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New service hours are Monday to Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sundays/holidays, 8

a.m. to 8 p.m.

Trips may occur anytime during service hours. Request the next available trip or pre-book a pick-up or drop-off anywhere from 45 minutes to one day in advance. For pre-bookings, your trip will be scheduled with a 15-minute pick-up window.

Book a ride through the YRT On-Request App available for free in the App Store or Google Play OR by calling 1-888-762-2950. Regular YRT fares apply. All YRT fare media will be accepted including PRESTO, PRESTO mobile wallet, credit, debit or exact change. Trips are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Frequency and service improvements will be made on several YRT routes. Learn which routes and how to plan ahead at yrt.ca/ServiceChanges.

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Monday, September 08
 2:30 p.m. – Special Council Meeting
 Closed Session

Monday, September 08
 6 p.m. – Public Planning Meeting

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, September 04
 6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee

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Tuesday, September 09
 11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Recent Planning & Heritage Notices

- **Notice of Intention to Pass an Amending By-law September 15, 2025 to Remove Holding (H) Symbol Re:** 13131 Keele Street, King City, ON (File No. Z-2025-15)

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King Township to enforce fireworks bylaw over Labour Day weekend

King Township will enforce its fireworks bylaw over the Labour Day Holiday long weekend to ensure the safety of residents, properties and livestock. A reminder that fireworks can only be set off on Canada Day, the Victoria Day holiday and the third day of the Diwali Festival.

To report a complaint or concern, contact Bylaw Services directly at 905-833-5321 or by email at by-law@king.ca.



Learn more at king.ca/fireworks

Traffic Disruption Notice Main Street and Area Road Closures, Schomberg

Please be advised that a scheduled temporary road closure will affect portions of Main Street and Church Street, along with additional partial closures on surrounding roads in the Village of Schomberg for the following event:

2nd Annual Schomberg Mug Run & Beer Fest
 Saturday, September 13th 2025
 Between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The run is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. and the proposed roads will be closed/occupied no later than 4:30 p.m.

Main Street will be closed from Western Avenue to Moore Park Drive. Church Street will be closed from Western Avenue to Main Street.

Partial road closures will take place on Moore Park Drive, Roselena Drive, and Western Avenue.

On behalf of the Township of King, we thank you for your patience and understanding.

For more information about the Schomberg Mug Run and Beer Fest, visit schombergmugrun.com.

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

Dated at the Township of King, August 20, 2025.

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Residents, businesses, and landowners are invited to help shape King Township's long-term vision for future growth. Attend one of three interactive Public Open Houses offering themed stations on housing, complete communities, climate change and energy, economic development and more. Explore preliminary policy directions, ask questions, and share feedback. Receive a King Passport to collect stamps at each station and enter a prize draw.

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- Saturday: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Sunday/Holiday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Book your ride during service hours or schedule in advance (up to one day ahead) through the YRT On-Request app OR by calling 1-888-762-2950.

For more information, visit yrt.ca/ServiceChanges.



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King Township is putting the brakes on unsafe driving during its Safe Streets Start Here traffic safety campaign, running throughout September to align with the start of the school year when there is an increased need for safety on busier roads and sidewalks.

The annual initiative supports Complete Communities, a priority area of King Township's Corporate Strategic Plan, with the objective to enrich community well-being and make King the ideal place to live, work and play.

Information on community safety concerns such as speeding, pedestrian awareness, bike safety, impaired and distracted driving can be found on the Township's website at king.ca/SafeStreets. There are also many ways for the community to actively participate in the campaign to help spread key mes-

sages around road safety awareness, including:

Lawn signs – Pick-up a free Safe Streets Start Here lawn sign to install on your property throughout September, which will serve as a visual reminder to drive, walk and bike safely through local neighbourhoods. Signs are available at the King Township Municipal Centre, all three library branches in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg and the Trisan Centre in Schomberg, while quantities last.

Sticker design contest (Sept. 2 to 12) – Children and youth up to 15 years old are invited to enter a Safe Streets Start Here sticker design contest. Designs will be judged on creativity, originality and how well they represent the general topic of street safety. Age categories include five and under, six to 11 years

old and 12 to 15 years old.

To enter the sticker design contest, download the sticker design template at king.ca/SafeStreets. Email your completed entrance sheet in pdf or picture format to communications@king.ca by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12. Please include contact information (first name, last name and address) in the email.

A panel of judges from the Township will select the top finalists from each age category. The three finalists' designs will be posted on King Township's Instagram channel for community voting – one winner in each age category. Winners will receive a King Township prize pack, a limited print run of their sticker design, and the artistic satisfaction of seeing their design used in the 2026 Safe Streets Start Here campaign. Finalists will be announced on social media the week of September 22.

and 50 per cent of vehicle collisions with pedestrians or cyclists are caused by drivers failing to yield. With the rise in usage of motorized bicycles and scooters, it's important that motorists and cyclists share the road, obey all laws and ensure they are equipped with the right safety equipment.

Drop by Zancor Centre in King City on Saturday, Sept. 20 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn from York Regional Police about the proper use of e-bikes and e-scooters, including age requirements and helmet safety.

"King's annual traffic safety campaign is a reminder that keeping the Township's roads safe, especially as our children return to school, is a community effort. I encourage everyone to slow down and practice safe driving, walking and biking as families return to routine in September. You can also install a Safe Streets Start Here lawn sign on your property, encouraging your children to enter the sticker design contest or attend a session on bike and scooter safety," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

e-Bike and e-Scooter Safety Session

Every year 50,000 children are seriously injured in bike-related incidents

YRT On-Request 65+ service

From Front Page

This on-request service is offered throughout York Region for seniors (65+) and uses smaller vehicles like sedans, minivans, and small buses.

Tips for using the on-request service: Call 1-888-762-2950 on the day you are looking to travel.

Inform your Trip Reservationist if you will be bringing a mobility device, such as a walker or wheelchair.

Your trip must be completed within the service hours (weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

A YRT-marked vehicle will pick you up and take you directly to your se-

lected location. Drivers will escort you door-to-door.

Trips must be within 5 km of your starting point (e.g. home).

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For more information, visit yrt.ca.



MPP Lecce recognizes King City resident as Ontario Senior of the Year

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, was joined by Mayor Pellegrini to congratulate Rosemary Bellefontaine for receiving the Ontario Senior of the Year Award. Rosemary was nominated by the Township of King for the award to recognize her unwavering commitment to volunteering in the community, including at the King City Seniors' Center, Hope House Community Hospice and All Saints Anglican Church. Rosemary is also this year's recipient of the King Senior Citizen Award of Merit.

"It was a great honour to recognize King City's very own Rosemary Bellefontaine for receiving the Ontario Senior of the Year Award," said Lecce. "Rosemary embodies the many values and qualities that comprise a true public servant — someone humble, selfless and devoted to improving the lives of those around her. Rosemary represents the very best of our community and country — and I thank her for her continued hard work and dedication to others around her."

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Undetectable wonders are passing us by

We humans live in a strange paradox — the majority of reality is hidden from us.

Astronomers estimate that about 95% of the universe is made up of mysterious dark matter and dark energy, invisible to the naked eye and detectable only through advanced science.

But the unseen isn't just "out there" in space — it's all around us.

Our senses are tuned to a very small slice of reality: a narrow spectrum of light and a limited range of sounds. Beyond our limits exist ultraviolet rays, radio waves, infrasound, and countless other signals shaping the world in ways we can't detect or notice.

We can only see a small portion of radiation — the portion we call visible light. Cone-shaped cells in our eyes act as receivers tuned to the wavelengths in this narrow band of the spectrum.

Visible wavelengths range from 740 nm for red light and through orange, yellow, green and blue to 380 nm for violet light. But given our limitations, there are countless more combinations of colours, making the typical "rainbow" pale in comparison.

For many creatures, the world is filled with a whole range of colors that we are completely unaware of. One has to wonder why we "supreme beings" have been shortchanged in this area. We're flying blind atop the food chain.

Sure I can use a keyboard and drive a car, but I'd also love to see a dozen more colours — the big, beautiful, panoramic picture. I feel cheated.

It all leaves us with an incomplete understanding of the true beauty of the world around us.

I admire some of my fellow creatures, big and small, who can enjoy the world as it is.

The small but mighty mantis shrimp boasts extraordinary vision. Its eyes contain 16 types of photoreceptors, compared to our three. This allows the mantis shrimp to see ultraviolet light and detect polarized light. Imagine a world where colors are not just more vivid, but entirely different from our perception. This small marine creature



Mark Pavilons

perceives the ocean in a way we can't fathom.

Butterflies are beautiful pollinators and they, too, boast amazing vision. Their compound eyes encompass a wide field of view, and they can see ultraviolet patterns on flowers, invisible to humans. These patterns guide them to nectar, ensuring their survival. The ability to perceive ultraviolet light also aids in identifying mates and avoiding predators.

Unlike human eyes, butterfly eyes can detect polarized light, which enhances their navigational skills during migration. This multi-faceted vision is an adaptation honed over millions of years, making butterflies adept at thriving in their vibrant environment.

Pit vipers have a deadly advantage with their thermal vision. Equipped with specialized organs between their eyes and nostrils, they detect infrared radiation from warm-blooded prey. This adaptation allows them to hunt effectively, even in complete darkness. The pit organs function like a thermal imaging camera, enabling these snakes to strike with precision.

Talk about the ultimate predator!

That's a distinct advantage.

Horses possess panoramic vision that allows them to see almost everything around them without turning their heads. With eyes positioned on the sides of their heads, they have a nearly 360-degree field of view. This gives them excellent night vision and also helps detect predators.

Sharks are the oceans' apex predators, due in part to their keen vision. Their eyes are adapted to the deep, murky, dark waters. With a high concentration of rod cells, sharks excel in low-light conditions. Their eyes reflect light, enhancing their night vision. Sharks can also detect electromagnetic fields, another advantage in the deep.

There are many examples of seemingly advanced powers in nature:

Geckos can discern colors even in moonlight. Pigeons can also detect magnetic fields, a skill that complements their visual navigation. Goldfish can see infrared light, a trait that's surprisingly rare among fish. In murky waters, this vision helps them navigate and find food.

It's like having an underwater night vision.

With nearly 30,000 lenses in their compound eyes, dragonflies have an incredible field of view and can detect even the slightest movements.

So I get why some creatures, perhaps the most vulnerable, have such an edge.

But it seems wasted on these tiny beings.

When compared to humans, the only evolutionary traits we've been granted are a opposable thumbs, bigger brain and language skills.

I don't see that as a huge advantage, particularly in the wild. How our early ancestors survived is beyond me.

We can hug a tree, even climb it, but we can't blend into it. The octopus can change the colour and texture of its skin to camouflage itself.

We can use our noggins to build a lean-to or cabin, but can't see our food sources at night.

We can spin tales, laugh and tell lies, but I don't see how those help in our survival.

We can sing, some of us quite well in fact. And animals seem to love it when you sing to them. But as an advantage?

Of course, we get around our deficiencies by building devices and contraptions so we can see, navigate and identify everything around us. We can even predict future weather events.

I wonder if opening up the spectrum of light would improve our species.

In the very least, it would give much more to write and sing about!

It would really make my colourful Hawaiian shirts pop a little more in the summer.

If I could, I would love to see through a butterfly's eyes.

Newspaper readership

News Media research finds print readership strong

News Media Canada has measured newspaper readership across different platforms (print, computer, tablet, phone) and by time of day since 2012.

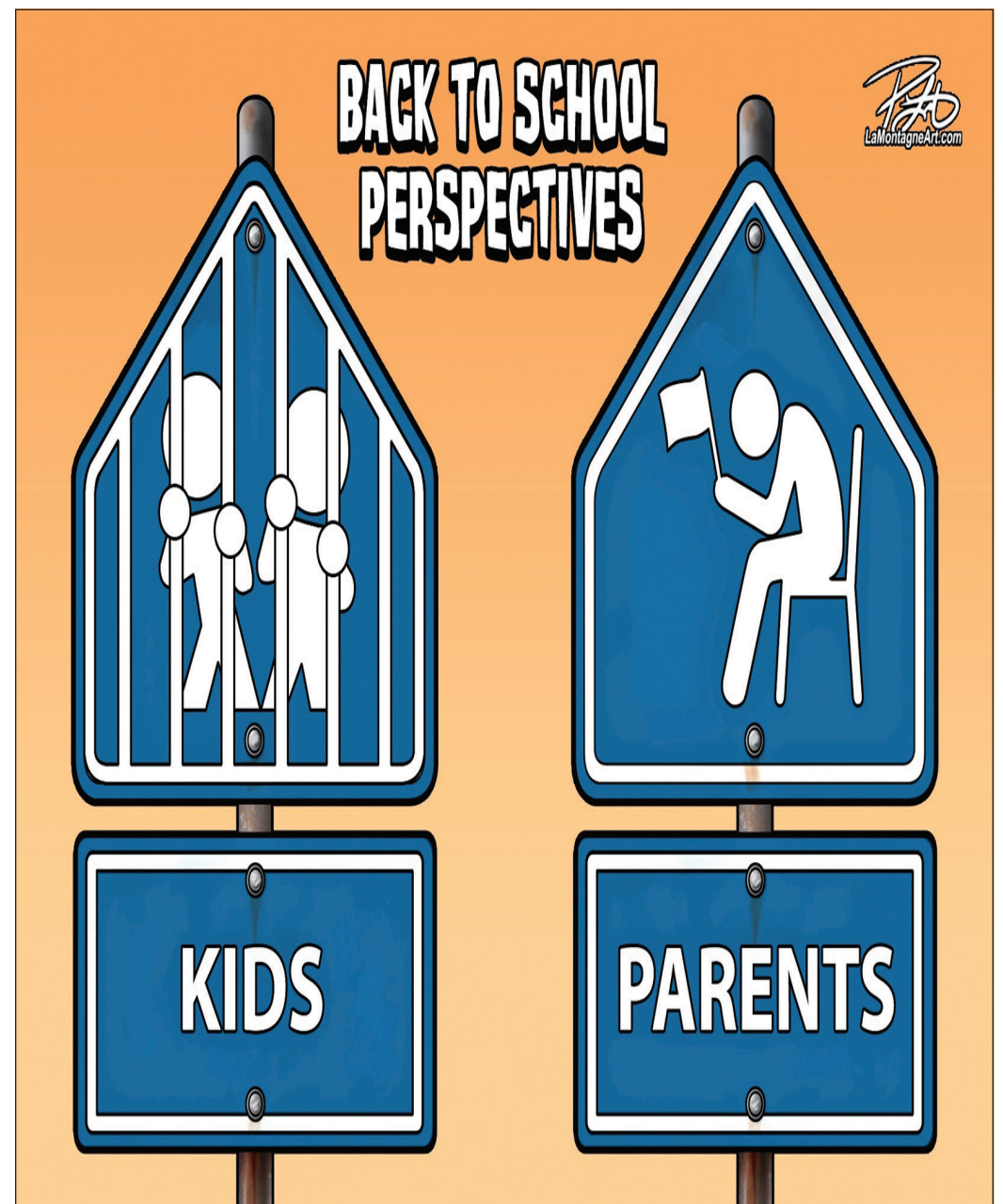
New research conducted in December 2024/January 2025 confirms the continued strength of newspaper readership in traditional and online formats.

Four out of five people in Canada (86%) read newspaper content each week and trust the content they read, regardless of format. Digital access has driven readership and provided new ways to access news. The study has evolved to examine readership by format through an advertising lens.

Newspaper readership is truly multi-platform with more than a quarter (26%) of dedicated Canadians choosing to read in ALL traditional and online formats. Multiplatform access to news demonstrates that readers are regularly interacting with their newspaper across formats.

Younger generations are powering a shift in consumption habits, through alternate ways of accessing news content like e-editions and news podcasts. Surprisingly, given their digital-native status, more than two-thirds (68%) of Gen Z adults read traditional format newspapers.

This is the 12th Newspapers 24/7 study released since 2012. The 2025 study was conducted across all provinces, in English and French and consists of 2,418 online interviews.



Quote of the Week

"Let me, O let me bathe my soul in colours; let me swallow the sunset and drink the rainbow."

— Khalil Gibran

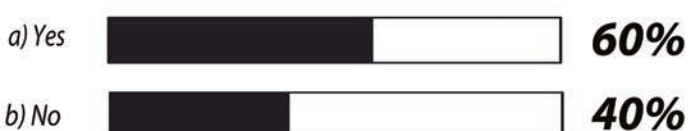
Trivia Tidbits

Toronto's St. Lawrence Market was originally built in 1845.

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Results from last week's poll:

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



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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you anxious about the start of the new school year?

- a) Yes
- b) No

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From 'salad bowl' to Christmas trees: board tour highlights agriculture

By Greg Dietrich
Director, Ontario
Federation of Agriculture

Agriculture

Once a year, the 18 farmers who make up the board of directors of Ontario's largest general farm organization have a chance to spend a day learning about agriculture in a specific region of the province.

It's part of an annual tradition for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) to visit farms and agri-businesses and this year, it was the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture who welcomed us to their area.

We grow, raise and produce more than 200 food and farm products in Ontario, which right away tells us that our province's agriculture sector is very diverse. But until you see and experience see that diversity firsthand, it can be hard to appreciate ex-

actly what that means.

I farm with my family near Mildmay and joined the OFA board as the director representing farmers in Grey and Bruce counties earlier this year. The board tour gives directors a chance to learn about agriculture that may look very different from what we see at home.

For me, coming from crop and livestock rich Grey-Bruce, that meant everything from large-scale fruit and vegetable production in the Holland Marsh to a Christmas tree farm running on 15-year cycles from planting to harvest.

Our first stop was the Holland Marsh, often called Ontario's Salad Bowl. It was an incredible chance to see the unique production and irrigation systems that make this area such

an agricultural powerhouse.

What stood out is the region's water management system. Growers here must work closely with local authorities to balance growing food with protecting the marsh's unique ecosystem. It really underscored the challenges and responsibilities that come with farming in such an environmentally sensitive area – and also how critical irrigation and transportation infrastructure is to being able to grow fresh produce and get it to market quickly.

Our tour also included a stop at a family farm producing fresh fruit and vegetable crops like strawberries and blueberries. With Barrie and other urban centres nearby, land use planning and urban encroachment are a constant part of the pressures farmers face as municipalities look for ways to encourage industrial, commercial and housing growth.

This stop also highlighted the valuable role temporary foreign workers play on Ontario's fruit and vegetable farms – and how integrated they are right across our entire agriculture sector as an important part of our industry.

Our final stop was a large Christmas tree farm. I've never thought about what it means to manage a crop with a 15-year production cycle, how challenging it is to forecast supply and demand that far out, and the long-term impact weather damage can have on a farm business.

This kind of farming requires a

completely different perspective than most industries are used to and it was a powerful example of the long-term planning and risk management that farmers in every sector are familiar with, each in their own way.

Seeing and experiencing the diversity of Ontario agriculture is invaluable, especially for those of us who have been elected by our peers to represent Ontario farmers – and make policy and advocacy decisions that will affect the entire sector all around the province.

Around the board table, we often talk about challenges like land use planning, labour shortages, risk management and more but you gain a different level of understanding when you've stood in the fields, met the farmers, and seen the issues firsthand.

These tours also give local county federations a chance to showcase their successes and highlight emerging concerns. That way, when issues come to the OFA board for discussion or decision-making, we have a real-world context to draw from.

And on a personal level, spending time together outside the boardroom helps us as directors get to know each other better, build stronger dynamics, and broaden our perspectives. It's a once-a-year opportunity to see the incredible diversity, complexity and resilience of Ontario agriculture up close – an invaluable opportunity even for those of us who are part of the sector every day.

Grocery prices rise across Canada – beef up almost 13%

Grocery prices are up across Canada and a new study shows which provinces are feeling it the most at the checkout.

The analysis, from money experts Dollarwise, analyzed data from Statistics Canada's Consumer Price Index (CPI) reports for May 2025. The analysis compared year-over-year price changes (May 2024 to May 2025) for food products across all Canadian provinces.

Food prices across Canada went up 3.4% between May 2024 and May 2025, data from the Consumer Price Index reveals, meaning Canadian families must dig deeper for their weekly grocery shop.

The top five provinces with the greatest increase in food prices include New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario, Saskatchewan and P.E.I.

"Many Canadian families already struggle to make ends meet, and these food price hikes make things worse," says Jack Prenter, CEO of Dollarwise. "What's particularly troubling is beef, with some provinces now paying nearly a quarter more than they did last year."

The figures show which items hurt shoppers most. Fresh or frozen beef led nationwide increases at 12.7% (+\$2.12kg ground beef) in 12 months. Oranges cost 15.8% (+\$0.88) more across Canada.

"Beef prices have risen so dramatically it's truly alarming," says Prenter. "Depending on which province you live in, you're paying between 6% and 24% more for this protein source than you did a year ago."

Looking at April to May 2025 shows more price shocks. Potato prices rose 9.6% (+\$0.2kg) in just four weeks. The one bright spot was for fruit and veg, tomato prices dropped 9.7% (-\$0.17kg) and cucumber prices fell 10.1% (-\$0.05) during this period.

Monthly data shows wild price fluctuations for certain foods. Grape prices jumped 21.4% (+\$2.19) from April to May 2025. Berry prices went in the opposite direction, falling 8.6% in the same timeframe.

The worst category increases hit coffee drinkers, with roasted or ground coffee up 20% (+\$0.72) nationwide. Beef eaters felt similar pain, especially those buying ground beef, which rose 16.3% across Canada.

"Not all food categories face the same increases," Prenter adds. "Families should look at shifting their shopping habits toward items with more stable prices to better manage their food budgets."

For more, visit <https://dollarwise.ca>

Open air burn ban lifted for King Township

King Fire and Emergency Services has lifted the open air burn ban put into effect on July 30 on all outdoor fires.

Residents can safely resume recreational burning and apply for an open air burn permit as usual.

Having an outdoor fire in the Township may require a permit as per the Open Air Burning By-Law 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 available by calling King Fire and Emergency Services at 905-833-2800 or by email to king@fire.ca.

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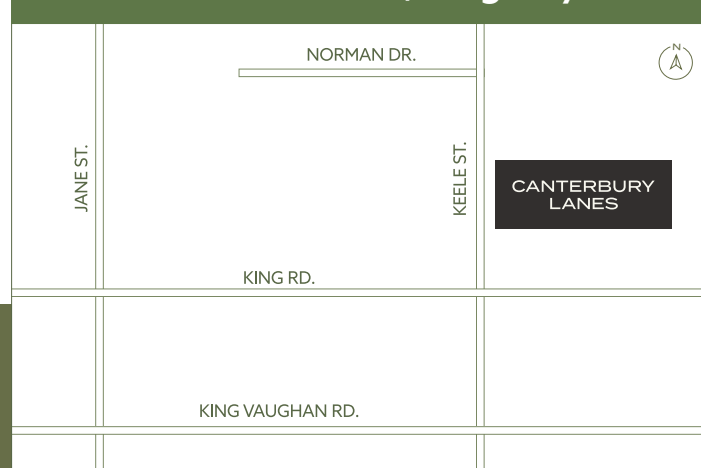
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This economic story doesn't end well: Let's change it!

By David Suzuki

The Environment

The natural world is foundational to every aspect of our lives. We all need food, air and water. But nature is not our sole underpinning; stories are also foundational. Without them, we wouldn't be able to make sense of the world or create meaning within it.

Nature sustains human economies. More broadly speaking, economies are built on commonly held stories through which we agree on the means to exchange goods and services and ascribe value to products and labour. Economics is a societal story as are the narratives that propel it.

These narratives can infuse us with longing, contentment or fear (among other emotions). The ones that capitalize on longing or fear are often spun by those with something to gain from their proliferation — those in power seeking to justify their actions, or people selling things.

A successful narrative fuelling policy-making today is that environmental safeguards delay development and hinder extractive activities and are thus obstacles to “progress.”

Examples abound. They include passage of British Columbia's Bill 15, the Infrastructure Projects Act, under which ventures “in the provincial interest” (such as mines and fracked gas activities) can be fast-tracked. Similarly, Bill C5, the federal Building Canada Act, enables expediting infrastructure deemed to be in the “national interest.” The recently passed Bill 5, the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, discards the Endangered Species Act while granting unfettered power to Ontario's premier, cabinet and, by proxy, their “trusted proponents” to disregard environmental and other regulatory measures in yet-to-be-determined “special economic zones” — including the Ring of Fire, an area of mineral deposits in northern Ontario on First Nations' traditional territories.

These pieces of legislation imply that upholding Indigenous rights also impedes economic progress, as each was designed with the potential to bypass standard processes for consultation, and none embeds Canada's interna-

tional commitment to obtain free, prior and informed consent from Indigenous nations before approving development.

Politicians advancing these acts have adorned them with imagery of Canadian prosperity, strength and sovereignty in the face of economic uncertainty unleashed by the U.S. administration.

Economic instability provides fertile ground in which fear-based narratives can take hold. The floundering economy in Germany fomented Nazism, the story that subversives and radicals were responsible for the country's economic problems fuelled the military junta in Argentina, and Trump came to power in the U.S. after spinning tales of rigged systems and immigrants stealing jobs.

In Canada, the narrative that environmental protections should be ditched to fast-track resource extraction has been so successful that Ontario and Alberta's premiers wrote to the prime minister demanding that, to “counter the impacts of the United States trade policy,” remaining federal environmental protection measures should be repealed — including the Impact Assessment Act, Clean Electricity Regulations, Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act and Species at Risk Act. They even had the gall to demand that the federal government “refrain from reintroducing” an act “respecting water, source water, drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nation lands.”

Indigenous land and rights defenders have been among the most vocal opponents of these deregulation ini-

tiatives. In Ontario, nine First Nations issued a legal challenge to strike down Ontario's Bill 5 and the federal Bill C5, arguing that, “delay results from Crown choices and unwieldy bureaucracies, not from First Nations,” and asserting that, “Making changes now in some effort to ‘streamline’ (or ram through) projects, cannot be at the cost of First Nations, their rights, the Constitution and reconciliation.”

We often buy into mainstream narratives without realizing it. Many people simply accept the story that regulations to protect the environment are an unnecessary hindrance, despite evidence that Canada's existing safeguards have been insufficient to halt or reverse biodiversity loss.

No one can force us to accept the stories spun by others. We are free to articulate stories of our own that counter those prioritizing short-term economic gains from resource extraction over long-term planning for a healthy future. Many of us share stories of Canada wherein Indigenous rights and responsibilities are upheld, and the knowledge that we can't have healthy economies without healthy ecosystems to support them is recognized. These stories don't merely reflect back a different reality; they help to shape a different future.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Boreal Project Manager Rachel Plotkin. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.



Apiary tour draws residents

There was a “fantastic group” out to the last Apiary tour of the season today. Many bee questions were answered and the queen also made her appearance. The event, held at Cold Creek Conservation Area, was led by Andre Flys of Pioneer Brand Honey.

Helping families navigate back-to-school anxiety

As September approaches, many children experience a mix of excitement and nervousness about returning to school — and that's perfectly normal.

Whether it's the uncertainty of a new classroom or teacher, adjusting to changes in routines or friendships, or switching schools altogether, back-to-school anxiety is a common and natural response for kids of all ages.

To help families ease the transition, Mackenzie Health is sharing practical advice to help kids build confidence and reduce stress.

“It's natural for children to feel uneasy about going back to school. What matters most is that they feel seen, heard and loved,” says Angela Pai, social worker and team lead at Mackenzie Health's Shaw Clinic Child and Family Services Clinic. “When family members take time to listen, validate those feelings and prepare together, it helps children feel safe and supported.”

Heather Hunter, manager of Mental Health Outpatient Services at Mackenzie Health, adds: “Children are incredibly resilient. With the right help, kids can move through those nerves and start the school year feeling confident and ready to thrive.”

Five expert tips for a smooth transition

1. Recognize the signs: Seeking constant reassurance, refusing to go to school or increased complaints of physical aches and pains can all be signs of back-to-school anxiety. These changes often signal a child's need for support.
2. Listen and validate: Let your child know it's okay to feel nervous. Encourage open conversations and help them find their own answers to build confidence.
3. Practice routines early: Ease the transition by starting school wake-up times, packing bags and even doing a walk or drive to school in the days lead-

ing up to the first day.

4. Encourage independence: Use checklists to help kids take ownership of their routines and build life skills. Whether it's packing lunch, organizing homework or getting out the door on time, these small steps empower kids and reduce last-minute stress.

5. Know when to get help: If your child's anxiety begins to interfere with sleep, eating habits or daily activities, speak with your family doctor or a mental health professional.

Back-to-school season is a time of growth, learning and new beginnings, but it's also okay if it comes with a few nerves. By recognizing the signs of anxiety, preparing together and knowing when to seek extra support, families can help children feel confident as they step into the school year.

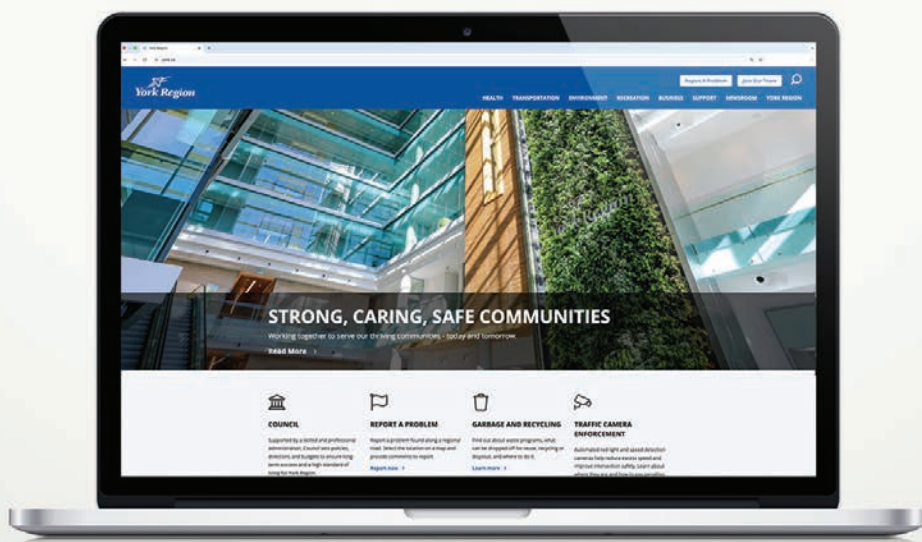
Mackenzie Health is a dynamic regional health care provider. Mackenzie Health includes Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, each with a full-service emergency department, core services such as surgery, medicine, critical care and medical imaging along with specialized programs. Its community-based locations and services continue to provide additional support to western York Region. In December 2023, the organization maintained its Accreditation with Exemplary Standing from Accreditation Canada for its commitment to safety and quality patient care. This is the highest rating a Canadian health care provider can receive. Guided by a vision to create a world-class health experience, Mackenzie Health has an unrelenting focus on the patient and is dedicated to patient needs now and in the future.

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THURS 28TH	FRI 29TH	SAT 30TH	SUN 31ST	MON 1ST	TUES 2ND	WED 3RD
Rain High 19C° Low 9C° ~10mm	Mainly Sunny High 17C° Low 8C°	Sun/Clouds High 20C° Low 10C°	Mainly Sunny High 24C° Low 12C°	Mainly Sunny High 25C° Low 14C°	Mainly Sunny High 26C° Low 15C°	Light Rain High 25C° Low 16C° ~5mm
Wind SW 20k	Wind NW 19k	Wind NW 15k	Wind NW 10k	Wind SE 5k	Wind SE 13k	Wind S 20k



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Harvest encourages residents to connect with nature

The Schomberg Community Farm celebrated the Harvest, a magical day of connecting community and nature.

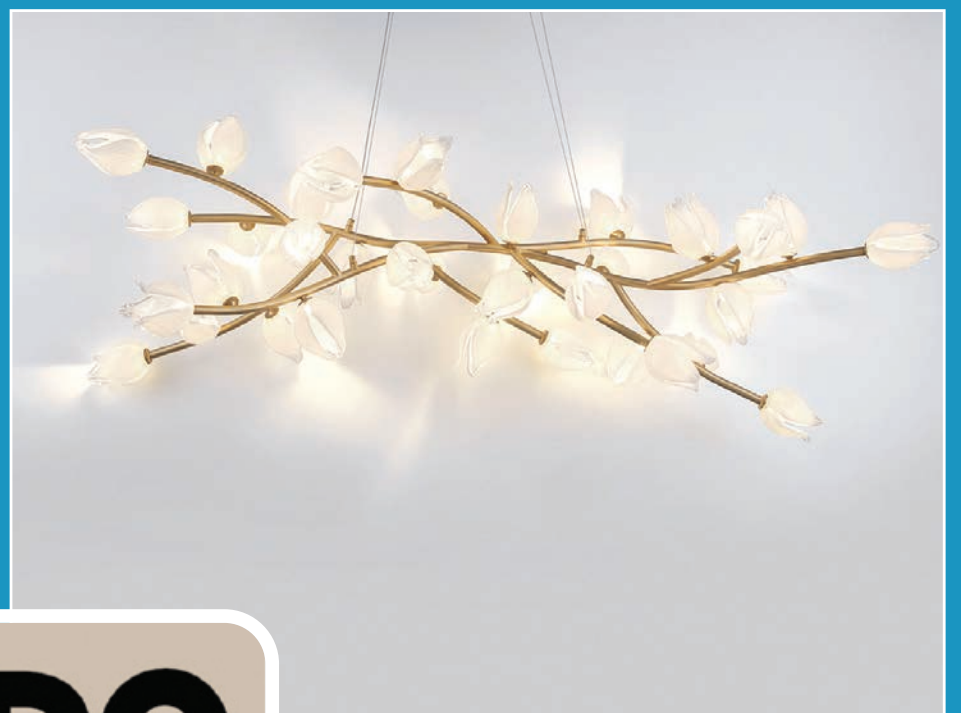
Receiving a grant from King Township helped them to have a free ticketed event with demonstrations on tomato sauce making, dehydration and bee-keeping, tours of the gardens, games to play and prizes to win. Free pasta lunch, using the tomato sauce heated over the fire, with salad and dessert.

Many were drooling long before, with the aromas filling the air.

There was also a special recognition to Angelo Santorelli for his valuable contributions over the years, and especially recently in helping to save the barn from demolition. A poem was written and read on his behalf.

The committee and helpers got so many positive comments, it was a very special day and enjoyed by all that attended.

"I have visualized a long table meal at The Farm for sometime. Today was the day," said one of founders, Cheryl Fisher.



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King staff, reps were engaged at AMO conference

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

Local officials had a chance to engage and share ideas at the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa last week.

King Township staff joined councillors David Boyd and Jennifer Anstey at the informative event.

King Township had a productive experience at the 2025 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference. The event provided valuable opportunities to engage with municipal colleagues, fostering discussions around shared priorities and potential areas for collaboration.

King Township's leadership in advocating for enhanced municipal tools to address illegal land uses was prominently featured, alongside its pioneering efforts in the adoption of Artificial Intelligence. The King team also enjoyed connecting with Hon. Stephen Lecce, MPP King—Vaughan and Minister of Energy and Mines, who was also in attendance.

"After meeting a series of municipal delegations from across Ontario, it was great to end the day with friends from back home in King Township, including Councillors David Boyd and Jennifer Anstey," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan. "I am grateful for the partnership as we invest and build modern infrastructure, including a new long-term care home and a state-of-the-art community centre. We will continue to work together to deliver for families, farms, and businesses."

In his keynote address, Premier

Doug Ford noted while the Province has stood up against the U.S. tariffs, Canada needs to stand on its own.

"We need to look at ourselves, and make sure we are doing everything in our power, to unleash the incredible potential of our province, and our country," he said.

He added he wants Ontario to protect its workers, regardless of who the next president is, or what the next crisis offers.

The key, he said, is building a more resilient and self-reliant economy.

"We need to make Ontario the most competitive place in the G7 to invest."

To that end, Ontario has been tearing down internal trade barriers to make it easier to work, buy and sell across Canada.

The premier noted Ontario was the first province to remove all of its exceptions, and signed trade agreements with 10 other provinces and territories.

Ontario is investing \$500 million in a new Critical Minerals Processing Fund. As well, the Province is delivering nearly \$30 billion in relief and support for workers and businesses that have been hit hard by U.S. tariffs.

That includes a \$1-billion dollar Project Ontario Financing Program and an additional \$2.5 billion in the Skills Development Fund to support workers with the training they need to find good-paying jobs.

"We're continuing to invest record amounts to protect important services like health care, with nearly \$60 billion to build and upgrade more than 50 hospitals, new medical schools to train more nurses and doctors.

"And \$2.1 billion dollars to connect everyone in Ontario to a family doctor or primary care team by 2029."

The Province itself, is putting its money where its mouth is.

Every year, Ontario spends nearly \$30 billion dollars on procurement, the premier pointed out.

"And over the next 10 years we are spending more than \$200 billion through our plan to build. We're going to spend this money on Ontario-made products like steel, forestry products and vehicles.

"And I encourage every municipality here to do the same."

Ontario municipalities spend tens of billions of dollars every year on procurement, he said. And that money should be going back into our communities.

The premier, addressing the housing crisis, said the Province is providing record support and new tools to speed up new home construction, including strong mayor powers.

"We've also provided new support for housing through our more than \$200-billion plan to build Ontario. This plan to build includes new hospitals, transit, highways, schools and roads.

"It's the largest plan to build in Canadian history. And it's an important part of our plan to protect Ontario."

Through the Municipal Housing In-



Attending the AMO conference were (l to r) Jennifer Anstey, Ward 3 Councillor, Township of King; Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan; David Boyd, Ward 2 Councillor, Township of King; Bianca Cirella, Chief Government Relations Advisor & Manager of Economic Development, Township of King; Daniel Kostopoulos, Chief Administrative Officer, Township of King.

frastructure Program, the Province has invested nearly \$2.3-billion supporting the construction of 800,000 new homes across Ontario. He announced that they're increasing this program by an additional \$1.6-billion.

Our government will continue investing in infrastructure and doing everything we can to get shovels in the ground."

Everyone has to look for ways to be "more ambitious," in order to lower the cost of building, he said.

"I'm calling on everyone here to do the same. That means lowering municipal development charges to kickstart construction so that working together, across all levels of government, we can keep the dream of homeownership alive in Ontario."

Community Investment Fund benefits residents

York Regional Council received an update on the 2024 activities of the York Region Community Investment Fund, which invests in local initiatives delivered by not-for-profit community agencies and partners.

In 2024, approximately \$8.5 million was invested in 131 projects and initiatives delivered by 86 community agencies. This supported more than 52,000 York Region residents.

"The Community Investment Fund addresses gaps in essential services, supports healthy living and fosters safe, accessible and inclusive environments," said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. "The fund aligns with York Region's Strategic Plan to support community well-being and remain flexible and responsive to our community needs, laying the groundwork for a more resilient and inclusive future."

Key areas of work included:

Housing Stability: \$3.4 million for projects to help residents find or keep stable housing.

Mental Well-being: \$2.9 million for projects to help residents have positive mental health.

Organizational Development: \$456,993 for initiatives supporting organizations with operational, small capital and resident needs.

Food Security: \$351,567 for projects and initiatives to improve food system access and strengthen the food security system.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: \$30,000 for a project to promote revitalization and foster community connections with Indigenous culture.

An additional \$1.4 million was allocated to support various critical community needs, including initiatives to help residents access York Region Transit.

"York Regional Council is committed to supporting community socio-economic, health and well-being," said City of Vaughan Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Chair of Community and Health Services. "Through community investments, the Region benefits from agencies' connection to local needs, expertise supporting specific populations and existing services."

Performance of funded projects is continuously monitored and assessed, with 72% of projects meeting or exceeding their primary service targets.

More information on the Community Investment Fund, including additional details on the 2024 activity results and the 2025 funded projects and initiatives, are available on york.ca/CommunityInvestment

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Boreal Farms hosts inspiring Agri-Food Community Night

By Brittany Greci

Boreal Farms in King Township opened its doors August 13 for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Agri-Food Community Night – an evening packed with fresh ideas, inspiring stories, and hands-on learning.

The event brought together farmers, entrepreneurs, researchers, and community members to explore how innovation is changing the way we grow, produce, and share food.

The agri-food sector is evolving quickly. With the global demand for food rising, there's a growing need for smarter, more sustainable ways to feed people while using fewer resources.

"There are over 300 acres of farmland lost in Ontario every day," said Brandon Hebor, owner and operator of Boreal Farms.

This event showcased some of the most exciting changes in the industry, from vertical farming and climate-friendly crops to smart irrigation systems and biotechnology. These innovations are helping farmers increase output while reducing environmental impact – creating a healthier future for both people and the planet.

Guests enjoyed short presentations, live demonstrations, and open discussions with local entrepreneurs, academic partners, and social impact leaders. Speakers shared success stories of new products and inventions making a

real difference both locally and around the world. Many spoke about how collaboration, creativity, and determination can turn even small budgets into big results.

Visitors also had the chance to explore real prototypes and new technologies designed to solve practical farming challenges. From tools that improve efficiency to systems that make crops more resilient to climate change, the displays gave a clear picture of what the future of agriculture might look like. Attendees left with valuable insights into career opportunities, business resources, and how partnerships between farmers, researchers, and private companies are speeding up innovation in the sector.

Boreal Farms is far more than a traditional farm. It's a centre for agricultural innovation. Known for its advanced growing systems, Boreal produces fresh greens year-round, using technology that allows crops to thrive in controlled environments. But their work goes beyond production. They also offer consulting services, equipment sourcing, training, and mentorship for other growers and entrepreneurs.

The farm provides space for research trials, hosts educational workshops, and partners with community projects to promote sustainable food systems. By sharing resources and expertise, Boreal helps others bring their ideas to life, whether that's launching a new



product, improving farming practices, or developing entirely new business models in food production.

For entrepreneurs and creative thinkers in King Township, Boreal Farms offers an open invitation to connect, collaborate, and grow. The Entre-

preneurship and Innovation in Agri-Food Community Night was a perfect example of how sharing knowledge and working together can help shape a stronger, more sustainable future for food – one that everyone can be part of.



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Arts & Entertainment

King's 'Diva' hits theatre stage in Baskerville

Known and loved as “Diva in the Rough,” King’s Catherine Hughes has entertained audiences all over with her quirky cabaret and soaring contralto.

Hughes is also well known as an actor, and her latest role at Markham Little Theatre sees her stretch to 14 roles in one play. Her talents as a chameleon are well known to Diva in the Rough fans, so playing 14 different people with 14 different accents is a challenge she’s up for.

What’s new is she being directed by her sister Shelagh Carlini, herself a talented actor who’s played at several local and regional theatres, The Shaw Festival, and is a Diva in the Rough alumnus. Carlini also sat on the board at Theatre Aurora and works at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Baskerville is Carlini’s directorial debut and her first time as her big sister’s boss.

“When we were kids, Catherine used to dress me up and make me role play all the time. Being Catherine’s doll and then being directed by her in many of her own shows, I now get to direct her in 14 roles at once. Balance restored!”

Ken Ludwig’s comedic take on Doyle’s The Hound of the Baskervilles appealed to Carlini. “The draw to Baskerville was immediate — it’s clever, fast-paced, and completely ridiculous in the

best possible way,” she says. You get a classic Sherlock Holmes mystery with the added twist of high-energy farce and lightning-fast character switches. I’ve always had a soft spot for Ken Ludwig’s writing — the way he crafts comedy with such intelligence and rhythm is a dream for both actors and directors. What I love most about this script is how it plays with expectations. One moment you’re following a shadowy clue on the moors, the next you’re laughing out loud at a ridiculous accent or costume reveal. It keeps you on your toes — and the brilliant cast, too. Audiences will love the ride: it’s playful, smart, and designed to make you feel like you’re in on the joke.”

Baskerville brings one foggy moor and five actors, including Steve Birtles (Holmes) and John Featherston (Watson) with Catherine Hughes, Andrew Pawarrou, and Ted Powers playing the other 38 roles to fill out the story’s atmosphere and much of its comedy. Come get swept up in the mystery, mayhem and wild joy of live theatre at Markham Little Theatre’s 60th season opener.

Markham Little Theatre’s production of Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery runs September 10-13 and September 17-20 at Markham Little Theatre’s Backstage Theatre on the grounds of the Markham Museum. All

shows at 8 p.m., with an additional 2 p.m. matinée on September 20.

Visit markhamtheatre.ca to purchase tickets.



A Main Street Christmas Poster Competition 2025

Each year the Schomberg Village Association presents A Main Street Christmas. This year they are having a competition to select the annual commemorative poster.

They welcome all artists in our community to submit their vision for this year’s poster. This year date of the event is Saturday, Dec. 6.

The artist for the chosen poster will receive:

\$500 in cash; an artist profile in 2026 Mosaic magazine (circulation 10,000); an Artist Profile in the 2026 Our Routes Magazine; a plaque of the poster and two passes to the Schomberg Main Street Christmas.

The final poster size will be 11 x 18. The central image designed by the artist is approximately (portrait) 8 x 10 inches. Initial artwork may be larger, but the same ratio should apply.

They are looking for a basic clear sketch that can show them concept and references are also helpful for us to understand your style and direction.

Contestants must be from York Region, Caledon or Simcoe County.

All 2D media are welcome (oil, acrylic, watercolor, etc.). Colours should be eye-catching. The image must contain a sleigh, and have a winter theme.

Submissions that embrace community spirit and/or village life will be viewed favourably.

Submission should include the story or description of the meaning behind the design.

The poster must be visually compatible or sympathetic to previous posters. There will be a black background, containing the required information. It is responsibility of the artist to provide the central image.

The initial submission is due Sept. 25 and the winning artist will be notified Oct. 25.

To submit, or for more information, email info@schomberg.ca

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Participants will get a glimpse of strange creatures, curious artifacts and unexplained events.

Is it coincidence—or is magic returning to King? Using real historic photos, artifacts, and stories from our archives, you’ll learn D&D basics while making your own decisions to solve a mystery in a world inspired by the past.

Learn D&D mechanics from beginning to end. No experience needed. The event can accommodate up to 6 participants.

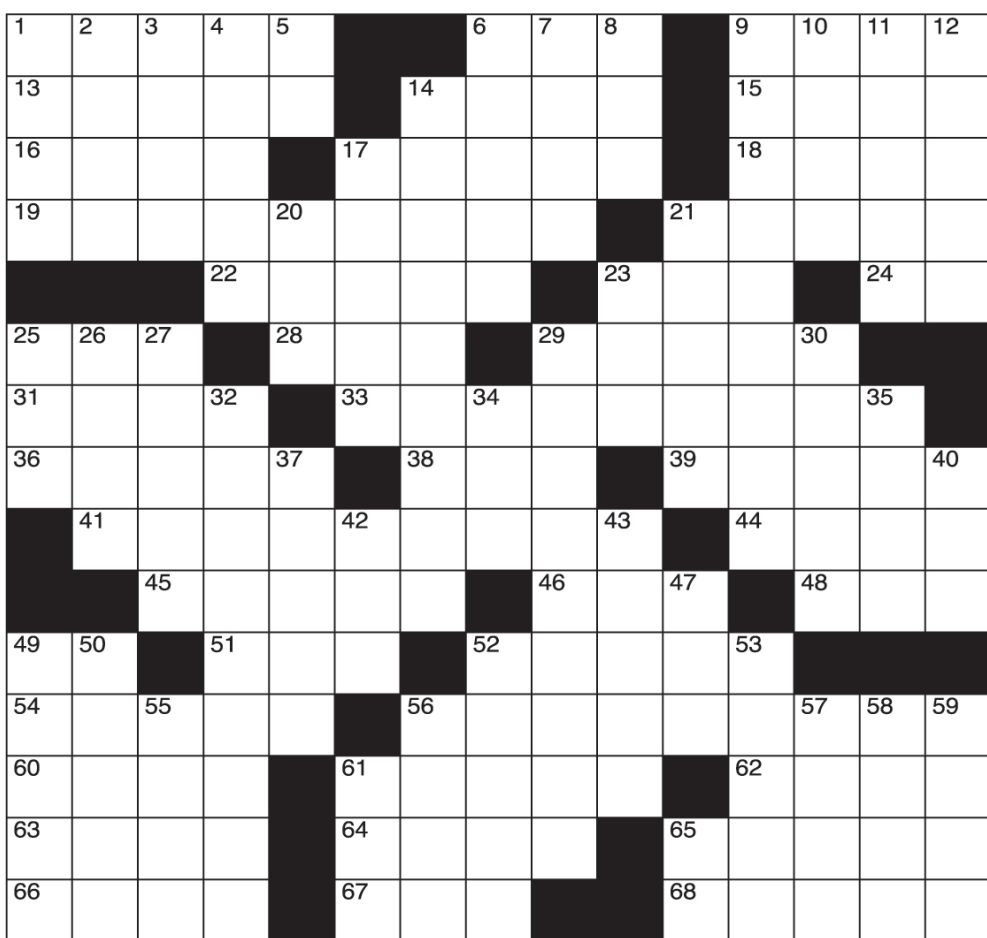
It will be held at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Spots are limited so register early.

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1. Fairly large
6. Barrels per day (abbr.)
9. Cover the entirety of
13. Leafy appetizer
14. Showy ornament
15. Norse personification of old age
16. Athletes
17. Closes tightly
18. Attack via hurling items
19. Where the reserves stand
21. Sword
22. Begat
23. Damage another’s reputation
24. Northeast
25. Turf
28. For each
29. Hours (Spanish)
31. Western state
33. One who offers help
36. Flanks

38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
39. Free from drink or drugs
41. Tunnels
44. Mature
45. More dried-up
46. News organization
48. Steal something
49. Forms one’s public persona (abbr.)
51. Female fish eggs
52. Small petrel of southern seas
54. Edible starches
56. Historical
60. In a place to sleep
61. Horse grooms
62. Off-Broadway theater award
63. Chinese dynasty
64. Resembling a wing
65. Small projection on a bird’s wing
66. Of the Isle of Man
67. Derived unit of force (abbr.)
68. Plate for Eucharist

CLUES DOWN

1. Vipers
2. Ancient city in Syria
3. Slog
4. Emits coherent radiation
5. “Pollock” actor
6. Bleated
7. Monetary units of Afghanistan
8. Tooth doctor
9. One who takes apart
10. Commoner
11. Beat poet Ginsberg
12. Cave deposit material
14. Home energy backup
17. Begets
20. Face part
21. Frocks
23. Hill or rocky peak
25. Giving the impression of dishonesty
26. About ear
27. Male parents
29. Popular grilled food
30. Vaccine developer
32. Not conforming
34. Polite address for women
35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
37. Astronomical period of 18 years
40. One who fights the government
42. Center for Excellence in Education
43. Watches discreetly
47. An electrically charged atom
49. Hymn
50. Arabic given name
52. Popular pie nut
53. City in Zambia
55. Species of cherry
56. John __, British writer
57. Be next to
58. Make angry
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Community backs culture in Aurora Cultural Centre's 2025-2026 season

By Brock Weir

From the British Invasion, to Caribbean beats, to a splash of famed children's author Robert Munsch, the Aurora Cultural Centre is offering something for everyone in its upcoming performing arts season – and they're doing so with significant community support.

As the Centre formally launched its 2025-2026 Performing Arts Season in the Aurora Town Square Performance Hall recently, it was as much of a celebration of what's to come as the community partnerships and contributions that have come together to make it all possible.

Speaking to the assembled audience that evening, Cultural Centre Executive Director Suzanne Haines saluted long-time supporters Desjardins Insurance and Meridian Credit Union for their steadfast contributions from the very start.

"They've been here since the beginning and they're showing their leadership and love for the community by supporting our family programs," said Haines. "They really do believe in what we are doing, and they have come back and helped us grow those programs. They're here because they want those prices to be accessible and available to the community."

Picking up from where The Auroran left off last week in its preview of fall and early winter programs, performances and showcases made possible by Desjardins and Meridian in 2026 include "Fireside Munsch" on Saturday, March 21, at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

"Get ready for belly laughs, silly surprises, and outrageous fun," says the Centre. "Fireside Munsch brings four of Robert Munsch's most beloved stories to life in one wildly entertaining solo performance (featuring) 50 Below Zero, PIGS, Something Good, and The Paper Bag Princess."

Further family programming includes champion fiddlers The Fitzgeralds on Saturday, April 18, at 2 p.m., and A WeeFestival Performance on Saturday, May 16, at 11 a.m. (part of the Centre's Magic Carpet Series).

Supporting additional performances and program elements are Amica, Chartwell Retirement, IG Wealth and Bell Financial, and the Maple Cross

Foundation, among others.

An extra bow can be taken by Serpa Motor Sports, which has the distinction of being the season sponsor.

"I have had the pleasure of getting to know the wonderful people who run this company, who continuously show us their strong values and ties to the community," said Haines of Serpa, which proudly displays a selection of their vehicles outside the entrance to Aurora Town Square ahead of each performance. "Over the last few months, Serpa Automotive Group exhibited their community leadership and connection with us. They connected on multiple innovative ideas, resulting in a strong and lasting partnership that speaks volumes about how they run their business and how they treat their customers. Frank and Stefano have helped us build this season you're about to witness as true partners."

Stefano in turn said he and his father "really believe in the community around us" and have been active supporters of such initiatives since 1995.

"The community is so important to us and, like Suzanne said, when the stars align and your company aligns with programs such as this one, it just makes it that much easier to enjoy it, to have fun, and support it, and we really look forward to a fantastic season."

The 2026 portion of the upcoming season begins with British Rock and Caribbean Roots on Saturday, January 24, with John Sheard's British Invasion & Charmie at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A Canadian icon will be in the spotlight on Saturday, January 31, with Lance Anderson's "Oscar Peterson: The Jazz Legend and the Man I Knew" at 7:30 p.m.

February's programs begin on February 6 as the Centre's perennially popular Great Artist Music Series Continues with the Blain & Milatz Duo at 7 p.m.

The hallmark of February's programs will be, as The Auroran reported last week, the return of the Aurora Winter Blues Festival, which will run February 26 – March 1, featuring performers Jack de Keyzer; Suzie Vinnick with special guests Kevin Breit and Toby D, supported by Jay Blues; Glenn Marais' Jook; Dominique Fils-Amie; Harrison Kennedy, supported by Brock Stonefish and Dave Mowatt; and Little

Magic Sam.

As spring approaches, Jane Bunnett & Maquette return to the Centre with an evening of Afro-Cuban jazz on March 14. The musical – and geographic – pendulum swings to different climes on Saturday, March 28 when Scottish-Canadian artist Jason Wilson brings his blend of jazz, folk and reggae to the stage with Ashara. They are joined on the bill by Kazdoura, a Toronto-based Arabic fusion band.

April shows include Champagne Weather (James Hill & Anne Janelle), supported by Jaron Freeman Fox on April 11 at 7:30 p.m., while the Great Artist Music Series presents Mark Feyer's "The Seasons" with the U of T String Virtuosi on April 25 at 7 p.m.

A further degree of heat arrives in May when flamenco artist Tamar Ilana & Ventanas hits the stage on May 9 at 7:30 p.m.; The Ostiguy & Habib Duo's A Tribute to Piazzolla on May 10 at 2 p.m., in a further offering of the Great Artist Music Series; and an evening of guitar with Don Ross, supported by Maneli Jamal on May 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The Great Artist Series heads the home stretch of June, hosting the Cultural Centre return of Charles Richard-Hamelin on June 6 at 7:30 p.m., while Dala closes out the season on Friday, June 19.

"With lush harmonies, heartfelt songwriting and irresistible stage presence, Dala – featuring Amanda Walther and Sheila Carabine – has become one of Canada's most beloved folk-pop duos," says the Centre. "Winners of the 2010 Canadian Folk Music Award for Vocal Group of the Year and Juno Nominees, these lifelong friends blend ethereal soprano and rich alto vocals into something truly magical."

"Drawing inspiration from legends like Joni Mitchell, The Beatles, and Bob Dylan, Dala's music is at once nostalgic and refreshingly original. Their songs are intimate, insightful, and disarmingly honest, while their engaging onstage banter turns every performance into a unique and memorable experience."

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Ryan Hogan is the new Deputy Chief

The York Regional Police Service Board has appointed Staff Superintendent Ryan Hogan as the new Deputy Chief for York Regional Police.

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"Deputy Chief Hogan is a respected leader in the policing community, known for his strategic mind set, innovative approach, and commitment to public service," said Board Chair Steve Pellegrini. "Throughout his career with York Regional Police, he has taken on critical operational and administrative leadership roles with integrity and vision. We are confident he will continue to excel and drive meaningful progress as Deputy Chief."

"I am pleased to welcome Deputy Chief Designate Hogan to our Executive Leadership Team," said Chief Jim MacSween. "His extensive policing experience, combined with a demonstrated commitment to fostering high-performing teams, developing leaders, and engaging meaningfully with the community will significantly strengthen

the organization and be an asset to the communities we serve."

Deputy Chief Hogan will play a key leadership role in supporting the Chief and advancing York Regional Police's strategic priorities. He has held multiple leadership roles in various areas of the organization including Organized Crime and Intelligence Services, Community Services, Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau, and the Professional Standards Bureau.

Deputy Chief Hogan is a values-driven leader who champions a people-first approach, empowering others to lead and fostering a culture where individuals and teams can truly thrive. Known for his humility, clear vision, and strategic mind set, he leads with purpose and a steadfast commitment to advancing both organizational growth and community well-being with a strong foundation in community engagement and operational excellence. Deputy Chief Hogan has led projects that emphasize collaboration, strategic policing partnerships, and meaningful engagement with both the members and the community and currently leads the Community Safety Branch.

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Aside from being a haven for hikers, the green space is also home to many outdoor adventure programs and environmental events for all ages and families, and select ones are free. Choose from one-day activities and multi-session programs planned for September,

Compete in a triathlon, tackle the high ropes, join a dog walk group

including:

Outdoor Adventure Triathlon: Race through scenic trails, take aim in an archery challenge, and conquer a climbing wall. Friday, Sept. 5 from 5:30-7 p.m. Ages 16-50.

Evening Climb: Learn climbing techniques to scale the walls and tackle the high ropes course. Mondays from 5:30-

6:30 p.m. starting September 15. Ages 7+.

Outdoor Vinyasa Yoga: Move through gentle flowing sequences designed to improve mobility, release tension, and promote deep relaxation, and end with a guided mindful relaxation. Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.. Ages 14-54.

Archery: Hit the bullseye sharpening your skills in archery games and friendly competitions. Saturdays from 12:30-2 p.m. for children and 2:30-4 p.m. for adults starting September 20. Ages 8+.

Guided Hike: Whether you're a nature lover, a casual walker, or just looking for a refreshing outdoor escape, this scenic journey will connect you with the great outdoors. Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Ages 7+. FREE.

Dog Walk Group: Tails on the trail! Go on a group, tail-wagging adventure hiking the trails—meet fellow dog lovers, and soak up some fresh air together. Sundays from 9-10 a.m. starting September 21. Ages 16+. FREE.

Forest Walk and Tree Printing: Explore various ecosystems on a guided hike followed by a fun tree printing activity to celebrate National Forest Week. Thursday, Sept. 25 from 5-6:30 p.m. Ages 5+. FREE.

Bloom Buddies: Dig, discover, and get a little messy planting a pot and nurturing a new seedling to take home, and creating seed balls to toss across the wildflower meadow. Friday, Sept. 26 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Ages 1-6.

As the leaves change colour and temperatures get cooler, there is even

more to enjoy at Cold Creek Conservation Area during the autumn months – build a fort, go bird watching, relax by the campfire or craft a fresh, fragrant door hanger right in time for the holidays! For a full list of fall programs, including fees and links to registration, visit coldcreek.ca/ProgramsAndCamps.

Fall recreation and aquatic programs

Registration for all fall recreation programs, swim lessons and aquatic leadership courses is now open. Fall programming begins the week of September 15.

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Learn a life-saving skill (how to swim) or train to work as a swim instructor or lifeguard at Zancor Centre. Learn-to-swim lessons are available for parent and tots, preschoolers, children, teens and adults as well as aquatic leadership courses for ages 13+. For details and direct links to schedules, visit king.ca/aquatics.

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Girls Inc. of York Region finds a new home in Aurora

By Brock Weir

Girls Inc. of York Region, the venerable organization that has aimed to empower young women for more than a century, has found a new home in Aurora.

Long based in Newmarket, the non-profit organization has relocated to a converted house on Wellington Street East, just west of Industrial Parkway, and aims to bring further programs and volunteer opportunities to the community.

“We have been in Newmarket for quite a while, but our landlord sold our building – on the up and up and gave us lots of notice – and we have been able to secure a location on Wellington,” says Barbara Wallace, Executive Director of Girls Inc. of York Region. “It’s now fully renovated into offices – great parking, great location across from the GO Station, and that’s where our operations will take place.”

“Our goal is to run the programs in the community. We’re in all areas of York Region, including up to Georgina Island running programs for girls – in school, out of school, weekends, evenings. You name it, we’re doing it.”

Girls Inc. of York Region runs programs in more than 35 schools across York Region, reaching well over 4,000 young women and girls in the wider community each year.

Girls Inc. was founded in the United States in 1864 to serve girls and young women impacted by the American Civil War.

It’s mission quickly spread throughout North America and while its programs have evolved over the years, they are united by the mission of empowerment.

“By offering evidence-based programs in a safe, pro-girl environment, Girls Inc. of York Region inspires all girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold,” reads the group’s mission statement. “We are champions for the rights and

well-being of all girls while focusing on the needs of those from vulnerable communities.

“Girls Inc. of York Region empowers girls to discover their inherent strengths and grow up to be healthy, educated and independent.”

Girls Inc. of York Region has, in recent years, grown from a full-time staff complement of two to a team of 10, with approximately 40 part-time employees helping to make their programs – and their goals – a reality.

There are many ways to get involved with the organization, including multiple volunteer opportunities, and they’re also looking for finance and HR professionals to join their volunteer Board of Directors.

If you’d like to learn more about Girls Inc. and what it brings to the local community, they are set to host a Community Barbecue on September 27, inviting the community to “come in, see our new space, come learn about who we are and our programs,” says Wallace.

The event will include the community barbeque staples of hot dogs and bouncy castles, but there will also be a chance to engage with some of the activities that have become the trademark of Girls Inc in York Region.

These programs and activities got a recent boost from another part of the Aurora community, being selected as one of 10 community non-profits to share in Magna International’s 2025 Community Fund.

“We are so thankful to be chosen by the Magna Community Fund. It’s such a great organization because they really do read your proposals, they listen, and they want to give back to the community that they live and work in,” says Wallace. “We’re going to be able to use that funding to help support our teen programming, which we are trying to grow, and we also provide mental health programming for girls, helping to reduce their anxiety, building their

self-confidence, and really giving them the tools they need to succeed – to stay in school, to study those hard subjects and to not give up.

“This is helping us to continue serving those girls who need it, and I would

say with the way the world is going, maybe we need it even more now than ever before.”

For more information on Girls Inc. of York Region, visit www.girlsincyork.org.

National Wildlife Day is supported by Urban Nature Stores

On “National Wildlife Day” (Sept. 4), Urban Nature Stores is giving 10% of their sales of bird seed to Ontario Wildlife Rescue Centres.

Since 2023 Urban Nature Stores has been supporting Wildlife Rescue Centers in Ontario with the “Seeds of Kindness campaign.” Wildlife Rescue Centres take in injured and orphaned wild animals, rehabilitate and release them back into the wilds. Most centres are run by volunteers and get no support from any level of government. They are completely dependent on the public for support.

Urban Nature Store is a haven for bird enthusiasts and nature lovers, where birdwatching dreams take flight. The proudly Canadian owned retailer has 9 retail store locations, stretching from St. Catharines to Kingston and through the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). They proudly serve their Canadian customers nationwide through their online store, www.UrbanNatureStore.ca They take pride in offering a diverse selection high-quality bird feed, feeders, premium binoculars, and a collection of nature inspired gifts.

“Urban Nature Store is proud to support “National Wildlife Day “through the Seeds of Kindness program to support Wildlife Rescue Centres throughout Ontario. The work being done by wildlife rescues organizations is meaningful and lifesaving to wildlife in need of help and recovery.” Paul Oliver, Founder Urban Nature Store.

“The Seeds of Kindness program is our way of saying thank you to the hundreds of volunteers that work tirelessly, every day, to help injured and orphaned wildlife. Urban Nature Store has been working to increase the awareness of the vital work being done by Wildlife Rescue Centers by posting signs and giving out information.”

Ontario Wildlife Rescue (OWR) works with over 50 Wildlife Rescue Centres (Wildlife Rehabbers) across the province. Ontario Wildlife Rescue connects the public with wildlife rescue centers (www.ontariowildliferescue.ca). OWR also help find resources (food, medical supplies and veterinarians) for Wildlife Centers across Ontario. Ontario Wildlife Rescue is a federally incorporated non-profit charity.

King Fox Run

Join King residents Sunday, September 14 for the 45th King Township Terry Fox Run. It runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting at Wellesley Park, King City, at the northwest corner of Keele Street and King Road. Run, walk, or bike. It’s also wheelchair accessible.

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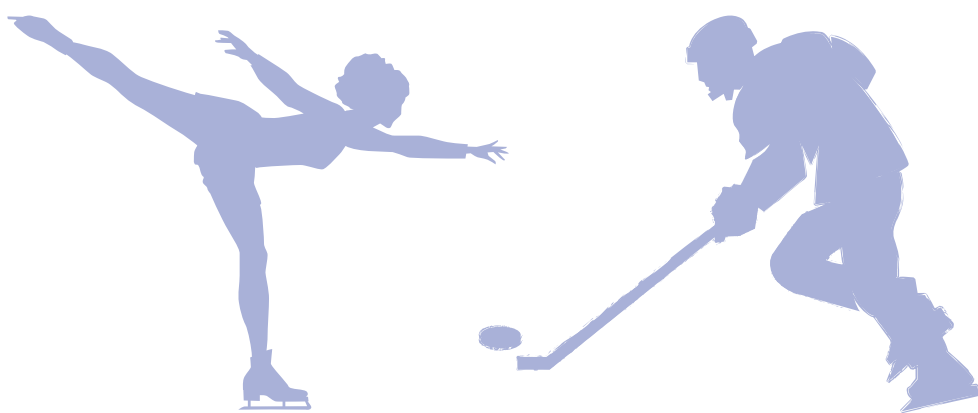
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Larmand leads King Jr. A Rebellion to 5-3 pre-season win

By Jim Stewart

Lachland Larmand fired two goals while Brendan Williams, Jake Mallory, and Brayden Boyle added one goal each to pace the King Junior A Rebellion to a 5-3 preseason win over the Kirkland Lake Gold Miners on Saturday night at the Zancor Centre.

It was the second road game in as many nights for the Gold Miners. The NOJHL squad defeated the Muskies 3-1 in Lindsay on Friday in a game where all four goals were power play markers.

Saturday night's tilt provided ample opportunities for power plays with 18 penalties being assessed. The Rebellion made the Gold Miners pay for their transgressions by scoring on two of their eight man-advantage opportunities – one to end the first period and one five minutes into the middle frame – while the visitors went 0 for 7 with the man-advantage.

Kirkland Lake opened the scoring when Nathan Harper got free on the right wing and fired one past King goaltender Owen Edwards to give the visitors the lead only two minutes and two seconds into the game.

However, the home side notched the equalizer at 4:45 when Larmand rifled one high over the blocker of Gold Miners' goalie Glen McInness and finished Jared McNeil's slick cross slot pass with flair. The graduate of the Barrie Baycats U16 program described his tying goal: "We had a great forecheck and McNeil slid me a backhand

pass over one stick, through a pair of skates, and on to my tape."

Larmand's marker seemed to put some extra spring in the step of his teammates and the Rebellion took the lead with sixteen seconds left on the clock. Brandan Williams pounded in a rebound generated by the diligent work of Rebellion returning veterans Kyle Baston and Antonio Cerqua who earned assists on Williams's power play goal.

King's power play clicked again when Jake Mallory one-timed returnee Ryan Fairbairn's pass to give the home side a 3-1 lead with less than five minutes to go in the middle frame.

Kirkland Lake fought through the fatigue of their road trip and narrowed the Rebellion lead to one goal. Gold Miner forward Vaive Hickey banged one in from the left edge of the crease through a sea of players in front of King netminder Owen Edwards with 2:17 left in the second period.

Larmand fired his second goal of the game – bulging the twine behind McInness with 14.5 seconds on the clock with helpers earned by McNeil and Rebellion returnee Adam Smeeton. Larmand complemented the hard work of his linemates that created the late period marker and commented on the goal's importance: "It was a great momentum change for us. Smeeton had another great forecheck and McNeil's pass was perfect. It was a big goal heading into the third period."

King held a 33-16 edge in shots on goal and a 4-2 lead heading into their



Rebellion returnee Ryan Fairbairn provided veteran presence in King's 5-3 win over Kirkland Lake.

third, but Kirkland Lake forward Lex Lamontagne got behind both King defenders, generated a breakaway down the left wing, and fired the puck high glove side past Edwards 2:41 into the final frame to pull the Gold Miners to within one.

The home side responded confidently and almost immediately. Less than one minute later, Brayden Boyle went top shelf glove side to provide the margin of victory and finish Matthew Airhart's skillful assist. Edwards held Kirkland Lake off the scoresheet for the balance of the period and stopped 28 of 31 shots to earn the W.

The Rebellion finished the game with 45 shots on net and Larmand explained how his team's offensive outburst fulfilled Head Coach Geoff Scho-

mogyi's pregame strategy: "Coach set a goal for us to have 40+ shots for this game and he wants us to take over 40 shots every game this season. Coach wants us to create lots of pressure on the other team, especially on their goalie and on the D. It was one of the main reasons we won tonight."

With King PA announcer Doug Ireland playing BTO's "Takin' Care of Business" in the background as per Rebellion tradition, the rookie centre described his new team's readiness for the upcoming OJHL season: "We're pretty much ready to go. We had a great first camp, tonight's win gives us momentum heading into our next game, and into the regular season starting on September 7. We're ready to be a strong playoff team."

Rebellion Reconnaissance:

San Jose Sharks' 2025 draft pick, current Oshawa General defenceman, and Rebellion grad Simon Wang signed autographs in the Zancor Centre mezzanine prior to the game and between periods. The personable Wang was pleased with King's effort versus Kirkland Lake: "They played a strong game tonight and dished out some hard hits. I liked how aggressive they were on the puck. It was a great game to watch. There were a couple times when I really wanted to be out there." Wang expressed his readiness to begin his second OHL campaign with the Generals: "I'm excited to get the season started."

The Rebellion's regular season home opener is Sunday, Sept. 7 versus the Mississauga Chargers. Puck drop will be 3 p.m. at the Zancor Centre.

Schomberg Cougars announce roster acquisitions with 2025-26 PJHL season commencing September 11

By Jim Stewart

The Schomberg Cougars are wrapping up their pre-season skates at St. Andrew's College in Aurora. Newly-hired Bench Boss Tom Milne and his assistant coaches – Steve Sedore and Stephen Leonard – have been putting returning, new, and prospective players through their paces in the ninety-minute sessions at La Brier Family Arena in northwest Aurora. There is a sense of urgency on the ice as the PJHL's 2025-26 regular season is around the corner.

It's a challenging time for all junior hockey clubs across southern Ontario as OJHL tryout camps ran this past weekend and the selection process is an arduous one. Consequently, there will be a significant movement of players between the OJHL, GOJHL, and PJHL over the next week. Each of the 110 junior teams has a shopping list and will partake in the signing frenzy that accompanies the migration of players who have been cut from tryout camps across the province.

Amid these rosters in flux, we caught up with the Cougars' General Manager Drew Laskoski who discussed the many moves the club is making to prepare for the upcoming season. Laskoski expressed confidence in the roster that is being assembled by Cougars' management and staff: "I am excited about the recruits that have committed to our program."

The second-year GM also pointed with pride to the promotion of four key players from the Cougars' 2024-25 roster: "We are extremely proud that we had four players commit to a higher level. We are sad but excited to see star



Cougars forward Matthew Lychek, who rolled out a four-goal game last season, provides veteran leadership to the 2025-26 Schomberg squad.

goalie Nicholas Morvan move on to Junior A with the North York Rangers. Jonathan Scott has committed to Aurora Tigers Junior A. Jacob Sakitkovski has committed to play in the USPHL in Florida. PJHL All-Star Henry Kotyk is going to Wilfred Laurier University and has several Junior B teams courting him."

Morvan was brilliant between the pipes for the Cougars last season and was recognized as the team's MVP at Schomberg's year-end banquet. Scott and Sakitkovski made great strides during the course of the season. Kotyk's rookie season in the PJHL saw him lead the Cougars' defense corps in scoring and he was selected to the East Orr Division's all-Star team. His fearless play will be missed, but Laskoski pointed to some recent acquisitions and

confirmations of returning players that will provide a foundation for the 2025-26 Cougars' roster: "We have picked up 6'6" Jack Geniole from Georgina who will be a dominant force for us this year. Filip Djordjevic from Markham Majors AAA will be a star for us. Big things are expected from returning forwards Matthew Lychek and Michael Ciaravella, as well as returning defensemen Jared Leite and Mammoth Max Popov."

The Cougars have a tradition of including local residents on their roster, too. Power forwards Wesley O'Hara and Grady Duggan are two Schomberg-raised players that were impact players for the Cougars over the past few seasons. Laskoski announced that 2025-26 would be no different in terms of the team's recruitment and deployment of native sons: "The addition of Schomberg resident Justin Caruk is going to bring size and grit to our lineup."

Nothing lights up the Trisan Centre faithful more on a Thursday night than a local player's success on the rink for the Cougars. When a Schomberg-born-and-raised player can muster up a Gordie Howe hat trick to impel the Cougars to victory, even better.

Schomberg will play a trio of exhibition games on Saturday, September 6 versus the Muskoka Bears, Lakefield Chiefs, and Mount Forest Patriots before commencing the regular season on Thursday, September 11 when they host the perennial powerhouse Clarington Eagles at 7:30 at the Trisan Centre. The Cougars close out Week 1 of their PJHL schedule with a visit to Caledon to play the Golden Hawks on Sunday, September 14. Game time at The Icebox will be 2 p.m.

Schomberg rider in the pack at hunter derby

Schomberg's Kendra Martenfeld earned a top five finish at the Founders Capital Cup Hunter Derby at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa Aug. 13.

Martenfeld rode Koning Boudewijn.

The \$10,000 Founders Capital Cup is part of the Canadian Hunter Derby Series with points earned toward the year-end final held at the Royal Horse Show in November. This year's event was held in memory of Jeff Brandmaier, who developed and managed the Canadian Hunter Derby Series together with his wife, Margaret "Muffie" Guthrie, to promote the sport in Canada.

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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

King City United wishes all a safe and joyful Labour Day weekend and to all who are returning to their studies, we wish you blessings and success.

The worship in August is rotating amongst our partner churches (York Pines and New Hope) and next Sunday, Aug. 31, worship will be at New Hope United Church with Rev Bill Fritz presiding. Directions for New Hope can be found on their website <http://www.newhopevaughan.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 remains off on Sabbatical until September 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 Sundays 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:
There has been a change in plans for the Men's Shed at KCSC. A survey and

sign-up sheet will be available at the Open House for men interested in forming a men's group. Interested men may also call the Centre to sign up.

Space has been found for starting new programs at KCSC (such as poker). To learn more about this and sign up, visit the Activity table at Open House.

Wednesday, September 3 - Open House - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Come out to see what exciting things are planned at KCSC, sign up for other activities that are coming up, have a bite to eat and visit with your fellow seniors. Sponsored by Amica Aurora Promenade.

Membership Sales: Discounted 2025 memberships will be available for purchase at the upcoming open house. It's \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

Exciting changes are coming for 2026 King Township 55+ memberships! New membership information will be provided to attendees at the open house and will be included in future KTS email newsletters.

Friday, September 5 - 10 a.m. - 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 are \$10/pp and are now on sale at King City Seniors Centre. There are still a few tickets left. Sponsored by Amica Aurora Promenade.

Friday, September 12 - 10 a.m. - Workshop - Artist, Angela Del Borello, will lead a creative workshop. Attendees will be painting a sunflower. The cost is \$10. Please register for this workshop by September 5.

Friday, September 26 - 10 a.m. - Presentation - Erin Straughan from York Region Transit will provide an update on recent changes to transit in the Township that affects seniors, positively. Please register.

The following activities will be offered in September:

Monday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. - Mobility Matters.

Monday afternoons: 1 p.m. - Music and Movement/ Cribbage.

Monday afternoons: 2 p.m. - Crochet class.

Tuesday mornings: 9:30 a.m. - Line

Dancing. Bone Fitness, starting Sept. 16, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday afternoons: 1 p.m. - Bid Euchre.

Wednesday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. - Mobility Matters.

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. - Standard American Bridge.

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. - Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi).

Thursday afternoons: 1 p.m. - Carpet Bowling

Friday mornings: 9:30 a.m. - Art Class (2nd & 4th Friday of the month at Laskay Hall).

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

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

York Pines United Church

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. Andrew returns September 2.

Rev. Bill Fritz is leading services in August when we rotate with our sister churches. This Sunday, we again join New Hope UC at Vaughan Mills at 10 a.m. We'll be back at York Pines on September 7 at the usual 11 a.m. The service will be followed by a Welcome Back Pot Luck Lunch. Feel free to join us for food and coffee at noon after the service.

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

Vatican International Exhibition on the Eucharistic Miracles, September 5 to 11, from 9:30 - noon and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The community is invited to view this display and take time for prayer.

Our blessings and congratulations to Jeremy and Rochelle Paulus as they celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. May the Lord bless you and your family for many more years to come.

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 appreci-

ated. 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 this Sunday, August 31 to our second joint service this summer with The Well, our partnership church. Please note, this Sunday we will be worshipping at the King City United Church, 50 Elizabeth Grove at 10 a.m. Pastor Alison Agnew will be preaching.

Usually our morning worship services are at 10:30 a.m. and are in the lounge during the major renovations over the summer at St. Andrew's. On September 7, please enter via the Keele St. entrance on the East side of St. Andrew's. Join us afterwards for coffee time in the lounge.

Last Sunday we continued with the sermon series "Who you say I am." In Christ we are Loved, Free, God's Masterpiece, we Belong and we are never Alone. "Jesus is with us wherever we go."

Our focus verse was Joshua 1:9. Our last "Tuesdays at 2" (p.m.) was August 26 in the church office on the west side. What a privilege to pray for each other, our community and the world.

It was a beautiful evening on Wednesday, August 20 when a group from St. Andrew's Church went to see this year's King Theatre's play, Tuesdays with Morrie, by Mitch Albom at Pine Farms Orchard. We highly recommend it. The play is running until August 28.

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

All Saints Anglican Church

By Kit Woods

In recent weeks, our hearts have been heavy as we witness the devastation of wildfires across Ontario, across Canada, and around the world. Entire communities have been displaced, homes destroyed, wildlife habitats lost, and the air filled with smoke that reaches far beyond the fire zones themselves. For those living in affected areas, the loss is immediate and heartbreaking. For others, there is the lingering fear of what tomorrow might bring.

We want to express, as a church community, our deepest sympathy and support to all those who are impacted.

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Andrew Kohnen
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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Well, it's back to school next week after a seasonally hotter than normal summer, back to routine and back to reality. Although, it sure turned into fall quicker than I certainly expected. Summer goes too fast, and I don't know about you, but I'm not ready for it to be over just yet. It seems to me that summer was much longer and went slower than it does now. Let's hope for some more summer like weather before fall settles in and leads to the dreaded "S" word.

Speaking of the dreaded "S" word, starting this week, eligible applicants can apply for #King Township's 2025/2026 Seniors Snow Removal Assistance Program in-person, by mail or online at king.ca/SnowRemoval.

The deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 24. Late applications will not be accepted.

The program helps seniors aged 65+ and individuals with disabilities who live alone, clear snow from the end of their driveway.

The service is completed Monday to Friday only (excluding statutory holidays) within 24 hours after the completion of snow plowing of the Township's roads/sidewalks.

Clearing of snow is provided (one car-width only) for what is deposited by the street plow at the base of residential driveways (windrow).

The service is only triggered when a minimum of 10 cm of snow has fallen.

Learn more at king.ca/SnowRemoval.

Are you looking for an outdoor adventure? Race through scenic trails, take aim in archery and conquer a climbing wall—all in one thrilling race!

Sign-up to compete with family or friends in this nature-style triathlon on Friday, Sept. 5 from 5:30-7 pm at Cold Creek Conservation Area.

It's geared to ages 16-50. Cost is \$18.

For more information, including links to registration, visit coldcreek.ca.

Schomberg Mug Run

The "2nd Annual Schomberg Mug Run" is back so mark your calendars for September 13. You can get more details at schombergmugrun.com. They are looking for volunteers, please sign up online where you can also register for the race.

Simcoe Currency Club

Interested in coin/currency collecting? Wondering how to connect with other collectors? Come out and share your interest and learn from other collectors. The Simcoe Currency Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Cookstown Curling Club (18 Church St, Cookstown) at 7 p.m. Membership is \$25 for the year.

They have exciting draws, auctions, news, and a featured speaker every month. For more information visit their website simcoecurrencyclub.com or call 647-200-7007.

volunteers, first responders, and community leaders who are courageously serving in dangerous and exhausting conditions. Their selflessness and courage are a light in the midst of smoke and shadow. We pray also for the families who wait anxiously for their loved ones' safety, and for those who will face the long road of rebuilding when the fires are finally extinguished.

In times like this, we are reminded of the invitation of faith: to not turn away from the suffering of others, but to carry one another in prayer and action. If you are looking for a way to help, consider donating to relief organizations or supporting local efforts that provide shelter, food, and aid to those displaced.

Even as the smoke lingers, let us hold fast to the light of hope and continue to walk together in compassion and love.

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. – "Wel-

come 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).

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

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

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you would love to see here spporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.

King's Corners

From Page 16

While the flames may be far from some of us, the suffering is not. When one part of God's creation is hurting, we all feel it.

Moments like these remind us of our interconnectedness. None of us stands alone. We are bound to one another in the web of community, in the shared breath we take, and in our responsibility to care for one another and for the earth itself. Even if we cannot be present on the front lines, our compassion, our prayers, and our support can still reach those who are carrying the heaviest burdens.

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MP joins seniors at picnic

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts enjoys spending time with local seniors at summer picnics. She helped serve lasagna, and listening to tales of the town at the Maple Pioneer Italian Seniors Club's big festa recently. "Thanks to Maria Eva, Rosa, and the entire team for always hosting wonderful events like this one," Roberts said.



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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.

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."

September 25 - It's your Red-Carpet Day at the Oscars in Nobleton. Enjoy a movie with popcorn. Movie to be determined.

In addition, from noon to 1 p.m. Vanessa DesLaurier, Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics, will present "Fall into Softness - Hand and Foot Care."

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.

Proceeds from last year's draw went to organizations including those that support health and recreation such as the Nobleton Skating Club which is dedicated to enabling lifelong participation to provide quality, affordable skating instructions to all club members in an environment that promotes personal achievement. The Nobleton Skating Club was founded in 1958.

Regular meetings of the Nobleton Lions Club are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from September to mid-June, and will resume on September 9. The Lions continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com

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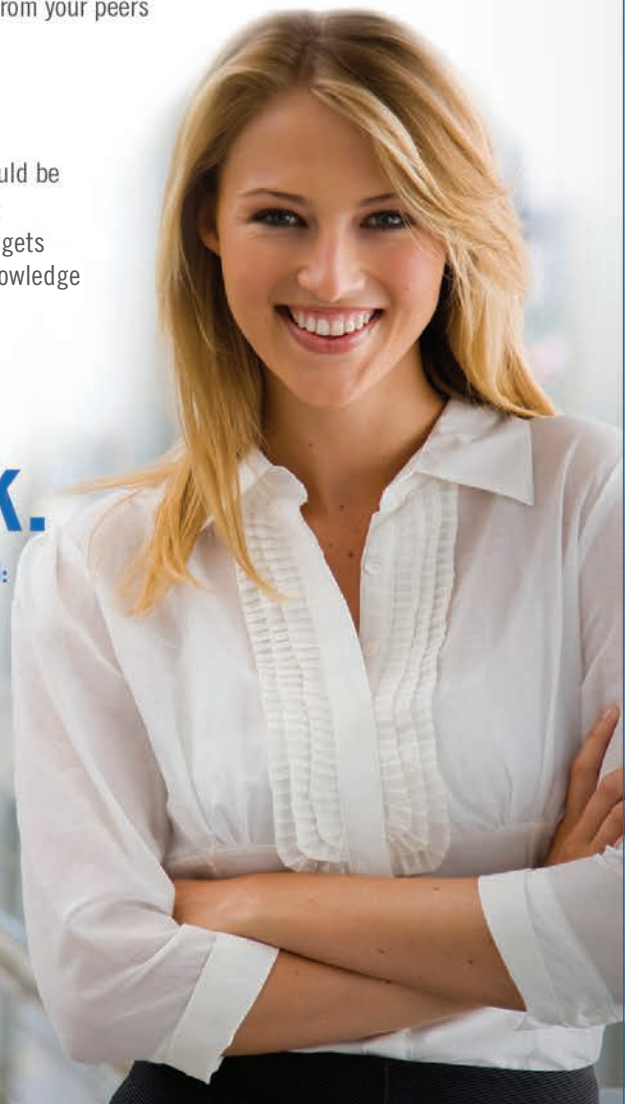
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The Ontario government is welcoming a \$500,000 donation from Laurentis Energy Partners (Laurentis), a subsidiary of Ontario Power Generation (OPG), to help establish the Silber Family Theranostics Centre at the University Health Network's (UHN) Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

This investment will accelerate the development of cutting-edge technologies to deliver faster diagnosis and more precise therapies for more than 3,550 patients by 2028.

"Ontario's nuclear advantage is saving lives," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines. "We're harnessing the power of made-in-Ontario isotopes to fuel next generation cancer care – giving patients more hope, delivering faster diagnoses and providing more effective treatments. At the same time, we're creating good-paying jobs, strengthening our economy and showcasing Ontario's energy leadership on the world stage".

Theranostics is a new approach to cancer care that combines advanced nuclear imaging with targeted isotope therapy, allowing physicians to diag-

nose and treat complex diseases like cancer with unprecedented precision.

Opening in 2027, the Silber Family Theranostics Centre will use made-in-Ontario medical isotopes – lutetium-177 (Lu-177), yttrium-90 (Y-90), and molybdenum-99 (Mo-99) – to detect cancer earlier and deliver more precise, targeted radiation treatments.

"Our government is protecting Ontario's healthcare system and giving people access to more innovative treatment options by expanding access to life-saving medications and treatments," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health. "Laurentis's donation to help establish the Silber Family Theranostics Centre at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre will drive Ontario-made innovation and connect more people to world-class cancer care, close to home."

Ontario is a global leader in medical isotopes which support 8,500 Canadian jobs and save lives around the world. With major refurbishments underway at the Darlington, Bruce and potentially Pickering nuclear generating stations, along with the construction of

the first small modular reactor being built at Darlington, Ontario is well positioned to reach its goal of doubling isotope production over the next four years to grow its share of the fast-expanding isotope market.

To support the government's plan to protect Ontario, the province's first-ever integrated energy plan is laying the groundwork to expand the province's nuclear advantage and deliver on its life sciences strategy. The plan features the importance of boosting isotope production, securing supply chains and building the skilled workforce needed at the province's nuclear reactors, research facilities and other specialized companies to ensure Ontario remains competitive and resilient in the rapidly growing global isotope market.

"At Laurentis, we're driven by the real-world impact of our work on patients. Supporting the development of Princess Margaret's Silber Family Theranostics Centre means advancing access to more precise and effective cancer treatments for patients in need. As one of the world's leading producers of medical isotopes, Laurentis is proud

to help power these critical therapies with materials made right here in Ontario," said Leslie McWilliams, President and CEO, Laurentis.

More than 247,000 Canadians are diagnosed with cancer each year, and two of every five Canadians will develop cancer during their lifetime, increasing the demand for precision radiopharmaceuticals and large-scale production of medical isotopes.

The Ontario government recently announced the Nuclear Isotope Innovation Council of Ontario (NIICO), a new expert advisory panel that will help leverage Ontario's world-class nuclear fleet to double the number of medical isotopes produced in the province by 2030.

Laurentis recently announced they are set to begin producing therapeutic isotopes Y-90 and Lu-177 at OPG's Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

UHN has already treated over 180 cancer patients with radiopharmaceuticals that use the Lu-177 isotope.

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for Milt Stutt
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The service was led by Rev. John Hong, minister with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Beeton) and Emmanuel Presbyterian Church (Schomberg), Rev. Richard Gardner, minister with Schomberg and Nobleton United Churches and Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, retired minister with The United Church of Canada. Rev. Greg Fiennes-Clinton minister with St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg and Christ Church, Kettleby, was unable to attend due to a death in his family.

Scripture was read by representatives from each congregation. Rev. Gardner reminded us in his reflection that the "sabbath" is a time for restoration and renewal, basing his text on Luke 13: 10-17 where the ruler of the synagogue criticized Jesus for healing a bent over woman of 18 years on the Sabbath. Jesus rejected the criticism calling the ruler a hypocrite for not seeing the forest (the



Rev. Richard Gardner, minister with Schomberg and Nobleton United Churches.

wider focus of God's mercy) for the trees (getting lost by focusing on the myriad rules guiding the "leaders" of the synagogue).

Worshippers enjoyed singing some beloved hymns with music provided by Jennifer Hong (guitar), Evelyn Elmer (accordion) and Ian Hague (tambourine).

After worship, food and fellowship were shared as folks enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of the Dufferin Marsh. Many thanks to those who

helped organize this unique worship experience including Judy McCutcheon who ensured there were food and refreshments for the potluck and also to Jack and Kim Campbell and their helpers who provided chairs and tents.

Right: Jennifer Hong (guitar), Evelyn Elmer (accordion) and Ian Hague (tambourine) provided the music for the event.

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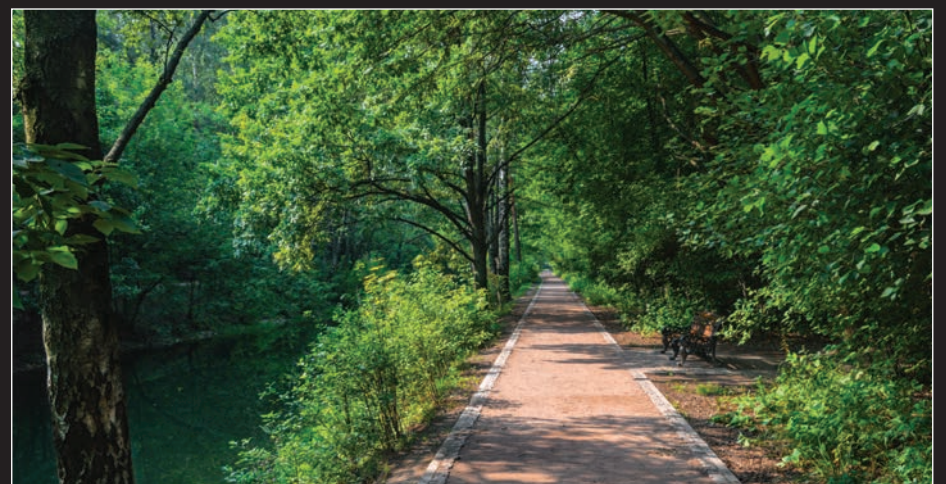
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