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King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce was sworn in to his expanded portfolio of Energy and Mines last week. He was joined by Premier Doug Ford and Lieutenant Governor Edith Dumont.

MPP Lecce now heads up expanded ministry

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Doug Ford's "experienced team" will benefit from the expertise of MPPs serving King.

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce is now Minister of the expanded Energy and Mines, an expanded portfolio of Energy and Electrification.

In addition to his energy portfolio, he is now responsible for overseeing all mining projects across the province – many of which focus on getting shovels in the ground to extract critical minerals like nickel, potash, aluminum, and lithium.

As President Trump threatens to impose reciprocal tariffs on Canadian exports on April 2, MPP Lecce and Premier Ford have made it clear that they will not hesitate to retaliate – whether by introducing a surcharge on electricity and critical mineral exports or by cutting off exports to the United States entirely.

"I am deeply grateful to the people of King and Vaughan for placing their trust in me for a third time," said Lecce. "With the largest critical mineral deposits on Earth and Ontario's nuclear advantage, we are going to move with

unprecedented speed to realize our full potential as a global energy superpower. This is my pledge as I was sworn in as Ontario's Minister of Energy and Mines. I am grateful to Premier Ford for his confidence as we stand up for Canada – especially as we confront the threat of President Trump's reckless tariffs."

The government made changes to certain ministries' areas of authority and responsibilities. The Minister of Energy and Mines and the Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries will now have responsibility over broadband expansion and connectivity.

York-Simcoe MPP Caroline Mulroney remains as President of the Treasury Board of Ontario and Minister of Francophone Affairs.

As Ontario faces one of the greatest challenges in our history, workers and families are counting on us to stand up for their jobs and wellbeing," said Premier Doug Ford on his new cabinet ministers. "Our government will double down on our plan to build, train and re-skill workers for better jobs and bigger pay cheques, tear down internal trade barriers, retool companies for new customers in new markets, attract more investments and cut through red tape to develop our vast natural resources ... No matter what, we will protect Ontario."

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- Monday, April 07**
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- Monday, April 14**
6 p.m. - Council

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

- Tuesday, April 08**
11 a.m. - Accessibility Advisory Committee
 - Thursday, April 10**
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee
- Virtual

- Wednesday, April 16**
6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment

Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
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View full Council and Committee agendas at king.ca/meetings

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- **Notice of Adoption of Amendment No. 5 to the Official Plan of the Township of King**
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King's Public Works department is using cutting-edge technology, including artificial intelligence software, to locate potholes and other road failures. As our staff drive along patrol routes, the AI software identifies potholes and uploads the information to the cloud.

This data is then used to create work orders for repairs.



To report a pothole, visit king.ca/transportation



King Community Clean-Up Saturday, April 19

Get outside and celebrate **Earth Week** by taking part in the annual King Community Clean Up. Do your part and help pick up litter to keep our parks, streets, ditches, and neighbourhoods clean and green.

Getting involved is easy! Select a public space you would like to clean up. Invite your friends, family and neighbours to join the clean up. Register your clean up group and location then pick up your clean up supplies.

For details, visit king.ca/CommunityCleanUp



Community Yard Sale Saturday, May 3 at 8 a.m - 1 p.m.

It's time to do some spring cleaning and turn that clutter into cash! If you have unique items that need a new home, **register for a space** at our Community Yard Sale at the Trisan Centre.

Register for a space by April 25.

Prices (plus HST) are:

- 6-foot space: \$15
- 12-foot space: \$25
- 18-foot space: \$35

Table rentals sold separately.

For details, visit king.ca/events



Microchip & rabies clinic - Sunday, April 6

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



Facilities, Parks & Trails + Transportation Master Plans Public Open House

Tuesday, April 15 at 6-8 p.m.
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Have your say! Shape future improvements to community facilities, parks and trails and help create the vision for a multi-modal transportation system.

Review the key directions and recommendations for the updated Facilities, Parks and Trail Master Plans as well as the newly updated Transportation Master Plan, provide feedback and ask questions.

For more information about these projects, visit speaking.king.ca



King Township Food Bank receives \$5,000 from YRP's 'Holiday Heroes'

This year's Holiday Heroes campaign by York Regional Police extended its reach to the King Township Food Bank, providing \$5,000 in support to bolster local food assistance efforts.

The Holiday Heroes campaign, an annual fundraising initiative by York Regional Police since 2008, has raised more than \$2.1 million to date. The 2024 campaign alone brought in over \$415,000, with donations benefiting numerous local charities and organizations across York Region, including every food bank in the area.

This funding will directly support food purchases to meet ongoing client needs, helping the King Township Food Bank sustain its essential services within the community.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, recently elected Chair of the York Regional Police Services Board, praised the partnership and the spirit behind the campaign: "Supporting the King Township Food Bank through the Holiday Heroes campaign exemplifies what our community is all about - neighbors helping neighbors, especially during challeng-

ing times," he said.

Geoff Simpson, President of the King Township Food Bank, echoed this appreciation. "We're very grateful for this generous support from York Regional Police," Simpson said. "Every donation helps us continue serving our clients effectively."

The significance of this contribution is clear to the volunteers and clients of the King Township Food Bank. The funds will be used to purchase food, ensuring that local families experiencing food insecurity can continue to rely on consistent, reliable support.

Community donations, partnerships, and local initiatives like Holiday Heroes remain vital to the food bank's ongoing operations. Every dollar raised by community-driven campaigns reinforces the collective commitment to support neighbors in need.

"This donation is a tangible reminder of what happens when the community comes together," said Mayor Pellegrini. "It's heartening to see the generosity and compassion that makes King Township such a wonderful place

to live."

The King Township Food Bank continues to rely heavily on the generosity of local donors, community partners, and residents who ensure the continu-

ation of essential food services. Those interested in supporting or learning more can visit ktfb.ca.



Roberts launches re-election campaign

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts wants to continue to serve her constituents.

"From the busy urban neighbourhoods in Maple up to the beautiful sights in horse country King, I've been hearing from you and taking King-Vaughan's concerns to Parliament for the past three years. The message from the people is clear: we need a change.



"This is the most important election of our lifetime. After 9 years of the Carney-Trudeau Liberals, taxes are sky-high, crime is way up in our communities, no one can afford a home, and now, we face the threat of tariffs from President Trump.

"On April 28, the choice is clear, more of the same OR a common sense Conservative government that will put Canada first for a change. We will cut income taxes by 15%, axe the carbon tax, axe the sales tax on new homes under \$1 million, end catch-and-release bail, keeping repeat violent offenders behind bars where they belong, secure our borders to keep illegal guns and drugs off our streets, and unleash our resources to bring home our jobs so we can face Donald Trump from a position of power.

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It's not always easy for us to ask for help

Deep Questions Part 3

Ronald Reagan once said that we can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

In this third installment of my limited series, I'm going to explore the idea of helping others and ourselves.

My daughter's questions to me were: "Do you ask for help? Do you need it? If so, how do you plan to get it?"

A lot of things come into play regarding this one.

Many people believe that help and support is just a prayer away. Perhaps. Can't hurt, I figure.

All of us, even the uber-successful, need advice and need to receive help from someone at some point in our lives. It's funny, that we tough, resilient, complicated human beings are needy, and depend on the help of others.

Now, some will argue that they can live a solitary life and they "don't need anything from anyone." They're wrong of course. They still need human contact and social interaction.

Motivational speaker Tony Robbins says there are six main human needs. One of them is contribution – "a sense of service and focus on helping, giving to and supporting others."

I find that really interesting. Human beings, who walk around inside their own ego-driven bodies most of the time, feel the need to reach out, help others and show compassion. Some would argue it's in our DNA.

Why?

I suppose some of this inherent sense comes from our early days of evolution. We needed one another just to survive. Ancient civilizations were built on a common need and belief system – a village mentality of all for one, and one for all if you will. That makes sense, and



Mark Pavilons

speaks to what our species is capable of when we come together.

Why we veered from this, I have no idea. It may very well be our undoing in the long run.

I have realized personally, that my weaknesses outweigh my strengths. My brain often works against me, and allows my self-doubt, lack of self-esteem and negativity to get the better of me.

I don't think any of it stems from my childhood – I think I had it pretty good. I did well in school and had a strong but small circle of friends.

And yet, there has always been a feeling of being lost and helplessness.

I've never been one to brag about my qualities or accomplishments. Okay, I do tend to tell my family members that I'm quite smart and logical. But my wife is quick to point out that intelligence and "book smarts" aren't the same as common sense and being "street wise."

She's right; she often is.

Like most people, I went through my awkward teen years that stretched into my 20s. While outgoing and funny, I tended to be self-conscious and lacked self-esteem. I envied those who breezed through life on their personalities, good looks and charm. To them, things came easy. For most of us, they did not.

Asking friends and peers for help was out of the question in the '70s and '80s. Even confiding in teachers or parents was limited. When our parents asked us how our days went – usually around the dinner table – the stock answer was "fine," with few details.

Many days were not fine, but filled with embarrassment, bullying, less than stellar performances on tests and exams. I spent a great deal of my high school days nervous and anxious.

But I never asked for help.

Things improved throughout my college years, as like-minded students gathered to share thoughts, desires and ways to change the world. I encountered many characters who made me smile. I only hope that whenever I cross their minds, I make them smile, too.

Robbins also noted that the "secret to living is giving," and those who experience contribution as one of their top six human needs know this better than anyone. "If you have a need to contribute, you will likely make a big difference in your community."

Those who have this need tend to fulfill it by giving back, volunteering, mentoring, coaching and just showing up for others.

The closer the cause is to your heart, the more fulfilled you will feel.

Extending a helping hand is one thing, but opening ourselves up and asking for help is quite another.

When we are in need, we tend to be

overwhelmed by our own worries and concerns. We don't always recognize that others are standing by, in our corner, ready to pitch in.

I have felt this way many times, often in fact, during my journey with cancer. My family members, while ready and willing to lend their support, can't possibly know what's rattling around in my head, or what I'm feeling on a given day. I don't want to inconvenience anyone, or ruin their positivity.

Truth is, I hate my situation. I am afraid. I am uncertain. I am not in control.

Who can help with any of these things?

I am confronted with an unlimited supply of uplifting quotes, memes, and comments on positive thinking, having a clear mind, and opening up my chakras.

I don't seek help, but I am dependent on the medical community for my survival.

I read about the benefits of this and that, and fill up my medicine bin with a vast array of herbal supplements meant to help combat cancer. I try to let things roll off my shoulders, down my arms and to the floor. I shy away from conflict and anger, but I will admit I have less tolerance these days for stupidity and ignorance.

We often hear the term "random acts of kindness," and I find it sad that it needs to be defined that way. Why aren't we committing daily acts of compassion? Why isn't helping one another the top of our list, not resting at the bottom?

So, back to the questions at the outset of this column. Do I need help? Yes – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Do I ask for it? No. How do I plan to get it? I don't know.

What a conundrum.

Letters to the Editor

Canada's support welcome

Buried in all the shocking headlines, the federal government just announced a contribution of 675 million to the recent round of funding for GAVI, the global vaccine alliance. With so much bad news out there this is a huge affirmation of Canada's most cherished values. It will help vaccinate 500 million children and prevent up to 9 million deaths by 2030.

While other wealthy countries like the U.S. and the UK abandon their global responsibilities en masse, our country has stood up for its principles.

Canada remains a beacon of light in a darkening world.

Nathaniel Poole
Victoria B.C.

Get involved in the election process!

Now that the federal election is officially on, what should people to support their choice? The most important thing that you can do is to VOTE!

Volunteer! There are many jobs that need to be done: phone calls, dropping literature at people's doors, knocking on doors, talking to people, inserting signs in the ground, helping on voting day to "get out the vote."

Donate. You even get a tax receipt for donations.

Get involved.

Remember the old saying: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Nancy Hopkinson



Quote of the Week

"Nobody in Canada would want a united Canada more than me."

— Terry Fox

Trivia Tidbits

Nobleton is named after Joseph Noble, one of the first settlers, who built a store and homestead in the area.

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Results from last week's poll:

Have you become more proud of Canada as we stand up to U.S. tariffs?

a) Yes **100%**

b) No **0%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you believe this federal election is one of the most important in years?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Canada is not 'an economic basket case'

By David Suzuki

The Economy

In 1987, Canada was caught up in a debate over a free trade agreement with the United States. Economist John Crispo, an outspoken FTA supporter, warned that failing to ratify it would make Canada an "economic basket case."

In 1988, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney called an election to get a mandate to sign onto the agreement. The Liberals and NDP opposed it, but the Conservatives won a majority with 40 per cent of the vote. The U.S. and Canada ratified the FTA later that year. A subsequent 1994 free trade agreement included Mexico.

In early 1988, before the election, I met eminent economist Kenneth Boulding at a meeting in the U.S. With Crispo's words still bugging me, I asked about Canada becoming an economic basket case if we didn't sign on and for his opinion of the FTA.

Boulding answered, "If you want to know how well off you are, imag-

ine that you go to bed and wake up the next morning to find the whole world has disappeared except for Canada and an ocean around it. Would you lack for food? Not when you are one of the bread baskets, not basket cases, of the world. Would you lack for resources — minerals, energy, lumber, fish? Would you lack an educated workforce capable of making everything from clothing to refrigerators and cars?"

That thought exercise reminds us of our true wealth. Canada is a nation rich in resources and skilled and educated people with a diversity of backgrounds and ideas and should be the envy of the world. But globalization renders us vulnerable to the consequences of war, hostilities and shifts in priorities and makes us poor — even though its initial justification was to reduce the kinds of conflicts the world had just endured in two global wars.

I later heard Larry King interview

Mulroney on CNN. King chided him for the economic slump Canada was experiencing. Mulroney replied that it wasn't his fault, that he couldn't control the global economy. So why do we embrace the global economy? The prime minister's job is to protect people in Canada and our economy, not hand over control to global forces.

Donald Trump's election and subsequent actions reveal how vulnerable we are to the vagaries of an unruly leader who couldn't care less for the wellbeing of people or the state of the planet. His administration during its first term negotiated the most recent North American free trade pact, the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement. Now he's tearing that up, recklessly imposing tariffs, then backing off and re-imposing them — sending stock markets spinning and creating economic hardship beyond U.S. borders.

We need global alliances, now more than ever, but we must also become more self-reliant. We need to reduce barriers to interprovincial trade and

create an integrated renewable energy grid. Our governments must prioritize Indigenous rights, title and governance. We need to make sure our communities are resilient in the face of a warming climate, and we must protect our natural wealth, especially water.

Any trade agreements we join must prioritize human and environmental rights.

The billionaires and oligarchs who benefit most from global trade don't care about countries or borders; those get in their way as much as regulations and public institutions. Their consumer-capitalist economic system facilitates and relies on global trade — in part to exploit low-cost labour and lax environmental and human rights standards.

Current trade also exacerbates the climate crisis. About 40 per cent of global shipping is to transport coal, oil and gas. As Forbes reports, "Shipping emits over 1 billion tons of carbon a year, making it the sixth-largest emitter in the world after China, U.S., India, Russia and Japan" — and that's increasing rapidly. Curtailing fossil fuel use would substantially reduce emissions from burning the fuels and from shipping, a win-win for the climate. But it would cut into enormous industry profits and, according to current economic thinking, profits are a higher priority than health and survival.

What's happening in the U.S. shows how quickly things can fall apart — rules and institutions, checks and balances, international agreements, governing processes that people have long taken for granted. We need to learn from it and come together to protect what we have while continuing to strive for better.

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News publishers call on Canada Post CEO to support local news

By Paul Deegan

For many Canadian community news publishers, Canada Post is really the only game in town when it comes to distributing their newspapers to readers. This is especially true in more rural and remote communities. A year ago, Canada Post decided that community newspapers with commercial inserts — like Canadian Tire or grocery store flyers — were no longer exempt from Canada Post's Consumers' Choice program, which allows Canadians to opt out of receiving 'junk mail'.

Like advertisements on the pages of a newspaper, commercial inserts pay for the news content our journalists produce. This abrupt U-turn from Canada Post's long-standing policy was made without proper stakeholder consultation or economic/social impact analysis.

Clearly, community newspapers with commercial inserts are not 'junk mail'. The decision is having a demonstrable and devastating impact on community newspaper revenue. By way of example, recently, the East Central Alberta Review announced that it was shutter-

ing after faithfully serving the community for 114 years.

Joyce Webster, who started off as a receptionist and typesetter and eventually became the publisher and owner, devoted 44 years of her life to the paper. In a recent column, she cited Canada Post as one of the contributing factors. She wrote, "I could write a book on how Canada Post (who we depend on to deliver our time-sensitive product) treats their newspaper customers since they became our "competitor"! Newspapers are all about bringing market information to the public and yet their policy of not permitting "advertising" (our bread and butter) flyers into our total market coverage newspapers effectively removed \$24,000 annual revenue from the Review bottom line when they changed their policy in 2024. That's just one of many policies. Add poor delivery policy, newspaper bundles ending up in post office recycling bins, even in garbage dumpsters, and postal strikes."

In addition to harming community newspaper publishers like Joyce, Canada Post is hurting local small businesses, like local grocery and hardware store franchisees, who keep their

customers informed about sales and Canadian made products through commercial inserts. With the price of many goods, especially food, remaining elevated — coupled with the Trump tariff threats — Canadians are very conscious about both price and country of origin these days.

On behalf of the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association, BC & Yukon Community News Media Association, Hebdos Québec, Manitoba Community Newspapers Association, National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada, News Media Canada, Ontario Community Newspapers Association, and Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association, we are calling on Canada Post CEO Doug Ettinger to reverse this decision that is harming community newspapers, our readers, and our advertisers and their customers.

Newspapers keep Canadians informed, connected, and engaged. Canada Post shouldn't be hampering their ability to earn scarce advertising revenue, which pays for vital local news content.

Paul Deegan is president and chief executive officer of News Media Canada.

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PPC candidate vows to increase wealth and prosperity for Canadians

By Mark Pavilons
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Federal Election Campaign 2025

A dental surgeon, carrying the People's Party of Canada banner into the federal election in King-Vaughan, vows to increase wealth and prosperity for citizens.

Vageesh Sabharwal points to a rise in crime, especially auto-theft, leaving communities and Canadians feeling unsafe in their neighborhoods, as one of the top issues.

The PPC will not only enforce the rule of law to make it crystal clear to criminals that Canada is a nation of law and order, it shall also pass legislation to amend sections 34 & 35 of the Criminal Code.

"What that means for citizens is the law shall be amended to be clear and unambiguous in strengthening the right to defend oneself when attacked by a violent attacker. The proof required to convict victims of violent crime of wrong doing when attacked shall be

increased substantially. That is, when one is attacked, the victim of the attack shall have the right to self defense without the undue fear of criminal prosecution," he said.

Additionally, the PPC shall amend of section 35 of the Criminal Code to include the concept that one's home cannot be violated upon, allowing those that have been violated to use force to defend themselves from the intruder, free of the fear of future legal prosecution. He explained the concept of one's home being inviolable is also known as the "Castle Doctrine," and the PPC shall implement this for Canadians.

Individuals, families, business owners, and Canadians at large are feeling economically stifled. Financial hardship in today's Canada, King-Vaughan included, is real and hurting citizens not only in their pockets, but also psychologically. Canadians do not feel prosperous today.

"As a PPC MP, I shall pass and amend laws that will allow more wealth and prosperity through increased productivity; all the while making the Government lean, as opposed to a major employer. Being a country of 40 million, our federal public service employees 367,772 personnel as of 2024 according to the Treasury Board of Canada. By systemically reviewing current federal programs, an analysis will be conducted to identify outdated ineffective programs, programs that no longer deliver any value to citizens, and other wasteful programs. Such programs will be abolished, saving tax payers the costs of such programs."

The PPC also recognizes that government cannot simply rack up debt leaving future generations to deal with its consequences.

"Balancing the budget will be a key in our mandate. Our party does not object to help and assist other nations, but we are completely against providing aid abroad when our citizens are financially struggling at home. Additionally, corporate welfare will be eliminated.

"For every day citizens of Canadians and King-Vaughan the PPC is strongly committed to simplifying our current complex and confusing tax system. In order to compete with the world, and the USA in particular, our tax system needs to be restructured so as to prevent the loss of real capital and human capital from Canada to places where one's money and talent are appreciated more. Once the deficits of our nation are under control, lowering personal and corporate taxes is within the mandate of the PPC. The personal capital gains tax shall also be abolished under a PPC government."

Dr. Sabharwal noted that uncontrolled and historically high immigration in the last few years in Canada has led to an imbalance between the number of people "in our society and the infrastructure our communities have to deal with such numbers of people. The last year alone approximately 1.2 million people immigrated to Canada. This has caused a strain in our hospitals, current housing supply, and other fundamentally necessary facets needed for life.

"I personally am the child of immigrants that migrated legally to Canada in the '70s. The PPC and I are not opposed to legal, proper and limited immigration. The PPC believes immigration should be mutually beneficial to the Nation and the immigrant. Newcomers to Canada must make Canada home by adopting Canadian values, being productive members of Canadian society; all the while Canada shall welcome those whom the nation needs for its growth trajectory."

The current immigration system, he said, is not helping Canadians, the



country and even those that leave their home and immigrate to Canada.

A PPC government shall stop all immigration to Canada, so that it can assess and address the inadequacies of the current system, pass legislation that will reform the immigration system as we know it. Immigrants with the skills needed to address Canada's requirements will be tightly selected, ensuring clean background checks. Face to face interviews will be re-implemented to ensure potential immigrants share Canadian values and societal norms.

Professionally, Dr. Sabharwal has worked, continues to run a business, and resides with his family in King-Vaughan for over 20 years.

"I know many people of King-Vaughan and Vaughan-Woodbridge personally and professionally. I have seen, heard and lived the same issues that my constituents have faced in last many years. I know first hand what the constituents of King-Vaughan experience in their lives. This first-hand experience and knowledge makes me an ideal representative and voice for those in King-Vaughan.

"I am a great communicator, I can clearly express my thoughts and conviction just as I can clearly listen to others. My experiences as President of the South Asian Dental Association (SADA), President of the North Indian Medical and Dental Association (NIM-DAC), Political Contact Dentist for the Ontario Dental Association (ODA), Committee member on the Health Policy and Government of the ODA, etc. have allowed me to learn the skills of a representative of the people.

"Skills in consensus building, negotiation and problem solving are those which if elected as MP in King-Vaughan I shall use in Parliament to advance the agenda of my constituents.

"I am running to be the voice of my community because I trust I have the real life skills, educational background, and volition of character needed to represent King-Vaughan in Ottawa."

For more, you can reach out to him at vageesh.sabharwal@teampc.ca

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Chinese tariffs another blow to farmers

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

The recent tariffs imposed by China on Canadian agricultural products is yet another blow to farmers.

China recently announced that it will impose 100 per cent tariffs on Canadian canola and peas and 25 per cent tariffs on pork and seafood products starting March 20. These tariffs are in response to tariffs imposed by the Canadian government last fall on Chinese-made electric vehicles, steel and aluminium products.

"The global tariff and trade situation continues to remain fluid. The announcement of tariffs on Canadian agricultural exports by China is another blow to farmers who are already grappling with the impacts of the ongoing trade war between the United States and Canada as result of U.S.-imposed tariffs," said Drew Spoelstra, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

"We encourage our federal and provincial governments to continue their work in addressing this issue in a timely manner."

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York Regional Police open Kleinburg substation

York Regional Police is proud to open a new substation to serve the Kleinburg community in the City of Vaughan. The substation opened March 18.

The new 3,600-square-foot substation is located in a restored church at 10418 Islington Avenue.

At the new Kleinburg Community Substation, members of the community can interact with officers, file police reports, receive crime prevention information and ask questions about the service or policing in general.

The substation, now the fourth in the region, falls within #4 District police operations. It will be staffed Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will operate similarly to the substations in Whitchurch-Stouffville, King and the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre.

“This substation is another great example of how we are working proactively and collaboratively with our community partners to provide exceptional service and ensure public safety,” said Chief Jim MacSween. “This substation also provides the vibrant and growing community in Kleinburg another opportunity to engage with our officers.”

“Today marks a significant mile-

stone as we officially open the newest York Regional Police substation in Vaughan. We want our residents to feel safe, and that’s why I’m happy that the York Regional Police has partnered with the City on this one of a kind project,” said Mayor Steven Del Duca. “We need bail reform to keep criminals off the streets and behind bars where they belong. I want to thank Chief MacSween and our partners at YRP for their continued commitment to working with us to keep our residents safe in our community.”

“Our message to the repeat violent criminals that steal your car or break into your home is crystal clear: your time is up,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan. “Proud to open a net-new police station in the heart of Kleinburg that will deploy much-needed officers to our community and put more boots-on-the-ground to stop crime in the west side of Vaughan, Nobleton, and beyond. We will not stop until we put an end to the revolving door of justice — and until our families feel safe in their homes. Thanks to Mayor Del Duca, Deputy Mayor Jackson, and Chief MacSween for your partnership and leadership.”

In September 2024, Mayor Del Duca



addressed York Region Council, expressing his strong support for additional funding for YRP.

The 2025 budget for YRP, approved on Nov. 28, 2024, included a 7.7 per cent increase from 2024 and will lead

directly to the hiring of 154 additional YRP staff in 2025 and 150 in 2026.

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Frauley continues to lead King Chamber of Commerce

By Jim Stewart

The King Chamber of Commerce hosted its AGM and Members Appreciation Event at Connon Nurseries recently. More than 120 attendees enjoyed an hour of networking, a charming buffet, and refreshments in the airy, sun-drenched greenhouse, prior to the election of the new board of directors and



the arrival of the event's special guest.

As the last rays of a late-winter sunset illuminated the pristine garden centre, the six duly-elected board of directors – incumbents Jay Willmot, Ryan Raymond, Darryn Wilbur, and Gus Kokkoros as well as newcomers Bryce Baker and Mario Meyer – accepted their responsibilities and their two-year terms. While the voting took place via QR code, attendees enjoyed a range of buffet items and delicious margaritas prepared perfectly by the hospitable staff from Historia Cantina. The concoctions provided a much-needed preview to spring patio life after a challenging traditional winter.

President Michelle Frauley ascended the stage, and toasted the King Chamber for “being recognized as the second-fastest growing Chamber in Canada with 41% growth in membership in 2024 – second only to Fort McLeod and District Chamber of Commerce in Alberta.”

After the celebratory toast to the King Chamber's nationally-acclaimed membership drive, MPP Stephen Lecce dropped in as the organization's special guest and congratulated the newly-elected board of directors. On the eve of the Conservatives' cabinet shuffle, the King-Vaughan MPP remained coy about a prospective new role for him and engaged in some friendly banter with the media in attendance.

After his opening congratulatory remarks, the Cabinet Minister addressed the issue near and dear to the hearts of the business owners assembled: the uncertain times ahead for King Township and all Canadians due to Donald Trump's chaotic trade war.

Lecce spoke passionately – with the gravitas of a statesman – about the importance of national unity in these times of economic turmoil. “This is a war that President Trump has started. My message to you tonight is one of hope and resilience. Now is our time to reach our true potential as a nation.”

He reassured the assembly of business leaders that “the Premier is working very closely with the Prime Minister and the municipalities. This is our opportunity to buy Canadian. Let's be intentional as Canadians. Let's pay the price of buying Canadian to win this economic war.”

The newly-reelected MPP also announced his intention to buy all his Canada Day items from Township vendors to inspire attendees to support local businesses.

Lecce confirmed the Premier's earlier announcement that “\$30M of provincial support for businesses will be guaranteed by the Province of Ontario to create the renaissance and resurgence of business opportunities.”

The now Minister of Energy and Mines noted proudly that “the surcharge on American electricity has got Trump's attention.” He admonished Trump for “costing the economy at least \$4T so far with his unnecessary trade war.” When Lecce reminded busi-



ness leaders that “This is the opportunity we needed to move more projects forward that have been delayed for too long,” he was greeted with waves of warm applause.

Lecce, whose role in cabinet was modified on March 19 to Minister of Energy and Mines, applauded the King Chamber for its myriad successes: “King Township always punches above its weight class and the King Chamber of Commerce is in the upper echelon of excellence.”

Earlier in the evening, the AGM was called to order by Chamber Vice-President Gus Kokkoros who noted triumphantly that “we now have over 250 members” and acknowledged the success of the new signature event: “Gran Fondo King – our annual cycling event – showed racers the beauty of King Township.”

Another beauty of King Township, Michelle Frauley, delivered the President's Report. In her third term as the Chamber's leader, Frauley presented a slide show which delineated the organization's achievements in 2024 including the launch of King Proud merchandise and the Morning Youth Grant for young entrepreneurs and showed the success of the KCOC's annual signature events including Ladies Who Lead, Farm to Table, Excellence in Business Awards, the Annual Holiday Lunch and Toy Drive, and Gran Fondo King – all of which elicited much applause from those assembled.

After the executive updates including Treasurer Theresa Sherwood's 2024

Financial Report, the stage was set for speeches by nine Board of Directors candidates who vied for the KCOC's six positions.

Paul Peios of IG Wealth Management, Mario Meyer of Reyern Technologies, Toni Reali of World Financial Group, Natalya Ness of Storica Design Studio, Bryce Baker of Grackle Coffee, Gus Kokkoros of IPG Electric, Darryn Wilbur of Leading Edge Motor Cars, Ryan Raymond of Surge Active Wear, and Jay Willmot of Kinghaven Farms delivered speeches on a range of Chamber-related themes.

After the applicants' speeches, Councillor Deb Schaefer provided warm greetings and pertinent business support strategies from King Council, announced the voting results that determined the new directors, and officiated over the Board of Directors' Oath of Office taken on-stage by Willmot, Raymond, Wilbur, Kokkoros, Baker, and Meyer. Councillor Schaefer delivered a speech on behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini who was attending an Economic Conference to represent King's business community. The graceful Councillor acknowledged “the potentially-negative impact of recent tariffs on King businesses” and outlined “five types of business support” for the community. Schaefer praised the Chamber of Commerce's role in King – “The Chamber plays a pivotal role in our community's prosperity” – and thanked all assembled “for their dedication and hard work to make King such a great place to live, work, and thrive.”

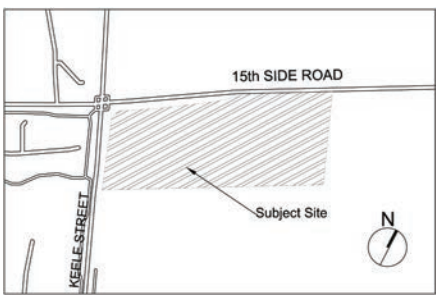


NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

The owners of 13711 Keele Street at the southeast corner of 15th sideroad and Keele Street in the Township of King invite you to attend a public information centre meeting hosted by their planner SGL Planning & Design Inc. SGL and its consulting team will provide an overview of the proposal and receive comments/questions from attendees. The open house will be held on:

Tuesday April 1, 2025 – 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM
King Township Public Library – 1970 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1K9

The proposed development consists of 26 single detached homes and 64 townhouse units, while retaining identified natural heritage features on the site. The purpose of the applications are to seek a Zoning By-law Amendment as well as a Draft Plan of Subdivision. This meeting is not the Townships' Statutory Public Meeting and no decision on the application will be made. The Statutory Public Meeting will be held on April 7th, 2025 at 6pm at the Township of King Council Chambers.



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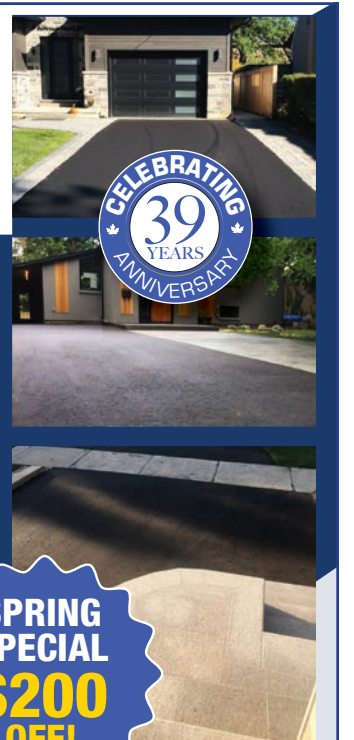
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Plan deferred until solution found for heritage house

By Mark Pavilons
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King council put the brakes on a condo bid in Schomberg, until the Township and developer can work out a plan to save the historic building on the site.

Proponents were on hand for the recent council meeting, for their condo bid at 66 Main Street but staff and Mayor Steve Pellegrini wanted a firm commitment on restoring the historically designated Hollingshead/Coburn house.

Chris Ohanlan, on behalf of the developer, said they have received quotes on the restoration, pegged at over \$300,000.

But councillors pointed to the lack of movement on the project, adding the house has deteriorated even further.

Neither Mayor Pellegrini nor Coun-

cillor Mary Asselstine are prepared to wait until the condos are built, before this structure is saved.

Proponents and Township staff were scheduled to meet this week to iron out details before the matter returns to council.

The plan is for 24 townhouse units formed as a condo corporation. The project will include private driveways into single transferable ownerships with the common elements consisting of the access road, visitor parking, sidewalks and others features will be under the ownership of the Condominium Corporation.

The development fronts onto Main Street and is provided with full municipal servicing. The construction of the development has progressed to a stage at which it is appropriate to proceed with the subject Application to change the form of tenure to condominium ownership.

The heritage dwelling on the devel-



opment site is not included in the Draft Plan of Condominium and will be separated from the development once the plan is registered. In addition, environmental lands on the development site will be transferred to the Township prior to registration and therefore will not

form part of the condominium.

The project did spark some local opposition when first proposed, but the site-specific zoning bylaw was approved by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (now Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in 2020.

King Chamber one of fastest growing in Canada

The Chamber of Commerce Executives of Canada (CCEC) has announced King Chamber of Commerce as one of Canada's Top 10 fastest growing Chambers.

In CCEC's new research report, "Membership Trends Across the Chamber Network," King Chamber of Commerce is ranked #2 in Canada among chambers with less than 500 members.

One hundred Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade from across Canada completed the survey, which revealed that 69% of Chambers experienced membership growth in 2024, an increase from 60.8% in 2023. Further, the national membership retention rate increased to 92.1%, up from 88.8% in 2023.

"I am excited to announce CCEC's first annual ranking of Canada's fastest growing Chambers of Commerce. Congratulations to these leading chambers and their dedicated staff whose persistence and passion are uniting business communities across Canada," said Becky Davison, President of CCEC. "It's inspiring to see such strong membership retention and widespread membership growth across the Chamber Network. We look forward to building on this momentum throughout 2025

as we continue providing professional development and networking opportunities for chambers."

"I'm incredibly proud to announce that the King Chamber of Commerce has been recognized as the second fastest-growing chamber in Canada with under 500 members! With an outstanding 41% growth, this milestone is a true testament to the strength of our local business community and the power of meaningful connections. It's been inspiring to see so many businesses come together, support one another, and invest in the future of King. This achievement is not just for our Chamber, but for all businesses in our community. It reflects our collective effort and resilience. We're honored to serve our local businesses and remain committed to providing the support they need to continue thriving. I'm excited to build on this momentum and watch both our Chamber and community continue to grow," said King Chamber president Michelle Frauley.

King was just behind the Ford Macleod & District Chamber of Commerce in Alberta, which saw a 42% growth. King was far ahead of the number three spot - Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce, British Columbia, with a growth of 29.5%

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Police offer tips to stem residential break-ins

York Regional Police (YRP) is reminding the public to safeguard their homes against seasonal break and enters.

Despite recent arrests following result of several projects targeting residential break and enters, incidents continue to be reported across York Region.

Using a data-driven approach YRP continues to identify break and enter hot-spot areas across the region and is increasing police visibility and conducting proactive investigations.

Homeowners are encouraged to remain vigilant and call 9-1-1 to report suspicious activity in their neighbourhood.

You can take these six steps to protect your home from criminals:

Install security cameras and put indoor and outdoor lights on timers.

Cut back trees, shrubs and anything blocking the view of entrances.

Close, lock and secure all doors and windows.

Store valuables somewhere unexpected.

Know your neighbours and have them watch your home if you're away.

Register on the York Regional Police Security Camera Registry.

For more tips on home security visit their crime prevention website.

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Join Art Society King for the highly anticipated 20th Annual Studio Tour King Art Show & Sale on April 5 & 6, 2025, from 10 AM to 5 PM at multiple locations throughout King Township. This milestone event is ASK's largest ever, showcasing 45 talented artists!

Studio Tour King offers a unique opportunity to explore and purchase original artwork while engaging with local artists about their creative process. Visit their workspaces, gain insight into their techniques, and immerse yourself in the vibrant arts community – all against the stunning backdrop of King Township's countryside and charming villages.

Featured Locations:

Artists will exhibit at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre (including all four buildings, such as the newly renovated Church and Train Station), Schomberg Community Hall, King City Seniors Centre, and several home studios open to the public.

For a full list of locations, visit www.artsocietyking.ca or explore the tour via the TOUREKA! App (free to download on Google Play and the Apple Store): <https://link.toureka.app/studiotourking>. Brochures are available throughout the township, go to the ASK website to find out where you can pick up yours.

This year's lineup features an incredible variety of artistic disciplines, including basketry, ceramics, fibre and textile art, glasswork, ink, jewelry, mixed media, painting, printmaking, and woodwork. This week we are featuring artists who work in ink, mixed media, printmaking and woodwork.

Explore a diverse array of artwork and discover pieces that speak to you. To learn more about all 45 participating artists, visit ASK's website—there's truly something for everyone!

Ink



Wendy Cho - Once Upon a Design: Wendy's artwork is regarded as simple, clever, whimsical and storybook like: her signature style. (Ink & Lacquer).

Edmund Mok: Edmund loves the contrast of black and white; thus, Chinese ink is his favorite medium for his artworks.

Mixed Media

Jenn Best: Working in mixed media with oil, Jenn is passionate about the healing and transformation that comes from art-making and creative expression.

Olga Muhortyh: When the COVID pandemic struck, Olga found time to immerse herself in studying oil and acrylic painting, modern techniques, and interior design art.

Jacqueline Raynor: When Jacqueline discovered the encaustic process she knew she'd found her medium; she's always thrilled to walk into her studio and smell the heady aroma of beeswax, a reminder of summer gardens.



Lynn Wilson: Lynn's work has been described as "strong, bold and colorful" florals, abstracts, streetscapes, portraits and includes many mediums on various substrates.

Daniel Wu: Daniel's encaustic paintings are inspired by his love of travel, featuring landscapes, nature, and abstract themes.

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Andrea End: Andrea's reduction and linocut prints that are inspired by the sunlight – its colours and shapes that are created in forests and lakes.

Alexandra Conrad: In addition to painting, Alexandra carves and prints hand-made woodcuts.

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The Studio Tour King Art Show & Sale is a free community event open to all. Visitors can preview the participating artists and their artwork on the Arts Society King website (www.artsocietyking.ca), where links to the artists' websites and social media are also available. The artists are excited to welcome you and share their creations. Find yourself in the country, lose yourself in the art.

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By Yasmina Reza Translated by Christopher Hampton

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APRIL 9TH - 19TH, 2025

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CLUES ACROSS

- State in southwestern India
- Pashto
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- Supervised release from prison
- Greeting
- Type of drug
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- Every year
- Nasal cavities
- Nova ___, province
- In an inactive way
- Cream-colored root disease
- Guitarist Clapton
- Three came to see Baby Jesus
- Lebowski's nickname
- Play a role
- Not fresh
- Where golfers begin
- Negatives
- Wild goat
- Releasing hormone
- Makes up
- Fastens
- Exists in large numbers
- A connecting word
- A phase of the heartbeat
- Northern Ireland county
- An independent ruler or chieftain
- Pacific sea bream
- Commercial
- Azure
- Doctor of Education
- Protected oneself against loss
- Car mechanics

CLUES DOWN

- Pastes for filling
- Acquire
- Heralds
- News group
- Exact copies
- Particles
- Noted 20th C. performer Lena
- Tempted
- Midway between north and east
- Slotted, hinged metal plate
- South American hummingbird
- Neither
- Walk with confidence
- Omit when speaking
- Imperial Chinese currency
- A bakery specializing in French pastry
- Talk incessantly
- Ethnic group of Nigeria
- Longtime NY Times film critic
- Beginners
- Makes a trade
- Sleep
- Not moving
- Popular drink: Pina ___
- Potential benefits
- A place you can get stuck in
- Ancient Greek City
- Chalcedony
- Rover
- Digraph
- Investment vehicle

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

McMichael hosts landmark exhibition showcasing Inuit artistry

The Canadian Art Collection is proud to steward the Kinngait Drawings Archive, a remarkable collection of 90,000 works owned by the West Baffin Eskimo Co-op (WBEC). Transferred to the McMichael's care in 1990, this vast archive chronicles over four decades of artistic production from the Arctic community of Kinngait (formerly Cape Dorset), Nunavut.

These drawings illuminate the origins of Kinngait's globally acclaimed graphic arts tradition, offering an invaluable glimpse into Inuit life during a time of profound cultural transformation.

Following completion of the archive's digitization in 2023, the McMichael now unveils "Worlds on Paper: Drawings from Kinngait." Curated by Emily Laurent Henderson, Associate Curator of Indigenous Arts and Culture, this landmark exhibition explores the ingenuity and adaptability of Kinngait artists from the late 1950s through to the 1990s, highlighting themes of intergenerational knowledge, community, and storytelling.

"It's been an honour to have had the time and space to devote to deeply engaging with these drawings," Henderson says of her year spent researching the archive. "You come to appreciate the gravity of the works, and the boundless imagination and vision of these artists

in the first three decades of graphic art production in Kinngait. It's a unique and rare opportunity to explore the processes and experiences of individual artists, as well as what was happening within the community as a whole in this period of intense change."

These drawings were made as source images for the government-funded printmaking program in Kinngait, established in 1957. This initiative transformed local artistry into a major economic driver for Kinngait as Inuit adapted to the southern wage economy. However, in culling from these works with an eye to southern markets, southern studio managers simplified motifs, altered colours, and reinterpreted elements to align with commercial priorities.

With the digitization of this archive, though, the full scope of these artists can now be experienced, offering an unfiltered glimpse into the creative visions of such celebrated figures as Kenojuk Ashevak, Pitseolak Ashoona, Kananginak Pootoogook, and Pudlo Pudlat before market influence took hold. The exhibition also highlights overlooked creators whose work did not conform to colonial preferences, expanding our understanding of the region's true artistic legacy.

The archive is now fully digitized and is accessible through Iningait Ilagiiit

("a place for family") on the McMichael website, with a trilingual, low-bandwidth version for use in northern communities. The completion of digitization now ensures that these drawings remain available to both scholars and future generations of Inuit artists.

Accompanying the exhibition is a comprehensive publication featuring essays and reflections from a majority-Inuit team from all walks of creative life, including Susan Aglukark, Tarralik Duffy, Jimmy Manning, Kyle Aleekuk, Napatsi Folger, Jamesie Fournier, Janice Grey, Jocelyn Piirainen, Krista Ulujuk Zawadski, and Taqralik Partridge. A lead essay by curator Emily Laurent Henderson examines the archive as a living document of Inuit resilience, while additional contributions by artists, scholars, hunters, and designers explore the history of Kinngait's studios and offer personal insights on individual works.

As well, McMichael's Associate Curator of Collections and Research John Geoghegan contributes an essay on the persistence of themes from Kinngait

artist's earliest drawings through to the creations of today. The book reproduces all the works in the exhibition and more – most published for the first time – while exploring the archive's enduring relevance as a record of cultural and social transformation.

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is an agency of the Government of Ontario and acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, and the McMichael Canadian Art Foundation. It is the only major museum in the country devoted exclusively to Canadian art. In addition to touring exhibitions, the McMichael houses a permanent collection of more than 7,000 works by historic and contemporary Canadian artists, including Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, Indigenous artists and artists from many diasporic communities. The Gallery is located on 100 acres of forested land and hiking trails at 10365 Islington Avenue, Kleinburg, north of Major Mackenzie Drive in the City of Vaughan. For more information, please visit mcmichael.com.

Music for a cause this Saturday

By Patti Skrypek

This Saturday night – it's your chance to revisit the '70s while supporting an important cause!

Concert in King will feature the Classic Troubadours Live playing the songs of James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Jackson Browne and Carole King. This 100% Canadian band loves their '70s tunes and you can catch them live at the Kingbridge Centre in King City on Saturday, March 29. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m.

Concert in King is brought to you by Christmas in King (CiK). This tradition of community-driven fundraising has allowed CiK – a not-for-profit, volunteer-run organization – to provide critical support to King Township families during the holiday season. Proceeds from Concert in King will help CiK continue this mission, ensuring that everyone in our community has a brighter holiday season, regardless of which holiday they celebrate, in 2025.

CiK is so very grateful for its sponsors – Arts Society King, HosPall Private Homecare, Trisan Construction, Private Wealth Management – Spence Lockie Group and Hockley Valley Brewing Co. Without their generous support, this event would not be possible!

See the music come alive on March 29 right here in King City. Tickets are just \$60 each with all net proceeds going to make the holidays brighter for King Township families. Get your tickets today at christmasinking.ca. See you at Concert in King!



Residents enjoy talk on 'Shift'

Residents and visitors enjoyed an interesting talk at McMichael Gallery by Derek Sullivan on "Field Notes." This must-see exhibit centres around King's very own Richard Serra sculpture "SHIFT" in King City. The talk was organized by the King Historical Society.

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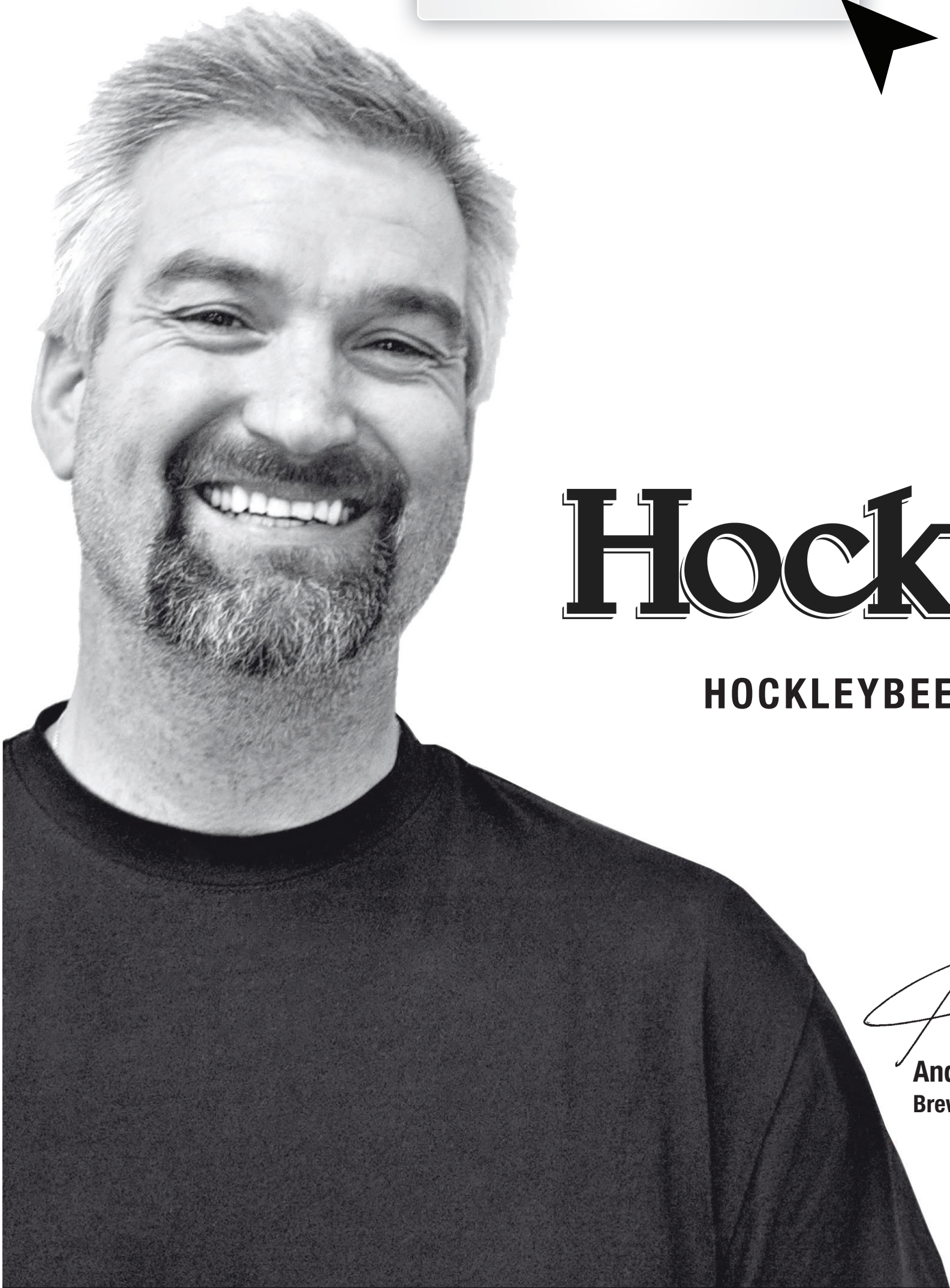


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Andrew Kohonen
Brewmaster



King seeks input on Facilities, Parks, Trails and Transportation Master Plans

King Township residents have another opportunity to provide input that will shape future improvements to parks, trails and facilities, and help create the vision for a multi-modal transportation system.

A Public Open House will be held on Tuesday, April 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Zancor Centre, located at 1600 15th Sideroad in King City, regarding the updated Facilities, Parks and Trail Master Plans as well as the newly updated Transportation Master Plan. The community is invited to review the key directions and options for recommendations developed to date, provide feedback, and ask questions to Township staff and members of the consulting teams on these projects.

King Township is a paradise for recreationists, with over 222 acres of parkland, featuring playgrounds, splashpads, tennis/pickleball courts, skateparks, baseball diamonds, soccer fields and off-leash dog parks. A recreation facility can be found in each village, with varying amenities such as ice rinks, community halls, curling pad, fitness centre as well as a turf fieldhouse, lap pool and leisure pool at the new, zero carbon Zancor Centre. With 339 km² of stunning landscapes spanning the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine and over 100 km. of public

Public open house will be held at Zancor Centre on April 15

trails, King is also a true gem for nature lovers and hikers.

The Township's Recreation, Parks and Culture Master Plan was last updated in 2019. An update was required to identify current needs, issues, and priorities as it relates to developing recreational facilities, parks and trails to enhance community recreation and create vibrant spaces that foster physical activity, social connection, and overall well-being for all residents.

The updated Facilities, Parks and Trail Master Plans to guide the Township's decision-making is a four-phase project that is now nearing completion. The process began with a background analysis that started in August 2024. Phase two invited residents to provide their feedback on the future development of parks, open spaces, trails and recreational amenities (including community centres and libraries) in King by sharing their thoughts in two different online surveys, which closed on November 15, 2024.

The Public Open House is an opportunity to provide your feedback on the key findings and strategic direction

and recommendations based on this survey feedback. The Facilities, Parks and Trail Master Plans are expected to be completed by May of this year with the final report presented to Council for approval.

To stay informed about the updated Facilities, Parks and Trail Master Plans subscribe to the project webpage on SpeakKING.

Updated Transportation Master Plan

King Township is developing a newly updated Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to guide the enhancement of a multi-modal transportation network, covering roads, sidewalks, cycling routes and transit services, to the year 2051. The plan will prioritize safe, accessible and sustainable travel options while addressing future growth and environmental goals.

The TMP will be developed in four phases. The process began with a background review that started in September 2024. Phase two invited King residents to help shape a 2051 transpor-

tation vision by sharing their experiences and challenges – ranging from congestion and parking to the reliability and coverage of public transit – via an online survey which closed Nov. 15, 2024 and during a Public Open House held on Oct. 29, 2024.

The project is currently entering its third phase, which focuses on creating multi-modal network recommendations, based on the outcomes of engagement and research completed during phase two. The Public Open House is an opportunity to provide feedback on potential solutions. Responses will help shape the plan's objectives and priorities, ensuring that community needs and aspirations are reflected in future transit enhancements. In the final phase, a draft TMP recommended multi-modal network will be shared with details regarding how all public input was considered during a future Public Open House before the final report is presented to Council for approval.

To stay informed about the new Transportation Master Plan, subscribe to the project webpage on SpeakKING.

Council votes to adjust speed limits on 12th and 17th

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

Following a safety review, King council voted Monday to alter the speed limit on a couple of roads.

The speed limits will be revised on the 17th Sideroad (between Highway 27 and 12th Concession), from 60 km/h to 70 km/h.

As well a new all-way stop control will be installed at the four-legged intersection of the 17th and 11 Concession.

Staff noted that a detailed traffic safety review was conducted along the corridor of 17th Sideroad from Highway 27 to 12th Concession by retained consulting firm RJ Burnside and Associates.

The safety review along the corridor included data collection, site investigation, field measurements, survey, sight line analysis, risk assessment and conceptual recommendations for improvements such as traffic calming, line painting, and speed limit revisions.

Last fall, council approved a motion requesting a traffic safety study be conducted on 17th Sideroad, from Highway 27 to 12th Concession, in response to a resident letter. RJ Burnside, an Engineering Consulting firm to complete the work.

The safety review along the corridor incorporated various activities such as data collection, site investigation, field measurements, survey, sightline analysis, and risk assessment. The assessment focused on evaluating the road design's safety in accordance with the Transportation Association of Canada

(TAC) design guidelines for vehicles operating at the posted speed limit of 60 km/h. The overall conclusion of the review is that the road complies with the guidelines. In addition, the consultant provides the following recommendations:

The intersection of 17th Sideroad & 11th Concession now meets minimum warrants for all way stop control (AWS).

Complete vegetation trimming in the southeast and northwest corners of the 12th Concession intersection as well as at #6595 17th Sideroad.

Driver behavior was also analyzed. Although the posted speed limit is 60 km/h, the average operating speed of vehicles is 87 km/h. Roads are typically designed for safety at speeds 10 to 20km/h over the posted speed limit. 17th Sideroad is designed to comply with geometric design standards for 80 km/h.

Staff noted in order to bridge the gap between the posted speed limit and the average operating speed, they recommend raising the posted speed limit to 70 km/h.

Additionally, to encourage drivers to slow down, the following traffic calming measures are recommended:

Flashing beacons at stop signs; sightline Improvements (vegetation trimming); full lane transverse bars; on-road message and pavement markings; speed feedback signs; Dragon's teeth pavement markings, as well as implementing advisory speed warning signs or regulatory posted speed signs at the horizontal curves

Roughly \$125,000 for the work will come from the Public Works Traffic Calming Budget.



KFES helps mentor Cree firefighters

Cree Nation and Ontario fire departments have united to strengthen fire safety with the launch of the Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) Mentorship Program. This groundbreaking initiative brings together fire services from across Ontario and the Cree Nation communities of Northern Québec to enhance fire prevention through mentorship and hands-on training.

Ten FPOs from the Cree Nations will partner with 11 Ontario fire departments – including King Fire & Emergency Services – for one month, gaining valuable fire safety knowledge to bring back to their communities.

This program is a collaboration between Emergency Management Group Inc., Waswanay Consulting Inc., Ontario fire departments, and the Grand Council of Crees (Eeyou Istchee).

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SECTION B

Sports • News • Community Events
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The stage is set for club curling championships

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

The stage is set for the Women's and Mixed League's Championship title games. After an incredible week of some of the finest curling the club has witnessed, it's all coming down to the final game.

The women's showdown featured 4 teams vying for their division titles – Teams Fraser vs. Cairns and deWinter

ter vs. Holmes playing for the B side while teams Morning vs. Stronach and Hamilton vs. Gorsline in the A side.

Skip Connie Fraser along with Sandra McDonald, Cindy Perkins and Mechelle Switzer played conventionally in the opening end. During the second end Switzer fell and had to leave the game. Fraser, now a team of 3, continued with superior brushing and shot making on route to a 6-5 win advancing to the B finals.

Skip Donna deWinter led her squad of Vivian DeFaveri, Lynda Thompson and Claudine Hubbard to a solid performance capturing the win and will meet Fraser in the B side Championship game.

The match between Morning and Stronach was back and forth with players executing timely shots for a point. The 8-5 decision went to Skip Shellee Morning, Kim Battershell, Veronica Wilson (in for Kathryn Markle) and Sue Burman. Team Cheryl Hamilton who's backed up with Maria Christina DeRose, Gina Strano and Nancy Betts delivered a strong game for the win and earning their ticket to the A Final against Morning.

Mixed Curling

Thursday mixed league has been a



Nancy Betts delivers



Cindy Rhode delivers



Campbell delivers

King Junior A Rebellion 'part ways' with Head Coach/GM Mark Joslin and Assistant Coaches Piacentini and Borshevsky

By Jim Stewart

King Junior A Rebellion management conducted a Spring cleaning this week after the OJHL club lost its opening-round series four games to one to the second-place Blues in Collingwood last Friday.

The departure of Head Coach and General Manager Mark Joslin was announced on Thursday. Remarkably, Joslin is the reigning OJHL Coach of the Year. In 2023-24, the veteran bench boss transformed the team culture of the moribund Brantford 99ers franchise, built them into a .500 team, and led his eighth-seeded team into the playoffs where they lost a hard-fought series to the CJHL champion Collingwood Blues.

Rebellion owner Willa Wang confirmed rumors via an Instagram post on March 20 that her hockey club had parted ways with its Head Coach and General Manager: "The King Rebellion and Mark Joslin have agreed to mutually part ways. We want to thank Mark for all his hard work and dedication to the King Rebellion organization over the past 2 seasons and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours."

In a related Instagram post two days later, the promotion of Jay De Gennaro to General Manager was confirmed: "The King Rebellion are pleased to announce Jay De Gennaro as the newest General Manager in Rebellion history as well as Director of Hockey Operations."

De Gennaro served at the team's Director of Hockey Operations and Assistant General Manager in the franchise's inaugural season in King Township. Prior to being hired by the Rebellion, De Gennaro was the Assistant General Manager of the Toronto Patriots in 2022-23. For eight seasons, he's been a Scout for the OHL London Knights. De Gennaro is currently co-owner of Prodigy Prospects through which he has worked with some of the top hockey prospects in Ontario over the last six years.

De Gennaro's first significant task as GM is to secure a Head Coach to succeed Joslin. According to informed team sources on Sunday morning, "We are currently interviewing candidates for the Head Coaching position."

However, the new GM's job search became a little broader on the weekend when the Rebellion also dismissed two of Joslin's Assistant Coaches. In an ensuing Instagram post on Sunday afternoon, the OJHL club announced the

departure of Coach Joslin's core coaching staff: "The King Rebellion have mutually parted ways with Assistant Coaches Patrick Piacentini and Nikolai Borshevsky. The Rebellion thank Patrick and Nikolai for all their hard work and dedication to the King Rebellion organization."

The hashtag #RiseoftheRebellion accompanied the club's announcement about DeGennaro's ascendancy to GM, but the rise of the Rebellion from the reconstituted 99ers was initiated by Coach Joslin and his staff. Joslin's staff created incremental improvement of the franchise's fortunes from their final season in Brantford to the club's first season in King.

In King Township, the hockey club endured the disappointment of not playing in the Zancor Centre until late-January. Despite a nomadic existence between the Trisan Centre for training camp, the Nobleton Community Centre for home games and practices, and finally into the Zancor Centre for the final seven weeks of the season, the Rebellion improved on the 99ers' eighth-place finish by securing the seventh-seed in this year's OJHL West playoffs.

In consecutive opening rounds, the 99ers/Rebellion faced off against the perennial powerhouse Collingwood Blues. Joslin's squad – which also endured a fire sale of its Core Four players in December – improved on last year's sweep by the Blues by winning Game 1 of the series in Collingwood before losing four consecutive contests to the reigning Canadian champs. Collingwood is currently ranked 8th in the CJHL.

In addition the accolades earned in the OJHL over the last five seasons, Joslin was inducted into the Richmond Hill Sports Hall of Fame in January.

Franchise History of the King Rebellion at a Glance

It's been said that "change is the only constant in the twenty-first century," but the King Rebellion Junior hockey franchise has been reinvented over parts of two centuries through a number of name and location changes in its 59-season history:

1966-1971	Milton Merchants
1971-1983	Milton Flyers
1983-1986	Milton Steamers
1986-2003	Milton Merchants
2003-2018	Milton IceHawks
2018-2024	Brantford 99ers
2024-present	King Rebellion

battle for a win all season long and the semi final action was no different.

Teams Flannigan vs. Clark went rock for rock in the early stages with exchange of points on the board. Skip Bryce Clark, with his front end of wife Brenda, and Gino and Sue DiFebo who are always in the mix, gave it their all but it would Team Flannigan who earned the win. Vice Donna deWinter stepped up to Skip the game with mates Jack and Kim Campbell and spare Trevor Battershell in for Steve Flannigan advancing to the Championship game.

The game between Pelland and Morning included a little of everything from laughter, creativity, atomic weight and precision draws.

Skip Sylvain Pelland, known for his big weight shots brought out his nuclear weight hitting ability several times during the game. His wife Marquise delivered a few timely draws while Corrie and Kathryn Oukes played to what was asked for. Skip Shellee Morning and her team of James Gillem, Connie Fraser and Calvin Cameron newly nicknamed "Junior," stuck with their strategy matching shot for shot. The final end

with a score of 7-5 for Morning, had all the drama after Pelland delivered a draw to sit on top of his wife's earlier draw and Mornings stone sitting directly behind.

Pelland, sitting with 2 for the tie, left Morning with a shot to separate the grouping in hopes of leaving herself a final shot and hold Pelland to one. Pelland's last rock guard was a pound to heavy giving Morning the win and her spot in the final against Flannigan.

OFSSA

King City Secondary School recently participated in the OFSSA provincial championships that were held in Sarnia. A debut performance by King Curling Club members Amy Peelar, Alex DelVecchio, Kyle Strano and Tyler Peelar have left their mark after a memorable experience.

A strong win against a team from Toronto but 2 close games that were a loss by a point, eliminated the team from playoff rounds.

King Curling Club, the executive and all of its members congratulate the King team on earning their way to a very prestigious event.

Join the efforts of King's first Sports Hall of Fame

King Township's inaugural Sports Hall of Fame has been installed at the Zancor Centre, and the Township is looking for some more sports players and/or fans to join their committee to help induct the class of 2026.

The Hall will be dedicated to recognizing past and current King athletes for their achievements in sports, in an exhibit featuring memorabilia and photos.

If you'd like to join the committee, you will:

Evaluate nominations and research to select top candidates.

Promote the Hall within the community.

Establish guidelines for inductees.

Coordinate with inductees for their involvement in the Hall.

Help organize Hall events, including the bi-annual induction ceremony.

Set long-term goals for the Hall and collaborate with Township staff to achieve them.

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

Apply online at kingheritageandculture.ca/sportshalloffame. Questions? Email kingmuseum@king.ca.

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 lead the service this morning continuing with a new series entitled, "The ABCs of Discipleship." This Sunday's letter is L for "Light," from Matthew 5:1-16.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the service. If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

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

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

Students in Grade 7 to 12 are invited to our YouthConnect every other Friday, the next meeting being this Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. Join us as we explore questions about life, faith, and Jesus with the youth Alpha program.

St. Mary's Church

Masses for the week:

Tuesday-Friday - St. Patrick's, 9 a.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., St. Patrick's.

11:00 a.m. - (Latin Mass) St. Patrick's.

Saturday - St. Mary's Mission, 5 p.m.
Sunday - St. Mary's Mission, 11:30 a.m.

Office hours and days. Monday through to Friday 9 to 5 p.m.

Nobleton Seniors (55+)
By Joanne Bailey

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

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

Indoor Bocce is now available every Thursday, upstairs in the large room in the Nobleton arena from 10 a.m. to noon.

March 27 - Spring Floral Painting with artist Angela Del Borrello. Step by step instructions will be provided by Angela on how to do an acrylic floral painting. Cost is \$10 which includes all materials. Registration required by March 24.

Learn the importance and benefits of various vitamins and minerals in our daily food and the effects on our body.

April 3 - Maintaining Optimal Health. Presented by researcher, Henry. Learn the importance and the benefits of vitamins and minerals in our daily food and the affects on our body.

April 10 - It's a pizza party. Come out and learn how to make homemade pizza with Rose. The pizza will be cooked and enjoyed by all. We will supply some other goodies. The cost is \$5. Register by April 7.

April 17 - Easter décor with Artist Angela Del Borrello. Make a centerpiece for your table. Cost to be determined, all instructions and material will be included. Register by April 14.

April 24 - Annie Tulk a Registered Psychotherapist and Life Wisdom

Coach Master will discuss coping strategies and techniques in dealing with feelings of anxiety and depression.

May 1 - Herbs and their Impressive Health Benefits. Learn the healing properties of different herbs (basil, oregano, cloves, garlic and rosemary) and how these herbs enhance our health. Presented by researcher Henry.

Nobleton Lions

It's spring and again this year the Easter Bunny will be visiting the Nobleton Community Park next to the arena on Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. to leave eggs for King Township kids. There will be free chocolate bunnies for the kids and free drinks for everyone at this event, co-sponsored by all three Lions Clubs in King. Visit our website, Facebook, or Instagram for more information. Stay tuned for other upcoming events like the Victoria Day celebration, the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides on Sunday, May 25, and the annual golf fundraiser at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course on Sunday, June 8.

The Lions continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook. An upcoming event for which volunteers, especially high school students, are welcome is the annual King Township Clean-up Day for which the Nobleton Lions will be shining up the Community Park next to the arena on Saturday, April 12, starting at 9 a.m.

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.NobletonLionsClub. You may also follow us on Instagram at [nobleton.lions.club](https://www.instagram.com/nobleton.lions.club)

Book club

The Nobleton Book Club is resuming its in person, monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library, located on 8 Sheardown Drive. Our schedule of meetings is on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the program room.

The Nobleton Book Club has been meeting regularly for over the past 12 years; new members are always welcome to join! Whether you have read the book or not, come by and check out these very interesting, lively and entertaining discussions. All these titles are available to borrow, for free, through the Nobleton library and other King Township libraries. If you have any questions, call Heather, our facilitator, at the Nobleton Library at 905-859-4188. Come and join this group of Nobleton readers.

Here is the reading list for the Nobleton Branch Book Club for 2025:

Wednesday, April 9, 2025, Crow by Mary Kathleen Grissom.

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Yellow Face by R.F. Kuang.

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, Someone You Know by Catherine Fogarty.



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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Our regular Sunday services are: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church (lower level), Schomberg and 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. Both churches offer refreshments afterwards.

Rev. Richard is offering a "reflection" (Lenten Bible study) on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. at Nobleton United, followed by a lunch at noon. Rev. Richard is providing the main course. Dessert or salad contributions are welcome but not required. All are welcome to join for some camaraderie and learning, with lots of "side tracks."

The Community Pot-Luck Lunch is Tuesday, April 1 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Lunch is at 11:50 a.m. Remember to bring something to share for the meal.

On Sunday, April 6, we are having an Intergenerational Joint Service at Nobleton at 11:15 a.m. with the youth of Messy Church. Schomberg United will be joining us.

The Seniors Lunch at St. Mary Magdalene Church is Tuesday, April 8. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Richard McLeod, the History Hound. The topic is the "Ghost Canal" in Newmarket. The meal is ham, scalloped potatoes, grilled green veg, with chocolate nests with eggs for dessert. The meal can be delivered, if you prefer. Please let Sheila Kelly know (905-939-2315) if you plan to attend. Space is limited. Although this is a free event, we do appreciate any donations that you are able to help cover the costs. We were grateful to the Township of King for some additional financial support last year.

Want to make palm crosses? Come to St. Mary Magdalene Church and join the Schomberg & Kettleby Anglicans on Wednesday, April 9, at 10 a.m.

The next meeting of the Schomberg U.C.W. is Thursday, April 10 at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church. All community members are welcome. There will be some refreshments at the end of the meeting.

King City United's Spaghetti Dinner & Concert is Saturday, April 12 at 6 p.m. Sentimental Journey (musical group of 5) will be singing & playing songs that you love. To reserve a seat, call the church at 905-833-5181 or John Kell at 905-833-6432.

Schomberg United Church is celebrating its 177th Anniversary on Palm Sunday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. with guest speaker Deborah McCracken, the founder of "The Olive Branch For Children" (TOBFC), which operates in Tanzania. Kim and Jack Campbell have known Deborah since she founded TOBFC over 20 years ago. It has grown to have a very impressive outreach in rural Tanzania with education, healthcare, ag-training, micro loans for business, etc. Deborah is a very dynamic and engaging speaker and having her present to us is especially fitting now that Schomberg United Church has committed to help fund scholarships for her students. Deborah is only in Canada for 5 weeks on her annual fund-raising drive.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, April 17 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. Families are welcome to this free event. The theme is Faith and Resurrection (Easter).

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

This past Saturday King Township sponsored a wonderful event for all our over 55 citizens, and our own Schomberg 55+ club members helped organize and volunteer for a "Maritime Kitchen Party" at Trisan, featuring a local east coast themed band the "Flailing Shilaleighs."

They sure got us up dancing to such east coast classics such as "I'se the B'y!" The crowd also rose to its feet to sing their rendition of "This Land is your Land" showing off our Canadian pride. We had a full house with the goal of 100 attending, and we had a chance to show off the "Ugly Sticks" we made a few weeks back.

It also gave the group a chance to show that "they've still got it!" Thanks to all you spent time organizing it, specifically Erin Burford from King, and our fearless leader of Schomberg 55+, Lynn Bird. What a wonderful event, and if you want to be sure not to miss

the next one, please join the Schomberg 55+ Club, where we have many events, seminars and trips planned. It's only \$20 for the year and you can come join a meeting or sign up at the Trisan or Zancor Centre.

The "King Community Clean-up" is coming up Saturday, April 19. You can reserve your clean up supplies at king.ca/communitycleanup. Make sure to get out and clean up Schomberg, we seem to have more garbage than usual lying around.

Schomberg Fair

The Schomberg Agricultural Society is pleased to bring you the 175th Fair! The Fair theme this year is "Sewing Seeds of Memories for 175 Years."

Each year the Fair is presented by dedicated volunteers to celebrate and promote our agricultural community, and to provide exhibitions, demonstrations, competitions, entertainment and FUN. Special classes and events are being planned to celebrate this historic Fair, and we encourage you to visit the website at schombergfair.ca to peek at some of the planned events. Check out the competitions - for people looking for something to do while resting

up from all the snow shoveling during the last few wintry weeks of 2025, we encourage you to visit the Homecraft Section where there is something for everyone to enter - whether you are an avid gardener, an artist with a masterpiece to show off, planning to finish that knitting or sewing project that's gathering dust, love to bake? Proud owner of a genuine antique goes under? Just a few of the possibilities. There is a section for Juniors to enter too. Now's a great time to start a project to enter this historic event.

Be sure to mark your calendars with the dates: May 23 to 25 and plan to come out and celebrate with them.

Horticultural Society 90th anniversary

Since 1935, the Schomberg Horticultural Society has been educating members, and encouraging the planting of trees, shrubs, and flowers on public and private grounds in our community.

The upcoming 90th anniversary celebration of the Schomberg Horticultural Society will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at the Schomberg Community Hall. Tickets for this event are limited and can be purchased for \$20 on Eventbrite.

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The celebration will feature TV personality Frankie Flowers as a special guest, an anniversary themed flower show, door prizes, archival displays, and refreshments.

There will be a unique "People's Choice" flower show with the theme "90th Anniversary - a Grand Celebration." Anyone attending the event (including our guests) may submit an entry to the flower show, which will be judged by the attendees. Flower show arrangements should arrive by 6:15 p.m. on April 15. For more information, email: schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

Schomberg Euchre Club

Next week we move, and we change from Friday to Thursday, to the Curling Lounge. It's Thursday, April 3 from 7 to 9. 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.

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Schomberg Scoop

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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+

The King Seniors are having a bus trip to Fallsview Casino on May 7, and the cost is \$45 each, and includes \$ 35 of free play at the Casino. You can sign up online or at the Trisan, King Senior centre or call 905-833-6565. Please make sure to register quickly, this will sell out.

If you're a local business and would like to sponsor one of our events, please reach out to me at sporter5952@gmail.com or Lynn Bird at klbird@hotmail.com. We are always looking for local sponsors.

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

Our 'Tightly Wound Ukulele club will now meet at 3 p.m. on Thursdays. If you're interested in learning to play

and you're a member, feel free to come out. If you're not a member, you can sign up at Trisan or one of our meetings.

Monday, March 31 - 10 a.m. Speaker - Lynn Holden - photographer and author of Voyage of the Vikings.

Monday, April 14 - 2-4 p.m. - Speaker - Greg Porter on the topic of the 113th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic. Registration required to klbird@hotmail.com.

Wednesday, April 14 -10 a.m. - Workshop - Petal Academy - floral arrangement (bulbs). Cost \$75 +HST. Please register at klbird@hotmail.com by April 9.

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Monday and Friday afternoons - 2:15 p.m. - Mobility Matters (Trisan Centre).

Tuesday afternoons - 1:30 p.m. - Bridge (Schomberg Community Hall).

Wednesday mornings - 9 to 10 a.m. - Track walking followed by coffee and meetup (Trisan Centre).

Wednesday afternoon - 3 p.m. - Mahjong, (Schomberg Community Hall).

Thursday afternoons - 1 p.m. - Carpet Bowling (Trisan Centre).

Thursday afternoons - 3 p.m. - 'The Tightly Wound' ukulele group (Schomberg Community Hall).

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708 OBITUARIES

Eckhard Albert Hermann Dittmann

It is with profound sadness that our family announces the passing of Eckhard Dittmann, in his 90th year.

Beloved husband of 62 years to Hilde (née: Both), father to Christine and her husband Hugh, Opa to Michael and his wife Nancy and Great Opa to Kylie and Emily.

He was born in Altfalkenberg Germany to the late Erna and Walter Dittmann; brother to Manfred and pre-deceased by his sister Krista and brother Bodo. Dear Onkel to Jürgen, Bibi, Wolfie, Kristoff, Martin and Michael, all in Germany, as well as Frank and his wife Margaret and Arleen and her husband Gary, in Canada.

Dad was a hard worker, a great family man, smart and very funny. He loved fishing, travelling, cutting grass and spending winters with mom in Florida, after he retired. He especially loved spending time with his family and friends.

While he had many health struggles, over the years, he faced them all with courage and strength and incredible positivity.

Dad, you will be forever missed by all who knew you.

The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham, (905-936-3477) on Monday, March 24, 2025, from 11 am - noon immediately followed by the service. A reception followed in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.



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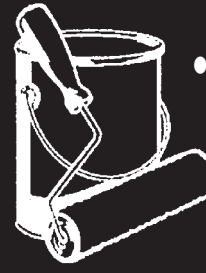
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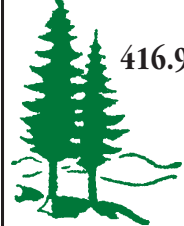
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King's Corners

**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Last Sunday, Rev. Bill Fritz spoke on the notion of regret in our lives.

It is almost certain that we all will experience living with regrets for something that occurs and that we were responsible for in our lives be it small regrets or large ones. We are encouraged to remember that we are not alone. In our coming to Jesus and allowing Him into our hearts, we are forgiven, a forgiveness that we are gifted through the sacrifice at the cross. May you live without regrets having a hold on your hearts, rather let the love of Jesus in.

Save the date - April 12 at 6 p.m. KCUC will host The Spaghetti dinner with musical guests "The Sentimental Journey." Last year the dinner was sold out and there are a set number of tickets available this year. For information or tickets please call the office at 905-833-5181. The office is on holiday until April 2, however, messages will be retrieved if they are left on the answering machine.

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 "Greater - The Book of Hebrews." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

We invite everyone to the next Open Closet Outlet on Saturday, May 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Restrictions apply. For personal use only.

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**

Friday, April 4 - 10 a.m. - Presentation

Nicholas Farah, CFA at RBC will discuss disability tax credits and disability savings plans. Refreshments will be available. Please register at 905-833-6565.

Sunday, April 13 - 2-4 p.m. - Spring Fling - Please join us for afternoon tea and our speaker, Elaine Charal. Come prepared to laugh and learn during Elaine's "Power of the Pen" while you discover how to communicate more effectively with family and friends through knowing what the strokes of handwriting mean. Everyone will learn about their strengths as reflected in the 'paper mirror' of their handwriting. Refreshments will be provided by the KCSC social committee. Please register by April 7 by calling 905-833-6565. Thank you to Hospall Homecare for sponsoring this event.

Wednesday, April 23 from 1:30 - 3:30 Service Canada Workshop - General information on the benefits and services provided by Service Canada and how to reach them. These include but are not limited to: Canada Pension Plan; Old Age Security; Guaranteed Income Supplement; Canadian Dental Plan. Register online through Xplor account, by emailing seniors@king.ca or by calling 905-833-6565.

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. - Crochet class.

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 kingcityseniors@gmail.com

York Pines United

Scott Martin gave us a different take on the parable of the fig tree last Sunday where Jesus is the Master Gardener. This Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Lent with Rev. Bruce leading the service. If you gave something up, you can have it on Sunday. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the service at 11 a.m. The Lenten study group at our sister church in King City continues on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. with good discussion and good food (note the time change). Music is the theme used in Something Sacred, this year's study guide from the United Church of Canada, It's available from ucdstore.ca in e-book format. Newcomers are always welcome.

Sacred Heart Church

Lenten Confessions after 7 p.m. Holy Mass until 8:30 p.m.: Friday, March 28; Wednesday, April 2; Friday, April 4.

Friday, March 28, Stations of the Cross will be prayed beginning at 6:15 p.m. during Lent. Exposition and Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 3:30 p.m.; Holy Rosary Benediction with Celebration of Mass at 7 p.m. Following Mass, Restless Outreach Ministry will be preparing sandwiches in the Parish Hall for distribution on Saturday. They are gladly accepting volunteers and donations of granola bars, fruit cups, cans of tuna, jam, and juice boxes. Email: restlesssacredheartkingcity@gmail.com

Our "Gala of Hope" on Saturday, May 24 is planned as an entertaining event, celebrating the growth of our parish community. Rather than having multiple fund-raising events, our event planners seek to create one large fund-raiser focused on reducing our debt of the Narthex. First prize in the raffle is round-trip tickets for two to Italy. Tickets continue to be sold after Sunday Masses.

Sharelife Sunday, March 30. Your

support will greatly help more than 150,000 people in York Region. Learn more at sharelife.org/impact. Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!

Our parish goal this year is \$27,500. Donate through the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

King City Tennis Association

The King City Tennis Association is a non-profit tennis club established by volunteers over 40 years ago in partnership with King Township. The King City Tennis Association outdoor season runs from May to October 2025. The 2025 KCTA website opened March 15 ready to accept 2025 Early Bird KCTA memberships with discounts, until April 15. Visit kingcitytennis.com

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

Everyone is welcome at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. and join us afterwards for coffee time.

Our Joint Service last Sunday, March 23 with The Well, was a wonderful way to get to know our new Partnership Friends who will be worshipping at St. Andrew's, Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. Our Morning Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. as usual. Stay for coffee afterwards. Our recorded services are on YouTube. Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca and click on the YouTube frame.

During Lent, Life Connect is on Thursdays at 2 p.m. at the church. All are invited to see a video called "Why Easter Matters?" It is in four parts and the second is this Thursday, March 27. All are invited to come and discuss what Easter is all about.

Our Good Friday service will be April 18 at 10 a.m. to enjoy together a light fellowship coffee before our 10:30 a.m. Good Friday Service. Easter Sunday Worship and Communion is at 10:30 a.m.

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



LUXURY CUSTOM HOME ON 1.98 ACRES

Nestled on a private 1.98-acre lot with over 300 ft frontage, this stunning custom bungalow loft offers over 7,500 sq ft of luxurious living space. Surrounded by mature trees, it features soaring ceilings, a chef's kitchen, spa-like primary suite, renovated baths, heated 6-car garage, and a finished basement with bar, sauna, gym, movie room, and more.



PRIME 82X150FT LOT, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

Welcome to this custom-built home in St. Andrews-Windfields, featuring soaring ceilings, a grand foyer, formal living/dining rooms, and a cozy family room with a fireplace. The primary suite offers a study, his-and-her closets, and a marble ensuite. The walk-up basement includes a bar, sauna, and plenty of space for recreation, relaxation, and entertainment.



SPRAWLING 2+ ACRE KLEINBURG OASIS

A rare 2+ acre double lot in Kleinburg backs onto a scenic conservation area and river, featuring a fully upgraded 6-bed, 4-bath bungalow. Highlights include an open-concept layout, skylight, modern kitchen, walkout basement with second kitchen, and 332 ft of waterfront. Enjoy direct trail access, stunning views, and endless customization potential!



LUXURY "GREEN & SMART" HOME

This 3,800 sqft "green & smart" executive home sits in South Aurora's prestigious Royal Hill community with lush trails and luxury living. Featuring 10' ceilings, hardwood floors, and oversized windows, a gourmet Wolf kitchen, and a spa-like primary suite. The walk-out lower level offers endless potential. Close to parks, trails, transit, and amenities.



ELEGANT EXECUTIVE HOME IN PRIME LOCATION

Welcome to this immaculate executive home with a 3-car garage and EV port on a premium fenced lot. Enjoy a chef's kitchen, coffered-ceiling living room, main-floor office, and a spa-like primary suite. The finished walkout lower level features a gym, rec room with fireplace, second office, and ample storage. Prime location near top amenities!



MODERN 1+DEN SUITE WITH HUGE TERRACE

Experience upscale living in this 1-bedroom + den suite with a 400 sq. ft. L-shaped terrace, seamlessly blending indoor-outdoor living. Featuring new Zebra blinds, vinyl flooring, and an in-suite washer/dryer, this unit offers an open layout, modern kitchen with breakfast bar, and top-tier amenities. Conveniently located near transit, parks, and shopping!



LUXURIOUS 'FERNBROOK' EXECUTIVE HOME

This brand-new luxury home features \$200K+ in upgrades on a prestigious Princeton Heights lot. Enjoy a chef's AYA kitchen with premium appliances, a family room with a gas fireplace, and a covered loggia. Upstairs, 4 spacious bedrooms with ensuites and a lavish primary suite with a spa-like bath. Prime location near Yonge St, transit, shopping, golf, and top amenities!



LUXURY TOWNHOME WITH ROOFTOP TERRACE

Experience luxury living at "The Bond on Yonge" in Richmond Hill. This 3-bedroom, 3-bathroom (1331 sqft) townhome boasts a 375 sqft private rooftop terrace, stainless steel appliances, quartz countertops, 9ft ceilings, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Conveniently located near Yonge Street, schools, parks, shops, and transit, it's perfect for modern, elegant living.



CUSTOM HOME WITH PREMIUM UPGRADES

Brand new custom executive home being built, proudly situated on a 150' lot in the sought-after Lake Wilcox community. Offering 4+1 bedrooms, 5 baths, and a chef's kitchen with quartz counters, custom cabinetry, Jennair appliances, plus a finished basement with gym, wine cellar, and more. Walk to Lake Wilcox Park & trails.



SERENE LIVING NEAR MUSSELMANS LAKE

Explore this sophisticated 4-level brick backsplit in Ballantrae! Boasting 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, a double garage, and oversized windows, this home offers a bright, open layout. Enjoy a functional kitchen, spacious living areas, a cozy family room with a fireplace, and a landscaped yard with balcony views. Conveniently close to schools, parks, golf, and Musselmans Lake!

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