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## Grilling for the community

The Schomberg Lions Club cooked up the treats, serving more than 250 residents who turned out for the annual Mayor and Council's Pancake Breakfast and New Year's Levee at the Trisan Centre. It was a great opportunity for councillors and residents to get together and share a meal. Turn to Page 7 for the full story.

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## Citizens groups challenge King's approval of LTC

Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) and Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) Coalition have filed a request for an investigation under the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights.

They have requested a review of the approvals issued by King Township to allow the construction of St. Rita at Mary Lake, a proposed 160-bed long term care (LTC) facility on the Oak Ridges Moraine (Greenbelt).

This new 160-bed LTC facility (St. Rita) is to be located outside of the King City settlement area boundary, on 600 acres on the Moraine and will be squeezed between the shores of Mary Lake and a provincially significant wetland (PSW) that drains into Seneca Lake.

Due to their hydrogeological composition, Mary Lake and Seneca Lake are ecologically sensitive kettle lakes with many fish species present. Kettle Lakes are highly susceptible to harm caused by common urban contami-

nants, which is why both Mary Lake and Seneca Lake are designated as key hydrologic features within a Natural Core Area designation of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP). New development is strictly prohibited in key hydrologic features and associated buffers and especially in kettle lakes, which are further protected from stormwater discharge.

CCKT and STORM allege that the plans approved by King Township staff violates Section 14 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA), the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act (ORMCP), and the Federal Fisheries Act by: (1) contravening the ORMCP prohibiting the discharge of stormwater into kettle lakes and by (2) contravening the EPA and Fisheries Act by discharging contaminated stormwater and dewatering outflows into kettle lakes and PSWs.


See 'Concerns' on Page 3

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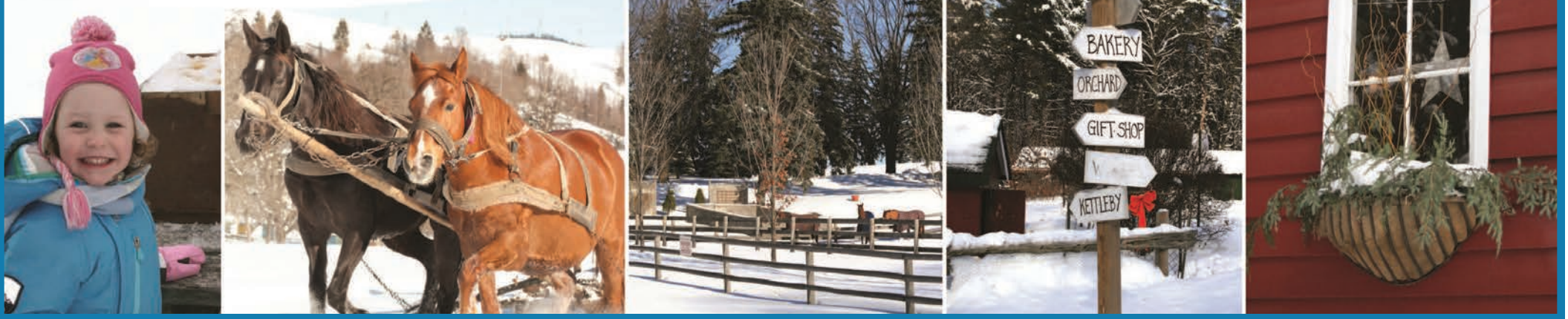




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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Monday, Jan. 29  
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)

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

Thursday, Feb. 1  
6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not live-streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [cpang@king.ca](mailto:cpang@king.ca) by 12 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.

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

**BID NOTICES**

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

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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

- Lead Hand – Facility Services – Community Services – Deadline January 26
- Parks Seasonal Worker – Public Works – Deadline February 16
- Parks Summer Student – Public Works – Deadline February 16

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX NOTICES**



**2024 Interim Tax Notice**

**Due Date: February 21, 2024 and April 24, 2024**

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- On-line with your financial institutions
- By Credit Card – Visit the Township Online Services Portal at [king.ca](http://king.ca)
- By Mail (Must be stamped and mailed prior to due date and received on time)
- Drop off box located at Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City

If paying in person at a financial institution, please present the entire tax notice.

When making payments electronically, search for “King” and select Tax, enter your 15 digit roll number with no dashes (i.e. 000123456780000)

**Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD):** PAD program is available for Property Tax accounts. The enrolment form is available at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) (search for “PAD”)

In accordance with the Township By-law 2023-086 unpaid balances following the due date, a penalty of one and one quarter per cent (1.25%) per month, shall be levied on the first day of the next calendar month following the due date and each month until paid in full.

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This event is held in partnership with Arts Society King and the King Heritage & Cultural Centre.

Please see more  
Township notices  
on page 5

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors**



**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**  
**King City Public Library**  
1970 King Road, King City  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Councillors Debbie Schaefer  
Jordan Cescolini

**Tuesday March 26, 2024**  
**Nobleton Public Library**  
8 Sheardown Drive, Nobleton  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Councillors David Boyd &  
Jennifer Anstey

**Tuesday April 23, 2024**  
**Schomberg Public Library**  
77 Main Street  
Schomberg  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Councillor Mary Asselstine

**Tuesday May 7, 2024**  
**Ansnovald Park Picnic Shelter**  
18997 Dufferin Street  
Newmarket  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Councillor Avia Eek

Discuss Township/Ward Issues



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Learn more about your Mayor and Council here [king.ca/council](http://king.ca/council)

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS AMENDING  
BY-LAW TO REMOVE A HOLDING (H) SYMBOL**

Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

This Council Meeting will be held in a hybrid format, both in-person and live streamed at <https://www.king.ca/meetings>.

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to consider an amending by-law under Section 36 of the *Planning Act* to remove the Holding (H) Symbol for the lands described below. The earliest Council will consider passage of the by-law is the Council Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Subject Property**

Location: 13196 Dufferin Street, King City  
Owner: The Acorn Development Corporation  
File Number: Z-2023-08

The subject lands are located in the northeast quadrant of the Village of King City; west of Dufferin Street, and south of 15th Sideroad, and comprise a 55 single detached lot draft approved plan of residential subdivision (19T-18K01). The location of the lands are municipally known as 13196 Dufferin Street and are legally described as Part of Lots 6 & 7, Concession 3.

The total landholding is zoned Residential Urban Single Detached “A” – K2A Exception Holding (‘R1A-K2A(H)’) Zone; Residential Urban Single Detached “A” – K2B Exception Holding (‘R1A-K2B(H)’) Zone; Residential Urban Single Detached “A” – K2C Exception Holding (‘R1A-K2C(H)’) Zone; Residential Urban Single Detached “A” – K3 Exception Holding (‘R1A-K3(H)’) Zone; and, Environmental Protection (‘EP’) Zone to Schedule ‘A’ (Map 3) of By-law No. 74-53 (Township of King Zoning By-law) and Residential Single Detached “A” – K2A Exception Holding (‘R1A-K2A(H)’) (R1A-3) Zone; Residential Single Detached “A” – K2B Exception Holding (‘R1A-K2B(H)’) (R1A-4) Zone; Residential Single Detached “A” – K2C Exception Holding (‘R1A-K2C(H)’) (R1A-5) Zone; Residential Single Detached “A” – K3 Exception Holding (‘R1A-K3(H)’) (R1A-6) Zone; and, Environmental Protection (‘EP’) Zone to Schedule ‘A4’ of By-law No. 2017-66 (Schomberg and King City Urban Areas), pursuant to the approval of amending Zoning By-law Nos. 2019-075 and 2019-076, respectively on September 23, 2019.

The removal of the Holding (H) Symbol will, in part, facilitate the development of the lands in the manner intended by the draft approved plan and will implement the applicable zoning standards on the property.

**Lead Planner**

Additional information relating to the amending By-law, including supporting information, is available by contacting Gordon Dickson, Supervisor, Planning and Development, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. with reference to the address or file number for more information. Please contact 289-800-2572 or [gdickson@king.ca](mailto:gdickson@king.ca).

Written comments in advance of the meeting may be sent to:

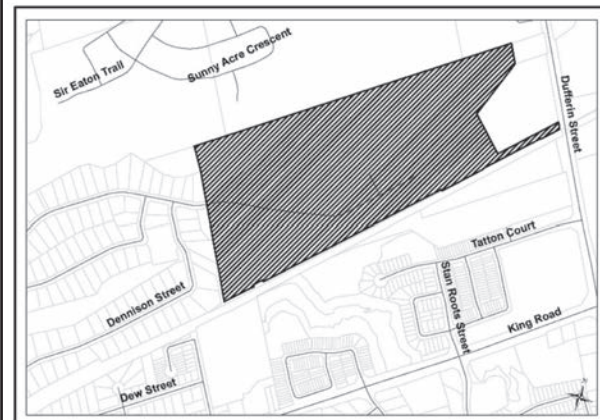
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Written comments will become part of the public record.

**How to stay Informed**

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the 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).

Dated at the Township of King this 22th day of January, 2024.



Denny Timm  
Township Clerk  
Township of King  
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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 Division, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.

**Highway 11 Corridor Study**

**Notice of Public Workshop**

The Township of King will be holding two in-person Workshops on January 30, 2023 regarding the Highway 11 Corridor Study.

The Workshop will involve a hands-on exercise that will further explore key considerations for the Study. Further details will be provided in advance of the Workshop.

Please note that space is limited and pre-registration is required!

Interested participants may register by visiting the Project Page or by using the QR codes below.

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024  
Location: 2585 King Road, King City, L7B 1A1



2:00 - 4:00 PM



6:00 - 8:00 PM

For more information visit [speaking.king.ca](http://speaking.king.ca) or contact the Project Team at [policyplanning@king.ca](mailto:policyplanning@king.ca) or 289-800-2656.



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# Recreation Centre first to achieve 'Zero Carbon Building Design'

King's new Township-Wide Recreation Centre is the first combined aquatics and ice-sports community facility in Canada to achieve Zero Carbon Building Design Certification by the Canada Green Building Council (CaGBC).

This certification is awarded for new constructions which demonstrate climate leadership through innovative carbon reduction strategies and optimal building performance.

Considerations include: operational carbon reduction measures; efforts to reduce the building's embodied carbon; energy efficiency; grid-friendly design measures, and innovation.

Key features of the Township-Wide Recreation Centre design:

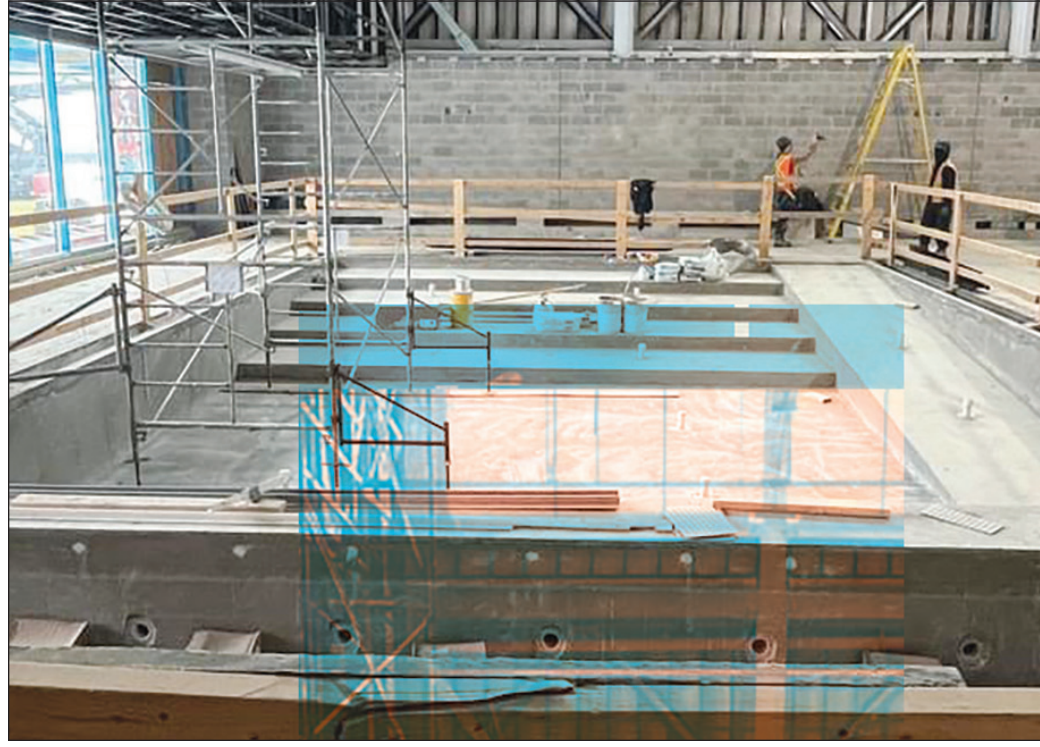
All electric building systems: All building systems, including rooftop ventilation, dehumidification, boilers, arena heat rejection, and air source heat pumps, connect to an integrated

*The fully accessible, multi-use recreation facility is set to open this summer*

thermal energy network. Every possible effort is made to recover waste heat. This means there's less heat energy being rejected into the atmosphere, greater operational efficiency, and less energy required to run the facility.

Innovative CO2 Arena Refrigeration System: CO2 is a naturally-occurring refrigerant, usually used in industrial applications. We chose to pursue this system because it produces high-grade waste heat, which can then be cycled through the building's thermal network, effectively providing free heat energy.

Minimal dependence on gas-fired equipment: The building uses almost no gas-fired equipment, which means



greenhouse gas emissions have been effectively eliminated.

Daylight Optimization: Ample daylighting has been strategically incorporated into the design to enhance energy efficiency and create a bright, inviting atmosphere.

Geothermal Readiness: The design includes the coordination of an open-loop geothermal well installation, providing a foundation for future retrofitting. This innovative approach taps into the most stable ground-source energy exchange available.

Slated to open in summer 2024, the multi-use recreation centre is located on 25 acres at the southeast corner of the King Campus of Seneca and will be accessible from 15th Sideroad. The facility will include an aquatics centre with a six-lane lap pool and leisure pool, two NHL-sized ice rinks, spectator seating, an artificial turf fieldhouse with running track, and a multi-use community space. Outdoor amenities include a large courtyard with direct access to social and community rooms, with future plans for the site including connections to the Oak Ridges Moraine trail system and outdoor sports fields.

The project is jointly funded by the

Township of King, the Government of Ontario, and the Government of Canada through the Investing in Canada Plan.

"Construction of the new Township-Wide Recreation Centre is an ambitious project that reflects King's commitment to sustainable development, while providing our growing population with quality amenities to enjoy during their leisure time," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"The project was designed to open as a carbon-zero facility with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions wherever possible. I am proud of the project team, including Township staff and the architects at MJMA, who have worked diligently over several years to develop innovative and economical ways to achieve this goal. To be the first facility of its kind in Canada to achieve Zero Carbon Building Design Certification is confirmation these efforts were a worthwhile investment, and one that the King community will benefit from for years to come."

For a project overview, visit [king.ca/townshipwiderecreationcentre](http://king.ca/townshipwiderecreationcentre). See regular updates at [king.ca/majorprojects](http://king.ca/majorprojects).

## Concerns over water quality

*From Front Page*

With a proposed size of 17,000-square-metres, the construction of St. Rita LTC involves extensive dewatering, both during construction and permanently after, with the applicant indicating it is necessary to pump 237,000 litres of groundwater daily during construction, and about half that amount after construction.

As of July 2023, groundwater tests on the construction site recorded the presence of Phenols (oils) at a level of 66 micrograms/L, well exceeding the 4 micrograms/L of Environment Canada and Climate Change's freshwater limit. There is the risk the applicant could be discharging Phenol-contaminated groundwater at 15 times the limit, threatening the designated PSWs and the 10 species of fish that inhabit Mary Lake. The applicant has determined that the amount of contaminated groundwater pump outs will increase to over 500,000 litres per day during a 100 year storm event which is happening more frequently due to climate changes. In addition, expert assessment provided by hydrogeologist Garry Hunter indicates that the dewatering risk has actually been underestimated.

There are further concerns that the stormwater treatment system, approved by King Township planning staff, is incapable of removing winter road salt and other potential urban contaminants contained in the parking lot. Salt is a known contaminant to fish and other aquatic life found in freshwater lakes and has been documented as driving harmful algae blooms (eutro-

phication) in other kettle lakes on the ORM. Due to the steep slopes surrounding stormwater and groundwater discharge areas, the outflow will be effectively directed into Mary Lake and the Seneca Lake PSWs.

Bruce Craig, chair of CCKT, emphasizes: "It's clear that the degradation of water quality will negatively impact these wetlands and the kettle lakes. The plans, acts, and regulations that were put in place to prevent these exact contaminants from harming and destroying sensitive ecosystems on the Moraine must be upheld. We're appealing to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to uphold these important protections."

"When Bill 23 stopped the Conservation Authorities from assessing environmental and hydrological aspects of development applications, local governments like King began making decisions on their own," notes Robert Brown, chair of STORM. "At a delegation to King Council in May 2023, we urged Council and Staff to hire qualified independent experts to review the hydrological and natural heritage reports submitted with the St. Rita development application. Unfortunately, it appears this request was not undertaken and now we see the outcome, which is posing significant risks to the natural heritage on the Moraine."

As it has taken time and money to investigate this breach of legislation and regulation, anyone interested in helping is asked to please donate to the Save Mary Lake account with the Small Change Fund - [www.savemarylake.ca](http://www.savemarylake.ca)

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

- Michael Connelly

## Rewriting my ever-changing guide book

It's been a while since I put pen to paper with my inner-most thoughts.

I typically have a keyboard – virtual or physical – at my disposal for these things.

It's not always easy to come up with new, informative and enjoyable subjects for my weekly rants. But I try.

It was a struggle recently as I sank into a bit of a funk, a kind of new year cloudiness.

As the world gets even more troublesome, we hide in the comfort of our own homes and pleasant surroundings not impacted by hate, conflict or political unrest.

I tried to find distractions of all sorts, from Facebook reels to uplifting quotes and even favourite songs. None provided any solace at all, despite a few smiles and even a couple of tears.

I thought maybe it's time to rewrite my personal "job description," my six-decade-long curriculum vitae that describes my life as a husband, father and human being.

Where to start?  
There's way too much for a chronological account of my growth, achievements, highs and lows. There's also way too many tattered suitcases (baggage) from my early adventures.

I never buried a treasure chest or time capsule, containing trinkets for my future self. It never seemed relevant.

As a youngster, I never gave much thought to my future self. In high school and even entering college, I still couldn't see myself in the future, being a responsible professional, an adult ready for the world.

At times, I still don't. I feel like I'm 30, with the sense of humour of a teenager and yet I bear the scars, aches and pains of an older man.

So, here I am. I made it up another flight of stairs, another rung in the never-ending wobbly ladder. For better or worse, I have arrived and each new day is another opportunity to do well, love, embrace hope and joy.

We will all have to "shuffle off this mortal coil" as the Bard once wrote, but until that day comes, we have all the power to summon up newness – new courage, new fortitude and a new hope.

But does that mean we have to be-



Mark Pavilons

come new ourselves? It's pretty hard for humans to become "new and improved" like our infomercial products. But we can create a new journal and jot down some new thoughts for this road map of our new direction.

We are smart enough to get in from the cold and keep ourselves warm and safe from the frightful weather outside. We can excel in both our professional and personal lives, given enough wiggle room.

So, let's start with the new "Men's Guide for Evolving Dummies," or "Practical Maleness for Changing Times."

There are so many books, programs and virtual exercises for men to become better husbands and fathers. According to the latest that's come across my smart phone, Man on Fire says we need to reclaim our power and potential, to shed that feeling of helplessness.

It's a consciousness, and awareness of our purpose in life. It's coming full circle with who you are, and what you want to become.

We all live with regrets and I'm sure we all want to reignite that spark, that flame that had driven us in the past.

As a suitor and newly married man, I was on my best behaviour and put my wife Kim on a pedestal. Boy does she miss those days.

Am I less caring, loving and roman-

tic than I used to be? In terms of romantic gestures, yes. We males express our love and devotion in many ways and being a "rock" and go-to guy is one way. Providing for the family, through thick and thin, is one of our mandates, perhaps an outdated one passed on by the previous generation.

Most households include dual breadwinners and it's a team effort, not one-sided. We rob Peter to pay Paul and we share expenses as best we can. At times, we all come up short, but that's when our shoulders broaden and we carry the extra weight.

It's like trudging through mud up to our shins, pushing to get ahead. We can celebrate when we pull ourselves out, even if we have to leave a boot behind.

Unfortunately, the trenches aren't getting any easier to navigate and the hurdles keep coming.

Toss in a few sleepless nights, errands, car repairs, sudden expenses and mayhem rears its ugly head again and again.

But maybe that's something I need to reimagine and re-focus. Perhaps blowing on the embers of that forgotten spark will not only start a fire in me, but in my wife, too.

There was a time when it was just us and we could face anything together. We laughed and explored and experienced.

Perhaps the new chapters will include reflecting on the love we share, reveling in that, and only that.

The verses on parenting are always unfolding anew. Our early parenting days are but a blur and our children are now 25, 22 and 18.

I have gone from doting dad and floor-level motivator to wise, old owl. They still marvel at the fountain of information I have locked away in my noggin, but I fear some of it is now irrelevant or no longer applicable. The pendulum of the world has swung so far that there is still much to learn and understand.

The love I have for my children is not a mushy, feely marshmallow kind of fondness. It's more of a life coach, professional career counsellor and problem-solver. Dads try to "fix" things and yet my wife says I simply need to be more present, in the moment with them, empathizing with their plight.

This part of the guidebook will need a lot of tweaking, just as it did through every previous phase of our children's development.

Parenting is a full-time job that never stops, wanes or eases. We continue to put the children first, and enjoy what's left for ourselves.

We are always "doing."  
It's unfortunate that many things in our lives have become "chores" and not pleasures.

I aim to revisit the "footnotes" and "index" of this book of mine. Perhaps these will hold some gems for me to call upon as we brave the future.

Use the ink wisely, my friends!

### Letter to the Editor

## We must take bold climate action

The idea that we can't afford to take bold climate action is a dangerous lie. The truth is, we can't afford not to!

Renewable energy is now the cheapest way to generate electricity. Meanwhile, fossil fuel corporations are robbing the public purse for private profit and costing us billions in damages from worsening climate chaos.

Let's make this the year that Canada breaks free from the expensive, unequal, and wildly destructive fossil fuel economy. Cheap, clean, renewable energy is the key to a better future.

What we need is courage and leadership from our federal representatives. If they invest in a renewable future now, they will lay the foundation for safer and more affordable lives for all of us.

With bills rising and extreme weather worsening, we can't afford to keep stalling. Later is too late.

Naomi Simpson  
Tottenham

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Results from last week's poll:  
**Are you prepared for the winter driving season?**

a) Yes  **12%**

b) No  **88%**

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

*Are you planning any winter excursions this season?*

a) Yes  
b) No

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### Quote of the Week

*"The definition of anger is an emotional punishment you give yourself for somebody else's behaviour."*

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# Canada needs to spur growth of new small businesses

By Frank Stronach

## The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) called last Friday “a sad day for many Canadian small business owners.”

The reason: many businesses will be unable to repay the emergency government loans they received in the middle of the pandemic.

Approximately 900,000 businesses took out loans. But many had little choice – small businesses such as restaurants were forced by the government to close their doors for long stretches, and many struggled to survive. Now, with the loan deadline kicking in, some of them will go under.

It’s not just the weight of the government loan payments crushing these businesses – it’s also the current business climate.

According to the CFIB, only about 50 per cent of small businesses have returned to the sales levels they enjoyed before the pandemic. When you add on top of that the rising cost of doing business, coupled with high inflation and labour shortages, it’s no wonder we’re bracing for a spike in business bankruptcies.

It’s tough running your own small business in the best of times. But just as frustrating is the fact that we make it increasingly difficult for Canadians to open up their own business in the first place.

According to the Business Development Bank, fewer Canadians are starting their own businesses compared to 20 years ago.

The decline in new business startups matters for many reasons. It matters because small businesses are the country’s biggest job creators and they’re also the source of many of our new technologies and products.

But most importantly, it matters to millions of Canadians. The pursuit of economic freedom is what drives many Canadians to start their own business. It’s a dream held by Canadians of all ages and backgrounds and beliefs – the desire to be your own boss and chart your own path to financial success.

And for many entrepreneurs and business owners, myself included, it

has been the key to achieving financial independence.

But that dream is becoming harder and harder to achieve.

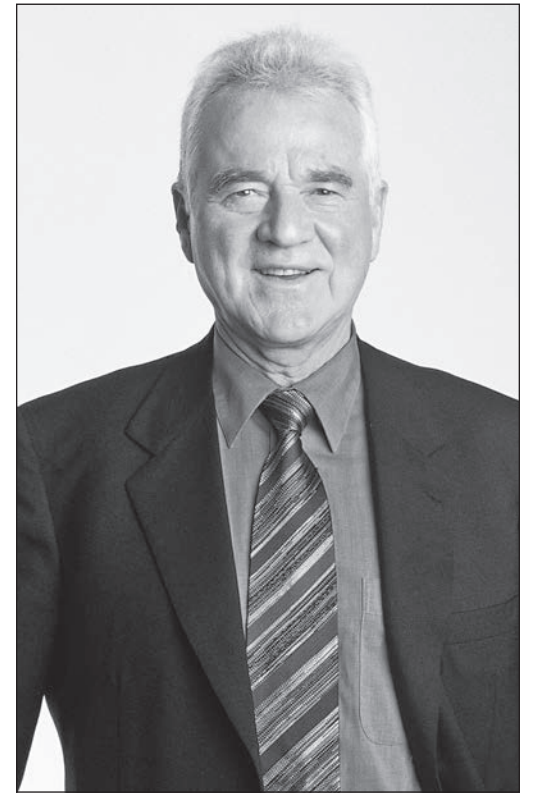
Over the years, we’ve added more and more hurdles for Canadians trying to get their business up and running – everything from new fees and forms to registrations and licenses. Starting your own small business shouldn’t be difficult.

We should do everything we can to encourage people to start a small business, rather than install roadblocks at every step of the process. To spur the growth of more small businesses, there are a number of measures we can take.

One of the most important would be to scrap all of the forms, licenses, permits and fees that are not absolutely essential in launching a new business. It wouldn’t take long to draw up that list, and it would save new business owners invaluable time and money.

Beyond that, we also need to start fostering entrepreneurship skills and training in our high schools in addition to technical skills apprenticeships. Both these roads will lead to the creation of many new small businesses and will give young Canadians a path to financial rewarding careers.

Getting government off the backs of our small businesses is one of the key elements in the national economic charter of rights I’ve proposed. But we also need to remove all of the many barriers that are keeping small businesses from being formed in the first place.



If we did that, we could set off a chain reaction of economic growth that our country hasn’t seen for many years.

To learn more about the economic charter and how it could generate economic growth and prosperity, email me at [info@economiccharter.ca](mailto:info@economiccharter.ca). Or to learn more about the economic charter, visit: [www.economiccharter.ca](http://www.economiccharter.ca).

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### Letter to the Editor

## Defending Trudeau’s actions

The King Weekly of Thursday, Jan. 18, published a submission “MP Roberts shames government on the treatment of our seniors.”

MP Roberts lists today’s many unfortunate hardships that have befallen the Canadian population and particularly seniors. She repeats the by now very tired slogan of “it’s Trudeau’s fault” while offering only platitudes like “common sense plan,” balancing the budget and the ever popular axe the tax cry, but no clear and concrete ideas to combat what ails Canada.

Anna Roberts and her leader Pierre Poilievre always conveniently avoid mentioning the Federal Government’s Climate Action Incentive Payments. In 2018, the Federal Government introduced the Climate Action Incentive as a tax credit and converted it to a cash payment in 2021 to soften the impact of the carbon tax and encourage people to reduce their carbon footprint.

The carbon tax on a liter of gasoline in Ontario is currently 14.31 cents. HST is charged on top of that so that the actual tax is 16.17 cents. In 2023 these incentive payments were \$488 per adult with payments of \$122 made quarterly. Each additional adult in a family received \$244 and each child \$122 per year. A family of 2 adults and two children received \$976. A single person in Ontario can therefore buy 3018 liters of gasoline per year carbon-tax free, and a family of four obviously twice that. If you don’t own a car, it is money in the bank.

The whole idea of the carbon tax is to make people realize that we absolutely have to reduce our carbon footprint. If global warming, raging forest fires, floods and other environmental disasters caused by climate change are not a wake-up call, the planet and humanity are doomed. The Climate Action Incentive Payments are not meant to offset the entire carbon tax, they are meant for us to reduce our consumption of fossil fuels.

As an aside, I would like Justin Trudeau to follow in his father’s footsteps in the snow. I don’t know why he and other politicians put up with the unbridled abuse that is now commonplace. He deserves much better than that.

U. Rentsch  
King City

## YRP see slight decrease in impaired driving arrests in 2023

In 2023, York Regional Police charged a total of 1,350 people with 1,884 impaired-driving-related charges.

The number of impaired drivers over the course of the year marks roughly a six per cent drop from the 1,441 reported in 2022.

“Despite a slight decrease in the number of arrests year-over-year, these numbers mean our officers are charging three impaired drivers each and every day,” said York Regional Police Chief Jim MacSween. “Impaired driving remains the leading criminal cause of death in Canada and it will not be tolerated in York Region.”

During the holiday season from Nov. 16, 2023 to January 1, 2024, between our Festive RIDE program and region-wide enforcement by officers in the Road Safety Bureau and the districts, a total of 170 drivers were charged with 242 impaired-driving-related offences.

In one incident – which took place in the early morning hours of New Year’s Eve – officers spotted a vehicle driving over a median in the area of Bathurst Street and King Road in King Township. Officers observed the vehicle travelling at a slow rate of speed and crossing into the opposite lanes of traffic. Police followed the vehicle, which came to a stop in the middle of the roadway. Fluids were seen leaking from the vehicle and all four tires were severely damaged.

Breath samples submitted by the driver were found to be over the legal limit. The driver of the vehicle was subsequently charged with Impaired Operation, Impaired Operation – BAC 80 Plus and two counts of Driving While Prohibited.

“We are not giving up. Together with our partners and our community, we continue the fight against impaired driving. If you see a driver you suspect is impaired, call 9-1-1. We will respond to these calls through our Safe Roads: Your Call program.”



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# Ignore the rhetoric, look at the data

## Letter to the Editor

That sounds like a substantial improvement to me, and the messaging from JT's government is that the drop is a result of its social program improvements including Enhanced GIS, the previously mentioned increase in OAS, Canada Child Benefit, Reduced Daycare Costs, Advanced Canada Workers Benefit, the Canadian Dental Care Plan, and more.

While many are having difficulty with the current cost of living, it is important to look at real data when drawing conclusions, especially when blaming a particular politician for everything bad happening in the world right now. On the one hand, PP claims that JT isn't doing enough; on the other hand he complains that the federal deficit is the highest that it has ever been, either ignoring the fact that it got there because of government subsidies to individuals and businesses to keep them afloat during the pandemic, or tacitly implying that a government under his leadership would have allowed the Canadian economy to be sucked into a black hole.

With regard to carbon pricing or the so-called carbon tax, the timing of the publication of the article was most inopportune for Ms. Roberts, considering that it fell a mere 3 days after the quarterly Climate Action Incentive Payment (CAIP a.k.a. Carbon Tax rebate) was deposited into the bank account of every household in Canada. It's ironic that the senior in my circle who, second only to PP himself, is the most vociferous complainer about the carbon tax, heats her home with a heat pump and drives minimal distances, so almost the entire amount of the CAIP carried no initial cost to her. Ninety per cent of the money collected is returned to Canadians through these CAIP's, with the remaining 10% going to fund programs that help small businesses, municipalities, hospitals, schools and Indigenous communities to reduce their fuel consumption.

According to Yves Giroux, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO), 80 per cent of Canadians receive more cash than they pay out. Unaffordable Ms. Roberts? I thought your background was in financial advice – clearly not the kind I can use. Presumably, should PP form the next government, he would not only "Axe the Tax" but also "Rescind the Rebates," leaving the majority of Canadians worse off financially.

In fairness, the PBO also identified the complexity of the analysis, stating that after factoring in the carbon price's economic impact on job growth and incomes, 80 per cent of families in most provinces might end up with less money. Various analysts took issue with that statement, because although he acknowledged that "Anything we do with respect to addressing or trying to curb climate change will have costs" and "Doing nothing would also have costs," he made no effort to quantify those costs (currently estimated at \$720 per Canadian per year) or to incorporate them into his analysis.

So why charge a carbon tax, only to put it back into the consumer's pocket, and why is gasoline so expensive anyhow? Check out this link for an explanation: <https://ecojustice.ca/news/why-is-gas-so-expensive-in-canada-hint-its-not-carbon-pricing/>

Rather than imposing a penalty for burning fossil fuels (how can it be a

penalty when it is returned to you?), the program is designed to incent consumers to make wise choices that will reduce their carbon emissions. The CAIP is a refund of the tax paid, but if a consumer has reduced their carbon footprint and not been charged the tax, the rebate is theirs to keep. Since wealthier people typically have a higher carbon footprint, the benefits accrue disproportionately to those with lower income and expenditures. And while PP is vocal about the carbon price continuing to rise in the future, he fails to mention that the CAIP also rises.

On a personal basis, after a 2½ year wait for delivery, my wife and I replaced our 15-year-old vehicle with a Plug-in Electric Hybrid (PHEV) and currently have 1,857 km on the odometer. Our only purchase of gasoline to date has been 28.45 litres at the 1,484 km. mark (equivalent to 1.9 litres per 100 km or 146 miles per Imperial gallon). As of that first fill-up, the low fuel consumption of this new vehicle had saved us about \$19.25 in unpaid carbon tax compared to our previous vehicle, but depending on the algorithm that the government used in its estimate of a typical Canadian's fuel consumption, the CAIP will "rebate" at least \$23.35 to us for a total benefit of \$42.60.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada recognizes that climate change is actually raising the cost of living in Canada; due to floods, droughts, storms and fires, and needs to be addressed. At \$3.1 billion, 2023 was the fourth worst year on record for insured losses in Canada (not to mention those uninsured), with the Bureau stating on 08 January, "Canada is viewed now as a riskier place to insure." <https://www.ibc.ca/news-insights/news/severe-weather-in-2023-caused-over-3-1-billion-in-insured-damage>.

The World Bank explains carbon pricing thus: "Carbon pricing is an instrument that captures the external costs of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions – the costs of emissions that the public pays for, such as damage to crops, health care costs from heat waves and droughts, and loss of property from flooding and sea level rise – and ties them to their sources through a price, usually in the form of a price on the carbon dioxide (CO2) emitted."

A price on carbon helps shift the burden for the damage from GHG emissions back to those who are responsible for it and who can avoid it. Instead of dictating who should reduce emissions where and how, a carbon price provides an economic signal to emitters, and allows them to decide to either transform their activities and lower their emissions, or continue emitting and paying for their emissions."

Economists generally concede that a price on carbon can be one of the most effective means to reduce the release of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere, thereby fighting climate change. And yet in Canada we can have our cake and eat it, too. By placing a price on carbon emissions, the government encourages us to save money by reducing our emissions of greenhouse gases, and then refunds to us the money, whether or not we have chosen to make those reductions.

I have yet to have any reason to think that the Conservative Party of Canada has a Plan to address the climate emergency we are in. Instead, PP chooses to rally up support by blaming JT for a world-wide phenomenon.

Bill Patterson



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I was rather disappointed to read the article in the Sentinel entitled "MP Roberts shames government on the treatment of our seniors" (Sentinel Jan. 18, Page 5). While I'm accustomed to writhing under Pierre Poilievre's (PP's) spin on Canadian affairs, I take solace in the resigned acknowledgement of Conservative media commentators that he "has a tenuous relationship with the truth" and largely ignore his diatribes. It is more concerning to hear my own representative in Ottawa playing the parrot's role.

One of PP's favourite spin items is that inflation is Justin Trudeau's (JT's) fault. From the information I've been able to glean, which unfortunately dates back to May 2023, in that month Canada had the second lowest rate of inflation in the G7 at 3.4% with Japan the lowest at 3.2 % and the average at 5.99%. In November 2023 Canada's rate had dropped to 3.1%. Granted, 3.1% is higher than economists would like to see, but Canada is doing better than most of the industrialized world, and far better than the average of the 37 countries in the OECD.

With regard to the impact of inflation on seniors who are "on the brink of homelessness facing evictions and unaffordable rent," we have to recognize that JT and his government increased Old Age Security for those 75 and above by 10%. Why age 75 and not 65 I have no idea, but the last time PP's party was in power it raised the age of retirement from 65 to 67.

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# Annual pancake breakfast rings in the year

By Jim Stewart

The Mayor and Council's annual Pancake Breakfast and New Year's Levee was an unbridled success at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg on Saturday morning.

The event was clanged in by the bell-waving Town Crier John Webster whose warm welcome was a stark contrast to the bone-chilling Arctic Vortex outside the arena. A steady stream of over 250 residents filled the Trisan Centre auditorium where the Schomberg Lions Club grilled the breakfast confections.

Lions Club President Gord Dobson, a nineteen-year member of the service club, was pleased to help host the event: "Instead of running events, it's nice to co-host with the Town of King. The best part of this gathering is getting together with everybody. It gets people out in the winter. It's great to meet people for breakfast and satisfying to give back."

President Dobson's sentiments were shared by 12-year Lions club member and Secretary Angela Rose: "Giving back is what's important. Our motto is 'We Serve.' This breakfast gives everyone the opportunity to contribute. The guys love cooking, too."

The free breakfast - grilled by the Lions Club kitchen crew and served by the amiable team of Mayor Pellegrini and his councillors - featured pancakes topped with locally-curated maple syrup from the Crossley Sugarbush, bacon, sausages, croissants, orange or

grapefruit juice, and coffee or tea. Meeting out the sweet amber maple syrup was congenial Ward 4 Councillor Mary Asselstine who extolled the virtues of "our community coming together, neighbours visiting with one another, and the Schomberg Lions Club serving a delicious breakfast. It's also fun to see the history of King offered through the photographs on banners on display here today."

Councillor Asselstine's remarks about the community spirit on display were echoed by Mayor Steve Pellegrini who took his turn serving pancakes and visiting with residents during and after the event.

Mayor Pellegrini was pleased with the great turnout at Trisan and reveled in the warmth of the traditional Levee: "The best part of this Breakfast is community - what a joy to see everybody out today with all the help from the local Schomberg Lions Club. We still have the small town feel in King. I visited with new residents who recently moved from Toronto to Schomberg. They told me they really enjoy these community events. It's nice that we still have those charms in King. It's also great to see that the demographic that was most at risk during COVID is back and feels safe enough to participate in a public event."

A notable and similarly-sweet upcoming event sponsored by King and promoted by Town Crier John Webster is the Maple Syrup Festival to be held on Saturday, March 9 at Cold Creek Conservation Area in Nobleton.



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## Local photographer showcases women in business

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

A local photographer wants to empower local women and showcase their strength and business acumen.

Lisa Pace, of Lisa Pace Photography, is looking for small business owners for a new campaign.

"Each woman's journey is a unique narrative, a tapestry woven with resilience, strength, and a collection of stories. You have courageously pursued your dream of being your own boss. You possessed a vision that included unwavering determination to achieve success while balancing home and work life," Pace says.

To that end, she wants to capture their radiance in empowering portraits through her "Let Your Light Shine" campaign.

These portraits can serve as visual affirmations and inspire other women to embrace their dreams of success.

"I want to shine the light on you and share your story."

Pace notes that in Canada, small businesses make up 98% of all business. Of that, 17.7% are owned by women, the majority being service based - health care, social assistance, professional, scientific and tech services as well as retail trade. The struggle is real for women who pursue the entrepreneurial life.

"I want you to be seen and heard. Let's capture that confidence and strength that's required to succeed in business today."

Pace pointed out the campaign is designed to show the faces behind female owned small businesses.

It takes a lot of courage and drive to be a successful business owner and "I want to empower these women with gorgeous photos they can use for their business and/or just for themselves. I want to show the other personal side to them."

The plan is to photograph 40 women and to have a gallery exhibition at the end to celebrate all the women. They'll all come together for drinks and appetizers and be able to mingle with all the other entrepreneurs. Their favourite portrait will be displayed.

There is a cost for participants for hair, makeup, wardrobe consultation, photo session and fine art print, plus tickets to the final event.

The 2-hour session will be fun and relaxed and stress-free. Participants will be guided through all the posing and made to feel comfortable in front of the camera. This will be your time to shine!

Pace is donating \$50 from every session to "Dress for Success Toronto." and she hopes to raise at least \$2,000.

Pace sees herself as a portrait photographer who specializes in "branding and beauty."

She has a studio in Pottageville and loves to help women feel empowered and confident in their photos since so many dislike the photo experience (myself included).

She has a hair and makeup team and access to fashion stylists (if a client wants professional advice on their clothing). Pace herself is no stranger to the business world. She left the corporate world in her 30s to work for a non-profit and they stayed at home to raise her daughters. At 50, she decided to take the

Lisa Pace



leap to pursue her dream of becoming a photographer.

Pace has been active in the community as a member of the King Chamber of Commerce, as well as donating her services to the King Food Bank's Sip and Savour event for a number of years. She's done some work for ASK and the Mayor's Gala. Pace also donat-

ed photography to the We Believe in Abby Family Day events to raise money for the accessible park.

You can read all the details at [www.lisapacephotography.com/shine](http://www.lisapacephotography.com/shine). You can also call her at 416-200-5786.

"I want to hear your story and celebrate your passion for success," Pace exclaims.

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ASK is looking for someone who can volunteer approximately 25 hours per issue (four issues per year) from initial planning of content, editorial meeting (usually via Zoom), uploading content and final proofing.

The successful candidate will have the benefit of an established editorial team, the ASK board members and volunteers, as well as London Publishing.

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# King Township employees raise \$15,000 for the United Way

By Jim Stewart

Mayor Steve Pellegrini and CAO Daniel Kostopoulos presented a \$15,000 cheque to the United Way on behalf of King Township employees at a reception at the Municipal Centre last week.

Mayor Pellegrini addressed over 50 employees in the sunlit Main Foyer of the Municipal Centre: "This year, we raised a remarkable \$15,000 for the United Way—\$10,000 through payroll deductions from King employees and \$3,670 through fundraising events by staff. This money will go to so many important causes and make a positive difference for the people of King Township."

Pellegrini thanked the King employees directly: "Your enthusiasm has not only made a positive impact on

our workplace culture, but it has also translated into meaningful support for the United Way. We're blessed in King. Hopefully, we all have good jobs."

The mayor's last remark evoked a series of chuckles from his colleagues and he closed his address by thanking one more group of donors: "A special mention goes to the Simcoe County Road Supervisors Association for its generous donation of \$1,000. Their decision to allocate these funds to the United Way demonstrates the shared commitment to making a difference in the lives of those who need it most."

Kostopoulos acknowledged the important relationship between King and the United Way: "King Township and the United Way have enjoyed a strong relationship, dating back to 2006. Around 6% of King's 28,000 residents live in a



low-income home – that's around 1,700 people – and almost a quarter are children. The money donated today will help the United Way fight local poverty in all its forms and will assist all the critically-important work done by the United Way and its agencies."

Kostopoulos thanked the King em-

ployees for working together: "It's a real example of our staff team living one of our core values – collaboration. It's heartening to witness the tangible impact we can make when we come together for a common cause. I also want to extend my appreciation to King's United Way Campaign Team, with a special acknowledgement to Peggy Tollett, our United Way Chair this year."

United Way Manager of Corporate Donor Relationships Tarana Rahimi accepted the \$15,000 donation cheque from Mayor Pellegrini and CAO Kostopoulos: "Generous donations like this one from the employees of King Township allow us to fund programs in York Region. Specifically, the funds will be allocated for housing needs, mental health initiatives, and food insecurity."

In the post-presentation scrum, Rahimi praised the collective effort of the King employees: "The best part of the event was seeing everyone come together and being able to express my gratitude to them. Whenever I get the opportunity to meet donors, I'm so pleased to express my gratitude on behalf of the United Way."

As directed by both Mayor Pellegrini and CAO Kostopoulos, those gathered converged on a three-tiered tray of cupcakes that might "violate some New Year's resolutions" as the mayor noted, but the CAO gently implored all gathered to enjoy the celebratory confections: "Let's have at those cupcakes."



## King receives second consecutive award

For the second consecutive year, King Township has received a national award for financial reporting. King has received the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for King's annual financial report for the year ending on Dec. 31, 2022.

The report includes a report and analysis on King Township's finances, statistical information, managers' reports and an independent auditor's report. Read the full report online here.

The Canadian Award for Financial Reporting Program was established to encourage municipal governments throughout Canada to publish high-quality financial reports and to provide peer recognition and technical guidance for officials preparing these reports. The award recognizes excellence in government accounting and financial reporting and is said to represent a significant accomplishment by the municipality and its management.

The GFOA advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities they serve.

King's annual financial report was judged by Canadian Review Committee members to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating

a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" designed to clearly communicate the municipality's financial story and to motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

To learn more about King Township's finances and budget process, visit [king.ca/budget](http://king.ca/budget).

"I am proud to announce that for the second year in a row, King Township has been honored with the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. This achievement reflects the hard work, diligence and commitment of our municipality, showcasing our ongoing efforts to set the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"As the Chief Administrative Officer of King Township, I am immensely proud of our second consecutive achievement of the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting. This recognition underscores our commitment to financial transparency, accountability and adherence to the high standards set by the Government Finance Officers Association," added CAO Daniel Kostopoulos.

For regular updates on Township programs and events, follow the official corporate social media channels on X and Facebook, subscribe to King's monthly e-newsletter or visit [king.ca](http://king.ca).









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# Arts & Entertainment

## Igniting Change: A Grade 11 student's Community Awareness Project

This past fall, Olivia Budweth from The Country Day School, initiated a project with the goal of spreading awareness about the effects of Northern Canada's wildfires. She noticed a lack of knowledge within the CDS community, and given the complexity of the issue, decided that something could be done to change this.

This was a Community Awareness Project as part of her commitments to the CDS DECA Club. The project consisted of two main events, with an accompanying social media campaign.

Firstly, Olivia hosted a letter writing workshop at the school. The goal was to give students informative resources so that they could bring this issue to policymakers and ask for specific changes to be made. They talked about the extensive effects of the fires and the need for conscious climate adaptation measures in northern communities. They examined news articles and publications about the ways that the fires have been

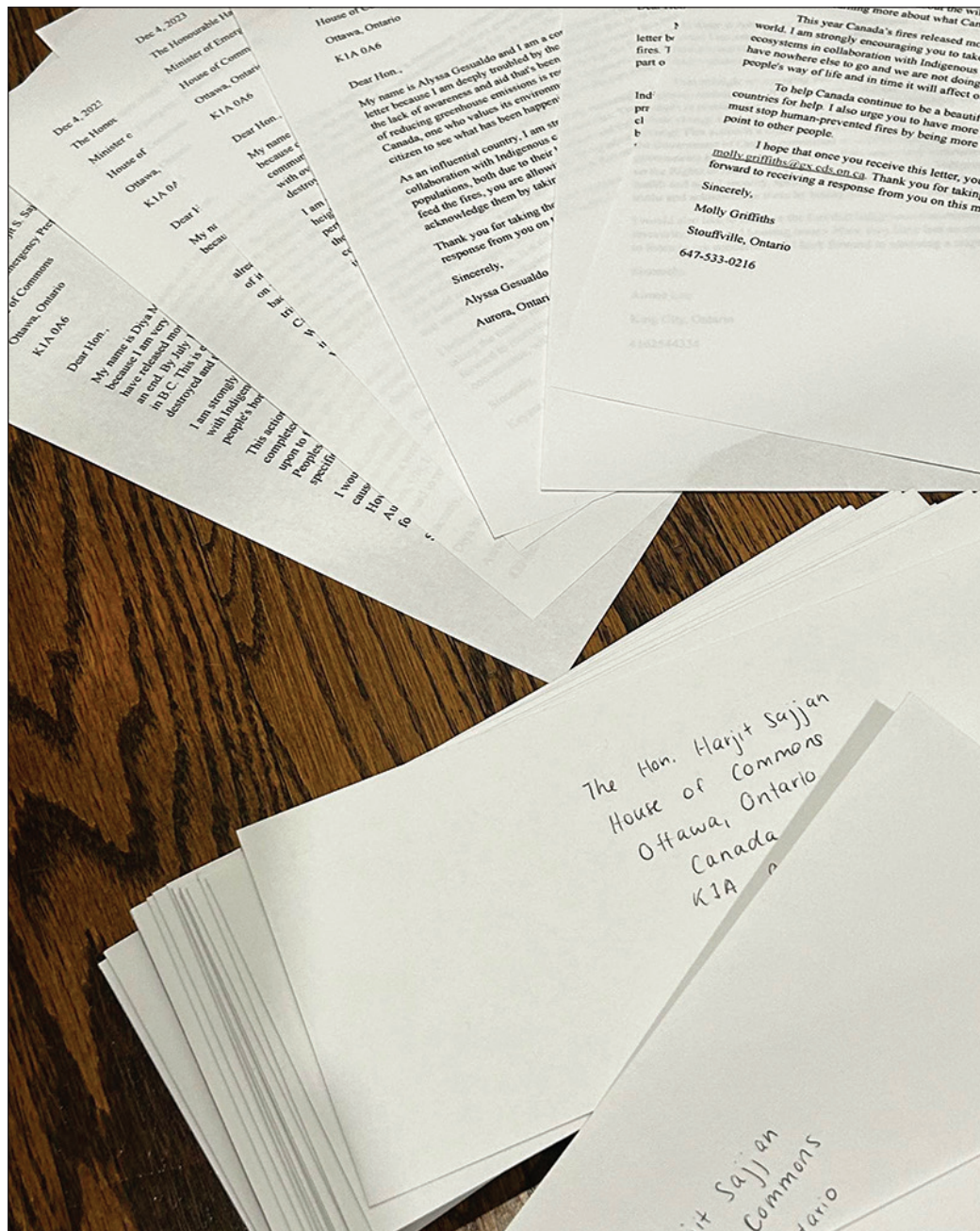
fought, specifically, the need for Indigenous input in fire restoration practices. Intersectionality between policies is crucial: in areas of land that are so important to communities, Indigenous science, knowledge, and rights should be upheld within policy creation.

Another aspect of Igniting Change was a guest speaker, Russell Tanaka, in school assembly on Dec. 18. Olivia got the chance to interview him about his experience as a wildland firefighter in Fort Frances, Ontario. He was able to provide firsthand insight about the intensity of fighting fires week after week and the challenges that local communities faced. The goal was to bring attention to the courage of our firefighters and celebrate them for risking their safety to protect communities, ecosystems, and wildlife.

Following the writeup of this fulfilling experience, Olivia is looking forward to attending DECA Provincials in February.

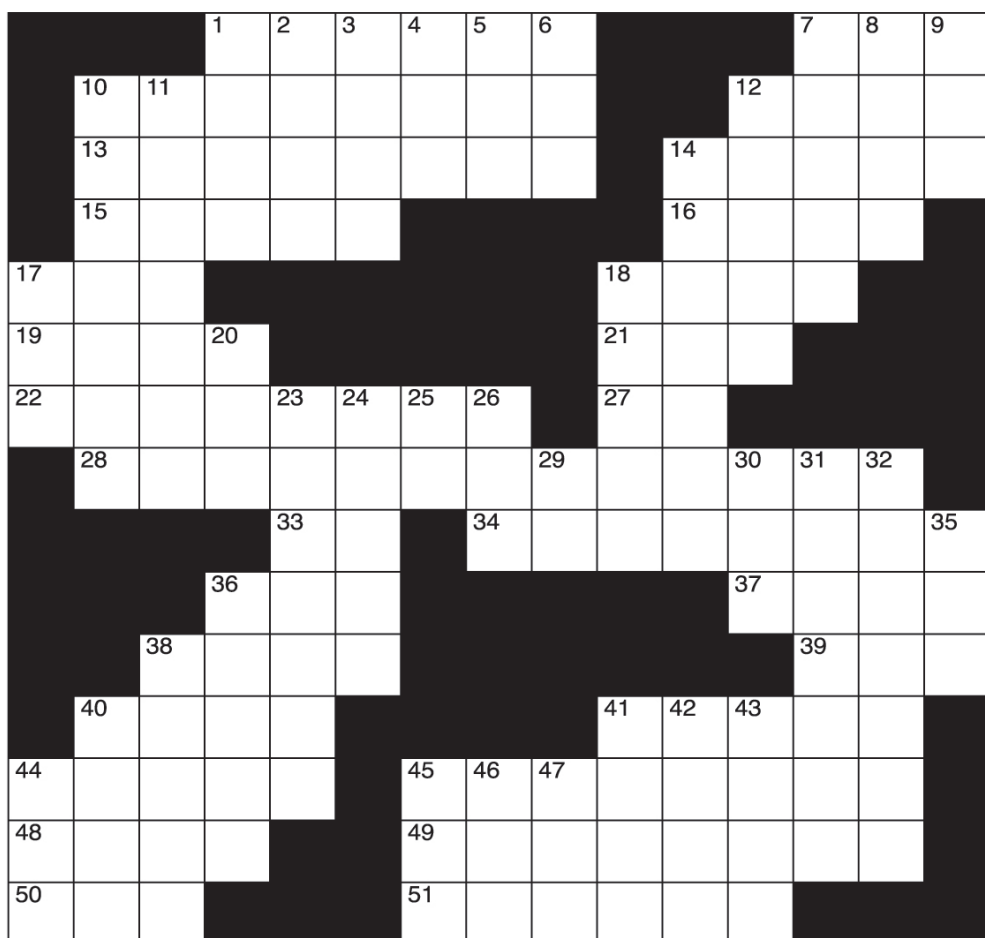


Olivia Budweth



## CROSSWORD

Puzzle No. 241410 • Solution in Classifieds



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Winged nut
- 7. \_\_\_ Humbug!
- 10. One who sets apart
- 12. Circle above a saint's head
- 13. Unpleasantly loud and harsh
- 14. Expressed pleasure
- 15. Feminine given name
- 16. Company of badgers
- 17. Popular Dodge pickup truck
- 18. Witty sayings
- 19. Leader
- 21. Autonomic nervous system
- 22. Premolar
- 27. Atomic #28
- 28. Holiday decorative item

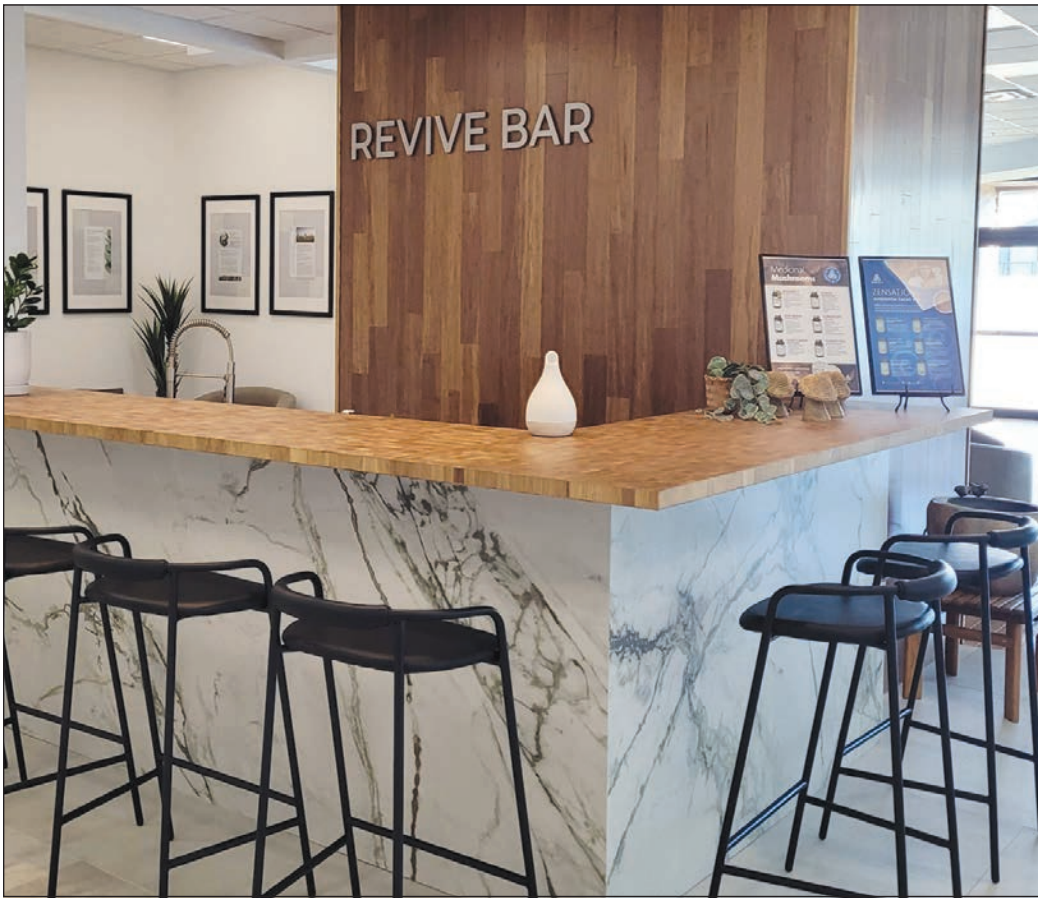
- 33. Exclamation of surprise
- 34. Rusk or cracker
- 36. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 37. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
- 38. Eat
- 39. Marxist economics theory (abbr.)
- 40. Ceases to exist
- 41. Male Arabic name
- 44. Series of ridges on an organ wall
- 45. Places where bees are kept
- 48. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin
- 49. Church office
- 50. Single lens reflex
- 51. Pieces of fibrous tissue

- 1. Classify
- 2. Dismounted
- 3. Produced
- 4. Consumed
- 5. Director Howard
- 6. The products of human creativity
- 7. Thai monetary units
- 8. Away from wind
- 9. Builder's trough
- 10. Relating to Islam
- 11. It can sometimes ache
- 12. Small quantities (Scot.)
- 14. Poisonous plant
- 17. Laugh at
- 18. Vogul
- 20. C. European river
- 23. Type of cat
- 24. Exclamation of disgust
- 25. Stephen King novel
- 26. Without armies
- 29. Expression of sympathy
- 30. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 31. Previously
- 32. Illegal drug
- 35. Kiloelectronvolt
- 36. Large, flightless birds
- 38. For smoking
- 40. Binary
- 41. Competition
- 42. Mark resembling an arrow
- 43. Containers
- 44. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 45. Commercials
- 46. I.M. \_\_\_, architect
- 47. 007's creator

### CLUES DOWN

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





## Kingbridge encourages wellness through a series of events

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The Kingbridge Centre is inviting residents to start their wellness journey right here in King.

Staff at Kingbridge are passionate about creating the perfect environment and offering a suite of services that foster a harmonious and healthy synergy between your mind & body. Their mission is simple, “we want you to feel your absolute best and live life fully and purposefully.”

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Their suite of services allows you to harmonize you mind and body by experiencing the unity of your mental and physical well-being.

“Our suite of services provides holistic pathways to wellness by offering you the opportunity to delve into the profound connection between your mind & body,” they said.

“Whether you opt for our 90-minute curated activities, immersive full-day workshops, restorative retreats, or a 30-minute relaxation session in the Revitalization Lounge, each experience is a gateway to bringing mind & body into a harmonious state.”

Some “Restorative Retreats” are planned for this year.

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For more, visit <https://kingbridgecentre.com/revitalize-mind-body/>

## York Regional Police receive provincial \$3.7-million grant

York Regional Police was pleased to welcome provincial and regional representatives at a press conference today detailing the allocation of \$3.7 million in provincial grant funding.

At the announcement, speakers included Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill MPP, the Honourable Michael Parsa, Regional Chair and Chair of the Police Services Board, Wayne Emmerson and York Regional Police Chief Jim MacSween.

Chief MacSween detailed the allocation of the grant funding to the following areas: Project United Combating Hate Crime: \$300,000; Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Program and Enhanced Bail Enforcement Project: \$2.4 million; Next-Generation 9-1-1 (NG911): \$1 million.

Project United is a targeted response to hate crime using a multifaceted approach that includes specialized training for officers, increased community education and outreach and educational resources for York Region students, such as conferences and forums.

The Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Program will augment our dedicated Warrant Apprehension and Community Supervision Enforcement team, which manages offenders on bail, community supervision or those with outstanding warrants. This team is responsible for investigating the whereabouts of violent offenders wanted on warrants and the management of offenders released into the community on Probation, Provincial Parole and Conditional Supervision Orders.

The Enhanced Bail Enforcement Project will centralize bail intake across York Region including Release Orders and Variances issued by the Ontario and Superior Courts of Justice in Newmarket, as well as those from the courts in Toronto. The Enhanced Bail Enforcement team will triage, complete data entry and dissemination to other members of the organization through an in-house bail compliance dashboard. Bail compliance efforts and outcomes will be captured for data analysis and performance measurement, providing real-time data to inform the bail management approach.

Next-Generation 9-1-1: The Canadian Radio and Television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has mandated that all existing 9-1-1 systems must eventually transition to NG911 by 2025. YRP has been working in partnership with the Region of York and in the fall of 2022, Solacom, a subsidiary of Comtech Telecommunications Corp., was awarded a \$1.5 million, five-year contract to modernize telecommunications networks that will result in new voice, text and multimedia services including the capability to send and receive texts, videos and photos. The NG911 system will also include interactive mapping, automatic call and text-back features.

“Our sincere thanks to the province for its commitment to community safety across Ontario,” said Chief MacSween. “We’re pleased that seized cash and proceeds of crime are being reinvested back into the community in ways that will enhance community safety in York Region and we are committed to advancing these important initiatives, aided by this additional funding.”

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# LIPS offers support for Southlake cancer programs

By Brock Weir

After an extended hiatus due to the global pandemic, LIPS – Ladies in Philanthropy for Southlake – has picked up right where they left off, supporting breast cancer screening programs at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Since its foundation more than a decade ago, LIPS has raised more than \$700,000 for Southlake.

LIPS brings together philanthropic-minded women from across York Region, South Simcoe, and in some cases beyond, to make individual annual donations of \$1,000 to Southlake with the group as a whole voting to support a specific critical need at Southlake after hearing presentations from the hospital's clinicians.

This year's endeavour will help Southlake secure magnetic breast seeds, a less invasive and more accurate technology used in the treatment of breast tumours, an initiative which will impact approximately 200 women each year.

"We were pitched three very deserving projects and it was not an easy decision," said Sarah Powell, Chair of the LIPS Steering Committee in a statement. "This will make a huge difference to patients being treated for breast cancer at Southlake. Being able to make an impact like this in our community, especially for women, is truly what being a member of LIPS is all about."

Southlake notes that the securement of these seeds will improve both efficiency and clinical outcomes for patients.

"We are so grateful for the continued support of LIPS and their engaged membership," said Jennifer Ritter, President & CEO of the Southlake Foundation. "Over the last 11 years, they have raised over \$700,000 for Southlake, funding critically needed equipment and life-saving programs. To see a passionate and dynamic group of women so dedicated to improving healthcare in their community is truly inspiring."

Now that LIPS is back up and running, they're looking for more women in the community to join them in the cause.

At its height, LIPS boasted approximately 80 members, which generated in the neighbourhood of \$80,000 for Southlake each year. Since their hiatus, they have dipped down to 50 members, and

they're looking to reverse that trend.

Powell says she first joined LIPS in 2016 eager to not only make a difference for Southlake, but for very specific, timely needs.

"The Foundation will put together six or seven projects (as suggested by their clinicians)...that are the most viable because they know what our criteria is," says Powell. "As a committee, we have a set criteria that we grade everything on. Some of the things we consider are, can we fully fund the project? If our donation will only cover half of it, we don't want to do that; we want to be able to fully fund it because it is something that can be implemented within the year. Our members want to know their money is being put to good use this year. We also want to make sure it is going to impact a large number of patients at the hospital. We then pick our top three and those are the ones that are presented to the membership at our voting meeting. Then we vote as a group at the end of the night, knowing exactly where our money is going to go."

The fundraising element is simple, she says. All you need to do is donate \$1,000 for the year, which goes 100 per cent towards the donation. You don't need to donate the \$1,000 all at once, but it must come in within the year.

"We know the more members we have, the more money we will have to donate, which means the more spending power we have," she says. "The Foundation has been really supportive in the last couple of years helping to rebuild our website and get our names out there. For people who want to support the hospital, I think this is a fantastic opportunity. Not everybody has \$10,000 or more to donate every year to the hospital. Not only do you get to donate to the hospital and your community, you get to say, 'I think it is important that we fund the pediatric care or cancer care' and you get a vote on where you want your money to go. Maybe the vote won't always go your way, but we always try and pick projects that we think will resonate with our membership."

"It is a good opportunity just to get out and meet other women in the community. I think if you can get a group together on a regular basis, they start to become friends, not just people you see once a year at a voting meeting, and it becomes something that people look

forward to and we would like to have that feeling of camaraderie again within the group."

For more information about Ladies

in Philanthropy for Southlake, including membership opportunities, visit [give.southlake.ca/lips](http://give.southlake.ca/lips) or email [lipssouthlake@gmail.com](mailto:lipssouthlake@gmail.com).



## Police recover \$3.2-million in stolen vehicles

Investigators with the York Regional Police Auto Cargo Theft Unit, with the invaluable assistance of the Canada Border Services Agency and Équité Association, have recovered 52 stolen vehicles with a value of more than \$3.2 million. Eleven people have been charged with 96 criminal offences.

Between October 2023 and January 2024, an investigation dubbed Project Mamba uncovered a group of criminals using residential areas to store vehicles that had recently been stolen out of York Region and other parts of the Greater Toronto Area and southwestern Ontario. The prolific crime group was targeting high-end vehicles and trafficking them with planned destinations as far away as Azerbaijan and Georgia.

In December 2023 and January 2024,

six search warrants were executed at locations across Ontario, including in the municipalities of Vaughan, Toronto, London, Cambridge and Bradford. As a result, 52 stolen vehicles were recovered, with an estimated value of \$3.2 million.

In total, 11 people have been charged with 96 criminal offences, including Theft of Motor Vehicle, Traffic in Property Obtained by Crime, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, Possession of Automobile Master Key and Possession of Break-in Instruments.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Auto Cargo Theft Unit at 1-866-8765423, ext. 6651, or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com).

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## Poilievre visits Vaughan community

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre and King-Vaughan MP, Anna Roberts, met with the Italian community in Vaughan this past weekend. The Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada addressed the crowd of several hundred people regarding concerns of homelessness, crime and the cost of living.

On the issue of housing, Pierre Poilievre stated, the Prime Minister's fund to "accelerate" homebuilding took a year and a half to open and accept applications and they had not completed a single house. He spoke of his bill the Building Homes, Not Bureaucracy Act, to increase incentives to municipalities that built homes while punishing municipalities that continue to stand in the way of development. Under his plan, municipalities who accomplish 1% more homes built, will see 1% more in funding. The reverse is also true that 1% less homes built, will see 1% less in funding.

Top of everyone's mind of course is the cost of living. Mr. Poilievre spoke of the damaging effects of the Carbon Tax and stated that his government will Axe the Tax.

Prior to the Christmas break, MPs sat for 36 hours straight in the House of Commons in an attempt to have the Trudeau Liberals remove the carbon tax. However, the Trudeau-Bloc coalition, voted down a Conservative motion that would have removed the carbon tax on all forms of home heating. Liberals and Trudeau-appointed Senators are going ahead with their plan to quadruple the carbon tax on farmers, a tax that will continue to increase the cost of food for Canadians. Further to inflation, Poilievre stated that out of control spending has caused inflation. He plans to balance the budget by implementing a dollar-for-dollar law. For every dollar spent, a dollar of savings must be found.

MP Roberts is currently the Shadow Minister for Seniors.



## Take care near bodies of water

With winter in high gear, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is reminding residents how to be prepared for winter hazards, particularly around bodies of water.

Frequent freeze-thaw cycles can create hazardous conditions by increasing runoff and contributing to higher water levels and faster flows in local watercourses. Accumulated snow and ice will also melt and refreeze, causing slippery and unstable areas around water. Slippery banks, high water levels, and fast flowing, extremely cold water can lead to very hazardous and dangerous conditions.

Winter hazards are not limited to natural shorelines and riverbanks. Stormwater ponds, while seemingly inviting for skating, are dangerous. These ponds are designed to collect stormwater runoff from the surrounding neighbourhood and have water flowing in and out of them year-round. Road salt and other pollutants also collect in these ponds, further weakening any ice that forms. Because of these functions, the ice formed on the surface is extremely unstable and should never be used for recreational purposes.

Despite these hazards, you can still enjoy the outdoors this time of the year. At conservation areas and municipal parks, official trails have been created with your safety in mind. Use these trails and still get some fresh air

safely.

Be safe by following these tips:

Stay on the official trails at Ontario's conservation areas to enjoy the outdoors safely.

Keep family members and pets away from riverbanks and edges of all water bodies.

Do not attempt to drive or walk on iced-covered water bodies. Always obey any posted safety signs.

Avoid all recreational activities in or around water, especially near ice jams or ice-covered water bodies, unless at an officially designated municipal facility.

Never use stormwater ponds for ice skating or any other activity. Water levels on these ponds can change due to road salt, snow melting, and changing temperatures causing cracks and dangerously thin ice.

Rescuing another person or a pet from ice is dangerous. If you see anyone that has fallen through the ice, call 9-1-1 for help immediately.

Stay up to date on flood or conservation area conditions by following us on social media:

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St. Paul's Church  
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will continue his series on the book of Acts. Jeff's message, entitled, "Winsome Radicals" is from Acts 6.8 to 8.3.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the service. After the service you are welcome to join us for a time of socializing over coffee and goodies. If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

Our "Junction" children's ministry is meeting in person for all children up to Grade 6 during worship. We continue to offer St. Paul's "At Home" bags 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

### St. Mary's Church

Did someone say Road trip? Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens journeying from Toronto to Steubenville, Ohio, for the Illuminate Conference from June 28-30 to be illuminated in the light of Christ. There will be Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, excellent speakers, praise and worship music, and delicious food. Non-refundable deposits of \$60/participant are due this weekend. The total cost per teen is \$440 Canadian, however, we will be doing significant fundraising to offset costs. If you are interested in joining us, please email [zgangl@arhc-toronto.org](mailto:zgangl@arhc-toronto.org) to reserve your spot. It will be a truly memorable, faith enriching experience for all of us!

Feb. 3 - Life Teen Valentine's Party. Calling all teens in Grades 9 to 12, mark your calendars and save the date for the We The North Valentine's Day Dinner Dance taking place on Saturday, Feb. 3 after the 5 p.m. Youth Mass at St Mary's Parish Hall.

We will be joined by our sister par-

ishes in the northern region for a delicious dinner, live DJ and new friendships. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

Please RSVP by texting Zephania at 905-716-4837 and let us know that you're joining us!

There will be a special collection for our Youth Ministry this weekend. This collection will allow us to continue and expand our services to the youth of our church. There are Youth Ministry, blue coloured envelopes for this collection at the back of the church. Thank you for your assistance in bringing Christ to our youth.

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

St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmarys-no.archtoronto.org/>

### Nobleton Seniors (55+) By Joanne Bailey

We welcome all Nobleton Seniors (55+) to the Nobleton Arena to participate in meaningful activities, create new friendships and to share ideas. We are located at 15 Old King Rd. (upstairs).

Our current schedule is as follows:  
Mobility Matters classes Monday and Friday - 1 to 1:45 p.m.  
Educational Thursdays - from 10 am to 1200 noon unless otherwise indicated.

January 25 - Naturopathic Overview presented by Dr. Christina Carew.  
February 1- Balance Health Studio Chiropody presented by Nicole Joseph.

February 8 - HosPall, understanding their services. Please register for this event.  
February 15 - Fun Day of board games and cards.

February 22 - "See Snow? Drive Slow" presented by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.  
February 29 - "Frauds and Scams" presented by York Regional Police.

March 7 - CPR and Defibrillator presented by King Fire & Emergency Services (Kevin Ritson).  
March 21 - Tai Chi presented by Judy Leeming.

March 28 - "First Impressions Count" (clothes, jewelry, hair) presented by Frank De-bartolo.

All weekly Thursday programs in Nobleton will be \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members unless otherwise indicated. Remember to sign up for your 2024 membership.

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 Lions

Now is the time to mark several popular events on your 2024 calendars. On Friday, Feb. 23, the annual poker tournament will be held at the Nobleton Arena.

On Saturday, March 30, your kids can look forward to the free township-wide Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the three Lions Clubs. Along with other community groups the Nobleton Lions will take part in the Nobleton Victoria Day festivities. On Sunday, May 30, you and your pets are invited to participate in the annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. Then on Sunday, June 9 the long-running, much-anticipated golf tournament will be staged at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. Details for these events as well as announcements of other events, once they are fully planned, will follow on the website and on social media.

Please visit our website, accessible by simply googling 'Nobleton Lions' which will bring up the link to the site. Check out "upcoming events" and "useful links" where you will learn more about events and organizations supported with your contributions.

We continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at [andrew.bevil@sanofi.com](mailto:andrew.bevil@sanofi.com) We meet at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to June at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena.

### St. Alban's By John Arnott

Epiphany is with us for a few more weeks and the colour of robes and hanging in Anglican churches has changed from the white of Christmas and the Octave of Epiphany [first 8 days of the new season] to green symbolizing life and living. This would have been so in St. Alban's in Nobleton had the church

not closed.

Traditionally this church season begins the day after 12 days of Christmas and runs until Ash Wednesday when the solemn season of Lent begins. While many Christmas cards and tableaux depict the wise men at the stable the night Yeshua was born they really hadn't arrived at that point in time and in fact modern historians and biblical researchers can't agree on when they did arrive. A very few still holding to the 12th day scenario, others claiming it was 40 days later, others say that 1 to 2 years had passed by the time they arrived and of course some claim the whole event never happened at all but was written into St. Mathew's gospel to add drama and colour many years later by an editor or copyist who wasn't witness to the event nor knew anyone who was!

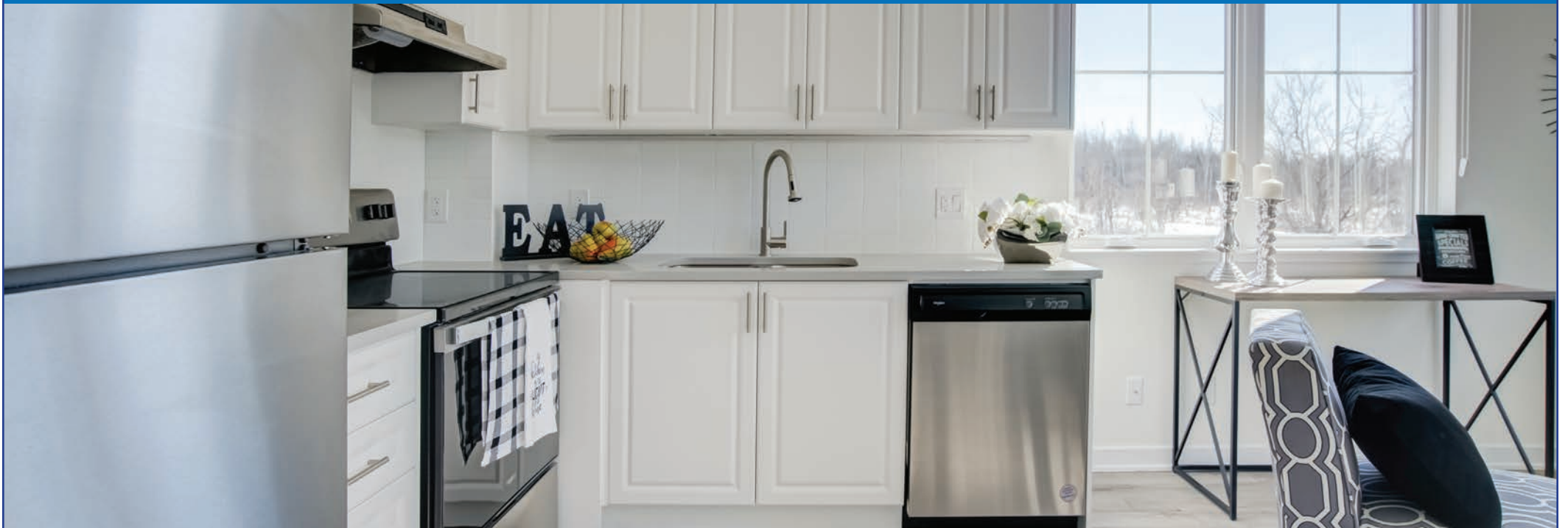
The persons of the wisemen have undergone scrutiny as to who they were and where they had come from. Most scholars and researchers today dismiss the idea that they were actually kings and say they were astronomers probably learned Zoroastrian priests of noble rank and all from Parthia in what is today Iran which would have them come from the east and if as is written they were guided by new bright star- some say a comet or the alignment of 2 planets possibly Jupiter and Saturn they must have arrived within the 40 days as whatever celestial event occurred it wouldn't have lasted long. The Bible tells that after their meeting with King Herod in Jerusalem the star which must have faded reappeared and guided them to a house in either Bethlehem or perhaps Nazareth as they may well have returned home where the young child (not a baby) lived suggesting a long journey

Again, tradition has it there were 3 of these visitors, however, the Bible doesn't give any numbers, but the fact there were 3 gifts gold, frankincense and myrrh suggests there were 3. Some Christian denominations give different numbers. The Oriental Orthodox Christian Churches say 11 and of course there would be servants and guards even if there were just 3. Many modern scholars claim these easterners if they came from ancient Iran would have used horses not camels to make such a long journey.

Ordering the murder of all children aged 2 in Bethlehem is thought to be a complete fabrication dreamed up to further blacken Herod's bad name.

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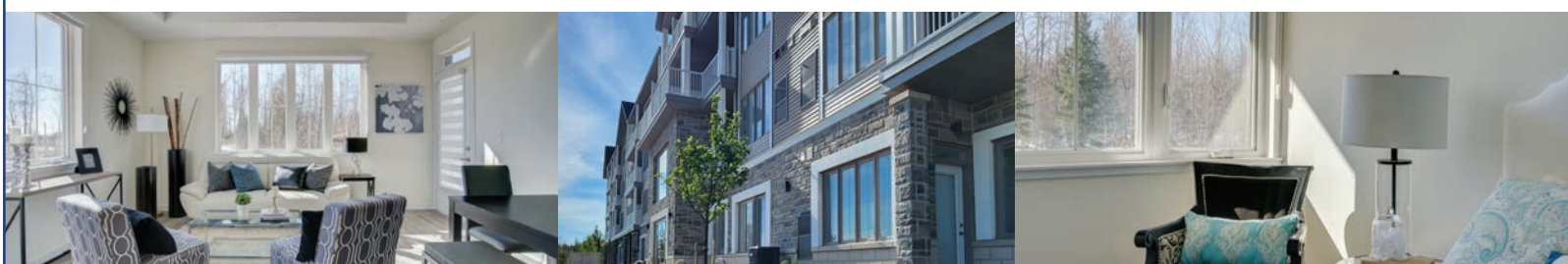


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## Longland's 5-point effort helps Cougars flatten Flyers 15-1

By Jim Stewart

Rookie defenceman Carter Longland's five-point night and two goals each from veterans Wesley O'Hara, Jordyn Palazzo, Carlo Lioni, and Zach Gallow spurred the Schomberg Cougars to a 15-1 flaying of the Flyers in Midland on Sunday afternoon.

After dropping a pair of disappointing 5-4 decisions to Penetang at home on Thursday and in Orillia on Saturday, the Cougars were due for a breakout game and the last-place Flyers bore the brunt of Schomberg's recent frustration.

The offensive explosion in Midland was based on a 68-shot attack on the shell-shocked Flyers. The Cougars leapt to a 7-0 lead after twenty minutes of play by firing 25 shots at besieged Midland goalie Owen Moreau. Schomberg scored early and often. Rookie forward Mitchell Nelson set the tone by tallying eight seconds into the game. O'Hara's successful penalty shot at 1:52, Luke Szabo's thirteenth of the season at 5:46, and Gallow's marker at 8:40 gave the Cougars a 4-0 lead less than ten minutes into the opening stanza. Lioni's eighth of the season at 12:41 was followed by a pair of goals by Palazzo late in the period to put the visitors ahead 7-0.

The onslaught was abated temporarily when Kyle Weatherall got the Flyers on the scoreboard four minutes into the middle frame, but four goals in ninety seconds by Gallow, Matthew Lychech, Joey Furlano, and Michael Termini gave the ravenous Cougars a 10-goal lead. Nick Winiarczyk and Lioni bulged the twine at 14:20 and 17:16 to complete the six-goal second period outburst.

Longland's goal at 4:22 of the final frame complemented the four assists he racked up in the first two periods of play. O'Hara fired his fifteenth of the season on the power play to close the scoring.

Cougars' call-up goalie Jack Pinder worked the second and third periods, stopping 15 of 16 shots.

As much as the lopsided victory in Midland was cathartic for the Cougars, Thursday night's 5-4 setback on home ice to Pentang was unsettling. The home side found itself down 3-0 early in the first period as the rapidly-improving Kings stole a page out of Schomberg's playbook and got on the scoreboard early and often.

Isaac McGinnis's unassisted goal fifty-seven seconds into the game quieted the crowd at the Trisan Centre. The Kings rubbed salt in that early wound when Owen Collins and Kaleb Seaman fired a pair of short-handed goals past Schomberg goaltender Christopher Thompson forty seconds apart to give the high-flying visitors a three-goal lead heading into the first intermission.

Cougars' recent acquisition Arunas Scott got his new team back in the game three minutes into the second period when he rifled a puck high glove side from the right circle past Kings' netminder Sawyer Lammle. Wesley O'Hara earned the assist on Scott's power play marker that narrowed Penetang's lead to 3-1.

However, McGinnis scored his second goal of the game at 8:39 when he banged in a rebound that Thompson couldn't corral and the Kings restored their three-goal lead. The Cougars looked out of sync in the middle frame and their breakout passes were neither crisp nor effective against the hard-pressing visitors.

With 56 seconds left in the period, Seaman finished off a perfect 2-on-1 break with Cole Rumbolt to notch his second of the game and stake the Kings to a commanding 5-1 lead.

Veteran Zach Gallow provided hope for the Cougars and their fans when he beat Lammle with 18.5 seconds left on the clock to pull Schomberg within three heading into the second intermission. New arrivals Nick Winiarczyk and Scott assisted on Gallow's seventh of the season.

In the final frame, the Cougars clawed back valiantly and only big point blank saves by Lammle kept the home side off the score sheet. Howev-

er, Scott's penalty shot marker at 10:35 – a high snap shot that beat Lammle cleanly – reduced Penetang's lead to 5-3. The Cougars generated more suspense for the Trisan Centre faithful when Anthony Nascimento tickled the twine 42 seconds later to pull Schomberg to within one. Sam Degli Angeli and Carlo Lioni earned assists on Nascimento's 12th of the season, but that was as close as the Cougars could get against the 5th-place Kings.

Although the home ice loss was disappointing, one ray of light for the Cougars on an otherwise dismal night was the three-point effort turned in by Arunas Scott. The power forward, acquired at the trade deadline from the Caledon Golden Hawks, critiqued his new team's effort in the first period versus the third period: "We weren't focused enough in the first period. Once our coaches told us to step up, we responded to the strict talking to that we got in the dressing room. It was up to all of us to get better and we did in the second and third period. I'm hoping that the third period team that was out there tonight shows up for the rest of the season."

The articulate Scott reflected on his two goals Thursday night and disclosed his penalty shot strategy that took into consideration the late-game ice conditions: "I knew not to deke on the rough

third period ice, so I chose to go high with a snap shot." Scott analyzed his power play goal in the second period that got the Cougars on the scoreboard: "On the power play, I try to be aggressive and be a shoot-first kind of player. I like to shoot pucks and I saw the lane open up. We needed to score and I needed to shoot when the opening was created."

When asked which team (the first period team or the third period team) needed to show up in Orillia on Saturday night, Scott was quick to respond: "I'm hoping the third period team shows up. We need to turn the page on our first period tonight."

In Orillia on Saturday night, Mitchell Nelson, Carter Longland, Andrew Hrinco, and Wesley O'Hara lit the lamp versus the Terriers, but the 5-4 loss dropped the Cougars back into fourth place in the North Carruthers playoff race, two points behind the Terriers.

The Cougars face a test of their mettle this week as they take on the first-place Hornets in Alliston on Wednesday and the second-place Stayner Siskins on Thursday night at 7:30 at the Trisan Centre. With nine games remaining in the regular season, the fourth-place Cougars will have to run the table to catch the divisional leaders for a higher playoff seed and easier first round competition.

## OLA updates policy on playing in non-sanctioned leagues

By Brian Lockhart

The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) has updated its policy regarding players, coaches and official participation in non-sanctioned leagues in the province.

Non-sanctioned organizations are those that operate outside of the established structure of the OLA.

Players who participate in a non-sanctioned event during specified periods in the year may be subject to forfeiting their membership for the remainder of the season and will be deemed not in good standing with the OLA.

The rules also apply to officials, and league officials may not accept assignments from any league, program, or event not sanctioned by Lacrosse Canada and properly affiliated with the OLA.

As some players currently participate in various ways with other associations, they're not happy with the new rules.

However, OLA officials say the new rules are in place to maintain the integrity of the league and teams that play under the OLA umbrella.

The OLA released a statement on Dec. 29 detailing the updated participation policy.

"These non-sanctioned organizations do not support the development of the OLA or its clubs," The policy states. "Furthermore, they operate with limited consideration of their impact on our association while attempting to leverage resources developed by the OLA."

The OLA says it will make every effort to ensure that OLA Member Associations and their representatives do not endorse or support non-sanctioned events in any manner, including direct or indirect assistance through advertisement, promotion, volunteer activities, assignment of officials, securing permits, or sharing resources.

Due to the fact that non-sanctioned organizations operate on their own,

the OLA says they cannot claim that the "quality/equality of play in these events matches the level advertised, that officials are appropriately trained, that background screens have been completed, or that participants are of the expected age and skill level."

The OLA has defined "event windows" where the new policy is in effect.

Non-sanctioned events include any lacrosse teams, leagues, tournaments, or programs that operate in Ontario outside the governance/sanctioning of the OLA. This does not include adult recreational lacrosse, elementary school, middle school, high school teams, college and university lacrosse teams, or recognized professional lacrosse leagues.

As the new policy has been put in place, there has been considerable opposition from some parents who do not like the policy, and they have started a petition to have the policy reversed.

The petition garnered over 5,500 signatures as of press time. It was started on Dec. 25, 2023.

The petition states: "This policy does not promote, develop, and foster the game of lacrosse. Simply put, the inevitable result of this rule is that players will play less lacrosse. For many players, particularly those confined by the residency rules to smaller centers, private club lacrosse provides an opportunity where they can develop their skills and play with other players of their caliber."

The parent group who started the petition reached out to Lacrosse Canada, the national governing body of the sport in the country, and received a response that said, "Lacrosse Canada was not made aware of the OLA's non-sanctioned Lacrosse Policy prior to its release and does not feel the policy or its revision is consistent in executing our mission."

Lacrosse Canada said it is in contact with OLA executives to better align their vision for the sport.



## Outdoor rinks now open

King Township's two outdoor rinks – located at the King City and Nobleton arenas – have opened for the season. Outdoor rinks are unsupervised and open daily until 11 p.m., weather permitting. Crews worked hard to ensure the ice is safe for all users. For more information, including outdoor rink safety guidelines, visit [king.ca/dropinprograms](http://king.ca/dropinprograms)



**Coaches:** We want to hear from you! Send us your game reports, tournament results, etc. for Hockey, Figure Skating, Basketball, Volleyball, Gymnastics, Skiing, Martial Arts, and anything else sports-related that's going on in your community.

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## King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday, Jan. 28 we welcome all to worship at 10 a.m. with Rev Andrew Lee leading our worship. We thank Doug Reid for his leadership last Sunday when he explored the call of the 12 dedicated disciples and the transforming ministry of Christ. From that small group, Christianity has grown into a ministry of billions in the last 2,000 years. May Christ's ministry of love and acceptance continue to change lives and inspire hope for all in the years to come.

There is an ongoing opportunity to engage in a small group format in a spiritual retreat led by Rev. Andrew at King City United Church on Tuesdays from 10:30-12:30. The workshops are free and centre around the theology of Anthony DeMello giving us an opportunity to rethink God, Christian prayers and thankful life. No preparation is necessary and we invite those interested to contact the church for more information.

Sunday school has resumed for elementary grades and takes place during our worship hour. For questions please contact Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

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

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your givings this season. For those who use the foodbank, the extra support is an expression of kindness and generosity for which so many are grateful. We encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations for the many needing assistance.

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

### King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service! Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series "Tough Questions." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

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

If you have any questions please email: Lisa Lethangue ([lisa@kingbiblechurch.com](mailto:lisa@kingbiblechurch.com)), Administrative Assis-

tant, King Bible Church, 1555 King Rd, King City, 905-833-5104.

**King City Seniors (55+)**  
By Carolyn Kanitz

Reminder: If the school buses are cancelled in the Township, then all seniors' activities will be cancelled as well.

Your membership card can be used for any seniors' activities in King City, Nobleton or Schomberg so make sure you have picked yours up from the office in King City.

Friday, Feb. 2 there will be a presentation at 10 a.m. at the Centre on the topic of 'Cholesterol' by the Vaughan Health Unit. Please RSVP to 905-833-6565 to make sure there are enough materials for all attendees.

Art class takes place tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 26.

The following activities are available at the King City Seniors' Centre.

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

Monday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Music and Movement; Cribbage; 2 p.m. – Knitting/Crochet classes.

Tuesday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing.

Tuesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bid Euchre.

Wednesday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters.

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bridge; Chess; Board Games.

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi).

Thursday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling.

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

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

### Kingcrafts Studio

Sunflower Paint Party (Adult Workshop). February is cold, but we are sure to warm up by painting this bright, cheery sunflower acrylic on canvas (16" x 20"). We provide everything you need including step by step instructions to follow along. Colours to use are suggested but not written in stone.

For example, your sunflower could have more purple petals or you may wish to tweak the background colour. You will learn at least three brush strokes and a sponging and stippling

technique to make your painting pop! Our events are fun, non-competitive and stress-free. You'll be happily surprised with what you can create!

It's a beginner level, but all skills levels are welcome. For non-members, it's \$45 and all materials are included. It runs Feb. 3.

One-of-a-Kind Felted Bracelet Workshop for Adults. Learn how to create unique wearable art using this wet-felted technique. It is fun and easy, incorporating merino wool, soap, water and embellishments. You will soon be inspired to make many other felted items. Instructors are Maureen Mewett and Debbie Hanks and all material is included for this March 3 workshop.

For further information and registration go to our website at [www.kingcrafts.ca](http://www.kingcrafts.ca)

### Sacred Heart Church

Rite of Enrollment for the Sacrament of Confirmation – January 27 and 28. The Children & Youth will receive their pendant cross during the 5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Please support our 2nd Annual Family Dinner and Dance on Saturday, Feb. 3. Good food and laughter to share with family and friends. Tickets available after Masses or call Joanne Bozzo (Rectory Office) [jbozzo@archtoronto.org](mailto:jbozzo@archtoronto.org).

Membership drive for the Knights of Columbus over the next few weeks. Pick up information on this fraternal organization of Catholic men who put their faith into action. Volunteer opportunities in service to Sacred Heart Church and community. Consider becoming a member.

Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 3:30 p.m., Benediction at 6:45 followed by Holy Mass at 7 p.m.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass. Private Confession in our new Narthex at 4 p.m. Saturdays. Weekend Mass at 5 p.m. Saturdays; and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Website: [sacredheartki.archtoronto.org](http://sacredheartki.archtoronto.org). Email: [sacredheartki@archtoronto.org](mailto:sacredheartki@archtoronto.org). Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King City. Contact Rectory office at 905-833-1161.

### York Pines Church

Scott Martin will lead this Sunday's service at 11 a.m. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon. Next Sunday, our annual congregational meeting follows the service.

Our January Fellowship luncheon is on the 31st at Boston Pizza, 8 First Commerce Drive, Aurora. Come and bring a friend. Please call the office at 905-727-8118 or email [yorkpinesuc@gmail.com](mailto:yorkpinesuc@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

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

Welcome to St. Andrew's! Our morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. led by Alison Agnew. Last Sunday we looked at 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 which told us why we should be encouraged and full of hope, standing fast and holding firmly to the truth. Following our service we're having a Potluck Lunch! All are welcome and we hope you can join us.

Prayer Time can be anytime, but whoever would like to pray collectively, come to "Tuesdays at 2" in the church office! "Wednesdays at 7" is the Book Study ("The Unfolding Gospel" by John Bowen) at Renate's home in the evening. Call the office to find out more details.

The virtual Q and A will be resuming in a few weeks on Tuesday evenings. Call Alison to be included in the ZOOM link. There will also be an in-person group meeting on Wednesday evenings.

More info to follow.

For pastoral care, call St. Andrew's, King City at 905-833-2325 to speak with Alison Agnew, or phone one of the Elders. Our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Jeff Loach can be contacted at St. Paul's, Nobleton at 905-859-0843.

**All Saints Anglican Church**  
By Patrick Gossage

Special services to mark the beginning of lent on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the chapel at noon and 7 p.m. Eucharist. Optional Imposition of ashes.

The God of Second Chances – a sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on Jonah 3:1-10 NIV – Then the word of the Lord:

"I love the story of Jonah. Jonah is a wonderful character. But Jonah never quite fit into the mold of a prophet. When God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and preach to the citizens there, he said 'no way.' Nineveh was the capital city of Assyria. Jonah's job was to tell the Assyrians that judgment was coming. But he hated the Assyrians and he knew that if he told the people what God wanted him to tell them they might repent, and if they repented, God might forgive them, and then they wouldn't get destroyed, and Jonah was sure they deserved to be destroyed. The Assyrians were easy to hate. They were bullies bent on conquering without mercy. Jonah couldn't imagine that forgiveness would be an option for them.

"And so when God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, he booked passage on a ship headed for Tarshish. On his way a storm erupted, and threatened to break the ship apart. Jonah knew that the storm was because of him, and he told the crew to throw him overboard. He was swallowed by a very large fish. He spent days thinking and prayed to God for deliverance ... the fish spat Jonah up onto dry land and God again directed Jonah to go to Nineveh and proclaim the message that he'd been given. I find it amazing that God didn't give up on Jonah at this point.

"After he arrived in Nineveh, Jonah proclaimed that in 40 days God was going to destroy them. The people heard Jonah's words and believed him – the entire city turned away from violence and turned to prayer. They repented sincerely and God saw this and decided not to destroy them. Again, God gave a second chance, even though they'd done terrible things.

"When God forgave the people of Nineveh; it made Jonah very angry! Jonah didn't believe that they could truly change and he wondered why God was being so merciful. He cried to God 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful ... and ready to relent from punishing.'

"Jonah went out of the city and waited to see if the Lord would destroy Nineveh after all. He waited a very long time and God grew a bush to shelter Jonah from the harsh sun but still Jonah waited. The next day God set a worm to eat the bush. and God said to him 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And Jonah said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then God said, 'You're concerned about the bush ... And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people?' God was giving Jonah another chance to understand his mercy.

"Now that is where the story ends – and we don't know if Jonah ever understood God's mercy. I hope he understood what God was saying; that all people are precious, that God created us and loves us and wants only what's best for us, even when we do terrible things."

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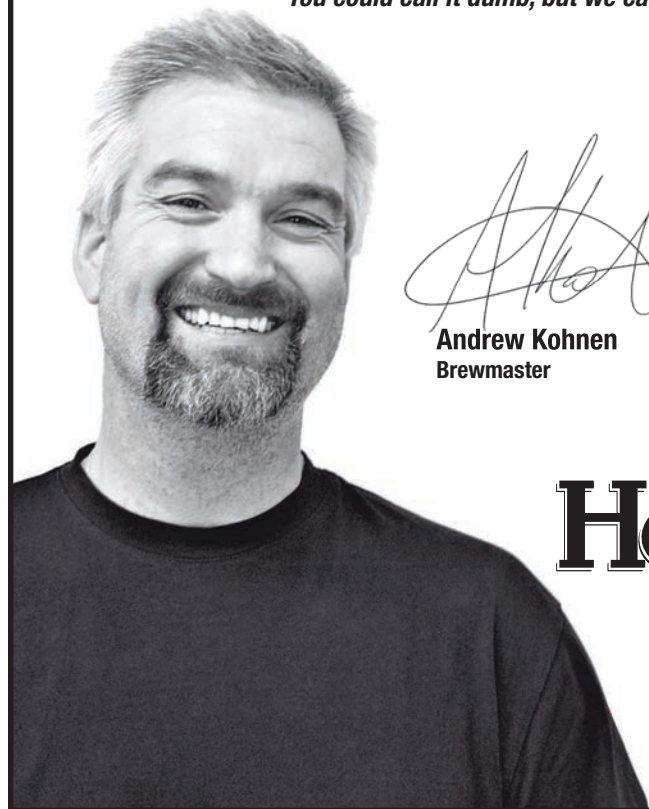


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# The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

It sure hasn't been our typical Canadian winter, that's for sure. Grumpy or not, make up your mind Old Man Winter! You're causing all the winter activities like skating on the pond, ice fishing, skiing, and snowmobiling to be delayed, and you have a lot of unhappy Canadians. We got one cold snap, but it wasn't long enough or cold enough to fully freeze things over to be deemed safe for winter activities. Hopefully we can at least get a couple of months to enjoy some Canadian winter activities for all those wishing to do so, as I've said before I'll just be over here waiting on spring.

Winter activities you say. Well, the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection is hosting their "Annual Community Bonfire and Skate" on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 2-4 at the Dufferin Marsh in Schomberg (corner of Main Street and Dr. Kay Drive). Enjoy cooking hot dogs and roasting marshmallows on a roaring bonfire while catching up with

neighbours. Children attending will have an opportunity to make a pinecone winter bird feeder to take home. Skating will be available only if conditions on the ice are deemed safe.

King Township is hosting a "Community Electronic Recycling" this weekend, Jan. 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cold Creek Conservation Area. Good time to get rid of that old VHS player and the game console from the '90s collecting dust in your basement.

Schomberg Euchre Club: Euchre is on Friday nights at the Trisan, 7 to 9. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all ages, men, ladies, you just need to know the basics, and how to laugh, enjoy a great group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

Schomberg Seniors (55+): Our 55+ Club was treated to a very informative talk from Sheila Salvatore, a paramedic from the "York Region Paramedic Heart Start" program. I for one, learned so much and feel much more confident to jump in if someone was experiencing a cardiac arrest. The message was, as Nike says, "just do it." Start with CPR, which no longer requires mouth to mouth, you just keep doing the compressions and in fact, you will break

ribs, or you're not doing it right. The defibrillator is very easy to use and pretty much foolproof. Thank you to Sheila who really made it much easier to be a life saver if the situation arose. I'd suggest everyone takes a course.

We did have a casualty this week, the newly installed coat rack in the community centre, that came tumbling down during our meeting. The group has decided to take up a collection to purchase the Township a stud finder, that finds a safe place to attach a heavy coat rack to a wall. Luckily nobody was hurt in the fall, just a few dusty coats and a good example on how not to install a coat rack into a wall that needs to be able to handle the weight of many heavy winter coats. On the upside, if the shock of the crash had caused anyone's heart to stop, at least we all would now know what to do.

Monday, January 29 - 11 a.m. - Introduction to Bridge 2.

Monday, February 5 - 10 a.m. - Lynn Holden presents "Canada's Heritage."

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Sunday, February 11 - 2 p.m. - Orangeville Theatre - "Doris and Ivy in the Home." Tickets are \$41 reduced to \$36 for groups of 10 or more.

Monday, February 12 - 11 a.m. - Introduction to Bridge 1. Contact klbird@hotmail.com

Monday, February 19 - 10 a.m. - Speaker "All things Racing Pigeons" with Mario Rea.

Saturday, February 24 - 8 p.m. - Concert: York Symphony Orchestra, "Night at the Opera." Trinity Anglican Church, 70 Victoria Street, Aurora. Senior tickets are \$25.

Monday, February 26 - 10 a.m. - Program - Trivia at its Best.

These events all take place at the Schomberg Community Hall, except as indicated.

If there is something that catches your eye and you would like to attend any of the Theatre or workshops please reach out to Lynn Bird, klbird@hotmail.com or Margaret Crowe maggie.crowe@hotmail.com.

Annual fee is \$15 individual/\$20 a couple or two people living at the same address for King residents. For non-residents, it's \$20 and \$30 respectively for non-residents. To keep up to date with events, please check online at king.ca/seniors.

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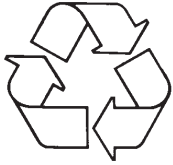
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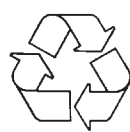


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## Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Last Sunday we had a wonderful service of Covenanting for our new minister Richard Gardner as our two congregations joined together with neighbours, some friends from Maple's Ahmadiyya Mosque, Rev. Sadekie Lytle-Forbes (who guided the Search Committee) and several other members of Shining Waters Regional Council, Rev. William Haughton (Richard's supervi-

sor and our guest speaker), Rev. Gregory Fiennes-Clinton (the minister at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church), Rev. Ross Carson (retired minister of York Pines United Church) and friend of Richard's, Rev. Heather Power (who read the scripture). You can view this special service at <https://youtube.com/live/Kf-VZyo7rcE?feature=share> but skip the first 9.5 minutes as we were late starting. Our regular services are at Schomberg United, St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg at 9:30 a.m. and at Nobleton United Church, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton at 11:15 a.m.

We are both in person for our respec-

tive services (Schomberg United at 9:30 am and Nobleton United at 11:15 a.m.) and online at 11:15 a.m. Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). Then search for Nobleton United Church, find the correct date and enjoy! The videos are recorded, so you can also watch them later.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. "Dan the Country Man" Skelcher is back by popular demand, for a Valentine's Day celebration. He sings a variety of gospel and country songs. The meal is pork tenderloin with apple marinade and apple chutney, with rice and peas, buns & butter with a dessert of Chocolate brownies & ice cream and choc drizzle. 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. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

Sunday, Feb. 11 is "Soupier Bowl of Caring" Sunday. We are being challenged to once again bring soup and crackers for the King Township Food Bank. The best soups to share are Habitant, soup mixes especially Knorr, and ready to eat

soups. Do check the best before dates. A monetary donation is always welcome. If you want to support this cause but cannot attend service, phone me, Nancy, at 905-859-0761 and I will arrange to get your donation.

The next Messy Church is Wednesday, Feb. 21, 5 - 7 p.m. at Nobleton United Church. Messy Church is for families. Even grandparents enjoy participating. There are 6 optional activities until 6 p.m., when there is an interactive story (and songs). At 6:15 p.m. we eat. Afterwards, we clean up. Please let me know if you plan to attend ([nancykhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:nancykhopkinson@gmail.com)).

The famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner at Nobleton United Church returns on Friday, March 1. The meal includes pasta with meatballs, salad and dessert. It is a great time to socialize, as we do not rush out afterwards. To reserve your seat, please contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442. The cost is \$25/adult, \$12 for 10 years and under, free for those under 5. Seating is limited, so don't miss out!

Our Pastor, Richard Gardner, is in the Nobleton church office most Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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 at 905-859-3976.



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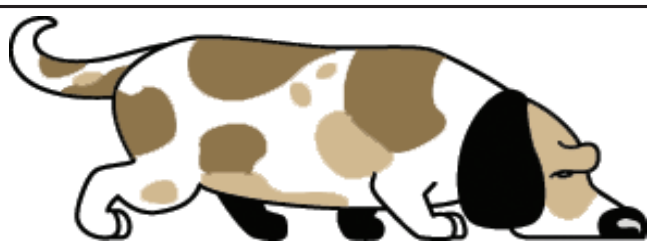
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