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Community spirit alive at Victoria Day event

Councillor David Boyd, his wife Besy, along with Mayor Pellegrini, showed off home-grown honey from Kinghaven Farms, made with pride by Jay Willmot and his staff. This was one of many community booths at the Victoria Day festival in Nobleton. The event was capped by the famous fireworks display. For more photos of the event, turn to Page 10.

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Township reaches goals in corporate plan

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The pandemic didn't slow King Township down in making "significant progress" in year four of its Corporate Strategic Plan.

Staff noted the plan, which spanned 2019-2022, set out priorities, objectives, key actions and performance measures to guide the Township's decisions for the previous term of council.

The majority of its target goals were achieved.



The CSP is meant to provide a common focus for the Township, which enables staff to address the changing needs of the community, while consistently fostering a high quality of life for citizens. The 2019-2022 CSP out-

lined a detailed course of action for the 2019-2022 term of council, through four priority areas. They included a green and sustainable future; investing in infrastructure; cultivating safe, healthy and resilient communities, and service delivery excellence.

In those four areas, there was a tremendous amount of success. In infrastructure, the Township achieved 100% of its goals and 7.3/10 green actions were achieved. All actions were completed or progressing in healthy communities and most are trending in the right direction. Service delivery was top-notch, too.

Success was measured through Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, May 29
5 p.m. – Council working session - Draft – 2022 Audited Financial Statements
6 p.m. – Council
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, June 1
6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

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

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REMINDERS

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By-law Number 2023-048 is a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2016-071, being a by-law for the Nobleton Urban Area. By-law Number 2023-049 is a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2017-066, being a by-law for the Schomberg and King City Urban Areas. The Amendments concern all pervious surface provisions for residential lots within the by-laws.

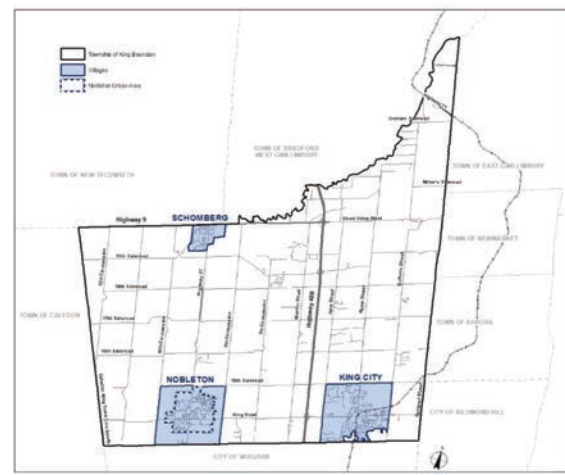
AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the **14th day of June, 2023** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, together with a filing fee **per application** being appealed, in the amount as specified on the OLT website (www.olt.gov.on.ca), along with a cheque for \$243.00 per application being appealed, payable to the Township of King representing the Clerk's Department 2023 Administrative processing fee and a cheque for \$400 per appeal, representing the Planning Division's 2023 Administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. Should this date fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the OLT, a copy of an appeal form is available from the OLT website at (www.olt.gov.on.ca). Please note the Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by certified cheque or money order.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Comments received and considered in the preparation of By-laws 2023-048 and 2023-049 were summarized and included in the Joint Department Recommendation Report JR-2023-02, and in the Comment Response Matrix attached to Report JR-2023-02 as Appendix F. The report is available on the Township's website www.king.ca. Comments received were in relation to amendments to the Township's Site Alteration By-law, requirements for driveway widths, changes to defined terms (soft landscaping), consideration for hard landscaping surfaces (artificial turf and permeable pavers) and consideration for a living landscaping percentage.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law is available on our website.



DATED at the Township of King this 25th day of May, 2023.

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Comments and personal information are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter c.P. 13 as amended, and will become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form. Personal information will be protected in accordance with Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information received other than personal information may be included in the documentation which will become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information, please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.

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New five-year plan will help set the stage in King

From Front Page

The Township was not able to complete a draft of the community engagement plan before the end of this term of our corporate strategic plan. For this final reporting year, the community engagement plan is 50% drafted and staff are optimistic about completion of the draft and adoption of the plan in 2023.

In all, 78% of community benefits are trending in the right direction. These positive steps included 29% increase in waste diverted from landfills from 2021.

Some of the milestones included:
Cleanout of 1 Stormwater pond, leading to an increase in stormwater ponds in King in good condition.

A 7% increase in invasive species removal from 2021.

A 4% decrease in average water consumption per capita from 2021.

As a result of the Road Improvement Program, there was a 3.6% increase in roads/bridges in top condition.

A 59% increase in Township properties with access to broadband/fibre from 2021.

Four facilities with new accessibility renovations, as well as (2) more Facilities (Parks Depot & Tasca Park) were equipped with EV charging stations.

A 2.8% increase of core area accessible streetscaping since 2021.

A 7% increase in Township parks and facilities that are partially or fully accessible.

Reduced speed limits on 17th Sideroad between Dufferin and Jane to 50 km/h.

A 40% increase in capital projects that were associated with good asset management practices.

Eleven kilometres of new water mains installed, and 52 kilometres of watermain swabbing performed, This represents a 200% increase from 2020, which have improved operational performance of water/wastewater systems.

Three new permanent speed hump installations.

The implementation of (7) action items from the Economic Development Plan, increasing the number of implemented initiatives from approved master plans/long term growth frameworks in 2022.

80% of Township led projects budget-

ed in 2022 support strong asset management practices and/or replacement/renewal of assets to meet service level standards.

93% of all CRM cases closed within (2) business days.

One new corporate accreditations and (7) re-accreditations earned in 2022, increasing the % of departments with accreditations since 2021.

A 1% increase in online services available to the public, resulting in 98% of services being accessible online or through a mobile device.

A 2% increase in staff retention levels.

87% of corporate and administrative policies and procedures are up to date.

A 22% increase in external projects/initiatives influenced by King as an active stakeholder and thousands of dollars realized in cost savings resulting from the partnerships.

96% of employees reported motivation to succeed in their jobs in the Employee Pulse Survey conducted in 2022.

Staff pointed out that these achievements demonstrate strong, organized and collaborative efforts across the organization and in support of council's priorities over this term of council. Various degrees of progress were made on 33 action items. Half-way through the implementation of the Strategy, the pandemic created a significant disruption where Staff needed to re-focus service levels. Staff provided timely help, guidance and information as necessary to the local business community, namely to some of the hardest hit businesses in the retail, restaurant and tourism sectors.

The support provided included timely information on availability of essential services, daily updates to the business community through Economicking.ca, including a portal for all resources mandates and orders at local, regional, provincial and federal levels, and a heightened focus on the shop local initiative shopKING. As a COVID response measure, staff also developed and administered an extended outdoor patio program for restaurant operators.

Notwithstanding the refocused priorities, progress was made on the Strategy's action items including: refreshing and implementing a new Community Improvement Plan; Communi-

ty Tourism Plan; and continuing the Main Street Revitalization Strategy activation. Several grant programs were leveraged to continue, and enhance, services through Rural Economic Development (RED), Central Counties Tourism Fed. Dev. Tourism Relief Fund (TRF) and York Region's Covid recovery support fund.

Of the 33 action items, it is being proposed that going forward into the development of a new plan:

Eleven will continue to advance and be further operationalized; four will be continued with some degree of re-assessment needed; nine will be reassessed more comprehensively; and for various reasons nine will not carry forward or will stop being the focus of the economic development's work plan and function.

The new five-year plan must:

- Align with the updated Official Plan priorities.
- Align with the Corporate Strategic Plan Objectives.
- Address the duality of King's mul-

titude of small businesses and the few medium businesses which employ more people and drive the non-residential tax base.

• Address King's unique community of communities – both villages and the rural economy.

• Incorporate King's Community Improvement Plan, Community Tourism Plan and Main Street Schomberg's Revitalization Strategy.

• Incorporate outcomes from upcoming studies for Employment Lands Needs Study, Doctors Lane Block Plan and Hwy 11 Corridor and Nobleton Lions Park Redevelopment Strategy, Old King Road Block Plan, Nobleton (distinct and unique geographies that are appropriate for commercial and mixed-use redevelopment and intensification).

• Address the low inventory of available land for medium/large business development.

• Differentiate King from other surrounding municipalities in terms of investment attraction.



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The event has always had a fundraising aspect to it as well. In the beginning it was in support of SickKids hospital. However, Abby passed away in 2018, and with her passing the family again wanted to give back to the community but also support other children that may not feel included and dedicated their fundraising to support the building of an accessible playground in Schomberg.

Abby Family Day is a very special event this year as it will be the grand opening of Abby's accessible playground.

This year's event will be held in collaboration with the Township of King. The focus for fundraising this year will be for the SickKids PACT Pathways Grief Support Program as well as two events that "We Believe in Abby" is planning on hosting this year. They include an event for children that have experienced the loss of a sibling or parent, and the annual Heart Holiday Party, which was on hold during the pandemic.

The event Saturday, June 17 runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will mark the grand opening of Abby's accessible playground at Osin Lions Park.

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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

Living a lie: The hypocrisy of land ownership

"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territories of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe peoples, whose presence here continues to this day. We also would like to acknowledge that these are the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit and to thank them and other Indigenous peoples for sharing this land with us."

And right there is the crux of the matter. In this placating statement, we thank Indigenous Peoples for "sharing" the land.

What? The colonizing Europeans appropriated the land, displacing Indigenous Peoples.

We are descendents of imperialistic thieves. All that we have and the land we "own," is because of them.

If you want to get right down to brass tacks, we shouldn't own any land at all, not one square inch. Just who had the right to give it to us, deed it to us, or bequeath it to us? We didn't win it in war or conquest.

It could be argued that all land rights, planning policies, development, subdivisions, commercial complexes and government buildings are all built on a shaky foundation. The land we built our homes and strip malls on was not ours to begin with. And how it ended up in public and private ownership is a whole area for debate.

Through a series of archaic traditions and seemingly organized land dispositions, our ancestors made a mad dash to their homesteads. Many didn't make it. Many died. And the land, well, I suppose it all got "passed down" with nary a legal binding document to be found.

Many Indigenous bands have reconciled their claims with the Crown through negotiated treaties, while others have not. Our laws state the Crown should act "honourably," to consult and accommodate Indigenous Peoples' interests.

In this country, there is a "duty to consult" but it remains muddy. This falls into the hands of the federal and provincial governments, and yet the majority of planning decisions are made at the



Mark Pavilons

local, municipal level.

Municipalities play a critical role in the lives of all of us – Indigenous People included – and make decisions directly affecting all of our interests.

There is also a "duty of reconciliation."

How can you truly reconcile hundreds of years of mistrust, mistreatment, and ill will?

Obligations aside, let's look at terra firma – Turtle Island, Mother Earth, Gaia.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau reminded us that the "fruits belong to all and that the land belongs to no one."

Indigenous communities have a unique relationship with the land and its resources. We would do much better if we learned from their time-honoured traditions and beliefs.

Robin Wall Kimmerer once said it's not the land that has been broken, "but our relationship to it."

Under our rules, planning authorities are "encouraged to build constructive, cooperative relationships through meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities to facilitate knowledge-sharing in land use planning pro-

cesses and inform decision-making."

Want to talk about historic uses of property? The land each one of our homes sits on – Indigenous land to be sure – was once used as a village, farm, cemetery, community meeting space, spiritual centre, medical and long term care facility, school, business and more.

So my friends, along with the complexities regarding Indigenous claims, rights and reconciliations, are current land use policies, which seem to be maleable, thanks to constantly changing mandates from the provincial government.

Recent Bills have impacted planning greatly, all across southern Ontario. From the Greenbelt and urban centres, to securing land for hospitals and LTC facilities, the process is complicated and costly.

I could argue that Ontario has an abundance of land for all of our needs. It only requires great thinking, planning and foresight in order to fulfill society's greatest needs.

Some would argue that affordable housing is the most pressing need in Ontario, and the Province would concur. Others say health care is top of mind and with that comes more beds, more mental health facilities, more LTC. Simply, more.

Planning is a balance. In many respects, it's a long-term projection. If done frugally, planning looks at the 25-year picture, not the 5- or 10-year window. But we're growing so fast, it's hard to keep up.

Many interest and environmental groups argue, correctly, that we have experienced piecemeal, haphazard planning in our province. Our geography is

filled with puzzle-piece-like mistakes of all shapes and sizes.

And this will continue, as long as the government of the day responds to the newest and next crisis, challenge, need and opportunity.

The majority of fortunes in North America have been made in real estate and we all know it's worth its weight in gold.

"It's tangible, it's solid, it's beautiful. It's artistic, from my standpoint, and I just love real estate," Donald Trump said.

No comment.

I tend to agree with Nathaniel Hawthorne who called real estate "the broad foundation on which nearly all the guilt of this world rests."

And let's not forget today's deadly sins – money and avarice. To think that it costs hundreds of millions of dollars to build a hospital is mind-boggling. Anyone in government will tell you that a million here, 10 million there, is commonplace.

That's not only ridiculous, it can't continue at that pace. The well will run dry. The bubble will burst.

And all of this on land we have no right to.

There's a lot to be said for hitting the reset button and starting over.

But we're in way over our heads, and too firmly rooted in the weird and wacky world of land ownership.

There are countries where people are forbidden to own land. As tyrannical as that sounds, maybe that's the way to go.

Let's create the province's largest shared commune! Who's with me?

That's what I thought.

MP's bill passes 2nd reading

Bill C-280, the Financial Protection for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Farmers Act, passed at Second Reading in the House of Commons. This bill will ensure that produce farmers have priority access to an insolvent buyer's assets related to the sale of fresh produce.

"This is a great day for fresh fruit and vegetable growers right across the country," said Scot Davidson, MP for York-Simcoe. "We are one step closer to ensuring that Canada's produce farmers are always paid for the fresh food they grow."

Bill C-280 has been endorsed by the Canadian Produce Marketing Association, the Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Holland Marsh Growers, and numerous national, regional, and industry-specific agricultural organizations who have all called for financial protection measures to address the unique challenges faced by the produce sector.

"With the limited deemed trust established by Bill C-280, we can strengthen Canada's food security and ensure producers are more resilient to supply chain disruptions and other impacts. We can also ensure that nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables are more affordable and accessible for Canadians, and that our produce growers are more competitive in the global market," Davidson said.

The bill was passed unanimously with the support of MPs from all parties. It will now be studied by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.



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Quote of the Week

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed."

— Mahatma Gandhi

Trivia Tidbits

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:

Do you plan on taking a vacation this year?

a) Yes **62.5%**

b) No **37.5%**

Did you attend any local Victoria Day celebrations?

a) Yes

b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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

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Farm organizations asking Province to pause Bill 97

The leadership of Ontario's agricultural organizations, named below, are united in asking the Ontario government to take pause on its recently released Proposed Provincial Planning Statement and newly proposed Bill 97.

They stand in strong opposition to the 3-lot severances per farm parcel proposed in prime agricultural areas as well as other measures that weaken local farmland protection. They request that the limited circumstances permitting residential lot creation in prime agricultural areas under the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, be retained in the new Proposed Provincial Planning Statement.

Residential lot creation in agricultural areas has long been controversial and the detrimental impacts for agriculture are well demonstrated, including fragmentation of the agricultural land base, increased conflicts between neighbouring land uses, risk of inflating farmland prices and increasing costs to municipalities. In addition, they have significant concerns regarding the speculative investment that this proposal will drive, resulting in farm-

Comment

land values that make farming even more unattainable for the next generation. Any policies that might open land for speculative purchase and investment need to be discouraged.

As farm leaders and organizations, they have worked diligently to manage and mitigate conflict between farming and non-farming neighbours in all types of agriculture. The proposed changes will exacerbate conflict between farming and non-farming neighbours for all aspects of farming including application of crop nutrition and crop protection products, wildlife control and more. They support Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) and see it as a valuable tool to minimize conflicts between farm operations and residential areas with respect to livestock operations. Additional lot severances proposed will make it difficult or impossible for farmers to operate, expand and grow their farms.

They do not support policies that will increase residential lot creation in prime agricultural areas or in rural

areas that are actively farmed. Ontario boasts some of Canada's richest and most fertile farmland and these policy changes put the sustainability of that land and the food system it provides at great risk.

Ontario's agri-food sector is an economic powerhouse, fuelling rural communities, generating nearly 750,000 jobs and contributing more than \$47 billion to Ontario's annual GDP. The province's agri-food strategy, Grow Ontario, aims to strengthen the agri-food sector, support economic growth and ensure an efficient, reliable and responsible food supply. Ontario's farmers are positioned to seize opportunities and rise to the challenge of an ambitious growth strategy, allowing the agri-food sector to drive the economy forward. To farm, we need farmland.

Ontario's productive farmland is a scarce resource, making up less than five per cent of all the land in the province. It is our unwavering position that agricultural production is the most valued and best use of this land. They believe in the importance of a healthy, viable and sustainable supply of food

products grown, harvested and processed right here at home. We are confident that long-term food system security for the people of Ontario, Canada and the world is a shared priority with the general public and our governments.

"Collectively, we seek your commitment to preserving Ontario's farmland and specialty croplands across the province. The implications of Bill 97 and the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement for Ontario agriculture are significant and concerning for the agriculture and agri-food sector. These decisions will have long-term, inter-generational implications for Ontario farmers, food security, water resources and the agri-food economy."

Directing growth to settlement areas, urban and rural is better for both agriculture and municipalities. Housing needs can be met in serviced settlement areas on a much smaller land base. This reduces farmland loss and potential land use conflicts while encouraging ongoing investment in farm and farm-related businesses.

See 'Ensure' on Page 6



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING SECTION 51(37) OF THE PLANNING ACT

On the 27th day of February, 2023 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King approved an application for Draft Plan of Subdivision under Section 51 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, regarding the following application:

Draft Plan of Subdivision application (Janeking Holdings Inc. & Jane King Holdings South Inc.) under File Number 19T-20K02, concerning lands municipally known as 12805 & 12665 Jane Street, and legally described as Part of Lot 3-4, Concession 4, King City, Township of King, as shown on the attached map. The overall area which the subject application consists of are located south-east of Jane Street and King Road. The lands identified above are subject to a related Zoning By-law Amendment application (File Number Z-2020-08) and Official Plan Amendment Application (File Number OP-2017-01) which will be considered by Council at a later date.

In accordance with the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King, the approval of the Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision is effective on the date of fulfilment of various pre-conditions, being the receipt by the Township of certain executed agreements and/or related matters. The pre-conditions have now been fulfilled.

The development plan includes the following: 155 single-detached homes and 56 street access townhouses, as well as 65 "Lifestyle" townhouse units geared towards seniors, for a total of 276 units. All residential units are intended to front onto public roads. Other blocks for park, stormwater management, and natural heritage are also included.

Brief Explanation of Effect, if any, of Written and Oral Submissions on the Decision

All submissions were considered as part of the decision making process. Public, Staff and Agency submissions were considered and where applicable, are reflected in the Conditions of Approval and/or draft plan. Public consultation on the Draft Plan of Subdivision took place in the form of virtual public meeting held by Council on March 1st, 2021, which was a formal statutory meeting under the Planning Act. All comments received were considered in Municipal Planning staff reports and were made available to the public. The comments were identified, discussed, and where appropriate, addressed in the conditions of draft plan of approval, draft plans, and Zoning By-laws, which were presented at Council on February 27th, 2023.

When and How to File an Appeal

Any appeal of the decision of Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT"), is made by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King, no later than 20 days from the date of this notice, a notice of appeal including the reasons in support of the objection, together with a filing fee per application being appealed in the amount as specified on the OLT website (www.olt.gov.on.ca), along with a cheque for \$243.00 per application being appealed, payable to the Township of King representing the Clerk's Division 2023 administrative processing fee, and a cheque for \$400.00 per appeal, representing the Planning Division's 2023 administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. The last day for filing an appeal is June 8, 2023. If you wish to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal, a copy of an appeal form is available from the Ontario Land Tribunal website at www.olt.gov.on.ca. Please note the Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by certified cheque or money order.

Who Can File an Appeal

Only those set out in subsection 51(39) of the Planning Act, subject to subsection 51(43) of the Planning Act may appeal decisions in respect to a proposed plan of subdivision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

No qualifying person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal of the decision of the Council of the Township of King, including the lapsing provisions or the conditions, unless the qualifying person or public body, before the decision of the Council of the Township of King, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King, or made a written request to be notified of changes to the conditions or, in the Ontario Land Tribunal's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to add the corporation or public body as a party.

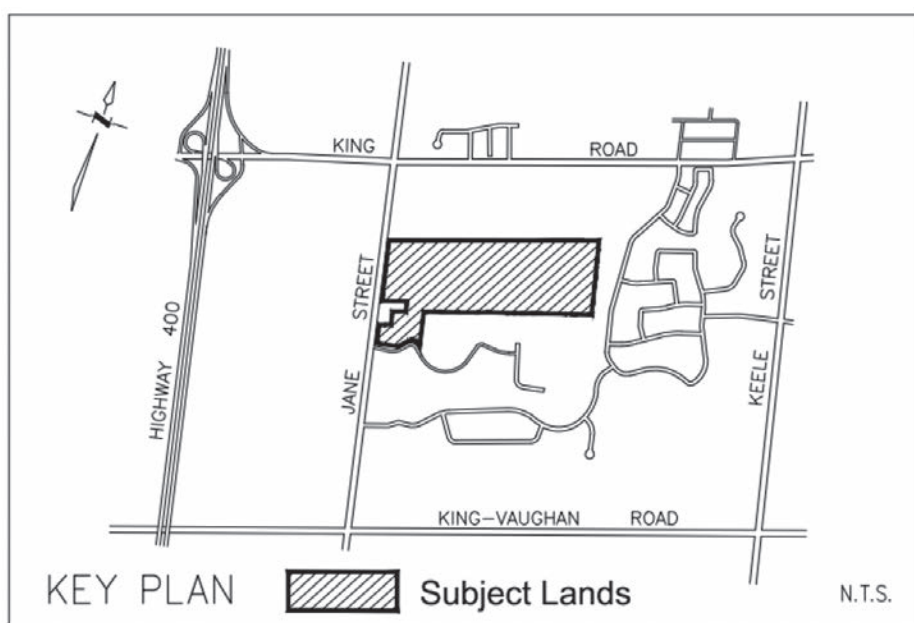
Right of Applicant or Public Body to Appeal Conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision

Only those set out in subsection 51(43) of the Planning Act at any time before the approval of the final plan of subdivision under subsection 51(58) of the Planning Act may appeal any of the conditions in respect to a proposed plan of subdivision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

How to Receive Notice of Changed Conditions

The conditions of an approval of Draft Plans of Subdivision may be changed at any time before the final approval is given. You will be entitled to receive notice of any changes to the conditions of approval of the proposed Draft Plans of Subdivision if you have made a written request to be notified of changes to the conditions of approval of the Proposed Plans of Subdivision.

A key map showing the location of the lands affected by the Draft Plan of Subdivision is attached, as well as a copy of the conditions of approval of the Draft Plan of Subdivision. Additional information about the applications is available for public inspection during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Growth Management Services Department, 1st Floor, 2585 King Road, King City, ON or on our website at www.king.ca.



DATED at the Township of King this 19th day of May, 2023.

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Reduce your risk of Lyme disease and tick-borne illnesses

The Ontario government is encouraging people across the province to take precautions to prevent tick bites and reduce the risk of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses when

enjoying the outdoors.

Lyme disease is a potentially serious infection that comes from being bitten by an infected blacklegged tick, commonly known as a deer tick. Symptoms

include fever, headache, muscle and joint pain, fatigue, and an expanding circular rash that resembles a bull's-eye. Ticks commonly live in wooded areas, tall grasses, and bushes and can be found almost anywhere in Ontario, including city gardens and parks.

"As we head outside to start enjoying the warmer weather, it is important to protect ourselves from Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "With tick populations expanding every year, the number of people at risk of tick bites is increasing. By taking simple precautions, Ontarians can protect themselves and their families when enjoying time outdoors in our beautiful province."

You can protect yourself from tick bites by:

Wearing light-coloured clothing, so it's easier to spot ticks.

Wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants tucked into your socks, and closed-toed shoes.

Using an insect repellent with DEET or icaridin in it.

Checking yourself, your children, and your pets for ticks after being outdoors. Any ticks found should be removed promptly.

Putting clothes on high heat in a dryer for at least 10 minutes before washing clothing after spending time outdoors.

"We are seeing an increase in cases of Lyme and other diseases transmit-

ted by ticks in line with other jurisdictions," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "Simple, precautionary measures can reduce the risk of getting bitten by a tick. This includes being vigilant in wooded or grassy areas, even in your backyard, and doing routine tick checks after enjoying the outdoors."

Ticks are very small and hard to see. When a tick is found, it should be removed immediately using fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible. Once the tick has been removed, wash the area with soap and water and then disinfect the area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or an iodine swab.

If you have any health concerns after a tick bite, consult a health care provider as soon as possible. Most cases of Lyme disease can be treated successfully with antibiotics.

Infected blacklegged ticks can be found almost anywhere in the province. There have been over 3,000 cases of Lyme disease in Ontario since 2021.

If left untreated, Lyme disease can make you feel tired and weak. In severe cases, it can affect your heart, nerves, liver, and joints, and, in very rare cases, cause death.

While ticks are most active in spring and summer, they can be found during any time of the year when the temperature is above freezing.

Author to speak about debut war novel at Laskay Hall

The author of a wartime novel will be on hand speaking to King's Historical Society in June.

Malcolm G. Kelly, a professional journalist and a former writer/editor for numerous Canadian newspapers, including the Ottawa Citizen, National Post, Thomson News and the Canadian Press, will be speaking about his debut novel, SPROG: A Novel of Bomber Command, as part of the King Township Historical Society's speaker series on Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m. at Laskay Hall.

Kelly is the son of two WW2 veterans. His father was one of the famous 47 British escapees at Calais in 1940, and his mother was a Blitz survivor who joined the army's ATS. A bestselling author who has written four non-fiction books, Malcolm was born in Bradford-on-Avon, England, and raised in Warminster, Wiltshire, before the family moved to Canada in 1966.

His debut novel follows five young men as they journey to join the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941. They come from different places, and different lives, but they all share a dream: to fly. One is from Abilene, Texas, determined to get into the fight though his country is neutral. Another is a top high school athlete from Toronto, who wants to put his bravery to the test in the fight against Nazi Germany. A third is from a small mill town and lies about his age to join a battle many others believe to be someone else's problem.

This book addresses the allure and danger of aviation in the 1930s and how it drew so many. This KTHS event will take place at Laskay Hall beside the King Heritage and Cultural Centre at 2920 King Road in King City. Admission is \$10 for KTHS non-members and free for members with an option to purchase an annual membership at the door and attend for free. KTHS membership is \$25 for individuals and \$30 for families. Learn more at www.kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.com

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Ensure viability of agriculture

From Page 5

It also ensures efficient use of municipal infrastructure investments and reduces costs to provide services. Responsible land-use planning is critical to balancing the needs of our growing communities and to ensure that our agriculture and agri-food sector survives and thrives.

"We ask for the opportunity to work together with the government to develop a way forward to support and create the framework for needed housing and development while ensuring the long-term success and viability of the agriculture sector."








The statement included representatives from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, National Farmers Union-Ontario, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Ontario Broiler Hatching Egg & Chick Commission, Beef Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Pork, Egg Farmers of Ontario, Veal Farmers of Ontario, Chicken Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Farmland Trust, Turkey Farmers of Ontario and Dairy Farmers of Ontario.




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THURS 25TH	FRI 26TH	SAT 27TH	SUN 28TH	MON 29TH	TUES 30TH	WED 31ST
						
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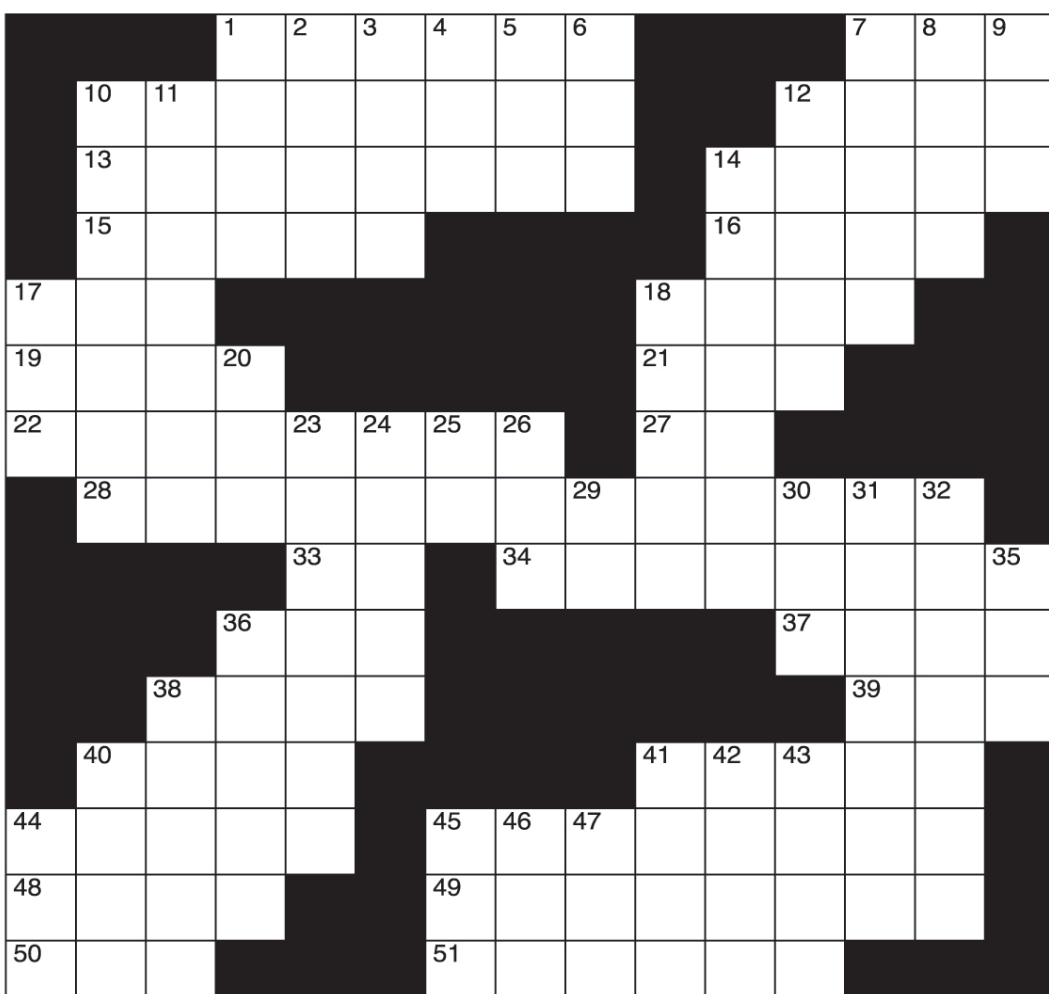
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Wear away by friction
7. Insecticide
10. Elicited a secret vote
12. Beef
13. Disagreement
14. __ Crawford, supermodel
15. Jeweled headdress
16. Digits
17. Trillion hertz
18. Snap up
19. Classical portico
21. Residue after burning
22. Large integers
27. Free agent
28. Where ballplayers work
33. Blood type
34. Scottish city
36. Google

CLUES DOWN

1. Nonflowering aquatic plant
2. Britpop rockers
3. National capital
4. Consumed
5. The habitat of wild animals
6. Sun up in New York
7. Cygnus star
8. Male parents
9. Talk to you (abbr.)
10. A place to clean oneself
11. Southwestern US state
12. South Korean idol singer
14. Pirate
17. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
18. Mistake
20. Promotions
23. Prepares
24. Partner to flowed
25. State lawyer
26. Patti Hearst's captors
29. Pound
30. Electronic data processing
31. Sports player
32. Treats with contempt
35. Apprehend
36. Excessively talkative
38. Highways
40. Ribosomal
41. College organization for males
42. Any customary observance or practice
43. Employee stock ownership plan
44. Male parent
45. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
46. Female bird
47. Autonomic nervous system

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Caledon will become an independent municipality by 2025

Region of Peel to be dissolved

By Zachary Roman

Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga will no longer form the Region of Peel.

At a press conference held on May 18, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark announced Premier Doug Ford's Progressive Conservative government was tabling legislation to dissolve the Region of Peel.

The move came just days after Ford said he was "always for an independent Mississauga" at a press conference held there.

The legislation that's dissolving Peel is called the Hazel McCallion Act, a nod to the late Mississauga mayor McCallion's long-held desire to have Mississauga be an independent city. Ford has said even before he was elected, he promised McCallion he'd make Mississauga independent.

Peel will be officially dissolved on January 1, 2025, and a five-person transition board is going to be appointed by the government to handle the transition.

"The board would make recommendations on actions our government can take to help the transition proceed smoothly and it would provide a wide range of advice ..." said Clark.

Clark said the move to dissolve Peel will help its three municipalities grow, specifically when it comes to building homes. He said the dissolution will be done fairly and ensure stability for Peel's residents.

"Our objective ... is to ensure these municipalities have the tools that they need to support future population and housing growth in the years to come, to reduce duplication, to lower the cost of government, and speed up the delivery of high-quality services to the taxpayers of these three communities," said Clark.

At the press conference, Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown and Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie could each be seen making faces as the other was talking. Prior to the press conference, Brown had said Brampton residents' tax dollars have built well over \$1 billion in infrastructure in Mississauga and that his city needs to be made whole.

At the press conference, Brown said Ford assured him Brampton would be made whole. Brown said if Brampton wasn't, it would be catastrophic as economic development and housing growth would grind to a halt and property taxes would increase.

Crombie said it was a historic day for Mississauga and that McCallion would be looking down and smiling to hear the news that Peel was dissolving.

Crombie said she only asked for fairness and equity in the dissolution process and that Mississauga's growth was paid for by Mississauga residents. She also said she received a firm commitment her city would be made whole from Ford.

Reporters asked how Brown and Crombie could work together in the dissolution process if there was already friction at the press conference. Crombie said she believed they'd be able to work things out professionally and cordially, while Brown said he would not be afraid to fully stand up for the residents of Brampton should anything go awry.

It wasn't until this point in the press conference that Caledon Mayor Annette Groves was able to speak, calling Caledon the "child" in the Region of Peel "divorce."

She said she was confident Caledon and its residents would be taken care of and that she was "sure" the province did not come to the decision to dissolve Peel lightly.

"I have every confidence in your transition board ... that this will all be worked out," said Groves.

The dissolution of the Region came as a surprise to Groves.

"It's not a move that we wanted ... but at the end of the day, we're here with this decision today and we have to work with it and do the best we can," said Groves.

She said she won't have any issue making sure that Caledon residents will be served well as the Region dissolves. Groves noted the Region of Peel has always served Caledon well, and that Caledon Council's formal position has always been in support of maintaining the Region of Peel.

Caledon is expected to take a lot of growth in undeveloped areas, and Groves said it's key that Caledon receives support for the infrastructure needed to grow in these areas.

Clark said Groves' points were well taken. He indicated his government wants to give the mayors of the newly-independent Caledon, Mississauga, and Brampton strong mayor powers like the ones afforded to Toronto and Ottawa's mayors.

Crombie was asked at the press conference about rumours she'd be running for leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario. She said she was approached by people across Ontario to give it consideration but that she was solely focused on "this incredible day and historic announcement."

Since the press conference, Crombie has formed an "exploratory committee," the first step in running to become leader of the Ontario Liberals.

The Town of Caledon put out a media release on May 18 about the dissolution of the Region of Peel. In the release, Groves was quoted as saying the following:

"Caledon is a special place, and the Town's residents have made it clear that they want Caledon to retain its unique identity," said Groves. "As one of the fastest growing municipalities in the Province, Caledon needs partners at the table to ensure we hit our growth targets when it comes to infrastructure and community service. We will work with the Province to ensure a fair transition for our town that protects our financial security and makes sure residents continue to receive the high levels of service that they need and have come to expect. We understand that this will be an involved process and we look forward to working productively to reach an outcome that is fair, equitable and respects the current and future capabilities of a growing Caledon."



York cautiously awaiting details

Restructuring has been in discussion for some time and York Region is cautiously awaiting details of Peel's dissolution and how it will impact it.

"For more than 50 years, York Regional Council has collaborated with local partners and all levels of government to provide residents with high-quality public services that respect our taxpayers and position York Region as a destination of choice for individuals, families and businesses," said Wayne Emmerson, York Chair.

"As our communities continue to grow to more than 2 million residents by 2051, York Region welcomes the opportunity to work with the Government of Ontario and our nine cities and towns to consider the best mix of roles and responsibilities between upper and lower tier municipalities, particularly in delivering on housing pledges and ensuring the seamless delivery of cross-jurisdictional services.

"York Region is proud to have a strong culture of continuous improvement. Our record of delivering critical infrastructure and services to our communities and residents has served as a strength for our organization and will set the foundation for this most recent review of our two-tiered governance model.

"At the same time, we will evaluate how the dissolution of Peel Region may impact York Region. This includes revisiting current water servicing arrangements with Peel Region and evaluating how Regional programs like transit, waste, water and wastewater and emergency services are delivered.

"While we await the announcement of a provincially appointed facilitator for York Region, Regional Council's top priority remains the efficient delivery of 15 core programs and services that support the economic strength, social viability and overall well-being of our communities."



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King moves forward with new economic development plan

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

King Township is entering a new phase for economic development.

And part of that is a new ED Plan, outlining goals for the next five years.

ED staff presented a report on the past successes, and a direction in developing a new, five-year Economic Development Plan.

The current plan ran 2018 to 2022 and identified 33 actions in six main strategic objective areas. The key priorities of the plan include promoting higher density employment lands; continue to improve King's quality of life; advancing innovation and the creative economy; raising the profile of the community, and focussing on supporting business.

To achieve those, the main goals were investment readiness; a commitment to community sustainability; fostering a culture of entrepreneurship and creating a strong, innovative "rural brand."

Economic Development officer Jamie Smyth said progress was made on 33 action items. The pandemic significantly disrupted things, and staff had to refocus. Despite this, progress was made on the strategy's action items including:

Refreshing and implementing a new Community Improvement Plan; Community Tourism Plan, and continuing the Main Street Revitalization Strategy activation. Several grant programs were leveraged to continue, and enhance, services through Rural Economic Development (RED), Central Counties Tourism Fed. Dev. Tourism Relief Fund (TRF) and York Region's Covid recovery support fund.

Of the 33 action items, it is being proposed that going forward into the development of a new plan that 11 will continue to advance and be further operationalized. Four will be continued with some degree of reassessment needed. Nine will be reassessed more comprehensively; and for various rea-

sons nine will not carry forward or will stop being the focus of the economic development's work plan and function.

The actions being carried forward and reassessed will focus on operationalizing efforts for business investment, attraction, growth, and retention, with a focus on King's existing business sector/eco-system strengths.

The new five-year Economic Development Plan must:

- Align with the updated Official Plan priorities.
- Align with the Corporate Strategic Plan Objectives.
- Address the duality of King's multitude of small businesses and the few medium businesses which employ more people and drive the non-residential tax base.
- Address King's unique community of communities – both villages and the rural economy.
- Incorporate King's Community Improvement Plan, Community Tourism Plan and Main Street Schomberg's Revitalization Strategy.
- Incorporate outcomes from upcoming studies for Employment Lands Needs Study, Doctors Lane Block Plan

and Hwy 11 Corridor and Nobleton Lions Park Redevelopment Strategy, Old King Road Block Plan, Nobleton (distinct and unique geographies that are appropriate for commercial and mixed-use redevelopment and intensification).

• Address the low inventory of available land for medium/large business development.

• Differentiate King from other surrounding municipalities in terms of investment attraction.

The "made in King approach" to a new Economic Development Plan, will focus on implementing action-oriented programs and services that advance flourishing businesses and a vibrant local economy. It is proposed that this be deemed a Plan as opposed to a Strategy, to align with more overarching guiding documents such as the Official Plan and Corporate Strategic Plan.

Smyth said from here, staff will seek input from council and the public.

With regards to tourism, Smyth noted staff do what they can with the resources they have. He agreed that tourism is directly linked to economic development and they will continue to leverage resources.

Volunteers sought for community garden

The Kinsland Community Garden is coming to the Township of King offering a large, shared garden plot as well as individual garden plots. Organizers need a team of passionate and dedicated community volunteers to be involved early in the garden planning process to create our community garden.

Joining the Community Garden Committee is a great opportunity to take on a local leadership role, meet your neighbors, and spearhead projects like public education or volunteer days.

If you're interested in volunteering with them, visit linktr.ee/kinslandcg or sign-up via forms.gle/jgV5NVvWeKosvccZ7

You can also follow them on Instagram @kinslandcg for more updates.



MPP supports B2B event

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan and Ontario's Minister of Education, attended a b2Bpreneur workshop on entrepreneurship in Vaughan. Minister Lecce discussed the government's actions to update the curriculum and create digitally-connected, emotionally intelligent, and financially literate students who are ready to meet the challenge of today's and tomorrow's economy.

"Thanks to b2Bpreneur for hosting (today's) workshop that is teaching these kids to start and scale a business in Canada, and creating a next generation of Canadian entrepreneurs," said Minister Lecce. "Our government strongly supports this type of practical, hands-on learning that inspires young people to dream big. That is why financial literacy, coding, and personal budgeting is now mandatory in Ontario's curriculum – critical to building personally responsible citizens."

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King Chamber stresses the need to attract business

By Michelle Frauley
President
King Chamber of Commerce

The King Chamber of Commerce addressed King council recently, commenting on the future of the Economic Development Plan.

There is a strong partnership between the King Chamber of Commerce and the Township of King, working together to create a vibrant and prosperous community. I would like to address the importance that Economic Development plays in building a better King for residents, business owners and taxpayers.

King needs to attract new industries and employers, and to help those that are here to grow their businesses. Without strong job growth, we cannot build complete communities; without strong job growth, we cannot support people who would come to King, and without population growth, long-term prosperity is difficult to achieve.

We need to attract the right kinds of employers and industries. Although we can build on our strengths in tourism, in agriculture, or in retail services, we must also strive to attract industries which have not built such a notable presence, to create meaningful and valuable employment for residents to afford to live and work in King.

As has been identified in the past, the largest percentage of municipal tax revenues derive from residential property taxes. A more balanced tax base is essential for achieving the Township's vision for growth and the sustainability of the community.

We urge the Township to undertake a new, action-oriented approach, one that builds on the core foundations in the previous strategy, but ensures focused execution efforts aimed at investment attraction, business growth and investment readiness. To prioritize economic development efforts, a plan, rather than a strategy, is needed, which can be rapidly updated as needed to reflect changing environmental conditions.

With the new Official Plan and the Corporate Strategy in place, the time is now for a targeted, action-focused plan that will deliver the economic transformation required to support the needed business growth for King Township.

The Focus for the Plan: Action and

Execution.

The King Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the recommendations of the report for a New Plan Approach, with more focus on investment readiness, investment attraction and supporting business growth.

We need the plan to:

- Be specific to King. Though King Township is one of nine York Region municipalities where there is strong collaboration and support from the Region, King Township has unique community assets and business profiles. We need an economic development plan to be differentiated from the other regional municipalities to highlight the advantages of King Township, while aligning with economic priorities detailed in the Township's new Official Plan.

We need the plan to:

- Achieve business growth. Economic development staff must be focused on investment readiness, business attraction, and business growth efforts. An action-oriented plan would set specific outcomes and measurements to ensure that progress is being made towards the goals of increasing jobs and increasing the commercial share of municipal tax revenues. In the Chamber's Position Paper on the 2023 Municipal Budget, Recommendation 3 was to "Stay Focused on Strategic Work."

We need the plan to:

- Maximize opportunities. New provincial legislation, including Bill 97, creates opportunities to increase employment lands as part of municipal growth plans. The lack of available employment lands has been one of the restricting factors preventing King Township from fully realizing the objective of increasing the commercial tax base.

It is essential that King Township be in a position to address and respond to these opportunities as they arise. Creating a short- and medium-term action plan rather than a high-level strategy will ensure that the economic development opportunities are maximized, to the benefit of the Township residents and businesses.

The New Plan should explore specific opportunities to create an attractive environment for investment. Examples include:

Collective energy generation and distribution; shared investments in transit; affordable housing; finding in-

novative solutions to balance growth and environmental concerns.

We need the plan to:

- Be investment ready by design. Ensuring an attractive environment for business investments requires key elements be either in place or planned to be in place in the near to mid-term. Attractive transportation corridors including access to major highways, building an inventory of serviced land parcels zoned for commercial and industrial activity, policies that allow the municipality to assemble these inventories (either direct purchase or if necessary, expropriation), and ensuring community benefits and values align with the proposed developments, are necessary for King Township to become investment readiness.

Key studies pertaining to employment lands, Doctor's Lane, Highway 11 and the 400 corridor need to be completed as soon as possible, and the findings integrated into an overall plan for ensuring investment readiness. This is possibly the most significant and transformational activity the Township could undertake to ensure the commercial tax base in expanded.

Most importantly, we need the plan to:

- Be responsive. Growing the commercial tax base in King Township will require ensuring a responsive environment in which business investments and developments can be accelerated. This translates into prioritizing non-residential development proposals and taking an "all hands on deck" approach to streamlining the municipal review and approval processes to expedite the projects.

Recognizing the many governing policies at various levels of government, King Township should ensure that resources are allocated for guiding these high priority initiatives through the required processes. This is part of the "open for business" culture that is needed in King Township, and which was also referenced in the Chamber's Position Paper on the 2023 Municipal Budget Recommendation Action 1: Reduce Barriers for Business.

Streamlined approvals for employment area land proposals is critical. The Township should ensure the prioritization of these proposals, allowed under the Official Plan, as they are the ones that will have the most impact in

terms of generating commercial revenues in the short term. Two examples of proposals that should be accelerated include the Nicola Blackwood Prestige Employment Area Site, and the JTF commercial property at King/Keele.

Creating a Task Force for Plan Input: The King Chamber encourages the Township to establish a task force to guide the development of the New Plan. Membership on the task force should include businesses of different sizes and from different sectors, to ensure that the resulting action plan will meet the needs of the community both in the short term as well as the long term.

Growing a rural economy requires dual track engagement: supporting small businesses and their growth needs and engaging with large businesses on investment and their business needs. Both these constituencies need to be represented in the New Plan for Economic Development.

The King Chamber of Commerce can assist in the business engagement process, sharing updates, sending out surveys, and amplifying the voices of the business community.

The King Chamber of Commerce, through its 210+ member businesses representing thousands of local residents and their families, are strong champions for balanced growth. We remain committed to continuing our collaboration with government and residents to find creative and effective solutions to the challenges of business growth within the Township, in pursuit of a complete and prosperous community.

The Chamber supports the proposed New Plan, with a more focused and streamlined approach that prioritizes non-residential development and results in an agile, responsive environment to attract business investment.

















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Victoria Day in Nobleton was one for the books. Members of the annual parade included Township of King Firefighters, Mayor Pellegrini, MP for King-Vaughan, Anna Roberts, Lions Club of Nobleton and many more. Beginning at the Nobleton Library, the parade made its way through the town with smiles and waves before finishing off at Old King Road. Shortly after, all were welcome to join in the fun at the fair located at the Nobleton Community Centre and Arena. Rides, live entertainment, games, food and retail vendors kept the excitement high all afternoon before the evening finished off with the signature fireworks show.



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YRP officers, civilians honoured at Police Appreciation Night

By Jim Stewart

The 28th Annual York Regional Police Appreciation Night took place at The Terrace Banquet Hall in Concord recently. The charity fundraising gala attracted more than 850 guests who paid \$500 a plate to raise funds for Victim Services of York Region.

Karen Richards, Senior Manager of Stakeholder and Government Relations-Executive Services and an organizer of the event, estimated “that over \$450,000 would be raised for Victims Services” and that “\$2 million has been raised over prior years to help fund police programs and equipment.”

The evening was a celebration of valor and professional policing. Awards were given to 32 distinguished officers and civilians of the YRP, including Constable Logan Smith who won the Constable Garrett Styles Courage in the Line of Duty Award. Constable Smith “confronted an increasingly desperate armed bank robber in December 2021” and “likely prevented a tragedy in a busy residential area.”

Staff Sergeant Dave Mitchell and Constables Darrin Kemp and Mark Burnett were also given the Constable Garrett Styles Courage in the Line of Duty Award. All three officers responded to a 9-1-1 call regarding “a man who attacked two female relatives with a knife and was threatening to stab his two young sons, aged four and two.” All three officers “not only demonstrated bravery that day, but professionalism and extreme proficiency during a horrific, traumatic event for all involved.”

The Rob Plunkett Award for Outstanding Service to the Community was given to Constable Adam McEachern. Inspector Alice Tsang won the Herb H. Carnegie Award and the Leo McArthur Civilian Recognition Award was earned by Monica Meech.

For “Excellence in Policing,” an array of officers and civilians were given the Chief of Police Professionalism Award. Detective Sergeant Rommel Dimatulac was recognized for his outstanding lead contributions to Project Cheetah and Inspector Simon James was singled out for distinction for his outstanding work with Project Blue Light. Also recognized for significant contributions to Project Cheetah were Detective Nicole Kearns, Detective Kevin Smith, Sergeant Shawn Sparks, De-

tective Constable Bernadette Cwenar, Detective Constable Ryan Hamberg, Detective Constable Dalton O’Neill, and Detective Constable Ryan Quinlan. Peel Regional Police Detective Constable Adrian Shipp was also recognized by the YRP for his professionalism. Project Cheetah “successfully dismantled a large-scale international drug trafficking network, seizing \$2.3 million in illegal drugs, and \$730,000 in cash.”

Project Blue Light – a 10-year investigation – resulted in “the arrest of a violent, dangerous offender wanted for two vicious sexual assaults.” Also recognized for their significant contributions to cracking this case were Inspector Michelle Langman-Bulmer, Staff Sergeant William Gillespie, Staff Sergeant Gary Sangha, Detective Jason Kember, Detective Maurizio Gentili, Detective Ryan Holmes, Detective Shawna Leitch, Detective Aaron Van Leusen, Detective Tyler Young, Detective James Martin, Detective Constable Jason Goodfellow, Detective Constable Eric Beattie, Detective Constable Christyn Dickie, Crime Analyst Cassandra Williams, and MCM Assistant Samantha Rowse.

Although this was a York Regional Police gala, significant contributors to Project Blue Light from the Peel Regional Police – Staff Sergeant Mustafa Durgun, Detective James Howard, Detective Stephanie Melo, and Detective Jenn Savage – and the Center for Forensic Science biologist Allison Morris and biologist Jennifer McCloud – demonstrated the cooperative spirit of various GTA Police Services and their related agencies.

While the evening celebrated these outstanding police officers and civilian staffers, emcee Kevin Frankish and the keynote speakers acknowledged the challenging context of the proceedings, given the tragic slaying of OPP Sergeant Eric Mueller east of Ottawa earlier in the day. The ambush of all three OPP Officers forced the festive gathering into harsh reflectivity regarding recent police killings in Ontario which now total five since last September.

As much as the amiable Frankish moved the evening along with his good-natured humor, broadcasting savvy, and veteran stage presence, each presenter created by necessity a somber tone by alluding to Mueller’s murder. Premier Doug Ford noted “the sense-



less killing of OPP Officer Mueller in an ambush” and promised police forces that “I will always have their backs.” Ford added that “\$9.6 M has been designated for a First Responders’ Centre for Rehabilitation to deal with PTSDI.” The Premier also rued the rise in crime rates and deemed it “unacceptable.” In closing his rousing campaign-style speech, Ford pointed out to the “folks” and “friends” assembled that “\$51M had been allotted to help curb car theft, \$13M had been assigned to combat guns and gangs” and the Premier closed his address by discussing the importance of bail reform “to keep the bad guys off the streets.”

Chief of Police Jim MacSween thanked the Premier and Ontario Solicitor General Michael Kerzner for attending the gala and for their support through the “tough times when the YRP lost Constable Travis Gillespie in a traffic collision in September.” The engaging, self-effacing, and welcoming native of Cape Breton praised the “character of the award winners, and their courageous split-second thinking and action that protected residents.” MacSween noted that “These members were setting a gold standard while doing their duties.” He offered congratulations to all award winners and concluded that “all their stories are to be remembered.”

As Frankish transitioned the audience from Chief MacSween’s insights, the former Breakfast Television broadcaster could not resist a wee barb for Leafs Nation when he “reminded the Toronto Maple Leafs that York Region is home to some of the finest golf courses in the country.” Prophetic and humorous words as the Leafs bowed out of the playoffs hours later.

YRP Chaplain Herbie Kuhn, long-time PA Announcer for the Raptors, gave thanks for the meal being served and cited Biblical verse-lines from Romans: “Weep for those who weep; rejoice for those who rejoice.” Kuhn captured the complex mood of the evening as he encouraged attendees to weep for a valiant slain OPP officer, but also to rejoice for the distinguished acts of bravery and professionalism being celebrated.

Impelling that spirit of celebration and joy was the vocal performance of Grade 12 Richmond Hill student Vanessa Wang who delivered stirring renditions of “O Canada” and “God Save the King” – the latter being a first-time experience for most of the guests who have lived only during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Complementing the youthful talent of Wang was the precocious “Chief of Police for a Day” Tyler Yanofsky.

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Free tuition, expanded enrollment for basic constable training

The Ontario government is making it easier for police services across the province to recruit and train more police officers by removing tuition fees for the Basic Constable Training program at the Ontario Police College (OPC) and immediately expanding the number of recruits that can be trained each year.

“Across Canada, and right here in our community, we’re facing a growing wave of crime in our communities,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. “That’s why our government is taking immediate action to recruit, train and get more boots on the ground in every part of the province. We’re expanding the number of recruits that can be trained every year, and we’re going to cover 100% of the cost of tuition – increasing access to more front-line officers on our streets keeping us safe.”

“Ontario is grateful to the thousands of brave women and men who serve as police officers across the province, keeping our communities safe,” said Premier Doug Ford. “To push back the growing tide of crime in our communities, we’re urgently getting more boots on the ground. That’s why our government is making the path to becoming

a police officer as open as possible, expanding enrollment at the Ontario Police College and covering 100 per cent of the tuition cost for Basic Constable Training.”

To get more boots on the ground, the Basic Constable Training program at the Ontario Police College will be expanded immediately to accommodate an additional 70 recruits per cohort, from 480 to 550. Starting in 2024, the Basic Constable Training program will also be expanded to four cohorts per year instead of three. Additionally, to support recruitment efforts at a time when local police officers have signaled challenges in doing so, the province is introducing legislation that, if passed, will eliminate the post-secondary education requirement to become a police officer, as set out in the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA). If passed, the act would amend the CSPA to provide that a secondary school diploma or equivalent is sufficient education for the purposes of being appointed as a police officer.

“These changes are good news for police services across the province, as well as for Ontarians considering a career as a police officer,” said Solicitor

General Michael Kerzner. “We listened to the concerns about recruitment shortfalls and training limitations and have taken steps to remove barriers and expand the possibilities for those considering a career as a police officer.”

Ontario’s new measures compliment other recent enhancements in Basic Constable Training at the OPC. Earlier this year, the duration of the training program was expanded from 60 to 66 days to accommodate immediate rapid deployment and active attacker and mental health response training for individuals in crisis. The college’s mental health response training for individuals in crisis provides police officers with the skills they need to work with on-the-ground supports such as mobile crisis response teams.

The elimination of the tuition fee for the Basic Constable Training program at the Ontario Police College will be retroactive to January 1, 2023. Recruits who paid for their twelve-week Basic Constable Training earlier this year will be reimbursed.

Under the Police Services Act, mu-

nicipal police recruits in Ontario are required to complete the Basic Constable Training (BCT) program within six months of being hired.

Ontario Provincial Police and Indigenous Police Services recruits also complete the BCT at the Ontario Police College.

Legislation proposing to eliminate the post-secondary education requirement to become a police officer, as set out in the Community Safety and Policing Act 2019 (CSPA), is expected to be introduced later today along with several amendments required to bring the CSPA into force. If passed, the Bill would amend the CSPA to provide that a secondary school diploma or equivalent is sufficient education for the purposes of being appointed as a police officer. This change, if passed, would come into effect when the CSPA comes into force.

The Ontario Police College is continually reviewing and modernizing its curriculum, programming, and training to address current needs, trends and best practices.



King Councillors David Boyd, Mary Asselstine and Avia Eek joined Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Township staff at the York Regional Police Appreciation Night.

Praising front-line personnel

From Page 12

The Grade 5 student from Herb Carnegie Public School in Maple was selected from 120 essayists to serve as Chief of the YRP and presented himself as a polished 10-year-old public speaker. Yanofsky’s humorous insights into “his day at the office” charmed the audience of 850 which was in need of some sweetness and light after a sequence of somber speeches. Yanofsky’s speech was not without some edge in that he said “I can’t remember the last time I saw a police officer visit my school.” Yanofsky’s youthful observation was greeted with a standing ovation by the audience, echoing remarks made earlier in the evening by the Premier about compelling school boards to allow police officers to attend Career Days in school boards across Ontario.

In summative and positive style, Township of King Mayor Steve Pellegrini offered his observations after attending the awards ceremony and fundraising event: “For 28 years, our York Region community has come together to show our appreciation of the men and women who keep us safe. It is also an important source of donations to help in making the YRP the best police force. This year’s funding is much-needed support for Victims Services of York Region. I am honoured to be part of such an incredible organization.”

Similarly, Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas felt that “The YRP Appreciation Night is an incredible event where we all gather to acknowledge and appreciate those who keep us safe. The event also provides much-needed funding as all proceeds raised this year go to help Victims Services.” Mayor Mrakas also expressed his gratitude to “all the men and women in uniform who work to ensure the safety of our communities” and applauded the annual event as “a great way to show the immense support our law enforcement officers have in our communities.”

Despite the somber circumstances that permeated the 28th Annual YRP Appreciation Night, the gala was, as both Mayor Pellegrini and Mayor Mrakas noted, an expression of communal thanks to those officers and civilians that keep York Region citizens safe from harm.

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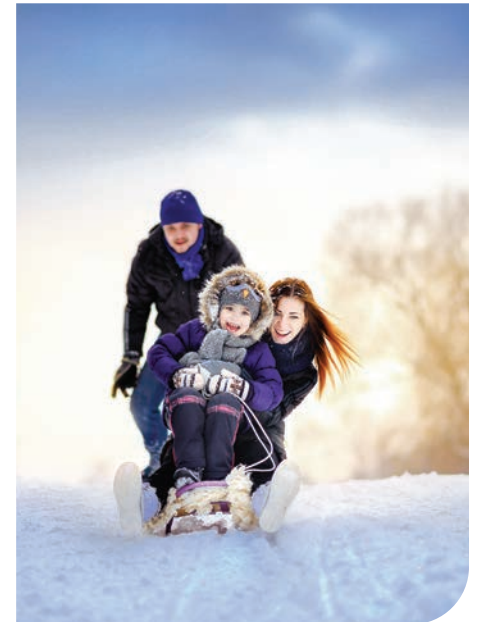
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Community celebrates 40 years of 'Hope' at Hospice gala

By Brock Weir

Four decades of bringing "Hope" to the community was celebrated at the Royal Venetian Mansion on Thursday night at a gala celebrating the Ruby Anniversary of Hope House Hospice.

Founded in 1983 as Hospice King, which later rebranded to reflect the communities it served as "Hospice King-Aurora" and "Hospice King-Aurora-Richmond Hill," the Industrial Parkway South-based organization rebranded in recent years to reflect the wide-range of hopeful services they provide related to end-of-life care.

"Hope House Community Hospice has continued to provide compassionate care to our diverse, growing community," said event co-chair Sandy Sheridan, Chair of Hope House Community Hospice, at the start of the gala, welcoming Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, King Mayor Steve Pellegrini,

Richmond Hill Mayor David West, and Aurora Councillor Rachel Gilliland to the event.

Hope House CEO Heidi Bonner took the opportunity to recognize a number of community members who have worked diligently to make Hope House a success over the last four decades, and paid tribute to founders Sally Blaney, Jane Reid, and Barbara Houlding, three women who came together at King's All-Saints Anglican Church to "develop a model for home hospice care."

"In celebrating the history of this grassroots organization, we thank the many volunteers, whether they are providing in-home visiting, group bereavement supportive counselling, youth grieving camps, wellness for caregiver programs, fundraising and more," said Bonner.

Added Sheridan, "Most of all, we celebrate our amazing team, led by Heidi, who successfully pivoted many of our



Supporting the Hope House event were (l to r) Richmond Hill Mayor David West, Aurora Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas and King Mayor Steve Pellegrini. In the back are Laurie Calvert, Heidi Bonner and Sandy Sheridan from Hope House.

Canada affirms commitment to UAPs

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Canadians are playing an important role in space exploration. Closer to home, the federal government is committed to compiling and analyzing Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) observations by citizens.

The Office of the Chief Science Advisor of Canada created, back in February, the Sky Canada Project. At this point, its goal is to find out how UAP reporting is managed across the country, and recommend improvements.

The project's objectives are to identify the key Canadian players and how they deal with UAPs. They are also looking at how other G7 countries handle the matter. Canada is hoping to arrange a more formal collaboration with the U.S. on UAPs.

Sky Canada is not meant to collect data or become the main point of contact for UAP sightings. They government stresses that it's also "not meant to prove or deny the existence of extraterrestrial life or extraterrestrial visitors."

There are several reasons behind the program. MP Larry Maguire, asked the government in 2022 to undertake a comprehensive study of UAPs in Canada. The idea is also to be more transparent, to prevent "conspiracy theories." Also, there's a national security aspect, aimed at boosting surveillance activities.

Canada is somewhat following the lead of the U.S. Our American neighbours created the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office last year to synchronize efforts across U.S. federal departments to detect and identify objects, especially near military installations. NASA launched a nine-month study last October to examine how UAP data is reported and collected by civilian, commercial and other organizations.

The government is asking the public, and any organizations who share similar interests, to share their recommendations.

They are currently collecting information and an internal draft report is slated for this coming fall. A final public report is anticipated in the winter/spring of 2024.

services and programs to virtual platforms over three particularly challenging years, preserving our team and collaborating with other community partners such as the York Region Food Network, to help reach vulnerable clients."

"The challenges of the pandemic made us realize how important it is to promote other community partnerships to provide continued seamless, compassionate care," she continued. "Tonight, we thank those partners for their support and those here this evening such as Hill House, York Region's first residential hospice. Fundamentally, like many other non-profit organizations, the pandemic has required us to re-think our fundraising initiatives. Thankfully, with the highly successful 2018 Jitterbug Ball, chaired by committed past board members, and chair Leslie Hobson, Teresa van Schaik and Julie Sims, has been able to maintain quality services. Our other board members that are here today also continue to work to achieve our benchmarks in a changing healthcare environment and I thank you."

Finally, on behalf of the Town, Mayor Mrakas gave his congratulations, stating that Hope House has a "special place in my heart."

"The work that they do to support

community members with life-threatening illnesses, their family and friends, is truly admirable and inspirational," he said. "On behalf of the Town of Aurora, I want to thank the Hope House Board and staff for everything that they do. I also want to give a special acknowledgement to every single Hope House volunteer. We all know from the very beginning Hope House has relied on a dedicated team of volunteers to provide these incredible supports and services to our community, and year after year ... have stepped up to give Hope House their time to support residents who are often facing the most difficult times in their lives.

"We really honour community that cares and few things exemplify that more than volunteers of Hope House. Like we all know, organizations like Hope House need our support to continue to be able to provide this level of support. Tonight, as we celebrate 40 years of Hope House in our community, let's all come together and show them our gratitude by donating as much as we can to this truly one-of-a-kind organization.

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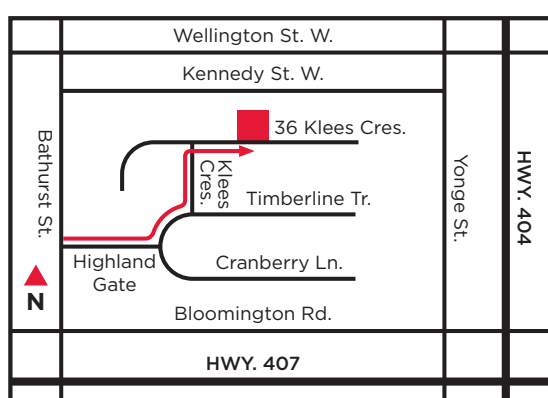
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Amy Pletsas sets her sights on a three-sport spring

By Jim Stewart

Amy Pletsas is a phenomenally-versatile student-athlete and a conquering hero. She not only stars as a three-season athlete at King City Secondary School, but she wins championships, too.

Pletsas helped the Lions capture the YRAA Senior Girls Basketball championship in the fall, the YRAA Girls Volleyball championship in the winter, and now she has her sights on the spring when she competes in three major sports: soccer, baseball, and track. Once the Grade 12 student finishes her very busy final season of high school sports, the laudable Lion will travel down the 401 in September to the University of Windsor where she has committed to play Girls Softball for the Lancers.

During our interview, KCSS Athletic Director Jeff Masterson spoke glowingly of Pletsas's mastery of so many sports, commented on her myriad accomplishments over the past year as KCSS's Golden Girl, and on her post-secondary destination: "In addition to being a three-sport athlete in the Spring, Amy was also on our championship volleyball team and championship basketball team. She has accepted an offer to Windsor for Girls' Softball."

The veteran Lions coach explained why Pletsas is such an exceptional athlete: "Amy is always asking the question: How can I improve? She is extremely coachable, able to take what you tell her, and immediately apply it to the game situation." Coach Masterson also applauded Pletsas's commitment to her studies: "Amy works hard at being the best student and the best athlete she can be - she also is on the school's athletic counsel supporting other teams when she is not playing."

King City SS's Department Head of Health and Physical Education also provided insights into what impressed him the most about Pletsas as a student-athlete: "Amy is willing to fit into various roles on a team, based on what is required. She always has a team-first mentality." Pletsas's key performance moments over the last two seasons were golden for the King City SS Lion, as Coach Masterson reflected on her recent accomplishments: "Amy has been on two championship volleyball teams and a championship basketball team. On each of these teams, she made significant contributions."

Pletsas, our King Weekly Sentinel Student-Athlete of the Week, took time from her three-sport spring, her rep softball commitments, and her Grade 12 studies to respond to these interview questions:

King Weekly Sentinel: What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors?

Amy Pletsas: "In 2022-23, I'd like to

Student Athlete of the Week

think I demonstrated a variety of qualities, but most importantly, dedication. Taking part in 8 sports in a span of one year meant a lot of time and to dedicate to. I attended all my practices and sometimes it would mean a full week of training for more than one sport either every other day at lunch or after school. Balancing it with my academics, of course. I am the kind of athlete that wants to work towards improvement and strives to be the best athlete I can be in all the sports I play at school, not just my main sports, and the majority of my teammates are rep players. I always want to prove to myself that I deserve my spot on the team. I am also an athlete that carries a lot of passion of sports in every aspect, from being a part of a team, to helping others improve, working together to reach a common goal, and, at the end of the day, it is just to have fun."

KWS: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2022-23 season that you are most proud of?

AP: "This year, I won 2 championships for the school's varsity girls basketball team and the senior girls volleyball team which is something I am beyond proud of. I had an incredible opportunity to then go on to OFSAA twice where all champions in Ontario go to compete for gold. It was truly an experience that I will never forget being led by excellent coaches and experienced with amazing teammates. It was a level of competition that I'd never seen before and a lot of emotion from the comebacks in basketball games, and the nail-biters during our last volleyball game of the season with a tight score.

"Some key highlights I remember is during our championship volleyball game where we were down about 7 points and it was my turn to serve and I got us back into the lead which was pretty memorable. In baseball this year, actually today as I am writing this I got to debut my catching for the first time on the varsity boy's baseball team which I've been waiting on and working towards. In basketball, I remember drilling myself to get a consistency of rebounding and putting the ball back up on the boards with Mr. Masterson and I didn't stop until I could get it right. The very next day, we had a game and I did exactly what I was working on all I can remember was how happy he was and when I got the point and everyone jumped off the bench because it was my first point of the season, too.

"Looking back at all my seasons coming to an end, the most memorable moments will always be the wins we accomplished and moments where

it felt like the world stopped because all the hard work finally paid off. It's the moments where the team would be sitting on the edge of the bench and the last point would be scored where everyone screamed at the top of their lungs with joy because we did it. That is something I will never forget."

KWS: In addition to your high school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

AP: "For 14 years I've played softball starting off at T-ball, to house league, to select, and finishing my years off as a rep player. Throughout this, I've played locally in Richmond Hill, Vaughan, and Aurora, as well as having the opportunity to play for Team Nova Scotia. I am a catcher and 3rd baseman and I am currently playing above my age group on the U23 Aurora 2003 rep team."

KWS: How would you describe yourself as a student at KCSS? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong? Honor Roll?

AP: "I would describe myself as a student who carries a lot of passion for the opportunities I take on at KCSS. I share my passion for athletics by being a part of the athletic council and taking on the responsibility of deputy prime minister. I take photos and highlight videos of the athletes at our school for the athletics Instagram to allow student-athletes to be recognized for all their hard work. I've helped coordinate events and I am currently working on planning our annual athletic banquet.

"The goal I had for this year was to enhance the school spirit for athletics post-COVID and to value the work and energy athletes put in at our school every day. For the past four years at KCSS, I have managed to play a variety of sports as well as try to maintain and balance my academic career. At times it has been difficult, but at the end of the day, everything always works out because of the incredible support my teachers have given me to be able to do what I do."

KWS: What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?

AP: "I have decided to continue my academic and athletic career at the University of Windsor in the fall. In early December, I accepted my offer to pursue sports management and committed to the Lancers softball team."

KWS: Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

AP: "Throughout my life, I've been lucky enough to have surrounded myself with so many role models from coaches to teachers, and family it is



so hard to pick just one who stood out. Yet, I think the most influential person I've had the chance to meet in sport is Coach Dave Perry. He was the first rep coach that gave me a chance to prove I deserved to be there and saw so much potential in me that I didn't see. I remember the first practice we had indoors and I was working on hitting and mechanics; after an hour, I still wasn't proud of my progress because all the other older girls had been playing at this level for so long and I was the only one who hadn't.

"After everyone left, I was upset and Coach Dave noticed it. I told him that I was upset I wasn't improving. He laughed and I just remember him telling me 'It's your first practice, Amy; results take time.' He stayed back with me and encouraged me to keep going when I doubted my abilities. He told me that this was the kind of attitude that will get me far because I always worked to improve myself. He sent me a message the next day and I will always remember it: 'Amy, I hope you're doing well today. Always remember what Rafiki says, 'It doesn't matter; it's in the past.' Stay strong, and believe in yourself, we all believe in you. Coach Dave.'"

"He always put our mental health before sport and that is something I will never take for granted."

KWS: How do you feel about being nominated as The King Weekly Sentinel's Student-Athlete of the Week?

AP: "I feel honoured to have my achievements recognized as an athlete. It makes me so happy to see local student athletes my age share their accomplishments with their community."

CDS Cyclone track team captures 8 gold medals at CISAA Championships in Toronto

By Jim Stewart

CDS Cyclone Track and Field Coach Denise Steadman was pleased with her team's results at the CISAA Championships at York University last week.

Eight of her athletes captured gold medals at the meet in Toronto, but she was even more impressed with the level of individual achievement beyond the podium: "We had so many great performances. Our focus is to get personal bests at track meets and one of our athletes - Reese Falkenberg - dropped an incredible 7 seconds off her personal best in the 400m hurdles."

Coach Steadman was particularly proud of her novice boys and girls team, seven of which qualified for Metros. Juliet Chieduch won two gold medals - in the 400m dash and the grueling 800m race - as well as a silver in the triple jump with a hop, skip, and jump of 9.51m. Chieduch qualified for Metros in all three individual events as did Aiden Quast who won the silver in the 100m hurdles, a bronze in the long jump, and fourth-place finish in the triple jump.

Like Chieduch, Carter Saley was a double gold medal winner with victories in the 100m hurdles and the 300m hurdles. Eamon Sheppard rounded out the impressive list of gold medal winners from the CDS Novice team with his first-place finish in the 100m dash. The Novice Girls 4 x 100 relay team - Kendal Jones, Arielle Ginsberg, Juliet Chieduch, and Caterina Cesaria - captured the bronze medal with a time of 56.57. All in all, Chieduch had an exceptional set of afternoons in Toronto by qualifying for the Metros in a total of four Novice events and her team hauled in 9 medals in their first CISAA championship meet.

Steadman noted that her athletes' "effort and results are very important, but so is dealing with adversity."

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

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

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach will be continuing his series from the book of Song of Solomons. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments.

We hope you can come! If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Waterworks! Park Vacation Bible School is a theme part – right here at St. Paul's during the week July 24 to 28, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Through the "rides, shows, and attractions" at this fun-tastic water park, kids ride the wave of God's love, learning how much God loves them and how exciting it is to be loved by God. Children ages 4 to 12 are invited to splash splash into God's Word and join the thrills and spills of this season's VBS Program. Contact kidmin@stpaulsnobleton.ca for more information.

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

Quilting continues meeting Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the lower hall of the church. We will be sewing and tying quilts for people who could really benefit from them. We would love to have you join us, if this might be of interest to you.

A senior men's Bible study is meeting every other week on Thursday in the lower hall of the church building. If you would like to join the gents, they will welcome you. Our women's LifeConnect Group is meeting with a mix of Zoom and in person meetings every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Two LifeConnect Groups, open to anyone, also meet, one via Zoom and the other in person, every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. This group is also 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

St. Mary's Church

Please note, we are hosting our twelfth Confirmation preparation class (Class # 12 - Holiness is Possible) on Saturday, May 27th at the Heralds of the Gospel property.

Confirmandi and parents are reminded to check their email for communication with full details!

Please continue to pray for the Confirmandi as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens (Grades 8-12) for our next Life Night.

Contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or zgangl@archtoronto.org to join our events. Hope to see you there! Drop-ins are welcome!

Father's Day Macgregor Fundraiser: Spring BBQ season is finally here! MacGregor Meat & Seafood is giving us another opportunity to fill our freezers with NEW items and our BBQ favourites.

Text or call in orders to John Pallotto – Grand Knight, KofC, Orders can be paid by cheque (made out to KofC Schomberg) or e-transfer.

Last order date: Monday, June 12, pick up on Saturday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m., St. Patrick's parking lot. All proceeds in support of St. Patrick's Parish.

Don't forget to sign up for the K of C Family BBQ and Picnic taking place on July 23 at Cold Creek Conservation Area.

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

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

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

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

sick or homebound.

Nobleton and King City Garden Club

Upcoming Events: The Nobleton and King City Garden Club's May meeting is coming up! On Monday, May 29th at 7:30 p.m., the Club will be joined by Ken Brown, who is presenting about "Vertical Vegetable Gardening." For those interested in entering the flower show, the information booklet is on our OHA website, and we ask that you please bring submissions by 7 p.m.

On May 13, the Nobleton and King City Garden Club had a Plant and Pop-up Art Show in partnership with Arts Society King! We would like to thank everyone who helped make the event successful, especially those who supported it through donations or buying plants and art!

Updated List of 2023 Dates and Speakers: The 2023 meeting dates and speakers are as follows...

- Monday, May 29: 'Vertical Vegetable Gardening' with Ken Brown
- Monday, June 26: 'Environmental Stewardship for King' with Kathryn McLellan and Sabrina Guvenc.
- Tuesday, August 15: Member Event, Walk & Workshop at Cold Creek.
- Monday, September 25: 'Everything You Wanted To Know About Succulents and More!' with Molly Shannon.
- Monday, October 23: 'Indigenous Foods and Medicine' with Jordan Jamieson.
- Monday, November 27: Annual General Meeting, including a workshop on 'Creating Beautiful Evergreen Arrangements' with Barbara Downey.

Nobleton United Church

By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday at 11:15 a.m. is Pentecost. This date commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Come and sing with us. Afterwards, we welcome everyone to stay and enjoy some refreshments as we share our own concerns and joys, or just listen to others.

Might you be interested in playing a keyboard or piano on Sunday mornings at two identical services, one in Schomberg at 9:30 a.m. and one in Nobleton at 11:15 a.m.? We need someone to lead music starting this June, and then continuing in September. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442.

The next Messy Church is on Wednesday, June 21, 5-7 p.m., and will have fun, optional activities until 6 p.m., an interactive Bible story and song time to 6:15 p.m., then eating together and clean-up time. For more info, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is Tuesday, June 20 at Schomberg United, St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. If you would like to attend, please contact Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315.

Drop by and say "Hello" to our new Pastor, Richard Gardner. Richard is in the Nobleton church office most Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and many Thursdays as well. Richard would love to have a chat with you. If you wish to meet with Richard, drop by or contact Richard at: pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com or call the church office at 905-859-3976.

Instead of regular Sunday services at our churches during July and August, we are going to have Wednesday sing-alongs and potluck dinners, gathering at 5:30 p.m. and eating at 6 p.m. July 5, at Schomberg United, July 12 picnic at the Campbells (picnic gathers at 4:30 p.m., singing, BBQ supplied, bring a salad or a dessert), August 16, 23, 30 at Nobleton United. Dress casually. The Community is welcome to attend and enjoy the fellowship and BBQ food. For each Wednesday, the main course will be supplied, and we invite everyone to bring a salad or a dessert. Both churches are closed July 16 – Aug. 6.

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The Community Singing Group is closing for the summer. If you are interested in joining when it restarts in September, call or email me.

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

Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club has a busy spring calendar of events planned.

The Nobleton Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides will be held Sunday, May 28. Registration 9 a.m. at the Library Gazebo Walk begins at 10 a.m.

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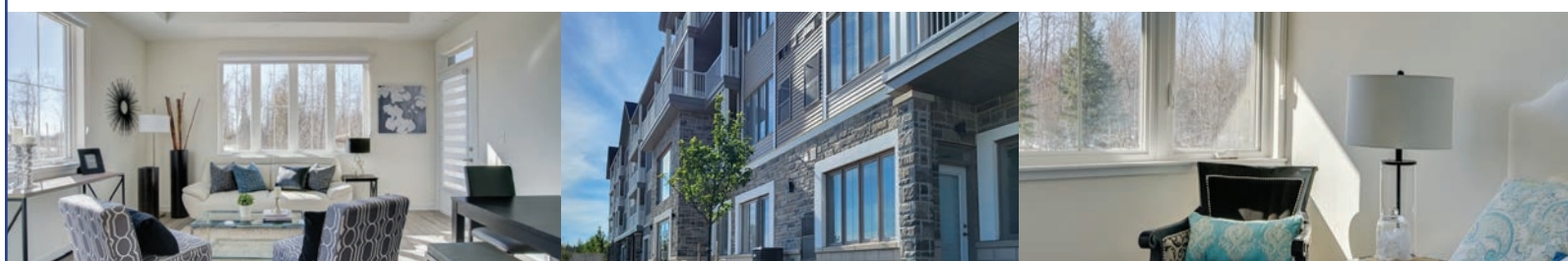


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For online links check out the Club's website by simply Googling "Nobleton Lions," which will bring up the link to the site.

The Club's biggest fund raiser is the 61st anniversary Golf Tournament, Sunday, June 11 at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. Details are also available on the website, or call Jim at 905-859-5277. Golfers and hole sponsors are invited.

We invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@nobletonlionclub), on Twitter (@NobletonLions), and on our website as noted above.

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

St. Alban's
By John Arnott

On rocky ridge known in the Bible as

the Har ha-Zeitim, or Mount of Olives from the olive groves that once grew around its base, is a small cave where a few 3rd century AD Christians would gather to worship in secret. When Constantine, the first Christian Roman emperor, made Christianity legal throughout the Empire Christians worshippers began to meet a little farther up the mount at a place where tradition holds Yeshua began his ascent to heaven.

Here it is believed he left a foot imprint in a flat rock just as he was lifted up. Later a church and monastery were built on the site but over the centuries that followed foreign invasions and resulting battles destroyed not only this building but all of its several replacements.

Today the octagonal stone Ascension Chapel or Edicule (from the Latin for small house or shrine) built in Romanesque style that stands over this footprint dates from Crusader times but its dome and floor are later Islamic additions. Some 600 years later Mohammed, founder of Islam, is said to ascended to heaven from Jerusalem as well.

In our day and age, notes the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton, we don't know all that much about outer space but certainly a great deal

more than our ancestors did.

In Yeshua's age it was thought by well educated Israelites that space consisted of 3 tiers with Earth in the middle, the firmament above containing stars and planets and the underworld beneath. The visible sky was believed to be the floor of heaven made from lapis lazuli, a precious blue stone much prized in the ancient world especially in Egypt. And God's palace was set on pillars in a

heavenly sea so that his throne was situated directly above Jerusalem the centre of the world. Believing in this then meant that the only way to physically reach God was to go up or ascend.

With our knowledge of space today if Yeshua ascended he would now just be approaching the outer edge of our universe with Elijah in his chariot of fire still in the lead and Mohammad well behind!

Schomberg United Church news

By Nancy Hopkinson

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CDS athletes shine at meet

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The most adverse event this year for the CDS Track team was the disqualification of the Senior Girls 4 x 100 relay team comprised of Sarah Cathers, Alex Estabrooks, Reese Falkenberg, and Hannah Clarke.

Coach Steadman explained the heartbreaking moment for the relay team: "They had the fastest time by 2 seconds. Their goal was to qualify for the OFSAA Championships as they did last year. Sarah was not on the team in 2022, but replaced Lauren who had graduated last year."

What impressed the veteran track coach the most about this veteran quartet were the results they put up in Day 2 of the meet after their tragic disqualification. Undaunted by relay plans that went awry, Alex Estabrooks won a gold medal in the 100m dash with a time of 12.22 and qualified for Metros. Hanna Clarke showed her grace under pressure by winning a gold medal in the

200m dash with a time of 25.47, qualified for Metros, ran a personal best, and set a new school record.

In addition to Estabrooks and Clarke's golden performances, Reese Falkenberg captured the bronze medal in the 400m hurdles with a time of 1:15 – lopping off 7 seconds from her previous personal best – and qualified for Metros.

Lastly, Sarah Cathers took 2 seconds from her previous personal best in the 200m dash with a time of 31.69.

Clarke also turned in a gold medal performance in Day One of the meet when she won the 100m hurdles in 16.10 seconds which qualified her for Metros in a second event. Rounding out the CDS Metro qualifiers was the Senior Boys Cyclone 4 x 100 relay team – Michael De Poce, Rigas Lambakis, Jacob Ginsberg, and Cole Sheppard – which placed fourth with a time of 46.45.

The Metros are being held at Birchmount Stadium, wrapping up Thursday, May 25.

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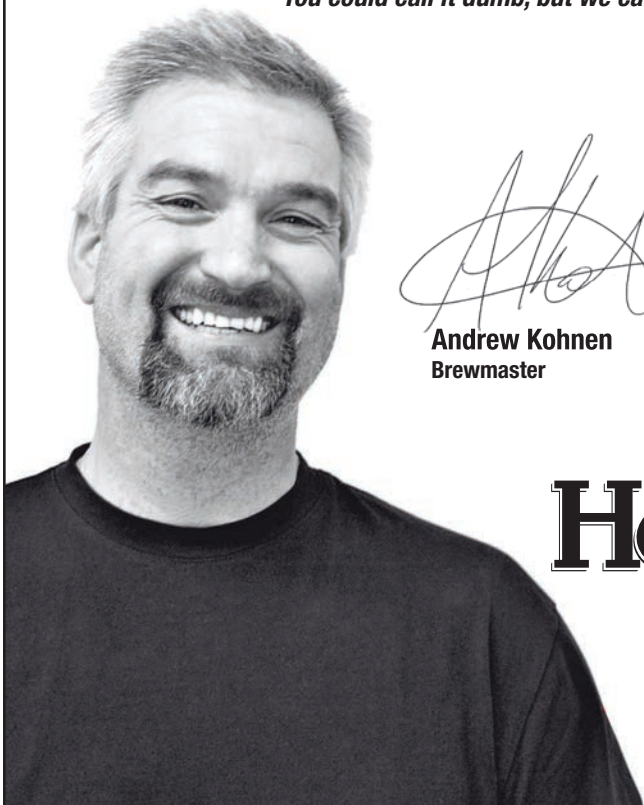


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King's Corners

**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Last Sunday, Rev Bruce Roffey shared a message of hope and reassurance entitled "Reliable Witnesses." In Rev. Bruce's words: "We may be quite sure that here and now we have eternal life. And we can become ourselves reliable witnesses."

For the full sermon please visit our website. Next week May 28 we welcome Rev. Andrew Lee back from study leave to lead our worship on Pentecost Sunday. All are welcome to join with us in worship at 10 a.m. for worship and Sunday School.

For the PDF of past messages and recordings please visit our website at 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 con-

tact the church office at 905-833-5181.

King Bible Church

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

We are doing a Vacation Bible School this summer! Please join us for Hero Hotline from August 14-18 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Details can be found on our website. Please visit our website for links and further information. 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.

King City Seniors By Carolyn Kanitz

Friday, June 2 at 10 a.m. we will be having a tasting presentation by Heart to Home. Drop-ins cannot be accommodated for this food-oriented program. Please pre-register by calling the Cen-

tre at 905-833-6565 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Deadline for registration is tomorrow, May 26.

The next potluck lunch will be held on Friday, June 16 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Each attendee is asked to bring either a main course or dessert item to share. These meals are a wonderful time to visit with friends old and new. Please plan on joining us.

There are only four seats left for the trip on Wednesday, June 21 for lunch at the Boathouse Restaurant and then a Georgian Bay Cruise. The coach leaves at 10 a.m. from the King City arena and returns around 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$150/pp You may book by contacting Agnes at 905-841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436.

Upcoming events and activities can be found at www.kingcityseniors.ca.

New members are always welcome to join in any of our activities. Our current schedule is as follows:

Monday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. - Mobility Matters; 1 p.m. - Music and Movement.

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

Wednesday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. - Mobility Matters; 1 p.m. - Bridge.

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Gentle Motion;

1 p.m. - Carpet Bowling.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. - Art Class (2nd & 4th of the month unless otherwise noted); 1 p.m. - Euchre.

York Pines United Church

This Sunday, Rev. Bruce will be leading the Pentecost service at 11 a.m. which is also communion. Wear your flame colours. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to join us for coffee after the service at noon. Rev. Andrew returns from study leave on June 4.

June 11 will be Rev. Bruce's last service at York Pines due to his retirement. It is also Hungry Sunday. In honour of his service, York Pines is making a special appeal for Food Bank donations to dedicate on that day. Call the office at 905-727-8118 to drop off food. Egg cartons are also welcome.

Sacred Heart Church

Less than 2 weeks are left for our Car Raffle! Tickets are available at the Parish Office 905-833-1161 or after Sunday Mass at \$100 each. Draw date is June 4 for 2022 Mitsubishi Outlander; \$5,000; and Apple Laptop OR \$2,000.

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The Diocese is pleased to announce that seven priests were ordained this May at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. As a community of faith, we offer our prayers for these men and pray for all those who are currently in formation to the priesthood.

Of note, King City citizens continue to ask for clarity around municipal approval for the creation of a long-term care facility on the grounds of Marylake Monastery, which is difficult to access by public transit. The Monastery is under the jurisdiction of the Chicago-based Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel. Parishioners are asked to pray for the elderly Augustinian religious leaders who must vacate their home soon.

ShareLife helps people of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds in our communities. We are asked to live the Gospel by providing for those in need. Thank you to those who have contributed to ShareLife this year. We are striving to meet our target. If you have not sent in your donation, kindly do so through the Parish or online at <https://sharelife.org>.

The month of May honours Blessed Mary. Join us in church at 6 p.m. daily to pray the Holy Rosary.

Weekend Mass times are Saturday at 5 p.m., Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Coffee, baked goods and friendship are offered after morning masses. The Chaplet of St. Joseph is prayed every Wednesday beginning at 6:15 p.m. followed Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 6:30 p.m. concluding with Mass at 7 p.m. Each Friday, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 3:30 p.m., with Benediction at 6:45 p.m., followed by Mass.

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King City is 2 blocks north of the King Rd at 13190 Keele St. Our Sunday Worship services are at 10:30 a.m. which are posted later in the day on YouTube.

We welcomed Alison Agnew to the pulpit last Sunday, and this Sunday, May 28 we will welcome Erik deRoos. Following the worship service, we'll have our third congregational lunch meeting when we will review the three options and then vote in confidence. Those who cannot be with us will be

able to send in their vote to the clerk by noon, Sunday, June 4/23. The prominent opinion will help the session to take the next steps in the future of St. Andrew's, King City. The Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis will be in attendance as always.

Our Communion Sunday is June 4. The Rev. Peter Ma will be bringing us the Sunday morning sermon and then presiding over the Holy Communion Service.

The Ladies Bible Study via ZOOM is enthusiastically continuing, led by Anne Campbell on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. For more information and the link, please call the church.

If you wish to share prayer requests or thanksgivings, we'll be happy to pray with you or for you in confidence. For pastoral care, please leave a message at the church at 905-833-2325, call one of the Elders or call our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis (905-724-1979).

All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Our Friday morning prayer group meets online via Zoom for 30 minutes of prayer, reflection and music. To re-

ceive the Zoom link contact the church office allsaints3@bellnet.ca

A Joyful Noise: a Choir Concert June 9, at 7 p.m. Join us for a wonderful evening of music and joy as our choir, led by Ernesto De Luca, performs some old and new favourites! Lots of sing-a-long. Entry is by donation!

Loving Prayer - Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on John 11 Jesus prays to be glorified:

"In the Gospel reading today we heard more from the 'farewell discourses,' which took place when Jesus was at supper with his friends the night before his crucifixion. Jesus was praying for his disciples. The last verse especially stands out: 'Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.' Jesus prayed for the people he loved. I am confident that Jesus continues to pray for all of us even today. One of my favourite authors, David Lose, said that 'prayer isn't simply a routine, a spiritual exercise. It's also more. Prayer is love. Naming the hopes, joys, concerns, fears of someone you know and bring all of that into the presence of God through prayer is an act of love, plain and simple.'

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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

King's corners

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"I think our world could do with a little more of that love right now. We all know people in our circle of friends, in our own families, who need. It's really special to hear someone name those things before God that you've been doing well, Jesus also prayed for their unity and strength. He talked about how hard it was going to be for his disciples. He wanted God to be keep them. It's a very honest prayer.

"I love our Friday morning prayer group. We meet by Zoom weekly and Leah takes us through 30 minutes of beautiful reflective prayers and in that time there is space to name the things that are on our hearts, loved ones who are hurting or sick, sadness at a situation, thanksgivings for the good things

Summer has finally arrived and after our first long weekend under our belt of heading north, getting cottages open, boats in the water, and spectacular fireworks sponsored by our own King Township and King Fire & Emergency Services in Nobleton, we're ready to get

that have been happening. ... it all gets covered and it's beautiful. It is important to set aside that time for prayerful acts of love and trust with this group of. I hope you'll join us.

"Jesus continues to pray for those he loves. He prayed for our faithfulness, even knowing that there would be times we'd fall short of living into that. He prayed that we'd be protected, knowing that we would still have to face hardship. In this time of crisis and uncertainty, I hope we'll answer Jesus's call to prayer. That we'll trust God to receive our prayers. I continue to pray for all of you and for those you love. Whenever you need a partner in prayer I will always be ready - text me, email me, you can even call me.

"Remember that Jesus always prays for us and holds us in the center of his heart. Let us pray, love, trust and take action. Jesus did all that for us, which makes it possible for us to do the same for others."

the summer started.

The day has finally arrived, the 173rd Schomberg Fair kicks off tonight (Thursday) with a \$5 flat rate entry with gates opening at 5 p.m., so come check out the brand-new Midway, and get yourself a wristband for unlimited rides. There are some great new rides, you'll want to ride over and over, I'm told. While your kids are enjoying the rides, you can enjoy the Beer Tent, which this year is open all weekend. They've also added more vendors for both hard goods and food, veal on a bun should be a popular choice as well as the new "elephant ears" which are sort of like Beaver tails but bigger.

Then Friday, and once again it brings us to the highlight of the Fair, the "Demolition Derby." The Derby has added more prize money this year and as a result is almost full with 45 entries to date. Don't worry though, there is still time to find an old beater and get yourself registered.

Homecraft is back and this year will be in the newly renovated Schomberg Community Hall, so go check it out and enjoy a piece of homemade pie while you peruse the entries.

Lots to do and see as well, including the ever-popular Cowboy Mounted

Shooting, but don't worry it's not real guns, just darts, this is Canada after all.

Along with that there will be Viki Kidd Sheep Herding, horse demonstration, Doodoo the clown, Aaron Matthews - Magician extraordinaire and Marshall Dane and Jonny Lee on the Main Stage.

If you're new to Schomberg and have never been, it can't be missed. It's one of the highlights of living here. Until we came to Schomberg in 1999, I must admit that I'd never even been to a Fair.

I'd done and seen a lot of things in my life but had never been to a real live Fair. I know, it's embarrassing right? Well, I have been to Skywalker Ranch, backstage at a Kim Mitchell concert, an after-hours club in Detroit with the members of the band, Blood Sweat and Tears, and a Notre Dame Football game, but I'd never been to a Fair. Believe me when I say, you all need to go.

The weather is looking good, with no rain in the forecast, so I guess that "no rain dance" I asked you to do, worked, so thank you. The Fair is famous for its mud, and every resident whose been here a while, knows to have rubber boots handy, just in case.

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The Schomberg Horticultural Society invites you to join them for an entertaining and informative evening with Paul Gelatley, the Tattooed Gardener on May 30 at 7:30 at the Schomberg Community Hall.

The topic is Lions, Tigers and Plants-Oh My!

Most People think of zoos in terms of the rare, and interesting animals they encounter; and they are that, but they are so much more! Zoos are centres for conservation excellence to connect around them. Paul will walk through his role as Curatorial Gardener for one of Canada's largest tropical plant collections. You will get a glimpse into the world of zoological horticulture, from browse to furniture, enrichment to exhibit design to one-of-a-kind plant collections, and dynamic public garden displays. We

are going to the Zoo Zoo Zoo!

The 55+ Group held it's meeting this past Monday, we're up to 64 members and they are planning lots of great outings and events, so if you're over 55 come out see what's happening. The next meeting is Monday, May 29, 10:30 in the curling lounge at Trisan. Cost to join for King residents is \$15 single or a couple (two people residing at the same address) \$20, Non residents \$20 single and \$30 for a couple. These fees are annual not monthly.

Euchre night is Thursday nights at 7 to 9 p.m. in the Curling Club at Trisan. It's \$10 per night or \$20 a month. Tonight, is a special night, sponsored by our Schomberg Fair committee, with lots of special prizes and participants are asked to dress up in a Fair/agricultural theme. I'm thinking what ever the costume you come up with, rubber boots are a must.

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 sporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.



Residents uncover village's past

Residents joined Councillor Mary Asselstine in search of Schomberg's hidden histories. Helping to organize Jane's Walk was King Township. Thanks to 307 on Main Cafe for hosting the group with wonderful refreshments, and thanks to our local history buffs and citizen historians (Wendy Sue Bishop, Bill Foran, Mary Dove, Linda Jessop, Mary Lynn Dillane, Kasper Koblauch). You can see more of the journey at #JanesWalkKing

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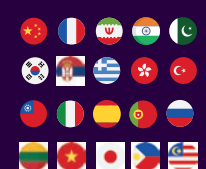
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