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ACRE CAMPUS IN KING

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AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

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CDS GRADUATES IN 2022

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ONTARIO SCHOLARS

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UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE
FOR THE CLASS OF 2022

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Wheelchair curling event at Trisan

The Trisan Centre rinks in Schomberg were a hive of activity last week for the Ontario Wheelchair Championships. The event drew six teams competing to advance to the national championships. King players will represent Ontario at the national event. Here, Shannon Wilcox delivers her stone during the game vs. Team Thurston of King Curling Club. Turn to Page 17 for more.

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Water, sewer charges increase in 2023

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The cost of municipal water and sewer services are going up again in King this year.

Council approved the new higher rates, with a 3.41% hike in the variable rate, but no increase for the fixed component. Therefore, the blended rate will work out to 2.42% or \$40.50 for the average user per year.

King's goal for these services is for full cost recovery from residents.

The Township of King provides water services by way of four distribution systems: Ansnorveldt, King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. The Township sources its municipal water supply from York Region's water treatment and distribution systems. The Township's wastewater systems (within the villages of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg) are supported as either standalone wastewater systems or in the case of King City an integrated regional wastewater system, commonly known as the York-Durham Sewage System.

The Township's water rate consists of fixed and vari-

able components. The intent of a blended fixed/variable water rate structure is to ensure access to adequate financial resources for purposes of supporting scheduled infrastructure maintenance and long-term rehabilitation of the Township's water system assets. The fixed component represents a base charge that is billed quarterly regardless of level of water consumed which is to support the repair and replacement of infrastructure. The variable element of the Township water rate structure is directly linked to actual consumption of water per cubic metre.

For billing purposes, staff will be consolidating the water and wastewater variable rate. This will reduce the number of inquiries and make the billing easier to understand for the property owners. Properties that have water servicing only will not be affected.

The current rate structure provides a cost distribution based on actual consumption and the size of infrastructure connected to their homes. This methodology, staff noted, proves to be the most cost-effective approach for the water use and the most cost-effective approach that continues to be recommended.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, January 23
6 p.m. – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at king.ca/meetings

Monday, January 30
6 p.m. – Council Public Planning meeting
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>
• Zoning By-law Amendment Re: 12991 Keele St. and 2239 King Rd. File No. Z-2022-11
• Zoning By-law Amendment Re: 13290 Keele St. File No. Z-2022-09
• Zoning By-law Amendment Re: 860 – 19th Sideroad File No. Z-2022-15
• Zoning By-law Amendments Re: Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan File No. Z-2022-17

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

BID NOTICES

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Camp Counsellor (Seasonal, Contract) – Community Services - Deadline March 3
- Camp Program Coordinator (Seasonal, Contract) – Community Services - Deadline March 3
- Assistant Camp Director (Seasonal, Contract) – Community Services - Deadline March 3
- Camp Director (Seasonal, Contract) – Community Services - Deadline March 3
- Fitness Attendant (Seasonal, Contract) – Community Services - Deadline March 3
- Fitness Specialist (Seasonal, Contract) – Community Services - Deadline March 3
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (Seasonal, Contract) – Community Services - Deadline March 3
- Inclusion Camp Counsellor (Seasonal, Contract) – Community Services - Deadline March 3
- Inclusion Program Coordinator (Seasonal, Contract) – Community Services - Deadline March 3
- Parks Summer Student (Seasonal, Contract) – Community Services - Deadline March 3
- Parks Seasonal Worker (Seasonal, Contract) – Community Services - Deadline March 3

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 or by calling ServiceKing at 905-833-5321.



Look for the 2023 edition of King Township's waste collection calendar in your mailbox delivered by Canada Post by the end of December. It will also be available online at www.king.ca.



Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES



On behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Members of Council, we wish all of our residents and their families a very happy New Year!

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Local water rates are set on full cost recovery basis

From Front Page

The Township's fixed rate is dependent on linear infrastructure size connected to a property. This approach aims to proportionately align infrastructure replacement and maintenance costs. As part of the 2023 Water and Wastewater rate review staff examined the costing of the fixed rate for all pipe sizes and are not recommending any increase to rates. This fixed rate will bring the Township more in line with area municipalities.

King Treasurer Peggy Tollett noted roughly 5,500 of King's 7,000 properties are on municipal water. The majority are in tier one, but she said the more you use, the more you pay.

Major "culprits" in water consump-

tion are sprinklers and swimming pools.

York Region gets the lion's share of the fees charged, roughly 72%. King keeps the remaining 28%.

Staff pointed out the Township's current system is intended to promote conservation and incentivize residents to use water services in an efficient and effective manner. Also of great significance the tiered system ensures the lowest rate or costs are assigned to meeting basic human needs such as drinking, cooking, bathing, and washing.

The Region sets a blended rate for water and wastewater that is charged to local municipalities. On Sept. 23, 2021, Regional Council approved a combined water and wastewater rate by 3.3% each year from April 1, 2022, to March

31, 2028. This would assist in creating a rate that will stabilize reserves to cover short-term fluctuations and allowed rates to be adjusted if longer-term trends appear different than forecasts. The proposed rates would then allow York Region to maintain full cost recovery while promoting intergenerational equity and reducing reliance on debt. It is important to note the increase cost from the Region represents 72% of the overall variable rate for the Township.

The proposed 2023 water and waste-

water rates were developed to ensure that rates support operational requirements of the Township's water and wastewater systems. As part of updating the Township's long-term Water and Wastewater Financial Plan, the terms of reference will be clearly aligned with long-term infrastructure needs, as well as ensuring that Township water and wastewater reserve balances are planned and projected to support the long-term sustainability of the associated systems.

Mackenzie Health welcomes first baby of 2023

Mackenzie Health welcomed its first baby of 2023 at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital – Rahman, born Jan. 1 at 1:53 a.m., weighing 6 lbs, 15 oz. This is the second baby for proud parents Sara and Esmatullah from Brampton.

The Woman and Child program at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital offers a one-stop suite of services accessible by direct elevator to support women and children through some of life's most poignant moments – from pregnancy and delivery to neonatal and pediatric care.

Mackenzie Health relocated its Woman and Child program to Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital from Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital in June 2021 to provide a full range of services for mothers and children conveniently located on one floor accessible by a direct elevator. Since that time, more than 5,300 babies have been delivered.

The growing western York Region community benefits from an expert multidisciplinary team of health care professionals, including obstetricians, midwives, nurses, social workers, lactation consultants, pediatricians, neonatologists, anesthesiologists and more, providing seamless and compassionate care with a unique family focus in a state-of-the-art facility using the latest technology and techniques.

King holds public budget open house

As part of its commitment to engaging with its citizens, the Township will host an open house for the 2023 Operating and Capital budgets on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

As staff and Council start working on the 2023 Budget, there will be a series of meetings, including the open house, for residents to review the budget, provide feedback and ask questions of Township staff.

The in-person open house will take place Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the King Township Municipal Centre.

King is promoting the open house and overall budget process through communication channels that include a web page on King's online engagement platform, SpeaKING; ads in the King Weekly Sentinel; a media release; social media; and online at king.ca/budget.



Marking Flight 752 tragedy

Memorials held Jan. 8 marked the third anniversary of the downing of Ukrainian Flight PS752 in Iran, killing 176 people.

Some 55 Canadian citizens and 30 permanent residents were killed in the tragedy.

"Three years ago, the Iranian regime deliberately shot down a civilian plane carrying 55 Canadians and many others," noted King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. "Two residents of #Nobleton tragically perished that day – Shakiba Feghahati and her 10-year-old son, Rosstin.

To honour them after the tragedy, their husband and father Shahin, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Councillor David Boyd and Lecce all joined to plant a tree as "an enduring reminder of their lives and positive legacy in our community.

"While we continue to call for justice for the victims, we will never forget those we lost."

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

~ Michael Connelly

Too small to make a difference? Think again

We are inconsequential specks; tiny dots in the grand scheme of things.

But there's that saying, if you think you're too small to make a difference, just think of a mosquito flying around your bedroom at night.

Aside from all the quaint sayings, quotes and memes, our existence is truly remarkable.

The gift of consciousness, for the short time we are here, is incredible. It's almost unfathomable.

We were given life by our parents in a process that is still mind-boggling. That life, our current existence, creates ripples in that proverbial pond. Perhaps each and every one of us emits a tiny vibration, an inaudible noise that reverberates across the cosmos, stretching into the infinite.

We modern humans tend to equate value – a life well lived – on tangible, permanent concepts. And yet nothing – not us, our species or even stars in the universe – are permanent. It's all so beautifully fleeting and temporary.

We come and go, over millions, even billions of years. The universe doesn't really care about us one way or another.

But it's all part of something bigger, something immense, something infinite.

"The trip to Infinity," currently on Netflix, provided some food for thought on infinity.

One scientist explained a circle of existence this way: He said if you put an apple in a sealed box it will wither and fade, rotting away. Eventually it will be reduced to atomic particles that don't die, but continue to whirl around. These,



Mark Pavilons

he contends, will continue to transform and take different shapes until they run out of unique combinations. Then, after perhaps a million years, or maybe a billion, the atoms will rearrange themselves into that same original, healthy apple.

That's incredible. But it's just a theory.

In fact everything is just that – a theory – until it's proven. Science itself "builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe." Math and astronomy go back as far as our species itself.

As soon as we collected more than

one bone we learned how to add. As we glanced toward the night sky, we wondered about those shiny lights. We were awed by the large moon overhead.

Right now, even 14 billion years after the beginnings of our universe, some things are still small in comparison. Our world is only roughly 4 billion years old, and our footprints have only been sinking in the mud for maybe 300,000 years.

We only learned to text about 15 years ago.

Our hairy ancestors likely never questioned their existence. They just trudged along, trying to stay warm and fed. When time permitted, they put their handprints on the cave wall.

To them, only tangible things mattered – the dirt beneath their feet; water to drink and spears to throw.

Our brains were always capable of much, much more. They only kicked into gear in the last 3,000 years or so. We really upped the ante in the last 50 and made major leaps forward in the last decade.

But old habits die hard. You can say boy, have we come a long way. Sure we have, but just how far have we truly evolved?

Sure, we have gizmos, electricity, fossil fuel burning thingamajigs, war, conflict, hunger, disease, and much more.

Yes, we can get food delivered right to our door, even late at night. We can watch entertaining moving pictures on hundreds of channels. A little robot can vacuum our floors when we don't want to.

And here we are. Our faces glued to tiny hand-held devices. Our fat-filled diets and clothes made in sweat shops. Lost luggage at the airport. That's a big deal? A few crappy old shirts and worn jeans?

Our smart watches do more than tell time, but they don't tell us how to think.

They don't test us, or force us to make a difference.

No, my friends, that fire, that spark, has to come from us.

Some contend that the only knowledge that really matters is how to purify water, grow food, how to build and how to love. Think about it.

Just think, from tiny, helpless babies to fully grown, independent adults, we grew. We can do anything, go anywhere, accomplish anything.

Our simian brethren can't say the same. No, they're stuck in trees picking fleas from one another's hair. But hey, scientists taught monkeys to smoke! If we can only teach dogs to play poker!

Our world, and our fellow brothers and sisters are a gift. Some unbelievably mighty power bestowed these things upon us.

Our world can be a marvellous place, a planet of envy throughout the cosmos. If we came together, eliminated borders, greed, poverty, homelessness, disease, and aspired to do great things, wouldn't that be fabulous?

It's all within our grasp. You and I don't have to be astrophysicists or microbiologists to make discoveries. We don't have to be neurosurgeons to perform "miracles."

We are miraculous. Our bodies are filled with cells, atoms, DNA and molecules whizzing around in harmony and synchronicity. No machine, no smart device, could ever come close to our biological perfection.

We may not understand it all, but we're free to move about, speak our minds, lend a hand, offer compliments and extend compassion.

These intangibles are what it's all about. These small deeds outweigh the largest of moons and smallest of microbes.

Inconsequential? Not at all!

Comment

Ontario continues trend of high personal income tax rates

Despite promises that provincial personal income tax increases in 2012 and 2013 would be temporary, successive governments have kept them in place for a decade, finds a new study released today by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

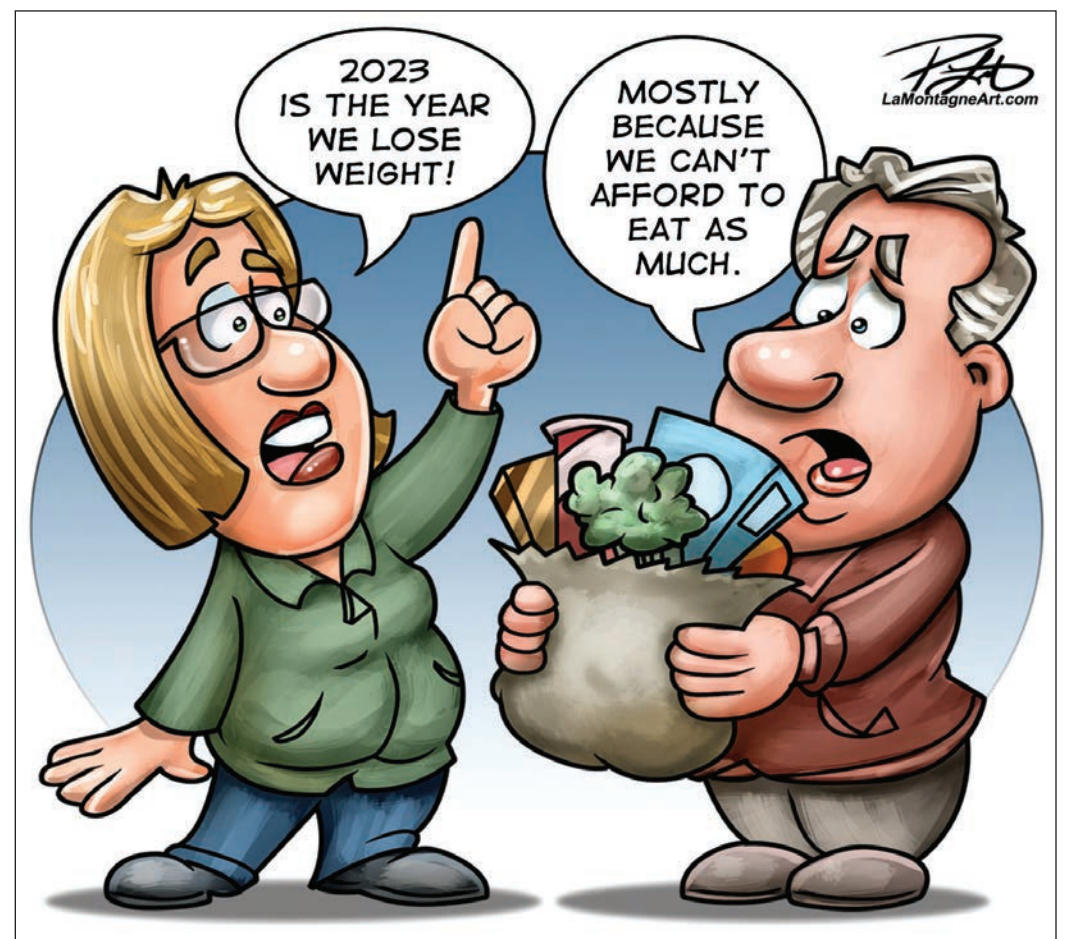
"The recent history of personal income tax rates in Ontario is that tax increases governments promised would be temporary ended up being permanent," said Ben Eisen, senior fellow at the Fraser Institute and co-author of Broken Promises: The persistence of elevated personal and corporate income taxes in Ontario.

As a result of both federal and provincial tax hikes, Ontario now has the third highest top combined federal/provincial-state personal income tax rate in Canada or the United States – having jumped from 46.41 per cent in 2012 to 53.53 per cent. Combined with federal increases, Ontario's top income tax rate has increased by 7.12 percentage points.

"Contrary to their repeated promises not to increase taxes, Dalton McGuinty's government enacted tax increases that raised the province's top personal income tax rate, also promising the increase was temporary and would later be reversed – neither he nor his successor Premier Wynne made good on this commitment, just as the current Ontario government has failed to take any action," Eisen said.

The current government has also failed to deliver on promises to go beyond simply undoing previous tax increases and actually reduce the tax burden on Ontarians. When running for office in 2018, the Ford government promised to reduce Ontario's general corporate income tax rate, but failed to deliver on this commitment.

"The crux of Ontario's personal and corporate income tax rates history is one of broken promises: governments keep promising to meaningfully reduce taxes on Ontarians, but their words have not been met with action," Eisen commented.



Quote of the Week

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

Trivia Tidbits

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Did you make any New Year's resolutions?

a) Yes **0%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you expecting good things in 2023?

a) Yes
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Music does wonders for the mind and body

By Michelle Frauley

Comment

You're going about your own business when a favourite old song suddenly begins to play. You're surprised at the lyrics you still remember, and warm memories come flooding in. You smile, start moving to the music, and may even begin singing.

We can all relate to the power of music to take us back in time. The power of music to just make us feel good!

I've often said that, for me at least, I cannot be sad and sing at the same time! Try it sometime when you are feeling blue and see if it works for you as well.

Music has often been referred to as the universal language. It has the ability to transcend time and place and to evoke strong emotions. Studies have shown that music can help to improve mood, communication, and even retrieve memories previously inaccessible and trapped inside of people living with Alzheimer's Disease. Music therapy has also been shown to reduce anxiety and agitation, ease chronic pain and promote relaxation.

In 2014, the movie, "Alive Inside" was premiered at the Sundance Film Festival where it won the audience award. When I first watched the movie, I was deeply moved and inspired.

Filmmaker Michael Rossto-Bennet filmed Dan Cohen entering nursing homes armed with simple and humble Ipods. He researched the songs individual residents most enjoyed and loaded up a personalized song list.

The results were astounding. Residents, living with Alzheimer's Disease

and not able to access memories for years, were re-awakened. They opened their eyes, sat straighter, smiled and some began to sing and sway. A number of residents started to speak again, remembering what they were doing when this song first meant so much to them.

Family members who previously were not able to engage with their loved one could now communicate and enjoy a level of connection they had not been able to experience for years.

Their website says it best:

"His camera reveals the uniquely human connection we find in music and how its healing power can triumph where prescription medication falls short."

As it turns out, it is not just any music that can stimulate these remarkable results. The music must be meaningful to the individual. Music associated with intense, emotional events, and especially during our formative years have the most impact. For most folks, this would be the music we enjoyed in our teens and early 20s. Some suggest that the music we loved from ages 15 to 25 hold the most promise in rekindling our memories. Known as the "reminiscence bump," we retain more memories during this time than any other life phase.

Music stimulates several different areas of our brain and is especially noted for triggering a dopamine hit. Referred to as the "feel good" hormone, dopamine is part of our reward system.

Laura Ferreri, Associate Professor of Cognitive Psychology, Lyon University, was able to show a causal relationship between listening to music and the brain's release of dopamine:

"We cannot conclude that taking dopamine will increase your musical pleasure. What we can say is much more interesting: listening to the music you love will make your brain release more dopamine, a crucial neurotransmitter for humans' emotional and cognitive functioning."

In addition to a dopamine hit, other studies have shown that music also stimulates the brain's visual cortex, associating the music with images and memories.

Whether it is Glenn Miller, Johnny Mathis, Elvis, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Santana, The Boss, or Queen - we each have our era we relate to and cherish most. How comforting to know that these songs still live in our hearts and minds, and that they have the power to make our lives better, richer, and more fulfilling!

While music can soothe your soul, noise can hurt your body. Consistent and elevated levels of environmental and workplace noise can cause hearing loss, tinnitus, sleep disturbance, ischemic heart disease, immune dysfunction and even birth defects. The World Health Organization lists noise pollution second to air pollution for the negative impact on our health.

"Music can lift us out of depression or move us to tears - it is a remedy, a tonic, orange juice for the ear. But for many of my neurological patients, music is even more - it can provide access, even when no medication can, to movement, to speech, to life. For them, music is not a luxury, but a necessity." - Oliver Sacks, best-selling author, and professor of neurology at NYU School of Medicine

Michelle Frauley is a nurse who specializes in palliative care, end of life, senior care and is a Certified Professional Consultant on Aging (CPCA). Michelle is also owner/operator of Hospall Private Homecare based in King City.

Mayor and Council pancake breakfast

Mark January 28 on your calendar for the annual pancake breakfast brought to you by King's Mayor and Council.

The event takes place between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the Dr. William Lacey Community Centre and Arena in Nobleton.

Bring your appetite and your skates and join the mayor and councilors for a free skate following the breakfast.




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NOTICE OF UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS

2023 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND 2023 FEES AND CHARGES

The 2023 Operating and Capital Budget Book will be available at www.king.ca/budget as of Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

In-person Open House
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Council Chambers, 2585 King Road
 Draft - 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets

The Township of King's Draft 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets will be available for review in-person at the January 17, 2023 Open House. Have your chance to review the budget, have your say, and ask questions of Township staff.

Virtual Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.
 Draft - 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets
(Consideration of Budget By-law for Adoption, Monday, February 6, 2023)

The Township of King's Draft 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets will be tabled for consideration at the January 23, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting and will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, February 6, 2023, Council Meeting.

Interested parties are invited to participate virtually to ask questions and comment.

Virtual Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.
 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets and 2023 Fees & Charges
(Consideration of Budget By-law for Adoption, Monday, February 6, 2023)

The Township of King's 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets and 2023 Fees & Charges will be tabled for consideration and adoption at the February 6, 2023, Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings. The Budget staff report will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Interested parties are invited to participate virtually to ask questions and comment.
(Note: Budget adoption may be deferred to the February 27, 2023, Council meeting at the discretion of Council if required)

Please visit www.king.ca/budget or contact Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer by email at ptollett@king.ca for further information regarding the 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets.

HAVE YOUR SAY
 To VIEW the above COUNCIL and COMMITTEE meetings live virtually go to <https://king.ca/meetings> on the day of the meeting. NO pre-registration is required to view the meeting. To participate and speak at the meetings remotely (by audio-telephone), pre-register by contacting the Clerks Division at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.
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Legislation creates sense of 'dystopian' society

A slightly dystopian sense swept over me when I read two headlines in the Dec. 22 issue of the KWS. One reported the Impacts of Bill 109 on King were "less than expected," while the other reaffirmed King Council's support for a new hospital in the Greenbelt.

Bill 109, the More Homes for Everyone Act, was introduced on March 22, 2022 and received Royal Assent on April 12, exactly 15 days BEFORE the commenting timeframe lapsed. More evidence that public consultations are a sham in Ontario. Tax-paying citizens have been reduced to the status of dumb ATM machines. No one asks the machines if withdrawals are spent wisely, nor if the machine will run out of money.

The development application review process was accelerated by removing municipal council authority to approve Site Plan Controls. Input from the public or conservation authorities is severely constrained. Instead, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has usurped planning powers with considerable reliance upon the

Letter to the Editor

revamped more powerful, publicly-distanced, unelected and provincially-appointed members of the Ontario Lands Tribunal (OLT), whose decisions will over-ride displaced municipal planning. The former President and CEO of BILD (Building Industry and Land Development Corp) is one appointee to this development tribunal, as is a former Tridel Manager.

According to the KWS, "The CAP (Collaborative Application Process) will better position the Township to advance applications for a decision by council quicker and within legislated timeframes." What? Gulp! Splutter! Complex development applications affect everything, and they should not be subject to "quickie" approvals.

Changes to the Planning Act align with BILD's 2022 five-point plan for the GTA. Effective Jan. 1, 2023, Bill 109 can now penalize municipalities for not reviewing/approving each development application within a shortened 60-day window. Penalties come in the form of application fee refunds on a graduated scale. Decisions taking 61 to 90 days come with a 50% refund penalty; 91 to 120 days? Make that 75%. Refund 100% of fees if decision takes 121 days or more - then, charge the lost fees to those gagged and faceless tax-paying ATMs.

Since the review period has been cut in half, will municipal staff need to double to meet new timing requirements to serve Ford's gravy train? All aboard, developers! Let the peons pay for the ride! As a citizen and taxpayer, I am getting fed up with being "peeoned" by the Ford government.

These penalties arrive at the same time development charges have been reduced. Halton Region summarized development charges as representing only 13% of its development costs in 2021. What about York Region? And municipalities? Where are municipalities supposed to find the money to pay the escalating costs for expanding new infrastructure and services again?

All levels of government already carry rising debts and deficits. King residents who conserve water know their water charges have been rising about 10% each year, due to increasing fixed costs associated with administration,

upkeep and expansion. Costs for all services will leap.

Originally, Bill 109 included a section, entitled Non-Application to Greenbelt:

"(11) An order under subsection (9) may not be made in respect of any land in the Greenbelt Area."

That didn't last long, did it? Last November, the Conservatives cut into the Greenbelt with Bill 23, a sop to developers as a reward for their campaign donations and glowing self-serving accolades. When it comes to the unrelenting flow of scattershot legislation from this unconstitutional Conservative government, I am reminded of the fifth intestinal affliction sung in Pepto-Bismol ads on television, while the public gets to suffer the nausea, heartburn, indigestion and upset stomach.

There is no need to remove 7,400 acres of valuable farmland and natural areas from Greenbelt protection when 88,000 urban acres across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) are already primed for development.

In a show of cooperative good will, King Council has offered Greenbelt lands for a hospital, while requesting natural features be protected, and residential development be restricted by the ORMCP.

Be realistic, King. Let's look at where hospitals are located in the hearts of cities on main thoroughfares, allowing access by various forms of transportation. Some have expensive parking lots, which are often filled, so public transportation is essential. Inevitably, the hospitals are surrounded by medical clinics and mid to high density development, all hooked up to high-service infrastructure.

A permanent Greenbelt is not the place for a hospital when development must follow. A hospital needs to be centrally accessible, and it should also be properly funded, something that is not happening now, but developers will cash in on another public-private partnership, inevitably linked to certain preferred naming rights.

If the hospital is built through an extension of Newmarket's infrastructure, that city might have a good case for annexing the lands between Bathurst and Dufferin, as it is running out of land to develop. Did King consider that? This has happened before to King, which used to be bounded by Yonge Street to the east and the King-Vaughan Townline to the south before 1971.

Unfortunately, years of brow-beating and bullying from Queen's Park now cause lower tiers to cower before the premier, who slashed Toronto Council mid-election in 2018. What might happen next? Strong mayor powers for conservative applicants only. The premier muses about seizing the right to appoint regional chairs and the next chief justice of Ontario to serve his purposes.

Should lower tiers take a lesson from the unions after Ford threatened to use the notwithstanding clause to force compliance on the union for educational support workers? Instead of cowering at the threat of \$4,000/day fines for each protester, they united, while planning a province-wide general strike. They matched Ford's bullying tactics and stared him down.

This is no time for municipal councils and staff to develop a full-blown case of grovelling Stockholm Syndrome. They may not want to feel like provincial hostages, but Queen's Park has intimidated and 'gas-lit' municipalities into submission, along with their representative AMO, and the public. This is known as "trauma bonding."

In a misinformation campaign aimed at municipalities, Steve Clark falsely conflated development charges with municipal slush funds.

Since 2018, the premier and MMAH have manipulated and fostered a sense of growing helplessness and dependency in lower tiers of government. The next steps for hostages involved in trauma bonding are resignation, surrender, loss of sense of self-direction and purpose, followed by an addiction to more repetitions of this same humiliating cycle.

Are King and other municipalities trying to justify their unwelcomed servitude by pretending Doug Ford allows them the "freedom" to apply these legislative leg-irons as acceptable political accessories among fashionable lower tiers of government? What century is this?

Municipalities, throw off your chains! Most councils include experienced, thinking politicians, and you hold elected office, meaning you are Ford's equals at the very least.

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Vicki Hotte
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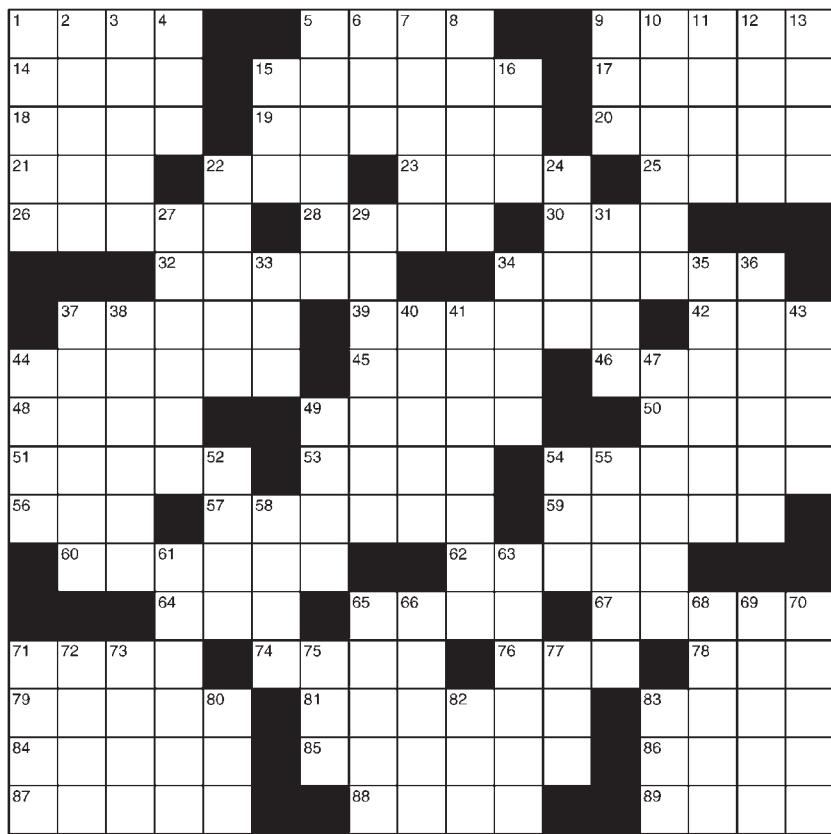
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- 5. Goopy substance
- 9. Perfume ingredient
- 14. Wheel shaft
- 15. Soccer team
- 17. Freightage
- 18. Portico
- 19. Spin
- 20. Unexpected pleasure
- 21. Electron-deficient atom
- 22. Marvy
- 23. Wedding-cake part
- 25. Simple
- 26. Transparent
- 28. Assist in crime
- 30. Muslim leader
- 32. Ma's instrument
- 34. Uproar
- 37. Tropical eel
- 39. Worker at an inn
- 42. Sable or mink
- 44. Cancel
- 45. Green fruit
- 46. "___ of the Ball"
- 48. March date
- 49. Dogma
- 50. Short message
- 51. Winner's position
- 53. Before
- 54. Higher
- 56. Small boy
- 57. ___ out (allotted)
- 59. Birthday or surprise
- 60. Knob
- 62. Tropical creeper
- 64. Superhero's chest letter
- 65. Narrow valley
- 67. Period of indulgence
- 71. Prepare a salad
- 74. Stewpot
- 76. Go by plane
- 78. Morsel for a pony
- 79. Take advantage of
- 81. Dwarfed plant
- 83. Ballerina's short skirt
- 84. Sudden forward thrust
- 85. Merry
- 86. Venerable
- 87. Improve by editing
- 88. Race assemblage
- 89. Had being
- 2. Praise
- 3. Unattended
- 4. New Zealand parrot
- 5. Worldwide
- 6. ___ off steam
- 7. Egglike
- 8. Small
- 9. Pretend
- 10. Runway
- 11. Cypress, e.g.
- 12. Seaweed gel
- 13. Learning method
- 15. Geologic division
- 16. Born as
- 22. Oddity of nature
- 24. Isolated
- 27. Transversely
- 29. Shelf item
- 31. Attire
- 33. Drain-opener ingredient
- 34. Dart about
- 35. At sea
- 36. Sweltering
- 37. Situated in the middle
- 38. Carry to excess
- 40. From that moment
- 41. Make high-pitched sounds
- 43. Hollow stalk
- 44. Break in friendship
- 47. Envelop
- 49. Mood
- 52. In this way
- 54. "___ Lazy River"
- 55. Flower
- 58. "The Sun ___ Rises"
- 61. Plan
- 63. Baby
- 65. Darkness
- 66. Harpoon
- 68. Cosmetic
- 69. "Peter, Peter, pumpkin ___"
- 70. Chopin work
- 71. Fable, e.g.
- 72. Egg cell
- 73. Reasonable
- 75. JFK follower
- 77. Jar's cover
- 80. Conducted
- 82. Litigate
- 83. Game marble

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King for Refugees ready to welcome new family

Volunteers are excited especially at this holiday time as they diligently prepare to welcome a new family to King.

Since December 2015 this local charity has worked hard with community support to sponsor 25 refugees.

Many people worldwide have had to leave their homes and homelands because of war and strife. Not wanting to, they have had to, in order to survive. Hope and peace is being offered in Canada.

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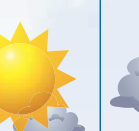








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From Thursday, January 12 to Wednesday, January 18

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First all-Canadian concept EV unveiled in the U.S.

Project Arrow, the first, all-Canadian, zero-emission connected vehicle, designed and built in Ontario, was unveiled at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last week.

Project Arrow makes use of Ontario's complete end-to-end automotive supply chain and demonstrates the province's world-class automotive capabilities and innovation on a global stage.

"The unveiling of Project Arrow, the first all-Canadian concept vehicle, is a historic milestone that showcases the best of Ontario's automotive and tech-

nology sectors," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "Our government is proud to support this innovative project and the continued collaboration between industry partners. Innovations like this will foster new opportunities as we continue to build a stronger Ontario."

With funding and support from the Ontario government through the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network, the Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association led the development of Project Arrow at the Automotive Centre of



Excellence in Oshawa. Over the course of the project, 58 Canadian industry partners came together to design and build a revolutionary prototype vehicle.

"The Ontario government challenged us to build this vehicle and they were the first to support us when we launched Project Arrow," said Flavio Volpe, President of the Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association. "This investment is just another part of this government's incredible and unprecedented commitment to Ontario's automotive industry."

"Project Arrow is a true testament to Canadian ingenuity, hard work, and determination," said Raed Kadri, vice-president, Strategic Initiatives and Head of the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network at the Automotive Centre of Innovation. "We are cementing on the international stage that Ontario and Canada's technology, innovation and manufacturing capabilities are world-class and second to none. OVIN and OCI are proud to play an important role in this vision."

More and more companies are looking to Ontario for their future, and the government is working with sector partners to build on recent successes and further strengthen innovation in Ontario. Through the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network, Ontario is investing \$56.4 million over four years to accelerate the development of next generation electric, connected and autonomous vehicle and mobility tech-

nologies. Initiatives like this are an important part of the government's plan to build a stronger Ontario and create new opportunities for workers and businesses across the province.

The annual Consumer Electronics Show is the first stop on Ontario's trade mission to the United States. Minister Fedeli led a delegation of 29 innovative companies from Ontario that showcased the province's expertise in the automotive, technology and life sciences sectors. Several members of the delegation also participated in the JP Morgan Healthcare Conference and Biotech Showcase, the largest healthcare investment symposium in the industry. These events support new relationships and connect Ontario companies with other global industry leaders and innovators.

Over the past two years, Ontario has attracted \$16 billion in investments by global automakers, with more than \$12.5 billion focused on electric vehicle and EV battery related manufacturing.

Ontario is the only jurisdiction in North America where five major automakers (Honda, Toyota, Ford, General Motors and Stellantis), as well as truck manufacturer Hino) build vehicles. Ontario's auto supply chain is comprised of more than 700 parts firms and more than 500 tool, die and mold makers.

Ontario's automotive sector directly employs nearly 95,000 workers, and indirectly supports hundreds of thousands of jobs throughout the province.

Canada's first all-electric Vehicle plant opens

The Ontario government is celebrating the opening of General Motors of Canada's (GM Canada) first full-scale electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing plant in Ingersoll and the first BrightDrop Zevo 600s to be made at the facility. With support from the province, GM Canada has transformed its CAMI manufacturing plant into an all-EV manufacturing facility, the first of its kind in Canada.

This project helps secure the province's position as a global automotive hub with the vehicles of the future being built in Ontario by Ontario workers, from start to finish.

"(This) exciting, made-in-Ontario milestone is more proof that there is no better place to build the cars of the future from start to finish than right here in Ontario," said Premier Doug Ford. "From the critical minerals in the north to our manufacturing excellence in the south, Ontario has every advantage and will continue to build on our legacy as a global automotive leader for decades to come."

The CAMI plant will be GM Canada's designated EV hub for its new all-electric commercial vehicle brand BrightDrop. As part of today's grand opening, the first BrightDrop Zevo 600s also rolled off the CAMI EV line, marking a new chapter in EV production in Ontario.

Last April, GM Canada announced an investment of more than \$2 billion to transform its CAMI and Oshawa manufacturing plants and improve operations across all of its manufacturing and R&D facilities in Ontario. This investment was supported with \$259 million in funding from the province.

"This is truly an exciting day for

Ontario as we celebrate the grand opening of GM Canada's transformed CAMI manufacturing plant and the first all-electric vehicle manufacturing facility in Canada," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "Watching the first BrightDrop vehicles roll off the assembly line, it is clear that Ontario will build the cars of the future. Our government continues to attract transformative investments by creating the right economic conditions and reducing red tape."

The size and scope of this investment will accelerate the speed of Ontario's 10-year vision for the Driving Prosperity - The Future of Ontario's Automotive Sector plan. Phase 2 of Driving Prosperity is an important part of the government's plan to transform the province's automotive supply chain to build the cars of the future, including the production of hybrid, battery EVs, EV battery production and increasing exports of Ontario-made auto parts and innovations.

Over the last two years, Ontario has attracted \$16 billion in transformative automotive investments by global automakers and suppliers of EV batteries and battery materials. This includes more than \$12.5 billion in EV and EV battery-related manufacturing investments.

GM Canada's investments in Ontario include vehicle assembly, engine manufacturing, R&D, and vehicle testing.

Ontario's auto supply chain comprises over 700 parts firms and over 500 tool, die and mold makers.

Vehicle assembly and auto parts production directly supports nearly 97,000 Ontario jobs.



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Pharmacies now a one-stop shop for common ailments

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The move to allow pharmacies to prescribe medication for common illnesses will benefit everyone.

The Province made the move to make it more convenient for people to connect to care closer to home.

Residents are now able to stop in at pharmacies across the province to receive prescriptions for thirteen common ailments, including rashes, pink eye, insect bites and urinary tract infections with just their health card. This service makes it more convenient to access care by removing a doctor's office visit and will come at no extra cost to Ontarians.

"Stopping by your local pharmacy for quick and easy access to treatment for some of your most common ailments increases your access to the care you need closer to home," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Expanding the ability of pharmacists to provide care is one more way we're putting people at the centre of our health care system, making it easier, faster and more convenient to access health care in their community."

Pharmacists can offer prescriptions for hay fever (allergic rhinitis); oral thrush (candidal stomatitis); pink eye (conjunctivitis; bacterial, allergic and viral); dermatitis (atopic, eczema, allergic and contact); menstrual cramps (dysmenorrhea); acid reflux (gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD); hemorrhoids; cold sores (herpes labi-

alis); impetigo; insect bites and hives; tick bites (post-exposure prophylaxis to prevent Lyme disease); sprains and strains (musculoskeletal); and urinary tract infections (UTIs).

Allowing pharmacists to prescribe for these common ailments will make it more convenient for Ontarians to receive the care they need, while offering patients more convenient choices for how they access and receive health care. With a large, province-wide footprint, pharmacist prescribing will help to increase access to care in rural parts of Ontario.

In addition to providing more convenience, pharmacy prescribing will also help free-up doctors' bandwidth to provide care for more complex needs, helping to reduce wait times for these services.

Anyone with symptoms should contact their local pharmacist to confirm whether they provide prescribing services for certain common ailments before visiting the pharmacy.

This change builds on pharmacists' current knowledge, skills and judgement to recommend over-the-counter medications and allows physicians to focus on the more complex health care needs of their patients.

These changes are being made in partnership with the Ontario College of Pharmacists.

Schomberg pharmacist Anna Patrizio noted these conditions can reliably be self-diagnosed by the patient. These ailments require very minimal treatment and can be managed at home.



Prescribing privileges is not new to pharmacists, she noted. They started prescribing medications to quit smoking since 2019. Then, the renewal of existing prescriptions was granted for pharmacists to write for the purpose of continuity of care.

"This step has been proven to be of immense help during the lockdown. Last December, the green light was given to Ontario pharmacists to prescribe the COVID treatment, Paxlovid.

"As a side note, Canadian Pharmacists are the first in the world to be given the prescribing privilege for Paxlovid."

She noted that Ontario is one of the last provinces to be on board with minor ailments. The first province to have pharmacists prescribe for common conditions is Alberta which started in 2007. The Ontario Pharmacists Association is optimistic that the number of ailments will increase to be on par with other provinces where prescription scopes are upwards to thirty conditions.

"One of the goals of this new expanded scope is equitable access to care which becomes important for rural and remote communities. Pharmacists remain the most accessible healthcare provider. 95% of Ontarians live within 5 kilometers of a community pharmacy. This move also helps increase capacity that will allow our hospitals and clinics to care for the most vulnerable individuals and complex care cases," she said.

"As a community pharmacist this is an exciting professional news to me. We are finally given a chance to fur-

ther showcase our clinical skills that we have been educated and trained for. We have shown such agility during the pandemic with now almost 10 million vaccine administered and 1 million PCR tests done through Ontario community pharmacists. Now, we are given more tools to be able to fully exercise our expertise.

"This is awesome news for Ontarians. They have always come to rely on an accessible advice from their pharmacists. Now, appointments can be booked with the local pharmacy for these 13 conditions in a much reasonable time. It is a good idea to call your pharmacy ahead as the program is new. It is worth mentioning that not all assessments require a prescription."

Patrizio noted this program is not meant to take away another professional's capacity to care. If assessment results deemed to be more complex in nature, patients will be referred to a physician.

"Maximizing pharmacists' scope of practice benefits the overall sustainability of our healthcare system."

"Empowering pharmacists to use their expertise to assess and treat minor ailments helps patients get the care they need sooner and closer to home – but the benefits go much further," added Justin Bates, CEO, Ontario Pharmacists Association. "It reduces demand on hospitals, emergency departments, walk-in clinics and family physicians. It also frees up time for our healthcare partners, allowing doctors, nurses and other healthcare providers to focus on more complex care cases."

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Ontario creating more affordable child care spaces

The Ontario government is making child care more affordable and accessible for families across the province, creating an additional 53,000 new, affordable licensed child care spaces by December 2026 – bringing our total to 86,000 new spaces since 2019.

In March 2022, Ontario secured a six-year, \$13.2 billion agreement with the federal government which will lower fees for families and deliver an average of \$10 a day child care by September 2025. This included an initial investment of \$10.2 billion for the first five years of the agreement and an additional commitment for at least \$3 billion in year six. Today, as part of that agreement, Ontario is announcing a targeted plan to create new licensed child care spaces, with a focus on increasing access to families across Ontario.

“We are delivering savings directly to families while increasing access to child care spaces in communities small and large,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. “Our government is making child care affordable – with savings averaging between \$6,000 to \$10,000 per child by the end of this year – and investing in new spaces that will benefit parents for years to come. With the cost of living rising across the country, the Ontario government is increasing access to child care spaces and delivering needed financial relief for families.”

The new spaces will be allocated to communities across Ontario using a model that incorporates demographics, socio-economic indicators, and existing licensed child care capacity. The new spaces will be part of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system and includes a mix of not-for-profit and for-profit centres, a key priority of the Government of Ontario to respect and ultimately provide families with choice and flexibility. Additionally, the province will enhance the availability of flexible models of care for a changing economy and labour market – for example, child care spaces that are available on weekends and overnight to support people who work shifts.

To ensure child care spaces are also created in locations and for populations most in need – including for children with special needs, Indigenous and Franco-Ontarian communities – Ontario is launching a \$213 million grant program for new and existing opera-

tors. These one-time grants, prioritizing regions with historically low rates of space availability, will help child care operators offset the initial costs of expanding or creating spaces, such as purchasing equipment or renovating facilities.

To date, 92 per cent of Ontario’s licensed child care sites have enrolled in the CWELCC system. Families across the province with children in these centres are already seeing fee reductions of up to 25 per cent, retroactive to April 1, 2022. By the end of this year, families with children under the age of six in participating licensed child care programs will see a further fee reduction of up to 50 per cent relative to 2020 levels.

“Access to affordable, high-quality, flexible and inclusive early learning and child care is increasingly becoming a reality for families in Ontario, and across the country,” said Karina Gould, federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. “The fee reduction announced today for centres as part of the Canada-wide system is a key step toward our ultimate goal for an average of \$10-a-day regulated child care. We will continue to work with the provinces and territories toward a better future for children, and families, everywhere in Canada.”

Ontario remains committed to the success of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system and will continue to work with municipalities and stakeholders across the province to ensure affordable child care is available in communities where it is needed most.

Ontario’s child care system offers a range of options for families with differing needs, including licensed, unlicensed, for-profit, not-for-profit, centre/school-based and home-based child care.

To ensure improved access, new child care space allocations will focus on the creation of affordable spaces in communities with children who need them most – rural communities, growth communities, low-income children, vulnerable children, children from diverse communities, children with special needs, Francophone and Indigenous children.

The Ontario government is streamlining the application process for new child care operators when they apply for a licence. They will learn about

their eligibility for child care funding before investing heavily in becoming licensed. The applicants will also have to submit key municipal approvals, including zoning and permitted use, together with their application. This will significantly reduce the time it takes the applicant to acquire a licence.

Currently, there are more than 5,500 child care centres, 139 licensed home child care agencies, and around 464,000 licensed spaces in Ontario.

Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested over \$1.5 billion in capital projects within the education sector, including 4,908 new, licensed child care spaces within schools. In 2021, the Ontario government invested more than \$95 million to create 3,094 more school-based licensed child care spaces for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

On Nov. 24, 2022, the government announced an expansion to the dual credit program to attract 420 students over two years into Early Childhood Education career pathways.

“This announcement is going to put more power in the hands of parents across Ontario. As a mother of five chil-

dren, I know how important child care is. In order for women with children to reach their full economic potential they need to have affordable child care options. It is an added benefit that we will also be delivering savings to families throughout the province. This is just another example of our governments commitment to ensuring women and families have the resources they need to be successful,” said - Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity.

“We are pleased to see the expansion of licensed child care spaces in communities across Ontario. Children and families will benefit from more equitable access to affordable, high-quality, licensed care. As Ontario’s largest provider of licensed child care, we are eager to work together with the Province and our municipal partners to expand child care, particularly in equity-deserving communities with diverse populations,” added Linda Cottes, senior Vice-President of Child and Family Development, YMCA of Greater Toronto and Chair of the YMCA Ontario Child Care Advisory Group.

The King Chamber of Commerce wants to congratulate John Ciarallo of John's No Frills, Nobleton on his retirement!

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Residents sign petition to protect Forks of the Credit

By Mark Pavilons

Residents have banded together as a collective voice, with a petition to turn Caledon's Forks of the Credit into a national park.

According to the petition, the area surrounding the Forks of the Credit River is of such astounding natural beauty, historical significance and environmental necessity that it deserves to be protected and shared with all Canadians.

This petition moves to create a National Park in the area surrounding the headwaters of Credit River Valley, by combining existing Provincial Parks and Conservation lands, and to expand that footprint to include areas that have both historic and natural features that deserve the protection and free use for all Canadians now, and for the future.

The Park would be home to the junctions of the Bruce Trail, the Trans Canada Trail and the Cataract-Elora Trail-

way, and would serve as the hub for any long distance hiking within Southern Ontario.

As a tourist destination, the area is flooded with traffic and due to the lack of any Park infrastructure, the area is starting to feel the rapid effects of deterioration of the landscape. The fact that it is the most accessible section of Niagara Escarpment for most in the GTA, it has become a defacto "Algonquin Park" for millions of day trippers.

The farmland surrounding the Forks of the Credit is under threat from mining, as the glaciers that helped create the outstanding beauty of the area, also deposited gravel underneath the soil. A National Park would protect this watershed which, on its path to Lake Ontario, flows past millions of residents.

The Forks of the Credit National Park, alongside Rouge National Urban Park, would provide close to 8 million Canadians a Park within 45 minutes travel. It would serve as a dedicated



wildlife corridor, allowing protection for dozens of species currently under threat.

"This land deserves to be protected for all Canadians, now and for forever."

As of last week, more than 7,325 people signed, with hopes of reaching 7,500.

At that level, the petition is more likely to get a reaction from decision-makers.

Robert Rees of Caledon started the petition on change.org

For more, go to <https://www.change.org/p/to-create-forks-of-the-credit-national-park>

Wintersong Music Festival is back

The exciting free community festival for families and music lovers of all ages takes place Jan. 20 and 21 in Stouffville.

Organizers welcome Wintersong 2023 headliners: Stars, Dan Mangan & Men Without Hats.

Over 100 live music performances will take place in Stouffville's restaurants, bars, cafes and shops.

Venues, now spanning town-wide, will be accessible via the free Wintersong Shuttle – a party bus that is a venue in itself!

Check out the Youth Stage, Musical Workshops, Industry Panels, Silent Disco & much more!

Wintersong welcomes thousands of attendees from across York Region and beyond for two days of music, shopping and dining

Join the official event page for more details & schedule: <https://fb.me/e/1KST-PEbiw>

Honda Canada Foundation boosts York Region food bank

The Food Bank of York Region is pleased to announce a sponsorship it has received from the Honda Canada Foundation in support of the Food Bank's School Food Program.

The Food Bank of York Region initiated its School Food Program in 2022 to meet the need of children from food-insecure households. The program currently serves 22 schools across York Region, providing fresh and non-perishable food for meal and snacks programs and school pantries.

"The School Food Program operated by the Food Bank of York Region is helping children in our community get the positive start they need to be at their best," said Laura Heasman, Operations Manager, Honda Canada Foundation. "Honda Canada Foundation is dedicated to helping those who strive to make our society better, hence, we have partnered with the Food Bank of York Region as they share our vision and values in striving to make a difference and enhancing the lives and social well-being of those in our community."

Alex Bilotta, founder and CEO of the Food Bank of York Region stated: "Nutritious meals are essential for children to thrive – but not all children have access to healthy balanced meals. Our goal is to make more food accessible to food-insecure children in schools throughout the region. We are pleased to have Honda Canada Foundation as our partner, and their support will help expand the program's reach."

The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) is the regional food bank and mobile food pantry for York Region serving a network of 88+ non-profit agencies, food pantries, schools, shelters, social housing and community organizations. Our Food Bank supports food programs in the nine municipalities of York Region. For more information about FBYR or ways to donate, please visit www.fbyr.ca and follow us on social media.

Formed in 2005, Honda Canada Foundation (HCF) aims to enable the realization of dreams through various annual philanthropic activities and funding to non-profit registered charities across Canada where Honda customers and associates live, work and play. HCF focuses on four key pillars – family, environment, engineering and education – and each year more than \$2 million is disbursed to groups in need.

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York Catholic school board releases demographic data

To support the York Catholic DSB mission of educating and inspiring all students to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment, YCDSB conducted its first census in 2021. All parents/guardians/caregivers of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 and all students from Grades 7 to 12 were invited to participate in the voluntary and confidential questionnaire between January and April 2021.

The collection of demographic data is a Ministry of Education directive that is intended to foster policies, procedures and practices that are equitable and inclusive for all students regardless of background, social identity or personal circumstances. In addition to the demographic questions, students and parents were asked about students' experiences in school and outside of school (i.e. safety, sense of belonging, wellbeing and engagement).

"At York Catholic, we fervently believe each student is a beloved child of God endowed with gifts from God and sent to make a difference in the world,"

said Frank Alexander, chair of the board. "We are committed to helping every student achieve their God-given potential and experience success as a creative and critical thinker who integrates Catholic values into their daily lives to become a socially responsible global citizen."

"While most students and parents who participated in the census were positive about their school experience, the data shows that more work is needed to improve student well-being and equity," said Domenic Scuglia, Director of Education.

Kindergarten to Grade 6 Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Census – Over 25,000 families were invited to complete the parent census with their children in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Of these families, 7,954 parents/guardians/caregivers voluntarily provided information to help their schools better understand their children, their needs and their experiences. This number represents 32 per cent of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 enrolled in York Catholic elementary schools.

Grades 7 to 12 Student Census – Approximately 26,000 students were eligible to participate in the student census. Of these students, 16,015 students in Grades 7 to 12 voluntarily provided information to help their schools better understand who they are, their needs and life experiences. This number represents 62 per cent of students in Grades 7 to 12 who are enrolled in York Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

Additional information on the student census is available on YCDSB's

census website. The York Catholic District School Board serves the Regional Municipality of York, located in the Greater Toronto Area. YCDSB supports and inspires approximately 50,000 students and their families through an innovative curriculum of Catholic Education rooted in Gospel values. More than 5,000 dedicated staff are committed to building strong faith-filled communities of lifelong learners, guided by a commitment to critical thinking, inclusion, and active social responsibility.

Township's new By-law Investigation Map provides information, saves time

The Township of King has posted a new feature at king.ca/by-law that allows visitors to King's website to check on the status of a bylaw complaint.

The By-law Investigation Map allows the user to enter information related to the complaint to receive accurate and consistent information, which is manually updated every 30 days.

Pop-up information appears once the address is entered. The following type of public information is being shared:

- Two years of active/closed bylaw investigation files, per property.
- Property-based bylaw complaint and investigations.
- The category or type of investigation complaint.
- The officer, identified by badge number.
- The status of the investigation.

Any documents issued, including date of issuance and compliance date. King will be seeking public input on the new By-law Investigation Map through a short survey.

"King's new By-law Investigation Map enhances the quality and accessibility of bylaw investigation information available to the public. This tool supports our bylaw enforcement team in providing a high quality of customer service to our residents," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"The new By-law Investigation Map will reduce the time bylaw enforcement officers spend on inquiries related to specific investigations, giving them more time in the field. King is reaching out to the community for input on how we can improve the map to ensure it is user-friendly," added Nancy Cronsberry, Manager of By-law Enforcement.



Donations of 'love bags'

Organizers of a church collection are so grateful for the support it received from St. Paul's congregation, the community and once again this year Hon. Stephen Lecce, who came by the church with a very helpful donation. St. Paul's has been running the Love Bag program for a year and have distributed more than 600 Love Bags to those in need.

The number of people in our area has increased substantially due to the rising inflation costs and the impact of COVID on many families.

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Government continues to accelerate progress on high-speed Internet

No matter where you live, access to reliable, affordable high-speed Internet is essential. Connecting with loved ones, growing a business, working remotely and accessing vital services, like health care and education, require a fast, dependable Internet connection.

A year of progress

In November 2022, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, announced a \$475 million top-up to the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF), bringing the program's total funding to \$3.225 billion. As a result of the UBF and other federal and provincial investments, the Government of Canada is on track to meet its goal of providing access to high-speed Internet to 98% of Canadian households by 2026 and 100% by 2030. Today, over 93.5% of Canadian households have access to high-speed Internet or are targeted to receive access through existing program commitments, compared to just 79% in 2014.

Since the launch of the UBF, 251

projects, which will serve up to 328,000 households with affordable and reliable high-speed Internet, have been announced. This includes 117 projects announced in 2022 alone. The Government of Canada looks forward to announcing more UBF projects through 2023. Projects are posted online as they are announced.

Real results, real progress

The Rapid Response Stream (RRS) was developed to fund shovel-ready projects that could connect households quickly. Today, RRS projects are offering service to 83,000 households across the country, including up to 9,000 Indigenous households.

The Government of Canada has also entered into co-funding partnerships with Quebec, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, Alberta, British Columbia, and Prince Edward Island to connect up to 823,000 households in those provinces. With nearly \$2 billion in provincial co-funding secured, these partnerships allow for more households to

be connected with UBF funding, which helps deliver the national connectivity targets faster.

Many provinces have made significant progress toward achieving universal connectivity already. With a total of \$920 million in federal-provincial co-funding under Canada-Quebec Operation High Speed, Quebec has achieved our common goal of offering high-speed Internet access to all residents in the province. Many other provinces, including Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Nova Scotia, are also very close to achieving universal connectivity. The Government of Canada is working hard with all provinces and territories to get remaining underserved households connected.

Investments under the UBF are producing tangible results for Canadians. In Sylvan Lake, Alberta, residents are already experiencing the benefits of a fast, stable Internet connection. Members of the community reported significant improvements in their day-to-day lives. Thanks to their new high-speed Internet service, a husband and wife brokerage team are now able to work from home instead of exclusively at the office. This increased productivity and flexibility has meant they are consistently placed among the top brokers in their firm across the country. In Pikangikum First Nation, Ontario, the Starlink terminals purchased with RRS funding have already connected the local health authority, the band office, the school, the community centre, the nursing station and the police headquarters to high-speed Internet. This connectivity helped the health authority keep the upper hand during the COVID-19 pandemic through telehealth and online learning.

In November 2022, the government launched an interactive High-Speed Internet Access Dashboard to provide Canadians with the latest information on the government's progress toward achieving universal high-speed Internet access. The dashboard allows Canadians to track national progress and government funding by province and territory.

The work continues

Since 2015, the federal government has allocated more than \$7.6 billion toward improving connectivity across

Canada. These investments will ensure that rural communities' ability to benefit from important services is no longer limited because of a lack of high-speed Internet access. The Government of Canada will continue to work with provinces and territories, municipalities, Indigenous communities and Internet service providers so that all Canadians, no matter where they live, have access to high-speed Internet as soon as possible.

"We all know that Internet is no longer a luxury in this day and age—it's a necessity. Access to fast, reliable Internet helps rural and remote communities by levelling the playing field so they can access essential services like health care and education, participate in the digital economy or simply connect with loved ones. Our progress this year has brought us closer than ever to our goal of connecting all Canadians, no matter where they live, to reliable, high-speed Internet by 2030. I am happy to report that in 2022, we are providing access to over 93.5% of Canadian households, compared to 79% in 2014, and are well on our way to reaching our target," said Gudie Hutchings, Minister of Rural Economic Development.

The Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) is a \$3.225 billion investment by the Government of Canada designed to help connect 98% of Canadians to high-speed Internet by 2026 and achieve the national target of 100% connectivity by 2030.

Today, 93.5% of Canadian households have access to high-speed Internet or are targeted to receive access through existing program commitments, compared to just 79% in 2014.

Canada's Connectivity Strategy aims to provide all Canadians with access to Internet speeds of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) download / 10 Mbps upload.

Since 2015, the Government of Canada has made \$7.6 billion available to build or improve broadband Internet infrastructure from coast to coast to coast.

The Government of Canada has also launched an update to the National Broadband Internet Service Availability Map. Through this interactive tool, Canadians can find Internet service providers and connectivity projects under way in their area.



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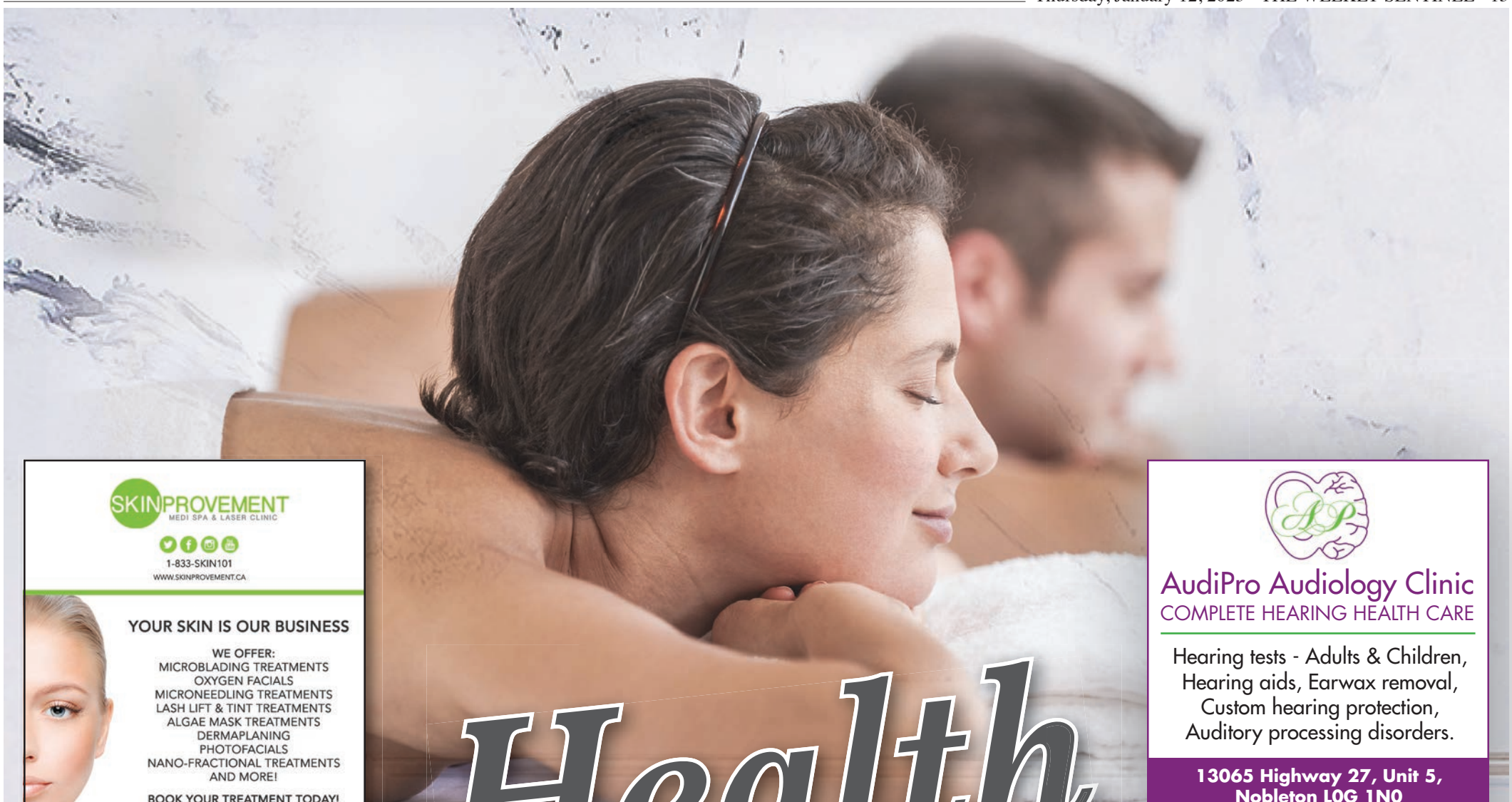
King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor Debbie Schaefer had the opportunity to tour Mitrex recently. The Etobicoke-based company specializes in solar facades, solar railings, solar glass and solar roofs. Local officials are always looking at ways to integrate green standards into new developments, including condos, in King.

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him in this new venture to create a unique pharmacy experience for their clients. The pharmacy space feels bright and relaxing. Built around the idea of healing, the pharmacy strives to provide its clients with a unique and elevated pharmacy experience. When you enter the pharmacy, all your senses are engaged as your eyes land on a living green plant wall, and you are surrounded by the smell of essential oils diffusing into the open space. The sounds of soothing music fill your ears as you are greeted by a staff member with a warm, welcoming smile. The pharmacy is designed with low wooden shelving units to make it easy to find products and ask for assistance.

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Their unique approach to health care is what sets them apart from all other pharmacies. They can help you get to the root cause of your illness and provide you with unique advice and solutions that may go beyond taking just medications. Besides carrying a wide range of over-the-counter medications, they also have a wellness section with professional grade supplements as well as high quality self-care wellness products.

King City Pure believes in giving back to the community. They have a wellness newsletter that goes out every few weeks and they also conduct free wellness workshops on a variety of topics at King Township public library. These workshops are available online and recordings can be accessed on their website. You can join their email list at www.thepure.ca

Their vision is simple, to have a pharmacy space that feels good and where patients feel heard and supported on their healing journey.

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Schomberg Lions

Our Schomberg Lions Club is your service club for our Community. If you are interested in meeting new people, having a bit of fun, contributing towards both your community and your global community, then you really should look into joining our Schomberg Lions.

Right now, they are meeting once a month, for a dinner meeting, at the Trisan and they certainly welcome everyone with open arms.

For years, the Lions used to hold their meetings in our Schomberg Community Hall. They met in the room at the back of the hall, which ultimately was named "The Edgar Piercey Room" after Edgar's death and Edgar was responsible for bringing my father into the Lions Club. My Dad was eternally proud of his membership with the Lions Club, working his way through the executive and being honored with the Governor General's Award was a definite high-lite!

Years ago the Lions arranged to bring a small clubhouse up from Woodbridge with the express purpose of providing a meeting place for the Scouts, at the time. It was placed on the Fairgrounds, and the fair board used it for many years as their clubhouse. Through the '60s, the Lions held many Santa Claus parades, showcasing our very own Carlsberg Belgians from the Remlap Farm (Doug Palmer and family).

Any long-time residents can remember our spectacular Car Draw events where the arena was packed upstairs and down, the Lions' wives put on an amazing spread of food and with the excitement of an Elimination Draw some lucky person would win a car and many others would win cash prizes.

I remember, one year My Mom and Aunt Ruby won the car and the joke afterwards was always who gets the front seat and who gets the back!

The Lions were responsible for the Lions Play Park on our Main Street, they constantly supported sports teams, at Christmas, many needy families were recipients of beautiful baskets of food

and presents.

The Lions always supported me through my many adventures, willingly and generously – Terry Fox Run, the High School Walk down to City Hall, Relay for Life and of course WTEBC.

In 1978, when my Mom got sick, the Lions were right there to offer support and any kind of equipment we may need – what an immeasurable lift that was to our family in our time of need.

I believe their crowning achievement in our Community is bringing the Kitchen-Breedon Manor to fruition. This building, named after Lions Jim Kitchen and Bill Breedon, provided an opportunity for many in Schomberg to remain in their town long after they had to let go of their home and still be close to their roots. My Dad spent his final years in the KB Manor allowing him to be able to remain in his beloved Schomberg. Thank-you Lions for that!

This past December was a busy time for our Lions-along with the Nobleton and King City Lions, they organized the Advent Calendar King Food Bank Drive. They had a skate with Santa event at the Trisan and most importantly for our SVA, they looked after the gates at A Main St. Christmas event alongside our many hockey dads and that was a lifesaver for us. A perfect example of community groups pitching in together to create another successful event in Schomberg!

These are just a few examples of past and present projects the Lions have got involved in. At the end of the day it is all to better support our community! If you would like to be part of this amazing machine please contact:

Gord Dobson at 416-717-2824 gdobson329@gmail.com or Angela Rose 416-855-0580 aroseinking@outlook.com

Gingerbread houses

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Royal LePage RCR-Schomberg's annual gingerbread house competition!

The Judges had a tough job and determined the following winners:

1st place: Travis and Cadence Olthof. 2nd: Giada and Leila Loach-Morra. 3rd: the Ingham Family.

With over 40 entries it was great to see everyone's creativity. Next year we hope to have a bigger contest with more winners and prizes!

Spectacular lights

I noted recently the spectacular lights

at the Phillips farm on the 11th Concession, at #9 Highway. That is John and Debbie Phillips and Debbie did most of the extraordinary work of creating that light display while John was out combining his many acres of fields, getting ready for winter. They were part of the King Tour and the funds from that went to the King Township Food Bank. Thank-you for those beautiful lights and I look forward to another amazing display next year!

Bond Head fiddlers

The Bond Head Olde Tyme Fiddlers Club is fighting back from COVID and all its nastiness so come out to the Bond Head Community Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 and it is the olde fashioned "Ladies Provide."

Come and bring your instrument if you want to partake in the jam or just dance the afternoon away! Everyone is welcome and they hope to make this a monthly event once again.



Lions hand out poinsettias

The King City Lions Club celebrated Christmas and giving back to our community. Personally delivering Poinsettias to our seniors on behalf of the King City Lions Club in King City before the holidays was Lion Rob Payne. Lions delivered more than 80 Poinsettias. Resident Joanne Hofstetter said: "A Special thanks to King City Lions for all they do for the community and especially at this time of year for delivering beautiful Poinsettias to many seniors bringing joy and good cheer."

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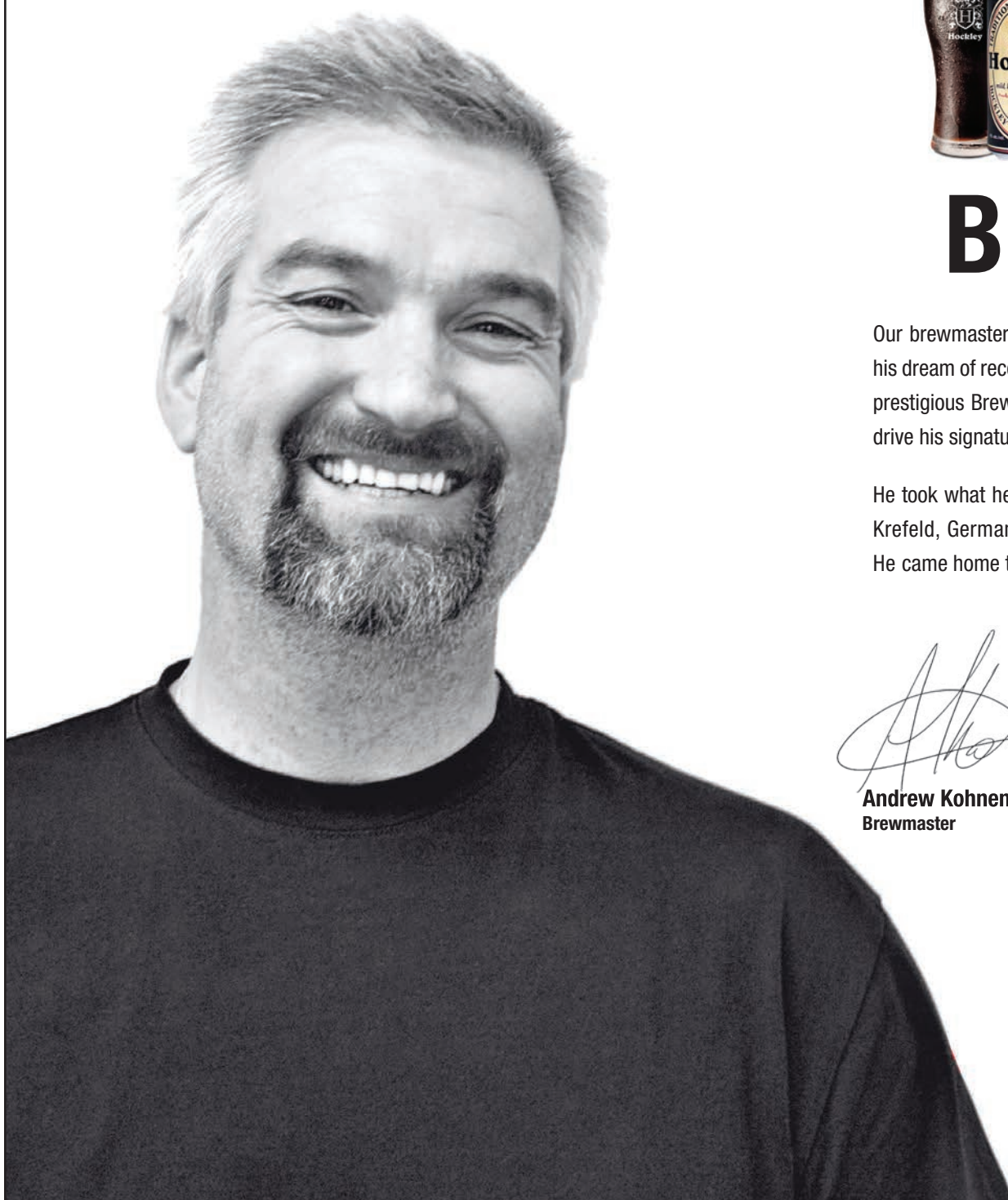
He took what he could from there and ventured to Scotland, Cornwall, and ultimately to Krefeld, Germany, working in the same brewery that had belonged to his ancestors. He came home to Canada for Hockley.

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Andrew Kohnen
Brewmaster

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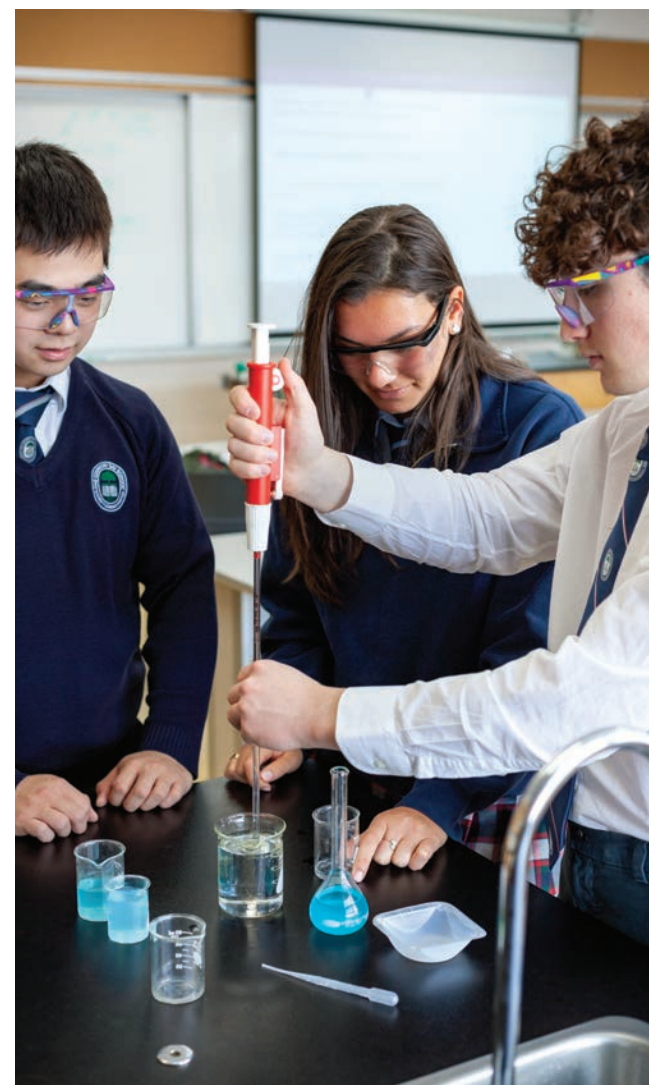
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King's Team Thurston crowned provincial wheelchair champs

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

King Curling welcomed 6 teams from across Ontario this past weekend for the 2023 Provincial Wheelchair Championships.

Teams participating included Ilderton, Toronto Cricket & Curling Club, RA Centre Ottawa, York (Newmarket) and King Curling Club. All competing for the chance to represent our province at the Canadian Nationals in March.

Skip Jon Thurston, representing King Curling along with teammates Collinda Joseph, Christine Molnar and Karl Allen, got off to a great start in their opening game with a solid 14-3 win against Team Gale of the York Curling Club. Thurston collected another win against Team Morris of the RA Centre. Game 3 was a tight battle against Team Grose losing 6-4.

Thurston bounced back in game 4 with a score of 8-2 against Gustafson from TCCC.

The final round-robin game against Team Rees also from the TCCC was game that would determine Thurston's playoff position. Down by 6 after 3 ends,

it was looking bleak for Thurston. With great hits and draws in the 4th the Thurston rink collected 3 and was back in the game. Thurston earned another 3 in the 6th end and stole 2 more in 7 and 8 to force an extra end. Thurston, Joseph, Allen and Molnar had their game in high gear stealing the point for 9-8 victory. The win put the King team into a 3-way tie with Teams Rees and Grose.

The tie-breaker was determined by the draw to the button for hammer in their previous games giving Team Grose more points and the bye into the Finals. Teams Rees and Thurston would play in the semi-final winner advancing to the final.

Thurston came up big once again when it counted. Both Molnar and Allen delivered countless rocks for perfect guard placements and Vice Joseph executed timely draws and takeouts. Skip Jon Thurston executed a sharp double takeout mid game sealing the deal for a 7-3 win and the trip to the finals.

The lounge was full of spectators who continuously commented on the amazing skill levels of these athletes and with each rock thrown, the excitement increased.

Team Grose from Ilderton was a team built on years of experience of playing together. Thurston and Joseph owned National and International experience with Paralympic Bronze medal in 2022 Beijing Olympics and Silver at the 2020 World championships.

Thurston got off to a roaring start with the count of 4 setting the tone for the exciting final. Grose earned a single in the second and Thurston followed with another point in the 3rd while the 4th concluded in a blank.

Grose collected one more in the 5th then capitalized on a Thurston miss for a steal of one in the 6th. The score now 5-3 for Thurston saw the blood pressure slightly increase for Coach Bruce Gorsline, a member of the King Curling Club.

While Gorsline, who had tremendous support from his fellow members cheering on his team, also knew that there is really no bias between curlers because every great shot made by team Grose, the applause from the gallery



King Curling Club's Skip Jon Thurston, Vice Collinda Joseph, Second Karl Allen and Chrissy Molnar as Lead along with Coach Bruce Gorsline are the 2023 Ontario Wheelchair Provincial Champions. The team will represent Ontario at the Canadian National Championships in Moose Jaw Saskatchewan in March.

Photo by Shellee Morning



Skip Jon Thurston delivers his last rock during the Ontario Provincial finals held in King.

Nobleton player crowned World Junior champion

By Robert Belardi

As Dylan Guenther slotted home the game-winning goal in overtime against the Czech Republic last week, it wasn't solely a victory for Team Canada but it was also a big victory for Nobleton and King Township.

Guenther's third point of the night that sent the entire arena and the country into pandemonium, also meant that young 18-year-old centre Adam Fantilli from Nobleton would get hands on the illustrious prize for the first time in his young career.

Fantilli, who is a centreman for the University of Michigan, has been making headlines throughout the tournament. Fantilli is a highly touted prospect and is being projected to be drafted top-five in the upcoming 2023 NHL Entry Draft.

Throughout the world junior hockey championships, Fantilli recorded two goals and three assists in five games. At 6-foot-2, Fantilli is one of the best skaters in his class and has the abil-

ity to power through defenceman. Throughout his time in Moncton and in Halifax, it was evident this was so.

A product of the Toronto Jr. Canadiens, since the 2019/2020 season, Fantilli has been developing in the United States. That year, Fantilli made the move to the Top Gun/NE Prep 18U AAA team and then moved to Kimball Union Academy in the USHS-Prep league.

Later in the year, Fantilli transferred to the Chicago Steel in the USHL and made an instant impact. In his first year with the team, Fantilli recorded 36 points in 49 games. In his second season, Fantilli recorded 74 points in 54 games.

Having competed with Team Canada U18 throughout that time, this past year, Fantilli committed to the University of Michigan and has been a stud in the NCAA. Currently he has 26 points in 16 games and is looking to continue that momentum in the league this year.

Despite all of the talk surrounding Connor Bedard (and rightfully so) there are many pundits who believe Fantilli will be drafted right behind him. So, keep an eye out on our Nobleton boy. His game continues to improve and by the summer, he should be taken by an NHL franchise.

As for Team Canada, their 3-2 victory over the Czech Republic secured their second consecutive world junior title in a row.

In the finals, Guenther led the way with two goals and one assist on the night. Captain Shane Wright also got on the score sheet as well.

was just as hearty.

The steal by Grose in the 6th acted as a wake-up call for Thurston who then earned a count of 4 for a 9-3 lead. The strategy for Thurston in the 7th was to simply run their opponent out of rocks which is exactly what was accomplished. Thurston not needing to throw their last rocks claimed victory and the Title of Ontario Provincial Champion.

King Curling Club is very proud and wishes Team Thurston continued success as they will now represent our province at the Canadian Nationals being held in Moose Jaw Saskatchewan in March.

During the award ceremonies Tom Ward, representative of Curlon and coordinator for the Wheelchair event, congratulated all teams with their per-

formance throughout the event with notable mentions of the exciting play-off round. Ward, who was astonished at the amount of volunteers that worked tirelessly above and beyond as well as the extraordinary hospitality during the 4 day event, gratefully thanked and congratulated King Curling Club for a very successful event.

Kathleen Gorsline from the King Curling Club spearheaded the organization of the event and put together a remarkable team of approximately 90 volunteers. In recognition by Curlon representatives Tom Ward and Rick Thurston, Club President Barb Davis said: "The level of curling that our club witnessed over the 4-day event was truly amazing by us all. It was our privilege to host the event."



Rebellion U14 win championship

The week before Christmas, most of us were busy getting the last few things done before the holidays. That wasn't the case for the King Rebellion U14 team, who were busy setting their sights on another championship trophy from across the border.

As the incumbent champions, there were certain expectations this team had coming into Buffalo. That being said, the team needed to overcome adversity before raising the trophy above their heads.

This adversity came during their first game with a 4-1 loss to the Niagara Falls Flyers. Shook, going into Game 2, the boys rallied and put together a great performance against the Flamborough Sabres team with a convincing 8-1 win, restoring their confidence. With the semi-finals in grasp, the team knew that they would need a win or a tie against an unbeaten Oakville Rangers team.

The Riverworks Outdoor Ice Facility comes with its own challenges, with a strong wind and blowing snow the ice can quickly become like quicksand. The team who is able to pivot and use this adversity to its benefit tends to come out on top. A back-and-forth game it was, with it ending in a 2-2 draw, berthing a spot in the semi-finals for the Rebellions.

This meant another round against the Oakville Rangers; with a quick turnaround, both teams met at the Niagara University big stage. This game was to be won on effort and effort alone, whoever had gas in the tank would be going to the finals. King came out strong, dictating the game, eventually becoming the winner of the semi-final game with a score of 3-1.

"Skating on Sunday" is why 16 families from King made their way to Buffalo, and the team did not disappoint. Playing their adversaries from Niagara, the raw, outdoor ice did not slow the Rebellion's game. King started with an early lead and never looked back, taking the Championship game 5-1 and returning the hardware back to King. A proud coaching staff left the team with one message, "The boys played with their hearts on their sleeves this weekend and they were rewarded. These are defining moments in a season, and you take these moments and grow from them. The season is still young and there is a lot of hockey to be played ... The best is yet to come."

The King Rebellion U14 Team would like to thank all of its sponsors for their support this season. Without them, this tournament and championship would not be possible.



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 giving the message this Sunday. 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 or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](https://www.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.

Our Tuesday morning LifeConnect Group for women is meeting with a mix of Zoom and in person meetings every Tuesday morning at 9:30. A LifeConnect Group, open to anyone, also meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and will begin again on Jan. 11. Meetings are a mix of online and in person. These groups go deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It is 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

Quilting and/or Knitting continues meeting Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the lower hall of the church. 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.

St. Paul's is coordinating with the King Township Food Bank in the distribution of "St. Paul's Love Bags." These bags include items that are seldom donated and are in high demand for those less fortunate. If you would like to help by contributing to this mission, please check www.stpaulsnobleton.ca to find a list of items needed.

St. Mary's Church

I hope and pray that you and your families are doing well as we look forward to celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord.

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 begin the New Year by receiving 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.

Our next event will be hosted on Saturday, Jan. 14 after the 5 p.m. Youth Mass in the St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Kindly contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or zgangl@archtoronto.org to join our events. Hope to see you there!

Please note, we are hosting our next Confirmation preparation class on Friday, Jan. 13. Confirmation Preparation Class #4 - The Prayer Process at 7 p.m. Pick up time is 9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our parish family.

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

Community Singing Group

Do you enjoy singing? Have you ever wanted to sing but felt you were not good enough? Well, here is your opportunity. With our singing group, you don't have to be good enough or audition. We are also open to all ages. If you prefer to play an instrument rather than sing, please bring your instru-

ment and join in.

Our first start-up date is Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at Nobleton United Church, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton.

For more information, please contact Dennis Kowal at 416-550-5083 (cell) or 905-857-4033 (home). You can email him at dennis5k@hotmail.com

We could sing for seniors' groups, or at seniors' residences or anywhere that people might enjoy hearing an amateur group. We are looking forward to bringing joy to others, while having fun ourselves.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Last Sunday, we had a surprise visit during our service of Epiphany by 3 wise men! They were from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Maple. Each of these men have been to our church before: their leader (called the Imam) Imtiaz Ahmed, Riaz Bajwa and Dr. Naseem Ullah. We had a chance to renew acquaintances with them after the service, as we enjoyed refreshments with them. They are trying to get Canadians to know and not fear Muslims. Their motto is "Love for All, Hatred for None."

Sunday, Jan. 15, our guest speaker is Rev. Don Gibson. Then on Jan. 22, we have Jackie Whiston; on Jan. 29, Phil Mannell and on Feb. 5 we have student minister Richard Gardner.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on Tuesday, Jan. 17 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 Dan the Countryman. Dan will be doing Country & Gospel Music. The menu is pork chops with apple chutney, peas, rice and gingerbread cake with ice cream. 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.

"Jesus being found in the temple" is the theme of the next Messy Church on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 5 pm. Messy Church is a fun way to learn about Bible stories. There will be a treasure hunt as one of the activities, since Joseph and Mary had to hunt for Jesus and finally found him questioning the elders in the temple.

The activities are aimed at chil-

dren from 2 years to young teenagers, accompanied by a responsible adult. There are optional crafts (5 to 6 p.m.) set up on different tables (you do the activities at your own pace and in any order) and at 6 p.m., there is an interactive Bible story (to 6:15 p.m.) and then a meal. One of the activities is always cookie decorating. Please let me know if you are interested in bringing your children, as I need to have enough crafts and food for all. For more info, please contact me.

Our Zoom Coffee hour is Wednesday mornings 10 to 11 a.m. Let me know if you want to be included in the email blast or want to join via phone. We would love to have you drop in and say hello.

Nobleton United Church is at 6076 King Rd., Nobleton, about 6 buildings west of Hwy 27, north side of the King Rd. There is a large parking lot in the back. My contact info is 905-859-0761 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com.

Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is back and in full swing. Watch for some new initiatives early in the new year.

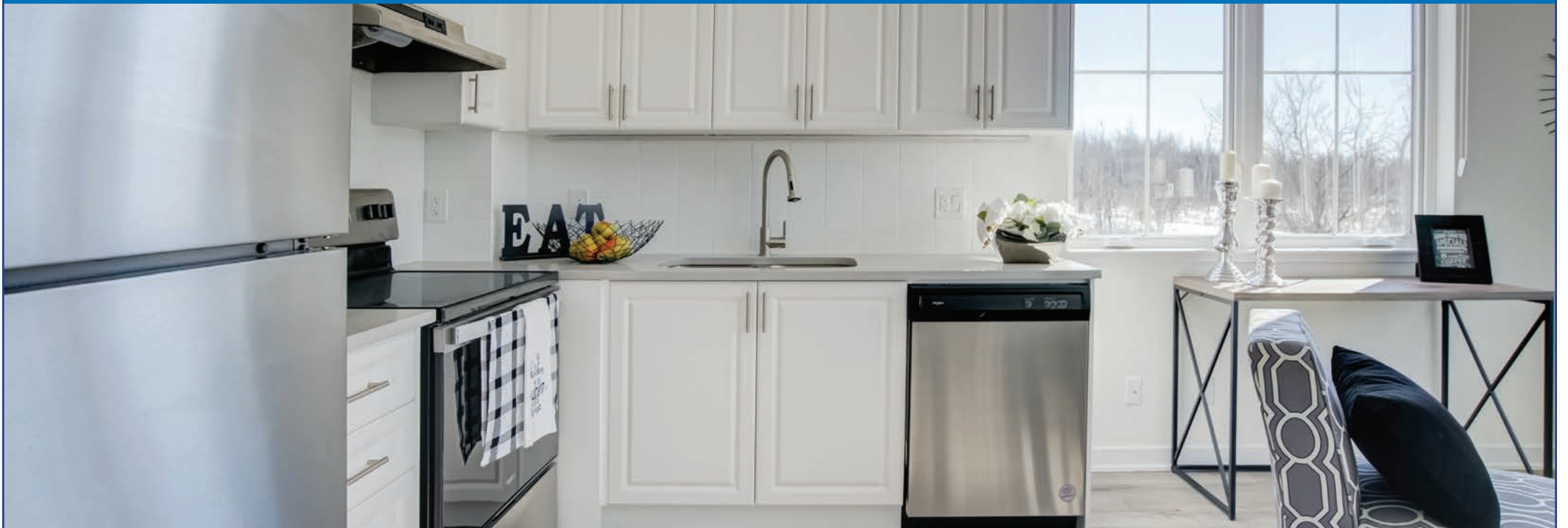
Calling all knitters and crocheters! There is a continuing need for cozy, homemade slippers at various Ronald McDonald Houses. It seems that people sometimes find themselves needing to stay in close proximity to hospitals when their children require hospitalization on an unexpected basis. Ronald McDonald 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.

We invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@nobletonlionclub), on Twitter (@NobletonLions), and on our website, by simply Googling "Nobleton Lions," which will bring up the link to the site.

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 We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from Sept to June at the Community Hall, just north of the arena.

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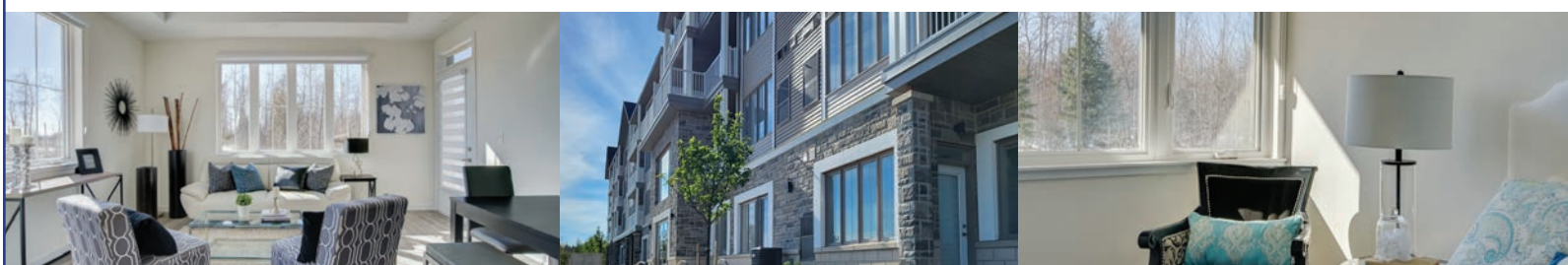


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King's Corners

**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Last Sunday we celebrated a baptism on the first Sunday of Epiphany. Rev Andrews message "Baptism-The Inauguration of New Life" examined the way we perceive our worth in this ever challenging world. We were encouraged to be cautious in defining our worth by the traditional "trends" which place high value on our status, our wealth and our jobs and to always remember that our true measure is as a "child of God" in whom He is well pleased.

For the full text please visit our website. Our next worship will be on Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. where we will welcome Sandra Kirby as guest speaker. We hope to see you there.

For the PDF of past messages and recordings please visit our website at kuc.net

We encourage all to help out with the King Township Food Bank who is experiencing ever growing needs and we encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial do-

nations at this time of year which can be most difficult for many needing assistance.

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

King Bible Church

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We also have virtual Bible studies over Zoom. Further information is on our website under "Small Groups." If you have any questions please email Lisa Lethangue at lisa@kingbiblechurch.com.

King City Seniors By Carolyn Kanitz

Reminder that art class resumes tomorrow (Friday, Jan. 13).

Our next potluck lunch will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20. Each attendee is asked to bring either a main dish or a dessert.

Our schedule is as follows:

Monday: 9:30 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 2/3); 11 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 1).

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing; 1 p.m. Bid Euchre.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 2/3); 11 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 1); 1 p.m. Bridge.

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Gentle Motion; 1 p.m. Carpet Bowling.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. Art Class; 1 p.m. Euchre.

Mark your calendar for the following presentations: February 3 - Elder Abuse and March 3 Alzheimers. Indicate your interest in attending by calling the Centre at 905-833-6565.

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St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's, Presbyterian Church! Sunday Worship Service is in person at 10:30 a.m. Lynn Vissers led us in worship and delivered the sermon. Her text was from Ephesians 2:1-10 entitled "Made Alive in Christ." How? By God's wonderful grace and mercy. Our services are being recorded and posted later in the afternoon at standrews-kingcity.ca.

The virtual Bible Study and Art for the Soul will be meeting later in January. Contact Lynn for information and the ZOOM link. (416-998-4652)

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King's Corners

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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."

Contact Pastor Niyazi and/or Irada Bilgen at (416) 878-8499 about The Greater Grace Fellowship.

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By Patrick Gossage

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"Don't worry about anything, instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." Philippians 4:6.

The Baptism of the Lord - Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on the story in Matthew 3:

"One might wonder why Jesus needed to be baptized. We associate baptism with the washing away of sins and forgiveness. If Jesus is without sin, why would he be baptized?"

"But baptism isn't just a mechanism for forgiveness. As we see in Matthew, it announces God's favour. A voice from heaven announces that Jesus is God's Son, the One with whom God is well pleased. Baptism for Jesus was about the inauguration of his mission and ministry. Baptism is not about having our slate wiped clean. It is a reminder of God's perfect love for us. It's a symbol of our commitment to do our best to live in a way that reflects God's values of love, mercy and forgiveness.

"Today it doesn't have the same impact as it did to ancient Christians.

Then it was a huge deal. People who were going to be baptized studied with a sponsor (the equivalent to a godparent) for at least a year, learning from them what a Christian life meant. Sponsors would continue to remind them of the commitment they made to God. These days few people remind their children of their baptism or celebrate its anniversary.

"Baptism is a part of everything that we do as Christians. Our liturgy reminds us of our baptismal vows. When we say the confession it's part of our baptismal covenant. The Eucharist is an extension of our baptismal promise to live out the things Jesus taught us, At the dismissal at the end of the service we're sent forth into the world to live out our baptism. God's words for Jesus are also offered to us. We are God's children with whom God is well pleased. We're worthy of God's love and care and attention. We are gifted to do God's work in the world. Baptism tells that God wants to do wonderful things through us.

"This is why it's important to remember to remember who we are and WHOSE we are. This week, I'm going to ask you to practice something to reinforce that. Whenever you can, speak

these words to yourself: 'I am God's child, deserving of love and respect, and God will use me to change the world.' In the words that we say together in the baptismal liturgy, 'let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.' Never forget who you are. And of course, always remember that Jesus came to earth, lived, died and was raised again to demonstrate in word and deed just how much God loves and wants us."



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708 OBITUARIES



Georgia Regis McDonald (née Ross)

We said goodbye to our dear Granny - Georgia Regis McDonald (née Ross) - on December 30th at Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland, Ontario at the age of 95.

Born February 4, 1927, in Florence, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia to Anne Carrie and Ben Ross, she was predeceased by her son, Gerry, and leaves behind Paul (Lori), Michael (Barbara), Charles, Joey (Jane), Linda (Hans) and stepson Don (Denise), along with 10 grandchildren - John (Ebru), Jamie, Tara (Charles), Evan, Joshua, Matthew (Aly), Tyler (Beth), Scott (Jess), David and Adam - and two great grandchildren - Ella and Ehret.

Granny moved to King City, Ontario from Cape Breton in the 50s, bringing all her east coast sensibilities with her, and instilling them in her family, with music at the core. She supported music her whole life, and cheered on all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren by allowing basement band practices and hosting regular family sing-alongs, complete with living room jigs.

Granny, as we all lovingly called her, was the epitome of an amazing female role model, raising her family and paying off her mortgage as a single mom. She moved to the Georgian Bay area in the 90s, where she earned a local reputation as a frugal coupon-clipper that no retail staff messed with! There was nothing she couldn't do.

For 25 years, she lived next to her son Paul, which made visits to "the compound" by her kids and grandkids easy. She loved being with family, and cooking for everyone gave her great joy. She could corral dinner for 10 or 20 without notice, and you rarely left her house without first being served breakfast in bed, asked whether you needed any ironing done (while she happened to be pressing pillowcases anyway!), or making sure you had takeout drinks and snacks for the drive home!

Granny also loved gardening, mowed her own lawn, shovelled her own driveway, and stacked cords of wood for winter heating well into her 90s - not because she had to, but because she loved doing it, and it kept her active. She also drove herself until just a few months ago, making the daily pilgrimage to Bingham's Variety Store in Balm Beach for the Toronto Sun and some 6/49 tickets. Though she never won the lottery, we all knew that we had.

She embodied - almost redefined - generosity, caring, and selflessness. She was a mother to so many, our grand matriarch, and the glue that held our family tight. She was a role model for us all - she chose to be happy, kind, and generous, until the end. She was our silent, courageous hero - a good person, acting ethically, every day. We will all miss her determined, steely, heart of gold, but are filled with nothing but joy and gratitude for every moment we shared with her. No doubt she is somewhere still enjoying a cup of tea with the hockey game or Jeopardy still on in the background.

A special thank you to the staff at Georgian Bay General Hospital, who made her final days comfortable and dignified, and to Sherry Moreau and Shaelyn Dorion of the LeClair Cremation Centre.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled in the late Spring (details to follow).

Rest in peace, dear Granny.

708 OBITUARIES



William (Bill) Bible

It is with deepest sorrow that we announce the passing of William Bible on January 6, 2023. He will be deeply missed by his wife and soulmate, Helen, of 62 years. He was the cherished and loving father of Debbie (Ian Parrish)

and Ron (Kim) and the proud grandfather of Nicole & Danielle. William was the eldest son of Alvin and Gladys Bible of Palgrave, dear brother of Dora Green (Barrie) and predeceased by his sister Ina Walker (Calgary) and brothers John (Orangeville) and Jim (Fergus). William has resided in Nobleton for 60 years and was very active in the community. One of his most notable roles was his time as chairman of the Nobleton Community Recreation Association, where he played a significant role in rebuilding the Nobleton arena and community centre. Once built, Bill spent an enjoyable season playing hockey, and his team decided to continue their friendship by playing ball together over the summer. This was the beginning of the men's slow-pitch baseball in Nobleton, which is still going strong today. As the men began their first baseball season, they became aware of much-needed improvements in the park. Bill was instrumental in implementing various amenities such as extra ball diamonds, bleachers, lights, double tennis courts, pavilions and many trees to enhance the experience for all. Bill always had a passion for giving back to his family, friends and the community he loved and called home for many years. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Friday, January 13, from 11:00 am until the time of the funeral service in the chapel at noon. Following a reception at the funeral home, interment will take place at Nobleton Cemetery. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The King Township Food Bank (www.ktfb.ca) or Nobleton Lions Club (www.canadahelps.org).

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Chenette, Grace Isabel

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Grace Isabel (née Donnelly) Chenette on Monday, December 19th 2022, peacefully with family at her side at Mackenzie Health. Born March 10th, 1930 she was 92 years old. Predeceased by her loving husband Armand (Rocky) Chenette. Loving mother of Donna (née Chenette) Logue and Mickey Chenette. Adoring Grandmother to George, Graeme, Jaime and Emilie. Delighted great grandmother of 8.

Grace had a long catering career for Simpsons and later the Hudson's Bay. She enjoyed volunteering including the Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League. And she loved spending time with family.

A Private family graveside service followed by a celebration of life will be announced at in the spring of 2023.

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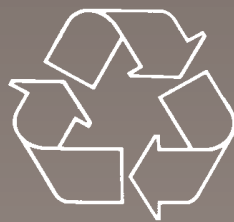
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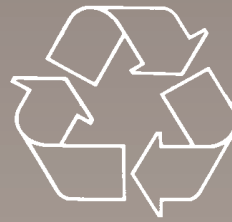
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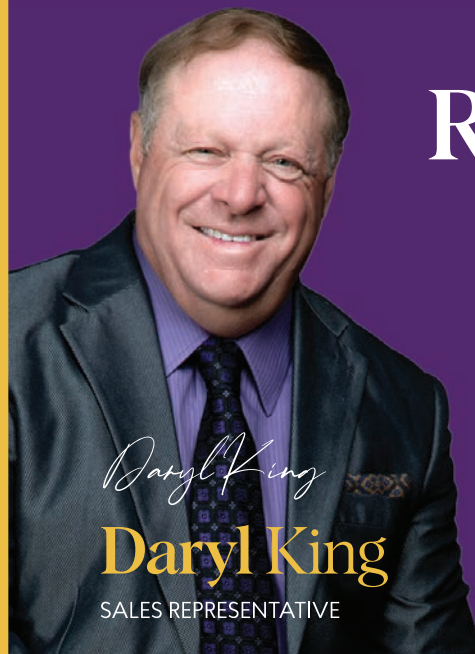
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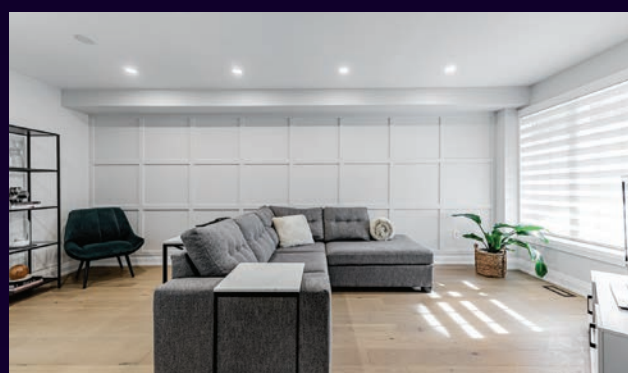
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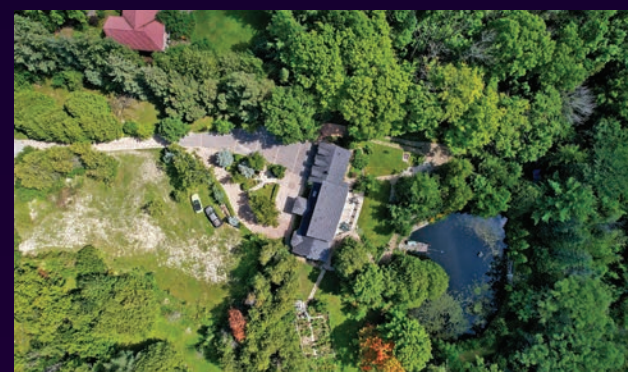
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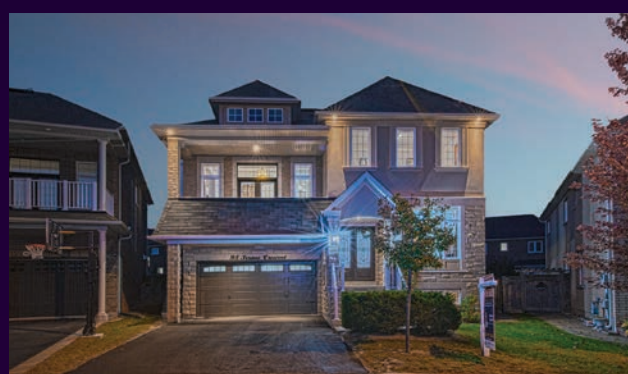
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