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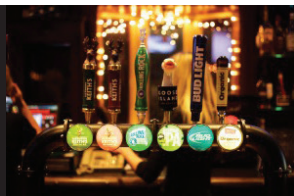
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Township stresses proper etiquette for park activities

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
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Motorized recreational vehicles prohibited

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As per section 6.2 "Motorized Recreational Vehicles" of King Township's Parks, Facilities and Loitering By-Law #2016-103, the use of motorized vehicles is prohibited in Township parks and trails. This includes (but is not limited to) pocket bikes, dirt bikes, mini-bikes, ATVs and motorized scooters. Non-compliance can lead to fines up to \$5,000 and vehicles may be impounded. Keeping motorized vehicles out of parks helps keep residents safe.

Skip bringing the motorized vehicle to the park and instead use designated parking areas and proceed on foot from there. Walking or cycling is a great way to enjoy the beauty of our parks while staying healthy and appreciating nature.

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COMMITTEES AND BOARDS
Thursday, September 04
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee

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- **Notice of Complete Application and Public Planning Meeting September 8, 2025 Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Re: 962 Graham Sideroad (File No. Z-2025-08)**
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Seniors Snow Removal Program

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king.ca/SnowRemoval

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Bylaws keep residents safe and protect the environment, violations subject to fines

From Front Page

Report violations: if you see someone using a motorized vehicle in the park, email by-law@king.ca. If you see motorized vehicles on the sidewalks or roadways, call York Regional Police non-emergency line 1-866-876-5423.

Prohibited park activities

Using parks outside of their designated purposes can result in fines as outlined in King Township's Parks, Facilities and Loitering By-Law #2016-103. Avoid recreational activities such as golfing or fishing, swimming and the use of non-motorized watercrafts in stormponds. Litter and graffiti significantly degrade the quality of parks and community spaces and is prohibited. Parkgoers are reminded to throw trash into the designated bins and report vandalism to by-law@king.ca.

Stormwater pond safety

Stormwater ponds are a common feature in many communities; you may even find one in your local park. They play a crucial role in managing rainwater runoff and preventing flooding. While these ponds are essential for environmental health, they can pose safety risks if proper precautions are not taken.

Water in these ponds can carry pollutants such as oil, chemicals and bacteria, direct contact can pose health risks. These ponds often have steep sides and can contain deep, murky water, making them hazardous and pose a drowning risk. It's crucial to avoid swimming or wading in stormwater ponds and to keep pets away from the water.

For more information, visit king.ca/SWMponds.

Responsible pet ownership

Having a pet as part of your family is rewarding, but it comes with many responsibilities – including keeping them



on a leash and cleaning up after them when you are out for a walk. It's the responsibility of every pet owner to keep their pet (and neighbours) safe by abiding by the rules found in King Township's Animal Control Bylaw #2016-85.

The fine for having a dog off leash anywhere outside of an off-leash dog park is \$360. The fine for failing to pick up after your pet in King Township is \$200. Vaughan Animal Services officers routinely patrol Township parks, municipal roadways and sidewalks for animal control issues, including those relating to stoop and scoop offences.

Report violations

To understand the prohibited activities in your local park or green space, refer to the on-site signage. Failing to abide by posted signage can result in Administrative Monetary Penalties.

If you see someone participating in a prohibited activity in a King Township park, email by-law@king.ca.

If you witness any suspicious or illegal activity contact York Regional Police. If you are reporting suspicious activity and it is a non-emergency, call 1(866) 876-5423. If it is an emergency call 9-1-1.

Hot spell hasn't caused more illness in York

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

The hot spells across Ontario have not led to increased illness or hospital visits.

According to Mira Shnabel, Manager, Health Protection Division, York Community and Health Services, over the past two weeks, hospitals in York Region have not reported an increase in emergency visits directly linked to heat-related illness.

However, some individuals may be experiencing symptoms related to heat exposure that are mild enough not to require hospital care.

She pointed out that in addition to heat-related illness, extreme heat can also exacerbate chronic illnesses and these impacts may not be captured by

heat-related emergency department visits.

"Everyone is at risk from extreme heat, especially older adults, infants and young children, those who are socially isolated, people who work or exercise in the heat and those with certain medical conditions; prolonged heat events can increase health risks," she said.

Warning signs of heat-related illness include dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, weakness and confusion; if you experience any of these symptoms seek immediate medical attention.

It is important to check on friends, family and neighbours frequently during heat events.

Heat-related illnesses are preventable; staying cool, hydrated and reducing outdoor physical activity are the best ways to beat the heat during hot and humid weather.

King Fire & Emergency Services issues open air burn ban for Township

The ongoing extreme heat and unusually dry conditions affecting the region have increased the risk of wildfires, making outdoor fires unsafe for the community. King Fire and Emergency Services is reminding residents that an open air burn ban is in effect across the Township, meaning outdoor fires are strictly prohibited.

Issued on July 30, the burn ban remains in effect until further notice and this reminder follows yesterday's announcement regarding fire bans across York Region.

Under the burn ban, the following is restricted:

All outdoor wood-burning appliances (e.g., fire pits, fireplaces, bonfires, chimineas, campfires) are strictly prohibited until further notice. The ban does not apply to cooking appliances such as barbecues, but residents are advised to use caution.

Existing burn permits are cancelled; no new burn permits will be issued during the ban.

Open fires or burning any debris are not allowed.

King Fire and Emergency Services continues to monitor weather and ground conditions. Updates on the burn ban will be provided as the situation evolves and posted online at king.ca.

Open air burning

Outside of a burn ban, having an outdoor fire in the Township may require a permit as per the Open Air Burning ByLaw Number 2015 – 109. If you are unsure about the type of fire permitted on your property, you can consult the online Interactive Burn and Fire Restriction Map, where areas in red are restricted to recreational fires only.

Permits for approved fires are typically available by calling King Fire and Emergency Services at 905-833-2800 or by email to king@fire.ca. For more information, including open air burning and recreational fire guidelines, visit king.ca/BurningInKing.

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Fate will win out over choice in our lives

At some point in our lives, we will relinquish ourselves to fate.

That which must be. It often brings us things we never asked for, and don't particularly like.

Many believe we can't fight it, and fate will always find a way. Some say it's "meant to be."

Was I the product of chance, a being that was fated to be for no rhyme or reason?

Or was I meant to be, in the sense that I was preordained by some spiritual agency to come into existence?

One view of life is that everything happens by chance. I am lucky to be alive, given the astronomical odds of coming into being. Yet I am mortal, subject to the whims of the forces of nature. I am reminded of this each and every day.

In my current journey with cancer, it seems like we're always chasing cancer's tail. It's like putting out spot fires every time one erupts, and then moving on.

My latest scans warrant an MRI and then likely radiation treatments. Not the news I wanted to hear, but I'm somewhat resigned to the fact my life now revolves around blood work, scans, treatment, and repeat.

I knew this from the day I was told my prostate cancer had metastasized. The key was to keep PSA as low as possible, and try to stall the progression of cancer - stop it in its tracks.

It can't be defeated, but anything that hinders its spread offers more time - more time to live, more time to discover more treatment options.

Even after my journey thus far, I still don't feel like a "cancer patient."

Sure, I accept it, understand it and work around it. At this point, fate, and the recommendations of learned physicians, make up my journey moving forward.

I have no choice in the matter.

I have asked for strength - physical, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, along the way. But really, all the positive energy, prayer, healing vibrations and supplements are not enough.



Mark Pavilons

Christians view that God not only rules the world but is intimately involved with everything that transpires. In this sense, destiny replaces fate.

According to Meade's book, "Fate and Destiny: The Two Agreements of the Soul," he writes:

"What I am calling fate has to do with the way a person's soul is seeded and shaped from within, like a story trying to unfold and become known. What I am calling destiny has to do with the inner arc and arrow of one's life. For each soul is secretly aimed at the world and inclined toward a destination that only becomes revealed in crucial moments and at turning points in life. The elements of fate and destiny are intimations of the story our soul would have us live, both the limitations that must be faced and the destination that would be found. As fate would have it, they are often found through what seems like a big mistake, a strange accident or a surprise."

He admits that fate involves "earthly limitations, but destiny on the other hand, says we are "of the stars."

"When it comes to life, we spin our own yarn, and where we end up is real-

ly, in fact, where we always intended to be," said Julia Glass, in "Three Junes."

It would seem, fellow humans, that fate doesn't really care about us. And, if it does manage a response to "why me?" it would likely be "why not?"

So my dilemma is given the tug-of-war between fate and destiny, where does choice enter the equation? Our Creator, and even the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, give us freedom of choice. So why can't we exercise it in all circumstances?

Some higher thinkers would smile that smug smile and say, "you do, Mark, you do."

Every decision, turn, journey, diagnosis and treatment are all part of my fateful destiny. They were all meant to be part of my personal adventure.

But why? What purpose does such a struggle, and premature end, serve?

We do not know. Again, may it's supposed to be that way.

But I can't help but think there's more I can do, more buttons to push, switches to flip and monkey wrenches to toss into the mix. Why can't I muck things up, and turn the tide in my favour?

Why don't I possess the power of fellow creatures that can regrow limbs and even organs? That would definitely come in handy for all of us. Why are lizards and axolotls so blessed?

They know nothing of God, the Big Bang, the universe and spirituality. They likely don't dwell on their own mortality and what waits beyond. And yet, what power they possess.

Sharks cannot contract cancer and that mystery still plagues humankind.

Our fellow beings have taken to eating shark cartilage in an effort to mimic such superpowers, all to no avail.

And dolphins - who some argue are smarter than humans - won't give up any secrets either.

Come on guys, share!

I think one of our species' downfalls is the perception of time. We know when it grows late, and the lights dim. We feel when the final sunsets are near. Some are even given their "end date" by various physicians and specialists.

And then we wait, powerless, hoping for a miracle. Some would definitely barter with the Devil himself if it meant more time. Can you "cheat" Death - that cloaked, scythe-yielding Grim Reaper?

Marcus Aurelius believed that by accepting our fate, we can cultivate a deeper sense of peace and contentment.

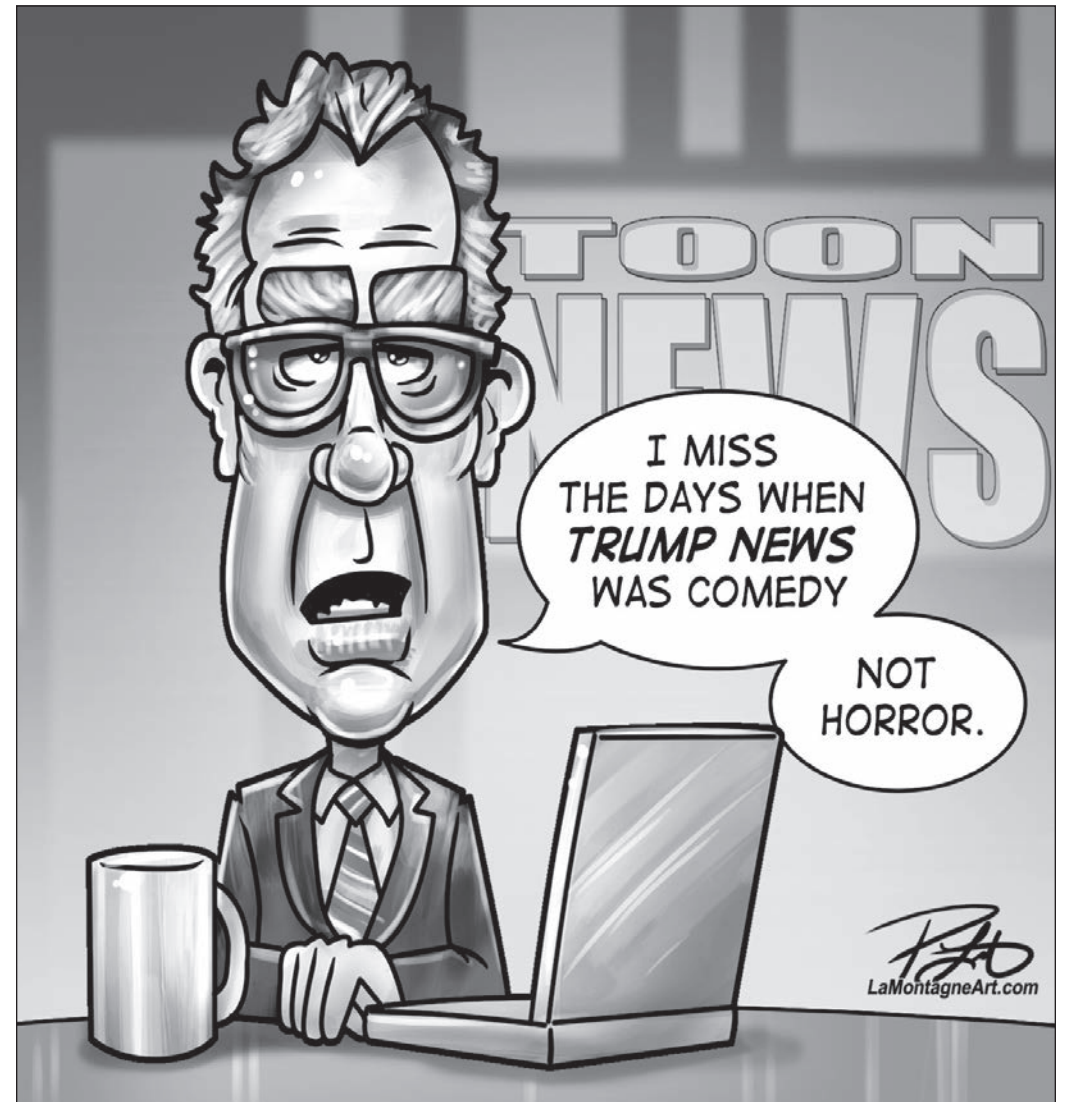
I'm trying, but those are still at arm's length. I do avoid conflict and stress and "go with the flow." It's all I can do.

"You cannot control what happens to you, but you can control the way you think about all the events. You always have a choice. You can choose to face them with a positive mental attitude," wrote Roy T. Bennett, in "The Light in the Heart."

But in the end, who's prepared for what fate and destiny throw at us, like a major league fastball?

I agree with Sean O'Casey when he observed: "All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed."

My friends, until the final curtain draws, face fate and destiny with strength.



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Results from last week's poll:

Is the extreme heat preventing you from enjoying the outdoors?

a) Yes **67%**

b) No **33%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Should the U.S. be more forceful with Russia in ending the war in Ukraine?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Quote of the Week

"Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart."

— Marcus Aurelius

Trivia Tidbits

The roots of the name "Ontario" stem from the Iroquois word "kanadario," which translates to "sparkling" water.

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We can't let industry impede or weaken plastics treaty

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Plastic has only been in widespread use for about 75 years. Now it's everywhere, from the highest mountaintops to the deepest ocean, from the Arctic to Antarctica. In swirling ocean patches, in the air and soil, in our food and drink — even in our bodies — plastic in its many forms, including tiny micro- and nanoplastics, has altered our planet and our lives.

Governments met in Geneva, Switzerland, from August 5 to 14 for final negotiations on a global, legally binding treaty to address plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. The “comprehensive” treaty would address “the full life cycle of plastic, including its production, design, and disposal.”

Negotiations were to have been completed in December in South Korea, but pressure from the fossil fuel and chemical industries and fuel-producing countries, including Saudi Arabia, Iran, Russia and China, stalled progress.

Almost all plastic is made from oil and gas — much of it now a product of the fracked gas industry. As the world shifts away from polluting, climate-altering fossil fuels, industry is plotting other ways to keep reaping obscene profits. Pushing plastic is high on the list (along with disingenuously touting “natural” gas as a climate solution).

But plastic comes with as many problems as the oil and gas it's manufactured from. And, as with the impacts of burning fossil fuels, plastic pollution disproportionately affects vulnerable and marginalized people and commu-

nities.

One issue is that wealthy countries export much of their waste to poorer countries with lax or non-existent environmental regulations and inadequate waste management systems — known as “waste colonialism.” Exported plastics are supposed to be recycled, but they're often burned or dumped. Some countries, including China — which once took almost half the world's plastic waste — have banned imports. Now more flows to other, smaller countries.

As nations scramble to find places to send their waste, people keep producing more. According to the Global Plastic Action Partnership, the world creates 460 million tonnes a year (up from two million tonnes in 1950), of which only nine per cent gets recycled. Without intervention, that could triple by 2060, costing hundreds of trillions of dollars, polluting air, water and land and killing numerous plants and animals, including us. At this rate, plastic in the ocean will outweigh the fish by 2050.

Plastics are convenient — lightweight, strong yet flexible, corrosion-resistant and waterproof. They can be moulded into any shape and made clear or any colour. But as with many things in our hyper-consumer societies, we produce and use way too much. When I was growing up, no one used plastic bags, packaging or straws. More than half the plastic ever made has been produced since 2000. Plastic is now showing up in human brains,

livers, kidneys, joints, reproductive organs, bones and blood.

This treaty is necessary and must incorporate “circular economy” principles into dealing with plastic pollution. But we have to push back against fossil fuel and chemical industry influence. Under that pressure, references to human rights and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that appeared in previous drafts were removed from the December version — even though Indigenous communities are disproportionately exposed to the significant and systemic toxic harms of global plastics production and pollution.

To be effective, the treaty must recognize Indigenous rights and the role of Indigenous knowledge in treaty implementation. It should also take a human rights-based approach that promotes environmental justice, prevents environmental racism and recognizes the right to a healthy environment.

Plastic production should be capped globally and non-essential single-use plastic products banned. Chemicals of

concern in plastics and/or used to manufacture them should be prohibited or restricted.

We also need to use all existing international legal instruments — including the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions on hazardous chemicals and wastes (especially the Basel ban and plastics amendments); Paris Agreement fossil fuel phase-out objectives and subsidies commitments; and plastic pollution objectives under the Global Biodiversity Framework.

A “high ambition” coalition of 70 jurisdictions, including Canada, the European Union, Australia and the United Kingdom, has committed to take “urgent action and effective interventions along the full lifecycle of plastics” to end plastic pollution by 2040.

We can't let industry dilute or obstruct this life-saving agreement.

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Local Conservatives overjoyed

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts and her team were overjoyed with the byelection results that saw Pierre Poilievre win in Alberta's Battle River-Crowfoot riding. He garnered more than 80% of the vote and will return to Ottawa with a seat in the House. Roberts and her team gathered support for the leader leading up to Monday night's vote. In the weeks leading up to the election, Roberts welcomed Anaida Poilievre.

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Trump's management of Putin questioned

By Gwynne Dyer

World Issues

It's like one of those slapstick comedies from the early days of silent films: the 'Keystone Cops' movies, perhaps, or Buster Keaton's various efforts. Lots of people rushing around, constant reversals of fortune, and many pratfalls.

Last Wednesday (14 August), on very short notice, the presidents and/or prime ministers of all the other major countries in the NATO alliance got together online to prep Donald Trump for his 'summit' meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Alaska on Friday.

He had to be coached about his newly adopted positions defending Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity because everybody knows that Trump tends to echo the views of the last person who talked to him, especially in subjects he doesn't know about (which is most subjects).

So French President Emmanuel Macron, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte, and sundry other European NATO notables drilled Trump on what to say and what not. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky also got a few words in.

Most importantly, they all said Trump must insist that Russia accept a cease-fire before peace negotiations started. Otherwise Putin could drag the negotiations out forever while continuing to conquer more Ukrainian territory. Trump was already quite cross about Moscow's foot-dragging on a cease-fire, so he seemed to take their

advice seriously.

Indeed, just before he stepped aboard Air Force One to fly to Alaska on Friday he told reporters: "I want to see a cease-fire rapidly ... I'm not going to be happy if it's not today ... I want the killing to stop." But he was flying there to meet Putin - who would then become the last person he talked to on the subject.

It's entirely possible that Putin doesn't have anything on Trump that's strong enough to blackmail him with. He has never been caught in bed 'with a dead girl or a live boy' (as Washington wags say), and lesser sexual and financial peccadilloes just slide off him like water off a duck's back.

So why did 'Teflon Don' applaud Putin getting off the plane in Anchorage, offer him a ride in the presidential limo, generally carry on like a bedazzled fan-boy? He admires other dictators too, maybe because their absolute power intoxicates him (remember his courtship of North Korean's Kim Jong-un?), but his friendship with Putin is special. Nobody knows why.

It was probably inevitable that Trump would do a U-turn as soon as he was in Putin's presence. All his promises of "severe consequences" (secondary tariffs on countries importing Russian oil) if Putin would not agree to a cease-fire went out the window. The 50-day deadline, the eight-day deadline, the tomorrow deadline - all forgotten in a moment.

Flying home from Alaska, Trump wrote on Truth Social: "It was determined by all that the best way to end the horrific war between Russia and Ukraine is to go directly to a peace

agreement."

Who's 'all'? Trump, property tycoon Steve Witkoff and former Florida senator Marco Rubio (total 6 years of foreign affairs experience) vs. Putin, Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov, and foreign policy adviser Yuri Ushakov (total 133 years of foreign affairs experience).

To be fair, Trump probably didn't understand that this meant the Russians could go on fighting and bombing Ukraine until there was a peace settlement agreeable to Moscow - which will only be reached if and when Russian's maximal demands, amounting in practice to the subjugation of all Ukraine, have been accepted. He's not a detail man.

Trump then summoned Zelensky to Washington to hear the bad news, and he'll arrive on Monday. But so will almost all the European NATO leaders who prepped him last Wednesday. They are coming uninvited (although everybody will pretend otherwise) for a last-ditch effort to turn Trump around again. It might even work again.

Even if it works this time, it's impossible to be always the last person Trump speaks to, and the effort to be that person soon degenerates into slapstick and

pratfalls. The European NATO heads of government (and Canada's) will soon have to build a new NATO that does the old one's job of deterring Russia, but without the United States.

They will, of course, carry on the pretense of the old NATO as long as possible, because although they have the money and the numbers to perform that task without American help there will be many shortfalls and gaps in the new alliance during a lengthy transition (three to five years).

It will take a lot of hypocrisy and a massive campaign of perpetual flattery for the old NATO countries to keep Trump on side for that long while simultaneously keeping Ukraine out of Russia's hands. However, that is the task they have now set themselves, although some have yet to come fully to terms with the new strategic realities.

Michael Gwynne Dyer OC is a British-Canadian military historian, author, professor, journalist, broadcaster, and retired naval officer. Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'Intervention Earth: Life-Saving Ideas from the World's Climate Engineers'. The previous book, 'The Shortest History of War,' is also still available.

The role of parent and caregiver

Caregiving

A caregiver is a family member, partner, friend or neighbour who provides physical and/or emotional support to someone.

When the care recipient is a child, providing that support may feel like it's just part of being a parent. But the line blurs from parent to caregiver when a child's physical and emotional needs are more than what might be expected.

In most cases the parent as caregiver is interacting with care providers and managing health system navigation.

Parent caregivers often feel the stress and frustration of navigating a complex healthcare system, for what might be an extended period. They may feel isolated, even anxious, or depressed. Like 72% of Ontario Caregivers, they may be experiencing signs of burnout.

The Ontario Caregiver Organization exists to improve the lives of caregivers regardless of the age of the person they care for, the condition of the care recipient or where they live. It offers free supports and services including peer support, a 24/7 Caregiver Helpline, educational materials and more.

If you are a parent caregiver. You can find free resources and services to support your own health and wellness at ontariocaregiver.ca. Here are a few to get you started.

24/7 Ontario Caregiver Helpline: 1 833 416 2273. Calls are answered by community resource specialists who understand the challenges caregivers face and can help identify programs and services to support you.

Peer Support Program.
Educational Resources including:
Understanding Privacy and consent

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Caring for a child with mental health challenges.

I am a Caregiver Toolkit.

The Ontario Caregiver Organization also provides coaching for caregivers who are experiencing significant distress and need greater levels of support. This excerpt is taken from a parent caregiver who contacted the Ontario Caregiver Organization.

"Lorraine" is a single mother who cares for her teenage child living with a developmental disability. Her child is of the age where she is transitioning to adult services meaning the benefits she's used in past, to assist with finances and the social wellbeing of her child, are changing due to the age limitation for free services. Lorraine can't afford fee-for-service options.

Lorraine feels there isn't enough time in the day to care for her child, to get her to appointments and address the paperwork needed to apply for services. Getting her to school is a challenge because her child has a hard time "fitting in". Lorraine says what she needs most is mental health services for herself, along with a caregiver "assistant" to help her plan, schedule and research.

Lorraine's concerned about the future, she feels burnt out, lost and is unable to work. She is currently accessing mental health services, as well as support through the Ontario Caregiver Organization.

Courtesy of the Ontario Caregiver Organization

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Investment will help beekeepers improve their honey bee colonies

The governments of Canada and Ontario have invested more than \$1.7 million through the Honey Bee Health Initiative to help the province's beekeepers grow and protect their honey bee colonies from disease, pests and weather-related threats.

To support the province's plan to protect Ontario, this funding will help 206 local beekeeper businesses, with a total of 334 individual projects, improve the resilience of their colonies and boost the competitiveness of their honey bee operations in the face of U.S. tariffs.

"Healthy bee populations are vital to the diverse crops that grow right across Ontario," said the Honourable Heath MacDonald, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. "I'm pleased that our support through the Honey Bee Health Initiative is helping beekeepers protect their colonies and improve their resiliency for years to come."

"Our government is proud to invest in Ontario's honey bee industry through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, in collaboration with the federal government," said Trevor Jones, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. "This strategic investment supports innovation and strengthens resilience across Ontario's agriculture and agri-food sectors, helping our farmers and food businesses navigate today's economic challenges. By supporting our beekeeping industry, we're protecting the essential role pollinators play in agriculture and securing Ontario's food supply chains."

While positive, André Flys of Pioneer Brand Honey and Maple, says this is just a drop in the bucket. He pointed out there are more than 300 commercial producers in the province.

"Our industry loses more than 30% of its livestock annually," he pointed out. "Last year was 47%, averaged over the last 15 years more than 35%."

The \$1.7-million is "an absolute joke."

In 2024, there were more than 4,000 registered beekeepers across Ontario, generating \$28 million in farm gate sales. The Honey Bee Health Initiative provides cost-shared funding to help these businesses make operational improvements to reduce overwintering losses, purchase equipment to improve hive health management and acquire new honey bee stock or queens.

This initiative was funded under the Sustainable CAP, a 5-year, \$3.5-billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of Canada's agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5-billion commitment that is cost-shared 60% federally and 40% provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association delivered the Honey Bee Health Initiative.

This funding, combined with cost-shared investments by the sector, is expected to equal almost \$5.9 million in total honey bee colony protection enhancements across the industry.

Additional actions to support the sector include the back-to-back Honey Bee Health Management initiatives under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership and enhanced Production Insurance for beekeepers.

Approximately 1,600 jobs and \$47 million in GDP was tied to the province's honey industry in 2024, and Ontario is Canada's fourth-largest honey-producing province, with 2.65 million kilograms of honey produced in 2024.

Enhancing the sector's ability to anticipate, mitigate and respond to risks in Canada's agri-food sector was a key priority set for Sustainable CAP by the federal-provincial-territorial agricultural ministers in The Guelph Statement.

"Honey bees in Ontario provide valuable pollination services to many of the crops we eat. High winter losses, new pests, and the threat of treatment resistance have made recent years challenging for Ontario's beekeepers. The Honey Bee Health Initiative has been a valuable support for beekeepers who are having to change their practices or invest in new equipment to meet the emerging challenges. It is helping to enable beekeepers to continue to provide the critical pollination services to the broader agricultural and horticultural community here in Ontario," said Stephen Moore, President, Ontario Beekeepers' Association.

"We are thrilled the governments of Canada and Ontario recognize the essential role honey bees play in Ontario's agricultural industry and ecosystem. This investment in partnerships with beekeepers demonstrates their strong commitment to supporting the health and vitality of bee populations across Ontario and Canada. Clovermead Apiaries Ltd. took advantage of this funding opportunity to support the health of our honey bees so that they



continue to produce high-quality honey and bee pollen, used for pollinating crops and ensuring healthy food products for Ontarians. Together, we are fostering a more sustainable and resilient apiculture industry and agricultural system for the benefit of all," added Chris Hiemstra, Clovermead Apiaries Ltd., Aylmer.



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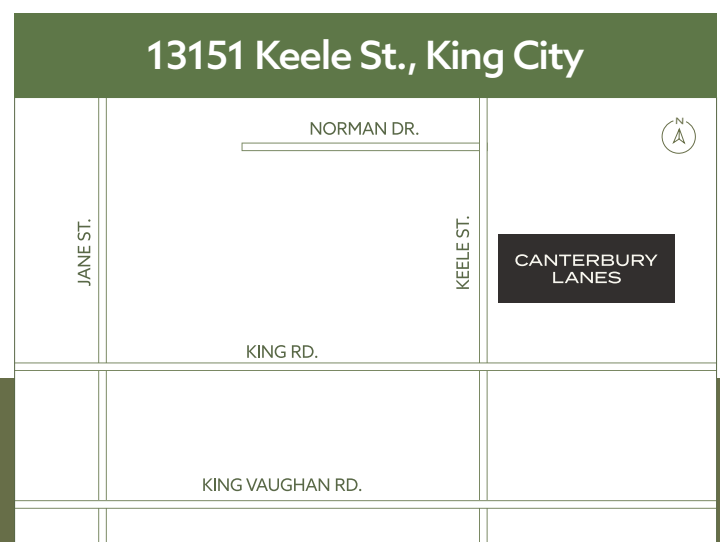
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Municipal leaders advocate for action on salt pollution at AMO

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Local Journalism
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Mitigating impacts of salt on our ecosystem is top of mind among the province's municipal leaders.

Awareness has been growing about the impact of salt on Ontario's iconic freshwater ecosystems, and diverse groups have been advocating for a solution to salt pollution. This includes 19 municipalities, two Conservation Authorities, and counting that support an approach to curbing winter salt impacts called "limited liability" - a solution proposed by the snow and ice management industry, locally represented by Landscape Ontario.

Members of the Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition (OSPC) have been coordinating a provincial advocacy campaign for nearly two years and will be in Ottawa for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's annual meeting, (through Aug. 20) to meet interested municipal officials.

As snow plowing businesses face steep insurance costs to cover the possibility of slip and fall lawsuits, some are getting out of the business. Landscape Ontario and the Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition are advocating for a suite of tools that have been used effectively in other wintry places called "limited liability." In a limited liability regime, snow plow operators and site owners both would follow prescribed rules to standardized operational best management practices, as well as participate in annual contractor certification programs. In return, they would have their liability for slip and fall lawsuits limited. This would reduce salt application rates, save money on salt expenditures, and reverse skyrocketing insurance costs for contractors.

Currently, there are no provincial standards for salt use.

Nineteen municipalities have passed a resolution calling on the Province of Ontario to convene a key stakeholder committee to inform better provincial policy on salt pollution, including exploring limited liability approaches and establishing provincially endorsed Best Management Practices (BMPs). Reduced winter contractor costs from following provincially-endorsed BMPs would also reduce the number of un-

warranted slip and fall claims.

King Township was one of them.

A recent motion urges Queen's Park to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the Province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution.

Further, the motion calls on the Province to "work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management."

The bottom when it comes to salt application is more is not better, and the consensus around the council table is to look for better practices and a "lighter touch."

In a subsequent presentation to council, David Lembcke, director of watershed science and monitoring for LSRCA, noted 23 of 26 water quality stations are showing an increasing trend in chloride. Many areas are showing chronic and acute levels.

He stressed it's possible to reduce application rates while maintaining safety, with a significant cost savings for the municipalities.

The key is obtaining current information, training contractors and give the tools to property managers to make good decisions.

There's broad support in Ontario, he said, among members of commercial properties, the maintenance industry and water quality groups.

Eighteen businesses and business professionals have already supported the Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition's advocacy for provincial action through a business sign on letter. "The requested changes could save independent business, municipalities, and taxpayers money, while protecting the environment. We call that a win-win, IF Ontario acts," says Councillor Jonathan Scott, Chair of Bradford West Gwillimbury's (BWG) Green Initiatives Advisory Committee.

BWG council also passed a resolution calling on the provincial government to act on salt pollution this spring.

Municipal leaders also care about the millions of dollars per year of infrastructure damage caused by road salt, such as accelerated deterioration of roads and bridges.

The EcoFiscal Commission has estimated the economic and environmental damage of winter salt to Canada at \$4.8 billion per year, which would prorate to about \$2 billion per year in Ontario. "Reducing salt pollution has long-term environmental cost savings, which we should all support, but it also would reduce the cost of infrastructure repair, which is a significant concern for municipalities," says Waterloo Councillor Julie Wright, who led the charge to pass a resolution for provincial salt pollution action in Waterloo earlier this year. The council passed the resolution in April unanimously.

Thousands of Ontarians have sent emails to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks Todd McCarthy, and Attorney General Doug Downey asking the province to take action on salt pollution. In February, the District of Muskoka was the first to pass a municipal salt pollution action resolution, under the leadership of District Chair Jeff Lehman. "Residents in Muskoka are passionate about the environment and water quality, as am I," says Lehman. "This is an important initiative, and a simple ask with much public support and upsides for small town economies and municipalities alike."

Salt affects the creatures at the bottom of the food chain, which has negative ripple effects across water-based ecosystems, including weakening fish stocks and impacts to sensitive, endangered species like mussels. Ontario's chloride levels have doubled since the 1960s in the 400 streams and lakes monitored by the province. The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has been studying chloride since the 1980s as a contaminant of concern.

Following current chloride trajectories, Lake Simcoe - one of Ontario's largest freshwater lakes - would reach

chronic salinity levels in just over 30 years, effectively collapsing the local food chain and making the lake uninhabitable for most species. As a source of drinking water and a recreational hub, this is an extremely worrying trend, reflected in lakes, rivers, and groundwater sources across the province. Lake Simcoe is just one example of many areas where ignoring this problem will lead to devastating consequences for people and species.

Members of the Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition (OSPC) have been coordinating a provincial advocacy campaign for nearly two years and will be in Ottawa for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's annual meeting, (through Aug. 20) to meet interested municipal officials.

At AMO, proponents hope to use their collective power.

"Municipal officials have more power than they think, especially when we act together. The Province is hearing us. The more cities and townships who pass resolutions calling for provincial action on salt pollution, the closer we'll get to real policy action," said Dani Lindamood, who is the Campaigns & Communications Director for Water Watchers and one of the lead organizers of the Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition. "Our power is in our collective action."

The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition is a collection of concerned community groups, eNGOs, municipal officials, and individuals representing communities from Niagara to Sudbury. The Coalition is focused on addressing the water impacts of salt pollution, including the opportunity to get limited liability changes in Ontario for the Snow and Ice Management Sector, which is an important stepping stone in reducing salt pollution of Ontario's waterways.

To learn more, please visit <https://saltcoalition.ca/>



Mayor at CACP summit

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini attended the 20th annual Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police summit recently. He said he was "honoured to be a panelist on Building and Maintaining Effective Relationships Between a Police Service Board and Chief." Canada's police leaders had an opportunity to meet face-to-face to learn and exchange with one another and an exceptional slate of guest speakers. Delegates gained valuable insight on key challenges and opportunities they should be aware of and be prepared for. Pellegrini is chair of the York Region Police Services Board.

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Toronto Equestrian North has new premier riding school in King

Toronto Equestrian is proud to announce the expansion of its North riding school to a new premier location in King Township.

Building on the success of its Clarendon location, the expanded facility will bring top notch riding instruction, a hand-picked herd of school horses, and certified coaches closer to riders in King and the surrounding region.

"This is a strategic move for Toronto Equestrian, and one that has been several years in the making," says Julianne Clifford, who co-owns the business with Sue Iwan. "Our new location allows us to deliver an expanded and comprehensive riding school curriculum to riders in Toronto, as well as in Aurora, King, and surrounding areas. This will not only afford our existing ridership greater opportunities, it will also allow us to extend these opportunities to new riders looking for recreational riding instruction."

Toronto Equestrian North is powered by a small fleet of horses and ponies that are hand selected for their reliability, temperament, and adaptability. It is also home to the business's retired horses. The new facility will support the growing needs of the riding school,

and allow for the procurement and development of new horses to support both the Toronto Equestrian North and Toronto Equestrian Downtown herds, ensuring the continuity and longevity of the business.

"A move was imperative for our business if we wished to see it grow, and to meet the challenges of a competitive marketplace where good school horses are few and far between," says Iwan. "We have long recognized the need to develop our own herd, and create our own opportunities. The new facility will allow us to do just that."

In addition to stellar programs and a talented herd, Toronto Equestrian is supported by a diverse and exceptional team of certified instructors whose backgrounds span disciplines from hunter/jumper, dressage, and eventing and focus on individualized rider development plans.

"An expanded Toronto Equestrian North will allow us to continue to attract skilled coaches and instructors, and to provide for greater development opportunities for this team," says Clifford. "It's a win all around."

Toronto Equestrian North's new location is at 15134 Dufferin Street, and of-

fers a top-tier equestrian infrastructure in a beautiful setting. On-site amenities include a 30 stall barn, a large attached indoor arena, heated tack rooms and viewing lounge, a large outdoor sand ring and grass field, hacking trails, ample paddock space, and grooming stalls. The expansive property was carefully chosen to offer riders the tranquility of a rural setting with many amenities.

"The move to the new facility allows us to offer more options to our riders, including group lessons, introductory courses, an in-house schooling show series, and an expanded part-board and leasing program," says Iwan.

The new King location welcomes students from 8 years of age and older, with programs suitable for riders new to the sport, as well as serious equestrian enthusiasts looking to deepen their training.

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Arts & Entertainment

Cabernet & Canvas: A perfect pairing of art, wine, and community spirit

Sherwood Farm in King City will transform into a vibrant open-air art gallery as Arts Society King's premier fundraiser, Cabernet & Canvas, brings together art lovers, wine enthusiasts, and community members for a one-of-a-kind afternoon.

The event takes place Sunday, Sept. 14, from 2 to 6 p.m. Guests will watch eight talented artists paint en plein air, a French term for painting outdoors, while sipping wine, enjoying light snacks, listening to live music and soaking up the beauty of one of King's most picturesque rural settings.

Cabernet & Canvas isn't just about watching art unfold – it's about experiencing it with all your senses. Each ticket (\$60 plus HST) includes a complimentary glass of wine and light snacks. Guests will also have the opportunity to take part in a formal wine tasting, featuring a certified sommelier from Connoisseur Wine Imports, before choosing their glass of choice to enjoy while wandering between easels.

"The idea is to combine the creative energy of painting outdoors with the companionable atmosphere of a wine tasting," says Patti Skrypek, coordinator of Cabernet & Canvas. "We want guests to feel like they're part of the artistic process – seeing works emerge brushstroke by brushstroke."

Tucked away at 12485 Concession 7, Sherwood Farm is known for its sweeping fields, charming outbuildings, and serene landscapes, a perfect backdrop for painters and spectators alike. With September's early autumn light, the farm promises to provide both inspiration for the artists and a warm, relaxed atmosphere for visitors. The rolling pastures, mature trees, and rustic farm buildings will be the muses of the day, and guests can expect each artist to interpret the setting in their own distinctive style.

The eight participating artists will

spend the afternoon painting in real time, each bringing their own flair, technique, and perspective to the pastoral scenery. Visitors can stroll between easels, chat with the artists about their process, and witness the transformation of a blank canvas into a finished piece.

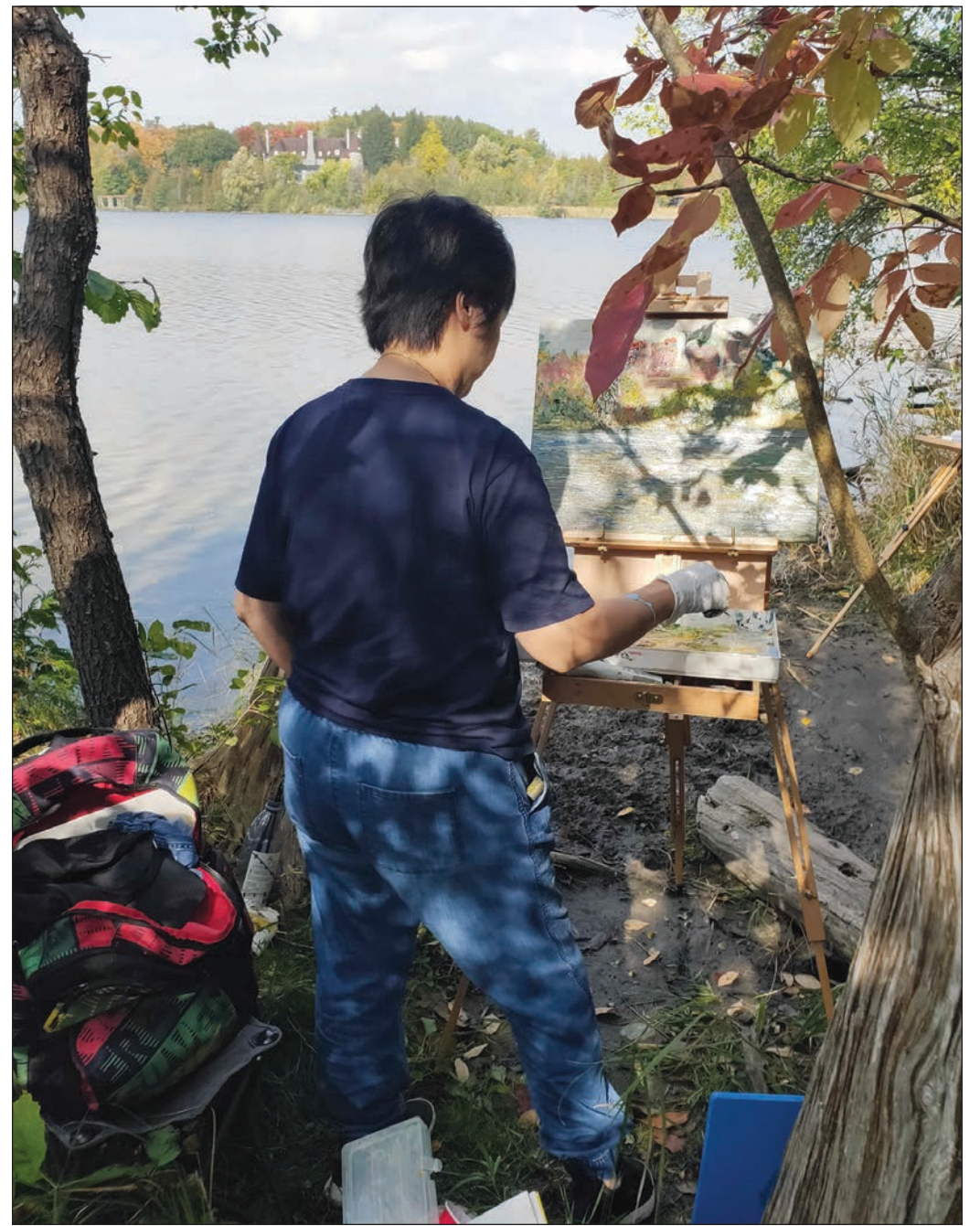
Adding to the excitement, the event will include a friendly celebrity painting competition featuring King Township's Mayor Steve Pellegrini and King Township councillors. Armed with brushes and palettes, they'll step up to their canvases to create their own works of art, proving that politics isn't the only arena where they can get creative.

"It's going to be lighthearted and fun," says Mayor Pellegrini. "We're not here to outshine the pros. We just want to connect with the community in a different way and share a laugh or two. Come on out and cheer us on and support a great cause!"

All of the artwork created by the artists during Cabernet & Canvas will be auctioned off through a silent auction at the end of the event. Whether you're a seasoned collector or simply someone who wants to take home a piece of the day, this is a rare chance to acquire original works while supporting local creativity.

But the audience won't just be spectators, they'll be judges. Throughout the afternoon, each attendee will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite artist. The coveted People's Choice Award will be announced before the close of the event, adding an extra spark of friendly competition between the painters.

Between the artistry, the wine, the music, and the relaxed pace of a late-summer afternoon, Cabernet & Canvas promises an experience that's equal parts cultural event and social gathering. Visitors can expect to:



Watch eight skilled artists bring Sherwood Farm's beauty to life on canvas.

See the mayor and councillors step out of their comfort zones in a playful painting competition.

Enjoy a wine tasting experience, complete with a complimentary glass of wine and light snacks.

Bid on original artworks in a silent auction.

Cast a vote for their favourite artist.

Paintings by the mayor and councillors will be auctioned off at the Mayor's Cultural Gala in February with all proceeds going to local community groups.

"It's about community," says Michele McNally, president, Arts Society King. "We want to celebrate art, support local talent, and give people a reason to come together. And honestly, what better way to do that than with great wine, great food, great music and great company, all in a beautiful setting?"

Tickets are \$60 and available at arts-

societyking.ca. They're expected to sell quickly, given the intimate nature of the event and the popularity of both art and wine in the community. Guests are encouraged to dress for the outdoors: comfortable footwear, a hat, and perhaps a light sweater for the late afternoon breeze. The event will take place rain or shine.

Cabernet & Canvas would not be possible without its generous sponsors – Sherwood Farm (premier sponsor), Hospall Homecare, Kingsdale Animal Hospital and Anna Raeli, Desjardins Insurance.

As the late-summer sun dips lower over Sherwood Farm's fields and the last bids are placed in the silent auction, guests will leave with more than just a new artwork or a fondness for a particular vintage. They'll take with them the shared experience of an afternoon that celebrated talent, taste, and togetherness – the very essence of Cabernet & Canvas.

Volunteers sought for Nobleton tree planting

LEAF is growing the urban forest in King Township and organizers are looking for public volunteers to help pitch in.

They're inviting everyone to join them at Dean Plummer Park in Nobleton for a tremendous afternoon of planting native trees and shrubs. It takes place Saturday, Oct. 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. and the park is located at 96 Park Heights Trail.

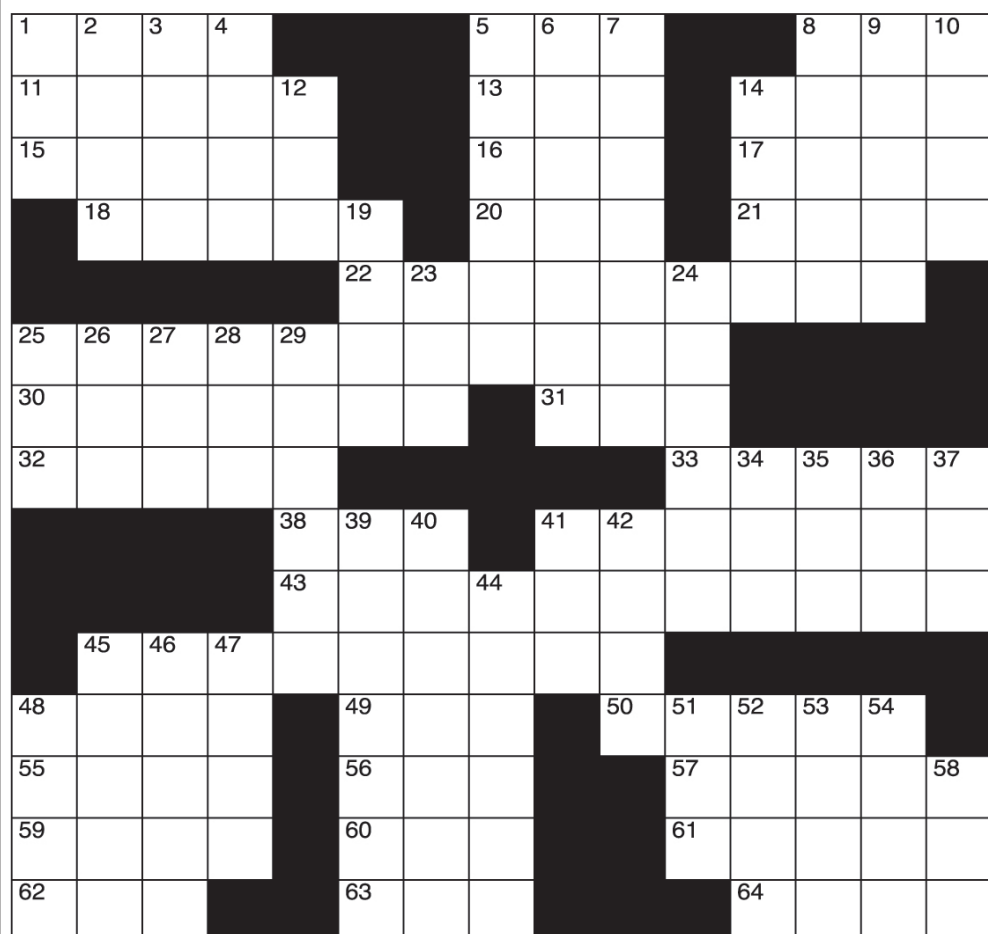
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- 59. Horsley and Iacocca are two
- 60. Midway between northeast and east
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. U.S. leader during much of WW2
- 63. Lair
- 64. Fibrous material

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Home of "60 Minutes"
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. __ fide: legitimate
- 4. Immune response
- 5. Assistance and support
- 6. Glared
- 7. Spanish saloon
- 8. Pitch black
- 9. S-shaped lines
- 10. Statistical test
- 12. __ Paulo, city
- 14. Graduation garb
- 19. A way to record
- 23. Not good
- 24. Weather events
- 25. A pituitary hormone
- 26. Jamie Foxx film
- 27. Rocker's accessory
- 28. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 29. One who obtains
- 34. Consume
- 35. Licensed for Wall Street
- 36. Sick
- 37. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 39. Removed the husk
- 40. Mass of rocks and sediment
- 41. Two-year-old sheep
- 42. Area units
- 44. Prison overseer
- 45. Walked
- 46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier
- 47. Tax
- 48. 50 percent
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Tattle
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Resist authority (slang)
- 58. Egg of a louse

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

Ontario Investing \$3 million to protect the Lake Simcoe Watershed

The Ontario government is investing \$3 million to launch the new Farm Washwater Innovation and Stewardship Efforts (Farm WISE) Fund for farmers growing vegetables in the Holland Marsh area.

As part of the province's plan to protect Ontario, this initiative supports healthy communities and a strong local agri-food economy by helping farmers adopt new and innovative technologies to protect the Lake Simcoe watershed, which is vital to the local agricultural community, residents and tourism industry.

"The Holland Marsh is Canada's most productive vegetable growing region and we're giving farmers the tools they need to keep the region's watershed a cleaner, safer place to grow food, work and raise families," said Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "This new fund is just one of the ways our government is empowering communities to protect the air, land and water in Ontario for generations to come."

Known as Ontario's "soup and salad bowl," the Holland Marsh area produces more carrots, celery, onions, lettuce and greens than any other single region

Investment will help farmers in the Holland Marsh

in Canada. The Farm WISE Fund was developed to help farmers adopt technologies to improve water use on farms and treat water that has been used to wash produce, which will help reduce the amount of phosphorus entering the watershed.

The ministry is currently accepting applications until October 5, 2025. Eligible farmers in the Holland Marsh area can receive up to \$375,000 per project to fund these improvements.

This investment is part of the ministry's commitment to reduce phosphorus and restore the ecological health of the Lake Simcoe watershed and the Great Lakes through the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health.

"Our government is proud to support farmers in the Holland Marsh by helping them produce high-quality food while embracing innovation. By providing access to this funding, we are boosting resilience and safeguarding local water quality for generations to



Applications now open for community projects that protect and restore local greenspaces

The Ontario government is making almost \$3 million available to community groups and other non-profit organizations for innovative projects to build cleaner, healthier communities such as shoreline cleanups, habitat restoration and tree planting.

As part of the government's plan to protect Ontario, the Ontario Community Environment Fund (OCEF) uses penalties paid by polluters to fund projects that protect Ontario's land, air, and water – supporting healthy communities and strong local economies.

"We are giving local groups the resources they need to make their communities cleaner and safer places to live, work and raise their families by restoring the natural beauty of these regions for everyone to enjoy," said Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "The OCEF program is just one of the ways our government is empowering

communities to protect and restore our natural heritage for generations to come."

Applications are now open and must be submitted online by 5 p.m. (EDT) on September 24. Since 2010, the Ontario Community Environment Fund has invested more than \$3.8 million from environmental penalties into 108 projects that have led to planting over 450,000 trees, shrubs and plants, restoring 52 km of shoreline and collecting 1,350 bags of litter.

Eligible projects must demonstrate a direct environmental benefit and be located in a region where funding is available. Indigenous communities and organizations, not-for-profits, academic institutions, and municipalities are encouraged to apply.

Applications will be evaluated through a competitive process. Successful applicants will be notified directly in early 2026.

come," said York-Simcoe MPP Caroline Mulroney.

"On behalf of the Holland Marsh Growers Association, we would like to thank the Ontario Government for their support and continued investment in agriculture. With this investment, farmers will be able to upgrade and improve the tools they have to further their productivity and sustainably feed Ontario. At the end of the day farmers are the stewards of the land, and the Ontario Government is helping them with another piece of the puzzle to achieve their goals. We would also like to thank MPP Mulroney for always being a champion for the farmers and the Holland Marsh," added Tim Horlings, Chair, Holland Marsh Growers' Association.

Ontario's agri-food supply chain is a substantial and often underestimated economic force, contributing \$47 billion to the province's gross domestic product (GDP), as referenced in Grow Ontario: a provincial agri-food strategy.

Since 2018, the Ontario government has committed over \$37 million in ac-

tions to protect and restore Lake Simcoe, including multi-year projects to reduce the amount of phosphorous, road salt and other pollutants from entering Lake Simcoe.

Some signs of recovery in the Lake Simcoe watershed include:

A 50 per cent reduction in phosphorous from sewage treatment plants entering the watershed.

Reduced algae in the lake, leading to improved water quality.

The warm water fish community, including Yellow Perch, has remained stable over time. One change in recent years, is that there are now fewer but larger Smallmouth Bass.

"The Farm WISE program's \$3 million investment supports Holland Marsh farmers, our environment, and our thriving agribusinesses. By supporting innovative washwater technologies, we're protecting the Lake Simcoe watershed while ensuring our farmers continue to lead in sustainable, high-quality food production," said Trevor Jones, Minister, Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness.

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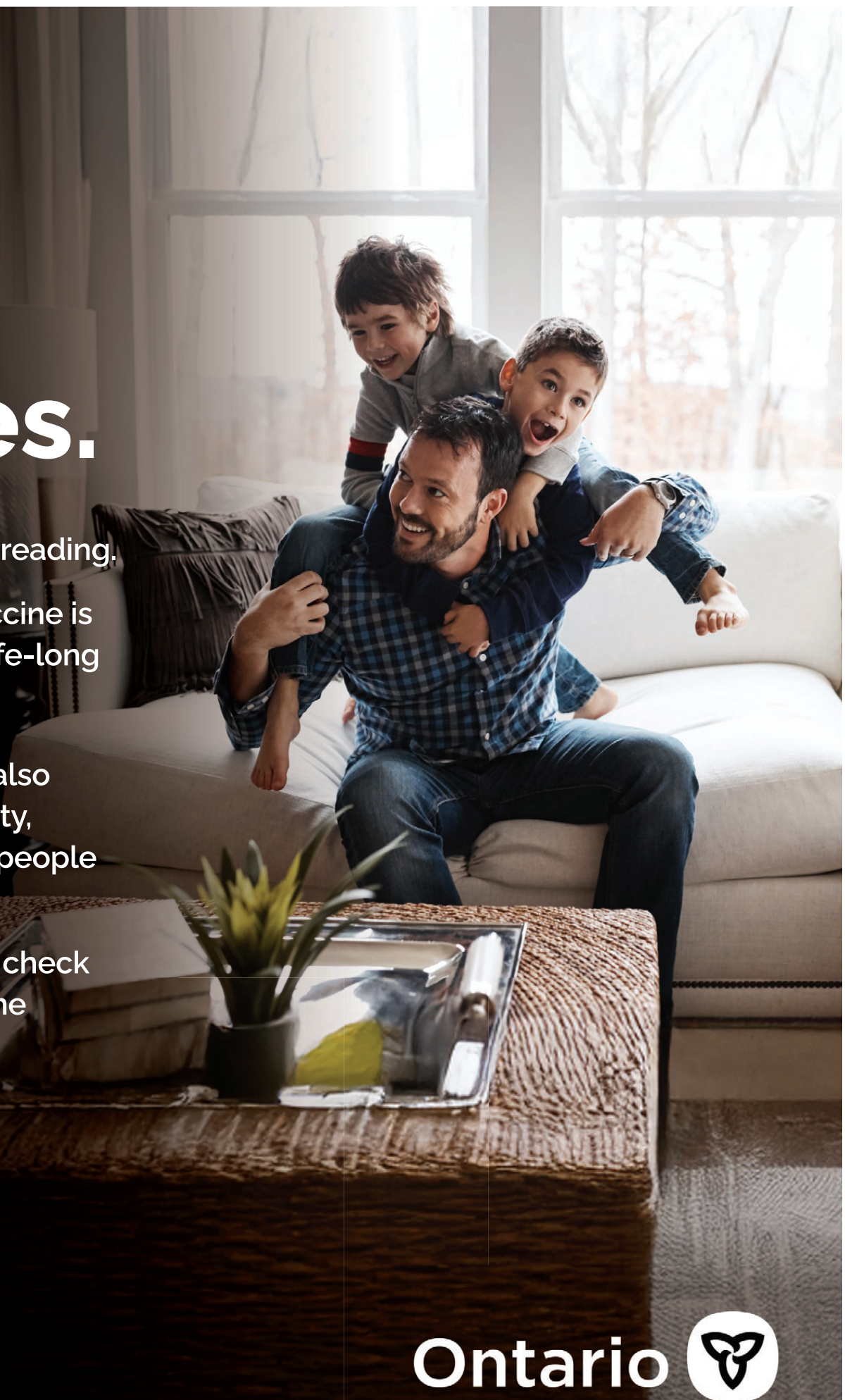
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Projects will bring 337 modern long-term care beds to Barrie

Construction is under way at the Grove Park Home for Senior Citizens and the Village of Innis Landing long-term care home in Barrie.

Both projects are recipients of the Construction Funding Subsidy top-up and are part of the government's plan

to protect Ontario by creating good jobs and building for the future, while ensuring long-term care residents get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve.

"As Ontario continues to grow, our government is making historic

investments to protect families and their loved ones," said Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care. "(This) announcement is great news for Barrie and will ensure that 337 residents will get the care they need, in modern and safe homes."

The Grove Park Home for Senior Citizens is upgrading 62 of its existing beds and adding two new beds, for a total of 145 beds in the home. The project will also update the nursing call system, improve fire detection and suppression systems and introduce new monitoring features to ensure resident safety. The home will house a café and community hub space, with mechanical lifts added to resident rooms. The property will also have a newly redesigned outdoor space.

The Village of Innis Landing project involves the redevelopment of Coleman Care Centre. The new home is adding 80 beds for a total of 192 beds. The home will include expansive common spaces to support a variety of care and recreational programming, along with various opportunities for residents to engage with one another and visitors.

Both homes will feature designs that include larger resident common areas and air conditioning throughout. The homes are centred around 'Resident Home Areas,' each of which creates a more intimate and familiar living space for up to 32 residents, with dining and activity areas, lounges and bedrooms.

These projects are part of the Ontario government's continued progress toward its commitment to build 58,000 new and upgraded long-term care beds across the province, as outlined in the 2025 Ontario Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario. The government is improving long-term care to ensure Ontarians get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve. The plan to improve care for long-term care residents is built on four pillars: staffing and

care; quality and enforcement; building modern, safe, and comfortable homes; and connecting seniors with faster, more convenient access to the services they need.

"The need for long-term care beds in Barrie has been growing for years. Premier Ford, Minister Kusendova-Bashta, and the provincial government are stepping up to deliver the beds our seniors need," said Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall.

As of July 2025, 148 projects representing a total of 24,101 new and redeveloped beds are completed, under construction, or have ministry approval to construct.

The Construction Funding Subsidy top-up was first introduced in 2022, resulting in the largest construction of long-term care projects the government has achieved in a single year. Eligible projects receive a top-up of \$35 per bed, per day, for 25 years, with additional supports for not-for-profits.

The government is continuing its ambitious and extensive long-term care construction campaign by introducing the 2025 long-term care capital funding program to build on its historic investment levels.

Ontario will also be launching a new construction funding support program to ensure long-term care operators and builders have additional flexibility and support to continue the province's historic level of construction. Building more modern, safe and comfortable homes for our residents is part of the Government of Ontario's Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021.

The province is taking innovative steps to get long-term care homes built, including modernizing its funding model, selling unused lands with the requirement that long-term care homes be built on portions of the properties, and leveraging hospital-owned land to build urgently needed homes in large urban areas.



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Southlake challenges ideas of hospital food with complete culinary transformation

By Brock Weir

The mere mention of “hospital food” can conjure up, for some, images of a mushy, beige blandness – but that idea has been thoroughly challenged by Southlake Health in a complete transformation of their culinary experience for patients, their families, and staff alike.

Gone are the days of pre-made, warmed-up fare. In are scratch-made recipes designed to meet the individual nutritional and cultural needs of those they serve.

New mealtime experiences were celebrated at the Newmarket-based hospital recently, the culmination of a project that began in 2023, guided by both patient needs and survey feedback.

The first step was the opening of Southlake’s Carvery & Bakery, which features fresh-roasted carved meats prepared on site, fresh salads, soups and sandwiches and more. The next step was the re-opening of the fully-renovated on-site Subway location, followed by the launch of online ordering, a refreshed patio, full-service Starbucks and Tim Hortons locations, and, in December of last year, the opening of Aquene Café, the hospital’s main cafeteria.

The newly-expanded cafeteria now includes the Chef’s Table, offering a scratch-made rotating menu, a market with grab-and-go fare, Roots & Seeds, which serves up customizable bowls and wraps, pizzeria San Marzano, and Grill & Go, described as “a contemporary dining experience.”

Helping Southlake Health realize their gourmet goals was food service company Compass Group Canada.

Having multiple options on-site allows the hospital to meet the needs of everyone they serve, and it also gives them additional flexibility to meet individual nutritional needs – an essential component of recovery.

“With patients, as part of that healing journey, that recovery piece, overall meal consumption is very important, right?” says Brielle Perl, Dietician and Director of Marketing, Nutrition and Support, with Compass. “It’s the fuel to our body to help our patients heal. For all of our main entrees, we had a protein goal, working with our culinary team to ensure we had over 20 grams of protein in each of our entrees, including breakfast. Certainly for lunch and dinner, those are easier targets to meet, but at breakfast time, we wanted to offer a hearty meal as well as ensure we had the appropriate amount of calories on our menus as well. It was a collaborative approach with the clinical dieticians at the hospital, as well as our culinary team with Compass, to really ensure that we’re providing nutrient-adequate meals to our patients to get them back on their feet and back to their everyday lives outside our hospital walls.

“When we collaborated with Southlake, we really looked at the community, talked about the nutritional background of the menu, but we also looked at the diversity of the culture within the community. That allowed us the flexibility to really create a menu that was specific to Southlake. Looking at the diversity [we asked], ‘What do they want to eat?’ If we put something in front of them, it could have 100 grams of protein, but if they don’t consume it, they don’t really get the protein and they don’t get the benefit for that healing process.”

Through this feedback, such dishes as the Asian-inspired chicken congee and a Persian-influenced koobideh, a type of lamb kebab, have found their place on the menu among North American favourites.

Feedback from patients, families and staff alike, adds Johnny Grajcar, Southlake’s Director of Support Services, helped them reimagine their menu

from all points of view.

“One [piece of feedback] that comes to mind was anecdotal feedback around when you’re in the hospital and you’re taking medication, your tastebuds aren’t exactly the same,” he says. “Understanding that what you like traditionally might change and evolve. I think that our flexibility and our work with our dieticians allowed for more of that specified opportunity.

“A survey was put out and we had 2,000 respondents. Top of the list was we needed to have a Starbucks, so we needed to figure out how we could fit that into our new system. Then it was more updated menu offerings in our other locations other than our franchise table. The retail side started earlier than the patient side... the patient side started in December of last year.”

After the patient side began to roll out, Grajcar says one particular piece of feedback underscored that they were on the right track.

“We actually had a former chef be one of our patients and talking about working in an industry and understanding how challenging it can be. They were very much surprised. It was along the lines of ‘forget hospital food, this was fantastic for any type of food.’”

Adds Perl: “Being a chef, we’re very

difficult, so the fact that somebody was in the hospital and in that moment wanted to make sure we got that feedback, we hang it on the wall with pride. Our goal really was taking that negative stigma away from hospital food. People always think [hospital food] is bland and ‘I’m eating for the sake of eating,’ where we really took the approach of that restaurant-style quality and bringing it to our patients.

“The fact that we had somebody that had been in the industry ... say how much they enjoyed it, that the quality stood out to them, really made a difference to ourselves.”

From the retail perspective, Jennie Baker, Compass’ Regional Director of Retail Operations, said it was all about “creating an oasis.”

“We’ve really focused on enhancing the space as well to create that atmosphere where the teams, whether it’s a staff member or a family member can come kind of rest, refuel and recharge and then go back out, whether they’re caring for a loved one or going back to their shift,” says Baker. “We take the model where every bite brings you home. It gives you that comfort level of food, but then also offering that elevated dining experience with culinary chef inspired menus and operations.”



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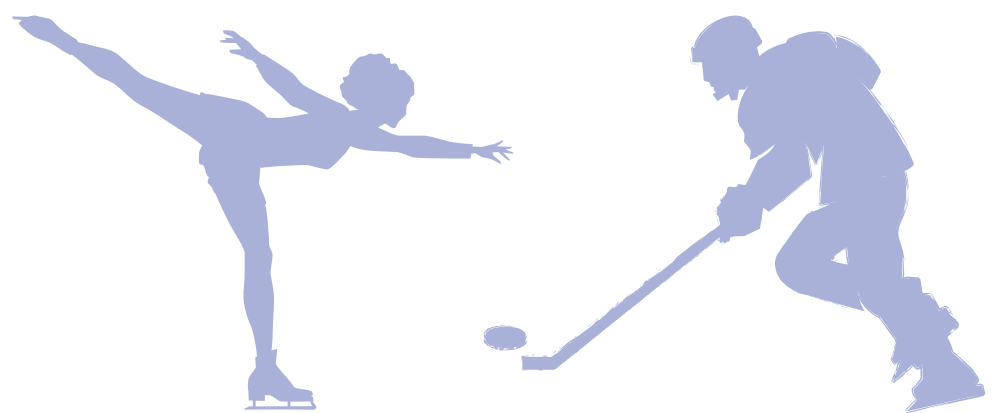
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Rebellion and Cougars open training camps for upcoming season

By Jim Stewart

Junior hockey fans in King begin to set their sights on the upcoming OJHL and PJHL seasons.

King Township is blessed to have two entertaining junior hockey teams to support and both clubs are busy preparing in King City and Schomberg for their respective 2025-26 seasons.

The Junior A Rebellion of the Ontario Junior Hockey League is entering its second season in King after transferring from Brantford to start the 2024-25 season. The franchise suffered an unsettling setback prior to its inaugural season in King when its new arena-- The Zancor Centre-- was vandalized significantly just weeks before commencing operations. Consequently, the nomadic Rebellion played more than half of last season at the Nobleton Community Centre which had to be retrofitted for junior hockey. Despite the logistical nightmare of moving between two arenas for five months as well as significant changes to its roster prior to Christmas, the Rebellion improved on its eighth-place standing as the Brantford 99ers in 2023-24 and earned the seventh seed for the West Conference playoffs. After creating quite a stir by defeating the Collingwood Blues in Game 1 of their opening round playoff series, the youthful Rebellion squad dropped four consecutive games to the reigning CJHL champs and was eliminated from the OJHL post-season.

Big changes followed the disappointing series loss to the Blues as masterful Head Coach and GM Mark Joslin was relieved of his dual duties -- as was his entire coaching staff.

To replace the 2024 OJHL Coach of the Year, the Rebellion hired Geoff

Schomogyi away from the Indy Fuel of the ECHL and promoted Assistant GM Jay DeGennaro to General Manager and Director of Player Development.

DeGennaro is looking forward to the upcoming season with his OJHL squad comfortably ensconced as the main tenant of the Zancor Centre and training camp on home ice at hand: "We're busy getting the team all in place. Our training camp starts August 16. We're gearing up for the season and our players will be coming into town in two weeks."

The Rebellion GM peered into his crystal ball when asked about the 2025-26 season and offered a level of optimistic prognostication: "We are looking to make a jump in the standings this year and are really excited about our new signings and players that we've acquired over the offseason."

DeGennaro also expressed confidence in the new bench bosses that will guide the Rebellion players up the OJHL West standings: "We're also equally excited, of course, about our new Head Coach Geoff Schomogyi, his coaching staff, and our new management staff that is ready to move the franchise forward."

The new squad will be displayed on Saturday, August 23 when the Junior A Rebellion host the NOJHL Kirkland Lake Gold Miners at 7 p.m. at the Zancor Centre. It will be the Rebellion's only home exhibition game prior to the start of their OJHL season. The Junior A Rebellion will open the 2025-26 OJHL season on home ice when they host the Mississauga Chargers on Sunday, September 7 at 3 p.m. The Rebellion swept last year's season series with the Chargers 4-0.

Meanwhile in Schomberg, the Cou-

gars of the Provincial Junior Hockey League are settling into their second season in the East Orr Division where they finished third in 2024-25. The Cougars' firebrand hockey on Thursday nights at the Trisan Centre is a weekly highlight for this sportswriter. The venerable franchise in operation since 1969 -- finds itself with a new Head Coach this year as well.

The Cougars and their successful Head Coach Stan Kondrotas parted ways after the club's loss to Georgina in the second round of the PJHL playoffs.

Replacing Kondrotas at the helm is a former OJHL Head Coach and OHL Scout. Schomberg's new bench boss Tom Milne has assumed the reins of leadership for the perennially-competitive Cougars after a recent stint as Head Coach of the OJHL Aurora Tigers. The veteran coach and scout brings decades of experience to the new position and is preparing for the club's training camp which commences with 'Schomberg Cougars Skates' at St. Andrew's College in Aurora on Saturday, August 24 at 2-3 p.m. at East Gwillimbury Sports Complex in Sharon. The Cougars' exhibition games and home opener are not known because the 63-team PJHL has not released its exhibition or regular season schedule.

The Cougars will look to improve on their third-place finish last season and try to unseat two powerful East Orr teams that finished ahead of them in the standings: the Clarington Eagles and the Georgina Ice.

The hard-skating Ice eliminated the Cougars from last year's post-season tournament in a hard-fought second round playoff series which featured a heartbreaking 5-4 OT loss by



San Jose Sharks' draft pick Simon Wang will sign autographs at King's exhibition game on August 23.

Schomberg in Game 1 at the Georgina Ice Palace followed by another narrow one-goal road loss in Game 2.

Hope springs eternal for both of King's Junior hockey clubs as they open training camps this month at the Zancor Centre in King City and the Trisan Centre in Schomberg. The hockey fans in King are fortunate, indeed, to have two fine clubs to cheer for in their own backyard-- as beacons of light during the long, dark winter season.

Rebellion staff members put their red, blue, and gold stamp on Zancor Centre

By Jim Stewart

In preparation for the upcoming 2025-26 OJHL season, the King Junior A Rebellion staff members have been busy preparing their home arena with an array of franchise colour schemes and decals being affixed to the Zancor Centre.

Rebellion President of Operations couldn't be happier with the visual upgrades to various parts of the hockey club's one-year old rink: "We've been hard at work building our brand. Being able to start off this season in our permanent facility is a big relief for us after moving three times last year and the boys are settling into the Zancor Centre. All our players also have passes for the facility so they can avail themselves of the pool, weight room, and turf field for off-ice training."

The team's logo is much more evident throughout the Zancor Centre to heighten residents' awareness that the Rebellion have a permanent home in King City: "Our Junior A logo is over the snack bar, the dressing room is done in team colours, and visitors to the Zancor Centre will notice our presence throughout the facility. These

improvements look really good. We've installed a home bench banner that will be for use by all the King Rebellion teams. Parents will see a path to Junior Hockey when their minor hockey kids play at the Zancor Centre. The home bench being used by all King minor hockey teams will signal the growing connection between our Junior team and all local rep teams. To reinforce this relationship, we'll be running Junior A hockey camps for local players run by our coaching staff and players in July and August of 2026. Our 'Join the Rebellion' motto is displayed prominently and we've painted inspirational messages in the dressing room hallways including "Leave a Legacy" and 'Passion' to remind players about the importance of their efforts, especially on home ice."

Walters noted the branding upgrades to their home were also necessary to keep pace with the Toronto Junior Canadiens' franchise which transferred from the Scotiabank Pond in Downsview to the Ray Twinney Arena in Newmarket in June. The franchise has been rebranded as the Newmarket Hurricanes and their arena is being retrofitted for OJHL play: "So

many teams are trying to upgrade their facilities. JRC is upgrading their new home in Newmarket and the Toronto Patriots have done a nice job rebranding their arena, too. We had to improve the appearance of the Zancor Centre to make it look more like our home. We'll have a good, young team this year and a new head coach with professional experience. We're really trying to build the team up."

The affable president of operations was also excited to announce the Rebellion's best defenseman from the 2024-

25 season -- who was promoted to the OHL Oshawa Generals in December and drafted 33rd overall by San Jose in June -- will be conducting a meet and greet at King's upcoming preseason contest: "Simon Wang (former King Rebellion and San Jose Shark 2025 draft choice) will be in attendance on Saturday, August 23 at 7 p.m. for our exhibition game against the Kirkland Lake Gold Miners. Simon will be available to sign autographs and photos. All minor league players will get into the game free. Adult admission will be \$5."



King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

King City United welcomes everyone back to worship which resumed August 3. The worship in August is rotating amongst our partner churches (York Pines and New Hope).

This Sunday, Aug. 24, worship is scheduled at New Hope United Church at 10 a.m. with Rev. Bill Fritz presiding. Next Sunday, Aug. 31, worship will also be at New Hope United Church. Directions for New Hope can be found on their website <http://www.newhope-vaughan.com>

September 7 will be our return to regular worship at King City and we will be celebrating with an outdoor service. Details of the address are to come.

Rev Andrew is off on a Sabbatical until Sept. 8.

If there are any pastoral emergencies please leave a message at the office at 905-833-5181.

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.

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

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday's at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark will be speaking on our series in Hebrews "Greater." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

Our next Open Closet Outlet will be Saturday, Sept. 6 at 9:30 a.m. Not for resale; for personal use only. And limits will apply.

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

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Upcoming events at KCSC:

Friday, August 22 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565.

Friday, August 29 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565.

Wednesday, September 3 – Open House – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Come out to see what exciting things are coming up at KCSC, sign up for your 2026 membership, have a bite to eat and visit with your fellow seniors.

Friday, September 5 – 10am – Presentation – Lawyers, David Struthers and Carol Struthers will discuss wills and estate planning. Refreshments will be available, so registration is requested.

Saturday, September 6 – 5 p.m. – Our King City Lions will once again be hosting a BBQ and corn roast for us. We will not only enjoy a great meal with great company, but we will also be entertained by Stephen Craig singing our favourite Golden Oldies. Tickets @ \$10pp are now on sale at King City Seniors Centre. Mark your calendar as this event sells out quickly. Sponsored by Amica Aurora Promenade.

Monday, September 8 – 9am – Men's Shed Breakfast – Men are invited to join representatives from KCSC, the Township and Aurora Seniors for breakfast. This will be an initial meeting to explore possible programs devoted to those activities that interest you. Please register by calling 905-833-6565 or sign up at the Open House.

The following activities will be offered in August.

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). Thursday afternoons; 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling.

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

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

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

York Pines United Church

While Rev. Andrew is on sabbatical, Rev. Bruce is "on call" for pastoral care. Please contact the church at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesuc@gmail.com if you need assistance.

Rev. Bill Fritz will lead services in August when we rotate with our sister churches. This Sunday and next, we join New Hope UC at Vaughan Mills at 10 a.m. We'll be back at York Pines on Sept. 7 at the usual 11 a.m. when Rev. Andrew returns. The service will be followed by a Welcome Back Pot Luck Lunch.

Schomberg AA meetings

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

Sacred Heart Church

We are excited to inform you that from Sept. 5 to 11, from 9:30 to noon and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. our church will be hosting the Vatican International Exhibition on the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. On Sunday, September 7th from 11:30 to 2 p.m. we will have the Veneration of the "Sacred Relics" of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Sacred Heart Church – Well Project. A new well is required to have a steady water flow and greater water pressure for our water sprinklers system to function properly. Any donation would be

greatly appreciated towards this project; kindly write a cheque to Sacred Heart Church – Well Project. A taxable receipt will be issued. Thank you for your generosity and care for our property.

Reminder that as you prepare replace footwear for the start of the school year, to consider donating clean Footwear for men, women and children, soap, and rosaries for those in developing countries. Please tie the laces together or wrap elastics around each pair to keep together and set in the bin beside the Food Bank under the stairwell in the Hall. The CWL thanks you.

Save the Dates:

Sacred Heart Picnic-Carnival, Sunday, September 14.

Golf Tournament September 25, at Cardinal Golf Complex West Course. Tee Off 8 a.m.; Lunch at 2 p.m. Sponsors, donations and prizes are appreciated. For registration, sponsorship and prizes, contact Church office 905-833-1161 or Paul Rea 416-471-4793.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's, King City welcomes you. Sunday morning Worship Services are at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge during the renovations. We have been able to have our weekly services and events throughout the summer, but now we need to enter via the Keele St. Entrance on the East side of the church. Join us afterwards for coffee time in the lounge.

Our next Joint Service with The Well is August 31 and Pastor Alison Agnew will take the service. The time and venue will be announced closer to the date.

Pastor Alison continued with the sermon series "Who you say I am." In Christ we are Loved, Free, God's Masterpiece and Belong! Pastor Alison continued with Part B of "I Belong" and the focus verse was Romans 8: 1-2. Also Alison relayed the story from Luke 19:1-9, how Jesus wanted Zacchaeus to know that he belonged!

Our next Tuesdays at 2 (p.m.) is August 26 in the church office on the west side. (Please enter the West entrance to the office.) All are welcome to this one hour prayer and devotional gathering by Alison. This is also an opportunity to come mid-week if perhaps you'll be away for the weekend during the summer.

For pastoral care, please call the office to speak with the Rev. Alison Agnew, or your Elder (905-833-2325).



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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

Rescue Cambodia's "Family Road Trip" is happening on September 23 at 7 p.m. You are invited to a performance of Cambodian dances, culture, and stories by young people from the mission, Rescue Cambodia, a haven for orphan and at risk children, families living with HIV/AIDS, and destitute elderly women.

To see more information go to the News/Events page on our website, where you can also see a preview of what you might expect to see.

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. We welcome back Christine Samuel who will lead us in worship this Sunday. Christine's message is entitled, "Pay Attention, Do Not Drift," based on Psalm 29 and Hebrews 2:1-4.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the Sunday service. After worship, you are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship over coffee

and goodies. If you cannot 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 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 next Drive-Thru Prayer opportunity will be held Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. 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!

St. Mary's Church

The 28th annual Golf Tournament 2025 presented by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus on Thursday, Sept. 4, at Copper Creek Golf Club (Kleinburg, Ontario). Registration table open at 11 a.m.; lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Mobility Matters will be on Monday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

September 11 - Welcoming everyone back with an Ice Cream Social sponsored by Del Manor in Aurora, followed by an informative talk on Brain Health presented by Kristen Egan - Community Outreach Manager. Register by September 7.

In addition, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Vanessa DesLaurier- Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics will present "Fall into Flawless Skin-Mastering Moisturization."

September 18 - Holistic Practitioner Maryanne will engage us in Tai Chi & talk about the importance of breath work. A refreshing juice will be provided. Register by September 14.

In addition, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Vanessa DesLaurier, Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay

Cosmetics will present "Cozy Up to Soft Lips."

Nobleton Lions

The annual Community Fundraising Draw is under way. The winners will be declared at the Library Gazebo on October 25. First prize is \$4,000, 2nd is \$750, 3rd is \$250. Tickets cost \$20 each or 3 for \$50 and are available now from any Lion as well as in some businesses around town, such as KARS and the Nobleton Dental Clinic.

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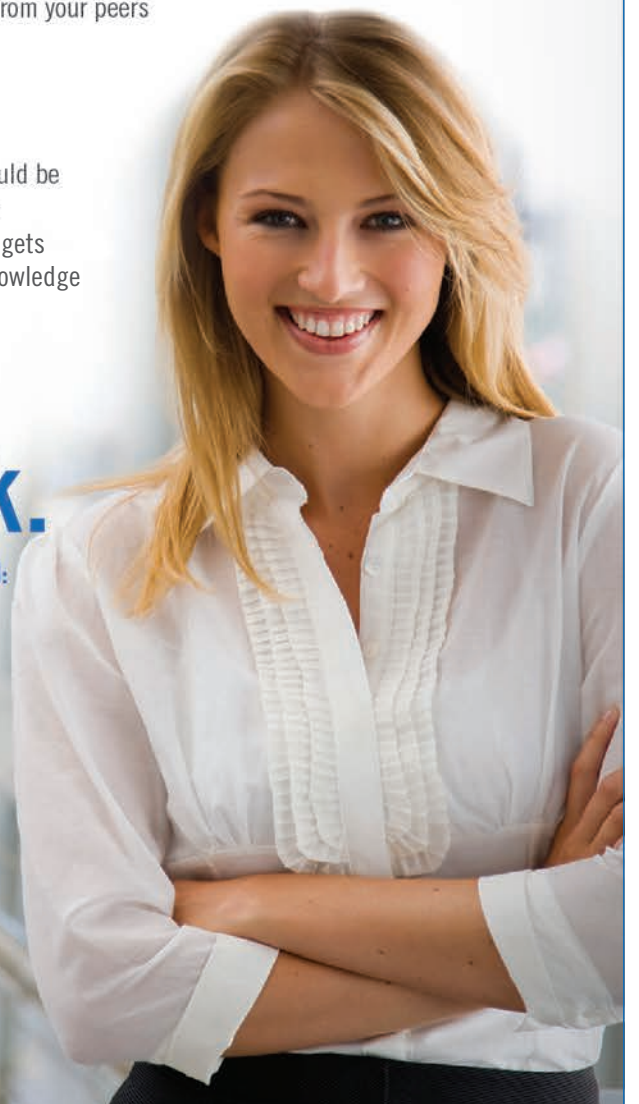
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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Susan Hopkinson

How the hot summer has flown by! On Wednesday, Aug. 27, we are at Schomberg United for our last summer Hymn Sing & Pot Luck. We gather at 5:15 p.m., sing at 5:30 p.m., eat at 6 p.m. Please bring either a main course, a salad or a dessert. Anyone who enjoys singing and eating can join us.

The Dufferin Marsh Ecumenical Worship Service will take place on Sunday, August 24 at 10 a.m. Use the entrance by the pumping station on Dr. Kay Drive that will take you into the shelter area on a grassed pathway. (There will be some signage to point you in the right direction.) St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beeton & Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Schomberg & St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, Schomberg & Christ Church Anglican, Kettleby & Schomberg United Church & Nobleton United Church will participate together in an outdoor service at the Dufferin Marsh. All are invited!

Please bring some potluck style finger food to share with the rest of the attendees after the service for a time of fellowship. Come prepared with a chair, sunscreen, sunhat, bug spray etc. There will be shelters put up to offer some shade.

Regular Sunday services will resume Sunday Sept. 7 at our two churches: 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg United and 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United.

Thursday morning Bible study will resume in the fall.

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, Sept. 9 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. 2025 marks the 175th Anniversary of King Township. To help us celebrate this milestone, Bev Flanagan and Sharon Bentley will give us an overview of the King Township Historical Society (KTHS) along with interesting snippets from the newly released book, authored by Ann Love and Sharon Bentley, The History of King Township: A Community Shaped By The Land. The meal is quiche, peameal bacon, leaf lettuce salad with homemade dressing, and fruit crisp with ice cream for 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.

The Schomberg U.C.W. restarts on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. The theme is "Women in the Bible." Everyone is welcome, whether associated with the Schomberg United Church of not.

Messy Church will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. for family fun & activities centred around Bible stories.

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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.

Nobleton Book Club

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

Whether you have read the book or not, come by and check out these very interesting, lively and entertaining discussions. All these titles are available to borrow, for free, through the Nobleton Library and other King Township libraries. If you have any questions, call Heather, the Branch Supervisor, at the Nobleton Library at 905-859-4188. Come and join this wonderful group of Nobleton readers!

The first one is Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025 is James by Percival Everett.

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Sheila Elizabeth O'Leary
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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

In case you haven't noticed, we have a few new speed cameras around town. The first is on Hwy. 27, opposite Schomberg Public School, and the other two are Western Ave. and Elmwood and 19th Sideroad and Dufferin Street. School is starting soon, so please slow down.

While the temperatures have cooled and we did get some rain most areas of the province now have a fire ban, including King Township, so please be responsible and follow the rules for the sake of all of us.

King Township invites you on August 27 from 10-11:30 a.m. for a forest therapy walk into the woods of Fox Trail in Schomberg. This gentle, guided experience invites you to immerse yourself in the beauty of nature at a comfortable pace.

This short walk includes frequent pauses with seating options inviting you to engage your senses and deepen your connection to the forest.

Experience the tranquility of Forest Bathing, rediscover familiar trails in a new way, and enjoy the peace and

well-being that nature provides.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and meet at Fox Trail Park on Roselena Dr. For detailed program information, including fees and links to registration visit coldcreek.ca

Do you have old electronics taking up space in your house? This Saturday, Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. there is an e-waste recycling event at King Heritage & Cultural Centre. Electronics include TVs, computers, cameras, printers etc. For details, visit king.ca/ElectronicRecycling.

Ever wondered what life inside a beehive looks like? Join King Township for a hands-on tour of the apiary at Cold Creek Conservation Area led by third-generation beekeeper André Flys on Sunday, Aug. 24 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Get ready to open a hive and explore a real colony of bees up close. You'll learn how to identify the queen, brood, larvae, nectar, pollen, propolis, and the different types of bees that keep the hive thriving. Discover how bees forage for food and water, and which plants are essential to them throughout the seasons. We'll also dive into the fascinating world of native pollinators, how they compare to European honeybees, and the environmental challenges they face today. Cost is \$19 per person.

Register at king.ca/Environmental-Events

Community Farm event

Join The Schomberg Community Farm on August 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate the harvest season and King Township's 175th Anniversary! It's free.

More info at <https://www.schomberg-communityfarm.ca/events.html>

Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre takes place on Thursday nights, in the curling lounge and we start at 7 p.m. and play until 9. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. 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+

Summer is sadly ending, and we'll be back up and running on September 8, with Dave Lapenta leading us in an exercise "Celebrating Stories and Embracing New Friendships." Please make sure to come out and join if you're over 55 and like having fun and learning new things. Please note that for the first couple of weeks of September we will be moving to the Trisan due to renovations at Schomberg community Hall.

We also have a fun event planned

for September 11; a cider tasting at Slabtown Cider Co. in Uxbridge, from 2 to 4 p.m. If you're interested in signing up, please email davelapenta1@gmail.com

We have our fall lineup all ready to go, so here is what's coming in September:

Monday, September 8 - 10 a.m. - "Welcome Back" - mini workshop and summer fun sharing. This first meeting will be held at Trisan, due to renovations at the Schomberg Community Hall.

Tuesday, September 16 - 10am-12pm - Speaker - Victoria Muir-Burcea, founder of My Recreo Wellness, Brain Fitness Part 2, Schomberg Community Hall.

Monday, September 22, 10 a.m. - Helen Panezutti "What a pharmacist can offer to help maintain good Health"

Saturday, September 27 - 2 p.m. - "Let Me Out!" Escape room experience, 6344227 Hwy. 10, Mono.

Weekly Events

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

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

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giving our listings access to a truly international audience. But what matters most is how that translates here at home - higher-quality marketing, greater visibility, and connections that open doors for our clients. Aligning with a brand that shares our values simply means the standard is set higher in everything we do.

This summer, we were proud to sponsor the Gran Fondo King cycling event, a celebration of health, local business, and community spirit. Set against the backdrop of King's scenic countryside, the event brought cyclists from all over Ontario. We spent the day handing out jumbo freezies, water bottles, and raffle tickets for a \$250 gift card in partnership with Hogan's Restaurant. The best part wasn't the giveaways, it was the conversations. We caught up with familiar faces, met new neighbours, and felt once again how strong the King community truly is.

Our involvement in the community goes far beyond a single summer event. Over the years, we've supported local sports teams, contributed to school fundraisers, and helped out with causes close to home. Andrew's roots in the area run deep, from his days at Holy Name to graduating from Villanova College just minutes from our office. Robert still calls King City home, continuing a tradition of being both a neighbour and a trusted advisor. This isn't just a market we serve; it's the place we live, raise families, and stay connected.

Summer in York Region is a season people look forward to: neighbourhood barbecues, weekend festivals, bike rides on the trails, and getaways to the cottage. It's also when homes and gardens show at their best. If you've been thinking about making a move this fall or later in the year, now is the time to start planning.

One of the ways we help is by offering complimentary home evaluations. While we're there, we'll take magazine-quality exterior photos so that, if and when you decide to sell, you'll have your home captured at



its seasonal peak. It's a simple step that can make a big difference when your listing goes live.

The fall market in York Region tends to bring motivated buyers, people who've been searching all summer and want to secure a home before the year ends. Inventory can be tight, and well-presented properties in desirable neighbourhoods often attract serious attention quickly. By starting the process now, you can be ready to take advantage of that momentum.

Our office at 1700 King Road, on the corner of King and Dufferin, is always open for a conversation. Clients stop by to ask questions, review their options, or just get an honest opinion. Whether you're buying your first home, upgrading, downsizing, or adding to your investment portfolio, our goal is the same: to help you make the right decision for your situation, with the right information at the right time.

We're proud to stand as both Engel & Völkers advisors and long-standing members of the King community. That combination allows us to offer something rare, the sophistication and global reach of an international brand, paired with the trust and

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WHAT MAKES A KING CITY PROPERTY A SMART INVESTMENT?

It's no secret—King City is one of the most desirable places to live in York Region. But beyond lifestyle, many homeowners and investors want to know: Is buying here still a smart investment?

The short answer? Yes—when you focus on the right property, in the right location, with the right strategy.

THE LAND FACTOR

In King City, the value is often in the land. Large lots, mature trees, and privacy are features that can't be reproduced in most newer subdivisions across the GTA. Even in a shifting market, well-located properties on generous parcels tend to hold their value and recover faster when conditions improve.

QUALITY AND CHARACTER

Many King City homes are custom-built, with quality craftsmanship that stands the test of time. Unlike cookie-cutter developments, these properties offer unique floor plans, high-end finishes, and architectural details that appeal to discerning buyers—both now and in the future.

LOCATION, LOCATION... AND LIFESTYLE

The town's combination of rural charm and urban convenience is a rare find. Top-rated schools, GO Train access, and proximity to major highways make King City a practical choice for commuters, while its trails, parks, and community events create a strong lifestyle appeal. Homes in areas that offer both accessibility and a sense of retreat are especially attractive to buyers.

RESILIENCE IN THE MARKET

Like everywhere, King City is not immune to economic cycles. Right now, higher inventory and a more cautious buyer pool mean sellers must be strategic. But historically, properties here have shown strong appreciation over time—particularly those that are move-in ready, updated, or have unique features like income potential, home offices, or multi-generational layouts.

SMART BUYING TIPS IN KING CITY

- Focus on neighbourhoods with proven sales history.
- Look for properties with flexible layouts to adapt to future needs.
- Consider long-term livability as much as short-term return.
- Work with a local realtor who understands micro-market trends street by street.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Buying in King City isn't just about owning a beautiful home—it's about investing in a lifestyle and a community that continues to attract buyers. With careful selection and expert guidance, your property here can be both a place to live well and a cornerstone of your long-term financial plan.

If you're thinking about buying—or want advice on making your King City property more appealing to today's buyers—our team is here to help with local insight and proven strategies.



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Luxury Home on Humber River **\$3,498,000**

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Custom Estate in Woodland Acres **\$3,798,000**

Set on 1 acre in prestigious Woodland Acres, this custom estate offers a grand foyer and a gourmet kitchen with Sub-Zero and Miele appliances. The lush backyard features an inground pool, cabana with full kitchen, and multi-level stone patios. A luxe primary suite with balcony and spa ensuite plus a walkout lower level with sauna make this home an entertainer's dream.

Stunning Philips Lake Retreat **\$4,900,000**

Overlooking Philips Lake, this gated Richmond Hill home offers a Muskoka-like setting with flagstone patios, garden paths, and sunset views. Inside, a gourmet kitchen opens to a sunlit dining area and cathedral sunroom, while the main-floor office features custom built-ins. The primary suite enjoys lake views, and the walkout lower level offers separate living quarters, wine cellar, and heated floors—perfect for year-round luxury living.

Elegant Multi-Level Family Home **\$1,640,000**

This elegant home offers hardwood floors, crown moulding, and an open-concept main floor with chef's kitchen, premium appliances, and rear-facing office. The primary suite features custom closets and a luxe ensuite, while two additional bedrooms share a stylish bath. A private lower-level suite with full kitchen, laundry, and separate entrance makes it perfect for multi-generational living or rental income.

Stylish Family Home in Barrie **\$988,000**

In a quiet, family-friendly area, this 2,026 sq ft home features hardwood floors, an open-concept layout, and a gourmet kitchen with backyard walkout. The primary suite offers two walk-in closets and a 5-piece ensuite. With \$36K in upgrades, a bright basement, and close access to parks, trails, golf, and Barrie's waterfront, it's a perfect mix of style and convenience.

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NEW PRICE **\$949,999**

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NEW PRICE **\$839,999**

Located in the POTL community of Kingsmere this 2115 sq ft total finished living space Bungalow has 5 bedroom 3 bath bungalow has a Primary bedroom suite and open concept kitchen, Family room, laundry and den on main floor. the Kingsmere pond with walking path and benches is a value added extra.

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Budget-friendly bathroom upgrades

(NC) Looking for inexpensive ways to bring your bathroom back to life? Here are seven tips from Donna Fraser, bath merchant at The Home Depot Canada, to make your bathroom feel new without breaking the bank.

DON'T RELOCATE

Running new pipes or moving existing ones can drive up your renovation cost. If possible, keep toilets, sinks and showers as close to their original locations as you can. If you must move something, sinks are generally the least expensive to reposition.

CHOOSE A SINGLE SPLURGE ITEM

If you plan to renovate around one stunning main focal point, you'll be able to get away with using lower-cost items elsewhere. If you want to make a statement with a mosaic floor tile, for example, use a more economical tile on the shower walls.

SWAP YOUR VANITY

Your cabinet is one of the main focal points of your bathroom. Replacing an older-looking model with a

modern one, like a fluted Gluckstein Elements vanity, is a great way to easily update the look of the room. You can also paint a past-its-prime vanity and add new pulls to bring new life to your bathroom.

USE CONTRASTING TILES

A wall – or floor – of inexpensive tile looks rich in two-tone contrasting or complementary shades. A warm-tone checkerboard floor is a bold look that's trendy right now. You could even make it counter height so it becomes a casual backsplash to accent a simple pedestal sink.

PACK A PUNCH WITH PAINT

Paint is an inexpensive way to add drama. Popular this season is “paint drenching” which gives your entire room a cohesive and monochromatic look

by painting the walls, ceiling and baseboards all the same colour. The technique has a sophisticated feel that gives low-cost, high-impact results – especially in a space like a small powder room.

LOOK FOR DEALS ON FAUCETS

You may love the look of nickel, but chrome offers a similarly modern accent at a much lower cost. Try not to focus on one specific brand either; provided you choose faucets in the same finish you can pick from different product lines and price points.

ACCESSORIZE

Stacking white towels is an economical way to get that boutique-hotel look, while pillar candles accented with a few fragrant soaps and fresh-cut flowers lend an air of tranquility without the spa price tag. Updating and upgrading low-cost items like towel bars, mirrors and the hardware on drawers and doors can breathe new life into an old bathroom, for a fraction of the cost of a full renovation.

Update your kitchen without a reno

(NC) When it comes to home improvement on a budget, the kitchen can feel like a non-starter. Appliances, flooring and countertops are all expensive to switch out, and the amount of work is basically a renovation. But take a second look—you have kitchen DIY options that won't break your back or your budget. Try wallet- and work-friendly updates to these areas:

CABINET COLOUR

Replacing your cabinets is pricey and messy. But you'll amaze yourself with how much personality a fresh coat of paint can add to your kitchen. Brighten up dark doors to create a bright, clean and airy feel. Take plain white cabinets and drawers, and paint on a layer of mahogany sophistication. Feeling bold? Paint with a bright accent colour like red or blue to really let that part of your kitchen pop. Switch out the hardware to a new metal and you'll end up with completely new cabinetry.

THE LIGHTING

The great thing about swapping your lighting setup is that it will enhance all your other DIY choices. Go with a central hanging light for a classic feel, or a set of track lights to put the spotlight exactly where you want it. Many kitchens have an unused light fixture in the ceiling, so you can even add a second set of lights without having to worry about rewiring or tearing into the ceiling.

YOUR FAUCET

DIY that makes an impact doesn't have to mean everything but the kitchen sink. A new faucet is easy to install, and it can make a surprising difference to the feel of your kitchen. Look for one that matches form with function: a pull-down faucet will let you more easily keep the sink pristine, and if it uses Delta's Touch2O, you can turn it on with a tap anywhere on the faucet and avoid messy handles during meal prep. A timeless design with a modern feel can fit into just about any kitchen.

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What to know before renewing your mortgage

(NC) Becoming a homeowner can be equal parts empowering and daunting. It comes with increased independence and the opportunity to build equity, as well as responsibility for the property and managing your mortgage.

Even though a mortgage might have a 25 or 30 year total term, you'll still need to make decisions on it periodically. That's because your contract lasts for a shorter term, that can range from a few months to five years, or longer, before it has to be renewed. Renewal is also an opportunity to review your mortgage needs and make sure you have the right product for you.

To help you find the right mortgage, consider if:

- Your budget has room for increasing your payments to pay off your mortgage sooner, which helps save on interest.
- You're likely to make additional payments.

- You're satisfied with the services offered by your current lender.

You don't have to renew your mortgage with the same lender. If you find an option that better suits your needs, you can switch. Start shopping around with various lenders and brokers a few months before the end of your term, to know what they offer. If you're considering switching, make sure you find out about any fees or costs that come with going elsewhere.

If you decide to keep your current lender, you may want to renegotiate a new interest rate. Tell them about any offers you've received from other financial institutions or mortgage brokers—your lender may ask for proof, so make sure you have the information on hand.

If interest rates are lower than they were at the start of your term, it could be a good opportunity to switch to a fixed rate. Locking in your payments at a lower rate can save you a lot of money in the long run.

Banks are required to offer products that are appropriate for you, so take the time to accurately describe your financial situation. Don't hesitate to ask questions, and make sure you understand the mortgage you want.

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada has more information, tools and resources to help you make informed financial decisions when it comes time to renew. Learn more at canada.ca/housing.

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RESALE HOMES COLLECTIONS



Multigenerational housing: share costs, responsibilities and time

(NC) The rising cost of housing and the responsibility of caring for children and aging parents are common challenges many of us are facing.

However, if saving money is one of the reasons you're sharing your home, you might be concerned about renovation costs.

There's good news – you may be able to use the Multigenerational home renovation tax credit to help make that home a reality. With this tax credit, you can claim up to \$50,000 in eligible renovation expenses and receive a refundable credit of up to 15 per cent of these expenses, up to \$7,500.

It's not just about changing a house; it's about creating a welcoming space to keep your loved ones near, so you can provide them with support they need if they're eligible for the disability tax credit or are 65 years or older.

This could mean having your kids visit their grandparents for a movie night without leaving the yard, having weekly family dinners or dropping off groceries for each other.

Learn more and find out if you would qualify at canada.ca/cra-mhrtc.

Some families are choosing to live as a multi-generational household to help provide some relief.

It's a way to share household costs and responsibilities with more family members. It's also a chance to bring your family closer.

When each generation has their own space – maybe it's a separate suite in your backyard, an apartment unit in your basement or a more private area in your house – it can make the situation even better.

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MARKET UPDATE – JULY 2025

AURORA

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

\$1,481,109

AVERAGE 41 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

47

201 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

95%

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

-9.63%

KING

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

\$2,166,063

AVERAGE 32 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

16

86 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

96%

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

-7.78%

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

We saw the most robust July market we have in a long time, after one of the historically slowest spring markets. Home sales are up, but so are active listings by 26.6%. Properties are taking about 13% longer to sell. Homes that are well appointed and competitively priced are still experiencing multiple offers — pricing is not typically going over list, but just resulting in fair market value. It is a great time for buyers to be moving up with pricing stabilized. We are expecting the market to stay status quo for the remainder of 2025. If you're considering buying or selling, connect with your Key Advantage advisors, who can help you navigate the market, make informed decisions, and position you for success in today's ever-changing conditions.

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RENOVATED 'SUPER SEMI' PLUS PROF FIN BASEMENT!



It's a 'Beauty' shows to perfection! Updated kit - baths - flooring and bsmt! 'Open Concept' plan! Hwd plank floors! Neutral modern decor! 'Open Concept' prof fin bsmt w/ rec room, games room, den or 4th bedroom and 3pc bath! Premium prof landscaped 140' deep lot too! 5 mins to hwy 404! Steps to schools, park and shopping.

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"GATED" PRIVACY! END SUITE! FIN BSMT! BACKS TO RAVINE!



Aurora's sought after exclusive gated community 'Stonebridge Estates'! Stone & Brick! 'Open Concept' plan! 9ft-22ft ceilings! Vaulted ceilings! Plank floors ground and second floor! 'Gourmet' centre island kitchen 'open' to entertaining sized dining & great room with custom fireplace all overlooking ravine! Professionally finished 'open concept' lower level and much more!

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RESALE HOMES COLLECTIONS

PROS AND CONS of a home equity line of credit



(NC) With the warm weather finally here, maybe you're considering installing a pool or doing those home renovations you've been dreaming about. Perhaps you want to get away and an RV or a cottage are at the top of your wish list.

A home equity line of credit (HELOC) is a quick and easy way to pay for such big expenses. But the long-term risks of HELOCs can outweigh their up-front benefits if you don't manage the loan well.

How do HELOCs work? HELOCs are secured by your home as a guarantee that you'll pay back the money you borrow. With a HELOC you can borrow money, pay it back and borrow it again up to a maximum credit limit. They use a variable interest rate, which means your payment amounts will change as the lender's prime interest rate goes up or down.

ADVANTAGES OF HELOCs:

- They offer easy access to credit.
- They have lower interest rates than other types of credit, especially unsecured loans and credit cards.
- You can pay back the money you borrow at any time without a penalty.
- You can borrow as much as you want, up to your available credit limit.

DISADVANTAGES OF HELOCs:

- It takes discipline to pay off a HELOC because you're usually only required to pay the monthly interest charges.

- Large amounts of available credit can make it easier to over-spend and carry debt for a long time.

- You will have to pay off your entire HELOC if you sell your home or want to switch your mortgage to another lender.

- The amount you owe on your HELOC reduces the equity in your home.

- Your bank could take possession of your home if you miss payments.

Before you take out a HELOC, make sure you consider the risks and have a repayment plan. If your lender is a federally regulated bank, they must offer and sell you products and services that are appropriate for you, based on your circumstances and financial needs. They must also tell you if they assess that a product or service isn't appropriate for you. Don't hesitate to ask questions and make sure you understand the product offered to you.

Find more information at canada.ca/money.

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22 CRAWFORD ROSE DRIVE, AURORA *NO REAR NEIGHBOURS*



Welcome to your next family retreat in one of Aurora's most desirable neighbourhoods! From the moment you arrive, you'll be drawn in by this warm and welcoming home. A charming front deck, perfect for your morning coffee or relaxing evenings, complements the double attached garage and lovely curb appeal. Step inside to a bright, open-concept living space featuring a stylish accent wall and seamless flow into the dining area, which overlooks the backyard and above-ground pool. Ideal for entertaining or casual family meals. The eat-in kitchen is both practical and stylish, complete with stainless steel appliances, a handy pantry, and direct access to a private side deck and back yard access. Upstairs, you'll find three generously sized bedrooms and a full 4-piece bath, offering plenty of space for the whole family. Out back, enjoy a spacious, entertainment-ready deck and your own above-ground pool, all set in a fully fenced yard with no rear neighbours for added privacy. The finished basement expands your living space with a cozy rec room perfect for movie nights, a 3-piece bath, a cold room, and ample storage. With 200-amp service, the home is ready for modern needs. Ideally located near top-rated schools, parks, shopping, restaurants, community centres, trails, and major highways. This is the perfect blend of comfort, style, and convenience. Move in and start making memories today! **\$1,038,000**

10 DONALDSON ROAD, HOLLAND LANDING *OVER 1/3 OF AN ACRE*



Craving an escape from the hustle and bustle of city life? Welcome to this beautifully renovated sidesplit tucked away in the hidden gem of Holland Landing. A perfect blend of comfort, space, and modern family living. Step through the elegant double-door entry into a spacious foyer that opens into a bright, open-concept living and dining area, ideal for both relaxed family time and effortless entertaining. At the heart of the home is the stunning brand-new kitchen, complete with a large centre island, sleek new appliances, pot lights, a walkout to a brand-new deck and expansive backyard. Upstairs, you'll find three generous bedrooms, including a private primary retreat with its own 3-piece ensuite. The lower level features a warm and cozy family room with large above-grade windows and a wood-burning fireplace, perfect for movie nights or quiet evenings. Two additional bedrooms on this level provide versatility for guests, teens, or a dedicated home office. An unfinished basement offers even more potential, ideal for a gym, games room, or a future in-law suite. Additional highlights include two laundry areas, newer windows throughout, ample storage, new front porch and a rare triple car garage with direct walk-up access from the basement. Set on an oversized 98 x 182 lot (widening to over 111 at the back), the outdoor space is just as impressive. A pool-sized yard, garden shed, treehouse, and new deck offer plenty of room for fun, relaxation, and future dreams. Located in a peaceful, family-friendly community with quick access to schools, parks, shops, marinas, and highways, this home offers the best of both worlds of peaceful suburban living just far enough from the city. **\$1,378,000**

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INNISFIL BUNGALOW



Beautiful 3 + 1 bedroom bungalow w/ dbl garage boasts hardwood flrs, 12x36" matte tile, new white chef's kitchen with quartz counter, subway tile backsplash & gas stove walks out to new deck w/ pergola. Open concept great rm w/ gas frpl, gorgeous renovated baths, finished bsmt features rec rm, billiards, 4th bdrm, bath & workshop. **\$988,000**

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The Great Canadian Square Foot Heist

(And How to Steal It Back – Legally)



By **Julien Laurion**
Real Estate

In Canada’s wild world of property ownership, square footage is like gold dust. Everyone wants more, everyone thinks they have more, and some sellers... well, they get a little creative in their measuring tape adventures.

YOU'D BE AMAZED at the things I've seen: closets magically declared as “bedrooms,” balconies advertised as “additional living space,” and basements “finished” with nothing but a treadmill and a dream. I've even toured homes where the so-called “open concept living area” was just one giant hallway. This isn't just optimism — it's the great Canadian square foot heist, and buyers are the unwitting victims.

Here's the problem: every “missing” square foot can cost you thousands. The bigger the space, the higher the price tag — and when those inches don't add up, it's your wallet that gets pickpocketed. If you bought a condo thinking it was 700 square feet and it turns out to be 642, you've essentially paid for a ghost wing of your home that doesn't exist.

That's where my double life comes in. By day, I'm a realtor — I know the games, the glossy MLS photos, and the art of real estate wordsmithing. By... also day (and sometimes late night), I'm a contractor who's measured, re-measured, and then re-measured again — because tape measures don't lie (unless they're in the wrong hands). I can spot fake space faster than you can say “open concept.”

I've had clients call me after viewing a “spacious 1,200-square-foot bungalow” only for me to walk through and realize the dimensions were more fairy tale than fact. Sometimes it's an honest mistake — maybe the seller included the garage, attic, or that triangular crawl space you can only access by army-crawling. Other times, well... let's just say creative math was involved.

THE LEGAL STEAL-BACK PLAN

If you're selling, I make sure your home's space is show-cased properly — no fluff, no fibbing, just the kind of presentation that actually earns top dollar. Overstating square footage can backfire big time when appraisals come in, and I'd rather your deal close smoothly than have it collapse over a few missing inches.

If you're buying, I'm the guy who walks in, squints at that “700-square-foot condo,” and says, “Nice... but this is 642.” And when the numbers shrink, so

does the price you pay. I've saved buyers tens of thousands simply by checking measurements — and no, the listing agent doesn't usually send me a thank-you card.

And if your home is smaller than you'd hoped? That's when my contractor side kicks in. I'll help you steal back square footage from dead space:

- Knocking out unnecessary walls to open up living areas.
- Turning wasted hallway zones into built-in storage.
- Converting unfinished attics or basements into livable rooms.
- Designing custom layouts so every inch works overtime.

It's not about adding fake space — it's about creating real, livable, valuable square footage that pays you back in comfort and resale value.

REAL-LIFE HEIST BUSTS

I once had a client who bought a “four-bedroom” home. When I saw it, two of those “bedrooms” were legally... well, not bedrooms at all. One had no closet, the other had a window the size of a shoebox — neither met building code. We reworked the floor plan, added proper egress, and created actual bedrooms. The value jumped overnight.

Another time, a seller thought the “three-season sunroom” counted as part of the interior space. Spoiler: it doesn't. We didn't just correct the measurements — we insulated it, ran proper HVAC, and turned it into a four-season room. That small

change added true square footage and gave the next owner a warm, bright space year-round.

DON'T GET MEASURED OUT

Before you let someone “sell” you a balcony as a bedroom, call me. I'm Julien Laurion — realtor, contractor, and professional square foot bounty hunter. I'll protect your purchase, protect your price, and, if needed, help you make your home bigger without touching your lot lines.

Your square footage is worth fighting for — and I'm ready for the heist.

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Call me before you buy or sell — I'll protect your square feet like they're my own.

If you'd like, I can now drop this into a formatted Word doc so it's newspaper-ready. This expanded draft is sitting right around 650 words. Would you like me to create that file?

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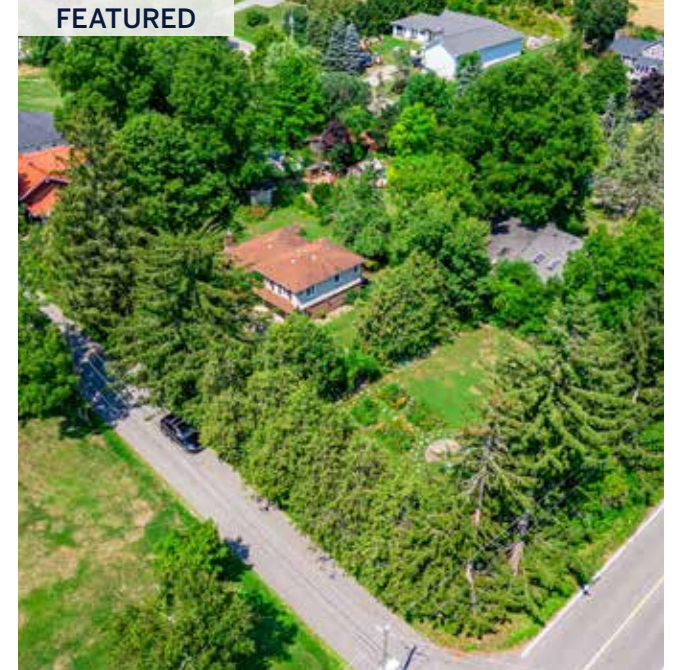
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