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## Auditor General deems Greenbelt changes benefit certain developers

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The selection of lands removed from the Greenbelt by the Province was both “biased” and “dismissive,” according to Ontario’s Auditor General.

Bonnie Lysyk released her report on changes to the greenbelt last week, criticizing the government and its methods.

“Provincial government actions in 2022 to open parts of the Greenbelt for development failed to consider environmental, agricultural and financial risks and impacts, proceeded with little input from experts or affected parties, and favoured certain developers/landowners,” Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk said in the special report.

Lysyk also noted that the owners of the 15 land sites removed from the Greenbelt could ultimately see more than an \$8.3 billion increase to the value of their properties.



“The exercise to change the Greenbelt boundaries in fall 2022 cannot be described as a standard or defensible process,” Lysyk stated.

“The truncated and highly restricted land selection exercise excluded substantive input from land-use planning experts in provincial ministries, municipalities, conservation authorities, First Nations leaders, and the public, while giving preferential treatment to certain developers with direct access to the Chief of Staff to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.”

The audit found that:

- The government’s target to increase housing did not require removing land from the Greenbelt. According to the government’s Housing Affordability Task Force and the Chief Planners of the three affected regions (Durham, Hamilton and York), the removal of Greenbelt land sites was not needed to meet the government’s housing goals. In fact, in late October 2022, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Housing Ministry) had already allocated housing targets to regions to build 1.5 million homes, before land sites were approved for removal from the Greenbelt.

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**Tuesday, Sept. 5**  
6 p.m. – Council Public Planning meeting  
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at [king.ca/meetings](http://king.ca/meetings)

**Thursday, Sept. 7**  
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](mailto:cpang@king.ca) by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

**Monday, Sept. 11**  
6 p.m. – Council  
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at [king.ca/meetings](http://king.ca/meetings)

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**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

*This Public Planning Council Meeting will be held in a hybrid format with in-person and electronic participation. Deputations may participate in the meeting remotely or in-person. Refer to the registration process below.*

The public are invited to attend the Public Planning Meeting to receive information and provide comments on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, concerning a property located at 14290 Concession Rd 10, in the Township of King in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended.*

The Township has determined that the application is considered complete, and the Planning Division has commenced processing. We welcome your comments regarding this application.

**Subject Property**

Location: 14290 Concession Rd 10, King, ON, L0G 1T0  
Lot 14, Concession 10

Owner: Anfass Inc.  
Agent: Thorstone Consulting Services

File Numbers: Zoning By-law Amendment - Z-2023-02

Staff Report: The staff report will be available at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

**Proposed Changes**

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Thorstone Consulting Services Inc., on behalf of the owner Anfass Inc, under Planning File Z-2023-02 concerns an existing property that is located south of 16th Sideroad, north of 15th Sideroad and on the west side of 10th Concession Rd, which measures approximately 30.56 hectares (75.52 acres).

The Application for Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to amend the Zoning By-law for the subject lands to permit the conversion of the existing residence, with a Gross Floor Area (GFA) of 280.21 m<sup>2</sup>, into a farm manager residence and enable the construction of a new residential dwelling.

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. **Written comments will become part of the public record. Please refer to pre-registration details below.**

**Lead Planner**

A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application as well as related background information and supporting information are available by contacting Alexander Gambin, Planner I, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with reference to the address or file numbers for more information. Written comments in advance of the staff report being published may be sent to:

Alexander Gambin, Planner I  
[agambin@king.ca](mailto:agambin@king.ca), (905) 833-5321 ext. 4110

**How to Participate in the Public Meeting**

- 1) **VIEW THE MEETING** live virtually at <https://www.king.ca/meetings>. No pre-registration is required.
- 2) **SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS** to the Township Clerk at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Comments will form part of the public record and will be circulated to Council and the Planning Division.
- 3) **SPEAK TO COUNCIL IN-PERSON** by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to.
- 4) **SPEAK TO COUNCIL VIRTUALLY** by teleconference (through a computer, app or by phone) live during the meeting by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating.

All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

**How To Stay Informed**

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) within 5 business days after the meeting.

**Appeal Procedure**

If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT"), does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT") unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

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*Comments and personal information (PI) are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13 as amended, and become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form, also become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information (PI), please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321*

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# Immediate actions needed

From Front Page

- Political staff had substantial control over the entire Greenbelt amendment exercise. The Housing Minister's Chief of Staff provided a small team of non-political public service staff in the Housing Ministry the criteria to be used in the selection process, directed the team to alter the criteria to facilitate the selection of many sites provided by the Chief of Staff, and imposed a three-week timeline and confidentiality provisions, limiting the team's time and ability to assess the land sites and provide alternatives.

- Even though hundreds of site removal requests had been submitted to the Housing Ministry since the Greenbelt was established in 2005, only 22 land sites were considered in the 2022 selection exercise. Of those, only one was proposed by the Housing Ministry's non-political public service staff, while 21 were provided directly by the Housing Minister's Chief of Staff. Of the 15 land sites ultimately approved for removal in Dec. 2022, 14 were brought into the exercise by the Housing Minister's Chief of Staff and one was identified by the Housing Ministry's non-political public service staff.

- About 67% (4,900) of the approximately 7,400 acres ultimately removed from the Greenbelt are on two land sites for which information was given by two developers to the Chief of Staff in September 2022 at an industry function they all attended. One of these developers subsequently provided information on the removal on three additional land sites, one of which related to a third developer. Overall, 92% (6,800) of the approximately 7,400 acres ultimately removed from the Greenbelt related to five land sites involving three developers.

- Greenbelt removals were approved without full consideration of environmental and agricultural risks, and were inconsistent with the vision, goals and processes of the Greenbelt Plan to provide important natural features and agricultural land with permanent protection, as well as previous amendments to the Greenbelt boundary. The 2022 boundary changes removed almost 1,000 acres of wetlands and woodlands from the Greenbelt. As well, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs indicated that about 83% of the area removed is classified as prime agricultural land, having the highest quality and capability for agriculture.

- Restrictions on the Housing Ministry's non-political staff team precluded an assessment of the cost to add needed infrastructure to each of the land sites proposed for removal, how the costs would be apportioned between the public and private sectors, or whether the affected municipalities would even allow those lands to be developed if the removals proceeded.

- While additions were made to the Greenbelt to offset lands removed, 2,400 of the added acres are areas typically already protected and largely undevelopable, and do not contribute agricultural land protection – a core objective of the Greenbelt Plan. Further, although 7,000 acres of the Paris Galt Moraine were added as offsets, the Housing Ministry had recommended a larger portion be added to encompass important natural features and agricultural land. Additions to the Greenbelt were necessary to offset removals because the Greenbelt Act, 2005, prohibits a reduction in the Greenbelt Area.

“While the people of Ontario deserve prompt action to solve societal problems like those generated by a need for housing, this does not mean that government and non-elected political staff should sideline or abandon protocols and processes that are important to guide objective and transparent decision-making based on sufficient and accurate information,” Lysyk added.

You can read the report at [www.auditor.on.ca](http://www.auditor.on.ca)

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At a press conference in Mississauga Aug. 11, Premier Doug Ford said the government will implement 14 of the 15 recommendations recommended by the auditor general. He further stressed that “no one had preferential treatment.”

The report drew immediate response

from opponents and environmental groups.

Tim Gray, executive director of Environmental Defence, said the lands must now be returned to the Greenbelt and legislation introduced to protect it from future attacks, as well as to protect other farms and forests from speculative developers. The decision to remove the specific lands should be revisited.

“The Auditor General's report confirms that lands were removed from the Greenbelt as a favour to particular sprawl developers to enable them to make up to \$8.3 billion in windfall profits by building on land meant to be protected forever. Shockingly, this occurred despite clear and abundant evidence that lands in the Greenbelt are not required to meet Ontario's housing supply needs,” Gray said.

“There are 59,000 hectares of land designated for development in the GTAH alone, without including the 3,000 hectares, removed from the Greenbelt. If some of lands were developed at even the modest densities of Toronto's Trinity-Bellwoods neighbourhood, only 15,000 hectares would be consumed by the population projected for the region by 2051.

Gray also argued there are also fixed supplies of materials and labour available for home building. Focusing them on creating low density sprawl means less can be made available to build the communities we need inside of our towns and cities.

“Ontarians know that we can build homes in cities and towns where we already have services and where public transit and walkability lead to lower costs and higher quality of life. In fact a new public opinion poll conducted by Environics for the Alliance for a Livable Ontario shows that 83 per cent of Ontario residents want homes built within cities and towns where services exist – and not on the Greenbelt. They also do not find the Ontario government credible on the issue of land supply and housing.

“The Ontario government is on the wrong side of the views of almost all Ontarians except for its developer friends. It needs to stop pushing forward senseless environmental destruction and focus on getting homes built where they are needed, and at prices people can afford.

“Now that Ontarians can see the full picture of what has occurred with the Greenbelt, immediate actions are necessary. These include:

- Full investigation of the relationship between the provincial government and development industry by the OPP.

- Lands removed from the Greenbelt must be returned immediately and the Greenbelt boundary legislatively protected.

- The Greenbelt should be expanded to protect much more of southern Ontario's farmland.

- City and town boundary expansion should only be permitted after it can be proven that there are no more opportunities for building within the existing boundaries.

- “The Ontario and the federal governments must get back into the business of directly creating affordable housing.”

- “The finding that just two developers own 92 per cent of the property excised from the Greenbelt and stand to gain \$8.3 billion in profit from this land swap is extremely disturbing. And to have confirmation that a high-level staffer was giving preferential treatment to select developers, even letting the developers directly suggest parcels for excision. This is putting 1000 acres of wetlands and woodlands in jeopardy in southwestern Ontario, where the historical rate of wetland loss has been among the highest in Canada. It is shocking,” said Dr. Rebecca Rooney, wetland ecologist and professor at University of Waterloo.

Ontario Greens vow to keep up the fight.

The Green Party is calling for the following measures to redress the harms committed by the Ford government:

- A commitment from the Ford government to accept the Auditor General's recommendation to reverse their 2022 decision to alter Greenbelt boundaries.

- The resignation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and his chief of staff.

- An OPP investigation into whether there was any criminal activity by members of the Ford government.

- Ford's Greenbelt giveaway on the backs of everyday Ontarians.

“All along, this government's agenda has been to favour wealthy, elite insiders at the expense of everyday Ontarians. Now, we have a report that shows it – and the evidence is staggering,” said Ontario Greens leader and MPP for Guelph Mike Schreiner.

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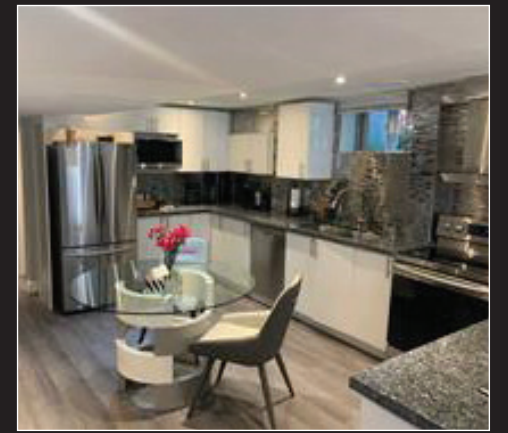
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- Michael Connelly

## A cancer journey changes you forever

It's been said when you experience two things – love and grief – it changes you and you are never the same.

I would add cancer to that list. Cancer changes you forever, mentally and physically.

It's like you're constantly running away from danger and always looking over your shoulder for something that could harm you.

It's like you're being stalked by a mysterious shadow that's stuck to you like glue and you just can't shake it. But there's really nothing mysterious about it. It's yours. It's dark and part of you. But it's something you'd rather not acknowledge.

Like a stickiness of sadness, it's tacky and something only you can feel.

And I know something about sadness, suffering from depression for many years. So you can imagine my despair during my emotional, gut-churning roller coaster ride.

I never shared the ideas of Jean-Paul Sartre or his existential friends about the futility of life. But life is somewhat fatalistic since we grow old, get sick and die.

I never thought I would get cancer. A heart attack, sure, given my high blood pressure, poor diet and lack of regular exercise. But cancer? Not me, that's for "other people".

Well the other people are us, in ever growing numbers. And during my visits to Princess Margaret I wasn't filled with hope, but with profound sadness at the countless souls being tested and treated.

I remember being told that at least prostate cancer was treatable and wasn't a "big deal". Oh, really? Any cancer is a big deal, no matter its severity.

For the longest time over the past year, I defined myself as a "sick person," even though I had no visible symptoms or changes in my appearance. At times I still doubted the diagnosis.

I didn't feel sick and continued on my regular routine as if nothing was out of the ordinary. Weird, huh?

I got used to it. I became accustomed to, even comfortable with, the regular



Mark Pavilons

hospital visits, blood work, medication refills, drive to the Vaughan station and subway rides to and from the Queen's Park station.

I almost miss it now. What I don't miss are the pre-dawn drives and cost of parking.

There's was never enough time to take in the sights and sounds of the city, street food vendors or even quaint coffee shops.

In all my visits to the Big Smoke, I never saw that proverbial, dishevelled man holding "the end is near" sign. And yet I actually expected it. Weird, huh?

It was always a quick turnaround, getting things done and then back home to Bolton, to comfort and "normalcy". And yet there was no "normal" anymore because I was still that sick person.

"Listen to your doctors," I was told by other sick people and those in the know.

I found that more often than not, my actions were robotic, routine, cold and mechanical.

I saw almost everything as meaningless or at least less meaningful – chores, paying bills, buying groceries, filling up the car. Many things seemed mundane,

trivial, silly and even ridiculous. I did lose my patience for time-wasting discussions and became frustrated more often than I should have.

My GUNS trial involved a series of medication combos and I was thankful that I did not undergo chemo.

I cried late at night but it never made me feel any better. In the throes of things, there was no "better", at least not in the short-term. The culmination – radical prostate surgery – was a solution, a reprieve.

I had my surgery Aug. 4 which I'm told went well. The timing was awful – Aug. 5 was our wedding anniversary and our daughter's 18th birthday.

But is my surgery a "cure"? Those who've experienced cancer avoid that word. There are treatments, therapies and surgeries that stave off the disease, even put it at bay and into remission.

The first few days at home were rough, feeling like a soccer goalie, taking penalty shots to the mid-section. I quickly began feeling "normal" with a typical routine, even getting back to work on my computer at home.

I am still working away because the King Weekly Sentinel is my passion and I'm damned if I'm gonna let a little thing like cancer stand in my way.

But what's it all mean? I fear there are no hard and fast answers when it comes to cancer.

But what of future recurrences? Once inflicted, there is a very real risk of recurrence in some form. Maybe not

now or in a couple of years from now, but down the road, who knows?

And so, my journey is not over. It's just at a new juncture, a fork in the road. I'm nudged to take one of the forks, but won't know for sure where it will lead.

Maybe I should make sure my cell phone is always charged and my GPS is working!

Every doctor's visit, blood test and PSA test from here will come with trepidation, anxiety, fear and uncertainty.

I hope it hasn't permanently scarred my sense of joy and frivolity. But I can see it blanketing me with that threatening dark green shade of nasty storm clouds.

My wife mentioned part of the "old Mark" returned after surgery. Being in a constant state of apprehension was not a good look, I was told.

I am by no means, alone in this. The more people I mentioned it to, the more stories of other men suffering from prostate cancer emerged. Encouraging? Perhaps, but sad all the same.

The fact prostate cancer is affecting more men, at a younger age, is disheartening.

The fact is, I've been given a reprieve and will enjoy it as long as it lasts – hopefully well into my 70s.

But I will not trade in my sense of humour, smile and demeanor for anything in the world.

Be prepared, faithful readers. I will be my annoying, sarcastic, fun-loving self. You will just have to put up with it!

### Education

## Ontario delivering on back to basics commitment to parents

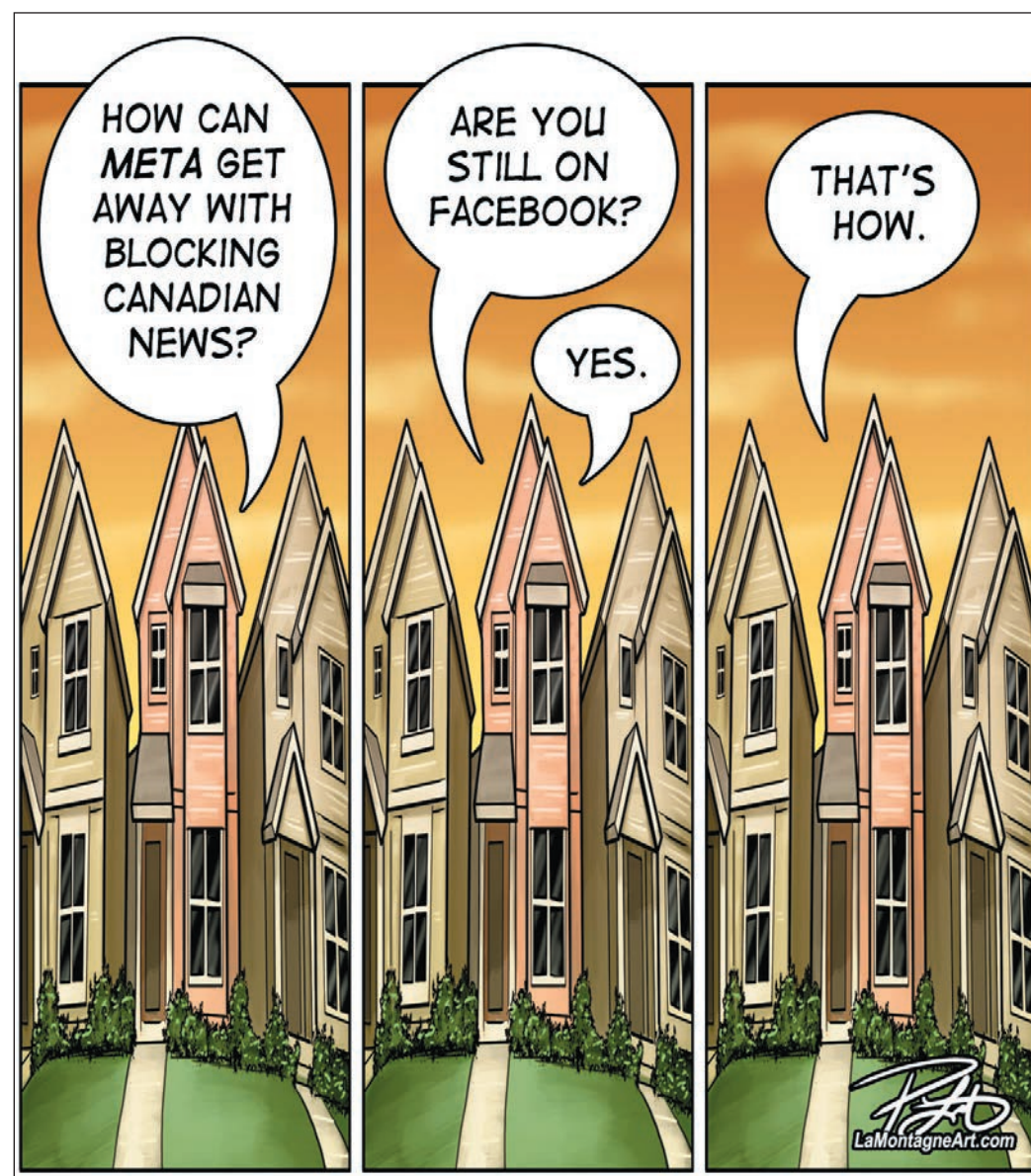
The Province has implemented the first set of regulations in The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act.

"These new measures will focus on getting back to the basics of education: strengthening reading, writing and math, and other STEM disciplines," said King-Vaughan MPP and Education Minister Stephen Lecce.

"We are following through on our commitment to parents through new measures that will better refocus school boards on academic achievement and the development of life and job skills.

"These reforms include the new authority for our government to set binding priorities on school boards that focus on boosting student achievement focused on reading, writing and math. This sends a clear signal to Ontario's school boards we've listened to the priorities of parents putting common sense at the centre of our education system. To improve school board transparency, school board plans will be benchmarked against system-wide performance indicators.

"I am confident that this first set of measures will better focus Ontario schools on student achievement, offer greater accountability and transparency to families, improve safety and create more opportunities to hire highly qualified teacher candidates to support student success."



### Quote of the Week

*"Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears."*

Les Brown

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# No news is bad news for Canadians, CAJ says

The Canadian Association of Journalists (CAJ) calls on Meta to reverse its reckless, ill-advised decision, announced yesterday, to soon prevent Canadians from viewing or sharing news articles on its Facebook and Instagram platforms.

The Canadian Association of Journalists is the country's largest professional organization that serves to advance the interests of journalists from coast to coast to coast. The CAJ's primary roles are public-interest advocacy work and professional development for its members.

"Democracy cannot flourish, let alone exist, without its citizens having access to accurate and quality information to help them make important decisions about how to live their lives," said Brent Jolly, president of the CAJ.

It's a chilling irony that after Facebook and Instagram have extracted so much wealth from Canadian communities, their parent company has chosen this nuclear option in response to laws allowing news publishers, big and small, to negotiate with them for fair compensation for the hard work of Canadian journalists.

Meta declaring that it would remove access to news on its platform is not without precedent. In 2021, for example, the company temporarily cut off access to news for users in Australia in response to the country's News Media Bargaining Code. Within a week, the California-based social media company reversed course and began to negotiate with news organizations.

"For more than a decade, journalism has been engaged in a complicated and unbalanced relationship with tech platforms," Jolly said. "It is our hope that cooler heads will prevail and all parties will engage in good-faith efforts to implement a regulatory framework that supports freedom of information and reflects the critical role journalism plays in keeping Canadians informed of decisions that affect their everyday lives."

How did we get here?

In June, the federal government enacted Bill C-18, the Online News Act, which would compel tech platforms to negotiate with news organizations for financial remuneration for news content shared on their platforms. A report published by the Parliamentary Budget Office last year estimated the Online News Act would bring in over \$300 million annually for Canadian news organizations.

Shortly after the bill received Royal Assent, however, Meta and Google responded swiftly and with an iron fist. Meta announced it was unframing

## Comment

news organizations, from publishers as large as CBC-Radio Canada and The Canadian Press to smaller players, such as The Tye and CHEK News. It also unilaterally cancelled licensing deals and other pre-existing financial agreements with news organizations. Google, for its part, has said it plans to eventually end agreements with news organizations and restrict Canadians' access to Google News and Showcase pages.

"It is extremely troubling that the moment these private companies are subjected to democratic oversight, and other collective bargaining obligations, their immediate reaction is to set fire to their lofty and long-held rhetoric about building an informed public," Jolly said. "Like any autocratic government, these powerful tech giants are limiting freedom of speech and thought to get their way."

We note there is little chance of unanimous thinking with regards to the potential impacts of the Online News Act, particularly across our association's diverse membership. That said, the CAJ strongly believes Google, Meta and other social media platforms must play a role in strengthening journalism in Canada.

While critics of the legislation have frequently labelled the Online News Act as a "link tax," one factor that is seldom discussed in greater detail is the reality that tech platforms are currently using news content, produced by journalists, to train artificial intelligence models in order to compete for the trillions of dollars in potential AI revenue.

With the actions Google and Meta are taking in Canada, they are showing the world that they are willing to limit a nation's access to information rather than risk current and future revenue.

"What has become obvious is Meta and Google refuse to provide fair compensation for the news content on their platforms that is integral to their business models despite the fact that every country in the world that respects copyright has laws around payment for use of content," Jolly said.

"Radio stations pay to play songs. Broadcast news organizations buy video to use in newscasts. Newspapers pay photographers for their photos. Tech platforms should not be exempt from paying for content that feeds algorithms and helps their bottom line."

What happens next?

In the coming weeks, the federal government will be publishing important details that will be critical to establish a fair and transparent regulatory process. This exercise will have a consid-

erable impact on shaping the future of Canada's journalistic and information ecosystem.

While Meta has said it is not interested in participating in the process, this does not change the fact that Canadians have the fundamental right to a free press. Governments, similarly, have the obligation and the right to create policies that will support journalism.

Ottawa has responded to these threats from tech platforms by pulling government advertising dollars from Meta, an action that has been re-doubled by media organizations, labour groups, and other provincial governments alike.

If Canada is truly keen to lead the world in this stare-down with Google and Meta, a two-track approach is needed.

The first is a longer-term task that will address the need for Canada to undertake a comprehensive review of its copyright laws, such as the one recently undertaken by the European Union. Around the world, governments and individual lawmakers are only beginning to understand the sweeping changes coming from the exponential growth of generative artificial intelligence.

Second, and more pressing, is the need for Ottawa to ensure that the reg-

ulations associated with the Online News Act are implemented fairly, equitably and transparently.

The CAJ maintains that any financial remuneration extracted from tech platforms be directed towards expanding the number of editorial positions available in what are rapidly contracting Canadian newsrooms. The public interest is best served through the production of more public service journalism.

"Our message to the federal government is simple: Don't back down or cave into pressure tactics," said Jolly.

"Platforms will, no doubt undertake complex strategies to seek exemptions, particularly as it relates to small, start-up, BIPOC-led news organizations. Foreign-owned tech companies, however, cannot be allowed to dictate winners and losers when it comes to the right to know of Canadians. The eyes of the world are looking to Canada to see how this process plays out."

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL TO DISCUSS REVISIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a Special Meeting under Section 26(3)(b) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13. as follows:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2585 KING ROAD, KING CITY

This Special Meeting of Council will be held in a hybrid format with in-person and electronic participation. Deputies may participate in the meeting remotely or in-person.

Refer to the registration process below.

#### What is the Purpose of the Meeting?

The Special Council Meeting is an opportunity to introduce the Official Plan Review project to the public and discuss its themes, guiding principles, direction and any revisions that may be required to the Township's current Our King Official Plan. The meeting provides an initial opportunity for public comment on issues that should be considered during the Review process.

#### What is an Official Plan?

The Our King Official Plan is an important planning policy document that establishes a comprehensive set of policies to guide growth and development, land use change, ensure environmental conservation and promote restoration and enhancement, advance economic development activities, promote heritage conservation, and guide infrastructure. The Township's current Official Plan was approved in 2020 and has a planning horizon to the year 2031.

The Our King Official Plan consists of a combination of policies, maps, and schedules that identify where different land uses will occur, where municipal services and infrastructure will be needed, and how growth will be accommodated. The Township's Official Plan Review will guide growth within King to the planning horizon of 2051.

#### Why Are We Reviewing the Official Plan?

The Planning Act prescribes certain provincial and regional conformity requirements for municipal Official Plans. Municipalities are required to update their Official Plans at least ten years after it comes into effect and then every five years thereafter. Municipalities are also required to amend their Official Plans within one year to conform to the Official Plan of an upper-tier municipality. The Our King Official Plan is due for a review to:

- Align with recent changes in provincial policy and legislation.
- Conform to the York Region Official Plan (2022).
- Ensure the vision for King continues to meet the Township's evolving needs.

#### Your input is important!

Following a presentation from staff at the Special Council Meeting, community members will be invited to share ideas that should be explored as part of this Review. This is the first of many opportunities residents and stakeholders will have to participate.

To start the conversation, an Introductory Discussion Paper will be available at: <https://speaking.king.ca/our-king-official-plan-review> on September 20, 2023.

The Official Plan affects everyone in the Township of King. Your vision and input are important for the Township to undertake a truly effective review. Public consultation provides the opportunity for residents to participate in shaping the future vision and direction of the Township.

You are entitled to attend this Special Council Meeting, or you may be represented by counsel or an agent to provide information, comment, and/or ask questions about this initiative. The Township encourages written comments to be submitted prior to or following the Special Council Meeting. Following the Meeting, written comments on the Introductory Discussion Paper and this initial phase of the Review are encouraged by October 31, 2023. Providing your written comments by this date will ensure that your points are reflected as part of the public record and included in the next phase of the Review. Written submissions should be submitted to the Township Clerk at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca).

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council and the progression of the Official Plan Review, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON, L7B 1A1, or by email at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca).

You can also stay involved in the Official Plan Review by subscribing for updates on the Official Plan Review project page at <https://speaking.king.ca/our-king-official-plan-review>. An Introductory Discussion Paper will be available on the project page on September 20, 2023. Questions and comments can be directed to Aloma Dreher, Senior Policy Planner, and Kristen Harrison, Manager of Policy Planning, by email at [policyplanning@king.ca](mailto:policyplanning@king.ca), or by phone at (905) 833-5321, ext. 1004.

#### How to Participate in the Special Meeting of Council

- 1) VIEW THE MEETING live virtually at <https://www.king.ca/meetings>. No pre-registration is required.
- 2) SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS to the Township Clerk at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Comments will form part of the public record and will be circulated to Council and the Planning Division.
- 3) SPEAK TO COUNCIL IN-PERSON by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to.
- 4) SPEAK TO COUNCIL VIRTUALLY by teleconference (through a computer, app or by phone) live during the meeting by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating.

All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 17th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

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Township Clerk  
2585 King Road  
King City, Ontario  
L7B 1A1

# On the road again, tips for travelling with your dog

By Deena Cooper

## Dog Speak

Here we are half-way through summer already, and many of us are going on holidays, road trips and to cottages. Here are a few tips to keep your dog safe and comfortable on the drive and when you get to your holiday destination.

Safety first: Make sure your dog is wearing a seatbelt. Harnesses are available at most pet stores and they're a great investment in the safety of both your dog and the human travelers, too.

Make sure to travel with a collapsible water bowl and make sure you take regular breaks at least every two hours. If

you're running in to a service center, try to park in the shade and leave the windows open a few inches. Cars heat up very quickly in the sun. A quick sidebar here: If your dog does become overheated, it's important to cool them down with lukewarm water as cold water can lead to shock.

If your dog is very excitable, a little children's Gravel goes a long way to keep them calm in the car, which makes the trip easier on everyone. And cute as it is, please don't let them hang out of

the car window as you drive. They can be hit by debris and are more likely to get eye and ear infections.

Being prepared is key: Make sure your dog is tagged with your contact information – even the best behaved dogs can wander in unfamiliar surroundings, and many rural areas don't have the required tower infrastructure to make air-tags and other devices reliable.

If you can, bring a large bottle of the water from home that they are used to drinking, it'll be easier on their stomachs. If you're staying away a long time, switch to local water is stages by mixing it with the water you brought. Also, pack the crate and a few favourite chew toys: many Air B & Bs insists that unattended dogs be crated, and it also provides a familiar and safe environment for them at your destination.

Lastly, Benadryl should be packed in case of insect bites.

Once you're there, let your dog have a supervised explore of the new surroundings on a retractable leash. Let them stretch their legs and get some exercise, and then have them calm down completely before their first meal. An unrested dog is more prone to bloating and twisted gut syndrome than a calm, rested one.

Do some exploring yourself – if you're in a rural setting look for poison ivy and poison oak and make sure your dog stays away from them. If you're near water, let your dog decide how interested they are in swimming: some dogs just don't like water and that's ok!

Make sure your dog is introduced to any local humans around the property, and ask said humans about whether there are local skunks, porcupines, coyotes or foxes. These things are best avoided in the first place to prevent unscheduled vet visits. And by the way, to-



mato juice doesn't work on skunk stink – but a mixture of Palmolive, baking soda and peroxide sure does. You heard it here first.

Happy travels. I'm excited to bring you a column about all things dog. I love sharing my knowledge to help! And if you have any questions, shoot me an email and I might just answer it here! E-mail deena@deenaspeaksdog.com. And give me an insta-follow @deenaspeaksdog for more.

Deena Cooper is owner of Deena Speaks Dog.

For the last 30 years she's been helping dog owners all around the GTA with everything they need to have happy, healthy and stress-free relationships with their furry friends. A preeminent behaviour modification specialist, she uses my experience, love and lots of treats to help clients have joyful, obedient and confident dogs.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Input sought on climate plan

As you may know King Township Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, one action that has come from declaring the Climate Emergency was the push to create a Community Climate Action plan. The goal of the King Community Climate Action Plan is to lead the community to create a low carbon Township and ensure we are prepared for the various impacts of climate change that we are expected to see in the coming years.

Currently we are conducting community engagement for the plan to ensure that it is a true representation and reflection of King Township's community members. This is where you come in, one community group that I want to ensure I hear from is farmers and the agricultural sector in King Township. Farmers play a very important role in the fight against Climate Change, being some of the most vulnerable groups who will be at the forefront of witnessing the effects of a changing climate.

I want to invite you to join King Township Staff (the Environmental Team) and Township Councillor Avia Eek, in a roundtable discussion to share any of your thoughts, feedback, advice and needs pertaining to the Climate Action Plan. We want to hear from you and your thoughts on the different ways King Township can support in helping your farms mitigate and adapt to Climate Change.

This is also a discussion for staff to hear and learn from the Farming experts in the Township, because we know that many of you are already on the forefront of sustainability and farming. Some examples of different action items you may want to discuss: more funding/grants available for certain sustainable actions, knowledge sharing seminars, community support and opportunities like farmers' markets, etc.

We are planning to host two roundtables on August 22 at 5 p.m. and Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. Please email and RSVP to one of the dates if you intend to come.

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## MPP says strike threat 'unfair'

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

King-Vaughan MPP and Education Minister Stephen Lecce says the threatened strike action by elementary teachers is "unfair."

"Our government has been bargaining in good faith, meeting over 170 times with all education unions, and are focused on securing a deal that keeps kids in class, provides parents with stability, and treats educators fairly," he said.

"Threatening another strike and creating anxiety for parents and students just weeks before the start of the school year is unnecessary and unfair.

"After private mediation was rejected by teachers' unions to reach deals, we are available to meet every day to negotiate a deal that keeps students in class and improves the outcomes of students. I believe by staying at the table, we can and will reach a deal that keeps kids learning in classrooms where they belong."

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) will hold in-person meetings to conduct central strike votes and address bargaining issues. These all-member meetings will be held across the province from mid-September to mid-October.

Bargaining has stalled at ETFO's Education Worker Central Table. At its Teacher/Occasional Teacher Central Table, ETFO has repeatedly tried to get the government to talk about important issues like improved supports for students with special needs, violence in schools, compensation, fair and transparent hiring practices, workload and working conditions, and smaller class sizes. The government has refused to engage in any meaningful discussions about these education priorities.

"ETFO members have been without an agreement for almost a year. They have been patient, but their patience has run out. We need the Ford government to take bargaining seriously and to act in good faith, as required by law," notes ETFO President Karen Brown. "ETFO's goal is to reach fair and reasonable agreements without having to take job action. We need the government's full attention on bargaining so we can address pressing concerns in public education."

Holding a central strike vote is one part of the legal bargaining process established under Ontario labour laws. Details about ETFO collective bargaining and upcoming strike votes are available at [etfocb.ca](http://etfocb.ca).

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  - 15. Italian city
  - 16. Nowhere to be found
  - 17. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
  - 18. Turkish officer
  - 20. Perform on stage
  - 21. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
  - 22. Canadian coastal provinces
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  - Daisy
  - 55. Ancient Greek sophist
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  - 57. Daniel \_\_, French composer
  - 59. Nocturnal S. American rodent
  - 60. Rusty
  - 61. Jewish spiritual leader
  - 62. Patti Hearst's captors
  - 63. Popular global holiday (abbr.)
  - 64. Tall, slender plant
- CLUES DOWN**
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  - 9. Currency and a Chinese dynasty
  - 10. \_\_ mater, one's school
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  - 26. One point north of due east
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  - 29. Persuade to do something
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  - 35. National Gallery of Art designer
  - 36. Panamanian province
  - 37. Field force unit (abbr.)
  - 39. Whalers' tool
  - 40. Simply
  - 41. Nigerian City
  - 42. Not one
  - 44. Obstruct
  - 45. Political plot
  - 46. Manila hemp plant
  - 47. Dough made from corn flour
  - 48. Fishes by letting the bob fly
  - 51. Swiss river
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## Resident 'enlightens' entrepreneurs with her guidance

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Many of us are seeking a level of enlightenment.

Irina Mihaela, consultant and speaker with Entrepreneur Enlightenment, offers a strategic and unique approach to helping business owners.

She offers business coaching and consulting, strategic alliances network and equine experiences.

Through business consulting, she provides strategic planning and implementation support, executive retreats, and leadership workshops for companies with 5 to 50+ employees.

They offer resources and a community for local businesses who are seeking to form strategic alliances with other businesses, we envision a business hub. They interview those local businesses and promote them to elevate business in King.

The Equine Experiences are geared to help youth who had adverse childhood experiences, as non-profit programs. At times, they offer equine experiences to adults for a fee to raise funds and offset costs so we can provide free services to youth in need.

Mihaela explained they were looking for a place to begin their mission of supporting youth and found the "perfect equine facility in Schomberg."

"With the help of horses, our programs focus on developing emotional well-being, safety, leadership and entrepreneurship skills. There is no riding involved; it's about finding empowerment through equine facilitation and learning horsemanship.

"Relocating the business consulting here also felt beneficial as King Township has a great business community. I attended the Mayor's lunch in May, and I was impressed. Creating the business hub idea came after that as a way to empower local businesses to connect and collaborate, which, in the long run, makes a sustainable local economy."

Mihaela has a background in engineering and business management. Part of her 18-year career in nuclear engineering, she managed multimillion-dollar complex projects and large teams. In 2011, she left that to start Entrepreneur Enlightenment Inc. and since then, "I have helped hundreds of business owners worldwide through consulting, coaching, retreats and masterminding."

As she coached ambitious, successful people, she observed that they still had difficulties because of unresolved issues from childhood.

"Business strategy alone was not sufficient, but a more holistic approach was needed. I put some of my principles for success into my first book Entrepreneur Enlightenment – A Guide to Establish Your Purpose-Driven Business.

"As I worked with adults, I felt the need to offer youth the opportunity to find their path early on so they can start their lives right. It's something I wish I had access to when I was 14 and was severely abused."

Her approach is unique as she combine solid business strategy with personal transformation and spiritual enlightenment to help my clients grow their businesses while maintaining their well-being.

"I have decades of experience and a comprehensive tool kit from leadership, project management, and strategic intervention to energy healing. I am purpose-driven, and I help clients elevate their purpose, inner peace and overall company profit."

She stresses it's important to take time to heal.

"No matter what has happened to you, there is a path to freedom, purpose and achievement. You can heal the wounds and transcend them. Know that you deserve to have a great life.

"Follow your purpose. Everyone has a purpose and yours is important; find it and align your business with it. Being purpose-driven leads to true success both monetarily and feeling fulfilled.



"Intend to thrive, not just survive. Strive to build a sustainable business that gives a good return on investment, manage your time, expectations of your team and energy well, and have employees who also thrive while supporting the company's mission."

She's open online, on location by ap-

pointment or by invitation to events. They also go to the client location and host public events at various locations. Mihaela available for speaking engagements, too.

For more, contact her at <https://entrepreneurenlightenment.com/> or [ee@entrepreneurenlightenment.com](mailto:ee@entrepreneurenlightenment.com)

## On-farm Climate Action Fund

The Ontario On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) has supported projects on over 130,000 acres of farmland since launching in 2022.

The OFCAF provides cost-share funding to farmers to support the implementation of best management practices (BMPs) that tackle climate change through reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and supporting increased carbon sequestration. This competitive program allocated over \$22 million in cost-share funding to successful applications during the 2022 and 2023 intake periods.

"We are pleased to share the success of the program thus far, which has involved supporting projects by farmers who want to invest in soil health to improve long-term productivity, profitability and sustainability," said Steve Sickie, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) president. "The strong demand for funding is evidence that Ontario farmers are motivated to contribute to climate change mitigation to help Canada meet national greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and protect the environment."

The program was very popular with farmers across Ontario; OSCIA received over 2,700 applications to the OFCAF. Funding was available to farmers under the categories of nitrogen management, cover cropping and rotational grazing, and supports those activities when they are new to the acres they were practiced on.

Projects focused on nitrogen man-

agement, including nitrogen management planning, equipment for improved application and the use of urease and nitrification inhibitors, have been implemented on over 86,000 acres.

Projects to plant cover crops and intercrop have been implemented on over 50,000 acres, and intensive, short duration rotational grazing projects represent over 5,500 acres. The implementation of on-farm projects will continue through 2023.

"As leaders in their industry, Ontario producers are embracing the proactive actions recommended by OFCAF to mitigate the effects of climate change on the environment and their operations," said Marie-Claude Bibeau, federal minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. "The success of OFCAF's projects demonstrates that, together, producers are preparing for climate change resiliency while building a sustainable, competitive agriculture sector."

Since 2022, in-person and online KSEs have been hosted by over 30 different agricultural organizations, including OSCIA. These events will continue throughout 2023 to enable knowledge sharing beyond farmers that received direct program funding.

In Ontario, the OFCAF is delivered to farmers by OSCIA with funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. The fund is part of the Government of Canada's Agricultural Climate Solutions Initiative.



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# Landolfi hangs up his butcher's apron after 33 years

By Jim Stewart

In Tony Landolfi's sign-off message that he posted on Facebook, the long-time business owner's personable tone is as evident in cyberspace as it is in real life. Upon visiting the gregarious butcher's shop at 314 Main Street in downtown Schomberg, it's also evident that Schomberg Quality Meats is a community hub and customers greet their retiring butcher with hugs and a few tears.

Landolfi makes it a point to remind those assembled in the busy shop that children of customers "receive a free chicken finger when they enter the store" and while I'm conducting the interview, a customer drops in with a canine "child" who also receives a delicious chicken snack.

Although some could say in an amusing way that Schomberg Quality Meats has "gone to the dogs" with the royal treatment given to the shop's furry visitors, it most certainly shows that all are welcomed warmly in this downtown Schomberg landmark. Tony Landolfi will assuredly miss his community butcher shop and its customers when he hangs up his apron this month.

"I'll miss the people. I still want to float in and out to help Joel through the busy seasons."

Despite the effusive butcher's pre-retirement misgivings about how much

he will miss his daily interactions with customers, he is looking forward to "not being on a schedule. I'm ready to have a little bit more freedom. I've worked every Saturday for my whole life, but I wouldn't change a thing."

Landolfi cheerfully recounts when he opened his business "33 and a half years ago on June 28, 1990, just in time for the Canada Day weekend and barbecue season." In those 33 three years, Landolfi has witnessed "some changes in the town and in his business, but mostly they both have stayed the same. It's always been about customers and quality service and products. Word of mouth is still the most important component in a local business."

To continue the tradition of word of mouth, but presented on a social media platform, Tony Landolfi's successor, Joel Beadle, was triumphantly announced in a cheerful and upbeat post on the company's Facebook page: "Someone new has come to Schomberg Quality Meats--A NEW OWNER! Good morning ALL! After 33+ years of serving my awesome customers at Schomberg Quality Meats, I'm hanging up my apron for one last time and handing over the key to the new younger and improved version - JOEL BEADLE."

During our interview, Landolfi discussed his connection with Beadle. Landolfi's remarks in his shop very much mirrored the heartfelt message that he posted about his protégé: "Please join me in welcoming Joel as the new owner of Schomberg Quality Meats! Our plan is for me to float in and out to help Joel transition into his new venture in life. I've known Joel since he was eight years old and he played hockey with my son. Our families spent two weeks travelling to the U.K for hockey tournaments as well. I'm confident Joel is the man to take over where I'm leaving off."

As much as Landolfi is appreciative of and confident in his protégé's abilities, Beadle is appreciative of the business that his mentor has built over three decades: "The best part of being the new owner is coming into a well-established business with such a loyal customer base. They've accepted and welcomed the transition. Although we're completely different in personality, Tony and I both enjoy small town life and a number of common hobbies like hockey and snowmobiling. Tony



The smooth transition of ownership from retiring mentor Tony Landolfi (left) to his protégé Joel Beadle (right) begins this month at Schomberg Quality Meats.

would go on snowmobile trips with my dad and, more recently, he was talking about retiring. My dad encouraged me to be Tony's successor."

In addition to the connection between the Beadle and Landolfi families, it was family-related matters that brought Beadle to Schomberg. A native of Bradford, Beadle has "lived in Sioux Lookout for the last six years and we have three-year old twin daughters so I was happy to move back closer to where

I grew up and to be closer to family. I was happy for my wife to find a teaching position in Simcoe Region and I can focus on working with Tony on our transition plan for Schomberg Quality Meats."

It's evident that Tony Landolfi and Joel Beadle have very similar views on the importance of both family and a local business's customer service and their transition of ownership will be a smooth one, indeed.



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# Arts & Entertainment

## April Wine, Dwayne Gretzky to headline Ribfest

By Brock Weir

The secret's out and Canadian rockers – classic and retro – will take to the stage this month to headline Aurora's 2023 Ribfest.

Dwayne Gretzky and April Wine were announced as the headliners for the August 25 – 27, featuring singer-songwriter Suzie MacNeil.

"Dwayne Gretzky brings to life the greatest songs of all time through their dynamic and theatrical performances," says the Town. "Formed in 2011 in Toronto, Dwayne Gretzky is well-known for performing classic songs with faithful precision. Get ready for a show that curates a nostalgic trip that captures the unique joy of turning a radio dial and being surprised by the familiar."

"April Wine is a Canadian rock band with five platinum or multi-platinum albums in Canada. They've had 21 Top 40 singles, received 10 Juno nominations, including seven for Group of the Year, and have been inducted into the Canadian Music Industry Hall of Fame. With hits such as 'You Could Have Been a Lady,' 'Roller,' and many others, this band has had much success over five decades within the music industry."

Ribfest will open at Machell Park Friday, August 25, from 4 to 11 p.m. with a beer garden operating from 4 to 10 p.m. and Dwayne Gretzky taking the stage from 9 to 10.30 p.m. The fun continues on Saturday, August 26 from 11 a.m.

to 11 p.m., with a beer garden from 12 noon to 10 p.m., and April Wine taking over in the evening with a 9 to 10.30 p.m. set.

The final day of Ribfest on Sunday, August 27, will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., with a beer garden from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

A special Children's Zone will run from 2 to 5 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday.

"Mark your calendars and get ready for the tastiest event of the year, promising an unforgettable experience packed with delicious food and incredible live performances," says the Town. "This highly-anticipated event includes a fun-filled inflatable midway, a Children's Zone with free activities for kids, foods for all appetites and a beer garden operated by the Rotary Club of Aurora. While the scrumptious ribs take centre stage, prepare your tastebuds for a variety of mouth-watering treats, including roasted corn-on-the-cob, deep fried pickles, delightful churros, beavertails and more – there's something for everyone!"

April Wine and Dwayne Gretzky are not the only live performances to get the crowds up on their feet.

Popular York Region-based singer Bernadette Connors will take the stage on Friday, August 25, from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. On Saturday, August 26, a tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival will open the day from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.,

followed by Desire: Ultimate Tribute to U2 from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., JETT from 3.30 to 5 p.m., and Ysi Cattle and The Kowboys from 5.45 to 7.30 p.m.

Rifest judging will help close out the festival at 11.30 a.m. to determine the tastiest ribs, followed from 12.30

p.m. to 1 p.m. with Aurora Teen Idol Katelyn Schulver; from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. with Shania Twin: A Tribute to Shania Twain, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. with Marshall Dane, and finally Classic Lightfoot: A Tribute to Gordon Lightfoot from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

## Ten charities and non-profits picked for Magna's Community Fund

By Brock Weir

Ten local charities and non-profits have been tapped by Magna International to receive grants from the newly-established Magna Community Fund.

The Magna Community Fund was launched this summer to take the place of the annual Magna Hoedown, which, over its more than 30 years in operation, raised millions for worthy groups.

The Magna Community Fund is the next chapter of that giving and this year will be supporting:

Blue Door Shelters, Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region & South Simcoe (CMHA-YRSS), CAYR Community Connections, Girls Inc. of York Region, Hospice Georgina, Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers, Skills Upgrading Centre, The Food Bank of York Region, York Region Centre for Community Safety, York Region Food Network.

"The Magna Community Fund recipients provide critical programs and services to support a wide range of causes:

from food insecurity and mental health, education and literacy, and resources for marginalized members of our community," said Erin Cerenzia, Magna's Manager of Community Relations.

Magna added that "almost 41,000 residents across York Region benefit from the work of these organizations."

"Big YRFN love goes out to Magna for their generous support of our programs and services," said the York Region Food Network on their social media channels.

Added the CMHA-YRSS: "We are incredibly grateful to be chosen as one of the 10 charitable beneficiaries for this year's Magna Community Fund. This generous contribution to our Mobile Youth Walk-in Clinic (MOBYSS) will help us continue to deliver free medical and mental health support to youth across our community. On behalf of all of us at CMHA-YRSS, thank you for supporting youth mental health!"

For more on this year, visit neighbourhoodnetwork.org/program/magna-community-fund.



## New gift shop open at cultural centre

The King Heritage and Cultural Centre is pleased to announce the opening of its new gift shop. The Emporium (named for the Laskay Emporium General Store) carries artisanal goods, custom King souvenirs, reproduction toys, local history books, work by King artists and sweet treats – perfect for a unique last minute gift idea. Greeting cards feature images from the KHCC Archival Collection.

The Emporium is open during regular KHCC hours (Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

## Indigenous speaker on tap Sept. 9

On Sept. 9, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., the King Heritage & Cultural Centre and King Township Historical Society host Asha Frost, an Indigenous Healer, Medicine Woman, Mentor, and author of "You Are the Medicine: 13 Moons of Indigenous Wisdom, Ancestral Connection, and Animal Spirit Guidance."

Asha will speak of Truth & Reconciliation through resilience, thriving, healing, storytelling, and drum song to encourage the audience to find their own gift through healing, wisdom, and community.

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# Local businessman has ‘epic’ cycling adventure

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

A local entrepreneur marked his 65th birthday in epic fashion.

Rory MacKinnon, owner of the Schomberg McDonald's, decided to take a bike tour of Europe with a long-time friend who also turned 65.

The tour was organized by a company called Peak Tours out of England. They specialize in supported Bike and Walking tours in the UK, France, and Spain/Portugal. They came highly recommended, MacKinnon said.

"Many of our tour group had 'causes' they were supporting by taking on the challenge. One lady who was recovering from an horrendous crash three years ago and was supporting her recovery by giving back to the local Health Team in West Sussex that contributed to her getting back on a bike and supporting her return to mental health. Very inspiring," he said.

The group travelled 1,000-plus miles (1,632 km.) of climbing over 14 days.

MacKinnon said they learned early into the tour that this is quite an iconic adventure for folks from the U.K. it is a definite must-do for biking enthusiasts. Also, the UK is very "lumpy," he observed.

"We passed through so many small towns and country homes. Scotland was particularly spectacular. One day we rode up all the way to the top of the Glen Shee highlands (very tough climb) then we had a 15-mile descent into the

Balmoral estate right past the Queen's Summer home and through the Royal forests and along the river Dee ending in Ballater. It was epic!"

Physically, it was a challenge. MacKinnon noted that after having both hips replaced in the winter of 2020, "this trip became one of my goals for recovery.

"I was determined to keep my mobility. Last year I rode over 6,000 km. both virtually (during the winter) and with local club rides. This year I had over 3,000 km before I set of for the tour. Still, 14 days straight in a saddle is both tiring and punishing. Thankfully, it was not a race."

The scenery and frequent "brew stops" and lunches, were all fantastic, he said.

"We all found our own groups that met our pacing for each day. Everyone in our group finished, despite many setbacks. No one abandoned the tour out of all 22 participants. Six rode e-Bikes.

MacKinnon said unfortunately it rained 12 of the 14 days.

"That being said, anyone who spends a lot of time on a bike knows you have to like and accept rain as part of the sport. The winds were not always in our favour and I prefer rain to wind and hot any day.

"There were 2 days of strong deadwinds, torrential rain and lots of climbing and everyone suffered. After a hot shower and a warm pub meal – all was forgiven."

The camaraderie was impressive



and MacKinnon said the people they met along the way were fantastic.

"Drivers on the roads very courteous and respectful. Many stories of people helping out with flats and a farmer coming out to help with a wrench when a tire valve would not be removed. Peak Tours folks were over the top when it came to care and support."

Overall this was an epic adventure.

"I have always believed that whatever challenge you face – forward momentum is the answer. Certainly one of those challenges that you can't wait to complete – but when it is done you are left with a sense of accomplishment but also sadness that it is over. Definitely a great way to celebrate 65 and onwards!"



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After the Covid-19 pandemic, Carmelinda Galota, the founder and principal, recognized the drastic shift in how the Human Resources department is structured. HR professionals around the globe have seen their roles expand exponentially as a result of the pandemic.

Carmelinda has worked in HR for 15+ years and has gained a thorough understanding of HR, through education and experience working with small businesses and multinational corporations. Carmelinda decided to take a chance on herself, started the process of looking for clients through word of mouth, and growing her network in August 2020. This is how Unlimited HRM Solutions Inc. was established.

Carmelinda recognized the lack of HR support that small + medium-sized businesses experience during stages of growth. As a result of the high cost for HR support, most businesses are not able to afford a full-time HR partner. This is ultimately the reason why she created her business, to help entrepreneurs with their HR priorities.

"More often than not, a lot of entrepreneurs get themselves into some legal trouble because they don't know the employment laws (in Ontario), and eventually pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees. In some cases, companies file for bankruptcy. Harassment and discrimination claims are on the rise and there are multiple cases where this is evident. Knowledge and awareness are part of the solution to avoid these legal issues, and I support my clients with strategies to avoid claims against them." - Carmelinda Galota, CHRL

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# Fiscal update shows government's plan is working

The Ontario government released the 2023-24 First Quarter Finances, the first update on the province's economic and fiscal outlook since the 2023 Budget: Building a Strong Ontario.

Overall, this update demonstrates the government's plan is working, as Ontario's economy has remained resilient through heightened economic and geopolitical uncertainties. Despite the resiliency of Ontario's economy so far in 2023, the province is not immune to any potential economic slowdown.

"The First Quarter Finances report shows that our government's targeted, responsible approach is the right plan to build and support growing communities across Ontario," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "The people of Ontario can have confidence that this government is making responsible decisions to deliver on our Plan to Build by supporting people and businesses today while laying a strong fiscal foundation for future generations."

The report provides updated information about Ontario's economic and fiscal outlook primarily as of June 30,

2023, and since the 2023 Ontario Budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

In the first calendar quarter of 2023, Ontario's real gross domestic product (GDP) increased by 1.0 per cent, supported by growth in exports and household spending. This follows a slight decline of 0.2 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2022. As of the first quarter, Ontario's real GDP stood 4.9 per cent higher than the pre-pandemic level in the final quarter of 2019. Since the 2023 Ontario Budget, private-sector forecasters have raised their GDP projections for 2023, reflecting better-than-expected economic performance so far this year. Expectations for GDP growth however have declined for 2024, due to the impact of Bank of Canada's rapid policy interest rate increases – the fastest rise in the key policy interest rate since 1981 – and continued economic uncertainty.

As of the 2023-24 First Quarter Finances, the province's 2023-24 deficit is projected to be \$1.3 billion – unchanged from the outlook published in the 2023 Ontario Budget. Revenues in 2023-24 are projected to be \$204.4 bil-

lion, and expenses are projected to be \$204.7 billion, largely unchanged from the budget projections. New investments, funded from existing contingencies, include supports for Ontario's manufacturing sector, policing and anti-crime initiatives, and municipal infrastructure.

"Ontario's population is growing, jobs are being created and we are attracting investments in communities across the province," added Minister Bethlenfalvy. "To support these growing communities, our government will continue with its plan to build critical

infrastructure, train and recruit skilled workers and provide people with the services they need."

Overall program expenses in 2023-24 are projected to be \$190.6 billion, largely unchanged from the outlook presented in the 2023 Ontario Budget. New commitments announced since the release of the 2023 Ontario Budget are primarily funded through existing contingencies within the fiscal plan.

The government plans to provide its next economic and fiscal update as part of the 2023 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review by Nov. 15.

## Southlake garage fire had ripple effect for emergency response team

By Brock Weir

Southlake Regional Health Centre is still assessing the damage stemming from an alleged arson in their parking garage on July 20 which resulted in a 28-year-old Vaughan man charged with arson and two counts of assault on a police officer.

But, thanks to a quick response from the Southlake team, the cascading impacts resulting from the fire kept the impact on patients and operations to a minimum.

"As a 24/7, 365 critical facility, we obviously have an emergency management system that allows us to respond to various incidents that might pose a threat to our business operations and I think what was unique (about July 20) was the requirement to respond to multiple simultaneous incidents," says John Marchman, Vice President of Capital Facilities and Business Development for Southlake Regional Health Centre. "I think ... the training we put in place and the systems we put in place were really what we relied upon to get ourselves through it."

The team was notified of the incident at 9.45 p.m.

As Central York Fire Services and York Regional Police responded to the fire in the parking garage, Southlake's emergency personnel and others were focused on addressing issues within the building related to the incident.

"We immediately implemented a Code Grey Air Exclusion, effectively a procedure to lock down outside air going into the building to prevent any entrainment from that air and those contaminants from getting into our patient spaces and causing issues that way," says Marchman.

While this was underway, they were also notified of a flood in their systems on the sixth floor as a pressure relief valve gave way and unleashed a "substantial" amount of water that infiltrated the five floors beneath.

This flooding, in turn, hit a telecom room, taking down the phone system.

"We have a fire that is being responded to in our parking garage, and [that's] obviously unavailable and a key resource for patients and staff to access the site," says Marchman. "We have a flood, which requires response to each of six different areas to mitigate the source, to assess and contain any water that has infiltrated into those other spaces. With our phone system ... having to respond now to re-mapping our entire communications protocols ... and establish downtime procedures ... to ensure that not only can we communicate internally between those key functions and also to communicate it to the outside world."

Gayle Seddon, Director of South-

lake's Ontario Community Health Team, likened both healthcare and the response to what Southlake's Derek Rowland described as "the perfect storm" of issues as a "team sport" where everyone needs to communicate.

The phone system, she says, was critical to operations, keeping doctors in the loop on patients, communicating test results, and ensuring families can connect with our loved ones.

"Our coms team sent out a lot of information on social to tell people our phones were down so families and staff didn't get worried," she says. "Another important thing is with our partner organizations, if you have a heart attack in your home, you need to get to Southlake's cardiac team as quickly as possible and there is a phone call to make that happen. We quickly flipped to our downtime procedures – all our partners in the EMS knew what that number was. Should anyone be unfortunate enough in the community to have a heart attack, we were perfectly ready to provide the care they need."

Helping to steady the ship was Johnny Grajcar, the hospital's Director for Support Services, who jumped in as the security lead. Assembling the team in 45 minutes, there were two key tasks at the outset: assessing the current situation and "figuring out how to mobilize the various areas" – and some of the learnings from the pandemic helped, he says.

"It was having the virtual teams to speed up the process and not have any delays," he says. "We had our calls both clinical and on the facilities side join in. From that point, we were able to establish what are the critical pieces we needed to do right now to ensure safety for our staff, but primarily for our patients."

It was a winning formula to what is hoped to be a one-off event.

The team is proud that the Southlake Emergency department remained open throughout and the hospital was never on re-direct.

"Within 45 minutes, we were assembled on site and able to leverage the structure to direct what was obviously a multi-faceted response, including the appropriate security and facilities personnel to manage the interface with Fire Services; the entire team of environmental service workers to respond to six different locations along with facilities operations personnel to make sure the water was contained, to make sure we were able to establish or solve the problem at the source, and ensure any issues with our clinical operations were clearly understood so the team could put together their response," says Marchman.

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## Pro ID camp attracts European soccer coaches

By Jim Stewart

The International FC Academy and six instructors from Italy, Switzerland, and Uruguay put 300 Canadian youth soccer players through their paces at IFC's annual Summer Pro ID Camp on the turf fields of McNaughton Park in Maple. The five-day camp ran from July 31 to August 4.

According to IFC Media Director Alf De Blasis, it featured "youth academy instructors from Swiss, Italian, and Uruguayan pro clubs who helped conduct the identification and development camp with the prospect of selecting elite talent for professional trial opportunities in Europe or South America."

The star power of the ID camp's instructors was impressive. It included "International Guest Coaches Marco Bracco and Roberto Morosini (UC Sampdoria, Italy); Teodoro Palatella and Dario Marinoni (FC Lugano, Switzerland); Alvaro Moyano, Club Atletico Peñarol (Uruguay); and Alessio Mizzoni, Frosinone (Italy)."

Forsinone U17 Coach Alessio Mizzoni – with IFC Co-Founder and Technical Director Giuseppe Mattace Rasa serving as our affable interpreter—extolled the virtues and noted the limitations of the McNaughton Turf Fields in Maple: "The fields are nice and advanced. The only difference is the absence of a clubhouse that would provide change rooms for the players and coaches."

In Italy, the clubhouse has the change rooms but, most importantly, provides a social aspect for the team. Clubhouses are symbolic places."

Despite the lack of a traditional clubhouse at McNaughton Field, Coach Mizzoni was otherwise impressed with the camp, especially the caliber of players from Vaughan in attendance. He confirmed that many of the players on the IFC side of the camp are profession-

al prospects: "Absolutely. Yes – not only in this camp, but at another camp back in 2018. Some of the IFC players we identified five years ago are already in Italy and playing professionally."

The best part of this year's ID camp, according to Coach Mizzoni, is "the concentrated period of time we have so players can learn the cultural differences in the game. I like to see the satisfaction of the players as they respond positively to our training methods." The emphatic and friendly instructor also mentioned that the best part of teaching Canadian soccer players is that "they are exceptional athletes, they can be pushed very hard, and they respond very well to hard work in these camps."

Mizzoni added that the athletes on the field were "very disciplined" and he felt that "this would help them absolutely on and off the field as professional athletes during the 90 minutes of the game and after the game is over." When asked how much of a jump there is between Canadian soccer to Italian soccer, the diplomatic Italian coach acknowledged that "It's a big jump. We follow a grand integration scheme to train our players from Canada. The difference isn't only technical, but it's psychological, imaginative, and cultural."

When asked about Frosinone's prospects for team success this coming year in Serie A and in the U17 League, Coach Mizzoni expressed a range of goals for the two teams: "Our goal in Serie A is to keep the category. It's one of the best leagues in the world and we need to stay in the A division. For my U17 team, our team results are secondary as our job is to prepare individual players for the big team."

Based on this ID Camp and its caliber of on-field coaches, it appears that International FC Academy is doing a great job preparing individual players for its affiliated Italian pro soccer



Giuseppe Mattace Rasa, IFC's Co-Founder and Technical Director, welcomed U17 Frosinone Head Coach Alessio Mizzoni to the Pro ID Camp in Maple.

club Frosinone. Conducting a high level soccer camp in the sport's GTA hotbed makes a great deal of sense for both IFC and a Serie A Club like Frosinone.

Dozens of YRAA Soccer Championship banners hang in the high school gyms of the five traditional soccer powerhouses in Vaughan – next door to McNaughton Park at St. Joan of Arc CHS in Maple; at St. Elizabeth CHS in Concord; and at Fr. Bressani CHS, St. Jean de Brebeuf CHS, and Holy Cross Catholic Academy in Woodbridge. In fact, three of these schools made the

Final Four at this past school year's YRAA Tier 1 Senior Boys Soccer Championship – Holy Cross, St. Elizabeth, and St. Jean de Brebeuf—and the Holy Cross Hawks inscribed their name on the 2022-23 championship trophy plate.

It's great to see this kind of pipeline from high school and rep soccer to the professional ranks for York Region's elite players and IFC – entering its fifteenth year of operation—has clearly developed a winning recipe with Frosinone and its engaging and expert Italian coaches like Alessio Mizzoni.

## Thirty days left to purchase Cardinal vouchers for We Care gold challenge

By Jim Stewart

Brent Morning expressed his gratitude in our phone interview on Monday and thanked the many donors who have contributed almost \$22,000 in the last three months towards the 10th Annual We Care Foundation's Charity Golf Challenge.

The Kettleby resident took time from his busy fundraising schedule to remind King Weekly Sentinel readers who haven't yet purchased a Cardinal Voucher that the deadline is looming: "Cardinal Voucher sales will close September 15 and our 2023 donation campaign will close October 1st." The Event Committee Chairman offered a 'last call invitation' to local golfers and donors: "It's my pleasure on behalf of the event committee to invite you to play a round of golf at Cardinal Golf Club's East or West Wing during the 2023 golf season."

The Cardinal E-Vouchers will be valid anytime Monday to Friday and after 12 p.m. on weekends and holidays for the 10TH Annual Charity Golf Challenge. A great day of golf at a very reasonable price in support of We Care.

This charitable organization has been in existence for 40 years for the sole purpose of raising money to send children with disabilities to Easter Seals summer camps across Canada."

Morning discussed the importance of the 10th Annual campaign and provided an update on funds raised thus far: "We really want to raise awareness about sending kids to camp. We're on target to raise over \$25,000 and have raised \$22,000. We're very satisfied with hitting our annual \$20,000 goal, especially in these challenging times; either you have money for charitable donations or you don't. We understand that so many are having difficulties making ends meet."

The cheerful event organizer, who



has been raising funds for Easter Seals summer camps for decades, offered timely reminders about how and where to purchase the Golf Challenge vouchers: "To purchase your Cardinal E-vouchers, please go to [www.charitygolfchallenge.ca](http://www.charitygolfchallenge.ca). There are only 119 rounds of golf available so buy now. The cost is \$100.00 per person – this includes power cart, taxes, and a donation to We Care. Golfers must contact Cardinal's pro shop to redeem their E-vouchers and book a tee time at (905)-841-7378."

He also noted that if donors don't want to golf, but would like to donate to We Care to send kids to camp, he explained the logistics: "Please click 'Donate to We Care' at [www.charitygolfchallenge.ca](http://www.charitygolfchallenge.ca) to donate to the 2023 We Care Charity Golf Challenge. You will receive a tax receipt via email upon making your donation."

Morning discussed the good feeling that the campaign creates: "I'd encourage people to do what they can. It makes me feel great to see so many residents contribute to We Care to help kids attend summer camp."

If you have any questions about the Golf Challenge, please contact Brent Morning at 905-841-5735.

## 30x30 nature challenge

This August, Ontario Parks is challenging all Ontarians to make nature a priority and spend 30 minutes outside every day for 30 days.

Studies show that time spent in nature makes people happier, healthier, and less stressed. As little as 30 minutes per day can lower your blood pressure, increase self-esteem, reduce anxiety, and boost mood.

There are several parks within 50 km of most city centres. Ontario Parks are diverse and offer trails, beaches, and recreational activities. Head out to a park and start reconnecting with nature this August. Events will be taking place all month long, check the Ontario Parks Events Calendar to stay up to date.

Connect with Ontario Parks on Facebook and Instagram or tweet @OntarioParks and use #HPHP and #30x30challenge to join the challenge.



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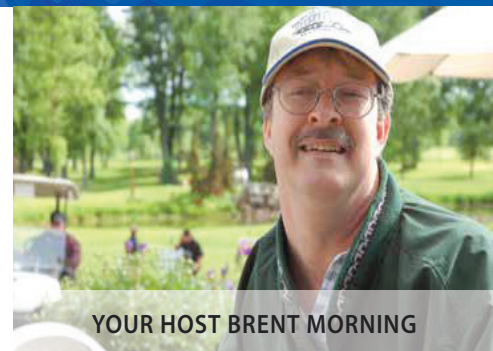
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YOUR HOST BRENT MORNING

# 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.

Alison McLeod, co-pastor at Keswick Church, will bring a message entitled "The Miracle" from Mark 6:30-44. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments. We hope you can come! If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

Brett Ullman, author of "Parenting - Navigating Everything," will be back with us again on Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we together look at how we can best help our kids navigate the world they are all growing up in. Refreshments and child care will be available. Cost is free! For more information on Brett, check out his website at [BrettUllman.com](http://BrettUllman.com).

St. Paul's continues to look for God's choice for our part-time Pastoral Musician position. If you love Jesus, play piano and can lead a praise team and a congregation in worship, we'd like to hear from you! Send your résumé to [jeff@stpaulsnobleton.ca](mailto:jeff@stpaulsnobleton.ca).

Is there something we could pray about for you? Our "Drive-Thru" prayer event is up and running again. Just drive on in and you will be directed to someone whose honour it would be to pray for you. You don't even get out of your car for this one. Our next "Drive-Thru" prayer event will take place Wednesday, July 26 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

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

## St. Mary's Church

A gentle reminder that the St. Patrick's Cemetery Mass for the Faithful Departed will be taking place on Sun-

day, August 20 at 1 p.m. More details can be found in the parish bulletin.

If you are away from our parish during the summer months, there are over 200 parishes in the GTA ready to welcome you for the celebration of the Holy Mass. Click the following link for a parish nearest you:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/find-a-parish/>

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

The Parish Office will remain open from Monday to 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 may continue to request Mass Intentions, Roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe devotion, as well as the weekly Sanctuary Light Offering and intentions by contacting the parish office.

Please note, the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is available from Tuesday to Friday before the 9 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Parish and on Saturdays between 4 and 4:45 p.m. at St. Mary's Mission Church.

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

## Nobleton Seniors By Joanne Bailey

We welcome all seniors to the Nobleton Arena to participate in meaningful activities, create new friendships and to share ideas. We are located at 15 Old King Rd.

Please note there are some location changes for the summer.

Our current summer schedule for July to August 2023 is as follows:

Monday: Outdoor Bocce, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (weather permitting).

Tuesday: Mobility Matters, 1 p.m.

to 1:45 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (5750 King Rd.).

Wednesday: Walking Group at Tasca Park at 10 a.m.

Friday: Mobility Matters, 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

We are currently seeking more volunteers for our Nobleton group. If interested please contact Joanne Bailey at 416-706-9375 or email Erin Burford, Coordinator of Recreation Programs at: [eburford@king.ca](mailto:eburford@king.ca)

Be sure to visit the website [king.ca/seniors](http://king.ca/seniors) for more information on programs, workshops, and senior memberships.

## Nobleton and King City Garden Club

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

- 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 Lions

The Club is most grateful to the community for its ongoing support, and, in turn, fully intends to pay back that support over the next year.

The Club has no formal meetings planned over the course of the summer, but we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest at a future meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at [andrew.bevil@sanofi.com](mailto:andrew.bevil@sanofi.com). We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from Sept to June at the Community Hall, just north of the arena.

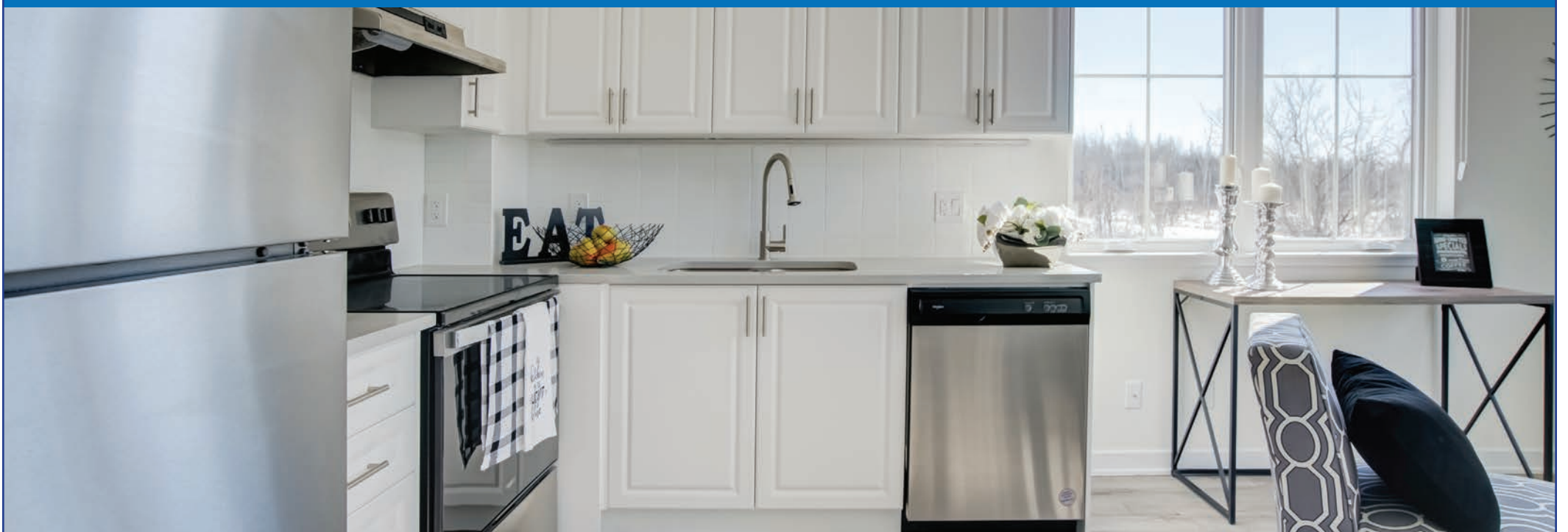
*#King Facts*

The brick building located on the southwest corner of Church St. and Main St. in Schomberg has a long history; it has housed many businesses including Brown's bakery, numerous grocery stores and more recently a restaurant and laundromat.

In years gone by, some recall buying penny candy at Muxlow's, Freeman's or McKinnon's, going to the dentist upstairs, or catching the Toronto-bound Greyhound bus in front of the building.

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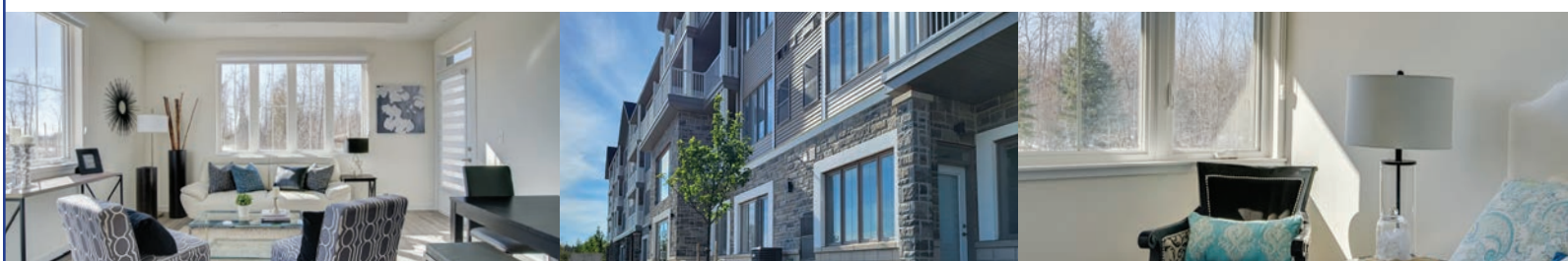


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# King's Corners

**King City United  
By Sheryl Sinka**

We will worship at New Hope United in Vaughan on Aug. 13. Sunday school will resume on Sept. 10.

Weekly recordings have discontinued now that we have returned to in-person worship. All are welcome to join with us when we resume our worship in August at 10 a.m. with refreshments after the worship.

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

We continue to encourage all to help out with the King Township Food Bank who is experiencing ever growing needs and we encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations at this time of year which can be most difficult for many needing assistance.

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

**King Bible Church**

Join us on Sunday's at 10:30am as we're in-person for our services!! Pastor

Mark is speaking on The Lord's Prayer. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 am on Facebook and YouTube.

Please join us on Saturday, September 9 for our next Open Closet Outlet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

**King City Seniors  
By Carolyn Kanitz**

Tickets for our BBQ and corn roast to be held at the Centre on Friday, Sept. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. are now available. You can buy your tickets (cost is \$5pp) at the Centre. The staff can accept debit or cash payments.

We still need more models and/or outfits for our fashion show on Sept. 27. Have you checked your closet for that special or unique piece of clothing that has not been admired for a while? Would you be willing to model it for the show? We have several pieces of women's clothing for which we require models. We are looking for size 10-12 as well as size 14 and about 5'6" or taller as the garments are floor length. If you would like to take part, please contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 to indicate your interest or for

further information.

Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. during the summer; the Centre will be open for bridge, board games or just visiting.

Monday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters.

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/Board Games.

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.

The next trip will take place on Sept. 20. Spend a day in southern Georgian Bay. It will include lunch at Mylar and Loretta's, a tour of the Black History Museum, a visit to the Farmer's Pantry and to T&K Feri orchards. The coach will leave King City arena at 9:30 a.m. and return around 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$124/pp. For more information contact Jayne at 905-853-1436 or Agnes at 905-841-7390.

KCSC will be hosting a Retirement Residence Fair on Friday, Oct. 27 at the Centre. If you think that a Retirement Residence might be in your future, this will be an opportunity to research the

many residences available in our area in one convenient place.

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or [kingcityseniors@gmail.com](mailto:kingcityseniors@gmail.com) or visit the website at [kingcityseniors.ca](http://kingcityseniors.ca)

**Sacred Heart Church**

“Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. They go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown. They come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.” – Ps 126:5-6

Tuesday, Aug. 15 is the feast day of the Assumption of Mary who sowed much in tears while on earth and now is reaping much in heaven.

The Sacred Heart Faith Community Congratulates Bruno and Mirella Fontana on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Reminder: Missionary speaker Fr. Christopher will be making his mission appeal for the Archdiocese of Ibadan in Nigeria, Aug. 26 and 27 at all weekend Masses. Also, King Township Food Bank still requires assistance. When attending Mass, kindly drop off any non-perishable items in the blue bin located in the entrance of the Hall.

Volunteers always help a fun event go smoothly.

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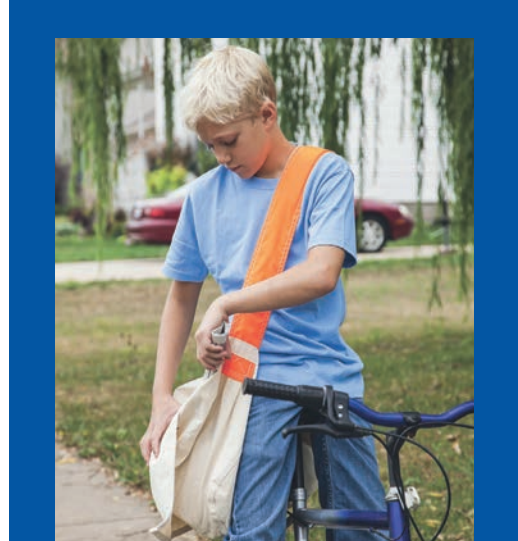
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King City (Keeler/15th Sideroad)**  
Items for sale: Frigidaire 18 cubic foot all fridge, Structube sectional couch, Brand new Queen Sealy mattress in bag with box spring, TV credenza, Tool chest, Bridges and Stratton powered home generator with transfer switch, Tools, battery drills, wood, bricks, etc., Over 40 years of various knick-knacks.



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We need help with our CARNIVAL on Sunday September 17. Please offer a bit of time and email: sacredheartki@archtoronto.org.

Adult Faith Educational Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 23 with Pot-luck and Movie Night Saint Padre Pio "Between Heaven & Earth" following the 5 p.m. Mass.

Registration for Sacraments in 2024 will be in the Parish Hall each at 7 pm: First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on September 26; Confirmation on October 3.

See our Parish on Facebook: Sacred Heart Parish King City or Instagram: Sacred Hear Parish King City or website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org. Rectory Office 905-833-1161

**York Pines Church**

This Sunday at 10 a.m., we'll be worshipping at King City United Church with Rev. Andrew continuing "Gospel Contemplation." Next Sunday, we return to York Pines with Brenda Walker leading the service. Join us for coffee or tea after the service.

On Sept. 10, we return to our normal service time at 11 a.m. with Lesley Mor-

ris leading the service. The continental Welcome Back Breakfast will be served in the Narthex starting at 10:15 a.m. Bring your favourite breakfast finger food to share.

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

All are welcome at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. with Alison Agnew leading us in worship.

Last Sunday Dirk deRoos talked to us about the importance of King David in the Judeo-Christian history. David was not without flaws, but God knew his heart, referring to him as "a man after my own heart" (Acts 13:22) and chose him to be King following King Saul.

Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca where previous services are posted and more recent services on YouTube.

Come and enjoy our St. A's Summer Events. Tuesdays at Two Prayer Time is every Tuesday, from 2-3 p.m. in the church office where we pray for our families, congregations, and the community. The last Freezie Friday is at St. Andrew's in the park, this Friday, Aug. 18 between 2-3 p.m. Come and meet the neighbours and enjoy a freezie under the shade of

the beautiful trees. The last summer mid-week gathering is A Backyard BBQ at the Manse on Elizabeth Gove, Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 5:30 p.m. Mark your calendars and contact Alison at the church (905-833-2325) to find out more or if you need a ride. Bring your lawn chair and a friend.

Need someone to pray with, in confidence? Give us a call.

For pastoral care, please leave a message at the church at 905-833-2325 for Alison Agnew, call one of the Elders or call our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis (1-905-724-1979).

**All Saints Anglican Church  
By Patrick Gossage**

Walking on water – a sermon by Patrick Gossage on the Gospel story in Matthew 14.

"This miracle story is one of those little drama that stars Jesus and forces us to accept the very real powers of the son of God. He has just fed 5,000 with a very small amount of loaves and fishes. Then this. At the end of today's reading, the takeaway is strong:

"And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

"For some, the miracle stories of the feeding of the 5,000 and walking on water strain our credulity. God's absolute power over nature was long just assumed. And his amazing interventions on behalf of the Israelites are fundamental story lines in the Old Testament. Praying to God for a good harvest was normal in earlier times.

"But if the major miracle stories in the Gospels simply reaffirmed that Jesus was God, then that kind of power goes with it. End of story. Either we believe he was God with all the attendant powers or not.

"The Gospel miracles, bringing back people from the dead, healing the sick, walking of water etc. and the promise of life after death as well as Christ's own resurrection. were key selling points for the early churches' proselytizing. Especially by Paul who was a Roman Citizen. They were very effective.

"In 325, Constantine called the Council of Nicaea, which was a gathering of over 300 Christian leaders to determine the orthodox – beliefs of Christianity. The result was the Nicene Creed, which laid out the agreed upon beliefs of the council, including that God and Jesus were one entity. The dominance of the Roman religion though the middle ages was the result.

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# The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

August sure hasn't been very hot but it has been rather rainy.

It's mid-August and the "Ex" will be starting tomorrow, which always signaled the ending of summer to me when I was growing up. The Double Bubble, the big bag of chocolate bars and my mom always making her way to the "Better Living Building" to get dried lavender to freshen up our closets and drawers and let not forget that ratty old roller coaster "The Flyer," the "Polar Express" (do you want to go faster?) and the Chum Wild Mouse that you were sure was going to go right off the edge.

The joy of childhood memories of what once was, and speaking about what once was, we'll soon only have the memories of two wonderful local businesses that are sadly leaving us.

BluMarbl Fine Foods has been having closing deals for the last month, but this week they tell me they'll sadly be closing for good. With the cost of

food and people not spending, they felt it and couldn't make it work. The Food was wonderful, the staff so helpful and we will miss you. Thanks for trying, it was so nice to have this shop in our community. I know myself I dashed in and grabbed a healthy meal on the go, more than once and every Christmas they put together a wonderful gluten free basket for friends who have a family member with Celiac.

The other is Nik Nak Nook, while they are still hoping to find a smaller unit to try and stay in Schomberg or the surrounding area, as of last week there was nothing to be found. With the cost of rent now, I'm not sure how anyone stays in business without the support of the entire community. Sabrina assures me at worst they'll take a pause and go online until they can find a suitable and affordable space. Nik Nak Nook even reinvented themselves and upgraded from a higher end dollar store to a gift store last year, the transformation was incredible. Kudos to Sabrina and staff for their dedication to our community, we hope to see you back soon.

I sure will miss this store, it's so handy to be able to dash in for a birthday card, balloons, or a gift. Nik Nak Nook will have a 50% off clearance sale

in effect till they close in September, so stop by, get some wonderful deals, and tell them how much you'd like to see them stay.

Nik Nak Nook and BluMarbl Fine Foods have both been wonderful supporters of this community, never hesitating to donate to any cause. I know myself, I've called on them both many times over the years.

If we want the convenience of having these wonderful, dedicated businesses in our community, we need to give them our full support. I only hope we don't have any more local businesses falling to the higher costs and the raising of rents to unrealistic rates. Let's all commit to trying to support all our local Schomberg businesses and keep them and our community growing.

Art Society King is once again presenting the outdoor art show The Schomberg Street Gallery on Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main Street will close, and you can wander down and meet local and world-renowned artists who will be showcasing their work. Make sure to mark your calendars.

King Township is sponsoring "Go Electric" Sunday, Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall. You'll meet owners of over 10

models of electric vehicles, test drive vehicles for free and learn about other electric opportunities, including lawn equipment, recreational equipment and more.

Our very own King Food Bank has been serving the people of King for many years, and this year their one and only event that helps them help others "Sip and Savour" is a Moroccan inspired theme "Yalla Casablanca" which takes place in October at the "Sultan's Palace" at Seneca College, tickets go on sale soon so stay tuned. It's always a wonderful event that includes a silent Auction both on site and online. They are looking to find local businesses willing to donate items for the auction and are asking for gifts that retail around \$ 100.00. If you would like to donate, please reach out by email to KTFBsi-pandsavour@gmail.com

King Food Bank is also looking for food donations with several drop off points including Schomberg Foodland, Schomberg Library, and several Churches around town.

The Schomberg 55+ Club is starting to gear up for the Fall and will be back in Community Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 10:30 with a membership drive.

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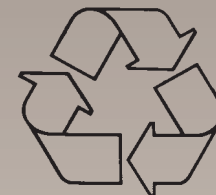
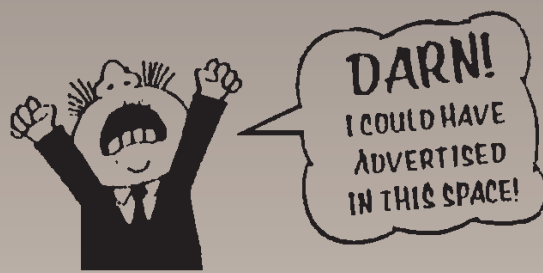
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# Schomberg Scoop

From Page 18

So if you're thinking about joining this is the day to come and remember to invite your friends.

Here are the events planned for fall at the Community Hall:

Laughter Yoga, Monday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. RSVP by Sept. 4 to [klbird@hotmail.com](mailto:klbird@hotmail.com)

"Power of the Pen" handwriting analysis - Monday, Sept. 18 at 10:30. RSVP by September 11 to Lynn, [klbird@hotmail.com](mailto:klbird@hotmail.com)

They are also planning a Tour & Lunch - Bala Falls Pub & Cranberry Harvest - Oct. 2 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information and to register, contact Lynn, [klbird@hotmail.com](mailto:klbird@hotmail.com) before August 31

Euchre night is Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Curling Club at Trisan. It's \$10 per night or \$20 a month. Everyone is welcome to join but don't forget to bring your sense of humour and be prepared to laugh a lot.

The "Four Seasons Market" is open

for Fall and Winter Market applications, the Fall market takes place, Saturday, Sept. 23 and the Winter Market, Saturday, Nov. 4. Please go to [thefourseasonsmarket.com](http://thefourseasonsmarket.com) for more information and to apply to be a vendor.

This quote spoke to me this week... "We are often intimidated by people whose very being reminds us of our insecurities" ~ Simon Sinek

Again, if you find a lost dog or cat, please secure it and call Vaughan An-

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

## Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Our August Wednesday hymn sing-alongs and pot luck dinners continue on August 23 and 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Nobleton United, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton. Pastor Richard Gardner has asked people for their favourite songs, and so each week, we get to sing many favourites! Let Earle Laycock or me know if you need a ride. (Contact information: Earle 905-859-9077 or [ve3xel@yahoo.ca](mailto:ve3xel@yahoo.ca) or Nancy 905-859-0761 or [nancykhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:nancykhopkinson@gmail.com)) We would be happy to pick you up. The main course will be supplied. Please bring a salad or a dessert. Join the fun. Bring your kids.

The next Senior's Luncheon is on Tuesday, Sept 19 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. The guest speaker is Joe Gray, a farmer volunteer from Peel Region who will inform us about the good works of the S.H.A.R.E. Agricultural Foundation, a Canadian charity operating primarily in developing countries of Central and South America.

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Schomberg Quality Meats, baked beans, coleslaw, corn on the cob (if available), buns & butter, followed by chocolate cake and ice cream, tea and coffee. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

The next Messy Church is Wednesday, Sept 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Messy Church is for families. There are activities and optional crafts for the first hour, then an interactive Bible story and songs that relate the activities to the story and at 6:15 p.m., a meal. Again, the meal and activities are free, but we do appreciate donations.

Our Pastor, Richard Gardner, has returned from his studies at the Atlantic School of Theology and will be in the Nobleton church office most Wednesdays and many Thursdays as well. Richard would love to have a chat with you or offer communion with you, if you would like that. If you wish to meet with Richard, drop by or contact him at [pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com) or call the church office: 905-859-3976. Richard would be more than happy to visit you at your home or meet at a Tim Hortons.

Do you know someone who plays the keyboard who would either like to play occasionally or regularly starting in September? If interested, please contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442.



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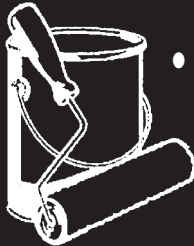
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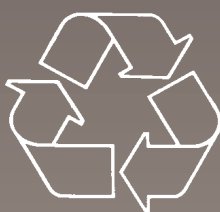
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We continue to have a shortage of inventory however coupled with a slower summer selling time and the interest rate hikes, the higher price point homes are moving slower than expected. In the lower to mid range, many homes have been listed under market value and multiple offers are not uncommon resulting in the list to sale ratio being 102% in Aurora for the month of July. We are anticipating a surge of new listings in the fall which should result in a more balanced market.

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## SKY HIGH PRICES & LOW INVENTORY: Inside Ontario's Housing Crisis

**THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO'S** population is expected to grow by more than 2 million people over the next 10 years – 70% of which are likely to settle in the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region. With housing, and subsequently, housing affordability, already a critical concern for many, this begs the question... where will everyone go?

The projected population growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region presents a significant challenge in terms of both housing availability and affordability. As the population increases, the demand for housing also rises, potentially exacerbating the existing housing issues in Ontario.

The term "Ontario Housing Crisis" is often used to describe this problem. Housing crises often manifest in various ways and frequently involve skyrocketing rents, lack of affordable housing units, homelessness and inadequate living conditions.

### AFFORDABILITY

One of the concerns at the forefront for many Ontarians is the lack of affordable housing. Many individuals and families are struggling to find housing options that fit within their budgets, particularly in major urban centres like Toronto and Ottawa. The urbanization of Ontario's major cities has contributed to unprecedented population growth in recent years. This growth has put pressure on the already strained housing market.

### RIISING INTEREST RATES

Interest rates can have a significant impact on the housing market and can influence the dynamics of a

housing crisis. With the rise of interest rates, we often see a subsequent ripple effect on the affordability of mortgages, which then trickles down to renters as investors need to account for the increase in costs.

### RIISING RENTS

Rapidly increasing rent prices have made it difficult for tenants to find housing they can afford. Rent control policies have been introduced in order to mitigate rent increases, however, have limitations in addressing the overall problem.

### SUPPLY AND DEMAND – THE SUPPLY SHORTAGE

With a shortage of available housing units, especially affordable ones, and a consistent increase in demand intensifies the existing crisis. The demand for housing outpaces the rate at which new homes are built. This supply-demand imbalance contributes to rising prices and limited options for prospective buyers and renters alike.

### FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Some argue that foreign investment in the real estate market, especially in cities like Toronto, has contributed to the rise in housing prices, making it harder for local residents to afford homes. In response to this, the Government introduced the "Foreign Buyer Ban", formally known as the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property By Non-Canadian Act. This ban came into effect on January 1st, 2023. Simply described, the purpose of this two-year federal ban on foreign homebuyers is to temporarily reduce foreign demand for Canadian real estate in the hopes of improving the housing crisis in Canada and ensuring Canadians have more access to purchasing homes.

### GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

In addition to the Foreign Buyer Ban mentioned above, in 2022, The Government of Ontario, led by the Progressive Conservatives, introduced the "More Homes, Built Faster Act". This Act is committing to building 1.5 million new homes over the next 10 years in an attempt to alleviate the housing crisis. With an estimated 1.25 million new homes already in the development pipeline, this does not mean shovels are in the ground quite yet. This figure represents the number of homes builders have been approved to build, however, there is no set timeline by which a developer must construct these homes. With a substantial amount of red tape surrounding new home construction, from both the municipal and provincial levels, it's no surprise that we should brace ourselves for a significant delay.

In November 2022, the Ford government announced the controversial Ontario Greenbelt Development plan, whereby it would remove 7,400 acres of land from the Ontario Greenbelt and convert it into housing developments. This sparked concerns from environmental and conservation groups who argued that weakening the Greenbelt could lead to urban sprawl, loss of agricultural land and damage to natural habitats.

There is no one-size fits all approach to solving the Ontario Housing Crisis. It requires a multifaceted approach between all levels of government, along with housing developers and community organizations. Only through a unified approach can lasting improvements be made to housing affordability, availability and quality that is both accessible and sustainable for all residents.

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# 5 budget-friendly tips to upgrade your home



(NC) Upgrading your home to be energy-efficient and eco-friendly doesn't mean you have to compromise your budget. With a little creativity and a green mindset, you can upgrade your space in ways that are good for both the environment and your wallet.

## OPTIMIZE YOUR LIGHTING

Ditch the old incandescent bulbs and try some energy-efficient LED lights. LED lights are not only brighter, but they also last longer, making them a cost-effective lighting solution. Embrace natural light by opening up your curtains or blinds during the day to give your space a sunny and inviting ambience.

## UPCYCLE AND RECYCLE

Instead of buying new furniture or décor, explore the world of upcycling and repurposing. Embrace DIY projects by giving life to old furniture. You can transform

out-dated and worn-out furniture with a refinish or repaint. Get creative and repurpose everyday objects into unique and functional pieces. Look for inspiration online and in second-hand stores for affordable and sustainable ways to refresh your home's style.

## DIY COMPOSTING

You can start your own composting system to reduce food waste, and create nutrient-rich soil for your garden. Try setting up a compost bin in your backyard, or use indoor composting methods. By composting, you can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and

produce valuable compost that enriches soil, which is great for your plants or your garden.

## USE ECO-FRIENDLY CLEANING PRODUCTS

Make the switch to eco-friendly cleaning products to reduce the use of harmful chemicals in your home, and minimize their impact on the environment. You can look for non-toxic cleaning supplies or biodegradable solutions that don't contain harsh chemicals like chlorine and phosphates. Did you know you can also make your own cleaning solutions? Use ingredients like vinegar and baking soda, or even lemon juice. These options are not only safer for you, but they are safer for the environment.

## MAKE USE OF BENEFITS AND CREDITS

Take advantage of government programs like the Climate Action Incentive payment (CAIP).

This program provides families and individuals with quarterly payments to offset the cost of the federal government's pollution pricing. With the extra little cash in your wallet, you can use this to reduce your

carbon footprint and implement more eco-friendly upgrades. You can make progress in upgrading your home on a budget using these government payments, and contribute to a greener future.

You may be eligible for the CAIP if you live in a province with federal pollution pricing: Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Those last three provinces are new to the program this summer, so residents there will be getting three payments this year. Residents of New Brunswick will follow suit and receive their first payment in October 2023. The exact amount of the quarterly payments varies by region – you'll get more if you live outside a major urban centre. You don't need to apply; you just need to file your taxes every year.

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## 3 projects to boost your home's curb appeal

(NC) No matter what your home looks like indoors, the exterior provides an important first impression.

To leave your neighbours green with envy and pique the interest of potential buyers, here are three eye-catching exterior upgrades you can do.

- 1 Incorporate lighting into your outdoor design. From candles and string lights to a firepit table and solar light pathways, a little illumination can completely change the look and feel of an outdoor space without breaking the bank.
- 2 Update the railings around your home. They're an important safety feature and a highly visible part of your property. Try mixing materials and choosing natural colours for a fresh modern look or restore their original, historical style to create an instant home facelift.
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## Do you know what your mortgage trigger rate is?

(NC) Interest rates have risen dramatically in the past year. When your mortgage has a variable interest rate with a fixed payment, you may reach a trigger rate when interest rates rise.

**YOUR TRIGGER RATE** is the interest rate at which your mortgage payment will no longer cover the principal and interest due for that period.

Once you've reached the trigger rate, your payment will only cover interest payments and no money will go towards paying down your principal amount. That means that you've stopped paying down your loan.

The best way to find out your trigger rate is to review your mortgage or loan agreement. You can also contact your bank. They'll be able to calculate the exact rate for you. They'll also be able to let you know your options if you reach it.

For example, your bank may offer to extend your amortization. This is the time period over which the mortgage loan is reduced and eventually paid off by regular payments. Extending the amortization would avoid having to increase the amount of your recurring payments. However, extending your amortization means paying for a longer period of time and paying more interest in the long run. If you do look into mortgage relief options, it's important to know what the impact will be for your entire mortgage.

If you're worried about your mortgage, contact your bank to discuss your options. You could also seek advice from reliable and trusted sources to explore your financial options. Contact a financial professional, such as a licensed financial advisor or an accredited credit counsellor, to discuss a plan. Do your research to find a trustworthy organization and a qualified professional.

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Home sales and the average selling price in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) in June 2023 remained above last year's levels.

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SALES** dipped on a month-over-month basis. The seasonally adjusted average selling price and the MLS® Home Price Index (HPI) Composite benchmark were up compared to the previous month.

"The demand for ownership housing is stronger than last year, despite higher borrowing costs. With this said, home sales were hampered last month by uncertainty surrounding the Bank of Canada's outlook on inflation and interest rates. Furthermore, a persistent lack of inventory likely sidelined some willing buyers because they couldn't find a home meeting their needs. Simply put, you can't buy what is not available."

GTA REALTORS® reported 7,481 sales through TRREB's MLS® System in June 2023 – up 16.5 percent compared to June 2022. The number of listings was down by three percent over the same period.

The year-over-year increase in sales coupled with the decrease in new listings means market conditions were tighter this past June relative to the same period last year. The average selling price was up by 3.2 percent to \$1,182,120. The MLS® HPI Composite benchmark was still down by 1.9 percent on a year-over-year basis – the lowest annual rate of decline in 2023. On a month-over-month basis, the seasonally adjusted average price and MLS® HPI Composite benchmark were up.

"A resilient economy, tight labour market and record population growth kept home sales well above last year's lows. Looking forward, the Bank of Canada's interest rate decision this month and its guidance on inflation and borrowing costs for the remainder of 2023 will help us understand how much sales and price will recover beyond current levels," said TRREB Chief Market Analyst Jason Mercer.

"GTA municipalities continue to lag in bringing new housing online at a pace sufficient to make up for the current deficit and keep up with record population growth. Leaders at all levels of government, including the new mayor-elect of Toronto, have committed to rectifying the housing supply crisis. We need to see these commitments coming to fruition immediately, or we will continue to fall further behind each month," stressed TRREB CEO John DiMichele. "In addition to

the impact of the listing shortage, housing affordability is also hampered on an ongoing basis by taxation and fees associated with home sales and construction as well as the general level of taxation impacting households today. Going forward, we need to look at all of the factors influencing the household balance sheet and people's ability to house themselves."



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# Designing resilient homes for an uncertain future



**By Julien Laurion**  
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

In an era marked by rapid technological advancement and ever-changing environmental challenges, the traditional concept of a home has evolved.

**AS A REALTOR AND CONTRACTOR**, I have witnessed the shifting landscape of residential architecture and construction firsthand. Today, we stand at a pivotal juncture where the imperative to create homes that are not only aesthetically pleasing but also resilient to the uncertainties of the future has become paramount.

In an age of unprecedented climate fluctuations and social dynamics, architects and designers are embracing the concept of adaptive architecture. These homes are not static entities; rather, they possess the ability to change and evolve in response to shifting environmental and societal conditions. This could involve modular designs that allow for easy additions or subtractions to accommodate changing family sizes or needs. Additionally, the integration of smart technologies allows homeowners to customize their living spaces at the touch of a button, ensuring that their homes remain relevant and functional throughout their lives.

With urbanization on the rise, the challenge lies in creating sustainable homes that provide a refuge from the hustle and bustle of city life. Innovative architects are turning small urban spaces into serene sanctuaries through vertical gardens, rooftop solar panels, and rainwater harvesting systems. These homes not only contribute to a greener urban environment but also provide their inhabitants with a tranquil oasis amidst the urban chaos.

As a contractor, I have come to appreciate the significance of resilient materials in constructing homes that stand the test of time. Traditional building materials are being reimagined and repurposed to enhance their durability and longevity. For instance, recycled steel

beams are being incorporated into the framework of homes, providing both structural integrity and an eco-friendly touch. Furthermore, advanced polymers are finding their way into construction, offering resistance to extreme weather events while allowing for greater design flexibility.

The concept of net-zero energy homes is gaining momentum as the world grapples with energy scarcity and climate change. These homes are designed to produce as much energy as they consume, resulting in a net-zero energy footprint. Solar panels, energy-efficient appliances, and strategic insulation are just a few components of this revolutionary design. As a realtor, I've witnessed firsthand the growing demand for these homes as environmentally-conscious buyers seek to minimize their carbon footprint while enjoying reduced energy bills.

In the pursuit of sustainable and culturally relevant housing, architects are revisiting vernacular architecture – designs rooted in local traditions and materials. The integration of age-old wisdom with modern construction techniques has resulted in homes that are not only unique but also deeply connected to their surroundings. This trend not only fosters a sense of community identity but also reduces the environmental impact associated with transporting materials over long distances.

The world of residential architecture and construction is undergoing a profound transformation, fueled by the imperative to create homes that are both functional and resilient in the face of an uncertain future. As a realtor and contractor, I have been privileged to witness this evolution firsthand, and it's evident that the synergy between innovative design and forward-thinking construction techniques is shaping a new era of housing. From adaptive architecture to net-zero energy homes and the resurgence of vernacular design, the possibilities are vast and exciting. As we navigate the challenges of a rapidly changing world, the homes we inhabit stand as a testament to human ingenuity and our unwavering commitment to creating a better tomorrow.

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# 4 steps to take before starting your renovation

(NC) It's no secret that renovations take a lot of planning. Whether you're updating a deck or gutting the whole home, you need a careful plan. Here are four key steps to take before you get to digging, demolishing or do-it-yourself-ing.

ity has a set timeframe to review your application, that doesn't include the time you need to prepare it (such as getting technical drawings done) or time to revise or appeal it. It's best to start the process early.

**3 FIND THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR**

Hiring a contractor is often a smart choice, even for many savvy DIYers. Just be sure to interview a few and call their references to find a good fit for your needs and expectations. Compare quotes to ensure you're getting a reasonable rate. Contractors are in high demand across the country, and they often book up months in advance. Delaying your search could leave you disappointed in your options and stuck with a mediocre project.

**4 REQUEST A UTILITY LOCATE**

Building a fence or a tree house, garden bed or new foundation? If your renovation involves any digging on your property, you're legally obligated to "request a locate" of where infrastructure is buried on your land. Even minor damage to water, gas, sewer and hydro lines can be costly, disruptive and cause serious safety risks. At least it's a simple process. You contact the organization Ontario One Call at least five business days before you want to dig. They notify the infrastructure companies, who then send representatives to mark the locations on your property or issue a clearance allowing you to dig. It's completely free of cost.

**1 MAKE A BUDGET**

This tip might be obvious, but it's crucial. Look carefully at your overall budget, how your savings stack up and what the ideal version of your project could cost. Set your expectations and your spending limit, and then plan how you'll stay within them. Remember to include a contingency amount that keeps within the total cost that you can afford, or prefer, to spend. This provides breathing room for the inevitable surprise expenses that can occur with any renovation.

**2 APPLY FOR PERMITS**

If you are building or redoing a structure on your property, you may need a permit from your municipality, and the process can take a while. Fines for not obtaining one can reach \$50,000 for a first offense, so it's not worth going without. While the municipal-

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# Make your new place feel like home

(NC) Transforming your new home into a cozy and welcoming space is one of the joys, and challenges, of moving. Whether you hang your hat in a new apartment or single-family dwelling, there are a lot of steps to make it your own.

But for many people, it's not only the colour of the walls or the cushions on the couch that make a new place feel like home. It's also who's living there, whether it's your children, your partner or your pet.

If you're considering adding a furry friend, such as a dog, to your home and family, be sure to take the time for proper research for a successful and happy process.

Carefully research the individual or organization where you're getting the dog from to ensure you can verify and trust them. Ask questions so you know about the dog's history and health status.

Find a veterinarian in advance so you can have your pet's health checked promptly once you bring them home. This way you ensure they have all necessary and up-to-date vaccinations and preventative medications for things such as fleas and ticks.

It's also important to make your new home feel as familiar as possible. A new environment and unfamiliar sounds and smells can cause anxiety in even the most relaxed pets. Spend time gradually introducing

them into their new space inside the home and also outside in the neighbourhood and nearby parks.

If you'll be adding a furry friend to your home that comes from outside of Canada, or maybe you're moving to Canada, be sure to do your research. There are very strict rules about bringing an animal into Canada. This is especially true for dogs from countries at high-risk for dog rabies, since one rabid dog can pose a great risk to public health and other animals. Rabies is considered fatal once clinical symptoms appear, and these requirements aim to prevent it and other diseases from entering and spreading in Canada.

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## Practical steps you can take to control indoor humidity

(NC) A common problem for homeowners during summer months is humidity. High indoor humidity not only makes you feel uncomfortable – it can also have negative effects on your health and your home.

Ideal indoor humidity levels are generally considered to be between 30 and 45 per cent. This can be a challenge to achieve during summer months, as warmer air retains more moisture.

The good news is that you can manage humidity levels effectively in a variety of ways. Homeowner maintenance is the key. There's an extra level of importance if you own a newly built home, as your warranty will not cover moisture-related issues, like damage to hardwood floors or mould, that result from improper maintenance.

Here are some things you can try to tackle excessive humidity in your home:

- Invest in a hygrometer, which will allow you to monitor humidity levels inside your home. Hygrometers are inexpensive and can be found at most hardware stores.
- Be mindful of the number or type of plants in your home as they can mean higher humidity levels inside.
- Use your home's ventilation system. Turn on exhaust fans when cooking, showering or doing laundry. It's also a good idea to leave them running for a short time after you're done to ensure enough moisture is removed from the air.
- Keep areas throughout your home as tidy as possible. Storage spaces and general clutter can interfere with air circulation, trap humidity and lead to mould growth.
- Use a dehumidifier. They are available as stand-alone units or can be integrated into your home's heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system. A dehumidifier will help to remove excess moisture from the air.
- Plan your landscaping in a way that does not alter the grading around your foundation. Flowerbeds close to your foundation can cause rainwater to pool close to the structure instead of being diverted away from it.

Find more helpful home maintenance tips at [tarion.com](http://tarion.com).

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## 3 creative nooks for a cozy home

(NC) Everyone has their guilty or not-so-guilty pleasures, and it's important to embrace the little moments in life that make us feel at ease.

When designing a living space, leave room for your everyday habits and favourite activities. Read on for inspiration and tips to create cozy corners within the home.

### A SPACE FOR READING

Create a cozy reading corner with comfortable seating, the perfect lighting and an accent wall that makes it feel like its own little room within a room. Choose colours like greens, blues or a deep brown that will help you stay immersed in the story you're reading.

### A PERSONALIZED COFFEE AREA

Start every day on the right foot with a personalized coffee nook. Choose a corner near windows for maximum sunlight exposure first thing in the morning. Here, you can paint window trim for a unique accent that will make the room pop. When selecting a colour for the trim, keep the wall colours in mind and go for a contrasting look.

### A CORNER FOR WELLNESS

In today's fast-paced world, creating a space that promotes your wellbeing is essential. From a skin-care vanity to a dedicated fitness area, make your home your sanctuary and reserve an area for self-care and peace. Choose paint colours that calm the mind – such as Benjamin Moore Palest Pistachio 2122-60, a barely-there hue with crisp notes of blue and grey, or Benjamin Moore Natural Linen CC-90, a sandy neutral with just the right amount of rustic warmth and elegance.

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## How to coordinate colours in your home decor

(NC) Choosing colours for your home that look good together can be intimidating, especially when moving into a new space or updating an old one. Before heading into project-mode, consider three tips for mastering colour coordination at home from Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert.

What's staying and what's going? The simplest place to start is to look at what's already in the room. Pick one item as an opportunity to bring a refreshed, colour-coordinated feel to your whole space. Do your floors need a little love? Is your furniture looking tired? Do your window trims seem faded? Base your design and colour ideas around the main colour in a room and pair colours accordingly.



### IT'S ALL ABOUT BALANCE

The simplest way to create a balanced colour palette is to follow the 60/30/10 rule: 60 per cent of the room should be a dominant colour, 30 per cent should be the secondary colour and the last 10 per cent can be an accent colour. These colours are referred to as the mass colours, and the easiest way to harmonize them is by selecting a consistent undertone; either warm or cool.

Warm undertones are typically orange, yellow or red, while cool undertones have green, blue or purple. Grech says, "It's safer to stay consistent with undertones, but when painting exclusively with a colour like white, mixing and matching warm and cool undertones can add subtle distinction within a space."

### WHAT'S OLD CAN BE NEW

Now that you've established what to re-vamp, Grech reminds us that paint is not only for walls.

"Give furniture a second life with a fresh coat of paint and opt for a colour that complements the tones found on your walls and flooring." For this she uses Benjamin Moore Advance paint, an easy-to-apply paint that makes old furniture look new again. "Pair dark walls with furniture in cool tones and lighter hues such as fresh Smoky Green CC-700. Or, if you're using a white wall, mix in a cozy, warm pop of colour, like Stuart Gold HC-10."

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# Design hacks for small *living* spaces

(NC) Bigger isn't always better. Small spaces have proven to be the preferred living option for many of us since they require less maintenance, cleaning and budget for furnishing and renovations.

However, adding personality and making the most of a small living space can be a challenge. Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert shares her tips on how to make the most of a small space.

**INVEST IN MULTI-PURPOSE FURNITURE**

Instead of filling the room with separate pieces for different purposes, invest in furniture that serves more than one function. Consider a sofa that can easily transform into a bed, allowing your living room to double as a guest bedroom. Alternatively, opt for a coffee table that you can extend or adjust in height to serve as a dining table or workspace when needed.

**CREATE DIVISION WITH PAINT**

Colour creates distinction between spaces without the need for a physical room-divider. While it can be tempting to go for one light hue to make a space

feel bigger, using different colours on a wall can create separation and make it multifunctional. A bold colour, for example, can signal to the mind that this area is for work.

Grech explains, "Colour affects humans psychologically. Offices painted in blues or greens tend to be less distracting and even improve concentration, where warm reds, yellows and oranges bring higher energy to the space. It truly depends on what mindset each person is trying to get into when they work."

For calmer spaces like the bedroom or office area she recommends a soothing light purple such as New Age 1444, or a calming, crisp light blue like Polar Sky CC-790.

**DON'T BE AFRAID OF HEIGHT**

When dealing with a small living space, it's essential to think beyond the floor area and make use of vertical space. Your walls can be used for additional storage or to create the illusion of a larger space. Don't be afraid to use height to your advantage, whether that's through paint or furniture to draw the eye upward.



## 3 expert tips to help you downsize

(NC) Downsizing offers a fresh start, a chance to reimagine, declutter and reinvigorate your life. With these three tips from Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, you can make the most of your new space to ensure a smooth transition, without compromise.

**CREATE MULTI-PURPOSE SPACES WITH PAINT**

Downsizing doesn't have to be a synonym for less; harness the power of paint and create as many unique spaces as you desire. Create multi-purpose rooms by using various paint colours to create division. Whether a reading corner within your living room defined by lilac, a sewing space within the office painted blue or an exercise corner within the bedroom painted green – you can have it all in a smaller space.

**USE YOUR WALLS TO SHOW PERSONALITY**

For harmony and flow within your space, use a consistent, neutral paint colour like white for transition spaces. Grech recommends Benjamin Moore Regal Select Interior paint. "It's a premium-quality, 100 percent acrylic paint and primer that provides scuff-and-stain-resistance in a durable and washable finish – great for any space."

**USE WALL SHELVES TO SAVE SPACE**

Wall shelves are a small space's best friend. Declutter surfaces by displaying decorations on mounted shelves or directly on the wall. "Not only can they serve as a meaningful showcase of sentimental items, but wall shelves also add unique depth and create the illusion of a larger space," says Grech. Feeling creative? Add a fresh coat of paint to your shelves for a pop of colour and an attention-grabbing accent.

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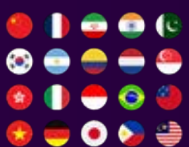
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