Seniors

If you missed the first class of Line Dancing on Tuesday, not to worry. Come out this Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and join in for a great time.

Our current activity schedule is: Monday 10 a.m. Viva Dance; 1 p.m. Intermediate Bridge; Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing; 1 p.m. Bid Euchre; Wednesday 10 a.m. Drop-In Social time; 1 p.m. Novice Bridge; Thursday 9:30 a.m. Gentle Motion; 1 p.m. Carpet Bowling, Friday 1 p.m. 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. While everyone is welcome to spend the full two hours with us, we would be happy to

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## St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us this Sunday, May 15 for our Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Lynn Vissers will be with us as we continue to look at the early church following Pentecost as recorded in the book of Acts.

Alison Agnew was with us last Sunday and had us imagine the scene when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and many others at Pentecost. The gift of the Holy Spirit was prophesied and is a promise we can experience today - look at Acts 2:38, 39.

The worship services are recorded and posted by 4 p.m. on our website at [standrews-kingcity.ca](http://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.

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### HUNTER, David James

David James Hunter passed away peacefully, but far too soon, at the West Parry Sound Health Centre, with his family by his side, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer on May 5, 2022 at the age of 68. Adored, cherished, devoted, and most amazing loving husband and soulmate of Patricia (Pat) for almost thirty years. Beloved stepfather of Jesse Jacklin (Cassandra) and loving grandfather of Emma and William. Dear son-in-law of Jane and the late Peter Klynstra and brother-in-law of Agnes Vincent (Hector), Janet and the late Keith Smith, Judy Pearson (Phil). Dearly loved uncle of Sarah Manton (Chris) and Stephen Hunter (Ashley). Predeceased by his parents, Ralph and Verna Hunter and his brother, Edward (Ted) Hunter. Sadly missed by other relatives and friends.



Dave grew up in King City and moved to Parry Sound for his final year of high school. Their loss was our gain. He was an incredible athlete who loved all sports and played baseball and hockey as a young boy. As he got older though, it became apparent that baseball was his true passion. As a teenager in King City he was recruited to play fastball in two different Mens' Leagues. His love of baseball continued when he moved to Parry Sound where he played in the Mens' Fastball League and his friends and teammates came to know him as "Catfish". He was a skilled pitcher and many a batter feared heading to the plate to face his fastballs, while the fielders on the opposing team could do little to catch his many home run hits. He started his own Masonry Contracting business at the age of twenty and never looked back. He loved his work and was still laying blocks up until last November. He rarely stopped and from Spring to Fall was working every day, including most weekends. He had the gift of gab and loved meeting new people and could talk about anything. You can bet that if he built your foundation or repaired your block wall, it would not fall down as he always went above and beyond what was required. He's probably looking down right now at any construction sites in progress thinking "they need to put some more rebar into that block wall or it needs more reinforcing". Maybe he'll build a castle out of blocks in heaven ready for when I come to join him.

Friends were received at the Logan Funeral Home (705-746-5855), 81 James Street, Parry Sound, on Tuesday, May 10th from 2:00 - 4:00 & 6:00 - 8:00 P.M., and on Wednesday, May 11th from 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. A Celebration of Dave's Life took place in the Logan Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, May 11th, at 2:00 P.M. Interment Foley Memorial Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the West Parry Sound Health Centre Foundation would be appreciated. To send an on-line condolence, please visit [www.loganfuneralhome.com](http://www.loganfuneralhome.com)

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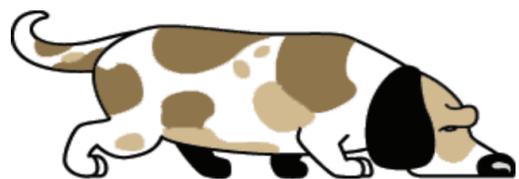
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"Messy Church" is coming again, Sunday, May 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. This is an intergenerational, free event, so adults, bring your children and enjoy a time with music, Bible stories and art, followed by supper. The Easter Mural which Lynn had the youth help her with during the April "Messy Church", is still up on the southern outside wall of the church. We invite you to have a look.

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There's a Jr. Weekly Summer Camp July & August, 1 to 4 p.m., run by OTA Certified Club Pro Markus Ziegler.

The club also offers private and semi-private lessons by Markus Ziegler. Visit their 2022 website - kingci-

tytennis.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**

Last Sunday we warmly welcomed our new priest in charge Canon Erin Martin and her family. There was at a special coffee hour after the 10:30 service at which she officiated and delivered a challenging sermon. The parish is looking forward to her helping us find new ways of putting our beliefs into action in the community.

Canon Erin Martin's first homily at All Saints was a commentary on John 10: "Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. 27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.'"

"This is a difficult passage. Jesus was being confronted by a number of critics. They asked him whether he was the Messiah. He'd shown them by his acts of love, mercy and healing exactly who he was. So at that point all he would say was that those who are

sheep of his own fold believe, and others just won't. Those who are a part of Jesus' flock would recognize and follow his voice, and those who aren't won't believe and that's it. That's where I get stuck ... does that sound fair?"

"It sounds like this is predetermined - some are chosen with all the benefits of that belief, while others are never meant to believe or be included or belong to God. Maybe John was trying to reassure them that they were indeed part of God's flock while trying to explain why others, didn't believe despite their testimony.

"A lot of us are in the same boat - I've had so many conversations with people about the distress they feel knowing that their children or grandchildren don't believe in God. And we all know people who follow other religions. These are people we know and respect, they are our family and our friends ... so we may sometimes find ourselves worried that those we care about are excluded from God's love, and we may wonder WHY? Perhaps we can see that those who follow the way of Jesus are more likely to believe in him and identify as part of his flock. Those who are already focusing on Jesus are more likely to hear his voice.

"If we want to know that we're part of Jesus's flock and if we want to hear Jesus's voice calling us ... I think we start by simply following Jesus in concrete ways.

"There are lots of ways to do this. We can help those who need it. We can be a friend to those who need one. We can be advocates seeking justice and equity and upholding the dignity of every human being. We can forgive. We invest financially in our church community and programs. And maybe most powerfully we can pray - not only because it helps us uphold others and remember their needs, but it also keeps us in dialogue with God and helps us to listen for the shepherd who calls.

"I believe that no one is excluded from God's love, grace and mercy, and that, we all belong, we are all valued regardless of whether we believe or don't believe in God. When Jesus died and rose again and redeemed all human life that was enough. That salvation could not be more complete. We are God's beloved, members of God's flock and nothing can snatch us away. I will joyfully spend my life living my faith and helping others hear God's voice and life-giving word. Are you with me?"



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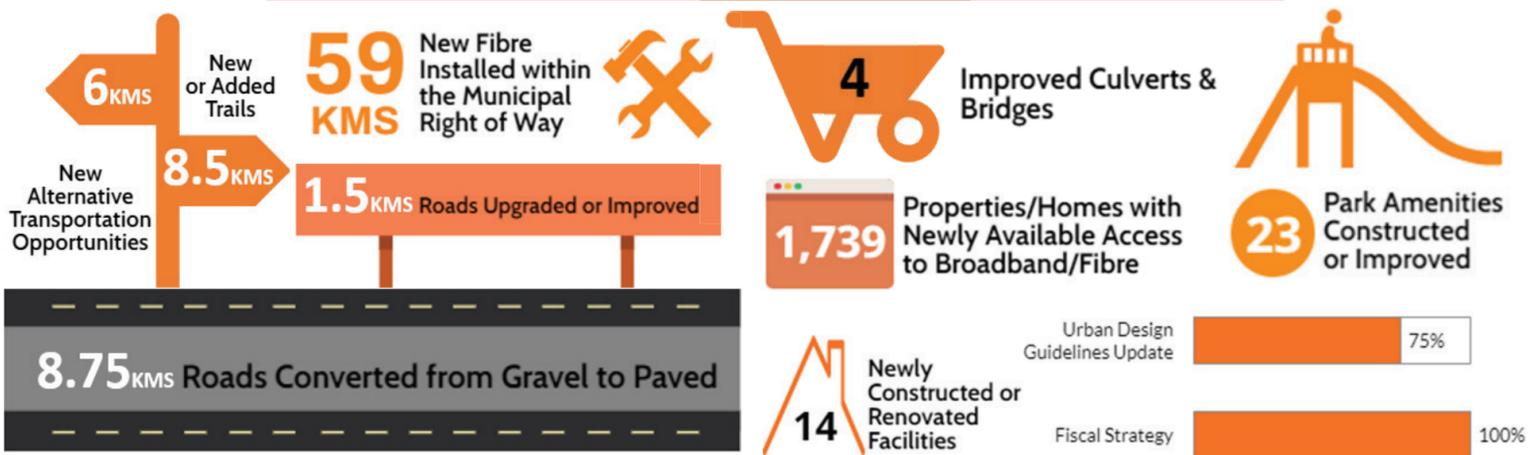
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## What you need to know before you put your house on the market



By **Ann Duncan**  
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Preparing your home for sale is no easy feat. Even if you've kept it in relatively good condition over the years, you have to ask yourself, will buyers, real estate agents and appraisers be wowed?

First impressions can impact your property's value and potentially make it harder to sell your home. So that you don't waste time and money, here is a list of things that could negatively affect your home. Consider these issues before putting your property on the market.

### CRACKS IN THE PAVEMENT

You might not pay much attention to wear and tear on your driveway, but appraisers will. They look for signs of physical depreciation, so consider resealing the surface of your driveway before you put your house on the market. Large cracks and potholes on the driveway surface raise a red flag in the appraisal process.

### NO CURB APPEAL

If buyers drive by your home or decide to do a walk-through, what they see at first glance makes a difference. If your home is messy or unruly from the outside – maybe it needs serious repainting – it could sour a potential buyer's experience. At the very least, the lawn, walkway and driveway should be cleared of any debris and look clean and tidy. The front door along with the doorframe and window trims should be freshly painted.

### AN UNKEPT YARD

Landscaping has the potential to increase home value – according to the Appraisal Institute. But if you've let your home's lawn go, now is the time to roll up your sleeves and bring out the gardening tools. Dead or dying shrubbery should be removed and replaced with healthy and lush plants, and there should be no weeds anywhere on the property.

Landscaping is also one of those hidden expenses that come with building your own home.

### LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Even if your home's lawn is in good condition, landscaping too quirky or personal could hurt your home's appeal. It can be a turnoff to buyers who might want to develop the yard with their own style. Similarly, large trees leaning over the house should be trimmed back to avoid the risk of collapse onto the roof.

### A POOL

You might have spent many happy summers enjoying your home pool, but don't assume buyers want to carry on the tradition. While some buyers see a pool and envision warm summer days lounging on a floaty, soaking up the rays, a majority of buyers won't even look at a home with a pool.

Why? Most buyers fear the maintenance, additional insurance and general added expense that a pool demands. However, luxury homes that sit on large properties tend to do well with pools.

### A KOI POND

If you have a koi pond or other decorative body of water on the property, ensure that it's clean and pristine.

In the countless homes I have shown, I have yet to see a perfect koi pond.

Although a koi pond does have the potential to improve home value, "Just please clean it before you try to sell."

### SIDING

At some point, you might have opted for aluminum siding because it's durable, repels bugs and insulates your home. Unfortunately, it can work against you when it comes time to sell. Those looking to buy today prefer not to buy a house with aluminum siding, as it can cheapen the appearance of the house. I also noted that "houses with ugly-coloured siding are challenging to sell."

### STREET TRAFFIC

Live on a busy street? It could negatively impact your property's value. Houses on, or that back up to, busy thoroughfares generally have less value than the exact same house would if it were in a more quiet spot.

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AVERAGE 11 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

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SALE TO LIST RATIO

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YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

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Summary of Existing Home Transactions for All Home Types + Focus on the MLS Home Price Index for Composite for York Region's Aurora and King

We are seeing longer days on market and prices coming down over the last 4 weeks. Buyers are definitely proceeding with more caution and watching carefully to see if holding off on purchasing will bring about a more negotiable sales result. All things considered, sale prices are still higher than last fall and it remains a good time to sell. The homes that are selling the fastest are those positioned as "best value". Being sharp in pricing strategy helps ensure homes are being sold in a fair number of days while still driving good results.

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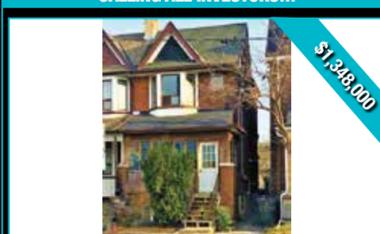
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# Your King Township *Market Update*

You have likely seen the Ontario real estate market hitting record highs within the past two years.

With the rise of COVID-19, work-from-home culture, and the closing of businesses, we have seen many changes occur around us.

We will unpack the market shift from what we have observed in the first quarter of 2022.

The Michele Denniston Team has twenty-plus years of collective real estate experience in the King and surrounding regions – and will use our expertise to illustrate what we are seeing in our market today.

**SHIFTING TO A BUYER'S MARKET**

It is no doubt home sellers have had a significant advantage in the market for the past few years.

For example, to purchase a starter townhome – buyers are expected to dish out close to a million dollars in the GTA.

We are now seeing an influx of available listings in the resale inventory – and we expect sellers to slowly surpass the number of buyers, causing a complete shift from a seller's market to a buyer's market.

**OFFER DATES ARE UNSUCCESSFUL**

The industry was seeing offer dates exceptionally often over the past few years.

With many sellers "holding for offers" paired with an intense seller's market, it was common to see listings receiving 50+ offers.

However, today we see this common strategy is no longer effective as a listing strategy to sell homes.

This is because of the decrease in buyer demand.

Approximately 40% of new listings recently on the MLS are re-lists from unsuccessful offer dates, there simply isn't the same number of motivated buyers as we have seen in previous months.

Having to relist, often with a price adjustment to reflect Sellers' true intended price expectations, can be problematic to sellers hoping to sell their homes quickly and for the maximum price.

You will likely see a continued decrease in offer dates as we move into the spring and summer markets, which is advantageous for buyers.

**FEWER SHOWINGS**

Agents across the GTA and Toronto are seeing a notable decrease in showing requests. Open houses are not receiving the same amount of traffic as we had become accustomed to in January & February 2022, and there is less buzz around new listings than we were once seeing. Less buyer interest in a listing leads to fewer showings, which in turn, is reflected in the number of offers submitted. Given that there is less competition for buyers, sellers will have to be open to more strategic pricing and marketing.

**CHANGES IN BANK OF CANADA INTEREST RATES**

The Toronto Real Estate Board and other local boards continue to see an increase in borrowing costs. Many buyers are forced to reconsider their game plans when faced with affordability and rising interest rates. There has also been a 27 percent decrease in sales year-over-year

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compared to March 2022. It certainly appears that the Bank of Canada is achieving its goal of slowing consumer spending as it fights high inflation. Negotiated mortgage rates rose sharply over the past four weeks, prompting some buyers to delay purchasing. "It will be interesting to see the balance the Bank of Canada strikes between combatting inflation versus stunting economic growth as we continue to recover from and pay for pandemic-related programs," said TRREB President Kevin Crigger. Last month the Bank of Canada increased their rate by 50 basis points (0.5%), which has contributed to the decrease in sales over the past four weeks.

**STAGING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ARE MORE EXPENSIVE**

We have recently seen record-breaking increases in gas, groceries, lumber and other supplies and necessities. The inflation has trickled to create a higher ticket price for professional staging, home renovations and new construction projects. Not to mention many of these workforces are fighting back. The local Labourers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) Local 183 has recently gone on strike, forcing 15,000 skilled

workers off the job site and projects to stall. These weekly delays in bargaining can set back framing and high-rise development projects by months and even years, depending on how long the strike lasts for the residential construction industry.

**OUR ADVICE TO YOU**

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# 5 tips to maximize the curb appeal of your home



(NC) Whether you're considering a full exterior update or just freshening up your home's curb appeal, there are simple and inexpensive solutions that deliver rewarding impact.

Here's how to make heads turn in five easy steps:

**UPDATE WEATHER-WORN HARDWARE**

Make an impact without overspending by updating little things around the outside of your home, including your house numbers, mailbox and front door handles. While they may feel like minor changes, you'll be amazed at how much of a difference these easy refreshes can make.

**RETHINK COLOUR**

Revive the look of your home by adding a new coat of exterior paint or stain. Painting your front door is a simple, affordable and high-impact way to give your home a new look. Consider bold colours to make your front door pop or choose a calming coat of white or grey for a clean, fresh look.

**INVEST IN THE RIGHT MAINTENANCE TOOLS**

Keeping your lawn healthy and your entryway spotless creates a great first impression, but it also takes the right tools. From a grass trimmer to a pressure washer, build a checklist of the power and hand tools you need to keep your property looking its best.

**PUT THE SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR HOME**

Exterior lighting makes your house shine while also adding an extra layer of security. An outdoor post light can add charm and personality to your yard and illuminate a driveway, while inset step lighting can make stairs safer and stylish. Solar or string lights can also boost the ambiance in your garden pathway or patio areas.

**FOCUS ON THE MAIN FEATURES**

Transform your home's exterior by replacing your siding. From different colours, widths and materials, there's a wide selection of products to fit every home and budget. Explore how vinyl siding, wood or stone veneer could be the new look your house has been waiting for.

To maximize what you have, consider how your tools work together and look for a line like Benchmark that lets you interchange batteries for different tools so you can save space.

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## 3 ways to set your house apart from the rest

(NC) When it comes to home improvement projects, there's more to think about than simply the aesthetics. Functionality, sustainability and durability each play a large role in any home, and with the effects of climate change on the rise, here are three home improvement projects to consider this spring.

**RAINWATER HARVESTING**

Rainwater harvesting is a simple and convenient way to make your home more sustainable and save on utility bills. It offers many other benefits as well such as helping to control storm-water runoff, which reduces the risk of erosion in gardens and around downspouts and it minimizes the impact on sewer systems.

**NATIVE PLANT GARDEN**

An easy way to add curb appeal while doing your part for Mother Nature is to plant native species in your garden. An Aviva Canada survey found 89 per cent of Canadians agree that biodiversity is important to solving the climate crisis. Native plants can help support healthy ecosystems and are accustomed to your local conditions — soil type, temperature, climate and light — so it's okay if you lack the proverbial green thumb.

**USE TECHNOLOGY TO AUTOMATE YOUR HOME**

Home automation devices can help make your life easier and are a great way to reduce your carbon footprint. Things like smart thermostats can help regulate the temperature in your house, and lighting control systems can help decrease your use of unnecessary electricity. You can even connect your speakers and cooking appliances.

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**NOISE POLLUTION**

Buyers might also be sensitive to other types of excessive noise around your property. Anything from living within hearing distance of a commuter train to an airport – if you can hear the planes and trains it can affect your home's value.

**UNSIGHTLY BUILDINGS NEARBY**

Environmental elements like cellphone towers, power plants and landfills can hurt your home's value when it comes time for a home appraisal.

**A BAD SMELL**

People are sensitive to smell, so it's no secret that a bad smell, like cigarette smoke, can deter those looking to buy.

A strong deodorizer can be an indicator of a cover-up. I advise, "Bake a cake, a pie, brew coffee or use a diffuser with a scent of lemon, orange or apple. These odours will appeal to buyers."

**KNICKKNACKS AND OTHER CLUTTER**

You might love your collection of snow globes and antique perfume bottles, but it's probably best to store them away while your house is being shown.

Overdecorating and items of personal interest must be removed, "Beware of clutter."

**UPGRADES WITHOUT A PERMIT**

If you build a little apartment in the basement without the proper permits, your appraisal report won't look too good. A bad home appraisal can actually block potential homebuyers from receiving funding for the home purchase, especially if the home has illegal upgrades.

**PANELLING**

Panelling in the basement or rec room was a trend a couple of decades ago. Today, you'll want to replace it to avoid looking dated.

**CARPET EVERYWHERE**

Many old homes have beautiful hardwood floors buried beneath the carpet. You might love how cozy the rug feels under your feet in the colder months – but when it's time to sell the house, rip up the carpet and expose those hardwood floors.

You'll add value back to your home faster than you can say, "my feet are cold."

**AN UNAPPEALING LAYOUT**

The layout is the biggest thing that can kill a home's value because it's the most expensive thing to fix.

Some layouts that could kill the value of your home are split-level homes with bedrooms on the main floor and living areas on the top floor, and any home that is too compartmentalized, as today's buyers prefer an open-concept layout.

**DATED KITCHEN CABINETS**

You can have the most beautiful countertops and fixtures in the world –but if your cabinets are dated, no one will notice, it's time to upgrade your kitchen.

**WALLPAPER**

Remove wallpaper and repaint before putting your home on the market.

It's not terribly expensive to take down and repaint, but many buyers aren't handy and assume it will be a huge expense and will write your home off their list immediately.

**A FILLED-IN FIREPLACE**

Some owners of older homes choose to fill in a fireplace rather than maintain it, but this could decrease the value-of-the-home when it's time to sell.

Some buyers seem to want fireplaces, and when they come across a home where the fireplace appears to have been filled with bricks or otherwise taken out of service, they always question what needs to occur to bring it back into working order.

Typically, that's a chimney inspection and replacing the chimney liner and cap. The costs and work required can result in buyers reducing their offer price.

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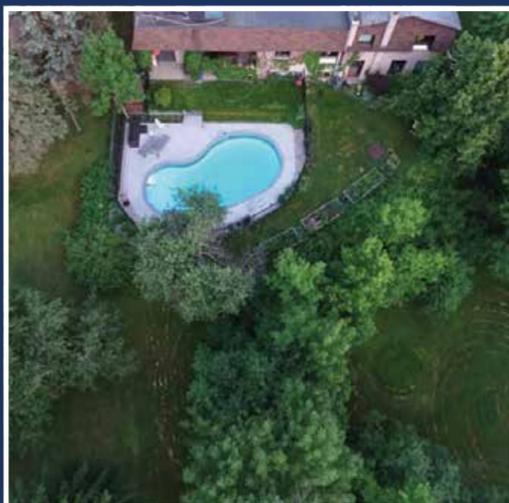


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**By Julien Laurion**  
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

It is no secret that home prices have skyrocketed over the past few months.

**THEREFORE**, a lot of current homeowners are priced out of larger homes or newly renovated homes. The market has bumped up the value of their homes, but the most common response I get when this topic is discussed is “but where would I go? I don’t want to move up north”. As a result of this, many homeowners are opting to renovate and upgrade their current homes.

As you know, I have extensive experience as a contractor, and the trend “to renovate” is so popular right now – I thought I would share one of the biggest tips on “how to make” this process as easy as possible.

One of the most critical questions that would need to get answered right at the start is “what is the budget?” Often the answer is, “Not sure.” Or, “I don’t know.” So, then the question should be rephrased as “what are you comfortable spending?” Usually, there is a number either in our head, or in a bank account or on a line of credit that you do not want the project to exceed.

The scope of the work needs to be clearly outlined for the contractor – to be able to determine cost and timing. Once the contractor understands the “scope of the project,” they will have a sense of how many days of work will be required. In addition, to the time the project will take, the cost of the materials chosen has an enormous impact on the overall cost. You should have an idea of the level of finish you want. As you discuss these details, that’s where advising the contractor of your budget is prudent. A common misconception is that telling the contractor that “I have a \$50,000 budget” – will lead to being overcharged. While this might be the case in some very uncommon and rare situations, setting a budget really helps the professionals know what can be done. Think of it this way, in your profession, you know what can and cannot be done with



# Should I tell contractors how much I want to spend?

certain budgets, and the same applies here, knowing the trends of costs and timelines etc. A lot of home renovators start their projects with unrealistic budgets – which assume too little money for too much renovation! Another way to describe that is wishful thinking!

In more extensive renovations – a lot of investigation needs to happen on the front end to establish an estimated cost. For example, it may be necessary to open a wall to see what exactly is behind it, what can be moved etc. to accommodate the new vision for the space. If a new kitchen is a project, designers or cabinet makers will likely need to come to look at the space to make proper drawings. These steps cost money. If you start a project and engage these experts without having an idea of a budget, then you may find yourself in a situation where the costs of

what you dream of far exceed what you can afford. It is very easy to get carried away with a renovation project. This may stop the project from proceeding – and you not getting the renovation you wanted. So, rather than having to backtrack or delay your renovation, do spend time at the front end establishing how much you want to spend. Even when you do that, it is very unlikely that the project will not have overruns. There can be lots of adjustments along the way that can impact the final cost.

Finally, while undertaking a renovation project can be intimidating or overwhelming, people are always thrilled to have a new space to live in.

If you are considering renovating, buying, selling or investing – feel free to reach out so I can help. I am only a call or click away! Good luck!

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# 3 DESIGN TRENDS that are in right now

(NC) If you're thinking about making some changes to the exterior of your home and are on the lookout for trends in exterior architecture, here are 3 great design ideas to keep in mind.

**CURVE APPEAL**

The humble arch is having a major comeback, both inside and out. A statement unto itself, an arch can provide a beautiful offset for the sleek lines of mid-century or art deco architecture. There are options and designs for arched entryways, rounded windows and curved window surrounds too.

**LET THE INSIDE OUT**

Resilient materials, like stone veneer, are crossover products that feel refined and luxurious, and they can make a backyard or veranda feel like a true extension of the home. You can elevate an outdoor kitchen or add a fire table to help extend the outdoor living season. This trend works in all sorts of places

like courtyards, rooftops, patios and balconies. It delivers an aesthetically pleasing look and satisfies the craving to include nature in most corners of our lives.

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