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AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

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Plaza owners take application to OLT

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Despite negotiations with staff, the proponents of a storage facility in Nobleton are taking their bid to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

Domroc Developments, last November, applied for Official Plan and bylaw amendments to permit their plan on Highway 27 north of Hill Farm Road and south of Nobleton Public School. The plan is to build a four-storey self-storage facility on the east side of the existing plaza, behind Cousins.

At the time, the project saw a lot of opposition from residents and councillors. Staff were directed to review the plan further and meet with the developers to solve some of the issues.

Planning staff met with the applicant to address the concerns raised during the Public Meeting, as well as technical feedback provided by internal staff and external agencies. This process, a standard municipal practice, aimed to encourage the applicant to amend their proposal to align more closely with the Township's vision and

community expectations, while avoiding a costly Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) hearing.

However, the applicant chose not to reconsider or amend their application.

On Jan. 24, the landowner filed an appeal with the OLT, citing the Township's lack of a decision on the applications.

A "non-decision" is commonly used to trigger an OLT appeal. The OLT will make the final ruling.

Councillor David Boyd noted the community has made its objection to this proposal "abundantly clear, with over 70 pieces of correspondence received."

Boyd strongly expressed his opposition to the proposal, along with many of his council colleagues.

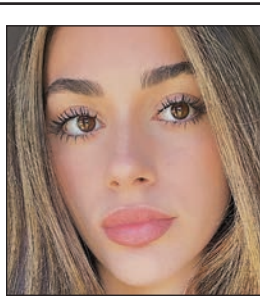
"Despite having the opportunity to respond to feedback from the community, Council and King Township staff, the applicant refused to make any changes to their application. This demonstrates a troubling lack of consideration for the well-articulated concerns and the community's united call for a more appropriate use of these lands," he said.

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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).
 Visit: king.ca/cofameetings for more information.

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

Recent Planning & Heritage Notices

- **Notice of Decision Re Draft Plan of Condo** Re 2075 King Road
 - **Notice of Decision Re Draft Plan of Condo** Re 13151 - 13211 Keele Street
 - **Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law Amendment 2025-019** Re: Highway 11 Corridor Area
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Fifteen-minute appointment time slots are available, and pre-registration online is encouraged to reserve your preferred timeslot. Walk-ins are welcome and will be accommodated pending the availability of Council.

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Old home to be demolished, modern repro to replace it

By Mark Pavilions
Editor

A heritage building will be demolished near Nobleton to improve access to a new development.

Councillors voted to allow the demolition of the home at 12958 Highway 27. Further, they want a “replacement structure of similar style, aesthetic, form, and massing” incorporated as an element of a Site Plan Control Application with respect to the proposed development of the subject lands. Council wants some of the salvaged material from the original home used as much as possible.

While the old building is a bit of a loss, the developer has always supported the idea of providing a spot for a new one on site. And that drew praise from Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor David Boyd.

Crisdan Holdings Inc. and Kingvit Estates Inc., are developing the lands at Highway 27 and 15 Wellington Street. Now, the new area will have a plaque, commemorating the historic structure, visible to all.

Staff noted that the building was built circa 1867, and the property was “Listed” on the Township’s Heritage Register on February 27, 2012. It was a representative example of a Regency

Cottage house with classical and regency details.

The development proposal initially called for moving the structure, but an assessment found it was too far gone for this. Hence, the proponents applied for the demolition permit back on Feb. 12, to remove and demolish the existing dwelling.

The “silver lining,” according to Boyd, is that the new structure to be built will reflect the character of the original home.

“This ensures the intent is preserved, with the replacement building maintaining a similar appearance and a setback position that aligns with Wellington Street’s existing character.”

Boyd also asked that the historic plaque commemorate two other nearby sites.

The applicant retained the services of Steven Burgess Architects Ltd., (SBA) to prepare a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) of the subject building. A former one-storey addition constructed at the rear has since been removed. The HIA indicates that from 1878 to 1911 the subject property was owned and occupied by John Phillips, a local shoemaker. The property was then purchased by Henry W. Ellis in 1911 and leased to tenants until 1948 when Henry’s son, Lorne began to subdivide the

property into smaller lots. SBA evaluated the structure the Heritage Act and found the property to only meet one of the nine criteria applicable for heritage designation purposes, stating the structure is a representative example of a regency cottage house. With only one criterion met, SBA found that the structure does not merit a designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Following this, the applicant then met with the Heritage Advisory Committee on July 4, 2024, to provide an update and discuss the application for a Zoning By-law Amendment as it relates to the subject property. At this time, the applicant expressed an interest in relocating, restoring, and retaining the subject structure on-site and incorporating it into the proposed development.

Last September, council was presented with the proposal to develop a six-storey mixed-use building with 160 residential units and ground floor commercial land uses with a gross floor area of 200.50 square metres.

A total of 217 parking spaces are proposed on-site within a two-level underground parking structure and surface parking adjacent to the building. Access to the site is via Highway 27 and Wellington Street.

Subsequently, the Applicant undertook the completion of an updated structural assessment provided to the Township as part of a complete application for a demolition permit.

King’s Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) wasn’t pleased at the prospect of losing this historic feature, and asked staff to conduct a further Heritage Impact Assessment.

It found that the structure does not merit designation through set out under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Township’s Official Plan identifies the need to recognize and protect the Township’s heritage resources for the important role they play in the enrichment and understanding of the community’s historical traditions and understanding of the past.

Tribunal to decide fate

From Front Page

“Our Planning Staff met with the applicant in good faith, attempting to encourage them to reconsider their application and bring forward something more respectful of the community’s vision. Instead, the applicant’s refusal to compromise has forced a position where I will be asking for the support of my Council colleagues to use our valued tax dollars to fight this egregious application. It is both disheartening and frustrating to see such an unwillingness to collaborate.

“Quite frankly, the Plaza owners, Domroc Developments Inc. are prioritizing their interests over being good neighbours and partners to our community.”

On April 14, council will receive an update on this matter in a closed session, as the application is now under

OLT consideration. At that time, Boyd said he will request council’s support in opposing this application at the OLT and defending the Township’s commitment to upholding its Official Plan and protecting the interests of the community.

Residents and councillors all noted the size and location of the proposed facility simply doesn’t fit in with Nobleton’s character.

The plan included each floor of approximately 1,972 square metres (21,226 square feet), for a total GFA of approximately 7,889 square metres (84,916 square feet). The proposed self-storage facility will be accessed via the two existing driveway entrances to the north and south of the existing commercial plaza building and connect to Highway 27. The development proposes a vehicular parking supply of 85 spaces (37 new + 48 existing) and green space (landscape buffers).

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Trying to leave a memorable legacy behind

Deep Questions Part 4

We all know our time here on earth is limited – a mere tick on an endless clock of time.

Sure, humans are among the longest-living creatures on earth and we can accomplish a great deal in the decades we walk the planet. We can also waste a lot of time, and do some damage along the way.

We're not perfect, and seldom are we held accountable for our worst mistakes. Society tends to judge us harshly, and perhaps that's a good thing. They say that "history passes the final judgement" and that only by looking back through the lens of history, can our actions be fully determined.

In this installment of deep questions, my daughter asked me: "How do you want to be remembered? What mark do you want to leave on this earth and on your loved ones before you leave?"

Wow, some doozies here to be sure.

Legacy is defined as a "gift," or something passed on from an ancestor or predecessor.

Our legacy is not something we consciously do for ourselves. Rather, it's something we give to the next generation. Leaving a legacy of character, passed on to our children, is key, according to many.

Every person has an impact on the world around them. While it may not be worth noting on a tombstone or in any online epitaph, it's as real as we are.

Are we responsible for living up to past expectations and the legacies given to us? And are we equally responsible for leaving something tangible behind?

Heavy burdens, to be sure.

From touching hearts to educating



Mark Pavilons

ing minds, our gifts can be varied and wide-ranging. Those on the receiving end of our kindness, compassion and assistance will remember.

Most agree that material things are not the most important bequests. Perhaps there's nothing better than helping to shape our children into really good people, who will make the world a better place.

H. Jackson Brown Jr. once said that we parents should live in a way that when our kids think of fairness, caring and integrity, they think of us.

We hope they explore, experience, love and feel joy. We hope they have the intestinal fortitude to face and overcome obstacles. We hope they embrace change, opportunity and one another.

I'm not sure we all constantly think of this, but when we do, perhaps it gives

us a tiny sense of immortality. In a way, we all live much longer in the hearts and minds of those who love us.

Other "gifts" to our children are their siblings. When mom and dad are gone, they will still have one another to love, lean on and console.

Our trio will hopefully rely on one another's best qualities to succeed, to share, to achieve. I told them they have a whole lifetime to celebrate one another's milestones – weddings, children, family gatherings and holidays.

The cycle continues as it always has, and always will.

Kids are like wind-up toy boats placed in a calm pond. Tighten the spring mechanism and let them loose. Watch as they navigate the waters, dashing to and fro. Sure, they will likely bump into things along the way, but ultimately, the ride is a fun one, while it lasts.

Of course, our children grow up quite quickly, almost too quickly. I blame it on the processed cheese slices and those delicious tiny white donuts.

Our 20-somethings still seem fragile to me. They seldom ask for advice. Sure, they're quick to ask for favours and other stuff, but advice, na, they think they know better.

I can't imagine being 20 these days, amidst conflict, uncertainty, a high cost of living, and almost unreachable home ownership.

Our eldest is off to the races, and through hard work and determination finished her master's degree and secured a solid job. She has also figured out the secret of a work-life balance and takes time to enjoy the outdoors, yoga, quiet time, reflection and faith.

Our son's head is quite literally filled with so many conflicting thoughts and ideas, I don't how he doesn't just blow. He's in tune with the current political climate, for the first time ever. He's engaged.

He's not a fan of "working for the man," and would rather be an entrepreneur. But when I tell him about all the rules, regulations, bank loans, taxes and consumer fickleness, he's gets dissuad-

ed. While I don't mean to burst bubbles, it's my job as an adult to at least inform him of the pitfalls that await.

No, the current system is not fair, equitable or easy. Navigating the current and future waters will take a lot of skill. I don't envy them.

As for our youngest, I really don't know what it's like to be a young woman these days and it's been a few decades since I suffered from angst myself. I do sympathize and try to be supportive. We have her back.

She's trying to find her way and select an enjoyable and fruitful career path.

Kim and I help, but the world changes constantly, so much so that it's hard to keep up sometimes. For me, being a dad consists of being grumpy and knowing things!

There are so many self-help books, videos and resources available to us. But maybe finding happiness is not our ultimate goal at all.

No, my friends, our "legacy" is not to have attained fame, fortune or happiness. It's to be useful, responsible, compassionate, empathetic, generous and more. It's about making a difference.

Just think how our society could blossom if we eliminated selfish, greedy pursuits, and concentrated on being better, raising better, contributing more and taking less.

My hope is that our children grasp these humanitarian concepts and carry them forward. They are the future. They may not fully realize the weight they will carry, but they are the movers, shakers, decision-makers, shapers and healers.

I'm not sure if I turned out the way m parents had hoped. It's moot at this point. I don't think I have many regrets and have but a few things left to say and impart.

Is love enough of an impact? I want people to remember me for being honest, genuine and yes, funny. I want people to smile when they think of me. I want my kids to regale theirs with tales of dad's adventures.

Legacy? Hell ya!

Letter to the Editor

Tackling salt pollution must start now – so why the dithering?

For a country that prides itself on freshwater opportunities, it's a mystery why Ontario has not moved forward with urgency on addressing salt pollution. Attorney General and MPP Doug Downey, Barrie Springwater Oro-Medonte, has the power to make the changes we need. Will he do it?

Salt pollution is growing in streams, lakes and groundwater in southern Ontario's urbanized areas, and as the road network expands, so will the damage. Freshwater critters, like many types of Zooplankton, can't adapt to salt water conditions, and at elevated levels they die. They are important parts of our lakes' and rivers' food chains, which our fishermen and women rely on.

Voluntary programs and Best Management Practices have reduced the salt application rate, but chloride (salt) levels are not going down in our waterways. Indeed, chloride concentrations in Ontario streams and lakes have doubled since the 1960s. Reacting to the clear but slow moving crisis, Conservation Authorities from the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Region wrote in their Discussion Paper of March 2024:

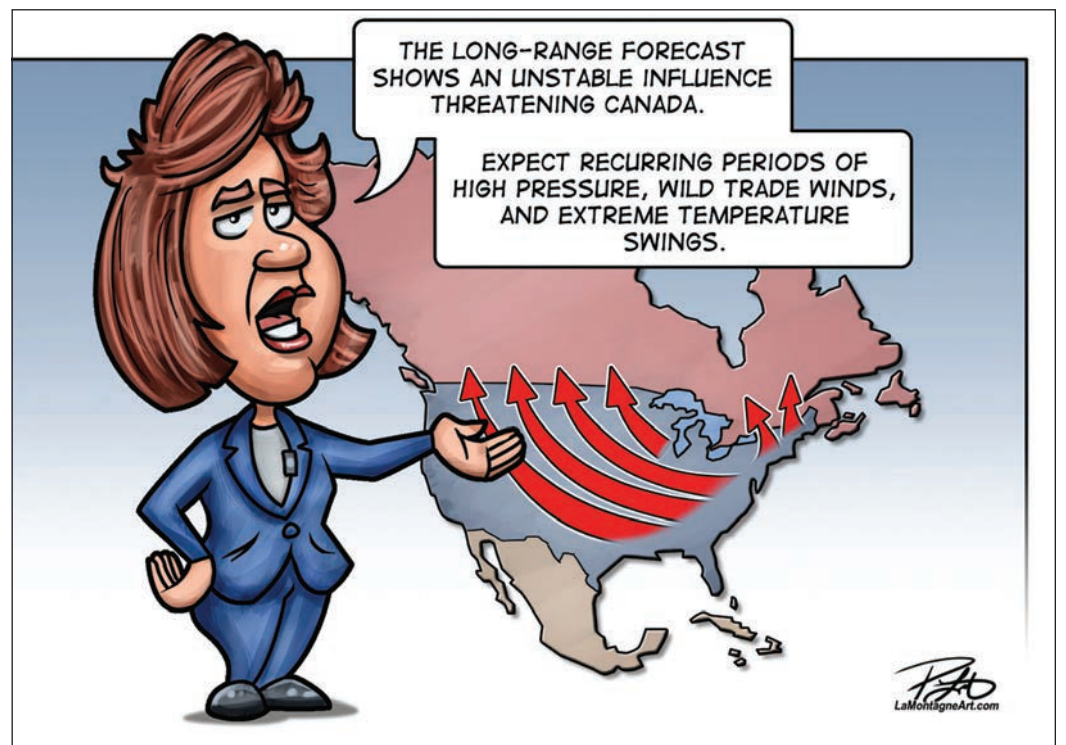
"It is not expected that current salting policies will have a significant impact in reduction of salt trends. Risk Management Plans to manage the salt issue do not appear to be having the desired effect & take a great deal of municipal resources."

Landscape Ontario and the Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition (<https://saltcoalition.ca/>), which the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition is part of, have part of the solution, and have been asking Ontario to act since late 2023. Together, these groups are asking Ontario to create a certification program for the snow and ice management sector and private parking lot owners which uses provincial best management practices, eliminates hazards on sites, and would reduce the financial risk from slip and falls claims that plague the sector.

Politicians keep telling us that the same old approach is going to work.

The experts are pretty clearly telling us, it's not.

Claire Malcolmson
Executive Director
Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition



Quote of the Week

"How we look after each other, not how we look after ourselves. That's all that really matters."

— Tommy Douglas

Trivia Tidbits

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

a) Yes ██████████ **100%**

b) No ██████████ **0%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you paying closer attention to what the parties are saying in this election?

a) Yes
b) No

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By David Suzuki

Environment

It's election time in Canada. All elections are important, but the April 28 election comes at a critical time. We're facing an increasingly costly, accelerating climate crisis, daily plant and animal extinctions, a worsening affordability crisis, a widening wealth gap and rising anti-democratic authoritarianism in parts of the world.

Canada is caught between two superpowers, the United States and Russia, but few would have thought it was our neighbour to the south we'd have to defend against. With confusing on-and-off-again tariffs, threats to make Canada the 51st state and claims on our water and other natural riches, the U.S. administration seems determined to weaken our economy and bend us to its will.

Although we share many ties with the U.S. — cultural, geographic, historical, familial and economic — we are distinct. Of course we're not perfect, but we have universal health care and other benefits; a high standard of living; a diverse, skilled and educated population and respect for fundamental civil liberties, such as freedom of expression and assembly. We may have a long way to go, but we've made strides toward greater social justice and environmental protection.

We need political leaders who will maintain and build on the strengths we've developed over our troubled history. We also need decision-makers who will take the climate and biodiversity crises seriously, who will strengthen measures to reduce emissions and pollution while ensuring that no one gets left behind in the energy transition. We need a government that respects Indigenous governance, rights and title.

Many of these issues shouldn't even be political. I remember in the 1980s when climate change really appeared on the public radar. Leaders including Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, U.S. President George H.W. Bush, Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev and U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher all urged greater environmental protections and strong measures to reduce the climate threat.

But fossil fuel industrialists aren't ready to give up their obscenely enormous profits, no matter how much damage their products cause. Their wealth allows them to influence politicians and governments through lobbying, campaign financing and more. They also shape public policy and opinion through media ties and fake grassroots or "astroturf" organizations.

The wealthy Koch family network, which has global interests in oil, plastics, forestry and more, has been a driving force behind the Cato Institute, the Federalist Society, the American Enterprise Institute, Canada's Fraser Institute and the Heritage Foundation. The latter is responsible for Project 2025, the far right blueprint for the current U.S. administration.

We can't let billionaires and oligarchs determine our direction, and we can't let what's happening in the U.S. spill over into Canada. We need to protect and strengthen our democracy and the shared values it's built on.

Our politics have become too divided over issues that shouldn't be divisive, such as the need for clean air, safe water, toxic-free food and a stable climate. We face serious threats, from climate disruption to dumbfounding U.S. ag-

gression. Policy differences are healthy, but some things should not be in dispute — including the need to tackle the climate crisis and to stay strong in the face of U.S. bullying.

This is a time for everyone in Canada to stand united.

Politicians and political parties exist to represent our interests — even though some appear to be more concerned about their billionaire backers than the public. It's up to us to tell them what we expect. Most people in Canada want continued progress on issues ranging from climate change to nature preservation and restoration. We want to maintain our strengths as a distinct nation — our diversity, social programs, education and health care systems and freedoms.

The most important thing we can do as adults is vote. But to really do our part, we should talk to candidates from all parties to ensure they'll strive to protect and improve our environment, social programs, economy and independence. This is a good time to get informed, go to town halls, talk to

friends, neighbours and family, write letters to your local news outlets or join campaigns.

No matter which party you vote for on April 28 (or earlier), make sure it is committed to keeping our environment healthy and our country strong and free.

This is an important time to be involved. Please vote!

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History of U.S. resistance to border with Canada

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The border between Canada and the U.S. is the longest in the world by length at 8,891 kilometres.

While the two countries share this vast friendly border, its establishment wasn't easy. Throughout history, the U.S. resisted and delayed the implementation of this board.

The Treaty of Paris of 1783 ended the American Revolutionary War between Great Britain and the United States. In the second article of the Treaty, the parties agreed on all boundaries of the United States, including, but not limited to, the boundary to the north along what was then British North America. The agreed-upon boundary included the line from the northwest angle of Nova Scotia to the northwesternmost head of the Connecticut River and proceeded down along the middle of the river to the 45th parallel of north latitude. This saw Canada dipping into New York and Vermont.

The British and American committees that met after the War of 1812 to resolve boundary disputes recognized there would be much animosity in surveying the watershed boundary, and agreed on a simpler border solution in the Treaty of 1818: the 49th parallel.

The treaty of 1908 between His Majesty King Edward VII and the United States respecting the demarcation of the international boundary between the United States and Canada, was signed at Washington on April 11, 1908:

On April 11, 1908, the United Kingdom and the United States agreed, under Article IV of the Treaty of 1908,

concerning the boundary between the United States and the Dominion of Canada from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, to survey and delimit the boundary between Canada and the U.S. through the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes, by modern surveying techniques, and thus accomplished several changes to the border.

The agreement stated, in part: "The United States of America and His Majesty Edward the Seventh, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, and Emperor of India, being desirous of providing for the more complete definition and demarcation of the international boundary between the United States and the Dominion of Canada, have for that purpose resolved to conclude a Treaty, and to that end have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

"The President of the United States of America, Elihu Root, Secretary of State of the United States; His Britannic Majesty, Right Honourable James Bryce, O.M., his Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Washington."

According to U.S. President Donald Trump: "Canada would be great as our cherished 51st state .. you wouldn't have any borders ... when you take away that artificial line .. looks like it was done with a roller ... some guy sat there years ago and went (gesture)."

Mr. President, this "guy" was former U.S. Republican politician, and statesman Elihu Root, who served as the 41st United States Secretary of War under president William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt.

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“From farm to table, when you buy local, you’re making a choice that extends far beyond the immediate satisfaction of a quality, homegrown product – you’re choosing to support Ontario, our communities and our economy,” Ethan Wallace, Vice President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture. “Buying local food, flowers, fibre and fuel also supports the preservation of our farmland – our most precious natural resource and one of the strongest tools we have to bolster Ontario against the threat of international political unrest.”

Many local agricultural products are available all year long. Ontario-raised pork and beef, for example,

can be found at markets, restaurants, stores and even online delivery services province-wide – whether fresh, frozen, processed, cured or prepared into ready-made meals.

Other products that are always in season? Think most root vegetables, meat and poultry, fish, eggs, dairy, wines and craft beverages, greens, honey, and greenhouse vegetables.

Greenhouses are also the year-round source of fresh Ontario potted plants and flowers, tulips, freesias, gerberas and more. More than 70% of Ontario’s flower production is exported to the United States, with almost 40% of those sales taking place between March and May. This year, support the more than 200 Ontario flower greenhouses and their 9,000 workers and make your flower choice a local one.

March is typically when the sap start flowing in maple trees, and that means Ontario sugarbushes and farm-made maple syrup. A cold, snowy winter raises expectations of a good year for Ontario’s maple syrup producers. Find one near you at ontariomaple.com.

The OFA’s Home Grown campaign raises awareness of the importance of preserving Ontario farmland for the production of food, fuel, flowers and fibre. Regular updates on products grown and raised in Ontario and when this year’s harvest will start to be available can be found at homegrownofa.ca.

“As we celebrate the arrival of spring, let’s take this opportunity to renew our commitment to Ontario food and farming,” adds Wallace. “Our choices matter, and by making a conscious effort to buy local, we are supporting our province, our communities and businesses, and our economy at a time when it’s needed most.”

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) represents 38,000 farm families across the province and serves as the leading advocate and strongest voice of Ontario’s farmers. As a dynamic farmer-led organiza-

tion, the OFA represents and champions the interests of Ontario farmers through advocacy and government relations, research and farm policy recommendations, media and public relations, community representation, and more.

Join the conversation on X @OntarioFarms, Instagram @ontariofarms and Facebook /ontariofarms.

A public awareness initiative of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Home Grown’s objective is to raise awareness about the importance of protecting and preserving Ontario farmland. Learn more about the key role of Ontario farms as a source of food, fuel, fibre and flowers and get regular updates on products grown and raised in Ontario by joining Home Grown Ontario.

Follow Home Grown on Instagram @homegrownofa.

Raney is King-Vaughan Green candidate

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Hot off the provincial election campaign trail, King’s Ann Raney is carrying the Green banner into the federal election.

Ann was the King-Vaughan Green Party candidate for the 2015 and 2019 federal elections, and believes in non-partisan politics between election periods.

Growing up in Thornhill, Ann has lived in King-Vaughan for the past 19 years with her husband, Helmut. Both enjoy spending time outdoors with family and friends.

As a professional engineer, Ann comes with a wealth of knowledge and practical experiences. Her first degree in physical metallurgy, led her to work as a design and production engineer of microwave switches for a communication satellite sub-contractor in Ontario (ComDev). However, Ann’s work has primarily been in historical building conservation with contractors and as a consultant, where she utilized her master’s in structural engineering. Additionally, she has a degree in education.

Ann’s enthusiasm has been a driving force in organizing community volunteers and as a front-line volunteer her-

self. She has helped and worked with seniors, been a counsellor for at-risk youth, a math tutor, a distress phone-line volunteer and executive, and a soccer coach. Since 2015, she has directed her energy toward local climate action initiatives and supporting the private sponsorship of refugees.

Favouring long-view leadership and the pragmatic policies of the Green Party of Canada, as your representative, Ann will work diligently to represent King-Vaughan’s people in Parliament and inform constituents with weekly updates and town halls.

Raney says she will work toward building alliances for climate action, a resilient clean economy, a caring society, and a return to peace and diplomacy. In Parliament, she will collaborate with others to respectfully offer improvements or constructive criticism as an effective opposition MP is required to do.

As a Green MP she will help to ensure the new government is transparent, fiscally responsible, socially progressive, and environmentally focused for the short and long term as we reorder our economy to be resilient and robust.

“We all must pull together to create more possibilities for everyone, now, and in the future,” she says.

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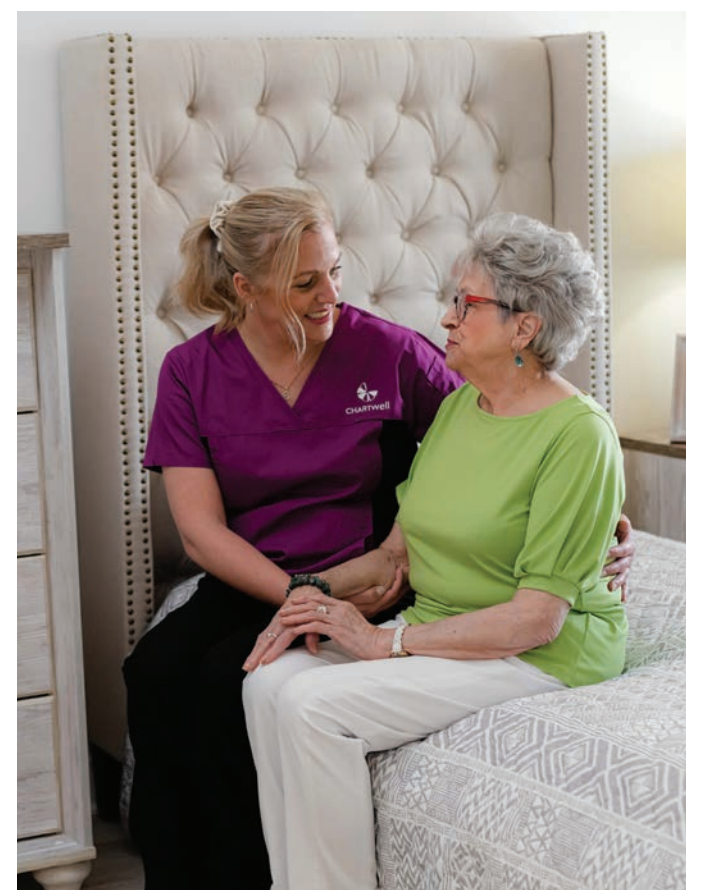
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Olivia Forte in the running to be crowned Miss Canada Universe

By Jim Stewart

Olivia Forte aspires to be the next Miss Canada Universe and her dream of being a national goodwill ambassador on the international stage got closer to fruition last week.

The lifelong King City resident was chosen as one of 60 delegates for the pageant from a pool of thousands of candidates across Canada.

York Region supporting local economy in response to tariffs

York Regional Council approved several procurement changes to help mitigate the impact of U.S. tariffs. While a trade dispute threatens to increase costs for businesses and consumers, disrupt supply chains and put local jobs at risk, these initiatives aim to build economic resilience and ensure long-term prosperity in York Region.

“York Regional Council remains committed to supporting residents and local businesses, especially as we navigate the potential impacts of U.S. tariffs,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. “These changes to purchasing authority provide additional flexibility, helping us to remain financially responsible while trying to minimize disruptions across our communities.”

Key highlights include:

Amendments to Procurement Bylaw (2021-103): Increasing the low-dollar value purchasing thresholds from \$100,000 to \$133,800 to align with provincial trade agreements while providing flexibility.

Increasing Low-Dollar Value Purchases threshold: The increased purchasing threshold through the amendment to the bylaw will encourage purchasing from Canadian suppliers where applicable.

Advocacy for Trade Barrier Removal: Exploring efforts to reduce barriers to free movement of goods, services and labour within Canada.

“While York Region’s economy is strong and diverse, the introduction of tariffs and heightened economic uncertainty impacts all local municipalities,” said Township of King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of Finance and Administration. “Increasing purchasing thresholds supports the Region’s response to tariffs by encouraging purchasing from Canadian suppliers while ensuring compliance with trade treaty requirements.”

York Region will continue to monitor the economic landscape and is working with partners and other levels of government to assess potential implications for residents, businesses and the Region’s fiscal plan. Efforts include business recovery support partnerships, research and analysis, business advisory services and promoting local shopping to strengthen the economy.

For more information on local business supports and resources, supporting the local economy and navigating the economic impacts in response to tariffs, visit york.ca/Tariffs

Salamanders returning

York Region and Toronto Region Conservation Authority are collaborating to protect Jefferson Salamanders. During their seasonal migration, Jefferson Salamanders cross Stouffville Road, leading to intermittent road closures during rain events to ensure their safe passage. Through May 2, Jefferson Salamanders, an endangered species, will cross Stouffville Road between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street in the City of Richmond Hill to return to their summer breeding grounds. Intermittent overnight road closures are in effect from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. to ensure the safety of the salamanders.



Forte will compete in the 2025 Miss Canada Universe preliminary show at the St. Clair College Chrysler Theatre in Windsor on August 7. The final show will be on August 9. If the 19-year-old captures the crown in August, she would represent Canada at the Miss Universe Pageant in Thailand in November.

Nobleton’s Tim Hortons was an appropriate setting to interview a Miss Canada Universe contestant on a Sunday afternoon at the tail end of an ice storm. The poised and articulate graduate of King City Secondary School looked right at home and comfortable at the iconic coffee shop on Highway 27.

Forte expressed her gratitude toward her family and to the residents of King Township after being selected for the upcoming Miss Canada Universe pageant: “My biggest supporters are my mom and dad and my older brother, Andrew. So many people have been so generous. My neighbor Anna has helped me pay for my makeup, dresses, and travel costs. I’ve been able to secure sponsors in King City who have donated items that I’ll be using in Windsor. Celeste recently donated \$1,000 to help me with my costs with the pageant. It feels good to know my community is cheering for me.”

In addition to the local support she has received from the King Township community, Forte also described her inspirational connection to her faith community at Sacred Heart Parish in King City: “The most important aspect in my life is my faith in God. It’s important to me because we all go through things than can be difficult. I’ve learned there’s a bigger reason for our pain. One of my favorite Biblical passages is ‘For those who believe in God and are called to his purpose, all good will happen to them.’ I have a spiritual power within me that keeps me believing and achieving. I feel that I am here to help my community and that I have come to serve others.”

Forte expressed her admiration of her teachers’ call to service at King City Secondary School and described her experience at high school: “I loved it. I miss it. One of my teachers, Ms. Le, assigned us a project on what we wanted to be when we left high school. She mentioned that she couldn’t wait to see how I’d fulfill my goals. I appreciated everything my teachers did for me. They taught me about resilience and instilled core values that encouraged us to make positive change in our communities. I learned from them that it’s important to keep trying.”

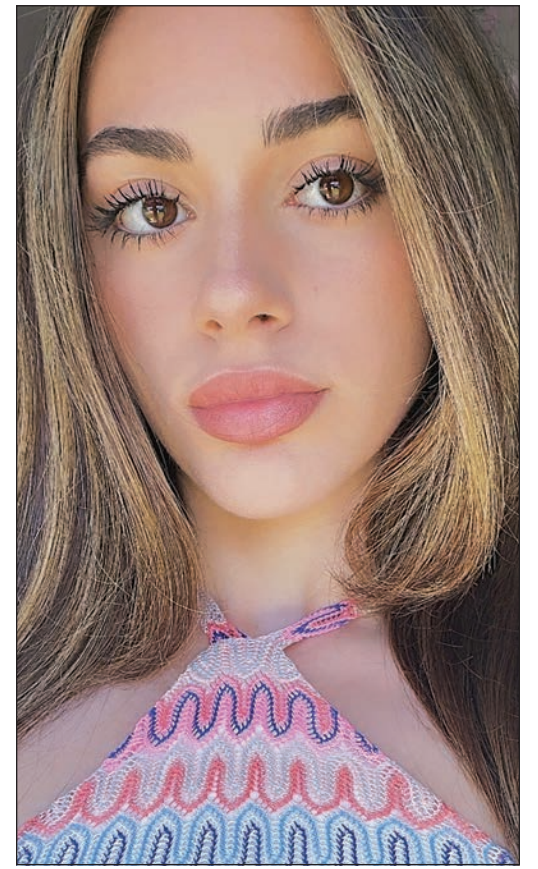
Forte contemplated the implications of not succeeding at the pageant as well as the brighter prospects of winning in Windsor: “If I don’t win, I won’t let it be a setback. As Denzel Washington said, ‘Fall forward, don’t fall back.’ I would accept not winning this pageant as a stepping stone to future success. If I win, there’s a great humanitarian aspect built into the role of Miss Canada Universe. I would want to share my story about overcoming an eating disorder earlier in my life and help others who might be facing the same challenges.

“I would love the world travel that would come with the job. The best part, for me, would be meeting people and sharing our stories. I love knowing people – to know them deeply – and to create lasting friendships, especially with other contestants. I would like to leave a positive impact on the world.”

In addition to her call to service, Forte also shared her calling to create art and discussed her lifelong love of drawing:

“I’ve always been a doodler. I love to draw. I had great art teachers and won an art award in high school. I feel power in drawing. It’s an emotional and creative outlet for me. I’ve drawn at times simply to give my subjects life and it’s fun to capture what the mind is thinking in images that you create.”

While Forte has an eye for artistic detail and revels in its recreational



King City’s Olivia Forte qualified as one of 60 finalists for the Miss Canada Universe Pageant in August.

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benefits, the King City teenager’s eyes remain on the prize in August: “I want to represent Canada at the Miss Universe pageant in November. Canada means so much to me because of my family’s connection to it. My family immigrated to Canada from Italy and my grandparents and parents have given us so much so we could live our best life. I want to give back to them and to my country by helping Canadians in my role.

“I’m here to help. I’ve come to serve and help solve the challenges facing our nation. Affordable housing and food uncertainty – including right here in King Township, too, with our Food Bank – are two big problems we have to solve as a country.”



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Council moves ahead on Highway 11 corridor plans

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The long-awaited policy integrating the Highway 11 corridor at King's north end, has been approved.

King councillors approved staff recommendations recently. Mayor Steve Pellegrini, along with staff support, also added two parcels to the plan area, and an intention to designate one property as a heritage site.

The policies and legislation introduced new permitted uses and land use permissions in the area, to bolster local commercial activity. Staff noted the draft policy framework evolved based on consultation with landowners, interested parties, agencies and rights holders, including Indigenous Communities, to ensure that the framework preserves and enhances natural heritage features and areas of archaeological potential.

Located in the northeast corner of the Township along Highway 11, spanning from Bathurst Street in the east to the Holland River in the west.

The corridor is recognized as contributing to the rural economy and is located at a key location, given its proximity to urban centres in the abutting municipalities of Bradford West Gwillimbury and East Gwillimbury. The Corridor functions as a highway commercial strip, with uses to serve the travelling public, such as service stations, motels, and restaurants. In addition, the Corridor also contributes to King's vibrant countryside with farmland, forests and wetlands, and is in close proximity to agricultural lands, including the provincially

recognized Holland Marsh Specialty Crop Area. The Corridor is recognized as contributing to the rural economy, and as being crucial in supporting functional and economic connections to the agri-food network.

The Corridor is a part of the Greenbelt Plan's Protected Countryside and contains historically established commercial and other uses; directs that a land use study of the Highway 11 Corridor be conducted; and the Study Area limits would be determined during the Study period.

To support a long-term strategy that facilitates the regeneration of the Highway 11 Corridor, the Project Team has developed a proposed land use planning framework.

Staff drew praise for some "out of the box" uses in the area. The area will have access to the Bradford Bypass and it's linked to King's over-arching economic plans and strategies. It's well suited for some agricultural related uses.

Staff agreed to expand the area to include two Toll Road lots near the marina, and designate one – at 650 Toll Road – as heritage, since it contains one of the few remaining gatekeepers houses.

While the plans took almost a decade to complete, the results were worth waiting for, according to the mayor and Councillor Avia Eek.

Eek added the complex project took more than a decade, but staff took it and "ran with it." Residents and stakeholders all came together to make it happen.

By reducing development charges, streamlining application processes, collaborating with neighboring mu-

nicipalities like Bradford, and investing in strategic public-realm improvements, King Township can unlock the immense potential of the Highway 11 Corridor. Designating the area under a "Special Policy" in the Official Plan can safeguard King's long-term vision and provide a road map for responsible, future-forward development.

These efforts will strengthen the local economy and boost employment opportunities, while paving the way for complete communities that balance economic prosperity, environmental stewardship, and a high quality of life for residents. With focused action and close collaboration—both internally and with regional partners—the Highway 11 Corridor can become a dynamic gateway that reflects King Township's commitment to sustainable development, community vitality, and forward-thinking municipal leadership.

The Township commenced the Highway 11 Corridor Study in October 2023 and retained planning consulting services from WSP Canada. The purpose of the Study was to develop a land use planning framework to enable regeneration of the Corridor by maximizing opportunities for properties within the Corridor, while working within the context of the applicable Provincial Plans

and policies.

Phase 1 of the Study involved development of a detailed Engagement and Consultation Plan to ensure meaningful engagement opportunities were available for the public, Council, landowners, interested parties, Indigenous communities, external agencies including York Region and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), and the neighbouring municipalities of Bradford West Gwillimbury and East Gwillimbury.

Meetings and one-on-one interviews with landowners and stakeholders were held, along with discussions with York Region staff, members of LSRCA and Alderville First Nation.

The proposed amendments conform to applicable Provincial legislation and policies, including the Planning Act, Greenbelt Plan, new Provincial Planning Statement, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan.

These policies are designed to work together and enhance existing Official Plan policies to provide opportunities for new development while also requiring the protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural heritage system, archaeological resources, and the agricultural system.

King's top wage-earners noted

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

(\$184,402).

Jennifer Ignoto-Caietta, Director of Corporate Services (\$177,518), and Mayor Steve Pellegrini (\$170,316) followed. Next was Kyle Snell, manager of environmental services, with a salary of \$169,060. Transportation Manager Barry Budhu was next with \$162,553, followed by Andrew Quattrocchi, chief building official, came in at \$160,919.

By comparison, King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce was paid \$166,084.68, the same as York-Simcoe MPP Caroline Mulroney. Also by comparison, Premier Doug Ford earned just under \$210,000 last year.

Compensation in sectors that saw the largest year-over-year increases can be attributed to across-the-board salary adjustments, retroactive payments made in the 2024 calendar year and the most recent collective bargaining outcomes. Nearly half of the growth on the list was driven by the school board sector, with teachers contributing to 87 per cent of this increase. The total salaries for school board employees across the province hit \$16.1-billion last year, up from \$10-billion in 2023.

The Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996 requires organizations that receive public funding from the Province of Ontario to make public, by March 31 each year, the names, positions, salaries and total taxable benefits of employees paid \$100,000 or more in the previous calendar year.

A total of 67 King Township staffers – earning \$100,000 or more – combined for a total of roughly \$9-million last year. It was a 16.6% hike over the salaries paid out in 2023.

The local staffers are on what's colloquially known as the "Sunshine List."

The Ontario government, last week, released the salaries of Ontario Public Service and broader public sector employees who were paid \$100,000 or more in 2024.

The "list" totals close to 400,000 public servants, raking in a whopping \$51-billion in salaries and benefits.

The three highest income earners were employees of Ontario Power Generation.


The following are among the top wage-earners in King. The complete list is available through the Ministry at Ontario.ca/salarydisclosure

The top civil servant in King last year was CAO Dan Kostopoulos with a salary of just over \$309,900.




Next were Public Works Director Samantha Fraser, Director of Growth Management Services Stephen Naylor and Treasurer Peggy Tollett, all with salaries of \$213,745.

They were followed by Chris Fasciano, Director of Community Services, with a pay of \$211,756.

Next up were Fire Chief Jim Wall (\$186,856), former clerk Kathryn Moyle



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Trust and respect are keys to successful dog training

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Our canine family members love us unconditionally.

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That takes training, practice and some key fundamental behavioural tweaks.

Dog training is often essential, and an award-winning Amaranth-based facility, backed by decades of experience, can help. Their techniques and instructions are not rocket science, but the results are literally out of this world.

AgapiK9 President and CEO Matthew Slack loves witnessing the transformation of his students – both canine and human.

Successful dog training, he says, hinges on a combination of consistency, clear communication, and understanding the dog’s perspective.

“At AgapiK9, we emphasize the importance of establishing a solid foundation of trust and respect between the dog and the handler,” he said. And that involves some key ingredients.

Consistency: Dogs thrive on routine and clear expectations. Consistent commands, rewards, and corrections help them understand what is expected.

Positive Reinforcement: Rewarding desired behaviors encourages dogs to repeat them. This can include treats, praise, or play.

Patience: Every dog learns at its own pace. Patience is crucial, as is celebrating small victories along the way.

Adaptability: No two dogs are the same, and training should be tailored to the individual dog’s temperament, needs, and learning style.

Understanding Canine Behavior: A deep understanding of canine behavior helps trainers anticipate challenges and address them effectively.

“Our approach at AgapiK9 combines these elements with our decades of expertise, resulting in well-rounded, confident, and obedient dogs.”

Matt is quick to point out that the reality is you can have results or excuses, not both. “Dog training is not a one-time event; it’s a lifelong commitment.”

Owners need to understand that the effort they put into training is directly proportional to the results they see.

Daily Practice: Consistent daily practice reinforces learning and helps the dog retain skills.

Engagement: Training sessions should be engaging and fun for both the dog and the owner to strengthen their bond.

Patience and Persistence: Progress can be slow, but persistence pays off. Celebrate each step forward, no matter how small.

Being a Leader: Dogs need clear and confident leadership. Establishing yourself as a calm and assertive leader helps your dog feel secure.

“At AgapiK9, we support owners in this journey, providing guidance, encouragement and the highest-level education possible to help them stay committed and reap the rewards of a well-trained companion.”

Slack stresses that dogs possess an incredible array of abilities that make them exceptional companions and working partners. Their loyalty, intelligence, and capacity to learn and adapt are nothing short of “inspiring. I love watching dogs harness their natural abilities and thrive in environments where they are understood and appreciated.”

Dogs are 98.8% DNA of a wolf yet they have an unparalleled ability to connect with humans emotionally, providing comfort and companionship, that’s pretty special.

For Slack and his team, training dogs is a fulfilling experience that combines passion with purpose. “What I love most is witnessing the transformation in both the dogs and their owners.”

Empowerment: Helping owners learn how to effectively communicate with their dogs empowers them to build stronger relationships.

Growth: Seeing a dog progress from basic obedience to advanced skills is incredibly rewarding.

Problem-Solving: Every dog presents unique challenges, and developing solutions tailored to each one keeps the work exciting and dynamic.

Impact: Knowing that our training improves the quality of life for both the dogs and their owners is deeply satisfying.

“At AgapiK9, every success story fuels our passion for what we do, inspiring us to keep pushing the boundaries of excellence in dog training.”



Matt Slack with Nitro

AgapiK9 stands out due to its award-winning, bespoke training programs, deep expertise, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

“Our holistic approach ensures each training experience is tailored to the unique needs of every dog and owner, and we confidently back our methods with a satisfaction guarantee or your money back. With over 45 years of experience in elite dog training, our methods are time-tested and proven effective across various disciplines.”

Services include Board and Train (great for busy professionals or those vacationing), from Basic to Advanced Group Classes, Private 1-on-1 lessons,

Boarding, Valet pick-up services and more.

We found Matt to be engaging, focussed and confident – qualities he expects from his students. He explains how dogs think and why repetition in training exercises is so important. It’s a team effort, one that definitely sees results.

His one-on-one sessions are vital and so important in the process. He offers an initial assessment as well.

If you’re considering training for your beloved dog, you have to check out AgapiK9.

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From Ice Age to present day: A journey through the history of King Township

By Kim Sillcox

Three years ago, at the outset of the King Township Historical Society's 50th anniversary year, local author and King resident Ann Love and King's retired deputy chief librarian Sharon Bentley, took on the monumental task of writing "The History of King Township: A Community Shaped by the Land."

The book, which chronicles the fascinating evolution of King Township, will make its debut on Thursday, April 24 at 4:30 p.m. at a special book launch hosted by the KTHS at the Township Municipal Centre.

Entirely funded in advance by generous donors throughout the Township, this project faced significant challenges during the pandemic due to the closure of archives across the province. Undeterred, Ann and Sharon embraced the challenge and proposed a fresh approach – one that would explore the history of King through the lens of its landscape. Their vision was to delve into how the land and natural environment have transformed over time, and how people have adapted to and shaped it.

In their approach, Ann and Sharon made it clear that they wouldn't be retelling the stories of the growth of our villages and hamlets or focusing on landmarks like Eaton Hall or Mary Lake, as Elizabeth Gillham and Kelly Mathews had already done in previous books. Instead, they sought to offer a new narrative, one that would highlight the evolution of both the land and the community, using fresh perspectives on key events like Simcoe's legacy, the first settlements, and the Lloydtown Rebellion.

As the project progressed, the duo set an ambitious goal: to have the book completed in time for the Township's 175th anniversary year. For the following two years, Sharon scoured both online and physical archives, utilizing digitized newspapers, community museums, university collections, and government records across Ontario and North America. She also organized research trips to the Ontario Archives and numerous visits with long-time King residents.

Meanwhile, Ann worked tirelessly on the writing, often uncovering fascinating stories she felt could not be left out of the book. To enrich the narrative, she has included vignettes by local authors – many of whom are no longer with us – that had previously been featured in the KTHS newsletter. These stories, shared by voices from King's past and present, offer intimate glimps-

es into the Township's history, including:

Out of Sight by Margie Kenedy; Responding to Need, Adapting to Change Part 1: The Wheat Barn by Phyllis Vernon; What Happened to the Rank-and-File Rebels from King? by Patricia Blackstock; Septimus Tyrwhitt by Bertrand Duclos; Henry Frost by Richard Vien; Responding to Need, Adapting to Change Part 2: The Bank Barn by Phyllis Vernon; Whatever Need Existed in the Community; the Institute Was There by Louise Di Iorio; The Long-Lost Trail by Ken Carter; The Mount St. Francis Catholic Land Settlement Corporation by Bev Flanagan; The Lady in the Mud House: Blair's Story (1884 – 1985) by Gillian Watt; Pine Farms Orchard by Tony Rolph; The Pottageville Swamp: Zoological Studies Begin in Ontario by Vicki Hotte; King Township Public Library by Gordon Craig and Sharon Bentley; Hospice King by Susan Deschamps and Philomena Duley, and The Accidental Archives by Elsa-Ann Pickard.

Throughout the writing process, Ann and Sharon continued to weave these vignettes into the book, enhancing its depth and richness. By the time the manuscript was complete, they had crafted rough drafts for three of the book's nine sections, covering the entire span of King's history, from the end of the Ice Age to the near future.

The KTHS is deeply grateful to Ann Love and Sharon Bentley for their dedication to The History of King Township: A Community Shaped by the Land. Their meticulous research and heartfelt storytelling have given us a treasure to enjoy for generations to come. This book is truly a labour of love, celebrating the unique history of King Township and the people who have called it home.

Pre-order your copy today and save! The History of King Township will be available for \$30 online and at the April book launch, where you can have it personally signed by the authors. After the launch, copies will be available for \$40 at www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com and at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre.

Please join us on Thursday, April 24 at 4:30 p.m. at the King Township Municipal Centre for this remarkable milestone in King's history. We ask that you kindly RSVP to kinghistoricalsociety@gmail.com so we can prepare for the event.



Working on the King history book were Sharon Bentley and Ann Love. Below, an aerial shot of the beauty that is King Township.



King holds Youth Opportunity Fair

Are you a youth between the ages of 13 and 18? Need volunteer hours for your high school requirement or looking to land your first part-time job? Deciding on a college or university? Want to find a fun new activity to do outside of school?

Attend the Youth Opportunity Fair hosted by King Township's Mayor's Youth Action Team (MYAT) in partnership with King Township, on Thursday, April 10 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Zancor Centre, located at 1600 15th Sideroad in King City.

Enjoy free refreshments (while quantities last) and door prizes and meet with over 25 local businesses and community groups specializing in a range of interests, from arts, gardening and robotics to finance and cosmetics. Discuss post-secondary program opportunities with representatives from Seneca Polytechnic and Brock University. Speak one-on-one with King Township staff about aquatic programs and jobs as well as environmental initiatives or meet the crew from King Township Fire and Emergency Services. Also in attendance: representatives from the King Chamber of Commerce, York Regional Police and York Region.

Throughout the event, free drop-in recreational programming will be available to ages 13 to 18. The programming schedule includes:

Recreational sports:

- Open turf (soccer, lacrosse, frisbee – your choice!) from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - Open turf (soccer, lacrosse, frisbee – your choice!) from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - Pickleball from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
 - Basketball from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - Badminton from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
- The surrounding track (with designated lanes for walking and running) and access to fitness equipment are also available from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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CMHA launches resources to help combat chronic loneliness

By Brock Weir

Loneliness has been shown to have a negative impact on one's health, exacerbating such issues as mental health and cognitive decline.

In an effort to combat this problem and foster "a community where everyone belongs," the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region (CMHA-YRSS) and South Simcoe, in partnership with the Laboratory for Artistic Intelligence, have launched a new evidence-based resource to help local leaders take steps to end chronic loneliness in their communities.

Dubbed "Solutions for Belonging," it is a framework to implement community-based strategies to solve loneliness. It underscores that the issue can be addressed "with a community development approach that sets out specific conditions that contribute to a sense of belonging: Presence, Access, Cultures and Place."

"People need someone, someplace and something to belong to," said CMHA-YRSS CEO Rebecca Shields. "We're taking a different approach to what's been done before to address chronic loneliness. The Solutions for Belonging framework presents a community development approach we can do together to address loneliness, by creating the conditions for belonging within our communities."

Added Helen Yung, Lead Researcher for the Laboratory for Artistic Intelligence: "Belonging mitigates loneliness. Feeling supported, seen, accepted and accommodated increases feelings of wellbeing, reducing the negative effects of chronic loneliness. We've seen evidence of this in community arts, we heard it in CMHA's community consultations, and it makes intuitive sense to everyone. The key is for enabling conditions to feel authentic and appropriate."

Focusing on those key pillars of Presence, Access, Cultures and Place, the framework notes that "all people have opportunities to socialize, be vulnerable, express their feelings, feel accepted, feel respected, feel their presence matters, and feel that their humanity is reciprocated (recognized, reflected back, responded to). They have people whom they may share beliefs, experienced and understandings."

Access, in this context, includes ensuring "all people are able to access experiences, events, groups, individuals, institutions, and environments that contribute positively to their sense of belonging, the quality of their social interactions and the development of social connections."

"They feel that they have the means, permission, and ability to choose to develop satisfying connections and relationships," the report finds.

The report also defines Culture as "encompassing the stories, ideas, images, customs, values, beliefs, and practices that exert influence on people."

"In this community, cultures are factored into how people are supported in experiencing Presence and Access. Culture is also the means by which Presence and Access (even Place) are promoted and supported," the framework outlines before moving on to Place, which they define as ensuring "the physical environs of this community support Presence, Access, and cultural differences in how people need to experience Presence and Access."

According to the CMHA-YRSS, data shows that loneliness often rises in young adulthood before declining through middle adulthood, yet begins to increase again in "old age." Young people, they found, voice their experiences with loneliness more so than seniors, and in youth between the ages of

15 to 24, 23 per cent say they were "always lonely or felt lonely" compared to 14 per cent of seniors over the age of 65.

"Communities are unique, and priorities for addressing loneliness and creating belonging vary by community," said CMHA Loneliness Project Lead Karen Beitel. "Every community needs to address loneliness through a framework that factors in its own unique circumstances. With Solutions for Belonging, we believe we've provided a path forward for all communities to achieve that."

For more information on Solutions for Belonging, visit solutionsforbelonging.ca.

"It was developed with the expertise and contributions of many, including an advisory circle with members from across a variety of sectors," says CMHA-YRSS. "Community leaders are invited to take up the framework to mitigate loneliness and create belonging."



Roberts opens campaign office

Rallying to put "Canada First," a huge crowd joined Anna Roberts and special guest, Deputy Leader of Canada's Conservatives, Melissa Lantsman to officially launch her campaign for re-election in King-Vaughan. This event saw a huge turnout, and the event was not made public due to capacity issues. "My friends, this is the most important election of our lifetime. We cannot afford a fourth Liberal term," Roberts said.



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THE BEST MOVE YOU COULD MAKE

King City Skating Club's biennial production of 'Broadway on Ice' entertains hundreds at the Zancor

By Jim Stewart

The King City Skating Club presented its biennial Ice Show at the Zancor Centre on Saturday afternoon. Over 350 spectators enjoyed the Club's "Broadway on Ice" matinee, featuring a rich array of glittering costumes, stagey performances, and engaging show tunes.

Big musical numbers – from classic productions like Singin' in the Rain, The Sound of Music, Funny Girl, and Hairspray to '70s/'80s standards like Grease, Saturday Night Fever, Annie, and Footloose to modern Broadway standards like Chicago, Phantom of the Opera, The Lion King, Jersey Boys, Moulin Rouge, and Into the Woods to the cult classic The Rocky Horror Picture Show right up to contemporary productions such as Frozen, & Juliet, SpongeBob Squarepants, and The Greatest Showman – were skated to by the 70-member cast ranging from children to teenagers to adults.

Ice Show Director and lifelong King resident Brenda Tanner-Ferreira took a break between the matinee and evening shows and expressed her satisfaction about the Club's afternoon performance: "They had a great skate and the audience really appreciated it. The best part is when it all comes together. There's so much work that's gone into the production – lighting companies, camera guys, sponsorships, props painting, costume preparation. I especially loved the closing production number where they all work together from the five-year-olds to the 40-year-olds. The kids were all smiles after the show."

Tanner-Ferreira, who also serves on the KCSC Executive as the Coaches' Representative and assisted with the production's costumes and choreography, acknowledged that a show with so many moving parts is "a community effort. They've been practicing since the March Break. The Township has been so helpful. They gave us so much space

at the Zancor Centre and let us complete all our prop painting at the old Lions Arena. A big thank you to the Lions Club, too, for allowing us to store our props and show materials at the arena's buildings for over twenty years."

The amiable Ice Show Director pointed to a memorial on the first page of the 2025 Ice Show Program and remembered solemnly "the great contributions of Tom and Karen Ann Weidenfelder who passed away two days apart in January. Tom created the car and the backdrop of our ice shows and Karen is a former President and Ice Show Chair. Both were dedicated, especially to the children of our Club. They were a big part of our 50th anniversary Ice Show two years ago."

This year's Ice Show opened with twenty skaters moving fluidly through "Dancing Queen" and other lively ABBA standards from the musical Mamma Mia.

Hanna Lazarovich and Megan Lawson skated to the soundtrack of Grease in 1950s-style costumes and a six-pack of wee skaters bedecked in pink and black hockey helmets went through their paces with "September 1963" serving as background music from Jersey Boys. It was a crowd pleaser.

Equally crowd-pleasing was the skillful, graceful solo performance of Julia Ferreira who skated to the Funny Girl sounds of Barbra Streisand.

After an octet of skaters danced to the instrumental music of The Great Gatsby soundtrack, the orange-clad trio of Anelle Trushina, Cindy Luk, and Sabrina Toma offered an energetic interpretation of Moulin Rouge. Notably, Luk turned in two stellar performances at the 2025 Skate Ontario Adult championships, capturing a Silver in both Artistic and Freeskate.

In one of the more charming pieces of Act One, 11 skaters costumed as a herd of zebras and pride of lions took to the ice to bring to life the timeless "Circle of Life" from The Lion King.

The on-ice chemistry of Helena Maria Millis and Ethan Luk – fresh off winning a 2025 Skate Canada Trophy in Pre-Novice Dance – caught the attention of attendees. Their stirring performance at Zancor featured Millis's flowing black skirt and Luk looking sartorial in a striped black suit while gliding to the Beeftje soundtrack.

The show pivoted from Millis and Luk's poignant performance to 28 skaters movin' and groovin' in glittering silver costumes to Kenny Loggins's title track from Footloose. In one of the more energetic pieces of the afternoon, skaters and attendees obeyed Loggins' choral request and "Everybody cut, everybody cut, everybody cut footloose" on the ice and in the stands of the Zancor Centre.

The athleticism and grace of two pairs of skaters – Bailee Tanaka and Ethan Luk as well as Ferreira teamed with Shaan Tahir – earned the audience's enthusiastic approval as they skated to the upbeat tones of Bon Jovi's "It's My Life." All four skaters performed admirably at the provincial championships over the last two years. Ferreira and Tahir were Senior Dance partners at the 2025 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships and competed together in the 2024 Championships in the Adult Couples Elite Dance category where they earned an Adult Gold in Free Dance. Tanaka earned a Gold Artistic at the 2024 Skate Ontario Championships while Luk earned a Star 5 in Freeskate. He paired with Millis to earn a Star 6/7 in Dance, as well.



The climactic set from Act One featured Tanaka as the black-clad, white-masked Phantom of the Opera. Tanaka delivered an electric performance as she skated to the stirring title track from the famous Broadway production.

During intermission, MPP Stephen Lecce and Mayor Steve Pellegrini presented numerous club awards and distributed provincial certificates to participants then posed with the winners at center ice for a celebratory group photo.

After the presentations, Act Two kicked off with skaters donning black and white skeleton costumes and bobbing and weaving to The Addams Family soundtrack. Unfortunately, the ambient afternoon light in the JTF Homes Arena nullified the intended black light effects in an otherwise engaging performance by sixty-four skaters.

The cutest segment of Act Two featured a group of six wee skaters – decked out in yellow and blue SpongeBob Squarepants costumes – skittering around the ice surface in a tribute to the popular kids cartoon.

A highlight of the Ice Show's second act was the soaring solo performance of Ethan Luk. The talented skater assumed the persona of the legendary Fred Astaire in a Singin' in the Rain segment. Looking debonair in a grey suit, the athletic Luk leapt and darted around the rink with his ever-present black umbrella to complete his early-1950s look.


After a charming segment from The Sound of Music in which the Intermediate Skaters glided to the Van Trapp Family Singers' "So Long, Farewell," the KCSC Adult contingent skated to

the raucous cult classic "Let's Do the Time Warp Again" from The Rocky Horror Picture Show. The strong performance by all nine skaters showed that it was, indeed, "Just a jump to the left and a step to the right."

Ferreira and Tahir shone in their finale as they skated to "The Greatest Showman" soundtrack. The dynamic duet – with Ferreira resplendent in purple and Tahir so formally-attired in black and white – delighted the attendees with their showmanship.

All the segments of Act Two were represented in The Broadway Finale which included 72-two skaters swirling in set costumes at centre ice. Six conga lines rotated around a central hub of skaters to the sounds of "New York, New York." The ice spiral was a vibrant climactic image that captured the energy of a masterful inaugural performance at the Zancor Centre by the King City Skating Club.






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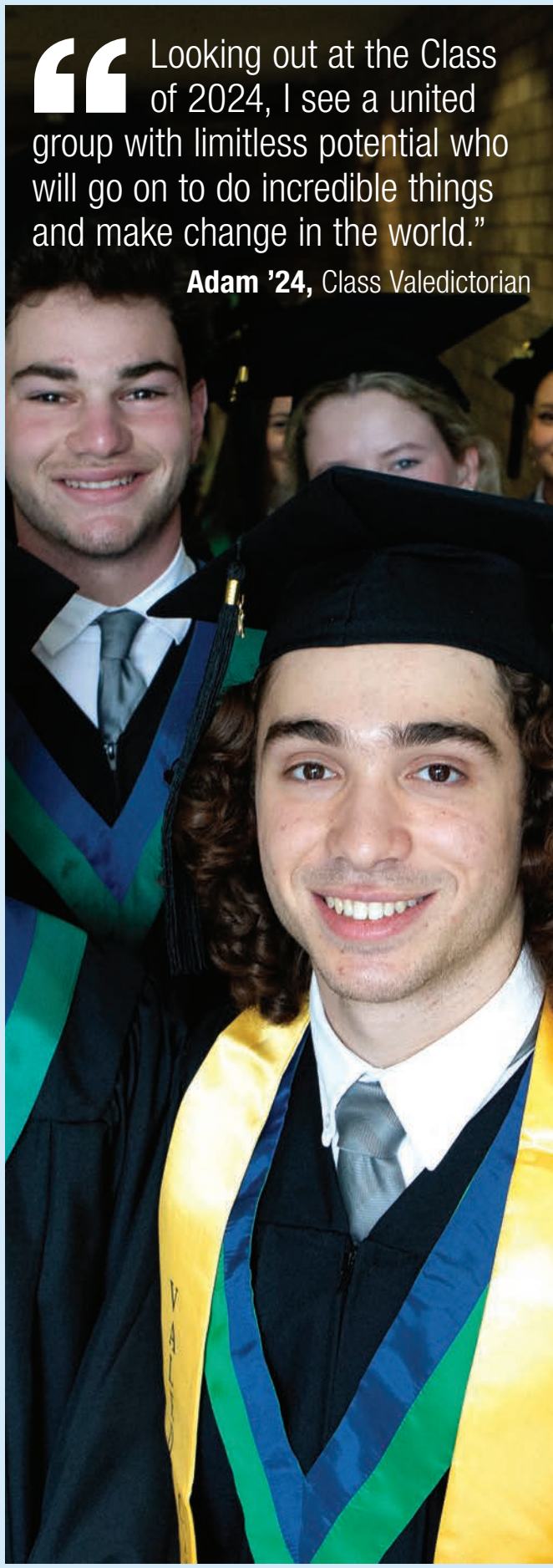


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U15 Knights win Simcoe Region Local League title

By Jim Stewart

The U15 Nobleking Knights captured the Simcoe Region Local League Championship with a 7-0 shellacking of the Lefroy Ice Breakers at the Nobleton Community Centre last Sunday. Winning the championship with seven consecutive playoff wins completed a remarkable metamorphosis by the hockey club.

The Knights rose from “Dead last in 2024” – as described by Team Manager Sarah Steed – to finishing first after the regular season with a sparkling 22-1-3 record.

The 16-team regional loop in which the Knights competed included the second-place Ice Breakers (19-3-4), third-place Oak Ridges Kings 1 (20-6-0), fourth-place Bradford Bulldogs 1 (19-5-2), and fifth-place Beeton Stingers 2 (14-8-4). Other teams in the league included the East Gwillimbury Eagles, Innisfil Winterhawks, Georgina Blaze, Schomberg Red Wings, TNT Tornados, and the Thornton Tigers.

Nobleking Head Coach Orin Del Vecchio traced his team’s roots all the way back to the darkest days of the Pandemic: “Fortunately, the best part of our success this season is that 1/3 of the team has been playing together since COVID. Finally having success after being a lower tier team for a couple of seasons and fulfilling their potential as hockey players was great to see. The playoff was really satisfying.”

Coach Del Vecchio, who has served as a volunteer coach for ten seasons, observed that the most important factor to the Knights’ playoff success was the self-control of his players: “One of the critical things that our guys showed was more discipline on the ice. We were the third-most penalized team in the league during the regular season, but when the semifinals came against the second-most penalized team and the finals came against the most penalized team, we didn’t react to the dirty play or rough stuff. To see that kind of

focus showed the maturity that developed in our players.”

The Knights’ veteran bench boss pointed to some individual achievements over the course of the regular season: “We had a couple of the guys get hat tricks during the season. Our goalie led the league in shutouts.”

However, Coach Del Vecchio preferred to emphasize how his team bought into defensive systems to ensure success: “We were a strong defensive team and supported our goalie who was only in his second season of playing at this level. We had the fewest goals allowed in the league. Our defensive play would provide turning points in games for us. If we got up by two goals, we’d always get a clutch defensive play or a big save – then the offence would take over and score goals to put the game away.”

The turning point of the season came early for the Knights. Coach Del Vecchio explained: “In our fifth game, we played one of the strongest teams in the league. When we played the Oak Ridges Kings in Richmond Hill – a traditionally-strong team which was undefeated – and beat them 6-2 at Elvis Stojko Arena, I knew we had a chance to have a good season.”

Another significant element that generated success for the Knights was the variety of voices on the staff comprised of Assistant Coach Angela Franco and fiery Trainers Ralph Garcea and Joe Rotiroti. According to Coach Del Vecchio, “Our staff was very important to our success. You can never do anything alone. All our different voices, angles, and attitudes gave the kids lots to respond to. Our trainers were often the fire and brimstone on the bench. As a result, I was able to be a moderate voice most of the time.”

Coach Del Vecchio also thanked his Team Manager Sarah Steed and the parent group as a key component in the Knights’ championship season: “Sarah did a great job with all the behind-the-scenes work. She did so much hard



work – that often goes unnoticed and under-appreciated – to get sponsors for the team and get us recognition for the things we accomplished during the season. Full credit to our parents, as well. We had the backing of the parents.”

With the players, coaching staff, and parents riding in formation, Coach Del Vecchio’s Knights swept through the best-of-three quarterfinal with 2-0 and 3-2 wins over Bradford Bulldogs Team 2. The Knights swept their best-of-five semifinal versus Bradford Bulldogs Team 1 with a range of victories: 6-1, 2-1, and 9-5.

In the best-of-five championship final series, Nobleking edged Lefroy 4-3 in Game 1 and thumped the Ice Breakers 9-2 in Game 2. The Knights punctuated their seven-game playoff heater with an emphatic 7-0 Game 3 victory. Second-year goaltender Philip Chiodo stopped every puck fired his way by the Ice Breakers to cap off a Cinderella season for the hockey club. Chiodo recorded two shutouts and a 2.00 GAA during his club’s torrid romp through

the SRRLL playoffs.

Steed expressed her satisfaction when the components of her hockey club worked together toward a common goal: “We had incredible community sponsors for a local league team to obtain, and the trainers, coaches, and parents have been so classy and supportive. We’re just so delighted these boys persevered and truly won together given how well balanced the stats were between them.”

Garcea, whose son Ethan was a member of the championship squad, summed up the season “in one word – perseverance. To go from a 1-27 last-place season with a goal differential of -135, to winning it all – kudos to the kids for sticking together and building a team bond that was unbeatable and fun to watch.”

Olga Nasrallah, whose son Sasha played for the Knights, concurred with Garcea about the team’s inspirational determination: “Defeat fuels victory. The team overcame adversity through the unbreakable bonds of teamwork.”

Champions crowned in King Curling Club action

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

As the King Curling Club approaches its final weeks of the season, the leagues have begun the crowning of League Champions.

The Women’s league was the first to determine this year’s champions beginning with a very close scoring game between Teams Fraser and deWinter. Skip Donna deWinter, who grabbed the chance to team up with a new team of ladies, who were only in their first and second year of curling, led the squad to the B division final. The whole season long, this foursome was turning heads all the while climbing the roster to compete in the final championship game, in which it took 8 ends for the decision. deWinter and her rink of Lynda Thompson, Vivian DeFaveri and Claudine Hubbard collected the game winning points for the win and the title of Ladies B division Champions.

In the A division teams Hamilton and Morning squared off for what was

anticipated to being a good back and forth battle. Skip Cheryl Hamilton and her team of MariaChristina deRose, Gina Strano and Nancy Betts stole 2 in the first end. Skip Shellee Morning and her team of Kim Battershell, Veronica Wilson (5th alternate in for Kathryn Markle) and Sue Burman found the weight and sharpened their brooms earning 2 to tie the game. Team Morning remained strong through the 8 end game to claim this year’s Women’s League Champions.

Wednesday Social League

Wednesday afternoon league resulted in a very exciting final game for playoffs.

Battle of the spouses would be a great way set up the scenario with two teams each having a husband and wife (Courneya’s and Oukes) playing against each other for the title. Steve Bradley and his team of Corrie Oukes, Allan Courneya and Linda Hartnett went undefeated during regular sea-



2025 Ladies League Champions are Shellee Morning, Kim Battershell, Kathryn Markle, Sue Burman and Veronica Wilson.

son. Their opponent, Jack Campbell, Simone Prigmore, Shelley Courneya and Kathryn Oukes finished in 3rd before qualifying for the Championship game. The game itself had nail biting moments but it was Team Campbell collecting the 5-4 win denying Bradley

the perfect season.

Wednesday evening Co-Conveners Ross Tripp and Lukas Koroluk supported a full capacity league of 64 curlers (16 teams) throughout the season.

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Jack Campbell, Shelley Courneya, Kathryn Oukes and Simon Prigmore are the Wednesday Afternoon League Champions.



Wednesday Evening Social League Champions are Amanda Zupancic, Andre Zupancic, Antonio Gomes and Mike Bolger.

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 Pas-

tor, Jeff Loach, will lead the service this morning continuing with a new series entitled, "The ABCs of Discipleship." This Sunday's letter is M for "Members," from 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a.

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.

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.

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.



2025 Mixed League Champions are Steve Flannigan, Donna deWinter, Jack and Kim Campbell.

Team Flannigan takes title

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That included a 5 teams fighting for second place with just a single point behind. The final draw crowned Team Zupancic; Amanda Zupancic, Andre Zupancic, Antonio and Mike Bolger as this year's second half champions.

Thursday Mixed

The mixed league came down to #4 seeded Team Morning against #8 seeded Team Flannigan.

Both found victory in the head-to-head games during the season so this being the "granite (rubber) match" was slated to being a tight game. The teams were point for point in the early ends changing the lead on the board.

Great shots were executed as well as a few minuscule misses showing a 1 point lead for Flannigan after 6 ends.

During the 7th, Morning's last rock picked (grabbed something on the ice underneath the rock) right out of her hand redirecting out of playing handing a 4-point score to Flannigan. Skip Steve Flannigan, Donna deWinter along with Jack and Kim Campbell ran Morning's team of James Gillem, Connie Fraser and Kalvin Cameron out of rocks for the victory and the Championship title.

Sunday Social

Sunday afternoon Social league congratulates Clark Judge, Grant Morning, Lori Brethet and Evan Reid (5th alternate) on finishing first overall for the second half of the season.

The remaining league to determine this year's champions is the men's league. Without a doubt the final game will have all the bells and whistles for a great finish. Stay tuned.

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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

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.

We encourage all to make an effort to contribute to the King Township Food Bank. Information is available at ktfb.ca The donations to the King Township Food bank continue to be needed in greater quantities than ever before and the community can make a significant difference if it works together to continue to support the Food Bank and the families that access this much needed service.

If you have any questions please contact the church office at 905-833 5181.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark Nowell will be speaking on “Greater – The Book of Hebrews.” We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Please join us for our Easter weekend services. Good Friday Service begins at 10:30am and Easter Sunday also at 10:30 a.m.

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.

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

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Friday, April 4 – 10 a.m. -Presentation Nicholas Farah, CFA will discuss areas of disability benefits that may positively impact individuals who qualify for retirement purposes. Nicholas has a degree in financial economics and extensive experience at BMO. His session

will be informative and will provide you with an opportunity to become aware of areas of taxation that may positively relate to your finances. 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 kingcity.seniors@gmail.com

York Pines United

Rev. Bruce returns in two weeks for Palm Sunday which is a communion service. This Sunday is the fifth Sunday in Lent with Rev. Andrew 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. There will be a Good Friday service on the 18th at 10:30 a.m. (note the time change).

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. Music is the theme used in Something Sacred, this year’s study guide from the United Church of Canada, It’s available from ucrdstore.ca in e-book format. Newcomers are always welcome.

Schomberg AA meetings

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

History of King book launch

Join us for a Book Launch in celebration of The History of King Township: A Community Shaped by the Land Thursday, April 24 at 4:30 p.m. at the King Township Municipal Centre (2585 King Road). All are welcome, we ask that you RSVP at kinghistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

This magnificent 476-page hardcover book, authored by local writer Ann Love and researcher Sharon Bentley, coincides beautifully with King’s 175th anniversary.

Pre-order your copy online for the special price of \$30 (a \$10 savings) at www.kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.com. The book will be available at that price at the event as well, and for \$40 thereafter online and at the King Museum. This is truly the perfect gift for newcomers and longtime residents alike!

Sacred Heart Church

Lenten Confessions after 7 p.m. Holy Mass until 8:30 p.m.: Friday, April 4.

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.

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

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 is ready to accept 2025 Early Bird KCTA memberships with discounts, until April 15.

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Don’t forget the very popular 1 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday Junior Summer Camp in July and August. A total of 9 different weeks to choose from. Each week is limited to only 28 Juniors.

St. Andrew’s By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew’s, Presbyterian Church is at 13190 Keele St. All are welcome! Our Morning Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. with Coffee Time afterwards. Our recorded services are on YouTube. Our website is [st andrews-king city.ca](http://standrews-kingcity.ca) and click on the YouTube frame.

During Lent, Life Connect is on Thursdays at 2 p.m. at the church. We’re watching a video called “Why Easter Matters.” It is in four parts and the third part is this Thursday, April 3. All are invited! If you haven’t seen the previous ones, don’t worry since the video focuses on separate characters who were present during the Passion Week.

Palm Sunday is April 13 and Our Good Friday service is April 18 at 10 a.m. to enjoy together a light Fellowship Coffee before our 10:30 service.

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King's Corners

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Easter Sunday Worship and Communion is at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you! Jacquie Lawson will be hosting our second Praise and Worship Gathering for all at St. Andrew's, Saturday, April 5 from 7-9 p.m. All are welcome to come, sing, pray, praise and worship.

The ballots for Elder Elections (up to two) were handed out Sunday, March 30 and will be back next on April 6. The announcement will be made the following week and the Elder Ordination will be on Easter Sunday.

For Pastoral Care please call the Rev. Alison Agnew or call your Elder. Our office number is 905-833-2325.

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

We are still seeking donations for our Annual Rummage Sale on April 26 from 9-1. Donations may be dropped off at All Saints on Tuesdays between 9-12. Donations should be in good, clean condition. We are not able to accept electronics, safety equipment such as hel-

met, baby gear or furniture. We accept donations up to April 15.

Prodigal Love – sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on Luke 15 – story of the prodigal son:

“Most of us have grown up calling the parable from the Gospel of Luke, ‘The Parable of the Prodigal Son.’ The word prodigal is actually defined as ‘recklessly extravagant’ or ‘lavishly abundant’ and could refer to the father as well as the son.

“The story is about a parent – who loved his children with reckless extravagance and wanted them to love each other; too. This parable was part of Jesus’s response to a Pharisee’s concern that Jesus condoned eating with sinners. He told them the story of a shepherd who left ninety-nine sheep to look for one stray, and he told the story of a compassionate father who dealt generously and lovingly with his sons.

“He told these stories to illustrate that God is too busy celebrating the return of the one to be concerned about what they did when they were lost. This concept can be difficult for us to understand - there has to be some comeuppance, right? There has to be some sort of penance.

“And yet in this story, we don’t even

have to do much of anything to get acceptance and forgiveness. God sees us coming from far away and rushes out to meet us, embrace us and forgive us.

“But the Prodigal father didn’t love his children according to what they deserved, he just loved them. Period. And it was more because of who he was than because of who they were. He loved them with a love that transcends right and wrong, a love that throws homecoming parties for sinners and expects the hard-working righteous to rejoice.

“The older brother couldn’t stand it and stayed outside. His father went outside and said, ‘you are always with me, and all that is mine, is yours ... had to rejoice,’ he said, ‘because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life;

he was lost and has been found.’

“Now, we never really learn how the story turned out.

“But maybe Jesus left it at that because it’s up to each of us to finish the story ourselves. It’s up to us to decide whether or not we accept the loving God’s invitation. We all have one thing in common, we are the beloved children of a Prodigal Parent and we have a place in God’s heart and home.

“I pray that as we contemplate God’s forgiveness this Lenten season and I pray that we will all learn to rejoice with our fellow beloved children, especially those who need grace and forgiveness, and be a part of the reconciling love offered by our recklessly extravagant and lavishly loving God.”

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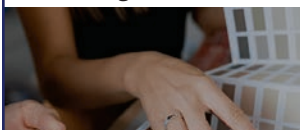


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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Many feel this is one of the most important elections in our history. Make sure you check to see if you're registered and don't forget to vote. Early voting is Easter weekend, if you can't make the 28th. The most important thing is that you vote.

The other news is this very destructive Ice storm that his Ontario this past weekend, fortunately it seemed to have missed most of us, but our friends north of us were not so fortunate. We send out our thoughts to all our friends and neighbours. Let's hope for milder weather to come, and for the real spring to arrive soon.

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.ca. Doors will be open for registration at 6:30 p.m. with the presentation at 7 p.m.

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

This 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. All welcome, all ages, men, women, all you need to know is how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

Schomberg 55+

This past Monday we had a wonderful presentation about "Voyage of the Vikings" by Lynn Holden. We all learned that most of us have Viking blood because the Vikings were excellent traders and travelled the globe in all directions. I don't know about you, but I'm going to tell everyone from now on that I'm a Viking. Also, they never actually wore horns, who knew?

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

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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, April 7 – 10 a.m. – Speaker – Ian Hamilton, author of crime/mystery. Best known for Ava Lee: a crime series that follows Ava Lee, a Chinese Canadian forensic accountant whose job it is to pursue bad debts. This is a reschedule of a meeting that was cancelled due to weather.

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 16 – 10 a.m. – Workshop – Petal Academy – floral arrangement (bulbs). Cost \$75 +HST. Please register at klbird@hotmail.com by April 9.

Weekly Events:

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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