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King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce announced provincial funding for King, of more than \$1-million. Joining him for the event were King Chamber representatives, Councillor Mary Asselstine, King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts and Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Province delivers over \$1-million in critical infrastructure funding to King Township

King Township will be getting a shot in the arm, thanks to some provincial funding.

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, announced Monday the Ontario government is delivering over \$1 million to help renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure in King Township. The funding will include \$948,665 through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and an additional \$317,500 through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

MPP Lecce continues to deliver critical investments that promote growth economic prosperity across King and Vaughan in the face of unprecedented economic attacks from the U.S. The over \$1 million investment announced today will help pave new and upgraded roads across the township, protect drinking water, support the delivery of critical services, and improve the quality of

life for local families.


"Delivering results for the hard-working families in King and Vaughan remains a top priority for me; including improving roads and key infrastructure, keeping our streets safe, and protecting local businesses from the threats of U.S. tariffs," said Lecce. "I continue to work tirelessly to guarantee the community of King - a community that was ignored by the former government - gets the investment it deserves so we can build modern, state-of-the-art recreation centres, libraries, seniors' centers, medical schools and long-term care capacity. I am proud to once again deliver this significant investment in King knowing full well that it will secure the modern infrastructure our rural community needs and deserves."

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Monday, November 24
6 p.m. - Council

Monday, December 01
6 p.m. - Public Planning Meeting
CANCELLED

Monday, December 08
6 p.m. - Council

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Tuesday, November 18
11 a.m. - Accessibility Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 19
6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment

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King Township benefits from funding streams

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The funding will be delivered both through the 2026 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) as part of

the government's more than \$200 billion capital plan to protect Ontario by building key public infrastructure and through the 2026 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) that sup-

ports small, northern and rural communities through delivery of critical services, emergency service, public transit and road maintenance.

This investment is yet another testament to MPP Lecce's steadfast commitment to delivering results for families in King and Vaughan. Concrete investments that MPP Lecce delivered include the Schomberg Main Street Revitalization Strategy, repairs and upgrades to the municipal water system in King, and a new long-term care home at Mary Lake.

MPP Lecce also delivered the single largest provincial investment in King history with the \$17.6 million provincial investment to help construct and open the Zancor Centre in addition to the ongoing and significant work underway at the King City GO to upgrade the station and expand parking. Thanks to MPP Lecce's leadership, all residents in King and Vaughan will soon enjoy two-way, all-day GO train service.

Earlier this year, MPP Lecce unveiled the official sign on the Cortelucci Vaughan Hospital grounds where the future school will be located – the first medical school in Canada with a focused mandate of training family physicians. Construction is set to finish within the next three years to welcome the first class of new medical students in Fall 2028 to deliver better, more integrated healthcare, closer to home.

"Small, rural and northern communities are essential to the growth and prosperity of Ontario," said Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure. "That is why we're increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund's minimum grant amount to provide predictability and stability for these communities and ensure they have the resources they need to thrive. With our record investments across all infrastructure programs, we're driving

an unprecedented wave of construction – highways, transit, hospitals, schools, and more—to make communities stronger, keep workers on the job, and drive economic growth for generations to come."

The OCIF provides funding for local infrastructure projects in municipalities with populations under 100,000, rural and northern municipalities, as well as for Local Services Boards that own water or wastewater systems.

The OMPF is the province's main general assistance grant to municipalities. After consultation earlier this year, the additional \$50 million enhancement builds on the significant increases in support that the government is providing and represents a combined 20 per cent increase over the last two years.

According to Angela Pham, deputy treasurer, King has received funds from the OMPF for the past several years. The grant ranged from \$420,900 in 2022, to \$304,200 in both 2024 and 2025.

Pham pointed out the 2026 allocation is \$317,500, an increase of \$13,300.

"Although the increase is not significant, we hope that it'll continue to increase in future years," she said.

In 2021, King Township received \$608,548 in funding to help build and repair infrastructure projects in our community such as roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.

The OMPF is a formula-based program that incorporates annual data updates to ensure the program is responsive to changing municipal circumstances.

The province is working with municipalities to support building more homes for people and families. Ontario is investing an additional \$1.6 billion through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) nearly doubling the total investment to \$4 billion.



Shown are Joy Schwartz, Ontario Ministry of Transportation; Vanessa Sawden, York Region; Michael Stewart, Canadian Automobile Association; Giulia Ferrante, York Region Paramedic Services; Ashley Aldasoro Neves, York Region Public Health; Joseph Petrunaro, York Region; Caroline Berryman, York Region, Todd Snooks, York Regional Police.

York Region traffic safety partners urge caution as daylight hours shorten

York Region, York Region Paramedic Services, York Regional Police (YRP) and the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) joined together last week near King City Secondary School in King to remind students and residents about the importance of road safety as daylight hours decrease.

The road safety event highlighted a critical seasonal concern as November consistently records the highest number of pedestrian-involved collisions in York Region. Shorter days and poor weather conditions reduce visibility, increasing risks for all road users.

As part of York Region's Vision Zero Traveller Safety Plan, traffic safety partners shared practical tips for motorists and pedestrians to Be Visible, Be Seen. Reflective zipper pulls and other visibility-enhancing items were distributed to students and residents.

Visibility is key to safety. The following simple actions can save lives.

For motorists:
Avoid distractions and stay alert for pedestrians and cyclists.

Slow down in poor weather and low-

light conditions.

Turn on headlights as daylight fades and ensure wipers are functional.

Approach intersections cautiously and watch for crossing pedestrians.

For Pedestrians:

Remove earbuds and make eye contact with drivers before crossing.

Wear bright or reflective clothing and consider lights or reflectors on bags.

Use designated crosswalks and intersections.

Carry a flashlight during evening walks.

York Region and its traffic safety partners, including York Regional Police and CAA, have a collective commitment to safety, health and well-being of all within our communities.

York Region's Vision Zero Traveller Safety Plan aims to cut severe collisions (those causing serious injury or death) by 10% from 2024 to 2028. It includes countermeasures such as intersection improvements, pedestrian and cycling measures, red light cameras, school zone speed reductions, speed feedback boards and roundabouts.

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Our bodies are much more than mere vessels

“The human body is strange and flawed and unpredictable. The human body has many secrets, and it does not divulge them to anyone, except those who have learned to wait.”

— Paul Auster

Our bodies are truly magnificent pieces of machinery. They're beyond intricate and despite the fact every one is unique and priceless, we all get one.

It's like our essence gets a new outfit — an overcoat of sorts — at the time of our birth. It's like winning the evolutionary lottery. Alas, with any windfall can come bankruptcy, physically or emotionally.

While some of us are capable of throwing 100-mile-per-hour fastballs, or skating down the ice on a break-away, we're imperfect and fragile.

Yes, girls are made from sugar, spice and so many nice things. Boys, on the other hand, are made from snails and the odd bits of a puppy's tail.

But science knows we're made of a tiny bit more.

Humans are composed of 84 minerals, 23 elements and 8 gallons of water, distributed among 38 billion cells. Roughly 99% of the mass of the human body is made up of six elements: oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, calcium, and phosphorus. Less than 1% is composed of another five elements: potassium, sulfur, sodium, chlorine, & magnesium. All 11 are necessary for life.

Our bodies have seven septillion atoms (7 followed by 26 zeroes). Add another 30 trillion human cells and another 38 trillion bacterial cells. Our temples host roughly 200 different cell types, the majority found in our blood.

We are not unlike our brethren in the universe, literally. Stars, like our sun, are necessary for life to flourish. Our sun, through nuclear fusion in its core, converts hydrogen into helium. Massive amounts of energy are released during this process, providing the building blocks for elements such as oxygen, and nitrogen. What are humans made of?



Mark Pavilons

Well, stardust of course!

We have been built out of nothing by “spare parts” of the earth that we have consumed, according to a set of instructions hidden in a double helix, small enough to be carried by a single sperm.

We are made of recycled butterflies, plants, rocks, streams, firewood, wolf skins and shark teeth, decomposed into their smallest parts and reconstructed into the most complex living being on our planet.

“We're not living on earth, we are earth!”

All of this comes together in a rather neat package, controlled by something much more complex. The human brain, with its staggering 100 trillion neural connections, generates self-awareness. We're not quite sure how electrical signals become thoughts and emotions, but there you have it.

Unlike any other known biological system, the human brain can contemplate its own existence, creating a recursive loop of awareness that challenges our understanding of perception and reality.

We also need to remember that we are spiritual beings just spending some time in a body.

Approximately half of the world's population adheres to religious or spiritual beliefs. The cornerstone of spiritual beliefs is the existence of the spirit or soul. Even those who do not follow a religion believe that our essence is spirit.

Plato believed in the concept of dualism — that the body and soul are separate entities. He argued that the soul is immortal and unchanging, while the body is a temporary residence. Descartes argued that our ability to think and reason is enough to prove the existence of a soul. Thomas Aquinas, a medieval theologian, also argued that the soul is the vital principle that animates the body and gives it life.

Dr. Stuart Hameroff, an anesthesiologist and professor at the University of Arizona, conducted a recent study into the brain activity of clinically dead patients. He found that an electroencephalogram (EEG) seemed to capture a strange burst of energy that occurred shortly after death.

This gamma synchrony, he said, is typically linked to our conscious thought, awareness and perception.

“So that could be the near-death experience, or it could be the soul leaving the body, perhaps.”

He also stressed that consciousness happens at a quantum level. A quantum object exists in multiple states at once and quantum physics seems to be all about probabilities.

I'd choose another word to describe our souls, but hey, if science even admits it's possible, I'm good with that.

Does it open a curtain, and reveal the literal “stairway to heaven?”

Atman, one of the most basic concepts in Hinduism, is the universal self. After death it either transmigrates to a new life or attains release (moksha) from the bonds of existence.

Interestingly, the 12 unique characteristics of Atman are: eternal, unchanging, one without a second, pure and untouched by matter, distinct from the body, the support of pure consciousness, without volition, changeless, self-aware, the cause of all, unattached, and infinite.

Boy, all of those terms can be used to describe our soul, the spark inside each and every one of us.

If we can beat the odds of coming into existence (1 in 400 quadrillion), maybe there's a bit more than snips and snails and puppy dog tails in my DNA.

My friends, we are miracles, coming into being from microscopic parts of our parents, growing into marvellous, albeit somewhat selfish creatures. We can not only run and jump, but reach for the stars and create energy from atoms.

Recycled though we may be, perhaps we carry with us the most important things of all — the cells of all that has been. We're like a vessel that contains all of creation.

While I would have come up with something a bit more reliable to carry such precious material, I suppose we humans will do for now.

And maybe, just maybe, in those seconds when we transcend into a quantum state, we take all of humankind with us, to ports unknown.

Happy trails, everyone!

Food bank extends thanks for support

The King Township Food Bank's 12th annual Sip & Savour fundraiser was a tremendous success, raising more than \$120,000 — a vital contribution to our annual operating budget that enables us to continue providing essential food to nearly 500 local residents each month. Known as “the cocktail party of the year in King,” this volunteer-run event serves as our primary fundraiser.

“This event truly embodies the spirit of King Township,” says Geoff Simpson, President of the King Township Food Bank. “The generosity and compassion we see each year are both humbling and inspiring.”

This year's Oh! Canada theme highlighted our nation's diversity, featuring a coast-to-coast-to-coast menu, lively entertainment, and immersive décor. Volunteers transformed the venue into a Canadian landscape, while Strange Potatoes energized the room with an all-Canadian playlist. David Beasley delivered an engaging Live Auction that not only brought personality to our event, it raised important funds for our cause. We're grateful to our auction donors — online, live and on-site — which featured more than 100 donations from individuals and businesses near and far.

“This event is only possible because of the amazing volunteers, sponsors, donors, in-kind supporters, auction bidders, and ticket holders who come together year after year,” says Meline Beach, Volunteer Director of Fundraising and Sip & Savour Coordinator. “Every ticket, every auction bid, every sponsorship, and every donation truly adds up. The energy in the room this year was incredible — our community's enthusiasm and generosity are what make Sip & Savour so special.”

With deep gratitude for the community's support, the King Township Food Bank is already planning Sip & Savour 2026 — another evening of fun and fundraising in support of neighbours helping neighbours.



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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

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Quote of the Week

“I am not okay, but I am many worthy things.”

— Anon.

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COP30 climate summit needs a power shift

By David Suzuki

The Environment

In 1992, my then 12-year-old daughter Severn pleaded with adult delegates at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to stop breaking the world. Thirty-three years later we're still negotiating — and burning fossil fuels at record levels.

For the past 30 years, global representatives have gathered for United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP) climate summits, promising solutions. But political inaction continues to drive worsening climate disasters.

It's hard not to be cynical. The COP process has become a theatre of contradiction. Recent summits have been hosted by petrostates and financed by polluters. Fossil fuel lobbyists attended COP28 and COP29 in greater numbers — 2,456 at COP28 and 1,800 at COP29 — than many national delegations.

Government leaders allow fine print to blunt big promises. At COP28 in Dubai, they urged a “transition away from fossil fuels,” but also recognized “transitional fuels” — the loophole many, including in Canada, use to justify “natural” gas expansion.

So why bother with COP30? Because this year's event, in Belém, Brazil, can be historically significant if we let the Amazon and those who protect it shift the power. Brazil's environment and climate change minister, Marina Silva, put it plainly: “I often say that society is doing its part, and science is doing its part. The ones who need to step up are the governments and companies.”

This conference is being billed as a “Nature COP,” a chance to braid climate, biodiversity and land goals in the world's largest rainforest, where the stakes could not be higher. Indigenous leadership is the most credible path forward.

In spring, 180 organizations delivered a letter to the COP30 presidency calling for a halt to oil and gas expansion in the Amazon, echoing Amazoni-

an Indigenous nations' declarations. A few months later, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights affirmed that governments have a legal obligation to protect human rights in the face of the climate emergency.

People in the Amazon are already living through the crisis — long, punishing droughts and forest fires are threatening river ecosystems, cutting off transport and putting food security and health at risk. They've organized massive demonstrations to demand protection and a seat at the negotiating table.

This year will also mark a decade since the Paris Agreement, a major achievement of COP21. It was meant to motivate governments to set and meet ambitious climate targets. Global pledges have already failed to keep us below 1.5 C of warming, beyond which there's no going back to the stability of the past.

Canada must decide what role to play in this moral drama. Prime Minister Mark Carney won't endorse greenhouse gas targets, instead focusing on “results, not objectives.” But you can't achieve results without clear objectives, timelines and accountability. If our government keeps greenlighting pipelines while sidelining targets, “results” will be measured in fires, floods and lost futures.

Energy policy must follow science. This means ending fossil fuel projects and scaling renewables quickly to replace them. Real climate governance means reforming laws, regulations and public finance, so climate goals actually yield results. Trade and investment deals shouldn't be allowed to undermine climate progress, and every line in Canada's budget should support a clear path to decarbonization.

If COP30 is to mean anything, we must heed Indigenous leadership, as they understand that the fate of the for-

est is our fate. We must finally empower those who have safeguarded Earth all along. True climate leadership at COP30 means setting a time-bound plan to end fossil fuel expansion, supporting Indigenous-led energy transitions and committing fair contributions to global finance.

The COP process is flawed and rife with failures. But it's one of the few spaces where civil society, youth, scientists and Indigenous leaders can confront power face-to-face. This matters. We desperately need more global collaboration when multilateralism is threatened and authoritarianism is rising. We need international solidarity to push back against the wave of nationalism.

These forums need to be reclaimed! We must strip away industry influence, put human rights at the centre and make outcomes binding. If COP30 can deliver this type of necessary action, it will be remembered as a new beginning.

Power should be given to those who protect the forest, and costs to those

who profit from its destruction. Power to the front-line movements fighting to make it so!

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Indigenous Strategic Approach Senior Adviser Janelle Lapointe. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.



YRP joins 30Forward pledge to increase female representation

York Regional Police is proud to be one of the first police services in the province to sign the 30Forward pledge, committing to a future where at least 30 per cent of its sworn officers are women.

Today, less than 23 per cent of police officers in Canada identify as women. The 30Forward initiative aims to push that number above 30 per cent. Research shows that when underrepresented groups reach 30 per cent representation in a profession, they gain the ability to shape culture, drive innovation and influence decision-making in meaningful ways.

The 30Forward initiative is inspired by the global 30x30 initiative, which is working to increase representation of women in U.S. police services and beyond. 30Forward is tailored for Canadian police services, and many have signed on to this pledge to create a fair and inclusive workforce that better reflects the communities they serve. The initiative aims not only to boost recruitment of women but to retain and foster the progression of women officers.

Data has shown women officers use force less often and less excessively when they do. Women make fewer arrests for non-violent, low-level offences, conduct fewer searches during traffic stops and are more likely to find contraband when they do. They also see better outcomes for crime victims — especially sexual assault victims and are named

less often in complaints and lawsuits.

Women in law enforcement face barriers in promotion, flexibility around family responsibilities, gendered performance expectations, retention and a lack of mentorship.

Only 20.23 per cent of York Regional Police sworn members identify as women, but their service has made significant progress dismantling barriers through women-centric recruiting initiatives and programs designed to offer more flexibility and work-life balance for officers. This progress has been accomplished through representation among senior leaders (21 per cent), robust mentoring, and equity-focused organizational planning and training.

“While much has been accomplished to create greater gender equity at our service, there is more work to do,” said Chief Jim MacSween. “Our commitment continues, to empower women in policing, create opportunities and build a culture where everyone can thrive.”

“York Regional Police has committed publicly to transparency and examining systemic barriers that exist for women in policing,” said Deputy Chief of People & Culture Cecile Hammond. “This isn't about lowering standards. It's about raising opportunities and inspiring the next generation of policing leaders.”

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Ontario creating new Conservation Authority Agency

The Ontario government will soon introduce legislation to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA).

The aim is to improve the province's conservation authority system to help get shovels in the ground faster on homes and other local infrastructure projects, while strengthening the vital role conservation authorities play in managing watersheds and protecting communities from floods and natural hazards. This action will help the province deliver on its plan to protect Ontario by cutting red tape and building an economy that is more competitive, resilient and self-reliant, to help keep workers on the job in the face of tariffs and economic uncertainty.

"Conservation authorities play a vital role in protecting our communities and managing our watersheds, but the system has become too fragmented, inconsistent and outdated," said Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "The new, dedicated agency would work with conservation leaders to ensure faster, more transparent permitting and more front-line services so we can reduce delays to get shovels in the ground sooner, support economic growth and keep our communities safe from floods and other natural hazards."

Ontario currently has a fragmented system of 36 conservation authorities, each of which have different policies, standards, fees and levels of staffing and technical capabilities. This has led to unpredictable and inconsistent turnaround times for approvals across all conservation authorities, creating uncertainty and delays for builders, landowners and farmers seeking permits and undermining conservation authorities' ability to protect communities from floods and natural hazards.

To address these issues, the OPCA will provide centralized leadership, efficient governance, strategic direction and oversight of all conservation authorities. The agency will free-up resources for front-line conservation and ensure faster, more consistent and transparent permitting, while supporting conservation authorities in their core mandate of managing watersheds and protecting people and property from natural hazards in an efficient and consistent manner.

The agency will be tasked with lead-

ing key modernization projects, including:

Developing a single digital permitting platform to provide a faster, more predictable approvals process and improved customer service.

Streamlining and standardizing service delivery by setting clear, province-wide performance standards and support their consistent application by conservation authorities with centralized data and updated floodplain mapping.

Overseeing the implementation of a regional, watershed-based consolidation of conservation authorities.

Under the leadership of the new agency, conservation authorities will continue to deliver existing programs such as protecting people and property from natural hazards, drinking water source protection and the management of lands and recreational trails, including public access to local natural areas, as well as other recreational and educational activities.

"The Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency will work with conservation authorities to reduce duplication, implement consistent processes and standards, and leverage shared technology and other resources," said Hassan Basit, Chief Conservation Executive.

"With better tools and more resources for front-line staff, local conservation authorities will have a greater ability to use technical data, research and analysis to make decisions, operate with greater consistency and transparency, and deliver faster services to municipalities, residents and permit applicants."

In the coming weeks the government plans to introduce legislation to establish the proposed agency. As part of that work, the government will soon begin consultations with the public, municipalities, stakeholders, Indigenous communities and other partners on a watershed-based consolidation of conservation authorities, including the proposed regional boundaries of each conservation authority based on the following criteria:

Maintaining watershed-based jurisdictions for effective flood and water management.

Reducing administrative overlap and duplication for municipalities and conservation authorities.

Balancing expertise and capacity

across conservation authorities to improve service and program delivery.

Ensuring uninterrupted delivery of local conservation authority programs

Under the current system, more than half of all municipalities in areas served by conservation authorities fall within the jurisdiction of two or more conservation authorities, resulting in unnecessary duplication that diverts resources from front-line conservation work and service delivery. If the consolidation is implemented as proposed, this would be reduced by 63 per cent.

Individual conservation authorities have significant disparities in size and resources, with some lacking access to the latest tools and technology that support flood risk management and evidence-based decision making. Consolidation would enable more consistent service delivery and more efficient resource and information sharing, making conservation authorities more responsive to the needs of the communities they serve.

Unique to Ontario, conservation authorities develop and deliver local, watershed-based resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities, including programs aimed at preventing natural hazards, drinking water source protection and surface water and groundwater monitoring programs.

As part of their responsibilities, conservation authorities issue permits for development activities such as housing, installation of sewage systems in areas affected by risks of natural hazards such as floodplains, shorelines and wetlands.

King Councillor Debbie Schaefer has some reservations about the changes.

"I am skeptical that this restructuring will make a positive impact. I see it as being a new layer of oversight re-

mote from the action in each watershed which the Conservation Authorities are supposed to regulate," she said.

She pointed out some municipalities work with more than one Conservation Authority and in King they work with two – Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority (LSRCA).

"From my perspective as a councillor I see it as valuable to have the two as each brings a strength developed because of the priority issues/risks in their watershed. And it's my observation that each are ready to share knowledge and innovative ideas with other CAs."

While the Province indicated CAs are not streamlined, Schaefer said it's her observation that their work processes have been simplified over the last two years as a necessity due to the significant reduction in the scope of their authority under Bill 23 which led to a reduced revenue stream from the municipalities.

"I do agree that resources for CAs are concentrated in some of the larger ones and should be equitable across Ontario. That has more to do with the funding mechanism than anything else (ie: larger municipalities provide more funding).

"Perhaps there is an opportunity for better streamlining between the CA and the municipal permitting process.

"Consolidations are usually done with expectations and/or promises of administrative savings, eliminating duplication and achieving better results. There is rarely unanimity on whether value is increased. Furthermore there is the cost of the consolidation process. I am not referring to compensation for down sizing, but rather the diversion of energy and time away from the real work which needs to be done."



Mayor helps open Royal

As Governor, King Mayor Steve Pellegrini helped open the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. "It's a honour to stand beside King residents Joe Parker, President and Larry Sheardown, former Governor," he said.



King

7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, November 13 to Wednesday, November 19

THURS 13TH	FRI 14TH	SAT 15TH	SUN 16TH	MON 17TH	TUES 18TH	WED 19TH
Chance of Shower High 4C° Low 0C° <1mm	Sun/Clouds High 3C° Low -4C°	Sun/Clouds High 2C° Low 2C°	Cloudy/Showers High 9C° Low 0C° <1mm	Sun/Clouds High 4C° Low 0C°	Sun/Clouds High 4C° Low -1C°	Cloudy/Showers High 4C° Low 1C° <1mm
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King remembers through services, gestures across the township

King residents braved the weather and attended Remembrance Day observances across the municipality.

Visitors paid tribute November 11 at the Schomberg cenotaph at Trisan Centre. Remarks from officials and the laying of wreaths marked the event.

As the crowd observed a moment of silence, the sense of unity and remembrance was unmistakable.

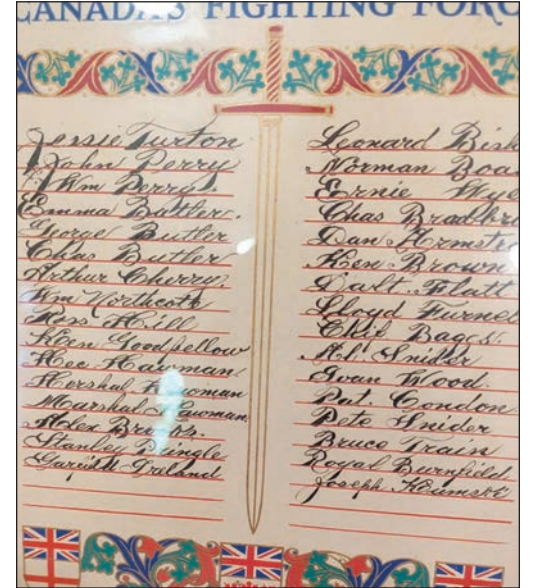
The ceremony was both moving and uplifting, offering a quiet space for reflection while celebrating the enduring legacy of our veterans. Afterward, attendees were welcomed indoors for warm drinks and light refreshments.

The Kettleby cenotaph was the scene of a service Nov. 9. Several dignitaries were on hand to mark the event, including Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret) Jill Bishop, MP Anna Roberts, MPP Stephen Lecce, Mayor Steve Peligrini, Councillor Debbie Schaefer, YRP Supt. Dave MacDonald and King Fire & Emergency Services Deputy Chief Darin Chapman.

This year, the Township placed banners on sign posts throughout King, bearing the names of local residents who served in World War 1. They are placed in all three communities.

King City Lions members Rob Payne and Ian McClelland delivered "I will Remember" lawn signs to residents requesting them.

Local church congregations paid tribute to the community's fallen. Nobleton United Church displayed a plaque containing the names of Nobleton soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice.



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King council passes motion strengthening Greenbelt

By **Mark Pavilons**
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Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

King Township has penned a motion, urging the Province to strengthen protection of the Greenbelt. King is also asking Queen's Park to provide the necessary "tools" to enforce Greenbelt policies.

The Greenbelt Plan, originally passed in 2005 and amended in 2017, is due for review. The Plan informs decision-making to permanently protect the agricultural land base and the ecological and hydrological features, areas and functions occurring on this landscape.

Although primarily implemented through Ontario's land use planning system, including official plans, this Plan is not solely a land use plan. Certain policies of this Plan contemplate implementation by both the Province and municipalities through other related tools, regulations, policies and guidelines.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor Debbie Schaefer created two motions. Staff and council reviewed them to come up with the best of both, in one "super-motion."

Council supports the review of the Greenbelt Plan's existing boundaries

and policies within and beyond King Township in order to "trenchen the protections of the agricultural network that provides food security, the natural ecosystems that provide numerous ecosystem services and the hydrologic systems that provide safe drinking water while recognizing the need to achieve an appropriate balance of the four pillars of sustainability identified in the 'Our King' Official Plan (environmental, economic, socio-cultural and financial)."

Council calls on the Province to collaborate with municipalities, Indigenous communities, the agricultural sectors and other stakeholders in this review to ensure that all interests are considered.

Council requests this review must be transparent, evidence-based, and subject to independent oversight to prevent the influence of political or private interests, with all mapping, data, and rationale made publicly available.

Council is also asking the Province to provide municipalities with the necessary legislative and regulatory tools to effectively implement the policies and objectives of the Greenbelt Plan, including but not limited to site plan control for residential development within the area of influence of key natural heritage and hydrological features.

The motion mentions some of the

details of the Greenbelt Plan and some unique features of this area.

The Greenbelt Plan provides permanent protection for farmland and ecologically and hydrologically significant landscapes, working in tandem with Source Water Protection Plans and the Provincial Policy Statement to guide sustainable land use.

The Greenbelt Plan is designed as an agricultural forward land use framework intended to permanently protect prime farmland, provide water security, reduce speculative pressure, and support Ontario's food security and rural economies.

The Greenbelt functions as a living system of forests, wetlands, rivers and farmland that provides climate resilience by moderating floods, recharging groundwater, sequestering carbon, and sustaining biodiversity.

Municipalities face increasing pressure from growth, aggregate extraction and climate related risks, and require strong enforceable tools to protect water, farmland and natural systems for future generations.

It was noted that more than 98 per cent of King's land base lies within the Greenbelt, encompassing prime agricultural lands, the Oak Ridges Moraine, the headwaters of the Humber and Holland Rivers, and a portion of the Holland Marsh Specialty Crop Area that contributes significantly to On-

tario's food security and agricultural economy.

King's "Our King" Official Plan, currently under review, identifies the environment as one of its four pillars.

In 2015, a coordinated land use planning review recommended expansion of the Greenbelt into key hydrological areas such as moraines and headwater systems to further safeguard water and ecological health.

The Greenbelt Act, 2005 requires a review of the Greenbelt Plan at least every 10 years and the next mandatory review must begin in 2025, there is opportunity to reaffirm and strengthen protections for farmland, natural heritage, and hydrological systems.

Municipalities require clear, consistent, and enforceable tools to implement Provincial policy and protect the integrity of the Greenbelt from the cumulative pressures of growth, aggregate extraction, and climate-related risk.

A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Stephen Lecce, MPP, KingVaughan, Caroline Mulrone, MPP, York-Simcoe, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Edward McDonnell, CEO Greenbelt Foundation, York Region, and all local municipalities in York Region.

2026 budget tabled at York Regional Council

York Region's proposed 2026 budget was tabled at the Oct. 23 meeting of York Regional Council. The 2026 budget covers the fourth and final year of the 2023 to 2026 multi-year budget aligning with this term of Council.

The 2026 tabled budget continues to focus on three priority areas outlined in last year's approved budget: investing in safer communities, enabling growth and keeping people, goods and information moving. It outlines how York Region will deliver core services to residents and businesses, including policing, public health, paramedics, social assistance, community housing, roads, transit and water and wastewater services.

The proposed \$5.2-billion budget – the largest in York Region's history – includes a \$3.7 billion operating budget and a \$1.5 billion capital budget. Operating costs cover day-to-day expenses and provide funding for rehabilitation and replacement of existing infrastructure, while capital spending covers major infrastructure requirements.

The proposed 2026 capital spending of \$1.5-billion is part of a record-high \$14-billion 10-year plan, which includes projects to meet growth needs, support new housing supply and renewal of existing assets.

The tabled budget matches the Council approved 2025 outlook of a 3.22% tax levy increase, plus 1% for the Rapid Transit and Infrastructure levy. If approved, it will add approximately \$127 to the average household.

York Regional Police and major service area presentations were presented to Committee of the Whole Nov. 6, with Council consideration on Nov. 27.



MPP meets with Ukraine's Minister of energy

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan and Ontario's Minister of Energy and Mines, held a bilateral meeting with Ukraine's Minister of Energy Svitlana Hrynychuk to discuss Ukraine's energy security ahead of another winter amidst continued indiscriminate attacks by Russia.

"We will not sit back as Vladimir Putin weaponizes the winter against Ukrainian families by destroying their electricity grid and civilian infrastructure," said Lecce. "Ontario hosted Ukraine's Minister Hrynychuk to affirm our province's support, including through the recent deployment of generators to keep heat on for innocent families. As Ukraine looks to rebuild, Ontario is uniquely positioned to support nuclear, hydroelectric, and Small Modular Reactor development."

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Ontario lowering the costs for first-time home buyers

As part of its plan to protect Ontario, lower costs and help more families realize the dream of homeownership, the provincial government is proposing to rebate the full 8 per cent provincial portion of the HST for first-time home buyers on new homes valued up to \$1 million.

The province's proposal, which will be included in the 2025 Fall Economic Statement, would save first-time home buyers up to \$80,000 off the cost of a new home when combined with existing provincial relief, helping lower costs for first-time home buyers and spurring the construction of more homes. When combined with the federal government's proposed removal of its 5 per cent portion of the HST, which would save up to \$50,000 off the cost of a new home, total savings for first-time home buyers would equal up to \$130,000.

"In the face of tariffs and global economic uncertainty, it's never been more important to make life more affordable for the hardworking people of Ontario. Through our proposed HST rebate on new homes for qualifying first-time home buyers, we are leading by example – saving families money on one of the biggest financial transactions of their lives," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "Ontario families deserve more money back in their pockets and we are continuing to build on our track record of doing just that."

Earlier in 2025, the Ontario government called on the federal government to introduce further measures in collaboration with the province to address housing affordability, including removing the HST for first-time homebuyers. Subject to passage of federal legislation, Ontario's new rebate would mirror the federal government's First-Time Home Buyers' GST/HST Rebate to temporarily remove the full 8 per cent provincial portion of the HST for first-time home buyers on qualifying newly built and substantially renovated homes.

"Our government is working every day to bring the dream of homeownership within reach for more people. Today's announcement is good news not only for first-time homebuyers, but for workers and tradespeople who can keep doing what they love – building their communities," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "The actions we're taking today com-

plement our legislation and is just one more way we are protecting Ontario by creating the conditions to build."

The new Ontario rebate would be available in addition to the existing Ontario HST New Housing Rebate, which already provides relief of up to \$24,000 to eligible purchasers, including but not limited to first-time home buyers. Together with Ontario's existing HST New Housing Rebate, the new Ontario rebate would provide relief of the full 8 per cent provincial portion of the HST on qualifying new homes valued up to \$1 million for first-time home buyers.

For homes valued between \$1 million and \$1.5 million, the new rebate would follow the phased reduction under the proposed federal rebate. That means the rebate would be gradually reduced as the price of a new home increases from \$1 million to \$1.5 million, to a minimum of \$24,000 for homes valued between \$1.35 million and \$1.5 million. This ensures that the combined amount of relief available under both Ontario rebates would not be less than the amount that is currently provided through the existing Ontario HST New Housing Rebate.

On May 27, 2025, the federal government proposed eliminating the full federal portion of the HST on qualifying newly built and substantially renovated homes valued up to \$1 million for first-time home buyers.

Details of Ontario's proposed new rebate are based on the federal government's proposal as announced on May 27, 2025. Implementation of the new Ontario rebate is subject to passage of federal legislation and requires federal regulatory changes. Ontario will continue to monitor the status of the federal proposal as it progresses through the federal legislative process.

Ontario will work with the federal government to propose that the new Ontario rebate be available if the agreement of purchase and sale for the home is entered into with the builder on or after May 27, 2025, and before 2031. Construction of the home must begin before 2031, and the home must be substantially completed before 2036.

Other eligibility criteria for the new Ontario rebate would follow those set by the federal government, including that the individual must be acquiring the new home for use as their primary place of residence.

"RESCON has been advocating for an aligned GST/HST rebate for first-time homebuyers. We are grateful to the provincial government for their announcement today which implements this full GST/HST rebate of 13 per cent for first-time homebuyers in Ontario. This is good news for the thousands of young people and families who have been struggling to realize the dream of new home ownership. Premier Ford, Minister Bethlenfalvy and Minister Flack are demonstrating decisive leadership as we work collaboratively to address the housing challenges facing our province," said Richard Lyall, President, Residential Construction Council of Ontario.

"The Ontario government's extension of the GST/HST exemption to the first \$1 million on the purchase of a new home, or substantially renovated

home, for first time home buyers is a step in the right direction in addressing the worst housing downturn on record. Addressing this challenge requires the concerted effort of all levels of government and the industry to lower new housing costs, increase housing starts and protect jobs and the economy. The Building Industry and Land Development Association appreciates the efforts of the provincial government and will continue to work with the government to advise on additional measures required to address the structural challenges facing the industry. With GTA new housing prices down 20 per cent from the peak and these new measures, now is a great time for first buyers to step off the sidelines and get into the market," added Dave Wilkes, President and CEO, Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD).

Dog Tales Charitable Foundation launches its first campaign: 101 Salvations

Dog Tales Charitable Foundation launches 101 Salvations – a fundraising campaign to save the lives of 101 dogs and find them loving homes.

The Foundation is rescuing dogs with medical needs, providing tailored treatment, and locating forever families. The faster dogs are adopted, the more can be saved. 101 Salvations will amplify and accelerate this work. It is the first step on a bigger mission.

Most dogs rescued to date were surrendered and require unique and sometimes significant care to ready them for a new home. The case histories range from dogs struggling through the challenges of pregnancy, to those abandoned after a working life on a farm ended. Some arrive with injuries caused by car accidents or encounters with animals, while others are given up because of illnesses and old age.

With the help of their donor family, they provide the medical treatment, rehabilitation, and support they need to heal and thrive. Thanks to your generosity, they can match them with families who are ready to meet their needs – giving them the second chance they deserve.

Every dog rescued in this campaign will be profiled on www.dogtalesfoundation.com, instagram @dogtalesfounda-

tion and facebook @dogtalesfoundation so the public can follow their treatment, who is available for adoption, and who found their new family!

"101 Salvations will save 101 dogs surrendered or abandoned, primarily with medical issues or conditions. It's part of a larger issue and effort, and this is where we start - by sharing the stories of the lives helped and inviting the public to be a part of their journey," said Paul Aiello, Chair, Board of Directors.

Dog Tales' mission is to rescue dogs and provide the care required, and find their loving homes; provide care and sanctuary for farm animals in need; and spay/neuter or vaccinate domestic pets, feral or stray.

They extended thanks to their founding donors:

Platinum: The David Baazov Family Foundation; Leal Family Endowment; The Eric S. Margolis Foundation; Estate of Marianne Teske; Darryl Ura, RBC Wealth Management.

Gold: Ashley Johnston on behalf of A Dog's Life Realty, Amanda L. Mayo MPC, In Memory of Angelo Riccobene & Julia Riccobene, Anonymous.

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Hariri Pontarini Architects leads McMichael expansion

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection, home to one of the world's foremost collections of Canadian and Indigenous art, announces a transformative redevelopment led by the award-winning Toronto-based firm Hariri Pontarini Architects (HPA).

This once-in-a-generation renewal, supported by major investments from the Government of Ontario, the Government of Canada, and philanthropic partners, will remake the McMichael into a world-class museum for the 21st century – a beacon of accessibility, environmental sustainability and artistic excellence.

The revitalization marks the first major investment in the McMichael's site in more than forty years. With commitments of up to \$50 million from the Government of Ontario and currently \$25 million from the Government of Canada through the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program, this ambitious project will ensure that the McMichael continues to inspire Canadians – and visitors from around the world – for generations to come.

Originally built in the 1950s as the private home of founders Robert and Signe McMichael, the site has grown into a nationally significant institution – welcoming hundreds of thousands of visitors to experience the spirit and stories of Canada through the eyes of its greatest artists. Nestled in the Humber River Valley, the building's modernist timber-and-stone architecture, with its low rooflines and integration into the landscape, has come to embody a deep sense of place and connection for many Canadians.

The new design, led by award-winning Canadian firm Hariri Pontarini Architects, will honour this legacy while expanding and modernizing the facility to meet the needs of diverse 21st-century audiences. The redevelopment will include:

More space dedicated to exhibitions, education, conservation, and public programming.

State-of-the-art classrooms and studios to nurture the next generation of Canadian artists.

Purpose-built spaces for events, concerts, lectures, conferences and banqueting – including a new indoor theatre.

Built to CAGBC Zero Carbon Design Standards, reinforcing the McMichael's commitment to environmental stewardship.

The resulting building will be a powerful reflection of our nation's values: creativity, inclusion, sustainability, and deep respect for the land and its many stories.

"The iconic McMichael Canadian Art Collection is a cornerstone of Ontario's cultural identity, celebrating Canadian and Indigenous history and heritage through artistic expression. The Ontario government is proud to protect McMichael's legacy and invest in projects that strengthen the province's cultural sector. With this redevelopment, the McMichael will reach its potential as a world-class cultural institution and the beating heart of the Canadian and Indigenous art communities," noted Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming.

"This project is more than a renovation— it's about building a home worthy of the art, artists, and landscapes that define our nation. Hariri Pontarini Architects has developed a visionary design that honours the spirit of the original site while reimagining what a Canadian museum can be: open, inclusive, sustainable, and deeply connected to the land. We are immensely grateful to the Government of Ontario, the Government of Canada, and our generous donors for recognizing the power of cultural spaces to shape our national identity and investing in a future that all Canadians can be proud of," said Andy Pringle, Chair, McMichael Board of Trustees.

"Canada deserves a world-class museum that champions our past and present, showcases beloved artists in fresh new ways, draws out the deeper histories of Indigenous art and culture, elevates emerging talent, and brings attention to the many diverse voices that make up Canada today. This project—brilliantly envisioned by HPA – delivers on that promise: it honours the natural materials of the Canadian landscape, addresses the needs of 21st-century audiences, and creates spaces for discovery and delight for future generations. The McMichael is the place where it all comes together – a catalytic force that is

changing the story of art in Canada," said Sarah Milroy, Frances and Tim Price Executive Director and Chief Curator.

"We have fallen in love with the vision set before us by the McMichael, as home to the art of Canada. The big, sturdy roof automatically says 'home,' but it also says longhouse, or cabin in the woods. From the approach, the roof hugs the ground making it welcoming, intimate, warm and inviting. But as you enter, the experience explodes, engaging the extraordinary setting in a number of surprising moments with a rare and uniquely Canadian combination of nature and art," said Siamak Hariri, Founding Partner, Hariri Pontarini Architects.

On April 8, 2025, the Province of Ontario announced up to \$50 million in funding, contingent on matching support from the federal government and private donors.

On March 3, the Government of Canada announced a \$25 million investment through the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program

to support the McMichael's redevelopment.

The McMichael's permanent collection includes more than 7,000 artworks by Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, Indigenous artists, and artists from the many diasporic communities that make up Canada.

In 1965, Robert and Signe McMichael offered to donate their collection – as well as their home and land – to the Province of Ontario. Eight months later, on July 8, 1966, the "McMichael Conservation Collection of Art" officially opened to the public.

The Gallery is an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, with ongoing support from the Ministry and the McMichael Canadian Art Foundation.

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Curtain Club's 72nd season arrives

The Curtain Club Theatre proudly announces the launch of its 72nd season of live theatre, continuing a long-standing tradition of bringing award-winning community theatre to Richmond Hill. This milestone season opens with Neil Simon's touching and witty romantic comedy *Rose and Walsh*, running now through September 27.

Rose and Walsh tells the story of *Rose*, a celebrated writer living in a beach house with *Walsh*, the love of her life. As their relationship faces challenges both humorous and poignant, Simon's script explores themes of love, legacy, and the enduring bonds between two people who have shared a lifetime together.

"The Curtain Club has been a cornerstone of community arts in Richmond Hill for more than seven decades," said Kayla Mouzos, PR Director. "We are thrilled to welcome audiences back for another exciting season, starting with Neil Simon's heartfelt and funny play that celebrates both the joy and the complexity of human connection."

Founded in 1954, The Curtain Club

is a volunteer-run, award-winning community theatre that has become a cultural landmark in Richmond Hill. With five shows staged each season, the theatre continues to provide opportunities for local talent both on and off stage, while offering audiences memorable, affordable nights of entertainment.

The Curtain Club's 2025-2026 Season Lineup:

A Bunch of Amateurs by Ian Hislop & Nick Newman – Nov. 14 to 29.

An Act of Grace by John Muggleton – Jan. 23 to Feb. 7, 2026.

The Last Wife by Kate Hennig – March 27 to April 11, 2026.

Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors by Gordon Greenberg & Steve Rosen – May 29 to June 13, 2026.

Tickets for *Rose and Walsh* are available now and can be purchased online at thecurtainclub.org or by calling the box office at 905-773-3434. Season subscriptions are also available, offering audiences the best value and guaranteed seats for all five productions. For more information about The Curtain Club and its 72nd season lineup, please visit thecurtainclub.org.

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Local officials get tour of Caritas School at open house

By **Mark Pavilons**
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Local officials got a chance to learn about the efforts at Caritas School of Life at a recent open house.

The event brought together local and federal representatives, community leaders, and program participants for a meaningful discussion on mental health, addiction recovery, and the vital role Caritas plays in transforming lives.

Staff welcomed several local and federal representatives for an inspiring and collaborative event that highlighted the organization's mission, programs, and impact in the community.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini of King Township opened the event with heartfelt remarks, addressing Caritas residents directly and affirming his commitment to serve and support them, a moment that deeply resonated with all

in attendance. Executive Director Maria Zigouris delivered a powerful address tracing Caritas's 40-year history, emphasizing the transformative work being done, and sharing the organization's vision for the future.

Board Chair Brian Roman welcomed guests and introduced the dignitaries, including Members of Parliament Anna Roberts (King–Vaughan), Michael Guglielmin (Vaughan–Woodbridge), Sandra Cobena (Newmarket–Aurora), Costa Menegakis (Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill), and Vincent Ho (Richmond Hill South). MP Roberts spoke on behalf of her colleagues, expressing pride in Caritas's community role and reaffirming their commitment to continued support.

Program Manager Nikita Moriarity led a tour of the Caritas campus, including the barn, recreation centre, and residence, providing insight into how each space contributes to the therapeutic healing process. The visiting representatives engaged deeply, asking thoughtful questions about



Caritas' Therapeutic Community model, funding challenges, and the broader mental health and addiction landscape.

The visit culminated with an invita-

tion for Caritas to join a national discussion aimed at improving funding models, data collection, and evidence-based policies, a significant recognition of Caritas's leadership and expertise.

The open house fostered genuine dialogue, connection, and shared purpose, underscoring the importance of collaboration in addressing addiction and mental health challenges. Caritas extends its gratitude to all who contributed to making this milestone event a success, and to the officials who took the time to attend and show their support.

Caritas School of Life offers a comprehensive, supportive, and structured approach to treatment through a Therapeutic Community Model of Care, which significantly enhances the recovery process for individuals living with addiction and concurrent mental health challenges. This model is vital in helping individuals achieve and sustain long-term recovery by addressing their physical, emotional, and social well-being within a compassionate, community-based environment.

Caritas's programs and services include a Men's Bed-Based Program on a working farm — the only program of its kind in North America — as well as a Women's Bed-Based Program, an In-Patient Men's Detox Centre, and a range of outpatient services, such as the Women's Day Program, Family Support Services, and Withdrawal Management programs.

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Southlake doctors strut their stuff for local cancer care

By **Brock Weir**

Giving back was fashion-forward on Thursday evening as Aurora and Newmarket came together for the semi-annual Whisky, Wine & MR Menswear fashion show, benefiting local cancer care at Southlake Health.

Hosted by cancer survivor and local business leader Mike Rathke, owner of the Industrial Parkway South-based MR Menswear, the October 30 event saw eight Southlake physicians hit the catwalk in MR Menswear fashions, raising a whopping \$140,000 for the Southlake Regional Cancer Centre in the process.

"A heartfelt thank you to everyone here tonight supporting this incredible event," said Rathke, following a moving video featuring his mother, wife, and two daughters, recalling his cancer journey and the importance of having top-quality cancer care close to home. "I'm so proud of how far this show has come since we first began in 2016, the impact of all of us here together — our guests, our sponsors, and our models."

Emceeding this year's fashion show once again was Steve Hinder, who described Rathke as "stronger than any

athlete or bodybuilder out there — he's my hero."

"Mike talked a bit about the community that we're in and I just have to add one more thing: the Southlake Family is different," said Hinder, Co-Chair of Southlake's Philanthropy Cabinet. "The doctors are giving up their time tonight, together with our Physicians' Council.... It's because they know it takes all of us to provide the best care possible to our patients and our loved ones, and that we're truly in this together."

"We all need one another to be successful in this hospital. It's a very unique relationship, I believe, at Southlake, and one we're all extremely grateful for."

This was echoed by Jennifer Ritter, President of the Southlake Health Foundation, who said the auditorium at Newmarket's NewRoads Performing Arts Centre was "filled with joy and generosity."

"Sincere gratitude to Mike Rathke for just pouring his heart and his soul into everything that he does," said Ritter. "Mike is a true community champion, a pillar in our community, and

an inspiration to so many of us. Mike, thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts — we're so grateful. It makes such an impact for so many other people who came to Southlake for treatment at our Cancer Centre, which is among the top three cancer centres in Ontario, something we should all be proud of."

"Mike, this event tonight makes such a great impact."

While there were plenty of smiles and laughter to go around as the physicians took their turn on the runway, perhaps the most fun job of the evening went to Dr. Paul Woods, President & CEO of Southlake Health who had the honour of presenting tongue-in-cheek awards to the models, including Southlake's Next Top Model, which went to Dr. Philip Butler.

"The best part of my job is being able to go into work every day and to work alongside these eight guys," said Woods of the physician-models, "and there are hundreds of colleagues in our staff each and every day. It's truly a remarkable place to work. Thank you for putting it out there tonight, but thank you even more for what you do each and every day for the people we serve."

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Ontario's 2025 Fall Economic Statement delivers plan to build resilient economy

The Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: A Plan to Protect Ontario, supports the government's plan to protect Ontario by building a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy by cutting red tape, investing in infrastructure, supporting workers, improving services and making life more affordable.

"With tariffs taking direct aim at Ontario workers and communities, it has never been more important for the government to deliver on its plan to protect Ontario. We continue to make historic investments in highways, transit, health care and all the other services our communities rely on, so we can build for our growing province. We are doing this all while keeping costs down for families and helping to unleash Ontario's full economic potential," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "We are able to take unprecedented steps to protect Ontario thanks to our commitment to fiscal prudence, which has put Ontario's finances in the strongest position they have been in over a decade."

Highlights of the 2025 Fall Economic Statement include:

Rebating the full provincial portion of the HST for first-time home buyers of most new homes. Subject to passage of federal legislation, Ontario's new rebate would eliminate the full 8 per cent provincial portion of the HST for first-time home buyers on qualifying new homes valued up to \$1 million, saving home buyers up to \$80,000 off the cost of a new home when combined with existing provincial relief.

Delivering on its plan to protect Ontario workers, businesses and communities from the impacts of U.S. tariffs, through the development of Ontario's Tax Action Plan. This work will focus on updating Ontario's personal and corporate income taxes to encourage and attract more business investment, help improve Ontario's competitiveness in the G7 and lower costs or provide relief for individuals and families in the years and decades to come. An update on the Tax Action Plan will be provided in the 2026 Ontario Budget.

Investing an additional \$100 million in the Ontario Together Trade Fund (OTTF) to further help small and medium-sized enterprises diversify into new markets and strengthen trade resiliency. This brings total program funding to \$150 million over three years, starting in 2025-26. The increased support will enable businesses affected by U.S. tariffs to pivot production, forge new sales partnerships and expand interprovincial trade.

Helping Ontario manufacturers and processors lower their costs, innovate, and become more competitive by introducing legislation to enhance and expand the Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit (OMMITC).

This includes proposing to temporarily enhance the tax credit rate from 10 per cent to 15 per cent and expand access to the tax credit as a 15 per cent non-refundable version to corporations that are not Canadian-controlled private corporations (CCPCs). In addition, the government is now proposing to amend the OMMITC eligibility criteria for investments in machinery and equipment to provide greater flexibility for businesses.

Investing \$1.1 billion over three years to extend home care services and the Hospital to Home (H2H) program. The government's investment includes \$982 million to strengthen critical home care services and more than \$170 million to enhance and expand the H2H program. These investments will ease pressures

on the health care system and hospitals, helping ensure people receive the right care in the right place.

Supporting sectors affected by U.S. tariffs through the \$5 billion Protecting Ontario Account. In August, the government launched the initial \$1 billion of the Protect Ontario Financing Program (POFP), which is already supporting Ontario-based businesses directly impacted by higher tariff rates in the steel, aluminum, copper and auto sectors by helping them keep their doors open and keep workers on the job. The government is now developing the second and third streams, to be supported by the remaining \$4 billion. These streams will fortify Ontario's economic resilience, fuel innovation, and fast-track high-growth firms to sharpen On-

tario's global edge.

Continuing to invest in the province's most ambitious capital plan, with planned investments totalling more than \$201 billion over 10 years, including over \$33 billion in 2025-26. This plan will help keep workers on the job in the face of economic uncertainty caused by tariffs.

Ontario's real GDP is projected to rise 0.8 per cent in 2025 and 0.9 per cent in 2026, in line with the 2025 Budget outlook.

Ontario's 2025-26 deficit is projected to be \$13.5 billion — an improvement of \$1.1 billion from the outlook published in the 2025 Budget. Over the medium term, the government is forecasting a deficit of \$7.8 billion in 2026-27 and a surplus of \$0.2 billion in 2027-28.

Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

Nancy Hopkinson

What a surprise last Sunday to have snow. It reminds some of us of Christmas. What should we do to help those in dire circumstances?

We suggest supporting the 3rd Annual Sock Drive for Newmarket's Inn from the Cold. The items needed are new warm socks for men and women, new undergarments for men and women including long underwear, t-shirts, undershirts. You can bring the items to our church services, to the November and December Seniors' Lunches or to Messy Church.

The Weekly Bible Study is on Thursdays at Nobleton United at 10 a.m., focussing on the Book of Acts. The discussions go to about noon, so it is okay to come late, and enjoy a coffee.

The Schomberg UCW will be meeting today (Thursday, Nov. 13) at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level. The theme is Remembrance Day. If you have any, please bring some family wartime memorabilia.

There is an Interfaith Harmony Symposium on Friday, Nov. 14, 2:30 to 6 p.m., at Tahir Hall Community Centre, 10610 Jane St., Maple. There are speakers from Christianity (our own Rev. Richard Gardner), Judaism, Muslim, Sikhism, and Hinduism. This is hosted by the Ahmadiyyan Muslim Elders' Assn.

Dinner is provided for attendees. If you would like a ride, please contact Earle Laycock at 905-859-9077.

The next Messy Church is Monday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. There will have crafts and activities for the theme "Jonah and the Big Fish" from 5-6 p.m. At 6 p.m., we have story time until 6:15 p.m. when we eat. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The parents and grandparents enjoy the activities, too. One activity is always decorating a cookie in the theme of the day. Please let me know (text 416-316-5064 or email) if you would like to attend, as we need to have enough food for all.

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, Nov. 18 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Normally the lunch is the second Tuesday of the month. The date was moved one week to accommodate guest speaker, Professor Mark Rector, author, public speaker, educator. His talk will highlight stories from his best-selling book "Oh Canada! Our Home and Inventive Land." Celebrate tales of amazing and intriguing Canadian ingenuity with Mark. Mark will be bringing copies of his book if anyone would like to purchase one. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. The meal is creamy tomato chicken over rice, with kale salad. Dessert is chocolate cake and ice cream.

The meal can be delivered, if you prefer. Please let Sheila Kelly know (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend. Space is limited. Although this is a free event, we do appreciate any donations that you are able to make

to help cover the costs. We are grateful to the Township of King for some additional financial support this year.

The next Community Potluck Lunch will take place Tuesday, Dec. 2. They will continue on the first Tuesday of the month until the last one on March 3. Gather at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Bring something to share with the rest.

Nobleton United Church is hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. There will be pancakes, sausages and bacon. This event is free. Donations are accepted for the Christmas in King program. The need is exceptionally great this year. We need helpers. High school students will receive volunteer hours for high school. Contact Nobleton United Church 905-859-3976, and leave a message, if willing to help.

Do you like to sing Christmas Carols? Bolton Caledon King Carol Sing is Saturday, Dec. 13, 7-8 p.m. at the Humber River Centre on Ann St., Bolton. Front Porch Harmony will be participating.

Last Sunday at Nobleton's Remembrance Service, we read from the framed plaque that honoured all the men from Nobleton United who served in World War II. Wendy-Sue Bishop's Dad, her uncle and a man whom she described as being like a second father to her, are listed. Velma Atkinson's 3 uncles (all Hawmans) are listed. Both churches honoured relatives and friends of our current members who served. Susan Beharriell was honoured. She had to overcome prejudice against women serving in the airforce.

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Rebellion extends losing streak to three with pair of losses

By Jim Stewart

The Menace-Rebellion contest will be rescheduled.

Due to a shooting incident involving multiple drivers on 15th Sideroad on Sunday morning, the York Region Police cordoned off the east-west arterial road between Yonge and Keele for its investigation. Consequently, the local constabulary's evidence-gathering process scuttled the Milton Menace-King Rebellion OJHL game-- scheduled for a 3 PM start-- due to "public safety concerns."

When the Junior A Rebellion did hit the ice this past week, the slumping squad produced two disappointing results.

On Friday night in Burlington, the Rebellion dropped its third game in a row as the Cougars defeated King 4-2.

Rebellion forward Adam Smeeton opened the scoring with a power play marker at 6:14 of the first period, with assists earned by Jared McNeil and Owen Bruining.

However, goals by Lucas Muhn and Ben Trebicky staked the home side to

a 2-1 lead before the first intermission.

After a scoreless second period, King defenceman Kieran Riley tallied his first of the season to tie the game at 7:28 of the third period. McNeil and Lachland Larmand earned their 15th and 14th assists of the season, respectively, on Riley's tying goal.

Seven minutes later, Cougars forward Braeden Burke fired the game-winner and with five seconds on the clock, Ethan Bressard's empty netter closed the scoring.

On Tuesday afternoon, in a showdown of OJHL West powerhouses, the Collingwood Blues edged the King Rebellion 2-1 at the Zancor Centre.

In the rare midweek matinee, the 2nd -place Blues and the 3rd-place Rebellion fought to a scoreless tie halfway through the opening frame until Will Hughes's 13th of the season got Collingwood on the board at 10:20.

Rebellion forward Max Anderson pulled the home side into a 1-1 tie at 9:01 of the middle frame. Matthew Anderson and Owen Bruining earned assists.

Jake Vader's unassisted game-win-

ner beat Rebellion goalie Noah Mavin with nine seconds left in the second period.

A scoreless third period sent King to its second consecutive loss after winning seven in a row. Mavin turned aside 43 of the 45 shots he faced in a valiant goaltending performance for King.

Mavin's former Rebellion goaltending partner Owen Edwards – traded by King to the Haliburton County Huskies on Halloween – was named OJHL Goaltender of the Month for October. Only time will tell whether this October 31st trade is a trick or a treat for King. Edwards leads all OJHL netminders in GAA and SV%. Since Edwards's departure, the Rebellion is 0-3 and have fallen into sixth place in the OJHL West after consecutive losses to Caledon, Collingwood, and Burlington.

The Junior A Rebellion will try to get back on the winning track when they host the Buffalo Junior Sabres on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 and the Georgetown Raiders on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3. Both games will be played at the Zancor Centre.



Owen Edwards (31) was selected OJHL Goaltender of the Month for October. Edwards was traded to the Haliburton Huskies Oct. 31 after a brilliant run between the pipes for the Rebellion. King is 0-3 since Edwards's shocking trade to the Huskies.



King Curling Clubs wheelchair team recently captured in the Peterborough Curling Club's "ticks, Stones and Wheels Bonspiel." Pictured are Karl Allen, Chrissy Molnar and Reid Mulligan holding the champions plaque, and Jill Hopkins.

Curlers leave big impression at events

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

The Ladies Mini Majors League is in full swing once again this year and the King Curling Club has 2 teams competing in the 4 club circuit.

Teams from York, Chinguacousy, Orangeville and King play once per month rotating games at each club and rotating positions on their teams. The Mini Majors is a program for women curlers with less than 10 years experience and who have played in the Lead and Second position only. Rotating their position in each game allows players to learn and experience the roll of every position.

The first game of the season was held at the York Curling Club (Newmarket).

King 1 team consisting of Sandee Fennell (Skip), Michelle O'Brien (Vice), Kim Baldesarra (Second) and Jennifer Forrest (Lead) were up against Orangeville and came out strong, controlling the game winning the first 3 ends. During the fourth end, Orangeville 1 was sitting with 2 stones well guarded in the house. Vice O'Brien, with perfect weight and superior sweeping by Baldesarra and Forrest, made a direct hit removing the 2 Orangeville stones that eventually led to a steal of 3. Orangeville re-grouped to collect in the final 2 ends but it was King 1 who was awarded the 7-3 victory.

King 2, that included Gina Strano (Skip), Linda Similas (Vice), Pauline Van Roon (Second) and Mechelle Switzer (Lead), played against last season's championship members of team Orangeville 2.

In the first end, Vice Similas executed a great shot to eliminate one of 2 Or-

angeville stones allowing a score of 1. In the second end, K2 players Mechelle Switzer and Pauline Van Roon came out strong, placing perfect guards setting up the house for a score of 1 and tie the game.

The teams exchanged great hits in the next few ends when in the 4th Skip Gina Strano had multiple stones in the house, looking to take the lead but Orangeville made delivered great shots cutting King down to only score 1 point. The game continued with King 2 trying to place well guarded stones in the house, but it was Orangeville earning the first game decision.

King's next match is scheduled for Dec. 5 on home ice against York.

Wheelchair Curling

King's wheelchair team recently participated in the Peterborough Curling Club's "Sticks, Stones and Wheels Bonspiel," winning all five of their Round Robin games.

Chrissy Molnar, Reid Mulligan and Jill Hopkins defeated teams from Toronto, Ilderton and Peterborough earning their ticket to the playoffs. King dominated the Newmarket team in the semi-finals advancing to the finals against another Peterborough squad.

Karl Allen skipped his crew through a great game with solid leadership while Chrissy Molnar threw the 4th rocks. King, up by 3 points in the last end of play, uncharacteristically gave up 3 to Team Flint of Peterborough to tie the game. King's Lead Jill Hopkins threw the final draw to the button for the tie-breaking point coming closest to the pin and claiming the dramatic win.

King City Skating Club earns 23 gold medals at Florida Interstate Championships

By Jim Stewart

One of the highlights of the Caledon Admirals-King Rebellion OJHL game on Sunday afternoon was the performance of the King City Skating Club during the first period intermission.

The skaters delivered a spirited five-minute performance – replicating a gold-medal-winning production number from the Florida Interstate Figure Skating Championships in Jacksonville in October.

Skating to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and costumed to reflect the number's Halloween motif, the KCSC paid homage to the Prince of Pop's classic horror video. The flashy performers rolled out a shiny, spectacular skate for an appreciative audience which was lucky enough to receive two ice shows for the price of one with their OJHL ticket at the Zancor Centre. While the hockey result – a 4-1 loss – could be considered a 'trick' by disappointed Rebellion fans, the intermission performance was most definitely "a treat."

KCSC Head Coach Brenda Tanner-Ferreira was pleased with her group's knock-out matinee performance for Rebellion and Admiral fans and players: "Our skaters had a lot of fun and they loved skating the number again. They really enjoyed entertaining the crowd. It was nice of the Rebellion to ask us to skate."

Coach Tanner-Ferreira offered insights into the production number that was performed on that Sunday afternoon which won the KCSC a climactic gold medal in Jacksonville last month: "Our production number was a gold-medal performance. It brings all the skaters together and has them working as a unit. It was a fun number. We put it together very quickly in three days, but did very well. All told, our skaters performing in Florida came home with 30 medals: 23 gold, 3 silver, and 4 bronze."

The long-time Head Coach explained why the Club – comprised of 20 senior skaters and 60 junior skaters – moved its annual excursion from Buffalo, New

York to Jacksonville, Florida. She also offered a sentimental highlight of the trip to The Sunshine State: "It's the first time we went to Florida to compete. We've been going to Buffalo for over 10 years and the event in Buffalo is built differently. We were welcomed by the organizers in Jacksonville. The people in Florida were so nice and accommodating. The majority of the skaters flew down for the weekend. Some stayed longer in Jacksonville. The kids had a ball on the beach. They were so excited to go to the beach and Kasha – our youngest skater – finally got his own medal. He worked really hard to earn his medals in Florida."

When asked about the excursion's highlight, Coach Tanner-Ferreira promoted her team's achievements and their improvements: "Even those who didn't get a medal in Florida posted personal bests – they could see that they've improved."

Our interview drew to a quick close as Coach Tanner-Ferreira was heading to her office at the Zancor Centre to prepare for her skaters' rigorous practice: "We have our two-hour practice on-ice tonight and we'll be heading to a gym workout, too. The Township has been very generous to give us office space and a discount on our gym time. As a club, we've used King arena facilities for over 50 years."

The venerable King City Skating Club was established in 1972.



King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, Nov. 9, Remembrance Sunday, Rev. Andrew Lee honoured and remembered all those who have served and given of their lives to stand up for our freedoms and to ensure that we are able to live in a free society with the knowledge that we are protected through their sacrifices. May we never forget their courage and commitment for our country and for peace in the world.

Sunday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m. Rev. Bill Fritz will be presiding and we welcome all to join us. We would like everyone to know that the church does have an accessible entrance and lift to the auditorium floor for anyone needing this assistance.

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.

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 Facework and You Tube.

We are excited about our Praise and Prayer Night on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the church. Please come for a wonderful evening of worship!

Join us on Nov. 29 at 9:30 a.m. for our Open Closet Outlet event. Limitations apply.

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Upcoming events at KCSC:

Friday, November 21 – 10 a.m. – Workshop – Artist, Angela Dell Bor-

rello, will provide a hand-on creative workshop. The theme is winter bird painting. Cost \$10pp due by November 14.

Wednesday, November 26 – 2 to 4 p.m. – Annual General Meeting of the King City Seniors Board of Management. Year end review, future plans, election of Board of Management. Refreshments provided by Richview Manor Retirement Home so please register.

The following activities will be offered at the King City Senior Centre.

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, 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. (until Dec. 9).

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 Lasky Hall).

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

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

York Pines United Church

Last Sunday's Remembrance service with Rev. Laura Kay Ntongwe was very touching. Rev. Andrew returns this Sunday. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the service.

The last Book Club for 2025 is on Monday, Nov. 24 at 10 a.m., and the book will be "The Bullet That Missed" by Richard Osman, a Thursday Murder Club mystery. Contact the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 if you wish to participate remotely. You don't have to have read the book.

The next Fellowship Luncheon is on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at noon at Dorio's Bakery in Kettleby. Come and bring a friend. Contact the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 if you plan to attend.

Rev. Andrew will be offering a free Winter Bicycle Maintenance clinic on Nov. 29 at King City UC from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will include tasks such as

degreasing, cleaning, and lubricating chains.

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

Thursday, November 20: Movie Night 7 p.m. in the Hall, "The Great Warning."

Adult Faith Educational Meeting & Pot-Luck Supper Saturday, Nov. 22 immediately following 5 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. The topic this month is: "The Evil's Ideologies: Part 1 Communism vs Christianity." We hope that you will attend these sessions.

Sunday, Nov. 22 Christmas Food Drive & Ends before Christmas sponsored by The Restless Outreach Ministry.

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Sunday, Nov. 23 served after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses. Additional information on pricing will be provided next week.

Sunday, Nov. 30 the Catholic Women's League Bakesale after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Shepherd's Trust which supports elderly priests with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The retired priests are not given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust, please visit www.shepherdstrust.org.

Heartfelt gratitude to a family who wishes to remain anonymous. We thank them for their donation of a new furnace. They approached Fr. John last week after announcing that the furnace was not working and by Wednesday of last week, the new furnace was installed!

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions: Join us in praying the Novena every Wednesday evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by Holy Mass at 7 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Silent Adoration Friday, Oct. 24, begins at 3:30 p.m., Celebration of Mass at 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's, Presbyterian Church, King City welcomes you! Our morning

worship is at 10:30 and all are welcome to join us afterwards for coffee time. This Sunday, Pastor Alison Agnew will be back with us. Last Sunday we welcomed Christine Samuel from Newmarket.

Have a look at our recorded services. Our website is standrews-king city.ca and click on our previous services which will take you to the YouTube page. We were able to commemorate Remembrance Day at the beginning of our morning worship service.

Soon it will be Christmas in King, so we are signing up to donate CiK food hampers. They will be distributed Saturday, December 20 at St. Andrew's, King City, during 9-10 in the morning. CiK forms must be filled in and sent in via TEXT TO 416-559-7898 OR EMAIL TO christmasinking@gmail.com.

Please talk to Anne Campbell or Kathy Patterson if you would like to donate some "festive foods," a hamper or give a monetary donation. We would like the white hampers to be decorated with Christmas drawings or cards (flat) so get the artists in your neighbourhood or family together!

November 23 is our Fellowship Lunch for this month. We are having casserole lunch. Hope you can come.

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

As the days grow shorter and the air grows colder, we turn once again toward the coming season of Advent, a time of waiting, reflection, and hope. Advent invites us to slow down, to listen, and to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ's light into the world.

At All Saints Anglican Church, we offer several meaningful opportunities to enter this sacred season together, drawing strength and stillness amid the busyness of the month and a half.

Our journey begins with a Choral Evensong Service on Nov. 23 at 4 p.m. This beautiful, music-filled service offers a moment of calm and contemplation. Through scripture, prayer, and the rich harmonies of our choir, Evensong draws us into the deep peace of evening and helps us set our hearts on God as we anticipate the beginning of the Advent season.

On Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., we gather for a Contemplative Service in the style of Taizé. With its meditative chants, candlelight, and periods of silence, this service provides a space to rest in the presence of God. It is a gentle, prayerful experience that speaks to the soul's longing for simplicity and peace.

Then, on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m., we celebrate one of our most beloved traditions: the Service of Lessons and Carols. This timeless service weaves together readings from scripture and carols both old and new, telling the story of God's promise and the coming of Christ in word and song. It is a joyful evening that fills the heart with hope and gratitude.

Finally, on Dec. 19 at 7 p.m., we will hold our Blue Christmas Service. This is a quiet, comforting time of prayer and music for those who find the season difficult. Whether you are grieving, lonely, or simply in need of a gentler space, this service offers the reminder that the light of Christ shines even in our darkest nights.

Wherever you find yourself in this coming season, you are warmly invited to join us. Come as you are. Find stillness, light, and community as we wait together for the promise of Christmas.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach will lead us in worship with a message, "Two Approaches to Life" from Habakkuk 1.12-2.20.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the Sunday service. After worship, you are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship over coffee and goodies. If you cannot make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our Junction Ministries serve our children and families each Sunday. FirstLink is our staffed ministry time with our youngest attendees, and Junction is an age-appropriate time of teaching with our elementary-aged children.

Our Youth LifeConnect Group meets every second Friday, with the next meeting being Friday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. This is a fun time with a range of ac-

tivities open for all ages from Grades 7 to 12. Our midweek LifeConnect small groups are a great opportunity to connect with others and grow in faith. Groups meet for discussion, study, and prayer throughout the week.

Once again this year, we are participating in Operation Christmas Child from Samaritan's Purse Canada. We are collecting material to include in shoe boxes that will be sent to children in needy countries, where they will be distributed along with a message of hope in the gospel. If you'd like to participate, let us know by visiting stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect. The deadline is November 16.

St. Mary's Mission
St. Patrick's Parish

Mass Time Changes: St. Pat's Church - 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Sunday. St. Mary's Church - 5 p.m. Saturdays; 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sundays.

November is upon us, and we have turned our clocks back an hour. Change is all around us. Leaves are falling from trees; shorter daylight hours and our nights are turning colder, Snow is beginning its arrival. How quickly time is flying! I find the fall season provides a

great lens to reflect upon our lives and remember loved ones who have been called home by God. As I remember those who loved me; I found a beautiful story: "When You Thought I Wasn't Looking" it reminded me of my mother. When you thought I wasn't looking, you hung my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another. When you thought I wasn't looking, you fed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals. When you thought I wasn't looking, you baked a birthday cake just for me, and I knew that little things were extraordinary. When you thought I wasn't looking, you said a prayer, and I believed there was a God that I could always talk to. When you thought I wasn't looking, you kissed me goodnight, and I felt loved. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes; and, I learned that sometimes things hurt; but, that it's all right to cry. When you thought I wasn't looking, you smiled; and it made me want to look that pretty, too. When you thought I wasn't looking, you cared; and I wanted to be everything I could be. When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked; and I wanted to say thanks, for all the things you did, when you thought I wasn't looking. Thank

you to all those who do some much for us, when we are not looking. Let us say a prayer of gratitude for Love which is the greatest gift of God's creation. Please pray also with us in November for all who have died; those dear to us; those who have lost their lives through war and conflicts world wide and all souls in need of our prayers.

As my mother always said, if no one told you that they loved you today, let me be the first. I love you" God Bless - Fr. Bob Glynn.

Nobleton Seniors (55+)
By Joanne Bailey
Program Chair

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.

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November 13 - "So You Think You Can Write," presented by Dorita Peer (Author, Poet, Journalist, Editor, Publisher & Illustrator). She will lead you on an adventure, with your muse.

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Nobleton Notes

Kingcrafts Studio Sale

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November 20 – Vital Sign Awareness. Joanne Bailey RN & Nursing student Dasha will discuss the importance of knowing your heart rate and blood pressure. Have your blood pressure and heart rate taken and know what the reading means.

November 27 – Joint Pain. The importance of physical activity and why it is so important. Come to a presentation by the Arthritic Society, Tara Stier OT.

December 4 – Christmas Centrepiece. Artist, Angela Del Borrello will engage seniors with Christmas décor. Registration will be required by November 30. Cost is \$10 per person, project to be determined.

December 11 – Come festive for Christmas as we celebrate our last day for 2025 with a presentation from Real Estate Broker Greg Hart who will discuss how to downsize. Whether you are moving or not we can all benefit from this. Bring a treat to share and join the fun and discussion.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming sale. Invite your friends and come shop our seasonal collection of unique, hand-crafted pieces made in the heart of King City by your local community of artisans and crafters!

It runs November 14, 15 & 16 & November 21, 22 & 23, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit kingcrafts.ca or call 905-833-1897.

Nobleton Lions

Hurricane Melissa recently made landfall in Jamaica as a Category 5 storm, the strongest ever recorded on the island. The storm brought catastrophic winds, torrential rainfall and life-threatening flooding. It left entire communities in Jamaica's south and west submerged, destroyed homes and caused widespread power and communications outages, as well as severe infrastructure damage, including roads, bridges and hospitals. The hurricane continued to batter additional Caribbean nations with torrential rain, flooding and landslides.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, Lions Clubs Inter-

national Foundation (LCIF), provides funds to help victims to recover and rebuild. You may make a donation at the club's homepage. Look for LCIF in the right sidebar and specify Disaster Relief Fund.

Please mark your calendars now for the upcoming Christmas season. The Lions will have a table at the Nobleton Tree Lighting on Sunday, Dec. 7 where chili will be served and candies for the kids will be handed out.

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

To learn more about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website which can be accessed by googling nobletonlions.com

St. Alban's History By John Arnott

The clang of hammers, the whine

of handsaws, the chip of chisels, the crunch of nails driven into wood, the scent of showers of sawdust and the flakes of shavings fill the air as workmen carry on and spring 1889 welcomes May with the anniversary of St. Alban's martyrdom fast approaching.

Already the stud frames are in place along the walls just 2.5 cm/1 in. out from the brick so air circulation will help prevent moisture buildup. Now plans for constructing the raised chancel floor and that of the sanctuary call for laying long thick beams of pine or spruce securing them with wooden pegs or iron bolts along the walls that will hold this chancel and sanctuary.

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Fearman, Hugh Douglas

Hugh Douglas Fearman passed away on November 5th, 2025 at Royal Victoria Hospital after a decade long battle with ALS. He was surrounded by love and held in the arms of his cherished family & friends.

Born in 1949 to Winifred and Brigadier General Doug Fearman, Doug was raised in Waterdown, Ontario alongside his brother Rick & sister Winanne.

A lifelong lover of education, Doug pursued his studies first at McMaster University followed by University of Toronto, achieving a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy. He would spend the rest of his life in the pursuit of higher education, completing innumerable certificates to support his adored profession of physiotherapy.

In 1977, Doug married his high school sweetheart Gerri. They raised their family, son Andrew (1979), and daughters Jill (1981) and Kelly (1984) in Alliston, Ontario.

Doug treasured his career, establishing several physiotherapy and sports medicine clinics in the Simcoe County area. One of his greatest joys was to be of service to his patients, many of whom became lifelong friends. The family would like to express our gratitude to his staff & colleagues for their years of contribution.

In addition to education, Doug enjoyed travel, great music and good food. In recent years, Doug could be found either at his beloved cottage on Gloucester Pool or attending the many sports & school events of his grandchildren. His passion for both were defining characteristics.

He is predeceased by his parents, and survived by his devoted wife Gerri of 48 years; his beloved children, Andrew (Maegan), Jill (Phillip), Kelly (Cole); his precious grandchildren, Grayson, Amelia, Wolf, Wilder, Winter, Elliot, Eve and Sam.

A celebration of Doug's life will be held on Sunday, November 16th at the Gibson Centre between 1:30pm and 4:30pm. Speeches will be held at 3pm.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Dougie by pursuing your passions, valuing your chosen family and playing the occasional practical joke or two.

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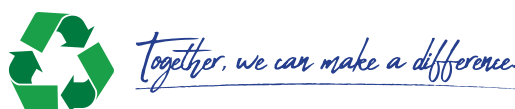
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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

This week is a week of remembrance of those who fought for our freedoms. As the WWII veterans become fewer, I hope that all of us make a concerted effort to keep the memories alive by sharing what our parents and grandparents told us. It's critical now, and it seems to me that many in today's world seem to have forgotten what their ancestors fought for, so please pass these stories and memories on, and fulfill the promise of "we will remember them."

It was announced that the King Foodbank Sip & Savor Gala raised over \$120,000 to keep our food bank operating for another year. What a great community effort! I'd like to personally once again thank all those that stepped up to help me gather goods for the silent auction; you have no idea how much that means and how every little bit helps!

Our new recycling carts are already arriving, but the Township is asking you not to use them till December 31st, 2025. If you have questions about the cart, please go to circularmaterials.ca/king.

Parking restrictions

Also, winter parking restrictions went into effect Nov. 1. On-street parking between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is prohibited to allow for snow clearing until April 15, you can get on street parking permits, but they aren't valid during a significant weather event. Parking infractions will be ticketed at \$100 and to pay ticket and for more information go to parking.ca.

Artisan Market

Discover the magic of the season at Arts Society King's Artisan Holiday Market. Wander through the beautifully restored buildings of the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, where festive carolers, seasonal treats, and the work of 16 talented artisans await.

Find unique, one-of-a-kind holiday gifts while supporting local makers, and celebrate the spirit of art and community with us.

Park Once - Shop Twice. Enjoy a seamless shopping experience. Park once at either the King Township Municipal Centre, 2585 King Rd, King City to explore the vendors at the One of a King Homemade Holiday Market or the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, 2920 King Rd, King City for the King Artisan Holiday Market and shop both locations by boarding our frequently running Shuttle Bus, November 22-23rd, 2025. Dozens of artisans await your arrival! Shop local. Celebrate art. Embrace the holiday spirit.

Cold Creek hosts special event

Ready or not, here we come! Ever wondered how animals blend into their environment? Learn all about camouflage as you build your own fort and put your stealth skills to the test in an epic game of hide-and-seek on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the forest at Cold Creek Conservation Area.

Forest Fort Hide and Seek is open to ages 5+. Cost is \$15.

For more information visit coldcreek.ca. Sounds like fun!

Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre is every Friday night at Trisan in Room A/B from 7 to 9 p.m. 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+

This past Monday, ten of us made glass creations led by Wendy Emery. We've had Wendy to teach us about glass creations, three times now. It's so fun and you get to let your creative juices flow. This time we made butter dishes, and although they need to be fired, I'm positive they'll be fabulous. Can't wait to see all the finished products.

Thanks again Wendy, I always enjoy the glass making.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 16 - Outing - Blackhorse Village Players, "Willow Quartet." A 2 p.m. curtain time. A romantic drama. Self-drive. Tickets \$17 senior. Contact Maggie at maggie.crowe@hotmail.com.

Monday November 17 - 10 a.m. - noon - Speaker - Marianne Sheldrake, Feng Shui consultant. See poster.

Monday, November 24 - 10:30 a.m. - Speaker - Lianne Harris, "Bella Italia." Let us explore, discover and delight in all things about Italy - its place in history and its ever-reaching influence on us today. Pizza will be available compliments of Del Manor Aurora. Register at 905-833-6565.

Weekly Events

Monday afternoon - 2 p.m. - Book Club - October 27, in the Curling Lounge at the Trisan Centre, book this month is "The House we grew up in," by Lisa Jewell.

Tuesday afternoons - 1:30 pm to 3:30 p.m. - Bridge -in Multi Room B at Trisan

Wednesday mornings - 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. - Bone Fitness details in Part 2.

Wednesday mornings - 9:15 to 10 a.m. - Track walking followed by coffee and meet up (Trisan Centre).

Wednesday afternoon - 2 to 4 p.m. - Mahjong -in the Curling Lounge at Trisan.

Thursday afternoons - 1 p.m. - Carpet Bowling - at Trisan. Thursday afternoons - 3 to 4:30 p.m. - The Tightly Wound ukulele group in the Multi Room B at Trisan.

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

Annual Fee: Until the end of the year, we will be offering \$10 per person memberships for residents, and \$20 per person for Non-residents. The fees for 2026 will increase as we eliminate the \$1 per session fee, so stay tuned

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

Again, if you find a lost dog or cat,

please secure it and call Vaughan Animal Control at 905-832-2281, they are responsible for this area.

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

Schomberg Cougars win 7-6 overtime thriller

By Jim Stewart

Rookie forward Mason Bondy delivered the OT winner in Schomberg's thrilling 7-6 victory over Port Perry on Saturday night at the Trisan Centre.

Captain Jack Geniole and rookie forward Will Stratos tallied two goals each to pace Schomberg's attack.

Jace Goring's second period power play goal and Wesley Redshaw's three-point night comprised of a goal and two assists contributed to Schomberg's seven-goal onslaught-the Cougars' best goal production in a game this season.

The Cougars held a commanding 5-2 lead heading into the third period, but the Lumberjacks (10-5-1-0) scored four goals in the final frame to draw even at 6-6 and forced overtime.

Cougars Assistant Coach Steve Sedore described his team's performance versus Port Perry, including its excellent first two periods of play and the third period letdown: "There were times in the game when we executed our game plan to perfection, but we got running around on defense during the third period. We got into trouble trying to play all offence, but once we took care of our end, we were able to finish the game off."

Coach Sedore commented on Mason Bondy's game-winner at 2:39 of the extra period that finished off the third-place Lumberjacks and secured a much-needed win: "We were carrying the play when it was 3-on-3. Our guys were able to create some space. Mason took the pass (from Joshua Czali) and took it right to the net and he didn't miss."

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