

### Hortons shares smiles with Food Bank

Andrew Mizzoni, King City Tim Hortons Manager; Pat Johnston and Geoff Simpson, King Township Food Bank board members; and Henrietta Marfoh, Tim Hortons General Manager, at the Smile Cookie cheque presentation. The campaign raised \$2,918.69 for the King Township Food Bank to support local families in need. Turn to Page 7 for more on the event.

**Councillor wants rural road safety program** 

**By Mark Pavilons Editor** Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A King councillor wants to create a rural road safety program.

Councillor Jennifer Anstey recently tabled the motion at council to recommend the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.

The Township of King requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads.

A copy of the King resolution will be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads.

The resolution will also be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

The motion noted that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads. Despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads.

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**Fire Chief** Jim Wall leaves a legacy behind.

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### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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Monday, January 27 6 p.m. – Council

Monday, February 03 6 p.m. – Council Public Planning

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

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### Changes to pet licensing effective January 2, 2025

Pet owners can look forward to more efficient pet licensing with enhanced Animal Services Agreement with the City of Vaughan.

### Winter-ready: King is prepared for the snow removal season

Snowplowing occurs in priority sequence, with major roads first, followed by neighbourhood roads, and cul-de-sacs last – to ensure that fire and emergency services are able to drive on the roads and respond to calls. Road servicing is typically completed within a 12-hour period after the snowfall is complete but can take longer during a Significant Weather Event.

If your street is missed during snow clearing, call 905-833-5321 or email ServiceKING@king.ca.

### For more information, visit king.ca/SnowRemoval

### Holiday closures: The King Township Municipal Centre will be closed effective 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 23 to observe Christmas and the holiday season and will reopen on Thursday, Jan. 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Essential services, such as fire and emergency response and by-law and enforcement services, will continue uninterrupted. There will be no waste collection on Tuesday, Dec. 25. Waste collection schedules will shift ahead one day. For more information, view the waste collection calendar at **king.ca/waste**. King Township recreation facilities and libraries have varying hours of operation over the December Break and will be closed on all statutory holidays.

During the closure, calls regarding an urgent Township matter requiring immediate attention will be connected to the after-hours answering service.

On behalf of Mayor

Steve Pellegrini and members

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### Highway 413 preliminary design is 90% complete

The Ontario government has reached up the release of property to owners." a major milestone for Highway 413 by completing 90 per cent of the preliminary design work, which gives greater certainty on the preferred alignment of the highway.

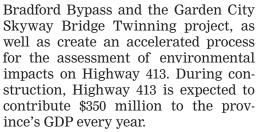
Reaching this milestone has allowed the province to identify 113 full and 57 partial properties not required for building the highway, with the remaining land being released beginning in 2025.

"Our government is standing up for drivers by building the highways we need to tackle gridlock and keep people moving," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "By completing 90 per cent of the design work on Highway 413, we've taken a big step towards getting this critical highway project built and are now able to speed

Ontario has determined the design of all major structures, interchanges and crossings. Identifying the preferred alignment of the highway means the province can begin releasing unneeded land back to owners for farming, residential, business and other uses. The milestone comes as a new report from the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis finds gridlock in Ontario is significantly impacting commuters' quality of life and costing the economy \$56 billion a year, further emphasizing the need to move forward on critical highway and road infrastructure projects including Highway 413.

On Nov. 25, the Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act received Royal Assent, allowing the province to accelerate construction of Highway 413,





Landowners impacted by the proposed refinements to the Focused Analysis Area (FAA) can visit https://www. highway413.ca to view the proposed changes in detail.

A 30-day consultation for input on the proposed refinements is posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. In early 2025, once the consultation is complete, the Ontario government will publish refinements to the FAA, helping to bring certainty to landowners along the proposed route.

The province is currently undertaking fieldwork, including borehole drilling and engineering, to evaluate soil composition and bedrock depth and expects shovels in the ground with construction beginning in 2025.

Highway 413 will run from Highway 400 in the east to Highway 401/407 interchange in the west, connecting the regions of York, Peel and Halton while helping the province fight gridlock, create jobs and prepare for a growing population.

### Making rural roads safe

#### From Front Page

Rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base. Preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system. Roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles.

Scott Butler, executive director of Good Roads, said rural roads are more dangerous than other roads. In 2019 there were 428 traffic fatalities on municipal roads, of which 205 occurred in rural municipalities. The unfortunate reality is that with only 13.3% of the provincial population, rural Ontario accounted for 48% of traffic fatalities on municipal roads.

Good Roads is a municipal association concerned with the quality and design of roads in Ontario. They

point out that many rural, remote, and northern municipalities are responsible for maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller population/tax base. As a result, these roads tend to be older, in poorer condition, and incorporate only basic road safety infrastructure.

With a provincial partnership, problematic sections of Ontario's rural, northern, and remote roads can be made less dangerous. Interventions could include replacing legacy assets (i.e., wooden posts with guardrails), installing absent road fixtures (i.e., guiderail, signs, lighting, road paint), or upgrading to more modern assets with innovative safety functions (i.e., guardrails, guiderails, crash cushions). In other jurisdictions governments are doing just this.

Good Roads is partnering with Austroads to adapt their world leading RSA guide to the Ontario environment with the aim of training road safety auditors so that this knowledge is available locally.



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### King Fire crews rescue cats in residential fire

**By Mark Pavilons** Editor Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

An accidental fire in King partially destroyed a home, but everyone, including two cats, were safe and sound.

King Fire and Emergency Services personnel responded to the fire in the area of Canal Road and River Road, just north of Hwy. 9. It was a three-station response, with Bradford West Gwillimbury supporting the call.

Chief Jim Wall noted the fire could be seen by crews in the distance as they raced to the location.

Engine 361 arrived on location with Tanker 364 at 1440 River Road. The lieutenant began search, rescue and fire control.

Additional units from KFES arrived on scene along with BWG and multiple water sources were established via a dry hydrant, tankers, and canal. A primary and secondary search was completed on the structure, confirming all occupants were accounted for. Two cats were rescued during the search and were sent to a local vet clinic.

The fire was extinguished and the roof board-up started by staff. Both police and medics were on scene, but no one was taken to the hospital.

The fire was determined to be accidental.

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### ~ Michael Connelly

### Santa Claus has a long and cherished history

For children and adults around the world, Santa Claus is the epitome of the holiday season.

While "Christ is the reason for the season," Claus is a close second.

In his famous response to a letter from a child, Francis P. Church explained in the New York newspaper, The Sun:

"Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence."

Santa is as real as the feelings in our hearts and minds. He's as concrete as love and joy and wide-eyed wonderment.

As I child, I heard his footsteps on our roof and heard his sleigh and troop of reindeer take off, en route to the next house.

He is, in fact, documented in history.

Santa Claus was originally called Saint Nicholas, who became the patron saint of children. Saint Nicholas of Myra, was born around 280 AD in the her on occasion and my wife carried on Roman town of Patara, in what is now Turkey. Nicholas was born to a wealthy Christian family, and his parents raised him to be devout in his faith. Nicholas decided to dedicate his life to helping others, especially the poor, the sick, and those in need.

Nicholas became a bishop in Myra of his death. and gained a reputation for his generosity and kindness. He was known for acts of charity that he often performed secretly, emphasizing humility in giving.

His popularity grew, and upon his death on Dec. 6, 343 AD, the people of Myra commemorated his life with an annual feast. The date of his death became known as the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas, celebrated throughout Europe as a day of giving and charity.

a child, goodies were placed in shoes 19th century. Stores began to advertise



### **Mark Pavilons**

outside her bedroom door. When she awoke in the morning, these brought a smile to her face and ushered in the holiday season.

We tried to relive the tradition for with it for our kids.

St. Nicholas made his debut into American popular culture in the late 18th century. In December 1773, and again in 1774, a New York newspaper reported that groups of Dutch families had gathered to honor the anniversary

The name Santa Claus evolved from Nick's Dutch nickname, Sinter Klaas, a shortened form of Sint Nikolaas. In 1804, John Pintard, a member of the New York Historical Society, distributed woodcuts of St. Nicholas at the society's annual meeting. The background of the engraving contains now-familiar Santa images including stockings filled with toys and fruit hung over a fireplace.

Gift-giving, mainly centered around I remember well when my mom talk- children, has been an important part ed about Niklolaustag (Nicholas Day) of the Christmas celebration since that took place on Dec. 6. When she was the holiday's rejuvenation in the early

Christmas shopping in 1820, and by hesitant to publish due to the frivolous the newly-popular Santa Claus.

ed a Philadelphia shop to see a life-size of his head! His poem helped popularize Santa Claus model. It was only a matter the now-familiar image of a Santa Claus of time before stores began to attract who flew from house to house on Christchildren, and their parents, with the mas Eve in "a miniature sleigh" led by lure of a peek at a "live" Santa Claus.

Army needed money to pay for the free a Visit from St. Nicholas" created a new Christmas meals they provided to needy families. They began dressing up unemployed men in Santa Claus suits and sending them into the streets of New mentioned in the 1934 carol, "Santa York to solicit donations. Those familiar Salvation Army Santas have been ringcan cities ever since.

store Santa is Kris Kringle in the 1947 classic Santa Claus movie "Miracle on gomery Ward department store. 34 Street."

The Macy's Santa has appeared at almost every Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade since it began in 1924, and fans of all ages still line up to meet the Macy's Santa in New York City and at stores around the country, where children can that night, the former outcast saved take pictures on Santa's lap and tell him Christmas by leading the sleigh by the what they want for Christmas.

In 1822, Clement Clarke Moore, an Episcopal minister, wrote a long Christ-Nicholas," more popularly known as from time to time. "Twas The Night Before Christmas."

the 1840s, newspapers were creating nature of its subject, is largely responseparate sections for holiday advertise- sible for our modern image of Santa ments, which often featured images of Claus as a "right jolly old elf" with a portly figure and the supernatural abili-In 1841, thousands of children visit- ty to ascend a chimney with a mere nod eight flying reindeer to leave presents In the early 1890s, the Salvation for deserving children. "An Account of and immediately popular American icon.

> Santa's all-important list was first Claus is coming to Town."

Rudolph - "the most famous reining bells on the street corners of Ameri- deer of all" - was born over 100 years after his eight flying counterparts. The Perhaps the most iconic department red-nosed wonder was the creation of Robert L. May, a copywriter at the Mont-

In 1939, May told the story of Rudolph, a young reindeer who was teased by the other deer because of his large, glowing, red nose. But, when Christmas Eve turned foggy and Santa worried that he wouldn't be able to deliver gifts light of his red nose.

The rest, as they say, is history.

I have heard the laughter and chuckmas poem for his three daughters en- le of that jolly old elf myself. I have even titled "An Account of a Visit from St. invited him in and shared his cookies

May you never be too grown up to Moore's poem, which he was initially search the skies on Christmas Eve!



### York Regional Police wrap up Auto Guard 2.0

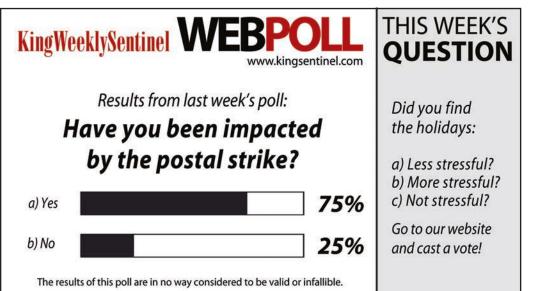
For a six-week period beginning in October, York Regional Police conducted Operation Auto Guard 2.0, a campaign aimed at combating auto theft in the south end of York Region.

This operation, along with many other operations led by YRP in 2023 and 2024, have made a significant impact on the number of auto thefts in York Region. As of October 31, 2024, there have been 2,732 vehicles stolen in York Region, down from 3,902 by that date in 2023 – a 30 per cent decrease year over year.

Auto Guard 2.0 once again incorporated a multi-pronged approach that included enforcement, active community engagement and proven crime prevention strategies. Auto Guard 2.0 leveraged a data-driven approach to identify hot spots for vehicle theft. Those areas then became the focus of both enforcement and crime prevention efforts. Officers were deployed into these neighbourhoods to provide residents with crime prevention tips. This auto theft prevention strategy will continue into the spring of 2025.

Officers distributed more than 7,000 Faraday bags to drivers as well as 10,000 information cards recommending six steps to prevent auto theft.

Operation Auto Guard 2.0 focused on disrupting organized crime groups who steal vehicles with the intention of shipping them offshore. It led to the recovery of 15 vehicles worth approximately \$487,000, with 17 people facing 127 charges. Of the 17 arrested parties, two were youths breaching Youth Criminal Justice sentencing and nine were adults breaching a probation or release order.





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### Quote of the Week

"To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."

– Calvin Coolidge

### **Trivia** Tidbits Eggnog originated in England.

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### Industry hijacks global climate, biodiversity summits

#### By David Suzuki

Under global consumer-capitalism, power and wealth are concentrated in the hands of oligarchs, billionaires and CEOs, supported by the politicians they fund. That was evident at the 29th United Nations Conference of the Parties climate summit (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan, in November and at the earlier COP16 biodiversity summit in Cali, Colombia.

Close to 1,800 coal, oil and gas industry lobbyists attended COP29, outnumbering delegates from all but three countries (the host, next year's host Brazil and Turkey). As the Guardian reports, "The 10 most climate-vulnerable nations have only a combined 1,033 delegates at the negotiations." Many countries, including Canada, had industry representatives in their delegations, which gave them privileged access to

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diplomatic negotiations.

Azerbaijan is an oil-producing nation. Just before the talks, COP29's chief executive Elnur Soltanov — also the country's deputy energy minister and a former oil industry executive — was filmed agreeing to facilitate oil deals during negotiations.

Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, chief executive of the United Arab Emirates' national oil company ADNOC, chaired last year's climate conference there. Leaked documents showed the UAE planned to promote deals for its national oil and gas companies at meetings with other countries.

The industrial agriculture sector also sent hundreds of lobbyists to this year's climate conference. And the biodiversity conference drew 1,261 lobbyand gas, agrochemicals, food and beverage processing and tech," the Guardian reports.

Most of the industry representatives promote expensive and often unproven technical solutions that allow them to continue or even expand business as usual (often with massive taxpayer subsidies), but lobby against some of the most effective solutions. The biodiversity conference ended on November 2 with many issues unresolved.

Results from the climate conference weren't much better. As George Monbiot wrote in the Guardian, governments were "prepared to consider any policy except those that might actually succeed: leaving fossil fuels in the ground and ending most livestock farming." Instead, he noted that much of the focus was on carbon markets, "a futile, impossible attempt to offset with

ists representing "pharmaceuticals, oil contemporary withdrawals from the atmosphere the hundreds of millions of years' worth of carbon being brought to the surface."

> This year marked the 29th global climate conference, and the 16th nature summit. Yet, despite some important progress, gas, oil and coal production continues to rise, along with corresponding climate-altering emissions, and destructive industrial agriculture continues to dominate food systems. Had we been serious about the climate and biodiversity crises when we first knew about them decades ago, we could have made a somewhat gradual and orderly shift to better ways of powering and feeding societies.

> Now the situation is critical. Although renewable energy growth is creating jobs and helping economies, we can't get out of this accelerating mess without rapidly changing our ways of life and economic systems. We're not meeting the emissions reduction targets negotiated over 29 years of climate conferences, which scientists say are necessary to avoid catastrophic heating. And hyper-consumerism is killing us with pollution, resource depletion, nature destruction and climate disruption.

> Not only have industries and their CEOs and billionaire owners hijacked the conferences where solutions and agreements are negotiated, they've also captured politicians and governments, many of whom appear to know little or nothing about climate, physics, nature or science, and care only about power and profit.

> The result is that even politicians who have some understanding of global heating and biodiversity loss don't treat them as the emergencies they are. Some, including in Canada, are campaigning against effective but still only partial solutions such as carbon pricing.

> We can't leave our future up to governments. And what we do leave up to them must be guided by our voices, not industry lobbyists, CEOs and billionaires. We must speak up, protest, educate ourselves and others and get involved in politics.

> If we truly care about our future and a healthy, climate-safe future for the children and grandchildren and those yet to be born, we must take a stand. Time is running out.

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### Combined efforts made A Main Street Christmas a success

Letter to the Editor

Each year, the Schomberg Village Association puts on A Main Street Christmas, and as the chair of the Schomberg Village Association, I'd like to thank everyone who had a part to play in this years' event. It was so good to see so many people back in our small Village!

A Main Street Christmas only lasts for one day, but the background work takes much longer.

We're extremely grateful for everyone's contribution whether organizing a parade or appearing in one, working with the police to ensure that everyone's safe or working a gate, putting up decorations or helping Santa settle into his seat, working for an hour or all day long. We couldn't do it without you!

The executive committee of the Schomberg Village Association is very small, and it amazes me how much you have accomplished – it's an honour to work with you to present A Main Street Christmas.

The support of business owners. property owners and residents on Main Street and in the surrounding neighbourhoods is greatly appreciated. We know it's an inconvenience to have vour streets blocked off and filled with crowds - and we thank you for your ongoing support.

A large public event such as A Main Street Christmas cannot be presented without considerable costs and through our sponsorship program, our local businesses are the backbone of our finances. We are extremely grateful and humbled by the financial support of our business community and we strongly encourage you to support them when you're making purchases.

Thanks to everyone who appeared in the Santa Claus Parade which kicks off the celebration each year. Thanks to Amanda Leach who took on the task of organizing it this year, her volunteers and those who participated.

The Farmers' Parade of Lights was amazing as always – and I think one of the largest. The Schomberg Village Association is grateful for the relationship we've had with the farming community over the years and especially for the time and effort they take to ensure Main Street was goes out with a bang, every year better than the last! Thank you!

Thanks to Trisan Construction for a once again not only providing all the bollards that line the streets and ensuring that the streets will be clear of parked cars so that both of our parades can safely make their way along the

street, but for also delivering, placing and then finally removing them for us after our event is done.

Thanks to the Schomberg Agricultural Society, allowing us to use their facilities as a parking and staging area.

Thanks to the Lions for working the gates all afternoon and evening. It's a tremendous task.

Our thanks to the Township, on both the staff and political sides. We worked with people from multiple departments within the Township, all of whom worked hard to ensure that everything was in place for this year's A Main Street Christmas. Our local politicians were enthusiastic supporters, and many walked in the Santa Claus Parade! Special thanks is due to Kyle Brett and his local team at Community Services in Schomberg for decorating our Main Street Christmas Tree in time for our Lighting Ceremony on December 1st.

We would also like to recognize York Region Police for their guidance and presence and St. John Ambulance and Schomberg firefighters for their support every year.

**Charles Cooper** 



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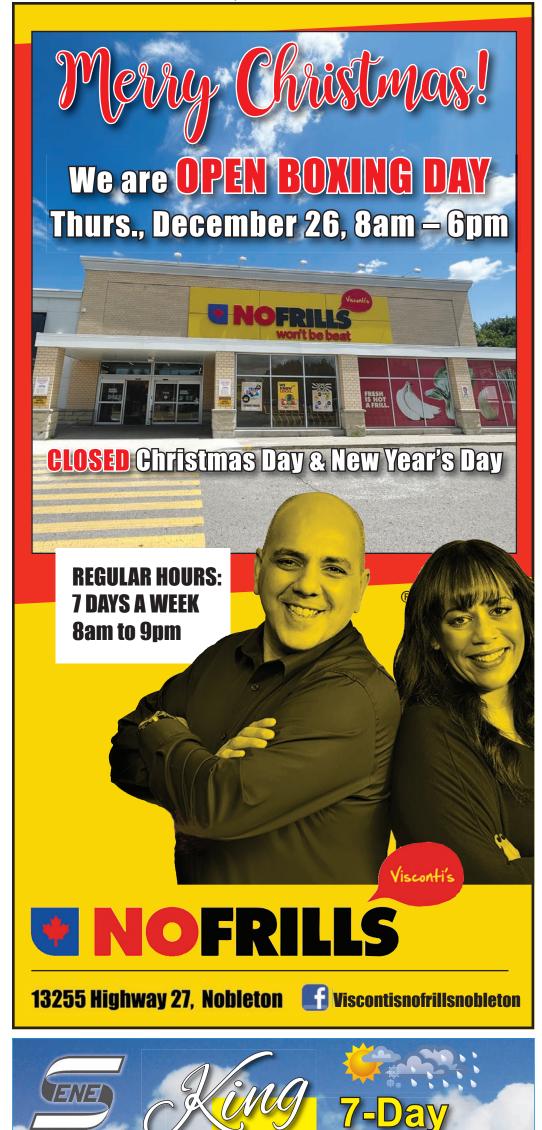
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### Adopt a family in need this holiday season, Neighbourhood Network urges

#### By Brock Weir

Whether you live in Aurora, King, Newmarket, Whitchurch-Stouffville, East Gwillimbury, or Georgina, Neighbourhood Network is urging you to consider adopting a family in need this holiday season.

Neighbourhood Network, the Aurora-based organization that helps connect volunteers with opportunities that suit their interests, and with non-profits and charities in need, is currently in the midst of their Holiday Gift Drive.

Running through December 11, the program is collecting urgently-needed donations for just about every demographic: gift cards for all ages, new and unwrapped toys, winter wear, toiletries, diapers and more - each critical in meeting the needs of more than 400 charitable partners.

"We're always moved by the community's willingness to give," says Erin Cerenzia, Manager of Community Relations for Magna and Neighbourhood Network. "This program is designed to make it easy for everyone to join in – whether you're choosing items from our virtual lists or personally shopping for a family, each gift truly lights up someone's holiday.

"For some families, even basic essentials are out of reach. Each donation, no matter the size, brings real hope and comfort to neighbours who are facing challenging times this season!"

Neighbourhood Network's Amanda Hardman notes that last year's demand was "so great and this year we're on the same path."

"The need is actually greater than last year with the rise of grocery costs and just the cost of living in general," says Hardman. "We're at similar numbers already to what we had last year, so the need is definitely there again. Right now, we have 100 wish lists that have been submitted. The majority of these wish lists are for families, so sin-

gle parents or parents who are together with their kids. We also have individuals who have submitted wish lists as well, so it is a mix of a little bit of everything. We have all ages who are part of the drive and we have seniors all the way down to newborn babies."

At press time this week, Hardman said they have about 30 families on the list who are in need of a sponsor and that number will only go up as the holiday season approaches in earnest.

"I think the sponsorship piece is really important but another thing to keep in mind is we totally understand that sponsoring a family can be kind of daunting, it seems like a lot," she says. "There are a lot of people who are struggling right now, so we understand sponsoring a whole family might not be an option. If you're looking to give but you can't sponsor a whole family, just giving an individual gift is fantastic because any families that aren't matched with a sponsor, we will fill their family wish list with the general donations we get from the community.

"Any donation big or small makes a difference, whether you're sponsoring an entire family or whether you're dropping off one gift card, one toy, or a winter hat - whatever it is, big or small, it truly does make such a big impact in our community. We just want to show the community there are different ways of giving back at this time of year."

Donations can be dropped off at two locations through December 31 - at Neighbourhood Network's office at 337 Magna Drive, Aurora, which can receive any day of the week, 24 hours a day; as well as the Central York Chamber of Commerce offices at 470 Davis Drive, Newmarket. This latter option is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information on current and urgent needs, and how to sponsor an individual or family, visit nnetwork. org/HGD.





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### MPP Lecce celebrates with seniors

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, attended the annual Vellore Village Christmas Party and gifted his signature panettone to all seniors. "It's always a pleasure celebrating the spirit of Christmas with the seniors of Vellore Village," he said. "As is always the case, they treat me like a grandson - and I was happy to return the favour with delicious panettone this year yet again."



Mono Plaza, Orangeville Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4





### **Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie** campaign raises \$2,918.69 for King **Township Food Bank**

The King Township Food Bank extends its heartfelt thanks to Tim Hortons Nobleton and King City owners, Rita and Len Mizzoni, for selecting the organization as a co-beneficiary of this year's Holiday Smile Cookie campaign. Together, these two locations raised an impressive \$2,918.69 for the Food Bank, representing half of the nearly \$6,000 generated locally during the campaign.

This generous donation is equivalent to the amount the Food Bank spends on fresh produce each month, helping to ensure that families and individuals in need continue to have access to healthy, nutritious meals during the holiday season.

"No one in the community should have to go hungry, especially during such an important time of year," said Geoff Simpson, President of the King Township Food Bank. "Support like this makes all the difference."

On a larger scale, the national Smile Cookie campaign raised an astonishing \$10.7 million for over 600 local charities, including Tim Hortons Foundation Camps. This achievement demonstrates the extraordinary power of collective generosity and community spirit.

Rita and Len Mizzoni, along with their team, were praised for their dedication to giving back and for their continued support of the Food Bank and local initiatives. The Food Bank also expressed its gratitude to everyone who purchased a Smile Cookie, emphasizing how these small actions contribute to such meaningful results. To help combat hunger in King Township, the Food Bank invites others to get involved. Donations, volunteering, and participation in future campaigns are all ways to make a lasting impact. Visit ktfoodbank.ca for more details. This year's Smile Cookie campaign is a testament to how small gestures can create meaningful change - one cookie at a time.

# **IG** NOTICE

### **Notice of Public Planning Meeting Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment**

#### Monday, January 13th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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

The public is invited to attend the Public Planning Meeting at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2585 King Road, King City to receive information and provide comments on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, concerning 14855 Highway 27 in the Township of King in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended.

If you have received this notice as an owner of a property that contains seven (7) or more residential units, please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land

#### Subject Property

Location:

1	1855 Highway 27, King, ON	
Р	art of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 8	

Owner(s):	1000029174 Ontario Inc.
Applicant:	Blackthorn Development Corp.

File Numbers: Z-2024-10

The staff report will be available at www.king.ca/meetings on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

#### Proposed Changes

Staff Report:

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by the owner and applicant seeks to obtain site-specific zone permissions to permit an On-Farm Diversified Use being an Event Venue which can host up to 190 guests, making use of the existing Barn with a temporary tent that is to measure approximately 560 square metres. The temporary tent is to be placed on top of the existing concrete pad, during events. Catering will be undertaken during events by means of utilizing temporary or portable kitchen preparation equipment. 15 portable and temporary restrooms are to be provided on-site during events. Access is proposed to be maintained via the existing driveway from Highway 27 with the existing gravel area accommodating up to 70 vehicular surface parking spaces including three accessible parking spaces. The nature of events will include: weddings, personal celebrations and corporate events, all of which will be hosted, seasonally, during the spring through fall.

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

#### How to Participate in the Public Meeting

View the meeting in-person or watch virtually at https://www.king.ca/meetings. No pre-registration is required.



- 2) Submit written comments to the Township Clerk at clerks@king.ca by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Comments will be circulated to Council and Staff prior to the meeting.
- 3) Speak to a staff report on the agenda in-person or virtually, pre-register with the Township Clerk at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. If you are pre-registering, you must indicate the item you wish to speak to, how you wish to participate (video, phone, or in-person), and provide your full name, address, telephone number and speaking notes. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating. All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

#### How to Stay Informed

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

agambin@king.ca, 289-800-2652

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at clerks@king.ca.

### Preserving Your Appeal Rights

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

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

#### Dated at the Township of King this 19th day of December 2024.

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

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



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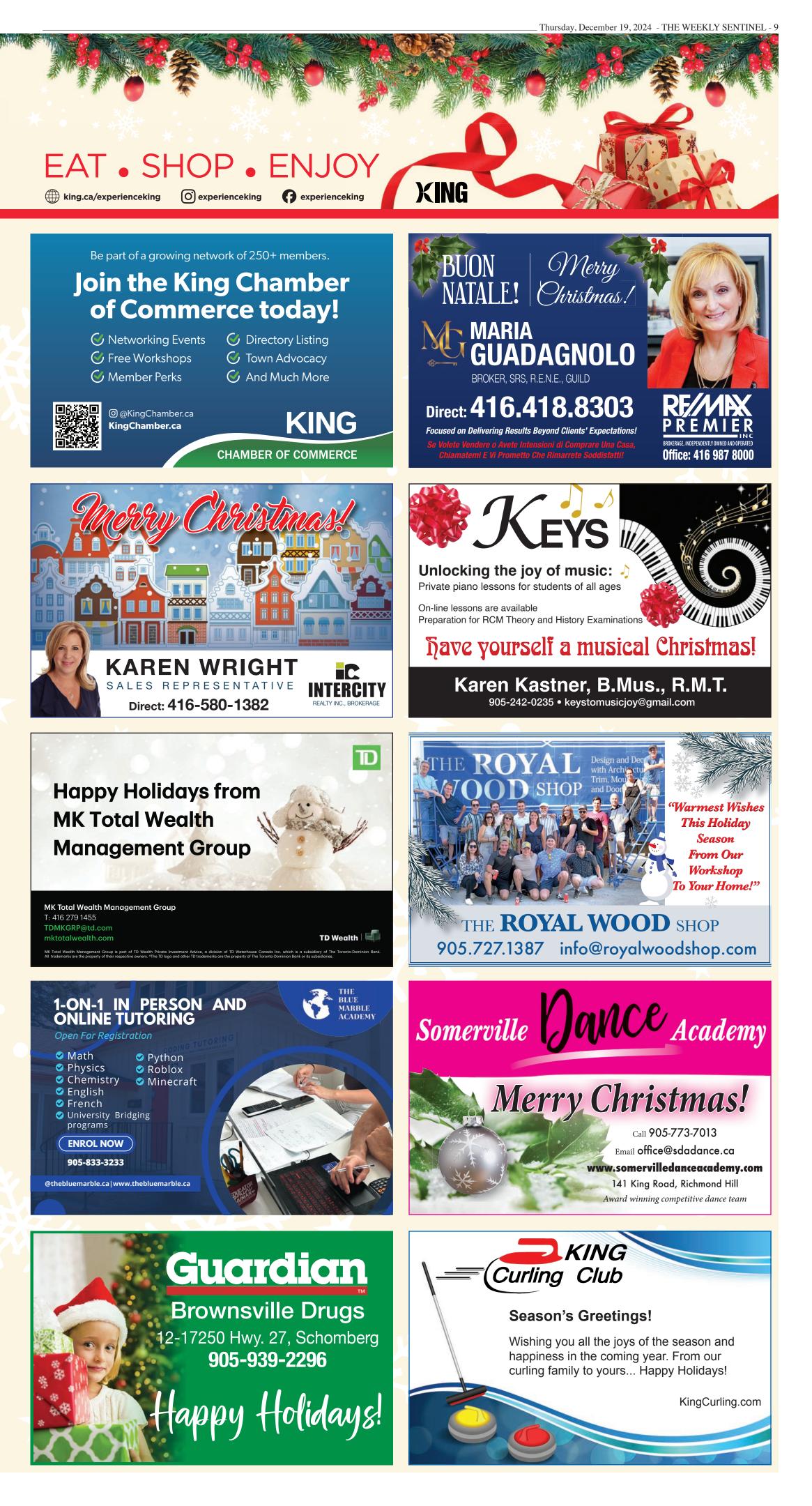




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### **Council supports innovative building in King City**

**By Mark Pavilons Editor** Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Approval of a zoning bylaw amendment moves the development of a King City property ahead.

Council recently supported the amendment for 20 Doctors Lane, to permit a four-storey, multi-use building.

The proposed development comprises an overall gross floor area of 1,405 square metres, including 775 square metres related to an existing/planned expansion of a clinic use. The existing floor area of the clinic is 352 square metres (basement and first floor level). A 423-square-metre expansion to the clinic floor area is proposed on the basement, first and second floor levels as part of the redevelopment concept. Four apartment dwelling units are proposed on the third and fourth floors.

Staff noted the current property doesn't have on-site parking, but there is a portion at the rear that could be suitable. Based on the total proposed expansion in gross floor area of the building, 29 parking spaces would be needed. They may be supplied by both on-site and off-site space.

A Traffic Impact and Parking Study concluded that the proposed combination of on-site and off-site parking supply options would have minimal impact on the overall parking demands of the King City area and that the proposed parking supply is sufficient for the proposed uses. The Township's engineering technical peer reviewer has confirmed that their previous comments with respect to the proposed parking deficiency have been addressed.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted he's pleased that parking is included in the project. He also noted that in other urban areas of York, they are far exceeding six storeys.

Councillor Mary Asselstine said she would have liked to have seen the building encorporate some retail space on the ground floor and King should be pushing harder for such an inclusion in future projects of this nature.

Staff noted this proposal is in conformity to the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP, 2017) and Region of York Official Plan.

The subject lands are designated 'Towns and Villages' and 'Community Area' and are identified as located within a 'Built Up Area' by the Region of York Official Plan.

The policies of the ROP generally encourage development within the built-up area of the Towns and Villages, where the majority of housing, personal services, retail, institutional, cultural and recreational services will be located within Community Areas. Community Areas are to include a range and mix of housing types, sizes, and tenures and to achieve regional intensification targets through municipal implementation. A balance between residential and employment land uses is also to be maintained within the Community Areas.

Residential development through intensification of the built-up area is encouraged as part of the development of compact and complete communities. In accordance with the intensification targets established by the Region of York Official Plan, King Township is to



achieve a minimum intensification rate of 52% by 2051 (which represents 4,700 residential units).

In order to attain the intensification targets set by the ROP, development within strategic growth areas, such as Regional Centres, Major Transit Station Areas, Regional Corridors and Local Centres and Corridors, will be required. The ROP also envisions significant amounts of mixed- use (including street-related commercial) and employment growth be directed to strategic growth areas; particularly, where located adjacent to existing and future rapid transit corridors.

The building is closer to the King City GO station, making it ideal for commuters.

The Village Core Policies of the Township of King Official Plan state that the minimum height for new buildings shall be two functional storeys and the maximum height for new buildings is generally three storeys. However, these policies also state that development up to six storeys may be permitted.

The proposed development is looking at four storeys, and has been designed in a way so as to limit visual and land use impacts by providing for a lower degree of building massing at the lot frontage (two storeys) where setbacks are at their minimum and by incorporating 'step backs' on the upper floors of the front and side elevations. The tiered approach to the exterior design is consistent with these policies as well as the applicable zone provisions as they relate to minimum required step backs for all storeys above the second storey.

The proposed expansion of the existing clinic will further contribute to the vitality of the Village Core. The prominent placement of the mixed-use building at a minimum setback to the front lot line will provide direct access from, and animation of, the Doctors Lane streetscape. The addition of the apartment dwelling units on the upper floors is also consistent with this policy intent.

The proposed development conforms to the applicable policies of the Township of King OfficialPlan.

### York Region's Community Investment Fund supports roughly 200 projects

The Regional Municipality of York provided an update on the York Region ing access to food and strengthening Community Investment Fund program activity for 2023, sharing how areas of support are being strengthened through investment allocation and community agency delivery.

"York Regional Council is committed to working collaboratively to strengthen community capacity and social infrastructure," said Acting York Region Chairman and CEO and Town of Newmarket Mayor John Taylor. "The fund's support of almost 200 projects in 2023 makes a remarkable impact to top priority areas like housing stability, mental health, food secu-

Food Security: \$418,776 for improvthe local food security system.

Organizational Development: \$1.1 million for capacity building in community agencies.

An additional \$1.3 million was allocated to support various critical community needs, including support for crime victims and human trafficking survivors.

"York Region understands the value of investments in human services and the immense return we see when our community thrives," said City of Vaughan Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Chair of Community and Health Services. "We look forward to continually enhancing support for community The Community Investment Fund is an important part of York Region's human services system, addressing gaps in community needs. It supports Council's Vision for York Region as a place that fosters healthy living and is safe, accessible, inclusive and supportive for all residents. The fund also supports York Region's Strategic Plan priority to support community well-being and remain flexible and responsive to our community needs. More information on the Community Investment Fund, including additional details on the 2023 activity results and the 2024 Funded Projects and Initiatives, are available on york. ca/CommunityInvestment

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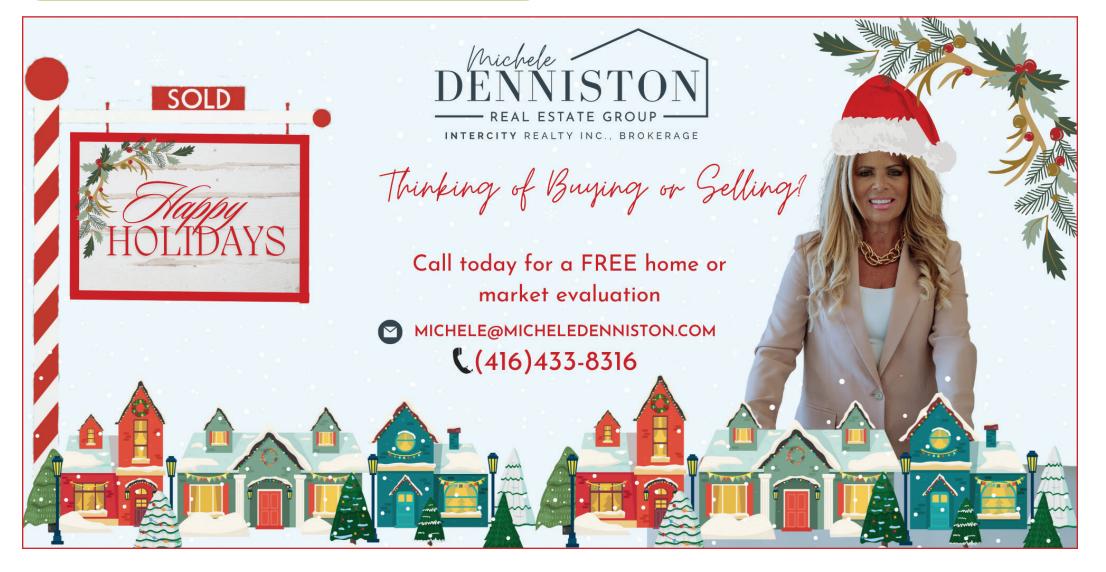
rity and enhancing organizations delivering these programs."

In 2023, approximately \$8.5 million health and well-being." was allocated across 194 projects delivered by 98 community agencies. Areas of support and focus included:

Pandemic Response and Recovery: \$3.1 million allocated to conclude projects that were continued throughout the pandemic period delivering a range of supports and services and \$1.2 million allocated to projects to help residents with mental health concerns made worse by the pandemic experience.

Housing Stability: \$526,895 for projects to help residents find and keep stable housing.

Mental Well-Being: \$764,360 for projects to help residents to have positive mental health.





Members of the Powell Family celebrate \$1 million gift through radiation suite naming, alongside Southlake Health and Southlake Health Foundation leadership. Shown are (I to r) Derek Mc-Nally, Executive Vice President, Clinical Operations and Chief Operating Officer, Southlake Health and Regional Vice President, Central Regional Cancer Program, Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Health Foundation, Ben Powell, Brooke Powell, Dylan Powell, Matthew Powell, Dr. Peter Anglin, Physician Leader, Southlake Regional Cancer Centre, David Greenwood, Chair, Southlake Health Foundation Board of Directors.

### Southlake Health unveils **The Powell Group Radiation Treatment Suite for the Regional Cancer Program**

innovation" are hallmarks of The Powell Group culture.

In July 2022, when the Powells became the first corporate leadership donors to Southlake Health Foundation's HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match campaign, they never could have imagined how that culture would be represented in their philanthropy.

Generously donating \$1 million to support radiation oncology services, The Powell Family empowered Southlake to make the first Elekta Harmony Linear Accelerator (LINAC) in Canada available to radiation therapy patients. With this innovative new technology, over 7,000 additional patients will be able to receive radiation treatment close to home, at Southlake's Regional Cancer Centre.

The Powells are long-time supporters of Southlake Health, having generously given to a variety of campaigns and events over a

"Creativity, initiative, and Elekta Harmony LINAC to Southlake.

"With the generous support of donors like the Powells, Southlake Health is proudly building on a 100year legacy of leading edge care, close to home," said Derek McNally, Executive Vice President, Clinical Operations and Chief Operating Officer, Southlake Health and Regional Vice President, Central Regional Cancer Program. "The Elekta Harmony LINAC has been game-changing for our communities. We're bringing the latest advancements directly to patients – because they deserve nothing less."

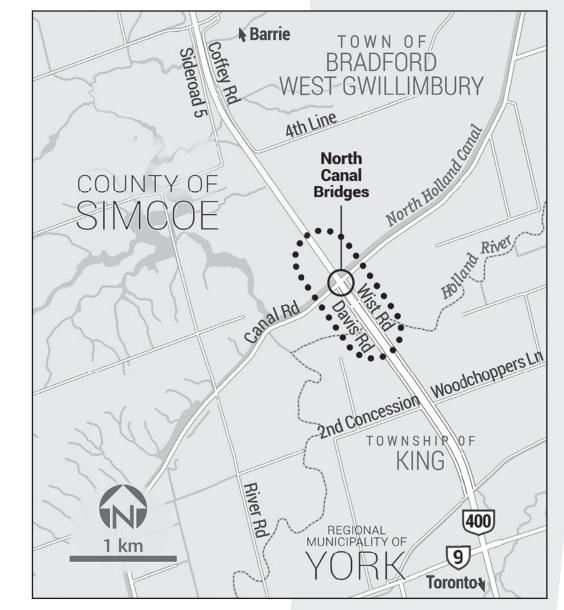
Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of South-Health Foundation, lake agrees. "The Powell Family's long-standing commitment to the well-being of our shared communities is truly incredible. The addition of this first-in-Canada technology means that Southlake will be able to deliver lifesaving, tailor-made cancer treatment to patients right here, in their own community. We are so grateful to the Powells for their philanthropic investment. My thanks to them for their continued and inspiring support."



### **Notice of Completion Design and Construction Report**

Highway 400 North Canal Overpass Structure Replacements, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Ontario, Simcoe County Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study (GWP 2005-11-00)

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) to complete a Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for the replacement of the Highway 400 bridges over the North Canal, in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe (see map).



number of years. Southlake Health Foundation celebrated their most recent gift to the HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign on December 2 with the unveiling of The Powell Group Radiation Treatment Suite within the Radiation Oncology Program. Representatives from the Powell Family attended along with Southlake leadership, clinicians, and staff from the Regional Cancer Centre.

"It was so important to us that we give back to the community that's given so much to us," said Matthew Powell. "This gift will help to ensure our employees, customers, families, and friends have access to exceptional cancer care, close to home at such a critical time. We're so proud to have this space named in celebration of our organization and our family."

Southlake Health Foundation launched the \$20 million HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign to keep pace with technological advances and grow the Regional Cancer Centre's capacity to address the increased demand for cancer care. A generous outpouring of community support, like that from The Powell Group, has helped to raise over \$18 million towards a \$20-million goal, enabling significant milestones like bringing the

For more information about the HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign, or to make a donation, visit: southlake.ca/HERE

The Powell Family own a group of over 20 companies operating in a variety of sectors. The organization brings 130 years of expertise, providing a wealth of knowledge and a wide range of products and services.

Since the inception of Southlake Health Foundation in 1980, more than \$234 million has been raised in support of Southlake Health. Working with members of our communities, volunteers, our Southlake Health Family and our dedicated donors, Southlake Foundation will continue to support the most urgent needs of our hospital, including things like life-saving medical equipment, infrastructure upgrades and expansions, patient programs, and staff education, all for the goal of providing leading edge care for patients and families, close to home. For more information visit: www.southlakefoundation.ca



A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared to summarize the recommended plan, which includes the following improvements:

- Replacement of the Highway 400 bridges over the North Canal and rehabilitation of Highway 400 pavement within the study area
- Maintain existing three lanes in each direction, but design bridges to accommodate the ultimate future 10 lane cross section of Highway 400
- Realignment and profile adjustment of Highway 400 for 1.37 km to accommodate the new bridge alignments and increase vertical clearance over Canal Road
- Interim lowering of Canal Road and realignment of Davis Road and Wist Road to accommodate the project
- Add a Retained Soil System (RSS) between the realigned Highway 400 embankments and Davis and Wist Roads
- Permanent closure of the Highway 400 access ramps at Davis Road and Wist Road
- Lining the Holland (Schomberg) River culvert

Construction staging has been developed to minimize traffic disruptions and will maintain three lanes of Highway 400 traffic in each direction during peak hours, with some nightly lane closures required. Localized temporary closures of one month or less will be required at Canal Road, Wist Road, and Davis Roads to facilitate construction and tie-ins. Highway 400 access ramps at Wist and Davis Road will be permanently closed.

This study followed the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). Upon completion of the DCR review period, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA and will proceed to construction. Construction is anticipated to commence in Spring 2024 subject to funding and approvals.

A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared to summarize the project, consultation activities, environmental investigations, and the recommended plan. The DCR will be available electronically on the project website: https://hwy400ncanalbridges.ca.

The DCR is available for a 30-day public comment period from December 19, 2024 to January 21, 2025. Upon completion of the DCR comment period, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA and will proceed to construction. Construction is anticipated to commence in Spring 2025, subject to funding and approvals. Interested persons may provide written comments to the project team by January 21, 2025. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to the project team below:

Rebecca Lariviere, P.Eng. Senior Project Engineer Ministry of Transportation Project Delivery Central, Design and Engineering Branch tel: 416-737-4431 e-mail: comments@hwy400ncanalbridges.ca Adam Renaud, P.Eng. Project Manager, Transportation Stantec Consulting Ltd. tel: 905-381-5436 e-mail: comments@hwy400ncanalbridges.ca

Outstanding concerns are to be directed to the proponents listed above for a response, unless the outstanding concerns are regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, in which case Part II Order requests on these matters should be addressed in writing to:

#### Hon. Andrea Khanjin

Minister of the Environment, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3 e-mail: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Kathleen O'Neill Director, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor Toronto ON M4V 1P5 e-mail: EABDirector@ontario.ca

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Access to Information Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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### Retrospective of the late John Scott at the McMichael

The McMichael is presenting "John human condition." Scott: Firestorm," a powerful and timely retrospective of the work of the late spective to focus on Scott's potent im-Canadian artist John Scott (1950–2022) that foregrounds his lifelong examination of cycles of conflict, retaliation and resilience, and the complexities of human experience.

Spanning four decades of work, Firestorm features paintings, drawings, and sculptures that reveal Scott's preoccupation with violence, surveillance, and the omnipresent threat of nuclear conflict. Known for his bold and provocative imagery, Scott's work critiques tyrannical power while expressing deep empathy for human vulnerability.

"John Scott was one of the most visionary and prescient artists of his day," says Sarah Milroy, Executive Director and Chief Curator. "He was able to identify aspects of society – militarism, a collective obsession with violence – with searing clarity, expressing his ideas with indelible force. His drawings shake us to our foundations, and they have never been more relevant. Ultimately this an, Firestorm positions Scott's legacy exhibition offers a soulful take on the

Firestorm is the first major retroagery of machines and the modern world's capacity for industrial war -a body of work as meaningful today as when it first appeared in the 1970s. Growing up along the Canada-U.S. border in Windsor, Ontario, during the height of the Cold War, Scott's perspective was shaped by an acute awareness of socio-political tensions. Through his signature imagery of stealth bombers, firearms, and tanks-what he called "engines of history" - Scott challenges viewers to confront the stark dichotomy between the destructive force of modern weaponry and the fragility of human life.

Working in the tradition of Francisco Goya, Käthe Kollwitz and Nancy Spero, Scott's work bears raw, sculptural gestures and bold mark-making. His aesthetic-urgent, dark, and unflinching-resonates with contemporaries such as Jean-Michel Basquiat and William Kentridge.

Guest-curated by Dr. John O'Briwithin an international context, under-

scoring his impact as one of Canada's most distinctive artistic voices.

scholarly catalogue with new essays by History from Harvard University and John O'Brian, Richard Hill, and Robert has authored or edited more than 20 Jacobs, edited by Sarah Milroy. Published by Figure 1 Publishing, the catalogue features more than 100 works and a comprehensive biography.

John O'Brian is Professor Emeritus of Art History at UBC where he taught The exhibition is accompanied by a from 1987 to 2017. He holds a PhD in Art books.

> For more information on this exhibition and related programming, please visit www.mcmichael.com.

### Father daughter duo show wooden ornaments and art at the Alton Mill

#### **By Constance Scrafield**

The ornaments, pieces and beautifully turned bowls made by Lawrence Kristan and his daughter Lucy are regularly shown in the Alton Mill Arts Centre. The Caledon East residents have simply turned their professional lives into quite a productive hobby, as Lawrence calls it.

He has been making wood bases since his teens for trophies as an employee, for about 25 years. He started on his own, making and refurbishing bases for trophies and plaques.

"I knew for a couple of years that I



had enough with a business. It was just that time. In my mind, I always wanted to retire before 65."

Still, Lawrence needed something to keep him busy and wood was his best skill set.

He added to his few pieces of equipment and one of the new items was a lathe, which he had never used but thought he would enjoy.

He started turning and giving his bowls away to his neighbours until, finally his daughter joked, "The neighbours are going to go the other way if you are coming with a bowl."

When Lawrence started making Christmas ornaments, they were great gifts to neighbours but a local coffee shop called Marvellous Munchies took the ornaments to sell, and they did very well.

Eventually, a gallery wanted some ornaments, as did others, including the Alton Mill and again, he informed us, "I said enough. I was only doing it in the winter because I like gardening in the summer."

His daughter Lucy has worked in their business in Weston and stayed until they sold it when she too started making little things and helping him. Now, Lucy is the one who supplies the Mill and Dragonfly Arts in Orangeville and sets such shows as they attend.

Only local wood and materials are used in the many lovely wooden cre-

ations Lawrence and Lucy produce.

"Everything that we use," Lawrence assured us, "is something that somebody else is getting rid of."

Their Christmas decorations are in a couple of styles, such as birdhouses and unexpectedly, Hummingbird shelters, the tiny birds will use at night. The owner of King Gallery in Niagara-on-the-Lake, where their houses are sold, discovered a hummingbird using one of the houses as a nighttime shelter.

Look for their collection at the Alton Mill Arts Centre over the holiday season.

Offer is limited to the first 10 families to contact Hospall. Free services will be provided January 2025. Promotion ends December 31st 2024.

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### Chamber's lunch, toy drive spreads holiday cheer

The King Chamber of Commerce's 19th Annual Holiday Lunch and Toy Drive, held at the Kingbridge Centre, was a tremendous success. This soldout event brought together over 100 attendees to celebrate the season of giving and support the local community.

All toys, non-perishable food items, and monetary donations collected during the event were directed toward Christmas in King and the King Township Food Bank, providing assistance to families in need.

The event saw an impressive turnout of notable guests, including Minister Lecce, members of MP Roberts' team, Mayor Pellegrini, and King Township councillors & staff. Chief Wall of King Fire and Emergency Services also attended, continuing their remarkable 16year tradition of collecting and transporting toys for the King Chamber of Commerce.

A standout feature of the luncheon was the King Chamber's commitment to supporting local businesses and working with chamber members to bring the event to life. This year's luncheon introduced a creative centerpiece initiative to further support Christmas in King and the King Township Food Bank. The 2024 Limited Edition Swarovski orna-

ments, sourced from Blue Point Jewellery and Findings, were beautifully displayed on handcrafted holders made by Overall Home and enhanced with floral décor by Petal Academy. These unique centerpieces were auctioned off at each table, raising over \$1,700.

Adding a thoughtful touch to the occasion, each attendee received a personal gift of two handmade macarons, crafted by Dorio's Kettleby Bakery, highlighting yet another talented local business.

The event's success would not have been possible without the generous contributions of sponsors, including presenting sponsor Nicola Wealth Institutional Realty Advisors. Special thanks were extended to local businesses that collected toys at their locations and delivered them to the event, demonstrating the community's unwavering generosity and spirit.

The King Chamber of Commerce expressed its gratitude to everyone who participated in making the 19th Annual Holiday Lunch and Toy Drive such a meaningful and impactful event. They extended warm wishes to all for a Happy Holiday season and a prosperous New Year, looking ahead to an even brighter celebration in 2025.







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### Chief Wall recognized at Queen's Park

King's fire chief was recognized by Ontario MPPs last week at Queen's Park.

Visiting as a guest of King–Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, Chief Jim Wall and his wife Krista visited the Legislature. Lecce personally acknowledged Wall's lengthy service and his upcoming retirement.

"Unexpectedly, I had a standing ovation from all members of Parliament," he said. "The hospitality, respect, and genuine conversations from the Minister and his team were extremely touching. From spending time with Stephen's team, to engaging with both him and Premier Ford in his office along with Minister Mulroney, I will never forget this.

"As well, Minister Lecce personally made time to invite us for lunch. All of this was followed up with a guided tour of Queen's Park. What a way to finish out the year. To be acknowledged and respected for my time in the service. I will never forget this Minister Lecce. You were and are a true gentlemen, and the respect you have for King Fire and Emergency Services does not go unnoticed."

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### 14 - THE WEEKLY SENTINEL - Thursday, December 19, 2024 Fire Chief Jim Wall retires, leaving a legacy behind in King

**By Mark Pavilons Editor** Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Jim Wall is a fighter. And he's a must never lose sight of. champion in his own class.

Most people know him as King's Fire Chief and a veteran firefighter. But others see him as fighting for the community, on a daily basis.

From guiding his seasoned crews to mentoring the next generation of firefighters. Wall is almost a legend, but he will never admit it. He's much too humble and prefers to shine the spotlight on others rather than himself.

At every opportunity, Wall will sing the praises of KFES and his team of men and women who bring their talents to bear. He always refers to them and their loved ones as "family."

After 16 years, 4 years as Deputy Fire Chief and 12 years as King's Fire Chief, Wall will retire Jan. 31, 2025, leaving some pretty big shoes to fill.

In looking back at his 39-year career. Wall says customer care, both within commitment that Paul demonstrated.

the fire service and within the community, are paramount.

'We're not here for ourselves; we're here for the public," he says. That's the service's mantra, and something they

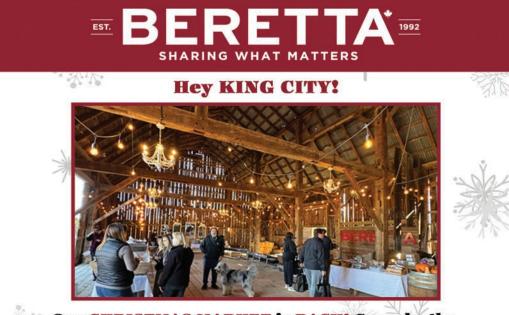
If he has a legacy, that has to be it.

Born and raised in Schomberg, Wall began as a volunteer in Schomberg in January 1986 and then became a fulltime firefighter with the Richmond Hill service in the spring of 1989. He held almost every rank, before coming back to King and serving as its very first fulltime Deputy Chief in 2008.

The emotional time saw the passing of Training Officer Paul Jackson in the line of duty, and Wall inherited Paul's training officer duties.

Wall said Jackson was a close friend and mentor and he carried on with the foundations Jackson laid in the department.

In 2011, Wall was the recipient of the Paul Jackson Award, given annually to a fire department staff member who exemplifies the values, dedication and



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Wall also served under Chief Bryan Burbidge, who he calls a "great leader," who "set the table exceptionally well for this fire service before he moved on to another municipality."

In August of 2012, Wall became King's Fire Chief.

His motto, all throughout his career, has been "customer service in everything we do. Our team goes above and beyond in serving residents and that's something we are really proud of."

And it's that bond, that sense of love, that has created one of the highest regarded volunteer fire services in the province.

The idea of putting the public first is something he's instilled in every member.

First responders typically put their lives on the line to save lives and mitigate damage. Wall noted that KFES does much more than that.

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### KFES leaves every scene better than they found it

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At a recent residential fire, during salvage and overhaul, KFES ensured the family had a place to stay; helped them deal with the insurance company; gathered their valuables and even took care taking down family photos from the walls. KFES members also help start the healing process.

That's a lot to ask for from volunteers, but you won't hear anyone complain. Quite the contrary, they are trained to leave every scene better than they found it.

"That's our hallmark," Wall said.

The chief also pointed out personal skills aside, it's what his crews do on scene that matter.

He has helped shape a group of men and women that you want coming to your rescue, or arriving at your home. While it may sound cliche, it's very much one for all, and all for one.

The mind set is also matched by high levels of training. Wall noted that in 2022, new Provincial Regulations make it mandatory for all firefighters to become certified. Every fire service in the Province was given four years to make the transition and King is already three years ahead of the game. "We actually started this process 10 years ago as we transitioned to an NFPA fire department.

"The credentials of our volunteer firefighters are the same as any fulltime firefighters. The qualifications for both of them are identical."



Wall oversees all initiatives of King Fire & Emergency Services across several critical areas, including Fire & Life Safety Education, Fire Prevention/Investigation Services, Fire Suppression, Medical Aid Response, and Specialized Rescue Services.

He's seen countless changes over the years, with much of it coming in the way of modern equipment and innovative techniques. With each new piece of equipment comes training.

As King grows, the number of multi-storey buildings increases. There's a new condo building adjacent to the King City station.

Wall said many of his members have already been trained on high-rise firefighting procedures. New equipment and hoses have arrived to meet the needs of apartment fire mitigation.

Wall said he also has to ensure his crews have the best equipment possible as they enter dangerous situations. Aside from members' safety apparel the bulk of equipment on every fire vehicle dispatched is for the public, the community they serve.

Wall and his officers have always been progressive and on the leading edge of change.

He noted the service has had females for the past 30 years, and they were likely the second service in York Region to have had women on staff for that long. Today, the 150-member volunteer force includes just under 20 women.

"I am extremely proud to have been part of the promotional process where three of these senior staff members have risen to the ranks of District Chief, Captain, and Lieutenant.

"This is awesome, because everyone brings something different to the service."

KFES offers "endless opportunities" for members and Wall said they support them in every way possible, including finding that work-family balance. Members get certified; are trained for their DZ licence; offered upgrading courses and receive specialized training.

King's crews are so well regarded, they are looked at by other major services for new recruits. Wall likens it to be like a sports "farm team" for the big leagues.

While 150 may seem like a lot for a volunteer force in a small town, Wall said he wants to ensure the public's

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safety. At structure fires, he likes to have as many as 24 on site. Stations still need to be covered and they could have as many as three or four calls at one time which is not uncommon.

This past January, KFES took on 24 new recruits and Wall is "thoroughly impressed" with the calibre of these new members.

Wall is quick to note he alone is not responsible for the success of KFES. It's truly a team effort and much of the support comes from Township councillors, mayor and staff.

He was quick to praise former CAO Susan Plamondon for her leadership and support for KFES over the years. Susan was well versed in the fire service. She always wanted to make sure that we had the best equipment, training, and support. Her door was always open for us.

"Her concern for the well-being of our firefighters ran deep.

"As a King Township resident, she was heavily invested in our team. I don't know too many CAOs that would be dressed to the nines and show up at one of our major fires to check in on the team as well as our residents. That was her. She would walk the fire scene in Nobleton and ask important questions and provide the support that we needed.

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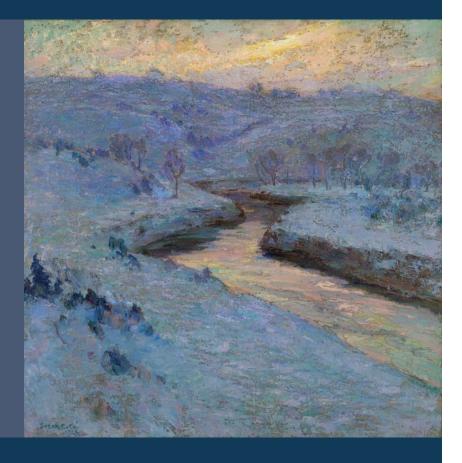
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### Kojokaro plays OT hero in Rebellion's dramatic 4-3 win

#### **By Jim Stewart**

Kyle Baston tallied two goals and earned an assist on Evin Kojokaro's game-winner in double-overtime as the King Junior A Rebellion defeated the Oakville Blades 4-3 on Sunday afternoon at the Nobleton Community Centre.

With the post-game musical strains of "Takin' Care of Business" playing triumphantly in the background, Baston discussed the importance of-- and the keys to – the heart-stopping victory: "Not the prettiest win of the season but we got the two points we need. We were able to come back and never got down after giving up the two late goals. Like our (7-3) win last night in Mississauga, it was a full-team effort and we needed the win. Everyone did their jobs and contributed. It feels good."

The power forward also credited the solid play of newly-acquired goaltender Tre Altiman whose acrobatic saves in OT and 37 stops in regulation helped secure the win versus Oakville: "He's an unbelievable goalie. He's played two great games for us so far since he

the Top 5 goalies in the league and it showed out there today."

Baston, who is one of eight current Rebellion players acquired by trades this season, discussed the chemistry that has developed over the team's winning weekend (2-0-1) with the midweek arrival of Altiman from Leamington as well as Adam Smeeton and Ryan Fairbairn from Haliburton: "Everyone has adapted. When I came over from the Tigers, I was welcomed and it felt like family. Changes are going to happen to any hockey team during the season and our job is not to be distracted by it. We're all happy to be in our new home."

It's clear that Baston is thriving in his new environment. The rugged forward opened the scoring at 13:45 of the first period, with helpers from Ben Armatage and newly-arrived Fairbairn. He described his marker that opened the scoring versus the Blades: "We had a great rush and we were able to create open space. We took a few shots, and I was happy to jam in the rebound."

King held its one-goal lead un-

### **Cougars down league-leading Eagles**

#### **By Jim Stewart**

The perennial PJHL powerhouse Clarington Eagles (26-3-1-0) have lost only three games in regulation this season and lead the 63-team league with 49 points.

Two of those losses -a 6-2 setback in October and 5-0 whitewashing in December – have been delivered by the third-place Cougars (14-10-2-0).

Both decisive wins by Schomberg speak volumes about the 2024-25 squad assembled in the northern sector of King Township. The great mix of skill and toughness, rookie energy and veteran savvy, improving D and balanced offensive polish, veteran coaching, and Marvelous Morvan between the pipes were all factors on display at Lessard scored his second of the game. the Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex on Thursday night. In addition to defeating the #1-ranked team in the PJHL, Schomberg showed its shooting accuracy in Clarington - scoring 5 goals on only 19 shots - and Nicolas Morvan blocked all 32 he faced to anchor the Cougars' statement victory. After a scoreless first period during which Morvan turned aside 13 shots by the Eagles, veteran forward Matthew Lychek stoked Schomberg's simmering offence when he beat Clarington netminder Jairus Ford at 1:55 of the middle frame. Captain Jordyn Palazzo and rookie William Lessard earned assists on what

turned out to be Lychek's game-winning goal. It was the speedy Palazzo's 10th helper of the season to complement his 12 goals scored in 22 games.

First-year forward Jacob Sakitkovski, with help from Mark Sifri, fired his eighth of the season at 7:31 to provide the visitors with a 2-0 lead.

Lessard provided the Cougars with a three-goal cushion with 1:26 to go before the second intermission. Jared Leite and Luke Szabo earned assists on the rookie forward's timely marker.

Schomberg took a commanding 4-0 lead early in the third period when Sifri slipped the puck past Ford at 2:55 with help from Sakitkovski and Charlie Mabley.

slipped the puck by Altiman less than three minutes into the second period. Baston broke the 1-1 tie when he bashed home his second of the game out of a goal-mouth scramble with 38.9 seconds left in the middle frame to restore the Rebellion's one-goal lead.

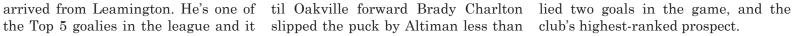
The home side struck quickly to start the third period.

Twenty-five seconds into the final frame, Artem Narbekov's tenth of the season tickled the twine behind Blades' goaltender Alex Armellin to give the Rebellion a 3-1 lead – a margin they maintained until Oakville pulled their netminder for an extra attacker with the faceoff in the King defensive zone and three minutes remaining in the game.

The strategy by the Blades worked as Cormick Smallegange scored his first OJHL goal in a high-pressure situation, with 2:35 left on the clock, to pull the visitors to within a goal.

Just when it looked like King might escape with a regulation win, Oakville pulled Armellin again upon securing zone possession and with 49 ticks on the clock, Matthew Indovina scored his 15th of the season to tie the game and send it into overtime.

The exhausted Rebellion squad playing their third game in 68 hours and soldiering through their second overtime game at their own rink since dropping a heartbreaker to Buffalo on Friday – looked for an OT savior in a must-win game with a playoff rival. The heroes on horseback manifested themselves in King's hottest scorer, a Rebellion player that had already tal-



Playing three-on-three hockey in double-overtime, Boston University commit and Oshawa General selection Simon Wang carried the puck into the Oakville end, passed to the tireless Baston who found red-hot Evin Kojokaro who lifted the puck over Armellin to help secure the biggest two points of King's season. Kojokaro's triumphant goal – his fifth in his last four games and 15th of the season – helped pull his club to within two points of Buffalo for the final playoff spot in the OJHL West.

On Saturday night, the Rebellion responded to Friday's emotionally-wrenching 5-4 OT loss on home ice to Buffalo by mauling Mississauga 7-3 at Port Credit Memorial Arena. Marshall McCharles led King to its emphatic victory over the Chargers by scoring one goal in each period. McCharles's timely hat trick gave him 14 goals this season. Ben Armatage, Evin Kojokaro, Artem Narbekov, and Aidan Russell added a goal each to the Rebellion's 31-shot attack. Narbekov's impressive four-point performance included three assists. Playmakers Justin Pavese and Mikhail Zakharov added two helpers each. Newly-acquired James Kamakaris – who backstopped King to a 4-1 victory over the CJHL champion Collingwood Blues in his first OJHL start – earned the W by turning aside 30 of the 33 shots he faced.

Ninth-place King (13-16-1-5) hosts the third-place Milton Menace (21-9-0-3) on Sunday, Dec. 22. Puck drop at the Nobleton Community Centre is at 3 p.m.



Midway through the final frame, assisted by Szabo and Carter Longland, to put the finishing touches on the impressive victory in Clarington.

Equally impressive was the discipline demonstrated by the usually-pugnacious Cougars. The #3 team in the PJHL in PIM drew only three minor infractions - one per period - and Schomberg's PK was flawless in their performance versus the Eagles' potent power play. The #2 team in PIM in the PJHL is Clarington.

The Cougars host the fifth-place Little Britain Merchants (11-13-0-0) on Thursday (Dec. 19) in their last home game before Christmas. Puck drop at the Trisan Centre is 7:30 p.m.



### King Rebellion U14A champions at Classic

The King Rebellion U14A hockey team has brought home gold (literally gold trophies) as the undefeated champions of the 52nd Annual Gene-Harrington Outdoor River Works Classic in Buffalo, NY. Battling through frigid temperatures and tough competition, the Rebellion showcased teamwork, determination, and resilience to claim victory in this prestigious tournament.

Playing under the open sky at the iconic outdoor venue was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the players, making this championship win even more memorable. The team went undefeated throughout the weekend, blending skill with a whole lot of fun in the cold.

A huge thank you goes out to the coaches for their late-night strategy sessions, and the parents for braving the elements. It was truly a weekend to remember for the Rebellion family.

Congratulations to the players on this incredible achievement – you've made your community proud!

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### Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

#### By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday, Dec. 22 is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Love is the theme for this service. The services are at 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg and at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton.

The Blue Christmas service is on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Nobleton sanctuary. Not feeling like Christmas is a joyful occasion? For many, it can be a time of mixed emotions, grief, or longing.

A Blue Christmas Service is a quiet, contemplative gathering where we acknowledge the complexities of this season and find comfort in God's presence. Through gentle music, prayer, and reflection, we create space for healing and hope in the midst of life's challenges. Everyone is invited to come, if you need a ride during the evening, please let Rev. Richard (416-371-7295) know, and he will make sure you have a lift.

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).

Last Sunday's Celebration of Joy involved Messy Church's children doing a Christmas story puppet show at Nobleton United. Everyone enjoyed the fun. The service was recorded. You can



watch the Puppet Show at this link and in about 27 minutes:

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=s8Mm39xlwA0&ab\_channel=NobletonUnitedChurch

The Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) 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 Sunday, Dec. 29 at 10 a.m., we are having an ecumenical service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Schomberg with our two congregations joining the two Anglican congregations. This service will welcome the new year of 2025!

The next Seniors' Lunch is Tuesday, Jan. 14 at Schomberg United. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. so that the program can start at 11:30 a.m. Here is a better description for our January Senior's entertainment. Exploring "The Land of Fire and Ice" with pictures and commentary from Jack and Kim Campbell. They travelled the south coast of Iceland by car in September of 2023.

The meal will be "Breakfast for Lunch" with an egg dish, sausages, muffin, and fresh fruit salad. Please let Sheila Kelly know (905-939-2315) if you plan to attend, as space is limited. The meal can be delivered, if you prefer.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. Families are welcome to this free event. January's theme is "New Beginnings and God's Promise to Noah." One of the activities is always decorating cookies in the theme of the month. We always have at least 5 other optional activities. At 6 p.m., we talk about Noah, the Ark, and God's promise. At 6:15 p.m., we eat. 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.

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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### King's Corners

#### King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Christmas Eve worship is Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us to celebrate our Dear Saviours birth.

On Sunday, Dec. 22, the last Sunday before Christmas, we celebrate love and invite all to join us with Rev. Andrew Lee presiding.

During Sunday's worship we will take some time to remember and honour our loved friend and member, Betty Beaton, who is now in God's good hands.

We are one week away now as we wait with joyful 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.

We encourage all this season to make an effort to contribute to the King Township Food Bank or their Christmas in King program. Information is available at ktfb.ca The donations to the King Township Food bank continue to be 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. 24.

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

Our regularly scheduled activities will resume the week of Monday, Jan. 6, 2025.

Upcoming in January, there will be a presentation by lawyer, David Struthers, on the importance of wills and estate planning. This will take place on Friday, Jan. 17, 2025 at 10 a.m.

May the upcoming holidays be a joyful celebration for you and yours.

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. – Progressive Euchre.

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

#### **York Pines United**

On Fourth Advent this Sunday, we light the peace candle in the Advent wreath. The sanctuary is now decorated for Christmas season. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon.

Christmas Eve service on the 24th starts at 7 p.m. and is a Communion service. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

On the 29th, the congregation will be wearing their Christmas sweaters and bringing in their Christmas leftovers (if there is such a thing).

#### **Sacred Heart Church**

Please see the bulletin/website for photos of our Christmas Carol Brunch. Our sincere thank you to Christiana

Alves for her talent and detailed work in decorating, together with Lurdes Dias. Thank you to the Cariati family, the Pascuzzo Family and Christiana for the beautiful buffet table afterwards; and Holy Redeemer Pilgrims Senior & Youth Choir for professional Christmas Songs and sing along carols.

The theme for the third week of Advent is Joy. Father John requests families bring their Nativity Jesus figurine to the Wednesday or Friday Mass this week to be blessed as part of celebrating the coming of Jesus into the world.

Christmas Masses: Tuesday, December 24 at 5 to 7 and 7 to 11 p.m. with Christmas Carols at 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 at 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. – and at noon. New Year's Eve Dec. 31 at 5 p.m., New Year's Day January 1 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

The Sacred Heart community Congratulates Jose and Yadira Castro on their 25th Wedding Anniversary. May their love of God and their families endure for many more years to come.

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

The third Sunday in Advent was December 15 and Adam Butris was our reader and lit the Candle of Joy in our

Alves for her talent and detailed work Advent Wreath – all Candles signify in decorating, together with Lurdes Dias. Thank you to the Cariati family, centre of our lives.

The Rev. Alison Agnew's sermon was about the Triune God. When we think of Jesus, is He just the "Baby in a Manger" at Christmas or is He God? Pastor Alison continued the Christmas Message.

Our Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. and all are welcome!

Our Christmas Party and Carol Sing Sunday, Dec. 15 took place during our service time and what a lovely celebration it was! Thank you to all who came, enjoyed our carol sing and enjoyed the lovely festive treats.

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

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.

If you have any questions or if you need pastoral care or prayer, please call St. Andrew's, King City at 905-833-2325.

#### All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Christmas services at All Saints: Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. Christmas Day Service at 10:30 a.m.



### Carols abound at King City Lodge

Members of the King City Lions Club and volunteers from the community visited the King City Lodge Nursing Home in King Township to sing Christmas carols for residents and celebrate Christmas. Members of the King City Lions Club in attendance included Lion Rob Payne, President of the Club and Lions Ian McClelland, Peter Tetley, David Perry, David Beasley, Dave Ground, Jay Harding and Frank Sartor. The Lions would like to extend special thanks to Alyssa Mortley for playing the piano. Alyssa is a music teacher from King City Secondary School.





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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 be leading the service this morning with a message entitled, "Make Way for the King," from Matthew 3.1-12.

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 Christmas Eve worship service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. We invite you and your friends to hear the story of the new-born King Jesus at St. Paul's as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. On Christmas Day, we are offering an online family experience that will premiere at 10 a.m. on our YouTube channel.

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 Grade 7 to 12 are invited to our YouthConnect every other Friday. We will be taking a break over the Christmas season and continue meeting on Jan. 10, 2025. 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. Browse our websites: St. Patrick's Parish: https://stpatrickssc.archtoronto. org/

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

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

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

Please register for each program you plan to attend. Material and food is purchased according to the number of people registered.

All Educational Thursdays are \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members.

January 9, 2025 – "One Year Older." Bring in your vintage piece, (jewellery, china, clothing, childhood toy etc.). Tell us the history of this special heirloom. Share your "treasured story" with the group.

January 16 – Heart to Home. Presented by Teri. An explanation of this service to seniors. Meal options will be explained. Sample foods will be provided to enjoy. Register by January 13, to be included in the food sampling.

January 23 – Nobleton Pharmasave. Learn about the services the pharmacy provides beside prescriptive drugs. Information hand-out will be prepared by the pharmacist Matt & presented by Joanne. Services available, blister packs for medication, medication review, blood pressure, compression stockings and more.

January 30 – HosPall Private Homecare. Presented by Michele Frauley CEO. "Coping with Loss & Embracing Change with Aging." Michelle will explore the stages of grief & practical self-care tips. Register by January 27. Snacks & refreshments provided by HosPall.

Watson, Community Resilience Officer, King Fire & Emergency Services. Learn about escape planning, mobility concerns, accidents in the home, lithium & ion batteries & more.

February 13 Art with Angela. Learn the technique of paining a planter pot. Once painted you will take your pot home. Cost TBD, which include all materials and instructions. Register by February 10 so materials can be purchased. February 20 Osteoarthritis, presented by the Arthritis Society of Canada. Learn about the impact of OA if left unattended. Discuss the management of OA to improve your quality of life. This presentation will be done on zoom so come out & listen.

#### **Nobleton Lions**

The Nobleton Lions thank you for the support received at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Gazebo and the visit with Santa last Saturday at the Nobleton Arena. Merry Christmas to all!

The Lions promote local non-profit organizations with events publicity on

the Upcoming Events page of our website. We would be happy to feature any events that qualify and also share them on Instagram. Please send requests to Club President Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to the end of May at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena. The first meeting in 2025 is January 14.

To view more information about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website at www. Nobleton Lions Club



### Annual tree lighting illuminates Nobleton streets

The Nobleton Tree Lighting Ceremony brought the community together on Dec. 8, for an evening brimming with holiday cheer. This beloved annual tradition, now a hallmark of the community, featured musical performances, heartwarming photos with Santa, and a variety of food and drink stands to keep spirits bright.

The highlight of the evening was, of course, the dazzling tree lighting display, which illuminated 8 Sheardown Drive in a festive glow. Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Minister Stephen Lecce, and members of King Fire were among those in attendance, adding to the event's celebratory atmosphere and making it a night to remember for all.

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King–Vaughan, handed out his signature cookies to kids and families. MPP Lecce was a top sponsor for this event.

"It was exciting to close out the year with the King community because we have lots to look forward to in 2025 – such as the long-awaited opening of the Zancor recreation centre for our kids and families to enjoy," said MPP Lecce. "I also want to take a moment this Christmas to thank our first responders, particularly at King Fire, for being role models in our community."





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# Scoop from Schomberg

#### By Susan Heslop

Only a few more sleeps till Santa comes, I sure hope I'm on the nice list this year, but it's questionable to be sure. This year has gone so fast, it seems to me the older you get the faster the years go. I feel like time dragged on forever when I was younger, but now I blink, and another year has gone.

I hope that all of you have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa or any other events you are fortunate enough to spend with the people that you love. After all, it's not about the gifts and all about the people you spend your time with.

Let's all hope that 2025 brings with it good tidings for all, and you have a very Happy New Year.

Speaking of New Year our own Schomberg Lions Club is hosting a New Year's Eve Pary this year, Dec. 31 at the Schomberg Community Hall on Main Street, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each and include a full meal

of lasagna, chicken, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, coffee, tea and dessert and each ticket includes 2 complimentary drinks. For tickets reach out to your local Lion or you can email at Schomberglionsclub@gmail.com

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.

#### **Anglican Parish**

Sunday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Lessons and Carols.

Sunday, Dec. 22, combined service at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg with our Bishop Riscylla Shaw.

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.

#### **Schomberg Euchre Club**

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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+

This past Monday we celebrated the holiday season with our annual potluck lunch. You know when you ask seniors to bring something, you're going to end up with a lot of food, and that we did.

It was a wonderful afternoon of singing, playing games, and of course, eating as our very own "Tightly Wound Ukulele Club" led us in a Christmas Carol Sing-along. Oh, what fun it was to ride, along with all the other seniors on this journey for another year. As I've mentioned previously, Ida Haesler and Barbara Burt, are stepping down, and Lynn Bird and I are stepping to the positions of chair and vice-chair. We had a nice send off for our two wonderful leaders and we are now gearing up for a year full of outings, wonderful speakers, plenty of fun and companionship. You know that the more time you spend

with others, the longer you live, so don't be alone, please come out and join us, all those 55+ are welcome.

I'm also happy to also report that as of this week, we had 103 members, so we enter the new year with new leadership and a full house. There is always room for more, so please come out and join us.

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 sponsors.

Monday, January 6 – 10 a.m. – Bill Anderson, the Flagman. Bill's presentation will take you through the Mediterranean Sea, stopping at ports along the way. It is hoped that the script will remind you of your own experiences or what you know of the region.

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.

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

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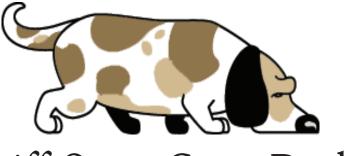
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### Chief Wall to wrap up his career with stint in Schomberg

#### From Page 15

"And for that, I still hold that friendship in high regard."

There are many things councillors may not know about the day-to-day activities of KFES as it's a dynamic business. But they do place their faith in Chief Wall to get things done.

And that includes being visible and accessible to the public. King residents will see KFES members at almost every public event and function, ready to offer advice, answer questions and even make appointments to change their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Residents also like to see their fire chief and Wall has been as visible as possible, supporting local events and charities like the King Township Food Bank.

Wall is also in the office every day, and it's not uncommon to find him there on weekends, catching up on paperwork and emails.

If Wall can be remembered for something, it's that he cares for his team, his staff and the entire community.

He never much cared for notoriety,

stressing he lives for the community.

And that's why you won't see Wall's "tail lights" any time soon. In fact, he will be starting as a volunteer firefighter Feb. 1, 2025 at the Schomberg station, where it all began.

"It's a full circle of sorts where I will finish out 40-years in the fire service."

Wall noted even the crew at the station is excited about it, a testament to the respect members hold for their chief.

For a "retired" chief to volunteer is likely unheard of. That's the type of man Jim Wall is.

The success of any "machine" is the sum of its parts.

King Fire and Emergency Services is in good hands. With the foundation and expanded services ushered in by Chief Wall, KFES will long be an admired municipal fire service.





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### **602 ARTICLES FOR SALE**

Helen Lucas original for sale -"The Holy Spirit"



For sale is a unique original painting by renowned floral artist, the late Helen Lucas. "Holy Spirit," is an original acrylic on wood frame piece that captures spirituality in a simple way, through a dove. Created in 2017. The small set of originals was meant to be printed as art cards for a church fundraiser. Only 5-6 of these doves exist (in different poses) so they are truly rare. This is the only one of its kind. Measures 19.5" by 23.5." Lucas originals are quite valuable and sought after. This is unlike anything else in her collection. "... the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form, as a dove, upon him, and a voice came out of heaven, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." Asking \$500. Email mpavilons@rogers.com for more.

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#### **708 OBITUARIES**

#### JOHN LEE GOURLEY 1962-2024

It is with great sadness that I, Mary DePlancke, announce the passing of my spouse John Gourley of 16 years.



John passed away peacefully at Matthews House December 1st at the age of 62.

He will be lovingly remembered by his siblings Joan, Jim, Jerry, Joe (Cara) and Julie (Joe).

Predeceased by parents Jim and Phyllis.

John was born in Toronto and moved to Adjala when he was 9. He attended Adjala Public School and graduated from Banting Memorial.

He went on to achieve his journeyman carpenter licence at Georgian College. He loved hockey. He played many years in Beeton where his father was coach. He went on to play four years for the Alliston Hornets as a forward and captain. He had faith, he was a Leaf fan until the end!

He worked 40 years as a carpenter, working on numerous homes in New Tecumseth. He also worked at the Alliston Creamery and Baxter Labs. He retired in November 2023.

The family wishes to send special thanks to everyone at Matthews House for their care and compassion.

Also, special thanks go to Rob Winter and Terry Sullivan for their support and true friendship during John's final journey.

John's kind heart touched many lives.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring 2025. (Details to follow)

**Original Arathoon canvas for sale** 



For sale is "Pine on the Ridge" (Small Study) by Canadian artist David Arathoon. It was created in the 1990s and sold at a Caledon-based charity auction. Frame measures 20" by 17.25" and canvas is 11.5" by 8.5". Valued at \$450. David Arathoon has achieved national success with numerous solo and group exhibitions in many private and public galleries, such as the Hummingbird Center for the Performing Arts, Toronto. Arathoon has been instrumental in successful fundraising efforts with his original art and limited edition prints. His prints have raised over \$100,000 for various charities. Asking \$300 obo. Email mpavilons@rogers.com

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### **Kesteven:** Douglas

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Douglas Robert Kesteven, age 78, on December 14, 2024 surrounded by family at Stevenson Memorial Hospital Alliston. Doug is



survived by his sister Barb (Rob) Thompson, (step) daughters Daphne (Ron) Robinson, Amy (Ted) Skerratt, grandson Ryan Zanelli, and son Michael Kesteven. He will be sadly missed by his niece Shanna Robb and partner Justin, and his nephew Ryan (Jillian) Robb. Doug is predeceased by his loving wife Sandy (Grant) Kesteven, his parents Bob and Verda Kesteven, his sister Jan Robb, and brother-in-law Bill Robb. Doug often reminisced of his years playing baseball in Tottenham. His passion for motorcycles and old cars was apparent to all who knew him. Doug would talk "the good old days", with anyone that would lend an ear.

As per Doug's wishes, a private service will occur with immediate family only. Donations in memory of Doug may be made to any of his preferred charities: the Alliston Humane Society, Royal Victoria Hospital Barrie, or the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home. Online condolences and memories may be left for the



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This holiday season, we wish you and your loved ones peace, joy, and cherished moments together. May the New Year bring you health, prosperity, and happiness in abundance.

From our family to yours, we hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season and a bright, successful year ahead!

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#### 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.

with walk-in closets, and a 38' x 126' easement. Perfect for 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 openconcept layout, cozy fireplace, spacious kitchen, balcony, and scenic yard views, it perfectly blends comfort, convenience, and character.



**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.

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