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## Bill 23 foes protest at MPP's office

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Citizen opposition to the Province's Bill 23 is mounting.

Roughly 100 people turned out in the cold and rain at York-Simcoe and Minister of Transportation MPP Caroline Mulroney's office on Sunday. They came with their signs and their concern for the future of Ontario.

"Bill 23 and the proposed Greenbelt cuts have made a lot of people understand the depth of the problems we have in Ontario regarding land use planning, sustainability, and spending priorities. As an environmental leader I'm glad that we finally have the public's attention. We have been sounding the alarm for years now, as environmental protections and our planning process have been eroded," said Claire Malcolmson, executive director of the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition.

"I'm pleased that some municipalities have voiced their concerns to the province."

Bill 23 received Royal Assent Monday.

Previously, many municipal governments, including

King, passed resolutions or made motions opposing the bill.

York Region, Aurora, Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan are also pushing back on the bill.

The group plans another rally this coming weekend, this time at the constituency office at King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.



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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Monday, December 5**  
6 p.m. – Council Public Planning Meeting  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

**Monday, December 12**  
6 p.m. – Council and Committee of the Whole  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

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

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

**Tuesday, December 6**  
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [dmoratto@king.ca](mailto:dmoratto@king.ca) by 10 am on the day of the meeting.

**Tuesday, December 13**  
6 p.m. – King Township Public Library Board (Virtual meeting)

**Wednesday, December 14**  
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment (virtual meeting)

**BID NOTICES**

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

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Please visit the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) for employment opportunities. All applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day they close.

- ServiceKING Associate (12-month contract) – Corporate Services - Deadline November 29
- Equipment Operator – Public Works - Deadline November 29
- Water/Wastewater Operator – Public Works - Deadline December 1
- Curling Ice Technician (6 month contract) – Community Services - Deadline December 7

**REMINDERS**



**Parking Restrictions**

Please be advised there is no vehicle parking on any roadway between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., from November 1 to April 15 of each year to allow for the expedient clearing of snow and the safe passage of emergency vehicles.

To learn more about parking in King such as how to pay or dispute a parking ticket, you can visit our parking enforcement page at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) or by calling ServiceKing at 905-833-5321.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**King Township is seeking Committee and Board Volunteers!**

*This is your opportunity to get involved in King's new initiatives and projects!*

The Township is currently seeking interested individuals to participate in the following Committees and Boards:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)
- Committee of Adjustment (COA)
- Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)
- King Township Public Library Board
- Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Service Board (HMDSJMBSB)

Submit your application demonstrating your passion for the community as well as any knowledge and perspectives relevant to the committee or board you are applying for.

Applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14th and can be submitted online at [www.king.ca/committees](http://www.king.ca/committees).

Visit <https://www.king.ca/committees> to learn more about each committee and board and about the recruitment process in general.

Have questions? E-mail the Clerk's Division at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca).

**Become involved and participate with King as a Committee/Board Volunteer!**  
We value your participation!



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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING and COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CLOSED SESSION**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022 (11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.)

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The purpose of this Special Council meeting is to accommodate a necessary Committee of the Whole Closed Session for **Council Education and Orientation** purposes.

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

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

Council Education / Orientation Session

The Special Council and Committee of the Whole Closed Session meetings will be held in-person and not livestreamed.

Denny Timm  
Township Clerk

**Kettleby Road reconstruction Public Engagement Session**

Kettleby is a small hamlet located on Kettleby Road between Jane Street and Keele Street in the Township of King. The downtown core along Kettleby Road is in need of rehabilitation to replace deteriorating infrastructure within the Township right-of-way. As part of the Township of King's capital works road improvement program, the Township is planning to reconstruct this 720 m segment of Kettleby Road between Kettleby Bridge on the west and the eastern limit of the community. On December 6 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., there will be an in-person Public Engagement Session held at the Kettleby Anglican Church (292 Kettleby Rd, Kettleby, ON L0G 1J0).

The Public Engagement Session will describe the project and provide residents with an opportunity to review current design alternatives under consideration, proposed schedules, and to provide feedback to be considered in the design. For more information, or to get updates on the project, please visit [speaking.king.ca](http://speaking.king.ca).



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# King signs pact for services with Toronto Wildlife Centre

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

When it comes to wild animal concerns, Toronto Wildlife Centre is the go-to resource in the GTA.

King Township has entered into a five-year agreement with TWC to provide services across the municipality.

Prior to 2013, King had no ability to adequately deal with sick or injured wildlife. There was a noticeable gap in services and residents were continually calling about their concerns.

While King has a partnership with the City of Vaughan for animal control regarding dogs and cats, no one was dealing with wild animals.

King first contracted TWC in 2014 and staff noted it's been a successful partnership.

There has been a significant increase in services by TWC in the last five years as they relate to hotline calls, pick-ups and rescues. As well, the rates of canine distemper in raccoons rose dramatically.

TWC not only provides the hands-on animal services, but also offers educational

programs.

Staff also pointed out that By the spring of 2023, Toronto Wildlife Centre will have white-tailed deer rehabilitation facilities unparalleled at any other wildlife rehabilitation centre in Canada. Unfortunately, some sick or injured adult white-tailed deer will not be rehabilitation candidates due to the challenges of working with this strong, very high stress species in captivity. TWC will be offering rehabilitation where possible, and TWC rescue staff are training in working with deer in the field and can often carry out successful rescues and releases of deer on site. TWC is pleased to be able to offer full medical and rehabilitation services to white-tailed deer fawns from King Township starting in 2023.

The modest annual cost is \$13,500 over the 2022-2027 contract.

"The TWC service agreement supports an ongoing positive partnership, which allows us to deliver more efficient and effective services to residents," staff reported. "The agreement provides mutual service delivery and financial benefits for the Township of King and the Toronto Wildlife Centre."



## Time with Santa

Residents, and some elected officials, took time to spend with St. Nick himself, during the annual Trees and Treats event. Many didn't want to miss Santa's first appearance in King. Mayor Steve Pellegrini was joined by (l to r) Anna Raeli, Desjardins Insurance (one of the event sponsors), Councillors David Boyd and Jennifer Anstey, and King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts. The other sponsor was Rafat General Contractor.



## Schomberg lights up for the holidays

Despite the rainy weather, the community gathered Sunday to light up the tree in Schomberg. The event, put on by the Schomberg Village Association, included carols, music and refreshments.



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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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~ Michael Connelly

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Our system is created in such a way that we vote in our municipal, provincial and federal representatives every four years. During that relatively short period of time, they act as servants, watchdogs, policy-makers, movers and shakers. They are part of a larger team, whether it's at the King council chambers, or in Parliament.

I have covered politics and elections in this province for more than 25 years and have seen many mayors, regional chairs, premiers and prime ministers come and go.

I have met many councillors, MPs and MPPs and have found the majority to be honest, decent folks, dedicated to their communities.

They say politics is one of the least forgiving professions. Some say the same for journalists!

And yes, it's often true. More often than not, politicians bear the brunt of residents' complaints, challenges, difficulties, strains and hurdles. Sometimes it's misplaced, and others it's bang on.

Citizens today, despite the vast amounts of information at their fingertips, still don't have a full grasp on who does what.

As a refresher, our municipal government collects your property taxes, but only gets to keep a little more than 20%. The lion's share goes to the regional level, and the remainder to the boards of education.

So with less than one-third of your tax dollars, the municipality has to look after local roads, facilities (arenas), trash pickup, fire services, snow removal, local programs, local planning, by-law enforcement and more.



Mark Pavilons

A portion of our income taxes goes to the provincial government, which looks after education, social services, environment, roads, law enforcement, planning, and more.

The other portion goes to the feds, who administer health, the military, airports, transportation, pensions, unemployment, and more.

Yes, it can be a daunting, complex, multi-tiered system, but it does work, despite the criticisms.

Politicians at all levels have a code of conduct and are held to very high standards. They are always under constant scrutiny.

That being said, our local politicians and councillors can be our best contacts and best friends. I have found King councillors and staff to be the most accessible group I have ever encountered in my 30+ years in the journalism business.

Their doors are always open. They always return calls and emails. We work well together.

Kudos to Mayor Steve Pellegrini and

each and every soul who works to make King Township the great place it is.

Many residents don't see it, but more than 100 people work behind the scenes to grease the wheels, and keep everything in sync. It's not always easy when faced with ever-changing, conflicting mandates from the Province.

Everyone was put to the test during the pandemic and thankfully, King and its greater community rose to the challenge, came together and kept things running smoothly, in almost seamless fashion.

You can't ask for more.

Local businesses and residents scrambled to help one another. In fact, the King Chamber of Commerce recently acknowledged the efforts of two local businesses who went above and beyond during COVID.

All of this requires a cohesive and engaged citizenry. Luckily, we have that in spades in King. There has to be a willingness and enthusiasm for everyone to come together and work as a team.

Again, we have that. While you can never please everyone all the time, or even most of the time, it's good to know our residents are solid as rocks.

The mayor, councillors and Township staff are visible and show up at almost every local event. You can't ask for more.

Good lessons for the newcomers on the newly elected council.

At the recent King council inaugural, several councillors, and the mayor pointed to a huge team effort, and the support from staff. Municipal staffers are the trained experts in their fields and have likely been "den mothers" and hand-holders to our elected officials.

Politicians toss around the terms accountability and transparency, but in our case, they ring true.

I sometimes get a call or email about some "shady" business going on in town, or related to the municipality.

In all my years, I have only seen one or two legitimate cases of breach of trust or wrongdoing by a municipal official.

When it comes to communication, I believe King is very responsive.

A case in point, email today tends to be the most convenient way to reach people, including our politicians.

However, my faith sinks when I get a response saying they are "receiving hundreds of emails daily and we appreciate your patience as we respond to each inquiry."

Hey, I get upwards of 200 emails per day, and I single-handedly go through each and every one of them. I respond almost immediately because I understand deadlines, etc.

Fortunately, I never receive such a note from anyone at King. In fact, most of my inquiries are handled quickly and efficiently. If someone doesn't have the answer they find someone who does.

From my point of view, that's all I can ask for.

Is everything perfect? No. Can things be improved? Of course.

But once your "house is in order," it's a lot easier to work towards even greater efficiency.

People pay a premium to live in King Township.

My guess is it's worth it, considering the leadership you receive.

### Letter to the Editor

## Handicapped spots being abused

How many times have I watched people jump out of their cars when they have parked in a well-marked Handicapped Spot!

I was at the CIBC on GreenLane in Newmarket, when I watched a man slowly back into a handicapped spot. When he saw me staring at him, he quickly grabbed a handicapped sticker and put it on his window, then he adeptly jumped out of his car.

I said to him "you are not handicapped," as he defiantly showed me the sticker. I explained to him that having a handicapped sticker does not give him the right to park in that spot. If there was someone in the car that was handicapped, that would be a different matter, but he was alone in the car.

We stared at each other and I said that I would call the police if he didn't move. Reluctantly, he moved.

What does it take to get through to people? Do you think I want to be handicapped?

I wish I could still ski and roller blade, like I used to but sadly that is not the case. The handicapped spaces allow me to get into places that otherwise I wouldn't be able to. It gives me independence and the confidence to know I can make the destination intended.

Please don't take that away from me. Please respect me and all those who are handicapped.

Wendy-Sue Bishop

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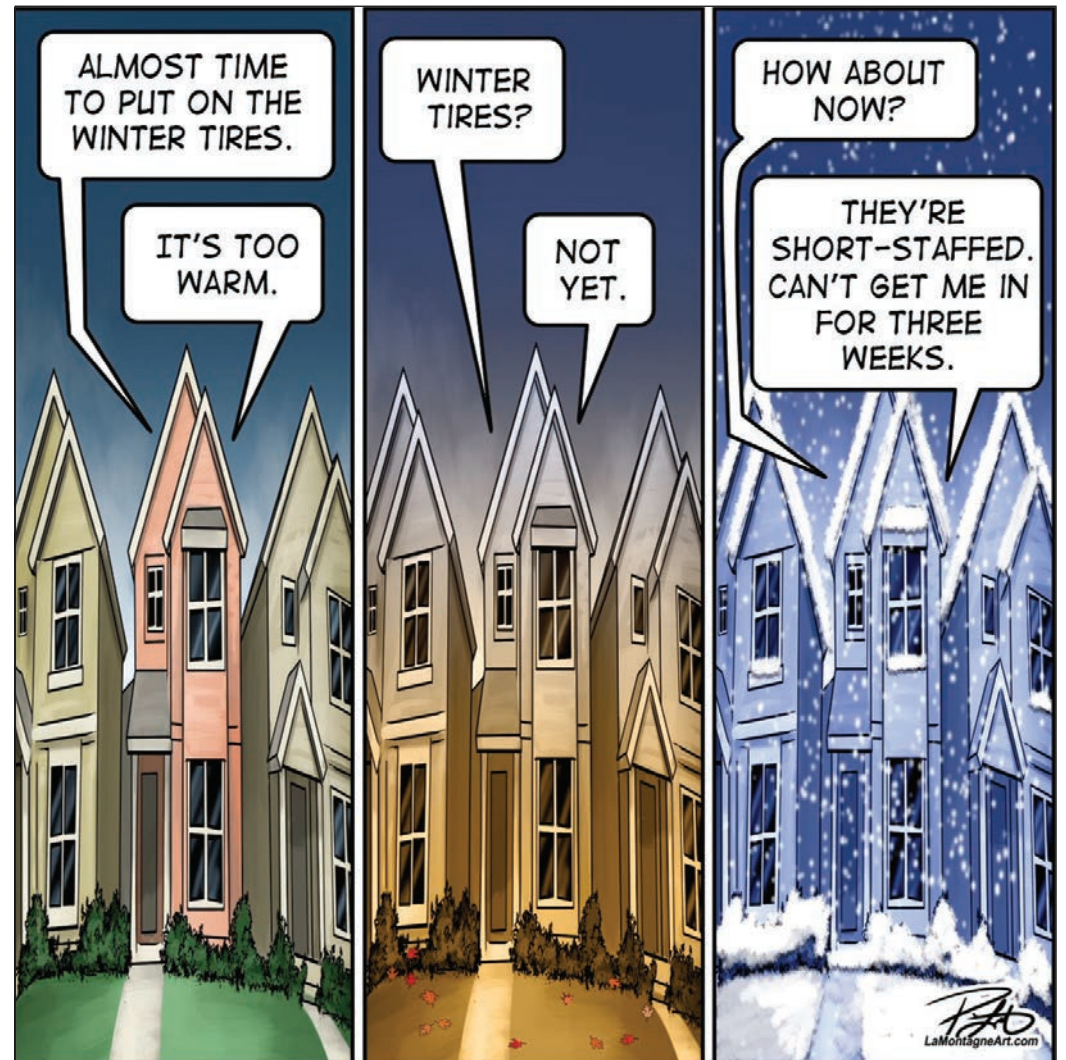
b) Less  **63%**

Do you plan to give more or less to charity this season?

a) More  
b) Less

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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



**Quote of the Week**

*"Men argue. Nature acts."*

— Voltaire

**Trivia Tidbits**

*Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.*

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# YREA outlines concerns with Bill 23 to ministers

The following letter was sent to the premier, Ministers Steve Clark and Michael Parsa.

York Region Environmental Alliance (YREA) is deeply concerned with this bill. In particular, the disregard for the preservation of our ecosystems by removal of conservation of lands and pollution as considerations in permit decisions, putting a freeze on development fees and possibly tapping into conservation lands to support housing.

It would thwart the vital contribution of Conservation Authorities regarding climate change resilience and disaster prevention.

Breaking a promise by allowing Swiss cheese development in the Greenbelt would be to our peril.

Any development on the Oak Ridges Moraine in Richmond Hill, Stouffville or Markham would be in a highly sensitive headwater area of the Rouge River Watershed with the lands serving as both a recharge and discharge area that provides critical base flows to this watershed. The lands are in a matrix of agricultural fields, with woodlots and wetlands aligned along many tributaries of the Rouge River. These tributaries form the basis for the designated Natural Linkage and Natural Core Areas that are an integral part of critical

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wildlife corridors between the Federal Rouge Urban Park lands to the south and to the major east-west corridor of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Linkage areas support species at risk, cold water fish habitat, provincially rare species, flora and fauna, significant woodlots and numerous wetlands that are part of the Provincially Significant Rouge River Headwater Wetland Complex. The current mix of agricultural fields, wetlands, woodlands and regenerating fields help to sustain and support this highly diverse natural heritage system. Similar damage to other watersheds where Greenbelt development is allowed can be expected.

We have the ability to provide all our housing needs in existing designated areas so that we do not seriously imperil the ecological integrity of the Greenbelt/ORM or encroach on Conservation Authority lands. All the hard surfaces and pollutants that come with development instigates flooding (one reason we need Conservation Authority input) and detrimentally affects the recharge and discharge functions that are so critical to maintaining water quality and flow to all our watersheds.

To service development, a network

of new roads would repeatedly cut through natural linkage areas, woodlands and wetlands further exacerbating negative, irreversible impact further impeding critical wildlife corridor functions. Sewers and other related infrastructure would cost taxpayers billions, worsened by the elimination of development charges.

Have we completely lost our sense of humanity by allowing reductions, exemptions or freezes on the development charges, parkland charges and community benefits charges for certain types of new buildings and rental construction? Do we all not deserve to live in complete communities with green-spaces, amenities and crucial infrastructure? When a development lists a 1,600 square foot townhouse for \$529,000 then lists another 5 years later within walking distance for \$1,100,000, the only way to curtail corporate greed is to look to the non-profit sector such as Options for Homes so that all our citizens have affordable options and equal opportunities without compromises.

Over the many years that YREA has advocated for the preservation of farmland, our exact words were "what will happen when drought and climate change compromise agricultural capacity in the USA?" While the province has given it no thought whatsoever, that time has come, as U.S. fruit giants Driscoll & Naturipe Farms look north

to Canada to establish berry farms in Quebec and Ontario.

This is the beginning of a wave of agricultural migrants. If there had been enough visionary politicians to vote for a Markham Foodbelt 12 years ago we would be ahead of the game now. It is therefore urgently essential that we secure and expand farmland for healthy, locally grown food to support our population projections as well as any demands that we export our food south to areas no longer able to sustain farming.

**Gloria Marsh**  
Executive Director  
York Region Environmental Alliance

## Schomberg Skate with Santa

Residents of all ages are invited to a free skate with Santa. The event will take place Dec. 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg. While admission is free, organizers are asking that you bring a food donation for the King Township Food Bank. The event is sponsored by the Schomberg Lions Club.

## Lack of transparency troubling

During the last council meeting of the 2018-2022 term, after considering a very lengthy and complex agenda and saying many long goodbyes to outgoing councillors, King Township's council was presented with a motion that could well have lasting ramifications for the health of our natural heritage in the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt.

Under new business, Mayor Pellegrini presented a motion to support the building of a new Southlake Regional Health Centre in King Township near Bathurst and Green Lane, and directing that the approval process be fast-tracked. This motion was seconded by outgoing councillor Cober prior to consideration by council.

The parcel of land in question includes 500+ acres on the Greenbelt. The recent announcement by the Province to open up parts of the Greenbelt, including this specific large parcel of land in King, is being met with tremendous opposition from many organizations and individuals across the GTA. As a new hospital does not require this amount of land, how much of King's Greenbelt would then be bulldozed for more sprawling subdivisions under this proposal captured in the motion?

Although the Mayor read the motion line by line and it was passed unanimously with no discussion, the councillors looked as though they were taken by surprise by this motion and not given the opportunity to really reflect on its ramifications. What was the rush? Surely such an important issue should have been considered by the incoming council. There was no advanced warning or time provided between the tabling of the motion and the vote, as is the common protocol for motions of substance. As well, the public was unable to forward comments on the motion to council.

I and many others are troubled by the lack of transparency and opportunity for thorough discussion regarding the potential placement of a new hospital on 500+ acres of the Greenbelt. King prides itself on being a good steward of our natural heritage, but it has definitely dropped the ball in this case.

Catherine Flear

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# Let's work together to keep farmland in production

**By Drew Spoelstra**  
**Vice-president, Ontario**  
**Federation of Agriculture**

## Comment

Ontario needs more homes, built faster – that much is true. The Golden Horseshoe area is poised to see unprecedented growth over the next few decades and it's important that we work towards a better plan to accommodate folks that want to call this province home in the future.

Ontario also needs a strong, stable, sustainable supply of farm and food products grown, harvested and processed right here in one of the best food producing regions in Canada. These two complex issues deserve to carry equal weight in the planning processes and decision making for our growth areas, cities, towns, rural hubs and communities.

The Ontario government announced it is proposing to rezone thousands of acres of prime farmland in the Greenbelt and other regions to build up to 50,000 new homes as part of its Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act.

That's a change that's of serious concern to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA).

Our members, from Windsor to Winchester, have told us over and over again that prime agriculture land is irreplaceable and worth fighting for. Farmland losses are already at an incredible 319 acres per day in our province, according to the 2021 Census of Agriculture.

Those 319 acres of farmland represent the yearly production of 75 million

carrots, 25 million apples, 510,000 chicken wings, beef for 2.2 million quarter pounders, eggs for 5.4 million omelettes or enough feed for 25,000 Clydesdale horses for a day, to name just a few.

Farmland is farmland no matter what colour its belt is or what designation it receives. Once it's lost to development, it is gone forever, and that's why preserving it is one of the OFA's top priorities.

Ontario has a limited supply of what we call arable land – land that is suitable for growing crops for human consumption. In fact, it accounts for only about five percent of all the land in Ontario.

For me, this issue hits very close to home. I'm raising my children on our family farm just outside the urban boundary of the City of Hamilton, which happens to be in the Greenbelt. These new proposals raise serious concerns for me as a farmer, father, and businessperson on what the future of the protected countryside actually looks like.

How should I plan for our future? How will our business grow? How much certainty does the Greenbelt designation really give us? And where does the local, on-the-ground, real life community input come into play? These proposed changes represent a real and permanent loss of food production that in the long term won't impact just me and my family's farm, but every single person in our province.

However, as someone who farms in an urban municipality, I also recognize that our province is in the midst of a housing crisis. OFA understands that rapidly rising costs and a shortage of available housing have created a serious affordability problem for many Ontarians, and that the government needs to find solutions to this issue.

Some of the proposed changes in Bill 23, like cutting bureaucratic red tape and increasing consumer protection, are long overdue policy changes. OFA knows that the balancing act between farmland protection and further urbanization doesn't come with an easy answer and that the issues facing us today are complex.

That's why we are proposing the fol-

lowing solutions to meet the needs of the growing urban areas and ensure that we can continue to produce an abundance of farm and food products now and for future generations:

Focus provincial housing policy first and foremost on opportunities inside existing urban boundaries, like developing brownfield sites and underutilized land, and looking to mixed-use approaches that maximize available land.

Return to minimum density targets of 80 people and jobs per hectare and enforce them throughout the growth plan area.

Make targeted infrastructure investments in rural hubs, small towns and communities that are primed for responsible growth to support farms, agri-businesses and employers across rural Ontario.

Enact a "use it or lose it" clause on development approvals to get housing built faster.

Address exclusionary zoning policies within municipalities to allow more density and missing middle housing to be built in residential neighbourhoods. Roughly 70% of Toronto and other surrounding cities are zoned for detached houses only, which restricts even modest forms of density such as triplexes or small apartment buildings.

With a responsible land use planning approach, it is possible to build complete communities that can provide for the needs of residents while minimizing sprawl, preventing the loss of farmland, and avoiding additional pressures on urban-rural boundaries.

The OFA understands and supports the government's stated goal of building more houses for Ontarians, but the proposed changes to the Greenbelt and paving over prime farmland, represent a step in the wrong direction.

The best use of our arable land is agriculture and by working together, we can come up with solutions that will protect farmland loss and address our province's housing crisis. The key is a collaborative approach to responsible long-term land use planning that balances meeting housing needs and supporting economic growth with protecting agricultural land.

## Greens want Bill 23 repealed

Ontario Greens leader and Guelph MPP, Mike Schreiner, voiced his opposition as MPPs passed Bill 23 Monday.

"Today, we heard one more time from poverty activists, municipal voices and healthcare workers whose voices have been ignored and excluded by the government in its decision to ram Bill 23 through the Legislature without proper consultation," he said.

"Yet, the government forged ahead and passed Bill 23 today, giving itself a standing ovation for paving the Greenbelt, raising property taxes and dismantling environmental protections.

"Bill 23 makes way for land speculators to privately profit from the public value of protected land.

"Pushing this destructive piece of legislation through, despite widespread public opposition, and without meaningful consultation from the public, including Indigenous groups, is a dereliction of duty and inexcusable. "I call on the Premier to repeal Bill 23, halt their destructive pro-sprawl agenda and plans to pave over the Greenbelt and to implement real solutions to the housing crisis."



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## Letter to the Editor

### Bill 23 is a 'disgrace' and 'evil'

The following letter, to King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, was submitted to the Sentinel.

Dear Stephen,

You and I have enjoyed friendly talks several times, most recently about the possibility of more protected areas in King Township.

But I write today in anger. Bill 23 is a disgrace. And worse. Not only because it will destroy thousands of homes for wildlife, but also because it reeks of corruption.

The bill is a disgrace.

It's a disgrace because it's not necessary. Over 85,000 acres of land are available, outside the Greenbelt.

It's a disgrace because the Premier said, "I listened to the people, and we are not touching the Greenbelt."

It's a disgrace because much of the land being swapped is already protected.

It's a disgrace because we need rich and productive areas to grow food and we need wetlands to safeguard water sources.

Four reasons why this bill is a disgrace. And there are more.

But as I said at the outset, this bill is also evil. To allow developers to buy up land in the protected Greenbelt and then let them develop those lands is not just a disgrace, it's evil.

Smarmy, entitled, pork-barrel politics. The Torie government once again kowtowing to its rich friends.

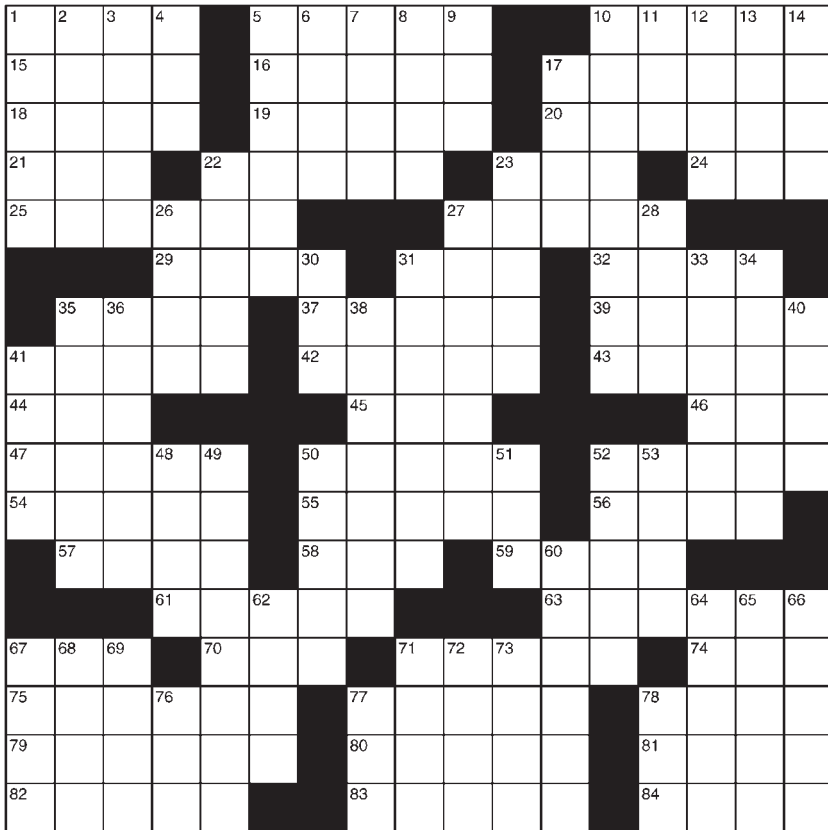
I'll close with six words which I know you are hearing from hosts of good people:

Bill 23 stinks. Repeal it now.

*David Love*  
 King City

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## PUZZLE 463



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### ACROSS

1. Liquid measure
5. Sudden flood
10. Itinerant
15. Speed competition
16. Singing voice
17. Corrupt
18. Prepare copy
19. Very very
20. Cut molars
21. Paramedic's purpose
22. Group of eight
23. Section of grass
24. Bandleader Weems
25. Inlay
27. Dress size
29. Alliance
31. Place for a workout
32. "Sidewalks of New York" start
35. Buyer's attraction
37. Moving
39. Shankar's instrument
41. Rathskeller order
42. "\_\_\_ Offerings"
43. Weighing instrument
44. Night before
45. Narrow inlet


### DOWN

46. Perfect gymnastic rating
47. "\_\_\_ I've Been Loving You"
50. Hit
52. Feat
54. NBC morning show
55. Supple
56. Waste allowance
57. Congestive sound
58. Put to work
59. Days gone by
61. Signal
63. Indian village
67. "\_\_\_ Daughter" (Stanwyck film)
70. Rascal
71. Attract
74. Conducted
75. Mysterious
77. Large volume
78. Affected manner
79. Ponderous
80. Accumulate
81. Glacial snow
82. Measuring device
83. Dimwitted
84. "\_\_\_ first you don't succeed ..."

### DOWN

1. Reverie
2. Wireless
3. Sulfuric and nitric
4. Matched
5. House covering
6. Pummel
7. Pay (up)
8. Wrongful act
9. Notable period
10. Uncalled for
11. "\_\_\_ to Billy Joe"
12. Mongrel dog
13. Hurt
14. Ownership paper
17. Greek portico
22. Tank ship
23. Learned
26. Adept
27. Popeye's greens
28. Secular
30. City vehicle
31. Furrow
33. Sculpture
34. Special ability
35. Rescuer
36. Meeting plan
38. Presume
40. Tear
41. For fear that
48. Newborn cow
49. Cosmetic item
50. Drink noisily
51. Florida island
52. Swagger
53. Oak or linden
60. Be against
62. Prayer closer
64. Quick
65. Baby insect
66. Assault
67. Soothing medicine
68. Provided at no cost
69. Scram
71. Big book
72. Zing
73. Senorita
76. Summer beverage
77. Fashion
78. Tropical cuckoo

**Solution**  
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# King

## 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, December 1 to Wednesday, December 7

THURS 1ST	FRI 2ND	SAT 3RD	SUN 4TH	MON 5TH	TUES 6TH	WED 7TH
Sun/Clouds High 2C° Low -4C° Wind W 32k	Sun/Clouds High 5C° Low 4C° 1-3mm Wind S 19k	Cloudy/Showers High 9C° Low -4C° 1-3mm Wind S 33k	Mainly Sunny High 1C° Low -2C° Wind S 12k	Mainly Cloudy High 4C° Low -2C° 2-4cm Wind SE 11k	Mixed Precip. High 5C° Low -4C° ~5mm/1-3cm Wind E 28k	Sun/Clouds High -1C° Low -6C° Wind NW 23k



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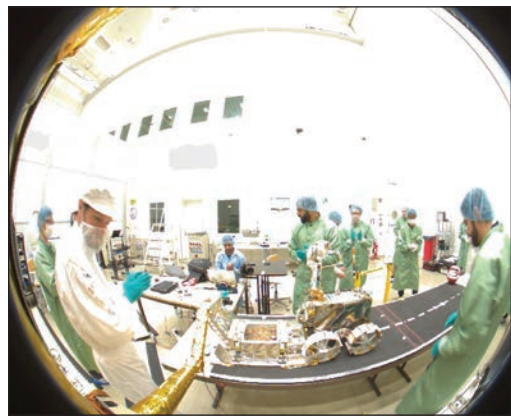


# Bolton firm receives contract to explore the moon

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

A Bolton aerospace company is one step closer to exploring the moon, thanks to a contract awarded to build a lunar rover.

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation,



## Lunar cameras pass testing

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Things are coming together for Canada's contributions to the final frontier. Bolton-based Canadensys Aerospace Corporation's lunar cameras recently passed integration and testing.

The locally designed and built cameras, with partial co-funding from the Canadian Space Agency's Lunar Exploration Accelerator Program (LEAP) and carried by ispace's Mission 1, successfully imaged the UAE Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) Lunar Rashid Rover in Lampoldshausen, Germany.

This is part of the final integration testing of the ispace lunar lander, prior to its launch to the moon on a SpaceX rocket from Florida, scheduled for later this month. The ispace lander will undergo an approximate five-month transit to the Moon prior to conducting the landing. Carried aboard the lander, are both the UAE rover and a separate Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) rover. The Canadensys multi-camera imaging system will document rover deployment.

"We are pleased about the results of this test, which used a burst mode and demonstrates the ability of our cameras to take very clear and detailed images," said Jonathan Knaul, Director Strategic Initiatives at Canadensys.

Takeshi Hakamada, Founder and CEO at ispace added: "We are honoured that Canadensys Aerospace has entrusted ispace to carry their payload to the lunar surface. We are looking forward to the imagery to show the world the progress our mission is making, and we are pleased that our transportation service can contribute to multiple developments in creating the Cis-lunar ecosystem."

"With the assistance of our partners, we have made tremendous progress on the mission. The team at Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre is looking forward to the mission, and each test clearance increases our confidence in a successful mission. We look forward to the images that will follow as part of the mission," noted Dr. Hamad Almarzooqi, project manager of the Emirates Lunar Mission at MBRSC.

"It has been a great experience working with our Japanese and UAE partners, and we are honoured to be contributing to the success of this very exciting mission," said Christian Sallaberger, Canadensys president and CEO.

## First Canadian rover to set wheels on the Moon

Science and Industry, announced a \$43-million contract to Canadensys Aerospace Corporation and its industrial and academic partners to build the first Canadian lunar rover.

Thanks to a close and ongoing collaboration between the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) and NASA, the Canadian lunar rover will fly as part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services initiative and would land in the south polar region of the Moon as early as 2026.

For the first time in history, a Canadian rover will be sent to the Moon and will help in the international search for water ice in the lunar soil, a key component for the future of human space exploration. This rover is the outcome of decades of building and refining Canadian expertise in rover technology. It will inspire an entire generation to set their sights on distant destinations in our solar system like Mars.

The 30-kilogram rover will carry six scientific payloads (five Canadian and one American). Canadensys Aerospace is leading a broad team of partners, including NASA Ames Research Center, NGC Aerospace, Maya Heat Transfer Technologies, Nokia, Bubble Technology Industries, Waves in Space, Simon Fraser University, Western University, the University of Winnipeg, l'Université de Sherbrooke, Leap Biosystems, Surrey Satellite Technology, and RF Collins.

It will perform meaningful science and demonstrate key technologies that will lay an important foundation for subsequent Canadian lunar exploration. With this contract, Canadensys will continue to innovate in areas of technological strengths for Canada, like robotics, advanced vision systems and science instruments.

"Designing a rover that can withstand the harsh lunar environment is extremely complex, but today is proof that Canada's space industry thrives on challenges and is ready to exceed expectations. This would not have been possible without Canadian ambition, skills and our talented workers. With this exciting mission ahead, Canadensys and its partners are strengthening Canada's reputation as a world leader in the space industry," Minister Cham-



pagne said.

"Canadensys and our team members have been hard at work for the past decade, developing many of the key component technologies for lunar rovers. This contract is a testament to that hard work, and we are humbled to have been given this remarkable opportunity to lead such a renowned international team to the Moon," said Christian Sallaberger, president and CEO at Canadensys.

The rover will have the ability to drive and operate through lunar polar regions that never receive direct sunlight. It is designed to survive the long lunar nights, during which the temperature can drop to less than -200 °C.

The CSA's Lunar Exploration Accelerator Program (LEAP) was created to provide a wide range of opportunities for Canadian science and technology activities in lunar orbit, on the Moon's surface, and beyond.

LEAP is providing \$150-million to help firms develop and demonstrate space technologies that will create new commercial opportunities in Canada.

Canada's expertise in rovers has grown to include collaboration with over 40 Canadian companies and universities, which have collectively built the fleet of terrestrial rover prototypes and extensively tested them under various conditions, including mission simulations.

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## Ontario takes next step in building Bradford Bypass

The Ontario government is starting construction on a bridge crossing over the future Bradford Bypass, marking another milestone in the province's plan to relieve gridlock, create jobs and connect communities in the rapidly-growing Greater Golden Horseshoe.

"Our government will be relentless in delivering on our ambitious plan to build the much needed infrastructure that our growing province needs," said Premier Doug Ford. "Building the Bradford Bypass is a key part of our plan to fight gridlock in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, helping commuters spend less time in traffic while creating good paying jobs for the people of this region."

In April 2022, Brennan Paving & Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract to design and construct the new bridge which will allow County of Simcoe Road 4 (Yonge Street) between 8th Line and 9th Line to cross over the future Bradford Bypass. The project will also include widening County Road 4 from two to four lanes.

"Gridlock makes life harder for Ontario businesses and farmers who rely on a strong highway network to get their goods to market quickly," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "This important milestone brings us another step closer to getting the Bradford Bypass built, improving economic productivity and eliminating the gridlock that hurts us all."

To promote efficiencies between the Bradford Bypass project and the County of Simcoe's planned expansion work on County Road 4, an agreement is in place to better coordinate the construction approach, which will save taxpayer dollars and optimize the work required

to improve gridlock and reduce the risk of construction delays.

The Bradford Bypass is a new four-lane freeway that will connect Highway 400 and Highway 404 in Simcoe County and York Region.

During the construction period, the Bradford Bypass is estimated to contribute \$274 million in annual real GDP and support 2,640 jobs per year on average in the transportation, engineering, construction and supply-chain industries.

Motorists and commercial truck drivers are anticipated to experience significant savings in travel time when using the Bradford Bypass compared to using existing routes along local roads, saving commuters up to 35 minutes per trip.

A project specific assessment of environmental impacts in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21 for the project is currently underway and is expected to be completed in 2023.

In 2022-23, Ontario is investing \$3.0 billion to expand and repair provincial highways, roads and bridges, including over \$761 million to expand the province's highways and bridges, and more than \$1.5 billion for rehabilitation projects.

"Proceeding with the overpass is a major step towards construction of the highway and demonstrates great cooperation between the province and Simcoe County. I'd like to thank Premier Ford and Minister Mulroney for their ongoing commitment to this critical infrastructure investment in York Region and Simcoe County," said Rob Keffer, Mayor of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

"We continue to support the development of this critical infrastructure.

East Gwillimbury is Canada's fastest growing community – and with that comes a responsibility to ensure we have the road network to connect communities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe, grow our economy, and reduce travel time," added East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackson.

"I am thrilled to hear that this project is finally moving ahead, thanks to the work of Premier Ford and Minister

Mulroney. This much-needed piece of infrastructure for our growing community will divert regional traffic away from our residential neighbourhoods, allowing the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to transform our Main Street into a walkable, pedestrian and business friendly downtown shopping and dining district," said Councillor Jonathan Scott, chair of the Downtown Bradford Revitalization Committee.

## New report shows 413 would threaten endangered species

A new report from Environmental Defence, *The Road To Our Ruin: How Highway 413 Would Impact Threatened and Endangered Species*, draws attention to the fact that the proposed highway would put threatened and endangered species along and near the highway route at further risk.

Written by biologists affiliated with the University of Guelph, the report provides information about each of the 29 federally-listed species at risk that would be impacted by Highway 413, along with maps that show where each species has been sighted in proximity to the highway's path, and illustrations of each species.

The report identifies 29 federally listed at risk species in the path of the highway, including birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish, insects and trees. It also finds that Highway 413 would impact 122 species of birds protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, another piece of federal legislation, and concludes that the cumulative effects of urban sprawl encouraged by the highway would lead to "widespread habitat fragmentation."

"Highway 413 would push endangered species in the area even closer to the brink, while we're in the midst of a global biodiversity crisis. Some scientists are referring to this period as the sixth great extinction – and Highway 413 would accelerate that," said Keith Brooks, programs director for Environmental Defence. "It's unconscionable"

The report details how Highway 413 would threaten birds such as the Red-headed Woodpecker, an endangered species, the Short-eared Owl, which has suffered one of the steepest declines of any bird listed by the federal Species At Risk Act, and the Eastern Meadowlark, which Ontario has failed to protect under its Endangered Species Act.

Other endangered species include the Jefferson Salamander, the Redside Dace a tiny minnow, the Western Chorus Frog, and the Rapids Clubtail, a dragonfly so rare, it's only known to live alongside four rivers in Canada, two of which are the Humber and Credit Rivers. Highway 413 would cross both these rivers.

"Highway 413 would cross over 130 rivers and streams near their headwaters – which are their most ecologically sensitive areas. In terms of water quality, it's the worst place you could put a highway," said Dr. Ryan Norris, a professor at the University of Guelph who co-authored the report with colleague Karl Heide. "We have a duty to protect biodiversity here. Every species is important in this environment, all environments. But this highway would do the opposite: it would be seriously chipping away at biodiversity."

"We had Doctor Norris and Karl Heide do this analysis for us because we think it's important for Ontarians to understand what's really at risk if Highway 413 goes through. This report is also paired with a more technical report that we're going to send to the Federal Impact Assessment Agency and to the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change. The Ontario government has been a disaster when it comes to protecting endangered species, which is why the federal government has the duty, responsibility, and clear authority to step in. We are urging Minister Guilbeault to take that responsibility seriously," added Brooks.

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## Bill 23 receives Royal Assent

The More Homes Built Faster Act was given Royal Assent, supporting the government's efforts to tackle the housing supply crisis and get 1.5 million homes built over the next 10 years. More Homes Built Faster removes unnecessary costs and cuts through red tape and other bottlenecks that stand in the way of new homes being built.

"More Homes Built Faster helps fulfill our government's promise to help more Ontarians find a home that meets their needs and budget," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "I am proud of the action this plan takes to increase the supply of housing of all types and restore the dream of homeownership for a generation of Ontarians."

Key actions in the plan include:  
Freezing and reducing government fees to support the construction of new homes and reduce the costs of housing, particularly affordable and not-for-profit housing, inclusionary zoning units and purpose-built rentals.

Creating a new attainable housing program to drive the development of housing across all regions of Ontario.

The plan also supports the development of "gentle density," which will create more rental housing while minimizing the impact on existing neighbourhoods. These changes will give most urban residential property owners the right to build up to three units on their land – including a basement apartment or a laneway home – without lengthy planning approvals or development charges.

"Too many Ontario families are chasing too few homes that meet their needs. The bold changes passed today are laying the foundation for those currently trying to find a home that is right for them, and for generations to come," said Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing.

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# Give your feet the love they deserve with REI massager

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Smart Home  
Health Essentials

There's nothing like putting your feet up at the end of a day.

Most of us take our feet for granted, but we can't ignore their importance. They support our weight and give us our mobility.

In fact, they give us our quality of life.

Whether or not you suffer from foot-related ailments or conditions, if you treat your dogs well, they'll return the favour.

A valuable tool in ensuring good foot health comes from Synca Wellness and its line of innovative health products.

The company's REI Massager is quite the companion.

Designed to look like an ottoman, it packs a punch. It's considered as the world's most advanced foot and calf massager, combining design, function and therapy into once compact unit.

While most therapeutic devices have that clinical look and feel, the REI is anything but. It complements any modern decor and gives new meaning to the word practical. It's so convenient and tasteful – kudos to the designers.

The ottoman-style massager is cleverly designed so it looks like a piece of furniture when not in use.

Pop off the lid and slide your puppies right in to the two separate foot compartments. The lid also doubles as a comfortable back rest, a wireless lumbar massager. That's pure genius.

The unit, weighing in at a manageable 31.5 pounds, measures 18 inches square.

Now for the benefits. The REI provides foot, calf and lumbar massage; a foot roller, vibration and compression. You'll immediately fall in love with the robotic Shiatsu calf massager and the heat it provides. There are three programs and strength adjustments to choose from.

The unit stimulates blood flow, reduces muscle tension, reduces swelling, and it just feels great.

If you're on your feet all the time so you should take care of them. If you're an active runner or athlete, you have to support your feet. The REI not only reduces muscle tension, but reduces your

stress levels as well.

The term "take a load off" never felt so good! It hugs your legs like a warm blanket.

Synca Wellness focuses on designs that fit a modern home. The company notes that with the REI, they wanted to offer every feature they could in a foot and calf massager – vibration, kneading, heat, compression, and shiatsu calf massage and a wireless lumbar massager lid.

They wanted it to look like something that fits in your home and designers spent a lot of time finding the form that brings it all together.

This is a standout piece from both design and feature perspectives.

Most foot and calf massager are just a foot roller and compression plus maybe some heat. The REI, on the other hand, has every possible feature you would want need.

Established in 2017, Synca is the expression of progressive design infused with real value. They are a luxury health brand, driven by modern design innovation and the desire to achieve the ultimate in physical and mental relaxation.

It's available at The Bay – <https://www.thebay.com/product/synca-rei-ottoman-massager-0600092319856.html>

You can also visit the company's site at <https://synca-wellness.us/product/fm250.html>



## Leaf gathering in Nobleton

There were so many bags of yard waste in Nobleton that GFL Environmental could not complete removal and had to come back. At Nobleton United Church, there were so many leaves all around the church and around its parking lot, that Gino DiFebo realized that he needed a volunteer force. Gino blew the leaves off the parking lot, so it was easier to bag them. Members and neighbours of the church came and helped and over 180 leaf bags were collected. Thanks to Gino for providing Tim Hortons coffee and donuts and to Earle Laycock for his delicious cookies to keep all the workers happy.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Jazz band performs at Xmas dinner at Summerhill

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

A renowned local jazz artist will make the holidays brighter with an upcoming concert near Nobleton.

The Summerhill's first Christmas Dinner 'n Jazz with the Adam Saunders Band is sure to spread the holiday cheer.

King resident and musician Adam Saunders will tickle the ivories at the piano, along with special guests Chris Robinson, reeds; Ron Johnson, Bass; Doc Mike Walmsley, Guitar and banjo and Jamie Aug on drums.

The event takes place Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. Celebrate the season with a 3-course dinner, great friends and wonderful music. Tickets are \$80/pp.

Adam is particularly gifted at re-

sponding to his audience and loves the ambience of a small venue. His band, for many years, was an annual highlight at Daniels of Nobleton where folks would book weeks in advance to be part of this event. A resident of King since his youth, Adam is welcomes the opportunity to support the community.

What the band offers up is always a surprise, but you can count on some familiar jazz standards and plenty of foot-tapping favourites from "A Wonderful World" to a few good old Christmas carols!

Saunders doesn't need any excuse to sit down at the piano and entertain. There's been a tradition locally for a Christmas concert with the Adam Saunders Band and he looks forward to supporting The Summerhill.

"We're thrilled to work with Jack-

ie and her team noting that so many smaller venues deserve our support following the years of COVID!"

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## Old Mill Gallery closing up shop

The Olde Mill Gallery & Shoppe in Schomberg will soon close its doors. The departure is bittersweet for all involved.

The artists have always called the Gallery their "Happy Place."

Greeting and interacting with customers, demonstrating work while on duty, and seeing creations go to happy customers is the reason they were all so dedicated to the Gallery.

"In our four years, we felt that our presence helped to revitalize Main Street in Schomberg. We became a destination place for York Region and beyond," said Patricia Earl.

COVID, a slower economy (reflected in the decreased traffic and sales this year), online and box store shopping preferences, and yes, of course, rent increase, are the main reasons for closing the doors.

Earl said they sincerely thank Janet, Paul and Norma Hill, as well as new owner, Ray Jung for their support in this endeavor. Had they charged market rent to date, the group would not have been able to survive the past four years.

"We are not going away and will continue to explore any opportunities that may come along for the group in the future," Earl said.

"We want to especially thank Mark Pavilons and the King Weekly Sentinel for their support over the past four years! You have gone above and beyond supporting the Gallery as well as all the local arts and culture groups in King Township. For that we are very grateful!"

Saying a fond farewell are Pat Earl, George Burt on behalf of Andrea End, Catharine DeMontmorency, Karen Hunter, Mary Morganelli, Inge Dam, Grace Croughan, Michelle Zikovitz and Wendy Emery.



## One of a King Handmade Holiday Market

King kicked off the holiday season with its annual Handmade Holiday Market on Nov. 19. More than 15 local vendors set up shop at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre where they showcased collections of unique items like handmade soaps, candles, cream, jewelry and more. Visit [King.ca](http://King.ca) to keep up to date with upcoming holiday events.

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# What severe food insecurity looks like in York Region

The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) published its annual report on Hunger, analyzing the statistics on food insecurity in York Region in 2021.

The report provides a definition of food insecurity (ranging from marginal to severe) and outlines the role of food access programs throughout FBYR's partner network, as well as defining the roles that food banks and food providers play. Statistics for individuals accessing food services are provided across FBYR's network as well as by each municipality in the region.

In 2020, food insecurity increased significantly across York Region with the onset of the pandemic. By 2021, the Food Bank of York Region's network saw a 7.5% decrease in the number of unique individuals served and 13.2% decrease in households but reached an all-time high of the number of visits by clients.

In 2021 almost 162,000 client visits were recorded across FBYR's network representing an increase of 16.97% in client visits from the previous year.

One of the reasons identified for the decrease in individuals served in 2021 was due to the pause and/or closure of a number of food access programs in York Region. Programs were shut down to comply with Covid regulations, due to health and safety concerns.

"In 2020, we were serving over 80 non-profit food providers across our network, but that changed in 2021. We couldn't reach 25% of our network and served just 60 community partners last year," said Alex Bilotta, founder and CEO of the Food Bank of York Region. "We had a significant decrease in how many individuals and organizations we were able to serve, and many people in need of our support were cut off from the regular food security services they were receiving due to Covid health and safety measures."

The additional financial security that the CERB benefit provided to individuals across Canada helped to temporarily relieve low-income and working poor individuals, allowing them to not have to regularly rely on food banking services. However, that benefit, and other similar ones such as CRB and CSRB, ended in October 2021, changing the future financial landscape for low income households.

The report also discusses the affects of the affordable housing crisis in York Region that began in 2021 and the impact this has on low income households

and those experiencing food insecurity. Rising costs of food and inflation are also worrisome factors, which heavily effect people dependent on disability or old age benefits and people in the lowest income bracket.

"Rising costs of rent and food place immense pressure on low-income and working poor households, leaving them vulnerable to extreme food insecurity and higher risk of poor physical and mental health," explained Bilotta. "To address the issue, all levels of government must commit to the recommendations outlined in our 2021 Report on Hunger."

The first recommendation in the

report asks all levels of government to continue to build and support the non-profit food rescue and food distribution sector. Food banks and other food providers require support to meet the rising demand from individuals experiencing food insecurity.

The second recommendation proposes that government invest in affordable supportive housing programs, expand the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit, and invest in the construction of new affordable rental homes to increase access to affordable housing.

The third and final recommendation addressed the disparity between low income and the cost of living. The report

proposes that social assistance rates must align with the poverty line, and these rates must be adjusted for inflation. The provincial government must also work to reduce food insecurity experienced by those who are employed, by increasing the minimum wage.

The 2021 report concludes by identifying the important role of food banks and food providers. They work tirelessly to bridge the gap for members of their communities experiencing food insecurity and provide an effective emergency response to people and families that lack the purchasing power to afford sufficient food. While food banks and other providers are not a permanent solution to food poverty, they play a critical role in providing access to food for people in vulnerable situations and advocating for lasting solutions that address the root causes of food insecurity.

To read the full report, please visit [www.fbyr.ca/ReportOnHunger2021](http://www.fbyr.ca/ReportOnHunger2021).

The Food Bank of York Region is the regional food bank and mobile food pantry for York Region with a network of 70+ social service agencies. The network supports food programs in the nine municipalities of York Region, serving 22,700+ individuals across 7,100 households. For more information about the FBYR or ways to donate, please visit [www.fbyr.ca](http://www.fbyr.ca) and follow them on social media.



## Nobleton Lions support King Food Bank

A donation of \$1,500 was made recently to the King Township Food Bank in support of its 9th Annual Sip and Savour event. Here, presenting the cheque to Carol Ann Trabert, president of the KTFB, is Nobleton Lion Jerry MacBain.

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# Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act making life easier

The Ontario government introduced the Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act which, if passed, would implement measures to increase Ontario's competitiveness, strengthen provincial supply chains, and make government services easier to access and interact with.

"Our government is focused on making Ontario better for people and businesses by removing unnecessary, redundant, and outdated regulations that hold us back," said Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction. "With this fall's Red Tape Reduction Package, we are taking actions to enable people to thrive and businesses to prosper."

Ontario's Fall 2022 Red Tape Reduction Package includes 28 initiatives that would help develop a strong, secure food supply chain from farm to fork, support Ontario's farmers, food

processors and agri-businesses, and attract and grow a strong labour force so Ontario can continue to be competitive in a global market.

Highlights of the package include: The Grow Ontario Strategy to increase production and consumption of food grown in the province by adopting new and innovative technologies.

Removing legislative barriers to support greater investment in clean and emission reducing technologies.

Providing more data and tools to municipalities to determine optimal Reduced Load Periods on roadways and improve supply chain efficiency.

Increasing court capacity and efficiency to improve service, including the introduction of digital jury questionnaires.

Modernizing the Veterinarians Act,

including identifying opportunities to streamline requirements or reduce compliance burden for vets and practice owners.

"Ontario's agri-food sector has and always will be a cornerstone of the provincial economy and we need to invest in the supply chain, enable innovation and research, and grow the labour force," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "The introduction of this fall's Red Tape Reduction Package includes concrete actions that will benefit farmers, processors and agri-businesses while outlining our government's vision and goals for the province's agri-food sector through the Grow Ontario Strategy."

The Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act builds on the government's strong record of reducing red tape. Since 2018, the Ontario government has saved businesses \$576 million in annual compliance costs through common sense changes such as the removal of licence plate renewal fees, extending liquor

licences to outdoor patio spaces, and updating other regulations across government to make it easier and cheaper to comply with the rules. In total, Ontario's regulatory burden on businesses and individuals has been reduced by 6.5 per cent.

To continue this important work, the Ontario government is stepping up efforts to get people, businesses, and organizations across the province to share their best ideas for reducing red tape by relaunching the province's Red Tape Reduction portal, available online at Ontario.ca/redtape.

"We know people and businesses who face red tape and regulatory barriers are in the best position to help us find lasting solutions to these challenges," said Minister Gill. "The Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act takes meaningful action to eliminate overly complicated, duplicative, and unnecessary rules while maintaining important regulations that protect people's health, safety, and the environment."



## MPP aids clothing drive

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce donated winter clothing to St. André Bessette Parish for their annual Society of Saint Vincent De Paul Coat Drive for adults and children in need in communities across the GTA. "I am proud to join the community in donating winter clothes as we head into colder winter months," said Lecce. "I thank the parishioner's and Father Choi for always ensuring that those in need are supported and welcomed into the St. André Bessette Parish community."



## Board trustees sworn in

At the inaugural meeting of the York Catholic District School Board, the chair and trustees were sworn in. Shown are (seated, l to r) Trustee Carol Cotton, Chair Frank Alexander, Trustee Joseph DiMeo, Trustee Michaela Barbieri; (standing, l to r) Trustee Angela Grella, Director of Education Domenic Scuglia, Trustee Jennifer Wigston, Bishop John Boissonneau, Trustee Elizabeth Crowe, Vice Chair Maria Iafra, Trustee Angela Sagese, Trustee Theresa McNicol.

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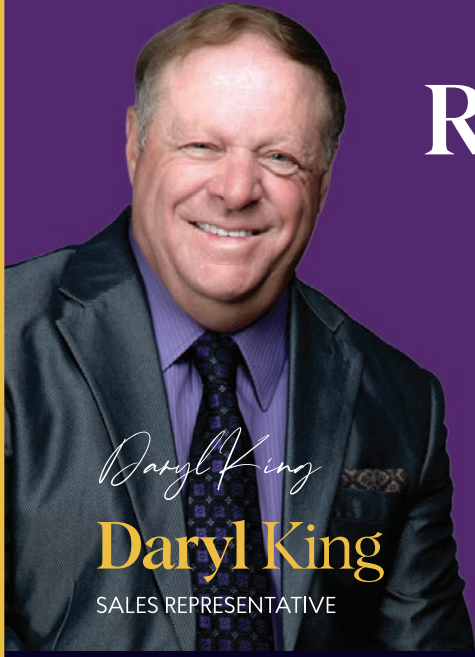
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# Firefighters, public join forces to 'extinguish hunger'

King Fire and Emergency Services personnel were out in force at various grocery stores across King, collecting donations for the King Township Food Bank. Between cash and food, they collected an amazing \$10,000.

Firefighters were out at Coppa's Fresh Market, King City, No Frills and Cousin's Market in Nobleton, and Foodland in Schomberg.

"Thank you KFES and everyone for your support," said Fire Chief Jim Wall. "I would like to personally thank all of our firefighters who participated in (the) food drive for our local food bank. That's absolutely fantastic!"

The chief extended his thanks to fire house leaders for organizing this drive - Katie, Ajay, Alex and Heather.



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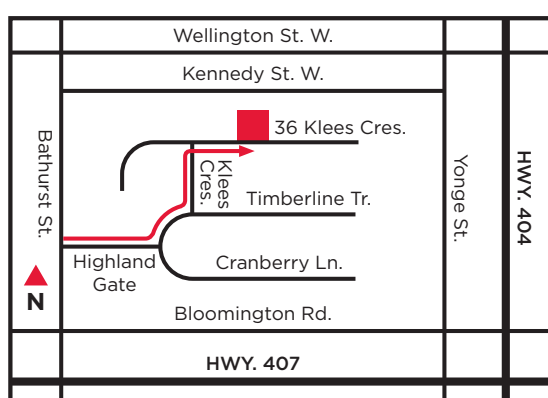


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## King curlers deliver some 'unbelievable' rocks

By Shellee Morning  
King Curling Club

This past week curlers witnessed and participated in a new club record for the most blowout scores in a game.

As a lover of curling and promoter, this week's article will not show case a feature game in respect to those on the losing side of the broom.

Acting Skip Marnie Deathe of the Tuesday night Ladies league not only guided her team to victory but executed a perfect hit and roll to score mid-way through the match. What makes this a true highlight is that her stone had to curl around 2 guards maintaining enough weight to contact the target and stay without rolling out. The results from this shot were not removable, becoming a game changer setting the tone that eventually led her and her team to victory.

Doug Brown graciously came to spare as a skip in the Wednesday night Social league where he played for the first time on Sheet G. The ice on this particular sheet is a challenge in itself, so stepping in to play with curlers he's never played with before is another.

The 4th end and down by 5 points, Brown's only shot on his last rock was a direct hit through a hole barely big enough for the rock. The shot required huge weight to keep it from curling but enough of a curl to be guided through the hole. A shot that everyone wondered was even possible at all. Brown excited to try this "pro-like" shot pushed from the hack, and watched his stone do exactly what was called. A textbook hit to score 3. Neighbouring teams joined in the celebration as did the opposition who all appreciated the tough accuracy that was needed to succeed.

Kim Campbell, who plays Lead on her Mixed team, had to move up into the Vice position due to the absence of her teammate. At the start of the game she

declared that this was clearly stepping out of her comfort zone but did what she had to do. Her Skip and husband Jack Campbell knew exactly how his wife throws and her maximum weight that she can throw the rock. Every end she delivered what was asked for, whether it was a takeout, a draw to the button or hit and rolls to score. A dream come true for any Skip, a nightmare for the opposition.

Julie Hymers, who stepped up to play in the Skip position during the Sunday Social league, is a relatively new curler with a keen approach. Late in the game with 2 of her stones already in the counting position, Hymers had the chance for an open hit to score 3. After considerable hesitation she quietly agreed to attempt the shot. Julie delivered perfect weight and her sweepers assisted with brushing for a seamless hit.

Playing against the strongest team in the field can be a very intimidating thing. So when Team Gerrits (missing their 4th member) in the Men's League were down 4-0 after 2 ends Vice Rick Ahle knew the pressure to succeed was mounting. After playing catch up and earning points throughout the contest, the game was now 7-6.

In the last end, Ahle delivered 3 precision placed rocks; one sat on the 12-foot ring, one right behind on the 8 foot, and another on the button. On a missed takeout by the opposition, Ahle's Skip James Gillem provided a tight guard defending the last try of removal by their opponent for the come-from-behind win.

### Olive Branch fundraiser

The Olive Branch for Children held their 6th charity curling event on Saturday, Nov. 26. Fifty curlers participated in two draws, curling two games each. There was a silent auction with numerous items generously donated and a deli-



Kim Campbell delivered a near perfect game last week in the Thursday Mixed Team Entry League. Her team's solid win was complimented by her series of well-executed shot making.

cious lunch catered by Blu Marbl.

This year's bonspiel raised \$8,350, which will provide great support maintaining the charitable programs, helping

those in need in Tanzania. Congratulations to Ingrid Beck, event organizer and her team of volunteers, players and guests on a very successful day.

## Cougars trounce Caledon, hold third place in division

By Robert Belardi

The Schomberg Cougars end the month of November with a 6-1 pounding of the Caledon Golden Hawks.

It's always a bitter sweet game to play against the Cougars' rivals from Peel Region especially since Cougars head coach, Stan Kondrotas, was at the helm of the Golden Hawks once upon a time.

Late in the first period, the Cougars on the power play, Matthew Lycek snipes his fourth goal of the year assisted by Chris Dirracolo and Lucas Vacca; who has now recorded his seventh point in his fourth game with the Cougars.

At the beginning of the second period, Joey Furlano put the Hawks on the board, but if anything, it had awoken a sleeping giant.

The Cougars continued to press and outshoot the Golden Hawks as we know they can be. Their relentlessness is what can win them games and in this case by a large margin.

Wesley Rees opened his Schomberg Cougars account with a goal in the second period and on the power play once more, Luke Miehm added his eleventh of the year. Just thirty seconds after Miehm's goal, Patrick Polazcek scored his fifth goal of the season.

Jodryn Palazzo (7) and Cameron Kokelj (13) both added the next two goals to ultimately secure the victory.

The Cougars outshot the Hawks 54-23. Vann Kulba earned his sixth win of the season.

Statistically as we enter December, the Cougars might have the third-best rank, but they also post the third-best offence and defence ranked in goals for and goals against in the North Carruthers Division.

Thus far this year, the boys have 88 goals for (third-best) and 50 goals against (third-best).

On special teams, the Cougars have been successful on the power play 26.9 per cent of the time, good for fourth best in the division, behind the Orillia Terriers, Stayner Siskins and the Huntsville Otters, who are first in the division.

On the trade market, the Cougars have not been active since defenseman Justin McGuffin was signed to the squad back on Nov. 17.

Without a Thursday home game this week, oddly enough, the Cougars will begin December out on the road in Innisfil Saturday night.

Puck drop is at 7:30 p.m. EST.



## Matwijec back at the helm of KCSS hockey

By Robert Belardi

Back in July, former teacher at King City Secondary School and head coach of multiple sports teams, Bradley Matwijec, had announced his retirement.

The Rexdale native led King City Secondary School sports to championships in hockey, basketball, football, baseball and soccer respectively.

A jack of all trades in his own right, Matwijec decided to hang it all up this past summer but a recent turn of events, led him back to being behind the bench.

"Back in the saddle, doing hockey at King," Matwijec texted The Sentinel, on Nov. 9.

"Ya, it (hockey) was cancelled. So, I got in there, just finished try-outs. Oh baby."

Having saved the program this year, the Lions are off to a .500 start. In two games thus far this year, the KCSS Lions currently hold a 1-1 record.

The Lions opened up their season against Brother Andre on Nov. 10 and suffered a 7-4 defeat.

But the Lions do what they do best and they understand how to retaliate and come back with more force. That's

exactly what they did. Against Sir William Mullock in their next game, the Lions conjured up a 4-0 victory. They took on Stouffville, this past Tuesday.

Matwijec, who is strictly coming back to coach sports and is not returning to teaching, has also re-joined the Lions basketball team.

Last season, he led the Lions to a Tier 2 YRAA Championship and is looking to do the same this year.

This past week, the Lions opened up an exhibition tournament held at Maple High School. It was the 13th Blue'N'blue tournament that featured teams like the hosts Maple High School Timberwolves, the Woodbridge College Wyverns, Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School Wildcats and the Holy Cross Crusaders.

Having dropped their opening game 66-63 against the Wildcats, the Lions pulled their socks up and defeated the Wyverns 64-52.

In the Consolation game Saturday morning, the Lions defeated the Bears 59-57 in overtime.

With OFSAA always on his mind, Matwijec will set his sights on the biggest high school competition once again and will look to bring the King City Lions into that mix.



### St. Mary's Christmas Family Day

Hosted by St. Mary's CWL and K of C

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Following the 11:30 am Holy Mass

Buffet meal incl. soft drinks, cash bar & crafts for kids

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## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

### St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach will be speaking on this second Advent Sunday about how God is with us in our times in the "wilderness," from 1 Kings 19. Following the service we will enjoy refreshments. We hope you can come!

If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

Our "Junction" children's ministry is meeting in person for all children up to Grade 6 during worship. We continue to offer 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](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect).

Quilting and/or Knitting has started up again. We will be sewing and tying quilts for people who could really benefit from them. We would love to have you join us, if this might be of interest to you.

Our Tuesday morning LifeConnect Group for women meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Meetings will be a mix of online and in person. These groups go deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It's a good way to do life together with other followers of Jesus, and inquirers, in a more intimate setting than you can get on a Sunday morning. For details of our LifeConnect groups, be in touch with us via our online connection card, [stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect)

This Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon, Pastor Jeff will be leading a seminar on unwrapping our spiritual gifts. If you would like to learn more about how to discover and use your spiritual gifts, just fill out the connection card online, [stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect).

On Saturday, Dec. 17, we invite your entire family for a kid-friendly experience at our Walk-Thru Christmas anytime from 3 to 6 p.m. Come and experience the real Christmas story. Bundle up as the event will be outside at 5750 King Road.

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

### St. Mary's Church

Join us this weekend at St. Patrick's or St. Mary's for the Sunday Holy Mass celebrations to pray for each other, give thanks as a parish community, and receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324).

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens (Grades 8-12) for our Life Nights to share in faith, fun, food and friendship.

Join us for our second annual Christmas Concert, O Holy Night at St. Mary's Mission Church. Tickets are still available after all Masses or from the parish office.

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](mailto:stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org)

The Parish Office will remain open from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Browse our websites:

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

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

### Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Christmas is coming. Next Sunday is Advent 2. There is a wreath with four candles (representing peace, hope, love and joy) on the outside and one in the middle. This is a visual reminder of how close we are to Christmas, last week we lit one candle, this week we will light two candles. Our service starts at 11:15 a.m. Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, our worship leader, is encouraging us to wear purple for Advent.

Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift for a baby or a senior? You might consider purchasing a quilt from our special group of quilters. They have baby quilts and lap quilts. Contact Fran Bones 416-573-3819 if interested.

"Breakfast with Santa" for the community is once again going to be a Drive-Thru on Saturday, Dec. 3, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., in Nobleton United Church's parking lot. Please email for a registration form at [breakfastwithsantanuc@gmail.com](mailto:breakfastwithsantanuc@gmail.com) or call Linda at 905-859-0442 to reserve a time for your breakfast

pick-up and your meal will be hot. There is no charge for this event, but a free will offering will be accepted for the Christmas in King program, run by the King Township Food Bank. Everyone is invited to sit in the sleigh with Santa and have photos taken with your own camera. Then pick up your hot breakfast of pancakes and sausages to enjoy at home. Adults without children are also welcome to attend.

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan held the first of four Advent studies last Friday. It is okay to join the group even if you missed the first one. These are on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. on a series titled "The Redemption of Scrooge" by Matt Rawle. Contact Rev. Evelyn at [emclachlan0829@gmail.com](mailto:emclachlan0829@gmail.com) or 905-859-9077 for more info. She recommends that people watch a version of "A Christmas Carol" or read the story by Charles Dickens. These studies are being held at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg.

Rev. Evelyn is a member of the Bronze Foundation Academy Handbell Choir. There is a Christmas performance with special guests on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Vaughan Community Church, 200 Racco Pkwy., Thornhill. There will also be a solo handbell ringer. Pay as you are able. Suggested donation \$15.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. Wear a mask when not eating. The entertainment will be a piano concert featuring Many Hands Make Light Work. The menu is turkey stew with biscuit topping, kale salad, and a variety of Christmas treats. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner.

### Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is up and running for another year. The holiday season is just around the corner, and the club is busy planning a number of events.

Joining with the Schomberg and King City Clubs, we are sponsoring a Reverse Advent Calendar, where food items are to be collected through the month of November, dropped off in each town on Dec. 3, and will then be delivered to the King Township Food

Bank. The Nobleton drop-off is at the Arena between 10 and noon. Look for a large ad on the Nobleton Lions website at [www.nobletonlions.com](http://www.nobletonlions.com)

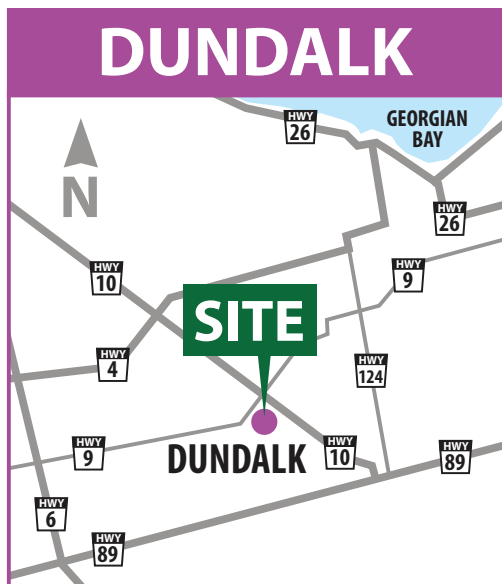
Calling all knitters and crocheters! The Club has become aware of a need for cozy, homemade slippers at various Ronald McDonald Houses. It seems that people sometimes find themselves needing to stay in close proximity to hospitals when their children require hospitalization on an unexpected basis. Ronald McDonald Houses provide what they can, and here is a chance for us to help them. If you have the time and wool, patterns are apparently available on the internet, for slippers of any size or colour. The Nobleton Lions will collect them and forward them to various RMHs in south central Ontario. For followup details please contact Lion Carol at her office number, 905-951-0503.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at [andrew.bevil@sanofi.com](mailto:andrew.bevil@sanofi.com). We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from Sept to June at the Community Hall, just north of the arena.

### St. Alban's By John Arnott

In the early 1900s services at St. Alban's in Nobleton were nearly always held on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m., but occasionally there would be a Sunday morning service at 11 a.m. usually at Christmas and Thanksgiving. The average attendance at St. Alban's at the time was 53 people (more than the combined attendance at Sunday morning services in all 3 parish churches in the 2000s). Easter services in the early 1900s would see 62 or more in attendance. And the collection back in those days was around \$3 per Sunday, mostly in pennies!

In 1960 the Vestry or church council (called such because it originally held its annual February meeting in the room where the church hangings and the priests' vestments were kept which was easier to heat) requested the then priest, Father Rex Symons, to change the service time to 9:45 a.m. the winter and 9 a.m. for the rest of the year. Attendance increased from 45 people when services were mainly in the evening to 57 when morning services began. A few years later the service time changed again and remained at 9:30 a.m. year 'round until the church closed.



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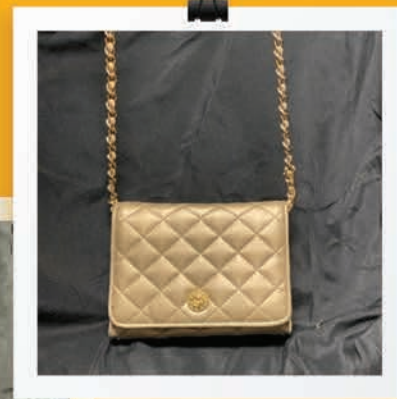
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Handbags for Hospice closes on December 16th, 2022. Visit us at [www.myhospice.ca/handbags4hospice/](http://www.myhospice.ca/handbags4hospice/) to learn more.

Are you looking to support Margaret Bahen Hospice and Doane House Hospice this holiday season?

We have a wish list of items that we are in need of at our Hospices.

- ★ Art supplies including sketch books, paper, paints, markers, and glue sticks
- ★ Journals for memory books
- ★ Volunteers to knit picnic blankets
- ★ Gifts for holiday hampers including grocery store gift cards
- ★ Cash donation to our Memory Bears program for individuals in the community to participate
- ★ Dementia clocks
- ★ Aroma therapy diffusers and essential oils
- ★ Hospice Moments, such as supporting our regular equine visits, choir performances, painting sessions, and more
- ★ Disney+, Netflix, Amazon Prime, and other subscription services for a year for our resident rooms
- ★ Virtual reality goggles



If you are able to support, we would greatly appreciate it. For any questions or inquiries, reach out to us at [donations@myhospice.ca](mailto:donations@myhospice.ca)



# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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## Coats for Kids

Dr. Carla from the Schomberg Chiropractic Wellness Centre, in the courtyard of the Brownsville Junction Mall, is doing it again. She and her crew are holding "Coats For Kids."

They collect gently used children's coats, snowsuits, boots, hats, mittens and scarves. All of these items can be dropped off at her Schomberg Chiropractic Clinic until Dec. 15. These items will all be disbursed to families in need throughout our York Region!

## Gingerbread House Competition

Just a friendly reminder to either message Amanda Leach real estate or call 903-2000 or email Amanda at info@amandaleach.com and register for the Royal LePage RCR Realty- Schomberg's annual Gingerbread House Competition.

Spaces are filling up fast. This year's wonderful Judges are Angelo Santorelli, Trisan Construction; Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor Mary Asselstine. They are looking forward to seeing everyone's creations!

They are giving away 100 gingerbread house kits to the first 100 families who contact us via Facebook, email, social media or by calling our office (905) 939-2000. We will hand deliver them or you can pick them up at the Royal LePage RCR Realty Brokerage in Schomberg. We want you to decorate them to your liking and you can even add to it! Judges will be choosing 3 prize winners. This competition is open to all King Township residents; all you have to do is reach out to us and register.

Make sure your masterpiece is completed by Dec. 20 and you have emailed pictures and videos of your spectacular creation to us at: info@amandaleach.com

We are choosing 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners for the most creatively decorated house. Winners will be chosen Thursday, Dec. 22.

Follow us on social media for more updates on the competition:

@amandaleachrealestate. @anna\_at\_jillrenshawrealestate. @marciawalterrealestate @damon\_sharpe1 @gary\_alison

## Tree lighting

Although it was wet, it was festive and pumped with good cheer! Thank-you to all that came out to turn our lights on and open our hearts for the Christmas season. The tree, at Dr. Kay and Main, is beautiful. The decoration and lights, generously provided by our Municipality, are spectacular and now we are off and running towards our Main St Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Charles Cooper, our SVA fearless leader, did a great job as MC and our entertainment proved to be second to none. We had the profound and meaningful music by our very own local Bag-Pipers Rory MacKinnon and Kathryn McManus; the very talented musical Gangl family delighted us with their soft tones and amazing harmony, and our VOJ Voices of Joy choir sang some lively carols and proved to us all what Christmas is all about!

The hot chocolate and delicious and still warm cookies provided by Tim Hortons and Blumarbl were appreciated by all and helped warmed our hearts and feet!

## A Main Street Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 3 is the date for our big event with gates open from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Santa Claus Parade takes off at 4 p.m. and the Parade of Lights at 8

p.m.

There will be all kinds of food, entertainment, ice sculpting, surprises even a Christmas Market, for your enjoyment. Another big deal for us Schombergonians is that the beloved Schomberg Community Hall will be open after a 3-year-long hiatus from public use. Can't wait to see the inside!

We also have confirmed that there will be a shuttle bus service offered on the 3rd. We ask that you park at either the Trisan Centre or at Brownsville Junction and bring the bus onto Main Street. There is just no parking available on Main Street and at 3 p.m. Main Street is closed down to traffic.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Dec. 3. We all deserve to celebrate the festive season with friends, family and community.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, located beside our Schomberg Community Hall on Main Street, has a great lineup of talented performances planned for you to enjoy between our two parades at AMSC.

It's a great place to sit down, warm up and really enjoy some of the great talent that lives amongst us. The Handbell Ringers are from 5 to 6 p.m.; a carol sing with our own Linda Baker at the piano is from 6:30-7, and the York Harmony Chorus is on from 7-7:30 p.m.

Downstairs in the Church, their doors will open at 11 a.m. and they will be selling gifts baskets for all occasions and some pretty good home-baked goods as well.

## Historical Society and the Marion Singers

KTHS welcome everyone to their annual Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. at Laskay Hall, King Heritage & Cultural Centre, 2920 King Road. On tap will be the The Marion Singers, a distinctly accomplished a capella group that sings with effortless joy, performing a repertoire spanning from sacred to secular, ranging from the 15th Century to the 20th Century.

This is a free event in honour of the KTHS's 50th anniversary. They just ask that you pre-register at kinghistorical-society@gmail.com

The Marion Singers began informally in the early 1900s with a core of voices from both the Orpheus and St. Clement's choirs to celebrate the wedding of Marion Thompson. A Capella allows them to meet the ultimate demands on blends and tonal shades of their collective voices.

They have entertained all over the GTA. They perform for free to help raise funds for humanitarian, non-profit organizations from relief work to restorations. They describe their style as Tudor, Renaissance, Baroque, Romantic, Light Opera, Gospel-sacred to secular-serious to silly. Something for everyone!

## Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will be offering an Advent study Fridays beginning at 10:30 a.m. Please email her at emclachlan0829@gmail.com or phone her at 905-859-9077 for more info. She also recommends that people watch one of the various versions of A Christmas Carol movies or read the story by Charles Dickens. These studies will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg.

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# King's Corners

**King City United  
By Sheryl Sinka**

Last Sunday our message from Rev. Bruce was one that spoke of waiting and what we might do as we wait for the coming of our Lord. We were encouraged to engage in the world around us with love and hope and work towards justice for all, always trusting in God in whom we can always depend.

We hope to see you there at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, the second Sunday in Advent to join with us in worship with Rev. Andrew Lee presiding. The worship details can be found on our website at [kcuc.net](http://kcuc.net)

For the PDF of past messages and recordings please visit our website at [kcuc.net](http://kcuc.net)

At this time we continue to ask that you be fully vaccinated to attend the in person worship and we ask that you distance while in the church. Masks are optional at this time and up to your discretion.

Our worship this Sunday was recorded and available on our website [kcuc.net](http://kcuc.net) later in day for those unable

to attend.

If you have any questions please contact the church office at 905-833-5181.

**King Bible Church**

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

King Bible Church invites you to celebrate "The Glory of Christmas." What do we know about the people who were part of that first Christmas? They were flawed, just like the rest of us. Come be inspired by their stories.

Join us in the weeks leading up to Christmas for meaningful teaching, great music and friendly community as we are reminded of the miraculous glory of Christmas.

When? Sundays, through Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Please visit our website for links and further information. [www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://www.kingbiblechurch.com)

We also have virtual Bible studies over Zoom. Further information is on our website under "Small Groups." If you have any questions please

email Lisa Lethangue at [lisa@kingbiblechurch.com](mailto:lisa@kingbiblechurch.com).

**King City Seniors  
By Carolyn Kanitz**

Our last social event for the year will take place at the Centre this Sunday, Dec. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Open House is shaping up to be a fun-filled afternoon to help you get into the spirit of the season with entertainment, activities and treats. You won't want to miss this opportunity to spend time with friends old and new.

We are pleased to announce an additional program called Fall Prevention, which is a Level 1 exercise program under the auspices of Mobility Matters. It is offered from 11 to 11:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Mobility Matters, a level 2/3 exercise program, takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Please drop in whenever you can to participate in these programs.

Pickleball takes place Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. at King City Secondary School and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. at King City Public School. The cost is \$2 per night with your KCSC membership card. For non-members, the cost is \$5

per night.

We have one presentation confirmed for the new year. Vaughan Community Health will talk about Blood Pressure on Jan. 6 at 10:30 a.m. You can pre-register by calling the Centre.

If you have not yet joined KCSC, you can complete a registration form any weekday during business hours at our front desk. Payment can be made in cash or by cheque made payable to The Township of King.

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or [kingcity.seniors@gmail.com](mailto:kingcity.seniors@gmail.com)

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

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King City! Our Sunday worship service in person is at 10:30 a.m. We are encouraging the use of masks for everyone's safety. Sunday services are also online at [standrews-kingcity.ca](http://standrews-kingcity.ca), posted later in the afternoon.

Last Sunday was the beginning of Advent where holy Communion was celebrated and the Candle of HOPE was lit. The Rev. Dr. John Vissers spoke to us about the hope based on God's promises and the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

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# King's Corners

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The next four Sundays, the candles and the themes will be Peace, Joy, Love with the last being the Christ candle, which brings us to Christmas Day and "the reason for the season." Mark your calendars! St. Andrew's Candlelight Christmas Eve service is at 7:30 p.m. with Carols and Readings. We hope you can join us.

Thank you to all who brought in their Christmas in King donations ensuring a timely distribution.

Please note the Ladies' Bible Study on Tuesday evenings and Art-for-the-Soul on Wednesdays is reconvening. Contact Lynn Vissers at 416-998-4652 for the ZOOM link.

Contact Lynn or Kathy (905-833-0391) regarding prayer requests or to share in thankfulness to God. We'll be happy to pray with you or for you in confidence. Philippians 4:6,7 reads: "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."

The Greater Grace Fellowship Bible Study Service meets Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information call Pastor Niyazi and/or Irada Bilgen at 416-878-8499.

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

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Christmas carols and songs sing a long after 10:30 service Dec. 4 and Dec. 11.

Blue Christmas service Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in chapel

Lessons and carols. Special candlelit evening of great Christmas music and readings, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

The Son of man will come like a thief in the night - Matthew 24. Sermon on

the first Sunday in Advent by Rev. Erin Martin,

"When I read this passage from the gospel of Matthew, I always flash back to the night my house was broken into by a thief years ago. I struggle with the thought of Jesus as a thief. I prefer the image of Jesus in a manger, Jesus who feeds the hungry and heals the sick.

"As Debbie Thomas wrote 'the Jesus Matthew describes is not invested in the status quo, he doesn't care about keeping us secure and comfortable ... The Jesus Matthew describes is an invader. An intruder. A disrupter. A criminal.'

"So let's figure out together what it means for Jesus will come like a thief. I wonder if Jesus has to break into our lives because we're so well fortified most of the time. We have erected barriers to ensure that we're in control. And behind our walls, we're often asleep - thus missing out on some of the profound spiritual truths and realities around us. We dream of a world in which our Christianity won't cost us anything or require us to do anything hard.

"The call of Advent is to wake up! To recognize that we're not paying attention to what really matters, and - we need to open our eyes to look at the

world around us and see how God's love is inviting and encompassing. We're called to wake up and keep watch even when it makes us uncomfortable. Once we are alert, we may see how badly we need to be broken into.

"Jesus the thief is after our hearts, souls and minds. These are the treasures Jesus is set on.

"Jesus will come as a thief in the night so that we don't have time to lock him out. If we lock him out, we'll never realize that he's not coming to take anything but perhaps our apathy, our fears, our guilt, our self-righteousness. Jesus is really breaking in to love us, to fill us with a sense of purpose, to surround us with the sacred.

"This Advent, I hope we'll allow ourselves to be unsettled. To be startled out of our complacency. To be woken up to keep watch for Jesus coming like a thief in the night, to let him in and welcome the gift of life and love that he brings. May everything we do this season open us up to welcome Jesus the thief whenever he comes."



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## 708 OBITUARIES



**Michael Orville Anthony McCormick**  
January 10, 1941 - November 18, 2022

With great sadness, we announce the sudden passing of Mike as a result of a heart attack at Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie. He will be lovingly missed by his wife Conny, daughters Karen (Thomas) & Colleen (Jim) and their mother Carol, stepsons Rob (Jenn) & Jim and Papa Mike to Ryan & Jayden, siblings Keith (Anne), Brendan, Frank (Rosemary) & Mary Jane (Les), many nieces, nephews & cousins in Canada and the U.S. He will be missed by all his extended family and friends. Mike was predeceased by his parents Lawrence & Harriet (nee Gimmi), siblings Joan, Terrence & Robert.

Mike was an avid photographer and his photos/slides are lasting treasures of family, friends and scenery. He also enjoyed astronomy.

Mike grew up in King Township, his parents being one of the early settlers brought to King by Fr. Francis McGoey to create the community Mount Saint Francis, more commonly known as the Catholic Settlement of Sacred Heart Church on Jane Street. He was a wonderful husband & father and treasured time visiting with family & friends, always celebrating birthdays, as well as enjoying seeing his US relatives & attending the McCormick family reunions.

Mike's work years consisted of time with Emco, North York; Bert Thomas Electric, Toronto; and the York Region Catholic School Board at schools: Father Bressani, Woodbridge & St. Patrick's, Schomberg.

Fave remark: "The fact of the matter is..."

The family wishes to thank the staff of Coleman Care Centre, Barrie for the exceptional care Mike received including the weekly Zoom visits you arranged for Mike & his daughters.

His faith was important to him; following cremation, there will be a Catholic mass on Friday, December 9th, 2022 at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 14485 Jane Street, King, with reception following. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery at a later date.

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**Pat Scholten**  
April 23, 1940 - November 24, 2022

Pat peacefully passed away surrounded by her husband and her children at her side at home. Pat Scholten (née Haak) of the Holland Marsh, at 82 years of age. Beloved wife of Ralph for 62 years. Loving mom of Grace (Bill) Hoving, Karen Proctor (Fred Goldsmith) and Ron (Vicki) Scholten. Proud grandma of Colin (Bailey), Brittney (Mike), Kristen; Ashley (Paul), Courtney (Ryan); Brandon, Sarah and Abby. Cherished great grandma of Ally, Avery, Auston, Hunter, Colby and Cameron. Predeceased by her parents Jacob and Gertrude Haak. Dear sister of late Andrew, Jake, Kees (Ann), late Bob (Hilda), Margaret (late Fred), late John, Andy, Gertie (Jack) and Diane (Barry). Dear sister-in-law of late John (late Tini), Herb (Shirley), Hennie (Richard), Be (Joyce), late Dick (Dagmar), Jack (Theresa), Mary (Ralph), late Murray and Albert (Shirley). Pat will also be fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Visitation held at Skwarchuk Funeral Home, 30 Simcoe Road, Bradford (1-800-209-4803) on Sunday, November 27, 2022 from 2-5 p.m. Funeral service held at the Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church, 18935 Dufferin St., Ansnorveldt on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 1 p.m. In Pat's memory, donations may be made to the King Christian School. Online condolences may be made at www.skwarchukfuneralhome.com.

## 708 OBITUARIES

**Hollingshead: Betty Ann**  
Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre Newmarket on November 26, 2022. Betty Ann (née: Anderson) in her 78th year, beloved wife of the late Bill Hollingshead. Loving mother of Travis, and the late Cheryl. Dear sister of Bill Anderson (the late Birdie). Sadly missed by her nieces and nephews Randy, Rob (Vivian), Linda (David), Richard (Lori), and all of her great nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 from 2-4 and 6-8pm. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 11am. Interment was held in Schomberg Union Cemetery. For those who wish, donations to Diabetes Canada would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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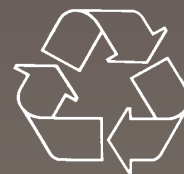
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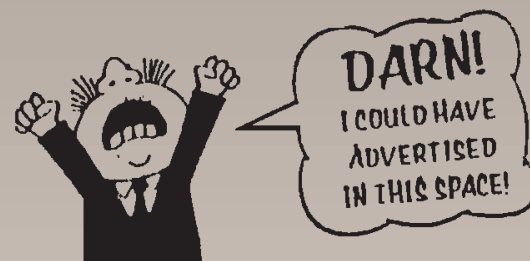
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