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Stage is set for A Main Street Christmas

A Main Street Christmas, hosted by the Schomberg Village Association, brings its annual holiday cheer to King Township on Saturday, Dec. 6. The night will end with the 31st edition of the spectacular Farmers' Parade of Lights starting at 8:30 p.m. For the full details, turn to Page 12.

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Budget maintains service, comes with a 3.49% tax hike

King Township Council adopts 2026 municipal budget that maintains current service levels with a minimal 1.5% increase to the operating budget.

Both the Township's Capital and Operating Budgets were formally presented and, in accordance with legislation under Strong Mayor Powers, have now been deemed adopted.

The overall tax rate includes a previously-approved 1.99% increase for asset management, to comply with provincial legislation, and a 1.5% increase to the operating budget, for an overall increase of 3.49%. The estimated blended tax rate, which combines the Township's portion with York Region and School Board taxes is 3.10%.

This translates to an approximate \$125 increase for the Township's portion of the rate on a home assessed at \$1 million. This increase is one of the lowest in the Greater Toronto Area announced to date and supports the continued delivery of high-quality programs, services and infrastructure for residents.

The adopted budget reflects King Township's commitment to maintaining current service levels while addressing the challenges posed by inflation, legislative changes and contract price increases. The total 2026 operating budget is \$74.7 million and the capital budget is \$16.5 million. The budget is presented through the service-based budgeting model, emphasizing transparency and alignment with community needs.

King Township's 2026 budget organizes expenditures into six service areas:

Governing King: Overseeing the Township through Council, legal services and risk management.

Greening King: Maintenance and development of parks and trails and enhancing sustainability through waste diversion programs and climate change initiatives.

Keeping King Safe: Providing fire, emergency, bylaw, traffic calming and animal services.

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Monday, December 08
6 p.m. – Council

Monday, January 12
6 p.m. – Council

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, December 10
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment

Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
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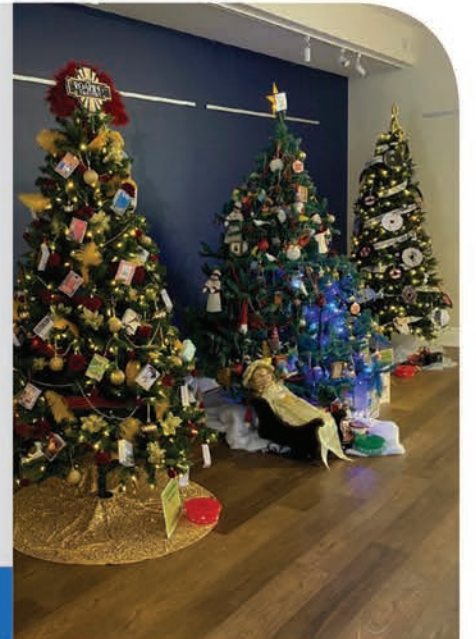
Annual Trees of Giving Display now open at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre

Travel 'Through the Decades' with the most creatively crafted trees in King at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre Trees of Giving exhibit, on now until **December 12**. Celebrate the season, and King Township's 175th anniversary, with a showcase of fun and festive trees, beautifully decorated by community groups and local businesses.

Purchase a token to cast your vote for the "Best in Show" with proceeds going to Kingcrafts Studio as they celebrate their 75th anniversary.

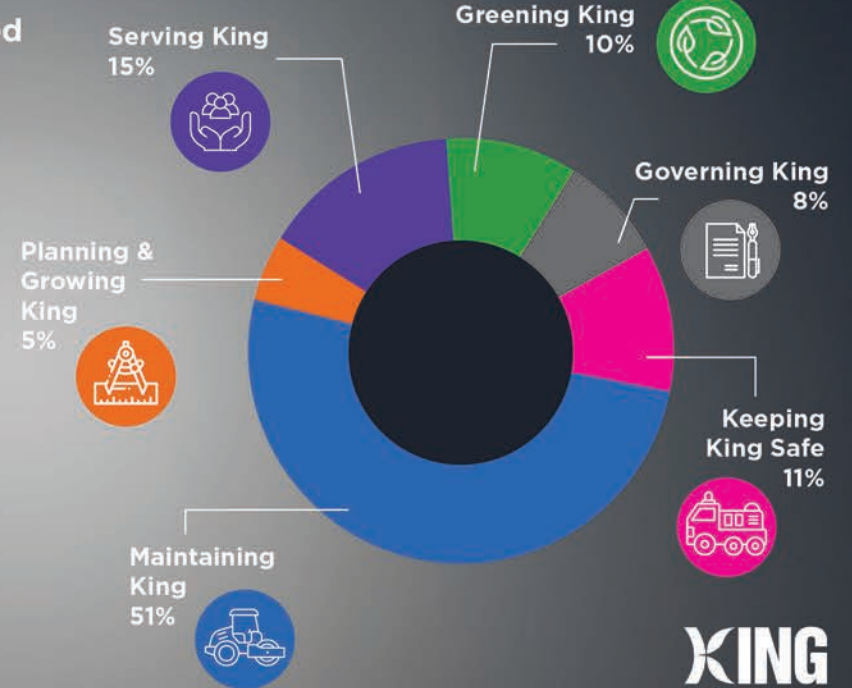
The exhibit is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. and admission is free.

For details, visit kingheritageandculture.ca



King Township Council adopted the **2026 municipal budget**, which includes a **3.49%** municipal tax rate increase.

View the **2026 budget book** at king.ca/budget



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Water Bills

Due Date: December 18

king.ca/WaterBilling

2026 Winter Recreation Guide

Snow matter what you're into: the Township has planned a fun lineup of recreation programs (including swim lessons!) for the coolest season of the year.

Try engineering a robot, take a dance class, play sports or explore the wintry outdoors snowshoeing or cross-country skiing! Plus, P.A. Day programs and March Break camps for the little ones!

Registration opens at 7a.m. on Dec. 8.



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Access programs developed by a dedicated group of volunteers from King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. Enjoy card games, carpet bowling, table tennis, gentle movement programs, social events (including trips!), workshops, and presentations delivered by local businesses and community groups.

The annual membership fee is \$20 for residents, and \$25 for non-residents. Purchase online or in-person at the Trisan Centre or King City Seniors Centre.

New in 2026: The seniors RecPass—which offers unlimited access to recreational swimming, aquafitness, skating, sports, fitness classes and amenities—will include the perks of a **King Connections 55+ membership**, all for a monthly fee of \$30.85.

For more information, visit king.ca/seniors.



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Service-based model allows for transparency

From Front Page

Maintaining King: Ensuring the upkeep of roads, sidewalks, streetlights and public facilities.

Planning and Growing King: Supporting development, building permits and business growth.

Serving King: Offering recreation, library, heritage and cultural programming and events, as well as licensing services.

The service-based budget allows residents and business owners to see exactly how funds are allocated to specific services that directly impact their daily lives, making it easier to understand the value they receive for their tax dollars. It also supports the Township's Corporate Strategic Plan (2023-2026), ensuring resources are directed to meet critical priorities. Cost and performance for each service is tracked, making it easier to identify improvements, allocate resources according to community needs, and lower spending—all of which can enhance service quality for residents. Service expectations are measured and reported annually and can be viewed at king.ca/ServiceProfiles.

The 2026 service-based budget process included several efficiency measures to offset cost pressures and minimize the tax rate increase, including:

Reviewing fees and charges across all departments.

Implementing new service fees to cover rising costs.

Adjusting overhead chargebacks for building and utility-funded services to ensure these services pay their fair share of general overhead costs.

Increasing investment revenue through portfolio management.

Reviewing and updating service contracts to reflect current pricing models.

The 2026 budget emphasizes King Township's commitment to delivering essential services and infrastructure investments. Highlights include:

Enhanced snow removal and road maintenance.

Continued investment in parks, trails and sustainability initiatives.

Improvements to fire and emergency services.

Support for recreation programs and cultural events.

The 2026 Budget Book, which provides detailed information on the proposed spending plans and revenue sources by service area, was published online at king.ca/budget on October 28.

The community was invited to provide their feedback on the budget to help shape financial priorities during a Public Open House, held on November 12 at the King Township Municipal Centre. The event featured visual displays of proposed service priorities and funding, with the Senior Leadership Team on-site to answer questions.

In 2025, King Township became one of the few municipalities in the GTA to adopt a service-based approach (rather than the traditional department-based budget that focuses on organizational structure) to help citizens better understand costs associated with local services to residents. King Township received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the last four years including the 2025 budget for its efforts to be transparent and accountable.

The 2026 Budget is the Township's first under the provincial Strong Mayor legislation, which was expanded to King effective May 1, 2025. In accordance with the legislation, the Mayor has the duty to propose the municipal

budget and in-year amendments, subject to council amendments and a separate mayoral veto and council override process. For more information on the 2026 budget process, email treasury@king.ca, or visit king.ca/budget.

To receive updates on King Township news, follow the official corporate social media channels on X and Facebook and Instagram, subscribe to the King eNewsletter or visit king.ca.

"King Township's 2026 budget reflects a no-frills approach, focusing on maintaining the high-quality services our residents rely on while keeping increases to a minimum. By holding the operating budget increase to just 1.5%, staff have delivered a responsible plan that balances fiscal discipline with the needs of our growing community," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Daniel Kostopoulos, CAO, added: "The 2026 budget demonstrates a practical, service-first approach. With a modest 1.5% operating increase layered on the previously approved 1.99% for asset management to meet provincial requirements, King Township is maintaining current service levels, protecting critical infrastructure, and investing where residents see the most value. The Township's service-based budgeting model strengthens transparency and performance, ensuring every dollar is tied to outcomes—from snow clearing and road maintenance to parks and recreation services – while staff continue to offset inflationary and contract pressures through targeted efficiencies."

Councillors supported the budget and the methods to keep it sustainable and lessen the burden on taxpayers.

Councillor Jennifer Anstey said This year marks King's first budget under Ontario's Strong Mayor Powers, but Mayor Pellegrini was committed to the same process as before.

"The result was a no-frills budget that maintains service levels while keeping tax increases as low as possible. Staff delivered a responsible budget that reflects rising costs for wages, fuel, winter maintenance, insurance, and essential capital work while adding no new tax-funded staff positions. Assessment growth and savings from the provincial recycling transition were fully used to reduce the tax burden."

Councillor David Boyd said staff did an excellent job keeping the increase down, despite "significant pressures such as inflation, rising labour costs and increased maintenance expense."

"We must continue working to reduce the blended tax increase, as the same inflationary pressures, like higher electricity and fuel costs, impact households across our community," Boyd said.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer pointed out this was a "very difficult decision."

The Budget shows that there were 14 proposals from staff for initiatives which would improve services and or ultimately reduce costs.

"As a councillor my challenge is not whether I think the ideas are good or not, but rather what is the best answer if one wants our budget to be sustainable. By this I mean it needs to make sense beyond the first year. Understandably we are influenced by fact that many are taking steps to reduce living expenses. That encourages short term planning," she said.

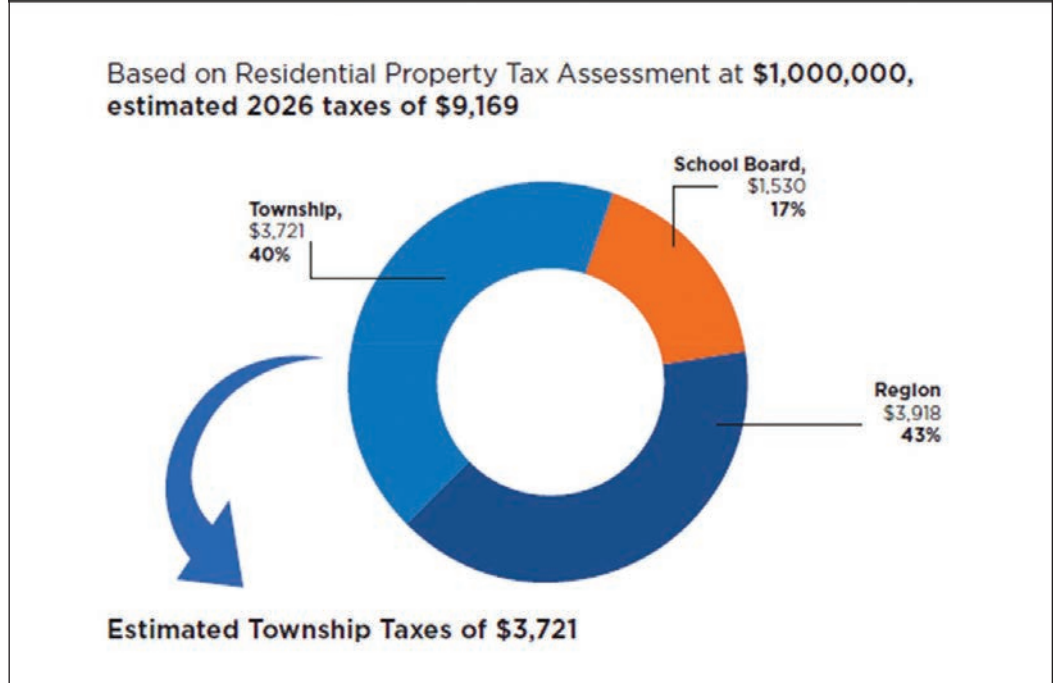
"Generally this Council has made decisions thinking of the long term. Best example is the fact that in the budget there are funds for the Asset Management Plan. To clarify we are thinking about the need to maintain our current assets: pipes and facilities."

She noted that 1.99% of the 3.74% increase is for asset management for the next 15 years.

"I believe that a number of the proposals from staff are very worthwhile and if it wasn't for a target of the low-

est possible property tax increase, I would be recommending implementation," she said.

Schaefer added that Budget 2027 will be assessed by newly elected council members.



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Will high salaries kill sports, entertainment?

It's great work if you can get it! Being a star athlete or entertainer is definitely key-to-the-city rich.

Salaries of the pros keep skyrocketing, reaching never-before-seen levels. And consumers are feeling the pinch.

New York Mets' right fielder Juan Soto is baseball's highest-paid player, slated to collect an estimated \$126.9 million in 2025. Los Angeles Dodgers' two-way phenom Shohei Ohtani will join him in the nine-figure club with an estimated \$102 million.

While there's no debating their talent, the golden era of sports seemed more "normal" when personalities and talent – not pay cheques – loomed large.

And then, the 1960s sports era was the first time American sports started seeing multiple contracts in the six-figure range. Names like Sandy Koufax, Mickey Mantle, and Wilt Chamberlain highlight this list of the highest-paid athletes of the 1960s.

Hank Aaron pulled in roughly \$80,000 in the 1960s.

Hockey wages have risen sharply, too, way beyond the money paid to hockey's greats like Gretzky, Messier and the like.

Russian-born Kirill Kaprizov's eight-year, \$136-million deal is set to become the biggest in NHL history.

When Bobby Orr retired in the 1978-79 season, he was paid \$500,000, but for most of his career, he earned \$200,000 or less per season. Gordie Howe hit the \$100,000 mark in 1969-70.

The entry level players in the NHL today – many just teenagers – earn roughly \$700,000, with most racking up well over \$1-million.

Toronto boasts some of the greatest fans in any league, any sport. And we've got a few trophies to prove that we can compete with anyone in the world.

But of course, fandom comes with a price, too.

At a recent Maple Leafs game, my brother-in-law forked out \$49.50 for two cans of tall boys!

I didn't venture near any of the concessions but I imagine you can spend a small fortune in snacks at any game.



Mark Pavilons

I'm not convinced the prices can't be subsidized in some way to give patrons a break.

Sports aside, top singers and A-Listers are raking in the dough, too.

Through acting and business ventures, the top earning entertainers include Tom Cruise (\$100 million), Dwayne Johnson (\$88 million) and Ryan Reynolds (\$71.5 million).

Top box office stars, like those mentioned, can earn \$20 million per film, along with some profit or product sharing.

By comparison, John Wayne's biggest pay cheques were from his late-1960s movies at \$1 million.

Clint Eastwood was paid only \$15,000 for his first "Man with No Name" movie and he earned roughly \$500,000 per film in the 1960s.

The salaries per episode for our favorite TV show stars can hit seven figures – a trend set by Seinfeld, Friends and The Big Bang Theory cast members.

Michael Jackson, one of the top stars of all time, earned roughly \$37 million in 1985.

Taylor Swift, the indisputable diva

of all time, is estimated to be worth just over \$1-billion.

Today, the top talk show hosts, which neither act, sing, nor play sports, do quite well. Stephen Colbert, Jimmy Kimmel and Jimmy Fallon earn roughly \$15 million annually.

So, my friends, the ceiling seems to be quite high if you're a popular athlete or entertainer. In sports, the idea is to make as much as you can early on, because careers won't last into your 40s given the physical demands.

But actors can work well into their 80s and 90s.

Some will say the salaries 40 years ago are comparable to today's wages, but I don't think that's true. "Adjusted" figures don't paint an accurate picture of the top-billing talents.

Many stars were also expendable over the course of Hollywood's tainted history.

Athletes keep making record amounts, especially in baseball, as witnessed by some post-World Series contracts.

While all of these professionals may very well deserve these massive salaries, one has to ask just where will it end?

Sports organizations have salary "caps," but that magic line keeps moving.

For others, there is no real limit. And the more you have, the more you continue to make, with wise investments, business dealings, etc.

Keanu Reeves once said that he has enough money for several centuries. He has given away millions and has taken pay cuts just to work with notable actors. But he's the exception. Must be his Canadian upbringing.

We consumers – movie watchers, video streamers, concert-goers and sports

fans – subsidize these massive salaries.

One day, though, I think we'll begin to see the breaking point in terms of TV sit-coms and sports dynasties. The bubble will burst – production companies and team owners will have to put the brakes on skyrocketing pay cheques.

The movie-going public is already opting for more stay-at-home streaming options. Alas, theatres, especially the smaller ones, will one day become a thing of the past.

And that's sad. Who doesn't have fond memories of watching a flick in a crowded, dark, dingy theatre? I saw Jaws with my sister and ET with my mom when I was a kid and will never forget those experiences.

And while home-made popcorn can be pretty good, there's nothing like movie popcorn, especially those massive tubs!

Of course, many of us still have family movie nights in the comfort of our living rooms.

While streaming services offer a multitude of choices, you pay a premium for this service, too, on top of regular cable, internet, etc. And now, more services are tossing in commercials and you have to pay to go "commercial free." Talk about squeezing every penny out of consumers.

We average folks are willing to part with our hard-earned, after-tax dollars for some R&R. We tell ourselves we deserve it.

Quite right. But nothing – not a World Series game or concert tickets – is worth maxing out the credit cards for.

Take it from Bob Marley: "You entertain people who are satisfied. Hungry people can't be entertained – or people who are afraid. You can't entertain a man who has no food."

Energy

Energy ministers gather to bolster critical materials

Ontario is on a mission to disrupt the Chinese regime's dominance of rare earths.

That starts with their 100% production chokehold on samarium — a rare earth that is essential to building military hardware and nuclear energy.

The U.S. said this is the number one critical mineral at the highest risk of supply chain vulnerability.

On the margins of the G7 Energy Ministers' Meeting, Ontario-Canada have stepped up to support and accelerate Ucore's plan to build and become the first North American producer of these critical materials, in Kingston.

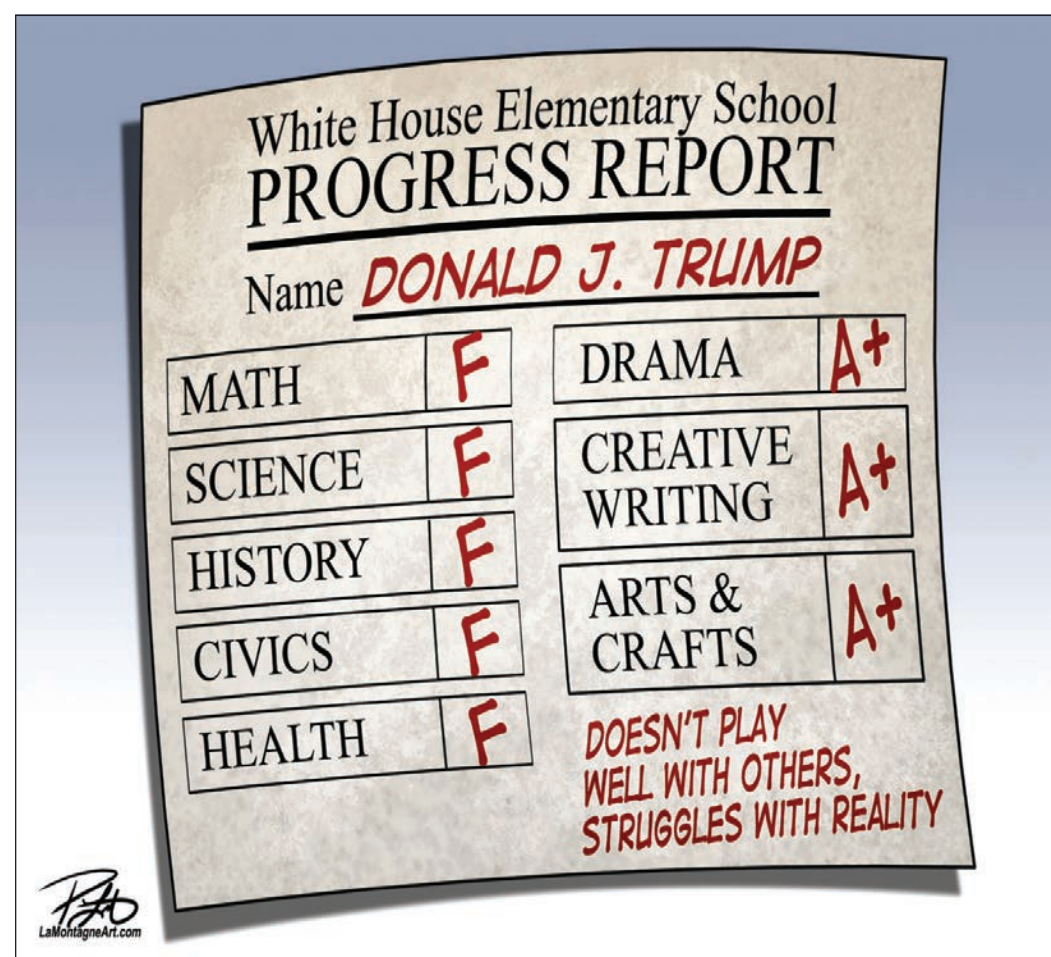
This matters because China dominates the processing of samarium and gadolinium, and both minerals are among the rare earths added by China to its Export Control List earlier this year.

"The lesson is learned," Minister Stephen Lecce said. "The world has changed. That is why Canada and Ontario are urgently and intentionally end energy dependence from foreign adversaries.

"This new deal will provide a secure, domestic source for Canada and allied sectors where reliability is non-negotiable.

"This deal will build Canada's first dedicated facility for processing samarium and gadolinium, creating jobs and investment in our country. This is being advanced through Ontario's 50% reduction in permitting timelines and the launch of a critical mineral processing fund.

"We are ending the ripping and shipping of minerals, because we know we can do it right here at home."



Quote of the Week

“There's no way I can justify my salary level, but I'm learning to live with it.”

— Drew Carey

Trivia Tidbits

Lake Winnipeg in Manitoba, is one of the largest inland bodies of fresh water in the world.

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Results from last week's poll:
Do you have your car's snow tires on yet?

a) Yes **100%**

b) No **0%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you spending more, less or the same on Christmas gifts this year?

a) More
b) Less
c) Same

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Buildings' restoration was funded through provincial grants

Following extensive structural repairs, the King Railway Station and King Christian Church officially reopened last week, with several officials on hand for the event.

The doors opened to the public at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, Nov. 28.

The restoration project was funded in part by a \$250,000 grant from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness through the Rural Economic Development (RED) Fund, now known as the Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Program, delivered through the Ontario Ministry of Rural Affairs.

Renovations included:

Installation of heating and electrical lighting.

Restoration and refinishing of interior plaster walls and ceilings in the church, as well as the interior and exterior wood paneling on both buildings.

Construction of a proper foundation for the church, the addition of a basement, and replacement of deteriorated flooring.

Physical attributes were restored in line with their heritage designations to make the site accessible year-round for arts and cultural programming, events, school programs and private functions.

"Just three weeks ago, I was proud to deliver over \$1 million of critical infrastructure funding for families in King Township. Today, we see the fruits of another investment made in King — with the renovation of the historic King Railway Station and King Christian Church completed for everyone in King to enjoy," said Stephen Lecce, MPP

for King—Vaughan. "The residents of King are proud of their history — dating long before confederation — which is why I am proud to preserve almost 175 years of King's heritage and culture for the next generation to learn why must be proud of our history as Canadians. I will continue delivering for families in King from new housing to upgraded roads and keeping our streets safe."

In 2024, MPP Lecce was joined by Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, to announce the Province of Ontario was investing \$250,000 for the King Heritage & Cultural Centre Building Restoration Project. At the time, MPP Lecce said he was proud to invest to preserve King's heritage and culture and believed as a student of history that it's important to connect with the past and learn from our history.

"This funding recognizes the importance of investing in rural communities so there are local gathering places that define local community pride," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs. "We are proud to demonstrate our commitment to protecting rural Ontario with our government's investment in the restoration of the King Railway Station and King Christian Church."

The project's core focus is to rejuvenate the King Christian Church and King Railway Station which are both located at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, ensuring their long-term sustainability and making them safe for public use. This restoration enables these heritage buildings to host various events and activities, promoting tourism, arts, culture, and heritage in the community for generation into the



future. Thanks to the project, the buildings will be accessible year-round, with improvements in lighting, temperature control, and physical attributes in line with their heritage designations. As well as towards structural improvements, repairs, and restoration, which will empower tourism and programming initiatives in the coming years — driving meaningful economic activity in the Township of King.

"The restoration of these heritage landmarks is more than a cultural achievement — it's an investment in King Township's future. By revitalizing these spaces, we're creating opportunities for tourism, local business growth, and community engagement that strengthen our rural economy," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "I want to thank the Province for making the King Heritage & Cultural Centre Restoration Project possible through a \$250,000 grant from its Rural Economic Development Fund. The renewed King Railway Station and King Christian Church will be a space that hosts programs, events, and celebrations that showcase the unique heritage of King Township while welcoming residents and visitors to discover it."

In 1851 the King Christian Church congregation was welcomed into their brand-new building. The church was built on Lot 31, Concession 5 (now Jane Street) in King Township (just outside Kettleby). The land had been purchased

in 1850 for 17 pounds and 10 shillings from Thomas Ramsden. It was a simple Loyalist-inspired building with a symmetrical geometric shape, white clapboard siding, and sash windows.

Built in 1852, the King Railway Station is believed to be the oldest surviving railway station in Canada. The station was originally located in Springhill just 23 miles (37 km) north of Toronto and served passengers on the Ontario, Simcoe & Huron Union Railroad. Generally known as the Northern, this railway ran north to Collingwood and followed traditional trade routes between the lakes for which it was named.

MPP Lecce previously delivered \$50,000 in 2018 and over \$69,000 in 2021 through the Rural Economic Development program for the implementation and activation of the Schomberg Main Street Revitalization Project which will attract investments, businesses, and local partners that will diversify the local economy, bring jobs into the community, and provide easier access to services for local residents. Beyond the ROD program, MPP Lecce also delivered \$725,000 in 2019 to modernize service delivery in King and secured millions of dollars in funding to the township through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund for eight consecutive years since 2018 to improve broadband, pave roads, and protect clean drinking water.

More on the event on Page 7

York Regional Council approves YRP budget

York Regional Police, with the support of the York Regional Police Service Board, is pleased to announce that York Region Council has approved the 2026 police operating and capital budget. The budget enables our organization to continue to deliver nationally recognized crime prevention and law enforcement programs to more than 1.2 million citizens living in York Region.

The approved net operating budget for 2026 is \$499 million, representing an increase of 12.7% over 2025. The 2026 capital budget is \$38.3 million, with capital spending authority for multiple-year projects of \$48.5 million.

YRP will be hiring 150 additional members in 2026, expanding our community-safety, frontline and support teams to strengthen our responsiveness and deepen our connection with the public. These additional members will enhance frontline coverage and community-oriented response, while also building recruitment and supporting prevention-focused initiatives that contribute to safer, more resilient communities.

The capital budget reflects key investments in equipment, communication and information technology infrastructure and vehicles, including those designed to support an enhanced response to mental health crises in our community. It will also fund the construction of the new helicopter hangar in East Gwillimbury, major improvements to Headquarters and Community Safety Village facilities, and other renovations, ensuring YRP supports its members with the tools and infrastructure required to perform at their best, when our community needs it most.

The budget reflects the complex policing environment our YRP enters in 2026, with a continued focus on our community and our people, two guiding

pillars identified in our business plan.

"For our community, this budget invests in what matters most: Preventing and reducing violent crime, enhancing police presence region-wide, and strengthening partnerships that make our region safer," said Chief Jim MacSween. "For our people, this budget ensures we have the right staff in place to meet the growing operational demand of an evolving region. It funds critical staffing increases, provides new technology and tools to modernize our work, and expands the training and wellness programs that allow our members to serve safely and effectively."

"I am confident this budget will enable us to continue to build a modern, community-focused police service ready to serve York Region today and for years to come. I want to thank all members of the York Regional Police Service Board, along with York Regional Council for recognizing and supporting that endeavour."

"The York Regional Police Service Board is pleased with Regional Council's decision to approve the 2026 York Regional Police operating and capital budget. This decision demonstrates a clear commitment to supporting safe, thriving communities across York Region in an increasingly complex policing environment," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of the York Regional Police Service Board.

"The approved budget prioritizes preventing and reducing violent crime, enhancing visible police presence across all nine municipalities, and strengthening partnerships that keep our communities safe. It also invests in our members, technology, and facilities to modernize service delivery. With this support, we are well-positioned to serve our growing Region with confidence."

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MP Anna Roberts named chair of CAIT group

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts added another role in her ever-expanding work as the riding's MP.

Roberts was named chair of the Canada-Italy Inter-Parliamentary Group (CAIT).

The Canada-Italy Interparliamentary group's aim is to provide a forum to promote the expansion of relations between Canada and Italy. As the newly elected chair of the group, Roberts will serve in a parliamentary diplomacy role, fostering cultural, economic, political, and community ties between Canada and Italy. She will lead the group's activities in advancing diplomatic ties between the two countries, exploring new opportunities for collaboration, working to advance mutually beneficial initiatives, and will represent the group in meetings with foreign diplomats, officials, and stakeholders.

"As a daughter of Italian immigrants and a representative of over 35,000 Italian-Canadians, it is an honour to announce my election as chair of the Canada-Italy Inter-Parliamentary Group," she said.

Canada and Italy share a deep connection through over 1.6 million Canadians of Italian descent. Canada's proud community of Italian heritage goes back over many years.

The CAIT provides a forum for the exchange of ideas between parliamentarians of both Italy and Canada. The group has been active for almost 80 years.

"From where I grew up at the storefronts of 'Little Italy' in Toronto to the commanding heights of commerce and politics for generations, Canadians of Italian heritage have left their mark on communities from coast to coast to coast," Roberts pointed out.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues from across Parliament, as well as Ambassador Cattaneo to advance diplomatic ties between our two countries, to explore new opportunities for collaboration, and advancing mutually beneficial initiatives.

"I want to thank my colleagues from across Canada for their confidence and support, and I look forward to the work ahead."



MP Roberts joined the Federation of Italian Chefs Canada at the Festa d'Autunno 2025 celebrating the rich heritage of Italian-Canadian culture and cuisine. "Thank you to Chef Luciano Schipano for your commitment to advancing relations, and collaboration between Canada and Italy."



Residents invited to learn about King's 2026 Budget at public open house

By Brittany Grecni

King Township recently held a budget open house, giving residents a chance to learn more about the Township's proposed 2026 budget and how tax dollars are allocated.

The event, held at the municipal office before council approved the budget, featured visual displays outlining next year's service priorities, funding plans, and the costs associated with key programs. Members of the Township's senior leadership team were also on hand to answer questions and help residents understand how the service-based budget works.

King's 2026 budget focuses on maintaining current service levels with minimal increases, while continuing important work such as snow removal, road maintenance, parks and trail upkeep, recreation programs, waste diversion, emergency services, and cultural programming. The Township organizes the budget into six major service areas: Governing King, Greening King, Keeping King Safe, Maintaining King, Planning and Growing King, and Serving King.

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Township celebrates re-opening of Railway Station, Christian Church

Two designated heritage buildings in King Township have been restored to their original glory as part of the King Heritage & Cultural Centre Restoration Project. Following extensive structural repairs, the King Railway Station and King Christian Church officially re-opened their doors to the public during a ceremonial ribbon cutting on Nov. 28.

The public event featured remarks by Mayor Steve Pellegrini and MPP King-Vaughan, Stephen Lecce, followed by a guided tour of the rejuvenated buildings.

In a post-ceremony chat inside the repurposed King Christian Church and overlooking the King Railway Station bathed in late-November sunlight, Mayor Steve Pellegrini appreciated the scope of the restoration project and its historical significance: "We've been trying forever to get the station fixed up. Since arrangements were made to move the station from the Kortright Centre to the Heritage Centre, we've wanted to invite the public to see the oldest train station in Canada which dates back to 1852. It actually goes back to the renaming of the Springhill settlement to King City. There was already a Springhill in Ontario."

Mayor Pellegrini's remarks were imbued with civic pride at seeing the significant historical landmark restored to such a pristine state: "I'm feeling proud – we're really punching above our weight. It's important to preserve the Township's rich history. Other benefits to the restoration project are the opportunities for community space and events in this Church. It'll lead to other uses of the structures here at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre."

The project was funded in part by a \$250,000 grant from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness through the Rural Economic Development (RED) Fund, now known as the Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Program, delivered through the Ontario Ministry of Rural Affairs. The program provides funding for projects designed to enhance economic development, protect jobs and improve infrastructure in rural communities throughout Ontario.

Brought from their original locations to the tourism hub in the 1980s, the renovation work on both mid-19th century buildings began in the sum-



Local councillors and King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce took care of the ribbon cutting duties for the re-opening of the Railway Station and Christian Church.

mer of 2024. Renovations included the installation of heating and electrical lighting, and the restoration and refinishing of interior plaster walls and ceilings, as well as the interior and exterior wood paneling on both buildings.

A proper foundation for the church was constructed, the deteriorated flooring system replaced, and a basement was added. Physical attributes were also restored in line with their heritage designations, and the site was made accessible year-round.

As part of King Township's Heritage and Culture Master Plan (2021), the renovations serve as a key initiative to enhancing culture, tourism and economic activity, with the project increasing site functionality, attendance capacity, and improving overall facility usage. The renovations have made the facilities more user-friendly spaces for arts and cultural programming, events, school programs and private functions such as weddings. It also served as a key contribution to King Township's 175th anniversary celebrations in 2025.

King Railway Station

Built in 1852, King Railway Station is believed to be the oldest surviving railway station in Canada. The station was originally located in Springhill just 37 kilometres north of Toronto and served passengers on the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Union Railroad. Generally known as the Northern, this railway ran north to Collingwood and followed traditional trade routes between the lakes for which it was named. King Railway Station was served by different railways over the years until 1963, then it sat empty for five years until it was moved offsite. It was relocated to the King Heritage & Cultural Centre in 1989.

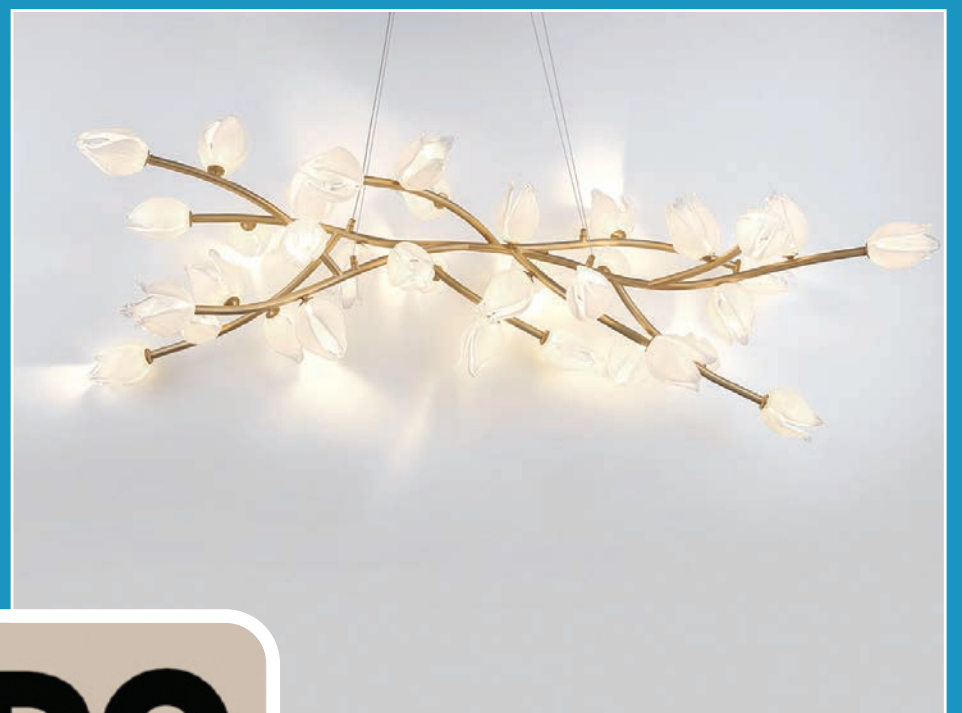
geometric shape, white clapboard siding, and sash windows. Over the next 80 years the church thrived as members held an annual Strawberry Supper in the spring and a Fowl Supper in the fall. The church relocated to the King Heritage & Cultural Centre in 1982.

"Thanks to support from the province's Rural Economic Development Fund, and the dedication of Township staff, who worked to restore both mid-19th century buildings to their original glory, the King Railway Station and King Christian Church will serve as a tourism hub and continue to tell the story of King Township for years to come," added Mayor Pellegrini.

"This funding recognizes the importance of investing in rural communities so there are local gathering places that define local community pride. We are proud to demonstrate our commitment to protecting rural Ontario with our government's investment in the restoration of the King Railway Station and King Christian Church," noted Minister of Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson.

King Christian Church

In 1851, the King Christian Church congregation was welcomed into their brand-new building. The church was built on Lot 31, Concession 5 (now Jane Street) in King Township (just outside Kettleby). It was a simple Loyalist-inspired building with a symmetrical



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Construction of bypass will support more than 2,200 jobs

The Ontario government has awarded contracts for the detail design of the central and east sections of the Bradford Bypass, marking a significant milestone in the province's plan to build the four-lane, 16-kilometre highway that will relieve gridlock and cut travel times across York Region and Simcoe County by 35 minutes.

The province has also awarded a program management consultant contract to oversee the full Bradford Bypass project, including design, quality assurance, schedule and construction oversight. Construction of the highway will support more than 2,200 jobs per year and contribute \$286 million to Ontario's GDP.

"Our government is protecting Ontario by making historic investments in highway infrastructure that will strengthen the economy in the face of U.S. tariffs and global economic uncertainty," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "The Bradford Bypass will cut gridlock, shorten commute times, strengthen east-west connections between Highways 400 and 404 and keep people and goods moving through one of the fastest growing parts of the Greater Golden Horseshoe."

The province has selected the teams that will design the two sections of the Bradford Bypass running from Highway 404 in the east to Simcoe County Road 4 in the west. As part of this work, crews will conduct field work, consult with Indigenous communities, coordinate utility relocations and finalize the design of the two sections. Once complete, the Bradford Bypass will save drivers an estimated 35 minutes in travel time compared to using local roads.

"Our government's mandate to protect Ontario includes delivering the

Bradford Bypass, which residents across York-Simcoe have been asking governments to build for decades," said Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe. "Today's announcement builds on our substantial progress to-date to get shovels in the ground and finally make this project a reality for our region."

Work is also ongoing on the west section of the Bradford Bypass, including construction of a temporary detour at 10 Sideroad to support construction of a future bridge and interchange. Last year, the province awarded contracts for detail design and a construction manager for the west section. Since then, crews have completed tree clearing along the proposed route to streamline utility relocations and clear a path for construction. In addition, work is underway on a southbound lane on Highway 400 that will connect to the Bradford Bypass.

The 16.3-kilometre Bradford Bypass will connect Highway 404 in the east to Highway 400 in the west, running through York Region and Simcoe County.

Construction of the Bradford Bypass will contribute \$286 million to Ontario's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) annually and help support over 2,200 jobs per year.

The Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024 received Royal Assent in November 2024, allowing the province to accelerate construction of priority highway projects including the Bradford Bypass, Highway 413 and the Garden City Skyway bridge-twinning project.

"East Gwillimbury is excited to see the Bradford Bypass move into this next stage. The project aligns with our Town's Official Plan and supports the

economic growth we are already experiencing in our community. Connecting Highways 404 and 400 will provide additional travel options for residents, businesses, and visitors. As our communities continue to grow, we must have the infrastructure in place to help people get where they're going safely and efficiently," said Brian Johns, Acting Mayor of East Gwillimbury.

"(This) announcement reflects the strong provincial commitment to improving how people move across our region. The investments being made in the Bradford Bypass and surrounding infrastructure will help reduce gridlock, support economic growth, and get families home approximately 30 minutes faster. Bradford West Gwillimbury, together with our neighbours in East Gwillimbury, is grateful for this continued attention to our growing communi-

ties, and we look forward to seeing this important work move ahead," added James Leduc, Mayor of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

"Advancing work on the Bradford Bypass is a meaningful step toward tackling Ontario's gridlock crisis and protecting the province's economic growth. Recent research shows congestion is costing Ontario roughly \$56.4 billion every year in combined economic and social impacts, underscoring the need for strategic highway investments that keep people and goods moving. By improving east-west connectivity and supporting thousands of jobs, the Bradford Bypass will help relieve pressure on our transportation network and deliver lasting economic benefits for communities across York Region and Simcoe County," stated Steven Crombie, Ontario Road Builders' Association.



Saggio Law Professional Corporation grand opening in King City. Lelitha Reddy Engala, MP Anna Roberts, and Owner Sabrina Garieri cut the ribbon while Chamber of Commerce Reps and Clerk Anita Phillips provide back row support.

Saggio Law Professional Corporation celebrates its grand opening and ribbon cutting in King

By Jim Stewart

MP Anna Roberts and representatives from the King Chamber of Commerce including Vice President Ryan Raynond and Director Angelo Santorelli presided over the grand opening of the Saggio Law Professional Corporation in King City recently.

Owner Sabrina Garieri was presented with a congratulatory certificate by MP Roberts at her new law office at 13066 Keele Street and the amiable host recognized the historical significance and transition that took place recently: "It's the oldest law firm in King. I want to deliver service to the community the same way that Margaret Black did."

Garieri noted that the best part of the grand opening festivities was the collection of dignitaries, colleagues, friends, and family in attendance: "It's about the people. I'm here with Anita Phillips who was the original clerk in Margaret Black's law practice. My mom and dad are here. Lelitha Reddy Engala is here, too – she's our family lawyer. Being in the community where I grew up – it's so nice to be part of it in some capacity and contribute to the well-being of the community in which I've lived my entire life."

The life-long King resident also expressed her gratitude for the support of the Chamber of Commerce representatives and her local MP in attendance: "It's nice to have their support as a young business owner and entrepreneur. We're getting the word out that the Margaret Black practice has changed hands and we want residents to know that we'll carry on the great traditions of the oldest firm in King."

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Koffler Reserve evolves into an innovative school

A research facility in King has totally reimagined the future of school design.

Koffler Scientific Reserve (KSR) is a school for instruction and research in ecology and environmental biology. Its design evolution shows how a project can combine sustainable technologies and high design without compromising on aesthetics.

Nestled at Jokers Hill on the Oak Ridges Moraine in King, UofT's KSR reflects the functions of a traditional college (with classrooms, dormitory, refectory, bathing facilities, commons rooms, sitting rooms, hall, cloister and quad), and was designed to accommodate research students and faculty for extended periods of time.

With architectural design by Montgomery Sisam Architects, the venue seamlessly integrates sustainable and environmentally conscious solutions, boasts simple yet contemporary design, and features carefully considered architectural details.

Inspired by the work of KSR's scientists and students (who study everything from the smallest microorganism to the largest scientific system), the relationship between macro and micro, and the big scale and the little scale became a lens through which the design solutions were evaluated.

Reminiscent of agrarian building forms, the venue took the form of a barn that was taken apart, put back together again, and cut in half, with one part turned around. The building was also adapted to include lanterns for natural light, overhangs for appropriate solar response, covered walkways, and a courtyard.

Solar orientation was studied to inform the placement of the building on site. The building is aligned to the cardinal coordinates North, South, West and East. Its alignment with the sun, the moon and the stars will augment research goals and measure the passage of time, in days, seasons and years.

Extensive climate analysis was conducted to inform the design of each facade: exterior shading to deal with solar heat gain in the summer; south facing windows to leverage solar heat gain in winter; reducing peak indoor temperatures by leveraging natural ventilation and thermal mass in shoulder seasons.

The project is targeting net-zero-carbon, net-zero-energy performance and LEED Gold. This robust sustainability mandate is met through passive design strategies that minimize energy use, while offering year-round comfort to students and faculty.

The building's carbon footprint was



reduced by the selection of low-embodied energy materials and renewable resources such as the mass timber structure and wood interior finishes. Renewable energy resources on-site (the photovoltaic panels on the roofs and the battery storage) will produce and store 100% of the annual electricity required by the building, while excess energy will be fed back to the municipal power grid.

Koffler Scientific Reserve is a major venue for research and instruction in ecology and environmental biology. The current property, stitched together over 100 years, features an estate house, several small farms, beautiful woodlands, watercourses and fish lakes.

As an accessible, affordable field site, KSR has seen a dramatic increase in use over the past decade and lacks housing, teaching and dining space. To overcome this challenge, a new purpose-built Dining and Operations Centre will be built. Twenty new 3-person seasonal bunkies will also occupy the site to provide more accommodation for students during the peak warm weather months.

With this initiative, KSR will gain much needed residential and multi-purpose teaching space in proximity to their lab building, capitalize on efficiencies between facilities, and discontinue use of several inconvenient outlying buildings.

The approach to the design evolved with the architects' understanding of

the work of KSR's scientists and students. Their diligent study of the tiniest changes in one specific type of plant or insect species can yield findings that speak to issues on a global scale, such as climate change.

The Dining and Operations Centre with its exposed timber structure is the social heart of the Reserve – a place to gather, to share, to enjoy. Nestled into the topography with generous glazing on both its upper and lower levels, the building sits delicately on the site; views in, out reinforce a sense of openness and transparency while large overhangs, covered walkways and a courtyard promote strong indoor-outdoors connections. Comfortable in scale and practical in function, the building finds definition through its expressive roof formation; two large lantern features project upwards, allowing light to filter down into the spaces below and, when lit, serving as beacons in an otherwise untamed landscape.

Clustered around the new Dining and Operations Centre, the bunkies are minimal structures with south facing roof-top solar panels. They have easy access to shared washrooms off the main facility, minimizing operating costs, reducing water usage and the number of septic fields, and enabling easy off-season shut-down. This proximity also works to reinforce synergies between the teaching, research and social dimensions of field work.



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A Main Street Christmas brings the holiday cheer to Schomberg

Santa's coming to Schomberg!
A Main Street Christmas, hosted by the Schomberg Village Association, brings its annual holiday cheer to King Township on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The "Storybook Christmas" themed family-friendly event brings beloved Christmas tales to life from 3 to 8:30 p.m. with street performers, carolers, children's entertainers, fireside readings, holiday creations, two parades and, of course, Santa Claus!

A Main Street Christmas attracts over 6,000 residents and visitors from neighbouring communities each year. The event starts with the "storybook" themed Santa Claus Parade at 4 p.m. Local businesses and community groups participate with creative floats and several bands march while playing rousing tunes. The sidewalks get crowded quickly, be sure to arrive in advance to have a great view of Santa as he comes down the street.

Between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. wander up and down Main Street to enjoy the festivities and be entertained by jugglers, musicians and singers, all the while you are tempted at every turn by refreshments such as hot apple cider, hot chocolate, roasted chestnuts, cookies and more.

The Schomberg Community Hall will be home to the Christmas marketplace, open from 3 to 7:30 p.m. with over 50 tables. From handcrafted ornaments and artisanal goodies to cozy knits and festive décor, there's something for everyone on your list. Support local vendors while discovering thoughtful gifts

that bring the warmth of the season to life. Free character drawings allow attendees to bring the holiday magic home with them or take a spin on the 360 mobile photobooth.

The night will end with the 31st edition of the spectacular Farmers' Parade of Lights starting at 8:30 p.m. Last year the local farming community brought over 35 farm vehicles decorated with thousands of twinkling Christmas lights to Main Street. This beloved tradition brings the community together to celebrate the holiday season with small-town charm and big holiday spirit. There's still time to be part of the parade! To enter, complete the parade form online at schomberg.ca.

Get a headstart on the fun and save at the same time: for the first time tickets are available to purchase in advance for a discounted price of \$5 per person. Prices increase to \$7 at the gate. Children 12 and under receive free admission. All admission includes access to the Christmas market. To purchase a ticket, visit amainstreetchristmas.com.

To accommodate the parade route, street festivities and increased foot traffic, a portion of Main Street will be closed between Ben Boy Avenue and Church Street from 2 to 10 p.m. Dr. Kay Drive from Main Street to Cooper Drive and the intersection of Main Street and Western Avenue will also be closed during this time. Western Avenue will be closed to traffic from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, email info@schomberg.ca or visit schomberg.ca.



Events at the KHCC spreads festive cheer

By Brittany Greci

Families gathered at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre Nov. 29 for a cheerful afternoon of festive celebration. Holiday at the KHCC: Cookie Bites and Community Tree Lighting. Both and offered a variety of festive activities for residents of all ages to enjoy together.

The celebration began with Santa's Cookie Bites & Holiday Lights. Families enjoyed photos with Santa, holiday crafts, cookie decorating, and a "Retro Forest" scavenger hunt. Children gathered for storytime, while the Villanova College Choir provided a special musical performance that set a joyful tone for the afternoon.

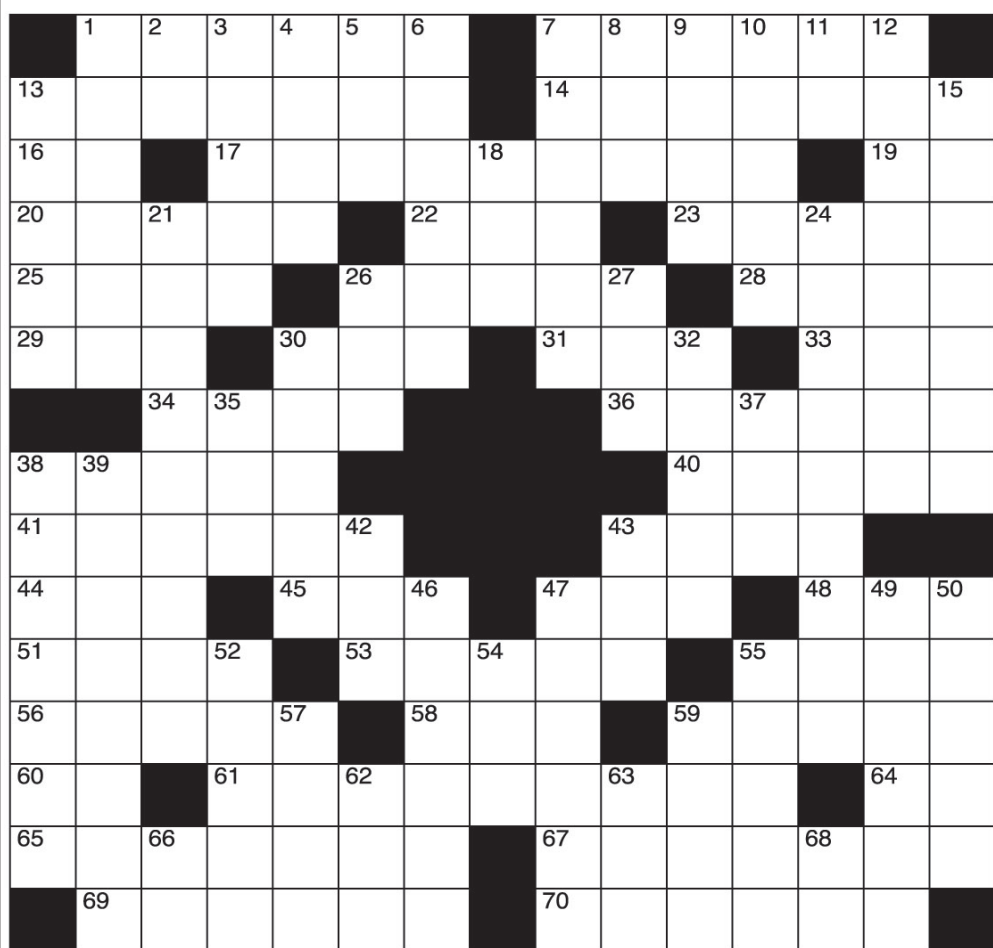
As evening approached, all came together for the Community Tree Lighting & Grand Opening. Guests watched as the community tree was officially lit, then explored the newly restored heritage buildings decorated in traditional holiday style. Children wrote letters to Santa and families toured the "Trees of Giving" exhibit, while the McGregor Carollers filled the air with classic holiday songs.

The event provided a heartwarming afternoon of festive celebration, bringing families together to enjoy the sights, sounds, and spirit of the holiday season in King Township.



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Spiritual leaders
- 7. A type of solution
- 13. Fortified wine
- 14. Edible mollusk
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- 17. A way to compare
- 19. Government lawyer
- 20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
- 22. The eighth month (abbr.)
- 23. Very willing
- 25. ___ ex Machina
- 26. Makes happy
- 28. Type of berry
- 29. A doctrine
- 30. Popular Dodge truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. Influential German psychologist

- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. You can get stuck in one
- 45. Cigarette (slang)
- 47. Fiber optics network
- 48. Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 55. Sound
- 56. MLB legend Hank
- 58. Very attractive person
- 59. Late beloved sportscaster Craig
- 60. South Dakota
- 61. Mocking
- 64. Symbol for gold
- 65. Longtime Braves pitcher Julio
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl
- 70. Preliminary patient

- assessment
- 32. Field flowers
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. A visual way to interact with a computer
- 38. Up-to-date
- 39. Campaigns
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. Supporter of the Pope
- 49. Anxiety
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. One who's faking it
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. City in central Japan
- 59. Silk garment
- 62. A form of dance
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man
- 68. Justice Dept. head honcho

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

Holiday markets bring big crowds and big cheer to King City

By Brittany Grecni

King City was filled with holiday spirit November 22 as two popular seasonal markets – the One of a King Handmade Holiday Market and the King Artisan Holiday Market – welcomed hundreds of visitors for a full day of festive shopping. Both events celebrated the talent of local artisans while giving the community a chance to support small businesses right before the holiday season.

At the One of a King Handmade Holiday Market, held at the King Township Municipal Centre, shoppers browsed a variety of handcrafted goods including art, jewellery, clothing, candles, soaps, quilts, holiday décor, and delicious homemade treats. The family-friendly event offered free admission and plenty of parking, making it an easy stop for residents looking for unique Christmas gifts.

Just down the road, the King Artisan Holiday Market – hosted by Arts Society King at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, the King City Seniors Centre, and the Schomberg Community Hall – added even more charm to the day. Visitors explored restored historic buildings, admired festive holiday displays, and met talented artisans offering one-of-a-kind creations perfect for gifting.

To make the experience seamless, a shuttle bus ran continuously between both markets, allowing guests to “park once and shop twice.” Organizers say the turnout exceeded expectations, with steady foot traffic, strong sales for local vendors, and a wonderful sense of community spirit.

Both markets highlighted the importance of supporting local makers and preserving King Township’s vibrant arts and cultural scene, proving once again that handmade gifts and hometown creativity bring the most holiday joy.



Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

Nancy Hopkinson

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. For the children, the pancakes will be arranged like a snow man, sprinkled with icing sugar, chocolate chips for eyes, and sausages for arms.

Photos can be taken with Santa. 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 Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442 and leave a message, if willing to help.

This coming Sunday Dec. 7, Advent 2, we are having a Joint Service at Nobleton United at 11:15 a.m. There is no service in Schomberg that week. The focus is on Peace. Each of the 4 Sundays before Christmas focusses on a different topic. Last Sunday it was Hope.

A Christmas Pot Luck Social is being held on Monday, Dec. 8 at Nobleton United Church. We gather at 5:30 p.m. and eat at 6 p.m. All are welcome. You do not need to be a member of our churches to come. Sharon, Sue and Val always have some fun Christmas activities to entertain us. Dennis Kowal will be providing Christmas music.

The next Seniors’ lunch is Tuesday, Dec. 9 at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

Please arrive at 11:15 a.m.. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. The Kleinburg Treble Makers will entertain us with Christmas music. This Group is an a cappella women’s ensemble that gathers weekly to share the love of creating music together.

The choral group has enjoyed performing at numerous locations, such as Vaughan’s Earth Hour Celebrations, the Ontario Vocal Festival’s Jazz Festival, church concerts, and retirement homes. The meal is ham and vegetable strata with green salad and assorted Christmas cookies for dessert.

The meal can be delivered, if you prefer. Please let Sheila Kelly know (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend. Space is limited. Although this is a free event, we do appreciate any donations that you are able to make to help cover the costs. We are grateful to the Township of King for some additional financial support this year.

The Schomberg UCW’s next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church. The main lunch will be Caesar salad, lasagna and garlic bread. Please bring a dessert. The theme is Christmas. There will be a gift exchange, so please bring a wrapped gift between \$10-\$15. There will be some Christmas caroling as well.

There is no Thursday Bible Study this week. The next Bible Study Series will be on Advent on Dec. 11 and 12 at 10 a.m. to about noon. Come and enjoy the discussions and a coffee or tea.

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.

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King entertains big school game crowd with 3-2 win over Haliburton

By Jim Stewart

Students and staff from Nobleton Public School filled the Zancor Centre on Tuesday afternoon and the home side obliged their biggest crowd of the season by skating to a 3-2 win over the Haliburton Huskies.

The lively group – many of whom were clad in red and blue Rebellion rep jerseys, pale blue Junior A King hoodies, or their black and green school Hawks gear – cheered the home side to its fourth win in five games. The assembly of school kids gave the Zancor Centre much-needed atmosphere, befitting an entertaining Junior hockey team.

It was also great to see the kids off their cellphones in the arena, enjoying a live entertainment event – especially the on-ice scuffles – and representing their school community so well. Kudos to the Nobleton PS staff for their supervisory efficacy and for filling the Zancor Centre with such positive energy.

The Junior A Rebellion fed off the energy of the tweens, but the Huskies got on the board first, much to the dismay of the school kids. Ten minutes into the period, Haliburton's leading scorer Liam Oravsky notched his 22nd assist of the season when Carson Durbin one-timed his linemate's pass

past King goaltender Logan Kennedy to give the visitors a 1-0 lead.

However, two former Aurora Tigers – Justin Pavese and Kyle Baston – swung the momentum back to the home side. Players acquired via trades both last year and this year played significant roles in this contest.

Twenty seconds into Luis Sturgeon's hooking penalty, Pavese found space on the ensuing 5-on-4 power play and wired a wrist shot top shelf from the top of the faceoff circle to pull King into a 1-1 tie at 14:32. Catalytic and creative centre Antonio Cerqua (another former Tiger) earned the assist.

Three minutes later, Baston fought for position at the left edge of the crease and redirected Larmand's pass over Owen Edwards's shoulder glove side into the Huskies' cage. Baston's eighth of the season elicited much cheering from the Nobleton PS contingent as King took its first lead of the game into the first intermission.

It was Edwards's first trip back to the Zancor Centre following his shocking trade to the Huskies on Halloween for the rights to BCHL goaltender Kennedy. Edwards was the top-ranked netminder in the 24-team OJHL when he was shipped to Haliburton. The former Rebellion netminder played his part during the Tuesday matinee

– turning aside 46 of the 49 shots he faced from his former teammates.

Buoyed by Edwards's 18 saves in the second period, the persistent Huskies tied the game with 59 seconds left in the second period when Ryan Gosse – using the open space created by 4-on-4 hockey – rifled the puck past Kennedy blocker side.

The Rebellion came out flying to start the third period and checked the visitors aggressively. After much tenacious forechecking by Baston who was digging like a miner to free the puck, Larmand scored the game winner at 10:51. King's second-leading scorer beat Edwards high blocker side after being set up by Cerqua – the perpetual motion machine. Larmand described his ninth of the season: "We scored it off the faceoff when Cerqs won the draw and found me. Baston filled up space by the net and I'm not sure the goalie even saw it."

The durable forward from Tiny Township complimented his goaltender as a key contributor to Tuesday's win, especially in the first period when the former Husky stopped 14 of the 15 shots he faced: "Kennedy was great. He was seeing the puck really well and he's been really good for us. 28 saves today, especially against an offensive team like Haliburton, was impressive. They came out hard and caught us off guard in the first, but Kennedy kept us in there before we scored our two goals to take the lead."

Larman credited his team's aggressive checking – especially the play of power forward Baston – as another key to the narrow victory: "The inten-

sity of our forecheck was important. We came out and played hard. Baston's a big boy and was playing in front of the net on the power play today, too. He was getting pucks to the net. He's an enforcer, but he's also got deceptive speed and the other team knows when he's out there."

In Niagara Falls on Friday night, Larmand, Owen Bruining, and Jared McNeil scored one goal each to edge the Canadians 3-1.

After a scoreless first period, Larmand tallied his tenth at 14:52 of the middle frame. Cerqua earned his 17th assist on the go-ahead goal and his ninth point in the last six games.

Tim Marcotte pulled Niagara Falls into a 1-1 tie 6:37 into the third period.

With 5:18 left in the final frame, Bruining – another player obtained in a trade last season with the Georgetown Raiders – fired the game-winner. It was the productive forward's 11th of the season. McNeil returned to the lineup in Niagara Falls after a two-game absence due to injury.

King's leading scorer added an empty-netter to provide the margin of victory with 61 seconds left on the clock. The speedy centre has 13 goals and 17 assists this season to lead the Rebellion's well-balanced attack.

King netminder Noah Mavin blocked 30 of 31 shots to earn the win – his club's fifth in its last six games. The Junior A Rebellion improved their fifth-place record to 19-9-0-0 and trail the fourth-place Buffalo Junior Sabres (17-6-2-3) by only one point in the tightly-packed OJHL West standings.

Local curlers are progressing

By Shellee Morning
 King Curling Club

Women in sport have progressed and maybe more appropriately "soared" over the last 10 years in such disciplines as professional hockey, soccer and of course curling.

With the recent Olympic Curling Trials that were held this past week in Halifax, Skip Rachel Homan and her team have set numerous records but none more recognizable than her 2-year winning streak leading her to Canada's Olympic Curling representative as Team Canada. It's women like Rachel as well as Jennifer Jones, Colleen Jones and Sandra Schmirler that have paved the way for so many women in this sport.

And it is apparent within the King Curling Club's women's league that their own calibre of curling is reaching new heights year over year.

Team Gorsline, who will be representing the club at this year's Women's Master Provincials in a few weeks, is tied for first with Team Morning in the second Round Robin A Division. Team Stronach is just a brush stroke behind for 3rd.

Each game every week needs to be played like its the finals for the championship title. A loss can drop a team presenting them a tough climb back. This past week, the games were crisp, clear and defined within the rings. Points were exchanged between ends leaving no rock un-turned. Winners in the A division were Morning, Stronach, and Cairns.

In the B Division, Team Fraser holds a 3-0 record to claim top spot while Team Jordan Holmes has a 2-1 record for sole position of 2nd. Teams Gerrits and Sinclair share a 2-2 record for 3rd. Across the 4 sheets of ice, the ladies of the club delivered some very impressive shots and well-placed guards in



Mechelle Switzer of team Fraser delivers during their win in the KCC Women's B Division.

their matches.

Although the games are displayed as intense and competitive, the laughter as well as credit given to a good shot made, is always heard. Winners in the B group this week include Sinclair, Gerrits and Fraser.

The Mixed League is playing out to its own hardline story. Last season the teams were so close in parity, final standing decisions were made from the head-to-head results for playoff positions. This season, the parity has not changed. There may be new teams holding the reigns, but the total points are once again, millimeters close.

Team Barber is currently at 7-0 for the lead while Battershell and Kolody are tied at 2nd. Inglis and Sheardown share the 3rd spot then a 4-way tie for 4th between teams Clark, Flannigan, Gerrits and Morning cap off the top half of the roster.

The shot making has increased to a powerful new level with picking stones out on a quarter-inch spot of the rock. A difficult skill to remove the rock and not disturb your own by a quarter inch. The draws to the button have always been and will remain the nerve racking shot as its so often needed at the end of the game for the win.

Then there's the angle raises that sometimes look impossible but are needing the attempt and hope for the curling God's to grace your presence. All of these shots are appearing each week in this league that adds to the entertainment, as well as the reminiscing and analyzing that takes place after the game.

Winners this week were Clark, Sheardown, Barber, Morning, Kolody and Flannigan. Next week will see teams meeting for the first time this season for a game that is expected to continue with such pristine shot making that naturally gives the writer an abundance of material for the reader to enjoy.



Marnie Deathe of Team Gorsline watches her rock after delivery in the Women's A Division.

Cougars earn a point in narrow 4-3 overtime loss to Merchants

By Jim Stewart

Antero Allen, Jack Geniole, and Lucas Marshall fired a flurry of first period goals for the Schomberg Cougars on Thursday night in a narrow 4-3 overtime loss to the Little Britain Merchants at the Trisan Centre.

Thirteen seconds into the game, Little Britain winger Mackenzie Fullerton rifled a shot from inside the right faceoff circle that beat Schomberg netminder Ryan Potvin high glove side to give the visitors a startling 1-0 lead.

The red and white-jerseyed Merchants kept Potvin very busy in the opening minutes of play, but the busy Cougars tender thwarted the onslaught. However, a hooking penalty at 8:18 to Cougars forward Wesley Redshaw proved costly. Forty seconds into the power play, a fortuitous bounce on to the stick of Kyle Allen between the circles allowed the Little Britain forward to snap the puck past Potvin and give the Merchants a two-goal lead before the mid way point of the first period.

However, the young black-clad Cougars got it together and demonstrated much gumption against the fifth-place Merchants. Antero Allen cue'd the comeback when he wired a slapshot from the left circle at 11:54 that beat Little Britain goaltender Ethan Beattie cleanly – bulging the twine and getting Schomberg on the scoreboard. It was Allen's first PJHL goal.

With 43 seconds left in the Cougars' second power play of the game, Captain Jack Geniole banged in Brandon Scott's rebound on the doorstep past Beattie to pull the home side into a 2-2 tie. The 6'6", 230-pound centre described his fourth of the season: "I found myself in an open area and put it past the goalie. I had to use my size to open up the ice and create a scoring chance."

Ninety-one seconds after Captain Jack's tying goal motivated his troops at 14:42, Lucas Marshall staked Schomberg to its first lead of the game. Marshall tipped a perfect pass from Dawson Boily past Beattie to make it 3-2 with 4:19 left in the opening frame.

Big Jack credited the three-goal explosion by the Cougars to their steady improvement over the last three games during which they've gone 1-1-1, but could have been 3-0-0: "We're all getting close in the room. Our passes are getting better and we finished good passes tonight. We got off to a slow start, but we scored three goals in five minutes and put it all together in the second half of the first period. We know we can get it done. We just need to be more consistent for a full game."

Geniole's insights were directed towards brief lapses in the second period and in overtime that allowed the visitors to tie and win the game.

With Redshaw in the sin bin for holding at 6:02 of the middle frame, Potvin was surrounding pucks on the PK and keeping the visitors at bay. However, in the waning seconds of Little Britain's man-advantage, Allan notched his second power play goal of the game when he banged home a rebound in the slot to make it 3-3.

The young Schomberg squad fought the Merchants tooth and nail for the balance of regulation, securing a point in the standings for their efforts.

The valiant Potvin made four high quality saves in the extra period, including one at 4:08 when he took away the shooting angle and preserved the tie. However, Jason Shears's shot from just inside the blue line slid along the ice through a crowd, clanged off the right post, and into the cage behind a screened Potvin.

Undaunted by the loss and pleased with the first period comeback, Geniole noted what the Cougars need to do as the calendar is flipped to December: "We just need to stay more consistent and our young guys are going to be better Junior hockey players. They need to keep improving and as a team we need to keep trying as we head into the Christmas Break and make something happen in the New Year."

The Cougars (6-14-2-0) kick off the December segment of the season by hosting the Georgina Ice (16-4-0-0) on Thursday – exactly 21 days before Christmas. Puck drop at the Trisan Centre is 7:30 p.m.

King's Corners

**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Sunday, Dec. 7 is the second Sunday of Advent when we will celebrate with Joy as Rev. Andrew leads worship at 10 a.m. This Sunday we will also celebrate the sacrament of communion with all being welcomed at the table as our anticipation grows and our time of waiting continues.

Hope, Joy, Peace and Love, precious gifts manifested in the form of a baby born to humble beginnings and through who we still seek and receive our salvation more than 2,000 years later. 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 Christmas sermon series; "The Gifts of Christmas." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

Please visit our website for links and further information: wow.kincardineshire.coma

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, December 5 – 10 a.m. – Refresher – Kevin Ritson, King Fire Services, will provide a refresher course in CPR. This is an annual event and important to keep our skills sharp. Please register so enough equipment is available.

Sunday, December 7 – 2 to 4 p.m. – Christmas Open House – Come out for an entertaining afternoon with entertainment by Russ Clayton and some special guests with gifts! Thanks to Chartwell Oak Ridges for providing the entertainer. Registration is requested.

Friday, December 12 – 10am – Workshop – Artist, Angela Del Borrello, will provide a hands-on creative workshop. The theme is snowman table décor. Cost \$10/pp. Registration is due December 5.

Wednesday, December 17 – 11:30 a.m. – This will be the last event of the year. We will have a free lunch beginning at 11:30, followed by a performance by the King City Secondary School band. To round out the afternoon, our own line dancers will perform for us. You must register as spaces are limited and there will be no walk-ins.

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).

Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

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Front Porch Harmony will be participating.

The next Messy Church is Monday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. There will have crafts and activities for the Christmas Nativity Story about the birth of Jesus 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 & 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.

If you can help out, please support 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, tee Shirts, undershirts. You can bring the items to our Church Services, to

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 kingcityseniors@gmail.com

York Pines United Church

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent and White Gift, service led by Lesley Morris. White gifts are presented for a family selected for us by York Support Services Network.

Decoration of the sanctuary for Advent continues. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the service. Next Sunday is the third of Advent, and we will be singing our favourite carols. It is also Hungry Sunday when donations to the King Township Food Bank are appreciated.

Our Christmas Fellowship Luncheon is on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at noon at Port Soiree in Schomberg. Come and bring a friend. Contact the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 by December 9 if you plan to attend.

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

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.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us at St. Andrew's, King City - 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. Our Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. and all are welcome to join us afterwards for coffee time. Pastor Alison Agnew's message last Sunday focussed on 1 Peter 1:3-12 -The Living Hope we can have because Jesus came to earth!

This was the first Sunday of Advent and Bonnie Mooney attended to the Lighting of the Hope Candle. Pastor Alison presided over Holy Communion.

Have a look at our recorded services. Our website is standrews-king city.ca and click on our service picture which will take you to the YouTube page and click on Nov. 30.

Sunday, Dec. 14 is our Christmas Party at 10:30 a.m. where we'll have brunch, festive fun, and Christmas carols. All are welcome. We hope you can come and join us, but let us know by calling the office and leaving a message at 905-833-2325.

The Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will start at 7 p.m. this year, finishing around 8 p.m. Children are welcome!

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 we enter Advent, the theme before us is hope. It's not wishful thinking or vague optimism, but the deep,

the December Seniors' Lunches or to Messy Church.

Do you have a grandchild about to arrive? A very special baby quilt would be a treasured keepsake. These beautiful one-of-a-kind, hand-sewn quilts are available for purchase. Contact Fran Bones 416-573-3819.

The next Community Potluck Lunch will take place Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026. They will continue on the first Tuesday of the month until the last one on March 3, 2026. Gather at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Bring something to share with the rest. It is fun to share a meal and conversation through the winter months.

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

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

steady assurance that God is at work in our world even when we cannot see the full picture. Advent hope invites us to pause, breathe, and remember that we are not alone in our waiting. We wait together, as a community of faith, looking for the light that the darkness cannot overcome.

In a world that often feels uncertain, hope becomes more than an idea, it becomes something we practice. We practice hope every time we gather in prayer, check in on one another, or lend our hands to support our neighbours.

At All Saints Anglican Church, we see hope woven into the fabric of our life together. It's visible in the way we welcome newcomers, the way we pray for the hurting, and the way we show up for each other with compassion and strength.

This week, we invite our wider community into that shared experience of hope through our upcoming Contemplative Service in the style of Taizé, held on Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Taizé worship is spacious, peaceful, and deeply prayerful. There will be gentle music, candlelight, simple chants, and moments of silence that make room for

God to speak to our hearts. In the quiet beauty of this service, many find the hope they've been longing for: a sense of calm, connection, and the reassurance that God is indeed near.

And because hope also becomes real through simple acts of generosity and joy, we continue the weekend with our Holiday Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Delicious home-made baked goods and seasonal treats will be available that are perfect for holiday gatherings or for sharing with someone who could use a little sweetness in their day. Every cookie, loaf, and square made by our parishioners is a small offering of hope in its own way, supporting the ministries that help our church serve the community year-round.

As Advent begins, we remember that hope grows when we nurture it together. Whether through prayer, music, fellowship, or a shared plate of baked goods, you are warmly invited to join us in discovering the hope that shines at All Saints.

Please see our website, allsaintskingcity.ca, for information about our services and other upcoming events.

Vaughan Mills presents first AR holiday experience

For the holidays this year, the team at Vaughan Mills have developed something incredibly unique – Santa's Magical Library. It is the first of its kind in Canada: the most advanced AR-integrated holiday experience in Canadian retail. It's essentially an interactive holiday story that families walk through and experience as an immersive journey that blends storytelling and mobile technology.

The experience transports families into a whimsical narrative where beloved storybook characters have wandered away from their tales held within the Great Book of Imagination in Santa's library, creating chaos in his magical village that only young visitors can resolve by going through the experience.

It recently opened to the public and they're getting great bookings and excitement for this unique augmented reality/tech-driven holiday experience with Santa.

It's the first of its kind holiday installation in Canada – no other retail centre has done something like this. It's a 3,000-square-foot, immersive experience of a holiday story come to life, featuring augmented reality plus mobile app integration.

It ends with the Santa photo opp once you finish the 5-minute interactive experience.

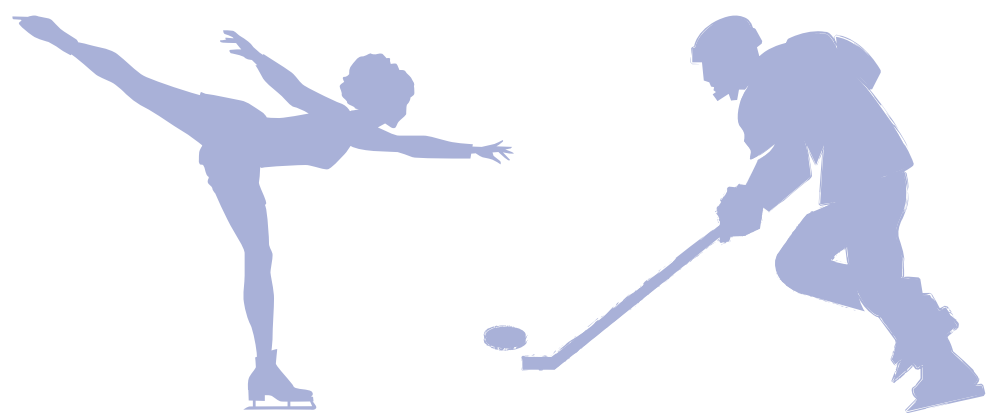
While walk-ins are accepted, bookings are strongly recommended. Visit bookings: <https://www.vaughanmills.com/santa/>

All of the proceeds go to SickKids Hospital, and Vaughan Mills has raised over \$1.2 million for them over the past 10 years.



Nobleton SKATING CLUB

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Winter Skating

All classes take place at the Nobleton Arena

- Pre-Canskate: Mondays 5pm, Wednesdays 5pm
- Canskate: Mondays 5:30pm, Wednesdays 5:30pm & Saturday mornings 8:15 and 9am
- Teen / Adult Learn: Saturdays 9am
- Power Fridays: 5pm
- Starskate: Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays

Winter programs begin
Monday, January 5th, 2026

Please visit our website for full schedule & prices.
Registration is done through our website.

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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, entitled, "Immanuel" from Isaiah 7.10-25.

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 meet-

ing being Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. This is a fun time with a range of activities open for all ages from Grades 7 to 12.

St. Paul's is excited to be starting a monthly men's group beginning Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. 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.

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.

St. Patrick's Parish will celebrate its 150th Anniversary with Cardinal Francis Leo on Sunday, March 8, 2026.

Our Advent Season has begun! Advent is a time of waiting and preparation.

During this Advent, live each day as a blessing to others; because you are so blessed by the One who was born on Christmas Day.

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.

December 4 - Christmas Centrepiece. Artist, Angela Del Borrello will engage seniors with Christmas décor. 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.

The last Educational Thursday is Dec. 11. We will reopen on Thursday Jan. 8, 2026.

Nobleton Lions

This Sunday, the Christmas season gets fully underway with the Nobleton Tree Lighting at the Library Gazebo

from 5 pm to 7 p.m. Please drop by the Lions booth to say hello and to enjoy some tasty chili. And for the kids there will be bags of candy, generously donated by Nobleton Pharmasave.

On November 25 Aaraf Ahmed of Blue Door, one of the charities supported financially by the Nobleton Lions, shared the progress being made in the area of training workers for construction jobs. Founded in 1982 and the largest emergency housing provider in York Region, Blue Door is a registered charity that offers more than 10 innovative and collaborative housing, employment, and health programs aimed at addressing the root causes of homelessness.

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Regular meetings of the Nobleton Lions Club are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from September to mid-June.

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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" At the website on the Upcoming Events page you will also see announcements for events offered by non-profit organizations in King. If you have an activity that qualifies, please contact Lion Jerry MacBain. You may also follow us on Instagram at nobleton.lions.club

Book club

The Nobleton Book Club is resuming its in-person, monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library, located at 8 Sheardown Drive. The schedule of meetings is on the second Wednesday

of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the program room at the Nobleton Branch.

The Nobleton Book Club has been meeting regularly for over the past 13 years; new members are always most welcome to join! Whether you have read the book or not, come by and check out these very interesting, lively and entertaining discussions. All these titles are available to borrow, for free, through the Nobleton Library and other King Township libraries. If you have any questions, call Heather, the Branch Supervisor, at the Nobleton Library at 905-859-4188. Come and join this wonderful group of Nobleton readers!

Here is the reading list for the Nobleton Branch Book Club in 2026:

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026, We Will Be Jaguars, by Mitch Anderson & Nemonte Nenquimo.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026, The Wedding People by Alison Espach.

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 The Laundryman's Boy by Edward Lee.

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 Indians on Vacation by Thomas King.

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 Diva, by Daisy Godwin.

St. Alban's History By John Arnott

As May approaches June in 1889, longer daylight hours and warmer sunny weather are a gift to the volunteer crew as they work steadily to finish as much as possible of St. Alban's interior in time for the opening service scheduled for the Sunday nearest to June 22.

The plasterers have completed their job and after advising the workers to give the plaster work a light sanding to remove any "pebbles" before painting, pack up and leave. And painting is the next order of business thus scaffolding used by the plasterers is still in place allowing high walls and ceiling to be more easily reached.

In the late 1800s paint was not usually available locally and what was needed to cover expanses such as the walls and ceiling of churches would contain lead carbonate (white lead) an ingredient that had to be imported from Montreal or further afield. This white lead came in paste form as the dust it creates in powder form is toxic thus it is shipped as paste to be mixed with linseed oil acting as a binder to give spreadability as well as durability. This, now paint, was shipped to suppliers close rural areas

and that destined for St. Alban's was brought by horse and wagon from nearby Richmond Hill.

At the same turpentine would be bought to be used on site by the painters as a thinner able to seep into the plaster slightly and hold. This paint mix would be heavier and oilier taking it longer to dry than today's paint. In some cases, lime and /or chalk was added to adjust texture

Durable, white lead paints known for their hiding power were excellent for covering up scratches and other flaws so 2 coats of them a primer and a finisher was all that was necessary although chancel and sanctuary walls would sometimes get a 3rd coat to give the white in these spaces a somewhat luminous more mellow glow. Now time was needed for the thick paint to surface dry and the underneath coats to cure.



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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," as all the trees have now been lit up and look fabulous, and only a couple more sleeps until "A Main Street Christmas," this Saturday, Dec. 6.

The afternoon Santa Parade at 4 p.m. and the highlight of the day, "The Parade of Lights" at 7:30 p.m. This year they are doing something a bit different and asking you prepurchase your tickets, at the following locations, Home-blondie, 214 Main Street, Bou.Le 357 Main Street, or Foodland. Advance tickets are \$5 each and at the door \$7 each, and as always, children under 12, are free. I don't know about you, but I'm excited! See you all Saturday, bring money and shop local.

In the spirit of giving for Christmas and this past Tuesday being giving Tuesday, an honorable mention goes to the Cian family for trading greens from their property for donations to the King Township Food Bank. What a wonderful idea and such a great lesson for their children. It's never too early to learn about giving back and helping others. They raised \$115 and 10 bags of food. Way to go Cian family, with this and their classic Halloween costumes they are hard to keep up with!

King Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol" at the Schomberg Community Hall, from Dec. 13 to 21. You can get tickets at kingtheatre.ca/ChristmasCarol.

Cold Creek events

King Township is holding a couple of winter activities at Cold Creek over the next few weeks. The first is a campfire this Friday, Dec. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Gather around the campfire and enjoy some laid-back tunes, decadent hot chocolate and gooey s'mores as the stars shimmer overhead. Bring the family and register at Coldcreek.ca, cost is \$15.

Then join in and deck the halls with

pine and spruce and take a guided hike along the Cold Creek Conservation Area on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to collect natural materials and create a beautiful winter arrangement to hang on your front door for the holidays, cost is \$19 and you can register at king.ca/environmental/events. Supplies will be provided but if you have a pair of favorite pruners your invited to bring them along.

Winterfest at church

Schomberg Presbyterian Church on Main Street is holding a Winterfest on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. They have a bake sale, gift baskets galore, The Cafe and Second Time Around Treasures.

Bring your friends and enjoy coffee, tea, hot chocolate, several kinds of home-made soup, chili, tea biscuits, scones, muffins, cookies and pie. A great place to stop before or after the parade. At 5:30 come in from the cold to the warm church sanctuary and enjoy soloist Jennifer Hong and the Bond Head Olde Tyme Fiddlers for toe-tapping Christmas music!

Simcoe Currency Club

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

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

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 we had some laughs and lots of fun playing Pictionary! We did have a few artists in the crowd but most of us struggled a tad. Things always look good in your head, but that connection between your brain and your hand seems to lose something in translation and your picture doesn't come out the way you imagined it would. The 3 winning teams faced off for a one-word challenge and the team headed by Steve Fisher was the winner. Congratulations to all.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, December 8 - Outing - Sisters of Holy Theotokos Convent, 4369 Faulkner Ave, Stouffville. Details to follow.

Sunday, December 14 - 2 p.m. - Outing - Orangeville Theatre - Rapunzel, A Braid New World -panto. Details to follow.

Monday, December 15 - 11 a.m. - Festive Potluck Luncheon - Santa meets the Tightly Wound Ukulele players. Details to follow.

Weekly Events:

Monday afternoon - 2 p.m. - Book Club - Book Club begins next meeting to 4 p.m. in the Curling Lounge. The book

is "My Friends" by Fredrick Bachman

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.

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

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