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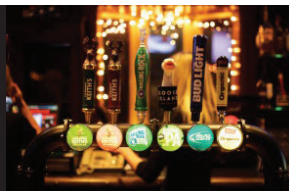
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Council opts to include internet voting for 2026 election

By **Mark Pavilons**
Editor
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

King residents will have the option of voting via the internet, in this year's municipal election.

Council opted to pursue staff recommendations that combine the use of Internet Voting, in addition to the alternative voting methods approved at its meeting of March being use of paper ballots with optical scan tabulators, and alternative voting methods for accessibility purposes, including a vote at home program for municipal and school board elections held in the Township of King.

Staff noted that a survey of in-person voters in 2022 were split on internet voting (51% yes, 49% no), while a 2025 survey showed strong support for future internet voting, with 81% of respondents favoring the option for the 2026 elections.

Studies suggest internet voting can modestly increase

turnout (around 3.5% initially) by reducing the "cost" of voting compared to in-person methods, though overall turnout trends remain downward and depend on multiple factors.

King partnered with Vaughan and neighboring municipalities in a joint Request for Proposal (RFP) for internet voting services, resulting in Vaughan awarding Neuvote Systems Inc. The process offers cost savings and technical expertise, but King is not obligated to proceed.

Back in March 17, Council considered a staff report on the matter and subsequently approved the use of paper ballots with optical scan tabulators, and alternative voting methods for accessibility purposes including a vote at home program for municipal and school board elections.

Council also approved internet voting in concept and directed staff to report back to Council in 2025 with an approximate cost for internet voting in the 2026 election.

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Monday, January 26
6 p.m. – Council
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Time to say goodbye to your Christmas tree?

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Enjoy community conversations and feast on pancakes with maple syrup, bacon and sausages alongside other delightful breakfast goodies all prepared by the Nobleton Lions Club.

For details, visit king.ca/events



Winter recreation programs & swim lessons

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Changes to recycling and large item collection now in effect

The New Year brings the following changes to recycling and large item collection processes in King Township:

- Circular Materials now manages recycling collection, with collection moving to a bi-weekly schedule. All materials must be placed inside the newly issued recycling carts, with the lid fully closed to be ready for collection pick up. Material placed outside the recycling cart or in a blue box will not be collected. Old blue boxes can be dropped off for recycling at the King Township Municipal Centre, Trisan Centre, Nobleton Community Centre or Zancor Centre, until February 27.
- Large item collection now follows a scheduled, call-in process, similar to the system already in place for appliances and large metal items.

Print copies of the **2026 Waste Collection Schedule** have been delivered to residents and are available for pick-up at the King Township Municipal Centre, libraries and recreational facilities.

For more information, visit circularmaterials.ca/king.




Scan here to learn more



King's 2026 Winter Recreation Guide is now available

No matter what you're into: the Township has planned a fun lineup of recreation programs (including swim lessons!) for the coolest season of the year.

Try robotics, take a dance class, play sports or explore the wintry outdoors snowshoeing or cross-country skiing! The full listing of programs can be viewed in the new, interactive 2026 Winter Recreation Guide, available online at king.ca/recreation.

The Township's online recreation registration system is conveniently available 24/7 and allows you to search for programs by day of the week, age, location and area of interest. Registration can also be completed in-person at the Trisan Centre, Zancor Centre or the King Township Municipal Centre.

Winter programming begins the week of January 12 at recreation facilities across the Township.

Winter recreation program highlights include:

All Ages and Family: snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Preschool: playball and dance.

Children and Youth: badminton, volleyball, plus inclusive programs such as cooking.

P.A. Day and March Break Camps: Full-day camps for children will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the January 16 and 30 P.A. Days, and during March Break, which runs from March 16-20.

Adult: dance fitness, water colour painting, line dancing, pickleball.

For more information about winter recreation programs, visit king.ca/recreation.

Seniors Programming

Seniors can purchase a "King Connections 55+ Membership," which pro-

vides access to programs developed by a dedicated group of volunteers from King City, Nobleton and Schomberg.

Activities include but are not limited to card games, mahjong, carpet bowling, table tennis, gentle movement programs, social events, workshops, and presentations delivered by local businesses and community groups. The annual fee for residents is \$20 and \$25 for non-residents.

New in 2026: the RecPass membership – which features unlimited access to recreational swimming, aquafitness, skating, sports, and fitness classes – will also include the King Connections 55+ programs and workshops. The monthly fee for seniors is \$30.85. For more information about senior programming and memberships, visit king.ca/seniors.

Swim lessons and aquatic leadership programs are on tap at the Zancor Centre.

The winter schedule for swim lessons and aquatic leadership courses at Zancor Centre is now online at townshipofking.perfectmind.com. The facility's Aqua Tech Solutions Aquatic Centre will offer learn-to-swim lessons for all ages, based on the Ontario Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life program, which features programming for parent and tots, preschoolers, children, teens and adults, as well as private lessons for children ages three to 12. Aquatic leadership programs to train youth for employment as a swim instructor or lifeguard are also available.

Winter swim lessons and aquatic leadership courses start the week of January 12.

Looking to register your child for winter swim lessons but unsure what level would be the best fit? Sign them up for a 15-minute swim assessment (\$4) where a swim instructor will guide

your child through a series of in-water skills and provide you with a recommendation on the most appropriate swim level to register your child.

For more information about winter

aquatic programs, visit king.ca/aquatics.

If you require assistance creating an account, call ServiceKING at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca.

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Immerse yourself in the cozy wintry atmosphere, enjoy community conversations and feast on pancakes with maple syrup, bacon and sausages alongside other delightful breakfast goodies all prepared by the Nobleton Lions Club.

This free, family-friendly event is more than just breakfast – it's a chance to connect with loved ones, Council and the community to kick-off a new year in King.

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“A newspaper is not just ink and paper; it is the heartbeat of a community.”

Searching far and wide for our ‘Place’

I’m exhausted. But not too tired to run up that hill one more time, hand in hand with my “Jill.”

But we’d leave our pails – and all that they contain – behind for others to fill.

I imagine, once we reach the summit, it opens up to a picture-perfect meadow, with a Disney-esque log cabin, sans dwarves.

There, my wife and I would find a nice grassy knoll and sit a while. We would talk and share memories about all the roads we took to get there.

But we wouldn’t look back down the hill. Why bother?

We’re here now, closer to the sun. It’s a place where the flowers never wither and the seasons never change. It’s always sunny, with a gentle breeze that reminds us how beautiful things can be.

The winds carry the scents of all the things – amazing meals, suntan lotion and camp fires – that we’ve enjoyed together. It’s like a catalogue of joy swirling all around us.

The rainbows that exist here, in this place, are humble. They shine, regardless of who’s watching and why.

But this isn’t real. It’s a picture painted in my mind when idle thoughts reign. But if I can conjure up such a magical place, does it not exist in some way, shape or form?

Aw, there’s the key.

The word that comes to mind is “peace.”

Peace of mind, a calmness of spirit. Is such a feeling attainable?

Some say anger is the enemy of peace of mind. Every minute we spend in turmoil is 60 seconds we give up being peaceful.

Perhaps tranquility is the new happiness. Do we not seek a quiet, harmoni-



Mark Pavilons

ous, even mellow, mental and emotional state?

I’m not talking about sunken in the sofa eating Cheetos kind of quietness. I’m talking about true, undisturbed, focused, unruffled composure.

From that, anything is possible. It’s a jumping off point to joy.

How do we go from agitated and turbulent to restful and still? How does one move from broken and shaken to an almost euphoric easiness?

I suppose our species has been asking itself those very questions for hundreds of years. It seems so simple and straightforward, this search for serenity. But why is our hunt for this stillness so difficult and why is the “hush” so elusive?

Sure, the world is a very noisy and clamorous place, thanks to the people and things in it. But it wasn’t designed

that way.

Was it not once “Eden,” where gardening and being one with the animals were our only chores? We just had to eat the fruit, and learn the difference between good and evil, didn’t we?

We are no longer naive enough to believe in utopia or Shangri-La. But does that mean we’ve been robbed of bliss and no longer anticipate Cloud Nine or the Promised Land?

Paradise is described as not only a place, but the “absence of evil.” Oh, if only such a locale existed here on earth.

George Harrison once said that only when you’ve seen beyond yourself can you find peace of mind.

Diving much deeper, Abdullah Ibrahim shared these thoughts: “When time and space and change converge, we find Place. We arrive in Place when we resolve things. Place is peace of mind and understanding. Place is knowledge of self. Place is resolution.”

Let that sink in for a moment.

Is my “Place” the one I described at the outset of my column? Or perhaps something similar?

That quiet hilltop retreat could be a reflection of what my heart contains. That meadow could very well be a cottage, a hotel balcony, or even a lounge chair by the pool. It can be the smell of our kitchen, getting ready for a family meal.

It can be the combined laughter from the clan as we share a joke or fond memory.

It can be cheese and crackers or wings, chips, fresh-baked cookies or pie straight from the oven.

These things will take you aloft, like Peter Pan, and carry you away to your

safe, childhood place.

Call it what you will – our “Place” may include feelings of calmness, serenity, tranquility, and contentment, in contrast to feelings like exuberance, ecstasy, or euphoria. We all search for inner peace.

A study (Demirci & Eksi, 2018) revealed the top qualities or conditions that foster inner peace. Tops were virtues, trust, acceptance, spirituality, optimism and yes, financial stability.

The holidays didn’t leave us with much in the way of breathing space to stop and rest, and take in the sights and sounds of the festive season.

Ideally, we all had a chance to gather with friends and family and break bread, share thoughts and spread hope for some good things to come in 2026.

Perhaps, if we take out our Google Maps, we can find an existing or new Place to call our own.

Or maybe it’s much simpler than that. Perhaps it just means looking around the room at those gathered and feeling the warmth. Extending a hand in welcome or thanks; sharing a meal; just rekindling.

Our spirits definitely need a top-up, not just at special times of the year, but all year long. Like consistent oil changes on our cars, we need regular maintenance.

I hope you all receive it!

“Whatever we are waiting for – peace of mind, contentment, grace, the inner awareness of simple abundance – it will surely come to us, but only when we are ready to receive it with an open and grateful heart.”

– Sarah Ban Breathnach

Letter to the Editor

King’s transportation plans should stay within its borders, Vaughan councillor says

It is with immense dismay that I read your Dec. 17, 2025 article “King sets transportation policies in long-term planning and budgeting.”

Solutions to one’s own future municipal transportation routes should be within the municipality, not in your neighbour’s.

The north side of King Vaughan Rd., up to 100 metres, is within Vaughan’s boundary.

The audacity of suggesting that King-Vaughan Townline, (which in Vaughan and Google Maps is referred to as King Vaughan Road) should be the future truck bypass, is rife with NIMBYism.

All the reasons given about well water, wildlife preservation applies to this section of road and its farms and residents.

Not to mention how this suggested truck bypass is fundamentally unfair to the King residents who live in the Collard subdivision.

Although King Vaughan Rd., from Hwy. 400 to Bathurst, is owned by the Region, there would need to be buy-in from Vaughan, which is ridiculous at best because we don’t need more traffic coming through our city.

I would suggest that King Township consider holding back payment to their consultants for the Transportation Master Plan particularly given that they suggested making improvements to a regional road not within King’s jurisdiction, they did not consult with Vaughan staff, the mayor or myself, the local councillor who represents the entire length of King Vaughan Rd.

How would you feel if Vaughan suggested using King roads to divert traffic? The credibility of this TMP is at stake.

Marilyn Iafrate
Councillor, Ward 1
Maple/Kleinburg



Quote of the Week

“Be happy in the moment, that’s enough. Each moment is all we need, not more.”

– Mother Teresa

Trivia Tidbits

William Lyon Mackenzie became the first mayor of Toronto in 1834. He also led the unsuccessful Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837-1838.

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Results from last week’s poll:
Did you relax or feel stressed over the holidays?

a) Relaxed **100%**

b) Stressed **0%**

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

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Do you think the U.S. is overstepping its authority in Venezuela?

a) Yes
b) No

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Unstoppable renewable energy revolution powers on

By David Suzuki

The Environment

There's good news and bad news on the climate front. Unfortunately, the bad news is horrific, as accelerating extreme weather-related events and other unfolding climate catastrophes show. But there are signs of hope. We just have to stop dragging our feet.

"We are already facing danger," a scientists' statement from the November COP30 climate summit in Belém, Brazil, warned, adding, "COP30 has a choice — to protect people and life or the fossil fuel industry."

Too many governments, including Canada's, appear to be leaning toward the latter.

"We need to start, now, to reduce CO2 emissions from fossil-fuels, by at least 5% per year," the scientists wrote. "This must happen in order to have a chance to avoid unmanageable and extremely costly climate impacts affecting all people in the world."

Studies show that "Rising heat is killing roughly one person per minute, and air pollution from the burning of fossil fuels claims an estimated 2.5 million lives every year," DW news reports. It was also "costing as much as \$304 billion in global economic losses last year."

We've already passed one climate "tipping point," with warming oceans causing irreversible mass coral reef die-offs, and we're nearing others, including Amazon rainforest devastation and collapse of crucial ocean currents.

Coral reefs support one-quarter of all marine life, and the Amazon rainforest has more animal and plant species than any other terrestrial ecosystem. It also regulates global climate and weather and holds one-quarter of the planet's available freshwater. Ocean currents also regulate global climate and weather.

Even though emissions continue to rise as the world refuses to halt fossil fuel development and forest and wetland destruction, investments in and growth of renewable energy technology are exceeding expectations, now outpacing fossil fuel investments.

DW reports that, "In 2024, the world experienced its largest-ever increase in renewable energy generation, which now provides 40% of global electricity. In the first half of this year solar and wind exceeded all demand growth for electricity, surpassing coal for the first time." Solar capacity is doubling every three years. Wind power has tripled since 2015. The International Energy Agency reports that global renewable energy investments exceeded US\$2 trillion last year, double the amounts committed to coal, oil and gas.

To increase energy security in the face of a growing global energy crisis and reduce their reliance on increasingly expensive, inefficient fossil fuels,

countries that import oil, gas and coal are rapidly advancing electrification and renewables.

Analysis from COP30 also shows that "Sticking to three key climate promises — on renewables, energy efficiency and methane — would avoid nearly 1 C of global heating and give the world hope of avoiding climate breakdown," the Guardian reports.

But the world continues to burn dirty, polluting coal, gas and oil at deadly rates and has increased subsidies to the fossil fuel industry — the most profitable enterprise in history!

Canada has failed to live up to its promise to phase out fossil fuel subsidies. The federal and provincial governments are supporting expanded development of methane gas exploitation and liquefaction, and are proposing pipelines to ship more dirty bitumen from the Alberta oilsands to British Columbia ports for export, where it will be burned in other countries and not counted in our emissions reporting.

Canada's expansion of liquefied "natural" gas production is not only economically suspect, it also makes methane-reduction pledges more difficult to meet, as LNG is almost entirely methane, and leaks and emissions occur at every step of the process, from fracked extraction and transport to liquefaction and burning.

Although 160 countries, including Canada, have signed a Global Methane Pledge, promising to cut methane emissions by 30 per cent from 2020 levels by 2030, emissions continue to rise and countries, including Canada, continue to under-report them.

By every measure, shifting from fossil fuels to electrification, renewables and energy efficiency and conservation is far more beneficial to most people than following the same fossil-fuelled road. The only ones who benefit from continuing to exploit polluting, climate-altering fossil fuels are greedy industry profiteers and short-sighted politicians who would trade human health, economic resilience and survivability for a handful of short-term jobs and limited economic boosts.

Regardless of what roadblocks fossil-fuelled governments throw in the way, the renewable energy revolution is unstoppable.

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Ontario launching new Student and Family Support offices at every school board

The Ontario government is requiring school boards to establish Student and Family Support Offices, so parents and guardians have a clear, effective way to get help regarding their child's education and find solutions faster.

The offices will act as an additional way to help families get answers on broader community concerns, as well as contentious or complex issues that need to be escalated after speaking with the school. This initiative is one more way the government is delivering on its broader plan to make school boards more accountable and focused on student success with a back-to-basics approach that strengthens student achievement and prepares them for rewarding careers.

"Better access for parents means better outcomes for students," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Education. "Student and Family Support Offices will give families clear answers and timely solutions when it comes to their child's education. We're going to continue overhauling an outdated school board governance model so that more resources go into classrooms, teachers have better support and students have the

best chance to succeed."

Student and Family Support Offices will open in January 2026 at each of the five supervised school boards: Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, Thames Valley District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board and Toronto District School Board. Further details will be available on each of these school boards' websites by January 19, 2026.

All other school boards will be expected to submit a report by March 31, 2026, outlining how they will establish an office by Sept. 1, 2026. Each office will be led by a supervisory officer.

Student and Family Support Offices will review concerns raised by families to help resolve matters that need to be escalated following initial engagement with a child's teacher and principal. As part of their mandate, offices will streamline the feedback process to acknowledge inquiries within two business days and aim to provide a response within five business days. This will make the education system more responsive and accessible for families by ensuring

existing resources can be directed to help students, parents and families navigate the education system and make sure their concerns are addressed.

These actions reflect the government's continued focus on upholding public trust in Ontario's publicly funded education system and are part of the government's plan to build a strong, accountable and well-supported public education system with a back-to-basics approach that is focused on improving student outcomes.

The government has introduced Bill 33: Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, that, if passed, would strengthen oversight of school board finances, governance and program performance and grant the Minister of Education the authority to act swiftly in matters of public interest.

When school boards fail to meet their responsibilities, the government has not hesitated to act. Supervisors have been appointed to five school boards to address concerns regarding growing deficits, depleting reserves and ongoing cases of mismanagement.


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Ice is habitat: Why frozen water matters for Ontario's wildlife and the Moraine

By Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation

When winter settles over Ontario, many people see ice as a barrier, something to slip on, shovel, or wait out. But to wildlife, ice is far more than frozen water. It is habitat. It is structure. It is protection and survival. Across the Oak Ridges Moraine and the wider province, ice plays an essential ecological role that often goes unnoticed.

The Oak Ridges Moraine, one of the most significant ecological landforms in southern Ontario, also known as the rain barrel of southern Ontario, is home to a complex network of wetlands, kettle lakes, cold water streams, and headwaters. In winter, ice becomes an integral component of these systems. For many species, the seasonal freeze creates the conditions they rely on for overwintering, feeding, and reproduction.

Beneath the ice of the Moraine's ponds and wetlands, life slows but does not stop. Amphibians such as green frogs and newts settle into the mud below icy surfaces, protected from predators

and insulated from harsh temperatures. The layer of ice above acts like a natural roof, helping regulate water temperature so it stays stable enough for these species to survive until spring. Without reliable winter ice cover, sudden temperature fluctuations could be deadly.

For fish in the Moraine's cold water streams, some of which feed major rivers like the Humber, Rouge, and Holland Rivers, ice provides critical stability. Species such as brook trout depend on cold, oxygen-rich water. Winter ice helps maintain these conditions by reducing evaporation, slowing turbulent flow, and shielding streams from freeze-thaw cycles that can erode banks or disrupt spawning habitat.

Many species depend on frozen surfaces of ice. River otters and mink use ice as a platform for hunting and travel. Eastern coyotes, and Red foxes take advantage of frozen wetlands to access hunting grounds that would be inaccessible at other times of year. For wide-ranging species, ice temporarily expands their usable habitat, linking fragmented landscapes.



Climate change threatens these relationships. Shorter, warmer winters mean less consistent ice cover across Ontario. Extreme snowstorms lead to uneven snow accumulation, too deep in some areas, and not deep enough to provide the much need insulation in others. The Moraine's wetlands freeze later and thaw earlier, disrupting the seasonal rhythms that species have followed for centuries. Unstable ice can increase winterkill risk for amphibians and fish. Changing freeze-thaw cycles also weaken the Moraine's natural water filtration systems, affecting groundwater recharge and water quality for millions of Ontarians.


Understanding ice as habitat helps highlight why protecting the Oak Ridges Moraine matters year-round – not just during the growing season. Winter landscapes are living landscapes. Conserving wetlands, streams, and forests ensures the Moraine remains resilient in every season, providing the icy refuge that wildlife needs to survive – and continue thriving – into the future.

The Oak Ridges Moraine is more than a scenic ridge – it is a lifeline. For 25 years, the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust (a registered charity) has worked to safeguard ecologically significant lands, protecting wildlife, clean water, and healthy forests for the future. Learn more and join the celebration at www.oakridgesmoraine.org.



Christmas in King supports residents

Santa's elves from Christmas in King, along with helpers from The Well and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, distributed food hampers, wreaths, turkeys (or grocery cards), and gifts to more than 190 families throughout King Township, just in time for the holiday season. A huge thank you to our generous community for helping make this happen.



King

7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, January 8 to Wednesday, January 14

THURS 8TH	FRI 9TH	SAT 10TH	SUN 11TH	MON 12TH	TUES 13TH	WED 14TH
Sun/Clouds High 2C° Low 3C°	Sun/Clouds High 7C° Low -1C°	Mixed Precip. High 2C° Low -4C° 1-3mm	Scattered Flurries High -3C° Low -5C° <1cm	Clouds/Sun High -1C° Low -1C°	Mainly Cloudy High 2C° Low -2C°	Mainly Cloudy High -1C° Low -6C°
Wind S 17k	Wind NW 17k	Wind SE 13k	Wind NW 30k	Wind SW 16k	Wind W 17k	Wind N 13k



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Highway 413 link on the move

Ontario is extending Highway 410 to connect with the future Highway 413 corridor. The highway will contribute over \$1 billion to Ontario's GDP during construction and support over 6,000 jobs per year. Learn more: <https://news.ontario.ca/en-release/1006834/ontario-advancing-work-on-highway-413>



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Jack Skate Day fills the ice, the bins and hearts!

The ice surface at the Trisan Centre became a community hub, bringing residents together to pay tribute to a young man, and in turn, support the community.

December 30 the family of Jack Shepherd hosted Jack Family and Friends Skate Day at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg, an act of kindness to celebrate Jack, to keep Jack with us all in all we do, welcoming all to come together, connect and share memories and the ice.

Jack was on the King Rebellion Team sporting #16 and the ice was Jack's favourite place to be!

The skate is an act of kindness to honour Jack's legacy of giving, his spirit of generosity and in support of the King Township Food Bank Jack Shepherd Memorial Fund!

Organizers extended a huge thank to our amazing community for all the love and support in memory of our dear Jack for all the continuing love and support and for contributing to the King Township Food Bank to help others struggling and help make a difference in the world for Jack.

"Together we filled the rink, the bins and our hearts," said Kathy Cartan.

They raised over \$1,000 in donations and gathered bins of food to help others having a tough time. If you were unable to come out and would like to donate to the Food Bank in celebration of Jack you can donate online at www.KTFB/jack-shepherd-memorial-fund

"I truly believe that if we all do something, acts of kindness towards others, we will change the world!

"(The event was) a time to come together to thank this amazing community we live in that has been there for us through it all and continue to do so and the idea of acts of kindness.

"Jack, in his young life, made a difference through kindness, watching out for the underdog, and raising awareness and funds for many charities, colon cancer in memory of his sweet mom, The King Township Food Bank, Sick Kids and Kids VS Cancer.

"Acts of Kindness bring us near. An act of kindness big or small, they make the world better for all," Cartan noted.



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Ontario, New York sign nuclear energy agreement

Ontario Premier Doug Ford and New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed an agreement to work together to advance the development of affordable, reliable and clean nuclear power.

As part of this agreement, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will leverage Ontario's global nuclear leadership to advance the development and deployment of nuclear technologies, including large-scale reactors and small modular reactors (SMRs), to meet the growing electricity demand and protect long-term energy security.

"The world is turning to Ontario as we lead the largest nuclear expansion on the continent —including the G7's first small modular reactor — on time and on budget," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines and MPP for King—Vaughan. "From Poland to Estonia, Bulgaria and the U.S., Ontario is exporting our technology, expertise and ingenuity with a focus on creating jobs in Ontario by putting our supply chain to work. This agreement paves the way for the deployment of our small modular reactors and large-scale nuclear builds into New York, creating new jobs, clean power and energy security for Canadians."

"From building the first small modular reactors in the G7 to building the

first large-scale nuclear facilities in decades, Ontario is proud to lead the world in nuclear innovation," said Premier Ford. "By working together with New York, we're creating good-paying jobs, growing our economies and delivering clean, affordable power for families and businesses on both sides of the border for generations to come."

As a global nuclear leader, Ontario is home to the first grid-scale SMR under construction in the G7, as well as three nuclear generating stations, with a track record of delivering multiple large-scale refurbishments on time and on budget. Building on this expertise, Ontario will work closely with New York State to share its expertise in selecting nuclear sites and technologies, project development, management and operations and supply chain development for new nuclear builds.

"New York and Ontario have a proud tradition of trade, cooperation and a bond that cannot be broken," said Governor Hochul. "This first-of-its-kind agreement represents a bold step forward in our relationship and New York's pursuit of a clean energy future. By partnering with Ontario Power Generation and its extensive nuclear experience, New York is positioning itself at the forefront of advanced nuclear technology deployment, ensuring we have safe, reliable, affordable and carbon-free energy that will help power

the jobs of tomorrow."

Under the agreement, Ontario and New York State will work to:

Share expertise in the development and deployment of advanced nuclear technology.

Educate the public about the economic and environmental benefits of advanced nuclear technology.

Explore opportunities to expand the trade of electricity between Ontario and New York.

Collaborate on initiatives to strengthen the nuclear workforce and identify opportunities for joint OPG-NYPA projects that create jobs in both jurisdictions.

Ontario and New York State already benefit from a strong cross-border energy relationship, which provides mutual benefits for ratepayers and enhances the reliability of both jurisdictions' energy grids. New York State has com-

mitted to developing at least 1,000 megawatts (MW) of new nuclear generation in upstate New York to meet rising electricity demand from industrial growth, building electrification and electric vehicles while replacing aging fossil-fuelled assets with emissions-free power.

This expansion of nuclear cooperation will bring additional opportunities for local economies, strengthen North American supply chains and drive energy innovation on both sides of the border with two-way trade between Ontario and New York State valued at \$39 billion.

Ontario's electricity system is part of a larger, interconnected North American grid — facilitating two-way electricity trade with neighbouring provinces and U.S. states Michigan, New York and Minnesota representing about nine per cent of Ontario's total annual generation in those years.

Residents polled on voting preferences

From Front Page

Following the March 17 report, Clerks staff surveyed the public on internet voting and participated in a joint Request for Proposal (RFP) for internet voting services led by the City of Vaughan.

Staff polled residents, asking if they would vote via the internet and out of 366 respondents, 187 (51%) said yes, and 179 (49%) said no.

Staff conducted an additional Internet Voting Survey over a three-week period through June and July of 2025. Respondents were asked: "If you had the option to vote via internet in the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections, would you?" Of the 136 respondents, 110 (81%) said yes, and 26 (19%) said no.

Multiple studies have demonstrated that the introduction of internet voting can on average provide a modest increase in turnout during the first year of use. A commonly cited 2018 study by Dr. Nicole Goodman put this increase at 3.5 per cent for municipalities using internet voting from 2000-2014. Despite more municipalities providing internet voting, voter turnout continues to trend downwards overall with AMO noting a downturn from 38.3 per cent in 2018 to 32.9 per cent in 2022.

Several factors play into voter turnout including voter engagement, competitiveness of races, number of races, barriers to voting, and the cost of voting. The cost of voting refers to the time it takes for voters to cast their ballot. Voting in-person is considered to have a higher cost due to the length of time spent prior to casting a ballot including travelling to the voting place, navigating the voting place, having the ballot issued, and successfully completing it.

Internet voting has a significantly lower cost as voters can simply vote from any location on their preferred device in a matter of minutes, staff

pointed out. This can therefore help raise voter turnout in some instances but must be weighed against the other cited factors to consider potential overall turnout.

Following staff's March report to Council, the Clerks Division participated in a joint RFP led by the City of Vaughan. This initiative included further participation by the municipalities of Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, and Whitchurch-Stouffville. With Vaughan's procurement team administering the RFP, an evaluation committee consisting of 7 members with subject matter and technical expertise reviewed the proposals. This structure and approach allowed King to maintain a more competitive position in the market and leverage the technical expertise and experience of neighbouring municipalities.

On November 19, notice of award was provided by Vaughan to Neuvote Systems Inc. to provide internet voting services for the City in 2026. This now allows King to enter into discussions with the vendor for services based on the terms and provisions outlined in the reviewed proposal. As noted in staff's previous report, there is no obligation to proceed with the vendor or with internet voting. The main benefits of the process are the reduced cost and thorough review of the proposed solution.

Funding for the 2026 election comes from the Township's Election Reserve, which is projected to total \$230,000 in 2026. This amount is sufficient to cover the election using the traditional process of paper ballots with tabulators.

The joint procurement process with Vaughan and neighboring municipalities positions King to access a vetted, cost-effective solution without immediate obligation, allowing flexibility to make an informed decision that balances accessibility, security, and fiscal responsibility.



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Donations to delivery: Community support powers the King Township Food Bank

By Geoff Simpson
President, KTFB

The King Township Food Bank extends sincere thanks to the many individuals, families, volunteers, businesses, service clubs, and community organizations who supported our work throughout the year.

This past year marked an important milestone with the move to our new centralized location at 518 Main Street in Schomberg. That transition was made possible through remarkable community cooperation. Volunteers devoted countless hours to packing, lifting, organizing, and assembling shelving, while King Fire generously assisted with moving equipment and transporting essential refrigeration. These behind-the-scenes efforts were critical in helping the Food Bank operate safely and efficiently.

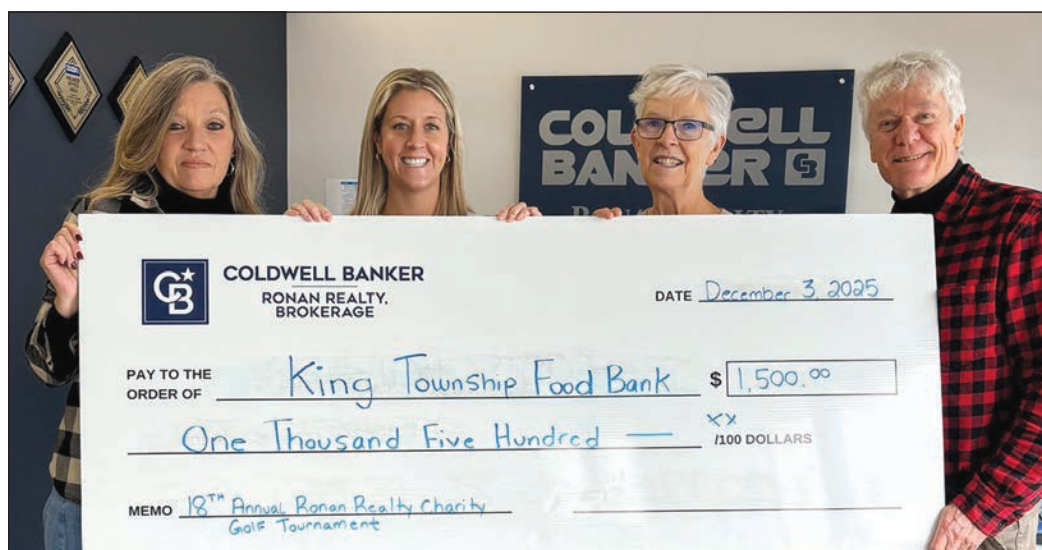
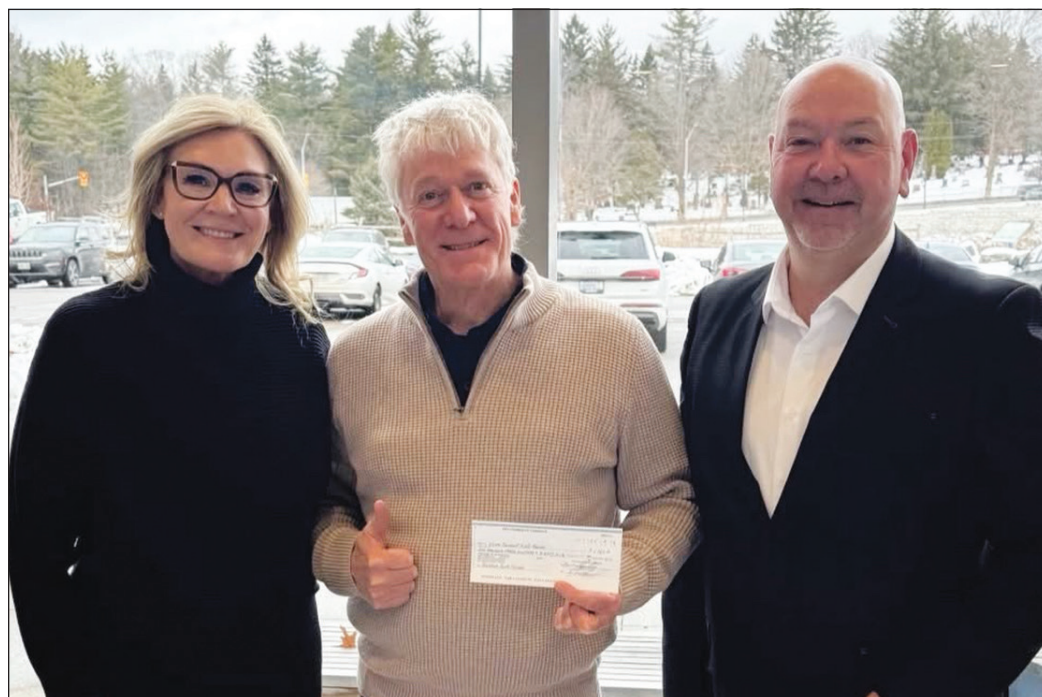
We are deeply grateful for the financial and food donations received from local businesses, service clubs, families, schools, Cold Creek Conservation Area, grocery stores, and long-standing supporters. Creative fundraising initiatives, seasonal drives, and steady grocery partnerships all played an important role in keeping shelves stocked throughout the year.

Special thanks go to the volunteers who routinely collect food from donation bins across the township and transport it back to the Food Bank, as well as

those who organize drives, assist with logistics, and help ensure food reaches neighbours who need it most.

The King Township Food Bank exists because this community continues to care for one another. On behalf of the Board of Directors and volunteers, thank you for making 2025 a powerful example of generosity, collaboration, and compassion in King Township.

As 2025 drew to a close, the Food Bank received donations and financial contributions from fundraisers.



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Arts & Entertainment

McMichael Collection announces its spring 2026 lineup

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is pleased to announce its Spring 2026 exhibition schedule, a season defined by powerful narratives, diverse contemporary voices, and the rediscovery of Canadian artists who have shaped the visual language of this country.

This year's lineup underscores the McMichael's commitment to both celebrating the artists who laid the foundation of Canadian art and championing those reshaping its future. Together, these exhibitions illuminate the complex, ever-evolving narratives of identity, land, and belonging that inspire the Canadian cultural imagination.

"This season embodies the spirit of exploration at the McMichael," says Sarah Milroy, Frances and Tim Price Executive Director and Chief Curator. "We invite visitors to revisit familiar paths within the collection while venturing toward new artistic horizons that expand the story of Canadian art."

"The McMichael Canadian Art Collection proudly showcases the best of Canadian and Indigenous creativity, connecting our past and present through the power of artistic expression," says Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. "The Spring 2026 exhibition lineup is a great opportunity to learn about our diverse artistic landscape and rich cultural legacy – celebrating our great storytellers, championing bold voices, and inspiring future generations through art that reflects who we are."

Opening the season, Stan Douglas: Tales of Empire offers a landmark survey of one of Canada's most internationally influential contemporary artists. Spanning three decades of practice, the exhibition brings together five major photographic series that examine the intertwined forces of history, memory, and colonial legacy.

Curated by Sarah Milroy, Frances & Tim Price Executive Director and Chief Curator, the exhibition explores the themes of race and colonialism that run through Douglas's technically masterful and conceptually layered photographs. The works in this exhibition investigate moments of contact, resistance, and transformation across continents and centuries, revealing how the legacies of colonialism continue to shape the modern world.

In Tales of Empire, Douglas invites viewers to consider how stories of conquest and displacement reverberate across time – challenging us to confront the histories that bind us. The exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue featuring a lead essay by award-win-

ning Canadian author André Alexis, and an extensive interview with the artist.

In the early 20th century, members of the Group of Seven became known for their depictions of northern and remote regions of Canada. Yet not all of their most dazzling works were created in these far-flung locales. Close to Home showcases paintings, drawings, and prints made in the rural communities of Southern Ontario—including Kleinburg, Vaughan, Thornhill, North York, Markham, Bolton, Orillia, and Barrie – where several Group members lived, worked, and found enduring inspiration.

The exhibition features bold and colourful works by the Group of Seven created both en plein air and in studio, capturing agricultural life, changing seasons, and the dramatic skies of the region. These are complemented by Thoreau MacDonald's sensitive ink drawings of historic local homes and Rosemary Kilbourn's dynamic woodcuts, whose sweeping lines evoke the rolling hills and wooded valleys of Caledon.

Together, these artworks offer a rare historical glimpse of Southern Ontario before its rapid and ongoing urban transformation. More importantly, they remind us of the beauty found in the landscapes closest to home – and invite us to see the familiar with fresh eyes.

Old Growth offers visitors a visual feast of the McMichael's most iconic and beloved painting by the Group of Seven and their circle – works that have defined how generations of Canadians have seen and identified with the Canadian landscape. Featuring masterworks by Tom Thomson, Lawren Harris, Emily Carr, A.Y. Jackson, and J.E.H. MacDonald, the exhibition traces a journey from the forests of Algoma to the peaks of the Rockies and the Arctic tundra.

Alongside these canonical artists, Old Growth highlights their often-overlooked female contemporaries such as Anne Savage, Kathleen Daly Pepper, and Bess Harris, whose contributions expand the story of 20th-century Canadian art. Through this broadened lens, the exhibition offers a more comprehensive understanding of the creative forces that shaped the nation's visual identity at a pivotal moment in our history.

Acquisitions breathe new life into a museum's collection. Fresh Air presents a wide-ranging selection of the McMichael's recent acquisitions in dynamic dialogue with long-held treasures of the collection.

Through unexpected juxtapositions and thematic groupings, the exhibition sparks new conversations across generations and mediums.

Works by Tim Whiten, Howie Tsui, Dana Claxton, Ben Reeves, Sky Glabush, and Brenda Draney appear alongside pieces by Emily Carr, Frederick Varley, Tom Thomson, J.E.H. MacDonald, and A.J. Casson, revealing fresh perspectives on familiar narratives and expanding the story of Canadian art.

Celebrating the McMichael's collection as a living, evolving conversation, Fresh Air invites visitors to rediscover the art of Canada through resonances that emerge when historic and contemporary works intermingle. The exhibition encourages audiences to imagine the future of the collection as one reflecting the full richness, diversity, and

creative vitality of our country's cultural landscape.

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is an agency of the Government of Ontario and acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, and the McMichael Canadian Art Foundation. It is the only major museum in the country devoted exclusively to Canadian art. In addition to touring exhibitions, the McMichael houses a permanent collection of more than 7,000 works by historic and contemporary Canadian artists, including Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, Indigenous artists, and artists from the nation's many diasporic communities. The gallery is located on 100 acres of forested land and hiking trails at 10365 Islington Avenue, Kleinburg.

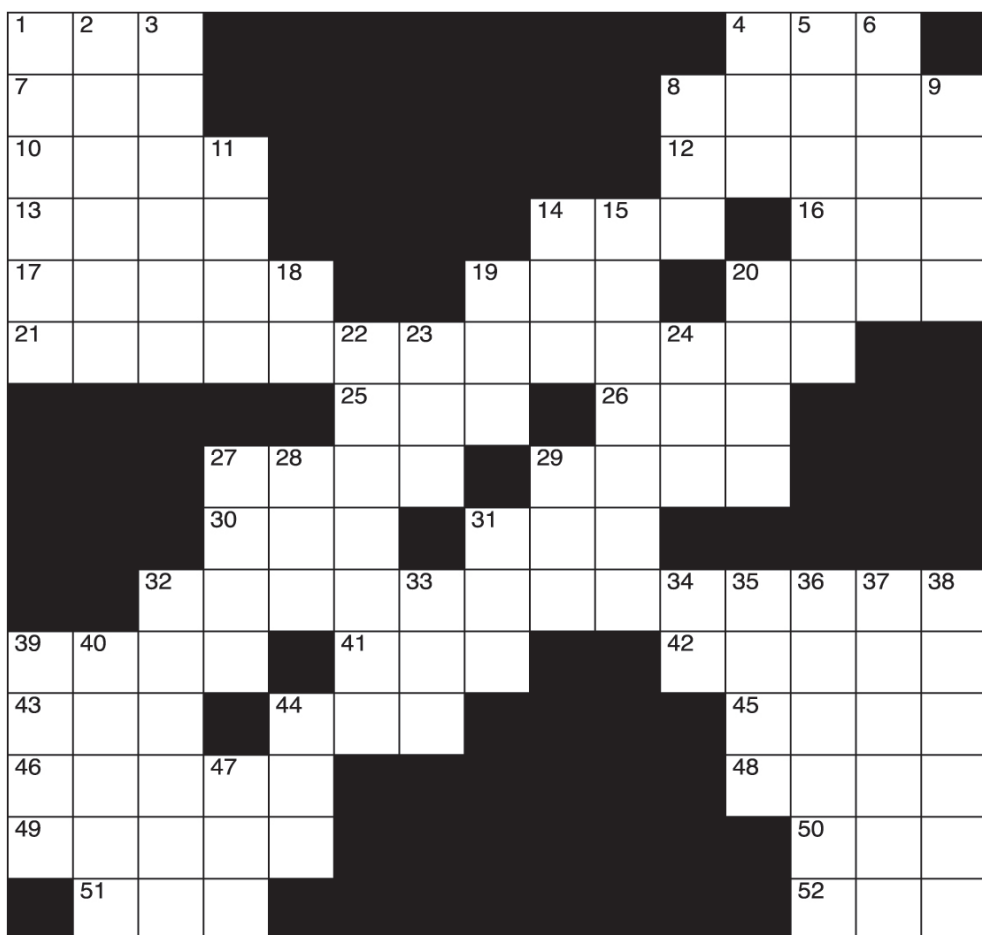


MPP lauds volunteers at AGM

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, stopped by the Schomberg Agricultural Society's AGM and Roast Beef Dinner recently. MPP Lecce presented the board of directors with certificates of recognition from the Ontario Government. "It was great to join longtime friends in Schomberg to celebrate 175 years of the Schomberg Agricultural Fair with the volunteers that make the magic happen," he said. "Especially thankful to the women of Schomberg and every volunteer that have kept this tradition going strong for so long – as you continue inspiring the next generation to be proud of King's heritage and history."

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Former CIA
- 4. Language
- 7. Constrictor snake
- 8. Demand
- 10. Rich man
- 12. Short-tailed marten
- 13. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 14. Superconducting super collider
- 16. International group of countries within the Americas
- 17. Sacred state for Muslims
- 19. Shock therapy
- 20. Engrave
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Periodical
- 27. Dishonestly gained

- money
- 29. Gain possession of
- 30. Actor DiCaprio
- 31. High schoolers' test
- 32. Mr. October
- 39. Sign of healing
- 41. One's grandmother
- 42. Entrap
- 43. One who simultaneously buys and sells
- 44. __ Francisco
- 45. Web-based data provider of marine life
- 46. Type of snake
- 48. Dark mark or stain
- 49. Member of the Sali
- 50. Former measure of length
- 51. CNN's founder
- 52. Witness

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Acquire
- 2. Console
- 3. Hunting expedition
- 4. Pie __ mode
- 5. Simple shoes for peasants
- 6. Eurasian shrub
- 8. Reciprocal of a sine
- 9. Work together in harmony
- 11. Grenade
- 14. File extension
- 15. Minute pores in a plant
- 18. Medal of Honor
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Advance slowly, as if by inches
- 22. Sandwich meat
- 23. An awkward stupid person
- 24. Strong tree
- 27. Commoner
- 28.
- 29. __ Mahal
- 31. Congressman
- 32. Disorderly crowd
- 33. 007's creator
- 34. Fleming
- 35. Part of a door
- 36. Short-tail martens
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Gang in "The Outsiders"
- 40. Of Croatia
- 44. Body cavity
- 47. Get free of

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

Society wraps up season with banquet, AGM

The Schomberg Horticultural Society marked the end of an event-packed 2024/25 season with a year end Banquet and Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The event was held at the Schomberg Community Hall, which was fittingly the same location as the very first meeting of the Society back in April of 1935.

The event was well attended by many members, as well as Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Ward 4 Councillor Mary Asselstine, who expressed their ongoing appreciation for the work done by the Society, saying “Your work goes beyond flowers and plants – it builds community.”

The evening featured a gourmet dinner prepared and catered in style by Dorio’s Kettleby Italian Bakery. The scrumptious desserts that followed the meal had been lovingly prepared by Society members, adding a sweet touch to the celebration. Homemade preserves were a tasty treat for guests to take home.

The board for the upcoming year was instated by District 15 director Doreen Coyne. The board members for 2025/2026 are: Eleonora Schmied, Kathleen Gorsline, Angela Rose, Beth Egan, Lisanne Gavigan, Pat Janse, Chris Sommerville, Ivonne Doucette, Susan Zweep, Margaret Rudnitski, Sheila Kelly, Anna Talenti, Linda Jessop and Maria Ruksa.

Members were recognized for their creative flower arrangements with Linda Jessop taking the top honors. The talented photographers contributed



The society’s board members include (back) Kathleen Gorsline, Beth Egan and Eleonora Schmied, Maria Ruksa and Susan Zweep. Sitting on the ledge are Angela Rose, Sheila Kelly, Pat Janse, Linda Jessop and Lisanne Gavigan. Kneeling on the blanket is Margaret Rudnitski.

treasured photos with top honors going to Maria Ruksa. Special Recognition Awards were given to Jill Watts-Hayward, Mary Tzarik, Mary Bachlow. The President’s Award was given jointly to Angela Rose and Beth Egan.

Outgoing garden committee chair Barb Prince was honoured for her enormous contributions in maintain-

ing community gardens and organizing her “boots in the mud” volunteers. Another vibrant year lies ahead, including an interesting lineup of speakers, the spring plant sale, and the return of the summer garden tour.

Many thanks for this lovely evening to the Banquet Committee – Sheila Kelly, Barb Prince, Dana Schuller, Susan Zweep and Eleonora Schmied; Décor – Linda Jessop; Table Set-up: Reva Harknett, Heather Biersteker; Charcuterie board – Beth Egan, Maria Ruksa;

Dessert table – Susan Zweep, Mary Bachlow, Eleonora Schmied; Society Awards table – Linda Jessop; Silent Auction – Kathleen Gorsline and contributing members.

Much appreciation is extended to all the volunteers who contributed their time and energy over the last year as a new record in volunteer hours was noted.

For membership information or sponsorship contact: schomberhortsociety@gmail.com

York notes paramedic response times

York Regional Council received a report outlining paramedic response times exceeded nearly all targets in 2024.

Council also approved the immediate expansion of Paramedic Services vehicles using York Region’s dedicated bus lanes (rapidways) to help maintain response times for all calls, mitigate delays and support safer, more efficient emergency response.

Previously, Paramedic Services vehicles were only permitted to use rapidways when responding with both lights and sirens for high-priority incidents.

“York Region Paramedic Services continues to deliver timely, dependable emergency care by implementing innovative strategies to improve efficiency and safety,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. “By expanding rapidways access, we are leveraging existing infrastructure to reduce delays and maintain high standards of care for our growing communities.”

In addition to amending the existing bylaw, Regional Council also received an update on the 2024 York Region Paramedic Services response times. Highlights include:

Responding to 95,511 incidents, a 3.3% increase from 2023; incidents are expected to continue to increase with a growing population.

Managing average hospital transfer of care times below a 30-minute target, with support from hospitals and the provincial Dedicated Offload Nurse Program.

Exceeding six of seven response time targets; achieving average response time for the most severe and life-threatening cases (sudden cardiac arrest or absence of breathing) of 5 minutes and 40 seconds, while least urgent cases (minor ailments or general pain) of 12 minutes and 6 seconds.

Paramedic Services narrowly missed

non-life-threatening response time average by 1%, an expected outcome of the new Medical Priority Dispatch System launched in November 2024. The dispatch system prioritizes and more effectively sends emergency services to life threatening patients, using lights and sirens. This results in clinically safe patients experiencing longer wait times for non-urgent calls. Since the introduction of this system, use of lights and sirens has dropped to 47% from 70%, reducing the risk of collisions, improving road safety for paramedics and the public during emergency responses.

“The Medical Priority Dispatch System is already delivering positive results, helping us prioritize the most critical patients while improving overall efficiency,” said Vaughan Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Chair of Community and Health Services. “Combined with expanded rapidways access, these changes enable York Region Paramedic Services to meet growing demand and continue providing exceptional care.”

York Region’s team of skilled paramedics provide emergency and non-emergency medical response to York Region residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information on York Region Paramedic Services, visit york.ca/Paramedics.

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When Dennis was diagnosed with stage four cancer, he did his best to remain positive despite the pain and challenges of chemotherapy. As he neared the end of his life, he was transferred to Margaret Bahen Hospice.

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Southlake introduces first robotic technology for knee surgery

Southlake Health is now offering Zimmer Biomet's ROSA® Knee System, a robotic surgical assistant that helps personalize total knee replacement surgery for patients.

Southlake is one of only a dozen hospitals in Ontario — and the first in York Region — to use this advanced technology, bringing added precision to a procedure that already changes the lives of thousands of people living with chronic knee pain. It is another way Southlake is delivering leading edge care, close to home.

ROSA, which stands for Robotic Surgical Assistant, combines advanced robotic technology with trusted knee implants to support surgeons during total knee replacement surgery. Using detailed data collected before and during the operation, ROSA provides real-time insights that allow surgeons to make highly precise adjustments tailored to each patient's unique anatomy.

"ROSA provides a new level of precision and customization," said John Randle, MD, Physician Leader, Surgical and Perioperative Services Program, and Chief, Department of Surgery,

Southlake Health. "The robot doesn't perform the surgery, the surgeon is still in control, but it gives us real-time insights that help us make more informed decisions during the operation."

The technology assists with tasks like measuring soft tissues and making bone cuts, helping surgeons accurately position the knee implant. For patients, this can mean a better implant fit, more natural movement, and a smoother recovery.

"Introducing ROSA Knee to Southlake has been a true team effort," said Puneet Colvin, Director, Surgical and Perioperative Services, Southlake Health. "This marks the beginning of our robotic journey at Southlake. By giving our surgeons additional tools to provide highly personalized care, we're advancing surgical services for patients and setting the stage for future innovations."

Southlake's surgeons are already highly experienced in using the advanced surgical techniques that ROSA supports. Unlike many centres introducing robotic-assisted knee surgery to enable advanced techniques, South-



lake's team are ahead of the curve, meaning ROSA complements their expertise.

"Each time skilled surgeons — like those at Southlake Health — join the platform, our data grows stronger," said Matt Gillis, Director of Marketing, Zimmer Biomet Canada. "This helps us drive innovation in orthopaedics and deliver on our mission of alleviating pain and improving the quality of life for people around the world."

Knee replacement surgery is one of the most common procedures at Southlake, with more than 500 surgeries performed each year. With the introduction of ROSA Knee, Southlake continues to

expand its use of innovative tools that support personalized care and better outcomes for patients.

Southlake offers surgical procedures in 11 specialties, including general surgery, cardiac surgery, orthopaedic surgery, ophthalmology surgery, thoracic surgery, and vascular surgery.

For the third consecutive year, the American College of Surgeons recognized Southlake Health in January for surgical excellence and patient safety through the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP).

In 2023/24, Southlake performed over 37,000 day surgeries, supporting the health of the communities it serves.

Hospitals busy with babies born on New Year's Day

Southlake Health is proud to introduce Turner, the first baby born at the hospital in 2026! Turner made his entrance shortly after midnight at 12:48 a.m., weighing six pounds and 14 ounces.

"It's a joy to welcome the first babies of 2026 at Southlake Health," said Nicole Vernon, a Registered Nurse on the Birthing Unit at Southlake Health. "Congratulations to all the new parents and babies! Our team is thrilled to be part of their story and support them as they begin the new year with a new chapter."

Southlake was privileged to welcome seven new babies on January 1, 2026. Mackenzie Health's first baby of 2026 was born today at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital — James, born at 12:01:52, weighing 7 lbs, 8 oz. Proud parents Stephanie and Brydon from Brampton are celebrating their new addition.

This milestone highlights the continued growth of Mackenzie Health's Woman and Child Program, which provides comprehensive care from pregnancy and delivery to neonatal and pediatric services. In 2025, the labour and delivery team supported thousands of families in western York Region, delivering more than 4,100 babies.

"Every new year begins with hope and welcoming the first baby of 2026 is a beautiful reminder of that," said Dr. Olamide Sobowale, Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Medical Director of the Woman and Child Program at Mackenzie Health. "Our team is proud to provide exceptional, family-centered care close to home, ensuring every birth experience is safe, comfortable and memorable."

Mackenzie Health's state-of-the-art facilities feature private birthing suites and advanced technology to support high-risk pregnancies. Families benefit from a multidisciplinary team that may include a maternal-fetal medicine specialist and lactation consultants in addition to their obstetrician, pediatrician or midwife — all working together to meet each family's unique health care needs.

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King's winless streak hits seven with loss to Lindsay

By Jim Stewart

Kaden Koutroulides fired two goals and George Cote turned aside 34 of 35 shots to lead the Lindsay Muskies to a 5-1 win over the slumping King Junior A Rebellion on Sunday afternoon at the Zancor Centre.

Koutroulides credited Cote's stellar play for his club's big road win: "He's an unbelievable goalie for us. Best pickup we made as a team this year. It's on us that he didn't get the shutout. He made big saves for us all game."

Rebellion forward Max Anderson foiled Cote's shutout attempt with 2:09 left in the game. Anderson's 12th of the season – set up by team assist leader Ryan Fairbairn (24) and pugnacious defender Matthew Anderson – provided one ray of light in another dismal home ice performance by the Rebellion. Sixty-eight seconds after Anderson's marker made it 4-1, the lights were turned out on King when Koutroulides finished off his three-point game by set-

ting up Braxton Myers and restoring Lindsay's four-goal lead.

In addition to earning the primary assist on his team's final goal of the game, Koutroulides scored what turned out to be the game-winner at 12:39 of the first period when he fired a wrist shot from the right faceoff circle. King's agile netminder Noah Mavin got a piece of the puck, but it ricocheted off his blocker, landed inside the right post, and fell into the cage to give Lindsay a 2-0 lead. The congenial Koutroulides was impressed by his marksmanship against one of the best goaltenders in the OJHL: "It had to be well-placed. I tried to shoot it over his pad and blocker in the open space stick side. I was off-balance and didn't see it go in. I realized I scored when my teammates were rushing at me."

Even more impressive was Koutroulides's second goal of the game – best described as a 'Savardian Spin-o-Rama' and a laser snap shot between the circles that beat Mavin with 5:26 left in

the second period. The smooth-skating centre described the broken play that created his scoring opportunity: "The puck bounced off my teammate's head and right on to my tape. I spun in the slot, saw a small space, and shot it bar down."

Koutroulides's deft scoring touch gave the Muskies a commanding 3-0 lead heading into the second intermission. In addition to the Lindsay centre's creative offensive contributions, the Rebellion's undisciplined play gave the visitors countless scoring opportunities on the power play. King was forced to defend four 5-on-3 shorthanded situations as the Sunday matinee featured a parade to the penalty box by Rebellion combatants. Mavin was his team's best penalty killer – piling up dozens of sensational saves to keep the score respectable. The diminutive netminder's cat-like reflexes and athleticism were on full display in Sunday's loss as he turned aside 50 of the 50 shots that the Muskies could muster.

In a game with playoff implications for both teams, Koutroulides discussed the significance of his club's road win: "We broke a five-game losing streak with our win today. We've been playing tough teams like Trenton, but we're going to have to keep getting points. We play a physical, hard-hitting game

and today we were finishing our checks from the start of the game to the end of the game. We have to get going and play games like this to make the play-offs."

With their win at the Zancor Centre, the feisty Muskies solidified their hold on 8th place in the OJHL East playoff race by moving nine points ahead of 9th-place Aurora. The Tigers – after upsetting Wellington 5-3 on Saturday night – dropped a 3-1 matinee match-up in Markham earlier on Sunday.

The Rebellion's winless streak reached seven games with Sunday's home ice loss to Lindsay. 7th-place King (19-15-1-0) last victory was a 3-2 decision in Niagara Falls on November 28. Despite the month-long slump, King's Junior A squad remains one point ahead of the 8th-place Mississauga Chargers with three games in hand and five points ahead of the 9th-place Caledon Admirals with one game in hand in the race for the last two playoff spots in the OJHL West.

King will look to get back into the win column on Friday, Jan. 9 by hosting the 12th-place Georgetown Raiders. Puck drop will be 7:30 p.m. After hosting the last-place Raiders, King will welcome the first-place Toronto Patriots to the Zancor Centre on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 3 p.m.



Maureen Richardson was a huge curling advocate and educator in the community. She was on the King Curling Club's inaugural Board of Directors as a founding member and was heavily involved throughout the season promoting the sport of curling. As a curler herself, she shared her passion for the sport by initiating the youth curling program first in Nobleton and then with the King Curling Club.

Remembering an icon and legend

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

On November 5, 2025, the curling and surrounding communities lost a very dear member and friend, Maureen Richardson. With her passing a legacy lives on in Nobleton and Schomberg for curling and the Scottish country dance.

Maureen was an elementary teacher at Kleinburg Public School (KPS), specializing in French and music. Her legacy was as the teacher in charge of many sports, recreation and music clubs for the students there.

One story epitomizes her special inspiration. She and her husband Gordon Fogg were avid curlers and began the youth curling program in Nobleton. Starting with her two sons, they needed 2 more for a curling team in the Elementary School Provincial Championships, and so recruited a son's friend, and two siblings, a 6-year-old and his sister, 8 years old from KPS.

They innocently went to that prestigious competition with hopes and a dream. That year, they did not win any games but had so much fun that the five players recruited friends, selling them on the fun factor. The following year, there were an additional 20 kids entered into the program. A number of these graduates of the youth program have gone on to compete at elite levels

including provincial, national and international events.

Maureen brought her enthusiasm for curling to the King Curling Club in 2011. She was a founding Board Member of the KCC and served as Secretary on the Board. Maureen devoted many hours to promoting the curling club, always present in parades, and at community events such as Nobleton's Victoria Day celebration, Schomberg's Agricultural Fair, Kettleby's Fair and Schomberg's Main Street Christmas.

She founded King Curling Club's Gordon Fogg Memorial Youth Bonspiel, in memory of her husband who died at a young age. This bonspiel continues annually at the Club. Maureen was responsible for really revving up the Scottish curling ambiance by hiring and paying for the piper at each of these events. As Scotland was part of her heritage, Maureen supplied a Piper for the "Strathcona Cup" – a Scotland/Canada Curling Tour competition where one stop was hosted at KCC. This event last took place in January 2023 when the Scots came to Canada to compete against a selection of Canadian amateur teams.

Maureen's legacy lives on in the youth she taught – at school, at curling, and at Scottish Dancing. She has passed the baton to them, a Canadian dream of a future full of skills, camaraderie and fun.

Pining for the good, old days when the Cougars were cagey, combative, competitive

By Jim Stewart

Oh, the misery of a rebuilding year. The Schomberg Cougars slipped to 54th in the 61-team PJHL with a 3-0 loss to the Merchants in Little Britain on Saturday. Schomberg goaltender Ryan Potvin turned aside 36 of the 39 shots he faced, but the Cougars' offence was AWOL to open the New Year.

The first result of 2026 was a vast improvement over Schomberg's final game of 2025 – a 9-1 post-Christmas shellacking courtesy of the high-flying Georgina Ice last Saturday afternoon at the Trisan Centre.

Mason Bondy's power play marker – his seventh of the season – with 2:26 left in the third period helped the home side avert being shut out by Ice goaltender Nathan Boudreau. The Ice built an 8-0 lead heading into the final frame. Austin Paulmert led the onslaught with two goals. Seth Kirou set up three of his team's goals. Newly-arrived Anthony Cerqua, who played this season in the OJHL with the King Rebellion, produced a two-assist night as did Alessandro Petreccia.

The pair of losses sunk the Cougars deeper into sixth-place in the seven-team East Orr Division. Schomberg trails the fifth-place Merchants by seven points. Little Britain has three games in hand so it's unlikely the Cougars will rise in the East Orr standings before Sunday, Feb. 15 when Schomberg plays its final regular season game against the last-place Golden Hawks in Caledon.

The drop off in Schomberg's on-ice fortunes has been steep and the venerable franchise has seen much better days this decade.

With the loss in Little Britain on Saturday, the 2025-26 Cougars fell to 8-20-2-0.

After a pair of beat downs to end 2025 and begin 2026, it's easy to yearn for the days of strong performances that characterized the Coach Stan Kondrotas era.

Coach Kondrotas's clubs were talented, competitive, and feisty.

Their records over four years following the Pandemic were impressive:

* 2021-22 – 16th out of 58 PJHL clubs – 21-8-0-1 – North Carruthers Division.

* 2022-23 – 14th out of 60 PJHL clubs – 28-9-2-1 – North Carruthers Division.

* 2023-24 – 19th out of 61 PJHL clubs – 27-12-2-1 – North Carruthers Division.

* 2024-25 – 27th out of 63 PJHL clubs – 23-15-3-1 in its first season in the East Orr Division.

The team records showed that the Cougars were a competitive bunch and they had scoring punch, too. Captain Cameron Kokelj – a resident of Schomberg—was a prolific 30-goal scorer during Coach Kondrotas's two best seasons behind the bench:

* 2021-22 – 30 goals and 27 assists for 57 points in 29 games.

* 2022-23 – 30 goals and 47 assists for 77 points in 36 games (third in league scoring).

Kokelj's rugged linemate Luke Miehlm was almost as productive and provided the Cougars with a few Gordie Howe hat tricks over those two seasons to show his completeness as a hockey player. Miehlm finished sixth in the PJHL scoring race with 27 goals and 44 assists in '22-23.

Kokelj, Miehlm, and Carlo Lioni led the most lethal PJHL power play in 2022-23 and you could set your stop watch to 15 seconds with this talented trio on the ice with a man-advantage. Their puck control and finishing touches were masterful. Kokelj and Miehlm scored 14 and 13 goals, respectively, on the power play that season. Lioni put up 37 points to round out the Cougars' top line.

Those were halcyon days when the Trisan Centre was the place to be on a Thursday night. It was firebrand hockey. Our New Year's wish from The King Weekly Sentinel is that these young Cougars make incremental improvements in the five weeks remaining and the squad skates to better outcomes next season after enduring the rebuild of '25-26.



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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person this Sunday at 10 a.m. Christine Samuel will bring a message from Matthew 6 entitled, "Declutter! Declutter! Declutter!"

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

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

Our Youth LifeConnect Group meets every second Friday, with the next meeting being this Friday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. This is a fun time with a range of

activities open for all ages from Grade 7 to Grade 12.

St. Paul's monthly men's group meet on the first Saturday of every month. Our next meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. Our mid-week 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.

Many of us are looking forward to putting 2025 behind us. We are hoping and praying that 2026 is a much better year. 2025 reminded us of all the things we cannot control; perhaps, we should use the things we can control in 2026, to make 2026 a better year.

Are you and I going to do exactly what we did in 2025 - separate, divide and split the world into pieces by some of the things we say and do? Isn't the

world split and broken enough?

A couple of hundred years ago, before electricity and smart phones, a rabbi asked his students: "How do you know when the night has ended and the day has begun before the sun comes up on the horizon?" One student said: "Rabbi, when I can see the fence between our field and our neighbour's." Another student said: "When I look in the distance and I can tell if it's a horse or a cow." A third student offered an answer "Rabbi, when I see the colours of a flower and I can see the red, the yellow, or the blue. That's when the night has ended."

The rabbi had a frown on his face; as he said, "I really don't care for your answers. You are only dividing and separating: a fence to divide your field from your neighbour's, separating a horse from a cow, or one colour from another. Is that all we can do, separate, divide and split the world into pieces? Isn't the world split and broken enough?"

"So what is the answer," they all asked? With a voice that was gentle and imposing, he said: "When you look into the face of the person who is next to you and you can recognize that the person next to you is your brother or your sister, then the night has ended and a new day has begun."

The only question that remains: How will you and I going to change 2026? Will you and I be able to look into the faces of those around us and even at the faces of those who hurt us and say that this person is YOUR sister or YOUR brother? When you and I are able to do this, then the night has ended and a new day and a New Year has truly begun!

During 2026, May The Lord bless you, and keep you; May The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace (shalom).

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

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.

Mobility Matters will be on Monday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Our programs will resume on Jan. 8. **More on Page 19**

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

Earle Laycock

The Schomberg United Church Women will meet on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 1 pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. The theme of discussion will be "Women in the Bible."

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will lead our worship on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 9:30 a.m. in St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg and 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United Church in Nobleton. The theme is the Baptism of Jesus Sunday. Rev. Evelyn is a retired minister with The United Church of Canada and has led communities of faith in Nova Scotia and Ontario.

Join us for our next Community Potluck Lunch taking place on Tuesday, Jan. 13. We gather at 11:30 a.m. and have lunch at noon at St. Mary Magdalene Church. This is an opportunity to make friends and enjoy warm conversation over a shared meal. This event is free but bring some food to share

with others.

Our next Messy Church is Monday, Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. The activities and crafts (5-6 PM) 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 Nancy Hopkinson know (text 416-316-5064 or email nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) if you would like to attend, as we need to have enough food for everyone.

Our next Schomberg Senior's Luncheon is Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg. The meal will be Ruthie's chicken casserole served with a green salad with maple syrup dressing. Dessert will be apple cranberry crisp with ice cream. The entertainment will be provided by Joe Crone from Aurora, singing '50s and '60s music. Joe has entertained us before and is recently back in Canada after travelling around the world with his family. Please RSVP with Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend as space is limited. Although the meal is free, do-

nations are appreciated to defray costs.

Our Bible Study group is taking a break but will resume in a few weeks.

If you prefer not to venture out in the winter, you can relax in your own home and join our Zoom Coffee chat every Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Send Nancy Hopkinson a message at nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to request the link. You can join either by your computer or telephone. Note also that most of our

worships are live-streamed and can be found on www.youtube.com by searching for "Nobleton United Church."

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.

Cicuto named director of hospice

Carmelina Cicuto has been appointed Executive Director of Cortellucci Hospice Vaughan (CHV).

Carmelina brings more than 15 years of progressive leadership experience in healthcare and community-based organizations, with a strong focus on enhancing quality of care, fundraising and support services for seniors. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to compassionate leadership, operational excellence, and community collaboration.

"We are truly delighted to welcome Carmelina as Executive Director of Cortellucci Hospice Vaughan. The Board and Carmelina will lead the organization in its mission to provide exceptional, compassionate care for individuals and families facing life-limiting illnesses. Her experience and dedication to quality improvement will be invaluable as CHV continues to grow and serve the Vaughan community," said Teresa Marando, hospice board chair.

Most recently, Carmelina served as Executive Director of the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County, where she provided strategic direction, strengthened partnerships across the health system, and championed advocacy for individuals living with dementia and their families.

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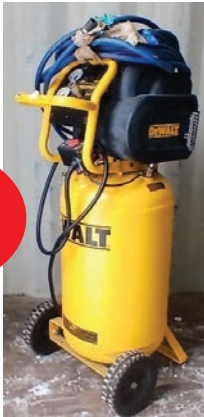
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708 OBITUARIES

Norma Jean Boose

Peacefully, at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, on Monday, December 22, 2025, Norma Jean Boose, at the age of 67 years, beloved wife and best friend of Gary for over 42 years. Loving daughter of the late Thelma (née McCutcheon) and Ross Taylor. Norma has been a lifetime resident of King Township. Honouring Norma's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will not be a funeral service. A private family celebration of Norma's life will happen at a later date. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake Health (www.southlake.ca) or a charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

TREVOR WILLIAM LYNCH JUNE 29, 1971 - DEC. 23, 2025

Trevor left us suddenly of natural causes at age 54, leaving behind his wife Joanna and his adored children Thomas & Jocelyn, brother Patrick and parents Bill & Marilyn, a crowd of cousins, aunts & uncles of a large extended family and his cat Mica.



Trevor was a kind, sensitive hardworking individual who loved rebuilding antique cars in later years. He grew up in Bradford, where like most boys joined cubs, scouts, hockey. His boyhood idol was Evel Knievel which led to falling off bikes, trees etc. usually ending in injuries.

He liked taking things apart and putting them back together which led him to his career as a mechanic. His passion was NASCAR and No. 3 Dale Earnhardt. Trevor will be sadly missed by his mom & dad, children, his cat along with friends and co-workers.

The family will host a Celebration of Life on Saturday March 7th, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at The Thomas Funeral Home 244 Victoria St. E. Alliston. Speeches to begin at 2:00pm.

You can take a rest now.



708 OBITUARIES

Rayson: Jean

June 8, 1931 - December 28, 2025

Jean Rayson, 94, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2025, in her Tottenham home. Born in Buchlyvie, Scotland, she was a registered nurse at Simcoe Manor and a cherished member of the Tottenham community for 52 years.

She is lovingly remembered by her children Steven (Emily) and Elizabeth (Robert Fraser); her grandchild Marnie; her brother George (Geraldine); and many family members and friends. She is predeceased by Derek Rayson, and by her siblings Elizabeth, William, and James.

Visitation was held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, on Monday, January 5, 2026, from 10 a.m. until the memorial service at 11 a.m. Reception followed in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall. Donations in Jean's memory may be made to Matthews House Hospice.



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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

You can now drop off your old blue boxes to either the Trisan, Zancor or Nobleton arena to be recycled until February 27. Please empty and clean your boxes before dropping them off.

Nobleton Notes

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January 8 – Nourish and Flourish – Gut Health for Seniors. Presented by NP Dr. Christina Carew who will discuss topics like constipation, gastric reflux, fibre, fluids, probiotics, medication and more.

January 15 – Decorate Your Home with a Winter Door Hanger. Artist Angela Del Borrello will give instructions on how to create a wood door hanger. Register by January 8, cost is \$10 which includes all materials.

January 22 – Sit back and relax and watch a movie on the new TV screen. Choice of movie will be determined by the group.

January 29 – Are your affairs in order? A coffee and tea workshop on being prepared. Guest speaker Gordon MacGregor, certified executive advisor on behalf of Egan Funeral Home in Bolton will discuss the & key steps in being organized.

Nobleton Lions

The Nobleton Lions 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 Ticket Draw in October. We look forward to continuing to serve in our community in 2026 and doing our small part to making Nobleton a great place to live. Recently the club made a donation for the supply of snowsuits and boots for community schoolchildren in need, an annual initiative coordinated

If you're still feeling like the large bin might be too large for your needs you can call 1-833-779-4351 and exchange it for the smaller 240-litre recycling cart, but 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 from now on.

If you love pancakes especially free ones, mark your calendar for this Saturday, Jan. 10 for the "Mayors Pancake

by the staff of Nobleton Public School.

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

St. Alban's History By John Arnott

Varnish (from the Latin vernix meaning odorous resin) made from the resin a particular pine tree and mixed with the thinner turpentine, the most available and less expensive in finish for floors and furniture cover in late 1800s Ontario. Most country stores would carry a good supply in barrels, casks or buckets.

The finished floor in St. Alban's would receive at least 3 maybe 4 coats of this thick covering which would slowly dry to hard finish highlighting the grain in the pine boards beneath. A scent of turpentine would likely linger faintly through the opening ceremonies.

Breakfast" from 8 to 11 a.m. at Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Community Centre and & Arena.

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. We are back after the Christmas break.

Schomberg 55+

Today we had a wonderful group session run by our own Dave LePenta we had a few laughs as we reminisced about past gifts that missed the tragic, things about Christmas we loved and didn't like. We sure learned so much and heard some wonderful touching stories about some thoughtful gifts and others not so thoughtful. Thanks to Dave for facilitating this session, General meetings start at 10 a.m. for

coffee and 10:30 a.m. for meeting.

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

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 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 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Bid Euchre in Multi Room A at Trisan, coming January 9th, newbies welcome

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

Annual 2026 memberships remain at \$20 for King Township residents, \$25 for non-residents. For members that hold a valid Rec Pass at the Trisan Centre, the 55+ membership fee is included at no additional cost.

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