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The Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, joined new Energy Minister Stephen Lecce and Premier Doug Ford. Lecce (inset) signs the new documents.


## Lecce becomes new Energy minister

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

King-Vaughan MP Stephen Lecce is the new Minister of Energy and Electrification. His cabinet post has been swapped with Todd Smith, who now becomes Education Minister. Lecce has served as Education Minister since 2019. Premier Doug Ford unveiled his renewed team last week that “will keep rebuilding Ontario’s economy and deliver on the government’s core commitments, including building Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, keeping costs down by fighting the carbon tax and training more people for rewarding careers in the skilled trades. “As our province and economy continue to grow, this is the team that is working side-by-side with workers, businesses, labour partners, Indigenous leaders and every member of Team Ontario to rebuild our economy,” said Premier Ford. “We’re at an important moment in our province’s history with clear choices. Our team is choosing growth and prosperity. We’re choosing lower

taxes and better jobs with bigger pay cheques. Let’s get it done!”  
“I am honoured to be appointed as the new Minister of Energy and Electrification. I will remain squarely focused on growing Ontario’s clean, affordable and reliable energy supply to drive economic growth while standing strong against the Liberal carbon tax,” Lecce said.  
“I congratulate the new Minister of Education Todd Smith and I thank Premier Ford for his confidence.  
“It has been an honour of a lifetime to serve in the Ministry of Education because we did the hard things that will have generational impacts for kids.  
“Thank you, to my family and my team, for believing in me. And, thank you to families in King-Vaughan for supporting me through this journey.”  
The Ministry of Energy and Electrification oversees the regulatory framework for electricity pricing and develops policies to mitigate energy prices for Ontario consumers and businesses.

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## Upcoming Meetings



### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, June 17

**5 p.m. - Council Working Session**  
(King's Asset Management Plan for Non-Critical Infrastructure)  
**6 p.m. - Council**

In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre and live streamed at [king.ca/meetings](http://king.ca/meetings)

### COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, June 19

**6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment**

Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).  
Visit: [king.ca/cofameetings](http://king.ca/cofameetings) for more information.

View full Council and Committee agendas at [king.ca/meetings](http://king.ca/meetings)



## Sustainable Grass Maintenance

Recent weather has led to taller grass, causing longer cutting times (the goal during spring and summer is to cut park and open space grass every 5-7 days). Here's how we're managing:

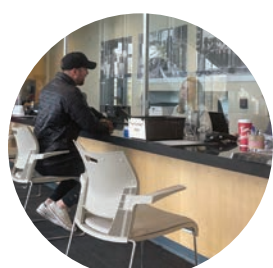
- Weather delays for wet areas
- Grasscycling for natural fertilization
- No pesticides, cutting weeds regularly

A dedicated team handles maintenance across parks, trails, sports fields, and more. The Township does not cut grass along regional roads and boulevards beside private properties.

Learn more at [king.ca/YardWaste](http://king.ca/YardWaste)

**Grasscycling:** Grass clippings can't be put out with yard waste or swept onto roadways. Leave them on your lawn to reduce waste and improve lawn health by providing nutrients.

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### NOTICE OF PASSING OF TOWNSHIP INITIATED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 2024-028 BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2024-028 on the 27th day of May, 2024 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the **27th day of June, 2024** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, together with a filing fee **per application** being appealed, in the amount as specified on the OLT website ([www.olt.gov.on.ca](http://www.olt.gov.on.ca)), along with a cheque for \$250.00 per application being appealed, payable to the Township of King representing the Clerk's Department 2024 Administrative processing fee and a cheque for \$412.00 per appeal, representing the Planning Division's 2024 Administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. Should this date fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the OLT, a copy of an appeal form is available from the OLT website at ([www.olt.gov.on.ca](http://www.olt.gov.on.ca)). Please note the Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by certified cheque or money order.

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

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

Comments received and considered in the preparation of the By-law 2024-028 from the public were summarized and included in the Growth Management Services Department - Planning Division Recommendation Report (GMS-PL-2024-18) and in the Comment Response Matrix attached to Report GMS-PL-2024-18 as Appendix D. The report is available on the Township's website [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca). Comments received were in relation to Site Plan Control, Greenbelt Plan Area provisions, cannabis production facilities, and TRCA and LSRCA regulated area provisions.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law and a key map showing the location of the lands affected by the By-law are attached or are available on our website (File No. Z-2024-01).

**DATED** at the Township of King this 7th day of June, 2024.

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The countdown to summer (and the loong break from school) is on! Camp need-to-knows:

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For details, visit [king.ca/camps](http://king.ca/camps)



## Curbside Giveaway Days

Saturday, June 22

Starting at 7 a.m. place unwanted items, labelled **FREE**, at the curb for other residents and community members to browse and take for their own use, free of charge. Remove all leftover items by 5 p.m. on that day, to help keep King Township clean.

For more information, visit [king.ca/CurbsideGiveaway](http://king.ca/CurbsideGiveaway)



## Microchip & rabies clinic - June 23

**10a.m. - 3p.m. at the Vaughan Animal Shelter** (located at 70 Tigi Crt., Unit 47, Vaughan)  
Call Vaughan Animal Services at 905-832-2281 to schedule your timeslot. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



## Heritage Award Nominations

The King Township Heritage Advisory Committee is now accepting nominations for the prestigious Heritage Award which recognizes a building that has heritage significance.

Starting **June 3 to 28**, nominations can be submitted online at [king.ca/heritage](http://king.ca/heritage).

The winning property will be honored with a framed artist's rendering of their home at a Council meeting later this year.

For more information, email [heritage@king.ca](mailto:heritage@king.ca)



# ATV fatalities on the rise, local rules spelled out

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reporting a 125 per cent increase in ATV fatalities in 2024, with more than half of the deceased found without a helmet.

Nine people (eight drivers, one passenger) have died in OPP-investigated ATV incidents this year, compared to three drivers and one passenger at this time last year. With one third of this year's fatalities involving alcohol and/or drugs, the data is a reminder that some ATV riders dismiss the significant risks these (and other poor riding behaviours) pose.

The OPP and its valued partner, the Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle Clubs (OFATV), are urging all ATV riders, regardless of riding experience or skill level, to wear a properly fitted off-road vehicle helmet during every ride. ATV enthusiasts are also reminded to always ride sober/drug-free, maintain control of their vehicle, and take an ATV driving course.

Safe riding habits need to start at the very outset. Parents/guardians of youths who are interested in taking up ATV riding are encouraged to enroll them in Ontario's Youth ATV Rider Training Program.

King is Township is reminding citizens and parents that off-road vehicles are not permitted in parks or on trails. Bylaw officers are focusing on the illegal and unsafe use of off-road vehicles in the Township of King. King has received numerous complaints regarding the unsafe and illegal operation of dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on local roads, sidewalks and trails.

Residents should be advised that riding any off-road vehicles is strictly prohibited on any roads in not only the Township of King but all of York Region.

Pocket bikes, dirt bikes, mini-bikes, ATVs and motorized scooters are not permitted on public roadways or sidewalks. Also, off-road vehicles must be registered, plated and insured according to legislative guidelines. Riders must wear helmets and children must be supervised by an adult.

Anyone found operating one of these vehicles and not complying with the law will face charges. A bylaw officer may approach a rider or visit a property owner to provide education should a complaint be reported.

The vehicle may be impounded and fines may be as high as \$5,000. Parents of children riding unsupervised can also be charged.

Residents are encouraged to use King's online off-road vehicle reporting portal by clicking here.

"Off-road vehicles are only permitted on private property. Riders are required to transport their off-road vehicles to properties where permission is granted by the landowner. We're asking our citizens to be respectful of their neighbours since illegal riding puts them in danger, especially children out playing on sidewalks or riding their bikes," said Stephen Naylor, Director of Growth Management Services, King Township.

## Students were top of mind

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It supports energy efficiency and conservation and the growth of clean technology and innovation in the electricity sector. The ministry engages with Indigenous partners, local distribution companies, transmission companies and energy agencies in energy sector decisions. It also drives efficiencies and performance for consumers.

In his role as Education Minister, Lecce and the government has put students first. Through updating the curriculum and more of a back-to-basics focus, students are being better prepared.

Students were always top of mind for the minister. For the 2023-24 academic year, the Province is providing school

boards with a record \$27.6 billion in total education funding; that includes an additional \$700 million in base education funding and we are adding 2,000 more teachers to classrooms across the province.

Closer to home, the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) is projected to receive \$1,535,858,315 in base funding for the 2023-24 school year. Per pupil funding for the YRDSB has increased by 8.2 per cent since 2019-20.

Similarly, the York Catholic District School Board is projected to receive \$601,396,918 in base funding for this school year. Per pupil funding for the YCDSB has increased by 10.1 per cent since 2019-20.

In 2022, Lecce was re-elected with a healthy margin, some 57% of the vote.



## Lions donate \$35k to foundation

This past Saturday, the King City Lions Club presented a cheque for \$35,000 to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. The Foundation receives no government funding, relying on the support of other Lions Clubs, individuals and corporate sponsors. The mission of the Foundation is to empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing Dog Guides at no cost to them and supporting each pair in their journey together. Pictured presenting the cheque to the foundation are Lions George Yin, Ken Orr, Wayne Lowdon, Ian McClelland, Rob Payne and Peter Tetley.

## Witnesses sought in serious collision in King

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit are seeking witnesses following a serious collision in the Township of King that left one person in critical condition.

On Saturday, June 1, at 2:17 p.m., York Regional Police were called to a collision near 4545 Lloydtown-Aurora Road. When officers arrived on scene, they learned a head-on collision occurred between a black Kia sedan and a grey Chevrolet 2500 Express van.

The driver of the Kia was transported to a trauma centre, where he remains in critical condition. A 15-year-old passenger of the same vehicle suffered serious injuries and is recovering in hospital.

The driver of the Chevrolet van sustained minor injuries and remained at the scene.

No charges have been laid at this time.

Investigators are appealing to any witnesses who have not yet spoken with police, and to anyone who may have dashcam footage or video surveillance of the area around the time of the collision, to please come forward.

Video can be uploaded through this link: <https://yrp.ca.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/24168521>

Information can be provided to 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](http://www.1800222tips.com).

Visit our Community Safety Data Portal for complete stats and crime data within York Region. Crime prevention is our shared responsibility. Learn more about Operation Streetview.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

- Michael Connelly

## A heartfelt letter to my dad on Father's Day

Dear Dad;

Boy, has a lot happened since you departed in 1998.

Twenty-six years, 9,490 days. Untold events and memories.

I remember the year well, because that's the year our first-born, Lexie, came into the world.

Luckily, you were able to hold her in your careworn arms a few times. And then, never again.

I often catch myself turning around, feeling a hand on my shoulders. Could it be you, or just my imagination? Can you ask the Big Guy if it's permitted to drop me a line, or send me a signal from time to time?

I hope there is a way for you, mom and Angela to catch a glimpse of us down here on occasion as events unfold. I heard, that the love you have inside, you take it with you as you transcend. That's comforting.

Down here, the work continues, and sometimes it feels like I'm wading through waist-deep water, desperately trying to reach the shore.

More often lately, I think of simple, less stressful times. Despite being an average family, my early life was pretty decent. I took almost everything for granted.

I still remember that fateful summer evening when you pulled me close to your chest and uttered a final piece of advice: "You have a beautiful family. Take care of them."

I have tried, almost daily, to fulfill that directive.

Let me tell you about them, and how far we have all come.

Your oldest granddaughter is now 26, a beautiful, young woman, a force to be reckoned with. She's currently taking her Master's Degree, while working for the summer as an intern with a government agency. This one will go places, let me tell you.



Mark Pavilons

In fact, she's already been half-way around the world. With a heart of gold, and a tenacity to match, this one has been on several humanitarian missions - visiting African countries twice! She's seen the world's poorest souls and summoned her own inner strength to make a difference.

That, she will, I have no doubt. I can see the edges of your mouth curl up in a proud smile. I'll pass it on to her.

She will never get to hear your laugh or hold your hand. She has missed out on something quite special. Again, it's something I took for granted, but now makes me long for that touch, just one more time.

I try to share stories about you and pass on tidbits and things you taught me. But those 9,490 days have blurred some of them out, and made my memory falter.

But some of these nuggets do surface from time to time, and I celebrate silently, in my own mind and heart.

### Tree canopy

## 116,000 trees and shrubs planted in York in 2023, protecting the environment

York Region's 2023 Greening Strategy achievements demonstrate on-the-ground action the Region, our partners and local cities and towns are taking to protect and enhance the natural environment.

The 2023 Greening Strategy achievements exceeded targets in several areas, contributing to a greener York Region, including:

116,175 trees and shrubs planted in schoolyards, backyards, municipal parks, private forests, conservation areas, along streets and in the York Regional Forest.

The 2-millionth tree was planted in September 2023 during National Forest Week at the Maple Health Centre in the City of Vaughan.

Two properties totalling 145 hectares (358 acres) of land in negotiations and approvals to protect and enhance natural areas.

133 outreach events with 10,701 participants to inspire stewardship and action.

In 2023, \$3 million was spent on Greening Strategy programs, including \$2.4 million to support large-scale reforestation, backyard tree planting, outdoor education and contribution to land securement reserve.

Residents and visitors can celebrate the York Regional Forest's 100-year anniversary with a family-friendly day of tree planting on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the newly acquired

Centennial Tract at 5028 Queensville Sideroad in the Town of East Gwillimbury. Gloves and shovels provided. Registration is now open.

Learn more about York Region's Greening Strategy at [york.ca/Greening](http://york.ca/Greening)

Do you remember her? Maybe you took some of her warmth with you, and kept it close, embedded deep within your eternal soul.

Dad, I'm happy to say your only grandson, Liam, has turned into quite the strapping young man. He arrived in 2001 and I'm sure you would have been over the moon at the sight of him. He was quite the handful as a child, and has grown into an intelligent, thoughtful young man.

I worry about him almost every day. If I had the power, I would give him just a morsel of your inner strength, the same strength that kept you alive and brought you to Canada after the war.

He would have cherished talking with you, even playing a game of chess or two. Undoubtedly you would have been great pals and spent your days on long walks in the woods or country lanes.

You would have added a certain je ne sais quois to the Pavilons mix, this cocktail of generations.

I can no longer toss him up on my shoulders, as you once did to me. Funny what we remember. You jostled and jiggled with me atop that special perch, moving back and forth in the hallway as mom made dinner. I can still hear my giggles, echoing in the distant past, drawing fainter and fainter.

Your third grandchild, Kyleigh, is now 18, a beautiful young woman.

She loves animals and cares about people. She's quite witty and seldom backs down from an argument. Through this alone, she's destined to go far.

I can't help but feel at a loss. I think had you and mom stayed a bit longer, just a few more precious years, they would have benefitted in some way.

I know in my heart that you would

have loved all three of these angels with every fiber of your being.

We all lost when your time was up. They will never skip stones on the river or make a walking stick out of a tree branch.

I look at them and feel sad. Sad because those past 9,490 days have gone so quickly without you. Granted, you would be 105 today.

I am now a bit of a grumpy, old man. It's my own fault and yet I can't really recall how I got here and how I ended up in this state.

I've had some health issues in the past year, something I know you are familiar with. My fate is largely in the hands of medical professionals and God himself.

I'm starting to get a handle on this fatherhood thing - it only took me 26 years to begin to understand all the nuances. There is much more to come, I'm sure.

It would have been so nice to share a dual Father's Day with you - two generations gathering to celebrate the warmth and love that surrounds them.

For me, it's a bit bitter-sweet to be sure.

I don't feel I deserve the attention, and yet, I know we'd shower you with affection if that empty seat at the table had you in it.

If you have any minor miracles to share, now would be a good time.

But I get it, you'd have to ask the powers that be.

Hey Dad, I'm sorry for the things left unsaid, and those things you fought in your head.

I get it now.  
Your Son,

Mark



### Quote of the Week

*"In the end, we'll all become stories."*

- Margaret Atwood

### Trivia Tidbits

Canada is home to the world's largest uninhabited island - Devon Island.

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Results from last week's poll:

**Do you hope the Edmonton Oilers make history in the Stanley Cup finals?**

a) Yes  100%

b) No  0%

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Are you happy with the state of Township roads?

a) Yes  
b) No

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# The dry facts about increasing water scarcity

By David Suzuki

## Environment

People can only survive a few days without water. After all, we're mostly water – basically just liquid blobs with enough organic thickener to keep us from dribbling away. We're part of nature's hydrologic cycle of evaporation, condensation and precipitation that cartwheels water around the planet.

Given water's importance to our health and survival, you'd think we'd take better care of streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, glaciers and the one, interconnected ocean. Earth's surface is 70 per cent water, but only three per cent of that is freshwater and most is

inaccessible or polluted.

Because our current global economic system values money above everything we need to survive, we've been polluting, destroying and depleting water sources at alarming rates, in part so the wealthy corporate class can profit. With accelerating climate change causing increasing droughts, we're putting water and ourselves at even greater risk.

In some cases, the devastation is in the name of development: wetlands destroyed for urban sprawl, waterways polluted for mineral and oil extraction, rivers dammed for hydro and irrigation and everything from streams to the ocean polluted because it's cheaper to dump waste into them than to find better ways to deal with it.

Increasingly, water is itself becoming a commodity, especially as drought, pollution and melting glaciers make clean water scarcer and more valuable.

As a Guardian article says, "Across the US west, private investors have been scouring rural communities in search of high-priority water rights." Large multinationals such as Nestlé and PepsiCo are paying a pittance to drain clean water from public sources to bottle and sell back to the public at exorbitant profit. And fracking for liquefied "natural" gas uses enormous volumes of water (and chemicals) to blast open rock formations to release the fossil fuels – often in drought-prone areas.

Many Indigenous communities in Canada and elsewhere lack clean drinking water, with some on boil-water advisories for years.

In the Tyee, Andrew Nikiforuk writes that researchers from the University of California, Santa Barbara, who spent three years collecting and analyzing data on some 1,700 aquifers around the world found "groundwater is dropping in 71 per cent of the studied aquifers" and, "levels have dropped by one metre in central Alberta and Saskatchewan too."

Nikiforuk cites another study showing that "human activity has massively altered the world's flow of surface water and imperilled water cycles critical for life as varied as fish and forests." Finnish researchers found that "over a 145-year industrial period, the technosphere and its growing population have dramatically shifted streamflow and soil moisture compared with a pre-in-

dustrial baseline."

Altering what was once a relatively stable water flow system is affecting water and food security and increasing "the severity, frequency and duration of floods and droughts."

The Finnish scientists argue that "Committing to ambitious climate action, halting deforestation and respecting environmental flows in water use and management is thus imperative to safeguard the life-supporting functions of freshwater."

As humans continue to exploit and burn fossil fuels and destroy carbon sinks such as forests, the world keeps heating, putting more stress on water supplies. Meanwhile, our reckless pursuit of profit, energy and technology to supply a growing human population is accelerating pollution of the remaining clean water.

It's not that we didn't know what was coming in time to do something. Many experts, including my late friend David Schindler, one of the world's leading water ecologists, predicted for decades that areas such as southern Alberta would experience prolonged water scarcity unless something was done to address the climate crisis and rein in industry, agriculture, population growth and urban development. But governments in Alberta and Saskatchewan keep going in the opposite direction.

We can't continue to ignore those who study issues ranging from climate change to water supply. The consequences are becoming clearer by the day. We may be experiencing water shortages, but we have no shortage of solutions. Most, if employed with foresight and awareness, will lead to more prosperous and equitable societies. Destroying and wastefully exploiting everything that life depends on is leading to disaster and death.

The choice is clear. We must take back power from those who would greedily destroy the planet's life-support systems for short-term financial gain. There's a better path. We must take it now, before it's too late.

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## Ontario taking impaired drivers off the road

The Ontario government is cracking down on impaired driving by introducing legislation that, if passed, would impose stiffer penalties for those who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs – including a lifetime licence suspension for those convicted of impaired driving causing death.

"Everyone deserves to return home to their loved ones safely at the end of the day," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Too many families in Ontario have had their lives torn apart by the careless and shameful actions of impaired drivers. That's why our government is introducing tough new measures, including lifetime licence suspensions, that will protect families and keep our communities safe."

Additionally, the government will require anyone convicted of impaired driving to install an ignition interlock device in their vehicle and undergo mandatory remedial education and treatment for first and second-time alcohol and drug-related offences respectively.

"Mothers Against Drunk Driving commends the Ontario government for taking steps to make roads safer and hold impaired drivers accountable," said Steve Sullivan, CEO of MADD Canada. "Despite progress, too many people are still making the choice to drive impaired, and we need to ensure sanctions hold drivers accountable while focusing on reducing recidivism."

The proposed legislation would also increase immediate roadside licence suspensions for first and second-time alcohol and drug-related offences and clarify police authority to stop vehicles and/or administer sobriety tests for drivers on or off the highway.

In response to increasing instances

of cannabis-impaired driving, the government will also work to provide additional tools and training to help police officers detect drug-impaired driving and launch a province-wide campaign to highlight the dangers of drug-impaired driving, with a focus on cannabis and young drivers.

In Ontario, one in three roadway fatalities involves impaired driving.

A 2022 roadside survey found that one in five drivers tested positive for drugs, alcohol, or both.

The percentage of drivers killed while under the influence of cannabis more than doubled between 2012 and 2020.

Ignition interlocks are in-car alcohol breath screening devices that prevent the vehicle's engine from starting if it detects alcohol in the driver's system.

For alcohol and drug-related offences, the province is proposing to increase the first and second-time roadside licence suspensions from three and seven days to seven and 14 days, respectively.

To keep communities safe, the Ontario government is also cracking down on auto theft by introducing legislation that, if passed, would suspend driver's licences for people convicted of the crime.

"arrive alive DRIVE SOBER supports ignition interlock as a mandatory licence reinstatement condition for convicted impaired drivers. We encourage all drivers and vehicle owners to be aware of all the consequences of impaired driving and plan accordingly. And given that impaired driving seems to be on the rise, arrive alive DRIVE SOBER asks all road users to report erratic and unsafe driving when observed on our roads by calling 9-1-1," said Anne Leonard, president of arrive alive DRIVE SOBER.



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# We must protect farmland for future generations

By Drew Spoelstra  
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## Agriculture

Ontario farmers know better than most that this province is home to some of Canada's richest and most fertile farmland.

It's where we grow food and feed for people and animals alike, but in addition to sustaining us, it also helps support climate change mitigation, benefits water and air quality and supports our environmental biodiversity.

At the same time, we know that Ontario needs growth to keep its economic engine going, expanded transportation networks to support the flow of people and goods, and housing for an increasing population.

Farmland is a finite but diminishing resource, and the availability of prime agricultural land is fundamental to Ontario's future. It's been a long time since our grocery store shelves were empty, but we only have to look to other regions of the world to understand that a country's ability to feed its own population is

an important pillar of a well-functioning and sustainable society.

That's why we have long been strong advocates for farmland preservation and keeping this fertile soil in agricultural production – it's the fundamental building block of our food and farming systems.

Unfortunately, the analysis of the latest Census of Agriculture statistics paints a bleak picture of what is happening in Ontario – the province is permanently losing an average of 319 acres of farmland a day or the equivalent of nine family farms from agricultural production every single week.

Although urban expansion isn't the only cause of this loss, it's undeniable that development is putting intense pressure on Ontario farmland and pushing up against urban-rural boundaries. The most current example is the ongoing farmland situation in the Waterloo Region municipality of Wilmot Township, where landowners are being threatened

with expropriation for an as-of-yet undisclosed industrial development.

Although Ontario is a large province, only about five percent of our land is suitable for growing crops or raising livestock. Much of northern Ontario can't be farmed because of the cool climate and the rocky Canadian Shield, and towns and cities dot much of the southern Ontario landscape.

Ontario farmers understand that our province needs to be able to attract and accommodate growth, and that we need solutions to the housing shortage. We aren't opposed to urban growth and development – after all, we also want housing options to support youth, seniors, families, workers, and newcomers in our communities.

But we believe the answer lies with responsible land-use planning that prevents further farmland loss, encourages ongoing investment in farms and farm-related businesses, helps communities intensify their built-up areas and supports greater density in new development.

This includes directing growth to urban and rural settlement areas where residential and commercial needs can be met in serviced areas using much less land. It also ensures efficient use of mu-

nicipal infrastructure investments and reduces costs to provide services.

We're urging all levels of government to use a long-term, strategic approach to land-use planning and a commitment to meaningful increased density of population within urban boundaries and around public transportation hubs so that we're building in the right places.

We're encouraging transparency, dialogue and collaboration so we can collectively find solutions where farmers are part of the process and can make meaningful contributions.

Let's not forget that agri-food is also a cornerstone of Ontario's economic prosperity. This sector, which is built around productive agricultural land, contributes \$47 billion to the provincial economy and \$20 billion in agri-food exports annually, and employs about 10 percent of Ontario's work force, supporting more than 750,000 jobs.

Without a thoughtful and strategic approach to farmland preservation, land-use planning and economic development, we are putting Ontario's future at risk. For Ontario farmers, the goal is to ensure a future for our province, our communities and our families that includes food and farmland as well as jobs and growth.

## Infrastructure projects in York to meet growing community needs

York Regional Council received presentations and reports on both Public Works Transportation and Water and Wastewater Capital Infrastructure updates, outlining how the Region is expanding and maintaining systems. The 2024 Public Works 10-Year Capital Plan includes \$4 billion in transportation projects and \$4.4 billion in water and wastewater projects for growth and asset management.

More than 270 transportation projects are planned for 2024, including widening roads in the most congested urban areas and near new development, bridging 400-series highways, improved intersections, new multi-use paths and streetscaping. Improvements will also be made to further increase and enhance traveller safety and experience as well as environmental sustainability.

The 2024 Water and Wastewater Capital Plan focuses on building the Regional water and wastewater network, sustaining service levels and managing system risk and resiliency. At the end

of 2023, the capital program had 176 active projects.

Key water and wastewater projects for in the 2024 10-Year Capital Plan include requirements of Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, namely the north York Durham Sewage System expansion as part of the mandated York Region Sewage Works Project. Other critical projects outlined are new or enhanced wastewater sewers, pump-out stations and other facility infrastructure for the York Durham Primary Sewage System, servicing projects in the City of Vaughan and Township of King and water resource recovery facility updates in the Town of Georgina.

York Region's Transportation Master Plan and Water and Wastewater Master Plan guide infrastructure capital programs, ensuring Regional transportation and water and wastewater networks continue to meet the needs of our growing communities.

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# YCDSB joins lawsuit against Meta over social media 'addiction'

By Brock Weir

The York Catholic District School Board has joined a multi-billion-dollar and multi-school board lawsuit against Meta, the company following such popular social media platforms as Instagram and Facebook, as well as Snapchat and TikTok.

The YCDSB is the latest Board to join in the growing suit that calls on social media platforms and their providers to "make their products safer" and compensate school boards for the "disruption" to their mandate.

In a joint letter, Elizabeth Crowe, Chair of the YCDSB and Interim Director of Education John De Faveri said the platforms are not only having a negative impact on students, they're "rewiring the way they think, act, behave and learn."

"As a result, educators are spending increased classroom time managing issues caused by social media, administrators are forced to rework curriculum to meet the adapting needs of a student body with significant attention, focus, and mental health concerns, and the changing behavioural dynamics of the student population are causing significant shifts in the educational landscape and huge strains on school boards' finite resources," they said.

"The impact of social media products on student learning is a multifaceted problem that requires a multipronged approach. This action will work in concert with new policy proposed by the provincial government to limit devices in the classroom. Restricting the use of devices in schools is one piece of the puzzle, but as we know, compulsive social media use outside the classroom will continue to permeate the education system and impact student learning."

Mark Brosens, Senior Communications Director for the YCDSB, told The Auroran last week that the Board has been studying the facts around the lawsuit "for quite a while" and wanted to ensure "we were doing all the proper research that was needed to ensure it was the right action for us" before joining the litigation.

"I think if you look at news reporting and conversations parents are having across the country, we're seeing everything from an increased amount of depression and anxiety in young people, all the way to sexual exploitation

of both boys and girls in Canada... both of those things by themselves are quite troubling and at the school level you're also seeing increased behavioural issues, teachers having to spend more time dealing with students who have addictions to social media products and are having problems concentrating," he said.

"School boards across the country are talking about damaged caused by social media challenges. It creates an entire situation that is really difficult for schools to manage and it has created a number of costs that school boards have to bear. What we're saying is social media companies should first of all help school boards recoup those costs, but more importantly they should be changing their product to ensure it has less of a negative health and wellbeing impact on young people."

Citing statistics from CAMH, Brosens says nearly a third of students have been found on social media for more than five hours a day and one in ten young people "feel anxious and uneasy when they don't have their cell phone on them."

"We hear from educators and staff that students are depressed, anxious, they're dealing with cyber-bullying," he says. "We as a board have had to increase the amount of training that we've had to give to our staff on being aware and mitigating the effects of sexual exploitation because of what's happening on social media across the country. We have a psychology and mental health department in the YCDSB and they are incredible, hard-working people and they are struggling to keep up with the number of cases that are coming to them."

"Social media isn't the only thing that is causing these problems, but what we're saying is that social media companies have created a product that intentionally rewards compulsive behaviour and, as a result of that, students have been given a product that is not good for their mental health and wellbeing, it doesn't provide them a safe space in the digital world, and we can look at other jurisdictions around the world that are putting measures in as a result of legislation that are making this a better place for young people. School boards can help lead the charge for creating a safer space for students online, we're happy to do that."

Boards, he stresses, aren't opposed to social media in and of itself - "we feel it is here to stay" - but they want a product that is more "beneficial," particularly for young people. The algorithm on Facebook, for example, is, he claimed, "an attempt to give one dopamine hit after another."

"We don't have any problems with social media as a way to connect with each other and as a way to build community; what we would like to see is a social media product that wasn't trying to create compulsive behaviours in

those who use it. More than anything, we want to make sure that the mental health wellbeing and safety of our young people is protected in a digital space. We compliment all the other efforts that are being done at the moment such as those by the Provincial government to ban cell phones in the classroom, but what we need to have now is a larger, multi-faceted approach to solve social media's harms for young people because social media affects every aspect of their lives. We need a structural change to ensure our kids remain safe."



## History shared on Jane's Walk

History came alive on the Jane's Walk on Main Street Schomberg recently. Thank you to all the citizen historian/story-tellers who kept participants informed and entertained. Thank you also to the Township of King for curating a wonderful gallery of historic art and photos.

## Is water and sewer line insurance worth it?

By: Desjardins Agent Anna Raeli

Most standard homeowners' insurance policies don't cover the water and sewer lines under your land. If they get damaged, you could spend thousands of dollars out of your own pocket on excavation, repairs and landscaping.

The good news is that many insurance companies offer water service and sewer line insurance as optional coverage. Here's why you should consider adding it to your policy.

### Is water service and sewer line insurance right for you?

Aging infrastructure and increases in severe weather events have made water damage one of the top reasons for home insurance claims. You might want to consider adding water service and sewer line breakage coverage to your policy if you:

### Own a home or rental property

The day-to-day costs of maintaining a home add up, and surprise expenses can derail any household budget. For a few pennies a day you can give yourself the peace of mind that comes from knowing you'll be taken care of in the event of a water service or sewer line breakage.

### Live in an older neighbourhood

If your home is in an older development, the water and sewer lines may be reaching the end of their lifespan. Have your neighbours had to replace their water service and sewer lines recently? Given that your homes were likely built around the same time, this is a sign that you might have to replace yours soon, too.

### What could cause damage to water and sewer lines?

The lifespan of water service and sewer lines depends on several factors, including:

#### Tree Roots

Tree roots are attracted to the moisture and nutrients that may be slowly trickling from small cracks in your sewer line. Roots can find their way into the tiniest openings, from which they'll expand over time and eventually clog or break the pipe. Even if you don't have trees on your property, a neighbour's tree could still wreak havoc on your water service and sewer lines.

#### Wear-and-tear

Older sewer lines are prone to corrosion and sediment build up that can cause leaks or broken pipes.

#### Ground shifting

Construction or landscaping work on your property can shift the ground and lead to cracked or displaced service lines.

### What to look for in water service and sewer line coverage

At a minimum, your water service and sewer line insurance should cover these expenses:

- Repair or replacement of broken water service and sewer pipes located on your land
- Excavation costs and debris removal
- Repair or replacement of outdoor property, including landscaping.


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## King prepares to maintain expanding road network

By Mark Pavilonis  
Editor

King Township is looking at ways to efficiently maintain its road system.

Staff provided a report to council recently, revealing ways the Township can optimize material application and reduce the amount of sand and salt that enters our local ecosystems, water-courses, and reduce the deterioration of infrastructure.

This “responsible approach,” staff noted, helps protect and preserve the natural environment.

The growth associated with the developments in King City and Nobleton over the next few years will increase our urban road network significantly. Current service levels will not be sustainable with delivery out of a single, northwest public works yard. The proposed level of service reflects the need for a new Joint Operations Centre within the next 3-5 years in order to scale operations to sustain and evolve the service level.

Staff will bring forth a future report with associated costs and timelines prior to the 2025 budget that evaluates options and recommends interim and permanent solutions to implement the proposed level of service.

Efficiencies can also be found in the material used in winter road maintenance, with respect to the melting of snow, ice, and maintaining road traction for the safety of all users.

To modernize current practices, Township staff have undertaken the following:

An environmental impact assessment; reviewed usage optimization; explored the use of alternative materials and technologies, collaborated with industry experts.

Historically, Township roadways were comprised of only rural-type roadways. The recent growth in the villages of King City and Nobleton have created communities with predominantly urban cross sections.

In recent decades, the Township has gradually increased the quantity of urban roadway assets in their inventory. Accordingly, it is timely and appropriate to review King’s winter maintenance practices and the overall effect on both the functionality and performance of those types of assets.

Staff noted that a comprehensive review of the application of winter material on all roadways was conducted to determine their effectiveness, cost implications, and environmental impacts.

Urban roadways consist of asphalt pavements attached to curb and gutter drainage systems. These drainage systems are connected to local distribution storm sewers that carry the stormwater runoff collected from the roadway into storm water management (SWM) ponds. Currently, urban roads with curb and gutter drainage systems are treated with 50/50 at an average spread rate of 400 kilograms per lane kilometre. When first treated, snow and ice become slush until it is treated again to separate the melted snow from the sand. Once fully separated, the sand that is spread on the roadway ends up all towards the edge of the road/gutter.

Paved rural roads are currently treated with 50/50 and are attached to ditches that drain the roadway. Material runs off and accumulates into the ditches. Ditching/reprofiling is required in order to restore the integrity of the ditch.

Gravel roads are currently treated with 90/10 and are attached to ditches that drain the roadway. Material runs off and accumulates into the ditches. Ditching/reprofiling is required to restore the integrity of the ditch. Using 10% salt at an average spread rate of 400 kilograms per lane kilometre means that there is 40 kilograms of salt being placed every lane kilometre of roadway driven. This amount of salt is enough to melt the snow/ice, which ultimately oversaturates the gravel road.

Staff did point out that a moderate volume of traffic on an oversaturated roadway can lead to extensive potholes, wash-boarding and other deficiencies.

To find the most effective materials for winter maintenance various alternatives have been reviewed. Solutions ranging from agricultural products, various types of straight salt, liquid brine, calcium magnesium acetate, and other types of de-icers have been evaluated. Choosing the right material(s) for treating roads during the winter is a balance of safety, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness. When reviewing the alternatives, using treated salt (Thawrox) provides that very balance of low environmental impact, low cost and high effectiveness.

Staff is recommending that, in order to improve the level of service, they consulted with both the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). Both Conservation Authorities have noted similar changes by a number of surrounding GTA municipalities including members of

the Northern six municipalities (N6) as well as the City of Mississauga.

Over the last three years, the Township has used on average approximately 9,000 tonnes of winter material each year. The existing storage facility houses ~4,000 tonnes of material, split between 50/50 and 90/10. Due to the relatively small size of the existing storage facility, there is no room to stack or house a third material.

The proposed level of service would require a third, separate winter material to be added.

The existing Public Works yard sits on a site that is ~8 acres in size, with approximately 3.9 acres of actual, usable space. Staff will study the requirements for implementation of the enhanced Winter Maintenance level of service including but not limited to, capital improvements such as the new Joint Operations Centre (JOC) and any interim solutions and report back to Council prior to consideration of the 2025 budget.

The new Joint Operations Centre is currently planned for in the 10 year Capital Plan. In 2026, funds have been

identified for a works yard expansion for \$2.4 million and the new southern works yard is in the next term of Council from 2027-2030 for \$40 million. Funding for the JOC is identified as both capital tax levy funded and development charges (DC). The funding and timing will need to be reviewed with the next development charge (DC) background study and the DC funds collected to date to support any growth-related projects.

Nobleton and King City are projected to be expanded with several new developments that will expand the road network significantly well prior to the expected completion of the new JOC.

This, staff said, will create additional pressures on the constraints of the existing works yard in the interim. As such staff are recommending the investigation of a temporary material storage facility along with the necessary tools, equipment, and resources ahead of the construction of the new JOC. Staff will investigate options and report back to council, with associated costs and timelines prior to the 2025 budget.

## Partnership with ventureLAB supports growth and innovation across York Region

York Regional Council has reaffirmed its commitment to focus on economic development, innovation and talent across York Region through a four-year, \$1 million funding agreement with ventureLAB.

“Economic vitality remains a strategic priority for Regional Council,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. “Our continued partnership with ventureLAB, York Region’s Innovation Centre, is an important investment for our thriving economy. ventureLAB has achieved many successes over the past several years and continues to demonstrate the value of supporting entrepreneurial programs and services, specifically in the technology and small business sectors.”

The four-year funding agreement between York Region and ventureLAB aligns with York Region’s 2024 to 2027 Economic Development Action Plan. One of the four main pillars is focused on innovation, specifically fostering an environment supporting entrepreneurship and innovation through ventureLAB, to drive economic advancements.

Through this funding agreement, York Region provides ventureLAB with an annual contribution of \$250,000, of which \$150,000 supports existing programs and services, including fostering support and connections for founders to gain investment, attract and retain talent and bring technology to market. The remaining \$100,000 is dedicated to the York Region Entrepreneurship and Innovation Fund, administered by ven-

tureLAB on behalf of York Region to foster entrepreneurship and drive innovation.

“ventureLAB-supported companies continue to have a significant impact on York Region’s economy,” said City of Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Joe DiPaola, Chair of the Region’s Planning and Economic Development. “Supporting innovative entrepreneurs in York Region increases job growth and showcases the unique and strong talent we have.”

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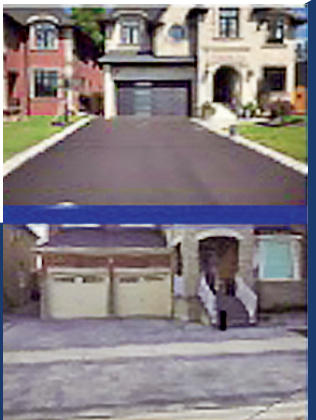
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## King Township Municipal Centre

The King Township Municipal is centrally located at 2585 King Road in King City and features a gymnasium equipped with all the sports equipment an athlete can dream of.

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## King Heritage & Cultural Centre

Located at 2920 King Road, King City, the King Heritage & Cultural Centre (KHCC) sits on the highland of the Oak Ridges Moraine. The KHCC is home to the King Township Historical Society, the Township of King's museum and archival collections, a long-term museum exhibition, and four historic buildings.

**All Aboard King Railway Party:** Calling all train lovers! Delight in train-themed programming, create a historical craft, and tour the King Heritage & Cultural Centre property, featuring the King Railway Station. Go on a scavenger hunt and play outdoor games (weather dependent). Recommended for ages 5+.

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ton Arena (seasonally, from September to April) or the Trisan Centre all year round. Skating capacity is for up to 50 people and the package includes a four-hour room rental with tables and chairs. This package does require supplementary insurance, for more information email contact facilitybooking@king.ca.

Party package details can be viewed at [king.ca/partypackages](http://king.ca/partypackages). To book a party, complete the online party package request form or call 905-833-6557. After you submit your form, Township staff will contact you to confirm the facility availability and get further details for your party. Once the party package is confirmed, a contract and payment information will be emailed to the party organizer. Additional paperwork may be required based on birthday party package selection. Full payment and a signed contract are due immediately upon booking.

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# King Food and Drink Fest attracts thousands

By Jim Stewart

Baileigh White, Special Events Coordinator for King Township, looked over a busy Memorial Park on Saturday afternoon and smiled at the prospect of entertaining so many residents: “We’ve got eleven craft beverage trucks and twelve food trucks at the park today. We’re expecting to provide food and drink for approximately 2,000 visitors. We’ve added Cider makers this year and are providing more variety of drinks with Black Fly, Founders, and Dixon’s Distilled Spirit serving cocktails. The vendors are coming in from as far as West Lorne, Mississauga, Guelph, Uxbridge, Whitby, and Thornbury.”

White, a welcoming, warm presence at the gates, noted that the best part of coordinating the King City event is “working with all the vendors. They offer cool products for our festival.”

Those cool products were, indeed, delightful and your local scribe sampled the fare with the three complimentary tokens provided generously by the organizers.

My first stop was Stonehooker Brewing of Port Credit where Ryan Ferguson served me a Gollywobbler Session IPA. Ferguson – a first-time vendor at the Beer Fest – advised me that “this session ale offers all the flavors of a traditional IPA.” He mentioned that he had “just got back from Scotland so we have a new addition to our lineup, a

Peated Scotch Ale to go with our original beers Chill Pills and Lakeshore Lager.” Ferguson’s assessment of the Gollywobbler was accurate. It had the tangy citrus flavor of a great cold IPA on a warm afternoon.

My quest for lunch involved navigating through the food trucks that populated the western and eastern perimeters of the park including Poutine and More, Lemon Heaven, Super Churros, Butt Chick – Butter Chicken Elevated, Heavenly Dreams, Beaver Tails, Buster’s Sea Cove, and Meltdown Cheesey.

I ventured to the Buster’s Sea Cove truck and ordered Fried Halibut on a Bun for \$16. The golden-fried halibut was served on a lightly-toasted bun and topped with coleslaw, pico-de-gallo, homemade tartar sauce, and jerk aioli—a perfect blend of condiments to set off the lightly-battered fish.

To set off this superb sandwich, I ventured to my second stop at The Craft Shack which opened in 2023 in Mount Albert. Aaron Van Gramberg poured me a Skeleton Park Amber Lager and chatted about his first experience as a vendor to King’s Beer Fest: “The best part of our first visit to this event is the atmosphere – the music, the social aspect, meeting other brewers, and the great food and drink being served.”

I enjoyed the Amber Lager that complemented the Fried Halibut at a picnic table in the sun while listening to the hard-driving, percussive sounds of

Skye Wallace. Wallace’s soaring vocals engaged the mid-afternoon arrivals. It was a polished performance by her spirited four-person band.

My third bevie was a strategic selection. It served as a ‘traveler’ around the park whilst photographing families, residents accompanied by dogs, avid cornhole competitors, and Junior A King Rebellion players at their kiosk. It was procured at the Natterjack Brewing Company tent. Daniel Soos’s six-year old company, set in West Lorne, pitches its “Unique Flavored Craft Beer” and he served me a Tadpole Belgian Blonde. It was, indeed, uniquely-flavored, and the nutty, crisp 5-ounce serving set off the mellow, acoustic sounds of the Joseph Boys as the park filled with patrons.

The range of musical acts is always a big draw at this annual festival and gracing the main stage to close the event were Birds of Bellwood and the headliners, New Friends. A new wrinkle to the festival for 2024 was a side-by-side set of main stages.

The dual stage set up smooth transitions between acts. It was from the west stage that King Councillor Debbie Schaeffer welcomed the guests to the 10th anniversary of the event. She thanked the sponsors for “making such an event possible, including event sponsor Zancor Homes, stage sponsor Treasure Hill, tent sponsor Aird Berlis, and acoustic stage sponsor Sabari Ortho-



MP Anna Roberts and Chamber of Commerce President Michelle Frauley were on hand at the event supporting local businesses, and of course King pride.

dontics.” Promoted by the Township as having “the best bites and bebies in town,” the 10th Annual King Food and Drink Fest lived up to its billing in its 10th incarnation.





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# Not a cloud in the sky for YCDSB Special Olympics

On May 31, roughly about 170 secondary students with special needs showed their athletic talents and had a lot of fun while competing in the York Catholic District School Board's (YCDSB) Special Olympics Track and Field Event at St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School in Richmond Hill.

It was perfect weather for the students representing 15 of the YCDSB's secondary schools to participate in several sports, including the 50-metre run, 100 m and 4 X 100 m relay, 50 m wheelchair, hurdles, bowling, shotput, basketball/bean bag toss, standing long jump, among others.

Karen Brockest, vice principal of St. Theresa of Lisieux, notes that participating students have been excited for this event for weeks, often checking in with teachers to let them know what sports they will participate in.

"The students get a chance to celebrate not only with each other but with their whole peer group in the school. To see people coming out and supporting them and cheering them on, is so meaningful for them," said Brockest. "It helps them to feel included in our community because they are such an important part of our community."

For Michelle Kim, YCDSB consul-

tant for special education and an organizer of the track and field event, this is among her favourite days of the year.

"I love working together with our colleagues just to make sure we have the most fun day for our student-athletes," says Kim. "The focus is all on them. On friendship and sport. And all the work that goes into the whole event is nothing compared to seeing the smiles on their faces."

Diana Candido, Superintendent of Education: Exceptional Learners, sees this as an important day to give exceptional learners an opportunity to shine and to use their God-given talents. The day is also very meaningful for the educators who work with these students.

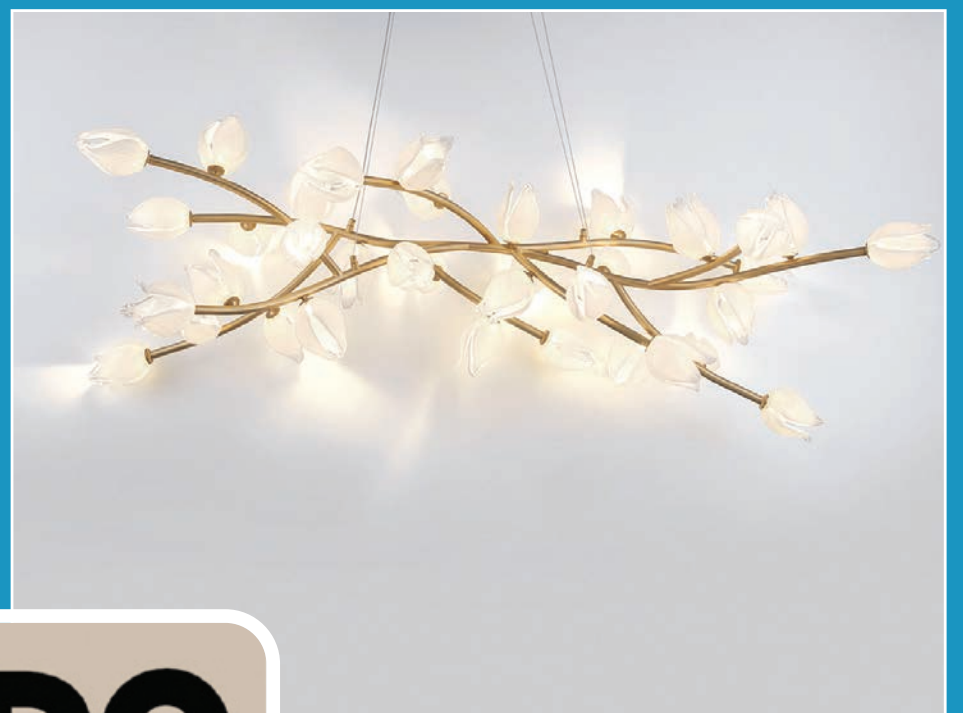
"We are looking at what our students can do and what they offer to the world," said Candido. "And so, for educators to be here today and to see all of their work come to fruition in the smiles of these children as they go through these events is really what we're about here at York Catholic."

The YCDSB Special Olympics Track and Field Event was organized in partnership with Special Olympics Ontario. It was a day that highlighted what special athletes can do, and both students and adults will remember it for years to come.



## Villanova team in competition

Villanova's Electric Car Racing Team wrapped up their season at the University of Waterloo Electric Vehicle Challenge, finishing 7th out of 22 cars despite numerous obstacles. After losing lead driver Isabella G., who suffered an injury in the Junior Girls' Championship game a day earlier, rookie drivers Julian V., Daniel R., and Alexandra S. led the team to its second-best performance ever. The school is incredibly proud of everyone involved and excited to improve next year with a brand new car! Follow @villanova.ecar for news and updates in what will be an exciting 2024-25 season!



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# Arts & Entertainment

## King Theatre Company aims to provide high quality programs

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

A new group will raise the bar of community theatre in King and beyond. King City resident Chloë Rose Flowers founded the King Theatre Company, a brand new professional theatre company located in the heart of King Township. The not-for-profit organization is dedicated to enriching the lives of King Township and GTA residents through high-quality, professional theatre, entertainment, and educational programming.

The mission, she said, is to “cultivate culture, foster community, and provide employment opportunities for local artists while promoting civic engagement through the transformative power of the performing arts.”

Flowers said she established the company to fill a void.

“As King Township rapidly expands, we recognized the need for accessible, high-quality theatre tailored specifically to our local audience. Our goal is to

enrich the lives of King Township residents by offering professional theatrical productions that foster community spirit, promote cultural engagement, and provide employment opportunities for local artists.”

Her extensive experience in theatre includes producing, directing, and performing for various companies across Toronto and the GTA. She’s produced Theatre Georgian Bay’s annual Bard on the Bay series, served as an Associate Producer for Theatre By the Bay’s inaugural Simcoe County Theatre Festival, and worked with notable Toronto theatre companies like Shakespeare in Action and Hart House Theatre.

“I am excited to bring my passion and experience back to my hometown,” she said.

Currently, King Theatre Company is offering professional theatrical productions for locals and visitors alike. Flowers hopes to expand the programming to include more productions and educational opportunities in the future.

“We envision ourselves as a hub for



Chloë Rose Flowers has launched a new, professional theatre company in King.

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# Salt-Water Moon

BY DAVID FRENCH

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professional live entertainment, artistic development, and arts-based education. We aspire to create a vibrant cultural identity within King Township, offering theatre experiences that are accessible, engaging, and tailored to our community.”

Flowers is excited to announce their inaugural production – “Salt-Water Moon,” which will be staged outdoors on the historic front porch of Pine Farms Orchard, from Aug. 14 to 24. This beloved, award-winning romance play will transport audiences back to August 1926, immersing them in the rustic charm of rural King Township. With extremely limited seating, she encourages residents

to reverse your tickets early at [kingtheatre.ca](http://kingtheatre.ca).

The show is set on a moon-filled night at Coley’s Point in August, 1926. Jacob Mercer has returned from Toronto hoping to win back his former sweetheart, Mary Snow. But Mary has become engaged to wealthy Jerome McKenzie, and she is still hurt and bewildered by Jacob’s abrupt departure a year earlier. She will not be easily wooed.

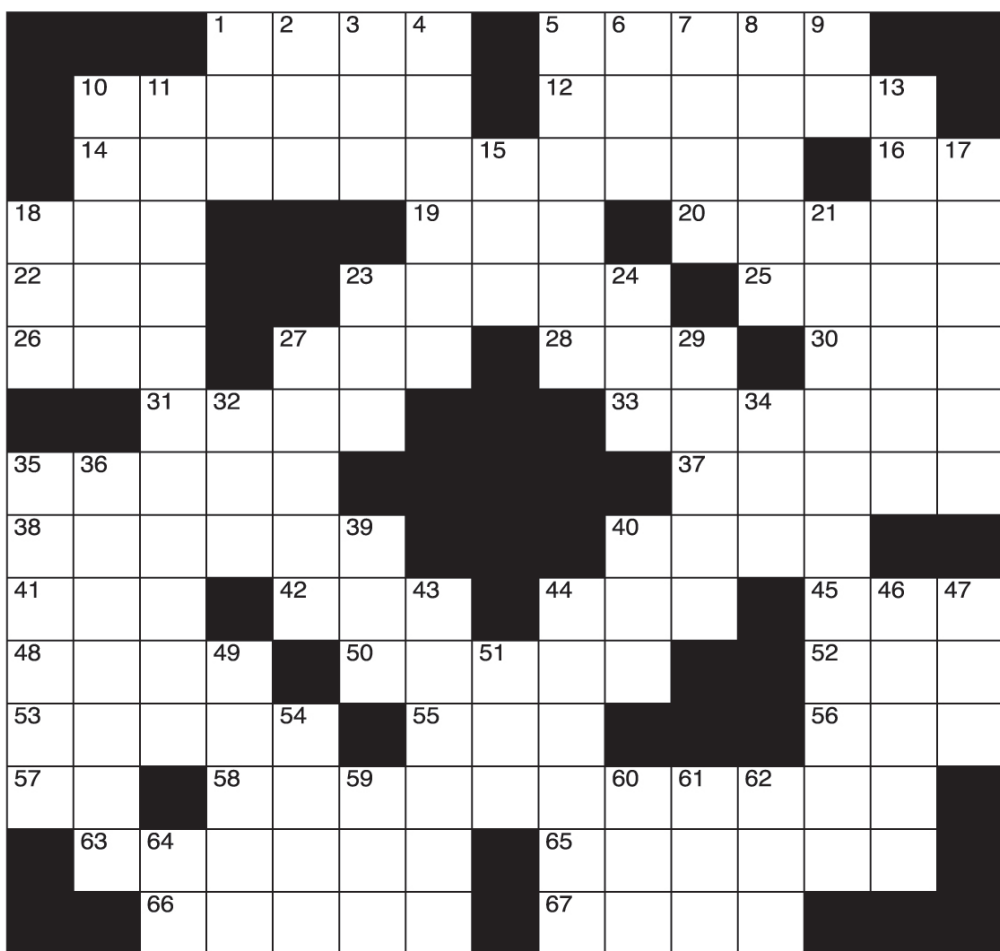
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12. Rods
14. One who renews
16. Sculpted body part
18. Chatter incessantly
19. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
20. Plates on a turtle’s shell
22. University of Utah athlete
23. The world of the dead
25. Singer Redding
26. Former Yankee great Mattingly
27. Prefix indicating wrongly
28. Unhappy
30. Anger
31. Dark brown or black

33. Restaurants have a lot of them
35. Made a mistake
37. Damp
38. Type of gasoline
40. Actor LeBlanc
41. Perform in a play
42. One’s mother
44. Prohibit
45. Swiss river
48. Part of a banana
50. Indian hand clash cymbals
52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
53. Agave
55. Noted journalist Tarbell
56. Computer firm
57. Type of record
58. Bacterium that can cause infection
63. Sheaths enclosing the spinal cord
65. A narrow opening (as in a rock wall)
66. Pattern
67. Very eager to see

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  7. Athleisure clothing brand
  8. California town
  9. Atomic #50
  10. The Muse of lyric and love poetry
  11. Creates anew
  13. Humorous commentaries
  15. Cool!
  17. Most ignoble
  18. Soggy dirt
  21. Designed to be useful
  23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
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32. Furniture
34. You have likely chatted with one
35. Pass or go by
36. Proof of purchase
39. A digital tape recording of sound
40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Building occupied by monks
47. Georgia rock band
49. Device that generates intense beam of light
51. State of agitation
54. Make by braiding
59. Local area network
60. Unit of work or energy
61. Indigenous person of Thailand
62. Liquefied natural gas
64. Distance to top

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# Southlake program developed in partnership with Princess Margaret Hospital

By Brock Weir

Cancer treatment is a challenging journey for anyone, but for young adults between the ages of 18 and 43, some of the challenges extend beyond medical treatment.

That's where Southlake Regional Health Centre, in partnership with Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, hopes to step in and help younger cancer patients navigate their path towards recovery.

In 2022, Southlake became the first organization to partner with the Princess Margaret Cancer Care Network and the Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Program aims to provide unique care close to home, including issues related to sexual health, fertility, relationships and more – ensuring holistic care is available to address “medical, emotional, social and practical concerns.”

“It is a very nuanced cancer experience compared to the paediatric population or adults who are beyond the age of 43,” says Samantha Scime, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Oncology Program, at Southlake and Princess Margaret. “There are unique concerns with this population that other folks don't experience because it is a highly developmental time in their adolescent-to-young adult space. We have people starting their careers – maybe they're in school, lots of focus on building social networks, friendships, relationships, navigating family and dependents, having young families, starting young families, buying homes – it's a very unique time and cancer is super-destructive. We're able to offer additional support, especially in the context of coping and some of those other domains we focus on.”

The age of 43 might seem an arbitrary ceiling to some, but Scime says “fertility preservation and issues with sexual health are top of mind” for people in this demographic and their needs will continue to be evaluated as the program develops and moves forward.

The partnership between Southlake and Princess Margaret helps support improved access to care for Southlake patients, bringing it close to home for the communities the Newmarket-based hospital serves – a particularly valuable element for younger patients.

“Really and truly some of them will go through their cancer care without ever being in a waiting room next to somebody getting treatment that is in the same age group as them or in a similar life stage and dealing with the same impacts as cancer,” says Dr. Alisha Kassam, Medical Director of the AYA Program. “We hear from many of our patients that that's quite lonely for them. It also means that although we have amazing oncologists at Southlake, similar to other cancer centres, they [didn't] have the expertise, the infrastructure, the tailored supports to provide this specialized care that this population requires and deserves.”

“Princess Margaret was one of the first cancer centres in Ontario to really get on board and recognize the need for this support, particularly for key domains such as fertility, body image, sexual health, school and work transition – they set up a program and now it is very robust, very well-served.”

Kassam says, as someone with connections to Princess Margaret Hospital and the programs they have, she wanted to bring it to the local level and is thankful the Southlake Board was supportive in getting it off the ground. Outside of Princess Margaret in Toronto, and hospitals in Ottawa, there are few programs tailored to this population, she adds.

“The cancer system is really tailored to older adults because they are the majority [of those diagnosed],” she says, adding that the adolescent and young adult demo is often thought of as a “forgotten group.”

“Part of that is because it is really all related to this lifestyle and feeling invincible – ‘I'm at the start of my career, I'm building a family, fostering relationships, being independent’ – then all of a sudden cancer impacts that and young adults tell us all the time they just want to feel normal, they want to go back to those things, and part of what I think this program does is [helping] bring some normalcy to that.”

Adds Scime, “We want to improve awareness. Many folks don't go to their regular checkups thinking about screening and what that education needs to look like in the future and how we can coordinate with public health and promote all those health promotion factors. It's not just top of mind for young people. They are navigating so

many different things at that time and because, as Alisha said, the incidents of cancer in this population is relatively low at 4 per cent and they don't have other friends who are going through this, it is not something they are necessarily thinking about.”

As the program develops for adolescent and young adult patients, Kassam says there are a lot of opportunities out there to improve cancer centres as a whole and integral to that is education.

They aim to ensure everyone is comfortable with asking the right questions, even if they might seem “taboo” at an oncology centre.

“We should be asking everyone about intercourse, intimacy, about sexual challenges, not just young adults. I

think it does go a long way into building a whole cancer centre and a whole system,” she says. “[We want] every young adult with cancer who walks in the door at Southlake Cancer Centre to be connected to this program and by virtue of it, to be connected to other young adults facing a similar diagnosis as well as supports for them. I would like to see, after a year, hopefully, Southlake to be a model for other cancer centres to learn from and want to develop their own programs and I would like to see the patient's voice elevated as well to get more patient partners on our team, as well as self-referrals and using their voices to figure out what they need. We might think we know all the answers but we want to hear from them.”



## Southlake receives accreditation

For the fourth time in a row, Southlake Regional Health Centre has been accredited with Exemplary Standing by Accreditation Canada. This is the highest possible designation and a reflection of Southlake's unwavering commitment to quality, clinical excellence, and patient safety.

In late February, Southlake welcomed five surveyors from Accreditation Canada, an independent national organization that works with hospitals and health care organizations to improve health quality and patient outcomes. The surveyors met with teams and patients across the hospital to assess the hospital's operations.

Southlake achieved a final score of 99.6 per cent – meeting an impressive 2,020 of the 2,029 applicable standards assessed by Accreditation Canada. This is the organization's highest score to date. Key areas of strength include Southlake's compassionate and engaged staff, medical staff and volunteers, Southlake's commitment to safety, quality and care delivery, and excellence in patient care with innovative approaches.

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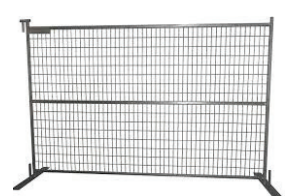
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# Golfers tee off at 14th annual Lions Club Charity Fundraiser Tournament at Nobleton Lakes

By Jim Stewart

Lions Club tournament organizer Jerry McBain peered over the Nobleton Lakes putting green from the covered balcony, took stock of the dozens of golfers milling about their carts, and noted the success of another sold-out scramble: "We've got 144 golfers on The Lakes and The View nines today. We've got another great auction prize table thanks to the generosity of Karl and Barb Davis from Green Tractors in Nobleton and the Olsen Family from the Brookdale Treeland Nurseries in Schomberg. We've also sold seventy tee box sponsorships this year so the support for the tournament from local businesses has been fantastic."

According to McBain, the Lions Golf Tournament's proceeds - which are projected "to surpass \$20,000 - are designated for specific organizations in and around King Township, including Southlake Regional Health Centre, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, King Food Bank, CHATS, Guide Dogs, Girl Guides, Local Baseball, King Township Scholarships, Epilepsy York Region, Camp Kirk, Camp Dorset, Homes for Deaf People, Autism Ontario, and the Alzheimer Society."

The affable convener acknowledged

that "The Food Bank is a big one for us to support - with over 200 King families in need."

With the prospect of surpassing their fundraising target firmly in hand, McBain turned his attention to the on-course attractions for this year's participants who chose to brave the unseasonably cool conditions: "Party Magic in Bolton is sponsoring our \$10,000 Hole-in-One Contest on The View's third hole. It's a tough, elevated Par 3 that is over 170 yards into the wind over water and sand to an island green. That'll be challenging today."

Indeed, it was challenging for the first foursome to tackle what is arguably the hardest tee shot at beautiful Nobleton Lakes. However, one member of the fun-loving and best-dressed quartet flew one to within 15 feet of the pin. Spirits remained high with the opportunity to bag a birdie on the first hole of the scramble on one of the tract's most difficult holes.

With over \$20,000 raised for local agencies, the Lions Club and its supportive groups of sponsors and golfers have strengthened the social and cultural safety net of King Township. There was much noble behavior on display in Nobleton on Sunday afternoon as the Lions Club lived up to their motto of "We Serve."

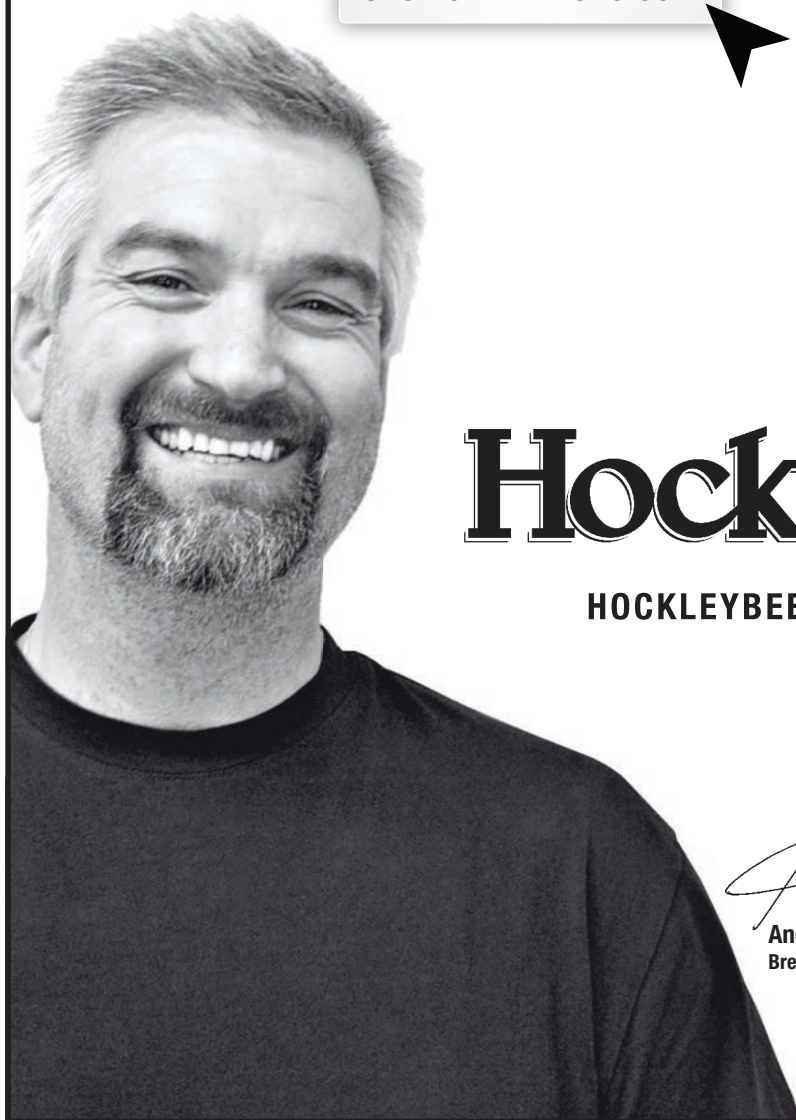


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## CDS Cyclone Rugby grads capture Pacific Four Series in Canada's historic 22-19 win over New Zealand

By Jim Stewart

Country Day School rugby coaches Dave Downer and Andrea Leacock could not contain their excitement upon seeing two of their former players star on the international stage for Team Canada during a recent championship game victory over New Zealand.

They watched with a high degree of satisfaction as Canada's Women's Rugby Team beat the Black Ferns for the first time in team history to win the coveted 2024 Pacific Four Series. The 22-19 comeback victory over the reigning champions – following compelling wins over the USA and Australia – moved Canada into second in the women's world rankings, the highest they've been ranked since November 2016.

Gracing the pitch for Team Canada in Christchurch, New Zealand were two Country Day School rugby grads: Claire Gallagher and McKinley Hunt. Coach Downer, who's been patrolling the sidelines as a rugby coach for 30 years at CDS and with the Aurora Barbarians, saw the National Team potential of Gallagher and Hunt when they starred together for the Cyclone almost 10 years ago.

The two on-field catalysts led the squad to a CISAA Varsity Girls' championship in 2015 and Downer assessed their prowess on the pitch: "Both had the ability to read a field. They could make it happen and have any problem on the field quickly under control. Both

had terrific tenacity and resilience, but also great humility. When McKinley came in for a visit earlier in the spring, she thought that New Zealand was beatable this year. When they did it, it was historic and we were ecstatic. I'm over the moon."

Coach Leacock, who's been coaching rugby alongside Downer for eleven years, was pleased to see Gallagher and Hunt triumph in New Zealand: "These girls deserved it. So much time and effort and energy and sacrifice have been devoted to achieve this kind of success. They've chosen to delay major life choices to dedicate themselves to Team Canada and the sisterhood of rugby. We have so much pride in their decisions and success."

Coaches Downer and Leacock offered insights into the former Cyclones' athletic careers at CDS. Hunt, a graduate of Queen's University and a Gaels' rugby player, played basketball and volleyball as well at the King City private school. Coach Leacock noted that "McKinley decided at the end of Grade 8 that she was going to dedicate herself to become a rugby player. She had a very supportive family and built herself physically into a force on the field. She was so strong starting in Grade 9 and played virtually at all positions for us for four years on the varsity teams."

Coach Downer added that Gallagher, a graduate of the University of Ottawa and a member of Gee-Gees' rugby team, made an early commitment



to become a national-calibre athlete: "Claire started playing rugby in Grade 9, but she was a rep soccer player and thought she was going to earn a university scholarship for soccer. After Grade 10, she made a full commitment to playing rugby and both Claire and McKinley became the full package – smart players who showed great levels of leadership and skill who led by example and enthusiasm."

When asked what was the most satisfying part of coaching brilliant competitors like Gallagher and Hunt, Coach Downer acknowledged both players' level of commitment: "They have bought into the international culture of rugby. They look out for one another. They're in a sisterhood as we

mentioned earlier and they share the sport's heritage."

Coach Leacock echoed her coaching partner's insights: "What's most satisfying for me is seeing them follow their dreams. They both have their degrees and accomplished what they set out to do. They had a chance to make the national team and accomplished that, too."

Winning a world championship against the most dominant global power in rugby suggests that Claire Gallagher and McKinley Hunt have accomplished much as CDS grads and the Cyclone community is proud of their international achievements. The sky is clearly the limit for this pair of inspirational student-athletes.

## An interview with Team Canada Rugby Stars and CDS Grads McKinley Hunt and Claire Gallagher

By Jim Stewart

McKinley Hunt and Claire Gallagher took time from their busy rugby commitments to Team Canada and pro team Saracens in North London to respond to our interview questions about defeating powerhouse New Zealand, identifying personal highlights during the Pacific 4 championships, and reflecting on their time as student-athletes at The Country Day School in King City:

**King Weekly Sentinel:** Describe your feelings as the match was winding down and your Canadian squad was tasked with holding a 22-19 lead against the perennial world champions on their home turf in Christchurch, New Zealand.

**McKinley Hunt:** "There were definitely some nerves because a game can swing at any moment, but I also felt an overwhelming sense of calmness. We had battled the entire game and I had complete trust in my teammates to finish the job. Our squad truly believes that it takes everyone on the roster to be successful and it was really special to see that come to fruition. I will say, that with about 2 minutes left, I really had the realization that we were going to win, and nothing could beat that feeling of utter shock and excitement that we had actually done it."

**KWS:** How satisfying was it to score a try and put your team up 15-14 to help win this high-profile rugby match over powerhouse New Zealand?

**MH:** "It is always great when you can contribute points in a game of that magnitude. I can't take too much credit for that moment, as it was a true forwards try with a strong mauling platform for us to build from. It is always great to have a momentum builder and to start the second half start with a try was exactly what we needed."

**KWS:** Was there a personal moment in the victory that you will especially cherish?

**MH:** "Running back onto the pitch after the final whistle was so special. Very few people see and understand the sacrifices we make to get ourselves to moments like that, so to be able to celebrate with the people who have been on the journey with you is extra

special. We also always knew we could be in contention for winning the World Cup next year and it was nice for us to prove to the world that we are serious about our goals and abilities, and that it doesn't matter who we are up against."

**KWS:** Reflecting on your high school rugby career at The Country Day School, how did your work on the pitch during high school – and with your club teams – prepare you for this significant rugby victory over New Zealand?

**MH:** "I owe a lot to CDS for my rugby career. Girls' rugby was always 'the' sport to play at school, and I don't think I would have picked up a rugby ball if I hadn't had that exposure. My coaches always made sure rugby was fun and that enjoyment of the sport has been crucial in my success."

"My club coaches also played a significant role in my development, especially Matt Rietkoetter and Mike Symes from Barrie RFC, and Kevin Jones from the Aurora Barbs. They were some of the first people who made me realize that I could pursue rugby at the elite level, and they have always supported me on my journey. I have had an unlucky road at times, with multiple serious injuries and they have always been the ones reminding me what I am capable of and to savour the little moments and people you impact along the way."

"My CDS and club coaches have shared in every step of my journey, and they continue to be some of the first people I text when I am away competing. They were the first people I messaged when I knew I had made the World Cup roster in 2022 and they were the first people I had messages from after our win against New Zealand."

**KWS:** Describe your feelings as the match was winding down and your Canadian squad was tasked with holding a 22-19 lead against the perennial world champions on their home turf in Christchurch, New Zealand.

**Claire Gallagher:** "It was a pretty surreal feeling; we knew the Black Ferns wouldn't let up until the last minute so despite being in the lead, we had to be locked in every moment. We could've built up this big mountain

to climb with the game being in New Zealand and having never beaten them before; however, that was not in our minds. As the game progressed, we just wanted to focus on ourselves and the things we could directly control."

**KWS:** Was there a personal moment in the victory that you will especially cherish?

**CG:** "Looking back at the win, we're pretty proud of all aspects of our game; we had been working all tour on many different attacking tools which we really implemented. A highlight moment for me personally was in the second half when we had over 30 phases of defense and held them off from scoring. To me, it really showed our grit and dedication to each other."

**KWS:** Reflecting on your high school rugby career at The Country Day School, how did your work on the pitch during high school – and with your club teams – prepare you for this sig-

nificant rugby victory over New Zealand?

**CG:** "Looking back to the start of my career at CDS is really special to me. I had not even heard of rugby before joining the team in Grade 9. Led by our coaches, the team environment was a really fun place which a lot of people wanted to be part of. A few years later, when I joined the Aurora Barbarians Rugby Club, I was able to get a better understanding of the game and play with girls who had a lot more experience than I did. I was also lucky to have McKinley Hunt to look up to in both of these environments. She was a few years older than me and without knowing it showed me all the places rugby could take you and the opportunities within the sport. Having these role models and fond memories at the grassroots level has allowed me to fall in love with the sport and remind me of why I dedicate so much time into it."



### Junior A Rebellion make their debut

Members of the Junior A Rebellion manned a booth at the annual King Food and Drink Fest in Memorial Park on Saturday. On hand were players Simon Wang, Owen Barfoot, and Julian Walters who greeted visitors.

## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church  
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will be leading the service with a message entitled, "Absolutely!" based on Romans 12.1-5. Do moral absolutes have their foundation in Scripture?

Come join us to hear more on this important message. We offer children's ministry and nursery during the service. If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

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

We are excited to be inviting all kids ages 4 to 12 to this year's Bible Fun Camp. The theme will be "finding our place in God's Kingdom." Each day, from July 22 to 26, will run from 9 a.m. to noon. An online fillable Registration Form will be posted on our website shortly. As in past years, there is no fee for this event.

At St. Paul's we have Life Connect Groups. These groups go deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It's a good way to do life together with other followers of Jesus, and inquirers, in a more intimate setting than you can get on a Sunday morning. For details of these groups, please be in touch with us via our online connection card, [stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect](http://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.

St. Mary's Church

The St. Patrick's KofC and MacGregors Meat & Seafood are giving us an-

other opportunity to fill our freezers for the Father's Day Weekend. For the Product catalogue, go to St. Patrick's Parish website. Text or call in orders to John Pallotto - Grand Knight, KofC, St. Patrick's Council on: 416-525-9450 or email at: [gk11786@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk11786@ontariokofc.ca). Payment by cheque to KofC Schomberg or e-Transfer: [gk11786@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk11786@ontariokofc.ca). Last order date: Tues., June 11. Pickup on: Sat., June 15 - 10 a.m., at St. Patrick's parking lot. Proceeds will go to St. Patrick's parish program initiatives.

We are very pleased to announce a special visit by our bishop of the Northern region, the Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau. Please join us in welcoming Bishop Boissonneau on the weekend of June 22/23 who will preside over the Holy Mass celebrations. There will be a reception with light refreshments hosted by the St. Mary's KofC on Saturday, June 22nd at St. Mary's Parish hall after the 5 p.m. Holy Mass celebration. All are welcome!

We are very excited to announce that we still have limited space for campers for our Summer Bible Camp 2024. The half-day camp will run Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Activities include moments of prayer, praise and worship, fun indoor and outdoor games and crafts. It is an excellent option for kids in Grades JK to 5. Invite your friends! The cost for the week is \$75 per child. Email Zephania to receive the link for the registration form. Don't miss out!

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](mailto:stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org)

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

June 13 - Dental Hygiene for Seniors presented by Dr. Hollander & associ-

ates. Regular care & Denture care. New government dental plan.

June 20 - Channeling Energy & Dissipating Stress. Adapt some fun ways to manage stress with your energy. Presented by Joanne Bailey RN.

June 27 Potluck and Party - Games, prizes, laughter. This will be our last Thursday Start up again in September. We have an exciting fall schedule planned. Stay tuned.

I am starting to plan for the fall. Our first day back for our Educational Thursday's will be September 12 - Virtual Chair Yoga and a pizza lunch. Please continue to register for each program. All events are \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members unless otherwise indicated.

Thank you for continued support. Please send me any comments or suggestions.

Joanne Bailey 416-706-9375, [jbaily133@yahoo.com](mailto:jbaily133@yahoo.com)

Garden Club speaker

The Nobleton and King City Garden Club is excited to announce the guest speaker for June, Paul Zammit. He has been described as the "Wayne Gretzky" Of the garden world. So, you won't want to miss it!

A graduate of the University of Guelph's Plant Agriculture program, Paul is an active member of many Canadian and international gardening communities. He lectures on various subjects, including container gardening, perennials, ground covers, and tropical plants. Paul is a popular and engaging speaker. Her has given presentations at many garden clubs and large garden shows such as the Canadian National Exhibition, Success With Gardening and Canada Blooms and other horticultural trade shows in both Canada and the United States.

Paul has made several television

appearances on HGTV's The Indoor Gardener and Kathy Renwald's shows Calling All Gardeners and Gardeners' Journal. He has written articles and provided photographs to past issues of The Epic Gardener.

Paul is passionate about plants and is a dynamic speaker. Join us on Monday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the King Museum. You will be glad you made the time to hear how Paul creates container gardens to add grace and beauty to your home. For more information about Paul or the Nobleton and King City Garden Club please email us at [nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com)

Nobleton Lions

The Lions extend a thank you to everyone who participated in last Sunday's annual golf fundraiser at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. Once again it was a huge success thanks to the hard work of all Lions in the club, headed up by Lion Jerry MacBain after many years of Lion Jim Kassam's leadership. Proceeds will go to supporting local organizations as well as health-related needs in the wider community.

It is not too late to support the annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides which supports the financial requirements of training service dogs. Over \$7,000 was raised this year and you may still donate at <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/fundraisers/nobletonlionsclub-walkfordogguides>

We continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest when regular meetings resume in September by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at [nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com](mailto:nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com)

We meet at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to the end of May at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena.



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Our Association, along with our partnership with King Township Minor Hockey Association, offers a wide range of hockey development opportunities for everyone - ranging from Local League fun to competitive Rep hockey for ages 4 through 20!

**New to hockey? Is your child interested in playing hockey, but needs to improve their skating skills? Schomberg Minor Hockey is pleased to offer a "Learn to Skate for Hockey" program for new skaters registering for hockey in Schomberg this year! This 4-week program is aimed at players aged 4-10 who want to get a jumpstart in learning how to skate and the basics of hockey. This program is FREE to any new skater joining a Schomberg Minor Hockey team. Sign-up now to ensure your spot!**

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## King Township Minor Hockey Association

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- Competitive Pathway Program:** A new Select Program for U7-U9 athletes who are looking for additional access to hockey than Local League alone.
- Representative Programs:** Under the King Rebellion name, we offer "AA", "A" and "BB" programs at all ages for those looking to play more competitive hockey\*.

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*\*Team viability and registration numbers will determine our ability to run programs/divisions at each age group*

## King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, June 9 Rev. Evelyn McLachlan explored our concept of family in our "time for the child in all of us." We were encouraged to broaden our definition of family seeing our relationship of family in a different way, including those around us in our lives in our church family and our bonds through community.

It was an appropriate lead in to Father's Day this Sunday, June 16 when we express our gratitude for those men who are fathers, grandfathers and also those who are father figures in our lives. We hope everyone has a wonderful Father's Day and welcome you to worship at 10 a.m. with Rev. Andrew Lee presiding. Fellowship and coffee in the auditorium follows the worship hour and everyone is welcome to join. Sunday school takes place during the worship hour. For more information contact Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your givings. Year round, for those who use the food bank, 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 Nowell will be bringing us the message on The Kingdom Of God. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School registration is open! Kids aged 6-13 can come and enjoy a week of games, snacks, Bible stories, crafts and science experiments. Join us the week of Aug. 12-16 from 9 a.m to 12:30 p.m. You can register through our website!

Open Closet Outlet on Saturday, June 15 from 10 to 1. Come and Shop for free!

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

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

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

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

Friday, June 21 is the last potluck lunch until the fall so come out and enjoy a delicious buffet with your friends. Each attendee is asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert. Lunch starts at 12:30 p.m.

There are no art classes in June. Please note the time changes for Monday afternoons.

King City Seniors will host a complimentary hearing assessment clinic on Monday, August 12 with Dr. Aliak of HearCanada. The sessions run every half hour with the first session at 9:30 a.m. and the last for the morning at 11:30 a.m.. The first afternoon session will be at 1pm and the last will be at 3 p.m. If this is something you are interested in doing, please call the Centre to book a space. 905-833-6565.

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; 1 p.m. – Cribbage; Crochet; 2 p.m. – Knitting.

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.

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 [kingcityseniors@gmail.com](mailto:kingcityseniors@gmail.com)

### King City Tennis Association

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. Visit [kingcitytennis.com](http://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.

### Sacred Heart Church

Holy Name School Graduation Mass Friday, June 14 9:30 a.m. in the school gymnasium. "Heavenly Father, surround those who are graduating with your grace. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education for the good of all mankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. Amen."

On Saturday, June 22, the Restless project will walk the streets of Toronto to distribute 200 bags of food and toiletries to those in most desperate need. Please join us at 16110 Keele St. at 11 am that day to put the bags together as part of a mission to give of ourselves to others.

Summer Bible Camp will be July 29 to Aug. 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$100 per child, Ages JK – Gr. 6

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### York Pines Church

Lesley Morris leads worship this Sunday at 11 a.m. for Father's Day. Feel free to join us for coffee or tea and treats at noon. All are welcome. Rev. Andrew returns next Sunday for our Indigenous service.

Please join us on June 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. for the second York Pines Strawberry (no Supper) Social. The menu

includes cupcakes with all-you-can-eat luscious fresh strawberries along with coffee or tea. Tickets are again \$15 for adults, \$5 for children age 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and under. Call the church office at 905-727-8118 for dine-in or take-out tickets. Drop in for a fine summer dessert. Traditional York Pines hospitality still being served.

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

Welcome to St. Andrew's! The worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Alison Agnew leading us in worship and bringing us a vibrant sermon from God's Word. Following the service, all are invited to stay for coffee-time. We were pleased to welcome the Rev. Robert Royal last Sunday to preach and preside over our Communion service.

Our last Life Connect Q&A groups are this Tuesday, June 11 on ZOOM and in person at Renate's home on Wednesday, June 12. Both are at 7 p.m. If you missed being with us, go to [standrews-kingcity.ca](http://standrews-kingcity.ca) and click on the YouTube link for our recorded service.

Next week, Alison has invited the Life Connect groups and the Congregation for a Dessert Night at the Manse on Wednesday, June 19 at 7 p.m.

Our dear Iain (John) McDougall passed away peacefully at Vaughan Hospice on June 1. He was 93 years old. The memorial service is at Thompson's Funeral Home in Aurora, on Saturday, June 15 at 11 a.m. Reception following.

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

**All Saints Anglican Church**  
By Patrick Gossage

The Pipes of King Concert will be June 21 at 7:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of music and conversation with Ernesto De Luca as he takes us on a journey with music from ABBA and contemporary composers to the more familiar classical works of Bach! Admission is by donation.

Join us for a Strawberry Social on July 6 featuring local strawberries, delicious treats and delightful music. Tickets will be \$15 for the seated event from 2-4 p.m. You can also pick up a treat for take-out from 4-5 p.m. (no tickets, but by donation).



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# Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Summer was here, but it seems it decided to bring fall back for a few days, don't fret though, warmer days are ahead just in time for the school year to end and summer holidays to get into full swing. I don't know about you but I'm really looking forward to the lazy days of summer, but I also realize summer will go so at lightening speed, Is it just me, or did summer seem so much longer when you were a kid?

We can't talk about summer in Canada without talking about construction, so with that, it seems Highway 27 will be closed from 18th Sideroad to Lloydtown-Aurora Road from July 5 to the 15th to replace the culvert, so you'll have to take the long way around if you need to get to Nobleton during that two-week period.

Just a reminder that this Sunday is Father's Day, and I know lots of our local shops have several gift ideas for the Dad in your life. Why not take dad,

grandad, stepdad or just anyone you think of like a dad to enjoy a local meal at one of our wonderful restaurants here in town. Hope everyone has a wonderful day celebrating their dad.

Flowers and gardens are on the agenda for June as well, as the Lupins, poppies and peonies are all about to explode and my clematis looks like it's going to be spectacular in the next few weeks. The "Annual Garden Tour: event by the "Schomberg Horticultural Society" is coming up on June 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a self-guided tour in the Township of King, featuring at least eight gardens in and around Schomberg. Tickets are available online at eventbrite.ca or at the Schomberg Public Library on tour day.

If you're interested in learning more about local heritage, look no further, you can join on a "Heritage Safari" bus tour on Saturday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You will board a bus in Schomberg at the old arena, served muffins and coffee and hit several local towns to hear how heritage conservation shapes local communities and end the day at historic Main Street Newmarket, where you'll have to opportunity to enjoy lunch on your own, cost is \$25 per person and you can register

at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/heritage-safari-tickets-908357260017>

## Schomberg Euchre Club

The Euchre group meets on Thursday 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 how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously. We also have season end parties, where we award prizes for top scorers and this season we're adding most lone hands.

## Schomberg 55+

Happy to report that as of today we have 91 members and still growing, please if you're 55 or over please come and join us.

This past Monday, we had the pleasure of having Jenna Wickens, Mature Minds Co-ordinator, speaking on Ageism, Jenna is an ageism consultant who plays a crucial role in advocating for fair treatment and combating age related discrimination. Ageism is one of the only socially acceptable "isms" we seem to use on a regular basis, but

when Jenna demonstrated how if we used the same language because of race or gender, we could very quickly identify it as sexism and racism, for example "for her age." We need to change our mindset and our way of talking about our older generation.

I have to say it was so enlightening and I don't think many of us even realized that we had that mind set. Thank you to Jenna who is a wonderful, full of energy speaker that is working hard to change stereotypes and put back the positive spin on aging as she said the alternative to being old is dying, so how can aging be a negative. To that end I've removed the word "seniors" from the groups title and just made it, Schomberg 55+.

Monday, June 24 at the Pottageville Pavilion - We have saved the best for last. Who doesn't love Potluck lunches? Come any time after 10:30 a.m. and have a coffee or cold beverage before we share a meal together at noon.

Tuesday afternoon bridge in Schomberg is cancelled for the summer. Beginning Wednesday, June 12, summer bridge will take place in the Curling Lounge of the Trisan Centre from 7 to 9 p.m.

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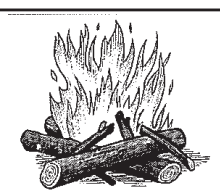
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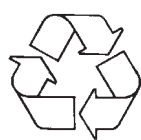
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## Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Congratulations to Rev. Richard Gardner, who was officially ordained in the ministry of the United Church of Canada last Saturday, June 8 at the Shining Waters Regional Council meeting in Brampton. Rev. Richard graduated recently from the Atlantic School of Theology. Blessings on your ministry in our congregations and in our communities. Rev. Richard is a resource for everyone.

The theme of the next Messy Church (Wednesday, June 19 at 5 p.m.) at Nobleton United is "Salt and Light." This is a fun family time with crafts and activities related to the theme, story at 6 p.m. and a meal at 6:15 p.m. All is free. Please contact me (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) if you intend to come so that we have enough crafts and food for everyone. Invite your friends.

Messy Church's Mayha Carroll was

selected by Florida's Disneyworld to attend a 5-day experience for animation. She is making delicious Dog Treats to cover her travel and lodging. If you would like to purchase some treats for your dog and help Mayha as well, please contact her mother Jennifer jen.a.carroll@outlook.com

On Wednesday, June 26, we will be celebrating Rev. Richard Gardner's Ordination. Our two congregations plus members of the community-at-large will gather at 5:30 p.m. at Nobleton United and have a pot-luck meal together. Do join us and help make Rev Richard feel welcome.

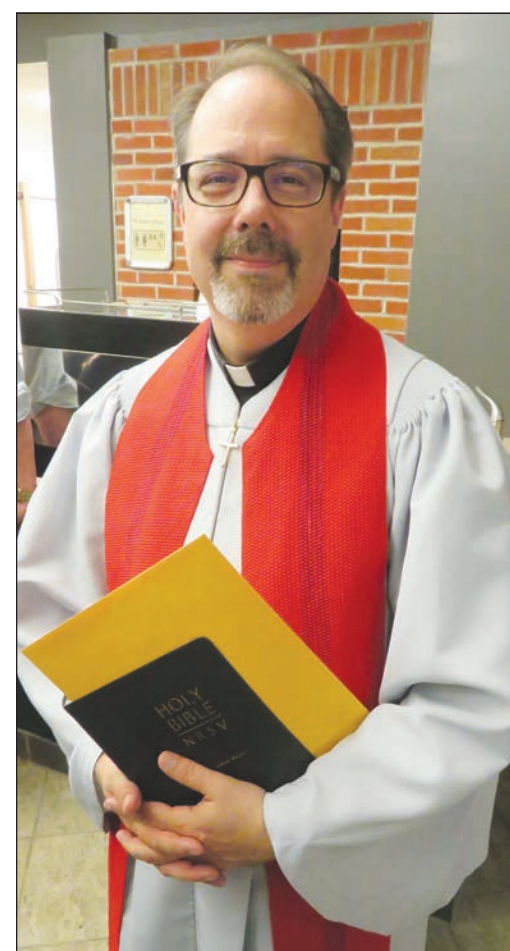
Canada Day is coming! The Foodless Food Drive to support the King Township Foodbank is back for Monday, July 1, 1-4 p.m. at Nobleton United Church rain or shine. Cheques made out to the King Township Food Bank and cash donations are accepted. There will also be a Book Table with all donations for the K.T. Foodbank. If you have book donations, they will be accepted at the rear entrance to Nobleton United Church on Wednesday, June 26 or Thursday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Please no encyclopedias, no text books, no cook books and no magazines.

Special thanks to Rev. Evelyn McLachlan for once again organizing this event.

For the summer, we will not have regular Sunday services. Instead, we will meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and have a hymn sing for half an hour, followed by a pot-luck dinner. The location will alternate, Schomberg United (July 3), Nobleton United (July 10). On July 17, there will be a picnic at Jack and Kim Campbell's starting at 4:30 p.m. Back to Nobleton for July 24 at 5:30 p.m., etc. The last one is on Sept. 4.

On Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.). The quilters join us! We talk on a huge variety of topics, mainly current events. You are welcome to join us. Just send me a message nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to request the link.

Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It is accessible. Nobleton United Church meets 6076 King Rd., Nobleton. It has a wheelchair ramp and a chair lift to go up the 7 steps to the Sanctuary. The phone number for Rev. Richard and for our secretary Sharon is 905-859-3976.



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Brand new custom-built executive home on a premium 96' x 126' lot in Richmond Hill. Open concept layout with high-quality craftsmanship, 10' ceilings, chef's kitchen, spa-like ensuite, and spacious bedrooms. Includes a 38' x 126' easement. Free finished basement if sold by July 5th. Truly a masterpiece!



**LUXURIOUS HOME WITH RESORT BACKYARD**

Experience luxury living with modern finishes, hardwood floors, a gourmet kitchen, an elegant family room, luxurious bedrooms, a finished basement with an extra suite, and a stunning backyard featuring a saltwater pool and cabana. This property is the epitome of refined elegance and contemporary comfort.



**ZONED FOR HOME BUSINESS, SALTWATER POOL**

This fully renovated executive home in Richmond Hill boasts a 4-car garage, finished basement, solariums, and a pool with a waterfall. Perfect for remote work, it's near schools, parks, and amenities. Zoned to allow 35% of its space for home business, it also includes a sunroom, indoor hot tub, and fenced backyard.



**CUSTOMIZE YOUR DREAM LAKE WILCOX HOME**

Introducing an opportunity to customize your dream executive home in Lake Wilcox. This to-be-built residence is designed with 4+1 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, and a chef's kitchen outfitted with high-end JennAir appliances. Envision luxurious finishes throughout, with the chance to select your preferences to truly make it your own.



**LUXURIOUS 'FERNBROOK' HOME IN AURORA**

Presenting the exquisitely designed 'Fernbrook' executive home in Princeton Heights, Aurora Estates. This expansive lot property boasts premium finishes and a gourmet kitchen, with customization options available. It includes four generously sized bedrooms, each with its own private bathroom.



**ALMOST NEW BUNGALOW LIVING**

Exceptional 4-bed, 3-bath bungalow featuring an open concept layout with 9ft ceilings and hardwood floors. The chef's kitchen has quartz counters, and the family room opens to a fenced backyard. Enjoy a luxurious primary suite, finished lower level, and convenient access to amenities, schools, parks, water, and highways.



**OAK RIDGES HOME WITH ADJACENT LAND**

Beautifully renovated home, nearly 3000 sqft plus lower level, on a 74 x 296ft lot in Oak Ridges. Features a modern kitchen with walk-out to a pool-sized backyard, large family room with gas fireplace, formal living and dining rooms, and a primary suite with walk-in closet and luxurious ensuite. Rare chance to purchase with adjacent vacant land, totaling over 48,000 sqft.



**SPACIOUS MODERN CORNER UNIT**

Nestled in Express Condos, Clanton Park, this stunning corner unit features 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a den, high ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, and a gourmet kitchen. Includes private parking, a storage locker, and amenities like a pool, fitness room, BBQ facilities, and more.



**90 X 200 FT LAKE WILCOX GEM**

Discover your secluded paradise in Richmond Hill's prestigious Lake Wilcox community, close to Hwy 404 for easy commuting. This versatile home offers a unique layout, a large front porch for sunsets, and a prime 90 x 200 ft lot. Near Lake Wilcox Park and amenities, it's ideal for renovation or building your dream home.

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