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## Residents enjoy syrup festival

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## Local farm submits greenhouse bid to Township

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Township staff are working with a local farm in its application for expanded facilities, including a greenhouse. A public planning meeting was held recently for the bid by Kinghaven Farms for a greenhouse and other related uses on his horse farm on King Road.

The farm owners want to convert the existing horse training facility and build a large greenhouse, measuring some 44,700 square feet, in three phases. The greenhouse operation will include new smart farm technology, including a hydroponic operation using automated machinery. A site plan still has to be submitted for the project.

The property is located in the Greenbelt Greenbelt Protected Countryside Area. The purpose of the Protected Countryside Area is to enhance the overall quality of life

in urban and rural areas by promoting agricultural viability and protection. An objective of this Area is to provide appropriate flexibility to allow for agricultural, agriculture-related and on-farm diversified uses, normal farm practices and an evolving agricultural and rural economy.

The application(s) are currently undergoing a detailed technical review and have been circulated to internal departments and external agencies for review and comment.

Staff will continue to work with the applicant to address feedback received through the public consultation process as well as comments raised through the technical review of the applications by internal departments and external agencies. Based on these comments revisions may be required to plans or reports submitted in support of these applications.

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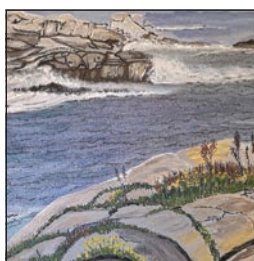



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**Monday, March 20**  
6 p.m. – Council and Committee of the Whole  
Virtual meeting live streamed at [king.ca/meetings](http://king.ca/meetings)

**Monday, April 3**  
6 p.m. – Council Public Planning meeting  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

**Thursday, April 6**  
6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [cpang@king.ca](mailto:cpang@king.ca) by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

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

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- Recreation League Convener (Casual Contract) – Community Services – Deadline March 31, 2023
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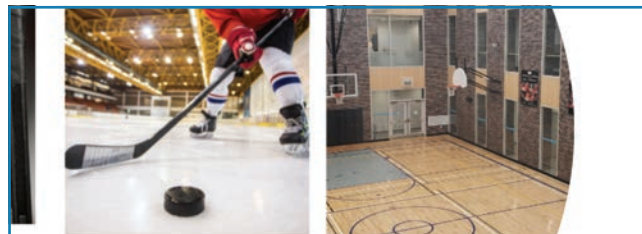


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# Project praised for its positive innovative qualities

From Front Page

A staff report to the Committee of the Whole will be brought forward at a later date for the Township to make a decision on the zoning bylaw amendment.

The Kinghaven Farm has been a family business since 1967. It started as a thoroughbred breeding and racing farm with various barns, equipment/maintenance buildings, paddock, horse training track, and recently the farm is focussed on sustainable agribusiness in the field of apiculture, small batch goods, and woodland management.

The site has dramatic rolling topography with natural heritage features (e.g., significant woodland, valleyland, wetland). The proposed location of the greenhouse facility will be outside of the regulated areas.

The site is approximately 71.72 hectares (177.22 acres) in size with frontage on King Road and main access to the farm, and frontage on 7th Concession Road, an alternative access leading to the horse farm and proposed commercial greenhouse location.

Pre-consultation was held in July 2022 with the Township of King, Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), and York Region. The Township's new Countryside Zoning Bylaw does not permit the proposed commercial greenhouse facility and requires the amendment for such an agricultural use.

Parking requirements for a large scale greenhouse facility would require a significant amount of parking spaces (±800 spaces) which would remove valuable land from the agricultural use and requires the amendment for the reduction in parking.

The plan is for a new smart farm agricultural glass greenhouse that will produce leafy green lettuce with a hydroponic operation using automated machinery.

The proposed facility will promote a diverse innovative economically strong and sustainable agricultural industry that strives to contribute to the Township of King.

It will also maintain a net-zero enterprise of the various farming activities that consciously promotes ethical, sustainable farming practices, such as renewable energy and woodlot management.

It will be phased operation with the first phase including a 18,700-square-metre (1.87-hectare) greenhouse plus the additional space for harvesting and packaging, warehouse, office, shipping/receiving, loading spaces, and employee/visitor parking.

The horse track will be removed and the greenhouse will align over the track and the existing barn will be converted into the administration office.

Subsequent phases to a full build out scenario will total 4.47 hectares.

Existing hydro/power being supplied by the roof solar panels on the horse barn will be reused and eventually be supplemented by the proposed ground solar panels in phase two construction timeline and pending REA approvals.

Light abatement strategy – vertical walls will be made of sandwich panel and roof will integrate blackout screening – is planned

Councillor David Boyd pointed out that both he and Mayor Pellegrini met with Jay Willmot and his team last year, and learn more about their vision.

“It’s great to see their innovative proposal coming to life. Kinghaven’s model is based on sustainable farming with the goal of better than net zero greenhouse emissions made possible by solar energy. This proposal is well-suited for King Township,” he said.

Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) “enthusiastically supports the proposed expansion of agricultural uses on the Kinghaven Farm,” according to member Bruce Craig. “We commend the Wilmot family for including additional planting of trees for screening purposes, and we recognize that light from the greenhouses will be minimized through blackout features in the design.”

He said this is clearly an innovative forward-looking proposal in King’s rural area which seeks to support the entire operation through renewable energy generated on the Kinghaven farm and surpass net zero goals.

One of CCKT’s main priorities is to support projects which sustain the natural heritage systems, productive farmland and rural land uses on the Oak Ridges Moraine and throughout the Greenbelt Countryside. In addition, CCKT supports actions to expand clean, renewable power generation which are effective in addressing the climate emergency, improving air quality and

contributing to healthy, sustainable, rural communities.

“In our view, this proposed greenhouse project with the adjacent arrays of solar panels is positive in many respects. It shows the vision and willingness of Kinghaven Farms to adapt their farm operations and adopt newer technology to meet current and future food needs and contribute to local food security in a region with growing population. In addition, the solar panels will provide additional renewable energy to the Ontario electricity grid and help in meeting important climate action goals.

“Of special significance, this greenhouse proposal supports sustaining the Greenbelt Countryside land for agri-

cultural purposes for the long term in King Township. This is a big plus!”

Craig did note, though, that since greenhouses can emit considerable artificial light, it will be important that appropriate light abatement measures are planned in the design of this project.

Craig asked whether Kinghaven Farms would be willing to return any areas of marginal farmland to forest, which once covered the rolling hills of Kinghaven Farms and many other parts of King Township, through the planting of suitable native tree and shrub species.

“This would enrich the bio-diversity of the area, and help sequester carbon,” he said.



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## Council does not support cell tower

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

A proposal for a Rogers cell tower did not receive King council support recently. These types of applications are fairly straightforward, but King backed off supporting the idea because Rogers would not agree to a monopole design, one that’s common and less intrusive across the municipality.

The applicant was asking for a letter of concurrence, which was supported by Township staff, however.

Council stuck by its request to incorporate a tree-like monopine tower, but the applicant said challenges, including restriction co-location opportunities, safety hazards for an oversized monopine tower and the expense, made it not feasible.

Municipal support in these cases is not required, since telecommunication towers are federally regulated and are not subject to municipal or provincial bylaws or regulations.

The tower is planned 4785 15th Sideroad, west of the 7th Concession. It’s a 21-5-hectare parcel.

The proposal is for a 60-metre-tall steel self-support tower with a 15-metre square enclosed compound area. The applicants chose this design for its relatively small footprint and to maximize its co-location potential. Staff noted it is set back well into the interior of the property.

“Telecommunications towers are necessary and provide signals for many different purposes. King was initially supportive of a new telecommunications tower, using a design element that blended with the nearby trees, called a monopine. What we are opposed to is the proposed 60-metre-tall steel, self-support tower in the middle of our countryside. As a result, King has rejected a request for this tower,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

- Michael Connelly

## Navigating the weird world of virtual money

D.H. Lawrence once said that money is our "vast creative madness."

There was a time when a fool and his money were soon parted, but now it happens to everybody, Adlai Stevenson admitted.

I can go on and on about the charms and evils of money. There was a time when cold, hard cash was king, but today, you rarely see the stuff changing hands.

It may be hard to imagine the world without money, but we are transitioning to a totally cashless society.

Money is just a medium of exchange - it makes it easier to buy and sell things. For example, it's simpler to swipe our cards at the self-serve checkouts than to carry a goat into the store to trade for a new sword as our ancestors once did.

Money also made things a lot easier for people. They knew exactly how many pieces of silver they needed to buy a chicken and how many ingots they got for a bushel of wheat. Large numbers, clearly printed on the coins and then later bills, made commerce easy.

I remember the good, old days, when cashiers had to do mental math to make change. Today, they punch in a few icons on the keyboard and typically hit the payment button. If paying by card, they don't have to wrestle with change or bills or coins.

While I like the crinkly bills I once carried in my wallet, it's been some time since I've had a \$50 or \$100 in my possession. I get rid of loonies and toonies as soon as I get them.

When we think of money, we picture bank notes and coins. It's the Bank of Canada's job to design and produce the country's bank notes and the job of the Royal Canadian Mint to produce coins - modern works of art really.

Over the years, I've saved many \$1, \$2 and \$5 bills, simply to mount and frame and admire. As of last year, the \$1 and \$2 are no longer accepted as currency by retailers.

I always liked the artistry and sense of national pride depicted in our bank notes. I've amassed a small but colourful collection that not only includes Ca-



Mark Pavilons

nadian notes but some from around the world. I found a Bahamian \$3 bill and an American \$2 bill, and love them because they're oddities. I have a collection of pre-war German "depression" bills, some that had face values of 1 billion Marks.

My mom told me stories that before the war she remembered literally taking a wheelbarrow full of cash to the grocery store just for essentials.

They're massive, colourful notes, but worthless today. But if these bills could talk!

Today, we not only make purchases electronically, but most of our bills are paid automatically or online. I used to enjoy visiting the bank on pay days, simply to chat and shoot the breeze with tellers. For years, they kept telling me to try online banking. Well, I did, and now I seldom venture into the bank itself. A shame really.

Today's electronic banking is kind of weird. We tap our card on a POS machine, the information zips through the air in tiny bytes of information. That action triggers a command for your bank to send a certain amount from your account to the seller's account. And that account may be at a different bank or

half-way around the world.

The system works because banks and payment systems have the controls in place to get it right every time. Every electronic transaction is recorded, and Payments Canada ensures the correct amount of money travels through our payments system.

Institutions such as the Bank for International Settlements define digital currency as "monetary value stored on an electronic device issued upon a receipt of funds and accepted as a means of payment by entities other than the issuer."

There's no question today's system is fast, convenient and stress free.

I went kicking and screaming into the new world of e-everything. But I still don't have a virtual card on my phone - I prefer the real deal, a plastic card.

The whole thing is still a bit strange, considering all of our money doesn't really exist. It's just tons of dots, dashes, maybe binary codes. No real, hard cash exists, or sits in a vault somewhere with our name on it. All intangible, "pretend currency." Money has no essence.

That's why it's a bit funny that in most TV shows and movies, they display briefcases filled with \$100 bills. Yeah, try to spend it, or deposit it in your bank account and see what happens!

I still have trouble grasping the concept of cryptocurrency like bitcoin. Banks prefer to call them "cryptoassets" and transactions take place between anonymous addresses and are recorded on a "distributed ledger." There is no trusted third party to manage the system or gather user information.

Cryptoassets aren't widely accepted as a medium of exchange. Try to find a

supermarket that lets you buy groceries with bitcoin.

Cryptoassets aren't generally a reliable store of value. For example, the price of bitcoin jumped from just over \$1,000 (U.S.) at the start of 2017 to more than \$18,000 in December of that year. Then it fell by three-quarters over 2018.

Because cryptoassets aren't associated with national currencies, such as the Canadian or U.S. dollar, vendors that accept them need to constantly adjust their prices.

It's all beyond me.

What isn't beyond my grasp is what I owe and when I get a nasty message on a handheld device, recommending I try again.

Whether it's invisible and flying through the airwaves, or weighing down your pocket or purse, money is among our worst creations.

My son recently observed that if we remove money from the human equation, wouldn't that result in world peace, equality and eliminate greed?

They don't use money in the space, Captain Kirk once told his lunch date.

Forrest Gump was lucky because of investments made on his behalf in some "fruit company." So he simply enjoys riding his mower, cutting grass for free. One less thing to worry about, he said.

Until we can all enjoy life like Forrest, we're chained, handcuffed, weighed down and burdened by the invisible all-mighty dollar.

"If it takes money to be happy, your search for happiness will never end," Bob Marley once said.

Ain't it the truth?

### Education

#### YRDSB seeks community input in search for new director

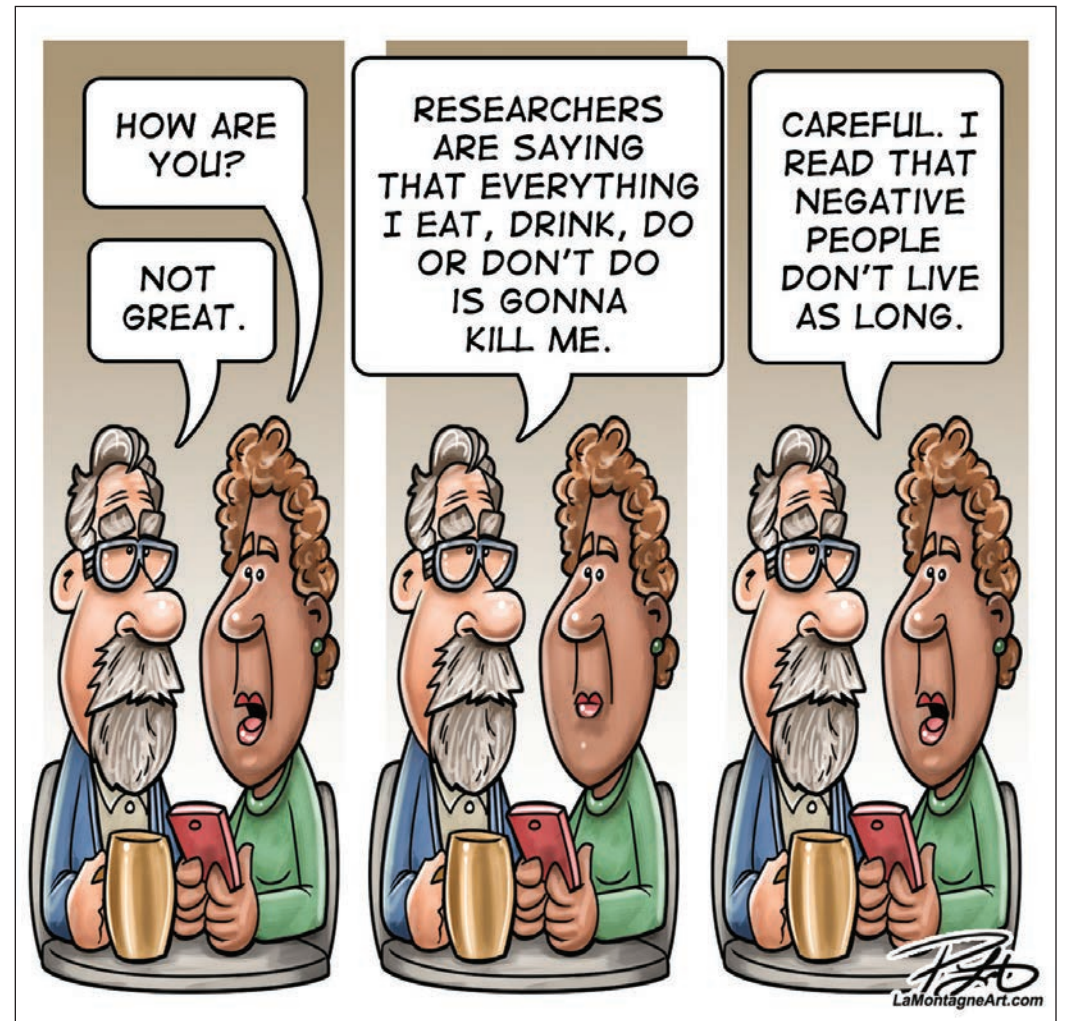
York Region District School Board has launched a survey to collect feedback on the qualities and characteristics community members would like to see in the Board's new director of education.

The Board of Trustees has engaged the services of Four Corners Group, a leading Canadian executive search firm, to gather community input and recommendations of the Board's new director of education. You can share your feedback through a confidential online survey at <https://s.surveyplanet.com/np00shf5>.

"The community's input is vital to the Board of Trustees," said Board Chair and Trustee Ron Lynn. "Recruiting the Director of Education is one of the most critical tasks that Trustees will engage in and we look forward to hearing from the community to support this important process and decision."

The survey results will be submitted electronically directly to the executive search firm. The feedback gained from the survey will ensure that the candidate profile, job description and evaluation criteria are aligned with the needs of the community and the strategic direction of the Board.

All responses will be held in strict confidence by the firm. Responses received by Tuesday March 28 at 12 p.m. will be considered in the development of the Director of Education candidate profile, job description and evaluation criteria. Responses received after this date will be shared with trustees for their information.



### Quote of the Week

*"Be a lamp, ladder or Lego, just be something that makes the world better."*

- Abhijit Naskar

### Trivia Tidbits

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# A brief history of the King City Seniors Centre

Fisher Street was home to the King City Seniors Centre from 1988 until the early spring of 2020, when the pandemic arrived.

Prior to the building on Fisher Street, seniors would meet in the basement of the King City United Church for fellowship and some activities. In 1986, Lloyd White, Howard Clegg and Spencer Urquart helped to get the King City Seniors Centre started, with assistance from (former) Mayor Jessop, Councillor Jim Morning and Fiona Cowles of King's parks and rec.

The local architect, Dennis Bowman, designed the building, and the basic shell was built in the summer of 1988. To build the seniors centre of their own, the community had fundraisers and the Lions Club donated \$75,000 to help build it. This was one-third the total cost. The federal government's New Horizons grant added one-third and King Township also added one-third.

Our parents had many happy, social times with their friends at the Fisher Street KCSC and we have, too.

Trips arranged by the travel club were wonderful. Activities were many and for different levels of mobility. Almost 100% of these activities were led

## Letter to the Editor

by seniors. The centre welcomed everyone. You could just drop in and join the group.

Programs were interesting and the speakers were great.

Anyone coming to the centre was warmly greeted. A member would get up off their chair or leave their activity to greet newcomers. They would answer questions and give them reading material about the activities and programs for seniors.

High school students helped with the pancake suppers that the seniors put on. The students cleared the tables and helped set up the tables and chairs. The seniors were glad to have their help and the students were happy to come back again and again.

Diane Wear and other members decorated the inside of the building. Each season of the year, Dianne displayed different vases of flowers and decorations and made it cheerful. At Christmas, we decorated a tree and displayed other seasonal things.

The gardening was designed and managed by members, such as Kay

Brooks, volunteering their time for weekly watering and weeding, along with the big annual cleanup.

The seniors' mailbox was on Fisher Street. The mail was routinely picked up and brought into the centre by the treasurer or chair of the board. The mail was given to the appropriate person or placed in a locked drawer in the kitchen.

At Fisher Street, there was a phone in the kitchen and an extension to the large activity room. Seniors answered their own phone as every knew about the programs and activities. We made the people who phoned the centre feel they would be welcome if they joined us.

Older ladies would get together to help with mailing the newsletter. They enjoyed working together to get the job done and had a good visit with one another. The felt part of the centre and felt needed and useful.

Moving the chairs and card tables for different activities made us feel healthy, useful and strong.

Front door keys were given to the board members and several of the activity leaders. We felt trusted. Sometimes we would open the door on the weekend if members wanted to set

up the room for an event such as the Christmas open house, New Year's Eve party or the pancake supper. There was no need to disturb the Township staff. Having a key sure made things easier if someone had left their eyeglasses or medication at the centre.

The centre on Fisher street was a place that was almost completely run and organized by the seniors, providing a wide variety of programs and events for its members. The members were engaged in their centre and the Fisher Street KCSC was like their second home.

On Nov. 8, 2021, the King City Seniors Centre opened its brand new facility alongside the library, offering many programs for seniors.

Unfortunately, with the Township taking on many of the responsibilities and daily operations – like answering the phone, providing financial statements, opening the door or getting the mail – the centre has lost its feeling of being a seniors hub, a second home.

Is there any way to bring back that which was lost?

*On behalf of many  
King Township Seniors*

## It's time to break the toxic chain of 'forever chemicals'

By David Suzuki

Tens of thousands of hazardous chemicals flood the global market daily. We don't fully know how most of them are affecting human health and the environment.

Scientific research has demonstrated, though, that widespread dispersion is causing significant health problems, including a "silent pandemic of neurodevelopmental toxicity" – that is, they're affecting human nervous systems throughout the lives of those exposed, even before birth. Exposure can result in attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, dyslexia, cancer, reproductive and immune system harm and more.

The chemicals we rely on in everyday life are also causing "catastrophic" declines in bird and pollinator populations, among others.

Globalized trade and supply chains make it difficult to map the range of toxic substances that manufactured products may contain. With multiple

levels of subcontracting across continents and legal protections for confidential business information, it's often difficult to know exactly what many commodities are made of, where they originated and what hazards they contain. Many multinational firms are unable to thoroughly trace their supply chains.

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS – often referred to as "forever chemicals" because they don't break down easily – are used in a broad range of industrial, commercial and personal health products, from cookware to clothing to construction materials, in part because of their water- and stain-resistant properties.

Not only do they take a long time to biodegrade, they also travel long distances through air and water and have been detected in the environment, animals and humans in almost all regions of the world. A U.S. study found them in the blood of 97 per cent of people tested.

Like other persistent organic pollut-

ants, PFAS accumulate in the Arctic region, causing disproportionate toxic harm to communities far removed from their production and consumption chains.

Studies dating as far back as the 1960s found these substances to be harmful, which eventually led to many being phased out. But, as has been the case throughout our history of chemical use, they're often replaced with other synthetic chemicals that pose similar risks to human and environmental health.

Forever chemicals in water bodies and "biosolids" – organic matter from wastewater treatment used as soil fertilizer – have caused significant harm in farming and fishing communities in the U.S., leading to a flurry of litigation and stricter regulation in a number of jurisdictions. The recent revelation that contaminated biosolids are being exported from the U.S. to Canada has raised concerns that we've fallen behind other jurisdictions in regulating

this intergenerational, expansive and currently uncontrolled public health risk.

The European Union is considering a proposal to ban more than 10,000 PFAS, and the U.S. is also strengthening measures to address contamination and restrict uses. It's crucial that Canada's federal and provincial governments address the massive regulatory gap here. While the federal government holds jurisdiction over toxic substances and has committed to developing a report on the current state of these chemicals, expected to be published this year, provincial governments also have a key role to play in areas under their jurisdiction – for example, watershed and waste management, effluent discharges from industries and drinking water safety.

The recent international COP15 biodiversity summit in Montreal underscored the need to reduce pollution.

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# Bursaries for local students are in the offing

By Brock Weir

Are you a graduating high school student who has contributed a lot to the community?

Do you need a bit of money to help you on the next journey of your life?

Consider applying for a 2023 Give Back Award.

Applications are now being accepted for the annual Give Back Awards, an initiative of Neighbourhood Network, which provides \$1,000 cash prizes for up to 20 graduating students in King, Aurora, Newmarket, Whitchurch-Stouffville, East Gwillimbury and Georgina.

The Give Back Awards are unique in that they don't focus specifically on academic success, but rather demonstrated contributions and leadership within the school and into the wider community.

"It's been so encouraging over the last two years of the pandemic to see the creative ways that high school students are volunteering and giving back to their community," said Neighbourhood Network Manager Erin Cerenzia

in a statement. "The Give Back Awards are all about celebrating these unique and positive contributions, and the inspirational ways that students help us build better communities together."

But sometimes it's hard for us to talk about ourselves and the ways we give back. Cerenzia says that it's important for interested students to step up and tell their stories.

"Usually people who are giving back are not doing it for the recognition," she says. "We at Neighbourhood Network, especially when you think about the fact these recipients will be celebrated at National Volunteer Week, want to inspire people to get involved and become a volunteer. If you're hesitant to apply, if you're worried that 'it's not really me to brag about my volunteer experience,' I would reframe it and shift that narrative. I'd say, 'I could actually be inspiring someone,' whether it's a younger high school student, adult, a senior - you can inspire anyone to give back to your community. We definitely encourage you to tell your story."

This story is important when Neighbourhood Network is review-

ing applicants, as is an accompanying sponsorship letter from a leader of an organization or organizations at which applicants volunteered "who can really speak to the great work you've done there."

They typically receive in the area of 80 applicants each year.

"It makes it a real tough process for our adjudications team and that's why our score card is so key for us," she says. "[Applicants should] be really clear in how you describe your volunteer contributions. You'll notice when you read the application you don't have to have volunteered at a dozen different organizations. You don't have to have

a high number total volunteer hours. What we really care about is the impact volunteering has had on your life and therefore the community and neighbours around you.

"Being really clear in how you tell that story of your volunteer contributions and commitment would be the best piece of advice I could give to applicants who are submitting a Give Back Awards application."

Applications for the 2023 Give Back Award program will be accepted until Friday, March 24, at 4 p.m. Forms are available online at [www.nnetwork.org/GiveBackAwards](http://www.nnetwork.org/GiveBackAwards).

## Walmart holds 'Fight Hunger Spark Change' campaign

Walmart Canada launched its annual 'Fight Hunger Spark Change' campaign, which will raise funds in support of the Food Bank of York Region's services for families, seniors, and people experiencing food insecurity.

This year's campaign will run until March 15, during which time Walmart customers in York Region are invited to join the fight against food insecurity.

Food insecurity has been on the rise since 2022, due to the combination of rising food prices and housing costs and low income. The Food Bank of York Region has seen a 25% increase in the number of people who are accessing food aid programs in the region.

"We are extremely grateful to Walmart and every shopper who donates to this campaign, making it possible for us to address rising food insecurity in our region," said Alex Bilotta, CEO of the Food Bank of York Region. "Thanks to the 'Fight Hunger Spark Change' Campaign, our Food Bank will

be able to purchase and distribute nutritious food to 88 non-profit agencies, housing cooperatives and schools serving people struggling to put food on the table."

Walmart customers in York Region are invited to support the campaign in four different ways: purchasing participating food products; rounding up their in-store purchases; adding a donation to their online orders; and donating non-perishable goods in-store.

For more information, visit [www.fybr.ca](http://www.fybr.ca) or shop at [www.walmart.ca](http://www.walmart.ca).

The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) is the regional food collection and distribution hub for York Region, serving a network of 88+ food pantries, schools, shelters, and non-profit community organizations. The FBYR supports food programs in the nine municipalities of York Region, serving over 28,000 individuals in nearly 8,500 households. For more information about the FBYR or to make a donation, visit [www.fybr.ca](http://www.fybr.ca).

## Put human health over profits

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This was an objective included under Target 7 of the resulting global agreement. Federal and provincial governments need to accelerate action on regulating and restricting PFAS to protect public and environmental health from these dangerous substances that have been rampantly commercialized without consideration for the long-lasting harms they pose.

Our current legal frameworks for chemical risk governance have proven to be ineffective and unable to keep up with the speed at which new substances are being introduced to the market. The reality is that chemical governance frameworks have been propelled mainly by economic objectives, not environmental or public health concerns. Ultimately, we need an alternative vision of chemical risk governance, one that not only integrates but prioritizes fundamental environmental principles and objectives, such as intergenerational equity and common concern for humanity.

Prioritizing profit and economic growth over human health and the environment is a short-sighted and increasingly costly way of living that threatens our very survival. The convenience offered by these chemicals is not worth the significant long-lasting dangers. It's time to make "forever" chemicals a thing of the past.

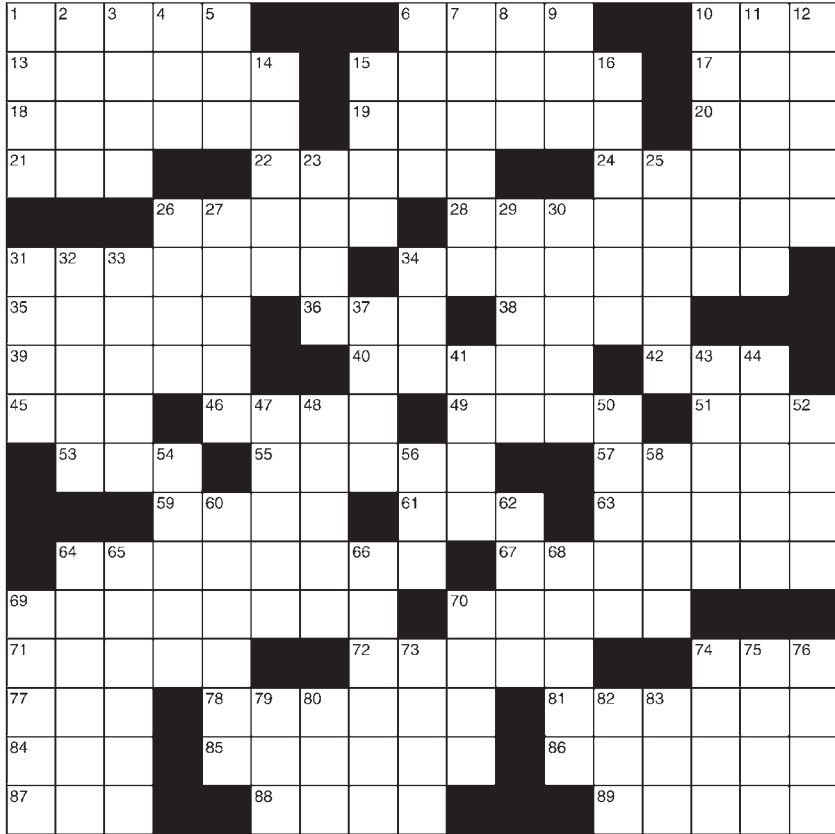
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## X CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Slapping noise
- 6. Top
- 10. Tattered cloth
- 13. Educated
- 15. Batting order
- 17. Holiday night
- 18. Dry creek bed
- 19. Esoteric
- 20. Diaper fastener
- 21. Command to oxen
- 22. Zoo creature
- 24. Pledge an oath
- 26. Facial expression
- 28. Gradual
- 31. Pudding
- 34. Desire for food
- 35. Glorify
- 36. Fa's follower
- 38. "Yes \_\_\_\_" (Sammy Davis, Jr. autobiography)
- 39. Seat request
- 40. Treeless plain
- 42. Shoot the breeze
- 45. Scatter rug
- 46. Burden
- 49. Active word
- 51. Kind of feeling

**DOWN**

- 1. Buck
- 2. Whittle
- 3. Fishing implement
- 4. Back in time
- 53. Lass's counterpart
- 55. Type of chisel
- 57. Alpine ridge
- 59. Cartridge-box contents
- 61. Unit of energy
- 63. Busybody
- 64. Bugle call
- 67. Hen's mate
- 69. Demean
- 70. Entire range
- 71. Chalcedony
- 72. Notwithstanding
- 74. Sketch \_\_\_\_
- 77. Brief doze
- 78. Asian wild ass
- 81. Grating
- 84. Some sons: abbr.
- 85. Plump
- 86. Supply with oxygen
- 87. "The Bard," e.g.
- 88. Bamboo, e.g.
- 89. High male voice

**ACROSS**

- 5. Old pronoun
- 6. Tweety, for one
- 7. Set up tents
- 8. Mediterranean or Caspian
- 9. Large wine cask
- 10. Parrot
- 11. Fly a plane
- 12. Category
- 14. Theme
- 15. Rural road
- 16. Former Spanish coin
- 23. Sad cry
- 25. Twist
- 26. Window part
- 27. Lodging place
- 29. Give a view
- 30. Ornamentation
- 31. Jazz or Magic
- 32. Along the middle
- 33. Spaghetti or linguine
- 34. Entirely
- 37. Dairy-case selection
- 41. Declare
- 43. Go-between
- 44. Mesa
- 47. Own up to
- 48. Wry
- 50. "Blue \_\_\_\_"

- 52. Sign of crying
- 54. Ship's crane
- 56. Neckline style
- 58. Sit a spell
- 60. Shooting star
- 62. Alum
- 64. Consider
- 65. Pass by
- 66. Alliance
- 68. Last Greek letter
- 69. Guitar's relative
- 70. Brace
- 73. Relay
- 74. Design
- 75. Singing voice
- 76. "The \_\_\_\_ Hunter"
- 79. Likewise not
- 80. Had a snack
- 82. Steep flax
- 83. Strong rage

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# King

## 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, March 16 to Wednesday, March 22

| THURS 16TH   | FRI 17TH  | SAT 18TH  | SUN 19TH   | MON 20TH  | TUES 21ST  | WED 22ND   |
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| Cloudy/Showers<br>High 4C°<br>Low 2C°<br>2-4mm/<1cm<br>Wind SW 17k | Rain<br>High 5C°<br>Low -5C°<br>~10mm<br>Wind S 21k | Scattered Flurries<br>High -1C°<br>Low -8C°<br>~1cm<br>Wind W 26k | Sun/Clouds<br>High -1C°<br>Low -7C°<br>-<br>Wind W 22k | Sunny<br>High 3C°<br>Low -6C°<br>-<br>Wind SW 11k | Sun/Clouds<br>High 5C°<br>Low -5C°<br>-<br>Wind SE 12k | Mainly Sunny<br>High 4C°<br>Low -4C°<br>-<br>Wind SE 10k |

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# Council supports residential development in Jane, King areas

By Mark Pavilonis  
Editor

A plan for 276 dwellings in the Jane and King area received council support recently.

The site combines three separate parcels, totalling 92.11 hectares, at the southeast corner of Jane and King.

The applications were initially submitted in October of 2020 and brought together lands owned by Jane King Industrial Holdings and Janeking Holdings. A separate site plan application for this parcel has been submitted and proposes approximately 1.9 million square feet of industrial space across three large buildings

The subject lands are proposed to be re-zoned to various residential zones with site specific exceptions to reflect the details of the proposed development, and the various lot sizes and associated development standards. The environmental lands will be/remain zoned "Environmental Protection" (EP), subject to amendments to refine the boundary of the EP area to be consistent with the more detailed environmental delineation which has occurred through the subject applications. Parks and open space are proposed to be re-zoned to "Open Space" (OS).

The proposed development includes a range of various lot/house sizes and types. The single detached lots are pro-

posed to consist of 27 lots with a minimum width of 15.2 metres, 13 lots with a minimum width of 13.7 metres, and 115 lots with a minimum width of 12.2 metres. The proposed Draft Plan also proposes 56 street townhouses with a minimum width of 7.6 metres, and 65 "Lifestyle" units to be geared towards seniors, with a minimum width of 7 metres.

While recommending approval, staff did provide many conditions.

Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT), while supportive of housing options, is opposed to the massive industrial component.

Generally, CCKT is supportive of the mix of forms of housing being proposed particularly the inclusion of "lifestyle" units geared towards seniors.

"However, we believe it would be beneficial to King Township to further expand the mix of housing and replace a majority of the 155 single-detached with additional small scale residential units that would support goals for including housing that is more attainable for a greater number of people and would meet a variety of needs," according to Bruce Craig. "Semi-detached, duplexes, triplexes, and low-rise townhouses and low-rise multi-unit buildings could all be included.

"In our view, it would be beneficial to the community to raise the density to 10 units per hectare and perhaps to

12 units per hectare. Additional mixed residential units to accommodate future growth in King City through modest intensification would result. King City currently has abundant single-detached housing stock found in existing sub-divisions with very limited 'Missing Middle' options. We encourage the applicant to review the housing mix and to replace a majority of the single detached units with additional forms of housing, thus increasing the overall density for this subdivision."

Craig noted the proposed 1.9 million square feet across three large buildings certainly "caught our attention and raised significant concern"

"Through some research and calculations we gained a better picture of how large the proposed buildings would be by comparing this proposal with sports fields and an expansive warehouse and distribution centre. Extremely large, immense buildings would be an apt and accurate description for the three proposed buildings assuming they are all of similar size (approximately 635,000 square feet each)."

Craig noted this is equivalent in area to 33 regulation size football fields including the end zones.

"While we presently do not know what the uses or users are for the three buildings, it is very clear that they are extremely large buildings, especially

relative to anything in the King City community.

"Given that the Jane King employment parcel of land is a very significant gateway for the King City community and is immediately adjacent to an established residential subdivision and the Heritage and Cultural Centre to the north, the residential subdivision of Jane King Holdings to the south and to the King Township Municipal Centre to the east, CCKT, holds that the three proposed 'industrial' buildings are clearly not appropriate in this location and in our view do not represent sound community planning."

CCKT believes a new vision for this land parcel is needed.

They recommend that 25 acres (10+ hectares) of the Jane King industrial parcel be dedicated to a specially-designed "Village of Care" campus that would address future needs of seniors in King Township and York Region. The Village of Care would provide a continuum of care and services from independent living ground level units (compact single-detached units, semi-detached, etc.) to long term care in a multi-unit building with several intermediate options for housing and services, all on an attractive campus which would include a number of amenities.

In the proposed vision, the intention is to include a mix of employment opportunities.



## Maple Syrup Festival

Residents flocked to Cold Creek Conservation Area Saturday to enjoy the Maple Syrup Festival. The family friendly event included games, roasting marshmallows, and getting a glimpse of syrup tree-tapping and even taffy making.

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## York Region approves an almost \$4-billion budget

York Regional Council approved a \$3.96 billion budget for 2023, the first of a multi-year budget to align with the current term of council. In addition to a 2.9% tax increase for this year, the budget outlook for the remaining three years of the 2023 to 2026 term of office was endorsed.

As part of the 2023 budget deliberations, Regional Council reconfirmed its commitment to add an additional 1% to the tax levy to help fund the Region's \$1.12 billion portion of the Yonge North Subway Extension.

"This budget represents sound financial management and support for the Region's Strategic Plan priorities," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "Regional Council

is committed to strong, caring, safe communities as realized through four areas of focus: economic vitality, healthy communities, sustainable environment and good government. We've faced some strong economic challenges with the cost of inflation and continued COVID-19 recovery, and this budget is strong enough to see us through."

The 2023 budget includes \$3.06 billion in operating costs and \$894 million in capital spending, part of a 10-year capital plan of almost \$10 billion in spending.

Together, the levies add approximately \$105 to the average residential property bill.

The budget also includes a key initiative introduced at the February 9 Com-

mittee of the Whole meeting to invest \$12.8 million annually for the next four years to address critical issues related to housing, homelessness, mental health and community investments.

The operating budget focuses on day-to-day expenses and providing funding for asset rehabilitation and replacement, while the capital budget covers major infrastructure requirements. These budgets outline how York Region will use its finances to deliver essential services to our residents.

York Region's strong financial position is bolstered by a multi-year budget process to coincide with Council's term

of office. The endorsed outlook and tax levy increase for the remaining term of Council includes:

A 2.75% increase in 2024; 2.6% in 2025, and 2.6% in 2026.

"Preparing a multi-year budget helps align projects with the Region's four-year Strategic Plan and provides greater clarity regarding programs and associated funding in future years," said Township of King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of Finance and Administration. "The associated Fiscal Strategy helps the Region keep growth affordable while ensuring existing infrastructure is well maintained."

## York approves 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan

York Regional Council approved the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan: From Vision to Results, in alignment with the 2023 to 2026 Regional Budget. The plan outlines the Region's priorities to meet the evolving needs of our communities while working towards council's vision of a strong, caring, safe York Region.

"Maintaining the quality of life in York Region over the long term requires strategic focus and a detailed course of action," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "This plan outlines Regional Council's priorities and objectives for this term as we work toward building communities that offer affordable and appropriate housing options, supportive community features and services and adequate mobility options."

The plan represents the Region's commitment to making progress in four priorities:

Foster economic prosperity, support community well-being, drive environmental stewardship and efficiently deliver trusted services.

"The 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan builds on the success of previous plans developed to ensure York Region delivers the priorities set out by Regional Council with certainty and accountability," said York Region Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Macgregor. "The result is a plan representing the Region's commitment to building welcoming, inclusive and resilient communities that enable personal independence, economic vitality and the engagement of residents and businesses in civic and social life."

Highlights of the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan include:

Attracting and retaining businesses, growing employment opportunities and attracting a skilled workforce through the expansion of YorkNet fibre network.

Sustaining and increasing affordable housing choices so more York Region residents are receiving help to remain stably housed.

Delivering and promoting environmentally sustainable services and continuing to collaborate with local municipalities to maintain the percentage of residential waste diverted from landfills.

Improving customer experience by leveraging digital transformation with increasing customer transactions through digital channels and self-serve options.

Visit [york.ca/stratplan](http://york.ca/stratplan) for more information about the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan and future annual progress reports.

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine local cities and towns and provides a variety of programs and services to more than 1.2 million residents and 55,000 businesses with over 600,000 employees. More information about the Region's services is available at [york.ca/regionalservices](http://york.ca/regionalservices)



## MPP marks Women's Day

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan hosted his annual "Celebrating Inspiring Women" event at his constituency office in King to commemorate International Women's Day. Lecce was proud to welcome his friend and colleague, Charmaine Williams, MPP for Brampton Centre, as well as other distinguished guests and female non-profit, business, and community leaders.

"International Women's Day is an important event for me; it's an opportunity to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of hard-working women here in King-Vaughan and around the globe and empower young women and girls to reach their full potential," said Lecce. "I thank MPP Williams and other distinguished guests who attended the Celebrating Inspiring Women event for sharing their thoughts on female empowerment, and of course for their work inspiring young women to follow their dreams and achieve lifelong success."

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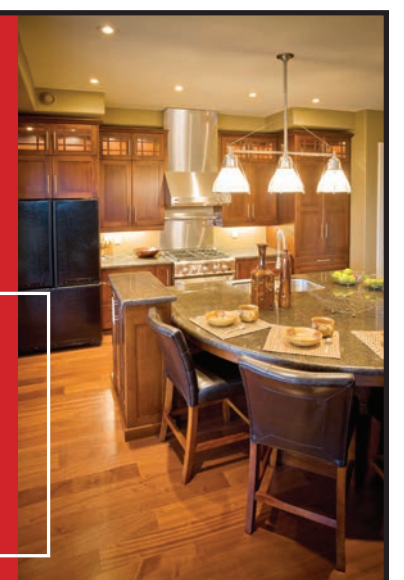
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## The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

I hope everyone is enjoying March Break!

I hope you all had fun and rested up. I bet a few of you are ready for school to return – I'm talking about the parents not the kids.

Personally, I'm happy about the extra hour of sunlight, at this point I feel like I'm just existing until spring arrives.

I'm so looking forward to the Schomberg Fair, May 25-29. It's been such a long, never-ending winter and we need some sun and fun. The theme is "Through the Farm Gates." The Fair always marks the start of summer and has done so for this community for 173 years.

This marks my seventh week writing this column, keeping you all up to date on what is happening in our quaint little village. While social media is instant gratification, or instant upset, depending on the day, I prefer to keep it positive so let's go with gratification, a newspaper article is you, in your house, deciding to read what I write or not. Which means I have no real clue of how it's going.

While I choose to assume that every-

one is happy and picking up their paper off the driveway, bringing it in to their house to see what exciting things are going on, that is all just fantasy in my mind at this point.

Well, that is until this past week when I met fans in real life. My husband and I just had finished a rather emotional meeting, when we headed off to a restaurant in King City for lunch. We just sat down when one of the two women sitting at the next table came over and asked "Are you Sue who runs the Schomberg Community Group? I said "yes" she went on to say how much she is enjoying my articles. You have no clue how much I needed that right at that moment and how much the positive feedback is appreciated.

So, let me take a minute to say a big thank you to everyone that is taking the time to read this column. I appreciate you!

Tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day and I heard through the grapevine that the Schomberg Pub is having its usual celebration, they have a singer, Wes, playing from 3 to 7 p.m. and a DJ from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. I'm also told they'll be lots of green! "Erin go Bragh!"

The Seniors 55+ is back and it sounds pretty action packed. They meet every second Monday, and the next public meeting is next Monday, March 20 at the Community hall at 10:30 a.m.. The cost is \$15 each or \$20 a couple. I'm in-

vited to attend, so I'll see you there.

Euchre is Friday nights at Trisan, until the end of March but it may go to Thursday come April, they are waiting on the township to confirm a room. Time will stay the same at 7 p.m. It's \$10 per night or \$20 a month. Stay tuned for updates.

The Four Seasons Market is back and looking for vendors. The Spring show is April 23, and the summer show is June 10 at the Schomberg Agricultural Fair Grounds. You can apply online at [thefourseasonsmarket.com](http://thefourseasonsmarket.com). I don't know about you, but I love markets, and spring, and summer and warm weather and anything that involves warm weather and shopping.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society is inviting members of the community to join the society. Joining the society connects you with experienced local gardeners, we can provide valuable gardening advice. The monthly speakers feature informative and interesting guest speakers. If you wish, you can volunteer with meetings, weeding, administration, plant sale or the garden tour. Too busy to volunteer? Then just come out and meet your neighbor.

Membership will not only help you garden but it can also put you on the road to discovering your community.

Membership is \$20 per person or \$25 per family. For more information contact [schomberghortsociety@gmail.com](mailto:schomberghortsociety@gmail.com)

Earth hour is coming up on Saturday, March 25, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. and you are invited to celebrate with a bonfire in the Dufferin Marsh. Everyone will make a lantern and use it to walk to the marsh where you can enjoy the fire, roast a marshmallow and star gaze. For more information or to join the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection please contact Mary Asselstine at 905-939-7544.

Do you have items in need of repair? Bring your power tools, small appliances, and any other broken items for the return "Repair Café" this time at our own Schomberg Library, Saturday, March 25th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Again, If you find a lost dog or cat, please secure it and call Vaughan Animal Control at 905-832-2281, they are responsible for this area.

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you'd love to see here [spporter5952@gmail.com](mailto:spporter5952@gmail.com) or 416-460-5952.

## Schomberg United Church

By Nancy Hopkinson

Pastor Richard is having a Thursday Lenten series of learning as he cooks and we all eat, on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. The location alternates. This Thursday, March 16, it is at Nobleton United. Then on Thursday, March 23, it will be at Schomberg United. Last week there were 16 of us together Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman at the well and how Samaritans were a different sect of Judaism. Please contact Pastor Richard (call 905-859-3976 or email [pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com)) if you are interested as he needs to have enough food. It is okay if you missed the previous ones. No charge for the series.

The Community Singing Group practices at Nobleton United Church on Fridays at 2 p.m. For more info, please contact Dennis Kowal at 416-550-5083.

Church Service is at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. You are welcome to join us for an hour of singing, listening to scripture and a reflection on what the scripture means for us today. Afterwards enjoy some fellowship with some light refreshments.

The next Messy Church is on Wednesday, April 19 at 5-7 p.m. at Nobleton United Church. For more info, contact Nancy @ 905-859-0761. No cost.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on Tuesday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. Long time King resident Carol Field will be discussing her two books, "Memories of King" and "More Memories of King." Wear a mask when not eating. The meal will be ham, scalloped potatoes, grilled asparagus and dessert. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner.

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.

Schomberg United Church meets at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. My contact info is 905-859-0761 or [nancyhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:nancyhopkinson@gmail.com).

## Nobleton and King City Garden Club gearing up for season

The Nobleton and King City Garden Club's meetings are resuming for 2023, starting March 27 at 7:30 p.m. The March meeting will include a presentation on "Planning Your Pollinator Garden" with Sally Hossain to learn how to prepare a site and choose pollinator-friendly plants!

Registration is open for renewing your club membership or joining the club! The yearly membership fee entitles you to admittance to all 2023 meetings featuring expert guest speakers, member events, flower shows, and discounts! For those interested in registering as a club member, the fee is \$20 to be e-transferred to [nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com).

### Dates and Speakers

- Monday, March 27: "Planning Your Pollinator Garden" with Sally Hossain.
- Monday, April 24: "The Shrinking Lawn and the Native Bee" with Lorraine Johnson.
- Monday, May 29: "Vertical Vegetable Gardening" with Ken Brown.
- Monday, June 26: "Environmental Stewardship for King" with Kathryn McLellan and Sabrina Guvenc.
- Tuesday, Aug. 15: Member event, Walk & Workshop at Cold Creek.
- Monday, Sept. 25: "Everything You Wanted To Know About Succulents and More!" with Molly Shannon.

# The King Chamber of Commerce is Celebrating Women in Business, Thurs. March 23, 5:00 - 8:00pm at Seneca College

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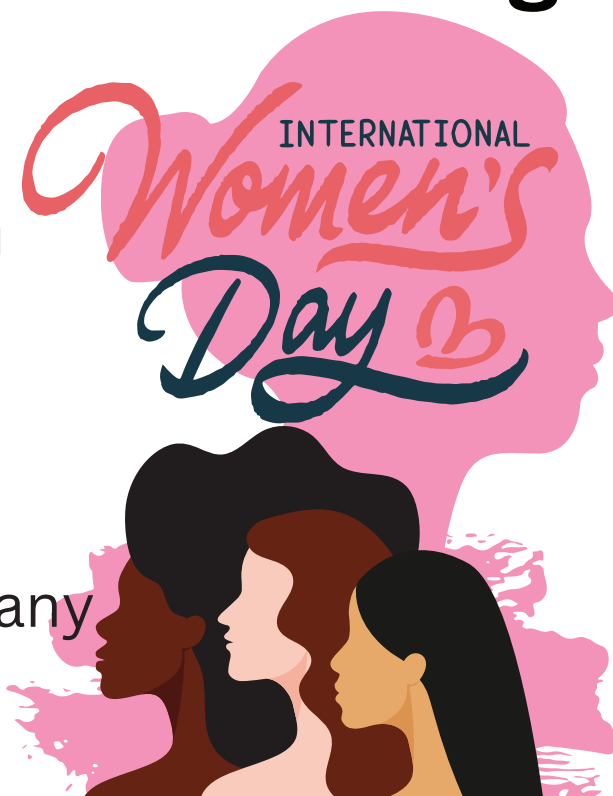
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KingWeeklySentinel

# Arts & Entertainment

## Multi-talented artists join StudioTour lineup

By Kathleen Rodgers

Visiting the country is a wonderful way to spend a weekend. It offers the opportunity to explore quaint villages and the studios of the local artists and artisans whose artwork often reflects the landscape around them.

In King Township, each spring brings the Studio Tour King at the end of April. Studio Tour King is celebrating its 18th year and will take place the weekend of April 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The studio tour will include fine paintings (in acrylic, oil, and watercolour), pottery, cards, photography, fibre arts, mixed media, wood, etc.

This year, Studio Tour King will feature 22 artists and artisans at several locations including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre (Gallery and School room), Laskay Hall, as well as two home studios around King City. You can check out the Arts Society King (ASK) website at [www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca). Then click on EVENTS then STUDIO TOUR 2023 to see the participating artists, their biographies and up to five photos of their artwork. There will be a link to his/her website and social media accounts for additional artwork available.

Brochures are be delivered with the spring edition of MOSAIC and avail-



able around King Township including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre to help plan your route. You can also LIKE our social media posts through Facebook/studiotourking, Facebook/artssocietyking2020 or Instagram @artssocietyking.

This article continues with the introduction of three more artists who will be participating this year:

A Nova Scotian by birth, **Ann Livingstone** spent her formative years living coast to coast. The landscapes and the animals therein are part of her psyche and cross-Canada heritage. Horses have played a huge part in her life, from her first ride at six until now, when she still rides her boy, Rory. Drawing since childhood, Ann has continued drawing and painting as part of her life.

In 2000, at 55, she graduated with an Honours B.A. in Art/Art History from U. of T. at Mississauga and Sheridan College. Ann likes to paint series dealing with similar subjects. She becomes enamoured of a subject whether it be trains, the game of croquet, animals, women in diaphanous dresses, and of course, doing it her way.

Mixing her own colours for the most part, Ann paints in oils with a limited palette. She is also a quilter. She uses quilting to create vibrant, excitingly coloured saddle pads trimmed with braid. She also makes smaller pieces – lap robes, table top pieces, as well as wall hangings. Her biggest quilt was the “Star Quilt” for her cousin, Anne Murray. That quilt had 5,220 one inch squares. Ann sometimes makes a garment for fun from fabric scraps and leftover pieces. All in all she is always moving forward to create alluring and different projects.

**Hans Martin** dabbled in oils during his university years in the 1960s, while he was working on his Ph.D. degree in physics. He started painting seriously in 2003 and has focused on watercolour. He has been a member of the Society of

York Region Artists (SOYRA) and Arts Society King (ASK). He has participated in shows both inside and outside of York Region and has been awarded three first prizes and two honourable mentions.

He has taken group lessons continuously and attended workshops whenever they were available and appropriate. Now in his 80s, he does not have the time to figure everything out on his own. Hans does not have a preferred subject matter or style. Pretty well all subjects are of interest and deserve close study and work. The outcomes are never known in advance. He will be welcoming visitors to his home studio. Check out his website: [www.hansmartin.art](http://www.hansmartin.art) and social media, Facebook: Hans Martin ([hans.martin.52035772](https://www.facebook.com/hans.martin.52035772)).

**Shiva Moghaddasi** (Shiva Studios) is a multidisciplinary freelance artist since 2009. She holds a B.Arts (Iran) and a B.Des in Material Art and Design from OCAD University. Her work includes a variety of functional and creative pottery and textile art: ranging from wheel thrown and hand-build clay artwork to hand woven and hand-painted textiles.

Shiva’s work displayed at the Toronto’s Feminist Art Collective exhibit in 2018 which brought awareness to elderly abuse in healthcare institutions. In another body of work she explores notions of “hushed” obedient women using textiles. Her artwork is available on her website: [ShivaStudios.ca](http://ShivaStudios.ca)

If you are looking for something to do in April after a long cold winter, take a drive in the country, visit the local art studios and support the artists and artisans. Some artists offer classes so it may be an opportunity to try something new! Who knows maybe one day you will be participating in a studio tour!

The artists look forward to seeing you and sharing their work with you on this year’s Studio Tour King 2023!



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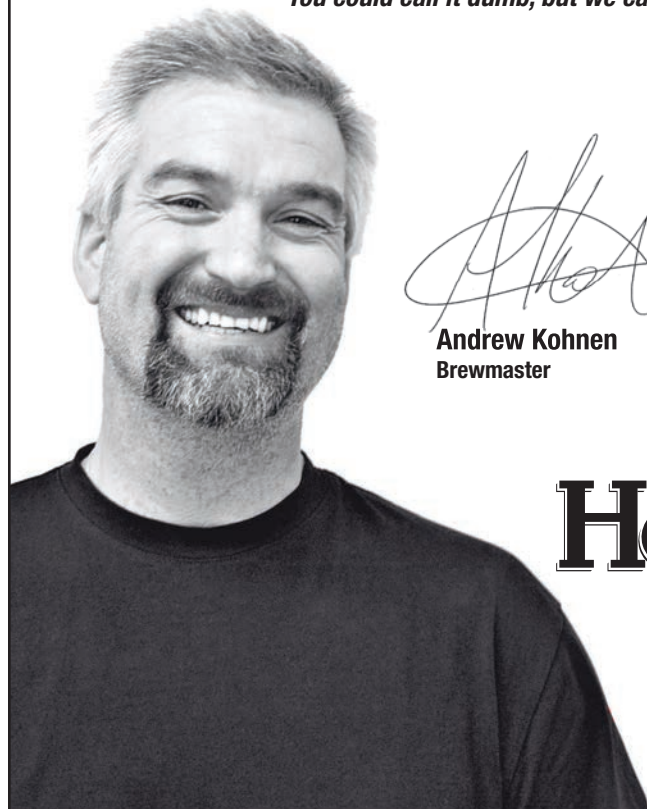


## BUT HE DOES!

Our brewmaster, Andrew Kohlen, threw away a successful career in logistics to pursue his dream of reconnecting with the brewing roots of his family. This carried him to the UK's prestigious Brewlab in Sunderland, England, where he procured the alchemy that would drive his signature brewing style.

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 Kohlen*  
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# Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts opening reception

Local talent was showcased during the launch last week of the annual Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts.

Student artworks from the visual arts departments of Country Day School, King City Secondary School and Villanova College are now on display. You'll be amazed at what inspires the youth of today – paintings, drawings, sculptures and all forms of mixed media. Vote for your favourites for the "People's Choice Award."

Arts Society King is excited to present this event and exhibition. ASK is always looking for volunteers who would like to be a part of our amazing organization.

The Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts runs through April 13 at the KTMC, 2585 King Road, King City.



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# An interview with Anthony Cortese, coach of the U12 AA King Rebellion

By Jim Stewart

Head Coach Anthony Cortese has guided his U12AA King Rebellion squad through a very successful regular season and tournament schedule into the opening round of the York-Simcoe playoffs. The Rebellion are 3-1 after the preliminary round after three consecutive shutout victories over Markham, Richmond Hill, and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Last weekend, Coach Cortese took time from his busy schedule to reflect on the team's success so far this season and provided us with his insights into his rep hockey team's performance after an opening game loss in the York-Simcoe playoffs.

King Weekly Sentinel: Coach Cortese, what was the difference in your team's winning performance versus Markham after a rare loss by the Rebellion?

Coach Cortese: Our team has a potent offense. Our skill and speed has allowed us to be the most dominant team in our division. I would say our transition game between the blue lines was better against Markham.

We were getting out of our end quicker, allowing our forwards to skate with speed through the neutral zone. In the offensive zone, we were able to get pucks to the net from the slot, and then finish in close. To be honest, we played a great game in our loss against Newmarket. We probably outshot them 45 to 10. Their goalie was able to make a lot of saves. That being said, our finish around the net was not great. We had more than our share of opportunities to win that game by 5 or 6 goals.

KWS: Who were your best players versus Markham so we can promote their play?

Coach Cortese: My team is not about a few players. We are an unselfish team that passes the puck creatively. All three forward lines ended up on the scoresheet, and we had great hustle from every player. Obviously, when you get a shutout, your defence and goaltender did their job as well. Playoffs are not just about goals and assists.

Playoffs are about shot blocks, and hustle, having a strong backcheck and putting pressure on the opposing team and winning battles in every part of the ice, in order to help your team win. My players play hard for each other. You cannot win as much as we have



this year if you have a team of selfish players who are simply focused on their own statistics.

My players believe in the power of our team, and my coaching staff acknowledges and celebrates the work that goes into creating a goal through a strong forecheck or a great pass, and preventing a goal by playing good position in your own zone, blocking a shot, backchecking, and by always pressuring the other team when they have the puck.

KWS: Please comment on your team's chemistry and the reasons for its success during league play and tournaments during the 2022-23 season.

Coach Cortese: This team has essentially stayed together for two years. They are a tight-knit group that compete and battle for each other. The players respect the coaches and each other. The coaches respect the players and their work ethic, talent, and passion for the game of hockey.

The parents support the coaches and the players. Together, we have proven that through great training and staying together, King Rebellion players and teams can develop and be successful at the AA LEVEL which is the goal for our organization next year.

KWS: Randy Shepherd, President of the KTMHA, described your team's turn-around win versus Markham by your U12 Rebellion as "very convincing." Do you agree with his assessment of your team?

Coach Cortese: As a coach, my most objective assessment of our first two playoff round robin games is that we

played two great "very convincing" games. We were dominant in both games. Moving forward, to be even more convincing, our team needs to execute and finish with a little more determination and accuracy around the net. Playoff hockey is different and you have to play with more focus and intensity in some areas, and more precision to take advantage of opportunities in order to be successful. We have to get pucks to the net, and drive the net and be ready to put those rebounds in the back of the net.

Our focus on defence has been excellent, and our backcheck has been relentless. Hockey is a funny game; it is so fast and the puck sometimes has a mind of its own. As long as we stick to our game plan, which includes our offensive and defensive strategies and systems, and we battle together to compete at our highest level, as a coach, there is nothing more you can ask of your players and your team.

KWS: Please provide your pathway to an OMHA championship such as next rounds, opponents, and key players on opposing rosters you'll need to manage.

Lastly, what is your current overall record, and what are the team's top accomplishments thus far?

Coach Cortese: Last year, due to the COVID shutdown, we did not have a playoff after the regular season. The top two teams in the York Simcoe U11 "A" Division advanced to the OMHAs. We were in first with an undefeated season, and Barrie finished in second. Both teams represented the York Sim-

coe Division very well. We both advanced to the semi-finals, where the King Rebellion U11 A team defeated Barrie, advancing to the OMHA Finals against Woolwich where their playoff run ended as OMHA Finalists.

This year, our team was granted AA Status and we are playing in the U12 AA division. Despite this jump in level, incredibly we were once again undefeated in the regular season with a 25-0-3 record. We are now in a 4-game round robin, whereby the top four teams after the regular season play the bottom four teams. The best four playoff records will advance to the semi-final. The winners of those two semi-final games will play in the final and both of those teams in the final will advance to the OMHAs in Kingston.

As I said earlier, if my team goes out there in those two games, battles and competes defensively, staying true to our style of play and systems, paying attention to details in all areas of the rink, with a determination to finish around the net, we can only hope that our record after the four games will be good enough to advance to the final four. If we get the opportunity to play in a one-game semi-final, I know that our experience in big games this year in tournament play this year will help us play our best hockey of the year. Our team went to the finals in the Ottawa Fall Classic, and we went on to win and be tournament champions in Windsor at the Belle River Tournament in December, and also at a huge fifteen team tournament in Oakville in January. Playing in high pressure games in tournaments is the best preparation for playoffs.

As I said earlier, hockey is a funny game. Sometimes you need a few bounces to go your way. I have been coaching hockey and school sports for over 25 years. Momentum is a huge part of every competition. When you have it, you have to take it and run with it.

In those early stages of a game, through hard work and desire, as well the skill and execution that only comes through countless hours of practice, a team needs to grab that momentum and try to never let go of it, in order to propel themselves to victory. The King Rebellion U12 AA Team has done that throughout the 2022/2023 season, and we are hoping to keep that momentum rolling through March. Time will tell.

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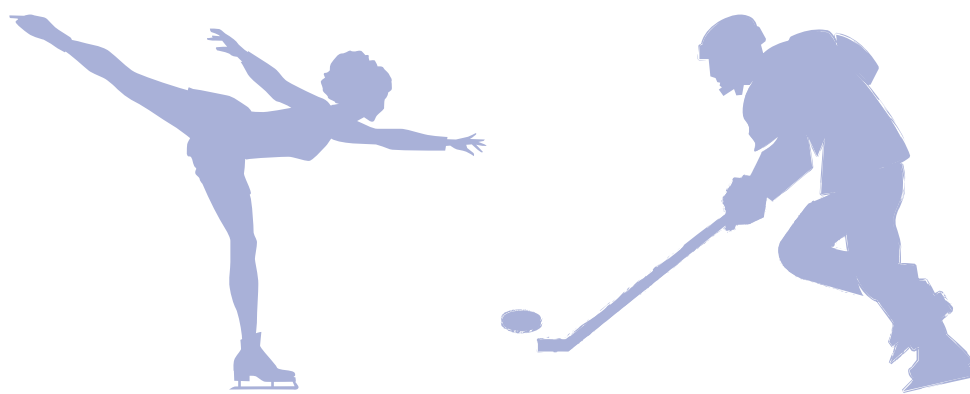
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## U12AA King Rebellion runs roughshod over foes

By Jim Stewart

When the U12 King Rebellion AA hockey team took to the ice for their playoff game at Ed Sackfield Arena in Richmond Hill on Wednesday, they did so amid the cacophony of bell-clanging hockey moms impelling their sons to victory.

“The Rebellion Ringers” rang their red bells in raucous unison off the ice and King’s powerhouse squad took care of business on the ice as they defeated the Richmond Hill Stars 5-0 in opening round York-Simcoe playoff action.

It was the Rebellion’s second consecutive decisive playoff win after a first-game upset loss to Newmarket last week. On Thursday in Stouffville, the Rebellion made it three shutouts in a row with a 4-0 win over the Clippers to conclude their opening round of the playoffs with a 3-1 record.

The Rebellion looked impressive in Richmond Hill. Resplendent in their navy and red uniforms, the King U12’s challenged the Stars from the opening minutes of play and their aggressive approach paid off on the scoreboard.

Two minutes into the first period, the Rebellion jumped out to a 1-0 lead when Ryon Mottaghi popped in a rebound after an effective rush by Jonathan Racco who earned an assist on his team’s opening goal.

Alexander Artenosi put King ahead 2-0 with an impressive solo effort with four minutes left to play in the period. His quick wrist shot off the left wing beat the Stars’ goalie high on the stick side. Team Captain Luca Sebastiano drew an assist on Artenosi’s goal. While the edge in play belonged to the

Rebellion, the opportunistic Stars generated good scoring chances. However, Rebellion goaltender Nicolas Iaboni was up to the task – especially when he flashed the leather with 3 minutes to play to thwart a Stars’ point-blank scoring chance and preserve his team’s shutout.

The Rebellion kicked off the second period with more aggressive forechecking and, at 9:56, Adrian Sorgini finished off a nice passing play by tucking the puck in the corner of the Stars’ net to stake his team to a 3-0 lead. Benjamin Caporiccio collected the assist on the Rebellion’s third goal.

With the Stars serving a tripping penalty with 4:45 left in the middle frame, the Rebellion’s power play went to work. Racco cashed in a juicy rebound on a shot by Caporiccio – his second assist of the night – to put King up by 4.

The Rebellion blunted the Stars’ comeback bid 4 minutes into the final period when Ryon Mottaghi rifled his second goal of the game to give the visitors a commanding 5-0 lead. The Rebellion continued to use their much heavier, taller frames to move their comparably diminutive opponents off pucks and diminished the Stars’ scoring chances. The Rebellion showed their physicality and skill in the third period when they moved opponents and pucks as needed to dominate time of possession.

The Rebellion, with a five-goal lead, changed goalies with 6:43 left in the game as starter Nicolas Iaboni skated to the bench and Julian Daher was tasked with preserving the shutout. Daher was challenged immediately

upon entering the game, but made a big midsection save to keep the Stars off the scoreboard.

Iaboni and Daher shared the shutout on Wednesday night, and the Dynamic Duo reprised their role on Thursday by sharing the shutout versus the Whitchurch-Stouffville Clippers in a 4-0 win. It was the netminders’ third playoff shutout in a row, including a 5-0 win over Markham last weekend.

On Thursday in Stouffville, Rebellion captain Luca Sebastiano opened the scoring on an assist from Adrian Sorgini with 36 seconds left in the first

period. After a scoreless second period, the Rebellion increased their lead over the Clippers to 2-0 at 13:36 of the third period when Sebastiano scored his second goal of the game assisted by Jonathan Racco. Six minutes, Landon Taylor’s unassisted goal made it 3-0 for the Rebellion and Benjamin Caporiccio wrapped up the scoring with 4:45 remaining in the final frame. Christian Mazzaferro earned the assist on the Rebellion’s fourth goal to finish off the Clippers who went winless (0-4) in the opening round of the York-Simcoe playoffs.



Huntsville Captain Adam Lewis and Schomberg Captain Cameron Kokelj await the ceremonial puck drop from Original Cougars’ Captain Bill Duggan, while Cougars’ Co-GM Sandy Bell, McDonald’s General Manager Vanessa Breen, and McDonald’s owner Rory MacKinnon kick off Ronald McDonald Night at the Trisan Centre.

## Playoff time at the curling rink

By Shellee Morning  
King Curling Club

It’s that time of year when all of the draws to the button, the take-outs and guards have been played and the game scores have been tallied for the ultimate challenge: playoffs.

The Ladies League kicked off the playoff season with continued excitement showcasing the top 8 teams all vying for the win and to keep their goal within reach of becoming Ladies Champion.

Game one of the playoffs saw the rings of red and blue a display of tension, integrity and of course ability. Sheet K included Team Gorsline matched up against Team Fraser. Gorsline, a veteran for playoff pressure had control of her contest and will move onto the next round.

Sheet N featured Teams Morning and Sinclair. Morning got off to a solid start for the lead then kept their brooms down for the win and proceeds to round 2.

Sheet G had last year’s league champion Team Davis playing against veteran Team Fran Bones who has worn the title a few times in her own legacy. A tighter match between the two teams after the exchange of points came down to the last end that eventually gave team Davis the victory.

Sheet I was where all the action and drama was centred on with Stronach and Sheardown.

Team Stronach placed first overall in regular season play and Team Sheardown who snagged the final playoff position went end for end. Sheardown had a 2-point lead in the 6th after Rosie Kamstra executed a triple tap up and buried one of her own near the button. The roar of cheer collectively grabbed the attention of the rest of the rink.

Carol Morawetz, who stepped into Skip position, guided her squad to tie it back up in the 7th. The 8th and final end and Skip Sue Sheardown with hammer played with great strategy keeping the top of the rings open. Morawetz final rock rested in the rings to count 2 for the win but left an open hit and stick for Sheardown. Sue delivered, Cindy Phillips and Cindy Brown swept for the line but having not curled enough the rock ever so slightly missed the counter. Stronach got the win and moves onto the next round.

Women’s Mini Majors

King’s Team 1, that included Christine Warner, Cindy Perkins (spare for Gina Strano), Nancy DeWolde and Linda Similas, travelled to Chinguacousy for the 2022-23 Mini Major Finals. Twelve teams with the top 3 from each of the 4 sections of the GTA participated in the 2 game event. Total points of the 2 games combined determined the champion.

The first game for King was against Dixie and with a solid effort by all 4 ladies resulted in a 9-2 victory. The win put them in 2nd place overall. Game 2 and up against the first place team of Oakville 2 was very evenly matched with the exchange of lucky and unlucky wicks and ticks. King down by 2 in the 8th had 3 counters in the rings when Oakville’s skip delivered for second spot in the ring. Warner’s final throw needed to sit 1 and 2 in the rings for a tie.

Superior sweeping by Cindy and Linda guided her stone right to the target forcing a tie breaker end. Oakville had the hammer (the last throw) and each player would throw one rock each to break the tie. King missed a chance on a takeout and a draw that left Oakville sitting 2 rocks for the win.

After both games scores were tallied King finished in 4th place overall with Leaside being named Champion.

World Wheelchair  
Championships

Jon Thurston and Collinda Joseph, both of King Curling Club, participated in the 2022-23 World Wheelchair Championships held in Richmond B.C. Twelve countries from around the globe qualified for the world stage event.

Thurston, who was selected for Team Canada earned an astounding record of 9-2 in regular round robin play finishing 2nd overall with China in first. Team Canada beat Team Scotland 5-2 in the semi-finals but lost 5-2 against Team China for the Silver medal.

Collinda Joseph qualified for Mixed Doubles at the World event with partner Dennis Thiessen. A total of 19 countries with Group A having 10 teams and Group B with 8 resulted in Team Canada earning an 8-0 record in pool play. Semi-final action against team USA was tight contest and tied after 7.

Without hammer team U.S. stole the winning point to win and move into the Gold medal game. Canada beat team China for the bronze.

## Cougars jump out to 2-0 series lead

By Jim Stewart

The Schomberg Cougars opened their PJHL playoff series with the Huntsville Otters on Thursday night with a decisive 4-1 victory at the Trisan Centre.

On Friday, the Cougars boarded their highway coach for some “team bonding,” according to Coach Stan Kondrotas, and replicated Thursday’s result in Huntsville. Schomberg’s 4-1 win on the Canada Summit Centre’s Olympic-sized rink – which featured 2 goals by Matthew Lychek – put the Cougars up 2 games to none in the opening round of the playoffs. The Cougars executed Coach Kondrotas’s game plan in Huntsville to “Use our speed and keep pressing and pressing. Puck movement (was) key on the big ice surface.”

In Game 2 on Friday night, the Cougars pressed the Otters, but the home team scored first when Huntsville’s Hunter Haskim fired the only shot of the game that beat Cougars’ goaltender Matthew Lunghi. Adam Dupuis and Aiden Lucier drew assists on Haskim’s marker to give Huntsville a 1-0 lead, but Lunghi was flawless for the rest of the road game. The veteran netminder earned the win with a .950 save percentage, repelling 19 of the 20 shots he faced.

The Otters held their one-goal lead for more than a period, but Schomberg finally beat Otters’ goalie Darian Willis at 6:37 of the middle frame when Matthew Lychek’s power play goal drew the Cougars even. Assists on the tying goal were earned by Carlo Lioni and Andrew Hrinco. Three minutes later, Captain Cameron Kokelj scored his second of the playoffs to give Schomberg its first lead of the game on assists from Jacob Duggan and Luke Miehm.

The Cougars held their one-goal lead until 16:51 of the third period when Zach Gallow scored his first goal of the playoffs on Hrinco’s second assist of the game. Lychek, who earned the other assist on Gallow’s marker to make it 3-1, scored his second goal of the game in quick succession – this time into an empty net with 67 seconds remaining on the clock.

Game 1 on Thursday night at the Trisan Centre was a fine blend of hard-hitting PJHL playoff action, charity fundraising initiated by McDonald’s Owner Rory MacKinnon and General Manager Vanessa Breen, and the home team honoring Bill Duggan, the amiable first captain of the Cougars who reflected on “1969-1970 when (he) scored 31 goals in Schomberg’s first season.”

The first period was a hard-hitting affair with both sides shifting bodies all over the ice. However, it was the home team that capitalized first on its early opportunities. Six minutes into the game, Wesley O’Hara finished off a juicy rebound – generated by some nice open-ice work by Zach Gallow who earned the lone assist – to put the Cougars up 1-0. Schomberg struck again 28 seconds later when Anthony Nascimento conjured up his usual playoff magic and fired a wrist shot from between the circles to bulge the twine behind Otters’ netminder Darian Willis. The hard-working duo of Anthony Roberts and Jordyn Palazzo drew assists to make it 2-0.

The usually-potent power play of the Cougars (strangely quiet for a few games) roared back to life at 17:01 of the second period with a three-way passing play that has been a familiar winning formula this season. Cameron Kokelj, on assists from Carlo Lioni and Luke Miehm, buried a nice feed to put the Cougars on top 3-0. The goal came as a source of relief to Miehm: “It was good to score on the power play since we’ve been struggling a bit. It was good timing to get a power play goal at the start of the period, too.” The veteran Cougar demonstrated some great stickhandling on his unassisted goal two minutes into the third period when Miehm intercepted an errant Otter defensive zone pass, methodically moved through two Otter defensemen, and slid the puck past Willis to make it 4-0.

At 4:16 of the third period, Huntsville got on the scoreboard on Colin Jones’s goal assisted by Adam Dupuis, but narrowing the deficit to 4-1 was as close as the Otters could get at the Trisan Centre on Thursday night.



## 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 sharing a message this Sunday entitled, "Check Your Attitude", from Isaiah 53. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments. We hope you can come! If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

Our "Junction" children's ministry is meeting in person for all children up to Grade 6 during worship. We continue to offer St. Paul's "At Home" boxes each month to facilitate God-focused family learning. If you would like to engage with this resource, tick the appropriate box on the connection card at [stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect).

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. 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](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect).

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

### St. Mary's Church

We hope and pray that you and your families are doing well as we look forward to celebrating the 4th Sunday of the Holy Season of Lent.

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 to reverently receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324).

Please note, we are hosting our 8th Confirmation preparation class March 24, 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Mission Church.

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens (grades 9-12) for our Life Night this Saturday, February 25 to share in faith, fun, food and friendship.

Kindly contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or [zgangl@archtoronto.org](mailto:zgangl@archtoronto.org) to join our events. Hope to see you there! Drop-ins are welcome!

The St. Mary's Gala, coming Saturday, April 22, is fast approaching. Get your tickets now! Space is limited; tickets must be purchased beforehand. Contact the parish office or Mr. Rick Minicucci, the St. Mary's KofC - Grand Knight.

All adults are invited to join Fr. Ignacio and the Heralds of the Gospel tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. for "The Search," Session 3 - Why a God? The third of seven sessions in our Parish Adult Formation Program.

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).

### Nobleton and King City Garden Club

The Nobleton and King City Garden Club's meetings are resuming for 2023, starting March 27 at 7:30 p.m. The March meeting will include a presentation on "Planning Your Pollinator Garden" with Sally Hossain to learn how to prepare a site and choose pollinator-friendly plants!

Registration is open for renewing your club membership or joining the club! The yearly membership fee entitles you to admittance to all 2023 meetings featuring expert guest speakers, member events, flower shows, and discounts! For those interested in registering as a club member, the fee is \$20 to be e-transferred to [nobletonkingcitygardclub@gmail.com](mailto:nobletonkingcitygardclub@gmail.com).

### Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Pastor Richard is having a Thursday Lenten series of learning as he cooks and we all eat, on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. On Thursday, March 16, it is at Nobleton United Church. Then on March 23, it will be at Schomberg United Church. Last week there were 16 of us together discussing Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman at the well and how Samaritans were a different sect of Judaism.

Please contact Pastor Richard (call 905-859-3976 or email [pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com)) if you are interested in attending as he needs to have enough food. It is okay to attend if you missed the previous ones. No charge for the series.

To celebrate Easter (Sunday, April 9) we will have a short service starting at 11:15 a.m., followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children, organized by Sue DiFebo and Val Ball. Plan to bring your children and grandchildren!

The Community Singing Group practices in our church on Fridays at 2 p.m. Instrumentalists are also welcome. For more info, please contact Dennis Kowal - cell 416-550-5083, home 905-857-4033 or [dennis5k@hotmail.com](mailto:dennis5k@hotmail.com). The group sings a variety of songs. No audition required. People are coming from Pottageville, Schomberg, King City, Bolton, Nobleton. Come and join the fun!

Church service is at 11:15 a.m. Sundays. You are welcome to join us for an hour of singing, listening to scripture and a reflection on what the scripture means for us today. Afterwards enjoy some fellowship with some light refreshments.

The next Messy Church is Wednesday, April 19, from 5-7 p.m., and will have Easter activities for 1 hour; story time at 6 p.m., and then eating together at 6:15 pm. For more info, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761. No cost.

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 Lions

The knitting and crocheting slippers initiative for Ronald McDonald Houses continues to move ahead. 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](mailto:andrew.bevil@sanofi.com). We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from September to June at the Community Hall, just north of the arena.

### St. Alban's By John Arnott

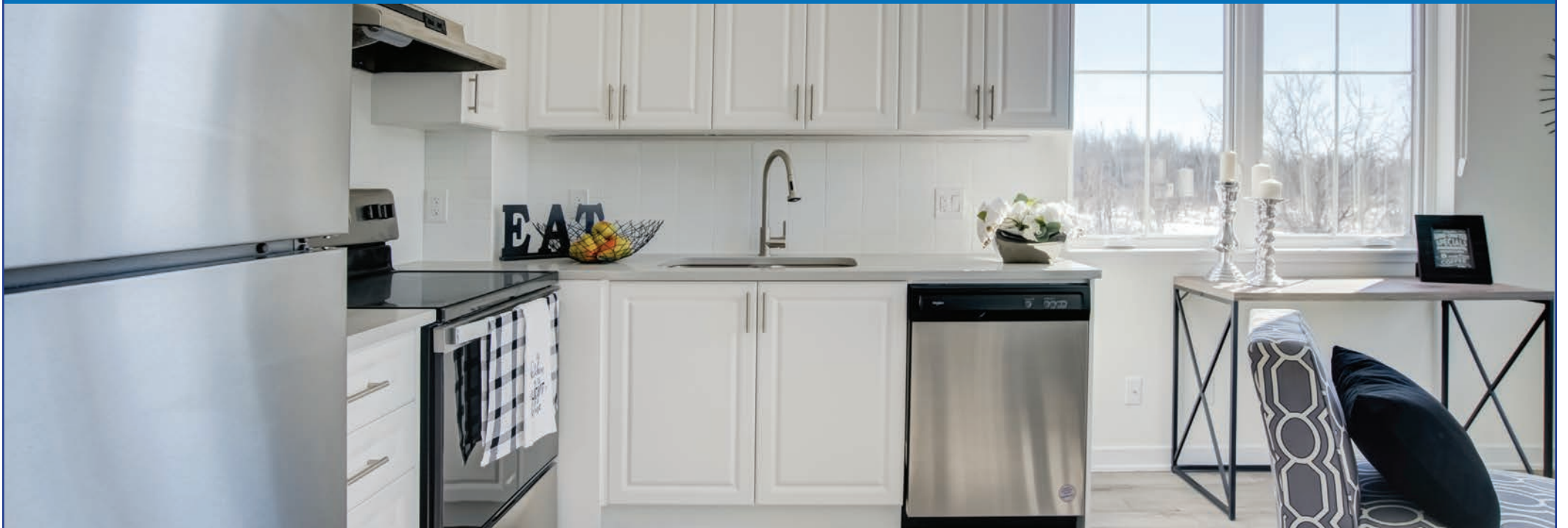
St. Alban's, the little towered red brick church that now stands abandoned just south of the library on Highway 27, once was an important part of the vibrant Anglican presence in Nobleton. The members of its first congregation marked their Lenten season in the early spring of 1890 the year after the church was built and it was a 40-day observance.

The fasting season of Lent didn't always have this stretch of time in fact in the very early years of Christianity it wasn't observed at all. But even when this fasting season became more accepted its length differed from place to place and from generation to generation. St. Irenaeus of Lyons (130-200 AD), one of the early Church Fathers, wrote that some Christian communities fasted for just 1 or 2 days before Easter while others held a fast of 40 hours the actual time Yeshua lay in his borrowed tomb.

By the mid-3rd century AD Egyptian Christians were holding Lent for just 6 days however fellow believers in Rome were observing it for 3 weeks. When in 325 AD Constantine, the first Christian Roman emperor convened the Council of Nicaea in what is today Turkiye it was decreed that the fasting season known then as Quadragesima Latin for 40th, should last for 40 days commemorating the time early Christian writers say Yeshua spent alone in Judean semi desert, before beginning his ministry, listening and talking to God.

In spite of this ruling some Christian communities continued to hold fasting Lent for just several days and later 2 or 3 weeks. It would take years for the 40-day observance to become universally accepted.

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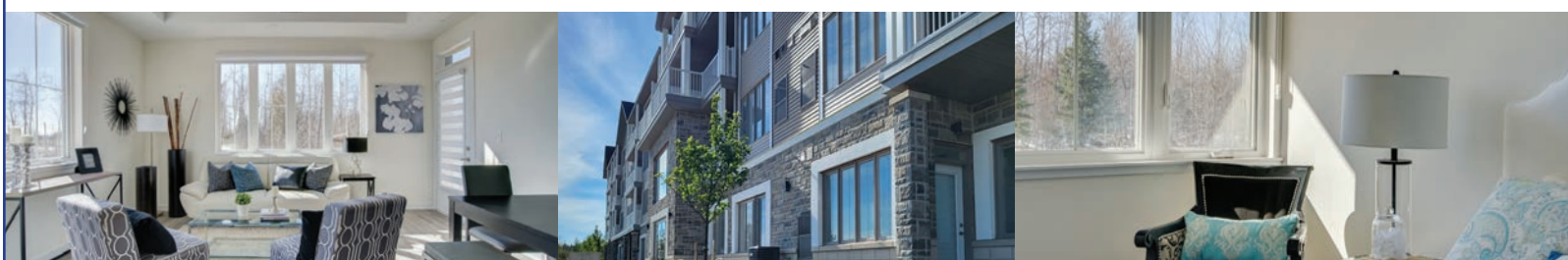


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# King's Corners

## King City United By Sheryl Sinka

This coming Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, Rev Lee will lead our worship at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join with us as we connect with each other and deepen our faith.

We have a short time of coffee and conversation in the auditorium following the worship and we would love to see you there. We hope you are enjoying a wonderful and safe March break this week if you are so lucky to have this week off. To read previous sermons please visit our website.

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

We continue to 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 donations 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

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as we're in-person for our services. Pastor Mark is speaking on 1st John. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

We invite everyone for our Pop up clothing and toy giveaway event on Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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

## King City Seniors By Carolyn Kanitz

Euchre takes place tomorrow (Friday, March 17) at the Centre as scheduled.

Please note that Mobility Matters sessions are cancelled for March 20 and 22. They will resume on March 27.

Bingo will be available on Mondays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Nobleton arena beginning on March 20. KCSC

members pay only \$1 with their membership card.

New members are always welcome to join. 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 (2nd and 4th of the month); 1 p.m. Euchre.

## 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 instrument and join in.

We practice on Fridays at 2 p.m. at Nobleton United Church, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton.

For more information, please con-

tact Dennis Kowal at 416-550-5083 (cell) or 905-857-4033 (home). You can email him at [dennis5k@hotmail.com](mailto:dennis5k@hotmail.com)

## Kingcrafts workshops

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## King City Tennis Association 2023

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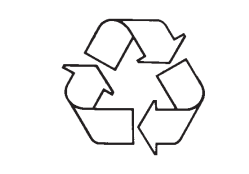
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The King City Tennis Club is fortunate to have OTA Certified Markus Ziegler once again as our Club Pro this outdoor season.

Markus will once again be running his very popular weekly Jr. Tennis Camp Monday to Friday, between 1 and 4 p.m. daily from July to August. Each tennis week is capped at 28 participants, so sign up early.

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

As we journey through Lent, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church welcomes you! Our Sunday Worship Services are at 10:30 a.m. If you can't join us in-person, our services are recorded and posted later in the afternoon at stan-

draws-kingcity.ca.

Lynn Vissers delivered the message from Ephesians 5 last Sunday on how we should follow Christ's example, be imitators of God and His love and always be thankful. This coming Sunday, March 19, the fourth Sunday in Lent, we welcome the Rev. Peter Ma as our visiting preacher.

Due to the March break, Session will be meeting Thursday, March 23 instead of this week.

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

**All Saints Anglican Church  
By Patrick Gossage**

Rethinking the Samaritan Woman at the Well story – sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on the story in John 4:

"Debie Thomas, a writer for the Christian Century, wrote an excellent essay on this passage called The Woman at the Well (March 8, 2020). Here is some of the good news that she sees in the way Jesus engaged the woman.

"The first good news is that Jesus broke the rules to interact with the woman. Hostility between Jews and

Samaritans even in Jesus's time was ancient, and bitter. Moreover, she was a woman and it was highly inappropriate for Jesus to converse alone with a Samaritan woman, much less to ask her for a drink of water. Jesus's willingness to break the social rules of his day means that we must live the truth that people are more than the sum of their gender, political, racial, cultural, and economic identities. Jesus invites us to look at those who are like the Samaritan woman and see in them siblings and apostles, not freaks, harlots, heretics, foreigners, or threats.

"The next piece of good news is that Jesus leads with vulnerability. Jesus met a woman with a water jar and asked her for a drink. HE was the thirsty one. He could have accessed the well water himself if he really wanted to. He waited so that when the woman appeared, she could recognize the Messiah in his vulnerability, his humanity. Jesus won the woman's trust by humbling himself. Jesus' honesty opened the door for her to find new spiritual life.

"In more good news Jesus sees without shaming. The conversation between Jesus and the woman turns when he tells her what he knows about her life and her husbands. What we know that

she went out of her way to avoid the other women. She hoped to come and go, undetected. But then Jesus came and saw past, present and future, how she hurt and he named it all without shaming, castigating, or condemning her. He saw and named the woman in a way that made her feel loved.

"During this Lenten season, Jesus invites us to see each other through eyes of love, not judgment. Can we, like Jesus, become soft landing places for people who are all alone, or carrying stories too heavy to bear? It's what we're called to do. And the final piece of good news is that Jesus honoured the woman's proclamation: When Jesus told the woman who he is, she left her water jar at the well, ran back to her city, and said, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done!' He validated the woman's proclamation and stayed in her city for two days, so that could meet with him directly and see that the woman was a reliable witness.

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**Brian Eugene Robson**  
Brian Eugene Robson, 72, of Thornton, passed away suddenly with his wife and son by his side on Sunday, March 5th, 2023, at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie. Brian had a serious health scare in 2019, but after receiving a lifesaving liver transplant in early 2020, had been enjoying his new lease on life immensely.  
Loving husband of Julia for 39 years. Devoted father of Nicholas (Jacquelyn) and doting Papa of his cherished granddaughters, MacKenzie and Madeline. Loved son of the late Ross and Edith Robson and sibling to Wayne (Marian), Heather McDowall (Gerry), Gordon (Diane), Lois King (Tony), and Lorraine Price (Kevin). Predeceased by his sister, Velma Braden, and brothers, Stephen and Dean.  
Brian will be sadly missed by his in-laws and many nieces, nephews, and friends, including his adoring canine companion, Lily. Brian grew up and lived his life in the Thornton area, where he has many lifelong friends. He was a well-known contractor throughout the community. He lived his life to the fullest. He was an avid sportsman when it came to hockey, golf and riding his motorcycle. He loved to socialize and welcomed anyone who came into his circle.  
Brian will be remembered for his love of family, friends and his huge personality. Cremation has taken place.  
A Celebration of Life is planned for March 25th, 2023, at the Thornton Community Centre, 246 Barrie St., Thornton, between 1 and 3:30 pm. Donations in Brian's memory to a local humane society would be appreciated by the family.



**LESLIE, Donald Gilbert**  
Peacefully passed at Southlake Regional Health Centre on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at the age of 92. Don (Red) is reunited in heaven with his beloved wife Ellen Rose Marie Leslie. Don will be missed by his loving children David (Kymm), Daniel (Liberty), and Don (Tania). Sadly missed by his grandchildren Michelle, Danielle, Devan, Courtney and Jessie Campbell. Cherished great-grandchildren Aiden and Zoey. Dedicated Fire Captain in North York, Ontario for over 30 years. Don enjoyed a long retirement doing what he loved best, fishing, golfing, woodworking and wildlife. Donations in memory of Donald may be made to Ducks Unlimited Canada. Condolences and memories may be offered at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)

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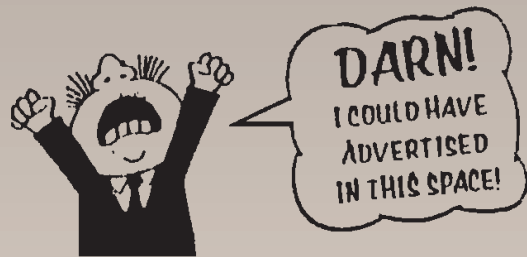
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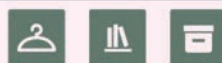


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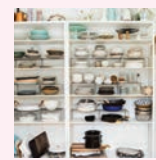
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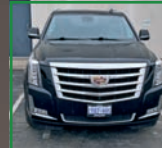
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# Meet the Realtors behind the Michele Denniston Real Estate Group



**THE MICHELE DENNISTON REAL ESTATE GROUP** has long engrained itself among the key real estate teams in King and surrounding areas. Previously under Century 21's umbrella, newly partnered with Intercity Realty Inc., this group of real estate professionals brings with it a wealth of dedication, professionalism & industry knowledge - no matter who's brand they find themselves under. Let's delve into the realtors that make up the Michele Denniston Real Estate Group & how they can assist you in buying, selling, investing or purchasing pre-construction.

**MICHELE DENNISTON, BROKER & TEAM LEADER**

A name synonymous with King Township real estate, Michele has been a King local for over 20 years and counting! Michele possesses all the qualities people look for in a realtor. She is a virtual dynamo, working relentlessly to stay ahead of the industry with her advanced technological skills and marketing solutions. Her extensive sales background at Parfums Christian Dior Canada at the corporate level prior to becoming a licensed realtor, have proven invaluable to Michele in helping her attain her successful status as a Realtor. Her first year in real estate Michele achieved the Top Producer Award and has continued to earn several high achievement awards for outstanding service, sales production and integrity in her industry including achieving #1 in the company consistently.

Always accessible and in tune with her clients' needs as well as the market conditions, she is fun to work with, committed and effective at closing a sale.

Her "family" of devoted clients will attest to her dedication and determination.

Having lived, worked and raised her family in York Region for many years, Michele is very attuned to the many communities within its boundaries. Not only is she well versed in Residential (Resale and Pre-Construction), Commercial and Rural properties, but has handled several Power of Sales for lawyers and financial institutions who in turn have referred her to their friends and families. Email: Michele@micheledenniston.com

**JESSICA TAMBLING, BROKER**

A Woodbridge local, Jessica has been Michele's "right hand" since obtaining her real estate license in 2017. Mentoring under Michele and learning the ins and outs of the real estate hustle have only further propelled her passion for real estate. Jessica prides herself on her intimate market knowledge, along with expert communication & transparency throughout the buying or selling process. Jessica's areas of expertise include: Toronto, Vaughan & Cottage Country. Email: Jessica@micheledenniston.com

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A resident of Cookstown, Lynda is an invaluable addition to the Michele Denniston Real Estate Group: from her exceptional networking skills to her vital customer service to her clients, any clients that have worked with Lynda have provided her with nothing short of rave reviews. She feels there is only one way

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**CARRIE NOONAN, SALES REPRESENTATIVE & TEAM ADMINISTRATOR**

Carrie loves getting to know all her clients on a personal level in order to help her better understand what their concept of "feels like home" would be. This perspective helps her consistently find her clients the perfect home - her goal as your realtor. She pours her heart and soul into every listing or purchase for her clients, burning the midnight oil on a regular basis with her negotiations. Carrie's areas of expertise include: Barrie, Essa & Muskoka. Email: Carrie@micheledenniston.com

**BRIAN GAVRILOVIC, SALES REPRESENTATIVE**

After spending 2 decades in various areas of the construction industry, Brian's passion for people, construction and service have allowed him to create for his clients an experience, rather than a "transaction". Having spent his life within Peel, Simcoe and York Region, Brian has watched these areas grow from small farming communities to some of the fastest growing cities in Ontario. He has built a reputation on communication, honesty, and transparency. Brian's areas of expertise include: Brampton, Caledon & New Tecumseth. Email: Brian@micheledenniston.com

**KIRSTEN BARTON, SALES REPRESENTATIVE**

Kirsten spent the last 10 years working in healthcare within her community and providing compassion and support to her patients and their families, making her transition to real estate a no brainer, as it paired her love of real estate with her natural people skills. Having grown up in both small towns & larger cities, this gives Kirsten a great market perspective and helps her assist all kinds of buyers and sellers with their real estate needs. Kirsten's areas of expertise include: New Tecumseth & Dufferin. Email: Kirsten@micheledenniston.com

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| <b>AVERAGE SALES PRICE</b><br><b>\$1,233,499</b><br><small>AVERAGE 20 DAYS ON MARKET</small> | <b>AVERAGE SALES PRICE</b><br><b>\$2,145,945</b><br><small>AVERAGE 52 DAYS ON MARKET</small> |
| <b>NUMBER OF SALES</b><br><b>55</b><br><small>89 NEW LISTINGS</small>                        | <b>NUMBER OF SALES</b><br><b>23</b><br><small>48 NEW LISTINGS</small>                        |
| <b>SALE TO LIST RATIO</b><br><b>101%</b>   | <b>SALE TO LIST RATIO</b><br><b>93%</b>  |
| <b>YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE</b><br><b>-16.11%</b>   | <b>YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE</b><br><b>-14.19%</b>   |

\*The statistics provided were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's Market Watch FEBRUARY 2023. Summary of Existing Home Transactions for All Home Types FEBRUARY 2023 + Focus on the MLS Home Price Index for Composite for York Region's Aurora and King

We are seeing a resurgence of consumer confidence in the market. With inventory still exceptionally low and Buyers out shopping, multiple offers are occurring again through most price points. It remains an opportune time for Sellers to capitalize on quick sales and accommodating closing dates. For Buyers, having your pre-approvals in place is paramount to make your Offers as strong as possible. We are anticipating an active spring market.

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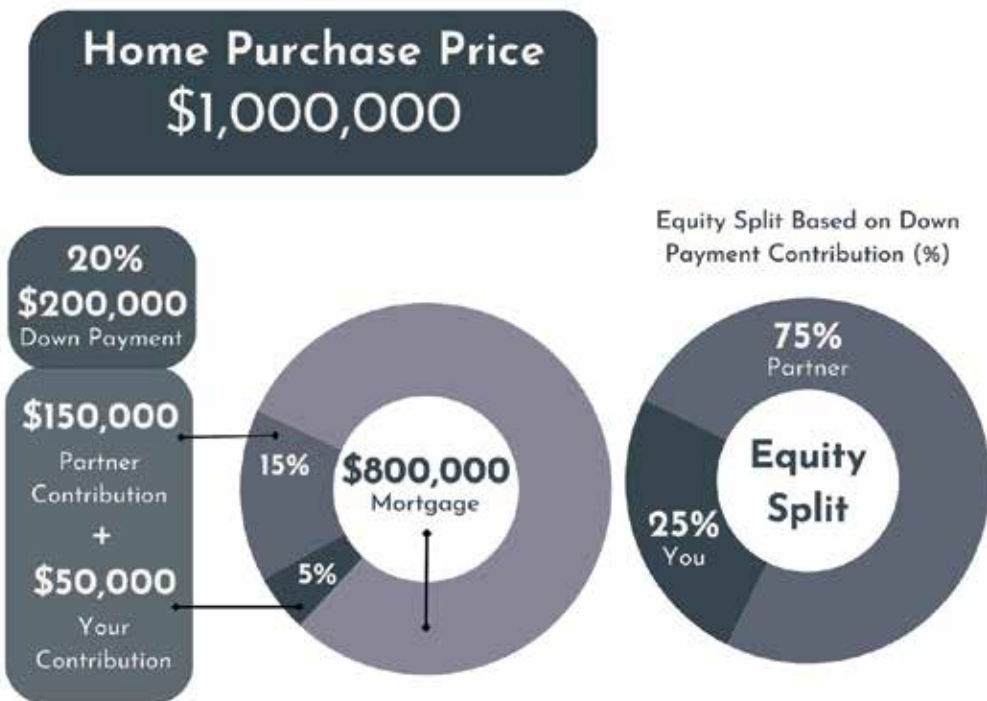
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# MONTH-BY-MONTH Spring home maintenance tips



## 3 WAYS TO PREVENT ICE DAMMING DURING A THAW

(NC) Whether you like the look of a snow-covered roof or cheer when it melts, you probably won't appreciate the damage ice dams can cause to yours.

Ice dams are created when rooftop snow melts during warmer days and then freezes when temperatures drop again. At their worst, ice dams can prevent further melting snow from running off your roof and instead cause it to leak into your home. Water penetration from ice dams can damage your home's structure, finishings and contents.

Since they're a normal part of winter and spring, make sure you're prepared for ice dams. The best way to deal with them is to prevent them from forming in the first place. Here are three ways you can do that.

**1 KEEP EAVESTROUGHS CLEAR**  
Having eavestroughs clear of leaves and other debris can help ensure that water from melting rooftop snow is properly directed off your roof. Ideally, you should clear eavestroughs in the months leading up to winter, but it's still worth doing in winter and spring months if it's safe.

**2 TAKE CONTROL OF ROOFTOP SNOW AND ICE**  
Make your roof part of your snow clearing routine. Soon after a snowfall, use a roof rake to remove snow from the first few feet of your roof. If you already have ice buildup and want it removed, consider hiring an experienced professional to do it for you. Avoid climbing onto the roof to try to clear snow or ice - you can damage your home and seriously hurt yourself. Throwing salt or de-icing chemicals on roof ice is also a bad idea, as they may cause shingles to deteriorate.

**3 INVEST IN HEATING CABLES**  
Although it may be too late for this season, one thing you can consider for next year is to install heating (or de-icing) cables on your roof. These cables are installed on top of the shingles and along the roof line. When activated, they heat up to melt rooftop snow and ice before they turn into a problem. If you want to prevent ice dams effectively and with the least ongoing effort, heating cables are a good investment.

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(NC) After months of wind, snow and ice, spring maintenance should be on your mind to prevent lasting damage to your home.

Your spring upkeep should serve two purposes. The first is to assess and address any damage that occurred over the winter. And the second, of course, is to make sure your home is ready for the warmer weather to come.

If you own a newly built home, seasonal maintenance is especially important because it helps protect your warranty. New homes in Ontario come with a builder's warranty that lasts up to seven years from the date of possession. However, if you neglect to do the regular maintenance your home needs, any resulting damage may not be covered.

To help you kickstart your spring maintenance, here is a handy month-by-month checklist:

- MARCH**
- Clean the furnace filter, heat recovery ventilator and humidifier.
  - Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and replace the batteries if necessary.
  - Check and reset any ground fault circuit interrupters once a month.

- Check the attic for roof leaks, water damage or insulation issues.
- Check the sump pump (if applicable).
- Remove snow and ice from the roof overhang and vents to prevent ice damming and water damage.

- APRIL**
- Check eavestroughs and downspouts for damage or blockage.
  - Inspect the basement or crawlspaces for leaks.
  - Check the roof for loose or cracked shingles.
  - Check driveways and walkways for frost damage.
  - Check your water heater for leaks.
  - Turn on the exterior water supply.

- Plan landscaping in a way that will avoid soil settlement and water collecting near your home's foundation.

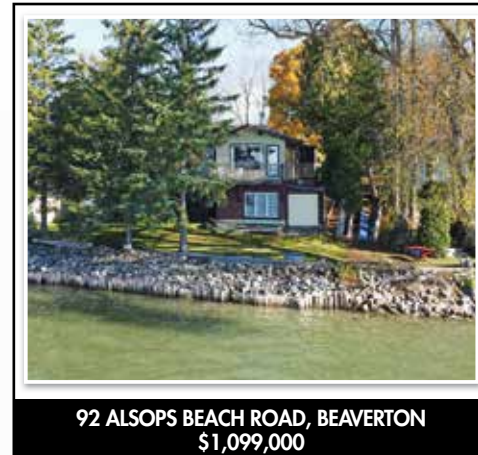
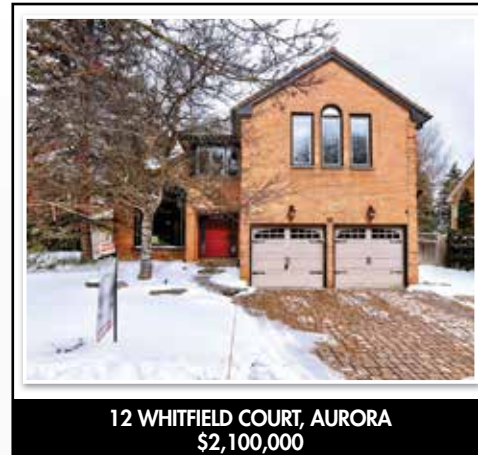
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# MAPPING THE MILLION

## What \$1 million can buy in Canada's major real estate markets



Nationally, a typical \$1-million home boasts an average of 3.2 bedrooms, 2.6 bathrooms and almost 1,800 square feet of living space

**IN EXAMINING WHAT A BUDGET** of approximately \$1 million – give or take \$50,000 – can buy in Canada's major housing markets, Royal LePage determined that the average home in Canada valued between \$950,000 and \$1,050,000 in December of 2022 had 3.2 bedrooms, 2.6 bathrooms and 1,763 square feet of living space, inclusive of all property types.

Canadian homeowners, renters and buyer hopefuls continue to keep a close eye on real estate trends in their markets and nationally, after almost two years of exceptional housing demand and record price appreciation. Home prices in Canada have moderated over the last nine months, following a series of interest rate hikes by the Bank of Canada. Still, a fundamental shortage of inventory has kept Canadian property values relatively stable, and in major markets across the country, a \$1-million price tag on a home is not unusual. However, the type of property that a million dollars gets you differs from one region to the next.

The mythical million-dollar house may not be the mansion it once was, yet a million-dollar budget will still buy a luxurious home in many parts of Canada. For those who live in our most expensive cities, low seven figures will get you a lovely, if more modest home.

In today's post-pandemic landscape, more Canadians than ever before have the option to work fully remotely, resulting in the ability to choose the city or town where they want to live without being restricted by the local job market.

Wider acceptance of fully remote employees has given more Canadian homebuyers the flexibility to live and work wherever they like. For those who prioritize square footage, outdoor space and luxurious features, \$1 million will go a lot further in cities outside of Toronto and Vancouver. Others, however, will pay a premium to live in the heart of our major cities and have access to top restaurants, shops and entertainment within walking distance, even if it means having a smaller living space.

The Greater Montreal Area, unlike Canada's two other largest metropolitan centres, boasts an average home size that is larger than the national average within the price range of \$950,000 to \$1,050,000.

Halifax, Edmonton and Winnipeg boast the largest average square footage of all major cities in Canada at this price point.

The average home in the Greater Toronto Area valued between \$950,000 and \$1,050,000 in December of 2022 had 3.0 bedrooms, 2.2 bathrooms and 1,461 square feet of living space; 302 square feet less than the national average.

A \$1-million home in the GTA these days is quite different from a property in this price range a few years ago when lower interest rates and lower overall home prices allowed for more accessibility into the Toronto Market. Today, the \$1-million benchmark is considered more of an entry-level price point in many neighbourhoods in the city. Sales over the seven-figure mark dominate the detached market, in both the city centre and the suburbs. The increased demand for larger properties as a result of the pandemic has put pressure on supply in this segment.

A \$1-million budget can afford prospective buyers a two-bedroom condominium in a newer building and a walkable downtown neighbourhood. Those searching outside of the city centre will see their dollar stretch farther, as homes with greater square footage are available at the same price point.

Outside of the city, in York Region, the \$1-million range can purchase a 3-4 bedroom detached home on a decent lot with a finished basement, some with attached single or double garages and others with in-law suites which can be rented out to assist with mortgage payments. Although prices are holding

steadily in 2023, February saw a 2nd monthly increase in prices in as many months this year along with an increase in the number of sales in the York Region.

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# Patio projects to enhance outdoor living

Warm weather paves the way for more opportunities to enjoy the fresh air. For homeowners who have the luxury of outdoor spaces, including private patios, now is the time to start thinking about projects to enhance these gathering spots.

A patio can be considered a transitional area that links the outdoors to the inside of a home. According to the home and lifestyle resource The Spruce, a patio is often an oasis for lounging and entertaining. And depending on the homeowner's budget and preferences, a patio can be just as comfortable and stylish as interior spaces. The following are five patio projects that can transform these valuable spaces.

### PRETTY PERGOLA

A pergola is an open-air (traditionally wood) structure that adds a measure of shade and privacy without completely blocking views of Mother Nature. Installing a pergola over the patio helps define the seating area. Hanging plants can add to the ambiance, and string lights can make this a great spot to gather when the sun sets.

### PATIO FIRE PIT

Build a fire pit right into the design with the same materials used to create the patio. For example, if the patio is brick or flagstone, build up to create an eye-catching fire pit. Fire pits not only look good, but they also expand the time frame that the patio can be enjoyed, offering cozy spots to sit even when the weather chills.

### FRAME IT IN

Make the patio a true extension of the inside by putting up walls around three sides of the patio if it connects to the home. Leave the last open to the yard, or consider installing screens to mimic the look of popular lanais. The walls will offer more weather



protection, meaning you can invest in high-quality patio furniture to make this a fully functioning outdoor living room. Hang a television that is rated for outdoor use for movie-watching under the sun or stars.

### OOH LA LA

Vintage bistro tables and chairs can turn a drab patio into one that calls to mind a Parisian courtyard. Whimsical lighting and accents that you would normally think to see indoors, like a gilded mirror, can add extra appeal. Soften wrought iron and other metals on the furniture by including plenty of flowers and greenery. Don't forget the candles and a place to stash a bottle of chilling wine.

### FARMHOUSE CHIC

Transform a patio into an entertaining space that caters to guests. A large farmhouse-style table flanked by benches and some upholstered chairs sets the scene for a dinner amid the fresh air. Watering cans filled with wildflowers and mismatched flatware establish a casual feel for gatherings in the space. For those who plan to cook and serve outside with frequency, invest in outdoor appliances so you'll never have to miss a beat with guests.

The options for transforming patios into stylish gathering spots are only limited by the imagination.

## Small renovations that can make a big impact

Home renovations provide a host of benefits.

Such projects can increase resale value and improve the safety, aesthetics and functionality of a home.

**COUNTERTOPS (AND HARDWARE):** A complete kitchen overhaul may stretch some homeowners' budgets. However, changing an older countertop for a new material can provide the facelift a kitchen needs. And while changing the cabinets may be the homeowner's ultimate goal, swapping hardware in dated finishes for newer handles and pulls can provide low-cost appeal.

**PAINT:** Painting a space is an inexpensive improvement that adds maximum impact. Paint can transform dark and drab rooms into bright and airy oases. Paint also can be used to create an accent wall or cozy nooks. Homeowners also can showcase their personalities with their choice of paint colours.

**LIGHTING:** Homeowners should not underestimate what a change in lighting can do. When rooms or exterior spaces are illuminated, they take on entirely new looks. It's worth it to invest in new lighting, whether it's a dramatic hanging light over the dining room table or task lighting in dim spaces.

**WEATHERPROOFING:** Improving windows, doors, weatherstripping, and insulation in a home can offer visual appeal and help homeowners save money. The initial investment may be significant, but those costs will pay off in energy savings. According to One Main Financial, space heating is the largest energy expense the average American homeowner has, accounting for around 45 percent of all energy costs.

**MUDROOM:** Turn an entryway into a more functional space with the addition of cabinets, benches or custom-designed storage options that perfectly fit the area. Cubbies and cabinets can corral shoes, umbrellas, hats, bags, and much more.

**ACCENT UPDATES:** Any space, whether it's inside or outside a home, can get a fresh look with new decorative accents. Invest in new throw pillows and even slipcovers for living room sofas. Use new tile or paint the brick on a fireplace in a den, then update the mantel with decorative displays. Purchase wall art that can bring different colours into a room. Change the cushions on deck furniture and buy colour-coordinated planters.

These subtle changes will not cost as much as full-scale renovations, but they can still help homeowners transform their homes.



# POPULAR TRENDS IN home exteriors

Certain homes have an undeniable wow factor.

That instant appeal tends to be noticeable the moment visitors pull up to the curb – and it might be a byproduct of homeowners' willingness to embrace the latest exterior design trends.

Trends come and go, but recognition of the current fashions can help homeowners create that highly sought-after wow factor. The following are some recent trends in home exteriors that have helped homeowners set their properties apart.

### WOOD

Natural wood has undeniable appeal – and it hasn't only found newfound devotion among home-interior decorators. Natural wood garage doors create a sense of warmth and can set a home apart from others with steel doors, which tend to be the most popular garage door material. In addition to the garage door, natural wood entry doors and wood decks are popular ways to impart this classical, warm look to the exterior of a home.

### PAINTED BRICK

Like natural wood, brick is a traditional material that's both sturdy and classical. But homeowners can add character to brick with a coat of paint, which has become a popular trend in recent years. Light tones tend to be the most popular when painting bricks. The experts at Better Homes &

Gardens note that this could prove a long-term commitment if homeowners so desire, as a properly painted brick exterior could last as long as 20 years.

### HARDSCAPING

Hardscaping isn't a new trend, but it has been trending in recent years. Hardscaping is an umbrella term that includes everything from outdoor living rooms to incorporating natural stone into a landscape. Outdoor living rooms are one hardscaping trend that has become increasingly popular of late. These spaces serve as an extension of indoor living spaces. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that recently homeowners have looked to create covered outdoor rooms that can be enjoyed more frequently than patios or decks that are not protected from the elements.

### OUTDOOR LIGHTING

It makes sense that individuals looking to spend more time enjoying their properties outdoors would want more lighting outside. Ambient outdoor lighting can be utilized throughout a property. Such lighting can light up walkways and driveways and be used to light up landscaping features like trees and gardens.

Home design trends tend to be fickle. But recognition of the current trends in exterior home design can set homes apart and turn properties into awe-inspiring places to enjoy the great outdoors.

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## Signs a home-exterior needs updating

Renovations are a great way for homeowners to reshape their homes. Some may aspire to renovate so their home is more reflective of their personal taste, while others may do so in an effort to make their homes better align with modern styles and sensibilities.

Curb appeal is often discussed in regard to the effects it can have when selling a home. But curb appeal is equally important for homeowners who aren't putting their homes on the market. A well-maintained, aesthetically appealing home is a source of pride, while a home with fading curb appeal can make homeowners feel a little sheepish. Homeowners who want their homes to maintain their curb appeal can look for signs that it's time to update their home exteriors.

**CURLING SHINGLES:** The roof may not be the first thing people think of when pondering curb appeal, but a damaged roof can contribute to problems that ultimately affect the exterior and interior of the home. Multiple curling shingles indicate it's time to replace the roof. The sight of curling shingles is not pretty, but the larger issue in such instances is the potential for costly water damage when water gets in through the affected shingles.

**DATED ENTRY DOOR:** Many home improvement experts insist they can determine when a home was built or most recently renovated simply by looking at the front door. Steel and glass doors are popular in modern homes, so homeowners with front doors with ornate designs and oval glass inserts can likely benefit from an upgrade to their entryway. A modern front door can make a statement and real estate experts note how popular updated front doors are among buyers.

**UNSIGHTLY LANDSCAPING:** It's not only the physical components of the home that may suggest an update is necessary. Homeowners without a green thumb may have exterior landscaping that has seen better days. If a spring or summer day spent tending to your landscaping is not your ideal weekend pastime, then consider replacing unsightly landscaping with low-maintenance plants or hardscaping. These alternatives to more needy plants can create curb appeal without requiring any extra work for homeowners.

**CRACKED DRIVEWAYS/WALKWAYS:** If the driveway looks like a busy road at the end of the snow plowing season, chances are that's adversely affecting the impression people have of your home. In addition, cracked walkways indicate a need for renovations, as these areas are front and center when welcoming guests.

Updating the exterior of a home can restore curb appeal and help homeowners feel better about their properties.



## Minor exterior upgrades that can help sell a home

The home improvement industry has been booming for years, but forecasters are projecting a deceleration in 2023 and perhaps beyond.

Estimates from the Home Improvement Research Institute, which is the leading market research resource for the home and building products industry, indicate that growth in the home improvement products market is expected to decelerate from 7.2 percent in 2022 to 1.5 percent in 2023. Inflation continues to affect consumer spending, and homeowners may be looking to spend less on renovations in the year ahead.

Minor upgrades that aren't as costly as larger projects can still make a big difference, especially among prospective buyers. When looking for minor upgrades that can help sell a home, homeowners can rely on Remodeling magazine's annual Cost vs. Value Report. That report analyzes costs for

an assortment of remodelling projects and determines the value of those projects at resale. Though resale value depends on a host of variables, including location, the following are some relatively minor exterior upgrades that impress buyers and provide a strong return for homeowners.

**GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENT:** Garage doors matter more than sellers may recognize, as various real estate professionals note that buyers appreciate homes with updated garage doors. That's good news for homeowners, as the 2022 Cost vs. Value Report indicated homeowners recoup roughly 93 percent of their garage door replacement investment at resale. The average cost of such a job is right around \$4,000, making this a budget-friendly remodelling project.

**WINDOW REPLACEMENT:** The cost of new windows will depend on just how many windows must be replaced. But there are no denying buyers the idea of low emissivity (low-E) windows, which can cut energy bills by a significant amount over time. The Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy estimates that heat gain and heat loss through windows is responsible for between 25 and 30 percent of

residential heating and cooling energy use, so sellers who can tell buyers they have new low-E windows can emphasize those savings in home listings. The 2022 Cost vs. Value Report indicates that homeowners recoup roughly two-thirds of their investment in new windows at resale.

**LANDSCAPING:** Well-maintained landscaping is another home-exterior component that can make a strong first impression on buyers. A recent survey of nearly 7,000 realtors conducted by the National Association of Realtors found that upgrading a landscape recouped roughly 83 percent of a homeowner's initial investment in resale. In addition, 11 percent of realtors surveyed indicated that an upgraded landscape was the decisive factor that closed the deal for the house.

Updating a home's exterior doesn't have to bust homeowner's budgets. Many affordable projects also provide a substantial return at resale.

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# DO OR DO NOT RENOVATE

## The pros and cons to consider



By Julien Laurion  
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As both a Realtor and Renovator, I often get asked whether it's worth renovating a home in Aurora, Newmarket or King City.

It's a question with no easy answer, as there are both pros and cons to renovating a property.

In this article, I'll play devil's advocate and present arguments for and against renovating your home and reasons why to renovate your home in Aurora, Newmarket or King City.

### THINGS TO CONSIDER OF WHY A RENOVATION WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS.

- 1 Increase the value of your property: Aurora, Newmarket, or King City are desirable areas to live in, and home prices have been steadily increasing over the years even if the current economic situation is not the best.
- 2 By renovating your home, you can increase its value even more, potentially making a profit when you do sell it.
- 3 Enjoy a more comfortable living space: Renovating your home can improve its functionality and make it more comfortable to live in.
- 4 You can update your kitchen, add an extra bedroom, or create a home office, all of which can enhance your quality of life.



5 Save money on energy bills: Renovating your home can also make it more energy-efficient.

6 By adding insulation, upgrading your windows, and installing energy-efficient appliances, you can save money on your energy bills in the long run.

### REASONS NOT TO RENOVATE YOUR HOME IN AURORA, NEWMARKET OR KING CITY.

- 1 High renovation costs: Renovating a home can be expensive, and the costs can quickly add up.
- 2 In Aurora, Newmarket or King City, the cost of labour and materials can be higher than in other areas, which means you may end up spending more and likely will than you originally anticipated.
- 3 Disruption to your daily life: Renovating a home can be a messy and disruptive process.
- 4 Depending on the extent of the renovation, you may need to move out of your home temporarily, which can be stressful – and inconvenient and expensive.

5 Limited return on investment: While renovating your home can increase its value, the return on investment may not be as high as you expect.

6 Some renovations, such as a swimming pool or a high-end kitchen, may not add as much value to your home as you think.

In the end, deciding whether or not to renovate your home comes down to your individual circumstances and priorities.

If you're planning to stay in your home for the long term and you have the budget and patience to undergo a renovation, it could be a wise investment.

On the other hand, if you're looking to sell your home soon or you don't have the resources to take on a renovation project, it may not be worth it.

If you do decide to renovate your home in Aurora, Newmarket or King City, be sure to work with a reputable contractor and obtain all necessary permits.

With the right approach and mindset, renovating your home can be a rewarding experience that adds value and comfort to your life.

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Good Luck!

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