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As we close out 2025, I'm proud of all we have achieved together during a particularly special year: the 175th anniversary of King Township – a milestone honouring our rich history and the opportunities that shaped us. While reflecting on our past, we remain focused on the future and building a stronger community through planning and innovation. Here's a look at the progress we made to move closer to that vision.

Planning for Our Sustainable Future

As King Township grows, we continue to invest in planning for tomorrow – ensuring we can grow sustainably, create a greener future and keep the community thriving. "Our King" Official Plan Review and Master Plan Updates: Feedback from the community is helping us shape our long-term vision, led by the Official Plan review and Master Plan updates for transportation, parks, trails and facilities.

Age-Friendly Action Plan: The community provided insightful feedback on aging in place, via a survey and several Public Open Houses, bringing us steps closer to shaping the Age-Friendly Action Plan and our goal of becoming an Age-Friendly Community.

Powering King: Hosted our first-ever Community Energy Expo in partnership with the King Environmental Action Team (KEAT) which focused on providing residents and businesses with practical, forward-thinking solutions in conservation.

Building Complete Communities

Our community came together to celebrate King's culture and heritage and welcome new spaces, services and programs.



Official Opening of Zancor Centre: A vision 20 years in the making became a reality as the state-of-the-art, multi-use recreation facility officially opened its doors to the public in January. The facility is the first of its kind in Canada to achieve Zero Carbon Building Design certification – a milestone in sustainability and recreation, and the project represented a full community effort with collaboration by the provincial and federal governments, Seneca Polytechnic and the development community.

Re-opening of King Railway Station and King Christian Church: Following extensive structural repairs, the two mid-19th century buildings were restored to their original glory

thanks in part to a \$250,000 grant from the Ontario Rural Economic Development (RED) Fund. They are now accessible year-round for arts and cultural programming, events and private functions.

Seniors Spaces and Programming: With funding support from the provincial and federal government, two new dedicated spaces for seniors activities opened: the Nobleton Seniors Program Room and the King Seniors at Play backyard patio space, reinforcing our commitment to becoming an age-friendly community.

175th Anniversary Celebrations: Hosted various special events to honour King's 175th anniversary including the King Township Historical Society's book launch for *The History of King Township: A Community Shaped by the Land*; a Canada Day event featuring our first-ever drone show; and the return of the Raspberry Social and Community Picnic.


Providing Service Excellence

King Township has led the way in the adoption of AI and transforming services offered to the community by harnessing innovation, creativity and technology with a responsible, accessible, transparent approach.

King's AI Roadmap: The Township adopted the pioneering 'Responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) Roadmap as part of King's Digital Transformation Framework, outlining AI principles, maturity assessments and future plans. King's leadership in AI has been recognized, earning the Municipal Information Systems Association of Ontario's (MISA) Excellence in Municipal Systems Award.

CityView: Launched the 24/7 online CityView portal, making building, planning and development approval processes more

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Monday, January 26
6 p.m. - Council

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King Township's 2026 waste collection schedule now in effect

The schedule has been delivered to residents. Print copies are also available for pick-up at the King Township Municipal Centre and recreation facilities.

The schedule contains important reminders on general collection, green bin organics, garbage, leaf and yard waste, hazardous waste and electronics, textile recycling and curbside giveaway days.

For details, visit king.ca/waste



Time to say goodbye to your Christmas tree?

Christmas trees will be picked up on the weeks of January 5 and 12. Residents are reminded to remove all decorations, nails, tree stands and plastic tree bags. Trees over six feet tall in height must be cut into pieces.

For more information, visit king.ca/waste

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Ahead of the recycling transition, effective December 31, King households received a 360-litre wheeled, lidded recycling cart.

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

For more information, visit king.ca/seniors.



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Mayor's Message

From front page...

efficient and user friendly for residents.

King News: Rebranded the Township's eNewsletter and transitioned from a monthly to a bi-weekly format to deliver more timely information right to your inbox. Residents can also subscribe to receive real-time email updates on news/alerts, council meetings, planning notices, and events to stay informed on what matters to them most.

Data-driven Snow Removal: Last year, King introduced a new approach to sand and salt application – enhancing efficiency and environmental sustainability. This winter the plan will build on this work by integrating analytics and data-driven approach, optimizing route planning, reducing waste, and enhancing accountability.

Ensuring Accountability

In 2025, King Township delivered its first-ever service-based budget and our financial planning maintains a no-frills, citizen-focused approach for the new year.

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award: King earned its fourth consecutive Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget presentation. This reflects our commitment to the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

2026 Budget: The first Mayor's municipal budget for King Township, and second under the service-based model, was adopted by Council. The budget reflects a no-frills approach; focused on maintaining the high-quality services our residents rely on while keeping increases to a minimum. By holding the operating budget increase to just 1.5%, staff have delivered a responsible plan that balances fiscal discipline with the needs of our growing community.

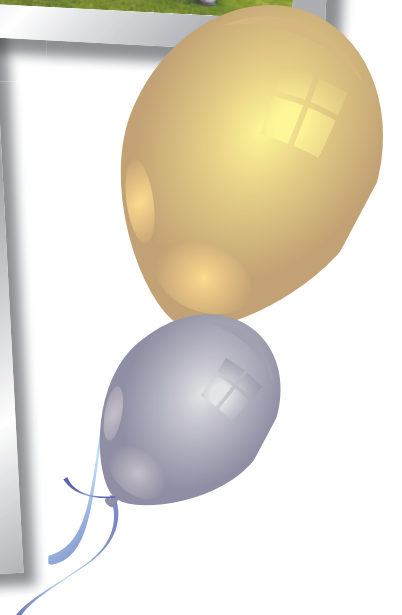
As we draw closer to 2026, I look forward to what's ahead entering the final year of King's Corporate Strategic Plan (2023-2026) and current term of Council. Through thoughtful collaboration, meaningful community engagement and innovative planning, we continue to shape our Township's future.

Thank you to our Council, staff and residents for your partnership and commitment to our community – together, we're making life better in King.

Wishing you all a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

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Mayor Steve Pellegrini



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MPP for King-Vaughan



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2026 – A Year of Hope, Unity and Opportunities for King

Stephen Lecce, MPP King–Vaughan
Minister of Energy and Mines

This past year, our country withstood unprecedented economic threats from south of the border, so as 2025 comes to an end, I wanted to share a quick update on what we've accomplished together, and where our community is headed next.

This year was a busy one, but take my word — we are only getting started. We officially opened the Zancor Centre — the largest provincial investment in King's history, giving families access to modern rinks, pools, fitness facilities, and community spaces. We also broke ground on the North Maple Regional Park Family Recreation Area, backed by a \$10 million investment from our government and set to open its first phase next fall — a state-of-the-art park less than 10 minutes south of King City.

Construction on the new York University School of Medicine begins in 2026 — Canada's first medical school focused on training family doctors, serving a catchment area that includes King. Over the past year, we pushed forward to advance the three long-term care new-builds across King and Vaughan, adding 672 new beds for seniors, with the Mary Lake project opening in 2026. We have also opened Vaughan's first Youth Wellness Hub that provides free mental health supports to children, located beside Canada's Wonderland. I was also proud to deliver another \$1.2 million in funding for expanded supports for children with autism.

Defending the symbols, values, and identity of Canada has ever been more important. This past November, our community got together to celebrate the restoration of the King Railway Station and King Christian Church being completed and opened — all thanks to a \$250,000 investment by our government. As a student of history, this is deeply personal. These are not just buildings, they are the embodiment of nearly 175 years of King's cultural heritage and Canada's history that can now operate as year-round cultural and tourism destinations, preserving these spaces for generations to come.

Also in November, I was happy to stand with Mayor Pellegrini as I announced more than \$1 million from the Ontario Government to deliver critical infrastructure funding to help strengthen King's roads and community-building services.

Our government believes your money belongs in your pocket, that is why we have never raised a single tax since getting elected in 2018. And in 2025, we have made the gas tax cut permanent, and advocated nationally for the removal of the carbon tax, which was finally delivered.

The PRESTO One Fare Program is now extended by an additional two years, saving you up to \$1,600 a year. The Maple, Rutherford and King City GO Stations are all being upgraded to enable two-way, all-day service — getting us where we need to go, every 15 minutes.

As Ontario's Minister of Energy and Mines, I delivered Ontario's first Integrated Energy Plan that will secure the power we need for the next 25 years — clean, reliable and affordable. We've also passed a landmark law that ensures that Ontario utilities, municipalities, and the provincial government buys more Canadian — intentionally procuring Canadian steel, lumber and technologies to build our province — giving advantage to Ontario workers and supply chain.

Our community sure knows how to mobilize: more than 13,000 residents joined me in calling for stronger bail laws and mandatory minimum sentences for violent crimes. We remain firm in our call to the federal government to pass the legislation that will end the revolving door of justice, and put families safety first.

2025 threw many challenges at us, however, amidst the chaos imposed by President Trump, we stood together, and will continue to stand united and strong in the year ahead.



March



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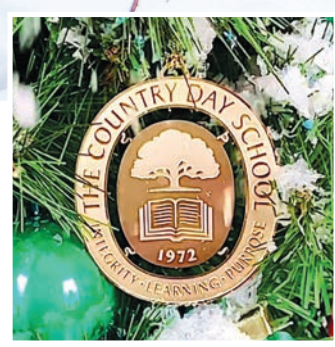
you and your family a peaceful holiday season and all the best for the New Year!

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York Regional Police named one of GTA's Top Employers for 2026

Chief Jim MacSween is proud to announce that York Regional Police, for the eleventh year in a row, has been named one of Greater Toronto's Top Employers for 2026, a designation that recognizes employers who lead their industries with outstanding employee benefits, forward-thinking workplace policies and supportive workplace cultures.

Employers are graded on eight criteria, which have remained consistent since the project's inception: Physical workplace; work atmosphere and social; health, financial and family benefits; vacation and time-off; employee communications; performance management; training and skills development; and community involvement.

"York Regional Police is deeply honoured to be continually named one of Greater Toronto's Top Employers," said Chief MacSween. "Much has changed in our organization over the last eleven years, but our commitment to the career development and well-being of our members remains a constant. We strive to ensure our members have everything they need to excel both professionally and personally from recruitment to retirement."

York Regional Police was recognized for exceptional employee benefits which set our service apart from other GTA employers. These include:

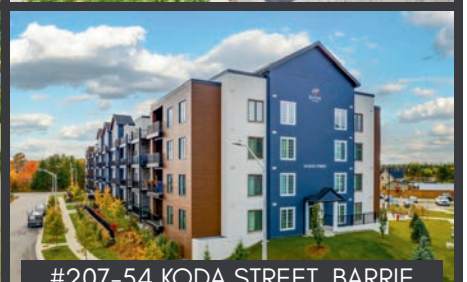
- \$12,000 a year for external mental health services, plus access to staff mental health clinicians
- Pregnancy and Parental Leave benefits, providing eligible members with a top-up to their EI benefits to 75% of their regular rate of pay for up to 51 weeks
- Up to seven weeks of vacation allowance
- Up to \$7,500 total reimbursement for job-related tuition.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Greater Toronto's Top Employers competition, part of the Canada's Top 100 Employers program. The initiative is an editorial project by Mediacorp Canada Inc., the nation's largest publisher of employment periodicals.

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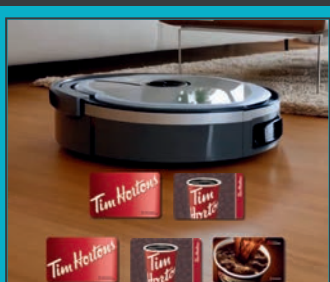
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April



Finding opportunity amid uncertainty

By Drew Spoelstra
President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

As Ontario farmers gathered for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's Annual General Meeting, it's a natural time to reflect on the year behind us — a year that has tested our resilience, unity, and determination like few others.

Every season brings its share of challenges for Ontario farmers, but the past 12 months have been extraordinary. A year ago, none of us could have imagined that one of the biggest threats to our industry, our livelihoods, and even our country would come from our closest trading partner and neighbour.

What we've experienced since then has truly been a year like no other.

Farmers are no strangers to uncertainty — weather, markets, and regulations are part of our daily reality — but recent events have reminded us how vulnerable we can be to forces beyond our control. The arrival of a new U.S. administration has brought turbulence and unpredictability that continue to put tariffs and trade squarely at the forefront of national discussions.

At the OFA, Ontario's largest general farm organization that represents about 88% of the province's farmers, we've taken these challenges head-on.

Working with our provincial and federal partners, we've embraced a Team Canada approach to ensure farmers' voices are heard where key decisions are made. That means meetings, media interviews, farm show conversations, committee participation, video updates, and grassroots advocacy — all part of the ongoing work our OFA team carries out every day.

Even in difficult times, adversity can spark collaboration and innovation. This year, we've seen how working together makes our voice stronger. A united letter endorsed by farm organizations across the country sent a clear message to government: agriculture is the backbone of Canada's economy, and farmers need stability to keep producing the food, fuel, flowers, and fibre our country relies on.

We also supported the Let's Grow Canada initiative at the federal level, a collective effort to strengthen our food system and ensure Canadian agriculture remains competitive in a volatile world. Real progress can take time, but many things are possible when we stand together with purpose and persistence.

Trade isn't the only file where OFA has been active. We've continued to advocate for more effective business risk management tools, because stability and predictability are critical when markets are volatile and costs keep rising.

We're pressed for improvements to interprovincial trade, to remove barriers that restrict growth opportunities here at home. And we've been vocal about the urgent need for more local processing capacity — investments that would create jobs, strengthen rural economies, and reduce dependence on fragile supply chains.

None of this work happens in isolation. It depends on strong partnerships with agricultural commodity organizations, industry leaders, and all levels of government. Most importantly, it depends on our local federations of agriculture and their dedicated volunteers who keep OFA grounded in the day-to-day realities of farms and rural life across Ontario.

What I'm most proud of this year is how Ontario's farm community has demonstrated resilience, creativity, and unity in the face of uncertainty. Farmers aren't just problem-identifiers — we're problem-solvers. We bring practical ideas and real-world solutions to the table, and we work tirelessly to keep agriculture thriving for generations to come.

Every season brings new challenges, but also new opportunities to innovate, to grow stronger, and to help shape the future of our sector. OFA will continue to be the voice of Ontario farmers and working for solutions that strengthen Ontario agriculture and our rural communities.

I want to thank our members for their trust, input, and support; the policy and decision makers and business leaders who take the time to meet with us; and the many, many Ontarians who support local food and farming every day in a multitude of ways.

Ontario agriculture appreciates your support.



Happy **New Year**

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Southlake is the only hospital in York Region to be recognized in 2026

Southlake Health is proud to be one of the top employers in the Greater Toronto Area for 2026, a designation that celebrates workplaces that lead the way in supporting employee wellness, development, and engagement.

Southlake is the only hospital in York Region to be recognized this year, and one of three community hospitals across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). This recognition highlights Southlake's commitment to creating a caring, inclusive, and people-first environment where staff, medical staff, volunteers, and learners thrive.

"We have always said that Southlake's greatest strength is our people, and this award is a powerful reflection of how we care for them, so they can for others," said Paul Woods, MD, President and CEO, Southlake Health. "Our pride for people is grounded in teamwork, compassion, and a shared commitment to serving our communities. A big congratulations to everyone who made this possible."

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the GTA's Top Employers competition, which evaluates organizations on their physical workspace, social atmosphere, benefits, vacation and time off, communications, performance management, training and development.

Southlake's recognition as a top employer reflects its ongoing investment in the well-being and growth of its people. The hospital offers a wide suite of programs that support staff and medical staff both inside and outside the workplace. These include increased mental health benefits, on-site wellness services, dog therapy sessions, free access to an on-site gym, and a comprehensive package of education and career supports. Together, these initiatives reflect Southlake's long-standing commitment to cultivating a workplace where people feel valued, connected, and empowered.

"We value every member of our Southlake community and focus on supporting their wellness," said Cristina Amaral, Vice President, People, and Chief Human Resources Officer. "We see our teams as whole human beings with lives and responsibilities beyond work, requiring an inclusive environment where everyone feels they belong. Our wellness programs, benefits, and supports are designed to help them care for themselves so they can continue to care for our patients. There is a deep sense of community and pride in lifting each other up."

This sense of community has been vital to the hospital's success. Southlake's Strategy for the Decade Ahead builds on this foundation, recognizing people as a key enablers that will drive progress and transform Southlake into a Distributed Health Network over the next 10 years. As part of this, Southlake has advanced several initiatives that support engagement. These include enhanced leadership development, improved communication tools, and expanded recognition activities.

For many at Southlake, the supportive environment is what inspires them to grow their careers and stay connected to the organization. Arthika Patmanathan, Manager, Patient Relations & Patient Experience, began as a co-op student and has built her career across multiple departments with the support of colleagues who mentored, coached, and encouraged her along the way.

"I'm grateful for being able to move across departments and for the leaders and colleagues who welcomed me, coached me, and helped me grow," said Patmanathan. "There is a special sense of community here. I absolutely love the people I work with. It is so much a part of me that I feel like I have grown up at Southlake."

With more than 6,000 staff, medical staff, volunteers, and learners, Southlake continues to expand programs, strengthen employee experiences, and invest in the people who provide leading edge care, close to home.

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York Regional Police to introduce Body-Worn Cameras in 2026

York Regional Police frontline officers will soon be equipped with body-worn cameras.

The police service is proud to announce the roll out of body-worn cameras in spring of 2026, designed to deliver transparency and accountability, while enhancing the safety of both citizens and police officers.

The service was granted approval to begin the implementation of body-worn cameras by the York Regional Police Service Board at its last meeting in November.

York Regional Police is proud to be leveraging modern technology to increase transparency and help foster trust between our community, our organization and our partner police agencies. The cameras also assist by supporting fair and impartial policing.

The implementation follows many partner police services who have implemented body-worn camera technology, including Toronto Police Service, Peel Regional Police, Durham Regional Police, Waterloo Regional Police and more across Canada.

The use of body-worn cameras has proven to deliver increased accuracy and quality of evidence and support effective and efficient investigations and prosecutions.

The cameras help to enhance accountability for YRP members and contribute to the effectiveness of the police service and member wellness by supporting enhanced training and debriefings. Content captured on the cameras also supports policy and procedure compliance, performance management and supervision.

Body-worn cameras assist in delivering fair and timely responses to allegations of police misconduct and the resolution of complaints and enhance both public and member safety.

Members of the public can expect to see York Regional Police officers begin to wear cameras in spring 2026. Further public consultations regarding the rollout of body-worn cameras will be held in the new year.

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2025: A Year to Be Proud Of

By Michelle Frauley, President,
King Chamber of Commerce

As 2025 comes to a close, I've spent some time reflecting on what this year has meant for the King Chamber of Commerce — and honestly, it's been a year I'm incredibly proud of.

One of the highlights was being recognized nationally as the second fastest-growing Chamber of Commerce in Canada. That recognition belongs to our members. It reflects the energy, commitment, and willingness of businesses in King to stay connected, support one another, and invest locally. Growth like that doesn't happen on its own — it happens because people believe in their business community.

Another meaningful moment this year was the King Proud and Morning Youth Grant. Watching young people in our community step forward with confidence, ideas, and initiative was inspiring. This program is about more than funding — it's about encouragement and letting our youth know their ideas matter and that their community is behind them.

Our Business Excellence Awards were also a standout moment of the year, particularly with the introduction of a new and more robust awards process. This year, applications were reviewed by a judging panel that included representation from King Township Economic Development as well as three local business owners. The panel reviewed submissions, identified the top three finalists in each category, and then visited each finalist business in person before selecting the award recipients. Taking the time to hear those stories firsthand — and then celebrating them together — made the process and the evening even more meaningful. Seeing familiar faces alongside new ones in the room was a powerful reminder of just how vibrant our business community is.

Throughout the year, the Chamber was also pleased to take part in many exciting ribbon cuttings, welcoming new businesses and celebrating growing ones across King Township.

Beyond awards and recognition, 2025 was a year of real progress. The Chamber was busier, more visible, and more connected to the needs of our local business community than ever before. We worked very closely with King Township Economic Development, meeting regularly to explore how the Township and the Chamber can collaborate more effectively to support businesses across King Township.

Our King After 5 networking events continued to be a cornerstone of Chamber engagement this year. These events consistently bring value by creating relaxed, meaningful opportunities for local businesses to connect and build relationships. The interest has been so strong that we are already booked well into 2026, with businesses eager to host and participate — a clear sign of how important and effective these events have become.

This year, we were also proud to hire a summer student through the Provincial Summer Jobs Program, which provided valuable support during a busy year of events and initiatives, including the King Proud and Morning Youth Grant.

Community involvement continued to be a priority. The Chamber was pleased to support Main Street Christmas, contributing to the celebration and participating in the parade once again — this year with our first Chamber float and an Aloha Christmas theme. It was a lot of fun to see Board members and Chamber businesses come together to participate and celebrate alongside the community. We also awarded our annual King City Secondary School Graduation Award to one student, recognizing their achievement as they take their next step forward.

I'd also like to acknowledge our Member Services Manager, Mercedes Lato, whose behind-the-scenes work helps keep the Chamber running smoothly and supports our members every day.

Most importantly, I want to recognize our Board of Directors and Executive Committee, who serve entirely as volunteers. Their time, leadership, and commitment are invaluable, and the Chamber simply would not be what it is without their dedication.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on strong governance and member engagement. At our upcoming Annual General Meeting on March 24, the Chamber will have six Director positions opening up. Anyone interested in contributing their time and experience is encouraged to reach out to info@kingchamber.ca.

As the year comes to a close, I want to wish our members and the community a very happy holiday season and a healthy, successful New Year.

Thank you for being part of this past year — and for helping make the King business community what it is.



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A Year of Community, Care, and Commitment at the King Township Food Bank

As we come to the end of another year, the King Township Food Bank would like to extend our sincere thanks to the many individuals, families, volunteers, businesses, schools, faith communities, service clubs — including King Township's three Lions Clubs — and local farmers who continue to support our work. Through financial donations, food contributions, fundraising efforts, and volunteer time, your generosity helps ensure neighbours in our community have access to food when they need it.

King Township has always been a place where people look out for one another, and that spirit continues to show itself in countless ways. Throughout 2025, we saw it through food drives organized by schools and churches, steady support from local grocery partners, the involvement of service clubs, and the dedication of volunteers who show up month after month. The Food Bank exists because this community chooses to support it, and we are deeply grateful for that trust.

At the same time, the way food banks operate continues to evolve. Today, we are handling a broader mix of donated food, including fresh produce, dairy, and frozen items, alongside shelf-stable staples. Doing this safely and responsibly requires appropriate storage, refrigeration, and coordination. It also means creating workflows that allow volunteers to do their work safely, efficiently, and with care.

Over the past several years, the Board of Directors spent considerable time looking at how best to adapt to these realities. This included exploring many different options and carefully weighing accessibility, food safety, volunteer needs, and long-term sustainability. These conversations were deliberate and thoughtful, guided by a simple question: how do we continue to serve our neighbours well, now and into the future?

As a result of that process, in 2025 the Food Bank began operating from a centralized location in Schomberg. This move was not made lightly. A centralized space allows us to store food properly, reduce waste, coordinate volunteers more effectively, and provide more consistent service across the township. It also enables us to accept and distribute more fresh and perishable food, which plays an important role in supporting the health of the households we serve.

We understand that changes like this naturally raise questions. Donations to the King Township Food Bank continue to be used first and foremost to help feed local residents. At the same time, responsible food banking requires more than food alone. Safe storage, refrigeration, and suitable distribution space are essential to ensure donated food can be handled properly and shared with dignity. These are not optional extras, but basic infrastructure that helps every donated dollar and donation go further.

Throughout 2025, the Board has remained focused on careful financial stewardship. Decisions are guided by regular financial review, thoughtful budgeting, and a commitment to using community support as effectively and responsibly as possible, always with the goal of helping people access the food they need.

Volunteers remain at the heart of everything we do. Many have served for years, bringing experience, care, and compassion to their roles. As operations evolve, volunteer roles evolve as well, with an emphasis on safety, clarity, and meaningful involvement. Feedback from volunteers continues to shape how we work.

As we close out the year, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the King Township Food Bank in 2025. Whether you donated food, contributed financially, volunteered your time, organized a drive, or helped spread the word, you are part of a collective effort that ensures neighbours in King Township are not facing food insecurity alone.

For those who wish to make a year-end financial donation, details can be found on our website at www.ktfb.ca. Every contribution helps us continue this work into the year ahead.

Together, we are committed to providing food assistance in a way that is thoughtful, responsible, and responsive to need.

— Geoff Simpson, President
King Township Food Bank



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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Lakes
 - 6. Electromotive force
 - 9. Invests in little enterprises
 - 13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
 - 14. Small sailboat
 - 15. Actor Idris
 - 16. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
 - 17. System that detects objects under water
 - 18. Harsh, grating noise
 - 19. Steward
 - 21. A fencing sword
 - 22. Infections
 - 23. Actress Ryan
 - 24. Sodium
 - 25. Swedish castle
 - 28. A lump of slime
 - 29. African antelope
 - 31. Insurance providers
 - 33. Choosy
 - 36. Ringworm
 - 38. Unpolished
 - 39. Drenches
 - 41. Pant style
 - 44. Son of Noah
 - 45. Spiritual being
 - 46. Upton Sinclair novel
 - 48. Journalist Tarbell
 - 49. Popular sports highlight show
 - 51. Born of
 - 52. Rich tapestry
 - 54. S. China seaport
 - 56. State of being unclothed
 - 60. Surrounded by
 - 61. Residue
 - 62. Away from wind
 - 63. Dried-up
 - 64. Visionary
 - 65. A very large body of water
 - 66. Garden tools
 - 67. Screen type
 - 68. Ancient Scandinavian poet
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Millisecond
 - 2. Spanish city
 - 3. A sudden very loud sound
 - 4. "The Indiana Jones of beer"
 - 5. Tin
 - 6. Sea eagles
 - 7. Volcanic crater
 - 8. Type of coat
 - 9. Women's apartments in Ottoman palace
 - 10. Divulge a secret
 - 11. Norwegian playwright
 - 12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director
 - 14. Poisonous perennial plant
 - 17. 18-year astronomical period
 - 20. Clothes
 - 21. Places to sit
 - 23. Family of regulator genes
 - 25. New York ballplayer
 - 26. Impressive in size or scope
 - 27. Jacques ___, French biologist
 - 29. One from the Big Apple
 - 30. Genus of woolly lemurs
 - 32. Songs to one's beloved
 - 34. Indigenous person of N.E. Thailand
 - 35. Supplemented with difficulty
 - 37. Farewell
 - 40. Investment account (abbr.)
 - 42. One from Utah
 - 43. Begets
 - 47. A male child
 - 49. Break apart
 - 50. Brief appearance
 - 52. Partner to "oohed"
 - 53. A light informal meal
 - 55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
 - 56. One billionth of a second
 - 57. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
 - 58. Close tightly
 - 59. Mail out
 - 61. Language
 - 65. Computer characteristic

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