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Township adopts policy on donations

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King has created a formal policy on corporate donations. Over the years, the Township has had an informal policy for donations which comply to CRA rules and regulations. In order to clarify the rules and increase consistency, the formal policy was drafted.

The policy addresses cash and in-kind donations. Businesses, individuals and service clubs may choose to provide financial or material support for municipal activities through donations.

Eligible donations include those that support approved programs and services; are tangible assets; support capital facilities; contribute to asset improvement, restoration and maintenance, and are general in nature.

The policy says cash and in-kind donations must be free from conditions and the Township cannot make any commitments to the donors.

"The Township must be free to liquidate to cash any donation-in-kind, or financial securities accepted as a donation without challenge by or obligation to the donor," staff noted.

The Township can reject donations that are subject to consideration or benefit to the donor. Any donation that puts limits on their use can also be turned down. King also doesn't any potential donation to create any sort of liability or financial burden.

All offers or proposals are referred to the appropriate senior department leadership team. Before accepting a donation, the proper risk/benefit analysis is conducted.

Amounts less than \$25,000 can be accepted by the treasurer or senior leadership team (SLT). The treasurer and CAO can accept donations up to \$100,000. Cash and in-kind donations over \$100,000 are subject to council approval.

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

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COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, July 20
6 pm – Committee of Adjustment (virtual meeting)

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- Coordinator Environment & Sustainability – Deadline July 20, 2022
- General Program Instructor – Deadline July 29, 2022
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REMINDERS

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- By Mail (Must be stamped and mailed prior to due date and received on time)
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Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD): PAD program is available for Property Tax accounts. The enrolment form is available at www.king.ca (search for "PAD")

To ensure enrollment please apply prior to due date.

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

In accordance with the Township By-law 2022-039 unpaid balances following the due date, a penalty of one and one quarter per cent (1.25%) per month, shall be levied on the first day of the next calendar month following the due date and each month until paid in full.

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The Clean Yards By-law is the Township's tool for addressing and responding to concerns about property maintenance. Bylaw Enforcement Officers work with property owners and tenants through education to achieve voluntary compliance, but alternatively orders may be issued to obtain compliance with the by-law standards.

For more information on Clean Yards please visit our website at www.king.ca.

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YRDSB passes \$1.5 billion budget for 2022-23 school year

At its June 30 Board meeting, York Region District School Board approved the 2022-23 operating budget of \$1.5 billion, subject to approval from the Ministry of Education.

The 2022-23 operating budget includes a projected deficit of \$29 million, which is primarily due to declining enrollment resulting from pandemic and ongoing Ministry funding shortfalls in a number of areas.

YRDSB's budget includes use of \$29 million in reserves to balance the operating budget for the 2022-23 school year. As it includes the use of reserves greater than one per cent, it is subject to approval by the Minister of Education. The budget approved on June 30 also includes a draft deficit elimination plan to balance the budget over the next

two years, without the use of reserves.

"The 2022-23 budget reflects the board's commitment to supporting programs and services that directly affect student learning and well-being," said board chair Allan Tam. "While facing a very challenging financial environment, it was our focus to ensure our students were not affected with staffing reductions."

"Thank you to all of our YRDSB community members who provided feedback through our budget consultation process," said Trustee and Finance and Property Committee Chair David Sherman. "In planning for the 2022-23 school year, we have incorporated this valuable feedback from our families, students and community to prioritize resources and supports for our students."

"Although the board continues to experience budget shortfalls, in response to public feedback through the board's consultation, the \$1.5-billion budget includes key investment in areas including student and staff mental health and well-being, information technologies and ESL teachers," said Associate Director and Chief Financial Officer Vidyia Maharaj.

"Our board has approved a budget that is supportive of student achievement and well-being, which is our priority," said Director of Education Louise Sirisko. "YRDSB remains committed to

funding programs and services to support our learners and families."

York Region District School Board is the third largest school district in Ontario with over 128,000 students in 180 elementary schools and 33 secondary schools. York Region students consistently perform above average in provincial testing and the Board is one of the top achievers in Ontario. For more information about the York Region District School Board, please visit the Board website and follow YRDSB on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.

York Region reports two confirmed cases of monkeypox

The Regional Municipality of York has been notified of two confirmed cases of monkeypox in York Region. These are the first two cases of monkeypox in York Region and are not connected to one another.

"Human monkeypox is a rare infectious disease and the risk for most people in the community is considered to be very low," said Dr. Barry Pakes, York Region Medical Officer of Health. "York Region Public Health continues to monitor the situation and follow up with all close contacts of the two cases, who have both been isolating appropriately."

Monkeypox is caused by a virus that does not spread easily between people. When it does, it spreads through prolonged close contact such as between household members or during intimate contact (e.g., skin-to-skin contact, sex). It may also spread through contact with contaminated materials, such as bedding or laundry, or from contact with body fluids, such as the fluid from monkeypox sores.

Common symptoms of monkeypox infection are fever, headache, muscle aches, exhaustion and swollen lymph nodes. Also, a new rash or sores/lesions (typically appear a few days after other symptoms, beginning on face, around genital areas and/or extremities).

These symptoms are common among many diseases and having symptoms does not necessarily indicate a monkeypox infection. Anyone who may have come in contact with a suspected or confirmed monkeypox case and is feeling unwell – or has symptoms that could be consistent with monkeypox – should isolate and contact their health care provider.

Like other diseases that spread through close contact, people can lower their risk of being exposed to monkeypox by avoiding close contact with those who are unwell, practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene and practicing safer sex.

Monkeypox vaccine clinics will be offered to people who may be at higher risk of infection and who meet eligibility criteria set by the Ontario Ministry of Health. Vaccines for the general population are currently not recommended.

For information on vaccine eligibility, booking and clinic information, please visit york.ca/monkeypox. Information on all future confirmed and probable cases of monkeypox in York Region will be available on Public Health Ontario's website.

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine local cities and towns and provides a variety of programs and services to 1.2 million residents and 54,000 businesses with 650,000 employees. More information about the Region's key service areas is available at york.ca/regionalservices



MPP lauds student activism

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, joined educators, staff, and all students at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic school to recognize the important work of student and autism activist Fabrizio Celenza, by presenting him with a Canadian flag and unveiling a tree in his honour. "On the final day of class, we honoured this bright young man for embracing the best of our country, and never giving up," said MPP Lecce. "I sincerely thank Fabrizio Celenza for raising awareness about autism in our community, and I encourage him to keep it up!"

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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

Forced disconnect reveals our weaknesses

Stuck. No that's not the name of a new reality show (but it could be. I got dibs.)

The country-wide crash of Rogers services sent people into a tailspin. Many services were cancelled, and debit machines were down for a couple of days.

I'm sure this was devastating for many, since most of us don't carry cash any more. I would not want to have been a cashier this past weekend.

It would be funny, if it didn't snarl pretty much everything we do.

Don't you love technology? This recent event shows just how vulnerable we are; how tied we are to an online way of life.

Attention enemies and alien invaders: simply flick the switch and we're at your mercy!

While defunct debit machines sucked, people were lost at home without TV, Internet, Facebook, email and the like.

Okay, it wasn't everyone, but it did affect a large portion of the population from coast to coast.

What to do?

My daughter had a get-together and without WiFi at home, the kids pocketed the smart phones and didn't know what to do with themselves. They could have talked, played games or danced. Nah. They stood around, completely lost.

Wow, a few bad connections and loose wires and we became pioneers, tossed back a couple of decades.

Boy, did I get a lot of chores done! All this "free" time provided pause, reflection, contemplation, and yes, conversation.

There were a ton of good things we discovered, but this one major "glitch" revealed that our society, maybe the entire planet, can be brought to its knees if you just pull the plug.

Previously, on none other than the afternoon of Friday the 13th in May, power was out to most of the south hill in Bolton, impacting well, pretty much everything.

No electricity, no modern conveniences. Nada, nichts, bupkis.

Virtually everything came to a standstill. Drivers who forgot about 4-way stops when traffic lights fail, caused quite a bit of congestion along the town's main drag.

Parking lots were abandoned, looking more like a holiday Monday than a



Mark Pavilons

busy Friday afternoon.

Interac is one thing, but it's weird how our entire society comes to a grinding halt without electricity.

Stores closed their doors, gas pumps were cordoned off, and the tumble weed blew by.

People looked utterly confused, almost dumbfounded.

I smiled to myself, wondering how many people were asking themselves, "well this is just great, what am I supposed to do now?"

Nothing, because Murphy's Law reigns supreme. Natural or unnatural occurrences don't care about human beings and their hectic lives and schedules. Hydro One gets to it when they can.

The power grid was silent and it was eerie. But not in the Jason type of way (a blatant reference to Friday the 13th here).

No it was a pleasant, sun-kissed, breeze-blowing break from the typical hustle and bustle. It was calm, almost peaceful.

Another kick in the shins for local businesses, eateries and shops, I thought. Just when things were bustling again, this Friday afternoon lockdown was not welcome at all.

Back to the stone age. Well not quite. Batteries, generators, portable power supply units can keep us functioning. A bit of gas can get us out of harm's way.

And I thought back to August 2003

when most of Ontario and the northern U.S. went dark for roughly four days. What a mess!

I love post-apocalyptic scenarios, stories, movies and TV shows. I am impressed at how quickly nature reclaims the planet after we mortals are left helpless or disappear entirely.

Thirsty citizens were turned away from the LCBO and families went without groceries for an hour or so. Heck, there are plenty of geese and wild turkeys in the area if it came to that!

Only our seniors and some Boomers fully understand doing without modern tech. My parents came from post-war Europe where shortages, power outages and rationing were commonplace. They made do. They figured it out.

I chuckle as the youngins break down, unravel and fall apart at the seams. Just what do they do now? Indeed. Selfies will have to wait.

Then, the neon "open" signs flickered at a nearby store and life returned. People began showing up, seemingly out of nowhere, like ants at a picnic.

I thought back to my youth in Etobicoke. In my pre-teen years, we headed out after breakfast and didn't show our faces until the sun went down and the street lights came on.

Yes we were dirty, sweaty and maybe even banged up a bit from the day's adventures. If we dented our bike, we hid it around back so our parents wouldn't notice. But they always did.

I gently placed my jar containing a praying mantis and crickets down next to my bike, after I punched a few holes

in the lid so the critters could breathe. I'd check on them every day until I released them back into the wild.

Our lives weren't exciting or noteworthy, yet they were filled with "moments."

One of those was when I got my foot caught between the chain and the frame of my bike. I just slipped as I pedalled from a standing position. The battalion of rescuers - neighbours and parents - swarmed the scene and after wiggling and unbolting, I was free!

We kids of the 1970s and '80s took things in stride. We weren't deterred by much. We broke rules and definitely pushed boundaries.

We teased one another to no end. We tussled from time to time. And yes, some of our pick-up ball games ended in a black eye or bloody nose. Battle scars that we wore with pride.

We didn't need electricity all. A ball, glove, soccer ball, even a large tree branch would do just fine. A rock and an empty pop can became prize possessions for us wee sandlot "pickers."

We were lucky to have change in our pockets and when one of us did, we shared the candy and sipped from the same bottle.

I'm not sure what soothes the soul when life gets hectic.

But I do know that living off the grid is sounding a lot more appealing these days.

Tie two cans together with a piece of string and chat! Grab a long piece of grass, stick it between your thumbs and make the trumpet sound for all to hear!

Letter to the Editor

Praise for Mary Asselstine

I was delighted to read in the Weekly Sentinel the announcement that Mary Asselstine had been granted the Roland Mitchener Award by the Canadian Wildlife Federation for her work with the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection. I cannot think of a more deserving individual!

And in a typical Mary way, she drove to PEI to receive the award in her electric vehicle, rather than fly, to reduce her carbon footprint.

So congratulations Mary for receiving this prestigious award! I for one am delighted to see that you finally have received the recognition you so deserve after your many years of working and advocating so hard on behalf of nature. No better champion could have been selected!

Catherine Flear



Quote of the Week

"We have two ears and one mouth, so we should listen more than we say."

— Zeno

Trivia Tidbits

Queen Victoria chose the name "British Columbia."

King Weekly Sentinel WEBPOLL
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Results from last week's poll:

Are you concerned about making ends meet?

a) Yes **70%**

b) No **30%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Were you upset by the Rogers system crash?

a) Yes
b) No

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Canada's plastics ban is a necessary first step

By David Suzuki

Comment

Most of us have seen images of sea turtles malformed by plastic six-pack rings, dead birds with stomachs full of debris, animals smothered by plastic bags ...

Our excessive use of disposable plastics is disastrous, not just for wildlife, but for us as well. Canada is starting to take it seriously, with a ban on several single-use plastic items starting in December.

Manufacturing and importing plastic bags, takeout containers, single-use plastic straws, stir sticks, cutlery and six-pack rings will be banned by December, sales by the end of next year and exports by the end of 2025. The goal is to keep "15.5 billion plastic grocery bags, 4.5 billion pieces of plastic cutlery, three billion stir sticks, 5.8 billion straws, 183 million six-pack rings and 805 million takeout containers" from littering lands and waters and ending up in landfills every year. (There's an exception to the straw ban for people

who require them for medical or accessibility reasons.)

Although the timeline seems long and the list of items short, government faced enormous pressure from industry, including legal battles. Plastics companies and organizations have challenged the government over jurisdiction, arguing regulation should be left to provinces, and over scientific assessments and classification of plastic manufactured items as "toxic."

Almost all plastic is a byproduct of the oil industry, which has also pushed back. For example, Imperial Oil filed a notice of objection to the government's classifying plastics as "toxic substances" under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

The restaurant industry and the provinces of Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec have also pushed back against regulations.

But given the excessive amounts of

plastic choking lands, rivers, wetlands, lakes, oceans and even air, industry should work to get ahead of the ban, phasing out the six targeted items and other non-essential plastics sooner rather than later. And the public and governments must get behind the call to expand the ban to more items. Public pressure has already helped, with the ban on exports – originally exempted – added since last December.

The government is starting with the most common and harmful items but isn't ruling out banning other single-use plastic products. That's important because those banned make up only about five per cent of Canada's plastic waste.

Recycling is only a partial solution as less than 10 per cent of plastic waste in Canada is recycled, with 3.3 million tonnes, much of it packaging, thrown out annually, according to the CBC.

With the ban, Canada is catching up to other countries. France banned most of the items last year, and is now phasing in further bans on items such as packaging on fruits, vegetables and newspapers, plastic in tea bags and toys handed out with fast food meals.

Making bans work requires education and ensuring sustainable options are available when needed. Because the ban is limited, it will also mean preventing companies from switching to alternatives that are no better, such as shrink wrap instead of drink container rings.

The greatest challenge is from industry. As the oil industry faces rising concerns about pollution, climate disruption and global instability, it's been looking to plastics to increase demand. Oil giant BP has predicted plastics will

represent 95 per cent of the net growth in oil demand between 2020 and 2040. Because of increasing restrictions and public pressure in the industrialized world, the plans hinge on pushing plastics in places like Africa.

As well as being a major pollution source, plastic is fuelling the climate crisis. Carbon dioxide emissions are produced at every stage of its life cycle, averaging about five tonnes of CO2 per tonne of plastic – more if it's burned. According to a Vox article, "That's roughly twice the CO2 produced by a tonne of oil."

Plastics can be useful, especially in medical and public health settings – although alternatives are increasing. But most of the plastic we use and throw away is unnecessary. Just as we must stop using fossil fuels, we must also move away from their plastic by-products. Canada's ban is a good start, but we need to go further, and faster. It's one area where our personal choices can make a big difference. New government standards make that easier. There's no future in plastics.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with contributions from David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington.

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Letter to the Editor

It's about accountability, not utopian perfectionism

I read the commentary published July 7, titled, "Why Canada should be celebrated, not trashed" by Mark Milke.

The take on celebrating Canada day was interesting but I find the description "utopian perfectionism" to describe any form of dissent on Canada Day offensive and dismissive, similar to how kneeling during the American national anthem is described as unpatriotic. Accountability is what is sought through these acts, not the pursuit of some Orwellian perfectionism.

The freedom to criticize and demand action on Canada Day is actually what separates us from authoritarian governments and some of our democratic counterparts (not just how much earlier Canada abolished slavery or allowed women to vote).

History doesn't stay in the past. These tragic and racialized policies of the past are the foundation for the trauma and systemic racism that runs through Canada's Black and Indigenous communities. The shock that was felt among non-Indigenous people with the news of residential school grave sites is evidence that many don't even know the magnitude of this dark time in Canada's history, so how can we expect the awareness of what needs to be done today? I also cannot imagine that the families of these murdered children would feel enough pride to celebrate Canada.

So when someone chooses not to celebrate Canada, it's not because of the "imperfections" of the past, but the accountability that has not been seen today.

I hope people continue to use Canada Day as a time to spread awareness and demand action, until it becomes a free and flourishing nation for all and not just "ever-more" peoples.

Jasmine Montreuil

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York Official Plan promotes sprawl, reader says

There is no reason for York Region to promote further sprawl, and I would add that York Region cannot make any decision to expand settlements into "whitebelt lands" when it does not even have the capacity to handle all of its current waste and wastewater.

It is time for regional councillors to read engineering reports, prepared over the past decade, re: water quality and wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) around Lake Ontario, and municipalities beyond – such as York Region, which wants to "grow" by piping more of its waste to Lake Ontario. This lake is already challenged by its overuse as a "waste receptacle" on both the Canadian and American sides of the border.

I would also remind the Region that former Ontario Environment Minis-

Letter to the Editor

ter, Jeff Yurek, threw up his hands in June 2021 and introduced Bill 306, to pause the provincial review of York Region's wastewater plans. York Region's old-fashioned plan for the future would present a huge and ongoing challenge to shallow Lake Simcoe, or Lake Ontario.

Mr. Yurek said an expert panel ought to be appointed, yes, but the studies have already been done. Politicians need to read them.

Waste Water Treatment Options have been extensively studied in various reports, including the Stantec Report, since 2010; however, in July 2015, the "Approved Updated Assessment Resource" study reviewed all of Ontar-

io's water systems. See Drinking Water Source protection, and start at:

<https://ctcswp.ca/the-science/toronto-and-region-spa-assessment-report/>

See the appendices, and pay particular attention to Appendix E.

This is a very extensive report, so I will focus on page E6-25, which finds Escherichia coli (E. coli) above the standard of 1,000 colony forming units, or CFU/100 ml, based on water treatment plants (WWTP) at the Duffins Creek, Highland Creek, Ashbridge's Bay, Humber and Lakeview locations, which show "contaminants released in this area travel east and west within the coastal zone in relatively high concentrations before they are mixed with the water in the main lake."

This portion of the analysis was used to emphasize the importance of protecting water quality in the near shore as this is the source of drinking water for several million residents of Ontario. However, this report fails to mention the millions of Americans who also use the lake for discharge of their waste water and intake of their drinking water.

Several pages of charts reveal the problem with high E. coli counts at WWTPs in Ontario, but page E6-29 reveals a table, showing per cent of time E. coli above the threshold of 1,000 CFU/100 ml, and Duffins Creek at Whitby, Ajax, Horgan and Harris show the following percentages respectively: 47, 58, 22 and 8.

In other words, Duffins Creek at Ajax, where the YDSS-WWTP (located in Durham Region) receives 80% of its sewage inflow from York Region, showed a high release of E. coli in its outflow to Lake Ontario 58% of the time. I think this reveals the York-Durham Sewage System is an unsustainable unhealthy option being used to drive unsustainable development in York Region. Durham Region is be-

ing "asked" to suffer the costs of York Region's unsustainable development, where 15 WWTPs are already located around Lake Simcoe (within the Simcoe watershed, which is linked to the Georgian Bay watershed). No further WWTPs can be situated around the small, relatively shallow Lake Simcoe (41 metres at its deepest point), so another WWTP has been proposed for the Holland River, which drains into Lake Simcoe.

A number of the charts shows WWTPs around Lake Ontario have "unacceptable disinfection failure scenarios", though chlorine is constantly used in these WWTPs, and the water is treated and re-treated with this persistent chemical due to high water usage across Ontario's towns & cities which are being forced to accept politically-driven levels of rapid over-development.

We must also recognize that, currently, there is no way for WWTPs to remove household or industrial chemicals, or semi-digested pharmaceuticals, from the waters that are repeatedly "recycled" through the same plants, day in, day out, year-round.

There are also concerns, relating to de-oxygenation of lakes and rivers, used as "receiving waters" for growing amounts of treated sewage, industrial waste, and land-based contaminants. This has deleterious effects on aquatic species. The primary reason for drops in dissolved oxygen relate to human activities. When the balance of oxygen is affected, humans are affected, too.

If Regional Councillors are unwilling, or unable to review and interpret the technical data, then the Regional Council should refrain from pushing an agenda of urban sprawl, which will cause further harm to waterways.

Vicki Hotte
King

York passes its OP, plans for 2 million residents

York Regional Council has adopted the proposed York Region Official Plan 2022, outlining the policies to plan York Region's communities over the next 30 years.

It plans for more than 2 million residents and 1 million jobs by 2051. The York Region Official Plan includes updated policies to build complete communities, promote affordable housing, achieve growth targets mandated by the province, designate employment lands, protect natural and agricultural systems and conform to provincial plans.

Public engagement with residents, York Region's nine cities and towns, Indigenous communities and other stakeholders supported Regional Official Plan development through the Municipal Comprehensive Review process, which included alignment with the Transportation Master Plan, Water and Wastewater Master Plan updates and financial planning.

With Regional Council's adoption, the updated Regional Official Plan will be submitted to the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval. Once approved by the province, local municipal partners will have one year to update Local Municipal Official Plans to conform to the York Region Official Plan.

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MPP supports dog-lovers

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, joined local residents at the annual "Woof-A-Palooza" event in Vaughan. Woof-A-Palooza is a non-profit organization that supports and engages the dog-loving community and promotes responsible pet ownership. "I appreciate Woof-A-Palooza because it brings together the community and makes it easier for local families to adopt a MPP Lecce. "We celebrate their strong advocacy supporting the growth of dog parks, animal protection and the promotion of rescues."

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20. Promise
21. Sting
22. Printing method
23. Genuflected
24. Solemn
27. Motorbike
30. Fasten with string
33. Staggering
35. Inhale and exhale
39. Elaborately adorned
41. Isolate
43. European deer
44. Stuffed chili
46. Object on radar
47. Detect
48. Particle
49. Cranky
51. Dutch ____ disease
52. Donated
54. Chief attraction

55. Subject to a levy
59. Period in history
60. Uses an ice rink
62. Knife maker
63. Lotion ingredient
65. Quick
67. Early bird?
68. Audio's counterpart
70. Extend
72. Diced
75. Bar reorder
77. Atlantic coast
81. Continuously
82. Slanted font
84. Cheroot
85. Shortage
86. Shift back and forth
87. Desert plant
88. Hawaiian staple
89. Filch
90. "____ Blind Mice"

7. Electrical unit
8. Turn of phrase
9. Santana's "She's ____ There"
10. Feminine sheep
11. Republic in Central Africa
12. Icicle holder
13. Golden calf, e.g.
14. Small amphibian
16. Shopping binge
23. Astute
25. Like a popular hot cereal
26. Gun type
28. Person who can read?
29. Brace
30. Crag
31. Ill will
32. Add spice to
34. One who works
36. Shiver
37. "Rebecca's Garden" tool
38. Sniggler's prey
40. Lily species
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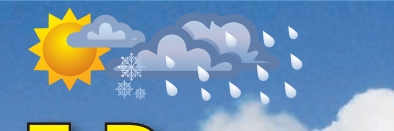
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64. Carry to excess
66. Slice
69. Missouri feeder
71. Horse's sound
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Environmental groups argue York passes 'illegal' OP

After a complex series of last-minute motions and closed-door sessions last Thursday that made it difficult for councillors – let alone residents – to discern what was being debated, York Region appears to have presented Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Clark, with an “unlawful Official Plan (OP) that purports to mark four protected Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt properties for destruction. No other municipal government has done this since the Greenbelt was created in 2005,” environmental groups charge.

Municipal governments do not have the power to remove protections from Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine land. However, the surprise move seems calculated to entice the Minister into approving the York Region's Official Plan and using provincial powers to remove Greenbelt protection. This would break the provincial government's clear and oft-repeated promise that it “won't touch the Greenbelt, we won't build on the Greenbelt.”

This last minute power-play has now drawn York Region into open defiance of some of Ontario's most important and most popular environmental protection laws, critics say.

First, Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Ian Lovatt pushed through a Committee of the Whole motion to swallow two

segments of the Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM). At the June 30 Regional Council meeting, Council initially decided to take those out of the OP. But then, after Vaughan's Regional Councillor Linda Jackson brought two Greenbelt areas in Vaughan into the OP at the last minute, defying both procedural bylaws and disrespecting the typical process of having staff reports and support for development proposals, “pro-sprawl councillors also forced infusion of Lovatt's Greenbelt grab.”

“The majority of Council decided to go all in with their requests for Greenbelt destruction. It was a race to the bottom meeting one might use in a civic class as an example of terrible governance,” said Claire Malcolmson, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition's executive director.

Despite a massive glut of existing greenfield land that is more than sufficient to meet housing need up to 2051, the council's “pro-sprawl axis” forced through a 7,785-acre expansion of development in farmland at triple the current rate, for 30 straight years.

Those watching the meeting were dizzied by the back and forth, with Council going into closed sessions multiple times to get legal advice from staff. Mayor Quirk of Georgina described the gong show: “we're pulling apart cotton

candy,” and “I've never seen anything like this in my 17 years of being in government.”

On one occasion, after the vote to add Vaughan's contested Oak Ridges Moraine Rizmi lands into the Official Plan failed, council went into closed session, re-voted, and then supported the inclusion of the Rizmi lands in the OP. This significant decision was introduced as a “minor amendment” to the OP by Jackson, saying, “I just want to add these two addresses to the motion.”

Despite the clerk and legal staff both saying “this is not how it's done,” Jackson won, with no interference from Chair Emmerson. Her last-minute amendment has the effect of adding 250 acres of Oak Ridges Moraine land for development.

“Council manipulated the process to get the lands that they wanted included in the Official Plan. All of it is beyond what York Region needs to meet the population and employment minimums mandated by the province,” said Irene Ford, Stop Sprawl York Region member and Vaughan resident. “Will the province approve an Official Plan that was endorsed in a way that makes a joke of York Region's procedure by-law, possibly their code of conduct, is not in provincial conformity, and can't be endorsed by York Region professional planners?”

Those who voted in favour of the Official Plan were Chair Wayne Emmerson, all four Vaughan representatives: Mayor Mario Bevilacqua, Linda Jackson, Gino Rosati, and Mario Ferri; East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackson; Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Iain Lovatt; Newmarket representative Tom Vegh; Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti and representatives Joe Li and Jim Jones; and Richmond Hill Mayor David West, and representatives Joe DiPaola, and Carmine Perelli.

Those who voted against the Official Plan are: Georgina Mayor Margaret Quirk and representative Rob Grossi, Newmarket Mayor John Taylor, Markham representatives Jack Heath and Don Hamilton, Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, and King City Mayor Steve Pellegrini. All but Health and Hamilton represent Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities.

“When decision-makers understand the ecological context of their deci-

sions, they tend to make decisions that support sustainability. I think the vote shows that Lake Simcoe is teaching them about ecological limits,” added Malcolmson.

Luckily, York Region simply doesn't have the power to remove land from the Greenbelt.

“This appalling move by York Region's pro-sprawl councillors illustrates one of the key problems the Greenbelt was created to solve: left to their own devices, land speculators and their allies on municipal council would eventually find one excuse or another for stripping most farms or wetland of Greenbelt protection,” said Phil Pothan, Ontario Environment Program Manager at Environmental Defence. “The Greenbelt addressed that problem by removing local councillors' power to ever approve development on land within its boundaries. The Provincial Government pledged repeatedly to Ontario voters that it will never strip any land Greenbelt Plan protection, and last week's illegal vote does nothing to absolve them of that commitment.”

York approves more cameras on roads


To enhance traveller safety, York Regional Council approved the continued use of Automated Speed Enforcement and is expanding the program by adding:

Two more mobile cameras by 2024; 60 fixed automated speed enforcement cameras by 2026; 15 more red light cameras at select intersections by 2026.

In November 2020, York Region began a two-year, limited use automated speed enforcement pilot on select Regional roads. The pilot has one mobile automated speed enforcement camera rotating among 12 Community safety zones, covering 19 schools. Early pilot results show speed compliance has increased by more than 35% in school areas when automated speed enforcement cameras are in use.

York Region also currently operates red light cameras at 40 signalized intersections. These cameras have reduced right-angle and turning movement collisions Region-wide by approximately 50%. Expansion of the program would add five more cameras each year between 2023 and 2026.

The estimated cost in 2023 to operate three automated speed enforcement mobile cameras and 40 red light cameras is approximately \$2 million per year. The cost will increase by approximately \$5 million each year with a total of 60 additional fixed cameras and 15 additional red light cameras between 2024 and 2026.



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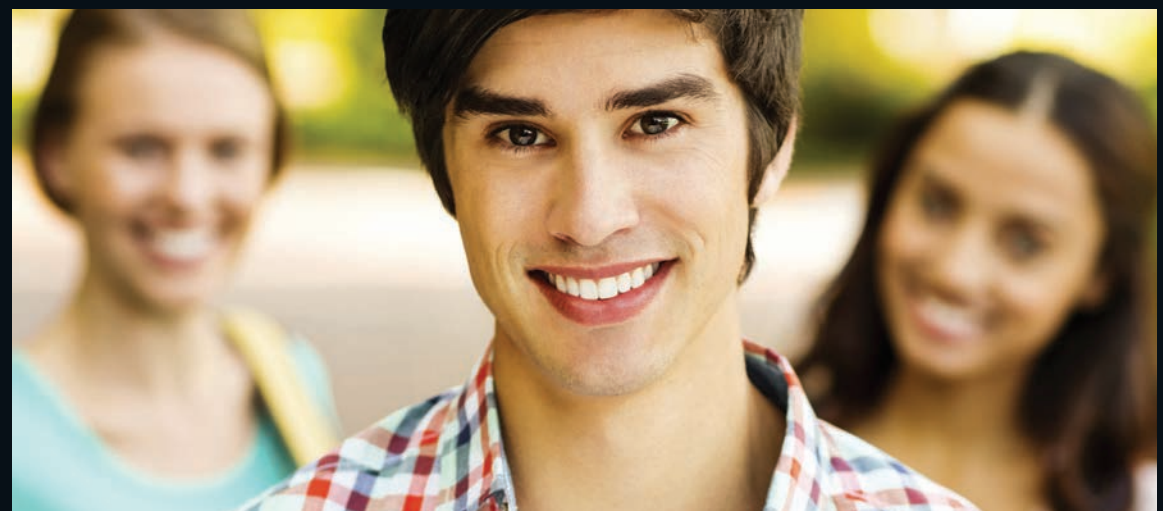
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Local swim school caters to youngsters and parents

By Mark Pavilons
 Editor

A sister and brother duo have teamed up to help teach others to swim.

Jackson and Isabel Kelly created Twin Swim School featuring private backyard swimming lessons in King.

With pool closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they wanted to offer lessons for families looking for safe, private classes located close to home.

"When we started swimming ourselves, it immediately helped us in many ways. We began to see how swimming drastically improves your health and wellbeing," Isabel said. She added that the more you swim, the better you feel physically and mentally.

"This is an experience we want to share and help others especially after the pandemic."

They offer total privacy in the pool, with only one family per booking. Full amenities include a changeroom, bath-

room, outdoor shower and parent/guardian viewing area.

The school offers parent & tot (4 months to 3 years); pre-school (3 year olds to 5 year olds), and swimmer 1 to 6 (5 year olds to 12 year olds).

Jackson and Isabel are both former competitive swimmers and former competitive lifeguards.

They are both National Lifeguards and Certified Swim Instructors.

Both are outgoing and friendly.

"We feel every child/young swimmer should feel confident in water and carry the life-skill forward," Isabel said.

"We want to reduce the risk of drowning and give children water safety skills. We believe that swimming is an important life skill."

Classes run between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m daily.

To book, reach out to them at twinswimschool@gmail.com or call/text 647-292-2116.



Isabel and Jackson Kelly are operating a swim school for local residents.



Garage to be demolished on heritage site

By Mark Pavilons
 Editor

King council gave its approval recently for the demolition of a garage on a heritage property.

The property at 424 Main Street in Schomberg will continue to be listed on the Heritage Register.

Council made the move following staff recommendations. Also, the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) said the detached garage did not contribute to the property's heritage value or significance.

Part of the listing procedures require notification and approval from council when owners wish to demolish structures.

Staff evaluated the garage and noted it was in a poor state of repair, leaning towards the fence on the southern property line. The owner wants to replace it with a new detached garage. Staff said the structure, built in 1950, would not survive another winter.

The dwelling itself was constructed in 1910 and is two and a half-storeys with a gable roof. The exterior is brick with siding. A verandah spans the front facade and is supported by columns on brick piers. The window features stone lugsills and lintels and there is a wide shed dormer on the second storey.

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Arts & Entertainment

Artist hopes to 'blow up' with his new single

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Riding the wave of popularity sparked a King artist's new release.

Derek Biersteker released "When I Blow Up" July 10.

He explained that "blowing up" in the music industry is when your music starts to gain popularity and you really begin to enter the music industry, something that is quite difficult to do.

"In hopes of doing so I wrote a song with that as the theme. When I blow up I just want to be able to bless my friends and family and enjoy the journey with them," he said.

Songwriting is pretty much always an internal process going on in his head, he explained.

"It's interesting because I'm really terrible at spelling, forming sentences, anything grammar related. I've always

loved telling stories creatively but could never do the physical writing of it (or typing). When songwriting, the only rule is, that there are no rules and i love that. Every song is a blank canvas ready for creativity. Inspiration comes from anywhere you will let it," he said.

Biersteker's short-term plans include releasing more music as soon as he can. Long term he plans on releasing as much music as he can, he laughs.

"I'd love to have music as my full time job, and I think I could reach another level if I was able to dedicate all my time to music. So, that's why i wrote this song, to help me blow up."

This song is available on all streaming platforms. Search "Derek-when i blow up." You can also find him on Instagram & TikTok @derekvox.

He said he hopes to be releasing a music video soon after.



Puzzle highlights pollinators

King Township Museum is creating a huge 250-piece puzzle which features pieces painted by the citizens of King Township. The theme is pollinators.

The Butterfly Puzzle Mural will be hung for all to see at the King Township Municipal Centre.

The project continues all summer until Flight of the Monarch Day on August 21. Puzzle pieces will be available to paint at select community events and at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, Tuesday- Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Pollinator Community Art Project directly supports the Township of King's Bee City Certification and Mayors Monarch Pledge actionable goals. Municipalities participating the Mayors Monarch Pledge are required to complete a minimum of three actions annually from the National NWF list of 24 actions for municipalities. One of the actions King has committed to implement for 2022 involves creating the Pollinator Community Art Project. The project aims to engage residents and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

To learn more about King's Bee City Certification, Mayors Monarch Pledge commitments and actions and National Pollinator Week initiatives please visit <https://www.king.ca/EnvironmentalStewardship>

Above, Rev. Evelyn McLachlan is doing her handiwork.

Funding for nature centre

The federal government is providing more than \$4.1 million in funding for the construction of a new nature centre in the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

With a net-zero carbon and universally accessible design, the new Scanlon Creek Nature Centre will serve as a community hub where residents of all ages and abilities can access nature and environmental programming to learn about climate change and inspire action.

The construction of the new 750-square-metre building will also allow the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation to work with the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority to meet the needs of the growing surrounding communities and provide more equitable access for marginalized groups.

The Government of Canada is investing over \$4.1 million for this project through the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program.

"Lake Simcoe is one of Ontario's iconic lakes. The new Scanlon Creek Nature Centre in Bradford West Gwillimbury will offer all residents a place to learn more about the lake's ecosystem, climate action, and the steps we can take to build a healthier community," said Newmarket-Aurora MP Tony Van Bynen.

"We are absolutely thrilled that this exciting project has been selected for funding. The Scanlon Creek Nature Centre will create the perfect space for watershed communities to explore the many opportunities to participate in experiential learning and formulate a connection with nature. This significant investment confirms our understanding that our collective health is

inexplicably tied to the health of our ecosystems. Immersed in nature, this new facility will also serve as an excellent demonstration site and a teaching tool for our foremost partner; the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, to educate students and visitors, with the aim of inspiring future environmental champions. We thank the federal government, Minister LeBlanc and Member of Parliament Van Bynen for this wonderful opportunity," added Cheryl Taylor, Executive Director, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation.

The Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program is an integral part of Canada's Strengthened Climate Plan, providing \$1.5 billion over five years towards green and accessible retrofits, repairs or upgrades of existing public community buildings and the construction of new publicly accessible community buildings that serve high-needs, underserved communities across Canada.

Provincial/territorial governments, municipal or regional governments, public sector bodies, not-for-profit, and Indigenous organizations interested in the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program are invited to apply on the Infrastructure Canada website.

The Government of Canada is taking bold and immediate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to fight climate change, while strengthening our economy with sustainable jobs and clean industrial growth. The 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan is an ambitious and achievable road map that outlines a sector-by-sector path for Canada to reach its emissions reduction target of 40 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050.

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York group looking into use of agricultural robots

By Kristen Obeid
OMAFRA Weed Management
Specialist - Horticulture

What a challenging few years the agriculture sector and the world has had. But challenges pave the way for opportunities. And there are opportunities abundant in the AgRobotics space. What is the problem you are trying to solve? Likely, there is a company somewhere in the world trying to solve it.

Since 2021, an AgRobotics Working Group comprised of more than 50 people (OMAFRA staff, Haggerty Creek AgRobotics, growers, grower associations, agri-business, universities and colleges, federal and municipal governments and technology companies) have been meeting weekly. The group brainstorms about available and future technologies, builds networks and collaborations, conducts on-farm demonstrations, and builds cross-functional teams to apply for funding opportunities in hopes of ground truthing these technologies in Ontario production systems. The technology companies are impressed with the diversity of production, government support and research capabilities in Ontario.

In 2021, Haggerty Creek AgRobotics Division along with OMAFRA and grower associations conducted six demonstrations with 3 different robots in Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, peppers, onions, carrots, celery, strawberries and haskaps. The robots included:

Naïo Oz is an inter-row weeding robot. Capable of weeding through standing crops in row widths of 30" or more. Guided by RTK GPS. It can attach any implement, such as a 1-row seeder, hooded sprayer, wagon to haul loads, etc. video of two robots in a celery field

Naïo Dino is an inter-row weeding robot. Capable of weeding in any row spacing (adjustable tool bar) of a standing crop. Guided by RTK GPS.

Korechi RoamIO is an autonomous platform for soil sensing, mowing, cultivating, the limit is your imagination.

Projects currently under way in 2022 include five different robots in various crops and locations performing numerous tasks: seeding, weeding (active and passive), mowing, soil sampling and analysis.

FarmDroid <https://farmdroid.dk/en/welcome>

Seeding and inter and intra-row weeding robot. It knows exactly where the seed is planted enabling it to weed as close to the plant as possible. Guided by RTK GPS. Developed on sugar beets, canola, onions and spinach in Denmark. Currently, being tested in sugar beets in Ontario. There are over 100 active units in Europe. It is solar powered with a backup battery and can cover 12 - 15 acres/day.

Naïo Dino <https://www.naio-technologies.com/en/dino>

The Naïo Dino is capable of weeding in any row spacing. The adjustable tool bar allows it to weed as close to the crop as possible. Guided by RTK GPS. Currently, being tested in carrots and celery in Ontario. There are over 150 active units worldwide. It is battery powered with autonomy of 8-10-hours and can cover approximately 10 acres/day.

Nexus Goat <https://nexusrobotics.ca>

The Nexus Goat navigates and removes weeds autonomously (picks the weeds out). It uses cameras and a neural network to differentiate between weeds and crops. Guided by RTK GPS. Currently, 2 robots are being tested in carrots in 2 locations in Ontario. It is a

hybrid model (battery and diesel fuel) with 24-hour autonomy. The speed depends on how weedy the field is.

Korechi RoamIO HCT <https://korechi.com>

The Korechi RoamIO HCT is a custom autonomous platform made in Ontario with multiple uses. It integrates soil scanning and sensing equipment with numerous tools such as cultivators, seeders and mowers. Currently, being used for soil optics sensing and a cover crop row mower project.

Raven OMNiPOWER <https://raven-precision.com>

OMNiPOWER is an autonomous power platform that easily interchanges farm implements. It is controlled remotely from a tablet. No driver necessary. Currently, being use for custom

fertilizer applications.

The AgRobotics Working Group continues to submit funding applications to test other technologies in many different production systems.

We're a long way off from widespread use of robotics in field and horticulture crops because there's so much to learn. But we are learning together and are asking the tough questions with our current projects.

There are a lot of questions to be answered before widespread adoption on Ontario farms. But this is the start of something big. Much bigger than anyone can predict. It is the future and holds promise to enhance food security, environmental sustainability and solve the critical problems faced by agriculture today and those of tomorrow.



Local farmers and officials saw some new tech in action during a demonstration day at the University of Guelph's Muck Crops Research Station in the Holland Marsh. These high-tech robots are improving agricultural techniques and practices now and into the future. They also navigate and remove weeds autonomously, using cameras and a neural network to differentiate between weeds and crops.



Accelerating electrification of York Transit fleet

York Regional Council approved the Zero Emissions Transit Fund Application, a program developed by the federal government to provide financial support to municipal transit agencies pursuing fleet electrification.

If York Region's application is federally approved, York Region Transit could accelerate vehicle electrification by 10 years and achieve its goal of transitioning the entire fleet by 2041.

The financial application includes a total funding request of \$213 million, with approximately \$76 million in the form of a grant and \$137 million in the form of a low-interest loan. The total project cost to electrify the YRT transit fleet, including the infrastructure upgrades and electric bus purchases, is approximately \$350 million and will include \$137 million in Regional funding.

York Region Transit currently operates 12 electric buses, with benefits such as reduced fuel and maintenance costs, reduced noise and reduced emissions.

Transit Fleet Electrification Plan includes a phased approach to eliminate greenhouse gases emitted by transit vehicles, balancing technology adoption with service reliability and incorporating timelines required to deliver necessary infrastructure. The plan includes purchasing diesel buses along with incremental quantities of electric buses up to 2029 and then transitioning to exclusively purchasing electric buses in 2030 and beyond.

Electrification of YRT buses is one of many activities and actions underway to align with York Region's Vision 2051, which sets an aspirational goal of net-zero corporate greenhouse gas emissions.

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Buick unleashes its futuristic Wildcat EV concept

Buick unveiled the Wildcat EV concept – an expressive vision of the brand’s new design direction as it transitions to an all-electric future.

The Wildcat was developed to convey the all-new design language that will influence Buick production models for the foreseeable future. Buick’s new tri-shield logo, mounted prominently on the body front and rear, symbolizes the design transformation and new production models will wear it starting next year.

“The Wildcat EV concept represents the real design future for the brand,” said Sharon Gauci, executive director, global Buick and GMC Design. “Buick has always been forward-looking and this expression is a glimpse of where we’re going, and the optimism we have for the limitless possibilities of an electric future.”

The Wildcat EV concept also introduces a new, expressive face for Buick, distinguished by a bold, forward-leaning front-end appearance that features a low-mounted, trapezoidal grille. Sharp, high-mounted and horizontal check mark-shaped lighting flanks the vehicle, while the outer edges of the grille house primary lighting. The lighting elements are configured to create a unique welcome choreography when the driver approaches.

Further, the vehicle – a 2+2 coupe – strikes a powerful, expressive presence, with an all-new, laid-back proportion complemented by a low, wide stance. The windshield wraps around and flows into the side glass, which tapers dramatically with the fast roofline to accentuate the aggressive profile.

“From every angle, the vehicle looks like it’s ready to pounce,” said Bob Boniface, director, global Buick design. “It’s the result of careful attention to

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the proportions and sculptural beauty derived from the intersection of forms, not lines.”

Additional exterior design highlights include:

Distinctive semi-swing doors for easy entry and exit.

Unique aluminum trim that appears to flow seamlessly into the interior seat structures.

Micro-LED lighting technology and thin-beam projector lenses for the front lighting.

Blade-style taillights embedded in the roof’s sail panels, culminating in check mark-style horizontal lamps that echo the front lighting signature.

An external “state of charge” indicator visible in the exterior hatchback glass.

Jet Age-inspired 18-spoke “turbine” wheels.

“The more you look at the Wildcat EV concept, the more the details reveal themselves,” said Boniface. “Its timeless proportions acknowledge the brand’s rich design legacy, while our latest technology moves you forward.”

Inside, the Wildcat EV concept’s cabin has an inner glow that is inviting and comforting, all while integrating new technologies designed to make the riding experience more enjoyable.

“It’s a space intended to strike an emotional chord,” said Therese Pinazzo, Buick exterior and interior design manager. “It is defined by simple, graceful forms that convey balance, harmony and a feeling of warmth.”

The 2+2 configuration, delineated by a prominent console that extends from



the base of the instrument panel to the rear seating area, uses unique graphic and colour contrasts to create the perception of visually floating elements intended to accentuate the cabin’s lightweight feel and spaciousness.

Colour plays an important role in the warmth and comfort the interior conveys. Legato Green flows through the cabin and is accented with brush or polished aluminum trim. Lively orange elements, including the seat belts, also add visual distinction.

Additional interior design elements include cockpit-style seats with cantilevered headrests that appear to be floating, and a lightweight, flat-bottom steering wheel.

When it comes to technology integration and infotainment interaction, a sweeping touchscreen is the access point on the instrument panel, along with a complementing screen on the console.

The Wildcat EV concept is built to be a platform for futuristic features such as artificial intelligence, biometrics and aromatherapy. The vehicle is designed to detect an elevation in driver heart rate and automatically adjust ve-

hicle settings to help calm them down. For example, when Zen Mode is activated, it will dim the cabin lights, disperse calming aromatherapy scents and activate massaging seats.

“We are on the cusp of true change, and this concept is a tangible vision of it,” said Gauci. “It inaugurates the next chapter in Buick’s design heritage, as we make the crucial transition to our all-electric future.”

For nearly 70 years, the Wildcat name has been reserved for innovative, progressive Buick concept vehicles that pushed the boundaries of design and technology. Like the new Wildcat EV concept, the first Wildcat – introduced in 1953 – was a show vehicle that previewed next-generation Buick design. The Wildcat II and III concepts followed in 1954 and 1955, respectively, and the designs of all were overseen by legendary chief designer Harley Earl. In 1985, another Wildcat concept debuted. It was a futuristically styled, mid-engine and AWD supercar developed to showcase new engine technologies.

More information about Buick vehicles is available at buick.ca.



Delorean set to enter EV game

Delorean is back with a new Alpha5 electric sports car concept, signalling the company’s plan to enter the fast-growing high-performance EV marketplace.

Despite gullwing doors and a louvred rear deck that pay tribute to the DMC-12 made famous in the Back to the Future movie franchise, the Alpha5 is not simply a modern reincarnation of the DMC-12. The huge doors swing up to reveal a four-seat cabin decked out with the touch-sensitive surfaces that are expected in today’s new vehicles, electric or otherwise.

The dash and its two displays are designed to recall the DMC-12’s layout, only without the blocky shapes that make the older car so easy to identify as a product of the ‘80s. Delorean’s photos reveal some modern useful touches, like wireless phone charging and a bi-level console topped by what might be twin covered cup-holders.

Delorean has revealed few technical details about the Alpha5. It says the production version will have a battery capable of storing at least 100 kWh, enough to promise nearly 500 km of driving range (300+ miles, according to Delorean’s website). Other performance estimates include a 2.99-second zero-to-60-mph (zero-to-96-km/h) acceleration time.

Other claims include a 0.23 coefficient of drag, which would rank the Alpha5 among the most aerodynamic EVs you can buy today.

Delorean says it will have more news later this summer about when the Alpha5 will go on sale. The car will be on display at the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance in August.

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KCSS says farewell to beloved coach Matwijec

By Robert Belardi

King City Secondary School said goodbye to long-time teacher and coach at the school Bradley Matwijec.

Matwijec, who first came to King City Secondary School in 2001, entered the school as an American and Canadian history teacher, before transitioning to a full-time sports/athletic/teacher/coach.

Widely respected by fellow teachers, coaches and students, Matwijec accomplished many things as a coach in baseball, football, hockey, soccer and basketball respectively.

In a Q&A with the King Weekly Sentinel, the Rexdale native recapped the most prolific moments as a teaching professional and as the man behind the bench.

Q: Why did you get into teaching?

A: I went to (York University) in the beginning to get more involved in sports and athletics because I had a bit of a background in football. Probably wasn't until my third year, that I was thinking of the possibility of teaching. I was taking history and sports and athletics.

Q: Where was your first teaching gig?

A: I started teaching at the York Region Catholic Board. I was teaching as a supply teacher, working in high school. I did that in my fourth-year university and I was also doing it in teacher's college to help supplement paying as a student. It gave me a really good pulse on what I would be doing as a teacher.

Q: When did you get to King City Secondary School?

A: I came there in 2001. The principal there, she asked me if I played football and I said yes. She said well, if you take the job here, will you coach football? I said certainly. I didn't know at that time, I would be taking on the head coaching position for the football program. But that's what happened. That spring, I also began coaching baseball, with a guy who became a good friend of mine, Mike Mallory. He and I that year, we started coaching together. We went on to win five baseball championships together. We were very much known at that time from 2001 to 2008 as the premier baseball school. We were going to OFSAA every year and ended up in the Prentice Cup in 2004 and lost in that game, at the Skydome.

Q: You've had lots of achievements over the course of 21 years, what would be some of the most notable achievements?

A: I think, the baseball, when you win five championships and make the final game, and obviously doing that in a couple of sports. We did the same thing in football in 2010. We won the York Region title, beating Huron Heights 28-0. Then go on to win in the

Metro Bowl semi-final and then to end up at the Metro Bowl at the Rogers Centre. We played Holy Trinity and we lost that game. But that was the first time King City had ever been to a Metro Bowl. That's the premier high school football bowl in Ontario. That was on television, TSN, it was a big thing. I have to say hockey, too. Winning three York Region Championships in a row. Scott Thain helped me build the hockey program and it blossomed. Having an undefeated team in 2020. We had a 22-0 record going into OFSAA, but COVID shut that down. The year before in OFSAA we won bronze and the year before that, silver. That illustrated our hockey dominance from 2017-2020. And for soccer, we were slated to go to AA OFSAA in 2020.

Q: What was your biggest accomplishment in the classroom?

A: Big thing for me, each day was building those relationships and building a rapport with all students not just athletes. And, helping them navigate through their difficulties and some of the things that students would struggle with. Those are championships within themselves.

Q: Biggest challenge?

A: Time management becomes a big deal when you got your own family. Three young kids, my wife is at home and I'm coaching football after school. The challenge is – and you're going to laugh at this one – staying married. Staying true to your relationship. My wife, I was very fortunate because she bought into what I was doing. She came to watch games with the kids. She knew what was going on and she took an interest. When we got married, she understood where I was headed with my career. When I got to King, it became a real focal point. That's a challenge to balance school, athletics, because there were times I was spending more times with the athletes at the school than my own kids.

I was really lucky. In the sense, I was able to get along with the people I was teaching, the King City community itself is really supportive of sports and athletics and get behind the people that are trying to help their children. You don't get that everywhere. It's a tribute to the community, a lot of that is the support the parents are giving.

Q: What was your secret to coaching?

A: Look, basketball for me was my first love, back in Rexdale when I was a youngster. It was so easy to apply a lot of the things I had learned through the years. It's almost always the same recipe. Yes, you have to put work in as a coach. My parents had me on community teams. Hockey, baseball, football later on. I had what I call physical literacy skills. If you can communicate those to people you're trying to teach



Bradley Matwijec, all decked out in his King City Lions attire, is accompanied by a piece of memorabilia from all of his sports he coached over his 21-year span at KCSS.

and coach. It was a lot easier for a person like myself, to take those skills and sort of apply them to teachings and coaching scenarios I was in.

Q: How many medals have you won in total?

A: Five baseball tier one championships. Four football championships. The hockey, three YRAA championships and then a couple of OFSAA medals, bronze and silver. Tier one, AA basketball championship this past year. The funniest one of all, is the girls snowboarding championships. They needed a coach, they won the OFSAA gold championship medal. To get that,

all I had to do was get there, show up and let them do their thing. That's the OFSAA championship that I have haha.

When you're the jack of all trades and you can engage that many students I think you're doing your job. I learned that from my mom. A way of helping people enjoy. Maybe that's one of the things I was good at. The three things that have guided me always were passion, faith and persistence.

On behalf of the King Weekly Sentinel, congratulations to Bradley, on all of your accomplishments and your success at KCSS. You will be missed.

Forge FC defeat York United 2-0

By Robert Belardi

Tass Mourdoukoutas' own goal and Woobens Pacius' 77-minute goal proved to be the difference as Forge FC defeated York United 2-0 Friday night.

Under the lights at York Lions Stadium, rivals Forge FC came into town to spoil the fun and to the dismay of The Nine Stripes faithful, they did just that.

Midfielder/forward Trisan Borges worked his way into space at the top of the box and his strike, deflected off of Mourdoukoutas in the 29-minute, leaving goalkeeper Niko Giantsopoulos helpless as the visiting side took the lead.

In the second half, Forge FC came close to doubling the lead in the 50-minute. Kyle Bekker's wicked strike was tipped on to the crossbar by Giantsopoulos, keeping the game into arms reach. A minute later, Borges came close as well as Forge continued the heavy assault in the second half.

York countered with an opportunity of their own a few minutes later. Mateo Hernandez – who came close to scoring in the first half – was at the tail end of another opportunity as he slid the ball slightly wide of goal.

Max Ferrari, also had an opportunity denied in the second half. York, who continued to knock on the door, still couldn't find an answer.

Then in the 77-minute, Forge FC put the game to bed. Ashtone Morgan's ball into the box was tipped by Giantsopoulos. Unfortunately, it fell to Pacius who had a wide-open goal in front of him.

Statistically, York United did put forward a far greater offensive effort than in previous matches. The Nine Stripes, put forward 13 shots towards goal with two shots landing on target. The club, held 48 per cent possession, completing 407 passes with 79 per cent accuracy.

York remains in seventh spot in the Canadian Premier League. The club currently holds a 2-5-7 record, with 14 games left to go in the 2022 campaign.



Mizzoni tourney a huge success

The 15th annual Andrew Mizzoni Charity Golf Classic held June 22 at Copper Creek Golf Club in Kleinburg was a huge success.

More than 170 people were on hand to raise money for pediatric cancer research at SickKids Hospital. Approximately \$20,000 was raised for this most worthy cause.

The tournament was another sell-out and it also featured a live and silent auction, raffle prizes and live entertainment.

MC was Herbie Kuhn, the voice of the Raptors.

Andrew Mizzoni said the total raised could rise, bringing the overall total to roughly \$550,000 over the 15 years.

Email andrewjmizzoni@live.ca if you wish to attend next year's event.

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.

We welcome back our Pastor, Jeff Loach, who will be leading us in worship this Sunday.

Following the worship service, you are invited to join us for coffee and goodies. Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our rebranded "Junction" children's ministry is meeting in person for all children up to Grade 6. We will continue to provide St. Paul's "At Home" boxes each month to facilitate God-focused family learning. If you would like to engage with this resource, tick the appropriate box on the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect. If you are between the ages of 6 and 12, you'll want to keep the week of August 22-26 open for our amazing Bible Fun Camp. Stay tuned for further details.

Is there something we could pray about for you? Our "Drive-Thru" prayer event the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. is up and running again. Just drive on in and you will be directed to someone whose honour it would be to pray for you. You don't even get out of your car for this one.

If you are between the ages of 6 and 12, you'll want to keep the week of August 22-26 open for our amazing Bible Fun Camp. Stay tuned for further details.

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 to find a list of items needed.

St. Mary's Church

Join us at the Holy Mass celebrations this weekend at St. Patrick's or St. Mary's to pray for each other and worship together as a parish community.

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://stmarys-no.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 for our next event. Hope to see you there!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program will continue be suspended this Sunday at St. Patrick's Parish and will resume in September at the 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass. We will continue with the program this weekend at St. Mary's Mission at the 11:30 a.m.

For more details, please contact our Children's liturgy of the Word coordinator at 416-605-6843.

Don't forget to sign up for our Kids Bible Camp. Perfect for children from Grades JK to Grade 5. See poster for details.

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

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

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

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is also available on the First Friday of the month at St. Patrick's Church after the 9 a.m. Mass and St. Mary's Church after the 7 p.m. at Mass (during Eucharistic Adoration).

Thank you for your continued sup-

port and prayers for our parish family.

You will continue to be in our prayers, Rosary and Holy Mass Intentions, especially those in our community who are sick or homebound.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Welcome to Summer. What better way to celebrate summer than to have a picnic with access to water to swim or play! This Sunday, July 17 we are extremely fortunate to have Jack and Kim Campbell invite us once again for a Congregational Pot Luck Picnic. We gather at 11 a.m. and have a hymn sing led by the Front Porch Harmony group (a great group who have instruments and sing).

The church will supply hamburgers and hot dogs, lemonade and iced tea. Attendees are asked to bring something such as a dessert or salad to help make the lunch delicious. For directions, please contact Kim at 905-939-2992. If there are any special food requirements, please bring what you need.

There is a pool and playground for any who wish to use it. There are trails through the forest and lots of gardens for touring, for anyone who is interested. Bring a lawn chair, bathing suit and towel.

On Sunday, July 24, Sandra Kirby returns to lead worship. On July 31, Doug Reid will return as our worship leader. We are closed in August.

Last Sunday Sandra Kirby mentioned that she last led worship for us to celebrate our 125th Anniversary (delayed from October to January 30) but that the worship was on Zoom. It was a nice coincidence that Nobleton United Church's 125th Anniversary books with our individual family stories arrived just this week and were being distributed that Sunday.

Sandra's reflection focused on the Good Samaritan story. Do you remember that Jesus was asked what were the most important commandments, and he had replied that the most important was to love the Lord, and the second was to love your neighbour? Then someone asked who is my neighbour?

Jesus answered that question with the parable of the Good Samaritan. This story tells us that anyone, even someone who has been beaten up and stripped by robbers, is our neighbour. Sandra reminded us that our fire fighters in King Township are volunteers and are really Good Samaritans! The firefighters do

not just fight fires, but rescue people from all sorts of situations at great risk to themselves. The people who recently stopped on the QEW and helped an unconscious person out of a car before it was totally engulfed in fire are Good Samaritans!

Our Zoom Coffee hour is Wednesday mornings 10 to 11 a.m. Let me know if you want to be included in the email blast or want to join via phone. We would love to have you drop in and say hello. My contact info is 905-859-0761 or nancy@hopkinson.ca.

Nobleton Tennis Club

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

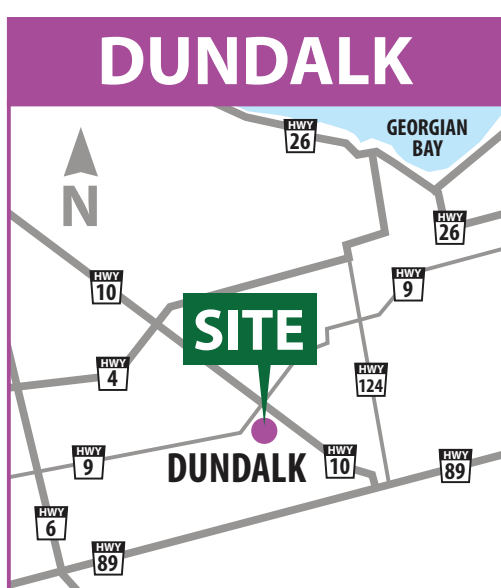
Nobleton tennis club will also be participating in the Intercounty tennis league and will be entering a Mixed A team, Ladies A team and Ladies B team. If there is enough interest we also have the possibility of entering a 55+ team. Anyone interested on playing on any of the above Intercounty teams should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

Nobleton Lions

Building on very impressive previous work by knitters and crocheters, the need continues for cozy, homemade slippers at various Ronald McDonald Houses. It seems that people sometimes find themselves needing to stay in close proximity to hospitals when their children require hospitalization on an unexpected basis. Ronald McDonald Houses provide what they can, and here is a chance for us to help them. If you have the time and wool, patterns are apparently available on the internet, for slippers of any size or colour. The Nobleton Lions will collect them and forward them to various RMH's in south central Ontario. For followup details please contact Lion Rick at rick@rickevans.net

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

As always, we welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Rick as above.



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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

King City United will be suspending worship through the month of July and will resume our first worship back on August 14. Rev. Lee will be available for pastoral needs through that time and is available through the office at 905-833-5181.

We wish you all have a safe and fun summer!

Our next worship on Sunday, Aug. 14 will begin at 10 a.m. and the worship will be recorded and available on our website kcuc.net later in the week for those unable to attend.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as we're back in-person for our services! We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

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

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

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

King City Seniors By Carolyn Kanitz

Friday, July 15 is the last chance to sign up for the Tuesday, Aug. 2 production "Meet My Sister" at the Light-house Festival Theatre in Port Dover with lunch at the Erie Beach Hotel. Call Jayne at 905-853-1436 or Agnes at 905-841-7390.

The "Meet the Artist Event" has been rescheduled for Friday, Aug. 5 starting at 11 a.m. at the Olde Art Gallery in Schomberg. We will be meeting Mary

Morganelli who will give us a tour of the gallery and highlight some of the paintings, wood carvings and woven textiles. Following this, around noon, we will go next door for lunch at the Scruffy Duck. (Participants are responsible for their own lunch costs.)

After lunch, if you wish, we may visit the Schomberg Community Garden. All welcome. Please contact Carol Field at 905-833-3324 or the King Seniors Centre at 905-833-6565.

Our summer programs: – Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing; 1 p.m. Bid Euchre; Wednesday 1 p.m. Novice Bridge/Intermediate Bridge; Thursday – 9:30 a.m. Gentle Motion; 1 p.m. Carpet Bowling; Friday 1 p.m. Progressive Euchre.

A special thank you is sent to Jason at Kingswood Garden in King City and Maria at Windflowers Floral in Oak Ridges for their generous donations of plants to create a welcoming atmosphere to our Centre.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's, Presbyterian Church, King City. During the summer, our Sunday morning worship services are led by Alison Agnew at 10:30 a.m. In addition, Alison will be providing 4 Special Thursday Summer Worship Services at 7:30 p.m. which started last Thursday! The next date is July 21 and then August 4 and 18.

These services give weekend cottagers and those who might not be able to attend on Sundays throughout the summer, opportunities to worship. Alison is attending Knox College, U of T and has been approved as a Candidate for Ministry by the Oak Ridges Presbytery! Congratulations Alison!

Last Sunday, we continued a new series on the book of Joshua. We looked at chapter 2 and saw God's greatness and sovereignty at work. When we are afraid, what are we putting our trust in? "How big is our God?"

Please check our website at [\[draws-kingcity.ca\]\(http://draws-kingcity.ca\). We will not be recording our summer services, but will have links to some churches who will be recording or live streaming. We invite you to worship online when you are able. For in-person services, we encourage the use of masks for everyone's safety.](http://stan-</p>
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Do you have prayer requests (praises or petitions), please let us know. We'll be happy to pray with or for you.

Philippians 4:6,7 has become a favourite verse especially in these uncertain, anxious times: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." We are available to pray with you or for you, in confidence. Contact Deana Weyman, 905-833-5375 or Kathy Patterson at 905-833-0391.

Prayers and support for Ukraine are found online at: <https://presbyterian.ca/2022/03/04/praying-for-ukraine/>.

Pastor Niyazi and Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship may be reached at 416-878-8499 regarding their Bible Study Service at the church, Sundays 2 to 5 p.m.

Please note: the Art-for-the-Soul artists who created during COVID via ZOOM, will have their Art Show and Sale at a later date. We will keep you posted.

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

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Everyone welcome. Two years ago in June in a letter to the Diocese our Diocesan Bishop the Right Rev. Andrew Asbil wrote: "The College of Bishops wishes a very Happy Pride to all Anglicans across our Diocese who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, two-spirited, queer and questioning, and also to their families and allies. We stand with you."

All Saints does too and welcomes you to worship with us.

A Good Samaritan – a sermon given by Rev. Eriun Martin last Sunday from Luke 10's story of the Good Samaritan:

"In the Gospel this morning Jesus has something very clear to say about neighbours, compassion and a response to pain and violence. A lawyer asked Jesus 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus answer was, 'You shall love

the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' But the lawyer needed some clarification as to who he was to consider a neighbour. So Jesus told a story.

"The story was of a man who was robbed, beaten and left for dead on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho. A priest and a Levite saw the man but passed by him on their way, going out of their way to avoid him. A Samaritan came upon the man was moved with compassion and took care of him. Note that to the people Jesus was telling the story to, there was no such thing as a 'good' Samaritan. There was no love lost between Samaritans and Jews. And yet it was the outsider who rescued the beaten man.

"When Jesus asked which of those men proved to be a neighbour, the lawyer said it was the Samaritan. Jesus said, 'Yes, go and do likewise – go and be like that Samaritan.' Challenging words for that lawyer. Jesus's love and inclusiveness is not easy for us now.

"We're challenged to acknowledge our prejudices. We're challenged to look at the people who are being systematically beaten and broken and left for dead in this world and SEE them and reach out with compassion. People are in pain right now. Our neighbours are hurting and Jesus is asking us to be open to their need. Listen to people of colour who are still being targeted and killed. Listen to indigenous communities who cry out in despair for those lying in unmarked graves, the missing and murdered indigenous women, and for what they've suffered for generations. The final and meaningful gesture is that the Samaritan actually did something about it.

"And these three moves – seeing, drawing near, and having compassion – offer us an example of what it is to be Christ-like. We are at a tipping point right now. The world is teetering on the precipice of embracing a culture of fear, mistrust and hate, or embracing a culture of love, inclusiveness and peace.

"Today I hope you'll join me in choosing to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds and strength and our neighbours as ourselves. I hope we'll really see each other; draw near to each other; and have compassion for each other. God of love, help us heal the world and all our neighbours in it."

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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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Township curbside giveaway days

King Township has organized "Curbside Giveaway Days" on the 3rd Saturday in July, August, September and October. The next one is and those dates Saturday, July 23.

Starting at 7 a.m. that particular day, take any unwanted items to the curb and mark it "free" for others to pick up and to take to a good home.

Remove all leftover items by 5 p.m. on that day to help keep King Township attractive. This is a great way to recycle and clean out some of that extra stuff or to get out and find some helpful and wanted items at a bargain price - free!

Schomberg United Church
By Nancy Hopkinson

Welcome to Summer. What better

way to celebrate summer than to have a picnic with access to water to swim or play! This Sunday, July 17 we are extremely fortunate to have Jack and Kim Campbell invite us once again for a Congregational Pot Luck Picnic. We gather at 11 a.m. and have a hymn sing led by the Front Porch Harmony group (a great group who have instruments and sing).

The church will supply hamburgers and hot dogs, lemonade and iced tea. Attendees are asked to bring something such as a dessert or salad to help make the lunch delicious. For directions, please contact Kim at 905-939-2992. If there are any special food requirements, please bring what you need.

There is a pool and playground for any who wish to use it. There are trails through the forest and lots of gardens for touring, for anyone who is interested. Bring a lawn chair, bathing suit and towel.

On Sunday, July 24, Sandra Kirby returns to lead worship. On July 31, Doug Reid will return as our worship leader. We are closed in August.

Last week, Sandra Kirby's reflection focused on the Good Samaritan story. Do you remember that Jesus was asked

what were the most important commandments, and he had replied that the most important was to love the Lord, and the second was to love your neighbour? Then someone asked who is my neighbour?

Jesus answered that question with the parable of the Good Samaritan. This story tells us that anyone, even someone who has been beaten up and stripped by robbers, is our neighbour. Sandra reminded us that our fire fighters in King Township are volunteers and are really Good Samaritans! The firefighters do

not just fight fires, but rescue people from all sorts of situations at great risk to themselves. The people who recently stopped on the QEW and helped an unconscious person out of a car before it was totally engulfed in fire are Good Samaritans!

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.

Glorious Gardens tour returns

Glorious Gardens of Nobleton and King City is a way in which we can recognize all the hard work that you have put into your front garden.

The gardens will be on view from July 23 to August 7.

A free map will be available by contacting nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com as of July 18 to anyone interested in touring these gardens in the comfort of their own car or by walking around the neighborhood.

Interested in joining the garden club? Or just want to know what it's all about?

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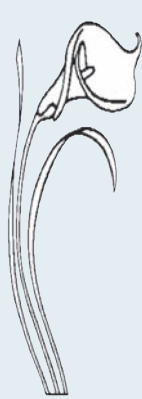
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King Fire & Emergency Services welcomes new recruits

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The ranks of King Fire and Emergency Services has swelled, with the new crop of recent graduates.

Fire Chief Jim Wall recognized the new recruits at a ceremony recently.

The 21 new recruits were joined by their family members, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, CAO Daniel Kostopoulos, elected officials, and the entire King Fire Team.

“As new recruits with King Fire & Emergency Services, I want to take this opportunity to welcome your family aboard as they become part of an amazing journey that has just begun. Know that it is a privilege and an honour to wear our badge,” Wall said

“King Fire is a combination of volunteerism and community service. You need to take the time now to fully understand, to truly appreciate and respect what your personal contributions will really mean to the community that you have sworn to protect. This is where you will soon realize that we, (King Fire) exist to provide an exceptional level of

service for our municipality. That level of service is provided all hours of the day, every day of the week, all year round – with no exception.

“When a community member needs our help, they call 9-1-1 and we respond without delay. When they have questions regarding fire safety and prevention, we open our doors and provide opportunities for risk reduction educational programs.”

This group of 21 will become the first King Fire & Emergency Services recruit class to not only become members of our team but also members of the esteemed Honour Guard this year. In 2023, these recruits will achieve their certification as Fire and Life Safety Educators.

Wall urged the new recruits to be the person you said you would be when you went through the interview process.

“We hired you for your character and because you fit into our culture; we hired you for your drive and your passion for helping and desire to make a difference in your community.

“You need to always remember that ‘good enough is never good enough.’

Your quest for excellence is never ending. Becoming a dedicated, life-long member of King Fire & Emergency Services is a commitment, a calling. No one said being a professional volunteer firefighter would be easy. You’re going to be held accountable to our team.”

He told the new members to stay safe, look after one another, stay committed to the community that we all call “home.”

“Remember, we are your family too, and my door is always open.”

Wall stress that “pretty fire trucks don’t put out fires on their own.” Having the right resources, the right people, is paramount. It’s all about those who have the guts, the desire to do the right thing, the energy to put out fires, the passion to influence our community members to make fire safety and emergency preparedness a priority.

“Every incident, every training and every community interaction is a learning opportunity. Take these opportunities!”



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