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King sets transportation policies in Plan

By Mark Pavilons
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Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

The framework has come together for King's comprehensive transportation plan.

Councillors received the revamped Transportation Master Plan, setting in motion a process that identifies local assets, and also shared infrastructure responsibilities with the Region. As government mandates change, the document also explores joint funding models, and assesses opportunities for road uploads where regional functions are evident.

It's a fluid document, one that sets the stage for planning and investment over the short, medium, and long term. The update reflects new policies, best practices and trends since the previous plan (2020), and extends the planning horizon from 2031 to 2051.

This plan, staff observed, is a "critical tool in guiding updates" to the Capital Plan and the 2026 Development Charges Bylaw.

The TMP responds to significant growth forecasts, evolving travel patterns, and emerging priorities such as sustainability, safety, and multi-modal connectivity. The plan aligns with provincial and regional initiatives, including the development of Highway 413, and integrates strategies for roads, transit, and active transportation to support vibrant communities and improve quality of life. This update ensures that transportation planning remains proactive, fiscally responsible, and adaptable to future needs.

Several delegates questioned certain aspects of the TMP as presented, worrying about long-term impacts.

Many identical written submissions were received, all echoing the same sentiment of supporting "Scenario 5," which nixes using the 15th Sideroad as a form of bypass.

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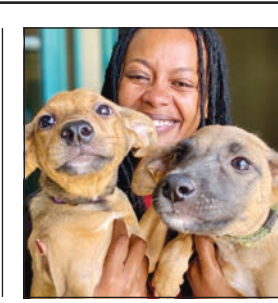
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Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2025-090 on the 8th day of December, 2025, pursuant to Section 19 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 27.

And take notice that By-law 2025-090 amends Development Charges By-law 2021-002 as follows:

- Section 10 is repealed, being a provision specifying the date on which the by-law expires.

And take notice that pursuant to Section 19 of the Development Charges Act, the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King is final and By-law 2025-090, may not be appealed.

No map is provided as the amending by-law applies to the entire municipality.

Dated at the Township of King this 18th day of December, 2025.

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Residents object to pursuing the 15th Sideroad as a 'bypass'

From Front Page

They pointed to preserving the rural nature of King and not diverting truck traffic through the countryside.

One resident, Kevin Talbot, spoke on behalf of more than 400 residents opposed to turning the 15th Sideroad into a "truck bypass."

"We need planning that reflects King's identity – rural, green, close-knit, and proud. It's why people choose to live in King – in our villages, our hamlets, and across our rural countryside," he said.

In reference to potential damaging effects to areas like Kingscross, Mary Muter, chair of the Kingscross Ratepayers Association said the KRA, too, continues to oppose the extension of the 15th concession from Keele to Jane Street which is described in the plan.

She stressed we need to think seriously about what that would mean to all the wildlife living there. It is a now wildlife refuge for all the wildlife that have been forced out of the new development areas.

Muter pointed out that 10 years ago, deer roamed through Kingscross on a regular basis, but not anymore.

Development in the area would impact the private wells that are adjacent to the 15th easement on the north side of Kingsworth properties between Blueberry Lane and Watch Hill. Removing the peat soils and sand and replacing that with non-permeable soils will very likely deplete the underground aquifers and thus disturb the source of well water for Kingscross residents.

She conceded there is some great work in the TMP on providing active transportation routes. These routes are not only good for individuals but are economic opportunities given that visitors on foot or bicycle visit local area businesses.

Bruce Craig, on behalf of Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT), lauded the TMP planning process and the three well-organized Public Information Centres. There has been helpful public consultation, comments were recorded and it is clear that thoughtful attention has been given to public input.

He said attention has been given to the valued rural countryside and agricultural lands in King, as future road improvements are considered.

CCKT commended the consultants and Township staff for the extensive research and analysis of traffic flows present and future, opportunities to expand public transit in King along with active transportation (cycling, walking, etc.) and for sharing this information with the public.

"We are encouraged to see the inclusion of and recommended improvements to the King-Vaughan Townline and Bathurst Street. Looking at the King-Vaughan Townline as a potential bypass route for King City makes a lot of sense. Highway 413, while clearly not popular, could provide an opportunity for helpful bypass routes. If the controversial highway is eventually constructed, a dedicated roadway with limited access running east from the proposed interchange with Hwy. 400 could connect to the King-Vaughan Townline and carry eastbound traffic all the way to Bathurst. This would likely relieve congestion at the interchange and on Hwy 400. The 413 along with an improved K-V Townline would also provide a future bypass route for Nobleton and for truck traffic," he said.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini pointed out that nothing will happen until a full Environmental Assessment is done, should the 15th be considered for upgrading.

He stressed that the Province changes the rules constantly. A new wrinkle has popped up in Peel Region, where the upper tier is considering downloading regional roads to the municipalities. That would impact local governments immensely.

The TMP, he said, isn't cast in stone. It's the annual budgets that cement the policies.

Councillor Jennifer Anstey echoed the sentiments, noting the TMP is a "living document" that changes over time. Reviews are done regularly and EAs take many years to complete, before any decisions are made.

Constant planning changes from Queen's Park continue to impact local efforts.

King's TMP was last updated in 2020 and provided a framework for transportation planning up to 2031. Significant changes have occurred since the last plan, including updated provincial and regional policies, increased population and employment growth estimates, and the proposed Highway 413 corridor. These developments, combined with evolving travel patterns and community priorities, necessitated a comprehensive review and update of the TMP.

Staff note the 2025 TMP update extends the planning horizon to 2051 and incorporates strategies to create a safe, sustainable, and multi-modal transportation network. It emphasizes active transportation, and road improvements while aligning with York Region and provincial initiatives. The update also reflects extensive public and stakeholder engagement, ensuring that recommendations support trips generated or ending in King and King Township's vision for vibrant communities.

The TMP was developed through extensive public engagement, including three Public Information Centres (PICs) held across the Township. The TMP integrates with other municipal planning documents such as the Trails Master Plan and Employment Lands Strategy, ensuring alignment with broader planning objectives.

King Township is forecasted to grow to 51,000 residents and 17,700 jobs by 2051, with growth concentrated in King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg. The TMP responds to the York Region Official Plan (2022) and King's 2051 Official Plan Review, ensuring alignment with long-term growth and infrastructure needs.

The TMP sets priorities for road and active transportation projects to support growth to 2051. Improvements will be phased by growth areas to reduce costs and minimize disruption. The preferred network includes approximately 105.9 kilometres of road upgrades and 131 kilometres of new active transportation facilities.

The TMP recommends working with York Region to upgrade key regional roads to improve traffic flow and reduce pressure on local streets. Upgrades should focus on corridors such as Highway 27, King Road, Weston Road, and Lloydtown-Aurora Road. In addition, King-Vaughan Road and Bathurst Street should be highlighted for future upgrades to strengthen regional connectivity and support goods movement. These improvements will help shift heavy truck and commuter traffic away from local municipal roads, improving safety and reducing congestion.

The TMP promotes safe, connected walking and cycling routes in King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg. This includes filling sidewalk gaps near schools and transit stops, the recommendation to add cycling facilities where feasible, and applying traffic calming measures such as speed tables and bollards to improve safety for all road users. The plan also emphasizes encouraging and facilitating active transportation trips to King City GO Station wherever possible, supporting multimodal travel and reducing reliance on private vehicles.

Staff noted that while this report does not carry direct financial implications, the TMP will inform future budgeting decisions and updates to the Development Charges Bylaw. It serves as a strategic framework to guide future transportation investments and policy decisions through 2051. While the plan outlines long-term capital needs and potential cost estimates for road, and active transportation improvements, these will be addressed through future budget processes, development charges, and external funding opportunities as individual projects advance.

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Looking for comfort in all kinds of places

We humans need comfort as much as we need food and water.

During the holidays, one specific carol extends tidings of “comfort and joy.”

Just what is comfort and why is it so import to us humans?

A lexicon defines it as “a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint” or “the easing or alleviation of a person’s feelings of grief or distress.”

We seek comfort for many reasons, some of which are rooted in survival, security, brain chemistry, and psychological well-being. It’s an instinct to seek safety and security, which provide a sense of peace and stability, helps us cope with stress, and is reinforced by the brain’s reward system, dishing out the feel-good dopamine.

Being safe and secure tends to relate to being protected from danger, something we all want.

When overwhelmed, who doesn’t long for the comfort of the sofa at home, or pulling the blanket over our heads?

Our minds tend to be drawn to “familiarity,” which breeds comfort. This is especially important for those reluctant to change, or trying new things.

Our comfort can also be tied to emotional security, especially during times of stress, sadness or fear.

Some wonder why our seniors turn to nostalgia more often than not. Well, there’s a lot of comfort in the good, old days, times when life was less complicated. While I’m a “young senior,” I too, long for the lazy, hazy days of summer, tassels on bike handle bars and catching frogs by the pond.

Comfort comes from many sources, including personal connections with



Mark Pavilons

family, friends, or pets; physical sensations like warmth from a blanket or a hot drink; routines and emotional support through shared experiences or listening. I find comfort in a relaxing hobby. I love connecting with nature, and finding solace wherever can.

Our kids are still at home, so when we gather, the whole family is together. I am totally blessed right there. When one is missing – just out for the night with friends – things just don’t feel right.

My mind is crammed with so much these days, I often get off the hamster wheel and think about painting my tiny model airplanes. Their designs, and tweaking them to my own style, invade my mind.

Shapes, colours and tones distract me, fine-tune my attention and let my imagination soar, far from the ground where my troubles lay.

And who doesn’t love their favourite “comfort food?”

Food is much more than nourishment and grabbing that special item or snack, especially when we’re feeling frustrated. It almost always hits the spot.

Apparently, experts say being “comfortable” is the perfect jumping off point for self-improvement and healing.

It can be a foundation to allow us to later contemplate ideas, take risks, and reach higher goals, even though too much can prevent growth.

I’ve never owned a pair of ruby slippers but I have uttered the phrase “there’s no place like home.”

There’s modern comforts, comfort food, comfy clothes and comfort stations.

One of the first things we do when we get home from work is slip into our comfies – track pants, sweats and even flannel onesies.

We modern humans are spoiled rotten. Our entire lineage of ancestors – going back hundreds of thousands of years – struggled to survive. A cave and a fire were all they had in terms of comfort. Humankind didn’t really know true comfort until the creation of indoor plumbing and electricity. And of course comfort came into its own with the advent of potato chips, popcorn and frosty, tasty beverages.

I have known comfort, but it is fleeting in this hectic, stressful society we’ve created.

To me, comfort is always close to home. Relaxing on a patio chair in the back yard on a July afternoon with a beverage soothes my soul, albeit temporarily.

Lately, I can’t wait to get home from work and seeing my “babies” – our three dogs. Comfort is relaxing on the sofa, with one of our dogs in my lap. I’m not sure if they’re seeking the same thing but perhaps they are. Being close to their human, feeling warm

and safe, is what’s comforting to them. Snuggled close to their human, they don’t have to worry about sudden, loud noises, strangers, doorbells or squirrels.

They give me peace like nothing else. They say having a dog, and petting them daily, extends your life. I’ll take every extra hour I can get.

Of course, we can’t ignore religion, and the billions of individuals who believe in a higher power.

Religion is comforting because it provides a sense of purpose and meaning, a community of support, and ways to cope with anxiety, stress, and of course, death.

It can offer hope for the future, a belief in a cosmic order, and a framework for understanding and managing difficult life events, which helps people feel more resilient and emotionally regulated.

I’ve been thinking a lot about a higher power, creation and the afterlife ever since my diagnosis. The more I learn, the more amazed I am at the unfathomable expanse of the “heavens” above.

Trillions of suns, joined by even more planets, existing in perfect harmony and synchronicity. The more we learn, the more unbelievable it becomes.

To me, all this suggests a plan, a divine sense of order and purpose.

If the All Mighty can create the universe, maybe there’s hope for little, old me.

For those facing sickness and death, religion can be a comfort by providing a relationship to a divine being, offering hope for life after death, and assuring a sense of cosmic order.

I will take comfort in any form that comes my way – the arms of my wife, the paws of my pups, the laughter of my children and photos of family members who’ve since moved on.

Almost always, the greatest comfort is the feeling that you are not alone.

Oh, and let’s not forget grilled cheese sandwiches and walking barefoot. Is there anything more comfortable than that?

Letter to the Editor

Why aren’t bins made in Canada?

The arrival of my new and enlarged Blue Box two weeks ago was met by myself with both delight and dismay.

I was delighted that our government and the producers had come up with a program that will (supposedly) actually recycle into new life a greater portion of what the population is putting out to the curb. For years we have read various reports and exposes about how little is actually being recycled and how much is still ending up in landfill.

I very much look forward to hearing the impact the new program being run by Circular Materials will have on our societal efforts to reduce our negative impact on the environment.

I was however, dismayed when I turned the new bin over and noted that the bin was produced in the U.S. A good number of Ontarians have made an effort to focus on buying locally and in particular purchasing less from the U.S. I would have expected that our government would have included in its negotiations a provision that the bins be produced in Ontario or at minimum in Canada.

Given that the program is province wide the contract to produce the bins is massive. Even if there were no producer of bins in Ontario at the time of negotiating, certainly with the number of plastic extruding companies in Southern Ontario, some organization would have been willing to gear up to produce these bins for every municipality in Ontario.

I contacted the Premier’s Office as well as my local MPP’s office (Stephen Lecce) and received the same response – “thank you for your letter, we have passed your thoughts on to Circular Materials.” With all the boasting that our government is supporting local business and promoting buying Canadian, why would this contract be in the hands of an American producer. This contract would have created numerous Canadian jobs.

If our government is serious about supporting Canadian jobs its not too late to strongly suggest to Circular Materials to award the future bin production to Canadians – unless it isn’t.

Gary Sim Schomberg



Quote of the Week

“There’s a sorrow and pain in everyone’s life, but every now and then there’s a ray of light that melts the loneliness in your heart and brings comfort like hot soup and a soft bed.”

— Hubert Selby Jr.

Trivia Tidbits

William Lyon MacKenzie King was the longest serving prime minister in Canada.

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Results from last week’s poll:

Are you planning to have a small or large family gathering at Christmas?

a) Small **83%**

a) Large **17%**

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

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Will you have some down time to enjoy with family over the holidays?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Electrotech, not fossil fuels, will power the future

By David Suzuki

The Environment

During a recent parliamentary committee meeting, Bloc Quebecois MP Patrick Bonin grilled Alberta Premier Danielle Smith about climate change. Her answers were evasive — although she conceded that the planet is warming. Bonin asked if she thought humans were the main factor in Earth's recent heating. "I don't know the answer to that. I'm not a scientist," she replied.

I'm not a premier or a politician, but I know that elected officials' duty is to the people they represent, not a dying industry that's wreaking environmental havoc and heating our only home to dangerous levels.

You don't have to be a scientist to know what scientific evidence shows. All credible scientists and scientific organizations that study climate and climate-related issues agree that the planet is heating at unprecedented rates and that humans are the primary cause — by burning coal, oil and gas and polluting and destroying natural systems such as forests, wetlands and the ocean that absorb and store carbon.

News headlines spell out the consequences: "Storm of the century" slams Jamaica. Africa gripped by heat, floods and drought. Wells are running dry.

The future is clearly in renewable energy. It's more efficient, cleaner and costs less than fossil fuels. It doesn't pollute air, land and water like fossil fuels, and it breaks the chains that bind us to often corrupt fossil fuel producers. The advantage to coal, oil and gas (and

nuclear) is to those who can monopolize and control supplies — something all but impossible with freely available wind and sunlight.

Governments and jurisdictions that promote and rely on fossil fuels are being left behind, blinded by faulty economic assumptions. This year, for the first time, renewable energy generated more electricity worldwide than coal. And it's expanding rapidly. A report by energy think tank Ember found renewables generated 34.3 per cent of electricity globally in the first half of 2025, while coal made up 33.1 per cent.

"As the world's energy needs increase and electricity makes up a growing share of final energy consumption, spectacular solar growth, alongside increased wind generation, met and exceeded all new demand," the report states, noting that global fossil fuel demand remained flat, growing in the United States and the European Union but dropping in China and India.

Ember analysts Sam Butler-Sloss, Daan Walter and Kingsmill Bond wrote in an article that the rapid rise in "electrotech" — which includes renewable energy, heat pumps, electric vehicles and batteries — is "revolutionizing how the world generates, uses and moves electricity."

It's partly about physics. "Electrotech makes a thermodynamic mockery of burning fossil fuels," they wrote. "Combustion wastes more than two-

thirds of input energy as unwanted heat. Electrotech bypasses this entirely. Solar, wind, electric vehicles and heat pumps are roughly three times as efficient as their fossil-fired competitors."

The authors also pointed to differing economics: "Technologies enjoy increasing returns — the more you make, the cheaper they get. But commodities face diminishing returns because the more you extract, the deeper you have to dig."

As for geopolitics, "The sun cannot be turned off by foreign actors. Sovereign energy matters, especially in a fracturing world. In the fossil fuel system, geographical luck gave a few countries massive resources. In the electrotech world, almost every country can become its own Saudi Arabia."

Yet, the fossil fuel industry and its political supporters continue to promote costly, often untested methods to keep oil and gas burning, as well as other expensive and dangerous but easily monopolized technologies such as small modular nuclear reactors.

Canada is investing more than \$21.5

million to test carbon capture and storage technologies for Alberta. But carbon capture is not a real solution. It's expensive and so far been used mostly to capture carbon to pump into depleted wells to extract more oil. It fits with Premier Smith's "emissions reductions" plans, which include rejecting an emissions cap for industry and instead focusing on ways to capture some emissions. Of course, reducing emissions from extraction and production ignores that most fossil fuel emissions, including from dirty bitumen, are produced by combustion.

Burning extracted fuels is an outdated, wasteful, polluting way to power societies, and it's putting our health and survival in jeopardy. It's time to move on to the many readily available, affordable, cleaner, more efficient ways to generate power.

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Medical officer urges residents to protect themselves during flu season

Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, issued the following update on respiratory virus season in Ontario:

"With the holiday season fast approaching, it's important to take all necessary precautions to keep yourself and your loved ones healthy, including by ensuring your vaccines are up to date. Respiratory illness season typically begins in the fall and lasts through the winter months, when colder weather and indoor gatherings make it easier for viruses to spread. This includes several common viruses such as influenza (flu), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and COVID-19.

"Currently, COVID-19 and RSV activity remain low in Ontario, but flu season is officially here, and cases are steadily increasing. The flu shot remains one of the most effective ways to protect ourselves from influenza. Each year, the vaccine is designed to cover multiple strains. Getting vaccinated reduces your risk of catching the flu and, most importantly, lowers the chance of severe illness, hospitalization and serious complications.

"Flu and COVID-19 shots are already available across Ontario for people 6 months and older at participating pharmacies, doctor and nurse practitioner offices or public health units. RSV immunization is also available for eligible groups, including adults aged 75 and older, infants and pregnant women. Those at higher risk of severe illness are especially encouraged to get vaccinated early.

"Influenza activity is expected to peak as early as mid-December in some regions. As the vaccine takes about two weeks to reach full effectiveness, getting vaccinated now will help ensure you are protected when virus circulation is at its highest, while also reducing the spread of illness and protecting those most at risk. If you or a loved one are at higher risk for severe illness, you should talk to your health-care provider now to plan for testing and treatment.

"As the holidays approach, let's all remember the simple steps that make a big difference: wash your hands, cover coughs and sneezes, clean shared surfaces regularly, and stay home if you are sick."

2025 York servicing capacity

York Regional Council approved the 2025 Servicing Capacity Assignment, enabling growth of up to 96,000 new homes to be built to meet the Province's overall housing target of 150,000 homes by 2031. This assignment adds approximately 88,348 people (or 30,000 additional homes) in cities and towns served by the York Durham Sewage System, bringing the total available capacity to 286,992 persons and up to 13 years of growth.

As part of the assignment, York Region also recommended merging the Not-for-Profit and Rental Housing program reserves so municipalities may have more flexibility to use available capacity (up to 4,000 persons) for affordable housing projects.

York Region, along with local municipalities, continue to develop digital tools for real-time tracking of development and servicing allocations to better align growth with infrastructure availability.



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Farmers step up to help as food bank demand surges

By Tracey Arts
 Director, Ontario
 Federation of Agriculture

Agriculture & Food

The holiday season is often called the season of giving — a time when we think a little more about neighbours, community and those who may be struggling. This year, that spirit feels even more important. Cost-of-living pressures continue to make it harder for families to put nutritious food on the table, and demand for food banks is rising at levels Ontario has never seen before.

According to the latest Hunger Hurts report from Feed Ontario, more than 1 million Ontarians made a record-breaking 8.7 million food bank visits in that last year.

Feed Ontario depends on a network of community partners to help more than 1,200 food banks and hunger-relief organizations and farmers are some of their strongest supporters.

Across every sector of agriculture and every corner of the province, farmers, farm organizations, processors, transporters and industry partners step up to help ensure Ontario families have access to good, healthy food.

I'm a director on the board of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) and my family and I farm in Oxford County. We've participated in a food bank milk donation program ourselves over the years, so I was proud to see this year's Paul Misteale Memorial Award, presented by Feed Ontario, go to the Ontario Dairy Council.

They're a partner in the Ontario Milk Program with Dairy Farmers of Ontario and the Ontario Milk Transportation Association, which donated 1.4 million litres of milk — that's more than six million servings — in 2024 alone.

In addition, local dairy producer committees across Ontario have donated an additional \$400,000 this year to support community activities like breakfast programs, food banks, local fairs and sports activities. Gay Lea, a large dairy co-operative, has partnered with food rescue organization Second Harvest to invest \$1.2 million over three years.

And dairy is just one part of agriculture's broader commitment to fighting hunger. So many sectors across the farm community have their own way of giving — and their generosity is making

a difference.

Ontario's greenhouse vegetable growers have so far this year donated almost 6.2 million pounds of fresh peppers, tomatoes and cucumbers, surpassing last year's total of 5.6 million pounds.

The Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers' Association is also supporting Second Harvest, donating \$25,000 a year for the past five years, which has helped the organization provide more than 125,000 meals to communities experiencing food insecurity. Many more fruit and vegetable growers make donations directly from their farms to food bank programs.

Ontario Pork's Friends of the Food Bank program, which grew from the original Donate-A-Hog initiative launched in 1998 by hog farmer and former OFA Vice President Paul Misteale, has now supplied nearly two million servings of fresh Ontario pork.

Ontario's beef farmers have donated \$360,000 since 2014 to supply more than 127,000 pounds of beef — almost 770,000 servings — to families in need, and turkey farmers have supported more than 460,000 servings of turkey since 2013.

Through the CFO Cares program, Ontario chicken farmers help provide more than one million meals through food banks each year, and fish farmers across Ontario donate thousands of servings of fresh rainbow trout to local food banks annually.

And our province's egg farmers donate the equivalent of \$350,000 in eggs annually to Feed Ontario and another \$85,000 to Student Nutrition Ontario. Since 2015, farmers have donated over 15.9 million eggs, including more than 100,000 dozen every year.

Agriculture's generosity also shines each year through FCC's Drive Away Hunger campaign, which has become one of Canada's largest food drives powered by farmers, agribusinesses and rural communities — donating 514 million meals nationwide in 2024.

Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey championed the Local Food Act more than a decade ago, which created a tax credit program for farmers who donate agricultural products to Ontario food banks and community food programs, and helped ensure even more fresh, lo-

cal food reaches Ontarians who need it most.

And there is support coming in other ways too, like farmers in my area coming together to support local food banks by helping to buy refrigeration equipment so those organizations are better able to manage and distribute fresh

food donations.

This is a difficult year for many families. But it's also a year filled with countless examples of generosity from people across agriculture who believe strongly in giving back — and as the holidays approach, the OFA is proud to shine a light on their efforts.

Canada in top five of the most giving nations

People around the world donated more than \$1 trillion last year through charitable organizations.

A new study by Gambulls, an online gaming company, set out to identify the world's most generous countries by analyzing both financial contributions and social acts of kindness.

On the financial side, the study considered the percentage of respondents who reported donating to charitable causes, as well as average tipping practices in hotels and restaurants. On the social side, it measured the share of adults who had volunteered for a cause or community service, along with those who reported helping a stranger in need. These factors were combined to calculate an overall generosity score, which ranked countries from most to least generous.

Kenya is the world's most generous country, earning a score of 99. Kenyans are the most likely to help a stranger, with 82% of respondents saying they had assisted someone they did not know. 52% of adults reported volunteering their time for a cause, while 56% donated money to charitable organizations. Kenyans also leave an average of 10% in restaurants and 3% in hotels.

Ukraine takes second place with a score of 97. Ukrainians are generous with money, with 67% of adults having donated, about 11 percent more than in Kenya, though they tip the same in restaurants, leaving 10%. Acts of kindness are also common, with 77% stopping to help a stranger in need.

Malta comes in third among the world's most generous countries, earning a score of 96. Maltese are the most likely to donate to charity, with 74% helping financially, seven percent more than in Ukraine. While restaurant tips are similar at 10%, hotel tipping is higher here, averaging 2%.

The United States of America follows closely in fourth, earning a score of 95. Americans are the most generous tippers in the world, leaving an average of 20% on restaurant bills, twice as much as Kenyans. Tipping in hotels is also common, with the average tip at 3.5%. Americans are also very likely to help, with 76% reporting that they have assisted someone they do not know, and another 40% volunteering their time to causes.

Canada rounds out the top five most generous countries, with a generosity score of 92. Like their neighbor, the United States, Canadians are the second-best tippers, leaving an average of 17.5% in restaurants and the same 3.5% in hotels. They also donate at nearly the same rate, with 60% of adults giving to charity.

The United Kingdom stands in sixth place, earning a generosity score of 91. About a quarter of those surveyed reported volunteering their time, while over half said they have helped a stranger. The UK is the third European country on the list and follows the same 10% tipping standard in restaurants.

Ireland sits in seventh place among the world's most generous countries, with a score of 86. Here, 60% of people have offered help to a stranger, while another third have taken part in community service. Most people also contribute financially to charitable causes, with 65% reporting that they have donated. Tipping culture remains consistent across Europe, with the Irish leaving an average of 10%.

The United Arab Emirates ranks eighth, earning a generosity score of 85. Here, 37% of people have contributed time through volunteering, 10% more than in Ukraine. Around 60% also report giving to those in need and giving help to a stranger. The UAE is the first Middle Eastern country on the list and stands out for generous tipping, giving an extra 12.5% for service in restaurants.

Bahrain lands in ninth, with a final score of 83. Like in the Middle East, the UAE, tipping culture in Bahrain is also 12.5% in restaurants. Hotel tips are averaging 3.5%, around 2 times more than in the UAE. Bahrainis are also among the kindest to strangers, with 72% reporting that they have offered help to someone they did not know.

Austria finishes off the list of the world's most generous countries, earning a generosity score of 76. Austria has the same tipping culture as the other four European countries in the ranking, leaving an average of 10% after dining. Austrians are more generous than Bahrainis, with 62% contributing money to a cause, six percent higher. Nearly a quarter have dedicated time to charitable work, and 52% have assisted someone unfamiliar.

A spokesperson from Gambulls, the online gaming company, commented: "Generosity isn't just about money or tipping, it's about people looking out for one another. The small things really matter: helping a stranger, giving your time, or simply showing kindness in everyday life. What's amazing is how these little gestures can ripple out and inspire others to do the same. In the end, generosity is really just about caring, and it's something we all have the power to share."

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King Chamber of Commerce members show their generosity

By **Mark Pavilons**
Editor
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Members, sponsors and the community came together once again for one of the King Chamber of Commerce's favourite events of year last week.

The annual Christmas lunch and toy drive – in support of Christmas in King and the King Township Food Bank – reflected the generosity of the King business community.

The toys donated stay right here in King, supporting the two local organizations. Both have been active for more than two decades.

The Chamber of Commerce exists not only to support local businesses but to give back.

Councillor Jennifer Anstey noted the event is a reflection of community spirit and just what can be accomplished when everyone comes together.

King Fire Chief Courtney Allen was impressed with the event. This was his first time attending since taking over the position.

It's about more than the toys, he observed, adding the generosity shown will make the holidays brighter for so many.

The toys were collected by local firefighters and the two local organizations will distribute them accordingly.

Patti Skrypek, of Christmas in King, noted their mission is to help ensure that everyone in King has a happier holiday season. Christmas in King has been running for more than 20 years, and in that time, hundreds of people's lives have been touched thanks to the generosity of our community.

While they don't have our 2025 numbers yet as registrations and gifts are still coming in, but in 2024 nearly 900 gifts were provided to 175 children, aged 18 and under.

Last year, more than 190 families — over 500 people — received Christmas cheer in the form of a hamper, wreath, turkey or grocery card, along with gifts for children based on each family's wish list.

She extended thanks to organizations who've stood by them all these years:

The King Chamber of Commerce, its members and sponsors, for 20 years of holiday luncheons that have provided thousands of gifts to children across King Township.

BTN, for donating the beautiful wreaths that families take home along with their gifts and holiday goodies.



The toy drive's benefactors were King Township Food Bank (Geoff Simpson) and Christmas in King (Patti Skrypek).

Nobleton United Church, for their proceeds from Breakfast with Santa.

Sherwood Farm Retreat, for their generous donation.

King Learning Center and the D'Souza-Moraes family, for contributing proceeds from their poinsettia sales.

The congregation of St. Mary's Church, for shopping and donating 150 gifts.

King Rebellion U13 AA and King Rebellion U10 AA, for preparing hampers.

The Well, for donating hampers and gifts.

King Fire and Emergency Services, for the prompt and frequent deliveries of toys to the North Pole substation in Pottageville.

The Township of King, for donating the use of the Pottageville Pavilion.

"Thank you to all of you for giving so thoughtfully to families who need a little extra support this season. Your generosity is a beautiful reminder of the kindness that lives in our community," she said.

Food Bank President Geoff Simpson noted they help some 500 people per month and such donations directly "help our neighbours in need."

Simpson thanked the Chamber and community for their generosity, noting that the Food Bank now supports nearly 500 people each month and has been serving King Township for more than 20 years.

The Chamber's Christmas Luncheon and Toy Drive last week, continued a long-standing tradition of supporting families in need across King Township. Christmas in King is a volunteer-run organization that partners closely with the Food Bank to help ensure a brighter holiday season for local residents.



Fire Chief Courtney Allen, along with local firefighters, gathered up the toys from the toy drive.



The Chamber's Stephanie Sinclair, Angelo Santorelli, along with Diane Contino of Nobleton Family Dental. King Rebellion U12A team, led by head coach is Matthew Cinelli, all pitched in to donate to the event.

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Government changes force more DC bylaw changes

By **Mark Pavilons**
Editor
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Initiative Reporter

King's 2025 Development Charge Background Study and Bylaw returned for more tweaking, sparked by recent changes mandated by the Province.

King council and staff reported on the DC bylaw, which is set to expire Jan. 13, 2026.

Since the release of the background study on in October, the Province enacted Bill 60 – Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025 – which introduces several amendments to the Development Charges Act (D.C.A.) that impact the Township's 2025 background study.

Staff noted that in order to provide additional time to make the necessary updates to the Township's background study, the Township must undertake a minor amendment to the current D.C. bylaw to remove the expiry clause.

The Township retained Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (Watson) to undertake a comprehensive D.C. background study and prepare a new bylaw. The D.C. background study was released on Oct. 27. Since then, several amendments in Bill 60 make revising the bylaw necessary. The Act introduces new estimation rules, required D.C. classes, updated reporting requirements, and changes to reserve fund administration and local service policies. To ensure the Township's new D.C. bylaw reflects these updated legislative requirements, an addendum to the background study is being prepared. Additional time is required to complete this addendum so that the updated analysis fully incorporates the new legislative framework

and its implications for the Township.

Staff pointed out that recent amendments to the D.C.A. under Bill 185 introduced a streamlined process for amending a D.C. bylaw where the sole purpose is to repeal the expiry provision or extend the expiry date. Bylaws amended through this process do not require a D.C. background study, are exempt from the standard public process requirements, and are not subject to appeal. The extended expiry date continues to be subject to the 10-year maximum bylaw term set out in the D.C.A. Notice of bylaw passage for this minor amendment must still be provided in accordance with the D.C.A., except that the notice does not need to specify a last day for appeal, as the appeal provisions do not apply.

The Township now has to make a minor amendment to the current D.C. bylaw to remove the expiry clause. This will maintain the Township's ability to collect D.C.s under the existing bylaw while providing additional time to complete the addendum to the D.C. background study.

Councillors expressed dismay that Provincial changes continue to throw monkey wrenches into their studies.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said the changes delay King in making progress on the bylaw. It has become very time-consuming for Township staff, especially when the aim is to have less red tape, not more.

"We're going in the wrong direction," she observed.

Several submissions were received by the Township on the new bylaw.

The Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) is "encouraged to see the Township consid-

ering a reduction to its Development Charge rates through this review. In the current economic climate, initiatives like this are essential, as they directly support the creation of new homes by alleviating financial pressures in the development process.

"The proposed reduction sends a clear signal to the development industry that the Township recognizes the challenges in today's housing market and is committed to being part of the solution to help get homes built."

The York Region Federation of Agriculture (YRFA) noted that farm worker bunkhouses should be exempt from DCs since they do not generate growth related capital costs. The definition of "Agricultural Use" should be clarified regarding farm worker bunkhouses. Farm worker bunkhouses are defined as an agricultural use both in the Provincial Planning Statement and by MPAC.

"YRFA firmly supports the principle that growth should pay for growth so that the cost of new infrastructure is not unfairly shifted onto existing property taxpayers. At the same time, it must be recognized that agricultural structures – such as barns, silos, grain

bins, greenhouses, livestock barns, and bunkhouses – do not generate increased demand for municipal services in the way other types of development do. These farm buildings support ongoing agricultural production and help ensure farmland remains viable and productive, rather than driving population growth or new service needs."

Growth-related capital needs can be attributed to all new residences. The construction of new farm buildings/structures, however, does not generate growth-related capital costs, they stressed.

"Therefore, development charges should not apply to farm buildings/structures. If they do, farmers are bearing more than their share of the municipality's additional capital expenditures.

"Imposing additional development charges on necessary farm structures only exacerbates these challenges, effectively penalizing farmers for reinvesting in their business. By removing DCs on farm worker bunkhouses, the municipality can alleviate an undue financial burden on farmers, encouraging them to reinvest in their operations."



Morris Guido and Robert Ciancio

ACE's Forma Studio attracts new members to cutting-edge Pilates and Reformer instruction

By Jim Stewart

The grand opening of Forma by ACE was enjoyed by dozens of attendees on Thursday afternoon in King City.

King Chamber of Commerce President and Hospall CEO Michelle Frauley, Hospall Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of the King City Lions Club Bruce Frauley, and King City Chamber of Commerce Vice President and Surge Activewear Owner Ryan Raymond were among the dignitaries who officiated the grand opening and ribbon cutting of ACE's new Pilates and Reformer studio.

ACE Performance Gym Owner and Co-Founder Morris Guido provided the background to the studio's launch: "The concept of a dual studio featuring Pilates and Reformer instruction was developed in July. It's co-ed and we wanted to respond to the demand for co-ed activities. Membership in Forma also includes access to the Gym."

The new studio is a refuge for its members and the hospitable Guido explained the multiple purposes of this exquisitely-redesigned-and-repurposed space: "Our mission at Forma is to empower individuals to achieve optimal physical and mental well-being. We believe that movement is medicine, and our studio is a sanctuary where strength, flexibility, and mindfulness converge."

Guests converged on the healthy snacks that ACE served at this VIP Event. HEAL's Brandon Ferreria explained the colorful, tasty contents being enjoyed by attendees: "It's an Acai Bowl – served with acai berries, strawberries, blueberries, bananas, and granola. It's perfect for after or before a workout."



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The announcement marks the first round of funding under the OTTF program, with the eight recipient companies' projects amounting to over \$120 million in investments that will create over 300 new, good-paying jobs and protect nearly 1,200 more across the province.

"As U.S. tariffs continue to threaten Ontario's critical industries, our government remains focused on ensuring our manufacturers have the resources needed to adapt and expand," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "Through the Ontario Together Trade Fund, we are taking decisive action to enhance the competitiveness of our economy, increasing opportunities for

Ontario businesses and workers, now and for generations to come."

The announcement was made in Vaughan, where three companies are receiving support, including:

Burnco Manufacturing Inc., who are receiving \$2.5 million to support their \$8 million investment to increase production capacity and efficiency at its facilities in Vaughan. The investment will create 75 new jobs and protect 215 existing positions.

Heali Medical Corp., who are receiving \$1.7 million to support their \$5.7 million investment to reduce tariff exposure by reshoring production from China and expanding into new international markets, including Europe, the UK, Asia, and Australia. This investment will create 12 new jobs and protect five existing positions.

Letar Inc., who are receiving over \$800,000 to support their \$2.8 million investment to establish a chemical processing facility at its Vaughan location. This investment will create nine new

jobs and protect 32 existing positions.

The remaining recipients from the first round will be announced in the coming weeks.

"Through the Ontario Trade Together Fund, our government is stepping up for the businesses in our community who've been directly affected by U.S. tariffs," said Laura Smith, Member of Provincial Parliament for Thornhill. "This investment will help them adapt, stay competitive and continue creating good jobs for local families. We're building greater self-reliance in our supply chains and strengthening Ontario's ability to stand on its own."

First announced as part of the 2025 Ontario Budget, the OTTF is part of the province's nearly \$30 billion tariff relief and support plan, dedicated to protecting the province's workers and businesses from economic uncertainty and building a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy. With a focus on small and medium-sized enterprises, the program will help businesses across a diverse range of sectors make the necessary investments to strengthen operations in Ontario, expand market reach and protect workers.

Since its launch, the OTTF has received overwhelming demand, with more than 140 applications submitted as of October 2025. In response to this, the government recently announced an additional \$100 million investment into the program, bringing the total funding to \$150 million over three years. The increased support will enable businesses affected by U.S. tariffs to return production to Ontario, identify new sales opportunities and expand interprovincial trade.

"The tariffs from the U.S. have had tremendous impacts on our economy and our local businesses," said Steven Del Duca, Mayor of Vaughan. "That's why I am thrilled by this funding announcement from the Ontario government. It will help create more jobs, safeguard existing positions and increase production for three Vaughan companies."

As Ontario continues to navigate the impact of U.S. tariffs and global economic uncertainty, the government remains focused on delivering critical funding, cutting red tape, unleashing the economy and supporting workers.

The Ontario Together Trade Fund is

a part of Ontario's broader strategy to support advanced manufacturing and trade-impacted communities, launched or enhanced as part of the 2025 Ontario Budget, including the Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit, the Protect Ontario Financing Program and the Trade-Impacted Communities Program.

Ontario's manufacturing sector is vital to its prosperity, employing over 800,000 workers across Ontario.

Through the OTTF, the government is also providing complementary supports and services to help businesses navigate regulatory requirements, connect with skilled talent and access government programs that accelerate project success.

Open to Ontario-based businesses investing a minimum of \$200,000, eligible projects include modification of existing products to enter new sectors, procurement of advanced equipment and facility modification to enhance domestic manufacturing and sales expansion.

"We are very grateful for the timely support the Ontario Government has offered through the Ontario Together Trade Fund. Burnco is in the steel bridge sector and our industry has been greatly impacted with the current tariff and trade restrictions. This program will support our company with upgrades, including new, modern CNC Equipment and crane lifting capacity at two facilities. The significant support will allow us to expand our capacity in serving the infrastructure sector in Ontario and Canada with structural steel bridges and components and add important skilled jobs," said Homer Sayyad, President, Burnco Manufacturing Inc.

"The support provided through the OTTF program has been transformative for Heali Medical. Heali Medical is a women owned company focused on bringing stylish natural products to market to empower people on their health and wellness journey. This funding accelerated our ability to move from prototype to commercial-ready solutions, allowing us to scale our R&D, strengthen our clinical validation efforts and bring innovative health-care technology to market much faster than would have otherwise been possible," added Heather Sloan and Enwei Li, Co-Founders, Heali Medical Corp.

Haven Greens among 2025 agriculture award winners

An innovative King farm is among a dozen operations recognized by the Ontario government.

The Province honoured 12 winners and 7 honourable mentions of the 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Awards. Presented across 10 categories, these awards celebrate the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations that are strengthening Ontario's \$51 billion agri-food sector.

"I'm proud to recognize the winners and honourable mentions of the 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Awards for their hard work and commitment to building a stronger, more competitive agri-food sector," said Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. "Their contributions drive the success of our sector and pave the way for the next generation, ensuring Ontario agriculture continues to thrive."

Haven Greens was honoured in the Research and Innovation Excellence category.

Haven Greens is Canada's first fully automated greenhouse that held its offi-

cial opening this past July.

Haven Greens' enclosed high-tech greenhouse is designed with minimal human contact, zero exposure to outside contaminants, and no chemical pesticides, herbicides, or fungicides – ever. That means these greens are grown using natural biological pest management, and they're ready to eat straight from the package. No rinse required.

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The Excellence in Agriculture Awards are an important opportunity to recognize many agricultural employers and leaders. Over 867,000 people work in Ontario agri-food, representing one in nine of all jobs.

The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness announced the 12 winners and 7 honourable mentions at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

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Resident's e-book helps people deal with grief

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

Humans process grief in different ways. And it's important to know that sorrow is normal and necessary in order to heal.

A Nobleton resident has created a new e-book – It's Okay to Not Feel Okay – that delves into loss and grief.

Natalie Masucci said we have intriguing expressions in American culture about showing grief and other strong emotions. They include “falling apart, losing it,” and “breaking down.” We also assign emotions to either positive or negative categories. Our language constructs our perception of grief and our preference for turning from grief rather than facing it.

In her book, she encourages expressing one's grief by sitting with one's emotions and processing them. “Facing your feelings is essential for healing,” she notes.

“What if expressing grief is actually ‘coming together’ rather than ‘falling apart?’ We are tripod beings: spirit, soul, and body. Expressing our emotions allows our hearts and spirits to unite with our bodies, bringing comfort and healing.”

Masucci said she was led to write the book because she began to notice a common thread among her coaching clients – each one had experienced some form of loss that was still affecting them deeply.

“So often, those losses had never been properly acknowledged or pro-

cessed. Loss and grief are universal parts of the human experience – none of us can escape them. I felt compelled to help people understand that since grief is something we all face, we need to learn how to move through it in healthy, life-giving ways.”

The book is available as an e-book on Kindle and in paperback on Amazon.

She hopes readers gain not only knowledge about grief and loss but also practical strategies they can use to help themselves and support others. One of the hardest parts about loss is that most people simply don't know what to do or say.

“I want readers to come away with the understanding that grief isn't something we get over – it's something we learn to live with. It's not linear, and it looks different for everyone.

“Grief and loss aren't limited to bereavement. There are many kinds of loss – a sudden illness that takes away your health or independence, the loss of a job, a relationship, or even a sense of identity. These experiences can shake our world just as deeply. Sometimes, loss is hidden – like for siblings of children with special needs. They may quietly grieve the time and attention they miss, the normalcy they wish for, or the unique relationship they can't have with their brother or sister. These too are real losses that deserve recognition and compassion.”

As an educator for over 35 years, she said she's witnessed countless stories of loss – among students, families, colleagues, and in her own life. Throughout the book, she includes heartfelt quotes from dear friends who share how they coped with their own pain.

“One story that deeply moved me comes from Jodi, the mother of one of my students, Raffaele, who was taken far too soon by cancer. She speaks candidly about the anxiety that followed the loss of her son – a reminder of how grief can linger and transform us.

“I also reflect on the collective losses faced by our students during the COVID lockdowns. Many missed out on vital connections, teamwork, sports, and even their graduations. We are now seeing that pain surface as heightened anxiety in this generation. And for those who have endured trauma, such as childhood abuse, there are losses of innocence and safety that also need compassion and healing.

“This book was written from both my professional insight and my personal conviction that while loss changes us, when processed, it can also lead us toward deeper empathy, resilience, and love.”



Masucci is also the funder of Empowered Life Coaching Foundation, a registered charity providing subsidized, high-quality, holistic life coaching to individuals ready to empower their lives and get back on track, regardless of fi-

nanacial challenges.

They offer one-on-one life coaching sessions if you or someone you love needs help processing grief and loss.

If you want to learn more, visit her website: <https://empoweredlcf.ca/>



Natalie Masucci



MPP supports church efforts

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, joined Nancy Boyd and Councillor David Boyd at St. Paul's Church in Nobleton to donate hygiene essentials in support of their Love Bags Mission that continues to grow year after year. Love Bags will continue to be distributed from St. Paul's on the third Saturday of each month. Through the Love Bags program, St. Paul's Church is assisting approximately 90 families across King Township.

“I was proud to donate to the Love Bags program at St. Paul's Church seeing firsthand their mission statement and generosity in action,” said Lecce. “Big thank you to Nancy and Pastor Jeff for keeping this important initiative on for another year and providing hope to families in need this Christmas.”

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

Resident gives a voice to dogs, looking for volunteers and fosters

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter



A King resident is speaking up for the most loyal among us – dogs.

Kalynn Borland volunteers with Across the Ocean Rescue, a dog-rescue organization serving the GTA.

“Right now, we are overwhelmed. We have an influx of large-breed dogs — many of them still puppies — who were born for wide-open land, family protection, and purposeful living,” she said.

With a heavy heart, she’s reaching out in the hopes of saving “the lives of several incredible dogs who desperately need our community’s help.”

The real goal is to advocate for adoptions over buying from breeders.

“Without fosters we can’t save lives. Shelters are literally overflowing and dogs are being euthanized at alarming rates. It’s heart breaking.”

She pointed to breeds like the Turkish Kangal, for example, who are innately gentle guardians: calm, loving, tender house companions. Yet outside, they are brave protectors who naturally deter coyotes and predators.

“They are some of the most extraordinary dogs I’ve ever met — loyal, intuitive, and deeply bonded to their families.

“But these dogs have nowhere to go. Shelters across Ontario are overflowing. The euthanasia rate is rising at a terrifying pace.”

Borland said that people continue to buy from breeders — often simply because they don’t understand fostering, or they believe rescue dogs are “damaged.”

“I wish everyone could meet these dogs. They are anything but broken. They’re perfect souls who just need a safe place to land,” she stressed.

Her organization is “desperate for fosters and adopters in King, Schomberg, Nobleton, and surrounding areas, especially those with land or larger properties. Even temporarily opening your home can be the difference between life and death for these dogs.”

Borland relayed the stories of three Kangals:

Hopper is a three-legged Kangal who doesn’t know he’s any different. He’s

great with dogs, cats, kids — literally everyone’s favourite playmate. His joy is contagious. He would thrive on a property where he can roam safely and nap in the sun.

Luna is a young Kangal pup with a soft, gentle soul. She’s shy at first, but once she opens up, she becomes the sweetest, most cuddly companion. She is naturally protective of her home and incredibly loving inside it.

Dusty is a survivor of heartbreaking cruelty. His ears were cut off with scissors as a puppy, yet he remains one of the most loyal dogs I’ve ever met. Dusty needs someone with a large estate or acreage — a person he can attach his heart to and follow everywhere.

“These dogs — and so many others — are running out of time,” she said. “We are at the point where fosters and adopters determine whether they live.”

Borland is asking the public for help.

“King Township has always been a community that steps up, especially when animals are involved. I truly believe that if people just knew the reality, they would open their homes and hearts.”

Kalynn’s journey has taken her around the world.

She began her career working as a stewardess on private yachts and private jet, traveling internationally while dedicating her spare time to volunteering at animal shelters. After leaving the industry to pursue her true calling, she moved to South Africa, where she focused on community outreach, education, dog rescue, and assisting in veterinary clinics with surgeries. She also



devoted time to supporting young girls rescued from sex trafficking, helping them with chores, schoolwork, meals and even taught them how to play dodgeball.

Kalynn returned to Canada to put down roots when COVID hit. Kalynn needed a furry friend and thus adopted Obi, a rescue dog from Rwanda, who quickly became her greatest inspiration. Soon after, she realized her place wasn’t in the city but outside it, closer to nature and the life she wanted to create. There she met Ali, and together they began fostering dogs from around the world finding them loving homes, and advocating fostering as a path to adoption.

The Obi Project was born from the journey of a very special dog named Obi. Rescued in Rwanda, Obi was given a second chance at life through the care of compassionate shelter called WAG. There, he was neutered, vaccinated, and prepared for his long trip to Canada, where he became part of our family. His story is one of survival, compassion, and the power of proper care — and it’s the inspiration behind our mission.

This spark led Borland to continue her work through Across the Ocean. Everyone is committed to giving countless dogs the same opportunity: free from unnecessary suffering.

For more, visit <https://theobiproject.com/> or email info@theobiproject.com



Lions boost Southlake

The King City Lions Club recently donated to the Southlake Health Foundation to help address critical priorities within the Adult Inpatient Mental Health Unit at Southlake. Mental health care is an essential part of a strong and healthy community, the Lions are honoured to contribute to a program that provides compassionate, specialized support to individuals in need. This donation reflects their dedication to service and our belief in the importance of accessible, high-quality healthcare for everyone in our region. Shown are Patricia McLaughlin – Director, Events & Community Partnerships; Rob Payne – President, King City Lions Club; Ashleigh Lythgoe – Coordinator, Events & Community Partnerships; elanie Osmond – Associate Manager, Events & Community Partnerships, and Frank Sartor, Treasurer, King City Lions Club.



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Provincial grant enables renovations at Cornerstone to Recovery

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce recently met with the team at Cornerstone to Recovery Men's Residential to hear more about the \$38,500 Capital grant from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

The six-month grant, awarded earlier this year, was used to renovate its men's residential facility to ensure the facility remains a stable and comfortable environment for residents during their recovery journey.

"Cornerstone to Recovery gives men and women struggling with addiction the thing they need most: hope — hope for a brighter tomorrow free from the burden of drugs and addiction," said Lecce. "I am proud to support this investment by the Ontario government to renovate Cornerstone's Men's Residential Facility, which has been a bedrock of support in our community for the past 16 years. It is imperative facilities like this are modernized and updated to reflect the needs of its residents — keeping them a welcome place to heal and start anew with an incredible team to guide their recovery journey."

The project aimed to extend the life of Cornerstone's 90-day men's residential facility, which plays a crucial role in helping individuals overcome addiction and maintain long-term sobriety. The primary goal is to increase access

to the program, enhance service quality, and ensure the facility remains a stable and comfortable environment for residents during their recovery journey.

The OTF grant was used to renovate critical areas that had gone unchanged for 16 years, including the shower/washroom, bedroom floors, kitchen, and laundry facilities.

These upgrades have transformed the centre into a space that promotes healing, dignity, and well-being for current and future residents. By improving these essential facilities, the project strengthens recovery outcomes and contributes to a healthier, more resilient community overall. This project focused on enhancing the living conditions within our men's residential treatment centre to ensure it remains a supportive, comfortable, and effective environment for recovery.

"Ontario Trillium Foundation is a truly remarkable organization," said Blaine Hobson, Executive Director, Cornerstone to Recovery. "This facility, which has transformed the lives of hundreds of families, was originally made possible 15 years ago through an OTF grant. Today's grant allows us to continue this important work and to provide services to even more individuals and families in need."

Cornerstone to Recovery is a com-



munity-based, not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to helping individuals overcome addiction and rebuild meaningful lives. Since 2004, Cornerstone has provided a safe, supportive space where people can heal, grow, and discover their full potential.

Through a range of programs, including men's and women's residential treatment, day recovery, transitional housing, peer support, and wellness activities, Cornerstone helps individuals develop the skills and confidence needed for lasting recovery. With over two decades of service, Cornerstone continues to be a place of hope and transformation in York Region. Upcoming initiatives include expanding wellness

and life-skills programs that foster connection, empowerment, and long-term well-being for all those on the journey of recovery.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested nearly \$105 million into 732 community projects and multi-sector partnerships. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

York Commissioner Lisa Gonsalves receives provincial honour

Regional Council congratulated Community and Health Services Commissioner Lisa Gonsalves on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public servants. Lisa's leadership across housing, public health, seniors' services, emergency response, inclusion and community well-being has made a lasting impact on the community.



FROM THE ARCHIVES



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

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Tech Talks and Tools brings digital confidence to King's 55+ community

By Brittany Grenici

The King City Seniors Centre was buzzing with curiosity and conversation recently as local residents gathered for Tech Talks and Tools, a full-day digital literacy event designed specifically for adults 55 and over.

Presented in partnership with Blue Beyond Inc., and Seneca College, the free program aimed to help older adults feel more confident navigating an increasingly digital world.

The day opened with registration, coffee, and a lively Tech Café, where participants connected with volunteers for hands-on tech support. The workshops that followed, covered essential

topics like navigating digital health tools, staying safe online, and using wearables and health apps to support everyday well-being.

A complimentary lunch, made with lettuce thoughtfully donated by Haven Greens, was enjoyed by attendees before the main panel. The panel Tech That Cares, focused on how digital health innovations can empower aging adults to stay informed and independent.

With only 20 spots available, the intimate event allowed participants to ask questions freely, receive personalized help, and build confidence with devices and digital tools they use every day. The afternoon wrapped up with raffle prizes and closing remarks – ending a successful day of learning, connection, and community support.

Anyone interested in joining future digital literacy events – whether for themselves or on behalf of a loved one – is encouraged to join the event email list by contacting erin.burford@king.ca. Event organizers also welcome local vendors and sponsors who would like to be involved in upcoming Tech Talks or similar community programs.

Those interested can reach out to hello@thebluemarble.ca.



King seniors hold AGM, open house

The King City Seniors held their AGM recently, joined by Mayor Steve Pellegrini. The group elected a new board of directors, which include Rob Payne – Chair; Ian McClelland – King City Lions Representative; Susan Phillips – Treasurer; Rosemary Bellefontaine – Events & Activity Director; Franklin Moskoff – Past Chair; Carolyn Kanitz – Communications Director; Margaret Lawrence – Secretary

“My sincere thanks to the King City Seniors’ Centre Community Management Board and all attendees. Your insights, participation, and continued support make a meaningful impact on the programs we deliver,” Payne said.

Subsequently, the group held its What a wonderful afternoon at the Christmas Open House.

Once again, they were entertained by the talented Russ Clayton and enjoyed a festive sing-along. Along with the music, guests spent time socializing over delicious Christmas treats – and they even welcomed a special guest – thank you Santa! A heartfelt thank-you to Chartwell Oak Ridges for providing the entertainer, and to Mayor Pellegrini for joining them.



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Keeler KO's King with four-point performance in Admirals' 5-2 win over the Rebellion at Zancor

By Jim Stewart

After a 4-1 home ice loss to Milton on Thursday and a last-minute 3-2 loss in Burlington on Friday, the ninth-place Admirals arrived at the Zancor Centre on Sunday afternoon in desperate need of a win.

Paced by Nolan Keeler's four-point performance, Caledon defeated King 5-2 to climb back into eighth place in the highly-competitive OJHL West. With the loss, the Rebellion (19-12-1-0) fell into seventh place – eight points ahead of the Admirals.

Keeler kicked off the festivities in King Township by firing his 16th of the season past Rebellion goaltender Noah Maven to give the visitors a 1-0 lead at 6:03 of the first period.

The productive left winger described the opening tally: "It was a good goal. Our line forechecked hard. Owsicki made a nice move to get it over the blue line and Fang sauced me a pass. Maven got a piece of it, but I was happy to see it go in."

The Keeler-Fang-Owsicki line clicked two more times in the second period to give the maroon-clad Admirals a three-goal lead. Keeler set up Owsicki 1:42 into the middle frame to make it 2-0 and all three linemates earned points nine minutes later when Fang fired a snapshot from between the circles that Maven blocked partially. However, the puck flipped through Maven and into the back of the cage.

Keeler described the chemistry and productivity of his line: "It's really good. We had a 14-game point streak. We're different kinds of players so our line is constructed well. We have a complementary set of skills that other teams have a tough time covering. Fang's goal was a nice effort by our line."

The Admirals went up 4-0 on a fine individual play by speedy Cam Lang. Playing 4 on 4, Lang found space, cut to the net off left wing, Maven stopped Lang's first shot in the slot, but the cage veteran tapped in his own rebound. The Admirals' fourth goal on 29 shots chased Maven – the fifth-ranked goaltender in the OJHL – and Logan Kennedy took his place between the pipes. Keeler commented on the significance of Maven's departure from the contest 12:24 of the second period: "It was important for us for sure. Maven's a great goalie, but we were shooting really well today, too."

The Admirals held their 4-0 lead until Rebellion defender Matthew Anderson stole an errant pass, made a spirited rush off the left wing, deked Caledon netminder James Meredith to the right, and slid the puck past the spread-eagled goalie to get King on the scoreboard at 3:33 of the third period.

Mid-way through the final frame, Owsicki fired a shot off the pipe and Cole Kirton one-timed the rebound past Kennedy to restore the visitors' four-goal lead. Keeler earned his 21st assist of the season and fourth point

of the game on Kirton's insurance goal.

Another King defender scored with six minutes to play to pull the Rebellion to within three when high-scoring Ryan Fairbairn rifled a wrist shot that beat Meredith clearly and bulged the twine. The Caledon goaltender steadied The Fleet the rest of the way and stymied King shooters to earn the W. Keeler praised his goaltender's performance: "James is a good goalie and so solid down low. Our D played well today and cleared the rebounds. James

was seeing it really well and helped get a big road win to keep us in playoff contention. We've played well against King this year. We've taken two games in their barn. It sets us up well for a big game with Mississauga on Thursday."

The seventh-place Rebellion will also host the ninth-place Mississauga Chargers three days later on Sunday, Dec. 21. Puck drop will be 3 p.m. at the Zancor Centre. Both games in Caledon and King will have playoff ramifications in the tightly-packed OJHL West.

Bondy's three-point performance leads Schomberg to decisive 5-1 over Caledon

By Jim Stewart

Mason Bondy's three-point performance and a four-goal outburst in the second period impelled the Schomberg Cougars to a 5-1 win over the Caledon Golden Hawks at the Mayfield Recreation Complex on Saturday night.

After a scoreless first period during which the Cougars outshot the Golden Hawks 15-4, Caledon goaltender Max Zemp kept the visitors off the scoreboard until 3:19 of the middle frame when Cooper Drennan – with helpers from Matthew Lychek and Tyler Pellizzari – opened the scoring by notching his first goal of the season.

Michael Ciaravella's power play goal gave the Cougars a 2-0 lead at 5:33. Bondy and Drennan earned assists on the veteran forward's first goal of 2025-26.

Caledon narrowed its deficit to one when Daniel Petrov slid the puck past Cougars' netminder Ryan Potvin at 8:51, but three minutes later, Brandon Scott's power play marker restored Schomberg's two-goal lead. Bondy earned his second assist on Scott's fourth of the season.

Neil Amor Steinberg's unassisted goal at 15:47 completed Schomberg's middle frame outburst and the visitors skated into the second intermission with a 4-1 lead.

The Cougars kicked off the third period in dominant fashion. Drennan's second goal of the game at 1:22 gave the visitors a comfortable four-goal margin. Bondy's playmaking skills earned him his third assist of the contest and ninth helper of the season.

Tempers flared in the final frame as Schomberg's Brandon Petrova and Caledon's Ayden Barnes engaged in a sparring match – earning fighting majors and game misconducts at 7:22. Seven minutes later, things got chippy again as Cougar Lucas Marshall and Golden Hawk Liam Noonan were assessed 10-minute misconducts for unsportsmanlike behavior. Scott accompanied Marshall to the box to serve a major penalty for crosschecking, but the Cougars PK held the Golden Hawks off the scoreboard for the duration of the five-minute penalty.

Ryan Potvin turned aside 18 of the 19 shots he faced to earn the W and improved sixth-place Schomberg's record to 8-16-2-0. The Cougars pulled to within five points of the fifth-place Little Britain Merchants in the East Orr Division standings.

The Cougars host the last-place Golden Hawks (1-23-1-0) on Thursday, Dec. 18, and the first-place Uxbridge Bruins (20-4-0-0) on Saturday, Dec. 20. Both puck drops are at 7:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre.

Curlers crown first half champs

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

Wednesday Social League held their traditional first half championship games this past week that included drama, excitement, and laughter.

Undefeated Team Gagliardi met up with Team Honey for the Championship title and after both teams collecting a point in the first 2 ends, the battle was on. Skip Fiore Gagliardi and his crew of Rob Hartnett at Vice, Al Courneya as 2nd and Margaret Martin as lead stole 3 in the 3rd and 1 more in the 4th for a 5-1 score.

Skip Ray Honey, along with Dean Teasdale as Vice, Grant Morning at 2nd and Marilyn Caruso at Lead, collected 1 in the 5th bringing the game within 3. Each end, the game displayed a crowded house of granite making each shot precision and surgical making teams earn their points. During the 6th and final end handshakes were offered to Team Gagliardi after their multiple score for the championship title.

Runners-up were both Teams Campbell and Mellow as the game was undecided after a tie score.

Teams Saldat and Ruska completed the playdown draw with Saldat winning the most honest curler award.

Highlight reel

Yes, the curling club has its own reel of highlights that showcase the remarkable and memorable moments, just like TSN. This week the highlight



Sandra MacDonald executed a shot during Ladies league that has earned this week's top shot on the highlight reel. She delivered with perfect weight through a near impossible opening removing an opposition rock for the point.

was during the ladies league in a last shot "hail-mary" situation.

Sandra MacDonald threw 4th rocks for her team and was facing a sea of granite across the rings of red and blue. Virtually, there didn't seem to be an opening with guards surrounding the top of the house as well as the guard zone itself. Skip Cindy Rhode-Perkins shrugged her shoulders while looking at the only hole that lined up with the lone opposition counting rock in the back.

The hole was no bigger than the rock itself. With Rhodes-Perkins's final comment, "just throw it, we'll see what happens," MacDonald delivered the stone with perfect weight that skinned by 2 front guards finding the opening and then skinned the next stone in the rings finding the counter.

A total team effort tapped it out to collect the score. Wow! Although it wasn't a game-saver shot, it was definitely the shot of the night. High fives and shrieks of "good shot" by both teams erupted. The smile on Sandra's face was bigger than the hole her rock just went through. Definitely a shot that would be watched over and over, if the club had video.

With the club's final week of 2025, there are already so many amazing stories of great games, great shots and great fun. 2026 will be tough to top, but King curlers are up for the challenge and will absolutely most likely to succeed.



Vice Rob Hartnett delivers during his team's first half championship game. Teammates Fiore Gagliardi, Al Courneya and Margaret Martin captured the win for the title.



King Rebellion U15A team helps spread holiday cheer through Christmas in King

The holiday spirit was in full swing as the U15A King Rebellion hockey team proudly participated in the "Christmas in King" Festive Hamper initiative, an annual program that supports local families during the Christmas season.

Each player received a Festive Hamper box designed to provide Christmas essentials for families in the township. The players took on the meaningful responsibility of filling their boxes with holiday food items, festive napkins, ornaments, and small gifts to help brighten the season for program participants.

In the true spirit of community partnership, the team did their shopping at Coppa's Fresh Market, a proud sponsor of the King Rebellion U15A. The players filled the aisles with enthusiasm, selecting items thoughtfully and recognizing the impact their contributions will have on local families this holiday season.

The initiative reinforces the values of teamwork, compassion, and community leadership, both on and off the ice for these young athletes.

Coaches:

We want to hear from you!

Send us your game reports, tournament results, etc. for Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball, Gymnastics, Martial Arts, Figure Skating, and anything else sports-related that's going on in your community.

**Email Mark at
editor@kingsentinel.com**



King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday, Dec. 21 is the fourth Sunday of Advent when we typically celebrate love. Rev. Andrew Lee will be leading worship at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve worship will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24 and we welcome Sandra Kirby who will lead worship on that evening.

We will be having a light lunch on Sunday to celebrate Christmas and to acknowledge the final Sunday that Rev. Andrew will be with us leading worship. We wish Rev. Andrew well in his future endeavours. 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. At Christmas time the call is out more than ever for our generosity and care for our community to be in our givings. Support through the food bank 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 YouTube.

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m. We will be serving refreshments at 6 p.m.

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

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Activities at the King City Seniors'

Centre will finish for the year on December 19 and resume on Jan. 5, 2026.

Upcoming events at KCSC:

Friday, January 9 – 10 a.m. – Workshop – Artist Angela Del Borrello will provide a creative workshop. The theme will be winter forest painting. Cost \$10/pp.

Friday, January 16 – 10 a.m. - Presentation – Llja Warmels from CHATS will discuss bone health and also provide information on the services provided by CHATS. Registration requested at 905-833-6565.

Friday, January 30 – 10 a.m. – Presentation – Topic – winter driving tips and how to renew your licence. Registration requested.

York Pines United Church

Rev. Andrew led us in singing our favourite carols and Christmas songs last Sunday. Rick McKinley will preside this Sunday, and we'll be wearing our Christmas sweaters. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the service.

December 28 will be our last service in the York Pines building as we merge with King City UC in the new year. A catered lunch will be served after the service. RSVP to the office at yorkpine-suc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 if you plan to attend.

Sacred Heart Church

The Sacred Heart Parish Faith Community congratulates Saverio & Enrica Alonzi on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. May their love of God, and their families endure for many more years to come.

The Restless Outreach Ministry Christmas Food Drive: Next week will be the last week to bring in your perishable food which will be dropped off just in time for Christmas at the "Blue Door" and various other shelters within York Region.

Save The Date: The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 24, 206, served after 5 p.m. Mass. More information will be given in the new year.

Advent confessions after Holy Mass on Friday, Dec. 19.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve – Wednesday Dec. 24 at 5 and 11 p.m., Carols at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day – Thursday, Dec. 25 at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon.

New Year's Eve – Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m., one mass only.

New Year's Day – Thursday, Jan. 1 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Silent Adoration Friday, Dec. 19, begins at 3:30 pm, Celebration of Mass at 7 pm.

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.

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.

It was our wonderful, Community Christmas Party and Brunch last Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent. Pastor Alison Agnew focussed on Joy, the third candle in our Advent wreath, lit by Anne Campbell. Alison had us look at the Shepherds in Luke 2 and how the angel said to them, "Do not fear, I bring good news that Jesus will cause great Joy to all people." Our last carol was "Joy to the World." Thanks to Jacquie Lawson who led the Carol Sing, Marlene Harris, our pianist and Kathy Patterson on the violin and shaker of the jingle bells!

Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca

We hope to see you on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21 and at The Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, starting 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

Peace can feel like a difficult word to hold onto these days. When we turn on the news or scroll through our phones,

we are met again and again with images of violence, division, and fear.

This past week, many have been deeply shaken by the anti-Semitic attack in Australia. It's another painful reminder that hatred and hostility are still very much alive in our world. In moments like these, peace can feel distant, fragile, or even impossible.

And yet, Advent invites us to speak of peace anyway.

The peace that Advent proclaims is not the absence of suffering or struggle. It is not a shallow calm that ignores reality. God's peace is something deeper and stronger, and it is a steady presence that can exist even in the middle of sorrow, fear, grief, and uncertainty. It is the peace that Jesus speaks of when he says, "My peace I give to you; I do not give to you as the world gives."

God's peace does not deny the storm. It meets us within it.

For many people, the Christmas season itself can make the struggle with peace even harder. While lights, music, and celebrations surround us, grief, loneliness, illness, anxiety, or exhaustion may feel even more pronounced. For those carrying loss, whether recent or long-ago, the pressure to feel joyful can be overwhelming.

This is why All Saints is offering a Blue Christmas Service this Friday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. Blue Christmas is a gentle, reflective service created especially for those who find this season difficult. It is a space where tears are welcome, where silence is honoured, and where God's peace is offered without expectation or demand. You do not need to explain your pain or put on a brave face. You only need to come as you are.

In a world that often feels loud, divided, and restless, this is a moment to pause, to breathe, to pray, and to allow God's peace to hold you, even if only for a little while.

You are not alone. And peace, however fragile it may feel, is still possible.

Please see our website, allsaintsking-city.ca, for information about our services and other upcoming events.



A Christmas Carol runs through Dec. 21

King Theatre Company (KTC) is thrilled to announce its holiday production of A Christmas Carol by Jacqueline Goldfinger, running through Dec. 21, at Schomberg Community Hall. A group of singers performed at A Main Street Christmas to set the stage. For tickets, visit kingtheatre.ca/christmascarol



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King Weekly Sentinel

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.

St. Paul's is excited to be starting a monthly men's group on the first Saturday of every month. Our next meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 3 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.

Christmas Eve: 6 p.m. St. Pat's; 9 p.m. St. Mary's. Christmas Day: 7:45 and 9 a.m. at St. Pat's and 10:15 & 11:30 a.m. St. Mary's.

A number of years ago, a young college student was working as an intern at his college's Museum of Natural History. One day while working at the cash register in the gift shop, he saw an elderly couple come in with a little girl in a wheelchair. As he looked more closely at this girl, he saw that she was kind of perched on her chair. The student realized that she had no arms or legs, just a head, neck and torso.

She was wearing a little white dress with red polka dots. As the couple wheeled her up to the checkout counter, he turned his head toward the girl and gave her a wink. Meanwhile, he took the money from her grandparents and looked back at the girl, who was giving him the cutest and the largest smile he had ever seen. All of a sudden, her handicap was gone, and all that the college student saw was this beautiful girl, whose smile just melted him and almost instantly gave him a completely new sense of what life is all about.

She took him from being an unhappy college student and brought him into her world, a world of smiles, love and warmth. — With the lighting of the rose candle, the third on the Advent Wreath, among the purple candles, and the priest's wearing the rose vestments, we are reminded that we are called to live with joy in our world of sorrows and pain. - "Some gifts you can give this Christmas are beyond monetary value: Mend a quarrel, dismiss suspicion, tell someone 'I love you.' Give something away — anonymously. Forgive someone who has treated you wrong. Turn away wrath with a soft answer. Visit someone in a nursing home. Apologize if you were wrong. Be especially kind to someone with whom you work. Give as God gave to you in Christ, without obligation, or announcement, or reservation, or hypocrisy."

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.

Our Educational Thursdays are now done until we resume on January 8, 2026. Watch for the upcoming calendar of events.

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful holiday.

Nobleton Lions

The Nobleton Lions wish you the very best for Christmas and thank the community for all its support of our fundraising events.

In 2025 these included the Poker night in February, Dog Guide Walk in May, Golf Fundraiser in June, and Tick-

et Draw in October. We look forward to continuing to serve in our community in 2026 and doing our small part to making Nobleton the great place to live that it has come to be.

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

To learn more about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website which can be accessed by googling "nobletonlions.com" 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](https://www.instagram.com/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

It's June 1889 and getting down to wire and the push was on to complete enough of St Alban's interior to have Nobleton's first church to open as planned on Sunday, June 23, the closest Sunday to the anniversary of sainted Roman soldier's martyrdom in Britannia just over 1,500 years earlier.

The next step is to put down the pine planks of what would be the finished floor over the sub flooring. This final flooring that sold in 7/8in./2.5cm thick planks 6in./15cm to 12in./ 30cm wide and 8ft./2.4 to 16ftm/4m long that would be installed tongue and groove style would be difficult to fabricate on site thus would be purchased at a mill in nearby Richmond Hill.

They were hauled by horse and wagon over rough narrow dirt roads often corduroy (log surfaced) and bridgeless over small stone bottomed shallow creeks. This journey of 60 miles there and back will take from early morning to late afternoon to complete. Meanwhile at the church, volunteer workers are busy sweeping the scarred subfloor of shavings sawdust stuck plaster paint lumps from previous work so that lay-

ing the finished boards of the new floor can begin.

Under the guidance of an experienced carpenter 2 or 3 laymen can handle the task competently. The floor laying begins in the sanctuary, extends into the chancel then down into the nave and out into the narthex (tower room). Shims narrow, thin, scraps of discarded wood made into wedges can be used under the new planks for leveling or stabilizing if necessary. A large rectangular opening in the floor at the back of the nave with a floor door gives access to the unfinished basement

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Sunday, Dec. 21 is Advent 4 and focuses on Love. Each of the 4 Sundays before Christmas focusses on a different topic. The first three were Hope, Peace and Joy. Schomberg United's service is at 9:30 a.m. and Nobleton United's at 11:15 a.m.

The last Bible Study on Advent is today, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m. to about noon. Come and enjoy the discussions and a coffee or tea.

On Christmas Eve there will be a family friendly service at 3 p.m. at Nobleton United, and a communion candlelight service at 7 p.m. at Schomberg United.

On Sunday, Dec. 28 at 10 a.m., there is an ecumenical service with 4 churches joining together at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Schomberg. The 4 are the two United Churches (Schomberg & Nobleton) and the two Anglican ones (Kettleby & Schomberg).

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Art Weis and he will be talking about the Koffler Scientific Reserve at Joker's Hill in King Township.

The meal is hamburger soup and homemade cheese tea biscuits, followed by a selection of squares, and tea or coffee. 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, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

The next Community Potluck Lunch will take place Tuesday, Jan. 13. 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.

The next Messy Church is Monday, Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. The activities and crafts (5-6pm) are based on different Bible stories. "Jesus Calms the Storm" is January's theme. At 6 p.m., we have story time until 6:15 p.m. when we eat.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. 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.

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.



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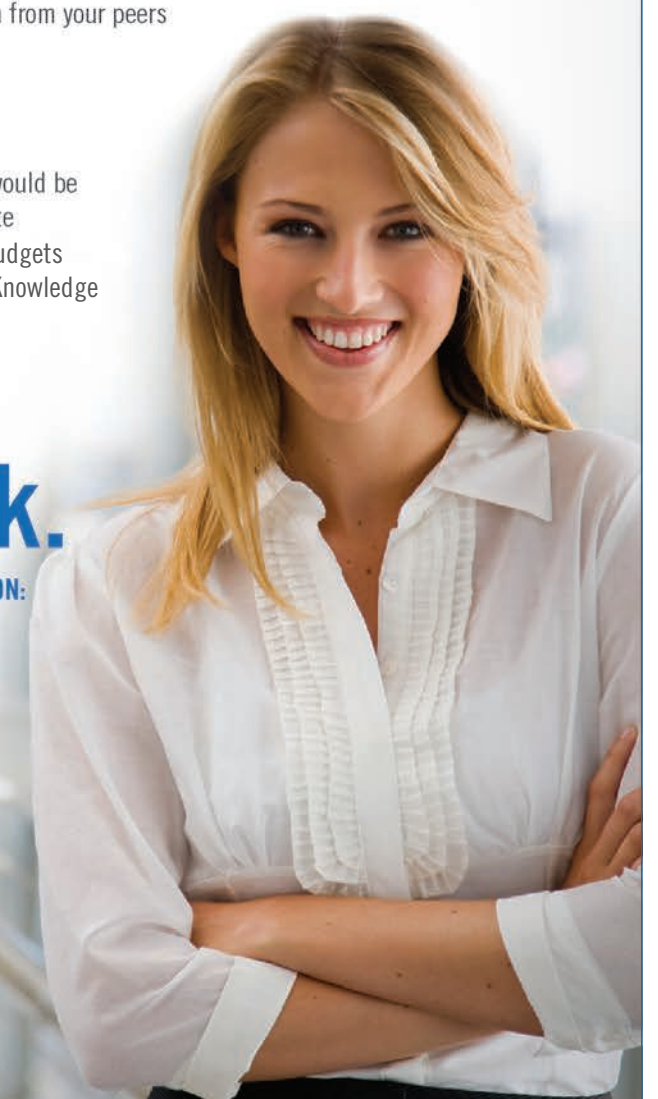
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Conservation Area offers new 'Wind Phone' to visitors

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority proudly hosted the unveiling of a Wind Phone at the 2nd Annual Park Prescription (PaRx) Day in September at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. The event brought together the community to reflect, heal, and experience the wellness benefits of nature.

The day began with opening remarks from representatives of Oasis: A Centre for Bereavement and Healing, Mayor Leduc from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, and local physician Dr. Jacob Zamora. Attendees then gathered for the heartfelt unveiling of the Wind Phone, followed by guided hikes, nature-based art and journaling activities, and interactive discovery stations highlighting the connection between nature and wellness.

The Wind Phone is a symbolic and powerful concept that originated in Japan. Featuring a disconnected rotary phone placed in a quiet natural setting, it offers a space where people can connect with loved ones they have lost. Thoughtfully integrated into the landscape at Scanlon Creek in partnership

with Oasis, the Wind Phone provides a meaningful and peaceful place for reflection, remembrance, and emotional healing.

"We have strived to design the Wind Phone installation in a way that it blends in organically with the surroundings. Scanlon Creek is a perfect setting, offering a serene space for reflection, remembrance, and healing in nature," said Lisa Snow, Director at Oasis: A Centre for Bereavement and Healing.

PaRx, a national initiative led by the BC Parks Foundation, encourages healthcare professionals to improve patients' health by prescribing them time in nature. This year's PaRx Day at Scanlon Creek showcased the physical and mental health benefits of outdoor experiences, offering the community an opportunity to explore the beauty of the conservation area while learning how healthcare providers are prescribing nature for overall wellness.

"Spending time outdoors is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to support our health and well-being.

Through PaRx Day, we're excited to share these benefits with the community and to work alongside healthcare professionals who recognize the value of nature in everyday life," said Nicole Hamley, Manager of education programs at the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

Whether it's a quiet moment at the Wind Phone, a family hike, or simply time outdoors, Scanlon Creek Conservation Area offers a welcoming space for wellness, reflection, and renewal.

For more information, visit: lsra.on.ca/park-prescription and oasisbereavement.com.



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Tractors/Skid Steer: Case IH MXU 110 4x4 tractor, Quicke Q41 loader, cab, 2 remotes, 4600hrs.; MF 265 tractor & Allied 590 loader, multi power; JD 5575 skid steer, material bucket, 3479hrs; JD X320 lawnmower, 54" deck, hydrostatic, 597hrs. **Mach/Equip:** JD 8350 seed drill, 18 run, grass seed, 1 disc, fert; Gehl TDC 1475 round baler, 4x5's, inoc; NH Hayliner 315 sq baler & thrower; (3)18ft wood wagons; Kuhn GA4100 rotary rake; Lucknow 6ft snowblower; post hole auger; Case IH 8330 haybine, 9ft; gravity box; Ford 8ft disc; IH 12ft cultivator & harrows; (3) thrower wagons (2- 20ft, all steel tops, 1- 20ft steel with wood floor); 20ft wood & steel round bale wagon; for skidsteer- 2 prong hay fork, manure forks; Leon 375 manure spreader; Agro-Trend 3pth sprayer. **Horse Equip & Rel:** 4-seater horse sleigh, team hitch; (2) single horse shafts; (2)Fore carts (single, double); blankets; stocks-for shoeing; (2)horse bale feeders; whipple trees; (1) set work harness; (1)set Todd Style show harness; harness rack; qty heavy horse harness pieces, lines, etc; asst horse supplies; (2)steel stall dividers; (2)single horse sleighs; (4)stall corner feeders; (2)hay/grain feeders; (3)round bale feeders-tombstone style; semen tank; microscope; Black Horse Ale picture & trays; 4-wheel buggy-like new; 2-wheel pleasure driving cart; draft foal/horse halters; asst white show halters; leg wraps; asst show equip; and much more! **Shop/Farm Rel/Straw & Hay:** Onan 60W generator, alternator; 4'x8' 1-axle utility trailer; bale moisture tester; twine; tool chest; anvil-ig; battery charger; asst lumber; 1 tonne winch; oat/corn roller; asst of tools; (9)bales 3x3x6 wheat straw; some sm squares hay(if not used); stationary sander/grinder; radial arm saw; table saw. **Household & Antiques**

Lunch Booth & Washroom Available Preview: Friday Dec 19, 1-6pm

**NOTES: MAJORITY OF SALE WILL BE HELD INSIDE RIDING ARENA
Smaller Sale - please be on time**

Terms & Conditions: Cash or Cheque with proper I.D. on day of sale. Owner and/or Auctioneer will not be held responsible for accident or loss on day of sale. All items are sold "As Is". All verbal announcements on day of sale take precedence over written ads.

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Raymond Rowley

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A voice we long to hear.
We know a heart, thoughtful and true,
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A place is vacant within our hearts,
Which never can be filled.
A bouquet of beautiful memories,
Sprayed with a million tears.
I wish God could have spared you,
If just for a few more years.
So rest in peace Raymond
And thanks for all you have done
We pray that God has given you the Crown
you truly wore.
We love you.*

Beloved husband of Edith
Loving father of Marilyn (Predeceased)
Sons David, John (Darleen) and Grandfather

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We miss your laugh, and the way you could
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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

This weekend was marked by heart-breaking news and tragic events. It feels especially painful during a season meant for family, giving, and hope.

The mass shootings in the U.S. and Australia were devastating enough, but Sunday night brought the loss of Rob and Michele Reiner. As a parent, I felt the weight of their story deeply, the instinct to protect and help your children is universal. As a fan of Rob's films, grief struck another chord.

"When Harry Met Sally" has always been special to me. Released in 1989, just after a breakup, it gave me comfort and hope for the future. I watched it over a dozen times, and it remains one of those rare works that truly saved me.

This season, let us come together in the spirit of peace, civility, and love. May our words be kind, our actions thoughtful, and our hearts open to one another. In a world that often feels divided, may we choose compassion and understanding, that carry us into the new year.

In the spirit of giving, thank you to all who purchased a "Smile Cookie" to support our King Township Food Bank, this past Monday a record-breaking cheque was presented in the amount of \$5,372.07 which will go towards supporting our community. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked hard to decorate and sell cookies.

Family events

Over the holiday season King Township is offering lots of opportunities for you and adult shinny hockey, figure skating, parent and tot, senior 55+, family stick and puck and open recreational skating for all ages. For more information check out king.ca/dropinprograms.

A Christmas Carol

King Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol" at the Schomberg Community Hall to the 21st. You can get tickets at

kingtheatre.ca/Christmascarol.

Recycling bins

Due to public outcry, there are now a smaller 240-litre recycling cart available by calling 1-833-779-4351. It is suggested that you at least try the cart out for three bi-weekly pick-ups before requesting a smaller bin, because there will only be one bin per household and pick-up will now be every other week starting December 31.

Also, Starting January 2026, large pick-up process is changing. Residents must call GFL to schedule a pick-up and a maximum of five items will be collected per week; each item will still require a bulk item tag. For more information visit king.ca/LargitemCollection.

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+

Schomberg 55+ celebrated the holiday season this past Monday, with a potluck, a Christmas trivia competition, Christmas Carols singalong, accompanied by our very own "Tightly Wound" Ukulele group, a pass the package gift game, and topped off with a visit from Santa, who

brought a little gift for all. Congratulations to all who were part of the planning and organizing of this wonderful event, well done!

Upcoming Events:

General meetings start at 10 a.m. for coffee and 10:30 a.m. for meeting.

Monday, January 5 – Member participation – Dave LaPenta, facilitator and coach, invites members to reflect on holiday experiences – traditions, best gift and even what drives us crazy over the holidays.

Monday, January 19 – Presentation – Naomi Simpson, professional astrologer and coach, will discuss dealing with times of change through effective communication and conflict resolution to help transform relationships and personal growth.

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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