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Team King shines at Junior Firefighter Day

King Township's young fire safety ambassadors made a big impression at this year's York Region Junior Firefighter Day, hosted by Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service. Six enthusiastic Grade 3 Junior Firefighters, proudly represented Team King, showcasing their spirit, teamwork and eagerness to learn. Joined by King Fire Chief Courtney Allen and Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Team King demonstrated exceptional coordination and teamwork, ultimately winning the coveted Bucket Brigade Trophy.

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Small deficit for Township from 2024

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

King Township ended 2024 with a small deficit, which will be paid for through the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund.

Staff reported that year-end totals for 2024, showed a shortfall of \$23,532.

Departmental staff have a responsibility of monitoring operating budget variances throughout the year with the assistance of the Finance Department and accountability for financial performance (e.g. actual revenues and expenditures) with the Senior Leadership Team.

Based on year end results, the Township has a 2024 operating deficit of (\$23,532). There is a favourable variance in revenues of \$15,772,228 offset by an unfavourable variance in expenses of \$15,787,319.

King enjoyed a \$982,063 favourable variance in investment income due to increase in investments. This is the net amount that is allocated to the operating budget and the balance of interest revenue is allocated to reserve funds as per corporate reserve policy.

The Township also had a \$438,081 favourable variance related to supplementary tax revenue, in particular for Jane & King development, which changed from farmland to vacant industrial and additional assessment for Via Moto development.

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Tuesday, June 17
6 p.m. - Council

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, June 18
6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment

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King Township is celebrating a month full of recreational activities for all ages, abilities and interests.

View the month-long calendar of activities at king.ca/JRPM



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King Township Municipal Centre

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Celebrate the butterflies and the bees this National Pollinator Week with free King Township educational events!

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Have a tree-mendous time at the **Guided Pollinator Walk & Talk** on **Thursday, June 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** at the scenic Cold Creek Conservation Area. Explore 7 kilometres of marked trails while learning about local plants, pollinators and wildlife.

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Savings kept King's deficit to a manageable level

From Front Page

Also on the plus side, King collected \$394,814 in tax penalties revenue due to higher tax arrears balance at 11% leading to additional interest revenue.

There was a shortfall of \$424,099 in accrual for insurance claims and contingencies related to other expenses of the Township.

In public works, the Township saved \$407,009 in salaries, wages and benefits across the department due to staff gapping and vacancies in parks and capital services.

A shortfall of \$303,519 was related to contractual road services, due to price increases in winter sidewalk maintenance contracts, procurement of additional contracted services for two snowplows to backfill vacant equipment operator positions to maintain service levels, and emergency replacement of a culvert on 18th Sideroad.

The winter saw an extra \$85,997 spent on salt and sand supply costs due to price increases.

The Township saved \$234,138 favourable variance in waste management, capital services and parks contractual services due to lower than anticipated volume of garbage and recycle pick-up, lower locates pricing, and delays in landscaping product deliveries.

The Township paid an extra \$47,580 in stormwater contractual services due

to major storm main repairs on Burton Grove and Western Road. Stormwater levies collected in the year were \$1,015,457, of which \$745,877 were transferred to the Stormwater Management Reserve Fund to balance the account to zero.

Lower water supply costs saw a savings of \$212,037 in water contractual services. The cost savings were offset by a shortfall in water user fee revenues of (\$378,175). There was a transfer of \$330,446 to the Water Distribution Reserve Fund.

Community Services saw a shortfall of \$1.1 million, related to salaries, hiring and an increase in salaries and benefits for volunteer firefighters.

The Township did, however enjoy an extra \$47,971 in ice rentals due to a Junior A team playing out of Nobleton Arena and higher rentals than anticipated at Trisan Centre.

Hall rental revenues due to low demand/usage, fell by more than \$10,000, but recreation fees went up \$14,207 mainly due to increases in league sport fees and decreases in fitness and personal training.

Laskay Hall was closed most of the year due to work and this saw a drop of \$38,679 in program fees. Day camps also suffered a \$90,258 loss at Cold Creek.

Low attendance as several events also saw a drop in revenue.

There's a strong participation rate in

King's seniors' programs, resulting in a \$10,728 increase.

King experienced some beneficial increases in fire-related revenues.

Repairs and upgrades at the Schomberg fire station, Nobleton Arena and Trisan dinged the Township for \$278,183.

There was a \$95,813 increase in general operating supplies, mobile phones, training and development, mileage, memberships, and other miscellaneous office items.

Hydro and water rate increases cost the Township \$42,158 more last year. But some of it was offset by savings in heat-gas due to the milder winter in the first half of 2024.

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The Library enjoyed some extra income thanks to investment income, \$14,525 in Canada Summer Jobs funding, and \$5,435 in self-generated revenues. These were partially offset by salaries and benefits, and equipment purchases.

While Growth Management Services enjoyed a break in salaries due to gapping vacancies, there was a \$217,464 cost in planning applications due to developer delays.

The Township enjoyed \$64,372 extra in building permits, but delays in subdivision agreements led to a cost of more than \$275,000.

Efficiencies in the AMPS program garnered the Township \$167,744 and another \$45,264 was saved in operational budget items.

The Building division had a year-end surplus due to higher permit activity generating over \$64,371 in additional revenues, savings of \$173,592 in salaries and benefits with vacancies, gapping, in various positions, thereby allowing a transfer of \$166,009 to the reserve to balance the division to zero.

There were some costs related to recruitment and legal personnel matters, along with IT subscriptions.

Revenue was enjoyed with more marriage licences being issued.

The postal strike cost the Township tax arrear revenue. future development within Nobleton.

Transfers to reserve funds may show up as liabilities on the balance sheet, but they're actually pluses for the municipality.

Staff noted that the current balance of the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund before this transfer is \$1,297,309 as of December 31, 2024.

Appeal for witnesses following serious collisions in King

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit are appealing for witnesses of two serious collisions in King Township.

On Friday, June 6 at roughly 7:50 p.m., police responded to a collision at 8th Concession and 15th Sideroad involving a Ford F-150 pickup and a Honda Pilot sport utility vehicle (SUV). Two occupants of the Ford were transported to a trauma centre with serious injuries. The Honda driver remains hospitalized in life-threatening condition.


Members of the public who witnessed the collision or who may have dashcam footage are asked to submit video at: <https://yrp.ca.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/25-183827>

Sunday, June 8 at 2:16 p.m., police responded to a collision at Jane Street and 16th Sideroad, between a Volkswagen SUV and a BMW SUV.


A 93-year-old passenger of the Volkswagen sustained severe head injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The 95-year-old driver was seriously injured and transported to a trauma centre. The five occupants of the BMW sustained varying injuries and were taken to a local hospital.

Witnesses or those with dashcam or surveillance footage are asked to upload video at: <https://yrp.ca.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/25-185865>

Anyone with information regarding any of the incidents is asked to contact the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7704. Anonymous tips can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800222-TIPS or by visiting www.1800222tips.com




FROM THE ARCHIVES



In 1989, the King Township Historical Society saved King Station from disrepair and moved it to the King Township Museum (now the King Heritage & Cultural Centre) for restoration and repair.

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Stupid is as stupid does is our modern MO

“Lately things seem extraordinarily stupid,” says Canada’s leading environmentalist David Suzuki.

Lately?

It’s kind of funny that we are at our peak of knowledge and technological progress, yet we’re dumb as posts in some ways.

Given this, it takes a lot of work today to remain ignorant. And yet, it’s still difficult to convince the masses.

According to my trusty lexicon, ignorance is a lack of knowledge, where stupidity is just, well, the state of being stupid!

“The highest form of ignorance is when you reject something you don’t know anything about,” Wayne Dyer said.

Quite right.

Many leaders, entrepreneurs and industry experts aren’t blind to the facts and mountains of research. They just don’t care. It’s not a lack of knowledge, it’s downright rejection of the facts.

Being in the “facts” business, I just can’t fathom that approach.

Neither ignorance nor avarice is much of an excuse. And they’re both choices.

I have often thought that instead of testing people for performance-enhancing drugs, we should test them for stupidity, ignorance, greed and love of power.

There’s no question that ignorance and stupidity can do more damage to our society – and our planet – than all the knowledge and good intentions combined. Sad, but true.

According to research, a substantial portion of the population (just under half) engages in “willful ignorance” to act selfishly.

According to authors Linh Vu and Margarita Leib in Scientific American, sometimes people engage in altruistic behaviors because they feel pressure to do what is expected of them. When the



Mark Pavilons

consequences of choices are made clear, people may feel obliged to make a small sacrifice and be generous to others. But when given a chance, they may want to ignore the consequences of their actions. Ignorance shields people from knowing how their actions harm others and makes them feel less like a bad person.

The bottom line is if you know what’s really going on, you will have to make harder choices to be a good person.

In our world of limitless information, we can feel overwhelmed and bombarded. We start to find it hard to tell the difference between fact and fiction. Social media and well known websites have veered far from their original purposes, to present a lot of confusing misinformation. Ultimately, this makes it harder for average people to form a valid opinion on something.

Conspiracy theories, misinformation, black-and-white thinking, personal attacks, and confirmation bias

are common.

Pop culture and social media tend to over-simplify things and seldom offer up any in-depth, critical discussions, forums or exchanges of information.

It’s almost like centuries past, when average people and academia kept to themselves, never sharing new-found discoveries with the masses. Were the common folk purposely kept in the dark? Of course!

The key to rooting out our shortcomings, many experts believe, is to become aware of our own ignorance, embrace it and learn from our mistakes. Our ego should have nothing to do with moving forward.

Sad to think that our insecurity is one of the causes of denial, racism and hatred.

I’ve always been a proponent of teaching our kids self-esteem and self-respect in school. If they can learn and embrace those at an early age, they will be much further ahead in life, “free” to explore, debate, learn and discover.

Alas, from all the psychological studies on ignorance, it seems our education system churns out mediocre consumers, not thinkers, philosophers or leaders.

Ignorant types, it seems, cling to their opinions, regardless of how irrational they may be. We may have witnessed this in recent months from various politicians.

Mark Twain warned us to never argue with a stupid person because they’re much better at it than we are. Arguing with them only reinforces them.

The problem comes down to the fact we’re emotional human beings. We’re not purely rational and are still

somewhat dominated by our primitive self-survival instincts.

We have cognitive biases, in which we rely on our own environment, upbringing and limited knowledge to make our decisions. They may be irrational, but they seem perfectly logical to us.

Some also tend to be overconfident, appearing to know everything, but upon examination, only scratch the surface on any subject matter. It’s frustrating.

Again, heading back to basics may provide some answers. We all need to be more reflective in our thinking and more self-aware. We should be grounded and more genuine with others. Exposing our weaknesses may just be the ticket to the brain train.

That’s life, but reality is a bit different.

In my line of work, I hear very passionate, credible arguments from all sides in an issue. They all seem intelligent, well informed and well, right. And yet, they all can’t be right.

When we listen to politicians or lobby groups, it’s important to know intent. Are they intentionally misleading someone, or do they genuinely believe in their cause and their solution? Again, it’s a tricky area because both will fight tooth and nail to the end.

And that makes it even harder for the public to decipher between facts and rhetoric, truth versus self-serving interests.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said “nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.”

Who wants to lead the way in eliminating stupidity, ignorance and bias? Raise your hands!

Governance

MPPs get raise, hike in pension

With the support of all parties in the legislature, the Ontario government is introducing new legislation to adjust compensation for Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP), including by re-introducing pension benefits.

MPP salaries in Ontario have been frozen since 2009, resulting in compensation levels that lagged behind those of comparable elected representatives, including many city councillors in the province. The new legislation proposes changes to the Legislative Assembly Act to end this freeze, raising the base salary for MPPs to 75 per cent of the compensation (sessional allowance) of federal Members of Parliament (MPs).

This adjustment has previously been recommended by the Integrity Commissioner and would increase the base salary of MPPs to \$157,350 per year, effective the day of the 2025 election. Annual increases will be tied to federal MP salaries, ensuring that MPP compensation remains competitive and reflective of inflation.

The government is also proposing a new defined benefit pension plan for MPPs, integrated with the Public Service Pension Plan (PSPP). This plan would replace the current retirement savings arrangement, providing MPPs with a robust and secure retirement benefit. If passed, MPPs will be able to access their full pension benefits after six years of service, starting at the conclusion of the current session of provincial Parliament.

The new pension plan for MPPs would be integrated with the Public Service Pension Plan (PSPP). MPPs would join the PSPP on the same terms as other members, plus receive an additional supplementary pension benefit. This new arrangement would replace the current retirement savings plan, which provides a contribution of 10 per cent of salary.

The new pension plan would take effect on Jan. 1, 2026.



Quote of the Week

“We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid.”

— Benjamin Franklin



Trivia Tidbits

The National Sports Act of Canada granted hockey and lacrosse as the official sports of Canada.

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a) Edmonton Oilers	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: black;"></div>	100%
b) Florida Panthers	<div style="width: 0%; height: 10px; background-color: black;"></div>	0%

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

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Are you planning to visit the U.S., or stay in Canada this summer?

a) Visit U.S.
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A climate-safe future demands defeat of ignorance

By David Suzuki

The Environment

It's hard not to conclude that much of the world has been taken over by idiots. Sure, there have always been uninformed politicians and those who let their ideology stumble ahead of their wits. And some who seem more sociopathic than stupid, waging brutal wars and massacres with no regard for the lives, families and communities they destroy under whatever nationalistic banner they concoct to justify their actions.

Lately things seem extraordinarily stupid.

Much of it stems from the president of the United States — a narcissistic, ignorant convicted felon whose rambling speeches and incessant lies make you think he's slipping into dementia. Backed by his craven administration and assorted billionaires, his regressive policies and actions have reduced the country's standing on the global stage from "shining beacon" to an absurdist version of a tinpot dictatorship, albeit a nuclear-armed one.

It's never good when people who don't understand or care about science, let alone basic human decency, gain positions of power, but it's especially bad when humanity is facing an existential crisis. Our solvable but still ongoing destruction of the natural world and its systems and hence, ourselves, is not only putting our survival at risk; it's consigning even more human beings to misery.

Politicians who truly understood the climate and biodiversity crises would be doing everything possible to correct course, to ramp up solutions such as

renewable energy and storage, better power grids, protection and restoration of lands and waters and a shift away from wasteful consumer capitalism.

It's stunning that the leader of what is considered the most powerful nation on Earth doesn't just reject the mountains of research that have gone into our current understanding of climate systems and change, he just doesn't care. Instead, it's "Drill, baby, drill." Such a profound level of ignorance is hard to fathom.

But many people listen to him and his cronies. The wealthy among them probably think their billions will save them from the fate most of the world's population faces: increasing temperatures, deadly heat waves, floods, droughts, water shortages, agricultural failures, catastrophic storms, wider disease spread and more.

The worst part is that there's no real benefit to continuing along the same path. It's just lazy. It's a way for the currently privileged to maintain their wealth and benefits, and to transfer more from the economically disadvantaged and middle classes to themselves — for a short time until everything really starts to fall apart.

Even under the current capitalist system, addressing climate change and rapid species extinction is economically beneficial, especially if reducing wealth inequality is part of the solution. A rational and just shift to cleaner energy and better economic systems could create excellent jobs, cleaner air, water and land, reduced health care

costs, greater agricultural and food security, less reliance on volatile markets and rapacious corporations and so much more.

Life would be much improved even for those who live in what amount to "petrostates," including Alberta, where abundant wind and solar resources were sparking a renewable energy boom before the oil-and-gas-only government slammed on the brakes.

I'm bewildered by politicians who deny or downplay the climate emergency to fervently push coal, gas and oil. Do they really believe what they're saying? Do they not understand or have an awareness of the mountains of scientific evidence, as well as real-life events, that show this planet is heating at alarming rates as emissions increase? That we could be headed into a future that is barely if at all survivable? Or do they just not care? Is it about the money?

Neither ignorance nor avarice is much of an excuse.

It would be terrible if Canada's more oil-oriented politicians were to lead us down the same stupid path the U.S. is following — where outright climate science denial is facilitating a regressive future of ramped-up fossil fuel production, more pollution, lower health and safety standards and a climate system exceeding dangerous, life-threatening tipping points.

Let's not allow fools and sociopaths to determine our future. They're already causing untold anguish for no reason except profit. It's time to take back our power and show politicians that they work for us. It's time to embrace progress and a better future for all.

We need to speak up and step up.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.

Ontario farmers renew support for farmers' markets

A second year of funding for a cost-share program to support marketing projects promoting Ontario farmers at farmers' markets across the province has been approved.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) will be contributing another \$50,000 to Farmers' Markets Ontario (FMO) following a successful program in 2024 that supported marketing and awareness projects to promote local farmers participating in farmers' markets.

"In our current climate of economic upheaval and trade challenges with the United States, consumer interest in buying local products and supporting local businesses has never been higher and we want to help make it easier for Ontarians to shop local," says Teresa Van Raay, farmer and director with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. "The ongoing uncertainty is tough for farmers and farm businesses, and this is one way we're able to support our members who sell directly to consumers."

The program's emphasis on local food aligns well with OFA's commitment to increasing visibility for Ontario agriculture, promoting local food, fuel, fibre and flowers through its Home Grown initiative as well as Local Food Week, Ontario Agriculture Week, and other provincial agriculture promotion efforts.

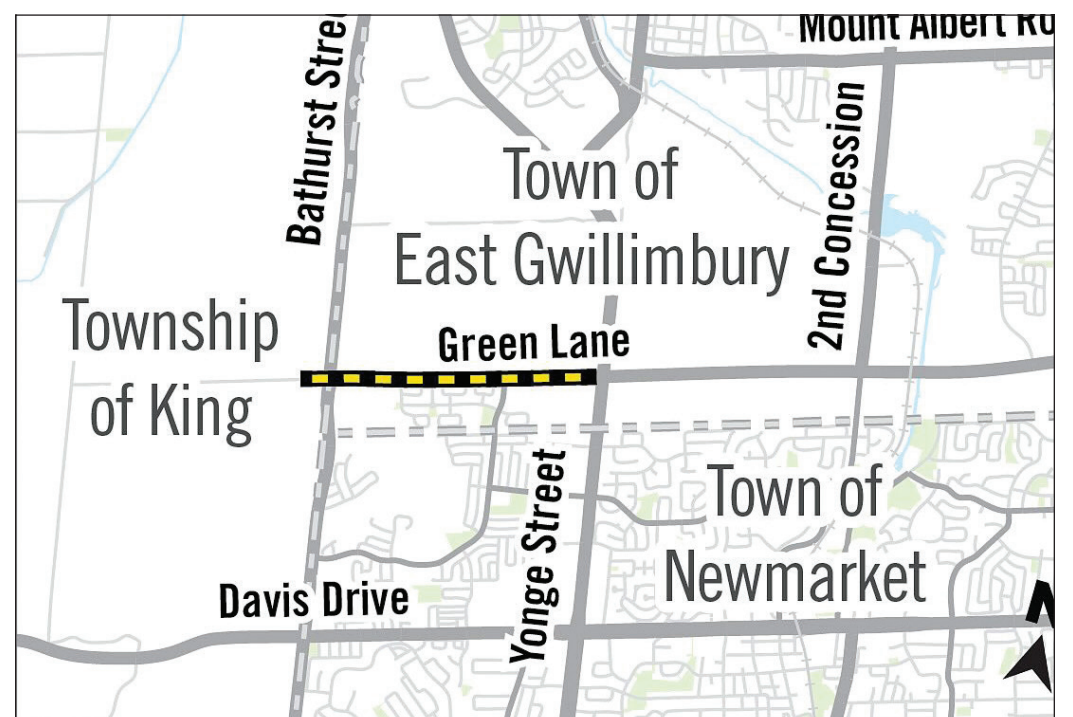
The OFA's grant will be matched by participating farmers' markets, bringing the total program value for the year to \$100,000. This will build on the success of last year's program, where 28 projects with markets across Ontario were approved. Those projects included digital and social media advertising, point-of-sale promotions on market days, and special events focusing on

farmers and their products.

"We are extremely pleased that OFA and FMO are once again partnering to deliver this valuable program. The collaboration between our two organizations strengthens our shared mission to support local food systems and promote the importance of farmers' markets in our communities," says FMO Chair Elmer Buchanan. "By shining a spotlight on both the markets and the hardworking farmers who make them possible, this program helps raise awareness, drive traffic to local markets, and reinforce the value of buying directly from producers."

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) represents 38,000 farm families across the province and serves as the leading advocate and strongest voice of Ontario's farmers. As a dynamic farmer-led organization, the OFA represents and champions the interests of Ontario farmers through government relations, farm policy recommendations, research, lobby efforts, community representation, media relations and more. Home Grown is a public awareness initiative of the OFA that puts the spotlight on the importance of local food and preserving Ontario farmland as a source of food, fuel, fibre and flowers.

Farmers' Markets Ontario (FMO) is the only official provincially recognized organization representing farmers' markets. Since 1991, FMO has been advocating with municipalities, regulators and potential funders to help ensure the health and sustainability of Ontario farmers' markets. With now over 180 members across the province, FMO continues to support the growth of farmers' markets for the benefit of local farmers, local food and Ontario consumers.



Green Lane construction

There will be road work on Green Lane this season, from west of Bathurst Street to Yonge Street in the Town of East Gwillimbury and Township of King. York Region will be applying a road preservation treatment called microsurfacing to extend the life of the road. Motorists might notice a rougher surface and more noise at first, but it'll smooth out over time. Work is scheduled from late spring to early summer 2025, with lane closures happening Monday to Saturday nights, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The road will stay open, but access to homes and businesses may be briefly affected. For general inquiries, please contact Transportation Operations at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75000 or via email at transportation@york.ca

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Canadian motorists plan on taking summer road trips

Canadians are planning to embrace the open road for summer travel with 82 per cent of motorists planning a day or overnight trip.

However, the vast majority of drivers are choosing to stay in Canada and avoiding travel to the U.S., according to a new Probe Research survey for the Tire and Rubber Association of Canada (TRAC; tracanada.ca).

Gauging interest in cross-border and inter-provincial road trips, the survey results reveal that 88 per cent of Canadians would rather take road trips within Canada than venture to the U.S., and only 8 per cent plan to cross the border as of the time of the survey.

Fifty-one per cent of drivers cancelled road trips to the U.S. they had planned for this year. Within Canada, 69 per cent plan to take a road trip within their province, while 28 per cent will drive to another part of the country.

TRAC's survey also gauged insights into drivers' attitudes and knowledge around proper tire maintenance which is crucial to road safety. It prevents blowouts, enhances fuel efficiency, extends tire lifespan, improves vehicle handling for better control, and saves money by avoiding unnecessary repairs and replacements.

The survey highlights the disconnect between drivers' awareness of the im-

portance of tire maintenance and their actions. The majority (89 per cent) of Canadian drivers agree that proper tire inflation and maintenance are more beneficial than ever, particularly given current financial pressures, as it improves fuel economy and increases tire longevity. However, this essential practice often goes overlooked and many drivers lack the knowhow about proper tire maintenance, including determining the correct tire pressure for their vehicle, and the right time and right interval for checking tire pressure.

"Our findings reveal that Canadian drivers need more education about how to do tire maintenance right. This is especially true among younger drivers, who may be taking a road trip for the first time this summer," says Carol Hochu, CEO of the Tire and Rubber Association of Canada. "Proper tire inflation and maintenance aren't just safety measures – they're economic ones. Improper tire inflation – both underinflation and overinflation – increases fuel consumption, shortens tire lifespan, and even increases the risk of tire failure on poorly maintained tires during long road trips.

"So, while Canadians are staying on Canadian roads this summer, they should check their tires before embarking on a road trip adventure. It's simple,

easy, and helps keep drivers safe."

Key geographic road trip findings: 82 per cent plan to take a road trip this summer (this includes day trips and overnight trips, within province, across Canada, and to the U.S.).

69 per cent plan to stay within their province and 28 per cent plan to drive to another part of the country.

Only 8 per cent plan to take a road trip to the U.S.; 88 per cent would rather take a road trip within Canada than visit the U.S. at this time.

Despite high awareness of the importance of proper tire inflation, the survey found major – and potentially dangerous – gaps in knowledge about how to measure and set the correct tire inflation level, particularly among younger drivers.

Just 28 per cent of drivers check their tire inflation pressures monthly as recommended by tire makers; only 22 per cent among drivers aged 18 to 34.

64 per cent are unaware inflation pressures should only be measured when tires are cold; 72 per cent among drivers aged 18 to 34. (A vehicle should be stationary for at least three hours or not have been driven more than two kilometres prior to checking tire inflation. Warm tires give an inaccurate reading.)

31 per cent incorrectly refer to the air pressure stamped on the tire's sidewall when identifying the correct pressure for their tires. (The imprinted sidewall pressure is the maximum pressure a tire can contain under maximum load, not the recommended inflation level. The correct inflation pressure is on the vehicle placard/sticker, which is commonly located on the driver's door

jamb. Prolonged driving at this inflation pressure may result in uneven tread wear and reduced traction.)

13 per cent either rely on visual inspections or do not know how to determine if their tires are properly inflated; 20 per cent among drivers aged 18 to 34. (A tire can be underinflated by 20 per cent or more and look normal.)

According to Statistics Canada, in 2019 Canadians purchased 43 billion litres of gasoline. With a 0.6 per cent gas mileage improvement resulting from proper tire inflation, drivers would have avoided having to buy 258 million litres of gasoline and saved about \$490 million. Saving this much gasoline would also avoid the release of 593,000 metric tonnes of CO2 into the atmosphere, which equals the emissions of 125,000 vehicles in a year. (Based on \$1.90 per litre fuel cost between January and April 2022, and one litre of gasoline producing 2.3 kilograms of CO2).

Industry studies show motorists can improve their gas mileage by 0.6 per cent on average – up to 3 per cent in some cases – simply by keeping their tires inflated to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended pressure. Additionally, underinflated tires can lower gas mileage by about 0.2 per cent for each one PSI drop in the average pressure of all tires. Driving a vehicle with just one tire underinflated by 56 kPa (8 PSI) can increase vehicle fuel consumption by 4 per cent.

Learn more about how drivers can maximize the safety, performance, and longevity of their tires by visiting TRAC's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@BeTireSmartTRAC>.

Man seriously injured in collision in King

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit are appealing for witnesses following a serious single-vehicle collision that occurred in the Township of King.

On Monday, June 2, at approximately 5:30 p.m., police responded to reports of a white sedan that had left the roadway on Dufferin Street, north of Davis Drive. When officers arrived, they discovered the vehicle had veered off the road, coming to rest in thick brush.

An off-duty paramedic was on scene and had begun providing aid to the male driver, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle. The driver sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to a trauma centre in the City of Toronto.

No other vehicles were involved in the collision, and no one else was injured.

The circumstances surrounding the cause of the collision remain under investigation.

Investigators are asking for the public's assistance. Anyone who may have: Witnessed the collision; observed the white sedan prior to the incident, or has dashcam or home surveillance video that may have captured the vehicle in the area around the time of the collision.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit at 1-866876-5423, ext. 7704. Anonymous tips can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or by visiting www.1800222tips.com



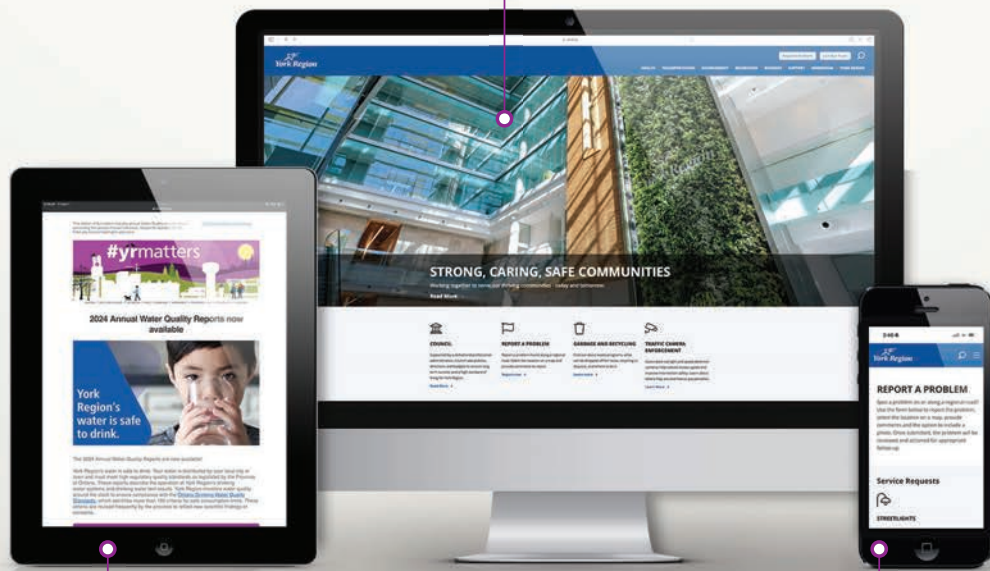
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Sun/Clouds High 23C° Low 9C°	Sun/Clouds High 21C° Low 12C° -1-3mm	Clouds/Sun High 18C° Low 12C°	Mainly Sunny High 21C° Low 14C°	Sun/Clouds High 24C° Low 15C°	Chance of Shower High 26C° Low 16C° -1-3mm	Sun/Clouds High 25C° Low 19C°
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King Township Food Bank rallies community for Spring Food Drive

As food insecurity continues to rise across York Region, the King Township Food Bank is calling on residents to come together for its Spring Food Drive, taking place from June 13 to 15, with a major collection event scheduled for Saturday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers will be stationed at No Frills and Cousin's Market in Nobleton, as well as Foodland in Schomberg, where they will distribute donation bags and a list of urgently needed items. Shoppers are encouraged to pick up a few extras during their visit and drop them off with the volunteers as they leave.

"All donations stay local, helping more than 530 King Township residents each month — nearly half of whom are seniors and children," said Geoff Simp-

son, president of the King Township Food Bank. "Since 2020, the demand for our services has doubled. We rely entirely on community support — every single contribution makes a meaningful impact."

The food bank is especially in need of the following non-perishable items:

Canned tuna, canned mixed beans, canned corn, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, canned ready-to-eat soup, and canned condensed soup.

Founded two decades ago, the King Township Food Bank is a completely volunteer-run organization with a mission to provide a week's supply of non-perishable groceries each month to residents of King Township who request help. The organization receives no government funding and is sus-



Challenges facing Mackenzie Health facilities

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

Despite state-of-the-art facilities and top-notch staff, Mackenzie Health is facing some challenges.

Altaf Stationwala, president and CEO of Mackenzie Health, provided an update to King council recently.

He noted the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital has the second highest emergency department volumes in the province.

The past respiratory season saw a surge in patients — some 14,500 more emergency visits compared to last season. Almost half (42%) of staff time was spent in "surge" with more than 1,100 more admissions from emergency to the medicine unit.

People are definitely the strength of the Mackenzie Health team and it's that high level of care that saw a decrease in "harm rates."

The hospital's harm rate (unintended, preventable patient harm) fell 23% below the provincial rate and serious patient safety events decreased by 56%. Complaints also dropped by 42%. Employee engagement scores rose to 18% above the sector average.

Luckily, Mackenzie's team keeps growing.

The network added 1,200 new net employee positions and 103 new physicians since they opened in 2021.

Spaces were refreshed at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital and more beds were added. The management team is working with government to complete two unfinished shelled floors at Cortellucci Vaughan. The network also improved care by establishing key partnership, including one with the Princess Margaret Cancer Care Network.

Part of the challenge comes from the growth in the communities served. By 2041, the population in York is anticipated to grow by 250,600 — more than the current population of Richmond Hill itself.

Care needs are also changing, with roughly 70% of patients being older than 65. Births, surgeries and emergency visits all continue to climb.

Progress is being made in terms of integrated regional care. A Family Practice Navigation Clinic connects hundreds of patients with family doctors. The network launched a stroke rehabilitation program in Vaughan and opened a 12-bed transitional care unit. Progress is being made on the seniors' village, including a 256-bed long-term care home.

Research is also part of their mandate and they established a research council. Mackenzie Health is also a lead partner in the York University School of Medicine.

Public support and donations always help. For more, visit mackenziehealth-cares.ca

tained entirely through the generosity of individuals, families, businesses, and sponsors.

In addition to food and financial donations, residents are encouraged to get involved by volunteering their time. Help is always needed for tasks such as organizing donations, assisting with distribution, and supporting seasonal food drives like this one. It's a meaningful way to make a direct impact in your own backyard.

Food donations can be dropped off year-round at the Nobleton, Schomberg, and King City Libraries, as well as the

King City Post Office and King City Fire Hall. Financial contributions — which allow the food bank to purchase items in bulk and respond flexibly to shortages — are welcomed via Interac e-Transfer, Canada Helps, or cheque. Full details can be found at ktfoodbank.ca.

The King Township Food Bank invites every resident to play a part in this vital community effort. Whether by giving, volunteering, or spreading the word, your involvement helps ensure no neighbour in King goes without.



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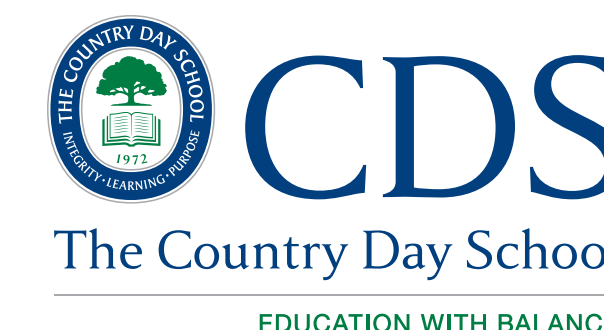
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Billions being invested in York Region infrastructure

York is committing billions to enhance infrastructure and maintenance over the next decade.

York Regional Council received an update on how roads and water and wastewater capital infrastructure projects are keeping people and goods moving, maintaining and improving water networks and enabling future growth.

“Investments in Regional infrastructure projects are essential to support our growing communities, maintain resiliency and advance York Region as a top destination to live, work and visit,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. “Continual investment from Regional Council and senior levels of government enables our infrastructure to adapt and improve, meeting the needs of current and future residents.”

Updates from roads and water and wastewater capital infrastructure projects include:

Investing \$2.7 billion in road projects

and \$4.64 billion in water and wastewater projects for growth and asset management under the 10-year Capital Plan

Planning for 29 active Roads Capital Program growth projects and 172 active asset management projects for 2025; work includes widening roads in the most congested urban areas and near new development, mid-block crossings over 400-series highways, improved intersections, new multi-use paths and streetscaping.

Maintaining 166 active projects for the Water and Wastewater Capital Program; work focused on building the regional trunk system, keeping infrastructure in a state of good repair and managing system risk and resiliency.

Advancing key water and wastewater projects in the 2025 10-Year Capital Plan, including the provincially mandated York Region Sewage Works Project, along with other critical upgrades to the York Durham Sewage System,

servicing in City of Vaughan and Township of King, facility improvements in the Town of Georgina and environmental studies for MZO lands in the City of Markham and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

“York Region is making significant strides to enhance traveller experience and safety, promote environmental sustainability and ensure service capacity for planned growth,” said Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, Chair of Public Works – Transportation Services. “Innovative and collaborative work with cities and towns, partners and senior levels of government help to build our communities up with reliable assets and services.”

York Region is expected to grow to over 2 million people and over 900,000 jobs by 2051. York Region’s Transportation Master Plan and Water and Waste-

water Master Plan guide infrastructure investments to ensure services meet the needs of growing communities.

“Investments in water and wastewater infrastructure ensure safe, reliable services while supporting growth and environmental sustainability,” said Richmond Hill Mayor David West, Chair of Public Works – Environmental Services. “By strengthening our regional trunk systems and completing upgrades for critical projects under the York Region Sewage Works Project and the York Durham Sewage System, we’re enhancing resiliency and preparing for future growth, building services that will serve generations to come.”

Learn more about York Region’s construction projects at york.ca/WaterConstruction and york.ca/RoadConstruction

York Transit enhances safety and security

York Regional Council received an update on the 2024 York Region Transit (YRT) Enforcement and Security Report. The report highlights ongoing efforts to ensure public safety across the YRT transit system while providing a convenient and comfortable experience for travellers.

“Ridership reached a record of nearly 24 million trips in 2024 as more people chose to use YRT to get to work and school, shop or visit,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. “This growth brings tremendous opportunity, but also a shared responsibility to plan and invest to ensure the service continues to be safe, secure and accessible for residents who rely on it every day.”

2024 YRT Enforcement and Security highlights include:

Engaging 19,000 customer service interactions, primarily answering questions related to service.

Participating in the annual Cold Weather Response Plan and Heat Relief Strategy for people experiencing homelessness; transit officers are equipped with heat/cold relief packages for distribution for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Reporting an 18% increase in assistance or aid to the public related to YRT,

including supporting those at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.

YRT Transit Enforcement and Security offer a range of services such as traveller assistance, fare inspections and closed-circuit television requests. YRT works closely with York Regional Police to promote officer presence and outreach, and with York Region’s Community Health Services and partners to conduct welfare checks for at-risk individuals or those experiencing homelessness.

“YRT continues to provide an essential customer experience as our service grows, including making over 100 service improvements and maintaining on-time performance above 90% on all 121 routes, including conventional, rapid and on-demand,” said Town of Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, Chair of Public Works – Transportation Services. “Our people-first approach is integral to providing a strong and supportive transit environment.”

YRT Enforcement reported over 15,200 safety and security events in 2024. There was a reduction in safety and security incidents reported for 2024, including a 15% decline in both disorderly conduct and crimes against property and a 1% decline in trespassing.

Economic Development Action Plan strengthens York’s business community

York Regional Council received a 2024-2027 Economic Development Action Plan update, highlighting activities and outcomes throughout 2024 supporting York Region businesses.

“Reinforcing Regional Council’s strategic priority of economic vitality is more critical now than ever to help sustain short and long-term prosperity and resiliency across the Region’s business community,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. “Advancing this work through important partnerships ensures York Region’s economy remains thriving.”

The Economic Development Action Plan focuses on business support, building innovation, talent attraction and marketing and awareness. 2024 achievements and initiatives underway include:

Supporting businesses through business advisory services, engaging more than 900 stakeholders including over 450 targeted consultations through the York Small Business Enterprise Centre.

Strengthening agri-food, automotive, information and communications technology and life sciences sectors through business advisory, partnerships, research and participating in events such as the Afri Future Tech Summit, Collision Conference, Med-Tech, ventureLAB HardTech Conference and Site Selectors Guild.

Being named one of Canada’s Best Locations to invest and supporting local cities and towns with foreign direct investment efforts and activities.

Growing innovation through partnerships including allocating \$1.08 million from the Innovation Investment Fund for York University’s Project JumpSTART, renewing ventureLAB funding to support hundreds of innovative businesses.

Leveraging programs like the Hardware Catalyst Initiative and York Region’s Entrepreneurship and Innovation Fund to support entrepreneurs and growing companies.

Engaging with the business community and achieving more than 3.5

million views on York Region’s economic development digital marketing platform, York Link.

While actions in the Council-approved 2024-2027 Economic Development Action Plan are progressing well, York Region continues to adapt to changing economic conditions and incorporate tailored business supports in collaboration with local municipalities and industry partners. This includes reestablishing the Business Recovery Support Partnership, delivering a range of tariff and trade supports and continuously building resources at YorkLink.ca/Trade

“Business success and job growth are fundamental to York Region’s economic prosperity,” said Township of King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of Finance and Administration. “With over 57,000 businesses in the Region and over 11,000 of them identified as importers or exporters, continued partnership with other levels of government will strengthen efforts in the Economic Development Action Plan to support businesses and drive growth.”

Key fact about York Region’s economic landscape:

Ontario’s third largest manufacturing hub; fifth largest in Canada.

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One of Canada’s largest technology sector hubs with over 4,900 Information and Communications Technology companies.

Ontario’s second largest food and beverage processing sector and fourth largest in Canada.

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

For more information on economic development in York Region and available resources to grow a business, visit YorkLink.ca

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Arts & Entertainment

Guests enjoy exhibit at annual McMichael gala

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is pleased to announce the outstanding success of its signature fundraising event, the 2025 Moonlight Gala, held in support and celebration of Canadian art, the McMichael's community programming, and educational outreach.

As one of the most anticipated events in Canada's cultural calendar, the Moonlight Gala plays a vital role in supporting the conservation and exhibition of more than 7,000 works in the McMichael's permanent collection and the presentation of special exhibitions. Funds raised also contribute to the development of award-winning educational initiatives for children and youth and the stewardship of the gallery's beloved natural landscape and outdoor installations.

Distinguished guests in attendance included Gala co-chairs Debra Fenwick and Laura Mirabella, as well as honorary co-chairs Hon. Steven Del Duca, Mayor, City of Vaughan and Hon. Stephen Lecce, MPP KingVaughan. They were joined by artists, gallerists, community leaders, donors, and corporate partners from across the country.

Guests were treated to a culinary experience curated by The Food Dudes, complemented by gourmet offerings from award-winning Indigenous chef David Wolfman. Wine was provided by Stratus Vineyards, Canada's first fully LEED-certified winery. Live musical performances, including a headline set by The Collective, created a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere under the stars.

Adding to the evening's excitement, guests enjoyed exclusive opening night access to the McMichael's newest exhibition, *Morrice in Venice*. In honour of the exhibition, the Gala embraced a Venetian theme, infusing the event with the charm and elegance of one of Europe's most iconic cities.

Curated by renowned Canadian art historian Sandra Paikowsky, the exhibition presents James Wilson Morrice's luminous visions of Venice through a selection of canvases, pochades, and sketches. These works capture the city's quiet, intimate moments – secluded calles, peaceful squares, and glimmering waterways – brought to life through Morrice's distinctive mastery of light and colour. The McMichael extends its sincere gratitude to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the National Gallery of Canada, whose generous support was instrumental in



Gila Martow, Rosanna DeFrancesca, Mario Ferri, Sarah Milroy, Debra Fenwick, Steven Del Duca, Laura Mirabella, Marilyn Iafrate, Gino Rosati show off the proceeds from the gala.

George Pimentel Photography



Barbara and Mayor Steve Pellegrini were on hand to lend their support at the gala.

Valeria Mitsubata Photography



realizing this exhibition.

The success of the Moonlight Gala would not be possible without the generous support of its sponsors, with special thanks to the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Italian Business Association, this year's presenting sponsor.

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is an agency of the Government of Ontario and acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, and the McMichael Canadian Art Foundation. It is the only

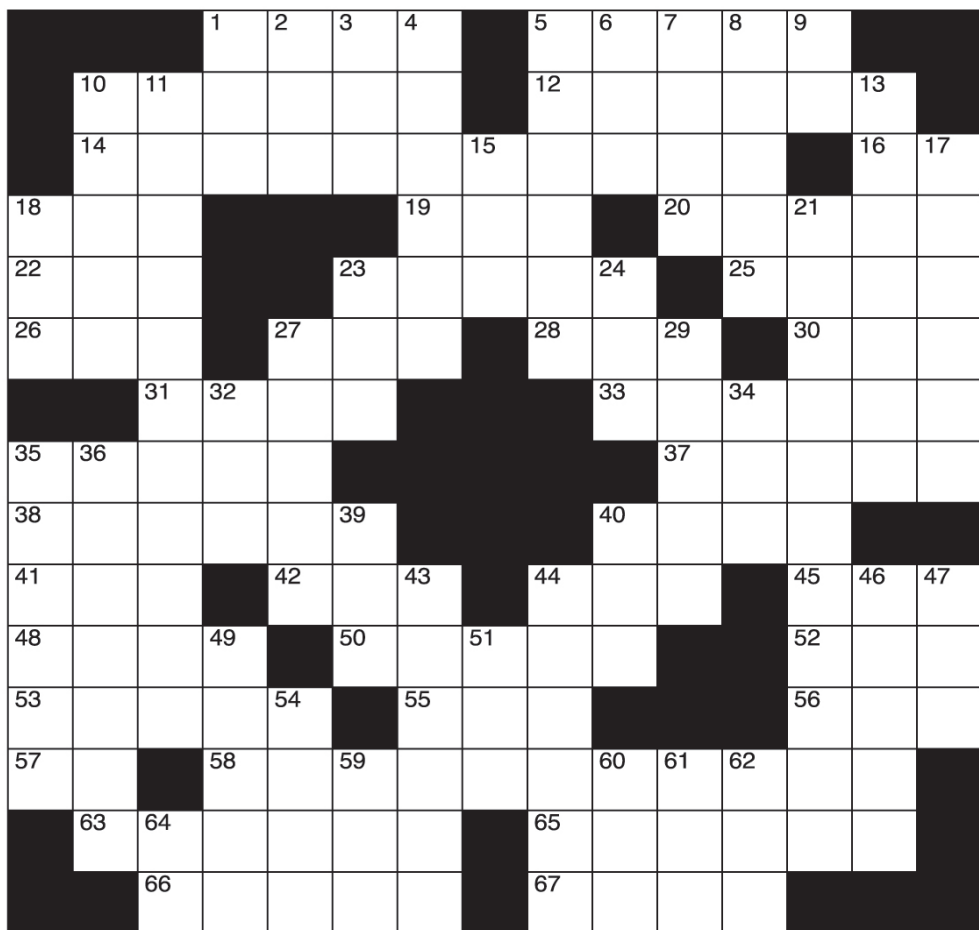
major museum in the country devoted exclusively to Canadian art. In addition to touring exhibitions, the McMichael houses a permanent collection of more than 7,000 works by historic and contemporary Canadian artists, including Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, Indigenous artists, and artists from the many diasporic communities. The gallery is located on 100 acres of forested landscape and hiking trails at 10365 Islington Avenue, Kleinburg.



Steven Del Duca, Sarah Milroy and MPP Stephen Lecce.

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1. Type of bread
5. Range of mountains
10. Ended
12. Musical forms with a recurring theme
14. On the nature of being
16. Law enforcement agency
18. Australian flightless bird
19. Subway rodent
20. More dried-up
22. A beaver might build one
23. Suggestive of the supernatural
25. Art __, around 1920
26. American rocker Snider
27. Not or
28. Earliest human: __-Magnon Man
30. Firearm
31. Tough outer skin of fruit
33. Alternative form of

a gene

35. Low shrub some call "fat pork"
37. Plants in the chamomile tribe
38. Revolutionary War era spy
40. Portion of a book
41. Hoover's office
42. Title of respect
44. Tax collector
45. Cool!
48. Real estate
50. Boy's name
52. Airborne (abbr.)
53. Strongly recommends
55. Hit lightly
56. Bar bill
57. Atomic #54
58. Devotes again
63. Fish sauce
65. French stock market
66. Things that consist of two elements or parts
67. Tense

CLUES DOWN

1. Retired game show host Sajak
2. Equal (prefix)
3. Israeli city __ Aviv
4. Loved
5. A type of analyst
6. Ad __
7. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
8. Ran without moving
9. Opposite of yes
10. Diffuse clouds of gas
11. Mentioning one by one
13. Instruments used to dilate
15. Freshwater fish
17. Remotely-manned flying objects
18. Doctor of Education
21. Renews
23. Not the start
24. Pitching stat
27. Small water buffaloes
29. Ceramic jars
32. I (German)
34. Something to toss on a fire
35. The process of flowing in
36. A series of acts at a night club
39. Egg of a louse
40. Inquire too closely
43. Travelers
44. Drink
46. Behave in a way that degrades
47. Electronic music style
49. Northern Ireland city
51. Upset
54. Stiff structure resembling a hair
59. Father
60. North Atlantic fish
61. 8th month (abbr.)
62. Make an effort
64. Commercial

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King City Secondary School alumni gather for reunion

By Brittany Greci

The spirit of the early '70s was alive and well this past weekend as over 30 proud graduates from King City Secondary School's Class of 1973 and 1974 gathered for a heart-warming reunion filled with laughter, memories, and meaningful connections.

Held on a sunny afternoon, the event brought together old friends and former classmates, many of whom hadn't seen each other in decades. Organizers shared that it took more than three months of planning, emailing, phone calls, and social media sleuthing to track everyone down — and their hard work paid off in spades.

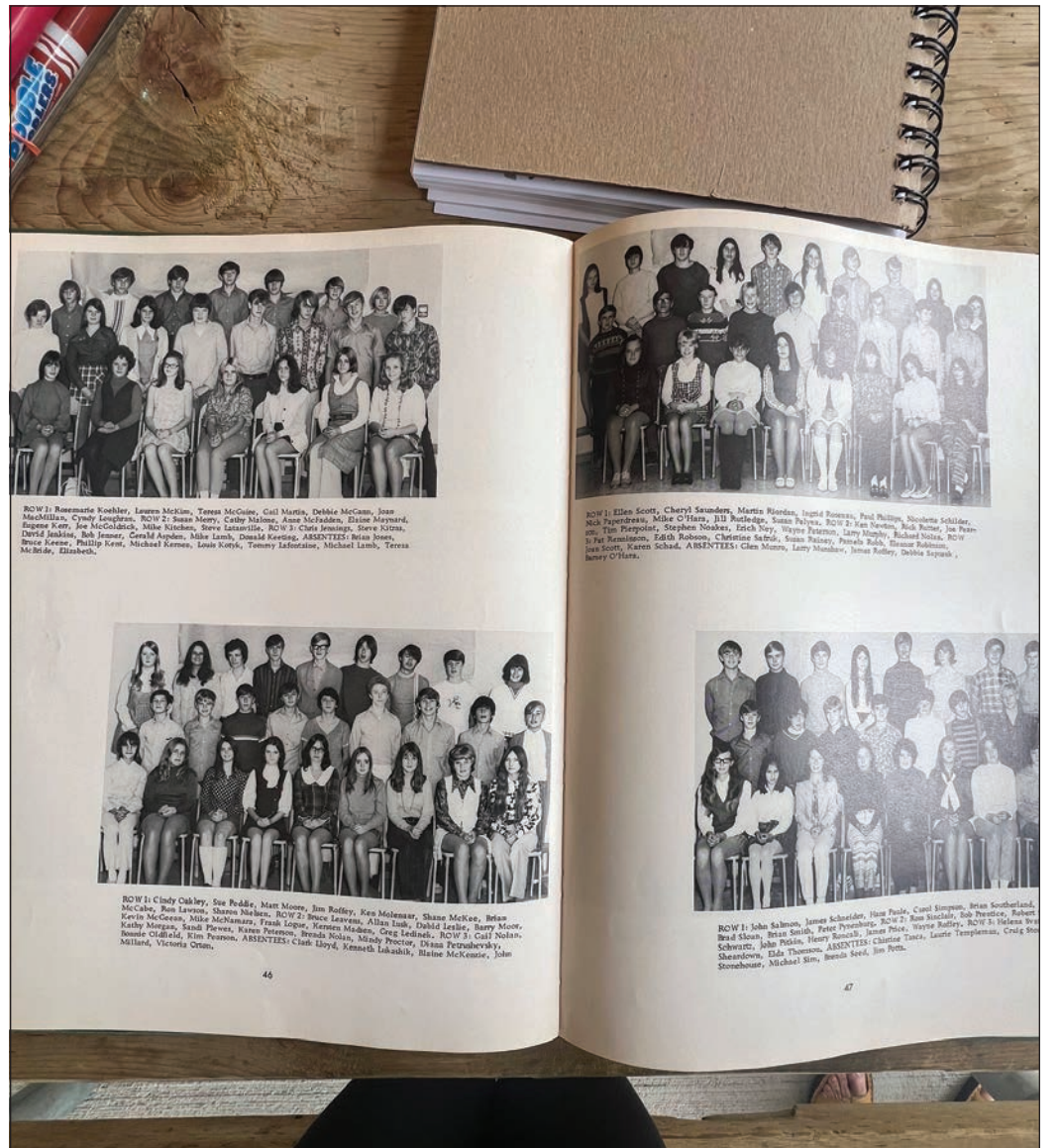
In a touching tribute, the group honored those who have passed away with a beautiful display of photos and written remembrances, reminding everyone of the enduring bonds that go beyond time.

The event also saw the return of five beloved teachers from that era, who were greeted with enthusiastic hugs and cheers.

"This was more than just a reunion," one alum shared. "It was a celebration of who we were, and how far we've all



come." The afternoon was filled with stories of youthful adventures, shared lunches, and school dances — a true trip down memory lane that left everyone smiling and promising to do it again soon.



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Walk For Alzheimer's raises more than \$146,000

By Brock Weir

Wet and cold weather couldn't dampen the spirits of more than 500 people who came out to the Oak Ridges Community Centre on May 24 for the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's.

The annual signature fundraiser for the Alzheimer Society of York Region brought in more than \$146,000 that will help provide programs and services throughout York Region for residents impacted by dementia.

A 1.5-km. route through picturesque Lake Wilcox Park, the walk not only was a chance to get active for a great cause, but take part in myriad family-friendly activities designed to offer something for everyone.

The event kicked off with a "shoelace ceremony" allowing participants to pay tribute to their family, friends, and neighbours impacted by dementia, and also included the chance to add to the Alzheimer Society of York Region's flower garden by hanging up flowers with the names, and sometimes photos, of their loved ones and forget-me-nots.

All money raised during the IG Walk for Alzheimer's here in York Region stays in York Region, and this is particularly important as the Society is seeing demand rise.

"We are seeing a growing number of people attend this event as more families in our community are impacted by this disease," said Kari Quinn-Humphrey, CEO of the Alzheimer Society of York Region, in a statement. "For some, the walk is the first time they become familiar with our community support. Our team is dedicated to ensuring that everyone in the Region navigating a dementia diagnosis is aware that we are here to walk alongside them, and provide services and supports.

The walk is the ideal opportunity to spread this message.

"The walk wouldn't have been successful without the enthusiasm and support of participants, donors, volunteers, sponsors and our VIPs. With your generosity, we will continue to provide programs and services to support those living with dementia and their caregivers."



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Great support for Nobleton Lions 15th annual golf fundraiser

The weather was perfect for golf! On Sunday, June 8, 136 golfers teed off at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club in the 15th Annual Nobleton Lions Golf Fundraiser.

Although participants had fun trying, and numerous balls ended up in the water in front of the green, there was no winner of the \$10,000 prize for a hole-in-one on the View's third hole, sponsored by Party Magic. Regardless, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the golf and the dinner, raffle, and silent auction that followed.

Jerry MacBain, the tournament organizer, along with all the Lions in the Club, wish to thank the other main sponsors – Green Tractors, King Rebellion Hockey Club, Nobleton Feed Mill, BTN Nurseries, and Carol Struthers Law – as well as the almost 100 generous hole sponsors and prize donors. A special thanks is extended to the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club staff again this year for their warm hospitality and delicious meal.

Proceeds from the tournament support many local and regional organi-

zations including the King Township Food Bank, Southlake Regional Health Centre, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital,

childrens' sports, Girl Guides, and Lions Camps, to name just a few. To everyone involved, thank you!



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Simon Wang's seamless journey from King Rebellion star to the OHL All-Rookie Team with Oshawa to the NHL Combine

By Jim Stewart

By any standard, Simon Wang should be a tired Junior hockey player.

Wang, who was promoted from the King Rebellion in mid-season to play for the Oshawa Generals, played over 90 hockey games in 2024-25, but the 6'6", 209-pound defenceman seems indefatigable: "I feel good physically. I feel a little tired on the mental side. We had a long playoff run."

Long playoff run, indeed. Wang's Generals were defeated in five games in the OHL Finals by the perennial powerhouse London Knights. The Knights went on to capture the Memorial Cup on Sunday by defeating the Medicine Hat Tigers 4-1 in Rimouski, Quebec.

When asked if there was some solace in losing the OHL championship to the eventual Memorial Cup champs, Wang could not mask his disappointment – especially for his veteran teammates – at coming up short against their rivals from London: "They're packed with talent and they're really deep. It was really tough for the older guys on our team to not win against the Knights after losing to them two years in a row. For many of them, it was their last shot to get to the Memorial Cup. We did the best we could. I learned a ton through the playoffs"

Wang's lessons on ice must have impressed OHL Awards committees who named him a Second Team All-Rookie, despite only playing half a season in the top junior league in the world. He described his best memory from his rookie season as an Oshawa General: "My best memory was probably when we beat Barrie in Game 4 and won the East. At the end of the day – even though we didn't go on to beat London – it was a great memory for the boys."

Unlike his older teammates in Oshawa who could be out of hockey options, the eighteen-year-old finds himself at an intersection of great choices for 2025-26. The Boston University commit

could go the NCAA D1 route, but he's leaning heavily towards a return to the OHL for a full season with the Generals: "I'm probably staying in Oshawa and trying to take on a bigger role with the Generals. I want to help the newcomers and welcome them on to the team as one of the returning players. I'll be reporting in late August and early September to get ready for the season with Oshawa."

Although a second year with a stellar franchise like the Oshawa Generals is filled with potential success, another option for Wang is the NHL. He is projected as a first or second round Draft pick and ranked as high as #31 by Bob MacKenzie, but the smooth-skating defenceman is maintaining a very low-key set of expectations regarding the NHL: "It's an exciting time here at the Combine just before the Draft. I get a chance to pick the brains of so many teams and see where the best fit might be for me, but, mostly, I'm just enjoying the moment."

When asked if he could have foreseen three leagues – the OHL, NCAA, and NHL – vying for his talents at the same time, the reserved defender put things in a very mature context: "Five years ago, I always believed in myself – even if I wasn't a very good hockey player. I needed so much improvement, but I've come a long way due to my beliefs and hard work. I'm so happy to get to where I am, but it's only been possible due to the support of my family, coaches, and teammates who are responsible for my progression."

Wang progressed so far in his second OJHL season that when dozens of NHL scouts assessed his play at King's temporary home at the Nobleton Community Centre, a few confided in me that the Rebellion's best defenceman reminded them of Chris Pronger.

When Wang was asked about this kind of favourable comparison to an NHL Hall of Fame defender and Stanley Cup champion, he responded ac-



cordingly: "It's obviously an honour to have them compare me to a legend. The way I look at it, I'll have to keep working to get better to earn that kind of comparison. For now – after giving my body a bit of a break after 91 games this season – I have to get ready for the Combine and start working out again to prepare for the development camps that come after the Draft."

There seems to be no rest for the Pronger-esque defenceman even during his off-season, but Wang has had some time to reflect on his half season of play as a top player for King and to comment on the nomadic Rebellion team's season of volatility: "We were a veteran team at the start – before we traded most of the older players before Christmas and before I went up to the Generals. Before all the trades, we'd win some and we'd lose some. We were too inconsistent as a team. After the trades and the young, talented players that the Rebellion got in all the trades settled in, all the young guys that were left really competed. I came back and saw some games. They were on a great roll and won so many games to get into the playoffs. Seeing the team improve with the new guys and the young guys stepping up is what Junior Hockey is all about. The guys showed so much potential and they were very aggressive in their playoff series against Collingwood."

Beating the CJHL champion Blues was one of Wang's best memories as a member of the Brantford 99ers and as the Rebellion after the franchise relocated to King Township: "Beating Collingwood in their own barn in our second game of the season was very im-

pressive. To beat the Canadian champs at home was great for our team, especially after we were so competitive with them in our opening playoff series the season before with the 99ers. We played them tough every game and it carried over to the next season."

Simon Wang has much to carry over to his next season – whether that's in Boston, Oshawa, or some undetermined NHL city. The smooth-skating defenceman's berth on the OHL's Rookie All-Star team and his trip to the OHL Finals with the Generals were great Junior Hockey experiences for the graduate of the OJHL King Rebellion.

Wang acknowledged that as he gathered more playing time with the Generals, he felt a growing on-ice confidence: "I was playing free – creating space and making good plays in open ice, and big plays in the o-zone. All the moments made me feel like I belonged in this league and that I had the potential to dominate." Great moments like these will hold the talented defender in good stead as he continues to mature with the Generals in 2025-26.

Until then, the former Rebellion star will be evaluated over the next six days at the NHL Combine in Buffalo. Wang and eighty-nine other top international prospects will undergo interviews, medical assessments, Maximal VO2 tests, and eleven fitness tests to help clubs fine-tune their scouting data for the NHL Draft in LA on June 27 and 28. Wang's indefatigable spirit – which impelled him through 91 Junior hockey games this season – will be on full display this week in Buffalo for all 32 NHL teams to see.

Ontario expands free public access to hiking trails

The Ontario government is expanding access to trails across the province by investing \$20 million over four years into the Greenlands Conservation Partnership program.

For 2024/25, 15 projects will open up over 1,650 acres of land, including trails, for the public to enjoy at no cost. These projects, including three along the Bruce Trail, will make it easier for people to explore nature close to home while supporting local tourism and businesses.

"This program is about opening more trails and giving people the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors close to home," said Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "By supporting projects like those along the Bruce Trail, we are supporting tourism in our own backyard and ensuring that more people can experience the joy of hiking and the benefits of spending time in nature – free of charge."

These latest projects – selected through a competitive process by the Ontario Land Trust Alliance (OLTA) – leverage the government's four-year \$20-million investment with private sector dollars to protect nature close to home through the Greenlands Conservation Partnership program.

One of the requirements for the program is that projects need to provide some form of public access to give visitors the opportunity to engage in more outdoor activities. For example, the Bruce Trail Conservancy will be able to secure and protect over 150 acres (61 hectares) of land contained within the Niagara Escarpment UNESCO World Biosphere thanks to the program. Much of this land adds new portions to the Bruce Trail, Canada's oldest and longest marked footpath. Currently, over 70 per cent of the Bruce Trail is on permanently protected land.

Partnering with conservation leaders is one of the ways the Ontario government is providing people with more opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors close to home, while supporting



local tourism in communities that have some of the best hiking trails in the world.

For every dollar of provincial funding provided through the Greenlands Conservation Partnership program, grant recipients are required to match it with a minimum of \$2 from other conservation partners, including individual donors, foundations and other levels of government.

Since launching in 2020, the program has supported the protection of over 430,000 acres (approximately 175,000 hectares) of land across the province – more than 2.75 times the size of Toronto.

Ontario has invested \$58 million in the Greenlands Conservation Partnership program since 2020.

The Ontario Land Trust Alliance is the only provincial organization dedicated to providing community, knowledge sharing, and support for local and regional land trusts, and other groups committed to land conservation, across the province. Its 51 land trust members and associates collectively care for over 2,000 natural areas and greenspaces across Ontario, engaging the support of thousands of volunteers and supporters annually.

"We are deeply grateful for the Government of Ontario's ongoing commitment to land conservation through the Greenlands Conservation Partnership. This significant investment will empower land trusts across Ontario to protect even more ecologically vital natural areas and preserve the province's rich biodiversity while also providing communities with access to beautiful outdoor spaces. We are thrilled to continue this important partnership to safeguard Ontario's natural heritage for future generations," said Alison Howson, Executive Director, Ontario Land Trust Alliance.



Mayor supports cause

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini enjoyed the weather and golfed for a good cause recently. He joined a host of golfers for Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Iain Lovatt's Golf Tournament. The event was in support of the Markham Stouffville Hospital.

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday, June 15 King City United Church wishes all the dads out there a Happy Father's day! We invite you to come out to worship, praise, sing and pray with us at 10 a.m. Rev Bill Fritz will share a message of challenge to all of us entitled "Called to be Living Stones." The scripture will be 1 Peter 2:1-10. There will be fellowship and refreshments following the worship.

Rev. Bill Fritz is attending at King City for the next four months as Rev Andrew is off on a Sabbatical until September 8th.

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your givings. Year round, for those who use the food bank, 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.

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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.

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, June 13 - 10 a.m. - Workshop - Angela Del Borrello will be conducting a workshop where participants will paint an outdoor flowerpot. The cost is \$10/pp, registration was due by June 6. All supplies will be provided.

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 Church

York Pines was pleased to host over 100 people to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada last Sunday. Anthems were sung by Front Porch Harmony, and Bolton United, Knox United and York Pines United choirs. We waved flame coloured streamers for Pentecost. Rev. Evelyn entertained the children with the northern lights, Rev. Ross delivered an interesting message about the history and the actions of the UCC, and Rev. Richard led communion. The service was followed by a classic pot-luck lunch.

While Rev. Andrew is on sabbatical, Daniel Cho presides for the month of June. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the service at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

The next Fellowship Luncheon is on Wednesday, June 25 at 12 noon at Mandarin in Newmarket. Come and bring a friend. Contact the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 if you plan to attend. This is the last one until the fall.

Sacred Heart Church

At Pentecost we remember the descent of the Holy Spirit. We have now

been given the gifts to the love of Christ to others. The Sacrament of Confirmation was conferred on 43 Confirmandi by His Excellency, Bishop John A. Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto this past Sunday. As a faith community, we join in prayer and congratulate these young adults who have made their commitment to complete their Christian Initiation. Sincere Appreciation to the Catechists Joe & Liliana for preparing the students; the CWL for altar flowers; and the Knights of Columbus for ushers and hospitality.

Join us for Holy Mass on Thursday, June 12 as we Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Anthony of Padua; known as the patron saint of the poor, sailors, fishermen, priests and travelers, a guardian of mail and doctor of the Church.

Our Thanks to Beverly Flanagan and Marisa Figliano for organizing the 'Pilgrimage of Hope' to Martyr's Shrine. Thank you to all those who attended and to Mary Spensieri who organized praying the Holy Rosary on the bus. The historical lecture prior to Mass, and time spent at St Marie among the Hurons made for a prayerful and memorable day.

Sacred Heart Church will again offer Summer Bible Camp on July 14-18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages JK to 6. Activities include music, dance, games, arts & craft and more. Cost is \$75. To register email npascuzzo@archtoronto.org

Faith & Family Gathering Friday, June 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's, King City at 13190 Keele St. Sunday Morning Worship Services are held at 10:30 a.m. and do join us for coffee time afterwards.

Every month we have a fellowship meal together and for June it will be Subs and Sundaes on the 22nd! All are welcome. We'll also have a Renovation and Partnership Update!

Last Sunday Pastor Alison Agnew's sermon looked at Hebrews 7:11-28 on Pentecost Sunday. Our recorded services are on YouTube. Our website is standrews-king city.ca and click on the YouTube frame.

The Life Connect Group will resume in the fall, as it takes a break over the summer time. It was a wonderful time of delving deeper into the previous Sunday's sermon by questions sent out from our pastor. There were great dis-

cussions, coffee/tea, friendship, laughter and learning.

"Prayer and Praise," hosted by Jacquie Lawson was last Friday, June 6 from 7-9 p.m. Her theme was God's Irreplaceable Love. I'll keep you posted for the next casual, worshipful evening. All are welcome.

Sunday, June 15, we're going to pack backpacks with essential items for Evangel Hall for men and women. Please bring your new packages of socks and underwear next Sunday. Have a look at www.evangelhall.ca - a community of compassion; a place of hope.

All Saints Anglican Church By Kit Woods

Pride Month is a time of celebration, visibility, and solidarity for 2SLGBTQ+ people across Canada and around the world. It is also a time for reflection, especially within Christian communities, on the ways in which the Church has not always lived up to its call to love unconditionally.

For many 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, church has not been a place of refuge, but one of rejection. Some have been turned away from their own communities of faith. Others carry invisible wounds from teachings that told them they were broken, sinful, or unworthy of God's love. These experiences have left many with deep spiritual trauma.

At All Saints Anglican Church in King City, we believe it is our sacred responsibility to be a place of healing, safety, and joy. As a parish, we recognize the harm that has been done in the name of faith, and we are committed to walking a different path, one marked by love, welcome, and transformation.

Outside our church, the Progress Pride flag flies as a visible sign of that commitment. But more importantly, our hearts and doors are open to all. We don't just tolerate diversity, we celebrate it. We believe that every person is made in the image of God and is inherently worthy of dignity, belonging, and love.

Pride Month is not just a secular event we acknowledge. It is a sacred opportunity to affirm our 2SLGBTQ+ members, to rejoice in the goodness of their lives and loves, and to proclaim the liberating message of the Gospel: that God's love is for everyone, without exception.

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Summer has finally arrived; let's hope so anyway. This past weekend we finally saw some sunshine, although, the air was heavy with the smoke from the horrible wildfires in Northern Ontario and Manitoba. Remember to check the air quality at this time of year and make sure to take precautions if you have any lung or breathing problems. We can only hope that everyone gets out safely and the fires are put out soon.

June is also seniors' month, so to celebrate that King Township is sponsoring a free event for all seniors, so mark June 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 on your calendar and prepare to be taken back in time through music from the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s with "Golden Oldies in the park for 55+" with entertainment provided by Steven Craig. There is limited space so you must register for this event, online, or by calling 905-833-6565.

I'm not sure whether to wear my saddle shoes, jean jacket or my shoulder pads, but it sure sounds like a groovy time.

June also brings us National Indigenous Peoples history month in Canada, and King Township will be celebrating the impact of indigenous peoples have had on our community at these events, "Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Mural and Medicine Garden" reveal at King Museum on June 14 at 11 a.m. and "Walk and Talk oil infusion workshop" at Cold Creek Conservation Area on June 27, at 1 p.m.

This Saturday, June 14, Schomberg is having its first Community Garage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to set up your garage sale in your driveway or team up with a neighbour. Make sure to post signs so our "Stroll and Sale" attendees know where to find you.

Horticultural Society

Schomberg Horticultural Society's June meeting will feature Owen Goltz on "Plant Health, Biology Beats Chemistry." This Riverdale Farm and Forest Farmer, Master Arborist offers consulting services in vegetable gardening and pasture management as well as in tree and shrub care and forest management. Owen will talk about Biochar, as a

means to improve water quality, reduce soil emissions of greenhouse gases among many other advantages.

Join us at the Schomberg Community Hall on June 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Come see our flower show with entries of Iris, Rose and Peony varieties, always a delight.

Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre takes place on Thursday nights, in the curling lounge and we start at 7 and play until 9. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all you need to know is how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

Schomberg 55+

This past week we had a wonderful presentation from Arlene Stephenson the "Downsizing Diva" who gave us some great tips on clearing out the clutter and getting rid of those old clothes you've been hanging on to for years. The bottom line is, you're never too young to start downsizing and maybe start doing it before you get too old. Arlene is always available to help you organize or downsize; you can reach out to her at arlene@downsizingdiva.com. Thanks, Arlene, for all the great tips!

Our season is going on summer break at the end of this month, so to celebrate a fun, educational exciting season, please join us at the end of season potluck on June 23, which has now been relocated to the Schomberg Community Hall, where we will have a performance of our very own "Tightly Wound Ukulele Club!"

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.

We still have spots left but we are more than halfway booked, so don't hesitate, call today!

Thursday, June 19 - Outing - Bus trip to St. Jacobs with lunch at Jacob's grill \$119.

Monday, June 23 - 11 a.m. - Potluck at Pottageville Pavillion - End of year celebration. Registration required by June 1. For more information, contact klbird@hotmail.com.

Sunday, June 29 - 2 to 4:30 p.m. - Outing - "High Tea in the Lavender Fields" - Avalon Lavender Farm, 347036 Mono Centre Road, Mono. \$99+HST. Registration required, self-drive. Contact klbird@hotmail.com for more information.

Weekly Events

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

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

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

Wednesday afternoon - 2 p.m. - Mahjong (Schomberg Community Hall).

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

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

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.

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you would love to see here porter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.

First-of-its-kind award recognizes veterans for their outstanding community service

The Ontario government launched the new Ontario Veterans Award for Community Service Excellence (OVACSE). The award honours individuals for exceptional and ongoing service to their communities, such as work to help veterans re-integrate into civilian life, supporting those dealing with ongoing mental or physical injuries, or other broader community-building initiatives.

"Premier Ford and our government are proud to launch the Ontario Veterans Award for Community Service Excellence, a historic program to honour the invaluable volunteer efforts of our veterans," said Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. "We can never fully repay those who have served our country, but this award will help strengthen our province by recognizing the legacy of our veterans and their contributions to building a stronger Ontario."

The new initiative makes Ontario the first province in Canada to establish an award specifically dedicated to honouring veterans' excellence in community service. Each year, Ontario branches of The Royal Canadian Legion will each nominate one veteran who has demonstrated significant and sustained contributions to their community through exceptional work. The nominating branches of Legion will present certificates and lapel pins to award recipients during local ceremonies in each year.

Ontario is home to approximately 149,000 veterans and each year, approximately 9,000 Canadian Armed Forces

members are released from military service.

"On behalf of True Patriot Love, I congratulate the Ontario government for the launch of this important initiative. We have seen the deep purpose that volunteerism gives veterans in their transition from military service, allowing them to continue to serve their country in meaningful ways. This award is a tremendous step forward in recognizing the value of that service," said Nick Booth, CEO, True Patriot Love.

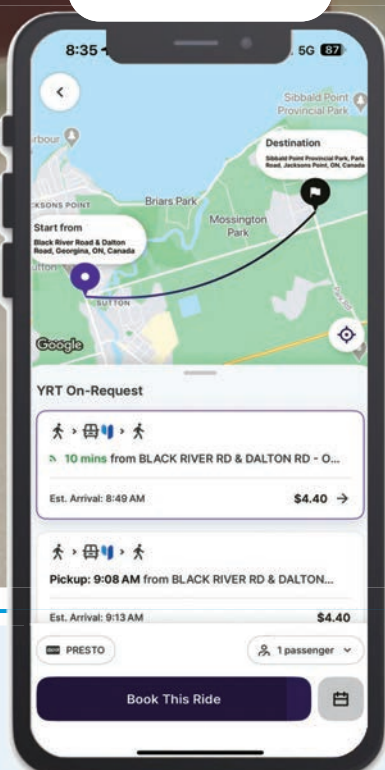
"We applaud the Government of Ontario for launching an award that not only honours veterans but also the work they continue doing to serve their communities by volunteering. Veterans have served to protect all that we value in Ontario, and this is the least we can do to recognize their contributions when they return. The Royal Canadian Legion Branches of Ontario Provincial Command are excited to be working with the government to ensure we recognize and celebrate the contributions of veterans from all corners of the province from Ottawa to Windsor to Timmins and everything in between," added Derek Moore, Provincial President, The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command.

For more information on the nomination process and eligibility criteria, visit the Ontario Veterans Award for Community Service Excellence webpage.

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Churches celebrate 100th anniversary of the formation of the United Church of Canada

By Nancy Hopkinson

Seven Churches (Nobleton United, Bolton United, Schomberg United, Knox United (Caledon), Caledon East United, York Pines United, and Palgrave United) came together in a wonderful joyous and very musical celebration of the formation of the United Church of Canada 100 years ago.

Guest Speaker Rev. Ross Carson spoke on the topic of "Bending the Arc of History to Justice." He reminded us that if you get 5 other like-minded people together, you can make changes. That is what has happened throughout the 100 years of our history - Women have been ordained and obtained the right to vote, LGBTQ2S have been allowed to marry, and take leadership roles in the church; the poor have been helped by the advocacy of the church.

This particular Sunday is called Pentecost Sunday when we remember the Spirit of the Lord descending on the disciples. We had streamers to wave to indicate the Spirit descending on us as we sang.

Front Porch Harmony (Schomberg)

played and sang "The Old Country Church." A group from Knox United Church sang "Where Could I Go But to the Lord." A trio from Bolton United sang "Amazing, Precious Lord." York Pines choir sang "Oh God of Quiet Spirit."

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, Rev. Margaret MacDonald and Rev. Richard Gardner arranged the order of service and led various parts of it.

When Communion was offered, two girls (Susan & Mollie) from Bolton served the bread cubes.

King Township's Mayor Pellegrini, Councillor Debbie Schaefer and Councillor Jennifer Anstey attended the service. Debbie Schaefer brought greetings from King Township during the pot luck lunch afterwards.

Louise Harding decorated two cakes beautifully with the logo of the 100th Anniversary 1925- 2025. The smaller of the cakes was a vegan and gluten-free cake.

We all enjoyed the musical service, the inspiring message by Rev. Ross Carson, and the wonderful food and camaraderie afterwards.



On hand for the cake-cutting, marking the centennial, were Rev. Ross Carson, Rev. Margaret MacDonald, Rev. Richard Gardner, Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, Cake Decorator Louise Harding.

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Last Sunday we had a memorable celebration of the 100 years of the United Church of Canada. This Sunday we resume normal Sunday services at both of our churches, 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg United and 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United.

Bible study has resumed on Thursdays at 10 am at Nobleton United Church. Everyone is welcome to come. Bring your questions, there are no wrong ones!

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

The next Messy Church is Tuesday, June 17 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. Families are welcome to this free and fun event. One of the activities is always decorating cookies, plus 5 other optional activities. At 6 p.m., we will

talk about how the activities relate to the theme.

The theme is "Who is My Neighbour?" June is National Indigenous History Month and also Pride Month where we celebrate and recognize the LGBTQ2S+ community. At 6:15 pm, 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.

Nobleton UC will be hosting the 6th Canada Day Food Le\$\$ Food Drive to support the King Township Food Bank on Tuesday, July 1, from 1 to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Come, make a donation, have some lemonade, peruse the book table and celebrate our amazing country. If you wish to donate any books, please drop them off Wednesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon, or Sunday mornings at church! Please no cookbooks, magazines, or encyclopedias.

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, July 8 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. Hilary Campbell is the guest speaker with an "Oh Canada! Trivia Challenge!" Get ready for a fun & friendly competition that celebrates everything Canadian. From hockey heroes and historic landmarks to clas-

sic TV shows and catchy folk songs, this lively trivia game is packed with questions designed to spark memories, laughs and a little healthy rivalry. Perfect for anyone looking to show off their Canuck knowledge – eh?

The meal will be hamburgers on a bun, salad, and a seasonal dessert. 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 are grateful to the Township of King for some additional financial support this year.

During July and August we will be having hymn sings and pot luck din-

ners on Wednesdays, gathering at 5:30 p.m. and eating at 6 p.m. We alternate locations, starting with Schomberg. There will not be Sunday services in July and August.

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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Glover: Christian David Brent "Chris"

Peacefully with his loving family by his side at Matthews House Hospice Alliston, on June 3, 2025. Chris Glover at the age of 50 years, beloved son of Cindy Brent (Michael Kollhosser) and Dave Glover (Young Glover). Loving brother of Brett Glover (Cory Aston and Ethan Danby) and step-brother of Christopher Kargel (Tina). Sadly missed by his nieces Abigail and Kalise, and nephew Kaius. Dear nephew of Jim Brent (Agnes), the late Ron, the late Mance, and the late Gary. Loving nephew of Janet Glover (Sheldon Button). Forever in the hearts of his friend and guardian Dawn West, his cousins, extended family, and many many friends.

The family wish to send a special Thank you to the Community of Tottenham for all their love, friendship, and support shown to Chris over the years.

The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Friday, June 6, 2025 with Visitation from 4-7pm. Funeral service was held in the chapel at 1pm on Sunday, June 8, 2025. Followed by cremation. Reception celebrating Chris' life was held in the Funeral Home's Cliffside Hall immediately following the service.

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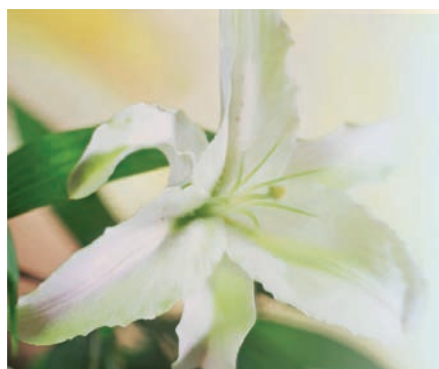
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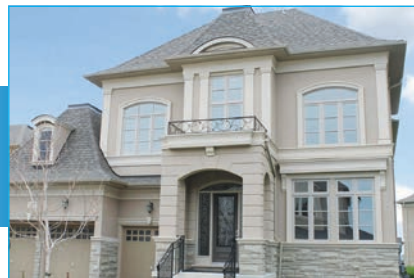


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Nobleton Notes

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 ABCs of Discipleship." This Sunday's letter is W for "Worker," from 2 Timothy 2:15-26.

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 Drive-Thru Prayer opportunities resume on Wednesday, June 18. Come by the church parking lot at 5750 King Road and let our team of prayer warriors pray for whatever need you have ... you don't even have to get out of your car!

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

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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 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.

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

The current tally of donations for this year's Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides fundraiser is over \$8,500. Bev Berger of Nobleton, a longtime active fundraiser for this important event, single-handedly raised over \$7,000. You may still donate financially at the website <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/>

This past Sunday, the popular annual golf fundraiser at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club was another roaring success! The club thanks all the entrants, spon-

sors, gift donors, and volunteers for their parts in achieving that success. The money raised, likely over \$20,000, will support many community organizations in the work that they do on behalf of the people of King, York Region and beyond.

To learn more 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)



Jerry MacBain organized the annual Nobleton Lions Golf Tournament. This year's event will raise roughly \$20,000 to support many community organizations supported by the Lions.

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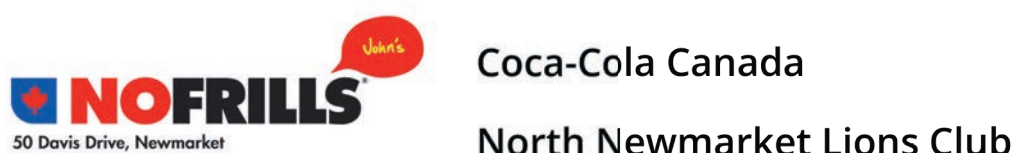
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