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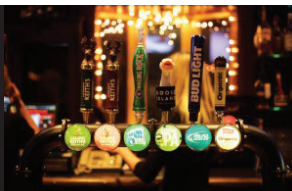
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Officials at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference praised King and other municipalities who received the Aging-Friendly Community Award.

King recognized with aging-friendly award

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, alongside Rob Flack, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, recognized Mayor Pellegrini and the Township of King, for receiving the Aging-Friendly Community Award.

They gathered at the annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference.

This designation highlights the Township's commitment to creating accessible, inclusive spaces and programming that supports independent, active living for older adults.

It marks an important milestone in the 2023–2026 Corporate Strategic Plan and King's commitment to developing an Age-Friendly Action Plan, ensuring residents can continue to age in place (grow older at home) with dignity. Learn more about programs and services for residents 55+ at king.ca/seniors.

Together with King council, MPP Lecce delivered several initiatives to King Township to make it deserving of the award.

In 2021, MPP Lecce helped open the King City Seniors' Centre, a project supported by the province. MPP Lecce also recently announced new funding to open a new Senior Room at the Nobleton Community Centre providing seniors with opportunities to stay fit, connected, and active.

Last year in January, Lecce delivered the new Zancor Centre with \$17.6 million of provincial funding that features a number of senior-friendly amenities, especially the indoor running track in the fieldhouse that allow seniors to stay active year-round.

Lecce then announced how the Ontario government is connecting 5,000 King—Vaughan residents, many of whom include seniors, to primary care – bridging the healthcare gap in the local community.

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Upcoming Meetings



COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, February 02
6 p.m. – Public Planning Meeting
- Monday, February 09
6 p.m. – Council

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

- Thursday, February 05
6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee

Virtual

- Tuesday, February 10
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee

View full Council and Committee agendas at king.ca/meetings

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Property Tax Due Date: Feb. 17

king.ca/PropertyTaxes

Winter parking restrictions



On-street parking is **PROHIBITED** during a **Significant Weather Event** to allow for snow plowing, sanding, or salting.

Parking on the street any time during snow clearing is a violation, with fines of \$100, and vehicles can be towed.

For details, visit king.ca/SnowRemoval

What King Township residents need to know heading into the 2026 water billing cycle

Water billing helps fund essential infrastructure, including ongoing watermain replacements, and supports the continued delivery of clean, reliable water.

Simplify your 2026 water billing and water usage experience:

- Register for eBilling to receive water bills directly by email
- Enroll in the Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD) for automatic withdrawals and avoid missing payments
- Track your daily water usage by signing up for the online portal and its easy-to-understand dashboard

Reminder: the P6 water bill for 2025, covering the period from November and December, is due on **Wednesday, Feb. 18.**

For details, visit king.ca/WaterBilling



FREE Family Day Feb. 16

Explore the wintry outdoors snowshoeing & cross country skiing at the scenic Cold Creek Conservation Area

coldcreek.ca

Applications are now open for King Township's Community Grants Program through Enrich King

With grants of up to \$5,000 available for initiatives, turn your vision into action and make a meaningful difference in the community!

The Community Grants Program supports eligible community groups, businesses, organizations and individuals that prioritize activities, events and initiatives that align with the five main goals of **King's Recreation and Community Master Plan**: Active Living, Inclusion and Access, Connecting People and Nature, Supportive Environments and Recreation Capacity.

Projects must fit into one of the four available funding streams:

- Community Events
- Inclusive Communities
- Environment King
- Special Initiatives

Applications can be made online now through November 1 at enrichking.ca

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We're HIRING



- Payroll and HR Assistant
- Summer Camp positions
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- Seasonal Environmental Field Labourer
- Inclusion Program Coordinator
- Inclusion Facilitator
- Parks Summer Student
- Parks Seasonal Worker

View job postings at king.ca/employment



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Spend your summer working outside!

If you enjoy working in nature, prepare your resume! King Township is now accepting applications for various outdoor, seasonal and contract positions. These jobs are ideal for college or university students who want to earn competitive pay and work full-time hours this summer.

Available positions:

- Seasonal Parks Worker (\$19.56 to \$23.80 per hour)
- Parks Summer Student (\$17.70 per hour)
- Environmental Field Labourer (\$20.34 to \$22 per hour)
- Outdoor Program Facilitators (\$20.25 to \$21.75 per hour)

The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. on March 13.

View job postings at king.ca/employment.



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KING

Township provides information to residents on water billing cycle

Water billing helps fund essential infrastructure, including ongoing water-main replacements, and supports the continued delivery of clean, reliable water.

Staying aware of billing dates and monitoring your water usage are simple ways to manage costs and help keep King Township's system running safely and efficiently.

Township staff noted bills are mailed to residents. To avoid missing payments, residents are encouraged to register for eBilling to receive water bills directly via email and enroll in the Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD) for automatic withdrawals. The penal-

ty charge for a late water payment is 5% and it is added on the first day after the due date.

There are some alternative payment options:

Online with your financial institutions.

By credit card at king.ca/OnlineServices.

Cheque sent via mail to the Township of King (must be stamped and mailed prior to due date and received on time).

In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre.

Property owners in King Township receive six water bills per year for periods ending in February (P1), April (P2),

June (P3), August (P4), October (P5) and December (P6). Each bill reflects two months of water usage and are made up of two parts:

A fixed charge, which helps cover the basic costs of maintaining the water and sewer systems, including repairs and long-term upgrades.

A usage charge, which depends on how much water property owners use. This part of the bill helps pay for day-to-day services like water supply and wastewater treatment.

As a reminder, the P6 water bill for 2025, covering the period from November and December, is due on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Residents signed up for eBilling can now view their bills online. Paper copies have been mailed to households. If you have an inquiry or did not receive your bill, call ServiceKING at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca.

To ensure you are prepared for the 2026 water billing cycle, save the following due dates below. Each due date will fall on a Wednesday, with mailout occurring the month before the cycle's due date.

P1 (January – February): April 22.
P2 (March – April): June 24. P3 (May – June): August 19. P4 (July – August): October 21. P5 (September – October): December 16. P6 (November – December): February 17, 2027.

Water conservation is essential to protecting local ecosystems and ensuring a vibrant and healthy community. Monitoring your water usage helps you understand where consumption is highest and is a simple way to identify inefficiencies and reduce waste.



By signing up for the online portal – with its easy-to-understand dashboard – you can help reduce pressure on municipal systems and ensure water remains available for essential needs like drinking and sanitation.

With the online portal you can:

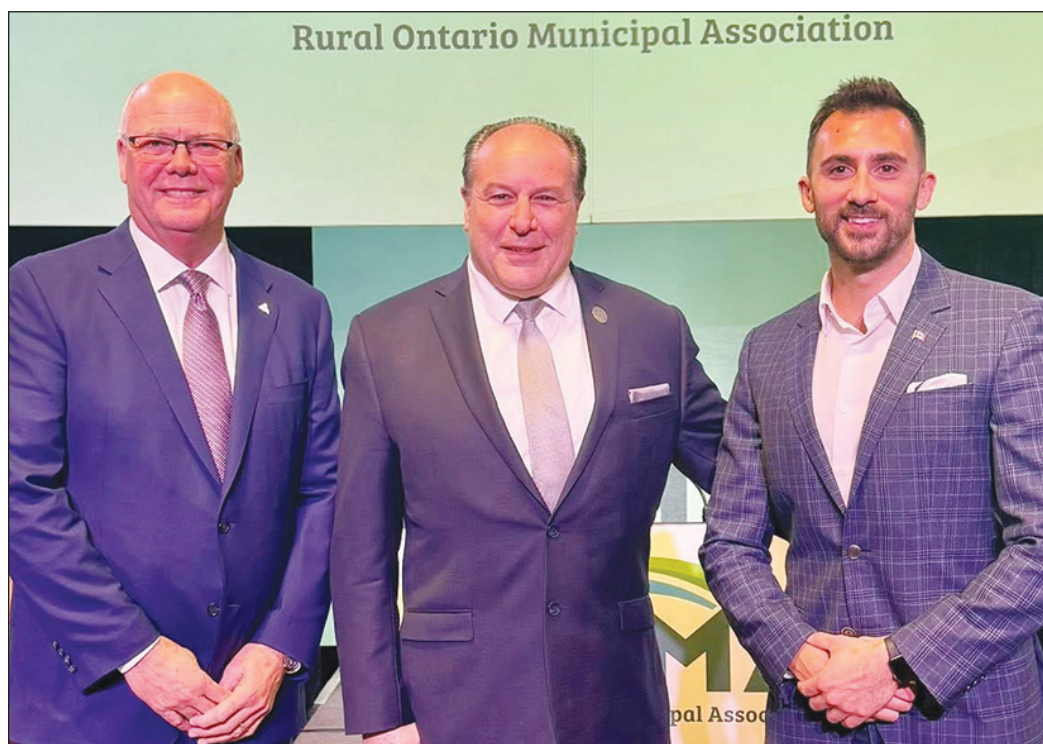
Access your daily water consumption.

Receive alerts for high usage and potential problems.

Track your history and trends.

King Township's water and wastewater services operate under a two-tiered system. York Region is responsible for water supply, transmission mains, storage facilities and booster pumping stations; as well as wastewater treatment and truck collection systems. King Township is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the local water distribution systems.

To learn more and register for eBilling and online water monitoring, visit king.ca/WaterBilling.



King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce joined Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack to present Mayor Steve Pellegrini and King Township with an Age-Friendly Community Recognition Award.

King, province deliver for seniors

From Front Page

And above all, Lecce proudly delivered the new Mary Lake Long Term Care Home currently under construction, bringing 416 net-new beds for King seniors to age with peace and dignity. These investments underscore MPP Lecce's commitment to deliver for King and clearly demonstrate why King was formally recognized by the Government of Ontario for being an exceptional aging-friendly community.

"Whether it's here at ROMA or back in King, the Mayor and I are 100% aligned to deliver for King," said Lecce. "Over the years, I've had the pleasure to work with Council on major investments that are making a difference. King is a community that felt ignored over decades past, but that's changed, and families in King can rest assured even more investments and projects are coming to our community to support seniors and families alike.

"Heartfelt congratulations to King Township for being recognized and awarded the Aging-Friendly Community Award, building a community that is safer, and more dignified and inclusive for seniors."

Suspects sought in King home invasion

Investigators with the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit are appealing for witnesses and are seeking to identify suspects, after a home invasion in the Township of King.

On Thursday, Jan. 22 at approximately 1:45 a.m., three suspects forced their way into a residence in the area of King and Mill Roads. The suspects were confronted by the home owner and one suspect threatened him with a firearm. The home owner and his family managed to hide until the suspects fled the scene.

The suspects left in a dark-coloured sedan without taking anything. No physical injuries were reported.

All three suspects are described as male and were seen wearing dark clothing and dark balaclavas.

A video of the incident can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/cugucdpJm6M>

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit by calling 1-866-8765423, ext. 6630. Anonymous tips can be sent to Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS or by visiting www.1800222tips.com

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Shedding the building blocks of life in our tears

Are the tears that roll down my cheeks when I'm alone filled with all that I am?

Do such small things contain all of my memories and bits and pieces of my life?

Wouldn't it be great to simply pluck a specific memory – like Harry Potter – from a pool of swirling human essence?

Tears are abundant and I think we are all familiar with shedding a few million!

Humans typically produce between 15 to 30 gallons of tears per year in total.

“The most painful tears are not the ones that fall from your eyes and cover your face. They're the ones that fall from your heart and cover your soul.”

Tears often accentuate our language and can be a sign of strength, weakness or just a natural release.

Leonardo da Vinci stated they come from the heart; Washington Irving called them a mark of power; and Charles Dickens saw them as “cleansing rain.”

Tears, according to Rumi, are “the ink with which the soul writes what the heart cannot say.”

Most people agree that tears speak much more than words – they are silent, but powerful and yet tender.

It's also proof that we're human, and haven't succumbed to numbness or the bitterness of the world. Perhaps, a single tear rolling down a cheek proves there's still something within us worth saving.

I am curious as to what tears contain, chemically, and whether they can be used to further our species, even longevity.

DNA, the blueprint of life, is a fascinating molecule that holds the key to our identity. It carries our genetic information, making us who we are.

While DNA is commonly extracted from blood, saliva, and hair, researchers have explored whether tears also contain trace amounts of genetic material. Studies suggest that tears do in fact



Mark Pavilons

carry minimal DNA.

DNA is contained in almost every cell of the human body. These cells, which form the various tissues and organs, carry our genetic information.

Scientific studies have shown that tears do contain DNA, primarily from the shed cells of the eye's surface. However, the concentration of DNA in tears is relatively low compared to other bodily fluids like blood or saliva.

Scientists have successfully extracted DNA from both fresh and old tear stains. And even tiny tear samples have yielded usable DNA profiles.

The composition of your tears changes depending on what's making you cry. Ureka!

I'm sure we've all cried heavy, heart-breaking, sorrow-filled tears; tears of joy, and “Hallmark movie” tears.

I'm not suggesting we collect and store jars of our own juices, just in case the technology arises when we can be “reborn.” It's a bit icky, but apparently some decent DNA, combined with

a healthy ovum can recreate “Mark.” Something for my family to consider. (And yes, I'm laughing at this comment.)

When we disappear from this earthly existence, very little remains. Our soul hopefully zips on to the next life or plateau. What's left is a rather unpleasant lump of flesh, a vessel that once had a name, a life, a family, a career, a purpose, even a few friends.

Some of us worry about departing and just how that journey will be. I am tempted to ask my oncologist the age-old question: What happens when I die? I'm not sure what response that would elicit, but I'll bet it will put her off guard.

Right here, right now, I can adequately describe this person – me – in my head.

I'm a husband, father and have people who love me. They care about me not because of my accomplishments or what I've accumulated over the decades.

They love me because of my sense of humour, laugh, devotion, strength (and weakness). They've seen me at my best and very worst. They will witness my last, long walk.

And that makes me sad. Not just taking the final fork in the road, but leaving them all behind to grieve. It will hurt, and hurt and hurt, until it doesn't.

I've been there, after losing all my original family members.

Modern science is constantly working on transferring our thoughts and perhaps “souls” into computer chips, USB drives, even robots.

Being a science fiction fan, I've seen many of these themes in movies. Some work, but often something goes awry.

“Don't be ashamed to weep; 'tis right to grieve. Tears are only water; and flowers, trees, and fruit cannot grow without water. But there must be sunlight also,” said Brian Jacques.

Ah yes, the dichotomy of our existence.

Good and bad, positive and negative, yin and yang, light and darkness, heaven and earth. Confucius once said “the interplay of opposite principles constitutes the universe.”

And so it is, swirling, dancing, performing, playing out some unimaginable cosmic stage play.

And we are merely players, Shakespeare said, and “They have their exits and their entrances ...

“And one man in his time plays many parts ...”

Just what is the final role, a role that summarizes a lifetime? When the curtain begins to drop, do we scurry like rodents, or stand firm, delivering our boisterous, final soliloquy?

“For in that sleep of death what dreams may come ...

“When we have shuffled off this mortal coil ...”

In my tear-filled performance, I hope to be yanked off stage by that large, shepherd's hook, for some ill-timed joke or off-colour remark. I want to laugh and cough and cry all at the same time, leaving my DNA behind!

After all, tears are meant to be shed.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks to front-line workers

In the throes of COVID, we used to express appreciation for frontline workers, store personnel, truckers and health workers, quite rightly.

However, we often take for granted the daily services that are vital to our well-being and our very survival. Our thanks go out to the sanitation drivers who reliably and in terrible weather, week in, week out, keep our township not only clean but safe.

Having lived in Third World countries without waste disposal, I can tell you how unhealthy and unsafe that scenario is. Even in UK, the mismanagement of waste disposal has been going on in Birmingham for decades repeatedly, so it can happen even in developed countries and we are fortunate not to experience this.

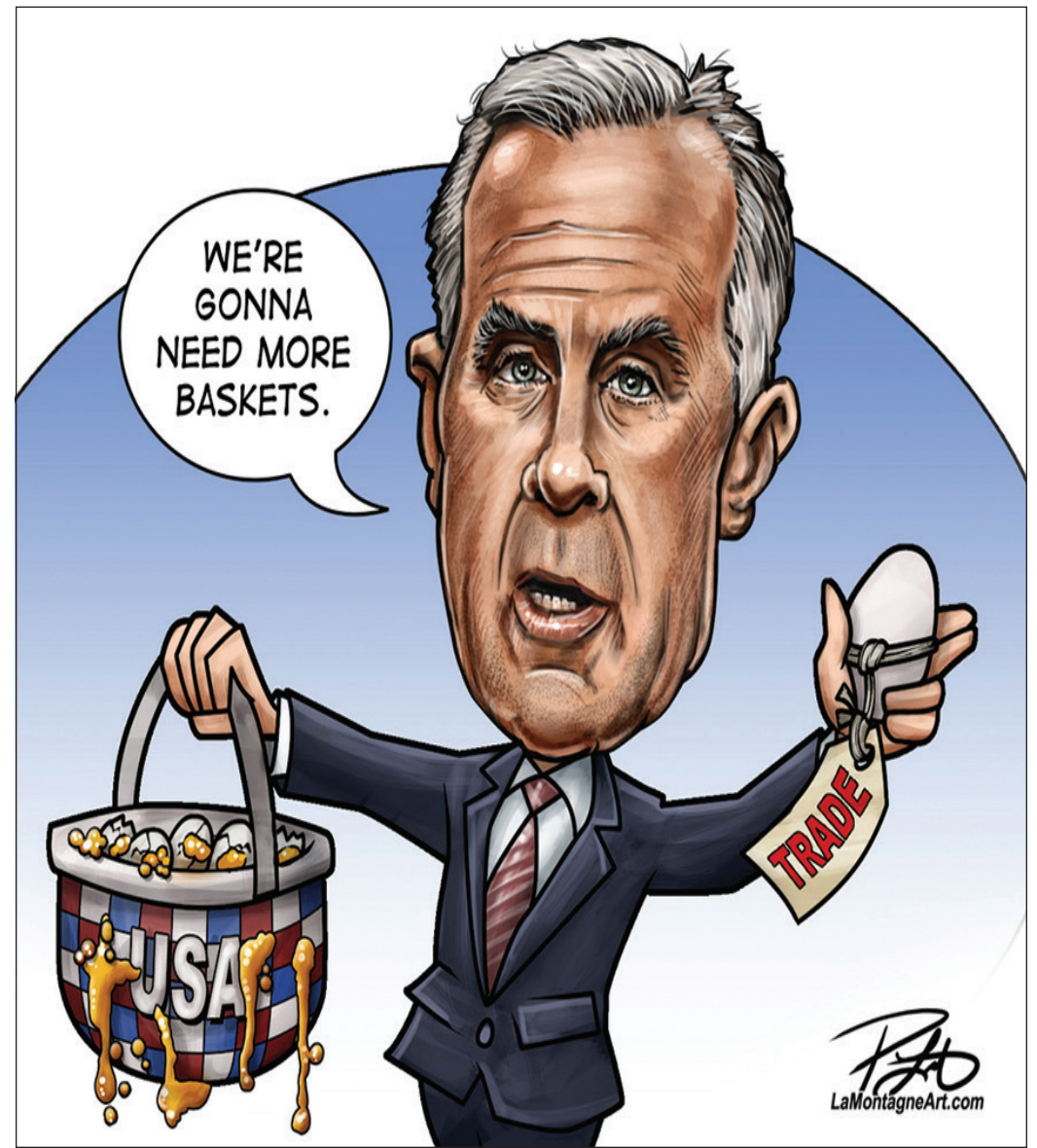
Thanks also to our Township guys who are out before dawn, clearing the roads so we can safely head off to work and life in general. Hats off to you as I hear you rumbling up the roads in the cold and dark, to keep us safe.

Special hugs go out to the police in their impossible job, too! I cannot say enough to thank them for the difficulties they face each day on our behalf.

Additionally, despite the push in the opposite direction, our postal service people are to be thanked, as well as our delivery people for couriers, who head out in dangerous weather conditions to keep important social links alive, above and beyond the Internet.

We want to thank all of you.

Kathleen Adamson
Lloydtown



Quote of the Week

“Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear.”

— George Addair

Trivia Tidbits

Things invented by Canadians: the electric stove, the paint roller, zipper, telephone, snowmobile, and walkie-talkies.

KingWeeklySentinel WEBPOLL
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Results from last week's poll:

Should Canada stand up to the U.S. and defend Greenland?

a) Yes **80%**

b) No **20%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you have faith in Prime Minister Carney's leadership?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Jane Goodall challenged the divide between human and non-human animals

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Conservationists worldwide face the new year with a significant gap left by Jane Goodall's death.

Goodall was a tireless voice for wildlife and habitat protection. She refused to see chimpanzees as objects, recognizing them instead as fellow beings. Their acceptance of her granted unparalleled access to their world.

But her impact went further. Her findings helped topple imposed boundaries between human and non-human animals. Scientists had long believed that only humans used tools. After Goodall observed chimps using sticks to fish for termites, her mentor Louis Leakey sent a telegram, stating, "Now

we must redefine tool, redefine man, or accept chimpanzees as humans."

Option 2 prevailed. After chimps' tool use was verified, scientists proposed a new distinction: non-human animals could use tools but couldn't make them.

It was only a matter of time until chimps were observed stripping and shaping termite sticks. Crows manufacture tools from leaves, among other examples. Claims were then made that only humans have culture (social learning across generations). But meerkats teach their young to hunt, and orca pods have regionally specific hunting strategies and social organization. The list goes on.

Language has been held up as dividing line, although efforts are continually underway to crack other creatures' codes, from bee dances that map out pollen locations to whale songs that travel kilometres under the ocean's surface. Language syntax and complexity may differ, but most living beings share the ability to communicate.

The claim that self-awareness is solely human has also been grudgingly discarded, after numerous species "passed" the "mirror self-recognition test" (starting with chimps in 1970).

Empathy and a sense of the future have also been disproven as human-only. Most people with pet dogs can attest to empathy during spells of sadness and have seen the excitement generated by a pending walk. The ability to problem solve, once thought a solely human domain, has been observed in rats, among other species.

Three claims elevating humans above other animals are articulated today to varying degrees: the human abilities to create art, develop technology and abstract from self.

Yet is not the nest of a bower bird or a whale song a kind of art? And while human technology is astounding (medical technology has equipped us with the ability to save lives and green technology has allowed us to capture energy from the sun and wind), some technologies — such as the polluting, climate-altering internal-combustion engine or a logging machine able to fell multiple trees in one pass — are devastating the planet we depend on. (Meanwhile, technology is also used to create vehicles to vacate the planet should we

destroy it.) It can be difficult to frame our technological prowess entirely as a beacon of intelligence.

As for a species' ability to abstract from itself, how can we possibly know what goes on in the minds of other creatures when most studies, unlike Goodall's, involve taking animals out of their worlds, placing them in cages and measuring them against human standards?

Humans are unique. So are other animals. Goodall's work ruptured the social construction of apex humans. We've been struggling to patch it ever since. How else can we justify our mass mistreatment of fellow animals?

As we move into the new year, we need more ruptures in mainstream thinking. It's the cracks that let the light in. Science has shown that we're kin with all living things, branches on an evolutionary tree. As Barbara Noske advocates in her book *Humans and Other Animals*, we must recognize the discontinuity between ourselves and other

animals as horizontal, not vertical.

In 2020, the late Sen. Murray Sinclair introduced legislation — the Jane Goodall Act — to prohibit common forms of captivity for elephants and great apes. The Senate passed a version (Bill S-15) in the last session of Parliament. Unfortunately, it didn't make it through the House of Commons before the 2025 election. It would be a fitting tribute to Goodall's legacy for the government to reintroduce it and for Parliament to at last pass it into law.

Jane Goodall should be remembered as a scientist and an agent of change. Let's hope that 2026 brings more compassionate voices like hers to collapse harmful systems and bring about a gentler, healthier world — for humans and all our animal relatives.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Boreal Project Manager Rachel Plotkin. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.

Letter to the Editor Schaefer is thoughtful, engaged, Eek says

My apologies for not providing my comments about Councillor Schaefer not seeking re-election in this year's municipal election in time for the Jan. 22 edition of the King Weekly Sentinel.

I first met Debbie Schaefer back in 2010 when we were both seeking election to King Township's council as community members who had decided to run for council to make King a better place through better policy decisions, and join forces to try to prevent a natural gas peaker plant from being pushed into the countryside near the Holland Marsh.

Debbie is an incredible woman who knows her own mind, yet considers other people's perspective when engaging in conversation about topics she is not familiar with.

Working with Debbie over the past 15+ years, I have found her to be thoughtful in her comments, engaged with the community, dedicated to the betterment of King Township through her decisions on council, and knowledgeable about so much that goes on in King Township.

When Debbie was elected after Councillor Underhill retired, I thought, "she has big shoes to fill," but fill them she did, and then some. It has been a privilege to work with someone of Debbie's calibre, making decisions that impact all of our residents.

I wish Debbie all the best in her retirement, it is well deserved. Thank you Councillor Debbie Schaefer for all that you have done to contribute to making King Township a better place to live, work and play.

Avia Eek
Councillor Ward 6

#LocalGovWeek

Who Does What?

RESPONSIBILITY BY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT

Federal	Provincial	Municipal
<p>Services affecting the whole country:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizenship Immigration International Relations Currency & Banking Income Tax & Sales Tax Census Defense International Trade Postal Service Transportation 	<p>Services affecting the province of Ontario:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture Employment Education Health Care Highways Planning & Development Framework Social Services Sales Tax Mental Health Income Tax 	<p>Services affecting a local municipality, region, or county:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Support & Homelessness Emergency Services Libraries Parks, Trails & Playgrounds Planning & Development Decisions Roads, Bridges, Sidewalks Waste Management Drinking Water Sewers & Wastewater Snow Clearing Animal Services

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KEAT accepting members to help the environment

Are you passionate about environmental sustainability in King Township? The King Environmental Action Team (better known as KEAT) is accepting new members.

KEAT is made up of King residents and the Township's Community Services staff all dedicated to making a meaningful impact through effective stewardship and responsible environmental actions.

Help organize local activities such as tree plantings, community clean-ups, waste management and waste audits at events, guided hikes, invasive species identification and removal, cycling initiatives and environmental workshop development, including the Powering King: Community Energy Expo.

Ready to get your hands dirty and make King greener?

All ages are welcome, apply now to join them at our next meeting on January 29.

For more information, visit king.ca/KEAT.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT & DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION
30 & 50 STATION ROAD AND 10 WEST STREET, KING CITY

You are invited to attend a Public Information Consultation meeting hosted by KLM Planning Partners Inc. on behalf of Fifth Avenue Homes (Station) Inc. c/o Fifth Avenue Homes.

Location: King Township Public Library
Address: 1970 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A6
Date: Thursday, February 5th, 2026
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

The purpose of this Public Information Session is to provide the community an opportunity to learn about the proposed development on lands municipally known as 30 & 50 Station Road and 10 West Street, hear from the consultant team, ask questions and share your comments with the owners and their consultant team.

Please note that this meeting is **NOT** the Township's Statutory Public Meeting as required by the Planning Act. No date has been set by the Township for the Statutory Public Meeting. Please reach out to Paul Kulyk at the Township if you wish to be notified of the Statutory Meeting (905-833-4063 or pkulyk@king.ca).

The Applications propose to facilitate 29 townhouse dwelling units arranged into 3 blocks accessed and serviced by a private road and private sidewalk to be governed through a future Common Element Condominium as well as the Station Road right-of-way.

TOTAL 29 UNITS

Should you have any questions prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to reach to us at rlavecchia@klmplanning.com & zbutt@klmplanning.com and reference 30 & 50 Station Road and 10 West Street in your email.

Citizens, Conservatives point to failure of federal gun program

By Mark Pavilons
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National Issues

There's mounting opposition to the federal government's firearm buy-back program.

The program opened Jan 19, despite widespread opposition and refusal of some provinces to participate.

The federal government unveiled the next steps in its national gun buy-back program and Canadians will have about two months to declare their interest in participating in order to receive compensation for turning in outlawed firearms. The program runs until March 31.

Public Safety Minister Gary Anandasangaree said that "the compensation program is voluntary, but compliance with the law is not."

Groups like the Canadian Taxpayers Federation have been lobbying the feds to reconsider the program.

"Remember, the federal government has an amnesty in place for all the banned guns until Oct. 30, 2026. That means you shouldn't have to hand in your banned firearms until that date. So don't let the government push you into anything," said Gage Haubrich, Prairie Director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

At least three provinces have come out saying they will not participate.

Both Alberta and Manitoba officials have said they won't administer the program.

Saskatchewan introduced changes to its firearms legislation last November, proposing that anyone who seizes a firearm under the federal government's laws must pay the owner fair market value as determined by the Saskatchewan Firearms Commissioner.

After a dismal response in Cape Breton to the federal gun buy-back program, citizens and local MPs are once again calling out the Carney government in wasting tax dollars.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation constantly polls residents, asking them to provide their thoughts on Ottawa's gun confiscation.

The government just released the results of its gun ban pilot project in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. After banning more than 2,500 hundred different makes and models of firearms since

2020, the federal government ran a six-week pilot project in Cape Breton to collect firearms from individual owners.

The government aimed to confiscate 200 firearms during the pilot project. It only collected 25.

The federal government agreed to give at least \$149,760 to the Cape Breton Regional Municipality to carry out the confiscation.

Experts put the total cost of the national confiscation to taxpayers at more than \$6 billion, the federation says.

"But law enforcement experts have stated the program won't make Canadians safer."

The union representing RCMP members says Ottawa's program "diverts extremely important personnel, resources, and funding away from addressing the more immediate and growing threat of criminal use of illegal firearms."

"As predicted, the Liberal firearms confiscation effort on Cape Breton has failed to achieve any real headway towards its illegitimate goal.

"The confiscation of lawfully owned, legally acquired property.

"Only 25 firearms were handed in, half of which from one individual and most not even affected by the Liberal Orders in Council.

"Cape Bretoners are among the most level headed, agreeable and cooperative people in Canada. If the Liberals could not sell their offensive confiscatory agenda to them, there is even less hope for any kind of real compliance in the rest of Canada," said Blair Hagen, Executive Vice President, Canada's National Firearms Association.

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback said the feds are not learning any lessons from these results. This buy-back is systematic of a government that's ineffective against "crime and chaos."

Seeback points to extortion as the number-one growing crime, not only in urban centres but here in rural areas.

He said Caledon OPP are investigating 50 cases of extortion and there was an extortion-related shooting in Orangeville.

"This is where the safety minister should be focused on," he said. The money spent on the gun buy-back could be directed to fighting things like extortion-related crimes or boosting front-

line officers.

The feds, he said, are pretending there's a problem with legal firearms, even when figures indicated that the majority of gun crimes in the GTA are from illegal weapons acquired from the U.S.

The Liberals won't likely change their stance on gun control and Seeback said the Conservatives have introduced several bills to curb crime, and some have failed to gain support in the House.

"The Carney Liberals need to abandon this program and realize what a damaging mistake this was on every level," said Tracey Wilson, VP, Public Relations, Registered Lobbyist, Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights.

"It's unsurprising that bureaucracies and services in Quebec are in favour of helping the federal government confiscate firearms from licenced individuals as this has been the epicentre of radical and unreasonable gun control in Canada for decades.

"As it applies to the rest of the country, more and more Canadians have come to the conclusion that this is exclusively a political exercise. The evidence supporting this view couldn't be more clear. First, the Minister of Public Safety, nor the Minister of Justice, nor the Prime Minister have met with stakeholders on this massive program.

Next, the Public Safety Minister's office today circulated statements containing distracting dialogue about portal design and insufficient instructions while the real reason participation has been dismal is still yet to be acknowledged by them.

"That reason is that the federal government has circulated the idea that only so many licenced gun owners are going to be compensated for their firearms. This is entirely contrary to their promise for approaching the last six years.

"With an estimated 2 million firearms in circulation that are now prohibited, the government plans to pay for 152,000 of them. Gun owners won't know whether they'll be compensated until they reveal to the government what they have. This puts gun owners into an untenable position that is as outrageous as it is immoral.

"The proof that this is a cynical political undertaking by the Liberal government is this: if the government truly felt that these firearms were too dangerous to be held by licenced gun owners, they would simply guarantee that they would pay for them, full stop. They would just keep their promise."

In Ontario there was 690,082 licensed firearms owners in 2024. Of those 462,515 had registered guns. That number continues to rise annually.

Ontario opens homelessness and addiction recovery treatment hub in Dufferin County

The Ontario government is expanding access to high-quality mental health and addictions care with the launch of a new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub in Orangeville.

This is part of the province's almost \$550 million investment to open 28 HART Hubs across Ontario to protect the safety of children and families, while improving access to recovery and treatment services for people facing housing instability, mental health and substance use challenges.

"Our government is delivering on its promise to build a stronger, more connected system of mental health and addictions care that better reflects the needs of communities and focuses on lasting recovery," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "The opening of this new HART Hub will ensure that those struggling with mental health and addictions challenges in Orangeville and across Dufferin County can access compassionate care and support services that prioritizes their path to recovery and strengthens community safety."

HART Hubs connect people to a range of comprehensive treatment and recovery services such as primary care, mental health services, addictions care, social services and employment support.

"HART Hubs are about meeting people where they are and connecting them to the care and supports they need," said Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "By expanding services in Dufferin County, we're helping more individuals access treatment and recovery closer to home, while strengthening partnerships that make a real difference in communities."

The HART Hub, operated by Services and Housing In the Province (SHIP), is now operational and delivering services through a collaborative network of clinical, social service and care providers working together to connect people with the supports they need, when they need them.

Together, these partners deliver services tailored to the needs of the community, such as primary care, mental health services, addictions services, case management and basic needs support.

The Dufferin HART Hub is now open and offering services in Orangeville, with a satellite site in Shelburne set to launch in winter 2026 and a mobile clinic to follow in the spring to expand access to care where it's needed most.

The Dufferin HART Hub delivers services in collaboration with the Salvation Army, Public Health Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, Orangeville Foodbank, Family Transition Place, OPP, Dufferin County, Community Living Dufferin, Headwaters Health Care Centre, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Peel Dufferin, Dufferin Area Family Health Team, Peel Addiction Assessment and Referral Centre, Choices Shelter and Support Services, Dufferin Child & Family Services and Hills of Headwaters Ontario Health Team.

"Dufferin County is committed to working with our partners like SHIP, other local agencies and the Province of Ontario to ensure those most vulnerable in our community have access to the essential services that they need, when they need them. The new HART Hub will provide local access to mental health, addiction and housing supports so that our community members get the care they need, right here in Dufferin. We are grateful to the Province for this investment and look forward to continuing to work together to address housing instability, quality care and community safety in Dufferin County," said Dufferin Warden Lisa Post, Warden, Dufferin.

"The HART Hub represents a fundamentally different approach that meets people where they are, connects them to coordinated care, and supports pathways to stability and long term housing, while advancing the core priorities of Dufferin's safety and well being plan," added Susan Doyle, CEO, Services and Housing in the Province (SHIP).

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Resident pushes for a new Carrying Place trail

By Mark Pavilonis
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A York resident's steadfast crusade to preserve and revamp the historic Carrying Place Trail, got some traction at King council recently.

Local officials lauded the effort of Richmond Hill resident Ian Craig, in his long-standing quest to resurrect this important piece of history.

The Toronto Carrying-Place Trail, also known as the Humber Portage, was a major portage route in Ontario, linking Lake Ontario with Lake Simcoe and the northern Great Lakes. The trail was extensively used by European explorers, traders, priests and officials from 1615 until the early 1800s.

Craig is hoping that the existing Humber Recreational Trail can be extended, from the City of Toronto, through The City of Vaughan and King Township to Weston Rd. and Highway 9. It can connect King Township to Bradford West Gwillimbury at one or two places on Highway 9. If that connection is made, the new trail could continue through the Holland Marsh, possibly on roads identified as part of the Tour de Holland, to Bradford.

This new trail could be called the "New Toronto Carrying Place Trail."

His plan is to restore the Toronto Carrying Place designation as a National Historic Site, or replace it with an equally significant and permanent

designation.

New, accurate historical signs could celebrate the original trail and the new trail. This, he said, would resolve the current "Colonialism concerns" which have placed the Historical Site designation "under review" by Parks Canada.

Craig is hoping to get approval from all cities and municipalities involved, as ask each one to dedicate a staffer to gather and meet on the proposal.

He admitted there may be a better plan for moving this proposal forward, and it may come from one of the municipalities involved.

A proposal would then be submitted to Parks Canada, and request that they take ownership and consider funding and implementing it.

Part of the trail includes the Humber River, designated a Canadian Heritage River due to its natural, cultural and recreational values. At least two thirds of the original trail is in the Humber Watershed.

"This new trail will celebrate and protect the natural, cultural, and agricultural heritage, and recreational value of this shared linear park," Craig said.

Craig went so far as identifying the route and signage through King Township. A number of information kiosks would be installed from the King-Vaughan Road to Highway 9. These kiosks would have maps, local historical information, flora and fauna information, geographical information. First Nations groups would be invited to

contribute to information on signs and kiosks.

It's a monumental task to be sure, one that drew praise from King's councillors.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer praised Craig's tenacity and persistence, noting we "can't walk away from this idea."

Councillor Jennifer Anstey agreed that First Nations people have a great opportunity to tell their story.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, who sits on the Ontario Heritage Trust, urged Craig to approach them for support. The mayor noted the Trust has been trying to "fix" historic plaques since the 1970s and he wants the most accurate historic information possible.

He would like the new trail to follow the original one as closely as possible.

This is not something one person can do and what's needed is an "army" of concerned citizens to carry the torch, the mayor observed.

Craig said the trail would see an increase in hikers and recreational bikers and tourist traffic.

With federal aid, this new trail could connect to trails that are already in the King Township. The new trail could be a catalyst for completing the trails in King's Master Trails Plan.

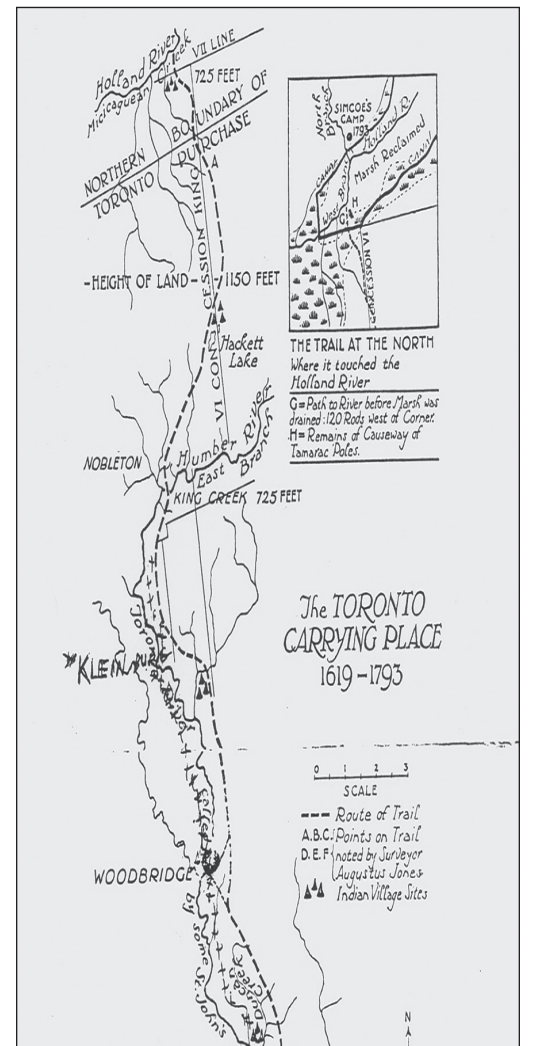
The trial would provide greater protection for the natural environment throughout King Township and there would be a "certain amount of prestige would come with a National Heritage Trail designation."

Craig said the project would come with a cost, but with federal funding, the local burden would be minimal.

"Communities all across the country are totally involved in creating trails, conserving natural environments and celebrating local history. This proposal provides one small step towards achieving those objectives. We are running out of time here in Ontario for protecting our greenspace and celebrating and understanding our incredible history and heritage," Craig observed.

He pointed out the Ministry of Environment and Climate Control has been requested to establish 15 new National Urban Parks by 2030; invest in existing parks and trails; establish a Natural Infrastructure Fund, and support community-led greenspace projects.

"Biking or hiking through King Township is the most scenic and interesting section of the New Trail. The



call to respect and protect our natural environment, rings loud and clear in King Township," he said.

Starting with the Toronto end, the trail ran up the eastern bank of the Humber River. The trail splits at Woodbridge, with one fork crossing the east branch of the Humber and going up the west side of the river to the vicinity of Kleinburg where it re-crossed the river.

The other fork stayed on the east side of the river and angled cross-country to King Creek, joining the other fork before crossing the river near Nobleton. From there it runs north over the Oak Ridges Moraine to the Holland River, and from there north-east into Lake Simcoe.

Campsites near the Carrying Place have been dated to the end of the last ice age, some 12,000 years ago. At the time of contact with Europeans, the Toronto Carrying Place was used by the Wendat (Huron), Onondawahgah (Seneca) and later by the Mississauga First Nations.

The best-documented journey along the trail was that of Lt-Governor John Graves Simcoe in 1793.



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Townhouse proposal in King City moves forward

By **Mark Pavilons**
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A townhouse project has been given the go-ahead by King council.

Councillors okayed staff recommendations to facilitate townhouse and apartment units on two industrial lots in King City.

The properties will accommodate 353 residential units, including 87 townhomes, 46 back-to-back townhomes and 220 apartment dwelling units.

The applications were initially submitted in June 2022, and a public meeting of council was held in December 2022 to present the applications and seek comments from Council and the public. Council directed planning staff to continue to review the applications and report back to council.

Subsequent to the statutory public meeting, the applicants – Alpa Properties and Robert B. Somerville – revised the proposed draft plan and submitted additional supporting information responding to technical comments of the Township and other agencies. The revised plan now proposes a total of 353 dwelling units, being an increase of 6 units relative to the plan which was presented at the public meeting.

The site consists of two industrial properties located on the west side of Dufferin Street, north of King Road in King City. The combined site measures 7.53 hectares with approximately 200 metres of frontage. The southerly property supports the operations for Alpa Lumber Mill, where a large industrial building and outside storage are located together with a man-made pond and a treed area. The northerly property is occupied by Robert B. Somerville Company where an office building, shop building and outside storage are located.

The Metrolinx rail corridor runs immediately north of the development site, while the southern lot boundary is adjacent to existing townhomes which front onto Tatton Court, a Montessori School and a McDonalds Restaurant. The rear/west portion of the subject lands borders Salamander Park and a stormwater management pond.

The Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) provides municipalities with the tools and flexibility required to focus on building more homes. Settlement areas are to be the focus for growth and where

intensification and redevelopment are supported to achieve complete communities, including a range and mix of housing options. The PPS continues to identify the need to establish minimum targets for intensification and redevelopment within built-up areas based on local conditions.

The subject lands are located within the Village boundary for King City which is considered a Settlement Area in accordance with the Provincial Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP). Under the ORMCP, Settlement Areas are encouraged to continue to develop for a range of uses, including commercial and residential uses in planned areas identified by the local Official Plan while minimizing impacts on ecological functions and hydrological features.

The Region of York Official Plan as it applies to King, designates the subject lands as ‘Town and Village’ and identifies that intensification is to occur in strategic locations within built-up areas which benefit from efficiencies in infrastructure and transit.

Key Intensification policies of the YROP in regard to the Applications include:

That a minimum of 50% of all residential development between 2021 to 2041, and 55% from 2041 to 2051 occur annually within the built-up area.

That strategic growth areas be the primary locations for concentrations of high density and mixed-use development.

That the majority of residential intensification shall be directed to locations which provide access to human, educational and social services, retail, employment, arts, culture, parks, recreational facilities and transit within a 15-minute walk.

That intensification shall include a variety of medium and high-density dwelling unit types and sizes to provide housing choice.

That local municipalities plan to meet or exceed intensification targets. King is identified with a target of 4,700 residential units by the year 2051.

The proposed development would provide connections with the surrounding existing development by way of vehicular and pedestrian sidewalk connections on Sunbloom Street via Tatton Court and to Salamander Park.

The proposed development consists of 3-storey freehold townhomes, 3-storey freehold back-to-back townhomes

and two, 5-storey condominium apartment buildings.

The Environmental policies of the Plan allow refinements to boundaries such as non-significant woodlands without an amendment provided an environmental study is prepared. The TRCA reviewed the Applications and confirmed that a treed area which is located on the subject lands does not meet the Provincial criteria to be considered a significant woodland. This treed area is proposed to be removed and form part of the residential development, however, it has been included in the Tree Inventory report prepared by the applicant and compensation will be required in accordance with the Township’s policy in this regard.

The proposed development would have a range of residential dwelling types and provide an appropriate transition in land use and built form from the commercial designated lands to the south. The subject development would result in the removal of long-standing industrial land uses and proposes the establishment of a new residential neighbourhood which will assist in providing an appropriate transition, and rounding out of the surrounding area in a compatible, cohesive and appropriate manner, staff said in their report.

The proposed development includes a range of housing types, including street townhomes and the introduction of back-to-back townhouse units which are currently not available in the Township, and two apartment buildings which are proposed to front onto Dufferin Street.

The site would not present any compatibility concerns from a building massing, shadow and privacy perspective. The interface between the existing two-storey townhomes on Tatton Street and the three-storey townhomes proposed by the applicants includes an existing Township acoustic fence barrier which was erected to lessen the impact of noise emanating from the Alpa Lumber operation. The acoustic fence would no longer be necessary in terms of its noise mitigation function if the industrial land use is replaced by the proposed residential development.

However, staff noted that residents along Tatton Court have voiced concerns with the potential removal of the fence. Further consideration and consultation will be given to determine the extent to which the fence is to be modified at the detailed design stage of the subject development and/or in consultation with the Public Works Department.

An existing stormwater management pond on adjacent lands associated with the development of Tatton Court was sized to accommodate flows from the subject development. The off-site pond discharges to the Serra Shift Creek tributary located further west. Therefore, the draft plan has no on-site stormwater facilities proposed.

The parking requirement under the

Zoning By-law for the proposed townhouse dwellings is 266 spaces using a rate of two spaces per unit. The application demonstrates that a total of 378 parking spaces will be provided which exceeds the bylaw by 48 spaces.

A future multi-use path on the west side of Dufferin Street is planned that would facilitate opportunities to connect to the proposed development. The multi-use path would extend to the intersection with King Road where connection with the YRT would be possible. The YRT Bus service operates route 96 with stops at Dufferin Street along King Road for service between Yonge Street and the King City GO Station.

The Township’s consulting engineer has reviewed the technical noise reports and supports the reclassification of the site, subject to noise abatement measures.

Staff said the applications has advanced sufficiently, and it is appropriate to recommend draft plan approval subject to the pre-conditions and draft conditions.

Bruce Craig, on behalf of Concerned Citizens of King Township, noted it’s encouraging to see the diversity in housing being proposed in this housing project, with two types of townhomes and a variety of apartment units.

King is at an important pivotal point in expanding needed housing in King City. This project, he said, provides a helpful opportunity to include affordable housing units.

Craig pointed to a recent report titled, ‘Partnerships in Housing Affordability’ that highlights that most housing in the GTA is out of reach for a great number of middle-income earners, including teachers, nurses, police officers, firefighters and others – many important workers who serve in our communities. The critical need for affordable housing includes a broad spectrum of the population spanning low-income earners through to a large number of middle-income earners.

‘How many of us know someone who is unable to afford a home in King Township or in nearby municipalities – a family member, a senior, a young couple starting out?’ he asked.

In King Township’s Official Plan it states, ‘It is the policy of this council that a minimum of 25% of new housing units shall be designed affordable across King Township.’ Since the inception of the Official Plan in 2019, several residential projects have been approved in King City and Nobleton – multi-unit residential buildings and housing subdivisions. ‘How many residential units have been approved over the past six years, and in these housing projects, how many affordable housing units have been included?’

Craig also asked what specific green building features are being incorporated into the design of the townhomes and apartment building in this project. He wondered whether things like heat pumps and solar will be integrated into the buildings.



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Community rallies to support local equine program helping youth

A small but dedicated group of community members gathered at a peaceful farm in the Schomberg area to support Child Innocence Equine Experiences, a local equine-assisted program helping youth find calm and connection.

The gathering brought together individuals with backgrounds in horse care, wellness, education, and business, along with neighbours and friends, all united by concern for the future of the farm and the program it supports. At the heart of the work is Amore, a calm rescue horse who, alongside program founder Irina Mihaela, has quietly supported young people experiencing emotional challenges.

Participants shared personal experiences of how time spent with horses fostered calm, grounding, and emotional relief, and spoke about the growing need for alternatives to traditional approaches – particularly non-clinical spaces where children and families can regulate their nervous systems and re-

store inner peace.

“As a senior adult, I experienced time with Amore recently,” one participant shared. “I had been suffering from a lingering sadness that affected my daily activities. After our time together in the arena, the sadness was completely gone – and it has not returned.”

While the program has operated with minimal resources and offered free and low-cost equine visits, the farm is now at a critical point. Rising costs and accumulated expenses have placed the future of the space – and the services offered there – at risk. The January gathering marked the beginning of a community-led effort to stabilize the farm and ensure the program can continue.

During the meeting, participants brainstormed ideas for a sustainable future, including community events, partnerships with schools and churches, and collaborations with other youth and mental-health programs, aimed at



reaching and supporting more young people in need. A shared commitment emerged: to work together so this rare and natural space of calm and connection is not lost.

“This farm has been quietly helping people for the past couple of years,” said Christine Legree, a participant at the gathering. “Now it needs the community’s help. We pledged to be a supportive and engaged community for the youth who benefit from Irina,

Amore, and the natural setting of the farm.”

Local residents, organizations, and businesses are invited to support the effort by donating, sponsoring, sharing the story, or getting involved. A community fundraiser is currently underway; readers can search “Help Us Stay at the Farm – Support the Youth Equine Program” on GoFundMe or contact Irina Mihaela at 437-448-7078 for more information.

Township hiring for summer positions

If you enjoy working in nature, prepare your resume! King Township is now accepting applications for various outdoor, seasonal and contract positions. These jobs are ideal for college or university students who want to earn competitive pay and work full-time hours this summer.

Available positions include a Seasonal Parks Worker, Parks Summer Student, Environmental Field Labourer and Outdoor Program Facilitators. The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. on March 13. Job postings can be viewed at king.ca/employment.

The Parks Seasonal Worker and the Parks Summer Student assist with the day-to-day maintenance and operation of Township parks and parks facilities including trails, playgrounds, turf areas, landscaped areas, and park fixtures.

Duties include the daily watering, weeding and maintenance of floral displays, new plantings and planters, as well as collecting litter. The salary for the Seasonal Parks Worker is \$19.56 to \$23.80 per hour. The hourly wage for the Parks Summer Student is \$17.70.

The Environmental Field Labourer facilitates community tree planting events by conducting site preparation

and planting native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. Responsibilities include conducting ongoing maintenance of restoration planting sites and Township gardens by trimming, watering, mulching and weeding, mowing and invasive species removal. The position also helps with community environmental stewardship initiatives, events and nature-based programs, and conducts tree planting demonstrations to volunteers and youth. The salary range is \$20.34 to \$22 per hour.

The Outdoor Program Facilitator is responsible for implementing and facilitating nature education and recreation programs, including challenge course facilitation at Cold Creek Conservation Area for school groups and community groups. This position also facilitates programs at offsite park/trail or in-school locations throughout King Township. The pay rate is \$20.25 to \$21.75 per hour.

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Societal change on full display at Revolution Now exhibit in Aurora

By Brock Weir

The more Ava Dedier learns about her roots and her culture, the more complete she feels as a person.

The Markham-raised artist knew a fair bit about her family's roots in Trinidad, but knew all too well that so much of their African heritage had been lost along the way. But it is through her art that she found a way to help fill in the blanks, and the results of this poignant journey are now on display at Aurora's Royal Rose Gallery in Rise Together, a celebration of artists who have been impacted by Revolution Now.

Revolution Now, a social movement co-founded by Aurora teacher Megan Glanfield, aims to create visibility, opportunity and community for marginalized and racialized people. Since its inception, it has raised tens of thousands of dollars to support youth through scholarships and donations to non-profits.

The work of several youth who have been supported through these scholarships was in the spotlight when members of the community gathered at the Downtown Aurora gallery for Rise To-

gether's opening reception.

The reception was both a fundraiser for future scholarships as well as a way to showcase success stories coming out of the program to ticket-holders and dignitaries, including Newmarket-Aurora MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy and Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas.

Dedier first became involved with Revolution Now as a Grade 12 student in Unionville when, as a budding artist, she secured a scholarship through the program.

"It just kind of solidified all the hard work I've been doing throughout Grade 12 and all my life, and to know that there's scholarships for Black youth and people like me, and young girls, it just felt very empowering because usually you don't find organizations that support specific groups of people, but I felt very seen and very heard when I got it, and I was super-happy."

As part of the show at Royal Rose, which runs through to the end of January, Dedier selected three works from her 17-piece collection called Trendsetters, with each piece representing a different African god or goddess.

"I used art as a way to reconnect

with my lost heritage and research and learn and make art in turn," she explains, pointing to the portrait-style works that incorporate vivid, traditional textiles. "My family is from Trinidad by way of Africa and I know a lot about the Trinidadian part, but lots about the African traditions and stories, folklore and stuff got really lost. I realized that was a big problem because I wanted to know where I came from originally."

"Through my art, I used the research to gain more insight into that culture and I actually learned how to sew from a Ghanaian seamstress. I felt as I was making the artworks it was more than just art; it was the people I was meeting with and connecting with and the stories I was learning to gain more information."

Dedier's father, Robert, says the opportunities Ava has had through Revolution Now, including this chance to explore their collective roots through their art has been "amazing."

"It's a breath of fresh air," says Robert of Revolution Now's commitment to racialized, marginalized, or otherwise under-represented populations. In the art world itself, especially in Canada, racialized people make up a small percentage of the work that's being shown. Initially, my daughter asked, 'Do you think people will like my art because it's Black-centred?' I said, of course they're going to like your art... What it did for her was kind of broke that men-

tality that she doesn't have a voice and she realized she was being taken seriously as an artist. This opportunity in itself changed a lot of her perspective.

"I'm a big advocate for knowing and remembering who we are, where we came from, and being proud of that. In teaching my daughter that aspect of herself, she was able to find herself and she was able to teach me things I never knew. We were able to discover and learn together."

This is a sentiment very much shared by Ava.

"I really hope my art just sparks conversations," says the University of Western Ontario student. "If there's something that they didn't know before, but they are interested in, I'm glad that I can be that source of knowledge for them because I feel most of the gaps in either representation or things of that nature just occur from lack of knowledge. I like being able to educate while I show my art at the same time."

"As a person, I am someone who loves to learn and I feel like the more I learn about myself, and my roots and my culture, the more I can really feel whole as a person. I feel like especially since I am very young, I'm still kind of finding myself, learning more about what I'm passionate about, like art and culture, and it just builds me as a person and the woman I'm becoming."

For more information about Revolution Now, visit revolution-now.ca.

Nature meets creativity at Flower Hammering workshop

The Nobleton & King City Garden Club is inviting the community to explore a unique blend of art, nature, and hands-on fun at its upcoming Flower Hammering Workshop with The Giving Place, taking place on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Laskay Hall.

This engaging workshop introduces participants to the joyful art of botanical imprinting, using real flowers and leaves to transfer their natural pigments onto fabric and paper. With a few well-placed taps of a hammer, vibrant floral designs come to life in a process that is as satisfying as it is creative.

Each guest will create a beautiful framed floral art piece as well as a mini cotton bag, making the experience perfect for those looking to craft a meaningful, handmade gift or enjoy a memorable afternoon with friends. No prior artistic experience is required; just a curiosity for nature and a willingness to try something new. All materials and refreshments are included.

The workshop reflects the Garden Club's ongoing commitment to celebrating plants, creativity, and community connection. It also offers a welcome reminder that art doesn't always



begin with a paintbrush – sometimes it starts in the garden.

The event will be held at Laskay Hall, 2920 King Road, King City. The cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members. Space is limited, and advanced registration is required.

For more information or to register, interested participants can contact the Nobleton & King City Garden Club at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com.

Whether you're a gardener, an art lover, or simply looking for a fresh way to spend a winter afternoon, this workshop promises a colourful and creative experience worth hammering home.

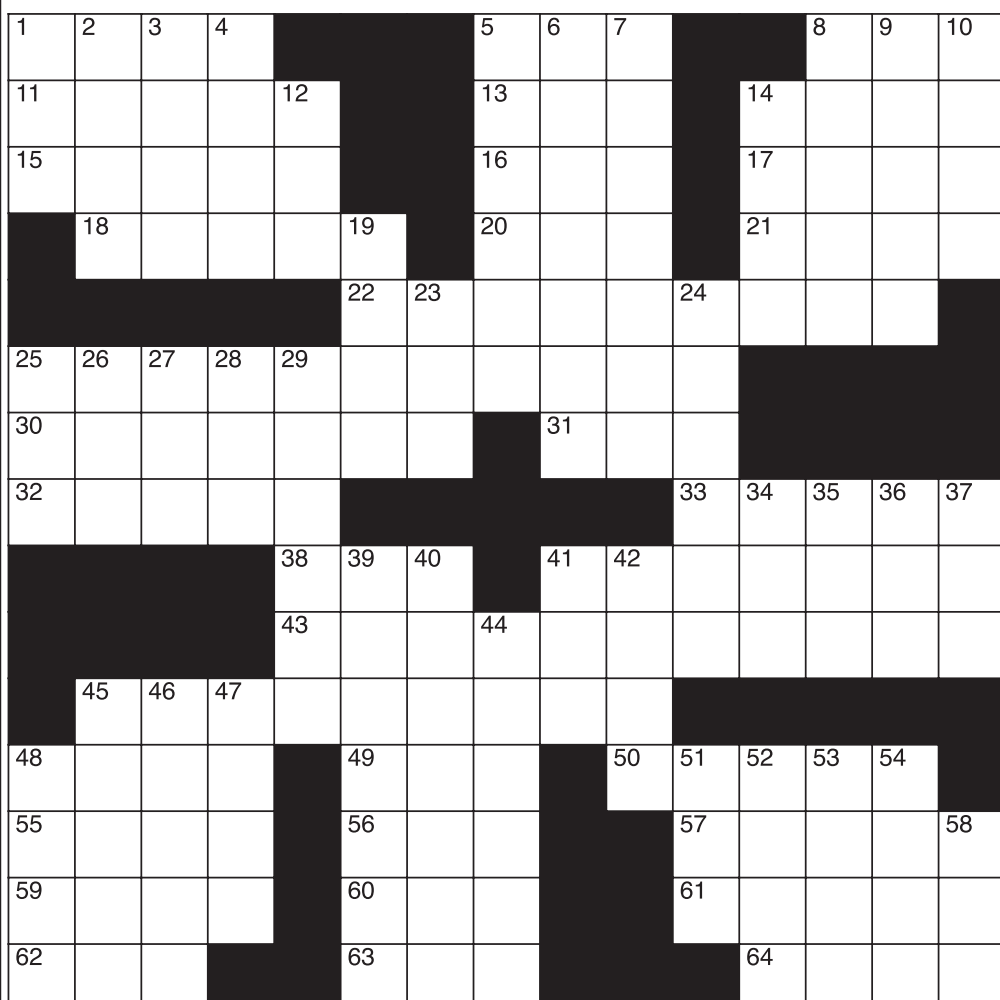


Cultural Gala approaches

Celebrate King Township's roots and honour our hometown heroes at the 2026 Mayor Pellegrini's Cultural Gala on Thursday, Feb. 26 at The Manor Event Venue. Enjoy a gourmet dinner, live performances by Pianist Elliott Barenthin and the band Sensations, activities including a photo booth, and an exclusive silent auction – all while supporting arts, culture, and heritage in King Township. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a reception service with an antipasto bar. Plated dinner with duo entree starts at 7 p.m. Buy tickets at king.ca/MayorsGala

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8. Very fast airplane
11. Immune responses
13. "Partner" to feather
14. New England river
15. Longest river in New Guinea
16. Midway between east and southeast
17. Israeli politician
18. Back bones
20. Consumed
21. One you can rely on
22. Dressed up gaudily
25. Representatives
30. Dog breed
31. Pitching statistic
32. Manpower
33. S. Korean entertainer
38. Outsourcing firm
41. Viceroy of Egypt under Turkish rule

43. One who removes antlers from a flower
45. Potluck dish
48. Discount
49. Airborne (abbr.)
50. Cavalry sword
55. Basics
56. Hollywood director Howard
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. Horsley and Majors are two
60. Midway between northeast and east
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Malaysian isthmus
63. Fall back
64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

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2. Baseball's best pitchers
3. ___ Nui, Easter

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5. Constant
6. Hobby
7. A place to store food
8. Short-tail marten
9. Burn with a hot liquid
10. Left his heart in San Francisco
12. Swedish krona
14. Legendary actor
19. French cleric
23. Former measure of length for textiles
24. Opaque glassy substance
25. Residue of burned item
26. A place to unwind
27. Japanese honorific
28. Terminus
29. Fails to make a shot
34. Journalist Tarbell
35. College hoops tournament
36. Monetary unit of Macao
37. Of she
39. Spoke ill of
40. Elements
41. Kilocalorie (abbr.)
42. Shades
44. Poem of fourteen lines
45. Pole used in Scottish sport
46. Hollyhocks genus
47. Street name for marijuana
48. Polio vaccine developer
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Confederate soldiers
58. Criticize

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

Province, MPP help boost efforts of Human Endeavour

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan joined the Human Endeavour recently team to celebrate the results of a \$99,600 Seed grant the Ontario government invested in the organization through the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

The 2024 grant was used to create the “HELP - Home Essentials Lending Place” program, a donation centre, many generously donated by IKEA to help provide household items to newcomers, refugees and low-income families in York Region.

“For years, Human Endeavour has been the bedrock of support for many seniors and families in our community facing difficulty,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan. “At a time when affordability is top of mind, I am proud of our government stepping up to support Human Endeavour’s charity work to lift up families in need. The return on investment speaks for itself — collecting over \$200k worth of everyday essentials — which instills great pride in me to see us making a difference together as a community.”

Human Endeavour used the funds to hire staff needed to help run this new initiative. The grant also enabled the group to design a tracking system and set up a collection and distribution centre in Vaughan for York Region residents. It also helped with some administrative, program and transportation costs as well.

“Human Endeavour successfully es-

tablished a facility where donations from businesses, non-profit organizations, and community members are collected weekly, tracked and distributed to low-income families free of charge,” said Noor Din, CEO, Human Endeavour. “Essential items included mattresses, beds, duvets, bed sheets, pillows, furniture, kitchen items, clothing, winter items, prescription glasses, and computers. From October 2024 to October 2025, HELP supported 1,266 community members by distributing items worth \$211,000 and enhanced their quality of life,” added Din.

Established in 2004, Human Endeavour delivers innovative, technology-empowered solutions that provide essential support, mental wellness services, skills training, senior wellness programs, and settlement assistance, thereby reducing poverty, isolation, and barriers to inclusion and belonging.

Please visit www.humanendeavour.org for additional information.

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



Hospital hopes to break \$500,000 in this year’s Run for Southlake

By Brock Weir

Last year was a record-breaker for the Nature’s Emporium Run for Southlake, with community members lacing up to raise more than \$460,000 for local health care.

Now that the countdown is on for this year’s run on April 26, organizers are hoping to raise more than \$500,000 through the event – but they can’t do it without your help.

Community leaders gathered at Nature’s Emporium’s flagship Newmarket location on Monday afternoon to formally launch the countdown to the 2026 Run for Southlake.

Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of the Southlake Health Foundation, said last year’s event saw more than 1,650 participants “running, walking, dancing” on Davis Drive to support the local hospital and she hopes these records will be broken in the spring.

“We know that this year is going to be a record-breaking year,” said Ritter. “Without the support of our community running, walking, and raising critical dollars to support leading-edge patient care, we wouldn’t be able to look after all the members of our community.”

“Last year, we raised \$460,000 ... the highest we have raised. The bar is set. We want to blow past half-a-million dollars this year. We’re on the path (to) turning this into a million-dollar investment in the health of our communities and I know the community can do that. I have the utmost confidence that we will build towards that goal and

get there together – because I know how we all value the health and wellbeing of one another.”

These values were underscored by Steve Hollingsworth of Nature’s Emporium, the grocery store that has been the title sponsor of the Run for nearly 15 years.

Hollingsworth said he had the chance to participate in the Run last year with his daughter and said the value it continues to bring the community is clear.

“Southlake Health is where our loved ones go to get the care they need,” he said. “It’s a very special place and it’s obviously something that we want to continue to support and ensure that everybody has access to the life-saving care they need.... As community members, we have the opportunity with this event to show up for one another in a time, quite frankly ... when technology, which is intended to bring us all together, seems to continue to push us apart. There’s not that many events like this that give us this opportunity to show up for each other, so we’re very excited to continue to support an event that does that.”

“We’re grateful to be part of something that brings so many people together. We know we’re going on 14 years now as a partnership and we look forward to continuing to grow that, to continuing to help provide leading-edge care that’s close to home in our communities for years to come.”

For more on the 2026 Nature’s Emporium Run for Southlake, including how to register or pledge your support to a team or individual, visit runforsouthlake.ca.

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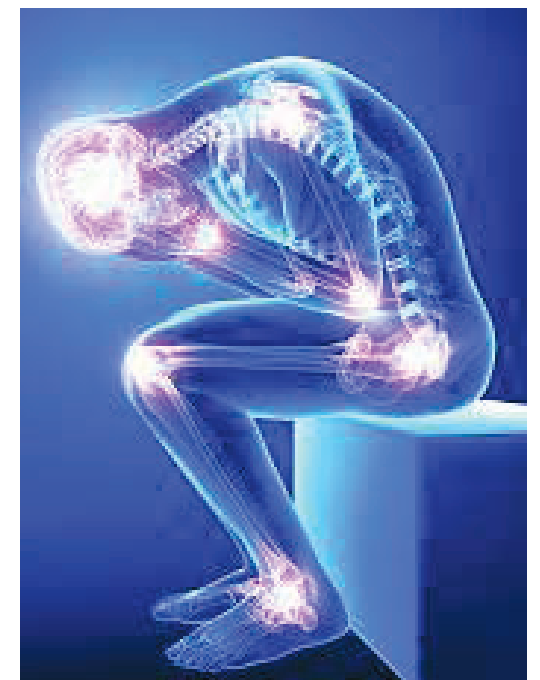


A young George Smith ready to go cycling, circa 1930s.



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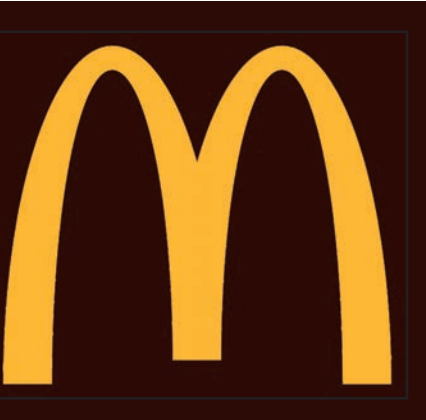
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Southlake leads global conversation on coronary physiology

Southlake Health's Regional Cardiac Program was selected to perform a live case at the Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT) Conference, the world's largest and most prestigious conference for interventional cardiology.

More than 10,000 clinicians from around the world watched as Dr. Steven Miner operated live on a patient at Southlake as he demonstrated the industry-leading comprehensive coronary physiology testing. The live-streamed case performed last Oct. 26, marks a first for Southlake, achieving a milestone recognition for Canadian heart care at the Regional Cardiac Program.

The live case showcased advanced diagnostic techniques used to better understand and treat coronary artery disease, one of the most common causes of heart-related illness and death in Canada. Dr. Miner, a world leader in performing this cardiac procedure, used his expertise to teach fellow cardiologists how to leverage the CoroFlow technology for better patient outcomes.

Coronary artery disease occurs when the arteries that supply blood to the heart become narrowed or blocked, restricting blood flow and oxygen. This can lead to chest pain, shortness of breath, and even heart attacks. However, not all patients fit this traditional pattern. Many experience chest discomfort or symptoms of heart disease without a visible blockage. For decades, these patients were left without clear answers, but Southlake stepped up to overcome this challenge.

In 2015, Southlake leaders approved the creation of the Cardiovascular Integrated Physiology program. The first procedure was performed in 2016, making Southlake the only hospital in Canada to offer comprehensive coronary physiology testing at that time.

Initially using older technology, the process was updated in 2023 when Southlake became the first hospital in Canada to adopt the approved CoroFlow system, distributed by Abbott. This advanced technology evaluates how coronary arteries function beyond what can be seen on a traditional angiogram.

The system provides a complete physiological picture of both the large (epicardial) vessels and the microcirculation of blood through the smallest blood vessels, helping diagnose patients who show signs of heart disease despite having normal-looking arteries.

By revealing hidden issues, physicians can better understand what is causing the patient's heart symptoms and tailor treatments. This innovation positions Southlake's regional cardiac program at the forefront of precision diagnostics and personalized heart care in Canada, improving outcomes and quality of life for patients.

"For years, many patients with heart symptoms were left without clear answers," said Dr. Miner, Interventional Cardiologist, Southlake Health. "By sharing our expertise in coronary physiology, we're helping cardiologists worldwide better understand how heart arteries function, improving care and outcomes for patients everywhere."

Southlake has been performing this advanced work for nearly a decade, treating approximately 800 patients and publishing more than 30 research papers through the program. In 2025, the Canadian Association of Interventional Cardiologists appointed Dr. Miner the national Chair of the Canadian Coronary Physiology Registry. Since then, 24 Canadian cardiac sites have committed to adopting the Southlake protocol and contributing to the registry. This collaboration will facilitate ongoing national and international research with Southlake leading the way.



Dr. Steven Miner (second from right), Dr. Erick Schampaert, and the Southlake Health team following their live demonstration of comprehensive coronary physiology testing for the TCT Conference.

The invitation to perform a live case at TCT is a major recognition of Southlake's expertise and leadership. The annual event attracts more than 10,000 cardiovascular specialists from around the world, offering demonstrations, clinical breakthroughs, hands-on training, and innovation sessions from top cardiovascular centres. By teaching other physicians how to perform these advanced procedures and showcasing ground-breaking technology, the expertise at this conference has the potential to help save patients around the world and help them lead healthier lives.

"Being selected to perform a live case at the Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics conference puts Southlake's Regional Department of Cardiac Health on the world stage," said Christopher Overgaard MD, Chief, Department of Cardiac Health, Southlake Health. "It's a testament to our team's skill, innovation, and commitment to improving outcomes for patients with complex cardiac conditions."

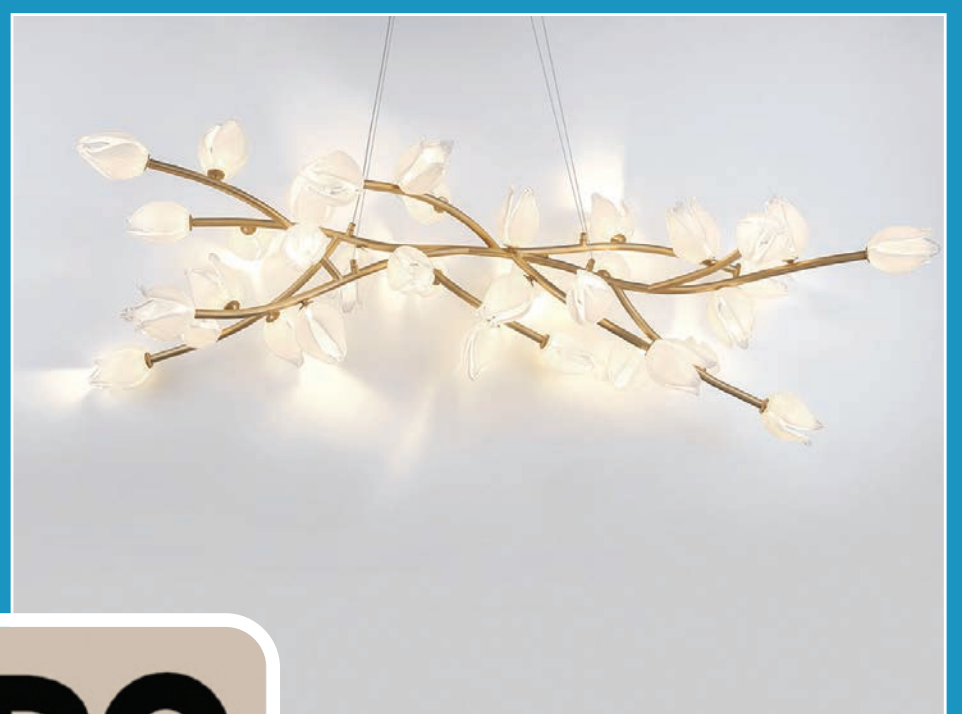
Southlake's cardiac team has partnered with leading institutions to share data and insights on coronary physiology, microvascular dysfunction, and patient outcomes. During the live case, Erick Schampaert, MD from Hôpital du Sacré-Cœur de Montréal and co-chair of the national registry, joined Dr. Min-

er at Southlake at the bedside during the procedure, a collaboration that exemplifies the spirit of innovation driving this work. Together, these efforts are helping to shape emerging standards for diagnosing and managing forms of heart disease that have long been overlooked or misunderstood.

"This is not just a proud moment for Southlake, it's a defining one for Canadian cardiology," said Derek McNally, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Southlake Health. "We're helping shape the future of how heart disease is diagnosed and treated around the world."

As a Level 7 Regional Cardiac Program, Southlake's contributions to advancing cardiac care extends far beyond the operating and procedure rooms. The highly skilled team of medical staff and staff provide almost every type of cardiac care, except heart transplants, saving patients from travelling into Toronto for world-class care. As leaders in their fields, the team actively participate in ground-breaking research and are often the first to perform industry-leading procedures in Ontario, Canada and the world. Southlake continues to collaborate with international experts to enhance cardiac care and improve patient outcomes globally.

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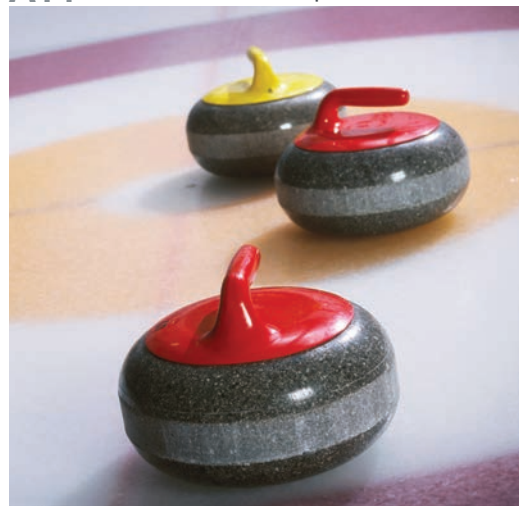
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Junior A Rebellion's power play grounds Flyers in 3-2 comeback victory in Leamington

By Jim Stewart

Julius Da Silva fired the game-winner in the second period to complete King's 3-2 comeback win over the fourth-place Flyers in Leamington on Thursday night. Justin Pavese and Lucas Preiano catalyzed the eighth-place Rebellion's rally by scoring one power play goal each.

The Rebellion spotted the hosts an early two-goal lead when Ethan Walker and Spencer Vandenberg beat King netminder Logan Kennedy at 5:35 and 12:02 of the first period.

However, Kennedy shut the door the rest of the way for the Rebellion. In his most significant performance between the pipes this season for King since arriving from the BCHL, Kennedy turned in a 42-save performance to stymie the Flyers.

King General Manager Jay De Gennaro praised his goaltender's game-saving efforts in Leamington: "Logan gave us the spark after some big saves. He bailed us out of two 5-on-3s, and he made so many timely saves so we could get back in the game. The guys made some adjustments during the intermission and showed they're in the fight together. Our goalies give us a chance to win every night. We're confident with Noah (Maven) or Logan in net."

With Kennedy holding the fort, the King offense pecked away at its two-goal deficit when the power play clicked. Justin Pavese beat Flyers' goaltender Gannon Hunter with 3:11 left in the opening frame – earning assists for Jared McNeil and Lachlan Larmand.

Larmand spent his week jetting back and forth between practice and games for the OHL Brampton Steelheads and his game in Leamington with the OJHL Rebellion. De Gennaro

amplified the importance of getting his players to the next level: "Lach usually practices with Brampton once or twice a week. He's played four games for Brampton so far. It's great to see our players playing in the OHL. Based on last year's roster, we've had quite a few guys go up to the next level. We take pride in moving guys and seeing Simon Wang taken 33rd in the NHL Draft by the Sharks was a good moment for the club. Sending Xu to Kitchener (now London), Zakharov to London, Black to Barrie (now Brampton), Wang to Oshawa (now Niagara), McCharles to Sudbury – they're all part of what we're trying to do for our players."

The current Rebellion players took their game to a higher level during the second period in Leamington to complete the rally on the road. Two big goals provided the difference on Thursday night for the visitors.

Adam Smeeton tallied his 12th five minutes into the middle frame with Larmand and Lucas Preiano adding the helpers on Leamington's 200 x 100-foot ice surface. When asked if his team had an advantage playing on an Olympic-sized rink after two consecutive wins in Oakville and Leamington, De Gennaro noted that "The way we're built now – we can play equally well on the big and smaller surfaces. We added size at the deadline, but they can all skate well. We got back to playing fast and hard, to chase down pucks like hounds as we did during our winning streak earlier in the season. The big rink plays to our advantage with our speed and it opens up space."

The Rebellion power play opened up the space to which De Gennaro alluded when Preiano generated open ice and earned the primary assist on Julius DaSilva's game-winning-goal at 15:51.

DeGennaro applauded Preiano's of-



Julius DaSilva (21), seen here in action versus Georgetown, scored the game-winning goal in King's 3-2 victory against the Flyers in Leamington on Thursday night.

ensive and defensive efforts since joining the Rebellion as a mid-season acquisition: "He's been awesome. (Head Coach Geoff) Schomogyi and I watched lots of video of him before we made the trade. Lucas has brought steadiness to our defense and he joins the attack, too. He is a good match with Castle – their talents are very similar. We needed more strength defensively and Lucas's offensive production has been a bonus."

The upset in Leamington – which spoiled the night for 652 fans at the Nature Fresh Farms Recreation Centre – pushed King nine points ahead of Caledon in the race for the final playoff berth in the OJHL West. The Admirals didn't help their own cause on Thursday night as they were throttled 7-3 on home ice by the Burlington

Cougars. However, the Caledon squad earned a 7-5 comeback win in Oakville on Saturday night to re-set the points gap to seven. King has two games in hand on Caledon and six in hand on seventh-place Mississauga whom they trail by three points.

In our phone interview on Sunday afternoon after the snow-out of the Blues-Rebellion game at the Zancor Centre, King's General Manager discussed the importance of his team's three games this coming week in Burlington, Georgetown, and Leamington: "They're important in the standings. If we can win our games in hand, we can jump into fifth place. Our team goal is to get into fifth ahead of Buffalo. We're looking forward to these games this week – it's in our hands."

Curlers witness the 'shot of the game'

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

Skip Dean Teasdale, who plays in the Wednesday afternoon Social League along with mates Claude Lalonde, Carl Hoyer and Karl Span, were in a tough match against Team Bloom.

Late in the game and facing multiple opponent rocks, Teasdale could only see one way in to score or at the very least cut them back in points. A double angle raise was the call, a shot that would accompany a very highly ranked shot if made. A shot that would require perfect weight, perfect line calling, perfect sweeping, and above all, a perfect release on the broom – meaning there was no room to be wide or narrow when the hand lets go of the rock. All of Teasdale's team players were in and encouraged their Skipper with positive reinforcement for the team shot.

Sweepers were ready and as the rock left the trusty hands of Teasdale, the Bloom team stood on the sidelines and watched in quiet anticipation. The rock caught the right line, Lalonde called on his sweepers to go hard. The first contact was made perfectly, a nano-second later, the second contact was made and the rock picked up the perfect angle to hit and remove the counting stone for the count. All 8 players (both teams) raised their brooms for this unforgettable shot. A total "team shot." Fist pumps and smiles that went from ear-to-ear graced everyone on the sheet.

In the sport of curling, players are praised on a great shot, even by their opponents as everyone understands and respects the accuracy and difficulty of great shot making whether it be in a social league or at a competitive level. Team Teasdale may not have delivered the winning shot to win the game, but it was truly "the shot of the game."

The other notable game worth keeping an eye on was the match between husband and wife; Karen Mel-low-Gagliardi and Fiore Gagliardi.



Facing multiple opponent stones in the rings, Skip Dean Teasdale delivers his rock during the Wednesday afternoon social league, that was quickly labeled "the shot of the game."

This game that included terrific shot making by both squads also had the odd jabs of a spousal competitive drive, in the name of love of course. Both needed the win to take over the leader board in the league's final round robin. The tight game would result in a female dominance as wife Karen collected the win and the top spot of the league.

Other winners included Teams Saldat, R. Honey and Ruksa. The top 5 teams in the 10 team roster show a 6 pt differential to which any loss or win could shuffle the leaders. Mel-low-Gagliardi sits in first with Gagliardi 2 pts back in second. Saldat is alone at 3rd with 13 while Teams R. Honey and Ruksa are tied with 10 pts to round out the top 5.

King's social leagues may be structured for fun, but they all possess a sliver of competitiveness as well. The calibre within the leagues is always improving and with the welcoming of new curlers each year, the sky's the limit for fun and great curling.

Feisty Cougars drop 4-1 decision to 8th-ranked Ice

By Jim Stewart

Connor Sooley tallied two goals and Seth Kirou and Austin Paulmert added one each to lead the Georgina Ice to a 4-1 win over the Schomberg Cougars on Saturday night at the Trisan Centre.

Georgina (26-8-1-0) is ranked 8th in the 61-team Provincial Junior Hockey League and sits second in the highly-competitive East Orr Division.

The home side battled the veteran-laden Ice squad to a scoreless draw after twenty minutes of play. Cougars' goaltender Ryan Potvin showed flashes of brilliance in the first frame – turning aside all 15 shots he faced, including three blocker saves to stymie the Ice sharpshooters.

Potvin repelled a breakaway early in the second period and made a sprawling save at 12:20 to keep the Georgina shooters off the scoreboard. However, Sooley snapped the puck behind Potvin during a goal mouth scramble to break the scoreless deadlock eight minutes into the middle frame.

The athletic Cougars' netminder flashed the leather at 10:11 – robbing the Ice on the doorstep – but Ice Captain Kirou snapped a wrist shot past Potvin high blocker side to give the visitors a 2-0 lead with four minutes remaining in the second period.

Sooley scored his second goal of the game five minutes into the third period when he one-timed Carson McKenzie's perfect pass through the right circle into the slot to give Georgina a commanding 3-0 lead.

With Georgina's Ozzy Miller in the sin bin for roughing at 5:36, the Cougars' power play went awry when Kirou fed Paulmert a stretch pass. The speedy Ice forward got behind Schomberg's

blueliners, created a breakaway, deked the valiant Potvin, and slid the puck in the cage to push the visitors' lead to four. The high-scoring Kirou earned his 42nd assist of the season on Paulmert's marker and is tied for 9th in league scoring with 61 points.

The Cougars closed the game with an offensive flourish. Veteran Dawson Boily took a pass from defender Jason Shears, found open space on the power play, and snapped a shot past Vann Kulba, bulging the twine behind the former Schomberg goalkeeper with 2:43 left in the game.

Unfortunately, the Schomberg players and the coaching staff were unavailable for interviews after the club's tough loss to their East Orr Division rivals. As Kurt Vonnegut intoned in his post-modern, metafictional masterpiece Slaughterhouse-Five, "So it goes."

The Cougars host the first-place Uxbridge Bruins (29-6-0-0) at the Trisan Centre on Thursday, Jan. 29 and travel to Port Perry on Sunday, February 1 to take on the third-place Lumberjacks (22-12-1-0).



King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

New worship time! Sunday, Feb. 1 King City-York Pines United Church worships at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Bill Fritz leading our worship hour at 50 Elizabeth Grove. Everyone is welcome to join in our journey as we explore faith and what it means to us.

For the brave souls who ventured out in the snow last Sunday, our worship addressed our fears and our worries. Rev. Bill engaged us in discussions and encouraged us to vocalize our concerns about our churches, our country, our communities and the world. We are encouraged to hand over our fears, worries and our thanks, to God in prayer and to trust in His authority over all. Our God is a forgiving and loving God, we are vessels of his love here on earth. We are encouraged to live His word and to do good works always in His name. Like our sisters and brothers 2000 years before us, our communities are in uncertain times. Know that God is with us now as He always has been and can always be reached in prayer. Let it be so in your week ahead.

The Book Club meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, Feb. 23 at King City United Church at 10 a.m. the club will be discussing the book "Serviceberry" by Robin Wall Kimmerer at that time. This book is a lovely treatise on gratitude and you don't need to have read the book to join in. For more information contact the office at 905-833-5181 or kcuc@bellnet.ca or to participate remotely on Zoom.

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If there are any pastoral emergencies please leave a message at the office at 905-833-5181.

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King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark will be speaking on our sermon series; "The Unstuck Life." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

Please visit our website for links

Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

We welcome Doug Reid as our Guest Minister on Sunday, Feb. 1. Rev. Richard will be away, involved with the wider church. Doug has led us in worship many times before and we look forward to his returning next Sunday.

Our regular services are 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg and 11:15 am at Nobleton. We warmly welcome everyone, even if you just want to drop in for a short prayer. If you do stay for the service, we invite you to have coffee or tea and some snacks afterwards.

We are mourning in King Township the loss of Very Rev. Dr. Bruce McLeod. We were honoured to have this former moderator accept our invitation to the Schomberg Arena to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the United Church of Canada in 2000. A funeral service and celebration of life will be held at Westminster United Church in Orangeville on Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2:30 p.m. The service will also be livestreamed on Westminster's YouTube page. Visit the Dods and McNair Funeral Home for further information.

Join us for our next Community Potluck Lunch taking place on Tuesday, Feb. 3. 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.

On Feb. 8, Superbowl Sunday, our churches will be gathering soup & crackers for the annual SOUPer Bowl Fundraiser to support the King Township Food Bank. This fundraiser began in the 1990s with a Presbyterian minister in South Carolina who was concerned about those who could barely afford to feed their families while those watching the game had plenty. Since then over \$220 million in food & funds have been raised around the world to support local food banks & food programs.

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan is continuing

and further information: www.kingbiblechurch.com

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Upcoming events at KCSC:
Friday, January 30 – 10 a.m. – Presentation – Joy Schwartz of the MTO will provide winter driving tips and how to renew your licence. Registration requested.

Friday, February 6 – 10 a.m. – Presentation – Mark Shimor of RBC will discuss fraud and seniors. Registration requested.

Friday, February 13 – 10 a.m. – Workshop – Angela will provide a hands-on workshop in which valentine décor will be created. Cost \$10/pp due by January 30.

Friday, February 20 – from 11:30am – Potluck Lunch – Come out and enjoy a delicious buffet. Each attendee is asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert.

Friday, February 27 – Presentation – Kathy from Vaughan Community Health will discuss Type 2 Diabetes.

The following activities are offered at the King City Senior Centre.

Monday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters.

Monday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Music and Movement/Cribbage. Monday afternoons: 2 p.m. – Crochet class.

Tuesday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing. Tuesday mornings: 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. – Bone Fitness (must be registered with the Township).

Tuesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bid Euchre.

Wednesday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters.

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Standard American Bridge.

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi). Thursday mornings, 11 a.m. – Qigong (must be registered with the Township).

Thursday afternoons; 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling.

Friday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Art Class (2nd & 4th Friday of the month at Laskay Hall).

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

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

King City-York Pines

Last week, Rev. Bill's message reflected on the amazing ways that we

this by challenging congregations, faith communities & community groups to take part. Preferred soups are: Chunky soups, beef stew, mild chili, Habitant soups, Campbell's condensed soups and Knorr dehydrated soups. We hope you will take part in this challenge on February 8!

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, donations are appreciated to defray costs.

The Schomberg United Church Women will meet on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. The theme of hearing and discussing stories of Women in the Bible continues. Please bring scissors and glue to make Valentine cards!

Our next Messy Church is Monday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. The activities and crafts (5-6 PM) are based on different Bible stories. "The Lost Sheep" is February's theme, emphasizing Jesus's love for every one of us. 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.

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

Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It is accessible. Nobleton United Church meets 6076 King Rd., Nobleton.

all have a part and a place in the "Body of Christ" and its workings. Our gifts and talents, no matter what they might be, are always valued as an extension of that body of Christ and we were encouraged to share our gifts and to celebrate those that are shared with us. We are all special in God's eyes.

The merged United Churches of York Pines and King City invite you, friends and neighbours to join us for our monthly fellowship luncheon, a well loved tradition of York Pines.

Our next luncheon is on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at noon at the Sunset Grill, 1700 King Road, King City (just west of Dufferin St. on north side). Please call the office asap at 905 833 5181 if you plan to attend.

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Sacred Heart Church

The Roast Beef Family Dinner on Saturday saw our families having a respite from the cold and cares of the world. Along with another great meal and congenial conversation, we enjoyed participating in dancing alongside young children, teens, moms, dads and grandparents. Looking forward to the next event.

We are in need of a new roof at the back of the Hall which has not been repaired in over 30 years. We are requesting quotations and looking for a company that will oversee all areas of this project, including removing the HVAC units, gas lines, electrical lines, etc. Due to the weather conditions, this work will be done in early spring. In the interim, the Finance Committee will prepare all necessary paperwork to the Archdiocese for their approval.

Our next Coffee Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 1 and hosted by Vescio Funeral Home. Volunteers are needed

to make these informal gatherings a more frequent part of our parish life. They are wonderful ways in building community, sharing conversation, and connecting with one another. Please consider joining us at Coffee Sunday. If your family would like to Sponsor a "Coffee Sunday," contact Justine Caria thecariatifamily@gmail.com or Nadia Pascuzzo NPascuzzo@archtoronto.org

Rectory: 905-833-1161. Email: sacred-heartki@archtoronto.org Website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org

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St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Hooray! Our Fellowship Lunch happened after our Worship Service last Sunday with the snowy and cold forecast. It was a Chili Lunch, very appropriate and delicious! At St. Andrew's, our Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. and join us afterwards for coffee time.

Pastor Alison continued with her new sermon series based on our alphabet, with the letter "D," for "Dwell-in" and focused on the Triune God and the Holy Spirit who dwells in us by faith in Christ. (Ephesians 3:14-21). She had an analogy, especially for the children. She used a glass and water which she poured into the glass, until it overflowed. That's how we should be when the Holy Spirit abides in us. Check us out on our website: standrews-kingcity.ca

"Souper Bowl" is on for February! That's when we collect tins of hearty food and boxes of crackers for the KTFB: soups, stews, chili, baked beans and different kinds of crackers! There is a red bin with a Souper Bowl sign at the back of the sanctuary for the collection! The challenge is on for other King churches!

Sunday, Feb. 15 will be a joint morning worship and communion service, with St. Andrew's and our partner church, The Well, King City. We hope you can join us.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is February 22, following our Morning Worship Service. Please have your reports in to Bonnie Mooney by Feb. 3.

For pastoral care, please call the office to speak with the Rev. Alison Agnew, or your Elder – 905-833-2325.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will lead the service this morning with a message entitled, "Three Responses" from Mark 1.21- 45.

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

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

Our Youth LifeConnect Group meets every second Friday, with the next meeting being Friday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

This is a fun time with a range of activities open for all ages from Grades 7 to 12.

St. Paul's 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, at 1:30 pm. A 150th Anniversary Gala, March 7, with Irish entertainment at Copper Creek Golf Course in Kleinburg. Tickets are \$150 and go on sale next week.

We are also creating a historical photo directory. We will also be celebrating 171 year anniversary of St. Mary's in Nobleton during 2026.

Our new year is well under way. Christmas Day and the clock striking

midnight to begin 2026 may feel like "months ago" to some people. As we continue the winter season, take a moment to reflect upon these great wisdom thoughts. During these cold, dark days of winter, we all need a spiritual lift to carry us through to the brighter, warmer days of spring.

I found this little prose: "How to Stay Young, Happy, and Healthy!" Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight, and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. If you really need a grouch, there are probably a few dozen of your relatives to do the job. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. Laugh so much that you can be tracked in the store by your distinctive laughter. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ... ourselves. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies ... whatever. Your home is your refuge. Cherish your health. If it is good...preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve ... get help. Don't take guilt trips. Go to the mall, the next county, a

foreign country ... but not guilt. Tell the people you love that you love them ... at every opportunity. Remember ... Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening ... whatever. Just never let the brain idle. Enjoy the simple things. When the children are young ... that is all you can afford. When they are in college ... that is all you can afford. When they are grown, and you are in retirement ... that is all you can afford!

And may I add - pray, pray, pray!

And we can all use a good laugh: A heavy snowstorm closed the schools in one town. When the children returned to school a few days later, one grade school teacher asked her students whether they had used the time away from school constructively. "I sure did, teacher," one little girl replied. "I just prayed for more snow."

Nobleton Seniors (55+)
By Joanne Bailey
Program Chair

Please register for each program you plan to attend.

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Material and food are purchased according to the number of people registered. Register online at townshipofking.ca or in person at the Trisan Centre, King City Seniors Centre or Zancor.

Schedule change notice:

Mobility Matters – Tuesdays 12:15 to 1 p.m. and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Fridays 2:15 to 3 p.m. and 3 to 3:45 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring their own weights, balls and resistance bands.

The following planned activities start at 10 a.m. at the Nobleton Arena in the Senior Program Room.

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.

February 5 – Create your own Acrylic Winter Forest Scene. Artist Angela Del Borrello will give detailed instructions on painting a winter forest scene with acrylic paint. Register by January 29,

cost is \$10 which includes all materials.

February 12 – Ministry Transportation of Ontario. Joy Schwartz Regional Strategic Outreach Coordinator will discuss testing requirements and licensing for seniors over 80, trends & statistics for older drivers.

February 19 – Heart to Home – Traditionally Balanced Meals. Heart to Home will discuss their menu, how it caters to various dietary needs and the delivery of the food. Sample foods will be available to try.

February 26 – Frauds, Scams and Financial Abuse. Mary Shkoury, Prevention Consultant with Elder Abuse will talk about recognizing frauds, scams and financial abuse to seniors.

For more information visit king.ca/seniors or call 905-833-6565.

Nobleton Lions

Want something to brighten up the dark days of winter? Our first fundraiser of the year is the poker tournament on Friday, Feb. 27, at the Dr. William Lacey Arena in Nobleton. For tickets, please contact Gunther Vetter at 416-807-5469 or any Lion.

Looking ahead to spring, Easter comes early this year and so does the

Annual Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. at Tascapark. This is a joint event put on by all three Lions Clubs in King Township, working together.

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 nobletonlionsjerry@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.

St. Alban's History By John Arnott

Cleaning up around the building site continued scrap wood, lumps of hard plaster, broken glass and discarded rags and paint cans all raked into

small piles and using handmade wooden shovels lifted into sturdy handmade iron wheeled wheelbarrows by early teenage volunteer helpers. Useable red and yellow bricks were carefully stacked against the back outer wall of the newly risen St. Albans where they would stay for the next 130 years.

Solid planks were led straight from the dusty dirt road that would much later would become the King's Highway 27 over a shallow ditch up to the narrow concrete walkway leading up to the well-built wooden stairs leading up to the Great South Door set in a gothic arch that was the main entrance to the about to be opened church. Using sickles and scythes the grass and weeds around the church which were growing high in the somewhat rainy humid late spring weather of 1889.

Nearly from the start of building, down the street farther John Pringle a master carpenter and joiner, and 1 sometimes 2 young apprentices, have been hard at work making 16 benches called pews.

The pulpit was hand-crafted from oak and was in use until the late '60s when it was donated to Trinity Church in Campbell's Corners where it still remains.

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EDNA MAY DONOVAN
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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Edna May Donovan on January 24, 2026, at Fairfield Park Nursing Home in her hometown of Wallaceburg, Ontario, at the age of 104.

Daughter to Charles and Ellen (Frost) Masefield. Predeceased by her beloved husband Michael Fred of 46 years (1992) with whom Edna raised a family in Wallaceburg and proudly built a home in RR#2 Tottenham; and then the late caring Arthur Barnett of 6 years (2005). Edna also lived her later years with family in Uxbridge.

Loving mother to Cindy (Theo) D'Hollander, Kathleen (Michael) Brown, and Jim (Jacquie) Donovan. Cherished grandmother of Michelle (Sean), late Ryan, Mathew (Pia), David (Stacie), Heather, Katie, and Sean (Hillary). Great grandmother of Ethan, Connor, Rhian; Rocco, James; Callie and Wesley. Sister of the late Annie Aileen (Manse) Williams as well as sister-in-law to Fred's siblings: Frances, Joseph, Margaret, Jack, Charlotte, Eileen, Sheila, Jim, Peter, and Patrick.

Edna was a talented musician, singer, performer, and classical piano teacher into her late 80s. Edna was also deeply devoted to her Anglican faith and served as a long-time organist and choir leader at both St. James Anglican Church in Wallaceburg, as well as Christ Church in Tottenham.

Edna's love and strong-willed, independent personality will echo in the memories of those she leaves behind.

A private family funeral service will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham with springtime interment to take place at Fraser Presbyterian Cemetery, RR#2 Tottenham.

Family would like to thank all of the wonderful, caring, highly professional staff at Fairfield Park where Edna flourished as a resident. Donations in memory of Edna may be made to The Salvation Army or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

We set a record this past weekend but it's not a record you really want to break. It was the amount of snow record that was set in 1965.

I remember walking to school in the '60s and it did seem like back then we had a lot more snow that we've seen in my 60s. Toronto received a record breaking 56 cm. of snow this past Sunday and they are still digging out. I wonder if they'll bring in the army this time?

Remember, parking restrictions apply during plowing, sanding and salting; parking on the street is not permitted and vehicles will be fined \$100 and

may be towed. I'd like to take a moment to thank all our King Township plow operators for a job well down. Thank you for keeping us safe.

Don't forget you can now drop off your old blue boxes at either the Trisan, Zancor or Nobleton arena to be recycled by February 27th. Please empty and clean your boxes before dropping them off.

Horticultural Society

The Schomberg Horticultural Society has an exciting year planned and is accepting new members. If you're a seasoned gardener or novice there's always more to learn so, consider joining this enthusiastic group. Here are some important dates to remember:

Tuesday, March 24, SHS General Meeting with Guest speaker Maria Shtembert on "Container Gardening,"

serve others. God calls us to be loving parents, gentle caregivers, patient teachers, and faithful friends. God calls us to notice the people around us and to advocate, to listen, to accompany, to show up.

God calls us to community.

And often, that call does not come as a dramatic voice from heaven. It comes as a quiet nudge toward love and mercy. A sense that this is where we are needed today.

What could change if we learned to recognize those moments for what they are?

What might happen if we trusted that our care for one another, our willingness to stay connected, our acts of generosity and courage, are not small things, but actually holy ones?

At All Saints, we believe that God is still calling ordinary people to do extraordinary things through love. You don't need to have it all figured out. You don't need special qualifications. You are already enough.

Jesus's invitation still stands: Come and see.

And perhaps, in listening closely, we may discover that God has been calling us all along.

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

along with a baking contest "Sugar and Spice & Everything Nice" baking contest and pizza party.

Tuesday, April 28, SHS General Meeting with Guest speaker Kristen Martyn, "20 Facts about Backyard Birds."

Saturday, May 9, Annual Plant Sale, Schomberg Community Farm 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19, SHS General Meeting, Guest Speaker Kathleen Gorsline, "Square Foot Gardening."

Tuesday, June 23, SHS General Meeting with Guest Speaker Karen Hollingshead, "Soil to Table."

Sunday, June 28, Annual Garden Tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, SHS General Meeting, Guest Speaker Cathy McDougall, "Sustainable Garden Hacks."

Tuesday, Oct. 27, SHS General Meeting, Guest Speaker - Brandon Hebor, "The Future of Farming."

All events will take place at Schomberg Community Hall on Main Street, for more information please contact schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

Book clubs

Looking to stay warm and cozy and meet your 2026 reading goals? Join the King Township Public Library Book Club. Each branch has its own clubs, and they meet the second week of each month. Schomberg has its next meeting on Feb. 11 at 1-2 p.m.

Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre is every Friday night at Trisan in Room A/B from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All you need to know is how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

Schomberg 55+

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

Naomi Simpson, professional astrologer and coach, gave us a highly informative and interesting talk about astrology and how it affects our life in different ways and what might be af-

fecting what is going on in our lives.

Monday, February 2 - Game Time with Maggie and Lynn - Celebrating the love month with "Roses are red, trivia is tough."

Monday, February 9 - Presentation - Lynda Quirino will give a talk on "Demystifying Ghostly Phenomena" Lynda is the founder and President of the "Georgina Paranormal Society" and will be discussing the kinds of ways ghosts and spirits present themselves, and why they may be present in the first place. She'll cover topics like poltergeist phenomena, orbs, portals and will be bringing along her equipment and give us all a live demonstration.

Weekly Events:

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

Tuesday afternoons - 1:30 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 to 3 p.m. - Bid Euchre in Multi Room A at Trisan, newbies welcome

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

Some new additions to our agenda that you might be interested in are:

Mosaic Lamp Workshops with Art Masterclass Canada. Workshops are held twice a month. The next session is February 1 at either 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. at Best Western in Orangeville. The 2.5-hour guided workshop includes all materials and Turkish tea service with treats. (Thanks to Ida Haelser for this suggestion).

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.

Please reach out with your events or stories to spporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.

King's Corners

From Page 15

All Saints Anglican Church

By Kit Woods

One of the most striking things about the way Jesus calls people in the gospels is just how ordinary they are.

Jesus doesn't begin by seeking out religious experts or powerful leaders. He calls fishers mending their nets. He calls people in the middle of their work days. He calls those who are already tired, already busy, already embedded in the ordinary rhythms of life.

"Come and see," he says. And lives begin to change.

Somewhere along the way, many of us absorbed the idea that being "called" by God is something reserved for clergy or church leaders. We imagine that God's work belongs only to those who preach sermons, wear vestments, or stand at the front of a sanctuary.

But the gospel tells a very different story.

Jesus calls ordinary people because God's work is not limited to pulpits or to titles. God calls us into kindness. God calls us into compassion. God calls us into vocations that feed our souls and

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