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12:30-1:30 pm	Full Camp Game
1:30-2:30 pm	Basketball Skills & Training
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Gala was an 'Equestrian Affair'

The Mayor's Cultural Gala was a huge success last week. This biennial fundraising event is hosted by King Township in partnership with Arts Society King. Proceeds support arts, culture and heritage in King Township. Councillors Jennifer Anstey, Mary Asselstine, Debbie Schaefer and Jordan Cescolini posed with the mayor and two musicians on hand for the evening.

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King continues to 'think green' with new standards

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Expanding on King's green development standards, staff are expanding efforts with "ThinkKING Green."

In a presentation to council recently, staff noted this program will apply to all subdivision applications and site plan approvals.

It builds on sentiments expressed when King declared a "climate emergency" back in 2019 and promotes sustainability policies. It also takes the lead from the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement that directs municipalities to address climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help improve air quality.

York Region's Official Plan, too, encourages local green standards. King's own Official Plan includes a myriad of policies, including sustainable construction practices.

ThinKING Green creates a set of metrics to evaluate the sustainability of new development across the municipality. These metrics, staff pointed out, "represent the Township's vision and overarching goal of creating a sustainable, resilient and healthy community for all."

While voluntary, participation by all parties is strongly encouraged.

The Planning and Municipal Acts give municipalities the authority to develop green development standards, which include conservation, energy efficiency, minimization of waste and promotion of transit and pedestrian friendly measures.

Locally, King is pushing for green infrastructure, energy conservation natural environmental features and healthy communities. New metrics to the strategy include an active transportation network, support for pollinators and community gardens, along with housing diversity and mixed uses.

These new metrics have been proposed to improve the resiliency of new development, while addressing Township priorities and working towards the creation of complete communities. Staff are continuing to review the draft metrics, and may propose additional modifications, and additional new metrics in the final draft to ensure that the Program is comprehensive and recognizes the diverse needs of the Township.

From King's perspective, sustainability means taking actions to protect, restore and enhance natural and urban environments, while promoting a high quality of life not only today, but in the future.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, March 18
6 p.m. – Council
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at [king.ca/meetings](https://www.king.ca/meetings)

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, March 20
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment – Hybrid Meeting (In-person/virtual participation, and live-streamed). Visit [king.ca/cofameetings](https://www.king.ca/cofameetings) for more information.

Monday, March 25 (Rescheduled from Tuesday, March 12)
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not live-streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- ServiceKING Associate – Recreation Facilities (Contract) – Community Services – Deadline March 8
- Human Resources Coordinator – Payroll & Benefits – Corporate Services – Deadline March 13
- Supervisor of Special Events – Community Services – Deadline March 6
- Camp Counsellor – Community Services – Deadline March 15
- General Program Instructor – Deadline March 15
- Inclusion Camp Counsellor – Deadline March 15
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (4 Month Contract) – Deadline March 15
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (6 Month Contract) – Deadline March 15
- Specialized Program Instructor – Deadline March 15
- Parks Seasonal Worker – Public Works – Deadline March 22
- Parks Summer Student – Public Works – Deadline March 22
- Aquatics Lifeguard/Instructor – Deadline December 20
- Aquatics Lifeguard – Community Services – Deadline December 20

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Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors

The next Meet the Mayor and Ward Councillor event takes place Tuesday, Mar. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Nobleton Public Library, 8 Sheardown Drive, Nobleton. This session will be for residents of Ward 2 (Councillor David Boyd) and Ward 3 (Councillor Jennifer Antsey).

These gatherings aim to promote open dialogue and enhance communication and engagement between King Township residents and their elected representatives. Attendees will have the chance to share their thoughts, concerns and ideas in an informal setting. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Not sure which Ward you belong to? Visit [king.ca/council](https://www.king.ca/council).

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Monday, March 18, 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 amending by-laws under Section 36 of the *Planning Act* to remove the Holding (H) Symbols for the lands described below. The earliest Council will consider passage of the by-laws is the Council Meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Subject Property

Location: Part of Lot 8, Concession 3
Owner: King Rocks Developments CR Inc.
File Number: Z-2023-05

The subject lands are located in the northeast quadrant of the Village of King City; north of the railway corridor, west of Dufferin Street and south of 15th Sideroad, and comprise Phase I of a draft approved plan of residential subdivision, which will include 70 single detached lots and 4 partial lots (19T-06K03). The location of the lands are legally described as Part of Lot 8, Concession 3. The portion of lands subject of this application are located within Phase 1 and are shown below in hatching on the location map.

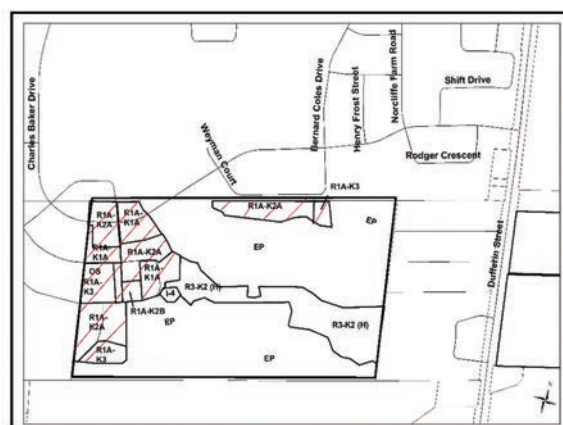
The total landholding of Phase 1 is zoned Residential Urban Single Detached "A" - K1A Exception Holding ('R1A-K1A(H)') Zone; Residential Urban Single Detached "A" - K2A Exception Holding ('R1A-K2A(H)') Zone; Residential Urban Single Detached "A" – K2B Exception Holding ('R1A-K2B(H)') Zone; Residential Urban Single Detached "A" – K3 Exception Holding ('R1A-K3(H)') Zone; Institutional Exception ('I-4') Zone; Environmental Protection ('EP') Zone; and, Open Space ('OS') Zone to Schedule 'A' (Map 3 – King City Area) of By-law No. 74-53 (Township of King Zoning By-law) and Residential Single Detached "A" – K1A Exception Holding ('R1A-K1A(H)') ('R1A-1') Zone; 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" – K3 Exception Holding ('R1A-K3(H)') ('R1A-6') Zone; Institutional Exception ('I-4') Zone; Environmental Protection ('EP') Zone; and, Open Space ('OS') 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) Symbols will, in part, facilitate the development of the lands in the manner intended for Phase I of the draft approved plan and will implement the applicable zoning standards on the property.

Any person may attend the Council meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the removal of the Holding (H) Symbol. Written comments will become part of the public record.

Additional information relating to the amending By-law, including supporting information, is available by contacting Alexander Gambin, Planner I, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. with reference to the address or file number for more information. Please contact 289-800-2652 or agambin@king.ca

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.



Dated at the Township of King this 7th day of March, 2024.

Denny Timm
Township Clerk
Township of King
2585 King Road
King City, ON L7B 1A1

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.

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF INTENTION TO REPEAL A DESIGNATION BY-LAW UNDER SECTION 31 OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King at its Council Meeting of February 26, 2024, **WITHDREW** its intention to repeal By-law 2007-060, which designates the Nobleton Community Hall, located at 19 Old King Road, located in the Township of King, Regional Municipality of York, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990*.

Legal Description of Property:

This property is located at 19 Old King Road, Nobleton, ON, and is legally described as Concession 8, Part of Lot 5, Plan M55, Blocks A & B, Plan 518, Part Block A, RS65R1903, Part 1.

This notice is provided in accordance with section 31(7) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Dated at the Township of King this 7th day of March, 2024.

Denny Timm, Township Clerk
Township of King
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Plan encourages 'green' development in King

From Front Page

King Township contains portions of the Oak Ridges Moraine, Greenbelt and Holland Marsh, all of which contain diverse ecosystems. The Township includes lands that are regulated by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). The Program aims to ensure that the diverse ecosystems continue to flourish while recognizing new development, primarily within the Township's villages.

ThinKING Green encourages new development to protect and enhance the natural environment while utilizing efficient, innovative, and sustainable measures. The development metrics are structured into five Principles that propose to reduce the environmental and carbon footprint of developments by incorporating alternative energy sources, innovative landscaping, and green technologies. The metrics also encourage the identification, protection, enhancement, and restoration of the natural environment.

ThinKING Green is proposed to be structured as one document that con-

tains information on the purpose of the program, its structure, the review process and its implementation, and glossary. This approach differs from Sustainable King, which is comprised of three separate documents, being the Program Guidelines, Program Handbook, and Evaluation Table. The Program is proposed to be consolidated into a single booklet to improve clarity, and alleviate any confusion from applicants as to where information is located.

ThinKING Green introduces a new points system which is proposed to align with the points system used in other municipalities in York Region, including Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Markham. The new points system is proposed to assign an overall ThinKING Green Sustainability Score to the development application. Applications are proposed to achieve a score of either Bronze, Silver or Gold, based upon the total number of points the application scores. Where an applicant chooses to go through the Program, the application must achieve a score that is a minimum of Bronze to proceed in the application review process. Each metric has three different target levels (Minimum, Level 1 and

Level 2), with the Minimum Target being scored as one (1) point, and Level 1 and Level 2 targets receiving additional points, based on the complexity of the target.

The submission process for ThinKING Green is also proposed to be simplified, by introducing a streamlined evaluation tables that allow applicants to check boxes rather than providing lengthy explanations as to how each metric is met. This is proposed to remove duplication in the application preparation process as the submission materials themselves are required to identify how the metrics and their asso-

ciated targets are being met.

ThinKING Green also includes new sections on its implementation and future updates to provide transparency as to how the metrics selected to be achieved by the applicant are incorporated into the applicable approval documents, and how the Township ensures adherence with the program through conditions and security deposits.

The goal is to publish the final draft plan by April with recommendations presented to council in May. Hopes are the new plan can be in effect by July or August.

Police looking for suspects in drive-by shooting

Investigators with the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau are seeking suspects and witnesses following a drive-by shooting in the Township of King.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 9:46 p.m., police responded to reports of the sound of gunshots on Coppermine Court, near Highway 27 and Fairmont Ridge Trail, in the Township of King.

When officers arrived, they were met by a homeowner who told them someone had shot at their house. Upon search of the area, damage from a bullet was located on one of the vehicles in the driveway, with a bullet fragment nearby.

Video from the area shows a dark-coloured, older style SUV or Jeep slowly approach the home and a single gunshot fired from within the vehicle.

That video can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/Lr_qtxVRCOM

The suspect vehicle is described as a dark-coloured, older style SUV or Jeep. Investigators believe the same vehicle was in the area on Feb. 23, around 8 p.m., and are seeking any video surveillance from the area or anyone who may have captured dashcam video on the roadways at that time. Anyone who has not yet spoken to police is asked to please come forward.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-8765423, ext. 7141, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

Charges laid in fatal collision in King

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit have charged the driver involved in a fatal single-vehicle collision in the Township of King and continue to appeal for witnesses.

On Sunday, Feb. 18, shortly before 7 a.m., police were called to the intersection of King Road and 8th Concession for a single vehicle collision. When officers arrived, they found a black Infiniti G37 had struck a light pole. There were six people in the vehicle.

Despite life-saving efforts of first responders, an 18-year-old female passenger from Brampton was pronounced deceased. Another 18-year-old male passenger from Brampton was transported to hospital with critical injuries. Two additional 19-year-old female passengers from the City of Welland and the City of St. Catharines were treated for non-life-threatening injuries. An 18-year-old male passenger from the City of Brampton was treated for minor injuries. The driver was not injured.

On Feb. 27, investigators arrested the driver and he has since been charged.

The 18-year-old male from Brampton was charged with Dangerous Operation Cause Death, Dangerous Operation Cause Bodily Harm x3 and Fail to Comply with Release Order.

The investigation revealed the occupants of the vehicle had attended a party in the Town of Caledon prior to the collision. The vehicle was also believed to have been travelling at high speeds on Highway 400 and King Road prior to the collision, between the hours of 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. Investigators are appealing to any witnesses who saw the vehicle and to anyone who may have attended the party in Caledon, to please come forward.

Anyone with information can contact the Major Collision Investigation Unit by calling 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7704. Anonymous tips can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or by visiting their website at www.1800222tips.com.

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- Michael Connelly

Do record bank profits translate to service?

"They usually have two tellers in my local bank, except when it's very busy, when they have one."

Rita Rudner

While funny, Rudner is on to something.

Jeff Bezos mentioned that he's offended by messages from banks who offer second mortgages to people so they can go on vacation. "That's approaching evil," he said.

Evil or not, that's the system.

My son constantly asks me how the big banks got so powerful and really control the bulk of the economy. He cried out in anger as his bank charged him 2 cents for something or other.

Well, things really took off here in 1817 with the creation of the Bank of Montreal. The Bank Act of 1871 brought all chartered banks in Canada under common regulation and our system was cemented with the establishment of the Bank of Canada in 1935. Chartered banks in Canada are privately owned, but legislated under the 1991 Bank Act.

Our banking system is regarded as one of the strongest and most stable in the world. While that's a great feather in our caps, let's not forget who helps propel these giants to the forefront - you and I.

Canada's six largest banks have 90% of the market share and both RBC and TD are among the world's 25 largest banks.

I find it a bit odd that given the record amount of debt Canadians are carrying, the bank profits continue to soar.

RBC posted a first-quarter profit that exceeded expectations. For the quarter ending Jan. 31, RBC posted a profit of just over \$3.6 billion, up \$449 million (14%) from the previous year.

I don't know anyone earning 14% on their money, do you? Also, a bit of trivia - it would take you more than 30 years to just sit and count to 1 billion!

Other banks are in a similarly rosy position, despite some bleak economic forecasts.

Today, banks have widened their net, capturing business through selling car insurance, life insurance, and all sorts of investment vehicles. It's like a one-stop vortex for our hard-earned tax dollars.



Mark Pavilons

Current technology allows us to spend 24/7 and access our money anywhere, anytime. That's cool, but is it, really?

We are fast becoming a cash-less society, but those in the restaurant business are encouraging consumers to use more of it.

I haven't had more than \$50 in my wallet at one time in years. There's really no need for it. Spending is just a tap away, whether it's debit or credit.

I am old, so I remember a lot of changes in the past half-century.

I opened a Scotiabank hockey club bank account when I was 11 years old. I remember going to the bank and having the nice teller open my account and give me my first pass book. I was excited.

That joy waned quickly and considerably over the years as I aged and became a tax-paying adult.

I then encountered overdraft, banking fees, late fees, penalties, credit card interest charges, NSF cheques, and of course, mortgages.

My wife nudged me into online banking, so I seldom head into the RBC branch in Bolton anymore. I miss those encounters, but have heard that tellers are now few and far between.

Correspondence tends to be done over email and we never even visited

the bank during our last mortgage renewal. If we need help, we can always connect with that friendly bot, who's not always the brightest. I have been cut off more times than I can count by these AI critters.

I beg to talk to a customer service agent with a pulse!

All in the name of efficiency? I'm not sure.

Money is a really weird commodity these days and some argue that it really doesn't exist. Sure, some people carry cash, but most of our transactions are by the push of a button, where data is transmitted here and there, changing numbers on some imaginary balance sheet. Digits, decimals, dollars and cents whiz around every second of every day.

But at the root of all this evil money are people. We are supposed to make the world go 'round. And yet, we are at the mercy of wifi, data, internet connection and imaginary money from all sorts of colourful plastic cards, and intangible accounts.

And with this great power comes plenty of irresponsibility. And we're also inundated by scammers, cheats, thieves, hackers and deals too good to be true.

Fraudulent charges, hidden in small,

rather inconspicuous ways, suck thousands from unaware consumers. Sure, credit card companies are on the hook for some of these, but given the aforementioned profits, I think they can afford these losses.

Canadians are worried. Recent surveys find almost 50% living pay cheque to pay cheque. Uncertainty in the economy and job security fuel the fire. When mortgages are renewed in the next year or so, many of us are worried about new rules, new limits.

This dream we are living is quickly becoming a nightmare.

TV commercials encourage us to consider reverse mortgages, home equity loans and debt consolidation.

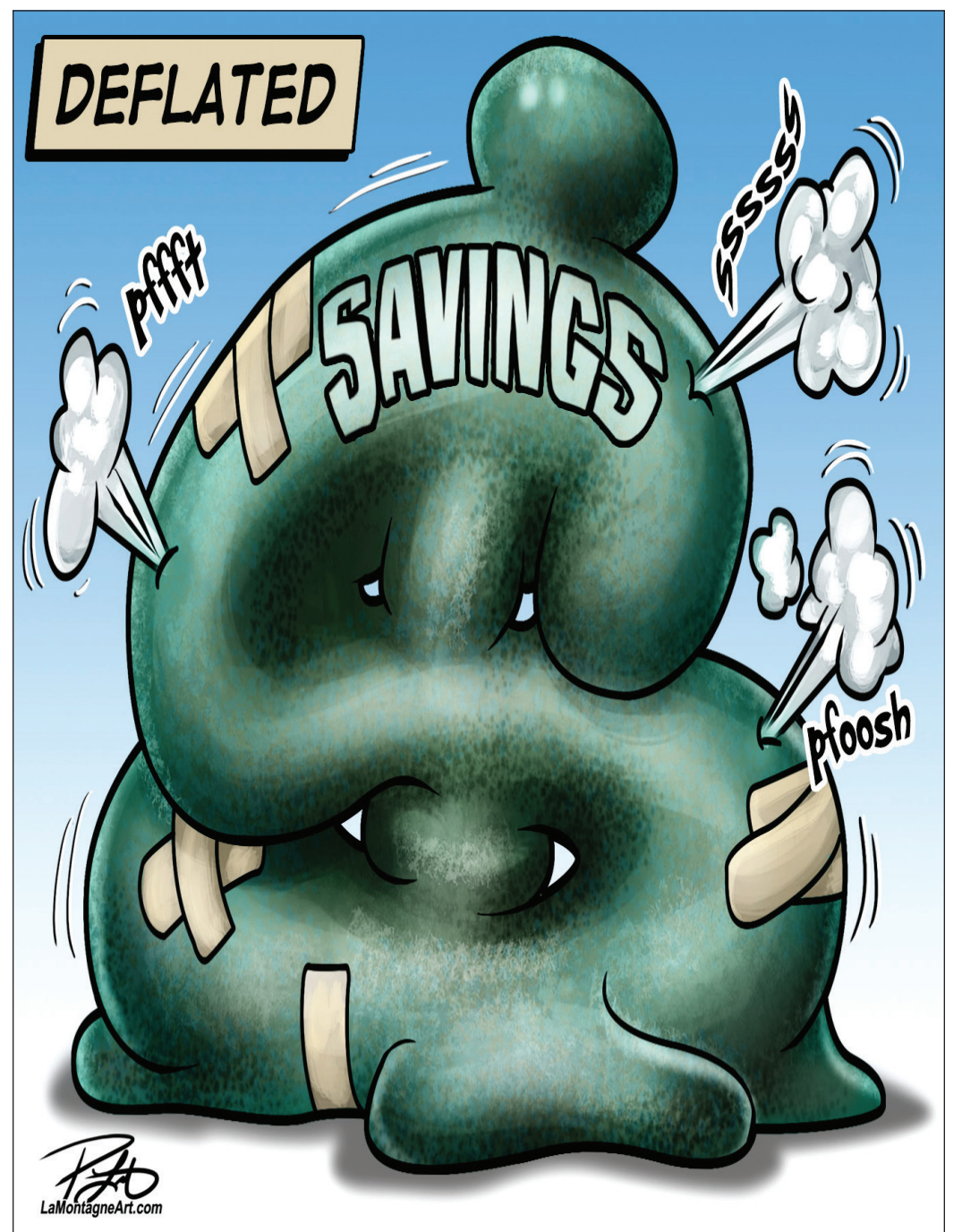
We are told people are there to "help." Make no mistake, someone is making money on all of this, and it's not us.

I really feel for my fellow average citizens who see the pinpad message "declined" more often than they should.

I am saddened that hard-working Canadians are struggling to make ends meet and put something other than KD on the table.

If you are counting nickels instead of sheep as your head hits the pillow, I bid you peace and tranquility.

Maybe we should start a support group. It would be free, of course!



Public engagement

Meet the Mayor and Ward Councillors

Meet the Mayor and your Ward Councillor at one of four informal, drop-in sessions running throughout the winter and into spring. Your local leaders work hard to make progress on important issues that face your communities, and they want to connect with you!

These gatherings aim to promote open dialogue and enhance communication and engagement between King Township residents and their elected representatives. Attendees will have the chance to share their thoughts, concerns and ideas in an informal setting. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Sessions run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration is not required.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini will attend all four sessions.

The next one will be Tuesday, March 26 at the Nobleton Library. Councillors David Boyd and Jennifer Anstey will be on hand to answer questions.

The third event, hosted by Councillor Mary Asselstine, will be Tuesday, April 23 at Schomberg Library.

Wrapping things up will be Councillor Avia Eek, welcoming residents to the Ansnorveldt Park Picnic Shelter Tuesday, May 7.

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Are you paying more attention to food prices than ever before?

a) Yes ██████████ **100%**

b) No **0%**

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Are you doing anything special for March Break?

a) Yes
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Quote of the Week

"I believe in judging people and governments by results, not myths."

- Brian Mulroney

Trivia Tidbits

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Red tape to blame for economic paralysis

By Frank Stronach

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

The federal government turned on the spending tap last week in Thunder Bay, ON, as part of its Housing Accelerator Fund, a \$4-billion initiative to fast-track the construction of new affordable housing.

It's part of Ottawa's action plan to deal with the housing crisis that's hit most of Canada's big cities.

Record-high immigration to Canada is one of the major factors that has led to the current housing shortage. But it's not the only reason for the lack of housing.

One of the biggest culprits is red tape, which has grown like algae over the past several decades and is choking off new economic activity across a wide range of sectors. In terms of the housing industry, excessive red tape has led to restrictive zoning by-laws, an overly complex approval process, and municipal foot-dragging when it comes

to green-lighting projects.

An Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force report, published two years ago, blamed "needless bureaucracy" for contributing to the housing shortage.

But have we made any real progress in cutting red tape? It sure doesn't look that way to most small business owners I talk to, regardless of which industry they operate in.

I've been waiting nearly three years now for a permit to open a little business selling organic vegetables grown at my farm. It's mind boggling that I still have not been able to open its doors and start selling organic vegetables to local residents.

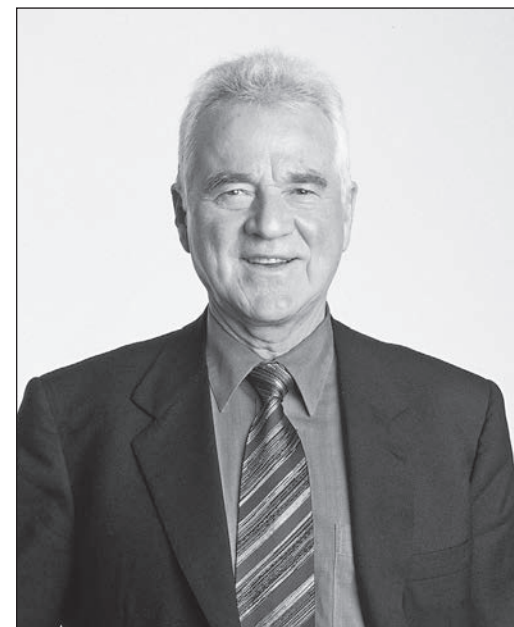
Municipal governments, in particular, have made life exceedingly difficult for many small business owners

through the need to obtain countless permits and pass inspections.

When it comes to small business, governments at all levels have actively obstructed and stifled business growth. They've gone from laying the ground rules for businesses to smothering businesses with a blanket of red tape and regulations.

I believe we're at a crossroads. If we don't start thinning out the regulations paralyzing economic activity, we're going to do irreversible damage to Canada's small businesses.

We need to establish a task force comprised mainly of small business owners from a wide variety of sectors together with some industry experts. The task force should be charged with creating a blueprint for the elimination of thousands of needless regulations. Every regulation on the books would be on the chopping block with the exception of those relating to workplace safety and the protection of our envi-



ronment.

But the task force should only be convened on one condition – that its recommendations must be enacted into law.

Our small business sector does most of the heavy lifting when it comes to creating jobs and contributing to our economy, but they routinely get shoved to the back of the line by wealthier, more influential special interest lobbies like big business when it comes to government policies and regulations.

That's why it's crucial that small businesses band together as part of a grassroots movement to bring about change.

One way to do that is to join the "Regenerate Canada" movement, a non-political organization created by small business owners and entrepreneurs to give small business a voice and to help them fight for a level playing field when it comes to government regulations.

Canada's small businesses are facing record-high levels of bankruptcy and closure. Those numbers will continue climbing if we don't act.

Small businesses need to fight back. We're at the point where this is no longer a fight to cut costs and reduce red tape – for a growing number of small businesses, it's become a fight for survival.

To learn more about how we can "Regenerate Canada", email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

Frank Stronach is the founder of Magna International Inc., one of Canada's largest global companies, and was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame.

Challenging the non-partisan regulator on gas pricing

By Debbie Schaefer
Councillor, Ward 5

New legislation introduced by the Ford government should be of great concern to all homeowners who use natural gas to heat their home and who pay a monthly gas bill. It is inappropriately called "The Keeping Energy Costs Down Act" as the cost for heating homes will actually increase.

Those who understand that carbon pollution causes more frequent wildfires, drought and green winters should be equally concerned as it enables the expansion of natural gas for home heating by promoting the laying of new gas pipelines into new subdivisions.

Here is the back story. After a year of hearings and analysis the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) whose role is to regulate Ontario's electricity and natural gas sectors in the public interest, announced on December 21, 2023 a multifaceted decision about energy rates including a decision to end the connection cost subsidy applying to new residential and commercial buildings effective 2025. The next day the Minister of Energy announced that a bill would be tabled which would prohibit the termination of the subsidy. Accordingly, the

above-mentioned bill was introduced on February 22.

What is this subsidy and why does it affect the price of natural gas for heating homes? Most developers pay nothing for the installation of gas pipelines in new developments so continue to equip their new homes with gas fired furnaces. Enbridge pays the costs of these new pipelines and charges all natural gas users both current and future. Very specifically, Enbridge asked for approval to add \$1.3 billion into the rate that users are charged to cover the cost of the new pipelines. The OEB decision to not include that capital cost into the rate would be a savings of roughly \$600 per every customer over the five-year term of the OEB decision.

Why did the OEB decide to terminate the subsidy? They judged that Enbridge is not being responsive to the energy transition away from fossil fuels and that expanding pipelines increases the risk of stranded or underutilized pipelines as users switch to the cheaper heat pump alternative. As heat pumps gain momentum the remaining natural gas users will see even higher rates as Enbridge tries to depreciate its capital spending across a smaller and smaller customer base.

How does the government's bill affect climate change mitigation? To mitigate climate change most jurisdictions have goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Ontario's goal for 2030, which is well below what it needs to be, is to have 30% less emissions than 2005. The incentive to build new homes with gas fired furnaces by continuing the subsidy for laying pipeline will increase emissions. Today emissions from gas heating of buildings is 19% of Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions; we must not be adding.

What is in it for the owner of a new home built without the subsidy? It's likely that the developer will build the house with a right sized heat pump which will both heat and cool the home. The homeowner will enjoy lower energy costs and importantly the owner will avoid the need for a future retrofit to get off fossil fuels.

In conclusion, if the legislation is approved the only winner is Enbridge and we all lose as there will be more emissions and gas prices will go up for all users.

I encourage readers to contact Minister of Energy (@ontario.ca) saying the OEB decision should be respected and supported.

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York Health investigating a confirmed measles case

York Region Public Health (YRPH) is investigating a confirmed case of measles. The case is a male in his 30s who has not travelled recently or been in contact with anyone ill.

Thanks to widespread vaccination, measles was eliminated in Canada in 1998. However, there continues to be sporadic cases – including three recent cases in Ontario, one affecting a child who was hospitalized in Toronto. A case in York Region is the fourth case in Ontario and unique because the source of infection is unknown.

YRPH is reaching out to known contacts who may have been exposed to this confirmed case of measles virus. Additional exposure locations are under investigation, and impacted contacts will be directly notified.

The public may have been exposed to this confirmed measles case at the following locations:

Melt N Dip Restaurant 1018 Eglinton Ave. E. #4, Mississauga on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Mackenzie Health Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital (Main Waiting Area) Emergency Department 3200 Major Mackenzie Dr. W., Vaughan on Monday, Feb. 26, from approximately 2:40 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.

Vellore Medical Clinic 10395 Weston Rd, Woodbridge on Monday, Feb. 26, from approximately 12:10 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Anyone who may have been exposed at these times and locations should immediately confirm they have two doses of measles vaccine. If you were present at the above times and locations and you were with an infant under 6 months of age or are immunocompromised, please call York Region Public Health immediately as you may be eligible for preventive treatment.

YRPH advises anyone who believes

they may have been exposed to the measles virus to do the following:

Confirm that they and their family members have two doses of measles vaccine (MMR or MMRV); those born before 1970 would likely have had measles illness as a child and are protected.

If you develop symptoms, stay home and do not attend work or school; call your health care professional before going to be seen to inform them that you may have measles and require additional precautions; you may also call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 (TTY at 1-866-512-6228).

Measles is a highly contagious viral infection that spreads very easily through airborne transmission. The measles virus can live in the air or on surfaces for up to two hours. Infants under one year of age, pregnant individuals and those who have a weakened immune system are at increased risk of severe complications, including encephalitis (inflammation of the brain)

and death.

There is currently a large outbreak of measles in Europe with over 40,000 cases, including many who are seriously ill. Anyone travelling abroad should confirm that they have two doses of the measles vaccine.

Symptoms of measles start 7 to 21 days after exposure and may include:

High fever, cough, runny nose.
Red, watery eyes (i.e., pink eye or conjunctivitis).

Red rash that typically starts on the head and neck then spreads downward to the chest, arms and legs; the rash typically appears 3 to 7 days after symptoms begin and is not itchy.

Appropriate testing for measles includes urine test and a throat swab. Blood tests are helpful, but not sufficient to diagnose measles.

Even individuals who are up to date with the measles vaccine should watch for symptoms of measles for 21 days after exposure.



Automated Speed Enforcement in Nobleton

York Region is conducting Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) in King and across the Region.

This initiative aims to enhance road safety, especially around school areas. ASE uses mobile cameras that rotate every three months among nine designated locations, including 14 school areas.

One camera is currently on northbound Highway 27, south of Parkheights Trail, and will be moved at the end of March.

New splash pad coming to Salamander Park

By Mark Pavilons
Editor


King is adding a fourth splash pad to its parks, thanks to a decision by council recently.

Council approved the staff recommendation to add a splash pad to Salamander Park on Tatton Court in King City. A survey asked residents what they'd like to see at the park and the results revealed a splash pad, play structure or ball hockey at top choices.

The pad will cost an estimated \$144,341.84 from Vortex Aquatic Structures International. They've supplied all the other pads in King.

Staff noted King keeps Vortex replacement parts, to allow for prompt response and replacement in case of a malfunction. All seasonal pad maintenance is done by the Department of Parks and Forestry Operations.








Staff said it made sense to go with a trusted manufacturer, which has undergone "rigorous field testing" over the years. The maintenance will be streamlined and there's a savings in terms of staff training. Authorized installer ABC Recreation is competitive in its pricing and has done work for King in the past.




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From Thursday, March 7 to Wednesday, March 13


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**Verna Cairns and pet dog
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Citizens celebrate a 'miracle' on Old King Road

The future of the Nobleton Community Hall at 19 Old King Road was on council's agenda Feb. 26.

This humble, decorative cement-block building was erected during the Depression, in 1937, largely because of the efforts of members of the Women's Institute, who provided funding and local farmers who volunteered their skills to construct it.

The Hall was central to many meetings of community groups and events and was beloved by many. It was so valued that the Hall was designated in 2007 under the Ontario Heritage Act with much celebration and excitement. Although still in quite good physical condition, the Hall recently fell out of use largely due to accessibility issues.

As part of the recent revitalization plan for the Nobleton core, moving or demolishing the Hall with subsequent commemoration were being seriously considered.

In October 2023, Council gave notice of their intention to repeal the Hall's designation so that one of these two options could be implemented. A group of residents who wanted the Hall to remain standing in its current location, on the periphery of the lands due to be developed, got together to save the Hall. After much research, many meetings and discussions with

staff and councillors, ultimately, passionate deputations were made at this council meeting.

Attendees were greatly relieved to learn that the mayor and individual councillors were listening and taking their concerns seriously. Some of the councillors completely changed their original opinions on the value of the Hall. In a recorded vote, council voted unanimously to not repeal the heritage designation and to leave the Hall right where it has always stood.

This was not an easy process for any of those involved. At times it was frustrating and exhausting for residents, council members and staff. However, a lot has been learned through this process that will hopefully be applied to similar projects in the future. It has definitely brought the community together and gone a long way in restoring our faith in how our council functions.

Residents want to extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the mayor and councillors for listening carefully to the residents and for your final decision regarding the Hall.

"Residents are hoping to build on this relationship and to have input into how the Hall will be managed in the future and how the revitalization plan for Nobleton will evolve," said Catherine Flear.



Nancy Broad, Jake Schneider, Robin Pereira, Catherine Flear and Nancy Hopkinson are shown holding a petition bearing some 330 signatures to save the Nobleton Community Hall.

Photo by Glen Broad



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York approves Economic Development Action Plan

York Regional Council approved the 2024 to 2027 Economic Development Action Plan, highlighting previous achievements and outlining specific actions to support businesses and talent in York Region over the next four years.

“Economic vitality remains a strategic priority for York Regional Council,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. “Working in collaboration with our nine local cities and towns, senior levels of government and industry partners, we have created thriving conditions for York Region’s 56,000 businesses. Investing in business supports and services is integral to ensuring businesses and employees in York Region continue to thrive and contribute to a vibrant economy.”

The 2024 to 2027 Economic Development Action Plan contains 20 specific actions in the following pillars:

Business: Strengthen York Region’s business community by delivering business support services, promoting growth, investment and job creation.

Innovation: Foster an environment supporting entrepreneurship and innovation to drive economic advancement.

Talent: Facilitate growth of a skilled workforce meeting evolving needs of businesses.

Marketing and Awareness: Promote York Region as a top location for business, innovation and talent locally and internationally.

Several specific action items include: Delivering small business services and rural economic development support through the York Small Business Enterprise Centre.

Continuing to strengthen York Region’s Foreign Direct Investment program in collaboration with local cities and towns, facilitating the attraction of international businesses and investments.

Administering relevant funding opportunities to promote innovation in the community like the York Region Innovation Investment Fund and the York Region Entrepreneurship and Innovation Fund.

Working with partners to support talent attraction and retention, including newcomer engagement.

Continuing to enhance the York Link marketing platform to engage with the business community.

Leading the development and man-

York Region thrives as business hub where talent and opportunity intersect

agement of a regional promotional framework for investment-ready vacant employment lands to support local municipalities with greenfield investment attraction.

“Identifying challenges in the business community and taking action to overcome them is the backbone of the 2024 to 2027 Economic Development Action Plan,” said Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Joe DiPaola, Chair of the Region’s Planning and Economic Development. “The 2024 to 2027 Action Plan builds on important work already underway to complement our partners’ efforts and drive economic prosperity together.”

Successes from the previous 2020 to 2023 Economic Development Action Plan include:

Delivered collaborative business advisory services to strategic sectors region-wide and small businesses in the N6 municipalities, facilitating the creation of over 5,000 new jobs.

Provided funding and collaborated on funding projects to bolster York Region’s business growth and supports like ventureLAB’s Hardware Catalyst Initiative and the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Fund.

Established a Business Recovery Support Partnership with key stakeholders to support businesses through the pandemic response and recovery.

Completed the first York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Strategy.

York Region businesses provide over 616,000 jobs in a variety of industries, including Agriculture and Agri-Food, AutoTech and Auto Parts, Building and Construction, Financial and Professional Services, Information Communications Technology among others and continues to grow. A focus on Regional Council priorities like fulsome transit availability and affordable housing options will contribute to attracting and maintaining a skilled workforce in York Region.

For more information on economic development in York Region and available resources to grow a business, visit

YorkLink.ca

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine local cities and towns and provides a variety of programs and services to more than 1.2 million resi-

dents and 56,000 businesses with more than 616,000 employees. More information about the Region’s key service areas is available at york.ca/regional-services

Caledon offers initial thoughts on possible legal cannabis stores

By Zachary Roman

In October 2023, Caledon Council approved a motion from Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell which asked Town of Caledon staff to “review the feasibility of permitting cannabis retail stores within the Town of Caledon and report back in the first quarter of 2024.”

Last week, the Town of Caledon held an open house where residents could share their opinions on the possibility of having legal cannabis stores in town.

Ahead of the open house, the Citizen reached out to Caledon councillors to see if they had any opinions on the topic.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo said he hopes the debate in Caledon will not come down to whether one agrees on the use of cannabis or not.

“A federal decision was made years ago and the use of Cannabis is now totally legal. The debate and concerns should be focused on land use planning,” said Russo.

He said the novelty of the initial cannabis debate didn’t allow for proper analysis on land use planning items like parking rates, separation distances, and interaction in established communities. Russo said now that time has passed, evidence and data exists from other municipalities that can be referenced and used to make better policies in Caledon.

“If these items are addressed, then I see the cannabis business as no different than any other business asking for permissions to operate in Caledon,” said Russo.

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen said every week he’s shocked to hear from

Caledon OPP about the number of impaired drivers on Caledon roadways.

“Before I could support a move to bring cannabis stores to Caledon, I would need some assurance, supported by proper studies and/or research, that doing so is unlikely to add to the number of impaired drivers on Caledon roadways,” said Sheen.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa said while he’s not ready to make a decision yet, he’s going to keep an open mind on the prospect of legal cannabis stores and talk to residents in his ward about it.

“I need to gather as much information as possible in order to make the best informed decision,” said Rosa.

He said some municipalities have legal cannabis stores under control and that it will be important to look at data from other municipalities similar in size to Caledon.

Maskell said allowing legal cannabis stores could be a great opportunity for Caledon. He said if they’re allowed, that business will generate tax revenue for the Town and provide employment opportunities. He said currently, people are taking their money elsewhere or turning to the black market, which doesn’t benefit Caledon.

Maskell said Caledon should look at best practices from other municipalities and that it will be important to not end up like some municipalities which have too many stores all in one area.

“We’ll see what people have to say and we’ll see what council has to say, but it was time to revisit it for sure,” said Maskell. “I think we can come up with an appropriate and valid ‘made in Caledon’ solution for this.”

Ontario helping to build rural community leaders

The Ontario government is investing up to \$836,250 over three years to increase the capacity of rural volunteers and organizations across the province. The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies is partnering with the Rural Ontario Institute to build upon the good work done by agricultural society volunteers by providing training and workshops that will enhance leadership and governance skills as well as management practices.

This funding will help the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies partner with the Rural Ontario Institute to provide educational supports focused on leadership, governance, and community engagement to more than 200 agricultural societies across the province. It will also aid the development of other resources that will help agricultural societies hold fairs and events promoting agriculture and the agri-food industry.

The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies has been in operation for over 175 years.

Ontario’s agri-food industry generated over \$48 billion in provincial Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employed one in ten Ontarians based on 2022 data.

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Concerns expressed at 'Meet Your Mayor and Councillors' event

By Jim Stewart

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Ward 5 Councillor Debbie Schaefer, and Ward 1 Councillor Jordan Cescolini engaged dozens of residents last week at the first 'Meet Your Mayor and Councillors' event in the Community Room of the King City Public Library.

The seating arrangement was circular and the conversation free-flowing as residents posed a myriad of questions to the congenial and welcoming trio of Mayor Pellegrini and Councillors Cescolini and Schaefer.

The lively, courteous, and often humorous exchanges between the three Township council representatives and a rotation of dozens of concerned citizens covered an array of issues including: the condition of the pathway from Fisher Street to King Memorial Park; snow removal practices at the King City GO station; the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians on the shoulders of the township's rural roads; litter and dog poop issues on the Oak Ridges Moraine trail system; speeding

drivers along the 15th Sideroad and Keele Street "race track," and the YRT Mobility busing program's routes and its attributes – many of which were extolled and explained by Councillor Schaefer.

Each resident in attendance received a recyclable thank you goodie bag provided by the Region of York, as well as a one-page overview of March Break activities provided by the King City Public Library.

Mayor Pellegrini encouraged residents to avail themselves of the King E-Blast to raise local awareness of Township activities and initiatives via this email bulletin board. The mayor was pleased by the "ability to engage and keep that small town feel with approachable Council members willing to listen (to the concerns of our residents)."

King residents are invited to "Meet the Mayor and Councillors" at public meetings this spring on Tuesday, March 26 at the Nobleton Public Library and Tuesday, April 23 at the Schomberg Public Library.



Canadian tech on the Moon

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Staff at Bolton-based Canadensys Aerospace Corporation are "thrilled" with the newest space mission.

Odysseus – a private American lander from Intuitive Machines – successfully landed on the lunar surface Feb. 22 and stretched its time there to a remarkable seven days.

Experts were amazed that Odysseus was "still kicking" on the lunar surface, despite a lack of sunlight for its solar power. "Odie" did indeed "call home" Feb. 29 when the sun rose.

Before its power was depleted, Odysseus completed a fitting farewell transmission.

"Goodnight, Odie. We hope to hear from you again," said the company.

The mission was a partnership among Intuitive Machines, Canadensys, NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), the International Lunar Observatory Association, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and the Canadian Space Agency.

"Our team in the Canadensys Lunar Mission Control Centre is excited to begin the surface operations. With a total of seven various Canadensys high-resolution lunar imaging systems on this mission, we are expecting more great images as the mission continues on the surface of the Moon," read a statement from Canadensys.

Odysseus became the first American lander to touch down on the Moon in 50 years – a short-lived but fruitful mission. It landed on its side but still provided valuable data in this private venture led by Intuitive Machines of Texas.

The IM-1 Mission successfully landed the first spacecraft on the Moon's south pole region, marking the United States' first return since Apollo 17 and the first commercial lunar lander to transmit valuable science data of each NASA payload from the lunar surface. In addition, the operation of the company's liquid methane and liquid oxygen propulsion system in deep space is flight-proven through successful mission operations. Intuitive Machines achieved these marquee accomplishments in the company's first attempt to land on the Moon.

The cameras were supplied by

Canadensys Aerospace Corporation, and were distributed across multiple instruments on the spacecraft. The pictures beaming back to Earth showing the sides of the spacecraft, as well as the landing, were made possible by the Canadian space sector.

The IM-1 mission was never slated to last longer than one lunar day (approximately 2 Earth weeks), so science teams are scrambling to make the most of the opportunity. Despite Odie's slightly clumsy fall onto its side, all 6 instruments that NASA bundled with the spacecraft were deployed, and meaningful data has been received from the spacecraft.

The images captured are the closest observations of any spaceflight mission to the south pole region of the Moon.

As part of Odysseus' descent onto the lunar surface, Intuitive Machines Hazard Relative Navigation algorithms detected nine safe landing sites within the targeted south pole region, which is an area that contains permanently shadowed regions that may be rich in resources, including water ice that could be used for future propulsion and life support on the Moon.

After traveling more than 600,000 miles, Odysseus landed within 1.5 kilometres of its intended Malapert A landing site, using a contingent laser range-finding system patched hours before landing.

Flight controllers collected data until the lander's solar panels were no longer exposed to light.

According to Canadensys: "As more public and private missions set their eyes on the Moon, Canada's role in providing hardware for missions will continue, with Canadensys supplying more cameras for Intuitive Machines' upcoming lunar missions. Beyond that, a lunar rover built by Canadensys in collaboration with the Canadian Space Agency is in the works, set to launch no earlier than 2026. Canada's world-famous Canadarm legacy will also have a future in the soon-to-be-constructed Lunar Gateway. This first successful private Moon landing is an enticing step forward, and it's awesome to see – literally – Canada's impact on this new era in space exploration. The very eyes sending back images from the Moon are Canadian-made, and that's something to be proud of."

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King bustling with fun activities during March Break

As March Break draws near and spring is right around the corner, King Township is getting ready for an exciting week packed with enjoyable activities tailored for residents and visitors of every age.

From March 11 to March 15, the Township's recreational, library and cultural facilities will be bustling with a diverse range of programs and events to keep everyone engaged and entertained.

All three indoor arenas in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg will offer skates, including dedicated times for youth and adult shinny hockey, figure skating, parent and tot, senior 55+, family stick and puck and open recreational skating for all ages. For locations and times, visit king.ca/dropinprograms.

King Heritage and Cultural Centre

Roll up your sleeves and put history to the test doing DIY activities at the King Township Heritage and Cultural Centre. Pre-register online at kingheritageandculture.ca or drop-in any time between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be new activities each day.

King Township Public Library

The King Township Public Library will run a wide variety of programs at its three branches in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. Programming highlights include making friendship

Indoor and outdoor recreation programs and library activities are on the agenda

bracelets, Make-It Lab, a live animal show, a Dungeons and Dragons mega-afternoon and much more. For more information, including dates, branch locations and times, visit kinglibrary.ca.

Inclusive programming

Two inclusive sports events are scheduled in King Township over March Break. "Try It Inclusive Gymnastics" is tailored for children with a wide range of disabilities. It will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at the King Township Municipal Centre. Participants are encouraged to save their spot by registering online at townshipofking.perfectmind.com.

Another event, Para Ice Hockey, will take place at the Nobleton Arena on Wednesday, March 13 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. This event welcomes individuals of all ages and abilities, with no prior experience required. Sledges and sticks will be provided. Interested participants can preregister online at king.ca/inclusion.

Trisan Fitness Centre

Keep on track with your fitness resolutions goals over the March

Break at the Trisan Fitness Centre in Schomberg. It offers an active workout space featuring a variety of cardio and strength equipment, walking track and group exercise classes, including boot camp, yoga, dance, and spinning. Single use, monthly and annual memberships are available for students, adults and seniors. For more information, visit king.ca/trisancentre.

Spring recreation programs

Bring on spring (and summer too) in King! From playing disc golf and pollinating a garden to crafting a mixed-media masterpiece or mastering karate, there's a spring and summer recreation activity for everyone. For details, view the new 2024 Spring and Summer Recreation Activity Guide at king.ca/recreation. A reminder that registration for spring and summer recreation programs opens at 7a.m. on Friday, Mar. 8. at townshipofking.perfectmind.com.

Cold Creek Maple Syrup Fest

Join us for a delightful day at the Cold Creek Conservation Area on Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for the annual Maple Syrup Festival. Indulge in a pancake breakfast, embark on guided hikes to the sugar bush, witness tree tapping demonstrations and explore the vendor market featuring a variety of local artisans. For more information, including ticket sales, visit



coldcreek.ca/MapleSyrupFest.

Cold Creek snowshoe and ski rentals

Experience the beauty of winter in King Township with snowshoe and ski rentals at Cold Creek Conservation Area. Rentals are available for all ages and skill levels, weather permitting. And if there isn't enough snow to snowshoe or ski, Cold Creek boasts beautiful trails for hiking. King also boasts 100 kilometres of trails throughout the Township. To learn more about our vast trail network, visit king.ca/trails.

Comedy in King is back by popular demand March 22

Back by popular request, Christmas in King is thrilled to announce that it is bringing back Yuk Yuk's Comedy in King on March 22 at the Kingbridge Centre in King City.

Comedy in King is the premier fundraiser for Christmas in King which reaches beyond food bank registrants to help those who can manage 11 months of the year but need that extra support during the holidays. Proceeds from last year's show went to help more than 500 people in our community have a brighter and merrier holiday season.

If you missed Comedy in King last year, you won't want to miss it this year. It promises a wonderful night of laughter and fun, all for a very worthwhile cause in our own community.

Comedy in King will feature Martha Chaves, who is returning as the headliner, along with Chuck Byrn and Fiona O'Brien.

Martha describes herself as the "most famous Nicaraguan-Canadian

LGBTQ+ stand-up comedian in the world," but despite being an act of such a unique nature, she's hilariously relatable, universally funny and accessible. She tours from coast-to-coast as a headliner for Yuk Yuks (Canada's premiere chain of comedy clubs) and is also in high demand for corporate performances, conferences, and speaking engagements.

She can frequently be heard on CBC's The Debaters and Laugh Out Loud. She is a regular panellist on the popular CBC show Because News. Martha also starred in two TV specials which were broadcast nationally: Comics! on CBC and Something About Martha on CTV and the Comedy Network. Martha was named 2018's Stand-up Comic of the Year by the Canadian Comedy Awards after being nominated seven years in a row, and her CD Chunky Salsa was included in a list of 2019's best comedy records.

Comedian Chuck Byrn brings an

entertaining look to most any topic and knows how to keep his audience in stitches. A father of two, Chuck often mixes in parenting stories along with hot topics he's gleaned from being a self-confessed news junkie. Chuck has always been popular at major Canadian festivals and has worked as a comedic writer for television.

He completed five seasons writing for the CBC show Still Standing which resulted in a nomination for a Canadian Screen Award. He was also nominated for three separate Canadian Comedy Awards including Best Male Stand Up.

After emigrating from Dublin, Ireland to Toronto in 2012, Fiona O'Brien began a quest to stamp out the racism that the Irish face ... one lucky charm at a time.

Fiona quickly established herself by winning over audiences at festivals like Funny Women UK, the Halifax, Boston, and Winnipeg Comedy Festivals. O'Brien is featured on CBC's Laugh Out

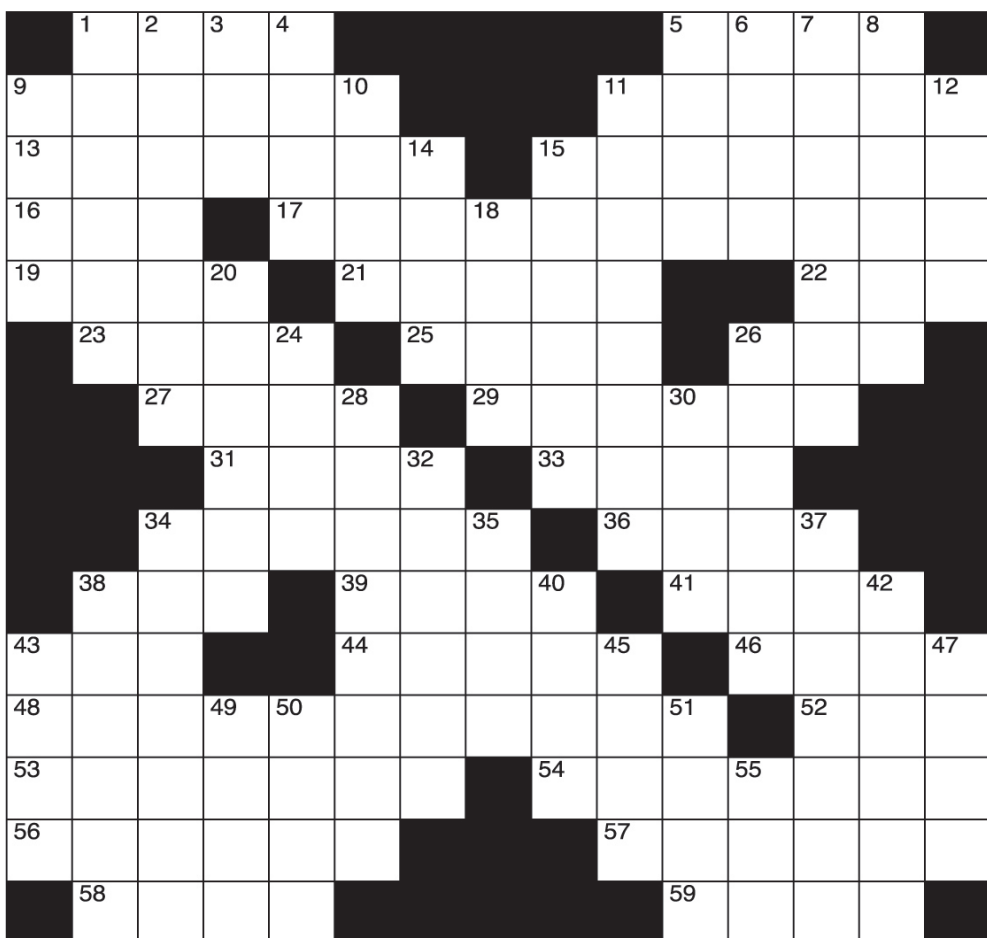
Loud, Because News, Just For Laughs, and She's So Funny on Sirius XM, and Yuk Yuks. Her comedy album 'Magically Malicious' is now on iTunes and Spotify. After providing the world with three future taxpayers, Fiona decided to dedicate her life to making people laugh with her no restraint, provocative, and unique humour.

Comedy in King is supported by Arts Society King and the Township of King. A huge thank you to our generous sponsors Schomberg Dental & Orthodontics, IG Private Wealth Management - Spence and Associates, IPG Renewables, Nicola Institutional Realty Advisors and beverage sponsor Hockley Valley Brewing Co.

Tickets are on sale now at christmasinking.ca for \$60 each. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. A shuttle service will be available on site at the Kingbridge Centre, 12750 Jane St., King City. Get your tickets today before they sell out!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Chaps
5. Currently fashionable
9. Collision
11. More slim
13. European city
15. Implicitly
16. The side of something that is sheltered from the wind
17. The Mount Rushmore State
19. Gold or silver wire cord
21. Muscles along insects' diaphragm
22. Trent Reznor's band
23. Sweet juicy gritty-textured fruit
25. Broken branch
26. Indicates ten

27. Expression of annoyance
29. Brings together
31. Ancient city in Thrace
33. Sailors' spirit
34. Looked into
36. Muckraking woman journalist Rheta
38. A type of cast
39. One's responsibility
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
48. Beheaded
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most supernatural
56. "Dennis" is a famous one

57. Ointments
58. Exam
59. Leaked blood
- CLUES DOWN
1. Baseball managers assemble it
2. Revised
3. Mountain is a popular kind
4. Takes to civil court
5. Pouches
6. A type of veil
7. Chants
8. Boston hoopster
9. Elongated
10. Sailboat
11. 2017 Oscar-winning film
12. Actor Gosling
14. Monetary units
15. Assembly
18. Russian pop duo

20. Embellished with expressions
24. Infrequent
26. Temperature unit
28. Hydrophilic amino acid
30. Honk
32. Legislative body
34. Swinish
35. Russian assembly
37. Take over for
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Dutch cheese
45. Witnesses
47. Strong insects
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. Ancient people of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Sick

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

Provincial dollars will help YPR combat hate crimes

By Brock Weir

Crimes motivated by bias and prejudice within York Region have seen a “disturbing” rise in recent years, but from the start of the Israel-Hamas war on October 7, 2023, such incidents have risen by 104.5 per cent.

This was the staggering figure cited by York Regional Police Chief Jim MacSween recently as the Province announced a boost of \$300,000 over the next three years to combat hate crimes through its Project United program.

The announcement, which was led by Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill MPP Michael Parsa, included a further \$2.4 million over the same time frame for the YRP’s Warrant Apprehension and Enhanced Bail Enforcement Projects, and \$1 million towards the development of Next-Generation 9-1-1 services.

The \$300,000 earmarked for Project United will come from funds forfeited as proceeds of crime, said Parsa.

“(This funding) will aid to develop a proper response towards the rise of hate crimes in our Region (including) specialized training for officers and increased community outreach,” he said. “This initiative also includes conferences and educational resources provided to students.”

MacSween noted that this will lead to “proactive, preventative strategies” that are aimed at “building trust and understanding within our community.”

“We have seen a disturbing rise in crimes motivated by bias and prejudice since 2018 with a 42 per cent increase in 2022 and a smaller, but still significant 6.5 per cent increase in 2023,” said MacSween. “However, since the war in the Middle East began in October 2023, that number of hate or bias incidents [has] risen by 104.5 per cent. That should truly be alarming to everyone.

“Project United will employ a multi-faceted approach to combat this disturbing trend, including specialized training for officers and increased community outreach, as well as educational resources for students across York Region ... We will increase our community engagement with ... and enhance our community partnerships to further educate the public on recognizing and reporting these types of incidents, which we know are typically under-reported. By focusing on a proactive, preventative strategies, Project United is aimed at building trust and understanding with-

Incidents of “hate and bias” rose by nearly 105% since October: York Regional Police

in our community: enhancing existing relationships with community partners in school, administrators to champion the values of inclusion, diversity and respect and providing our officers with specialized training they need for recognizing and investigate hate crimes and further educating our community.”

Project United, noted Deputy Chief Kevin McCloskey, is not specific to any one community within the Region of York, but it is aimed at training and instruction for YRP officers to address needs when they arise.

“Hate crimes are very nuanced and there are very specific things about incidents and language used that can impact people in ways that not everyone may understand or appreciate. That is critical for training,” he said. “Beyond that, a critical focus is to move it towards young people in our community. In order for us to move forward, we need to look at the new generation that is coming and is going to be the next leaders in our communities and teaching them and instructing them about hate crimes and about inclusion and acceptance is critical if we’re going to take some steps forward.”

The sharp rise in incidences since October 2023 has included both anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim “hate crime and hate bias incidents,” he added, but Police are also seeing a “strong element” of anti-Black racism and “anti-Asian sentiments at times as well.”

“We want all people to feel comfortable in coming forward and reporting incidents to us,” said McCloskey. “We know there is a reluctance and we want to be very clear in our messaging that there should be no reluctance. We want to know about it, we want to hear about it, because that is the only way we can make a difference and help people address that and deal with that in their community. That is a big focus of our community meetings and relationships that we have forged with both faith leaders and community leaders within the Region and we do meet regularly at faith-based institutions or community centres in order to speak to our community and make sure that they understand that when they call us there is going to be someone who is coming, is concerned and will address their issue.”



MPP Michael Parsa was joined by his King counterpart, Stephen Lecce, York Region Chair Wayne Emmerson, Mayors Steve Pellegrini and Tom Mrakas, and other local MPPs and members of the Police Services Board at the recent announcement in Aurora.

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King City United By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday, March 10 we welcome all to worship at 10 a.m. with Rev. Andrew Lee leading our worship on the third Sunday of Lent.

Saturday, April 13 is the King City United Church Spaghetti Dinner and Concert with musical guests The "Sentimental Journey" playing songs that you love. Tickets are available soon through the church at 905-833-5181 or by contacting John Kell at 905-833-6432.

Sunday school has resumed for elementary grades and takes place during our worship hour. On Saturday March 9, from 11 to 12 we will be gathering at KCUC for a fun hour with children from Grades 1 to 6 for an activity time and to explore some fun and games like pickleball, ping pong, etc. If this is something you are interested in please contact Rev Andrew Lee or Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

For the PDF of past messages and recordings please visit our website at 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 You Tube.

Our next Open Closet Outlet will be Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We invite you to come and shop! For personal use only; limits apply.

Please visit our website for links and further information: www.kingbiblechurch.com

If you have any questions please email: Lisa Lethangue (lisa@kingbiblechurch.com), Administrative Assistant, 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.

Art class is cancelled for tomorrow – Friday, March 8, as Mary will be showing her art at the International Centre.

Friday, March 15 at 10 a.m. – Presentation on how to stage your home for selling. While this might not be an immediate need, it may be a good reference for the future. RSVP to 905-833-6565

For those who would like to play chess, the boards are available Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. Bring a friend, sign in at the office and enjoy a game.

The following activities are available at the King City Seniors' Centre. If you see something that is of interest, please come out and join the group. All are welcome.

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; 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

King City Tennis Association prepares for season

The King City Tennis Association is getting ready for its 2024 season, which runs May through September.

The King City Tennis Association is a non-profit tennis club established by volunteers over 40 years ago in partnership with King Township.

The 2024 KCTA website opens on Friday, March 15 ready to accept 2024 early bird discount membership payments 1st and then please register for tennis

programs. Visit kingcitytennis.com

Markus Ziegler, OTA Certified Head Tennis Coach of several years, is ready to provide tennis programs for all ages and levels of ability. He offers many excellent and varied Junior Programs starting in May which continue to September.

Don't forget the very popular 1 to 4 p.m. daily Junior Summer Camp in July and August. A total of 9 different weeks to choose from. Each week is limited to only 24 juniors, so sign up early.

Schomberg AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held weekly at Suburban North at 116 Church St. They're held every Monday and Thursday in-peron at 7:30 p.m.

Kingcrafts Studio

Working With Enamel (Adult Workshop). Come and learn to enamel! We will create one blue or one green flower from start to finish. The flower is approximately 2" in diameter with an 8" stem. You can keep it for yourself or give as a gift. Mother's Day is just around the corner! Workshop includes full instruction, tools and supplies.

All material included for this April 20 workshop. It's limited to 8, so register early! The last day for registration is midnight on Monday, April 8.

Sacred Heart Church

During Lent we are called to have a penitential and humble spirit, recommit ourselves to prayer and practice our Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through these, we deepen relationship with God, ourselves, and our neighbour. We die to ourselves, live for God and for others to reach for a deeper understanding of the Paschal mystery of the Resurrection.

Join us for Morning Mass during Lent on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. Lenten Confession schedule – Sacred Heart Church, March 13, 15, 20 and 22 (after 7 p.m. Holy Mass until 8:30 p.m.).

Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday at 3:30 p.m. Holy Rosary at 5:30 p.m. followed by Benediction at 6 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:15 p.m. followed by Holy Mass.

Adult Faith Educational Meeting Saturday, March 16: "The Arrival of Jesus" (Sin-Evil). Our speaker is Frank

Donato. A potluck supper follows Holy Mass.

Food donations needed for the Restless Outreach "Street Patrol" – peanut butter, jelly, eggs, mayonnaise, granola bars, fruit cups, water, juice boxes. Also new socks and any financial donations are all appreciated. They will be preparing 200 sandwich bags on Friday, March 22 after 7 p.m. Mass to hand out as they walk the downtown streets on Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m. Our youth and families are encouraged to participate in this Lenten Mission. We leave the Church at 10 a.m., take the GO train to Nathan Philip Square and return by 4 p.m. Kindly email sacredheartparish@gmail.com to ensure your attendance.

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. Email: sacredheartki@archtoronto.org. Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King City. Contact Rector's office at 905-833-1161.

York Pines Church

This Sunday, Rev. Bruce returns to lead us in worship for the fourth Sunday in Lent. It is also Hungry Sunday when donations to the Food Bank are appreciated including egg cartons. Don't forget to spring forward; otherwise, we'll see you for coffee/tea and cookies at noon. Rev. Bruce returns for a special guest appearance next Sunday as well.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church warmly welcomes everyone to our morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. as we lead up to Easter Sunday!

All are welcome to Tuesdays at 2 – a time of prayer for our community, friends and neighbours. Come to the church office from 2-3 p.m. If you're not able to come, but wish prayer, call the office at 905 833-2325. What a blessing is Philippians 4:6,7. Some of our favourite Bible verses!

Wednesdays at 7 will start this week (March 6), with Lenten Devotions. This week is at the Pattersons' home.

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Seniors elect board

The King City Seniors elected its Board of Management at its recent AGM. Shown are (back) Mary Aldcroft, Rosemary Bellefontaine, Carol Field, Susan Phillips, Toni Palma, Carolyn Kanitz, Ian McClelland, Sheila Croker. Jackie Treadwell, (front) Franklin Moskoff, Rob Payne (Chair), Margaret Lawrence, Jane Hepworth.

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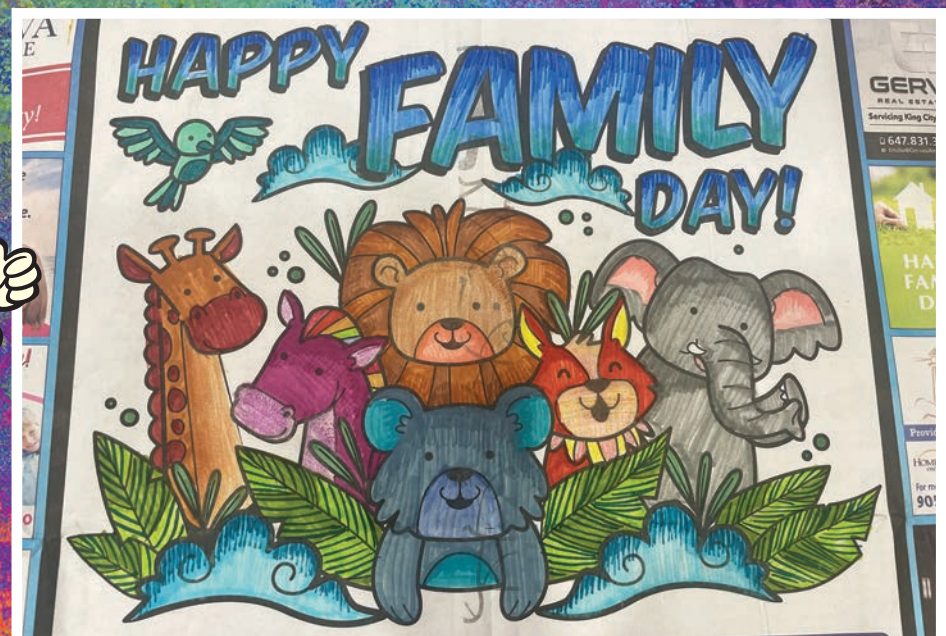


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Middle School Gym
- 5
Tennis Courts
- 6
Senior School Gym
- 7
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SPECIALTY PROGRAMS



MULTI-SPORT CAMP
(completed Gr. 3-5 and Gr. 6-8)
Age specific weeks

- soccer, ultimate frisbee, tennis, soccer-baseball, basketball, dodgeball, floor hockey, catchball and golf
- opportunity to work with the coaches from tennis, soccer and basketball skills camps
- learn rules and strategies in all sports
- leadership games




ART CAMP
(completed Gr. 3-8)
Weeks #2, #3, #4, #5
Campers will learn new techniques and skills while creating their own masterpieces each day. Activities may be focused in areas such as: painting, drawing and sketching, sculpting, and string and paper art.



BASEBALL SKILLS CAMP
(completed Gr. 3-8)
Week #2

- catching, throwing, fielding
- base running
- hitting and situational baseball



DRAMA CAMP
(completed Gr. 3-8)
Weeks #4 and #5
Through fun and engaging experiences, this camp ultimately gives rise to the development of personal qualities that will benefit campers no matter where life takes them.



BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP
(completed Gr. 3-8)
Weeks #1, #3, #4

- balanced foot work
- ball handling and management
- various game strategy
- techniques to improve playing in game situations



MINDBUSTERS (Math/Science camp)
(completed Gr. 3-8)
Weeks #1, #2, #5
This camp is designed as a fun, hands on and interactive program to engage campers in the world of math and science. Campers' minds will be put to the test by completing a wide variety of activities and experiments, some that result in chemical reactions!



SOCCER ALL-STAR AND VARSITY CAMPS
All-Star (completed Gr. 3-5) Weeks #1, #3, #4, #5
Varsity (completed Gr. 6-8) Weeks #2, #4, #5

- passing and receiving
- dribbling/footwork
- shooting/striking
- heading the ball
- first touch
- tactics and systems of game play

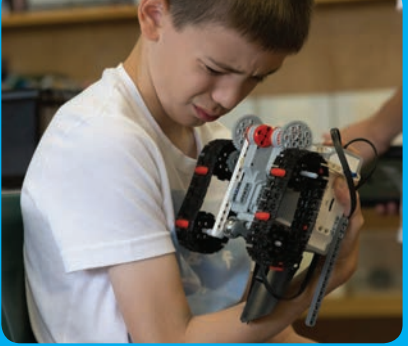


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Cougars take commanding playoff series lead

By Jim Stewart

Zach Gallow, Jordyn Palazzo, Luke Szabo, Arunas Scott, and Anthony Nascimento provided the timely offence and Nicolas Morvan's 32-save shutout performance shuttled Schomberg to an impressive 5-0 win over Penetang at the Trisan Centre on Saturday night. King Township's Junior Hockey team took a commanding 3-0 lead in their best-of-7 quarter-final divisional playoff series.

The Kings' scoreless streak versus Morvan reached 92 minutes on Saturday night. The diminutive goaltender won Friday night's game by blanking Penetang during a 32-minute relief appearance and put forth a sterling 60-minute athletic effort on Saturday to silence the visitors' sticks. Morvan credited his defensemen for the shut-out victory: "The guys in front of me are allowing me to see the puck. The D has been amazing. I'm seeing the puck really well because of their hard work."

Morvan also applauded the play of Cougars' forward Arunas Scott who has scored four goals in the team's last regular season game and the first three playoff games: "The past five games, he's taken his game to another level. It's like something inside him just switched on. Two goals last night and another one tonight. Arunas is scoring, carrying the play, and taking the body, too."

The observant netminder also explained how the leadership of Captain Adam Miller gives the team a necessary spark in the series: "Adam is a very vocal guy – both pre-game and after the game. It's like having an extra coach in the room. All our veteran players, especially Miller, want us to win it all this year."

Not only has newly-arrived Morvan had a front-row seat to Scott's recent goal-scoring prowess and Miller's team spirit, but he's also been impressed

with Jordyn Palazzo's big goals in the series, including the game winner in Game 1: "Jordyn's a less vocal guy, compared to some of our leaders, but he does his talking with his play on the ice either killing penalties or creating scoring opportunities. He never gives up on a puck, especially his game winner in the third period in Game 1."

In addition to Palazzo's GWG on Tuesday, Morvan was also impressed with Luke Szabo's game-winning short-handed goal on Friday night and another big PK goal by the speedy forward on Saturday night: "They were huge goals on Friday and tonight. When he put us up by three late in the second at home, there was no chance for them to come back."

The Cougars took a 2-0 lead series lead on Friday night by edging the Kings 5-4 in Penetang with Scott, Szabo, Miller, and Morvan playing significant roles.

Scott tallied two goals – including a first period penalty shot – to earn PJHL First Star of the Game honors. Szabo, the Cougars' leading goal scorer, also scored two goals, including the short-handed GWG late in the second period. Miller scored his first goal of the playoffs to round out his team's attack.

Morvan earned the W in Penetang, subbing for a beleaguered Anthony Paolini who had surrendered 4 goals on 14 shots before being lifted at 7:31 in the middle frame. Morvan stopped all 16 shots he faced to preserve the Cougars' tenuous one-goal lead and earned the PJHL's Third Star of the Game for his perfect relief.

On Tuesday night's lid-lifter at the Trisan Centre, Palazzo scored two goals-- including the game-winner in the third period to edge the Kings 4-3. The Cougars were particularly truculent in the opening minutes of the contest, but Schomberg drew the first penalty of the game and Penetang made them pay. 6'7" Kings' defenceman Lars



Cougar veterans Wesley O'Hara, Adam Miller, Zach Gallow, and Andrew Hrinco were honored by the hockey club recently. The ceremony, including framed portraits of the players, was an expression of thanks by team management for the players' contributions to the franchise's rich hockey culture. All four players are in their final year of PJHL eligibility.

Photo by Michael Kieffer

Destroff fired a puck from just inside the blue line that banged off the post and beat Morvan to give the visitors a lead before the game was four minutes old.

Cougars' defenceman Sam Degli Angeli returned the favor by rifling a shot from the right point that flew through a sea of purple and white jerseys behind Sawyer Lammle high blocker side. Schomberg took the lead late in the first period when gritty Michael Ciaravella one-timed a nice centering pass from Michael Termini.

A powerful wrist shot from between the circles by Palazzo beat Lammle high blocker side to give the Cougars a 3-1 lead four minutes into the middle frame with Scott earning the primary assist.

However, the Kings narrowed the margin to one when Benjamin Kelly tipped a bouncing puck past Morvan at 13:40 and tied the game when Owen Collins finished off a 2 on 1 play with Isaak McGinnis with 1:18 left in the middle frame.

The big playoff crowd at the Trisan Centre was treated to Palazzo's third period heroics when he stole an errant pass between the circles in the Kings' zone and tipped the puck past replacement goaltender Matt Watson for the dramatic game winner. Palazzo, who never gives up on a puck, was rewarded for his efforts and described the game-winner: "I saw the puck ricochet off one of their players and I was able to tip the puck under the Kings' goalie before he could get his glove on it."

Spiels, playoffs and provincials for King curlers

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

As the warm weather is approaching us, so is the final month of curling. The month of March brings on club playoffs to determine their league champions.

This past week, both the Women's and Mixed Team Entry League concluded their final Round Robin games and will begin playoffs next week. The 12-team roster in the Ladies league finished with one of the closest final standings in the league's history.

The Mixed Team Entry league and its 14-team roster also had a very competitive season with teams making a second half power surge to the top.

Both leagues are equipped with some of the club's best curlers to which will undoubtedly see some intense but highly executed games.

The club's social leagues; Wednesday late afternoon "Pub" league, Wednesday evening league as well as the Friday night crew are also nearing the end of their season and have all experienced a fun but somewhat competitive season.

Sheila McKenzie of the Friday League says Friday Night Social is exactly that – it's social – it's "backyard curling." Player's on teams are helping out players on other teams – maybe with advice, moral support, or sometimes even adding in an extra sweeper! There is no pressure, the focus is on socializing and having fun.

This past week's game between Sheila McKenzie and Paul Clark was a tight match. McKenzie went ahead in the first end with 4 points. This did not knock the wind out of the sails of Clark and his team. They chipped away for the next 3 ends – getting one point each end. By the 7th end the score was 6-5 with one rock left for McKenzie.

Clark was sitting 2 with a rock right on the button. McKenzie threw an amazing draw to the button and

held Clark to 1. The game ended in a 6-6 draw. The games each week are fun and motivated. The championship games are anticipated to be well-played exciting.

The pub league has its own unique fun mixed in with a bit of curling. First order of business is where they'll eat afterwards then it's about the game. Nicknames have surfaced this season and Dan Scully, a.k.a "Dan Dan the hit man" has earned the nickname for his repeated take-outs giving his Skip a sense of comfort when a house "clean-up" is needed. Rosie Kamstra a.k.a Rosé is the leader of fun and is known to carry a golf bag with her and her teammates curling sticks. Grant Morning of the Wednesday evening league has been secretly given the name "Koe" for his take-out ability and creative angle play suggestions.

All of these leagues are showing total points so close in the standings that team positions could come down to the wire.

Playoffs are a whole "new ball game" as they say and anything can happen and will almost always have some upsets and surprises.

Ladies deliver in Uxbridge

Skip Shellee Morning, Vice Veronica Wilson, 2nd Kim Battershell and Lead Sue Burman travelled this past weekend to Uxbridge for the Chicks n' Stones ladies spiel. The 2-game format included teams from Leaside, Unionville, Uxbridge, Whitby, and King.

Morning went broom for broom in game 1 against the hometown favourites collecting their first win with a game score of 9-6. Their second game was against Team Whitby the #2 seed of the spiel. Both teams found the ice challenging but persevered with tight scoring singles exchanging in the early ends. The 8th end the King team were up by 1 with a score of 4-3 and



Kim Battershell, Sue Burman, Veronica Wilson and Shellee Morning captured 2nd overall in the Womens 'Chicks n' Stones' spiel at the Uxbridge Curling Club.

had 2 rocks counting. The Whitby Skip narrowly missed her target leaving the Morning stones for a 6-3 victory. Winning both games the King team accumulated enough points for a second place finish overall.

Wheelchair Provincials

This past weekend, Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club hosted



Martha Gustafson, Karl Allen, Doug Morris and Reid Mlligan of the King Curling Club won the 2024 Ontario Wheelchair Provincial Championships. Coach Bruce Gorsline and KCC President and Green Tractor team sponsor representative Barb Davis were on hand for the Banner presentation.

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will bring a message entitled, "Being Orange," about the importance of the roles of the church and the family in raising children and fulfilling baptismal vows.

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 or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at 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 at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

If you know young people who need volunteer hours for school, we would be pleased to have them volunteer to run our audio-visual booth on some Sundays throughout the year. Training is provided. Interested individuals can reach out to our Pastor through the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

St. Mary's Church

Students in Grades 6-8 are invited to join us on Friday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall for an evening of food, fun, and a great discussion on "Honesty" called "Cross My Heart."

We will begin with the Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's Church at 6:30 p.m. followed by Holy Mass at 7 p.m. Then, we will head into the parish hall for our Edge Night. We will have a meat-free pizza dinner, drinks and snacks followed by fun games and activities surrounding the topic of honesty. Hope you can join us! Invite your friends and make this the best Lent ever! I encourage the parents of teens to promote our youth ministry and events with your teens. You won't regret it! For more in-

formation, contact our youth minister Zephania Gangl and see our youth ministry social media.

St. Patrick's Day is only two weeks away! Join us on Sunday, March 17 after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass celebrations for a St. Patrick's Day Irish Coffee and Breakfast at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Let's celebrate our Patron Saint and spread some Irish cheer! The breakfast is compliments of St. Patrick's KofC. Hope to see you there!

Join us for an unforgettable night of food, fun, music, dancing and fellowship April 13 for St. Mary's Starlight Gala fundraiser. It features an antipasto bar, three course gourmet meal, dessert station, late night food, deluxe bar, exceptional live entertainment and so much more! Tickets will be available soon! Contact Rick Minicucci at 416-768-5564 or Robert Laurendi at 416-768-5564 for tickets and sponsoring and prize donation opportunities. Don't miss out!

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 zgagl@archtoronto.org to reserve your spot. It will be a truly memorable, faith enriching experience for all of us!

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

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

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

The Parish Office will remain open from Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch break 12 to 1 p.m.).

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 a.m. to noon unless otherwise indicated.

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.

April 4 – Councilor David Boyd – Ask your questions to our Nobleton Councilor.

April 11 – Adaptive Living for Seniors – How to Remain in Your Home.

April 18 – Learn to Bake Cannoli with Rose.

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

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

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All material included for this April 20 workshop. It's limited to 8, so register early! The last day for registration is midnight on Monday, April 8.

For further information and registration go to our website at www.kingcrafts.ca

Nobleton Book Club

Our schedule for meetings is the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. in

the Nobleton Program room.

Come by and check out these interesting, lively and varied group discussions. It does not matter if you are able to come every month, but rather, come when you are able. Whether you have read the book or not, you will enjoy an entertaining evening discussion – with so many different points of view! All these titles are available through the Nobleton Public Library and other King Township libraries.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

Nobleton Lions

The Club extends its thanks to the participants in the recent Fundraiser Poker Tournament with proceeds of over \$10,000 slated for community organizations.

Coming soon: on Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m., your kids can look forward to the free township-wide Easter Egg Hunt at the Nobleton Sports Park, sponsored by the three Lions Clubs in King. Thousands of plastic eggs will be "laid" on the grassy areas for the kids to gather and then traded in for the real prizes, chocolate Easter bunnies. Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided.

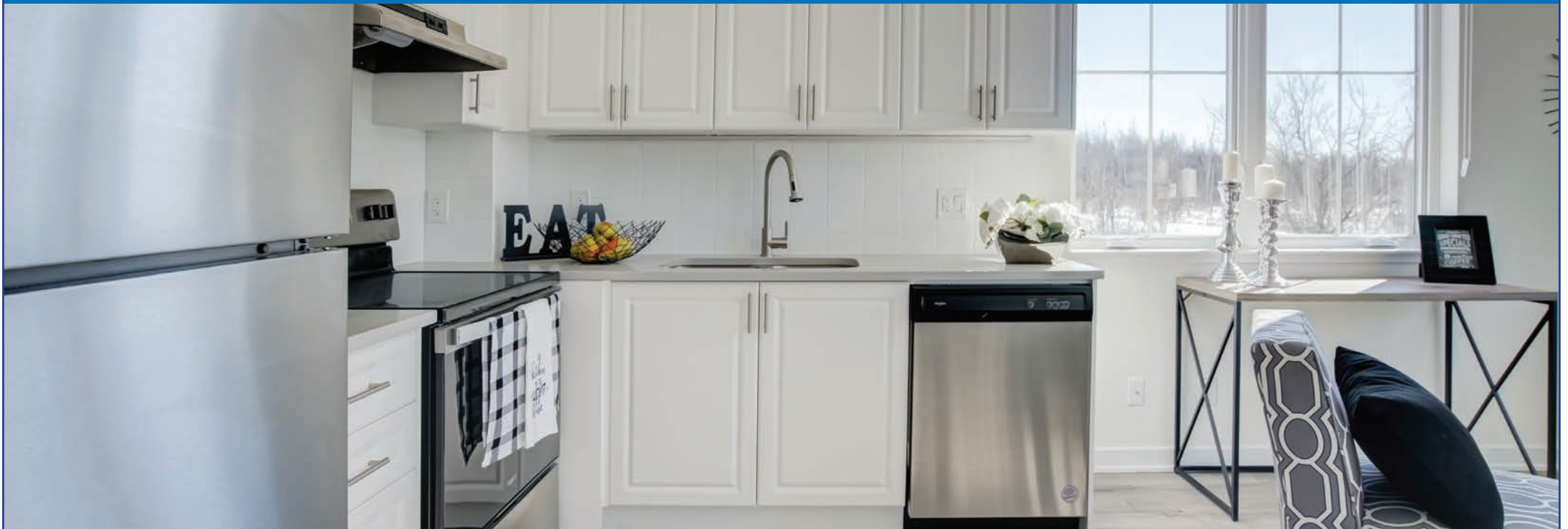
Later this spring the Nobleton Lions, along with other community groups, will take part in the Nobleton Victoria Day festivities. On the following Sunday, May 26, you and your pets are invited to walk in the annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. For more information about the walk and how you can participate and donate, please visit <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/>

Then on Sunday, June 9 the long-running, much-anticipated golf tournament fundraiser will be staged at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. For information, please contact Lion Jerry MacBain at 905-859-4633. Details for these events as well as announcements of other events, once they are fully planned, will follow soon on the website, on social media, and in the King Weekly Sentinel.

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. From the Homepage you can access our social media pages.

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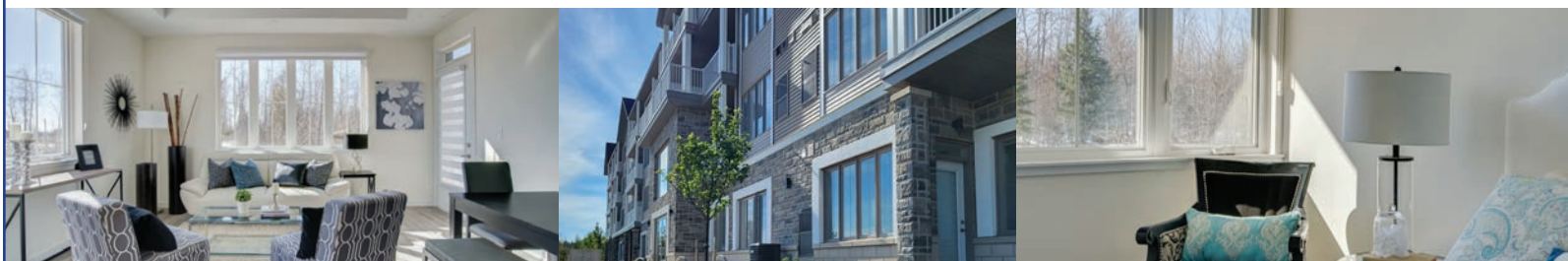


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You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com. We meet at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to June at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena. Our next meeting is February 27.

St. Alban's
By John Arnott

For 46 days from Ash Wednesday until Easter eve, Lent lasts but the 6 Sundays within this timeframe are not considered part of this solemn church season. Thus Lent has 40 days. But nowadays when feast and fast days are much less observed than they once were and most Christians attend church services only on a Sunday Lent has gradually become a 46-day observance with purple vestments and church hangings being in vogue this entire time.

The number 40 is attributed to the days Yeshua spent alone in the Israeli desert psyching up for his mission and is most likely the length of an ancient month. Getting a timeline straight for this wilderness event is well and good but the important question remains – did it really happen? Keep in mind Matthew's gospel tells Yeshua was alone so there were no witnesses to verify his interaction with God, Satan nor angels. And as far as records go he never told anyone about this event unless at some point later while camping out with a few of his first followers talk was low and the fire dying he suddenly said: "Now listen up here dudes there's this thing that happened to me just before I hooked up with you guys that you ought to know about ..."

Some modern historians and researchers have it that years later a now unknown author/editor who wasn't a contemporary of Yeshua or his close associates nor knew anyone who was, added this story to the Matthewian material he was translating and recording in an attempt to give it a dramatic turn!



MPP joins rally for Ukraine

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, joined Premier Doug Ford; Ukraine's Consul General, and other dignitaries Feb. 24 for a Stand-With-Ukraine rally hosted by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto. "Two years since this illegal invasion began, we stand stronger than ever against Putin's barbaric war machine," said Lecce. "As history has shown, against great odds, Ukraine will always persevere and always be free. We stand for freedom and democracy. Slava Ukraini!"

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King's Corners

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Last Friday, March 1 was the World Day of Prayer, (the first Friday of March) Sacred Heart Catholic Church was this year's host. The program this year was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine (Ephesians 4:1-3). We experienced a wonderful unity in Christ and prayed for peace around the world and especially for Palestine and Israel.

Our monthly fellowship meal for March will be a light breakfast on Good Friday at 9:45 a.m. before our Good Friday service at 10:30 a.m. Join us as we thank Jesus for why He came to earth!

After Easter, March 31, The Q and A (sermon-based) groups will start in April – both virtual and in person.

For pastoral care, call St. Andrew's, King City at 905-833-2325 to speak with Alison Agnew, or phone one of the Elders.

All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Join in our Bible Meditation Mondays in Lent at 7:30 p.m. – contact the office for a zoom link 905-833-5432.

Flipping tables – a sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on John 2 - Jesus Clears the Temple Courts.

"In our Bible Meditation Zoom class on Monday and at the confirmation class yesterday I mentioned that experiencing liturgy and, worshipping together, is supposed to change us. What we do here should empower us to do God's work. Sometimes we forget that. We might ask what are we supposed to be getting out of this? In our Gospel reading, Jesus forcefully invites us to explore these kinds of questions.

"The story of the angry Jesus is for some even offensive. We'd rather hear of kind Jesus, soft Jesus, Jesus the healer. Jesus made 'a whip of cords,' and drove sacrificial animals out of the temple, overturned tables, poured coins all over the floor, and told the money-changers to stop making God's house a marketplace.

"This isn't the meek and mild Jesus that's pleasing to us. Biblical scholars have different theories. Many would say that what Jesus was angry about had nothing to do with the practices of Judaism. but instead, was about the systematic exploitation of poorer people by the charging of exorbitant fees and taxes that blocked equal access to

God. Others argue that what displeased Jesus was a kind of Sabbath-only form of piety that separated what happened at the temple rite from holy living.

"Any of these reasons point to an uncomfortable truth about the one we follow. Jesus isn't a protector of our status quo. Jesus has no interest in sustaining comfort over justice and mercy. Jesus is a disturber of peace. And we are called to be on the lookout for tables that need to be flipped. Zeal is what animates. Jesus will not tolerate things that stray from God's way of love.

"We should ask: what are we passionate about when it comes to our faith? Have we settled for a way of being Christian that is more safe, casual, and comfortable than it is challenging, transformative, and missional? What would it be like to let go of our image as nice Christians in favour of being Christians with zeal, with real fervour for God and God's people?

"In this Lenten season, I invite you to think about whether you've begun to feel detached from some of the things happening in the world, Sometimes, we can become numb to the pain of others. Are there any ways in which our church, either our congregation or our greater church, needs to be alerted to

the plight of others? Wherever our reflections lead us I hope we'll remember the Jesus who turned the temple upside down when it forgot its purpose. I hope we'll discover our own zeal for the holy work we're called to share. And I hope we'll settle for nothing less than churches and communities that are places of safety, healing, joy, prayer, freedom, hope and nourishment for all."

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708 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of Allen Loyde Watson

Allen Watson, a beloved husband, cherished father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 27, 2024, at the age of 78, leaving a legacy of love and resilience that touched the lives of all who knew him.



Born on January 26, 1946, in Phepston, Ontario, Allen was a beacon of strength and kindness from his earliest days. The beloved son of Bill Watson and Irene Watson (Gillespie), and youngest brother to Jean Kent and Maurice Watson, where he cultivated a deep sense of compassion and empathy that would define his life's purpose.

In 1965, he met the love of his life, Darlene Watson (Bowen), daughter of Don Bowen and Anne Bowen, and together they embarked on a journey filled with joy, challenges, and unwavering devotion. Their love knew no bounds, and their bond only grew stronger with each passing year. As a father, Allen was the epitome of selflessness and sacrifice. Despite the challenges he faced, including his battle with Parkinson's disease, he remained steadfast in his commitment to his family. His unwavering love and support were the cornerstone of his children's lives, and his guidance shaped them into the remarkable individuals they are today.

Allen is survived by his devoted wife, Darlene Watson (Bowen), sister, Jean Kent, his loving children, Don Watson (Chor Lam) and Michelle Frauley (Bruce Frauley), and a host of family and friends who will cherish his memory forever. He was also a cherished grandfather to Teaghan Frauley, Adam Watson, and Kate Watson, who brought him immense joy and laughter throughout his life.

Allen was a man of many passions and talents. He had an unwavering love for sports, especially his beloved Leafs. He enjoyed spending his days watching games, discussing strategies, and cheering on his favorite team with fervor. Additionally, Allen had a passion for fixing or building things. He found joy in working with his hands, whether it was repairing household items or embarking on DIY projects that brought pride to his heart. Above all, Allen cherished his family and friends dearly. He found solace and happiness in their company, and his warmth and kindness touched the lives of all who knew him.

Throughout his life, Allen faced his Parkinson's diagnosis with remarkable grace and dignity. Despite the physical limitations it imposed, he never allowed it to define him. Instead, he embraced each day with optimism and courage, inspiring all who knew him with his unwavering spirit.

A celebration of Allen's life will be held on March 23, 2024, from 2-4pm at WaterStone Estate & Farms (17900 Dufferin Street, King Township near Newmarket, Ontario) where friends and loved ones will come together to honour his memory and find solace in each other's company.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Parkinson Canada in Allen's honour, to support ongoing research and advocacy for those living with the disease.

Allen's legacy of love and resilience will endure for generations to come. He touched the lives of all who knew him, and he leaves behind a legacy of kindness and compassion that will continue to inspire us all. May he rest in eternal peace.



Robert Ernest Fleury

October 12, 1935 to February 25, 2024

Peacefully passed away in Trenton, Ontario. Formerly of Nobleton, long term resident of Maple and Nashville, raised in Clairville, Ontario. Employed at Avro and Rowntree Mackintosh/Nestle. Beloved husband of the late Helen Muriel Fleury for 67 years, loving father of Catherine Moreland (Steve), Denton Fleury (Kathie), Marie Fleury (Steve), Michael Fleury (Deborah). Cherished grandfather of Jesse, Leila, Brad, Bryan, Alison, Katelyn, Gavin, Alex and Emily, and 9 great grandchildren. Son of the late Clifford Vernice Fleury and Catherine Janette (Campbell) Fleury. Dear brother of Frank Fleury (Donna) and John Fleury (Linda). The family will receive family and friends at Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Friday, March 8 from one o'clock until 3 o'clock for a time of sharing stories and memories. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com.

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

I'm feeling very confident in saying this week that "spring has sprung" and while I understand some prefer winter, I'm a spring/summer kind of gal. Soon we will be hearing the robins singing, and the flowers blooming. I can't wait.

Next week is March break, so be prepared for kids being home and the need to keep them busy, I did see that King.ca has some events you can sign up for or you can be like me and head south. Whatever you decide I hope you all enjoy your break, so far, the weather is looking very spring like.

Are you looking for something to keep your children busy this summer? Well, registration for "King Camp" opens March 8. You can find the link to register and what camps are being offered at King.ca. There are many camps to choose from.

Cold Creek Maple Syrup Fest is back. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can purchase tickets at coldcreek.ca/ma-

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Please join the Schomberg Horticultural Society on March 26 at 7 pm.m at the Schomberg Community Hall. Special meeting, no Flower Show this evening.

Pizza night at 7 p.m. and just-for-fun baking competition.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society won 1st Prize for the Schomberg Annual Scarecrow Competition in 2023. The prize was a \$50 gift card from Leonardo's Pizza in Schomberg. Members are invited to come at 7 p.m. and enjoy the pizza. Also, this evening, a Baking Competition will be held. Members are invited to compete with their special recipes for Squares, Savories, Breads & Pies. Baking items to be placed by 7 p.m. for the competition, voting will take place following the pizza. The baking entries with beverages will be served following the meeting.

A timely presentation by Ken Brown, horticultural consultant, writer, and photographer: Petunias, Impatiens, Marigolds, Sunflowers, Lobelia, and in most parts of the country, Geraniums, are annual flowers. If you want a continuous, bright, colorful show in your garden all summer long and into the fall, then choose your colours and height. There is an annual flower ready

to provide it. Ken will share his knowledge of growing annuals from seed as well as introducing what is new and promising for this coming year.

Check out Ken's free newsletter entitled "Dallying in the Dirt" at <https://www.gardening-enjoyed.com/Newsletter.html>

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 an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously. Just come out and join, no need to let us know. A reminder that come April we will be moving to Thursday nights at the Trisan, upstairs in the Curling Club.

Schomberg Seniors (55+): This past Monday morning, we were treated to a Ukulele sing along, led by self-taught ukelele master, Frank Smith. Frank was led to learn the ukelele when his mother was diagnosed with dementia, so he could help her through music. It's true what they say, dementia can cause you to forget so much, but you never forget the music. Frank also taught us how to speak dirty in Hawaiian and the history of the ukelele. We all had no trouble re-

membering all those old songs that our parents used to sing and in fact, Frank inspired our 55+ group to start our very own ukelele club. Hopefully, we will be performing for the village one day, well after we learn a few songs anyway.

We have 74 members to date, but we still have room for more, so if you're over 55 and want to learn a few new skills and make a new friend or two, please come out and join us.

Calling all Bridge game players, or Bridge wannabees! Are you 55 or over? If so, we welcome you to join us on any Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. for a couple of hours of playing or learning to play Bridge.

Coffee, tea and treats available. Luga-mug and help save the environment by not contributing to the 500 billion disposable coffee cups that end up in landfill each year. Costs to play are \$1 for members of Schomberg seniors 55+ club and \$2 for non-members.

We've got some great events and workshops coming up, so come on out.

Tuesday, March 12 - 9 to 10 a.m. (limited to 8 attendees) - Private chocolate tasting at Cocoa40Inc, Newmarket. Registration required to Lynn, klbird@hotmail.com. Cost \$25+HST payable at the door. Two spots are available for 10 a.m.

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

The famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner at Nobleton United Church last Friday was so much fun. Not only did we have a fabulous meal, we sang a Grace specially composed for the occasion by Rev. Evelyn McLachlan to the well-known tune, "On Top of Old Smokey!"

Some people donated door prizes including various wines, a shamrock plant, a lap quilt created by our own quilters, local maple syrup and a gift package of 4 different herb infused oils, and a "Honey Box" donated by Pioneer Honey which contained many different products, including beeswax candles, hand cream, foot cream and honey!

We have two services, one at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church (enter by back door for Schomberg United) and one at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. Coffee and refreshments afterwards at both locales.

We are also online at 11:15 a.m. Go to www.youtube.com. Then search for Nobleton United Church, find the correct date and enjoy! The videos are record-

ed, so you can also watch them later and sing along. But it is all better in person!

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, March 12 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. Musician Joe Crone will be singing '50s and '60s music. The meal is on the St. Patrick's Day theme: leek and potato soup, corned beef sandwiches, and a festive dessert. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

The next Messy Church (usually the third Wed of each month) is moved forward one week to the March break on Wednesday, March 13 at 5 p.m. This is a fun family time. There are optional crafts and activities for the first hour, then an interactive story time relating the activities to the Bible story, and then we eat dinner together at 6:15 p.m. All is free. When dinner is over, we do clean-up. We know that families are busy, so it is fine to come later or leave early. Please contact me (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) to say that you intend to

come so that we have enough crafts and food for everyone. Grandparents are welcome too and they also enjoy the activities.

Our Pastor, Richard Gardner, is presenting his thesis at the Atlantic School of Theology, Nova Scotia, and needs to be away March 12 to 17. We are fortunate to have guest speaker Ed Elliotson

Schomberg Scoop

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Monday, March 18 - 10 a.m. - Lynn Bird presents 'Adventures in New Zealand.'

Monday, March 25 - 10 a.m. - painting class with artist Lisa Cole, \$35 (minimum of eight). RSVP by March 18 to Lynn at klbird@hotmail.com.

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 for individuals or

take our services on March 17.

Plans are in the works for an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, March 31 at Nobleton United Church.

Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It is accessible. Nobleton United Church meets 6476 King Rd., Nobleton.

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Perfect for first-time buyers or investment. Move-in ready, centrally located near amenities. Well-maintained home with cozy living spaces, finished basement for potential rental income. Fully fenced yard with deck. Close to Lake Simcoe for year-round activities. Offered at only \$779,000.



MODERN FAMILY HOME WITH UPGRADES

Modern 2834 sq ft Home: 4 beds, 4 baths, stylish upgrades including 9ft ceilings, quartz countertops, stainless appliances, stone fireplace, hardwood floors, direct garage access, office space, and large windows for a bright atmosphere. Perfect for discerning buyers seeking elegance and comfort. Offered at \$1,278,000.



SPACIOUS CORNER LOT DREAM HOME

A spacious 69X156 corner lot in a prestigious, quiet area, featuring a solid brick 3+2 bedroom bungalow with a double garage, ample driveway space, and a professionally finished basement apartment with separate entrance. Close to amenities and top schools in Markham. Offered at \$1,828,000.

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