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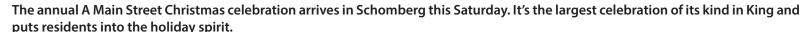


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The fun-filled family outing, presented by the Schomberg Village Association, starts at 3 p.m. when Main Street will be transformed into a winter wonderland featuring lively street performers, carollers, and children's entertainers.

Fireside readings and arts & crafts will add to the festive atmosphere, along with an opportunity for some holiday shopping at the Christmas Market, located inside Schomberg Community Hall.

The Santa Claus Parade kicks off at 4 p.m. with creative floats, costumed walkers and music to get you into the Christmas spirit. From 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Main Street will

treats offered by various food vendors, including hot chocolate, roasted chestnuts, kettle corn and cookies. Visit the Christmas Market in the Schomberg Community Hall, with two floors of gifts and crafts.

The evening culminates with the Farmers' Parade of Lights starting at 7:30 p.m., featuring local farmers showcasing their farm equipment in a dazzling procession down Main Street.

Admission is \$5 per adult and children 12 and under enjoy free entry. New this year, attendees can conveniently tap their debit or credit cards for entry.

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**COUNCIL MEETINGS** Monday, December 09 6 p.m. - Council

In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS** Wednesday, December 11 6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment

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

View full Council and Committee agendas at king.ca/meetings

### **Recent Planning & Heritage Notices**

**Notice of Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval Re:** Fifth Avenue Homes (King City) Inc. File No. 19T-19K03

View full planning and heritage notices at king.ca/news and subscribe to receive these notices by email at king.ca/subscribe

View the **2025 budget** presentation and budget book at king.ca/budget



### **New 2025 waste calendar** is online now at king.ca/waste

The waste calendar is typically delivered to mailboxes in early December; however, due to the ongoing Canada Post strike, delivery will be delayed until further notice.

For questions about waste removal, contact GFL at 1-866-421-5625 or email WasteLine@gflenv.com.

# **Christmas in King**

King Fire & Emergency Services is helping ensure every child has a Christmas in King. Want to help spread Christmas cheer to a child in need? Consider purchasing and donating a gift from the Christmas in King 'wish list' - gifts for older children between the ages of 12-18 are particularly in need.

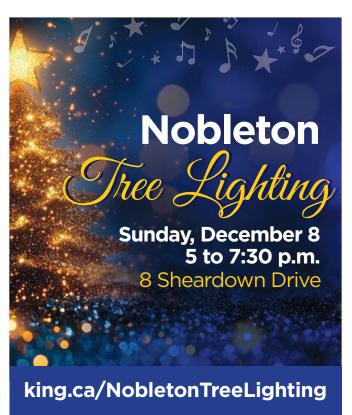
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Gifts can be dropped off at the King City Fire station (2045 King Road) until Monday, December 16.

For more information, visit christmasinking.ca





### **Water Bill Notice**

Due to the Canada Post strike, mailing of the water bill due on December 18 (for the period of September to October) will be delayed.

Avoid missing your payment! Residents are strongly encouraged to register for ebilling so they receive their water bill directly to their email and enroll in the pre-authorized debit program (PAD) for automatic withdrawals.

For more information, including links to ebilling and PAD enrollment, visit king.ca/WaterBilling.

### **Alternate options:**

- Call ServiceKING at 905-833-5321 and an Associate can provide you with the amount you owe over the phone.
- Pick-up a print copy of your water bill at the King Township Municipal Centre (free of charge).
- Email serviceking@king.ca to receive a copy of your bill via email.



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We're looking for a diverse group of residents who are passionate about King's sporting history to help induct the class of 2026 in the inaugural **King Township Sports Hall of Fame**. Located at the Zancor Centre, the Hall will be dedicated to recognizing past and current King athletes for their achievements in sports, in an exhibit featuring memorabilia and photos.

Applicants must be aged 16 years or older and will be required to attend in-person monthly meetings, starting January 2025.

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# Ontario appoints Eric Jolliffe as new chair of York Region

By Mark Pavilons **Editor** 

Local Journalism **Initiative Reporter** 

Eric Jolliffe, former Chief of York Regional Police, will be the next chair of York Region.

This provincial appointment is "over-reach," according to King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, who took issue with

While he has great respect for Jolliffe, and even spoke to him about the appointment, Pellegrini pointed out he doesn't live in York Region and isn't a politician.

"How can you represent the people of York Region when you don't live here?" the mayor asked.

York Region has a specific process to select its chairman and CEO, along with accompanying policies. Typically, the regional chair is voted in by sitting regional councillors. Policies indicate the regional chair must be a "resident of the Region or the owner or tenant of land in the Region or the spouse of such owner or tenant."

Further, policy states that council "must appoint a replacement using the same method of appointment as originally used."

Pellegrini has a fundament problem with the Province usurping the Region's authority. This is "cronyism," he

The mayor has expressed his concerns to King-Vaughan MPP Stephen

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, made the announcement Monday.

"I'm pleased to announce Ontario's plan to appoint Eric Jolliffe as the new Chair of the Regional Municipality of

York. His decades of strong executive leadership, strategic management and focus on safety make him well-positioned to be the region's next chair.

"Municipalities are critical partners in supporting the growth Ontario is seeing and making our communities the best place to live, work and raise a family. That is why we need strong leadership in place to help deliver critical services that residents and businesses rely on every day.

"Born and raised in York Region, Jolliffe is no stranger to serving its residents. He joined York Regional Police in 1981 and because of his steadfast commitment to keeping the region safe, he was appointed Chief of Police in 2010.

"Over his long career in public service, Jolliffe has won numerous awards, including Officer of the Order of Merit for Police Forces; both the Queen Elizabeth II Gold and Diamond Jublilee Medals; the Order of the City of Vaughan; the Public Service Award from the Transformation Institute for Leadership and Innovation; and a Character Community of York Region Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I look forward to working together as we move forward on our shared priorities, including building homes and safer communities.

"I would also like to thank outgoing Regional Chair Wayne Emmerson for his commitment to the Region and its residents. His tremendous work will enable Jolliffe to build an even stronger York Region."

The appointment was supported by Aurora.

"Eric's appointment by the Ontario Government is a fantastic decision that I warmly welcome, as Eric is a proven public sector leader with a strong track record of making government

services more responsive to the needs porting Regional Council as it pursues of community members," said Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas. "I've known Eric for years through his time at York Regional Police (YRP), including 10 years as Chief, and I have seen firsthand his commitment to consensus building, transparency, accountability, and financial integrity. I've also seen him strongly advocate for innovation in the deployment of government services, including his ongoing efforts to help modernize policing across Canada.

"Eric's leadership and wisdom will be of great benefit to Regional Council and all York Region residents, and I look forward to working closely with

York Region says it's looking forward to the "next steps in this appointment process."

"Ensuring the effective governance and continued success of York Region is a top priority as we work together to achieve the Region's goals and meet the needs of our residents and stakeholders," said a release from the Region.

"The Region is eager to continue sup-

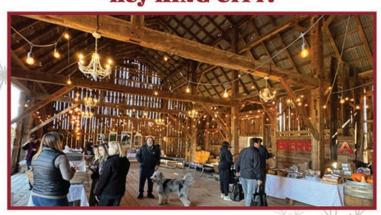
its work of building a strong, vibrant and inclusive York Region."



Eric Jolliffe, former Chief of York Regional Police, has been appointed as the next Chair of York Region.

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Due to the ongoing Canada Post about waste removal, contact GFL at strike, which began on Friday, Nov. 15, mail service to and from King Township is delayed. This includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of water bills, marriage licenses, public planning and heritage notices and by-law infractions.

Residents can continue to do business with the Township in-person, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the King Township Municipal Centre, located at 2545 King Road, or online 24/7 at king.ca/OnlineServices.

The following direct mail items have been delayed due to the strike:

Water bills: The mailing of the water bill due on December 18 (for the period of September to October) is delayed. To avoid missing their payment, residents are encouraged to register for eBilling to receive their water bill directly via email and enroll in the Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD) for automatic withdrawals. For more information, including links to enrolment, visit king.ca/WaterBilling.

Alternate options for water bill pay-

Call to get the amount you owe over the phone.

Pick up a print copy of your water bill at the King Township Municipal Centre (free of charge).

Email serviceking@king.ca to receive a copy of your bill via email.

2025 Waste Calendar: The waste calendar is typically mailed to residents in early December. Residents can download a PDF of the waste calendar online at king.ca/waste. For questions

1-866-421-5625 or email WasteLine@ gflenv.com.

Winter maintenance flyer: The winter maintenance flyer is typically mailed to residents in late November and includes information on snow removal in King, including how the Township prioritizes streets and sidewalks. View the winter maintenance flyer at king.ca/snowremoval. For questions about snow removal, call ServiceKING at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca.

Both the 2025 waste calendar and winter maintenance flyer will be mailed to residents once Canada Post service resumes.

Garbage bag tags, appliance tags and bulky item stickers: Available for pick-up in person at the King Township Municipal Centre and can be pre-ordered online. Tags may also be purchased at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg or any of the four King Township Public Library branches as

a walk-in purchase. The Township has partnered with Paymentus Corporation to provide the convenience of making payments by credit card. Paymentus is a third-party automated bill payment service that accepts VISA or Mastercard, allowing you to make payments anytime, any day. Some of the services you can pay for online include:

Property tax, pet licenses, facility rental applications, parking tickets, recreation programs, marriage services, large appliance pickup and email notifications.

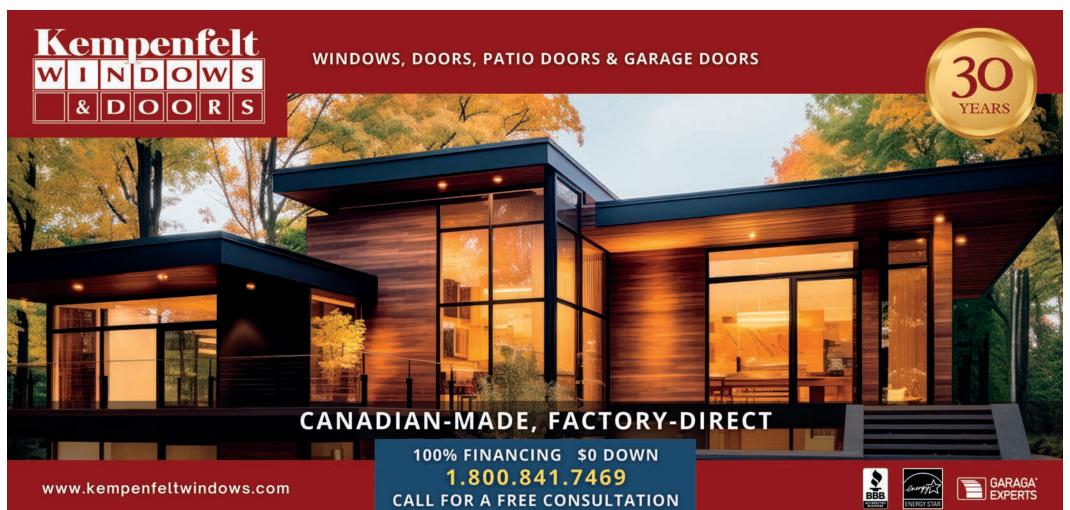


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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

"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

# Just how much can the average person bear?

Reggie White once said that "God places the heaviest burden on those who can carry its weight."

When we are burdened, we say we carry the weight of the world on our shoulders. Our burdens, both mental and physical, help shape our experiences and make us who were are.

Making difficult choices – and we're confronted with these on a regular basis – is part of being human. Our choices and their repercussions define us and shape our destinies.

The average man can lift between 135 and 175 pounds, so I assume that's what rests on my shoulders. I admit it's been a while since I did a bench press.

I remember my dad commenting that I had broad shoulders, a quality he saw as strong and masculine. Little did he know that with broad shoulders comes an increased load to carry.

His generation's thinking, which filtered into my own, included silent males, men who didn't cry or discuss their problems and challenges.

Too bad. I think regular bouts of self-disclosure and release would have done us both the world of good.

The first man so burdened was Atlas, who was punished by Zeus. He was tasked with literally holding up the heavens on his shoulders for all eternity. go.

We are also "weighed down," another expression pointing to our heavy responsibilities. And if we have a "cross yoke and chains. We are all history buffs governance. to bear," we confront challenges on our

will switch yokes with us and ease our burdens. Typically used for pack animals, a yoke was a long wooden beam placed on them to pull a plow or cart.

So, quite literally, we are all sporting this wooden beam, which contains all of our troubles and worries.



### Mark Pavilons

There have been times when I felt like a donkey or mule, trudging through the mud, carrying out some undesirable task or chore. I just wanted the burden to end.

It's been said that a person's true strength is knowing what weight needs

Good advice, to be sure.

- we love the pain of the past!

Matthew 11:28-30 reminds us that God ciety, always willing to take on more interested in education, security and weight to keep families together. Not raising families. We had peace signs on only do we struggle with our own diffi- our t-shirts, but never fully understood on your shoulders and you stumble, culties, we take on those of our children. At times, it's like we're bombarded with challenges, dramas and traumas.

We're expected to know what to do, in every situation, at all times.

I will tell you from experience, it ain't so. Each of us has our own area of ex-slowly shape things to our liking. pertise and knowledge. We are not wise in all areas of life. We learn by doing.

Sometimes, experience is the only real teacher and our youngins have to make the journey on their own. They have to touch the hot stove from time to ed to change dealers, and the cards went time to understand heat.

We can offer advice, direction and tidbits we've gathered along the way in our ly, mentally and physically. own personal expeditions. Admittedly, they don't fit every situation.

seem satisfied with our "old school" or "tried and true" approaches. They question everything. While that's a very good quality, the reality is we've helped mented in place. Our Canada today has been shaped by all who came before us, can also supply the muscle to ease some and the sacrifices they made.

Sure, our modern, top-heavy governand don't always put people first.

I tell my offspring that they are in the driver's seat and they can usher in change in the decades to come. Our of this responsibility. Hopefully, they work is all but done.

I recall, as an eager college student, lases of their generation. wanting to change the world with ideas cate, inform and inspire.

I even ran for political office, believ-And yet we frail humans do love our ing I could make a difference in local sen (Just Listen).

Parents are the pack animals of so- of the 1960s, we late Boomers were more their meaning.

We didn't revolt, but rather tried to

Until we became parents and the proud owners of mortgages, our loads were less heavy, less stressful.

I've found that in recent years - perhaps the last 6 or 7 - that life has decid-

And now, I feel the weight almost dai-

It may have something to do with my cancer journey, or it may just be "ma-And our young minds today don't turity" (a nice way to say older). I have finally learned to let certain things slide off my shoulders and that's a very good thing let me tell you.

We all fight the good fight on our own, create a society, a system, that is ce- not always relying on our support network of friends and loved ones. They of that weight we're lifting.

We don't have to be the guardians of ments are challenging and expensive the world around us. The weight can be shared by all.

I'm not sure if the current, younger generation is willing to shoulder some are engaged enough to become the At-

"All you could do was take on as much to be carried, and what weight can be let and the written word. I wanted to edu-weight as you can bear. And if you're lucky, there's someone close enough by to shoulder the rest," wrote Sarah Des-

> As careworn as my frame is, I am al-But, unlike our brothers and sisters ways willing to help others. The Beatles knew all about getting buy with a little help from their friends.

> > On the day when the weight deadens may the clay dance to balance you!

### Seniors Services

### Community organizations can apply for funding to help deliver programs to seniors

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025-26 Ontario Seniors Community Grant Program which supports local community groups and not-for-profit organizations to deliver programs and learning opportunities for Ontarians aged 55+.

"Our government is committed to improving the well-being of Ontario's seniors by providing learning opportunities and social and physical activities in their communities," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "That's why we're proud to support the Seniors Community Grant Program, which gives so many people the opportunity to learn new skills, socialize and take part in community life."

Every year, the Ontario government provides hundreds of Seniors Community Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 for projects that help older adults live independently, ensure their safety and security, connect them to their community, and help them achieve greater financial security and social connections.

The 2025-26 Seniors Community Grants Program will focus on the following three key priority areas:

Providing opportunities for older adults to stay active and connected in their communities, such as weekly physical activities and social engagements.

Developing technology and digital solutions to support seniors' social engagement and access to programs and services.

Increasing access to information and supports for health prevention and pro-

Organizations can apply online through Transfer Payment Ontario until Jan. 16, 2025.

Since 2018, the government has invested over \$34 million in the Seniors Community Grants Program, supporting over 1,800 grassroots projects that help seniors stay socially and physically active in their communities.

The Seniors Community Grant Program is dedicated to promoting health, community engagement and well-being for Ontarians aged 55+.





### Quote of the Week

"We must keep up our deter-mination without being impa-tient to achieve quick results."

– Dalai Lama

# Trivia Tidbits

James Doohan, a.k.a. Lieutenant Commander Scotty on Star Trek, was born in Vancouver.



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# Poilievre rallies business community at Treasure Mills

By Brock Weir

Aurora-based food producer Treasure Mills was a sea of excitement on Nov. 29 as the school snack maker welcomed Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre to its Engelhard Drive facility. in

There to meet with workers and to hold a roundtable discussion with members of the local business community, the Leader of the Opposition followed his tour with a rally with supporters.

At the event, where he was supported by Federal Conservative candidates Sandra Cobena (Newmarket-Aurora) and Costas Menegakis (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill), Poilievre told the crowd it was time to "axe" the Carbon Tax, put in measures to keep homegrown businesses on this side of the border, address the housing crisis by removing the GST on new home purchases under \$1 million, and to restore a "warrior culture" rather than a "woke' culture to the Canadian identity.

Following a speech to supporters, he met with local media where he underscored his campaign commitments, including how they dovetail with a 25 per cent tariff on Canadian goods exported to the United States, as floated by US President-Elect Donald Trump.

"I think it would be devastating if that were to happen," said Poilievre on the proposed tariff. "We have already lost half a trillion in investment from Canada to the US and the gap between the Canadian-US economy is worse than it has been in a century. A combination of Trudeau's tax increases and Donald Trump's tariffs would be crippling to our economy. We need to take action now: axe the carbon tax, take GST off new homes, reduce taxes on investment, reduce red tape so we can get faster building permits and drive a hard bargain with President Trump to protect our economy and get him to back down from these tariffs.

For a community like Aurora that has a high manufacturing presence,

particularly in the automotive industry, Poilievre said that Prime Minister Trudeau's "destructive policies" have resulted in the loss of jobs in the manufacturing sector.

"We need to lower energy costs by axing the carbon tax, we need to unleash the production of Canadian resources by permitting more mines, more pipelines, more oil and gas production – that would generate more demand for manufactured products that come out of Aurora and support our resource

"We also need to back the trades, get more boots not more suits, to build the economy of the future."

When asked how his proposal to eliminate the GST on home purchases under \$1 million in a community like Aurora where the price of townhomes regularly top that threshold, the Leader of the Opposition said it was time to "stop and take a breath" and consider the factors that led to rising housing

"Ten years ago, even in Aurora, \$1 million would have bought you a castle. What happened?" he said. "Trudeau doubled housing costs. He did that with out-of-control money printing and immigration that ballooned demand and with billions of dollars for local bureaucracies that block construction. What's the solution? We have to stop the money-printing, rein in immigration, and incentivize municipalities to free up land, speed up permits and cut development charges to build 15 per cent more per year. We also have to take the GST and get the Provinces to do the same – take the PST off – and that would save over \$100,000 on every newly-built home. The biggest problem with housing: too much taxes. A third of the cost of every new home in Ontario today is just new taxes. Should you get rid of those taxes and almost everyone would be able to afford a home.

"Right now, developers can go down to North Carolina and they can get a permit in two weeks and they pay probably \$30,000 or \$40,000 development charge. When they come here and they wait two or three years, then they pay \$200,000 in development charges. Where do you think they are going to build homes? It's extremely uncompetitive to build anything in Canada. Our goal should be to have the fastest building permits in the developed world and the lowest taxes on homes. That's what I am going to be fighting for.'

Another factor, he said, was to get rid of "woke" culture in favour of a "warrior" culture. Asked to unpack his definition of "woke" when some critics liken "woke" to having empathy towards one's neighbour, he described it as "the latest version of communism."

"It's designed to divide people by race, religion, gender, vaccine status, wealth and other dividing lines," he continued. "It divides people to give more control to the government. It is an extremely destructive ideology and we're seeing Canada ... everything is broken in Canada after nine years of Trudeau: 1,400 homeless encampments, the immigration system is a total mess, the border is falling apart, crime is up by 50 per cent, gun crime is up 116 per cent, homelessness is up 38 per cent. I don't know if you call any of that empathetic, but this is the result of the woke agenda. It is a corrosive, toxic, horrific ideology and we have to end it."

# Ontario cutting red tape reduce costs for people and businesses

The Ontario government introduced the Cutting Red Tape, Building Ontario Act, 2024, that if passed, would make life easier and more affordable for businesses and individuals, while improving our competitiveness and strengthening the economy.

The legislation is a key part of the Fall 2024 Red Tape Reduction package that includes such measures as removing barriers to building homes and making it easier for people seeking long-term care. These are among the more than 550 red tape reduction measures introduced since 2018 that have saved people, businesses, not-forprofit organizations, and the broader public sector over \$1 billion every year and 1.5 million hours in time savings.

"Red tape has long hindered productivity and economic growth in Ontario," said Mike Harris, Minister of Red Tape Reduction. "Thanks to the actions taken by our government since 2018, our red tape reduction measures have lowered costs, improved services and supported economic recovery, all while maintaining essential safety

most recent red tape package includes new initiatives that would provide an additional \$20 million in cost savings and more than 56,000 hours in time saved per year. This will continue to make life easier and more affordable, strengthen Ontario's standing in the global economy and create the conditions for people and businesses to thrive."

The Cutting Red Tape, Building Ontario Act, 2024 contains over 60 new burden reduction initiatives to improve services, keep costs down and rebuild Ontario's economy, including:

Freezing fees for knowledge and road tests for Ontario drivers.

Making the admission process easier for people seeking long-term care.

Reducing unnecessary administrative requirements for brownfield redevelopment to help accelerate the building of new homes.

Speeding up operations at the Landlord and Tenant Board.

Proposing regulatory changes to make it easier for building officials to work across provincial boundaries.

Employing digital tools to help deliver key infrastructure projects such as hospitals, highways and transit on time and on budget.

The Ministry of Red Tape Reduction is also proposing to amend the Modernizing Ontario for People and Businesses Act, 2020 to enhance the province's ability to measure and report on how government's actions are impacting individuals. This would help identify areas where processes can be simplified and improved so people can spend less time and money accessing or receiving services, resulting in a more positive experience when interacting with government.

As the Ministry of Red Tape Reduction continues its work, people and businesses are encouraged to visit the Red Tape Portal at Ontario.ca/redtape and submit their ideas on ways the province can continue to make it easier to access services and do business

This is the 14th Red Tape Reduction Package introduced by the Ontario government since 2018.

To date, Ontario has taken more than 550 actions to reduce regulatory burdens — all without compromising health, safety, or the environment.







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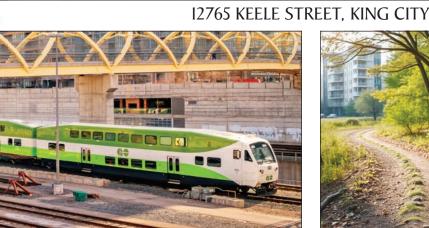
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# Farmers urged to focus on fire prevention as part of winter prep

By Brian Crews **Director, Ontario Federation of Agriculture** 

Every year, farm fires result in tens of millions of dollars in losses to buildings, businesses and farm animals; and the financial losses don't take into account the toll on farm families.

Fire is always a threat on Ontario farms, but the good news is that there are ways to reduce the risk the pose.

### Agriculture

Barn fires in particular are a serious concern, especially during colder winter temperatures.

es condensation on cold surfaces, and the corrosive mixture of barn gasses and moisture invades the electrical system. The increased use of heating equipment also poses risks of ignition

That's because cold weather increas-

trical plugs, receptacles and panels. The increasing size and high-tech nature of modern farm facilities, including livestock barns, also mean losses are higher when disaster strikes - according to Ontario Fire Marshal statistics, those range between \$20 – 30 mil-

Regardless of time of year, though,

some of the biggest fire risks in farm

buildings come from dust and cobwebs,

extension cords and heaters, and elec-

with gas heaters, for example.

That's why, earlier this year, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture began partnering with the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs to share resources and promote fire safety and prevention

on Ontario farms.

I'm a dairy farmer just north of Trenton, and I also represent farmers in Hastings, Lennox & Addington, Northumberland and Prince Edward counties as a director on the board of the

Fire prevention is a 365-day-a year job, but as we are working to get our farms ready for winter, it's a great time to put a little extra effort into protecting our businesses.

It can be hard to know where to start, so a fire prevention inspection by a professional from the local fire department emergency response plan is.

or your insurance provider can be a

Nobody likes the idea of an inspection per se, but these individuals can offer a wealth of pointers and ideas about little things that can make big difference in fire prevention – and they are just as interested as you are in keeping your farm buildings, livestock and

Easy steps farmers can take to reduce the threat of fire include hardwiring or using waterproof plugs or outlets, keeping buildings clean of dust and cobwebs, replacing extension cords, and identifying potential hotspots with a thermal imaging camera.

A few dollars spent on electrical upgrades can make a big difference. For example, installing an arc fault breaker can prevent a heat-causing fault that could easily cause a fire. And general tidiness to keep on top of dust and cobwebs is always a good idea.

Sometimes, however, despite our best efforts, fires do happen. This means it's a good idea to be prepared. Have a few big fire extinguishers handy in the barn or workshop and know how to use them. As well, ensure that you, your family and your employees know where those extinguishers are and what your

### York Region investing \$10.2 million to support new affordable housing units

The Regional Municipality of York is contributing nearly \$10.2 million in funding to Blue Door Support Services and Richmond Hill Ecumenical Homes Corporation, as part of the Community Housing Supply Grant Pilot Program. The funding will support construction of 100 units, of which more than a third (38) will be affordable housing units.

"Safe, secure and affordable housing is essential for everyone and York Region is committed to working with our community partners to provide more housing options for residents," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "Part of this commitment is exploring innovative solutions towards providing new homes to households in need."

The Community Housing Supply Grant Pilot Program provides capital funding to eligible non-profit and cooperative housing organizations with interest in rental housing development and who are ready-to-build new community housing units. Successful projects include a minimum of 10 affordable units that will remain affordable a minimum of 20 years.

Funding applications to the Community Housing Supply Grant Pilot Program were accepted last fall to support:

New construction; conversion of non-residential buildings to community housing; additions or extensions to an existing community housing building, and community housing redevelopment.

At the end of 2023, there were more than 15,700 households on York Region's subsidized housing wait list. Increasing affordable housing choices, measured through an increase in the number of community housing units, is a key objective in the Region's 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan: From Vision to Results.

To learn more about projects funded through the Community Housing Supply Grant Pilot Program, visit york.ca/HousingSupplyGrant

# Correction -motion was tabled

In the November 21 edition of the King Weekly Sentinel (Page 10), it incorrectly stated that King Township Council passed Councillor Schaefer's member motion on Clean Electricity Regulations. For clarification, Council has not passed the motion. The motion was introduced by Councillor Schaefer at the October 15 Council Meeting where Council deferred it to the October 28 Council Meeting. At its meeting of October 28, Council tabled the motion, no further action has been taken.

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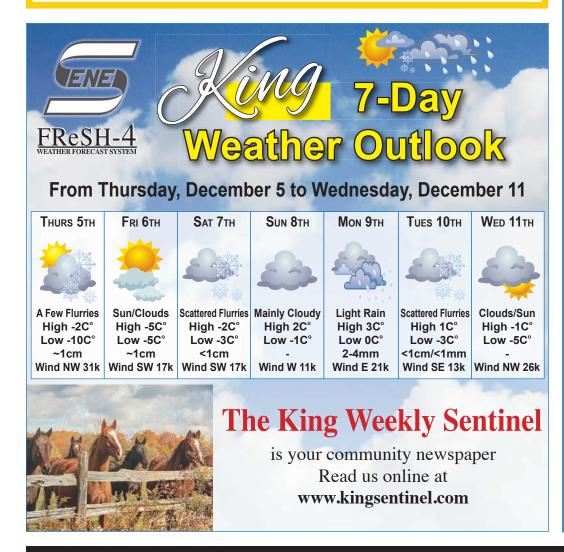


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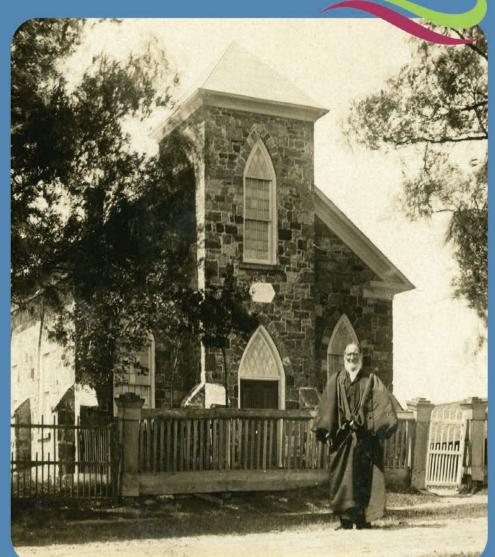
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Dr. James Carmichael was the minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strange, from 1860 to 1910.







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# York Region approves its 2025 \$4.8-billion budget

ly approved a \$4.8 billion 2025 Budget, the third year of the multi-year budget aligning with this term of council.

The budget includes a tax levy increase of 3.55% and the continuation of a separate 1% Rapid Transit and Infrastructure tax levy which will add approximately \$133 to the average residential tax bill.

The tax levy is 0.95% higher than last year's outlook to support community safety initiatives. This includes providing York Regional Police with

York Regional Council unanimous- 304 sworn officers and civilian staff over the next two years; an increase of 212 staff and officers over the 2024 endorsed outlook.

"The 2025 budget reflects our priorities, including continued investment in core services that enable growth in our communities and keep people, goods and information moving," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "This budget also provides additional investments in community safety, reflecting Council's ongoing commitment to community

health and well-being."

The \$4.8 billion budget includes \$3.5 billion in operating costs and \$1.26 billion in capital expenditures.

The 2025 \$3.5 billion operating budget covers day-to-day expenses, with 81 cents of a Regional property tax dollar funding frontline programs and services. This includes 31 cents for Public Works, 30 cents for York Regional Police and 20 cents for Community and Health

The 2025 \$1.26 billion capital budget includes spending on growth-related projects and renewal of existing assets. These expenditures are part of York Region's record high \$12.2 billion 10-year capital plan.

The budget has been adjusted to accommodate for additional provincial funding finalized after the proposed budget tabling presentation. The increased funding will support Regional services, including Children's Services and Paramedic Services.

York Region's multi-year budget aligns with the Region's Strategic Plan, supports delivery of Council's priori-

ties, guides departmental spending and follows the principles of the Region's Fiscal Strategy.

"The 2025 budget demonstrates our collective commitment to fostering strong, caring, safe and inclusive communities," said Township of King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of Finance and Administration. "This is achieved through the continued adoption of a sound fiscal strategy, helping ensure we achieve financial sustainability while being fair to current and future taxpay-

York Region's financial management is guided by the Fiscal Strategy, aiming for the long-term goal of financial sustainability through prudent management of the capital plan, reserves and use of debt. This strategy ensures a balance between the needs of current and future taxpayers while aiming to maintain triple A credit ratings.

Through operating and capital spending, York Region will continue delivering its 15 core services while building and maintaining infrastructure required for the growing community.

## Regional council approves 2025 YRP budget

York Region Council has approved the 2025 York Regional Police operating and capital budget. The budget enables YRP to continue to deliver nationally recognized crime prevention and law enforcement programs as well as investigative leadership to more than 1.2 million citizens living in York

The approved net operating budget for 2025 is \$441.5 million, representing an increase of 7.7% over 2024. The 2025 capital budget is \$32.0 million, with capital spending authority for multiple-year projects of \$40.1 million.

YRP will be hiring 154 additional members in 2025, expanding its frontline, investigative and support staff to address the recent surges in both violent and property crime. The additional members will strengthen YRP's ability to respond to and actively investigate crimes while improving crime prevention strategies and partnerships to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents of York Region.

The capital budget will provide funding for equipment and vehicles needed for additional members; information technology to refresh and modernize service delivery to enhance their engagement with the community; facilities renovations and the building of the new helicopter hangar in East Gwillimbury; and the purchase of specialized equipment for investigative and forensic purposes.

The 2025 budget supports the policing environment and business plan, with a continued focus on our people and the community.

"Over the last few years York Region has been experiencing a significant rise in violent crime and property crime. Undoubtedly, the policing environment for our members and our community has become increasingly complex," states Chief Jim MacSween. "This budget addresses the resources that are required to address recent crime trends, while also preparing for the organization for the future.'



### **Restoration progressing**

The King Railway Station's restoration is well under way at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre. It's exciting to see the newly restored "King" sign being repainted. Built in 1852, King Station is believed to be the oldest surviving railway station in Canada. The King Heritage & Cultural Centre Restoration Project will see the rejuvenation of the King Christian Church and the King Railway Station, mid-19th Century buildings brought to the tourism hub in the 1980s by volunteers from the King Township Historical Society.



### **CALL TO ARTISTS King Township Public Library**

The King Township Public Library's Advocacy and Fundraising Committee is seeking submissions from artists of artwork that reflects the project's "Celebrate King" theme (e.g. landscapes, barns, horses, buildings, local wildlife, etc.). Mediums can include painting, photography and textile. Submissions are due January 15, 2025.

Images will be transferred onto sound-dampening panels and displayed at the King City library on the walls surrounding the main staircase for a period of five years. A total of 34 images is required.

Artists will be acknowledged for donating their artwork image(s) through an artist recognition wall at the library and through social media and other promotional channels. The "oversize" image of their artwork will be proudly and prominently displayed at the library for a period of five years.

This call is open to any artists in King Township or current members of Arts Society King. For more information, visit:

artssocietyking.ca/events/celebrate-king-acoustic-art-installation/.

Inquiries regarding the installation can be sent to: ktplcelebrateking@gmail.com.













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# King stretches tax dollars in its 2025 budget

By Mark Pavilons **Editor** 

Local Journalism

**Initiative Reporter** 

Realizing that residents are "tax fatigued," King Township switched gears this year for its budget process.

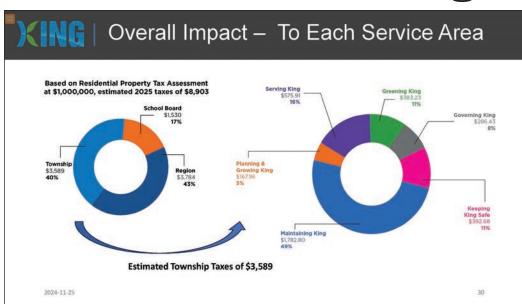
In creating the 2025 budget, staff balanced a high level of service with respect for tax dollars. Moving to a service-model approach, this year's budget exercise provided a clearer, more transparent picture as to where tax dollars are going.

Staff and Mayor Steve Pellgrini pointed out to residents that King doesn't get to keep all that it collects in property taxes. For example, based on an assessment of \$1-million, a resident would pay \$8,903 in taxes. Only 40%, or \$3,589, goes to King, while York Region and the school boards share the remainder.

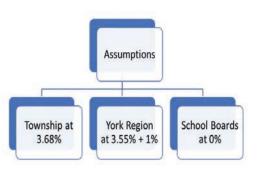
Mayor Pellegrini admitted that with big taxes, people expect big things. He added residents receive "an incredible amount of services" for that amount and being a member of the King taxpayers' club is a "good deal.'

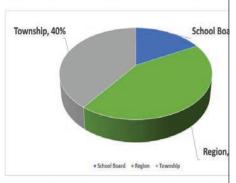
This year's budget process was challenging, according to staff.

King CAO Dan Kostopoulos said inflation and a drop in development charges all impacted the budget. Despite these factors, councillors told staff to minimize any tax increasers and that has resulted in a few enhance-



# Overall Impact - Blended Rate





Residential T	ax: Example									
Assessment	\$1,000,000	,000 Total Taxes		School Board			Region		Township	Increase %
	Year - 2024	\$	8,611	\$	1,530	\$	3,619	\$	3,462	
	Year - 2025	\$	8,903	\$	1,530		3,783	\$	3,589	3.39%
				Scho	ol Board		Region		Township	
	% of Taxes				17%		43%		40%	



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ments with service levels being maintained. Staff, he said, have been respectful of spending.

King Treasurer Peggy Tollett noted inflation, maintenance, union contracts, fuel and insurance costs all drove up the budget, putting a strain on the municipality.

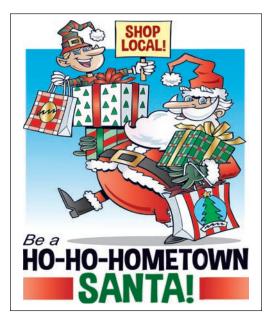
The Township has introduced new fees and it hopes to recoup some costs with the implementation of speed enforcement in 2025, estimated to bring in roughly \$200,000. Also, a large-scale commercial development site is coming on stream and this will provide a substantial source of revenue for King.

Tollett said they did manage to find roughly \$3 million in savings.

When asked about increases in staffing costs, Tollett explained that there's a \$2-million increase in tax-supported costs. That's attributed to contracts, CPP, and increased staffing for the new Zancor recreation centre. Of King's total operating budget, salaries and benefits make up 44 per cent. This is in line with other similarly sized municipalities that rely on staff for most programs and services.

### **Budget details**

The 2025 Capital Budget totals \$23,469,033, funded by various sources listed in the report. The 2025 Operating Budget includes an increase of \$1,331,411, which represents a 3.68% av-



erage increase for the Township, bringing the total levy to \$37,567,373. Additionally, a new reserve fund has been established for Speed Enforcement revenue to fund future traffic safety and road initiatives from the Capital and Operating Budget.

Staff hosted an in-person Community Consultation Open House, inviting residents to share their comments and questions directly with staff and directors. While it's ":disappointing that more residents don't take advantage of opportunities to engage in the budget process," this year saw a 700% increase in attendance compared to last year's zero, with seven residents participat-

Some of the public comments included lowering the overall tax rate; asking York Region to reduce their tax rate increase; adding improvements to the Nobleton Hall; adding sidewalks in Kingscross; offer garbage pick-up in condominiums that is currently is part of the condominium fee; offering tax relief for heritage properties, and addition funds for combatting climate

Funding generated from speed cameras will go into a special fund, to be used for road and safety projects.

The 2025 Capital Budgets have a total estimated cost of \$23.5 million. As the Zancor Centre opens, Township funding for the facility comes in at roughly \$5 million of the total \$86-million project. Federal and provincial funding totalled almost \$39 million, with another \$23 million coming from DCs and \$16 million from developer contributions.

Contributing to the budget is a replacement Fire Pumper Rescue Truck,

Watermain Replacement in Nobleton will cost another \$2.44 million. Roads and infrastructure improvements. bridges and culverts will cost a total of roughly \$4 million.

Some projects within the 2025 Budget are term of council projects, meaning they extend through multiple years from 2023-2026.

The Township's projected outstanding net long-term debt as of December 31, 2023, is \$16.2 million.



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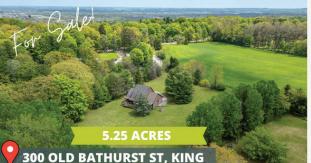
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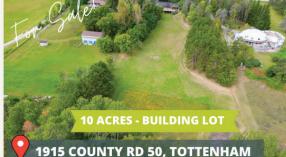














# Southlake unveils new name, strategy for the decade ahead

For 100 years and counting, Southlake has built healthy communities through leading edge care, innovative partnerships, and amazing people.

To chart the next 10 years of care, it is proud to unveil a new strategy that leverages its expertise to build a Distributed Health Network that provides leading edge care, closer to home as the newly named – Southlake Health. Southlake Health better reflects a renewed focus on integrated, patient-centred care, signaling a commitment to delivering care across the continuum, whether in hospital settings, outpatient facilities, through community-based programs, virtually or at home.

"Today, we begin to build on Southlake's incredible 100-year foundation in a bold new way," said Marilee Harris, Board Chair, Southlake Health. "Our commitment to expanding care closer to home by taking a distributed approach, along with our partners, is a response to our communities' needs and a reflection of our mission to always put people first."

In March, Southlake launched a comprehensive internal and external consultation process that resulted in more

than 1,200 engagements. The engagements reinforced that the need for leading edge care, close to home has never been greater. The municipalities Southlake serves are among the fastest growing and aging in the province, and without any material acute care expansion in over 20 years, Southlake has become an epicentre of hallway healthcare in Ontario. When faced with these challenges, Southlake's communities were clear – increase access to high-quality care, closer to home.

"Southlake has successfully provided services from both the hospital and various community-based locations across northern York Region and southern Simcoe County for quite some time," said Paul Woods, MD, President and CEO, Southlake Health. "With our new strategy, we are doubling down on this approach by embracing an exciting new vision for the future of healthcare"

Anchored by its Davis Drive site and existing community-based locations, Southlake will work with partners to establish additional footholds across the municipalities it serves to tackle hallway healthcare by developing a Distributed Health Network. Key to this

will be the creation of a second hospital site and the redevelopment of the Davis Drive campus. Southlake will also expand beyond its walls all together, with a focus on virtual care and by leveraging learnings from its successful Southlake@home program.

"The modern hospital is much more than a building – it is a constellation of expertise that must adapt to patients' changing needs and the evolving health-care landscape," said Dr. Woods. "By shifting away from traditional thinking that sees hospitals as simple bricks and mortar facilities, we can better appreciate their true value — harnessing the collective expertise, compassion, and experience of our people to deliver care in new and flexible ways."

Fueled by transformative philanthropy from generous donors, Southlake will continue to focus on what it does best – providing leading edge care to the communities that rely on it.

"With the support of our communities, Southlake has been able to provide leading edge care, close to home for 100 years, but this next chapter will require all of us to have transformational philanthropy in our sights – inspiring some of the most significant investments in our history," said Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO, Southlake Health Foundation. "We have achieved incredible things together, and this new plan will put us on a path to achieve an extraordinary legacy of care for our communities."

By evolving into a Distributed Health Network, Southlake will improve outcomes and experiences for patients, families and caregivers, while also enhancing satisfaction for its teams, addressing health equity concerns and ensuring sustainability. Learn more by reading the full strategy document at www.southlake.ca/strategy.

Southlake provides care to two of Ontario's four fastest growing municipalities – East Gwillimbury and Bradford West Gwillimbury. Southlake's catchment area is growing at twice the rate of the province as a whole.

Since 2003, Southlake's Emergency Department volumes have doubled. Southlake now sees over 120,000 visits each year, meaning a new patient arrives at the Emergency Department every four and a half minutes.

Having stretched capacity to serve patients in space half the size required

by today's standards, Southlake has launched an open call for proposals to identify land suitable to build a second hospital.

As part of the Distributed Health Network, Southlake will establish Advanced Care Campuses, multifunctional spaces that will be developed to support high-quality care closer to home to help reduce hallway healthcare.

Last June, Southlake signed a new memorandum of understanding with the Town of Georgina and the Northern York South Simcoe Ontario Health Team, establishing a formal relationship to improve local health and wellness.

Southlake's Restorative Care Units will continue to provide specialized, restorative care that focuses on patients' specific needs and goals, while working to foster independence and optimize their strengths and abilities.

Southlake's distributed approach to care will be powered by a focus on care management and coordination, clinical remote monitoring, and virtual care services.

With 6,000 staff, medical staff, volunteers, and learners, as well as an operating budget in excess of \$600 million, Southlake Health operates several sites to deliver care to patients across northern York Region and southern Simcoe County. It also provides specialized cardiac and cancer care to patients as far north as Muskoka and as far south as North York through its regional programs.

Southlake Health is committed to growing alongside the communities its serves. State-of-the-art technologies, advanced research and the latest techniques help patients in every stage of life. In a recognition of its commitment to quality and patient safety, Southlake Health has received the highest distinction of Exemplary Standing from Accreditation Canada for the past 16 years. Known as a pioneer in innovative integrated care initiatives, the Southlake@home program has spread across Ontario to ensure care is always within reach.

With support from its communities, Southlake Health will continue to save lives, push boundaries, and bring care closer to home for people today and for generations to come. Help us do more by donating at southlake.ca/foundation.

### York and Ontario Nurses' Association ratify agreement

York Regional Council approved a three-year renewal collective agreement between The Regional Municipality of York and the Ontario Nurses' Association.

The collective agreement, representing 250 public health nurses, expired March 31, 2024. Negotiation teams began bargaining in October, reaching a tentative agreement on Nov. 18, and ratified on Nov. 27 by the association membership.

The contract is retroactive to April 1, 2024, and effective to March 31, 2027.

"Our objective is always to reach a mutually agreeable contract between our unionized employees and the corporation that is respectful of our taxpayers," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "I offer my thanks and praise to our nursing professionals for their commitment to maintaining our high standards of service delivery, benefiting residents across York Region."

Details of the agreement include the following wage increases:

3.25% wage increase retroactive to April 1, 2024.

 $3.00\,\%$  wage increase effective April 1, 2025.

2.75% wage increase effective April 1, 2026.

The agreement also includes improvements to enhance service delivery effectiveness and increasing health and vision benefits.

"We are very pleased with the settlement reached by both parties," said York Region Chief Administrative Officer Erin Mahoney. "I extend our gratitude to all negotiating team members."

York Region Public Health Nurses represented by the Ontario Nurses' Association deliver community-based programs, including immunization clinics, breast-feeding supports and substance misuse and harm reduction programs.

The Regional Municipality of York is represented by three unions: CUPE Local 905 (York Region Unit), CUPE Local 905 (Long Term Care Unit) and the Ontario Nurses' Association.



# A Tribute to Alice Hyland



On Monday, November 18th, 2024, Royal LePage RCR Realty lost a dear member of its family, Alice Hyland, Sales Representative. The unexpectedness of Alice's passing left everyone that knew her in shock and despair. It's impossible to comprehend losing such a vital part of our Schomberg Office.

Alice was an integral part of King Real Estate for over 40 years, the last 20 of which were with RCR. She was one of the originals that made up the very fabric of our King Community and a huge part of being the heart of her office. Her kindness, sincerity and her genuine interest in your well-being was felt by everyone that had the pleasure of meeting her and / or working with her.

Apart from the professionalism that she brought to the real estate industry Alice also brought a gracefulness and charm that is often missing in our day-to-day interactions with others. Beyond being an exceptional Realtor, Alice often became a kind and generous friend to her clients, always ready with a word of encouragement. Alice set the standard for all of us and her legacy will continue to inspire the many people who had the privilege of working with her.

Thank you Alice, for everything that you gave to our RCR Team and to all that knew you. You will be truly missed.

Tributes to Alice may be made through Egan Funeral Home.

A Memorial Service for Alice will be held on December 18th, 2024 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg.





# Registration for recreation programs opens December 9

lineup of recreation programs, including swim lessons, for the coolest season of the year. Dabble in musical theatre, try cooking or coding, take a dance class, join an ice hockey league, play sports or explore the wintry outdoors snowshoeing or cross-country skiing!

The full listing of programs can be viewed in the new, interactive 2025 Winter Recreation Guide, available online at king.ca/recreation.

Registration for winter recreation and aquatic programs, as well as March Break Camps, opens at 7 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 9 at townshipofking.perfectmind.com. The Township's online recreation registration system is conveniently available 24/7 and allows you to search for programs by day of the week, age, location and area of interest. Registration can also be completed in-person at the Trisan Centre or the King Township Municipal Centre.

Winter programming begins the week of January 13 at recreation facilities across the Township, with the exception of the new Zancor Centre, where programming will begin the week of January 27 following the official opening on January 26. This stateof-the-art, carbon-neutral recreation facility features two NHL-sized ice rinks, a six-lane lap pool, a leisure pool, a Aquatic Centre will offer 15-minute

multi-purpose community room.

Winter recreation program highlights include:

All Ages and Family: snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and maple tree tapping.

Preschool: gymnastics, crafting, dance, cooking.

Children and Youth: drawing, musical theatre, robotics, flag football, rug hooking, resume writing, girl's ice hockey leagues plus inclusive programs such as adapted gymnastics and music exploration.

Adult: dance fitness, print making, Nordic pole walking, line dancing, badminton, pickleball, ultimate frisbee and a women's ice hockey league, plus knitting and genealogy workshops.

Seniors: Programming for seniors ages 55 years and older is delivered in partnership with the King Township Seniors Board. For more information about a membership and programs, visit king.ca/seniors.

P.A. Day and March Break Camps: Full-day camps for children will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the January 31 P.A. Day, and during the March Break, which runs from March 10-14.

Swim lessons and aquatic leadership programs at the Zancor Centre:

The facility's Aqua Tech Solutions

King Township has planned a fun multi-purpose athletic fieldhouse and a learn-to-swim lessons for all ages, based on the Ontario Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life program which features programming for parent & tots, preschoolers, children and adults, as well as private lessons for children ages three to 12. Aquatic leadership programs to train youth for employment as a swim instructor or lifeguard will also be available.

> Starting Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, the Township will offer swim assessments at the Zancor Centre, where a swim instructor will guide children through a series of in-water skills and provide parents with recommendations on the most appropriate swim level to register their child, if they are unsure. The cost is \$4 per assessment; pre-registration will be required and opens on December 9 at townshipofking.perfectmind.

> Swim lesson descriptions and progression charts can be found in the Winter Recreation Guide.

> "This has been a dream of my since being elected to be able to offer yearround swim lessons; a life safety skill," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

> King Township is committed to making recreation and aquatic programs and camps accessible and supportive to individuals of all abilities. Inclu

sion support staff are available for children with a disability aged four to 15 who may require additional support for activity accommodation, personal support for safety and care, or to assist with their social and recreational experience. Inclusion support is free for residents, pending staff availability.

To request inclusion support, parents/guardians are encouraged to look through the Recreation Guide to find a program that matches their child's interests and abilities, then register for the one-on-one inclusion support program. They will be required to complete an online questionnaire and name the program and course code they are interested in and complete the Inclusion Participant Intake Form.

Once resources for one-on-one support have been confirmed, the Township's Lead Hand - Aquatics and Inclusion Services, will contact the parent/ guardian to advise that their child can be registered in the program. Questions about one-on-one support can be emailed to inclusion@king.ca.

For more information about winter recreation and aquatic programs, visit king.ca/recreation. If you require assistance creating an online registration account, call ServiceKING at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca.

## WinterFest at Canada's Wonderland

The holiday magic of WinterFest is now in its fifth season with exciting live shows, enchanted themed areas, millions of lights, festive food, rides and family entertainment.

The event is open select dates through Jan. 4, 2025 and features a nightly tree lighting ceremony, nine live shows, musical performances and interactive attractions like ice skating on Snow Flake Lake, photo ops with Elf on a Shelf and cookie decorating with Mrs. Claus.

"Get ready for the biggest, brightest holiday experience around," said Phil Liggett, general manager. "WinterFest is a feel-good event for guests of all ages and brings the magic of the season to life. If you haven't had chance to see it, this is Canada's Wonderland like you've never seen it before."

WinterFest features more than 40 attractions, including the Tinker's Toy Factory indoor show at Canterbury Theatre; rides; ice skating on Snow Flake Lake; nightly tree-lighting; Jack Frost's Igloo Village; Four Drummers Drumming; Charlie Brown and the gang; Elf on the Shelf, and a Christmas Market market featuring local artisan vendors, food and amazing gift ideas.

For the full list of shows and attractions, operating hours, tickets and reservations, please visit https://www. canadaswonderland.com/winterfest

Guests can receive unlimited visits to WinterFest this year when they purchase a 2025 Gold Pass, which includes all the benefits of a Season Pass through four seasons in 2025 including next year's Halloween Haunt and WinterFest! Learn more about the Gold Pass online.

Canada's Wonderland, located in Vaughan, is a 300-acre theme park with more than 200 attractions including 18 roller coasters, and is the home to Splash Works, a 20-acre water park. Canada's Wonderland is owned and operated by Six Flags Entertainment Corporation (NYSE: FUN), North America's largest regional amusement-resort operator with 27 amusement parks, 15 water parks and nine resort properties across 17 states in the U.S., Canada and



# CDS students visit with mayor

Grade 5 students from The Country Day School enjoyed their visit with Mayor Steve Pellegrini for a lesson on municipal government. He spoke with students about the many ways local government is involved in our lives, from the importance of voting once they turn 18 and volunteering in their community to his role in enhancing recreation and roads in King and the volunteer Fire Department.

"Thank you Mayor Pellegrini for this exciting opportunity!" "It's always a pleasure when the grade 5 students from Country Day School come visit to learn about government," Pellegrini said.

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### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Bar bills
- 5. Recipe measurement
- (abbr.)
- 8. Swiss river
- 11. Czech Republic
- capital 13. "Officially known
- 14. A French abbot
- 15. Having a strong
- sharp smell or taste
- 16. Local area network
- 17. Data transmission
- speed measure
- 18. Embarrass
- 20. When you hope to
- get there 21. This (Spanish)
- 22. Gives up
- 25. Churchgoer
- 30. Current 31. Slang for gun
- 32. Small drum
- 33. Vanished union
- bigwig 38. Rocker's tool of

- the trade
- 41. Dearth
- 43. 2024 Olympics host
- 45. Excess blood in the
- vessels
- 48. Afrikaans
- 49. Agreement between provider and customer
- 50. Spiritual leader of a
- Jewish congregation
- 55. Ancient Syrian city 56. Witch
- 57. Celebrations
- 59. Long period of time 60. A team's best
- pitcher 61. Current unit
- 62. One-time aerospace
- company 63. French/Belgian
- river
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- 1. Yearly tonnage
- (abbr.)

3. Remark

- 2. Genus of clams
- authority (abbr.)

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- 29. Shawl

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4. Actor LaBeouf

6. Olympic sport

8. Behave in a way

9. Shares a boundary

14. Assist or encourage,

19. "Agatha All Along"

10. Give advice

12. Promotional

usually in some

actress Kathryn

23. Small piece

24. King of Camelot

25. Parts per thousand

26. Small Milky Way

27. One who challenges

wrongdoing

materials

5. Ohio town

7. Cure

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with

- 36. Supervises
- interstate commerce
- 37. Yes vote
- 39. Officer of high rank
- 40. Church office
- 41. Tire pressure
- measurement
- 42. From a distance
- 44. Photographs
- 45. Industrial process
- 46. Nobel Prize-
- winning physicist 47. Map out
- 48. Mammary gland
- part of female mammal
- 51. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 52. Spongelike cake
- leavened with yeast 53. Speak incessantly
- 54. Poetry term
- 58. Relaxing space
- No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

# King Road property receives 2024 King Heritage Award

A story of craftsmanship, community and timeless charm has earned 2145 King Road, King City the prestigious 2024 King Heritage Award.

Members of the King Heritage Advisory Committee and councillors made the presentation to owner Carmela Greco at a recent council meeting. Greco also received a framed drawing of the property, by local artist Phyllis Vernon.

This picturesque brick home, with its unique architectural features and rich history, stands as a testament to King Township's enduring heritage and the dedication of those who preserve it.

This distinguished recognition highlights the significant historical and architectural contributions of 2145 King Road, a two-storey brick home constructed circa 1891. The property features distinctive architectural elements such as segmented arches over its windows and entrances, a fanlight over a large window on the main façade, and an eye-catching "L'oiel de Boeuf" – or bull's eye – window in the front gable.

The historical significance of the property is equally compelling. Originally owned by blacksmith Henry Kitchen, a descendant of the prominent Kitchen family, the property's history is tied to local blacksmithing and business heritage. Subsequent ownership by the Patton family further deepened its connection to the community, with a nearby street bearing their name.



Today, the property is owned by Carmela Greco, who has maintained the home's historical character while ensuring its continued contribution to King's cultural landscape.

The King Heritage Award celebrates properties that embody the Township's commitment to preserving its rich cultural history. Nominations for the award were open from June 3 to June 28, with the winner selected by the Heritage Advisory Committee.

# Museum, board receive awards for exhibit

York Region District School Board gram, including a website, travelling and the Markham Museum have received a Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming, as well as other national and provincial awards for a joint exhibition highlighting the history of Chinese immigration to York Region, Chinese culture and the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

In addition to the Governor General's History Award, the school board and museum also received:

The Ontario Museums Association Award of Excellence in Programs.

Outstanding Achievement in Audience Outreach Award from the Canadian Museums Association.

Archives Association of Ontario, Institutional Award.

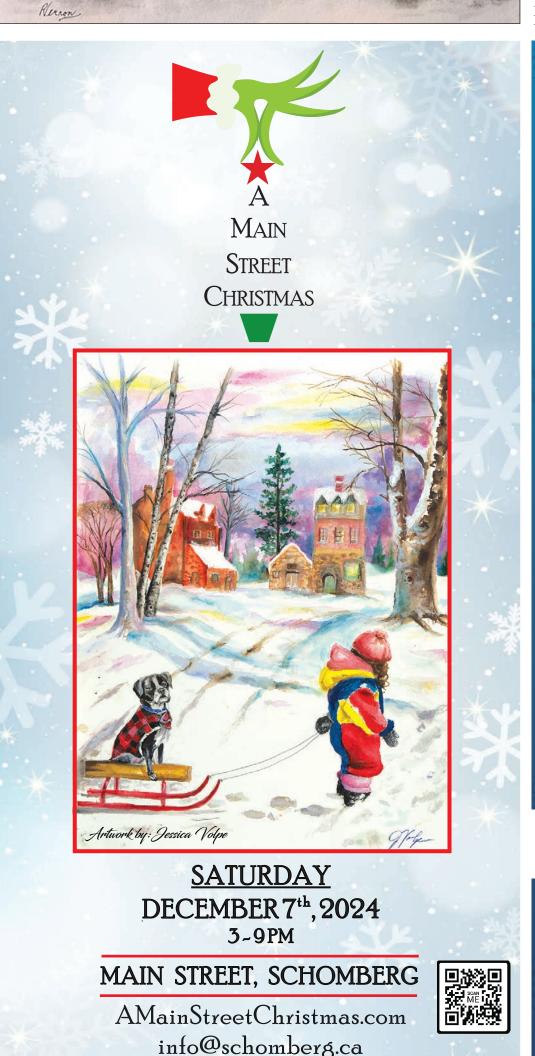
Standing in the Doorway was developed in collaboration with community members, the Markham Museum and YRDSB. The exhibition features artifacts, photographs and stories from York Region community members, and contributors from York Region District School Board students and educators.

This exhibition tells the story of resistance, resilience, and the many accomplishments of York Region's residents of Chinese descent. A threepart virtual and touring exhibition procommunity exhibition and an interschool pop-up exhibit.

"These awards are a profound honour and a testament to the dedication and collaborative spirit of the community and project partners behind 'Standing in the Doorway.' The invaluable contributions of our advisors, participants, educators, students and families were crucial to the success of this project. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the awarding bodies for this recognition and to the Chinese community in York Region for their active involvement in sharing this important story," said Janet Reid, Curator, Markham Museum and Rebekah Mitchell, Curator, York Region District School Board Museum

To learn more about the exhibition, and the significance of the Chinese Exclusion Act, listen to the Tune In YRDSB podcast episode featuring Nancy Siew, community volunteer, Janet Reid, Curator at Markham Museum; Rebekah Mitchell, Curator at York Region District School Board Museum & Archives, Stuart Siu, music teacher at Markham District H.S., Vice-Principal Jadas Lau and students from Nokiidaa P.S.; and students from the University of Toronto's Museum Studies program.







# King Fire and Emergency Services personnel lauded for their service

By Mark Pavilons Editor

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The work of King's volunteer fire-fighters hasn't gone unnoticed.

King Fire and Emergency Services personnel were in the spotlight during the 2024 King Fire Appreciation Luncheon and Years of Service Awards event.

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, provided congratulatory certificates and Ontario flags from Queen's Park to members of the service.

"These firefighters have left a legacy as inspiring role models for our young kids — and I can say that, without a doubt, King Fire stands out as the best fire service in our province and country," said Lecce. "And to Chief Wall, thank you for your leadership and for being a rock in this community by putting your hand up and extending your arms out to everyone. Wishing you a well-deserved retirement, and thank you for your service."

Chief Jim Wall honoured his team members and outlined their individual contributions. Many received distinguished service awards, presented to those who distinguish themselves by a meritorious achievement, act, or service, performed in a manner substan-

tially beyond normal expectations, or who demonstrate a special faithfulness or perseverance over time in providing high quality service in meeting and advancing the department's goals and objectives.

Distinguished Service Award – Firehouse 34 – Captain Miranda Hussey

Throughout 2024, Chief Wall said he found this person coming into their fold. Miranda has become a leader among her fellow firefighters. Leadership is dynamic, and it presents itself in so many ways.

"I found that once this individual was afforded the opportunity to demonstrate her leadership skills, her personal growth and development has now led her to become a strong contributor at the station. And, through multiple conversations this past summer about our own families, vacation spots, and cottaging, I soon realized that we had a bit more in common then we initially thought. I found that our conversations have evolved and the level of mutual respect for one another has become evident. As a leader, this person is tasked to supervise, train, and look after their crew members as well as look after our customers needs."

One of her greatest accomplish-



King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts joined Mayor Steve Pellegrini in honouring local firefighters.

ments to date is working with a team of firefighters to create up-to-date pre-fire plans on local schools, businesses, and places of assembly. Pre-fire planning is the process of gathering and recording information that could be critical for firefighters in making life-saving decisions at an incident.

This is a massive undertaking, Chief Wall said, one that cannot be taken lightly especially when the information on these plans needs to be 100% accurate.

Because of Hussey's efforts along with other team members, King Township continued to improve its Commercial Grading right across the municipality during this review.

The Fire Master Plan consultant also stated that King Fire was the only municipal fire service that he was aware of that improved any of its gradings during the course of any of his reviews in 2024.

"For this, it clearly demonstrated to me that the continued support that I have received from this person along with other team members, exemplifies strong leadership skills when we need them most ... and that's before a fire even starts. All of your efforts in 2024 have not gone unnoticed." Distinguished Service Award – Firehouse 36 – Lt. Ajay Dhamrait

With 7 years of service with our department, Ajay has really impressed the chief.

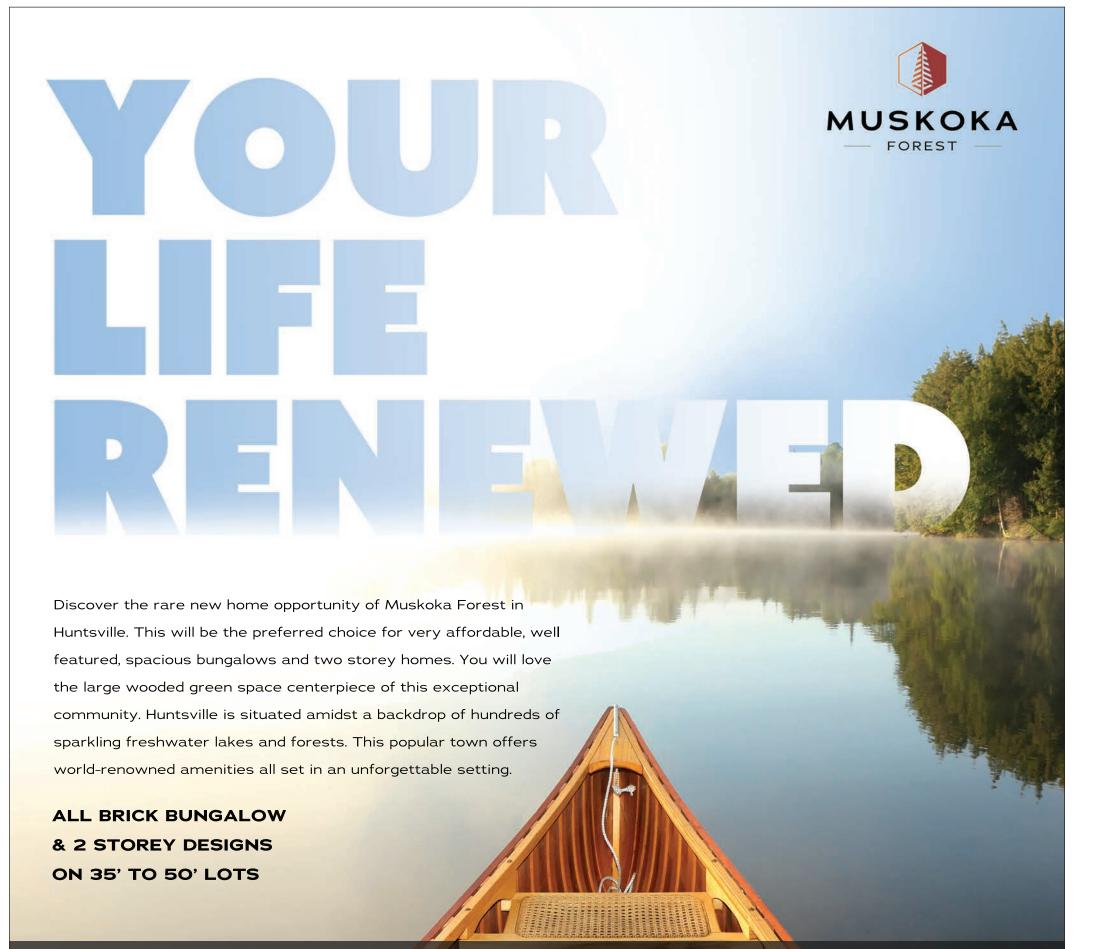
"I first met this firefighter at their place of work at least 15 years ago, perhaps longer. Seven years ago, I asked him if he would consider applying to our service. The answer was a clear 'no.' After a few more attempts, I dropped off an application and asked them to reconsider. I believe part of his acceptance into considering a firefighting role came from his many years of involvement in local sports and community connections.

"He knew the people in the community, and fit wouldn't be a challenge for them in the fire department. He started to take on new roles within the volunteer firefighter's association helping to raise money for local charities and other worthy causes. What I really started to notice was his ability to bring the station of firefighters closer. The bond among this station's members has grown extremely strong – baseball games, hockey, standby weekend volleyball games, breakfast at In this Corner, you name it.

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King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts and MPP Stephen Lecce extended their thanks to local firefighters.



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# MacGregor receives the Paul Jackson Award

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And for that, I really want to thank you for creating an inclusive vibe within your station."

Recently, he became a Lieutenant within their station which means more responsibility to leading and organizing team members and ensuring for their well-being. He has now stepped into a Health and Safety role position within the station. And last but not least, "thanks for keeping our country safe as a CBSA Officer protecting our Canadian Border."

### Distinguished Service Award Firehouse 38 – Bryan Watson

Chief Wall said if you were to look up the definition of "epitomize" in the dictionary, "I'm pretty confident Webster's Dictionary would like to add his picture to it."

Watson represents everything that you would want in a good person – he is respectful, thoughtful, without judgement, and a true gentleman day in day

Supporting everything that is good is his mantra. From responding to calls, to taking on extra duties within the station, these are all managed exceptionally well without ever hearing the word ""no."

"I have seen him operate at significant extrication calls operating the truck and equipment with a sense of calm. A true professional when you need a level-headed person most. In the station, he has taken on tasks that support placing a new fire truck in service, completing minor station or equipment repairs, to supporting the installation of our new SCBA air compressor, to our new equipment gear washer.

"I want to personally thank you for your 5 years of dedicated service to the citizens of King Township. Your contributions do not go unnoticed."

### **Paul Jackson Award Kelly MacGregor**

In 2008, KFES lost a great leader - Training Officer Paul Jackson. P.J. passed in the Line of Duty which sent the department in an absolute tailspin. Under the great leadership of Fire Chief Bryan Burbidge, KFES kept it together and carried on. In 2009, Chief

Burbidge and the Jackson family created the Paul Jackson Award which recognizes a staff member who represents everything that Paul stood for.

Paul's daughter, District Chief Kelly MacGregor, is this year's recipient. The support that she has provided this organization over the years is commendable, Wall said.

The fire service is MacGregor's natural calling as the apple doesn't fall far from the tree in their family.

Chief Wall noted he was there when you she was hired 24 years ago for our Schomberg Fire Station.

"I trained you as a new recruit firefighter along with your father, Paul.

"I was at your first major wildland fire that you fought with your father just down the road from your current house. The smiles were plenty, as this was a well fought fire. And if I'm not mistaken, there's pictures of the two of you together.

"I watched you flourish as a firefighter, become a Captain, and eventually get promoted as one of our first female Chief Officers.

"And taking over your father's old office at Firehouse 36 was pretty cool to see especially seeing the name 'Jackson' back on the door."

Wall said her promotion to Captain with the City of Vaughan Fire Rescue Services is another great achievement and her father would be proud of that

Chief Wall lauded MacGregor in helping the office out when the EA moved to another department. MacGregor supported Wall's office and entire department with many administrative tasks.

"This is the kind of support, leadership, and sacrifices that recipients of the Paul Jackson Award make, day in day out. For many, this may not sound like much but really is. If you weren't there when we needed you most, we would still be a year behind. For this, I am indebted to you for taking on such a strong leadership role."

Leadership is dynamic, and it presents itself in so many ways.

Other members were honoured for their years of service.

5 Years – Mara Anderson, Tamara Cober, Matt Freeborough, John Hawley, Cameron Kokelj, Sasha Kuyumju, Bryan Watson, Cameron Wells.

10 Years - Nairn Robertson.

15 Years - Harry Donatosian, David Mitchell, and Gaetano Nicolo. Duggan, Markus Evans, Mario Giovannone, Allan MacDonald, Allan, Brian

20 Years – Joe Manzo. 30 Years – Ken Atkinson.



Kelly MacGregor received the Paul Jackson Award (named after her father). Also shown is Warren Jackson and Chief Jim Wall.



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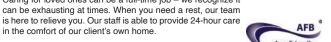


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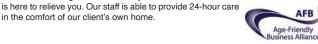
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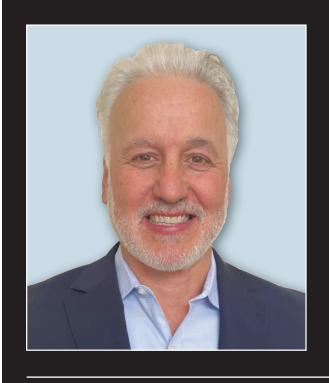
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# Marvelous Morvan makes 53 saves in Schomberg's narrow 4-3 loss to Georgina

By Jim Stewart

Nicolas "Marvelous" Morvan earned his nickname on Thursday night. Schomberg's acrobatic netminder made 53 saves and teammates Jonathan Scott, Carlo Lionti, and Matthew Lychek scored one goal each for the opportunistic, short-handed Cougars. However, Georgina got a four-point night from Odaro Ewere and the Ice eked out a 4-3 victory on Thursday night.

The entertaining game at the Trisan Centre was a battle for second place between East Orr division rivals. The black-clad Cougars opened the scoring at 2:31 of the first period when Jonathan Scott pushed a puck past Ice goaltender Ryan Moore. Joey Furlano earned his 14th assist of the season on Scott's marker.

However, the most-penalized team in the 63-team PJHL found its way to the sin bin when Cougar rookie defenseman Charlie Mabley was banished for charging. The penalty proved costly. Within 42 seconds, the Ice power play made the Cougars pay for their truculence. Ewere fired a wrist shot at 6:47 that was deflected by Isaac Mengers past Morvan to tie the game 1-1. Remarkably, the Cougars learned their lesson and returned to the penalty box only one more time versus the Ice.

"Marvelous" Morvan made three key saves after surrendering the power play marker to quell the Ice's momentum, especially a slot shot by Jack Geniole that the acrobatic goaltender kicked out of harm's way. Morvan had

17-3 in the opening frame.

Although Morvan repelled a breakaway in the opening seconds of the second period and flashed the leather at 14:43 to keep the Ice off the scoreboard, the fast-skating squad from Georgina generated numerous opportunities. Ewere fired a puck from a bad angle below the goal line that Morvan stopped but the rebound leaked into the crease and Seth Kirou steered the puck into the net to give Georgina their first lead of the game. It was Kirou's 14th goal of the season.

The Cougars' power play finally clicked to tie the game at 15:24. Schomberg defenseman Reese Muir chipped the puck off the boards to Lionti whose power move off the left wing created space. The veteran Cougar fired a wrist shot from the left faceoff dot that bulged the twine behind Moore. It was only the eighth shot on net by the home side, but Lionti's goal conjured up the spirit of the '22-23 Cougars when the squad had the best power play in the PJHL. Lionti was a significant trigger man on that superb special team unit.

Despite this uplifting and opportunistic goal by the home side, a major giveaway in the defensive zone with 4.9 seconds to go in the second period allowed Ewere an opportunity to lift the puck over Morvan. The Ice outshot the Cougars 31-10 after two periods, but due to Morvan's heroics, the visitors led by only one.

The Cougars responded with a quick strike to kick off the final frame when a pair of veteran forwards combined to to be sharp. The home side was outshot tie the game. After Matthew Lychek

won the faceoff in Georgina's end, Luke game. We're grateful to have such a Szabo slid a perfect give-and-go pass off the draw to the centreman who fired a bullet from the slot past Moore, only 15 seconds into the period. Lychek described the tying goal and his on-ice chemistry with Szabo: "I shot it right away once Luke put it on my stick. He's my favorite winger. We've been on the same line for two seasons so I knew to go to the net."

However, Georgina restored their one-goal margin at 13:47 when Evere was left unattended on the doorstep and banged home the game-winner. Evere's four-point night earned his Second Star of the Night honors. Lychek acknowledged what the Cougars need to do as a group to beat top teams like Georgina and Clarington: "We have to work harder. We also need to get guys healthy with guys like Ciaravella and Duggan still out with injuries. Palazzo was suspended tonight so we were a little short-handed. We need to be a little more disciplined, too, but tonight we only had two penalties."

The short-handed, more-disciplined Cougars put forth a valiant effort in the waning minutes. They pressed their extra-man advantage with the exhausted Morvan removed from the net, but Moore made a pair of saves to preserve the victory for the visitors. Morvan - the First Star of the Game as selected by PJHL staff - made 25 saves in the third period to keep his team in the contest. Lychek described his netminder's performance between the pipes: "He plays the same way every night. He's a key player in every great goalie playing for us. Nicolas is a great leader for us off the ice, too, and gives us hell when we're not playing well."

The third-place Cougars will need to play well when they host the seventh-place Caledon Golden Hawks on Thursday, Dec. 5. Puck drop is 7:30 at the Trisan Centre.

### Four-goal outburst in second period carries Rebellion to 4-1 win over Caledon

By Jim Stewart

Evan Hielholt, Luke Hampel, Milo Tian, and Justin Pavese scored one goal each during a second period outburst to subdue the much-improved Caledon Admirals 4-1 on Sunday afternoon at the Nobleton Community Centre.

After a scoreless first period during which Caledon goaltender Calem Yorke repelled seventeen Rebellion shots on goal, King got on the scoreboard 93 seconds into the middle frame. Hjelholt rifled a shot from the right point that bulged the twine behind Yorke high glove side, converting a brilliant pass through traffic by Jacob Xu.

Caledon, which accrued three victories in its last six games including a 2-1 double-overtime win over the Toronto Nationals on Saturday night, drew even with King when Henry Brady banged in a rebound behind Rebellion netminder Carter Bickle seven minutes into the second period.

Less than two minutes later, King restored its lead on the power play when Hampel crept in from the point, corralled Aaron Andrade's rebound, and snapped the puck past Yorke. Andrade and Marshall McCharles earned assists on the smooth-skating defenseman's eighth of the season.

With Rebellion forward Justin Pavese banished to the sin bin for spearing, the King penalty killers generated a breakaway. Kyle Baston fed Milo Tian who fired a snap shot from between the circles that beat Yorke seventeen seconds into Caledon's power play. The short-handed goal seemed to take the wind out of the sails of the otherwise plucky Admirals' squad and established a 3-1 lead for the home side.

Pavese atoned for his spearing "sins" by jamming home a rebound and provided the Rebellion with their threegoal margin of victory with three minutes left in the second period. Dalton Kane and Baston earned assists on King's fourth goal of the period. The new line combo of Kane, Pavese, and Baston clicked on the gritty sequence which was set up by Baston's forechecking, Kane's quick swoop behind the net, and Pavese's finishing skills. All three players – plus defenceman Luke Hampel - were acquired in trades with the Aurora Tigers, Trenton Golden Hawks, and Milton Menace in the last three weeks. Rebellion Captain Aaron Andrade praised the contributions of his newest teammates: "The new guys have integrated really well. They made important contributions in today's game. Luke and Justin both scored goals for us. Everyone's part of the Rebellion family and they've adapted really well to the team."

The articulate Captain discussed the keys to beating Caledon: "We stuck to our game plan that the Assistant Coaches drew up for us. They did a great job on the bench today since our Head Coach was away with the flu."

Andrade also praised the play of his goaltender Carter Bickle who turned aside 35 of 36 shots to earn the W: "He's incredible. Bickle's the best goalie in the league and his numbers would be even better if we had given him the kind of support he deserves."

# The 'team shot' evident in league curling

By Shellee Morning King Curling Club

Friday social curling is so socially inclined, the league required 15 spare curlers this past week in order to fulfill their teams. With all the new faces that offered their curling assistance, the fun and laughter down at ice level remained the same - loud and energetic.

Sheet K featured Teams Fiore Gagliardi against Team Peter Wasylikw. After last weeks loss to his wife Karen Mellow-Gagliardi, Skip Fiore Gagliardi rebounded back to the winning circle. First time Skip and spare Caroline Bachand who normally plays Lead, moved into the new title called a tight game and drew a few well-earned nods from her opposition. Skipper Fiore and Vice spare Pam McKinley offered their help with strategy for Bachand (this being a regular courtesy amongst the social league), will no doubt be back at the helm again.

Bachand and her team were diligent at working together executing Team shots in every end.

Team Karen Mellow-Gagliardi collected her 2nd win in a row to be tied for 3rd place overall with her husband Fiore's team, allowing a much more relaxed ride home in the car.

The league's 9-team roster has a 9-point difference between first and last place which goes to show how close the calibre is within its players. A loss for a team one week could very well re-arrange the leader board making things very interesting for their first half playoff round.

The Women's league roster has a one point difference between each of its top 3 teams of Gorsline, Morning and Hamilton. Team Stronach sits alone in 4th while teams Sinclair, Gerrits and Fraser fill in the middle of the pack. Teams Beck, D. Holmes and J. Holmes are all tied for 8th position, while Cairns and de Winter complete the teams stand-

The game between Debbie Holmes and Connie Fraser was an interesting exchange of points after Holmes had a 6-1 lead after 4 ends. Holmes and



Amanda Difeo of the Tuesday night Women's league watches her rock during their winning game last week.

Photo by Mark Farriuga

her team of daughter Taylor Holmes, Amanda Difeo and Lisa Del Vecchio are new to the league and are finding their way with their strategy and shot making. Team Fraser with Skip Connie Fraser away re-grouped in the 5th earning 2 for a 6-3 score. It was Team D. Holmes that held onto the win earning their 2nd victory of the season. This is definitely a team to watch for as they are improving as a team on so many levels so very quickly.

The club's Mixed league is the most competitive league in the club and each week the repetitive sound of rock thumping and hurry hard chatter reaches new levels of excitement. The shot making in the league is heavily relied on from everyone on the team to achieve its goal, also known as a "team shot."

This past week the "team shot" was repeatedly needed in the match against Morning and #2 ranked team Battershell. Skip Trevor Battershell and wife Kim as well as Anthony Strickland and Heather Thompson had a stone buried with the hammer in the 4th felt confident they'd take the end.

Skip Shellee Morning and her squad of newcomers James Gillem at Vice, alternate Sheila McKinley at 2nd and Kalvin Cameron at Lead had only 1 possible shot. A wide in-off to keep the count back. The shot had superior sweeping by Cameron and Mckinley

and pristine line calling by Gillem resulted in Morning's rock with the hit and angling directly onto the button for

In the 7th and final end Battershell with the hammer was up by 1 narrowly missed his hit by a broom hair allowing Morning a steal of 2 for the win. Both teams defined the definition of the "team shot".

### **U18 Provincial Qualifier**

Kalvin Cameron, a member of the club's Junior program, was recently invited to play 2nd position for Team Johnson out of the Northhumberland Curling Club. This past weekend the team qualified for the Ontario under 18 Provincial championships after a nail-biter 5-4 win against Team Genjaga of the Dixie Curling Club. The provincial championships will be held in January at the Mount Forest Curling Club. King Curling wishes Kalvin and his team the best of luck in their championship quest.



Kalvin Cameron shown here during his Junior practice at the King Curling Club recently joined Team Johnson of the Northumberland CC qualified for the U18 Provincial Championships this past weekend. Provincials will be held in January at the Mount Forest CC.

Photo by Shellee Morning

### King's Corners

### King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Dec. 8 Rev. Andrew Lee will lead worship on the second Sunday of Advent marked to celebrate Peace. The excitement builds as we wait with anticipation for the birth of the baby that brought gifts that have lasted thousands of years. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love are gifts that came in the form of a baby, born in a stable.

Worship begins at 10 a.m. and all are welcome to join. Sunday School takes place during the same hour and for information on the Sunday School please contact Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

Save the date! Christmas Bake Sale, on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at King City United Church. Lots of goodies and cookies and Christmas baking to have for the holidays.

We encourage all to express any generosity and excess that they may have by contributing to the King Township Food Bank. The donations to the King Township Food bank this fall are needed in greater quantities than ever before and the community can make a significant difference if it works together to continue to support the Food Bank and the families that access this much needed service.

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 speaking on our Christmas series; "Journey to the Nativity." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

We invite everyone to our Christmas Eve service at 6:30 on Dec. 24th.

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

If you have any questions please email: Lisa Lethangue (lisa@kingbiblechurch.com), Administrative Assistant, King Bible Church, 1555 King Rd, King City, 905-833-5104.

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

Holiday closings for the King City Seniors Centre: The last activities for 2024

will take place on Friday, Dec. 20. Activities will resume on Monday, January 6 as scheduled. Please note: The 10 a.m. Mobility Matters class is full. There is still room in the 11 a.m. class for those interested in participating in this popular activity in the new year.

Sunday, December 8 – 2 to 4 p.m. – Annual Christmas Open House. Once again, we will be entertained by Russ Clayton and enjoy a sing-along. The first hour will be entertainment and the second will be social time with delicious Christmas treats. Our sponsors for this event are: Chartwell Oak Ridges Retirement Residence, Richview Manor Retirement Residence and Edward Jones.

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

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

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

Tuesday mornings: 10 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. – Progres-

sive Euchre.

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or kingcity.seniors@gmail.com

### **York Pines United**

It is Second Advent this Sunday with presentation of White Gifts for the York Support Services Network family and donations to the Food Bank. We continue decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon.

In preparation for Christmas, Rev. Andrew is offering ukulele lessons at our sister church King City United on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Ukuleles can be provided. Contact him at either church to participate.

Our Christmas Fellowship Lunch is

on Friday, Dec. 13 at 12:30 p.m. at the Newmarket Swiss Chalet. Come, bring a friend and enjoy their Festive Special. Let the office know if you plan to attend by calling 905-727-8118 or emailing york-pinesuc@gmail.com.

### **Schomberg AA meetings**

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

### **Sacred Heart Church**

A true indication of the Community Spirit has been demonstrated again by the many families, friends and visitors of Sacred Heart. The Knights of Columbus wish to express appreciation to all participants of the Pancake Breakfast held Nov. 10. A donation of \$500 was made to the King Township Food Bank. The community then followed up supporting the Catholic Women's League's Bake Sale to the tune of \$1,600, which will be donated to local charities through the year. Hearts full of thanks to God and all who supported these events. The first candle of the Advent wreath represents 'Hope.'

Reminder: 1) Holy Redeemer Pilgrim's Choir Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 8 after 10:30 Mass with light breakfast, carolling & pictures with St Nicholas. 2) Youth Bowling with Fr. John, Friday, Dec. 13, 7 to 10:30 p.m. Contact derosemlle@gmail.com. 3) Jubilee Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral, Sunday, Dec. 29 at 5 p.m.

The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday, Dec. 9 – Holy Mass at 7 p.m. followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Please see the bulletin/website for Archbishop Leo's letter on the Jubilee Year; and, for Fr. John's report on Narthex finances.

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

### St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

December is here! The First Sunday in Advent was last Sunday, Dec. 1. The Rev. Alison Agnew led us in a beautiful worship service and presided over Communion. Anne Campbell was our read-

er and lit the Candle of Hope in our Advent Wreath. Bonnie Mooney surprised us with another beautiful hanging, an Advent Banner! Thank you Bonnie!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is located at 13190 Keele St., adjacent to the St. Andrew's Park. Our worship services are Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards, all are invited for coffee time in the lounge.

Come and enjoy our Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m., taking place during our service time with refreshments, carol singing, the Christmas Story of God's Grace and little gift bags. All are invited. We hope you can come.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening. All are welcome! Bring your family.

The Sunday services are recorded each week and posted on our website. Have a look. (standrews-kingcity.ca Click on the YouTube frame)

Last Saturday morning was Refresh at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Nobleton - a time for ladies to be together, sing God's praises, pray, hear Pastor Alison's devotional and enjoy some delicious refreshments! What a lovely way to start such a busy month. The ladies were from Barrie, Bradford, Tottenham, Bolton, King City, Kleinburg, Richmond Hill and Nobleton.

Donations for the King Township Food Bank are needed! Please call the office first if you wish to donate during the week call 905-833-2325 and visit the Food Bank's website at ktfb.ca to determine which foods are needed. Also, look at christmasinking.ca if you would like to participate as a donor. Please ensure the church gets the Festive Food Hampers by December 8.

If you have any questions or if you need pastoral care or prayer, please call St. Andrew's, King City at 905-833-2325 for the Rev. Alison Agnew or phone one of the Elders.

### All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Join us at All Saints for a festive Service of Lessons & Carols on Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway – Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on Luke 21- there will be signs:

"I have always felt pretty fearful, as a kid growing up with anxiety that I still have as an adult.

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# Scoop from Schomberg

### By Susan Heslop

The tree is all lit up and ready to go for the big event, "Schomberg Light Up Night" was well attended, despite the threat of nasty weather and treats and hot chocolate, courtesy of Schomberg Tim Hortons, kept the crowd warm as they were serenaded by Children singing and bagpipes.

This Saturday marks the official start of Schomberg Christmas season with "Main Street Christmas" on Saturday, December 7th. The day parade starts at 4:00 and the highlight of the day, "The Parade of Lights" starts at 7:30. There is live entertainment, carol singing, a Christmas marketplace. They need volunteers for the day parade, so you can email amscontact@gmail.com, if you're interested in helping or if you have a student that needs some volunteer hours. I don't know about you, but this is my favorite community event, and I can't wait to see what the local Farmers have in store for us with their decorated tractors in the "Parade of

Lights," Hope to see you all there.

A reminder King Townships winter parking restrictions which run until April 15. On-street Parking between 2 and 6 a.m. is prohibited to allow for snow clearing; even on-street parking permits are invalid, and the fine is \$100. Make sure you inform your family and any overnight guests.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 313 Main St., will be hosting their gift basket and bake shop/café during Main Street Christmas Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., downstairs. Then upstairs they'll be having a soloist, Jennifer, at 5 p.m. At 5:25 there will be a Christmas sing-along with John and Evelyn and at 6 another soloist, Jonell. At 6:25 p.m., the Bondhead Olde Tyme Fiddlers (John, Evelyn, Janice, Ed and Lynn) perform. Make sure to check that out while you're attending Main Street Christmas and get a basket or two for those hard to buy for friends and family.

### **Anglican Parish**

Sunday, Dec. 8, 5 p.m., APOL Potluck & Carol Sing at Christ Church Kettleby. Sunday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Lessons and

Sunday, Dec. 22, combined service

ful and to see the promise that is so easy to miss when we're afraid

"Dr. David Lose wrote: 'The scene we heard in Luke's gospel is pretty close to the beginning of Jesus's passion, death, and resurrection. It was his promise of forgiveness. 'Today you will be with me in paradis – the promise of eventual and ultimate rest and comfort. Jesus said, 'Peace be with you.' And it was the promise that his resurrection would mean an end to death and the cycle of violence and revenge that govern our world. When he said, "You are witnesses to these things," it was the promise of purposeful and fruitful work for his disciples to spread the message of "goodwill and peace."

"Jesus promised not to abandon his disciples and equipped them not just to endure the challenges of the day but to thrive in the face of them. The promises of Jesus did NOT eliminate fear or hardship from the lives of his followers, but they do give us hope and courage and the ability to be faithful; to keep our eyes focused on the vision of God's kingdom.

"I'm always going to be a relatively anxious person. But what I've learned is to feel the fear and do it anyway – to do acts of love and kindness, to be there for people, even when I'm afraid. Sometimes all I can manage are small simple acts. But as the Aesop once wrote, 'no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.'

"This Advent season, we will reflect on our beautiful and fragile world and we'll anticipate Jesus's coming again. And as the Taize chant goes, we'll wait for the Lord, whose day is near and as we do, know that Jesus is calling us to take heart, have courage and show love."

Schomberg with our Bishop Riscylla

Christmas Services, Sunday, Dec. 22 9:30 at CCK and 11:15 at SMM.

Tuesday, Dec. 24, candlelit Christmas Eve services 7 p.m. CCK, 9 p.m. SMM. Wednesday, Dec. 25, 10:30 on ZOOM.

King Township is hosting a Blood Donor Clinic at the Trisan Centre, Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a great chance to get on Santa's nice list. You can make an appointment by calling 1-888-236-6283 or registering at blood.ca

### **Schomberg Euchre Club**

The Euchre group is open to all, and is 7 to 9 on Friday nights, at the Trisan in Room A. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all ages, men, women, all you need to know is how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

### Schomberg 55+

We had a wonderful guest this week, Dr. Marie Adams, retired professor, and author of "Our Son the Stranger," an emotional story of couples who adopted native children in the late 1960s and '70s. It's all based on her and her husband's personal experience and Marie does a deep dive to find answers why 90% of these adoptions fail. Just a wonderful presentation and one that is truly heartbreaking. Thank you to Marie

at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene, for sharing her personal story with all

If you're interested in sponsoring one of our speakers or events, please reach out to me at sporter5952@gmail. com or Lynn Bird at klbird@hotmail. com. We are always looking for local

Bridge will continue each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Schomberg Community

Sunday, Dec. 8 – Theatre Orangeville, Sleeping Beauty, A Fairy Tale. It's \$40 registration to klbird@hotmail.com

Monday, Dec. 9 – trivia with Maggie and Lynn to be held at the Trisan Centre in the Curling Lounge.

Monday, Dec. 16 - Festive Season Luncheon-further details to come.

Ukulele Classes for our very own "Tightly Wound" club is back at it and getting ready to entertain the group in November, so please make sure you don't miss practice every Thursday from 2 to 3:30 at the Schomberg Community Hall, any member is welcome to grab a Ukulele and come join

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

Again, if you find a lost dog or cat, please secure it and call Vaughan Animal Control at 905-832-2281, they are responsible for this area.

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you would love to see here sporter5952@ gmail.com or 416-460-5952.



# King's Corners

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And today I see the patterns of fear and anxiety in the world all around me. Of all the challenges of our day; the division, the politics, the unending tide of prejudice and hate, economic inequity, and wars and conflicts ... the greatest challenge is our fear.

"Fear is what turns those who are different from us into enemies: fear causes us to hoard resources and wealth. Fear makes us see others as competitors or obstacles. causes us to define ourselves over and against others. Fear causes an us vs them mentality and makes it impossible for us to find common ground. It hardens our hearts. That's probably why the command 'Do not fear' is given over 120 times in the bible. Across all of scripture, prophets, saints, and angels have said this time and time again, 'Fear not! Don't be afraid!' And it was usually accompanied by a message of God's nearness.

"I think the season of Advent is so necessary to slow down and a time of reflection so that we're fully conscious of what's happening aroutnd us. The world is becoming busier and busier, but spiritually we're exploring beyond shallow sentimentality and false cheer and looking at the world as it really is right now. It is beautiful and fragile.

"The Rev. Fleming Rutledge once wrote, 'Advent begins in the dark. It is not a season for the faint of heart.' Christ also said 'when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' He called us to be hope-

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### Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will bring a message from Acts 28:17-30 entitled, "Unstoppable."

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 or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our Junction Ministries serve our children's and families each Sunday. FirstLink is our staffed ministry time with our youngest attendees, and Junction is an age appropriate time of teaching with our elementary aged children.

Our mid-week LifeConnect small groups are an opportunity to connect with others and grow in faith. Groups meet for discussion, study, and prayer throughout the week.

Students in Grades 7 to 12 are invited to our YouthConnect every other Friday, the next one being Nov. 1. Join us as we explore questions about life, faith, and Jesus with the youth Alpha program.

Need a morning out? We are Inviting all women to join us for a morning of worship, prayer, conversation, and refreshments on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Our theme will be "Refresh!"

### St. Mary's Church

Winter coats, snow pants, hats and mittens drive: The Knights of Columbus are hosting this drive. There is a box in the foyer of the church. Church is open all week from 9 to 5 so please drop off your gently used items.

Sunday, Dec. 8 is Family Christmas Day after Sunday Mass starting at 12:30. There will be crafts for the children, food and drink, christmas carolling and a visit from old St. Nicholas. Cost is \$25 per family and \$10 single person.

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church there will be a concert. Cost is \$50 and tickets available at the church office. All proceeds will go to "Waves of Change for Autism" in Vaughan.

Browse our websites:

St. Patrick's Parish: https://stpatrickssc.archtoronto. be our last day until January 2025.

St. Mary's Mission: https://stmarys-

no.archtoronto.org/ If there is anything we can do to support you, please call the parish office on

905-859-5522 or email us at: stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org

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

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

Please continue to register for each program. All events \$1 for members & \$2 for non members unless otherwise indicated.

Dec. 5 – Art with Angela Del Borrello. Paint your own "Winter Scene" to display in your home. "Your own creation for others to admire." Cost is \$10, which includes detailed instructions & materials. Please register by Nov. 30 so materials can be purchased. There will be an additional surprise.

Dec. 12 - Christmas Party. Come festive and join in with fun, games and more. A hot lunch will be provided.

Please bring a dessert or salad. Special Guest Councillor David Boyd. This will

2025 upcoming events will be posted

Comments and suggestions are always welcomed.

Joanne Bailey 416.706.9375 or email jbailey133@yahoo.com

### **Nobleton Lions**

Christmas festivities are underway and the Nobleton Lions have events for entire families to enjoy. First, this Sunday, December 8, you're invited to visit the Lions booth at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Nobleton Gazebo for some hot chili. Then on Saturday evening, December 14, 6 to 7:30, come out for a visit with Santa and a skate at the Nobleton Arena. Hot chocolate for all and candy for the kids. It's a great opportunity to see friends you have not seen for some time.

The Lions support local non-profit organizations with publicity on the Upcoming Events page of our website. One such organization is Christmas in King with its Christmas hamper program. The target date for filling a hamper is December 9.

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### Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. There are a total of 4 Sundays of Advent where we are waiting for Christmas, the day of Christ's birth. Do join us at our service in Schomberg at 9:30 a.m. or our service in Nobleton at 11:15 a.m. and stay afterwards for some refreshments and chatting. Many thanks to Rev. Evelyn McLachlan who is tinkling the ivories for the Advent services for both services.

The Advent Bible study series (led by Rev. Richard Gardner, with lots of sidetracks) continues this Thursday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. at Nobleton United Church; Dec. 12 at Schomberg, at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, enter by back door; and on Dec. 19 at Nobleton. The group will ponder about its meaning and how it shapes and affects our daily lives. There are people coming from the Community and you would be welcome, too.

We are collecting new socks for men

and women through a program called "Inn from the Cold." If you would like to support this initiative, please bring the new warm socks or underwear for males or females to Sunday service (either Schomberg or Nobleton) or on Wednesday morning or early afternoon when the quilters meet (at Nobleton).

The popular Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday. Dec. 7, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. There will be pancakes, sausages and bacon. This event is free. Bring your camera to have family photos taken with Santa. Donations are accepted for the Christmas in King program. The need is exceptionally great this year. Contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442 if willing to help.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 11:30 a.m. Please be at St. Mary Magdalene. The entertainment is Kleinburg Treble Makers. The meal is chicken broccoli casserole with red peppers with rice, followed by apple cranberry crisp. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations vou are able to make to offset some of our costs.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. Families are welcome to this free event. December's theme is the Daring Journey to Bethlehem (Christmas). One of the activities is always decorating cookies in the theme of the month. In place of story time, we will be doing a rehearsal with the large stick puppets for the Christmas puppet show on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 11:15 a.m. Please contact me 416-316-5064 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to let me know that you intend to come or for more info. We need to know numbers to have enough crafts and food for all.

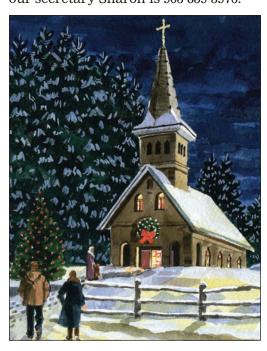
There will be a delightful children's Christmas puppet show on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. This is a joint service with Schomberg United followed by a lunch of pizza, salad, and an ice cream bar and some fun Christmas games. Come and make a friend.

The Christmas Eve services are at 3 p.m. at Nobleton United for a family friendly service and at 7 p.m. for a candlelight service at Schomberg United.

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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There is a large selection of Canadian pieces, particularly from Ontario. There are bottles from across the United States, particularly from New York & Pennsylvania. The international pieces represent the UK, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, France, Hungary and the Netherlands. Notable brands include Coca-Cola, Nehi, Orange Crush, Zeitz, 7-Up and Saratoga. This is a must-see auction for enthusiasts and collectors alike!

Preview: Dec 13th, 10a-4p, or call for an appointment on another day. Preview & Pickup will be at our Home Office Base, 438280 4th Line, Melancthon (North of Shelburne).

Features: Tulip Bott Co. - Emerald Green Embossed Tulip; Saskatoon Bottling Works - Brown Acid-Etched; The Tune Bottling Co. - Lime Green Blown Glass Acid-Etched; Propriete de la Brasserie du Faubourg Lillers - Rosaline Marquise Acid-Etched; C. H. Norton - Azur Blue Blown Glass Acid-Etched; Schweppes Limited - Clear Acid-Etched Vauxhall w/ Paper Label - Porcelain Lined 30oz Syphon Bottle; Fabrique d'Eaux

Gazeuses et Sirops - Yellow Uranium/Ouraline Fluted Acid-Etched; Coca-Cola Bottling Company - Cobalt Blue Acid-Etched Tahiti/Portello - 26oz Seltzer Bottle and more!

Lots begin closing at 5pm on Dec 13th. If you're interested in absentee bids, give us a call at 519-288-2228.



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# **LIVE AUCTION SALE**

### for Thomas Hyatt Saturday December 7, 10am 6117 8th Line, Hillsburgh (Erin), ON

From the town of Hillsburgh come north on Trafalgar Rd (Reg Rd 25/Cty Rd 24) to the Erin/East Garafraxa Townline. Turn east and go 1.4km to 8th Line. Then south 1km to sale on east side of road. OR from Hwy 109 (at Waldemar) come south on Cty Rd 24 (Regional Rd 25) for 10km to East Garafraxa/Erin Townline. Turn east and go 1.4km to 8th Line. Turn south and come 1 km to sale on East side of road.

### \*\* SALE TO BE HELD IN HEATED SHOP\*\*

Vehicles (all sold as is): 1967 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow sedan, 4 dr, 107K mi; 1979 Lincoln Continental Mark 5 coupe, cloth int, 400 V8; 1999 Mercedes SLK 450, 2 dr, hard top; 1999 Mercedes CLK 430 convertible, black, leather, 295K km; Mitsubishi Fuso cube van, 8'x16' box, diesel, lift gate; 2015 Dodge Outdoorsman 4x4 truck, Eco-diesel, 4 dr, white, cloth int, 334K km; 1999 Dodge Ram 3500 Cummins dually, 12ft flatbed, 74K km, white; 2006 Ford F450 diesel ambulance, converted to camper. Tractor: MF 240 tractor, single remote, R: 13.6-28, 794hrs, very nice; Trailers: 2013 5th wheel flatbed trailer, 14000lbs, ramps, tandem, 22'x8'; 2014 Wildwood 281 XLite 30ft travel trailer; (3)storage trailers 2-46', 1-40'; 5'x7' landscape trailer, mesh floor & rear ramp; steel 3'x5' trailer. RTVs/ATVs/Snowmobiles/Golf Cart, +Acc: Kubota 1100 RTV, diesel, 4x4, 400hrs, cab, heat, A/C, hydr dump; JD 825i 4x4 Gator, hydr dump; Toro Workman MDX, hydr dump; 2005 Skidoo Rotax 1000 SDI, 3572 mi; 2002 Skidoo Legend Rotax 600, 12,000km; 1977 Skidoo Elan 250; MFC50 4-wheeler; Golf cart, Yamaha gas motor, bench seat, box; ATV snowblade; Can-AM 6ft snowblade for side-by-side. Lawnmowers: JD 3325 reel mower; JD 1600 diesel mower 11'cut; JD lawnmower for parts; Kubota T1770 riding lawnmower, 17hp, 48" cut. Mach/Equip/Accs: Hyster 50 propane forklift; (2) wood hay wagons; front mount skidsteer 6ft bushog, hydr drive; Sullair 425 diesel compressor on trailer, JD engine; skidsteer mount tree shear; JD 54" riding mower snowblade; mounting harness; payloader snowblade. Shop/Farm Rel: (NIB-new in box): 25'x50'x16'h Quonset hut-brand new (has all parts); 1100 sq ft mezzanine with galvanized flooring; Generac generators-2000 & G8000; B&S TMG-GWC5 woodchipper, 420cc engine; gas hedge trimmers (Stihl HS45, Echo HC150); Echo gas leaf blower; (4)Dri-Eaz turbo dryers; tool box; hardware; qty transfer hose; stone; paving slabs; paving bricks; uncut firewood; asst lumber & building supplies; sandblasting cabinet -NIB; propane heaters; (2)Saracco ind size sandblasters; KEW 0940C elec pressure washer; asst hand/power tools; HD ext cords; Honda EB10000 generator, 450hrs; chainsaws-Husqvarna, Stihl; Tomcat GTX 30D floor sweeper; John Bean brake lathe FMC 601PF; fuel tank with elec pump; qty ladders; (90) 4x5 round bales first cut hay. Misc/Furn: Pool table, wood bed, 5'x8'; golf clubs(R); chairs; wood table; dressers; cooler for golf cart; canoes- 2-Evergreen,1-Sportspal; (4) hitching posts from Windsor Raceway.

Preview: Friday December 6, 1-6pm Lunch Booth & Washroom Available

Terms & Conditions: Cash or Cheque with proper I.D. on day of sale. Owner and/or Auctioneer will not be held responsible for accident or loss on day of sale. All items are sold "As Is". All verbal announcements on day of sale take precedence over written ads.

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Peacefully on November 25, 2024 at Royal Victoria Health Centre, Barrie. Irene (Thorne) at the age of 93 years, beloved wife of the late Sydney Beatty. Loving mother of Craig Beatty (Marjorie Tepina), Paula Beatty (Paul Burley) and the late Keith Beatty. Deeply loved grandmother of Sierra (Christian), Alyssa, Ryan (Sarah), and Emily. Irene was predeceased by her brother Robert. Forever in the hearts of the extended family, and friends.

The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham 905-936-3477, on Saturday, January 4, 2025 from 10:30 am until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11:30 am. Interment at Alliston Union Cemetery. For those who wish donations in memory of Irene can be made to Canadian Cancer Society. Online condolences and memories can be made to www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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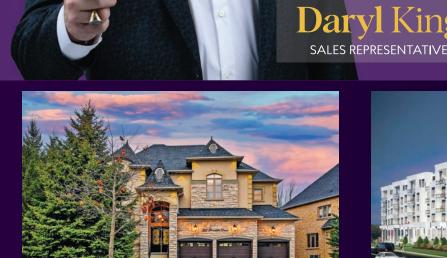
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### CHATEAU-INSPIRED LUXURY WITH POOL

Nestled on a premium lot in the prestigious Fontainbleau community of Oak Ridges/Lake Wilcox, this chateau-inspired executive home features a 3-car garage, 10-ft ceilings, and a gourmet kitchen. Enjoy a private backyard oasis with a heated saltwater pool. Luxurious finishes, expansive living spaces, and thoughtful upgrades make this home truly extraordinary.



### LUXURIOUS 'FERNBROOK' HOME IN AURORA

Introducing the exquisite 'Fernbrook' executive home in Aurora Estates, boasting over \$200K in upgrades. Highlights include a gourmet Downsview kitchen, elegant finishes, a mainfloor bedroom, and four ensuite-equipped upper bedrooms. Conveniently located near Yonge Street, transit, and amenities, this home offers unparalleled luxury living.



### TRANQUIL BACKSPLIT WITH SCENIC YARD

This charming 4-level brick backsplit with a double garage is nestled in Whitchurch-Stouffville's sought-after Ballantrae community. With 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a bright open-concept layout, cozy fireplace, spacious kitchen, balcony, and scenic yard views, it perfectly blends comfort, convenience, and character.



### PEACEFUL BUNGALOW RETREAT NEAR LAKE

Discover this upgraded walkout bungalow on a serene cul-de-sac near Little Lake. Enjoy modern living with three upgraded bathrooms, a spacious kitchen with stainless steel appliances, a private backyard with a waterfall, an oversized garage, and direct access to nature. Close to schools, parks, and amenities.



### LOCATION. LUXURY. LIFESTYLE.

Experience luxury living at King Heights Boutique Condominiums in King City, with suites from \$534,465. Spacious 1-3 bedroom layouts feature 10' ceilings, custom cabinetry, quartz countertops, and Miele appliances. Enjoy amenities like a rooftop terrace, fitness studio, and lounges, all steps from the GO station, parks, and community center.



### PREMIUM FEATURES, PRIME LOCATION

Welcome to this stunning 4+1 bedroom, 4-bath executive home in Vaughan's desirable community. Boasting a gourmet kitchen with Viking appliances, an open-concept family room, a luxurious primary suite, spacious bedrooms, and a professionally finished lower level, this home offers elegance, comfort, and convenience near parks, schools, Maple GO, and more!



### CUSTOM 2.2-ACRE RAVINE ESTATE

Welcome to this stunning custom-built estate on 2.2 sunny acres backing onto a private ravine. Highlights include a grand foyer, formal living/dining rooms, a spacious kitchen, luxurious primary suite, oversized bedrooms, finished basement with walk-up, and a private backyard showcasing breathtaking year-round views.



### **AURORA HIGHLANDS MODERN BACKSPLIT**

Step into this stunning 3-bedroom backsplit in Aurora Highlands with a 6-car driveway. Featuring modern upgrades like a renovated kitchen, hardwood floors, pot lights, and spacious living areas, it's perfect for entertaining. Enjoy a private fenced backyard and convenient access to schools, parks, and amenities!



### **ELEGANT FAMILY HOME WITH SALTWATER POOL**

Beautifully upgraded 4+1 bedroom home on a quiet street backing onto a peaceful walking trail with no rear neighbors. Features a chef's kitchen with high-end appliances, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, and an open-concept layout. Includes an in-law suite with a walkout. Backyard oasis offers a saltwater pool, patio, and scenic conservation views.



### BRAND NEW HOME ON SPACIOUS DOUBLE LOT

Brand new custom-built executive home on a premium 96' x 126' lot in Richmond Hill. This masterpiece boasts an open concept layout, high-quality craftsmanship, 10' ceilings, chef's kitchen with quartz counters and Bosch appliances, spa-like ensuite, spacious bedrooms with walk-in closets, and a 38' x 126' easement. Perfect for luxury living.



### PERSONALIZE YOUR EXECUTIVE DREAM HOME

Magnificent brand-new executive home by renowned 'Fernbrook Homes' with over \$200K in upgrades. Set on a large lot in prestigious Princeton Heights, Aurora Estates, this stunning home features a Downsview chef's kitchen, elegant finishes, spacious bedrooms with ensuite baths, a covered loggia, and proximity to Yonge Street, transit, and amenities.



### **CUSTOMIZE YOUR DREAM LAKE WILCOX HOME**

Introducing an opportunity to customize your dream executive home in Lake Wilcox. This to-bebuilt 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.



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