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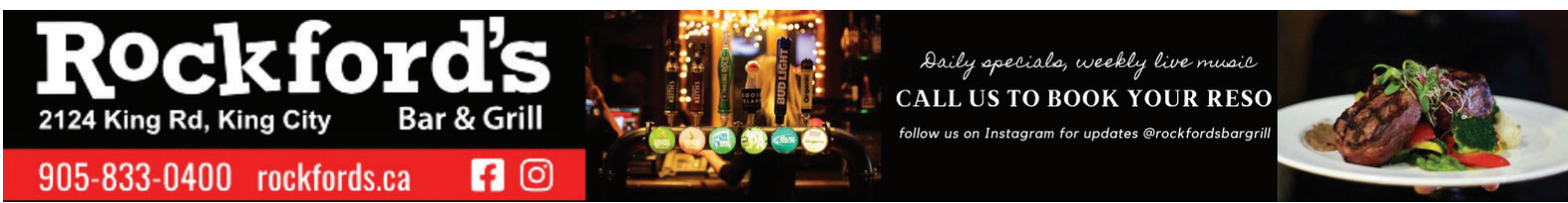
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On hand for the annual Mayor's Lunch were MP Anna Roberts, Councillors Jennifer Anstey and David Boyd, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Councillors Avia Eek and Mary Asselstine, and Chamber President Michelle Frauley.

Local achievements noted at Chamber lunch

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

Accomplishments in King Township last year – almost too numerous to list – reverberated throughout the room at last week's Mayor's Lunch, hosted by the King Chamber of Commerce.

The crowd of local business representatives gathered to celebrate during the annual event. They were recognized by special guests and Chamber board members.

Chamber President Michelle Frauley said events like the lunch provide an opportunity for local businesses to connect and strengthen partnerships.

"This lunch is one of our favorite traditions – not just because we get to hear from the Mayor and learn more about what's ahead for King Township, but because it's a chance for all of us to connect. To catch up, share ideas, and strengthen the partnerships that help our community thrive.

"At the Chamber, our goal is simple: to support local businesses and help create an environment where they can grow and succeed. We're proud of the work being done by our members, and we're always excited to welcome new faces into the fold."

Chamber Vice-President Ryan Raymond noted that last year, with the help of a long time local resident of King, Brent Morning, the Chamber created the Morning Youth Grant and along with it – the King Proud Clothing line.

This now has its own committee solely dedicated to expanding this project. For this year, there's enough funding for eight grants (\$500 each), with a large portion of this funded by our friends at the Lions Club of King and Seneca College.

He pointed out that a new clothing designs are in the works, and a mentorship program is being created.

An Instagram account has been made to showcase the winners of this project and follow them along with their journey. One of last year winners, James, is now a summer student working with the Chamber.

Newly elected King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts ignited the crowd with her words of support.

"King Township is home to many dedicated, proud residents like all of you here today. And you all have many different professions. We have everything in King, farmers, entrepreneurs, innovators, small business owners, and more. The resilience you've all shown through the challenges of recent years is truly admirable," she said.

"Our economy thrives when resilient business owners like all of you are empowered to grow, invest, and hire. As your Member of Parliament, I remain committed to being a strong voice for all of you in Ottawa. A voice for lower taxes and less bureaucracy. I want to see all of you succeed and continue to show off the best of Canada.

"As we look to the future, I look forward to continuing working together with Mayor Pellegrini, my colleagues from all levels of government and with business leaders like all of you, to build a stronger King Township."

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Monday, May 26
6 p.m. - Council

Monday, June 02
6 p.m. - Public Planning Meeting

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, May 21
6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment

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

Thursday, June 05
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee

Virtual

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Recent Planning & Heritage Notices

- **Notice to Intention to Pass an Amending By-law on May 26th, 2025 to Remove Holding (H) Symbol**
 Re: 31 and 37 Banner Lane, King City, ON
- **Notice of Intention to Pass an Amending By-law on May 26th, 2025 to Remove Holding (H) Symbol**
 Re: 16 Sproule Street, Schomberg, ON

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For more information, visit king.ca/parks

King Township to enforce fireworks bylaw over Victoria Day weekend

King Township is reminding residents that fireworks can only be set off on Victoria Day as per bylaw **By-law 2022-032**.

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- Fireworks must be set off at least 8 metres from any structure and 3 metres from property lines, public walkways or roadways.
- Fireworks cannot be set off within 1,000 metres of livestock, an equestrian facility or operation, woodlands/forested areas, tall grass prairie habitat, wetlands and nesting birds, without the written consent of the property owner.

To report a concern, call Bylaw Services at 905.833.5321 or email by-law@king.ca.



Park Amenities Open

Whether you're playing tennis, hitting a homerun or having a picnic, King Township park amenities (including washrooms) are officially open for the season!

For more information, visit king.ca/parks

Traffic Disruption Notice Hwy 27 and King Road

Please be advised that Hwy 27 (between Sheardown Drive and Hill Farm Road), Hill Farm Rd, Wellar Ave and King Road (between Wellar Ave and Old King Road) will experience periodic traffic disruptions for the

Nobleton Victoria Day Parade
Monday, May 19, 2025
Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

This portion of the road will be accessible to residents in the affected area to allow for entry into their properties. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during this time.

For more information contact [Baileigh White bwhite@king.ca](mailto:bwhite@king.ca) | 289-797-4141 or visit king.ca/NobletonVictoriaDay

Dated at the Township of King May 06, 2025.

View map at king.ca/news

Traffic Disruption Notice Main Street, Schomberg

Please be advised that there will be a scheduled temporary road closure of Main Street and the surrounding roads in the Village of Schomberg for the annual:

Schomberg Agricultural Fair Grand Parade
Saturday, May 24, 2025
Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. and the proposed roads will be closed no later than 1 p.m. Staging for the parade to begin on Roselena Drive at approximately 10 a.m.

The following roads will be temporarily occupied or closed for the parade: Roselena Drive, Moore Park Drive, Cooper Drive, Dr. Kay Drive, and Main Street. On behalf of the Township of King, we thank you for your patience on this matter.

For more information about the Schomberg Fair or Parade, visit schombergfair.com.

For more information about the road closure, please contact the Clerk's Division at **905-833-5321** or email clerks@king.ca.


Dated at the Township of King May 06, 2025.

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Municipal improvements

From Front Page

The keynote address, by Mayor Steve Pellegrini, read like a massive neon billboard – a shout out of King’s milestones. And there were many.

Through various initiatives and projects, the Township has worked tirelessly to create a vibrant, safe and welcoming environment for everyone in King, he said.

Over the past year, the Township has made significant strides in improving our communities’ economic vibrancy through facility upgrades, culture and heritage enhancements, and upgrading transportation infrastructure.

These efforts reflect King’s dedication to creating an attractive and welcoming environment for all those who live, work and visit the Township.

The mayor pointed to the Zancor Centre, Canada’s first zero carbon, combined aquatics and ice sports facility, officially opened in January with a ribbon cutting ceremony, Mayor’s Pancake Breakfast, recreational swimming, skating, sports, facility tours, and a King Rebellion Ontario Junior Hockey League game.

The facility features state-of-the-art amenities, including two NHL-sized rinks, a 25-metre lap pool, a leisure pool, an artificial turf field, multipurpose community rooms and a large outdoor courtyard.

“This centre will not only service our local community but will provide lasting impressions for visitors to return to King explore more of what the Township has to offer.”

The restoration of King Christian Church and King Railway Station at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre is currently under way, supported by a \$250,000 grant from the Rural Economic Development Fund.

Enhancements include structural improvements, heating, electrical lighting, repainting and accessibility upgrades.

These facilities will be made more user-friendly for arts, cultural programming and events.

“These improvements enhance King’s cultural vibrancy and will attract more tourism and visitors into our beautiful Township.”

Enhancements to the road network (reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts) are being made to improve transportation across the Township, helping business owners, employees, commuters and visitors more easily travel through King.

The total cost of the contract for this work is \$1.2 million, showcasing the Township’s commitment to investments in both good and traveller movement through King, in a fiscally responsible way as the project is supported through the Canada Community-Building Fund.

King’s finances are in good shape, too, the mayor observed. In 2024, King collected \$12 million in development charges and collected \$1.5 million cash-in-lieu of parkland.

At the end of 2024, they had a reserve fund balance of close to \$44 million and have received over \$2.5 million in provincial and federal grants to help offset tax pressures for residents and businesses.

“In King Township, we continually strive to enhance the services we provide to our residents. Our focus on innovation, efficiency and accessibility has led to the implementation of several new initiatives that streamline processes and improve the overall experience for our community.

“From adopting cutting-edge technology to introducing new service models, we are dedicated to delivering high-quality services that meet the evolving needs of our communities, businesses and visitors alike.”



Some notable service improvements the past year include Kingsley/AI; an AI-powered virtual assistant available on king.ca, has enhanced user experience.

These new features make it easier for residents, businesses and potential visitors to find the information they need faster and more efficient, creating positive user experiences from first points of engagements.

The new Ask King Zoning service provides direct access to zoning staff for personalized support through phone, online meetings, email and in-office meetings.

This customized service enhances a user’s experience by providing a platform to engage with staff when and how people want.

King Township is committed to upholding these values, evidenced through things like bringing forward the first service-based municipal budget for 2025.

Planning the future of King, and engaging with our community “is at the heart of everything we do in King Township.”

Over the past year, the municipality has hosted numerous events, open houses and consultations to gather feedback and ensure that our plans align with the needs and aspirations of our community.

Various planning exercises will establish a vision, plan and implement land use regulations to guide redevelopment for priority core areas within King City and Nobleton.

Specific expansion areas and options have been assessed on criteria such as connectivity, market demand and proximity to infrastructure to make investments into King as attractive as possible.

The Township has also has Official Plan and Master Plan updates well-underway, with several public engagements having taken place, with more to come, to support the forecasted growth in King

King also has several Master Plan updates under way, including the Parks, Facilities and Trails Master Plan, Water/Wastewater Master Plan, and notably the Transportation Master Plan.

And engagement is the key, Pellegrini noted.

To the crowd in attendance, the mayor said King Township is dedicated to supporting and nurturing our existing and prospective business community.

Since the start of this term of Council, we have seen 43 new businesses in King alone, and this is a testament to the desirability of this amazing community.

“We understand that a thriving business community is vital for the economic growth and prosperity of our Township.”

He urged local businesses to take advantage of the funding available through the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Grant Program.

The Village Vibrancy Grant Stream helps support local businesses within our Village Cores through beautification and property improvement projects improvements and also includes Township permit fees relating to projects.

The Rural Resiliency Grant Stream helps support our Agricultural Businesses and promotes investment in a range of on-farm diversified and agricultural related uses.

In 2024, eight CIP grants totaling \$64,000 of matched funding support were approved, and in 2025, we have already approved five CIP grants totaling \$25,000 of matched support for businesses.

There’s a budget of \$70,000 in 2025 towards the CIP Grant Program.

“Our Economic Development Team puts our business community first. They provide support and resources to all existing businesses and can help any business looking to expand.



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Looking back, we enjoyed the best decades ever

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We not only "survived" our childhoods, fraught with danger and stupidity – but thrived.

For me, a late "Boomer," there are fewer days ahead than behind. Instead of regrets of what may be and a somewhat curtailed life, there's been a lot of "what was" back in the day.

And boy were those days fun!

We've complicated life to an unbelievable degree, where schedules, timetables, Zoom calls and pay days are all encompassing. Grocery shopping, car insurance premiums and tariffs consume us today.

It wasn't always this way, not by a long shot.

I was dragged into existence kicking and screaming back in 1963 – a great year for the Corvette, but not so great for JFK.

Experiencing the late '60s, along with the '70s and '80s, was a journey of discovery, fun, tailgates, drive-ins, Nerf football, and good, old-fashioned buffoonery.

As a pre-teen, the "bike gang" would gather on the street and head off, exploring, racing, living dangerously. Our bikes had banana seats and if we were lucky, one hand brake on long, curved handle bars. We never told our parents where we were going and had no idea when we'd return. Our stomachs – and the occasional booming mom voice announcing dinner – was our recall.

In Caledon, we rode without helmets down gravel roads. I remember plucking out stones embedded in my knees on several occasions. It was par for the course.

We'd return a little dirty and scuffed up sometimes, never really discussing our "war wounds."

Kool-Aid was the drink of the day



Mark Pavilons

and our moms made gallons of the stuff. We made balsa wood gliders that nose dived to destruction soon after you spent your last dime.

Youngsters all talked about sea monkeys, but few had the money to order them from the back of a comic book.

Hitting a tennis ball against the back of the house wall was the go-to boredom breaker.

We all tried to build a go-kart and often gathered all sorts of wood scraps, tree branches, bike wheels and the like. They never worked and looked like a mess, but we didn't care.

In high school we evolved – bell bottoms, jean jackets and running shoes were our official uniforms. For those males brave enough to stake their territories, shirts undone and rolled up sleeves were the norm.

The wealthy among us owned things like a Walkman that magically played

the hits of the day on things known as "cassettes." You could easily spot these people because the unit was proudly worn on the hip.

Others would entertain the crowd on boom boxes of various sizes, also churning out the top 40 for all to hear. We'd have to take turns toting these things around due to their weight.

I wore aviator glasses – much too large for my face, but boy were they cool. Long hair was the norm, and if it covered one's eyes, all the better.

We passed notes in class. I had a habit of writing limericks and handing them to friends to break the monotony. And yes, I got caught a few times.

I loved pinball and was quite proficient at the first video games like Space Invaders and Missile Strike. I recall the emergence of Atari and Commodore, and games like Pong and Pac Man.

We decorated our lockers inside and out.

Who went to the theatre on Tuesdays in 1985 to see Back to the Future, The Goonies, St. Elmo's Fire and Cocoon?

And music – I firmly believe we Boomers witnessed the height of legendary rock bands.

I recall vividly when songs like You Better, You Bet (The Who), Hold On Loosely (.38 Special), Tom Sawyer (Rush), Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap (AC/DC), Jessie's Girl (Rick Springfield) and Take it on the Run (REO Speedwagon) hit the charts. All of these were in 1981 alone! Year after year, bands were making history and we bought records, tons of them.

The record shop was a social hub where you could spend entire afternoons flipping through albums.

We looked up to our peers who

smoked cigarettes – there was nothing cooler than having a small deck tucked into your t-shirt sleeve.

If the rotary phone or doorbell rang at home, we answered it.

Sure, a lot of those things were generational fads or transitions, but it was still neat being part of it all. And we saw it all – learning the metric system, using calculators, using the first fax machines and flip-phones and the arrival of the Internet and that annoying dial-up squeal.

We peeled the labels off of stubby beer bottles.

Those are things all who follow today will never know. Simple pleasures all.

They described more than a generation or lifestyle – they summed up a feeling and carefree way of life. They epitomized youth, friendship and fun.

I wish someone could put together a collage of all those things in a cohesive online video. I'd watch it over and over again.

Now that I've surpassed 60, my thoughts are a bit scrambled. I don't really have any long-term goals or bucket list adventures in the works. Cancer has put all that in limbo.

But I do have the memories that marked a generation, something only a few remaining souls remember.

I am, like my fellow Boomers, the embodiment of a lost era, a historic period in our growth.

We may never be able to "put another dime in the jukebox, baby," like Joan Jett advised. But we can still love rock and roll.

We should be thankful we got to live through one of the best times in recent history. That's something we will take to our graves.

Economy

Ontarians' income on the decline

Since 2000, Ontarians have gone from having higher incomes than Canadians in other provinces, to slightly lower as a result of poor economic policies and the related protracted economic slump, according to a new study published by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

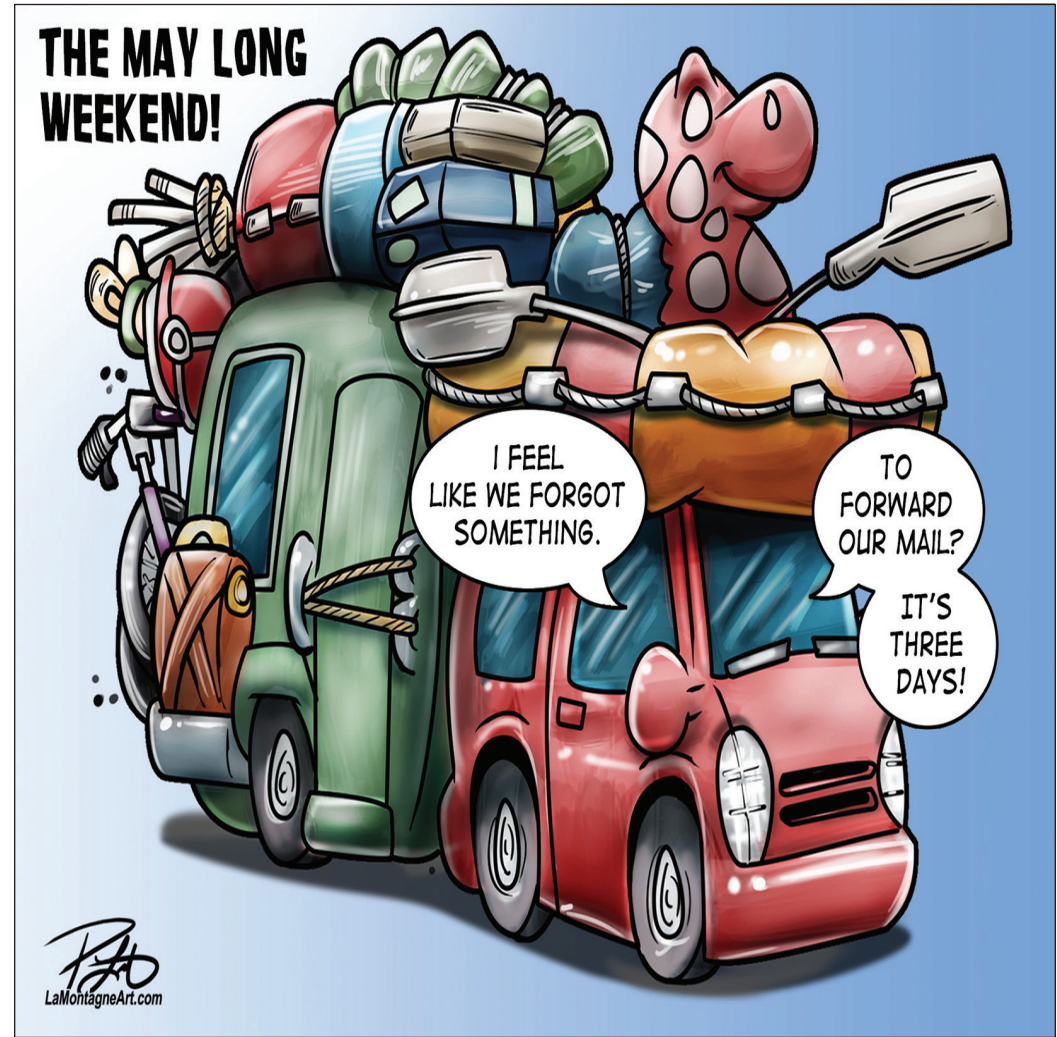
"Since the turn of the century, Ontario's economy has performed worse than other provinces. The result is that Ontarians are now experiencing lower standards of living—on average – than their fellow Canadians," said Ben Eisen, Fraser Institute senior fellow and co-author of Ontario's Economy Is Broken.

The study finds that since 2000, Ontario's real per person GDP – a broad measure of living standards – has grown at an annual average rate of just 0.55 per cent, far below the 0.91 per cent growth experienced in the rest of Canada. This stagnation has had stark consequences for the province's standard of living.

For example, in 2000, Ontarians enjoyed higher incomes than other Canadians with a GDP per person five per cent higher than the national average. By 2023, that advantage had reversed with Ontario's GDP per person 3.2 per cent lower than the rest of the country.

The study also points to a sharp decline in business investment growth as a key reason for the province's prolonged stagnation. From 1981 to 2000, business investment per worker in Ontario grew 4.5 per cent annually, compared to 1.8 per cent for the rest of the country. Since 2000, that figure collapsed to just 0.71 per cent, nearly matching the rest of Canada's low rate.

"To reverse Ontario's economic decline relative to the rest of the country, policymakers should prioritize attracting business investment as a means of raising living standards," Eisen said.



Quote of the Week

"I'd trade all my tomorrows for one single yesterday."

— Kris Kristofferson

Trivia Tidbits

Tecumseh and Tenskwatawa were instrumental in protecting Canada from American invasion during the War of 1812.

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Results from last week's poll:

Will the Maple Leafs advance through the second round?

a) Yes ██████████ **100%**

b) No ██████████ **0%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you planning to travel, or stay home this summer?

a) Stay
b) Travel

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Farmers, motorists urged to share the road this summer

By Louis Roesch
Director, Ontario
Federation of Agriculture

Agriculture

Ontarians across the province are eagerly anticipating the upcoming Victoria Day long weekend which has long unofficially marked the start of a year's camping, cottaging and summer travel season.

With the weather slowly warming up, farmers are also getting busy working their fields and planting this year's crops. That means you'll see more large tractors and farm equipment on the roads as farmers travel from field to field and farm to farm while they work.

Both of these milestones mean more people, vehicles and equipment will be sharing Ontario's busy roads – and all of us must share those roads responsibly to make sure everyone gets to where they are going and home again safely.

Many drivers get frustrated when they get stuck behind a slow-moving tractor, especially if they're in a rush. But farmers can't always pull over; on busy urban roads, there may not be enough space to move aside safely. The same is true on rural roads, where the shoulders are often steep and narrow – and at this time of year, they can still be soft as the ground is still drying out from the spring thaw.

Farm equipment is bigger than it used to be and moves much slower than regular road traffic – no more than about 40 km an hour.

It's estimated that approximately 8.5 million vehicles drive about 136 billion kilometres in Ontario each year. Annually, there are about 200,000 accidents, 50,000 with injury and over 500 fatalities. Because of the size and comparably

slow speed of farm equipment, collisions with slow moving vehicles are 5.5 times higher and result in 3.8 times more fatalities than collisions between two cars, per kilometre on the road.

Most are rear-ending collisions and passing errors, followed by head-on collisions, swerving, side-on impacts, and turning into oncoming traffic. Almost 80 per cent of collisions with slow moving vehicles happen during the day under good visibility and dry road conditions.

I farm in Chatham-Kent in southwestern Ontario and I'm also a director on the board of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. We work on many issues that affect farmers and rural communities. Road safety is a big focus, as is advocating for better roads and transportation infrastructure and regulations that reflect the needs of our modern agriculture industry – one of the biggest pillars of the provincial economy.

Motorists, here's what you can do to prevent road accidents this harvest season:

Watch out for orange triangles on the back of farm equipment. These are slow moving vehicle signs that mean we legally can't go faster than 40 km/hour.

Pay attention to indicator lights and remember that a gap between a slow moving vehicle and an oncoming car or

truck can close very quickly.

Be patient and pass only when it's safe. Farm equipment is much larger than it used to be, and many rural roads have narrow shoulders that often prevent farmers from pulling off to the side safely to let motorists pass.

There are best practices for farmers operating slow moving vehicles too.

Every vehicle towing an implement must display the orange triangle slow moving vehicle sign on the back that warns drivers that they are approaching slow-moving equipment. These signs are only for equipment; attaching one to a roadside mailbox or other fixed object visible from the road is illegal.

Make sure your load doesn't block your view or the ability for other motorists on the road to see your signal intentions.

Check your equipment carefully every day before leaving the farm, ensuring hitches, brakes, and tires are well-maintained and road ready. Make sure your lights are working properly and that your slow-moving vehicle sign is visible and secure.

And just like regular motorists, don't be on your mobile device while driving – distracted driving is distracted driving regardless of what you're driving!

If we all stay alert and patient, we can keep our roads safe and make sure everyone gets home safely this planting season and summer.

Letter to the Editor

Concerns expressed over Bill 5

Ontario gave Premier Ford the strong mandate he requested so he would be in the best position to protect Ontario in the face of the aggression from the U.S. President.

I strongly doubt that anyone guessed that the Premier would use that mandate to override the protections of the Greenbelt and the Oak Ridges Moraine which assure us that we will continue to have healthy green spaces and clean water. His technique to reduce, if not eliminate, the benefits of all our conservation plans is far more subtle than the 2022 effort to carve up the Greenbelt.

This time, he is attempting to use his executive power with the Omnibus Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act 2025. Two of the nine Schedules included in this legislation directly attack the environment.

Per Schedule 9, the Premier and Cabinet can create "special economic zones" anywhere in Ontario. No criteria are required as to why such zones would be necessary and within such zones, developers and resource companies are exempt from any provincial laws. This includes health and safety laws, municipal bylaws and the regula-

tions within the Greenbelt and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. Per Schedule 10, the government would amend and ultimately repeal the Endangered Species Act.

In addition to the attack on the environment, Bill 5 is shocking as it is a huge power grab by the executive branch of our provincial government. For example, the special economic zones mentioned above will be able to be created without any public consultation.

I have merely touched on the more serious implications of Bill 5. To learn more, I suggest you look at www.environmentaldefence.ca or www.ontario-nature.org.

As I believe we all have a responsibility to future generations to provide a healthy environment and vibrant communities, and to protect our farmland, water and green spaces, Bill 5 deeply concerns me. Ontarians need to support those who are fighting to stop Bill 5 by writing local MPPs and signing petitions such as those on the Environmental Defence and Ontario Nature websites.

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Municipal Affairs Minister Rob Flack announced \$400-million in funding to help spark new home building in the province.

Flack allocates \$400M to stimulate home and infrastructure building

By Jim Stewart

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack announced new legislation Monday morning at the Vaughan City Hall that will “add \$400 million in immediate funding to the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) and Municipal Housing Infrastructure Fund (MHIP) for a total of nearly \$2.3 billion over four years across the HEWSF and the MHIP.”

Speaking in front of over 100 attendees on a black-draped stage adorned with alternating Canadian, provincial, and municipal flags the background, Flack and a series of provincial cabinet ministers addressed the urgent need to solve the housing shortage crisis in Ontario and restore the Canadian dream of home ownership for a generation of Ontarians.

The Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister was flanked by Vaughan Mayor Stephen Del Duca and Mississauga Mayor Carolyn Parrish. In a refreshing show of non-partisanship, both Del Duca and Parrish encouraged Ontarians to unite behind Premier Ford’s bold initiatives in order to combat the existential threat posed by Donald Trump’s punitive tariffs and mercurial foreign policy.

Mayor Del Duca – the former leader of the provincial Liberals – urged the opposition parties at Queen’s Park to work with the Conservatives to pass the legislation proposed by Minister Flack: “I applaud Premier Ford, Minister Flack, and the Government of Ontario for taking bold and creative action to address the housing crisis. The status quo simply isn’t working, and families across Ontario — including mine — deserve to see real change. There has never been a more important time to think outside the box.”

Mayor Parrish noted that she was “proud to support the Building Faster and Smarter legislation. I’m grateful for the province’s leadership in introducing these much-needed measures to address the housing crisis. Municipalities cannot tackle this challenge alone – we need support like this to cut red tape, streamline approvals, and create the conditions for faster, more affordable housing development. As a former Liberal MP, I want to say I am very proud of the Premier’s work to offset to effects of Trump’s policies.”

The spirit of cooperation between municipal and provincial leaders permeated the Vaughan Room and Minister Flack made a poignant pitch about

improving opportunities for home ownership in Ontario: “The dream of homeownership has to be a beacon of hope for all people ... for all families ... To be frank, it takes too long and costs too much to build homes in Ontario. With the escalating population growth we have experienced over the past few years, we have not been able to keep up with the demand for housing in our province. We are now a province of 16 million people! Demand for housing far exceeds supply. That is why today, we are introducing innovative and bold solutions that will help speed up the time it takes to build more homes and infrastructure – faster, and smarter.”

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – delivering his speech behind a lectern emblazoned with “Protect Ontario” emblazoned across its base – explained the factor that has created such urgency and the vital importance of changing the rules around Development Charges: “We all know all know the headwinds we are facing due to the threat of the Trump tariffs. Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act would create proactive initiatives to keep workers on the job and get shovels in the ground faster. While the bill we are introducing today is comprehensive, let me highlight one issue that will enable us to lower costs and the time it takes to get more homes built ... Development Charges. Although DCs are needed for critical municipal infrastructure, we have heard time and time again how development charges are increasing the cost of new homes — costs which can end up contributing to pricing prospective homebuyers out of the market.”

Flack praised the mayors who flanked him on stage for their respective municipalities’ revised approach to Development Charges: “Our municipal partners understand this challenge all too well — and that is why we are acting on recommendations made by AMO and by local leaders like Mayor Parrish and Mayor Del Duca (who) have taken action to lower and change their development charge models. Following the example of leaders like Mayor Del Duca here in Vaughan, and Mayor Parrish of Mississauga – both of whom I have personally met with – we will work with all municipalities to manage the burden of development fees on new homes while ensuring municipalities have support to build critical infrastructure.”

See ‘Taking’ on Page 10

King

7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, May 15 to Wednesday, May 21

THURS 15TH	FRI 16TH	SAT 17TH	SUN 18TH	MON 19TH	TUES 20TH	WED 21ST
Chance of Shower High 22C° Low 13C° <1mm Wind SE 14k	Risk of T'Storm High 25C° Low 14C° 1-3mm Wind S 15k	Cloudy/Showers High 22C° Low 10C° 1-3mm Wind W 21k	Clouds/Sun High 14C° Low 7C° - Wind N 27k	Mainly Sunny High 12C° Low 5C° - Wind NW 20k	Mainly Sunny High 13C° Low 10C° - Wind N 11k	Light Rain High 13C° Low 11C° ~5mm Wind E 24k

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Celebrate Victoria Day with fireworks finale in Nobleton

As the Victoria Day weekend approaches, the Township of King encourages residents to enjoy the spectacular Nobleton Victoria Day fireworks instead of setting off their own. This community event offers a safe and enjoyable way to celebrate the holiday while adhering to King's fireworks by-law.

The fireworks bylaw, By-law 2022-032, was updated in 2022 and reduced the number of permitted days to set off fireworks and identifies where fireworks can and cannot be used. This bylaw strengthened King's permitting process and increased the Township's ability to regulate the sale, use and display of fireworks. The penalty structure was increased to address the severity of offences, with enhanced set fines.

The bylaw balances the safe use of fireworks with the protection of King's rural areas, including safeguarding livestock from harm resulting from fireworks.

Key highlights of By-law 2022-032:

Fireworks can only be set off on Canada Day, the Victoria Day holiday and the third day of the Diwali Festival, between dusk and 11 p.m. Vendors now require a permit to sell fireworks within King.

Fireworks must be set off at least eight metres from any structure and three metres from property lines, public walkways or roadways.

They cannot be set off on any public land, including parks, parking lots or roads, due to potential fire hazards and the negative impact of loud noises on pets, livestock, wild animals and people sensitive to loud noises.

Fireworks cannot be set off within 1,000 metres (one kilometre) of livestock, an equestrian facility or oper-

Restrictions govern private fireworks

ation, woodlands/forested areas, tall grass prairie habitat, wetlands and nesting birds, without the written consent of the property owner.

To report concerns, call Bylaw at 905-833-5321 or email by-law@king.ca.

Celebrate at Nobleton's Victoria Day Fireworks

Instead of setting off your own fireworks, join the community on Monday, May 19 at the Nobleton Victoria Day fireworks for a dazzling display. This event is professionally managed by King Fire and Emergency Services, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

This family-friendly, quintessential kick-off to summer has been enjoyed by the community for more than 50 years. Each year, the event attracts thousands of attendees who enjoy live entertainment, mid-way rides and games, inflatables, a parade, fireworks show and a variety of food and retail vendors. The event kicks off with a parade beginning at 11 a.m.

The Nobleton Victoria Day fireworks – which start at dusk – have been credited as one of the best Victoria Day fireworks displays in Ontario. Be sure to come early because parking and space fills quickly. Bring your own blankets and/or lawn chairs.

The Nobleton Fire Fighters Association collects donations to put on this show which is the largest publicly funded show in the province and relies on donations from businesses and residents. Once again this year, donations

can be made online at king.ca/events. Tax receipts will be provided for donations of \$10 or more.

For more information on the unofficial kick-off to summer in King, visit king.ca/NobletonVictoriaDay.



Chamber President Michelle Frauley, MP Anna Roberts and King Mayor Steve Pellegrini celebrated local business accomplishments.

Ready to help businesses

From Page 3

New businesses looking to establish in King can meet with our team who can help support you from site selection, through to development process and beyond to a grand opening."

King's newly launched Economic Development Consultation service provides businesses with expedited meeting availability and tailored business support.

The mayor also pointed to the importance of drawing tourists and visitors to King.

"King Township has made remarkable progress over the past year in enhancing the quality of life for our residents, improving services, engaging with the community and supporting local businesses.

"These initiatives reflect our commitment to creating a vibrant, safe and welcoming environment for everyone. As we continue to work together, we remain dedicated to addressing the needs of our community and fostering a sense of belonging and prosperity.

Chamber Vice-President Ryan Raymond extended heartfelt thanks to the

sponsors who made the event possible – Trisan Construction, Nicola Real Estate, Sibwest, King Haven & Haven Greens, Gervasi Real Estate Group, and 360 Visibility. JTF Homes was the entertainment sponsor, and Nobleton Family Dental, helped create the table centrepieces. He also extended thanks to Hard at Work, for being the beverage sponsor, and to Hospall Homecare.

Raymond recognized the event's presenting sponsor, King Heights.

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"Developed by Aracon Homes, King Heights is a commitment to our community, one that blends boutique design with modern amenities like a state-of-the-art fitness and Pilates studio, vibrant party lounge and a stunning rooftop terrace. It's clear that King Heights truly values the town they're helping shape.

"Your involvement goes beyond sponsorship – it shows a genuine interest in supporting the people and future of our town. We're lucky to have you as a partner in helping build a stronger, more connected community."

Continued funding for Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital

York Regional Council approved continued funding for Mackenzie Health - Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital in the City of Vaughan.

The amount of the financial commitment for capital projects at local hospitals is tied to achieving Paramedic Services off-load targets of 30 minutes or less per patient. In 2024, the hospital met the required target with an average transfer of care time of 22 minutes per transport and will receive approximately \$7.3 million of funding in 2025.

While commitments have been fully funded at other local hospitals, funding will continue for Mackenzie Health – Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital.

To date, York Region has paid \$109.2 million to the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital project. Funding support will continue through to 2023, with an estimated remaining contribution of \$45 million. Actual contributions may vary based on assessment growth and may be reduced if off-load delay targets are not achieved.

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 9:00.....Vendors
 11:00.....Midway opens
 11:00.....Grand Parade on MAIN STREET
 11:00.....Homecraft Hall opens CH
 12:00..... Opening Ceremonies MS
 12:00.....Bavarian Garden BT
 12:00.....Bill Nadeau BT
 1:00.....Viki Kidd SR
 1:00.....DooDoo the Clown MS
 1:30.....Children's pedal pull TAR
 3:00.....DooDoo the Clown MS
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 4:00.....Viki Kidd SR

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 10:00.....Vendors TRK
 10:00.....Rabbit & Cavy Show TT
 10:30.....Aaron Matthews MS
 11:00.....4H Dairy Cattle Show SR
 11:00.....DooDoo the Clown MS
 11:00.....Midway opens
 11:00.....Homecraft Hall opens
 11:00.....Junior Beef Cattle Show SR
 11:00.....Junior Dairy Cattle Show SR
 11:30.....Family Fun Events SE
 11:30.....Pro Rider FMX ST
 12:00.....Baby Show registration MT
 1:00.....Baby Show MT
 1:15.....Pet & Mutt registration SE
 1:30.....Pet & Mutt Show SE
 2:30.....Pro Rider FMX ST
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York achieves perfect water quality scores for 2024

The Regional Municipality of York scored 100% in Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks drinking water system inspections. Through everyday actions of highly skilled and professional staff, York Region continues to deliver high-quality water and maintain excellent compliance with regulatory requirements. “York Region continues earning top scores for our drinking water, an important accomplishment and incred-

ible service to our community health and well-being,” said Eric Jolliffe, York Region Chairman and CEO. “Access to safe, clean and reliable drinking water is often taken for granted as residents turn on the taps, not realizing York Region’s significant investments to maintain and improve systems, manage growth and achieve regulatory requirements.” Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, York Region reports annually on quality and quantity of drinking water

produced. York Region executes a robust and rigorous approach to protect drinking water which includes source water protection, operator training, water treatment, extensive monitoring and testing, as well as emergency preparedness and regular communication with local cities and towns.

York Region’s annual memo includes Ministry inspection results from the 2024 calendar year. All Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks inspections completed in 2024 received perfect scores, confirming York Region’s compliance to provincial standards.

“It is our duty to oversee municipal drinking water systems with such care and diligence,” said City of Richmond Hill Mayor, David West, Chair of Public Works – Environmental Services. “The Region collaborates with local cities,

towns and neighbouring municipalities to ensure drinking water continues to meet high standards. Collectively, we also focus on financial sustainability, asset management, risk mitigation and continuous improvement to meet current and future drinking water demands.”

Water is delivered through a two-tiered water system. York Region operates and maintains 15 drinking water supply systems, providing water to all nine local cities and towns. In turn, cities and towns are responsible for designing, constructing, operating and maintaining their distribution systems to deliver high quality water to residents and businesses.

Details of York Region water systems and drinking water quality can be viewed through the online reporting tool at york.ca/DrinkingWater

Taking the burden off home buyers

From Page 6

The Cabinet Minister delineated his plan: “Part of the DC changes we are proposing include:

Deferring DCs municipalities can charge until occupancy of a new home build.

Eliminating DCs on the construction of long-term care homes.

Looking at new ways of funding needed infrastructure without unduly burdening new home buyers. We are also continuing to make further investments in housing-enabling infrastructure, including through our Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund, the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program and the Building Faster Fund.”

Flack closed his formal address with an acronym: “Think of the word ‘Team’. T-E-A-M – together, everyone achieves more. I want to emphasize, all levels of government – municipal, provincial, and federal – and all housing stakeholders have to work as a team to get the job done. Together, we have to keep the dream of homeownership

alive for generations to come.”

Three of Flack’s Cabinet colleagues offered both complimentary and complementary insights regarding the remediation of the housing and infrastructure crisis in Ontario:

Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure noted that “We are pulling out all the stops to protect and build up Ontario during this time of economic uncertainty. Our expanded investments will ensure we can build even more homes, create more jobs and protect the most critical infrastructure that people depend on every day.”

Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, spoke of “historic investments in public transit to tackle gridlock, connect communities and keep Ontarians on the job as we continue to grapple with President Trump’s unjustified trade war. Now more than ever, we must remove barriers to building transit and take bold, decisive action that supports our growing population and protects Ontario’s jobs.”

Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy echoed his Cabinet colleagues about the necessity of supporting Ontario’s communities: “In the face of global uncertainty, Ontario is embracing the opportunity to grow the economy and create stronger, more vibrant communities. Our government is doubling down on our efforts to get more homes built through key investments to support the construction of housing-enabling infrastructure, while empowering municipalities across the province to build faster and smarter for the wellbeing of people today, and for future generations.”



Firefly Feng Shui: Sheldrake transforms spaces and lives

By Brittany Grecni

For Marianne Sheldrake, the energy in a space has always mattered.

A former legal assistant, Marianne’s interest in energy work began in childhood, when she noticed that simply rearranging her room could shift how she felt. That intuitive understanding grew into a calling – one that led her to launch Firefly Feng Shui, where she now helps clients create balance, flow, and transformation in their environments.

Marianne has been on a spiritual journey for over 30 years, but for the past five, she has focused specifically on Feng Shui. Using BTB (Black Hat Feng Shui), she specializes in space clearing and energy alignment. By working with pendulums and intuitive techniques, she identifies areas in a home or office that may carry non-beneficial energy and transforms them into spaces that support well-being and intention.

Feng Shui, an ancient Chinese practice, translates to “wind and water.” It is rooted in the belief that everything is energy, and that by aligning with this energy, individuals can foster harmony between themselves and their surroundings.

According to Marianne, the state of our home often reflects the state of our lives.

“If things are in chaos in your space, chances are there’s chaos in some area of your life too,” she says. “Our homes are a foundation, and when that foundation is strong and balanced, it supports every area of life.”

One of her clients, after years of unsuccessful relationships, embraced Marianne’s Feng Shui recommenda-



Marianne Sheldrake

tions and soon met her life partner. Another, seeking growth in her business, saw increased activity after implementing energetic changes to her workspace.

Marianne uses the Bagua map – a key tool in Feng Shui that divides a space into energy zones – to guide her work. She emphasizes the importance of the front door, often called the “mouth of chi,” as it’s where energy enters the home. Her ideal clients are those feeling stuck, navigating life transitions like divorce or career changes, or moving into new homes and wanting to set powerful intentions for their next chapter.

She also draws on Bau Biology, which studies how buildings impact health, to reinforce how deeply our environments affect us, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

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McHappy Day in King gets a huge boost, raises funds for charity

Dignitaries and residents alike lent their support last Thursday to the annual McHappy Day fundraiser.

Proceeds from the day's sales are going to Ronald McDonald House with 25% from the Schomberg McDonald's going to the King Township Food Bank, a proud recipient charity.

Schomberg's Eveson family was honoured to be invited back to volunteer this year in memory of Abby. They noted the Schomberg McDonald's supported community initiatives and helped support the building of Schomberg's accessible playground in Abby's name. The Eveson children manned the drive-thru bright and early that day.

The King Chamber of Commerce was represented at the event as their new Event Coordinator, James, stopped by the Schomberg McDonald's to grab lunch in support of McHappy Day.

Members of the King Township Food Bank were also on hand to lend their support.

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts rolled up her sleeves and got busy serving customers, too.



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Residents walking for 'safe places'

Western Communities Foundation is celebrating its 20th anniversary of the National Walk, where they walk to raise funds for local charities.

This year the focus is on "safe places."

The Schomberg branch is holding a walk and expects roughly 100 to attend.

The event will be held May 22 from noon to 1 p.m. CEO Grant Ostir and Communities Foundation Director, Michelle Mak will deliver a welcome address at 11:30. After the walk, from 1 to 2 p.m., there will be a BBQ.

They are located at 17250 Highway 27 in Schomberg.

This milestone event marks two decades of dedicated efforts to support local communities across Canada with over \$1 million donated to local initiatives, funding playgrounds, awarding scholarships, and transforming community spaces since its inception in 2005. This also marks a new chapter of Western's journey and commitment to caring for communities with a new focus on "safe places."

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Villanova College celebrates 25 years with gala

Villanova College, Canada's only independent Catholic Augustinian school, proudly marked its 25th anniversary with a year of meaningful celebrations that reflected the school's deep-rooted values and vibrant community spirit.

The anniversary festivities began with a powerful opening school Mass in the fall, presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, then newly appointed Archbishop of Toronto. This Mass set the tone for a year of grati-

tude, reflection, and celebration.

The celebration of the school's 25th anniversary culminated at the end of April with a series of memorable events, beginning with a spectacular gala at Venu Event Space in Vaughan. More than 600 guests — including alumni, staff, parents past and present, friends, and supporters — gathered to honour the school's journey since its founding in 1999.

The gala not only marked a significant milestone in the school's history but also served as a fundraiser in support of Project 2025, a major building initiative that entails a 40,000 sq. ft addition to the campus to include a new kitchen and dining hall, theatre, specialty classrooms, and more, set to open in September 2025.

A highlight of the evening was the introduction of the Order of St. Thomas of Villanova, a newly established honour recognizing exceptional individuals who have significantly contributed to the life and mission of the school. The first recipients — Celeste Iacobelli, Remo D'Angelo and Vilma Cortelucci-Fiuza — were formally inducted during the gala in a moving ceremony that reflected Villanova's commitment to honouring leadership, service, and faith.

Head of School Paul Paradiso addressed the gathering with his heartfelt reflections on Villanova's 25-year journey — from its modest beginnings to becoming a thriving, mission-driven institution. Guests enjoyed an evening of fine dining, live entertainment, and



tributes that celebrated the school's values, legacy, and community impact.

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce was on hand to offer his congratulations.

"It was an honour to join parents, students, and alumni alike to celebrate the 25-year milestone of Villanova College — an institution that has become a staple of excellence here in our community," said Lecce. "Thank you most especially to the staff and parents that go above and beyond for these thoughtful young leaders — you make it all happen."

The celebrations continued on April 27, with a special anniversary Mass at

Sacred Heart Church in King City, the School's first home before moving to its current campus adjacent to Marylake and the Our Lady of Grace Shrine in King City. This liturgy brought the Villanova community together in prayer and thanksgiving, reinforcing the school's Augustinian foundation of truth, unity, and love.

As Villanova College looks to the future, the 25th anniversary celebrations have reaffirmed the school's mission to educate young men and women in heart and mind. The events not only honoured the past but inspired a new chapter rooted in faith, service, and community.

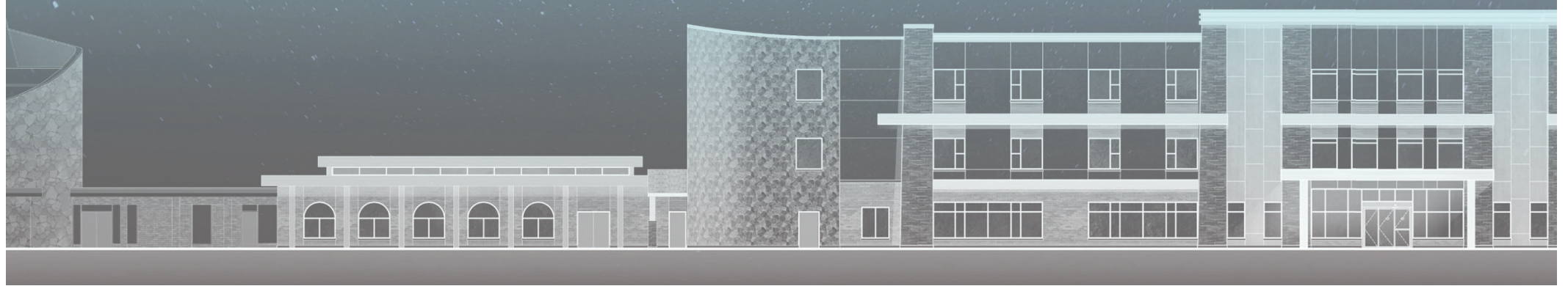


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Mother Theresa



Roberts says Conservatives are ‘just getting started’

By Mark Pavilons
 Editor
 Local Journalism
 Initiative Reporter

The people of King—Vaughan came out in overwhelming numbers, sending a clear message: it’s time for change.

MP-elect Anna Roberts said she’s “deeply grateful to the patriotic Canadians in our community who placed their trust in me to represent them in Ottawa.

“You voted for change. You voted for Pierre Poilievre to lead our great country forward. As your Member of Parliament, I will ensure King—Vaughan’s voice is heard loud and clear, and I’ll proudly stand behind Pierre every step

of the way.

“We know real change takes time, commitment, and hard work.

“Our fight is your fight, and together, we’re just getting started.”

Roberts said the Conservative movement is extremely encouraging. Under the leadership of Pierre Poilievre, Conservatives have received the highest vote percentage in modern Conservative history – the most amount of total votes for our party, ever, and many new seats all over the country.

“We’ve never seen so many people motivated to get involved in the Conservative movement.”

Does a minority perhaps mean that Conservative ridings can get more out of the federal government?

“Our increased seat count and a razor thin minority for the Liberals means more resources and speaking time in the House of Commons for Conservatives. We will continue to do everything we can to hold the government to account. We’ll be fighting every day for lower taxes, homes you can afford, and safe streets.”

The Conservatives, she said, will work hard, day in and day out to hold Mr. Carney’s government to account. They will continue to put forward motions and bills in the House of Commons with Conservative platform policies as we have been for the past 3 and a half years.

“We will continue to fight for you in Ottawa. For an affordable life, for safe

streets, for change. Our fight is your fight, and together, we’re just getting started.”

Riding support was strong for Roberts, and she said it’s important to listen to the community.

“I’ve always believed in being the voice of the people. Whether it’s at community events, at the doorsteps, on the phone, or reading emails, I’ll always listen to the concerns of the people of King-Vaughan and take their voice to Ottawa.”

With the seats as they are, the NDP remain the powerbrokers in the House of Commons.

“Common sense Conservatives will continue to fight for you and bring hope to those who need it most. We’re fighting for an affordable life, for safe streets, for change. We won’t give up because Canada is worth fighting for.”

Chinese community members go behind the scenes at Southlake Health

Innovation and compassionate care were on equal display as members of the Chinese Community from across York Region and the GTA visited Southlake Health—some for the first time—for a unique opportunity to learn more about the hospital.

Through the partnership of key volunteer leaders looking for a meaningful way to connect with community members, Southlake Health Foundation was pleased to host a behind-the-scenes look at the leading edge, life-saving care taking place in Southlake Health’s Regional Cancer Centre, Regional Cardiac Care Program, and Emergency Department. The event marked a meaningful step in Southlake Health Foundation’s ongoing commitment to engage and build relationships with the all of the diverse communities Southlake serves.

“Thousands of Chinese Canadians call York Region home, so if this is our home, then Southlake is our hospital,” said Keith Loo, Co-Founder and CEO of Skinopathy, a groundbreaking Toronto-based health technology startup that uses AI to detect skin disease, and member of Southlake Health Foundation’s Philanthropy Cabinet. “It means so much to me as a long-time Southlake supporter, to be able to introduce members of my community to the hospital. Many of those who joined us live and/or work in York Region, but didn’t realize this centre of excellence is right in our backyard, and that you don’t have to travel downtown for the best health care.”

Business leaders, members of the Chinese media, and those from clinical and nonprofit backgrounds made up the group of attendees who had the opportunity to hear from Southlake Health physicians about the pioneering clinical care provided to cardiac, cancer, and trauma patients at the hospital. The group also toured some of the newly renovated spaces in Southlake’s Regional Cancer Centre to see some first-in-Canada cancer treatment technology, made possible by community donors.

“It was a real privilege to share with a group perhaps not as familiar with Southlake about the work myself and my colleagues are doing to bring ground-breaking, less invasive approaches in care to patients in the community,” said Dr. Bernice Tsang. Dr. Tsang is an Electrophysiologist in Southlake’s Regional Cardiac Care Program and was one of the first physicians in Canada to implant dual chamber leadless pacemaker technology in patients. To-date, Dr. Tsang has performed more than 35 implantations of the new dual chamber leadless pacemaker at Southlake. Dr. Tsang also has supported other electrophysiologists across the GTA, including those at SickKids, St. Michael’s Hospital, and Toronto General Hospital, by helping to train their clinicians on the use of various types of leadless pacemaker technology. “Anytime as a physician we can connect with the community, and bring them into our world to show them the

impact community support can have for those we care for, is a great opportunity.”

Dolly Shao, Founder and Managing Director of G.L.O.W. Communications Inc., Schulich School of Business Instructor at York University, and co-organizer of the event as a Member of Southlake Health Foundation’s Philanthropy Cabinet hopes attendees took home a sense of pride and belonging. “I hope those who attended the event leave with a sense of confidence that this level of care exists, right here, close to home for our community and a sense of belonging at Southlake because this is an organization that strives to make meaningful connection for all those who depend on them for care.”

Both Southlake Health President and CEO Dr. Paul Woods, and Southlake Health Foundation President and CEO Jennifer Ritter attended the event, and expressed their gratitude to attendees for their interest in learning about and supporting the organization.

“Southlake Health serves diverse and vibrant communities across our catchment. It was an honour and a pleasure to meet passionate leaders and influencers from our Chinese community, whose deep interest in helping to advance leading edge care, close to home was inspiring. We are so grateful to those who took this time to learn more about our hospital, and look forward to continuing to build relationships with our communities,” said Ritter.

Authority looking for award nominations

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is seeking watershed-wide nominations for the 43rd Annual Conservation Awards.

Last year, they proudly acknowledged the efforts of 22 outstanding individuals and groups across the Lake Simcoe watershed. Their activities included ecological restoration, stormwater management, wildlife habitat restoration, community tree plantings, and initiatives improving communities and protecting waterways.

“Environmental challenges and climate change impacts in our watershed continue to grow each year. Yet, every year, we are inspired by the drive, dedication, and passion of those who step up to make a positive impact and improve their local environment,” says Katarina Zeppieri, the Conservation Authority’s communications advisor.

If you know someone making extraordinary contributions to the health of the Lake Simcoe watershed, we encourage you to nominate them. The process is easy. Visit www.LSRCA.on.ca/conservationawards for the award nomination form and the eligibility criteria. The deadline for nomination is June 5.



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Arts & Entertainment

King creates public art policy to foster community pride

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

King has adopted a Corporate Public Art Policy to foster community pride.

Councillors okayed recommendations from staff to establish a Public Art Reserve Fund to enhance local art.

Staff pointed out that King has a history of supporting arts and culture through various initiatives and a Public Art Policy is essential for fostering a vibrant and inclusive community.

Public art enhances quality of life, community pride, and economic vitality.

Funding for public art has been limited and reliant on external funding sources.

Increased requests for public art led to the need for a more sustainable program with enhanced transparency and accountability.

The proposed policy allows for increased accountability with decisions to be made by committee with increased community engagement. Staff said the Public Art Reserve funding would be derived from allocation applied from capital projects with budgets greater than \$100,000 and a reserve fund to be capped at \$250,000.

The Township has a long-standing

history of supporting arts and culture through the ownership and operation of the King Heritage & Cultural Centre (KHCC), and support for community groups such as Arts Society King, among others. Through these channels, several small, community-led public art initiatives have been realized, including the Banner Program, the installation of the York Region Trail Marker at the KHCC, and the rotating art displays at the King Township Municipal Centre.

Despite the success of these projects, funding and resources dedicated to public art is limited and reliant on grants, donations, and external support. Prior to 2022, there was no dedicated public art budget for the Township. In the 2025 operating budget \$7,500 is allocated towards public art. Over the past five years, this funding has been beneficial. However, requests for public art to enliven public spaces have steadily increased from council members, local businesses, and community partners.

Staff admitted though, the allocated funds are insufficient to support larger, more impactful projects. Additionally, the use of these funds has been at the discretion of staff. While staff have consulted with groups such as Arts Society King and the King Heritage & Cultural Centre Advisory Board for

guidance, there has been limited community involvement.

In order to create a more sustainable program with sufficient resources, increased accountability, and a higher level of community involvement, Heritage & Culture staff began researching municipal public art programs in other municipalities known for their positive reputation for art in public spaces. This research included a jurisdictional scan of other policies, procedures, and programs, and meeting with municipal staff who manage them.

Neighbouring municipalities such as Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill all have comprehensive Public Art Programs that govern the installation of all Public Art within their municipalities. Priorities in each program reflected in the proposed Policy are citizen engagement, site selection process, maintenance plans and a sustainable funding model.

Through these conversations, Township staff met with City of Kitchener staff, who have been running a highly successful Public Art program for over 20 years using a version of the proposed model. Township staff have since used this as a model for the proposed Public Art Policy Public Art Procedure.

The new policy ensures that art is accessible to everyone, enriching public spaces and enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

“Public art can reflect the cultural diversity and history of a community, creating a sense of identity and pride. Public art can stimulate economic growth by attracting tourists and encouraging local businesses,” staff said in their report.

A well-defined Public Art Policy provides a framework for the selection, funding, and maintenance of artworks, ensuring that they are thoughtfully integrated into the urban landscape and preserved for future generations.

“By investing in public art, the Township demonstrates a commitment to cultural enrichment and community engagement.”

The Township values public art as a key asset that enhances quality of life, community pride, public aesthetics, and contributes to cultural, social, and economic vitality.

“Celebrating our culture and heritage, reflecting diversity, expressing shared values, and defining our unique identity, public art aligns with the Township’s goal of creating an appealing, sustainable community.”

Establishing a standardized and transparent process for the selection, acquisition, maintenance and de-ac-

cession of public art and providing a sustainable funding model for the management of public art will ensure that this is done through a standardized and transparent process.

Staff reviewed several existing programs from municipalities of various sizes and developed a model best suited for King. A consistent method identified in the majority of programs was ensuring funds in a dedicated reserve must be used exclusively for expenses directly associated with public art, including but not limited to acquisition, design, fabrication, installation, documentation, programming, governance and administration of the selection process, collection, inventory, insurance, staffing, legal requirements, de-accession of artistic works and overall policy reviews.

Statistics collected by the Ontario Arts Council have found that the arts significantly bolster Ontario’s economy, contributing \$27.5 billion annually, which is 3.3% of the province’s GDP. Cultural and recreational amenities play a vital role in downtown revitalization, with 83% of surveyed municipalities affirming their effectiveness. A thriving arts scene attracts top talent and businesses, with 65% of business leaders and skilled workers acknowledging this benefit. Arts and culture activities also draw 9.5 million overnight tourists, generating \$3.7 billion in GDP, as these tourists spend more and stay longer.

The majority of Ontarians (79%) support public funding for the arts, recognizing their importance to individual and community well-being, and their contribution to making communities better places to live.

In addition to costs associated with the production, installation and maintenance of public art, artists must be compensated fairly for their work. Individual artist fees will vary based on their experience and reputation, as well as the size and scope of the work proposed. As this can be subjective, all those looking to commission or purchase art from Canadian artists are encouraged to follow the guidelines set by the Canadian Artists Representation Le Front Des Artistes Canadiens (CAR-FAC), who create an annual schedule of fees to establish minimum fees to be paid to Canadian artists. Recently CAR-FAC has created a Public Art Tool Kit as a guide, and will be the model staff follow to ensure that all artists working with the Township are compensated.

“By adopting this policy, the Township will ensure that public art is accessible to everyone, enriching public spaces.”

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32. Mr. October

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41. Head movement

42. Jeweled headdress

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44. A way to change color

45. Basketball move

46. Upright stone slab

48. Forest-dwelling monkey

49. Pulsate steadily

50. Negative

51. Sino-Soviet bloc (abbr.)

52. Unit of work

CLUES DOWN

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2. Pittsburgh ballplayer

3. Chemical compound

4. Indicates density of data (abbr.)

5. Mesas

6. Wild, long-legged sheep

8. Engine additive

9. “CSI” actor George

11. Stony waste matter

14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone

15. Pores in a leaf’s epidermis

18. Digraph

19. Married woman

20. Peripheral

22. Northern Italy city

23. Klutz

24. Type of tree

27. Witnessed

28. Popular breakfast food

29. __ Mahal

31. BoSox legend

Williams

32. Professional drivers

33. Atom or molecule type

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35. Chest to store clothes (Scottish)

36. Type of solution

37. Speaker

38. Specifying

39. Formerly (archaic)

40. Wiseman and Krom are two

44. The bill in a restaurant

47. Tennis shot

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

Volunteers plant trees, shrubs, to beautify park

By Jim Stewart

More than 60 red-shirted volunteers planted native trees and shrubs across the verdant north border of Schomberg's Osin Lions Park on Saturday morning.

Amanda Hardman, Project Coordinator with Magna's Neighbourhood Network, oversaw "that our fifteenth annual tree planting attracted a group of high school students getting their (volunteer) hours as well as local families" planting in optimal Spring conditions. The high school students – who provided much of the labor – came from as far away as St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS in Richmond Hill and as close as Villanova College in King City.

Lori McLean, Restoration Project Specialist for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, felt a connection with the high schoolers and revealed in the notion that "my own daughter – who's in Grade 9 this year – is volunteering at today's tree planting in East Gwillimbury with my mom." When asked about the best part of Saturday's planting session in King, McLean noted that "it was all about seeing the next generation involved and ob-

serving their enthusiasm. This hands-on experience is invaluable for them."

McLean's expertise and patience were abundantly clear as she showed groups of teenagers how to plant Eastern White Cedars, White Pines, and Bur Oak saplings. She praised the partnership of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Township of King: "We provide the shovels and the plant materials. We have 250 plants and shrubs that the volunteers will plant. The Township of King has done a great job preparing and mowing the site for today's planting."

King Ward 4 Councillor Mary Aselstine was pleased by what she saw transpiring at Osin Park and loved the collective experience coordinated by Neighbourhood Watch and the LSRCA: "Being out in the sunshine – planting trees and with all the camaraderie of like-minded people – that's wonderful."

Saturday's tree planting initiative in north Schomberg was one of three sites being restored and recharged with native species by the LSRCA. The Conservation Authority also coordinated tree and shrub plantings in Newmarket and East Gwillimbury on Saturday – all part of a strategy to celebrate National Volunteer Week.



Red-shirted volunteers planted trees and shrubs at Schomberg's Osin Lions Park, as part of the annual event, led by Magna's Neighbourhood Network.

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King Junior A Rebellion Prospects Camp draws 110 players

By Jim Stewart

King Junior A Rebellion General Manager Jay Gennaro gazed out at a spirited, heavy-hitting Blue versus Black scrimmage at the Zancor Centre on Saturday afternoon and liked what he saw: “There’s a lot of opportunity out there. We’re going to get younger.”

Gennaro and newly-hired Head Coach Geoff Schomogyi were treated to ten hours of assessing over 110 Junior A aspirants adorned in yellow, green, blue, black, white, and red Rebellion practice jerseys.

The new GM acknowledged that this club will belong to Coach Schomogyi and he offered insights into this emerging dynamic: “With ‘Smogie’ coming in, he’s got a fresh slate and everybody – veterans and prospects – will have to earn their spot on the roster. Geoff will be more of a teacher as he transitions from coaching pros in Indianapolis to coaching Junior hockey players as he has done for many years.”

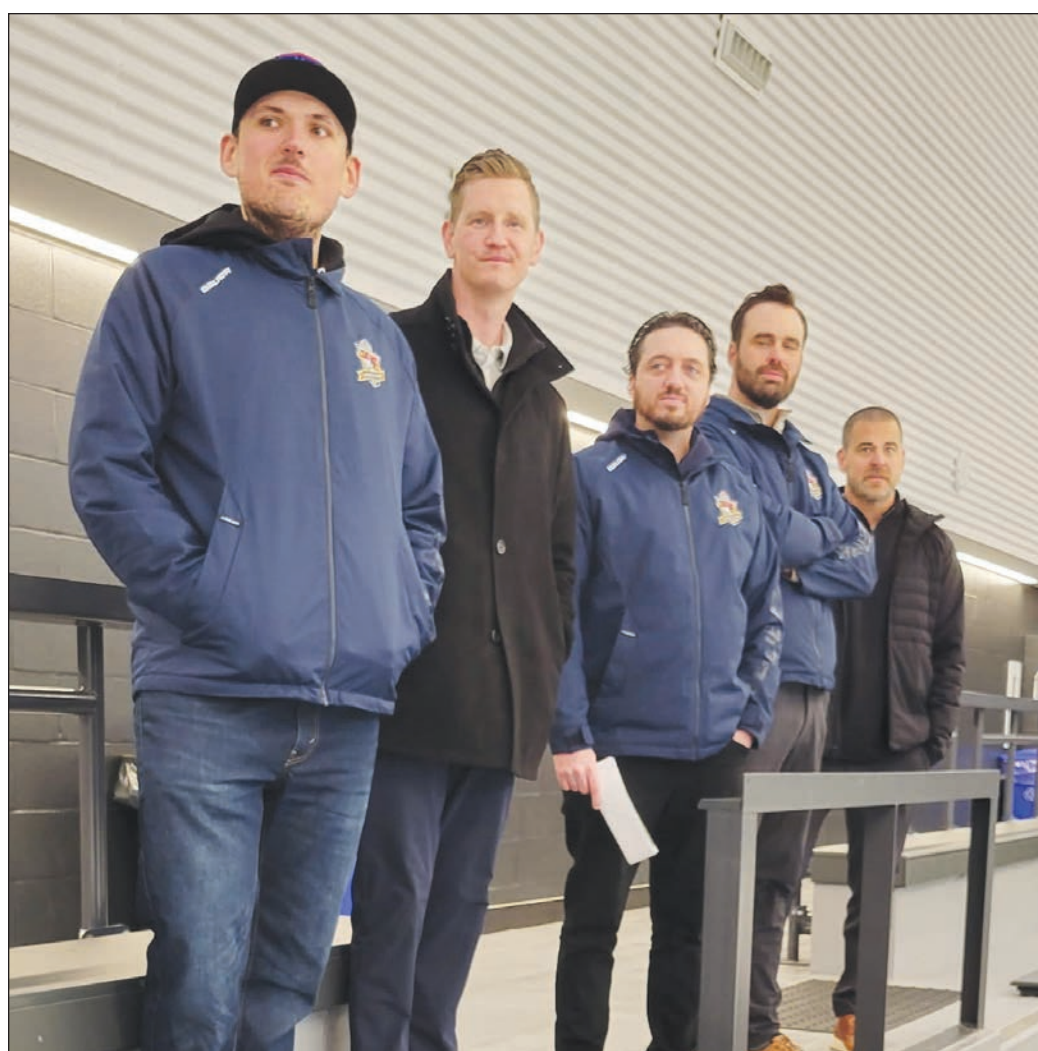
Both Gennaro and Schomogyi are in full agreement regarding what kind of player they’re looking for in this six-team Prospect Camp: “Character is everything. When we’re recruiting, we’re looking for good people. The prospects at camp will be playing three 70-min-

ute games over two days. It’s a full day session for the staff today, but it’s very rewarding. That’s the good thing about these camps. You have an idea about skill levels based on the guys you’ve invited, but there are some great surprises on the ice, too. Some guys aren’t as good as you thought but many of the prospects are so much better than we thought and that makes our day.”

Gennaro, Schomogyi, and the recently-hired core staff are in the process of re-stocking the Rebellion roster and noted that “although the league’s maximum roster is 25 players, we’re going to have 21-22 players this season.”

Despite so many departures from last year’s core squad either through blockbuster mid-season trades or late-season promotions, Gennaro remained steadfast that graduating players to the OHL will be the Rebellion’s prime objective in 2025-26: “That’s the main purpose of OJHL clubs this season with all the changes in NCAA eligibility. First and foremost, our role remains preparing players for the OHL.”

The Rebellion’s most notable graduate Simon Wang of the Oshawa Generals has found his way to the OHL Final series as a rotation defender versus the London Knights. Three other King Junior A players also saw



A brand new team of scouts, coaches, and admin evaluated on-ice talent at the Rebellion’s Prospects Camp on Saturday.

substantial action during the 2024-25 season: Marshall McCharles (Sudbury Wolves), Sam Black (Barrie Colts), and Jacob Xu (Kitchener Rangers). Another Rebellion forward – Mikhail Zakharov – is committed to and was drafted by the London Knights for the upcoming season.

The franchise’s recent success in placing five quality players at the next level is a mixed blessing. Although it’s a feather in the cap of the organization, it also puts pressure on the new hockey operations staff to glean the wheat from the chaff at this year’s Prospects Camp.



Ensuring safe off-road vehicle use

With the return of warm weather and more people enjoying the outdoors, King Township is addressing two issues that crop up around this time of year: the illegal use of off-road vehicles and the responsibility of pet owners to clean up after their pets on public property.

To ensure everyone’s safety, it is important to remember that riding any off-road vehicles is strictly prohibited on any roads, sidewalks, park pathways and trails in the Township of King and all of York Region. This includes pocket bikes, dirt bikes, mini-bikes, ATVs and motorized scooters.

Off-road vehicles are only permitted on private property with the landowner’s

permission. It is important for riders to transport their off-road vehicles to these properties.

Bylaw officers are focusing on educating the community about these regulations. Non-compliance can result in fines up to \$5,000 and vehicles may be impounded. Parents of unsupervised children riding these vehicles can also be charged.

Residents are encouraged to use King’s online off-road vehicle reporting tool at king.ca/WitnessReport to help keep the community safe. Reports of ATVs being ridden on public roads should be made to the York Regional Police using the online Road Watch portal.

Gran Fondo King – Ride through the heart of King Township

The Gran Fondo King is an annual cycling event that kicked off in 2024 to great success, and is expected to be bigger and better for 2025. The event showcases the beauty of King Township as a cycling destination, as well as raises the profile of businesses throughout the area that are contributing to economic prosperity and vitality for residents.

The event isn’t just for riders — non-cyclists are also invited to join the fun at the post-ride celebration, featuring a farm-fresh lunch, local vendors and food trucks, live music, drinks, and more!

Organizers are looking for local food and beverage vendors, as well as businesses interested in contributing items for our swag bags. If you’d like to get involved, please email info@kingchamber.ca for more details.

The Chamber is also looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with registration, swag bag distribution, vendor support, & more.

Volunteers can also cheer on cyclists at the start/finish line and enjoy complimentary food and beverages during the event. Plus, they’re happy to sign off on any volunteer hours!

Gran Fondo King proudly supports local businesses and contributes to the economic vitality of our community. We look forward to another successful year of connection, celebration, and cycling!

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will lead the service, continuing a series entitled, "The ABC'S of Discipleship." This Sunday's letter is T for "Taster," from Psalm 34.

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 a great 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 Friday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Join us as we explore questions about life, faith, and Jesus with the youth Alpha program.

Nobleton Seniors (55+)
By Joanne Bailey
416-706-9375

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.

Until June 13 in the Nobleton program room upstairs on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on May 14, May 28, June 11 and June 25, activities will be set up by volunteers based on the interest of our seniors, such as bingo, bocce cards. Cost is \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members.

May 15 – King Township Historical Society. Learn the history of this society, how it began in 1972, special events including the 50th Anniversary and more. Presented by Sharon Bentley.

May 22 – Paint a Garden Sign. Come and learn how to paint a wooden sign to hang in your garden. Detail instructions given by artist Angela Del Borrello. Cost is \$10 which includes all material and instructions. Register by May 19.

May 29 – Balancing Your Life on Your Feet. The Chiropractor from Balance Health Studio in Schomberg will come and tell us about the importance of balance and how to prevent falls.

June 5 – The History of Tattoos and their Artistic Expression. Presented by Sapphire. Tattoos have gone through movements and trends. Come out and listen to this information.

June 12 – The "Social," tickets are confirmed. Limited to 10 people, so book with Joanne. This will be a live show and taped, you may be seen on TV. The show is free, your cost is the transportation downtown. More details about meeting place, dress code and time to follow.

June 19 – Let's celebrate with a party. This will be our last Thursday until September 11. Lunch will be provided,

please bring a favourite dessert. Bring you great ideas for our September start.

Nobleton Lions

We look forward to welcoming you at our booth at the Victoria Day celebration this Monday for refreshments and for sharing more about how the Nobleton Lions serve in our community. As always, we'll be in the parade with a float and candy for the kids.

The Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides takes place Sunday, May 25, starting at the Library Gazabo with registration at 9 a.m. and the walk starting at 10. Bev Berger of Nobleton is a longtime active fundraiser for this important event which raised over \$7,000 in 2024. To register as a fundraiser or to donate financially, please visit the website <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/> Donations are used to train service dogs like those helping people with sight impairments.

Only two weeks later the annual golf fundraiser tees off at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Course on Sunday, June 8. Entry forms and sponsor forms are available from any Lion.

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.com.

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.com. 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.



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Volunteers help turtles

A crew of volunteers came to dig up and loosen the gravel and pull back the weeds in preparation for turtle nest season which starts this month. The Dufferin Marsh hosts two different turtles, the Eastern Painted Turtle and the Snapping Turtle (a species at risk). The site was installed in partnership with the Township of King to give the turtles an alternative to using the roadside for nesting. They also constructed turtle nest covers that will be installed over the eggs to protect them from predators such as racoons and foxes.



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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

We wish everyone a happy and safe Victoria Day weekend. If you stay home this weekend we invite you to worship with us this Sunday, May 18 at 10 a.m. with Rev. Bill Fritz presiding over worship. Rev. Bill will be attending at King City for the next four months as Rev. Andrew will be off on a Sabbatical beginning May 19 and returning the second week of September.

Worship begins at 10 a.m. and fellowship and coffee in the auditorium follows the worship hour with everyone welcome to join. Sunday School is cancelled for the long weekend.

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your givings. Year round, for those who use the foodbank, support is an expression of kindness and generosity for which so many are grateful. We encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations for the many needing assistance.

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

King Bible Church

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

We invite everyone to the next Open Closet Outlet on Saturday, June 21 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, May 23 - 12 p.m. - Potluck lunch - Everyone is welcome. Each attendee is asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert to share. This is a great time to enjoy good food and good conversations with friends old

and new.

Friday, May 30 - 10 a.m. - Speaker - Gordon Van Dyke will discuss 'How we think is how we act - I'm Okay, You're Okay.' Don't miss this informative discussion of how our thoughts directly affect how we interact with others.

Refreshments will be available. Please register 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. At 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. Art Class (2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month).

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. - Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi). At 10 a.m. - Qigong. This is not a drop-in class. Registration is required each week. Class size is limited to 10 participants.

Thursday afternoons; 1 p.m. - Carpet Bowling.

Friday mornings: reserved for presentations, workshops and special events.

Friday afternoons: 1 p.m. - Progressive Euchre.

York Pines United

Rev. Andrew returns this Sunday of the holiday weekend for his last service before beginning his sabbatical. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the service at 11 a.m. Next Sunday is York Pines' 59th anniversary with Rev. Japhet Ndhlovu leading the service.

Rev. Andrew will be away on sabbatical for three months starting May 19th, and he'll return on September 2 after two weeks vacation.

Book Club is on May 26 at 10 a.m. both at the church and on Zoom. This is a planning meeting for the next session starting in the fall. Bring your book list suggestions. Contact the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 if you wish to participate remotely.

June 10 is the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. York Pines has agreed to host a group of local churches to celebrate on June 8th at

our usual time. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Church

Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo invites us to register for "A Day with Mary" Saturday, May 31 on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City. There will be food, music, fellowship and Holy Mass celebrated. Visit archtoronto.org/mary.

Last chance tickets for "Gala of Hope" Saturday, May 24. Contact Mary at cazzetta@rogers.com

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.

Visit kingcitytennis.com

Markus Ziegler, our OTA Certified Head Tennis Coach of several years, is ready to provide tennis programs and lessons for all ages and levels of ability.

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, so please sign up early.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

All are welcome at St. Andrew's, King City! Sunday Morning Worship Services are held at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Alison Agnew continued with her stimulating sermon series on the book of Hebrews, found in the New Testament. Our recorded services are on YouTube. Our website is st-andrews-king-city.ca and click on the YouTube frame.

Life Connect is on Wednesday this week, May 14 at 2 - 3 p.m. at Renate's at 7 p.m. All are welcome. When Pastor Alison sends out the questions, she'll send out the address. It's always a great discussion, a time for coffee/tea, friendship, laughter and learning.

Mark your calendars! Our next Fellowship Lunch is Sunday, May 25. We're having a Salad Bar Lunch! June 1 is Communion Sunday and our next Prayer and Praise Gathering, hosted by Jacquie Lawson is Friday, June 6 from 7-9 p.m. We hope you can be with us.

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 Kit Woods

In the Gospel of John 13:31-35, we find Jesus offering one of his most profound and urgent commands to his disciples: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." It's not a gentle suggestion, but a radical call to action. Jesus had just washed the feet of his friends, even the one who would betray him, and now, facing the cross, he speaks of love, not as a sentiment, but as a way of living. A way of transforming the world.

Love, in this passage, is not abstract. It's gritty. It requires humility, service, and courage. And it is meant to be visible: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

One of the clearest ways we can embody this command is through feeding the hungry and caring for our neighbours. That's what The Common Table Farm - a project of Flemingdon Park Ministry - has been doing since 2017. This remarkable urban farm grows and gives fresh produce to hundreds of seniors and families in the Flemingdon Park area, many of whom are newcomers to Canada or living with food insecurity.

But it does more than grow food. It cultivates dignity, connection, and community. It offers opportunities for youth to learn about gardening, and for neighbours and volunteers to find joy and purpose in giving. In a world where so many feel isolated or unseen, The Common Table Farm is a sign of God's love in action - a modern footwashing, you could say.

On Saturday, May 31, we're inviting the community to come out to All Saints Anglican Church at 12935 Keele Street from 1-4 p.m. for a joyful outdoor fundraising event that is run by Revolution Now in support of this ministry. There will be vendors, music, games, and more, a true celebration of community and compassion. This is an opportunity for us to aid the farm's efforts to grow and distribute food where it is needed most.

This is more than a fundraiser. It's a chance to live out the Gospel. To put love into action. To say, with our hands and hearts, "Yes, Jesus. We will love one another as you have loved us."

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

We hope that everyone had a Happy Mother's Day last Sunday. We enjoyed having Schomberg UCW in charge of the Mothers' Day service while Rev. Richard was on study leave. Rev. Richard is back this Sunday.

Bible study resumes on Thurs. May 15 at 10 am at Nobleton United Church. Everyone is welcome to come. Bring your Bible (if you have one) and your questions! There are no wrong questions!

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, May 20 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. Families are welcome to this free and fun event. The theme is the Early Church's Mission (Pentecost). One of the activities is always decorating cookies, plus 5 other optional activities. At 6 pm, we will talk about how the activities relate to the theme. At 6:15 p.m., we eat. Please contact me 416-

316-5064 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to let me know that you intend to come or for more info.

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, June 3. Note that this date is an exception to the "second Tuesday of the month." Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. All the classes at Schomberg Public School will be coming to entertain the seniors. The meal will be BBQed hot dogs, baked beans and broccoli salad. The dessert will be strawberry muffins with ice cream & strawberry sauce. The meal can be delivered, if you prefer. Please let Sheila Kelly know (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend. Space is limited. Although this is a free event, we do appreciate any donations that you are able to make to help cover the costs. We were grateful to the Township of King for some additional financial support last year.

Did you that know the United Church of Canada was formed in 1925 when the Methodists, Congregationalists and some Presbyterians joined together? A group of local churches, including Bolton United, Caledon East United, Palgrave United, York Pines



and our churches are planning a 100th Anniversary Celebration for Sunday, June 8 at 11 a.m. at York Pines. There will be various musical groups performing. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

The Schomberg U.C.W. meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is Thurs. June 12th, at 1 pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church. All community members are welcome. There will be some refreshments after.

The first Tuesday of the month potlucks are over for the summer. They have been very enjoyable. Many thanks to organizer Wendy Tushingham. Thanks also to Front Porch Har-

mony for providing music at the last pot luck before the summer.

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

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

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Tractors: Case IH Maxxum 5240 4WD tractor, cab, 3 remotes, complete motor rebuild 200hrs ago, front wts; Leyland 384 2WD tractor, 2 remotes, hydr grader under blade; Landini 14500 2WD tractor, 354 Perkins engine, 2 remotes, 2300hrs, cab; MF 165 2WD tractor, 6300hrs, 1 remote; Zetor 7340 4WD tractor, Quicke 640 loader, 6ft bucket, cab, 2840hrs, 1 remote; Nuffield 460 tractor; Zetor 5245 loader tractor, front hydr pump, 6' bucket; Zetor 6945 loader tractor; Ford 3000 tractor; Int 504 Hi-Clear tractor; White 1470 tractor; JD 2120 tractor, Frey loader; Universal 533 DT 4WD tractor, 345 loader, 6' bucket, new clutch & ring gear; MF 285 tractor, MF 246 loader, cab; McKee Eero 470 tractor, cab. **Tractors (not running):** Int B275 loader tractor; Int 300 loader tractor; MF 40B ind tractor, bucket, rear weight; Universal U-445 tractor; Ford 3000; Leyland 340 loader tractor. **Bulldozer/Forklifts/Equip:** JD Ind 310E backhoe loader, 4WD, 7' bucket; log skidder with tree spade, GM V8 diesel, articulated AWD, Dutch Master 500150" tree spade; Dutchman 360I tree spade, 36", elec over hydr; Toyota 42-5FD2.0 forklift, diesel; Clark EC500-45 elec forklift; 1150 Case bulldozer with bucket-for parts; Zetor ND9 diesel forklift; Case Expandahoe-no motor-for parts; JD 310A backhoe, 6' bucket; Linde H45D-600-04 forklift, diesel, needs coupler to power unit; Zetor ND-92 forklift. **Trucks/Trailers:** Int S1700 tree truck, boom & dump, flatbed 16'x8', 254kmi, bush use only; blue steel trailer 8.5'x20' deck, dual axle, beaver tail ramps-homemade; steel trailer 2'sides 7'x20' deck, beaver tail end gate; Mazda B300 pickup-for parts; Ford Taurus-for parts; 2008 Ford Ranger pickup-parts; Int Fleetstar truck-parts only, with sprayer tank; Mazda 6 car-parts; Ford Taurus SE-parts; boat trailer. **Farm Mach:** 2680 Gehl round baler, string, silage special, 4x5's; Int 4000 swather; JD 513 5'bushog; 6' bushog; Hardi 100gal sprayer, boom & pump; 200gal sprayer-no pump; Forage King undercarriage; Massey 33 seed drill; Dunhamleer dual land packer 11'; flat hay elevator; 1090 Gehl haybine; Bushog 1550 soil saver 11'; White 702W 2 row corn head; Int 45 Vibrashank 9ft cultivator; White 7300 combine-parts only; Owatona 595 roll baler- parts only; NH manure spreader-parts only; (2)Int 435 balers-parts only; gravity box-box only; NH 855 round baler; 18' cultivator; Dutz Allis GP 2.50 round baler; Triple K 12' cultivator; JF Farriken CMT245 multi-crimper-for parts; MF 228 square baler; 32'x6" grain auger on wheels; wood feed wagon; Overund 5 furrow plow; Case 5 furrow plow; Glencoe 18' cultivator-man wings; Case 12' cultivator, drag harrows; Hagedorn Hydra-Spread 225 manure spreader; McCormick Int seed drill, 16 row, grass seed & fert; JD 1360 discbine 10' cut; Q960 Quicke loader; NI mower/conditioner; JD 3 furrow plow; Zetor 8441 loader; McKee 620 (2) snowblowers 7' & 6'; JD MX6 bushog-needs gear box; (3)6' scraper blades; Danuser post hole auger; 6ft Quicktach material bucket; 5' material bucket; 6' Reich attachment; 6' disc; 8' scraper blade with roller; 6' cultivator; MF 278 sq baler-for parts; Hayliner 273 sq baler-for parts; (2)wood hay wagons 8'x18'; 12ft land packer. **Shop/Farm Rel:** Qty 4" diam irrigation pipe-var lengths; (3)5' Rubbermaid water troughs; rolls of used chain link fence; (2)steel gates; wire gate; (12+) plastic pipes, 8"-12"diam, 1/2-3/4"wall, 12ft+, asst lengths; Danuser 14" posthole auger; EX-45000 12" post hole auger; pallet forks; Woods L59 mower deck; Steiner 220 mower with deck-parts only; good qty scrap; floor jacks; water pumps; water hose

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York Regional Police make \$1.2-million donation

York Regional Police celebrated the 30th anniversary of Police Appreciation Night.

The sold-out Police Appreciation Night was held May 8 at Universal Event Space in Vaughan, Ontario.

Thanks to the overwhelming and generous support of our donors, sponsors and community members, a total of \$1.2 million has been raised for the beneficiaries of Police Appreciation Night, the York Region Centre for Community Safety and Victim Services of York Region.

"A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to Police Appreciation Night," York Regional Police Chief Jim MacSween said. "These funds ensure our community partners can continue their invaluable, important work supporting victims of crime and other tragic circumstance in our region."

During Police Appreciation Night, York Regional Police members – both sworn and civilian – are recognized for their outstanding work.

Each of the award winners have exemplified the York Regional Police values of professionalism, courage, com-

passion, fairness and respect, and have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their service to the community.

"This year's award winners include officers who exemplified a great deal of bravery, even in challenging circumstances, and members who have made a lasting, positive impact on the community through their volunteer endeavours," Chief MacSween said. "They have each embodied the service's motto: Deeds Speak, and have set the bar high for their fellow colleagues."

This year's award winners include: Project Crystal Investigative Team – Professionalism in Policing Award.

Project Glaceport Investigative Team – Professionalism in Policing Award. Vaughan Home Invasion Investigation – Garrett Styles Bravery in the Line of Duty.

Detective Constable Dan Banks – Rob Plunkett Outstanding Service to the Community.

Staff Sergeant Josh McCue – Herbert H. Carnegie Community Award.

Dana Bourdages Volunteer Coordinator – Leo McArthur Civilian Recogn-

ition Award.

The sold-out PAN 30 reached epic proportions this year, as the largest fundraiser to date.

For 30 years, York Regional Police has been shining a light on the outstanding work conducted each day by our members.

Over three decades, the gala dinner has highlighted members who have lived the YRP values of professional-

ism, compassion, fairness, courage and respect.

They have each embodied the service's motto: Deeds Speak.

Each year, York Regional Police hosts an essay contest, inviting Grade 5 students in York Region to submit an essay.

The contest winner – Amanah Dato – became York Regional Police Chief for a Day and delivered a speech about at Police Appreciation Night.



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554447 Mono-Amaranth TLine, Mono, ON Go west through Orangeville on Hwy 9 to County Rd 16 (Veterans Way at Greenwood Cemetery), turn north 5 miles to farm on East side. OR From Shelburne go east on Hwy 89 for 2 miles to Mono-Amaranth Townline, turn south & go 5 miles to farm on East side.

Tractors: CCASE IH-MX 120, 4x4 tractor, cab, Q980 Quickie loader, 3 remotes, rebuilt trani (5 yrs ago); Case IH Maxxum 125, cab, 4x4, Stoll loader, 2 remotes, needs glass in cab & rear fenders; Int 5088 tractor, 6 cycl Agri-Max engine, 3 remotes, 7600hrs; DB 1200 Selectomatic tractor; Huskee 20-51 riding mower, 20hp, 50" cut; Kubota B6200 lawn tractor, 60" cut. **Trucks:** 2000 Int bin truck, with 1 bin, current safety; 2004 GMC 2500 pickup, crew cab, Duramax diesel, 357,941kms, incl lots of new parts; Dodge Ram 2500 pickup, 272,601kms. **ATV:** 2017 Honda Rancher ATV, winch, back box, 6127kms, very good. **Trailers:** 2005 Wilson 5th wheel livestock trailer, 7'x20', tandem, alum, 1 divider; 1995 Hudson HSE trailer, blue, 2 axles, rear ramps, steel with pressure treated deck, bumper hitch, elec brakes; 8'x6' utility trailer, very good; gooseneck flat deck trailer with rear ramps, pin attachment. **Mach/Equip:** 30ft steel round bale wagon, tandem; Farm King 1061 10"x16" auger PTO; Kuhn GA3200GT, pull-type, tandem axle; NH H7230 hydra swing discbine, new driveline, 10' cut, rubber rollers, light kit, 540PTO; NH BC5070 sq baler with thrower, hydr tension, like new; JD 336 sq baler, knottor rebuilt; (2) Forage King bale baskets; 12ft Int double disc, NH 404 pull-type hay crimper; 9ft NH 488 haybine; MF 18ft disc, man wings; Bruns 150bu gravity box, Turnco 275bu gravity box & auger; field sprayer; Int 18ft cultivator; NH 650 round baler, twine only, up to 4x6 bales, monitor, light usage; NH 353 Mixmill; MF 4 furrow plow; hay tedder; side mower; post-hole auger; JD 335 round baler; 4 wheel hay rake; 5 sect diamond harrows; Bruns gravity box; grain auger; loader for Ford 5000; 14ft cultivator; MF side mower; 30ft bale wagon, Horst, wood deck; NI 5209 discbine; hopper bottom feeder; GeoWt sprayer; NH 353 mix mill; MF 4 furrow plow; Snowco grain cleaner; NH 268 sq baler; NH 70 bale thrower; Kongskilde cultivator; Watveare cultivator; (2)NH 144 hay inverters **Farm Rel/Shop/Misc:** (4)Brock hopper bottom bins (7 ring, 4 ring, 2x1 ton-stored inside)-purchaser to remove; sheep feeder; creep feeder; hay feeder; JD Welding mixer, hammer mill, scale(purchaser to remove); MTD 4.5hp self-propelled lawnmower; (210) landscape edging blocks; (2) round bale feeders; (2)sm bale feeders; 20ft round bale wagon, wood floor; qty water troughs; (200+)step on elec stakes; elec fence insulators; (2)fencers-Gallagher & Peavy; light wire for fence; come-alongs; chicken feeders & waterers; ladders; propane infrared heater; (2)chicken crates; egg incubator; ATV sprayer; tree stand; (2)tube gates; beaver tail ramps; 10" cut-off saw; double-sided watering bowl; complete water well system-works well; estate sprayer. **Horse Items:** 60ft diam galvanized round pen; pony saddles (West & Eng), Broder jog cart-excellent cond. **Hay:** (300 approx) 4x5 bales grassy hay, 2024, stored inside.

****Watch the website as items being added regularly**
Preview: 1-6pm, Friday May 16th**

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LOUISE A. PATTERSON



It is with a profound sense of loss and heavy hearts Moms four Girls wish to announce the passing of Louise Patterson, on Wednesday May 7th 2025 at Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston Ontario. Louise leaves a legacy of love, strength and compassion. A guiding light in the lives of all who knew her.

Born on November 8th 1941, in Collingwood, Ontario, the eldest daughter of Robert and Allison Patterson. Louise dedicated her life to caring for others, her family, her friends, coworkers, neighbours and more. If it mattered to you – it mattered to Mom. Known for her warm smile, nurturing nature and wise words, sprinkled with lots of laughter. Mom loved to learn, reading, sewing, knitting, some of her pastimes. Over the seasons of her life she worked in admin positions, volunteered with schools, and hosted celebrations of every kind. Her love for the road and the trips to visit family and friends filled her cup. Mom loved Canada. Best place to call home. She travelled to many of the special places across Canada. Closer to home Georgian Bay, Blue Mountain and Wasaga Beach warmed her soul.

Mom was a source of comfort and strength that included lots of fun! Louise was a second mother to many, a fierce protector and a best friend. Mom made a home that welcomed all with kindness, included homemade meals and unconditional love. She taught us many lessons in life including kindness, humility, no such thing as perfect and the value in caring for one another. She believed laughter was the best medicine, dancing in the kitchen made everything better and sharing your life with people you love was priceless.

Her four girls were her pride and joy. Her presence in our lives was a gift. She was a devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. Mom drew from an endless source of love for all her grandbabies and later great grand babies. They filled her with such joy. She made sure to be apart of their lives as much as she could. Leaving fond memories with Jon, Laura, Matthew (Mandy) and Alison Mullings. Olivia (Mark) Hofland, Reiley, Jared, Noel and Nadine (predeceased) Simpson. Avery (Robbie) Notenboom. Jason, Brooklyn and Paige Sura. Grandbabies Lumen Mullings, Garrett and Billie Notenboom and Emmett Mullings.

She is predeceased by brothers Robert (Pat) Patterson, Allan (Millie) Patterson, Rae Patterson, and sisters Barb (Don (deceased)) Lewko and Karen Patterson. Remembered by brothers Ian (Irene) Patterson, Kevin (Dawn) Patterson and Steve (Joanne) Patterson.

Louise will forever be lovingly remembered by her daughters and sons-in-laws, Tanya and Glen Mullings, Heidi and Paul Simpson, Kyla and Farley Donsky and Ronda and Mark Sura, her extended family, and dear friends. Her memory will forever remain in our hearts.

Our profound gratitude and love we share with those who cared for Mom at Simcoe Manor in Beeton. To all the staff, doctors, most especially the nurses and psWs who cared with love for our Mom and by virtue her four girls. We thank you from the bottom of our heart. Honouring Mom's wishes, there will be no service. The family invites you to consider a donation in her memory to your favourite charity.

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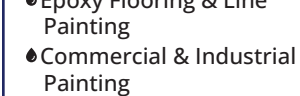
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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

The May 2-4 weekend is upon us, and no it's not your imagination, it is earlier this year. Traditionally, the May 24 weekend marks the start of summer. Whether you're heading up north to your cottage, camping or just hanging at home, have fun, but remember to act responsibly. This weekend when I was growing up was the time everyone arrived at school on the Tuesday with sun burns, so make sure to apply that sunscreen.

King Township is reminding everyone that fireworks can only be set off on Victoria Day, as per our bylaws. Fireworks can not be set off on any public land, including parks, parking lots, and roads. They can also not be set off within 1,000 metres of livestock, an equestrian facility or operation.

If all of that is too many rules to follow, then why don't you just head down to Nobleton to the Dr. William Lacy Nobleton Community Centre, on Victoria Day Monday to watch a spectacular display of fireworks. The day starts with a parade starting at 11 a.m., midway rides and games, Battle of the Bands, artisans and food trucks. For more information check out king.ca/events.

Then, it's the time of the year that all Schomberg is waiting for, the 175th Schomberg Agricultural Fair.

The Fair theme this year is "Sewing

Seeds of Memories for 175 years." Special events to celebrate our community, and to preserve the rural traditions of Schomberg are being planned to salute our 175 years! There will be something for everyone going on at Schomberg's 175th Fair – great food, entertainment, midway rides, demolition derby, cattle show, rabbit & Cavy shows, baby show, family fun events, mutt show, agricultural events and displays, and a parade.

In the Community Hall, you will find Homecraft displays featuring beautiful prize-winning quilts and exhibits in Amateur Art, Antiques, Crafts & Hobbies, Culinary Arts, Horticulture, Needlework, Photography, Juniors. We encourage you to look at the Schomberg Fair Prize book online at schomberg-fair.com and enter in our competitions – who knows, you might have the best tulip in the Horticulture competition!

The Schomberg Agricultural Society is proud to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Schomberg Fair, its memorable history and promising future for generations to come. Entries for Homecraft, Juniors and the Beef Cattle Show (including Junior Beef Cattle Show) will occur online using Assist Expo. Questions about the classes can be sent to Homecraft@schombergfair.com or Beefshow@schombergfair.com. If you aren't comfortable registering online, that's ok – bring your items into the Community Hall on Thursday, May 22 from 7 to 9 p.m., or Friday, May 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and we will help you. Cattle Show entries will only be accepted online. Check the website www.schombergfair.com/Competitions for the Prize book. The link for fair entries

is here: <https://www.assistexpo.ca/schomberg-agricultural-society>

Schomberg Fair Win-a-Bike Contest – Make sure to look for a picture of a Barn & Animals in the paper or online, colour the picture and bring it to the Schomberg Fair for free admission and a chance to win a bike.

We are also renewing an old tradition to celebrate the 175th Schomberg Fair, decorate your bike, costumes are optional. Enter it into the Saturday morning parade. Make sure to be at the Schomberg Public Library by 10 a.m. for the judging and then ride in the parade down Main Street, For more info call Linda Jessop 905-939-2069.

Schomberg Horticultural Society

The Schomberg Horticultural Society invites you to attend the May meeting on Tuesday, May 27 at the Schomberg Community Hall. Doors open at 7, presentation starts at 7:30. The topic is "Naturalistic landscapes that go beyond the visual." Our speaker, Randy Tumber, will open your eyes to how you can unlock the full potential of your environment while creating the private oasis you've always dreamed about. Randy Tumber is a renowned landscape designer and recipient of many awards. Admission is free for members, \$5 at door for non-members.

Schomberg 55+

This past Wednesday we enjoyed our wonderful annual event our "Ice Cream Social" which was a tremendous success. Not only did we enjoy ice cream,

but we were also entertained by our very own Brian Wright, who did a spectacular job. Thanks to all who came, and thanks to Brian who got us all singing along. We'd also like to thank our sponsor "Del Manor" in Aurora.

The King Seniors are hosting another bus trip, this time to St. Jacobs. We will be heading there on June 19. You can enjoy the market and then enjoy a four-course meal at Golf's Steak House. The cost is \$119 per person, and you can sign up online or at the Trisan, King Senior Centre, or by calling 905-833-6565.

Bridge will continue each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Schomberg Community Hall and they are always looking for new members of any experience level.

Our "Tightly Wound Ukulele club" meets at 3 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall. If you're interested in learning to play and you're a member, feel free to come out.

"Hong Kong Mahjong" takes place every Wednesday from 2 to 4:40 (note the time change) at the Schomberg Community Hall.

Monday, May 26 – 10:30 a.m. – Speaker – Kathlene Gorsline certified horticulturist (UofG) – "Garden Bulbs" – at the Curling Lounge, Trisan Centre.

Annual fee is \$20 per person for residents, and \$25 per person for non-residents.

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

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With more than 125 homes sold each year by the TurnKey Team, Jennifer and her Team have created a real estate business deeply rooted in community, connection, and contribution. Behind every sale is a web of economic activity that fuels York Region's local economy. It's estimated that when a house sells, approximately \$75,000 of business is referred back into the community through home services like contractors, trades, inspectors, remediation, movers, decorators, financial advisors, lenders, lawyers, and more. Jennifer and her team have built strong connections in the community to provide clients with a valuable resource network of trusted, local businesses whenever possible.

"We work by Relationship, not by Transaction," Jennifer says. "It's important that all of our clients are delighted with the experience and feel cared for and supported throughout each interaction with our Team and network. In a business with so many 'moving' parts, it can be a real challenge. That's why we take the time to get to know business owners in the community to promote and support trusted, reliable service providers when referrals are requested. Our TurnKey brand reputation depends on it."

EMPOWERING LOCAL BUSINESSES THROUGH CONNECTION

To further support the ecosystem of services that homeowners rely on, Jennifer and the TurnKey Team

host quarterly Local Business Mixers—lively networking events that introduce, connect and elevate top local business owners in York Region who are responsive and professional. These mixers aren't just about business cards—they're about building relationships, trust, and awareness of the incredible local talent available to serve homeowners.

"We believe in lifting each other up," Jennifer explains. "When we refer a painter, a mortgage advisor, or a moving company, we're not just connecting people with a service—we're solving problems, saving time and frustration and supporting local businesses who share our values and commitment to look after our clients and community."

Thanks to their strong brand, reputation, and results, much of the TurnKey Team's business now comes through referrals—not only from delighted clients, but also from the local professionals they partner with. It's a full-circle approach that helps everyone thrive.

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But the TurnKey Team's impact goes far beyond business. As a Children's Miracle Network Gold Miracle Agent, Jennifer donates a portion of every home sold to help fund critical care for children in local hospitals. These donations stay right here in the community, supporting families who are going through some of their most difficult times. Together,

we're making a powerful impact on children's health in our community.

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Philanthropy is at the core of everything the TurnKey Team stands for. Beyond their contributions to children's hospitals, Jennifer and her team are active supporters of numerous York Region charities, including the local food pantry, the Boys and Girls Club, and Inn From the Cold, which helps provide shelter and support for people facing homelessness.

Whether organizing donation drives or volunteering their time, the TurnKey Team is committed to making a meaningful difference where they live and work.

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What drives all of this—sales success, community support, philanthropy—is a shared passion for delivering "service that moves you." It's more than a slogan. It's a promise Jennifer and her team make to every client and referral: to be knowledgeable, caring, dedicated and results-focused.

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SOLD CONDITIONAL?

Here's what that really means (and how to beat it)

In Ontario's fast-paced real estate market, you might come across a listing marked "Sold Conditional." At first glance, it may seem like the property is off the market—but that's not necessarily the case. "Sold conditional" means the seller has accepted an offer, but certain conditions must be fulfilled before the deal becomes firm and binding.

WHAT DOES "SOLD CONDITIONAL" MEAN?

A conditional sale typically hinges on the buyer satisfying one or more terms outlined in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale. Common conditions include:

- **Financing:** The buyer needs time to secure a mortgage approval.
- **Home Inspection:** The buyer wants a satisfactory inspection report.
- **Sale of Buyer's Property:** The buyer must sell their current home before finalizing the new purchase.

These conditions are usually granted for a fixed period—commonly 3 to 10 business days. Dur-

ing this window, the buyer can back out of the deal with no penalty if they can't meet the conditions. Until those conditions are waived or fulfilled, the sale is not firm.

THE POWER OF THE ESCAPE CLAUSE

If you're a seller who accepted a conditional offer—especially one that hinges on the buyer selling their own home—you don't have to wait indefinitely. That's where the escape clause comes in.

An escape clause (also called a "48-hour clause," though the timeframe may vary) allows the seller to continue marketing the property and even accept a second offer. If a better or firmer offer comes in, the seller can notify the first buyer, who then has a set period—usually 24 to 72 hours—to waive their conditions and firm up the deal. If they can't or won't, the seller is free to proceed with the second offer.

HOW TO "BUMP" A CONDITIONAL OFFER

Buyers who see a "sold conditional" listing shouldn't assume they're out of luck. Here's how you can position yourself to "bump" a conditional offer:

- 1 **Make a Strong, Firm Offer:** Submit an offer with no conditions, or at least fewer or less restrictive ones. This puts pressure on the original buyer to firm up quickly.

- 2 **Match or Exceed the Price:** If your offer is equal or higher in price and has better terms (e.g. a quicker closing date or no financing condition), the seller is more likely to act.

- 3 **Be Prepared to Move Fast:** If the seller activates the escape clause, the original buyer gets their 48 (or 24/72) hours. If they back out, you'll want to be ready to finalize your offer without delays.

- 4 **Work With an Experienced Realtor:** Navigating escape clauses and multiple offers requires expertise. Your agent can help draft a compelling offer and manage the timing so you have the best shot.

To conclude, in Ontario real estate, "sold conditional" is not the end of the road—it's an open door. With the right approach and guidance, buyers can still make a move on a conditional listing. And sellers can protect themselves by including escape clauses that keep their options open. It's important to work with a realtor that knows the ins & outs of real estate transactions. We, at the Michele Denniston Real Estate Group, are committed to providing you with expert, reputable and top-tier real estate service. Contact Michele directly at (416) 433-8316 or michele@micheledenniston.com. Remember: until the "sold conditional" turns into "sold firm," the deal isn't done.



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The benefits of lighting up your landscape

Homeowners know there's no shortage of ways to tweak a property.

Some homeowners may lament that the work associated with home ownership is never done, but owning a house also provides endless opportunities to upgrade the spaces people call home.

Landscape lighting has become increasingly popular in recent years. That popularity is undoubtedly due to a number of variables, and each highlights a benefit of installing landscape lighting around a property.

• AFFORDABILITY: Some may think of big budget projects like kitchen remodels or room additions when pondering home renovations. Such projects can have a dramatic impact on the look and feel of a home, but landscape lighting can be equally transformative at a fraction of the cost of larger undertakings. The home renovation experts at Angi.com estimate the average landscape lighting project costs around \$4,000, making affordability a notable benefit of the project.

• APPEARANCE: There's no denying the aesthetic appeal of a well-lit landscape at night. Landscape lighting can be utilized to draw attention to awe-inspiring components of a landscape, whether it's natural features like gardens and foliage or manmade components like architectural features. Improved appearance can increase curb appeal, which is often associated with how a home looks during daylight hours. But photographs of a well-lit nighttime landscape can impress buyers as well.

• COST SAVINGS: Landscape lighting might help homeowners reduce the cost of their homeowners insurance. Researchers at PolicyGenius.com found that insurance companies typically offer a discount of 2 to 5 percent to homeowners who install a home security system. Insurance providers may offer an additional savings to homeowners who pair such systems with landscape lighting, which can be a deterrent to burglars who prefer to operate under a cloak of darkness.

• SAFETY: Insurance firms may discount premiums because of landscape lighting because they view it as a deterrent to potential criminals. But landscape lighting also makes moving around a property at night safer for residents and guests. Lighting can be used to illuminate walkways, outdoor living rooms, patios around pools, and other areas where residents and guests will be walking at night, which can reduce the risk of falls and injuries that may result from such spills.

• ROI: Savvy homeowners consider a renovation's return on investment before deciding to go forward with a project. Studies vary, but the National Association of Realtors indicates landscape lighting can recoup as much as 70 percent of homeowners' investment in the project at resale. When viewed through the lens of ROI, the cost of installing landscape lighting is even less.

Landscape lighting adds notable aesthetic appeal to a home at a fraction of the cost of other renovation projects. The benefits such lighting provides make the project one every homeowner can consider.



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AVERAGE SALES PRICE

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NUMBER OF SALES

59

189 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

98%

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

-5.64%

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AVERAGE SALES PRICE

\$1,821,545

AVERAGE 25 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

11

82 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

95%

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

-4.31%

*The statistics provided were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's Market Watch APRIL 2025; Summary of Existing Home Transactions for All Home Types, APRIL 2025 + Focus on the MLS Home Price Index for Composite, APRIL 2025 for York Region's Aurora and King

As we progress through 2025, the market continues to demonstrate resilience and adaptability amidst the evolving economic conditions and political landscape. Aurora saw a 27.4% decrease in sales compared to the same period, in the last month, versus the same timeframe in 2024. With 214 new listings from a span of April 5th to May 3rd, this provides more options for Buyers and contributes to a more balanced market. Homes are taking longer to sell in most instances and showing activity is down across all price points and styles of home. In an evolving market, Key Advantage is always here as a trusted advisor to help you navigate transitions with confidence. If you are looking to Buy or Sell in 2025, it is not too late to connect to talk strategy.

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What is duct balancing?

Homes can sometimes be an enigma, with problems arising that seemingly make little sense.

ONE EXAMPLE of a problem that might not add up is when certain areas of a home feel much warmer or cooler than others, even when a heating and cooling system is running and operating efficiently. The culprit in such instances may be an imbalance in a home's HVAC system. When an HVAC system is running yet there's a noticeable temperature difference in certain rooms of a home, such as one room being particularly warm in summer or especially chilly in winter, that disparity could be a result of an uneven air distribution through the ducts in the home. In such instances, duct balancing might be a solution. Duct balancing involves adjusting the dampers or registers to correct issues such as uneven distribution of air, poor airflow and pressure imbalances with the heating and cooling system. Duct balancing is a relatively inexpensive fix, but it's best left to HVAC professionals, as the job requires unique knowledge of heating and cooling systems and special tools to adjust the dampers or registers.



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Spring Into Action

How one Aurora business owner is changing the way we think about homes



By **Julien Laurion**
Real Estate

If you've lived in Aurora for more than five minutes, you've probably noticed two things:

- 1 The town's growing faster than a dandelion in May.
- 2 There's one guy who seems to be popping up everywhere — at open houses, behind power tools, and occasionally holding a latte at Sweet Dutchess. (Hi, that's me.)

As the spring sun warms our sidewalks and the smell of freshly cut grass returns, so too does the call for change. Maybe your house needs it. Maybe your lifestyle demands it. And maybe, just maybe, you need someone who knows how to swing a hammer and negotiate a deal. That's where I come in.

Aurora is a gem — walkable, connected, full of character and charm. But if you've been browsing MLS lately, you'll see that while the market is still strong, buyers are picky. Cookie-cutter won't cut it anymore.

That's why I built a business around two things: Finding the right home — and making it even better.

Whether it's unlocking value in a dated bungalow, or helping sellers maximize their sale price through smart, strategic renovations, I do both — all under one roof. Literally.

Here's the thing — when I walk into a listing, I'm not just seeing countertops and square footage. I'm assessing potential.

Recently, I helped a family in Aurora Heights prep their home for sale. Instead of listing it "as-is," we updated the kitchen, refreshed the bathrooms, and gave the fireplace a modern facelift. The result? An extra \$97,000 over what similar homes in the neighbourhood were getting.

Want to know how long the reno took? Three weeks. Why? Because I've got the crew, the experience, and the drive to get it done right — and on time.

In today's market, many buyers can't quite see past bad paint or awkward layouts. That's where I come in.

One recent client bought a fixer-upper in the Orchard Heights area. It needed serious love. We created a new open-concept main floor, added a home office (hello, 2025 lifestyle!), and built a mudroom that could handle Canadian winters.

...In today's market, many buyers can't quite see past bad paint or awkward layouts...

Now? Their home looks like something out of HGTV. And more importantly, they love living there. Simple — synergy. When your agent is also your contractor, you don't waste time translating the vision. I help you buy smart, renovate wisely, and build long-term value in your biggest investment.

Plus, let's be honest: Working with one person instead of three is just easier. Less stress, less mess, and a better end result.

This May, while Aurora buzzes with community events, art fairs, and patio season (finally!), it's also the perfect time to think about your home. Maybe it's time to move. Maybe it's time to improve. Or maybe, like a lot of my clients, it's both.

If you're thinking about selling, buying, or just want a pro opinion on what your place could be worth after a reno — give me a call. I'll even bring coffee.

Let's talk about:

- Quick reno wins that boost sale price
- What buyers are really looking for in 2025
- The best neighbourhoods to invest in right now
- And how to make your home work for your next chapter

Because here in Aurora, it's not just about houses — it's about homes. And helping people love where they live is what I'm all about.

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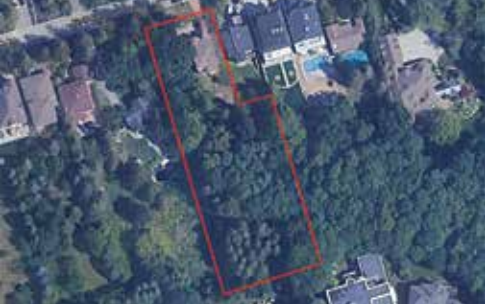
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Projects to consider before moving into a home



The day homeowners move into a new home is a unique experience.

First-time home buyers may see such a day as the culmination of years of hard work, while those who are not new to the experience may find their new home is where they'll spend the rest of their lives.

Move-in day is indeed a notable milestone, but there's much homeowners can do between closing on a home and backing the moving truck into the driveway. In fact, it may be best for homeowners to complete several home interior projects while the residence is still empty.

PAINTING

Painting home interiors is among the more logical projects to consider before moving into a home. Simply put, an empty home is far easier to paint than one filled with furniture and other items. Professional painters may even discount a project if they know they won't have to cover and/or move any furniture before and after applying paint. Painting before anyone has moved in also saves residents the discomfort of living in a home overcome by the lingering aroma of drying paint. Simply open the windows and let the home air out throughout each painting session.

FLOORING

Flooring projects are another undertaking to consider before moving in. Whether you're tearing up old carpet and replacing it with new carpet, refinishing wood floors, or installing a wholly new floor, each task is considerably easier if there is nothing on the floor. Flooring projects are best left to the professionals, and labor costs may drop considerably if contractors don't have to pause to move furnishings or work around other items.

DEEP CLEANING

A professional cleaning service should be among the first calls homeowners make after closing on a new home. A deep cleaning when the home is empty and all lingering dust and debris is visible to the naked eye can ensure no spots are missed before move-in day. Request that the cleaning service clean the interior of kitchen drawers and cabinets, which have a tendency to accumulate grime over the years.

ELECTRICAL WORK

Modern homes are plugged in, so addressing electrical issues prior to move-in day can ensure there are no interruptions to internet connectivity when everyone begins to settle into the home. This is also a great time to install additional electrical outlets, and homeowners are urged to take the time to draw up plans for how each room will look once all of their furniture is in the house. Doing so can identify where additional outlets should be installed. Homeowners also can visit their new home at night and turn on the lights to see if existing fixtures provide ample illumination. If not, installing new fixtures prior to moving in makes cleanup easier and ensures there are no dark nights once everyone is in the home.

CEILINGS

Replacing ceilings prior to moving in is another savvy move. If the ceilings are dated or unsightly, removing, repainting or replacing them before anything is beneath them is a great way to protect valuables from damage. And contractors may not need as much time to complete such a project in empty rooms as they would in spaces where they need to negotiate their way around furniture and other valuables.

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This updated condo-townhome offers open-concept living with new flooring, a sleek kitchen with granite counters, and custom closets in both bedrooms. Enjoy a renovated bath with Italian stone, a private front terrace, and unbeatable access to cafes, parks, and shops.



This modern Allegra condo features 914 sq. ft. of open-concept space, a sleek kitchen with granite counters, and a private balcony with city views. Enjoy amenities like a rooftop garden, fitness centre, and 24-hour concierge. Conveniently located near transit, shops, and dining.



This stunning home features soaring ceilings, hardwood floors, and a chef's kitchen with a waterfall island. The spacious primary suite offers a spa-inspired bath. Enjoy the landscaped backyard with a glass-enclosed pool, deck, and play area—perfect for entertaining and relaxation.



Exceptional home features an open-concept layout with panoramic Lake Ontario views, a chef-inspired kitchen, and a primary suite with a private balcony. Enjoy indoor-outdoor living with multiple decks and a finished lower level leading to alluring landscaped grounds with a firepit.



Located near top schools, this Acorn-built home offers a flowing layout with hardwood floors, a bright family room, and a functional kitchen. Enjoy a private backyard with mature trees and a large patio, perfect for entertaining. The partly finished basement is ready for your personal touch.

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How sellers can get top dollar for their homes

The process of buying and selling a home includes many movable parts. North America has experienced historic trends in the housing market in recent years. Most notably, record-high prices have dominated the real estate market over the last several years.

High prices are good news for sellers, who can probably anticipate receiving offers above listing price. In New Jersey, inventory is so low that 12.5 percent of homes in the Garden State sold above list price, according to data from RedFin. This is good news for sellers currently looking to make an excellent profit on their properties. Sellers who don't want to rely on

the market alone to earn more for their homes can take various steps to get top dollar.

STAGE YOUR HOME

According to the 2023 Profile of Home Staging conducted by the National Association of Realtors®, 81 percent of buyers' agents said staging a home made it easier for the buyer to visualize the property as a future home. Focus your attention on the living room, owner's suite and kitchen. Hiring a staging professional can be an investment that turns a sizable profit.

KNOW YOUR LOCAL MARKET

A good way to price your home and gauge if it will sell quickly is to look at the average "days on the market" for similar homes nearby. If homes are selling faster than the average DOM, that suggests high demand, which can work in your favor.

MAKE ADDED-VALUE IMPROVEMENTS

Focus renovation dollars on the types of projects that will reap the highest return on investment. Remodeling magazine annually reports the projects that offer the best ROI. In 2023, the project that reaped the highest ROI was an HVAC Conversion/Electrification, which involved converting a fossil-fuel-burning

furnace into an electric heat pump. The cost recouped was 103.5 percent.

SELL AT THE RIGHT TIME

Fewer people are shopping for homes in the dead of winter or during the middle of the school year, so putting your home on the market in spring typically brings out the largest number of interested parties, according to Opendoor. But this isn't the only time-related factor to consider. To sell for the most money, you want to list your home when you have enough equity to pay off your current mortgage, the costs of selling, and the costs of moving, says Bankrate.

GIVE CURB APPEAL A BOOST

Make sure that buyers see your home in a positive light from the first moment they pull up for a walk-through showing. According to Home & Garden, improving the landscaping can result in a value increase of up to 12 percent. Additional projects can include investing in a new front door and garage doors. Be sure that hedges are trimmed, there are fresh flowers growing, and that walkways and the driveway are clean and tidy.

A few simple strategies can help sellers get more money for their homes.

Minor exterior upgrades that can help sell a home

Minor upgrades that aren't as costly as larger projects can still make a big difference, especially among prospective buyers. When looking for minor upgrades that can help sell a home, homeowners can rely on Remodeling magazine's annual "Cost vs. Value Report." That report analyzes costs for an assortment of remodeling projects and determines the value of those projects at resale. Though resale value depends on a host of variables, including location, the following are some relatively minor exterior upgrades that impress buyers and provide a strong return for homeowners.

• **GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENT:** Garage doors matter more than sellers may recognize, as various real estate professionals note that buyers appreciate homes with updated garage doors. That's good news for homeowners, as the "2022 Cost vs. Value Report" indicated homeowners recoup roughly 93 percent of their garage door replacement investment at resale. The average cost of such a job is right around \$4,000, making this a budget-friendly remodeling project.

• **WINDOW REPLACEMENT:** The cost of new windows will depend on just how many windows must be replaced. But there's no denying buyers like the idea of low emissivity (low-E) windows, which can cut energy bills by a significant amount over time. The Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy estimates that heat gain and heat loss through windows is responsible for between 25 and 30 percent of residential heating and cooling energy use, so sellers who can tell buyers they have new low-E windows can emphasize those savings in home listings. The "2022 Cost vs. Value Report" indicates that homeowners recoup roughly two-thirds of their investment in new windows at resale.

• **LANDSCAPING:** Well-maintained landscaping is another home exterior component that can make a strong first impression on buyers. A recent survey of nearly 7,000 realtors conducted by the National Association of Realtors found that upgrading a landscape recouped roughly 83 percent of homeowners' initial investment at resale. In addition, 11 percent of realtors surveyed indicated that an upgraded landscape was the decisive factor that closed the deal for the house.

Updating a home's exterior doesn't have to bust homeowners' budgets. Many affordable projects also provide a substantial return at resale.

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CHATEAU-INSPIRED LUXURY WITH POOL

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



LUXURY CUSTOM HOME ON 1.98 ACRES

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



CUSTOM HOME, PRIME WILCOX LOCATION

This brand-new custom home near Lake Wilcox showcases 10ft ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, a chef's kitchen with JennAir appliances, and a grand 20ft family room. Features include balconies, heated basement floors, stylish finishes, and exclusive lake access. Modern design and elegant craftsmanship define this luxurious, light-filled residence.



FERNBROOK HOME WITH \$200K UPGRADES

This meticulously designed home boasts \$200K+ in upgrades, an AyA chef's kitchen with marble countertops, a great room with a gas fireplace, and an elegant dining area. Featuring 5 spacious bedrooms, each with an ensuite, plus a main floor bedroom and office. Steps to Yonge St, transit, shopping, golf, and top-tier amenities. Luxury living at its finest!



LUXURY "GREEN & SMART" HOME

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



DREAM RETREAT IN NOBLETON

Nestled in Nobleton's coveted enclave, this 4-bed, 4-bath home offers elegance and comfort on a rare 3/4-acre pie-shaped lot. Featuring soaring 18-ft ceilings, a chef's kitchen, private office, and cozy family room with fireplace, it's an entertainer's dream. Relax by the saltwater pool, unwind in the hot tub, or host in the charming cabana. A 3-car garage and separate basement entrance complete this exceptional home!



2 NEW CUSTOM HOMES IN RICHMOND HILL

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



SERENE LIVING NEAR MUSSELMANS LAKE

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



ELEGANT EXECUTIVE HOME IN PRIME LOCATION

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



YOUR PRIVATE ESCAPE IN AURORA ESTATES

Discover this elegant 3-storey home backing onto lush conservation! With 4+1 bedrooms, 4 baths, and 4,300+ sq ft of space, it's perfect for family life and entertaining. Enjoy a bright open foyer, hardwood floors, a chef's kitchen with built-ins and bar fridge, plus a sunroom with serene backyard views. Relax in the saltwater pool or work from home in the vaulted-ceiling office. Close to parks and schools!



YOUR URBAN OASIS IN BAYVIEW VILLAGE

Rare end-unit condo in Bayview Village with 1,200+ sq ft, large terrace & private balcony with city views. This 2-bed, 2-bath home offers 9ft ceilings, galley kitchen with granite counters, built-ins, bright living area with fireplace, and a master suite with walk-in closet & 4-piece ensuite. Enjoy 24-hour concierge, pool, gym & more. Includes parking & locker. Steps to shopping, dining, transit, parks & major highways!



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