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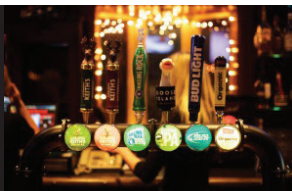
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King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce announced provincial funding to boost traffic calming measures across King Township.

Province boosting traffic-calming measures in King

By Mark Pavilons
 Editor

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$1.4-million to improve road safety in the Township of King and York Region.

King will be receiving over \$270,000, including around \$90,000 from the Region's allocation, for traffic-calming infrastructure on local roads and near school zones through the Road Safety Initiatives Fund (RSIF).

"Residents in King have urged us to take real action to combat excessive and dangerous speeding," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, who made the announcement last week. "To bolster safety around schools and in our neighborhoods, I am proud to deliver funding for a proactive and proven traffic-calming infrastructure that will keep our roads and children safe. These new traffic-calming signs will roll out across the community, improving safety without punitive increases to the pocket-

books of local residents."

Last fall, the province launched the RSIF to help municipalities transition to proven traffic-calming measures that do not raise costs for drivers, including traffic-calming infrastructure like speed bumps, raised crosswalks and roundabouts, as well as high-visibility signage and increased targeted police enforcement in school zones and community safety zones where municipal speed cameras were previously deployed.

"We are grateful to the Province of Ontario for this investment, which supports practical traffic calming and control measures in King's 12 community safety zones," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "This funding aligns with our 'Safe Streets Start Here' traffic calming campaign, designed to help slow speeds, especially where vulnerable road users are out and about, and keep King's roads and sidewalks safe for everyone."

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Monday, March 23
6 p.m. – Council

Monday, March 30
6 p.m. – Public Planning Meeting

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, March 25
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment

Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
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Recent Planning & Heritage Notices

- **Notice of Complete Applications Concerning a Proposed Revised Draft Plan of Subdivision, Official Plan Amendment, and Zoning By-law Amendment Re: 13580-13582 Highway 27, Nobleton, ON** (File Nos. 19T-26K02 and OP-2026-01 & Z-2026-02)
- **Notice of Passing of Zoning By-Law Amendment 2026-017 Re: 4129 Highway 9 & 17400 Weston Rd, King, ON** (File No. Z-2025-16)

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Your input will help shape King Township's first comprehensive Invasive Species Strategy, and ensure community values are reflected in King Township's management approach.

king.ca/InvasiveSpeciesManagement

Food Bank Food Drive!

Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

King Fire and Emergency Services is rallying together to help our less fortunate neighbours put food on the table.

Drop off non-perishable items at one of three grocery stores in Nobleton or Schomberg, and the Fire crew will personally deliver all items to the King Township Food Bank.

- **Schomberg:** Foodland
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- **Nobleton:** Cousins Market

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King Township is recruiting qualified professionals to serve on the **2026-2030 Joint Compliance Audit Committee**, an independent body that reviews compliance audit requests related to election campaign finances.

The Committee's role includes determining whether compliance audit applications submitted by eligible voters should proceed, appointing auditors when required, reviewing audit reports and deciding whether legal proceedings should be initiated.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, March 31 at 4 p.m.

Questions? Email elections@king.ca.

For more information, visit king.ca/JointComplianceAuditCommittee

Trisan Fitness Centre temporary closure notice

March 24-26

We're getting ready to install new fitness equipment!

What to know during the upgrade:

- Trisan Centre remains open
- Group exercise classes continue as scheduled
- The indoor track stays open with modified hours (8 a.m. - 9 p.m.)
- No access to the fitness area or changerooms during this time.

Learn more about membership options at king.ca/fitness

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Pothole repair blitz during winter thaw

With the rapid freeze-thaw cycles we've been experiencing lately, potholes can form quickly and unexpectedly—sometimes within hours. Water seeps into small cracks, freezes overnight, expands, and weakens the road. When temperatures rise and traffic passes over, potholes can appear and spread fast.

This late-winter/early-spring increase in potholes is common across Ontario. Aging pavement, heavy traffic, moisture, and winter maintenance activities (salting/sanding) all play a role.

King Township's roads team has launched a Township-wide pothole blitz, focusing on fixing road defects as quickly as conditions allow—starting with high-traffic roads and safety-related locations. Crews are also using **CityROVER AI** technology, which automatically detects and maps potholes as vehicles travel our road network. This data helps staff prioritize repairs more efficiently.

Spot a pothole? Report it to ServiceKing via email to serviceking@king.ca or call **905-833-5321**.



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Mayors across the GTHA, including King's Steve Pellegrini, gathered in Scugog to discuss pertinent issues.

GTHA mayors discuss issues with Minister Todd McCarthy

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors convened at the Scugog Memorial Park Library in February for a productive and collaborative meeting. They were joined by Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Member of Provincial Parliament for Durham, to discuss a number of important topics.

Blue Bin Rollout: The mayors expressed appreciation for the quick action of the Minister to address initial transition woes. Improved communication by Circular Materials was cited as critical to ensuring future operations run smoothly. Smaller producers were noted as struggling with increased fees and the province is committed to ensuring that non-compliant producers pay their share of the program.

Conservation Authority Consolidation: General support for a streamlined system with standardized service level delivery were expressed. The potential to reduce costs by retaining certain authority names and ensuring that the system works for places less resourced was also discussed.

Some 14,000 submissions to the Environmental Registry are being reviewed by Ministry staff and the approach will be updated using feedback. Amidst changes taking effect, the province has committed to continuing to work with municipal partners to ensure a smooth consolidation of conservation authorities.

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Regulations: The discussion highlighted the Federal-Provincial Cooperation Accord that is designed to remove duplication from Ontario's environmental assessment process to unlock development. It was noted that consultation with Indigenous communities is under way until April 10 and the updated regulation will continue to focus on protecting the environment.

The mayors also discussed several critical topics, including the extortion against South Asian business owners by the terrorist organization, Lawrence Bishnoi Group.

Peel Regional Police have established a Task Force to address the crime of this group, and it was stressed that federal Bill C-14, designed to strengthen bail reform, has yet to pass and will support the efforts of the Task Force. They also unanimously support the Elect Respect campaign, founded by a small group of Halton women including Mayors Meed Ward and Lawlor. Those who have not passed motions will consider bringing resolutions forward to their respective councils.

These discussions highlighted the importance of collaboration and shared commitment among the mayors to address these challenges effectively. The insights gained from this roundtable will guide future actions and initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life in their municipalities.

TRCA continues to work with King Township to accomplish goals

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The continued work by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority was set out to King councillors recently.

Dr. Victoria Kramkowski, Senior Manager, Government and Community Relations, TRCA, made the presentation to council, stressing the bulk of their work in York Region is within King Township.

The TRCA governs nine watersheds and the Lake Ontario shoreline and delivers various programs and services.

The proposed amalgamation into 36 new CAs won't impact TRCA greatly, other than a name change. The new provincial mandate will allow them to be independent, municipally-governed organizations and boards of directors will retain full governance responsibilities. Programs and services CAs provide, including responsibility for source water protection, natural hazard and watershed management, will continue.

In King, TRCA has conducted stormwater infrastructure inspections, maintenance prioritization, and performance monitoring (hydraulic assessments) since 2024.

It's helped in the development of the King system-wide stormwater management operations and maintenance manual.

TRCA conducted the clean-out and restoration of two stormwater management facilities, and completed bathymetric surveys of eight stormwater management ponds to help prioritize maintenance activities.

TRCA and King entered into agreement to clean out and restore two SWMPs in 2026.

TRCA is a leader in ecological restoration, planting over 350,000 plants annually across the jurisdiction.

Last year in King, some 7,500 trees and shrubs planted at the Nobleton Tract, Centennial Park and Blue Heron Park. Another 6,513 trees and shrubs were planted on nine private properties.

This year, the TRCA plans to plant another 6,100+ trees and shrubs at Cold Creek Conservation Area and Spring

Hill Drive Valleylands, plus 3,000 trees and shrubs across five private land projects.

TRCA also engaged in invasive species management and in 2025, staff removed roughly 1.8 hectares of buckthorn from the Nashville Conservation Reserve. At the Nashville Meadow, invasives were treated to support at-risk grassland birds.

This year, they plan to continue buckthorn management at Nashville Conservation Reserve and will also conduct a prescribed burn of the 11.3-hectare Nashville Meadow.

TRCA provides the Rural Clean Water Program (RCWP), which offers farmers and rural landowners free technical support and cost-share funding opportunities for 18 best management practice (BMP) projects. BMP projects help to improve and protect water quality.

Since 1997, the RCWP has contributed to over 181 projects in York Region.

By the end of 2025, RCWP in King has:

- Completed 99 projects that improve water quality.

- Contributed \$278,620.20 to BMP projects.

- Worked with over 76 rural landowners and farmers.

- Provided one-on-one home consultations tailored to household needs.

- TRCA staff attended Powering King: Community Energy Expo in the fall.

- One of the feather's in collective caps was designating The Humber River (including the East Humber) as a designated Canadian Heritage River and historically linked to the Carrying Place Trail.

- Today, there's approximately 208 hectares of privately held land in the East Humber headwaters.

- The park represents a major opportunity to expand public land along the Oak Ridges Moraine.

- TRCA is working with its partners to advance the TRCA Trail Strategy in King Township.

- They've worked together on trail maintenance at Cold Creek and TRCA will continue working with partners and applying for grants to support trails in King.

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Admiring our ancestors' sense of gratitude

I had to pick up trash bags on my way home from work the other day. Green garbage bags.

I comment, under my breath, that I often feel like a pack mule, carrying out menial tasks, carrying cargo from there to here.

The banality of these chores is often mind-numbing.

I'm reminded these are, in fact, First World problems. And there's the crux of it all.

Yes, our ancestors likely endured similar “chores,” and theirs would involve fetching water from the well; hanging laundry on a line out back, or bringing home freshly caught fish for dinner.

Glancing further back in time, important chores involved keeping the fire stoked; hunting; staying warm and ensuring an adequate food supply for the winter. Trying not to die was front of mind.

These were definitely out of necessity, out of survival and we rose to the challenge. Fight or flight; eat or starve; stay safe or become prey.

Human reality for millennia. But we persevered.

Maybe, if you think about it, not much has changed, other than the location, tools at our disposal, modern contrivances to help us do our work easier and more efficiently.

We still fight to survive – the economic climate and disparity; the harsh realities of the haves and have-nots; maintaining our mental health. All are a bit of a challenge these days.

Are we in danger of being trampled by a woolly mammoth? No. But we may be stomped on by Big Brother, Big Government and Big Banks.

Still, our brethren suffer, in arid lands, in refugee camps and in ruins that were once cities. Food, water and shelter are still the most important things to them.

We know about these things, even see them on the news and all we can do is



Mark Pavilons

raise an eyebrow from the comfort of our leather recliners.

We like to think we're at the top of the heap as an intelligent species.

Would an intelligent species allow its brothers and sisters to wallow in poverty, die from curable diseases, or face death simply due to their circumstances or geographic location?

We say “no,” yet where is the action, the mandate, the progress?

My patience for the mundane and trivial is wearing thin these days, largely because I'm enduring a cancer journey with an uncertain future.

And yet I still have to take out the trash, recycling and organics. I still have household duties.

Not glamorous, high-profile or tasks befitting my certain set of skills.

But for survival? No. That comes from within, in discussions with myself, my consciousness and my God.

All through human existence on this tiny planet, our ancestors have turned to unseen powers, deities, “star peo-

ple,” supreme beings and gods of all shapes and sizes. They sought their guidances, approval, help and comfort.

Despite our lack of technology eons ago, we believed and looked to the stars for reason, for answers.

Our ancestors built impressive temples, obelisks, statues and monuments, perhaps to show their worthiness, or out of respect.

Our forefathers and mothers spent considerable time and effort appeasing the gods. To what end?

We don't know. But what we can surmise is their belief system was rock-solid and unshakable. It was key to who they were.

Did they know something we don't?

Experts say much of our ancestors' mathematical and engineering prowess was way beyond their time. Ancient structures – some built in the middle of the jungles or top of mountains – defy today's logic and construction methods.

To our ancestors, it simply had to be done, so they did.

If we only retained that ideology and adopted that sense of purpose and determination to this day.

There are many things these days that “have to be done.”

Our distant cousins would gather thousands of their brothers and sisters and construct an unbelievable, multi-storey temple, elaborate carvings, staircases, rooms and manicured grounds. Were these a gesture, a physical depiction of their unwavering belief?

Today's archeologists struggle to understand and find answers. We can't comprehend the strength and coordination necessary to create such monoliths. Their sheer size and perfection escapes us.

Maybe what we fail to grasp, given modern bias, is something rather simple. Perhaps our primitive ancestors were just returning the favour.

They were given life and this beautiful land – treasures beyond any bounty. The least they could do was show their appreciation and love.

Where's our thanks for life and bounty bestowed upon us? How often do we get down on our knees and express thanks for experiencing the miracles that abound all around us?

Where are our temples, statues, monuments and testimonies to the Almighty?

We marvel at ancient wonders. Anyone would be awe-struck standing before the 112-metre-tall statue of Shiva, at Vishwas Swaroopam, India. Or looking at the 71-metre-high Leshan Giant Buddha or the Colossus of Rhodes. And who isn't familiar with the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue of Jesus in Rio de Janeiro?

Wonders all. Not just testaments to human ingenuity, but our faith, our inner momentum.

My friends, today our symbols are reviewed, scrutinized and “politically corrected” so as not to offend.

What do you think the response would be if someone suggested such creations at Queen's Park or Parliament Hill?

And yet, I can see the U.S. leader commissioning a statue in his image, de-throning Lincoln in Washington.

What have we become? We are free to believe in what we wish. But I think one common thread in all forms of spirituality is giving thanks.

Maybe we don't need to construct modern monoliths to express our gratitude. But grace and recognition would be nice now and then.

Home safety

Conservatives introduce Bill C-270 to protect Canadian homes and families

Sandra Cobena, Conservative Member of Parliament for Newmarket-Aurora, introduced Bill C-270, the Stand on Guard Act.

With violent crime up by 55 per cent, gun crime by 130 per cent and extortion by 330 per cent since 2015, this timely legislation will clarify the legal standards around self-defence during a break-in.

“Too many Canadians have gone through long and costly trials just for defending themselves and their families,” said Cobena, who introduced the bill in the House. “No one should be criminally charged for acting in self-defence.”

The bill makes important changes to Section 34 of the Criminal Code so that force is presumed to be justified if used against an illegal intruder. Conservatives first announced the ‘Stand on Guard’ principle back in August, asking the government to introduce legislation in the fall session.

“We called on the Liberals to deliver results, and promised to act when they didn't,” said Melissa Lantsman, Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada. “Today, we're working to build a more just Canada – where protecting your loved ones doesn't land you in the dock”.

Collingwood resident Cameron Gardiner found himself under arrest in 2019, despite being the victim of a home invasion. He was tried first for murder, and subsequently for manslaughter, before all charges were dropped.

“While they did not take us up on our offer, the government still has a chance to help keep Canadians safe. We call on the Liberals, and all Members of Parliament, to support C-270,” Cobena concluded.



Quote of the Week

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”

— William Arthur Ward

Trivia Tidbits

Things created by Canadians – Superman, basketball, ginger ale, pacemakers, instant mashed potatoes, the TV and the snowblower.

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Results from last week's poll:

Are you feeling the pinch at the gas pumps?



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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you looking forward to spring?

- a) Yes
- b) No

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Teachers, schools pay out of pocket for expenses

Having learned about the two boards of education that are now under supervision (and more to come), I have to say something. I am a retired teacher, after a rewarding full time teaching career of 31 years. I have been living in King City since 2017. Over my 31-year career, I worked for TDSB, YCDSB and some private schools.

I am appalled at what the Ontario Minister of Education, Paul Calandra, is doing. I do believe that the public should know a few things and rebel against the steps that are being taken against many boards in Ontario.

Catholic boards have always been underfunded compared to public boards. Hence, the debts.

Letter to the Editor

Teachers do not receive benefits once they retire.

Teachers are not paid for July and August. Instead, most boards dock every pay in order to pay teachers (far less) over the summer months. Other boards give a lump sum at the end of June.

Teachers are not paid to do several co-curricular activities – marking, parent teacher interviews, planning trips, making calls before and after school hours, etc.

Now Doug Ford is allowing \$750 per teacher for the costs teachers incur ev-

ery year.

Government workers (provincial, federal and municipal) get a nice pension and they get benefits after retiring. Incidentally, Canada Post workers get unlimited benefits for life.

Government workers get paid on Remembrance Day, November 11, as well as Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30. The law states that employees get paid on these two days where the employer pays for it. Taxpayers are the employers of these civil servants. I do not remember anyone asking if I wanted to pay for their day off. I can vouch that these government workers are at Go Place Spa, Therma Spa, Costco, etc. I have witnessed it.

School boards and subsequently principals are given a very modest budget to work with. Several principals dish out money out of their own pocket to pay for a rare breakfast for staff, to show appreciation. Principals are not paid a lot for the amount of hours they put in.

Teachers pay for their own muffin and coffee at a staff meeting which takes place outside the school day. In September, teachers contribute approximately \$50 each to go towards any refreshments at any staff meeting and they pay even more for a lunch during a PA Day. Gifts for births, adoptions, retirements, weddings etc are all paid by staff from the \$50 collected in September, every single year.

Teachers are not allowed to travel outside of the March break, Christmas break, July and August. What other profession has to pay triple the rates to travel?

What employee every pays for their own coffee and muffin at a staff meeting? Principals have no money to play with.

The fact that the ministry of education is shaming the boards of education for mismanaging their money is just terrible. I am certain that politicians can claim expenses related to their business lunches, their professional attire, their taxis, etc. School board staff at every level pays for all of this and so much more out of pocket.

Being removed from the schools now in my retirement, I see how many hours others put in each week. It is shocking. Teachers gladly put in double the amount of time while the media, the public shames teachers for having two months off in the summer.

Doug Ford constantly praises the

police force and he craps on teachers. It is demoralizing. Overall, teachers are good people who expect very little in return.

What a slap in the face these announcements are.

Adriana Dominicis
King City

Firefighters holding Food Bank Food drive

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Stop by between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at these donation locations – Schomberg Foodland, No Frills Nobleton and Cousins Market, Nobleton.

You can also make a monetary donation at the collection sites.

OPP warns residents of increase in CRA-themed scams during tax season

By Brian Lockhart

As Canadians begin preparing their 2026 income tax returns, the Ontario Provincial Police are reminding the public to stay vigilant against Canada Revenue Agency impersonation scams.

This includes phishing emails and text messages designed to steal personal and financial information.

According to the Canada Revenue Agency, scammers frequently impersonate CRA employees and may contact victims by phone, email, text message, or through fake websites that appear official.

The CRA confirms that it will never send refunds by e-transfer for text message, request personal or financial information by email or voicemail, or pressure you to click links to receive benefits or avoid penalties.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre continues to receive high volumes of reports involving tax-related fraud. It notes that fraudsters increasingly use phishing messages, spoofed caller ID numbers, and official-looking CRA branding to trick victims into sharing sensitive information.

The CAFCC stresses that it does not contact individuals to request money or personal information, and encourages all Canadians to report suspicious activity.

There are several common tactics used in CRA scams.

Residents should be cautious if they receive:

Emails or text messages with links

urging you to 'claim your refund,' 'update your tax account,' or avoid account suspension.' Scammers often use threats or promises of refunds to pressure victims into clicking fraudulent links.

Phone calls demanding immediate payment or threatening arrest, deportation, or legal action are used to intimidate victims. The CRA states it will never threaten arrest or use aggressive language.

Fake websites imitating CRA long pages, often using unusual domain endings or extra characters, are used to dupe victims. Official CRA sites always start with canada.ca or end in .gc.ca.

You may be dealing with a scam if someone sends you a link and asks you to click it, or requests personal details such as your SIN, banking information, or passport number.

Be aware if someone asks for payment by cryptocurrency, gift cards, or e-transfer. CAA does not accept these transactions.

If you are unsure if you are being scammed, hang up, delete the message, and contact CRA yourself.

If you believe you have been targeted by a CRA-related scam, whether or not you shared personal information, you are urged to report the matter.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre advises all Canadians to report any scam or attempted scam, even if no money was lost.

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Bill C-22 embraced by law enforcement agencies

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Law enforcement officials across the province are welcoming changes contained in Bill C-22 (Part 2), that focus on electronic service providers (ESPs).

Peel Regional Police, along with federal officials and municipal representatives, lauded the changes as a press conference last week.

The Bill, Securing Access to Information (Bill C-22 – Part 2), aims to curb criminals who exploit the use of the “digital ecosystem” and carry out on-line crimes of various descriptions.

Public Safety Canada notes law enforcement agencies and CSIS have worked for decades with “outdated laws that have not kept pace with our new technological and digital reality. As a result, investigations are missing critical information needed to generate leads or help identify and prosecute individuals or groups involved in serious criminal activities or national security threats. In some cases, investigations are abandoned due to these challenges.”

Part 2 of the Bill C-22 does not create new authorities for law enforcement agencies and CSIS to intercept communications or obtain information. It focuses solely on ensuring that electronic service providers (ESPs) are able to comply with existing legal orders, which are found in the Criminal Code, and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act.

Currently, Canada relies on a 1995 condition of license that only covers voice telephony despite vast technological changes, including the internet, satellite and messaging platforms. Law enforcement agencies and CSIS can obtain authorization, though a warrant or production order, to intercept communications or obtain information; however, there is no corresponding requirement for an ESP to actually establish and maintain a system capable of providing the communication/information in question. Furthermore, outside of voice telephony services, the support of ESPs to fulfill lawful access requests is entirely voluntary.

The Bill would require select ESPs, to develop and maintain the capabilities necessary to enable law enforcement and CSIS to effectively obtain communications and information they are legally authorized to have for their crim-

inal and intelligence investigations, while respecting rights and freedoms.

Instead of requiring whole sectors, including small enterprises, to have the same capabilities in place, the proposed framework adopts a more targeted approach for technical capability development. Under the proposed Bill, there are two ways by which an ESP could be mandated to develop and maintain lawful access capabilities: ESPs designated as ‘core providers’ and through Ministerial Orders.

The Minister of Public Safety could issue a Ministerial Order (MO), subject to approval by the Intelligence Commissioner, to electronic service providers (ESP) compelling the development of specific capabilities. MOs would be based on operational needs, as threats evolve and new technologies develop, and could be issued to both core and non-core providers. In deciding whether to issue an MO, the Minister must consider the same factors as the Governor in Council when making regulations for core-providers. MOs would be reviewable by the courts.

MOs are a powerful tool that allow the Minister of Public Safety to request a broad range of technical capabilities in a confidential way to avoid tipping off threat actors. The Intelligence Commissioner’s role in MO approvals strengthens the framework by providing an external oversight mechanism. The addition of an annual report and parliamentary review, three years after the Act comes into force, further increases transparency.

Currently, law enforcement and CSIS may have the legal authority to obtain information from ESPs, but there are no laws that require ESPs to maintain a system that can effectively respond to requests. This means that despite having the requested communications and information in their systems, an ESP may be unable to provide it. This lack of technical capability has caused investigations to stall or not begin at all. The issue can be as simple as an ESP not having the secure infrastructure to transfer information to these agencies in a useable format. In other cases, they may not be able to retrieve the information within a certain timeline, or to ensure its accuracy.

Compliance enforcement under the current framework is extremely limited. To promote compliance, SAAIA would

create monetary penalties for contravening obligations under the Act. SAAIA sets out parameters for the issuance of administrative penalties, including in what amount and how an ESP can request a review from the Minister.

In addition to administrative mone-

etary penalties, SAAIA also contains offences for contravening provisions.

Penalties are required to make sure that a regulatory regime can be properly enforced.

Proposals under Bill C-22 provide additional oversight and transparency.

Vernal pools on the Oak Ridges Moraine

By Oak Ridges
Moraine Foundation

By March, most of us are more than ready for spring.

The snowbanks are tired, the trails are muddy, and winter feels like it has overstayed its welcome. But if you look closely across the Oak Ridges Moraine, you’ll notice something hopeful happening.

Spring has already started, quietly, in shallow woodland pools you might mistake for oversized forest puddles. These temporary wetlands are called vernal pools, and they are one of the Moraine’s best-kept seasonal secrets.

As the snow melts and early rains soak into the sandy soils of the Moraine, water collects in low spots across the forest floor. For a few short weeks, these depressions fill with clear, shallow water. By summer, many will be completely dry. That short window is exactly what makes them so important.

On the first mild, rainy nights of March, amphibians begin to move. Wood frogs emerge from under leaves and logs where they’ve spent the winter, making their way, sometimes hundreds of metres, back to the pools where they were born. Soon after, you might hear them: a soft, duck-like quacking sound echoing through the trees.

Spring peepers join in with their high, bell-like calls. What was a silent greenspace just days before suddenly feels alive, almost deafening! It’s one of the earliest and most magical signs that winter is truly ending.

Vernal pools don’t last long, and that’s the point. Because they dry up every year, fish can’t survive in them. That makes them safe nurseries for frogs and salamanders, whose eggs and tadpoles would otherwise be easy meals. In these fish-free waters, egg masses float near the surface, warmed by the spring sun. Within weeks, tiny tadpoles and salamander larvae are wriggling through the shallows.

These small wetlands also support insects, birds, turtles, and mammals. They help cycle nutrients back into the forest and are part of the larger water system that makes the Oak Ridges Moraine so important to southern Ontario.

In a landscape known for storing and filtering groundwater, even these small, temporary pools play a role.

There’s something comforting about this quiet awakening. Before the leaves return and before the first wildflowers bloom, life is already underway. Vernal pools remind us that the season doesn’t change all at once. It begins subtly, with



meltwater, with a chorus after dusk, with movement in the leaf litter.

If you’ve been counting the days until spring, this is your sign that it’s closer than you think.

How You Can Help

Because vernal pools are temporary and often unmapped, they’re easy to overlook, and easy to damage.

This spring, a few simple actions can make a real difference:

- Stick to marked trails when hiking through forested areas.
- Keep dogs leashed unless in a designated off-leash area.
- Slow down on rural roads on mild, rainy evenings, amphibians often cross at night.
- Support local conservation efforts that protect forests and headwater lands on the Moraine.
- If you own property with natural low spots, consider leaving them undisturbed. That “seasonal forest puddle” is critical habitat.


Most of all, take a moment to notice.

Head out on a damp March evening with a flashlight. Pause. Listen. That chorus you hear isn’t just background noise; it’s the sound of a landscape waking up.

After months of snow and silence, the return of amphibians to the vernal pools of the Oak Ridges Moraine is a reminder that renewal is already underway. Spring doesn’t arrive in a single dramatic moment.

It begins in the forest puddles.


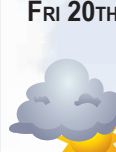
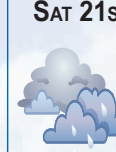


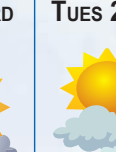

The Oak Ridges Moraine is more than a scenic ridge; it is a lifeline. For over 25 years, the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust (a registered charity) has worked to safeguard ecologically significant lands, protecting wildlife, clean water and healthy forests, for the future. Learn more at www.oakridgesmoraine.org.




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From Thursday, March 19 to Wednesday, March 25

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Canadian neurologist Dr. Henry Barnett (1922–2016) was a leader in stroke research and prevention – after moving to Happy Valley in King Township, he also worked to protect this area of significant natural importance.

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LSRCA urges caution as ice melting and flood risks increase

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) is recommending that residents use extreme caution around all bodies of water as significant ice buildup, rapid melting, and early spring like temperatures create hazardous conditions throughout parts of the Lake Simcoe watershed. Families and pet owners are urged to keep a safe distance from shorelines, riverbanks, and any ice-covered areas.

Following a winter marked by substantial snowfall and considerable ice accumulation, the watershed now faces a rapid warmup that will accelerate melting. Forecasts call for temperatures to climb into the mid-teens over the next several days, accompanied by rain.

This combination greatly increases

the likelihood of ice jams, situations where thick, shifting ice becomes lodged in narrower sections of rivers or streams, blocking normal flow. When this occurs, water can rise quickly behind the jam, leading to localized flooding, bank erosion, and sudden changes in water levels.

As temperatures rise, meltwater combined with rainfall will elevate water levels in rivers, streams, and lakes across the watershed. Many water bodies may still appear partially ice-covered, but this ice is now weakening, breaking up, and moving unpredictably, creating conditions in which jams can form and release with little warning. Even stable-looking areas can shift suddenly, posing risks for anyone nearby.

In addition to the flooding risk posed

by ice jams, slippery and unstable stream banks and extreme cold-water temperatures significantly increase safety hazards. Ice that once appeared solid may now be hollow, fractured, or detached from shore.

LSRCA urges all residents, particularly those living near waterways, to remain diligent, stay updated on flooding messages at lsrca.on.ca, and keep family members and pets far from riverbanks, shorelines, and ice.

Residents are urged to take precautions and stay safe during the spring melt:

Check lsrca.on.ca for riverine and shoreline flooding messages.

Keep children and pets far away from all waterways.

Avoid recreation activities near ice jams, ice-covered rivers, and partially frozen water bodies.

Never walk on ice-covered water bodies or drive through flooded roads or fast-moving water.

Move outdoor items, such as chairs or benches, away from shorelines to prevent loss or damage during high water.

Stay off riverbanks, which can become unstable due to snowmelt and erosion.

If someone or a pet fall through the ice, do not try to rescue. Call 911 immediately.

The Conservation Authority works year-round to protect people and property by proactively reducing flood risks. We do this by:

Regulating development in flood prone areas and key natural features such as wetlands, ensuring growth does not increase flood risk or harm watershed function.

Maintaining a comprehensive flood forecasting and warning system, monitoring watershed conditions and weather, and issuing timely alerts to municipalities, emergency services, school boards, and other partners so communities can prepare and respond effectively.

For more information, contact your local Conservation Authority – Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority 905-895-1281 or Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, 416-661-6514.



Funding will help keep King streets safe

From Front Page

In November, Abacus Data released polling that clearly shows the Ontario public strongly prefers traffic-calming infrastructure to cash-grab speed cameras, and that they believe that the measures our government is funding through the RSIF – including speed bumps, increased police enforcement, raised crosswalks, roundabouts and flashing signage – are effective at slowing down vehicles and improving community safety.

“Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is standing up for drivers by banning cash-grab speed cameras and supporting proven road safety measures that will make a real difference,” said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. “Ontario has some of the safest roads in North America and our new Road Safety Initiatives Fund will build on this record by ensuring municipalities have the resources they need to implement proven traffic-calming measures without making life more expensive for drivers.”

In response to public concerns over the increased use of municipal speed cameras as a revenue-raising tool, the Building a More Competitive Economy Act, which received Royal Assent on Nov. 3, 2025, prohibits the use of municipal speed cameras as of Nov. 14, 2025.

Last month, MPP Stephen Lecce announced that all York Regional Police Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in King and Vaughan, including three in Nobleton, are now live and operational. Together with new traffic-calming measures, MPP Lecce has delivered several key investments to the community that put the safety of

families in King Township first.

Ontario launched the \$210-million Road Safety Initiatives Fund in November 2025, providing \$42 million in immediate funding to eligible municipalities. All municipalities that previously used municipal speed cameras are eligible to apply for funding.

More than 40 municipalities across Ontario had automated speed enforcement camera programs before the provincial ban took effect on November 14, 2025.

As a result of the speed camera program, Ontarians were charged millions of dollars in fines, including a single camera in the City of Toronto that issued more than 65,000 tickets and took in nearly \$7 million in fines prior to 2025.

The City of Vaughan issued 30,000 tickets over a three-week period through its speed camera program. The city scrapped the program in September 2025.

For 25 years, Ontario’s roads have ranked among the safest in North America, with one of the lowest fatality rates per 10,000 licensed drivers.

The Road Safety Community Partnership Program provides funding to not-for-profit organizations for public awareness initiatives, campaigns or events that address priority road safety issues. Municipalities can partner with applicant organizations, which are eligible to apply for funding.

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YORK REGIONAL FOREST NOBLETON TRACT CONTROLLED BURN

The Regional Municipality of York is planning a controlled burn of the tallgrass prairie in the Nobleton Tract of the York Regional Forest, located at 5345 15th Sideroad in the Township of King. The controlled burn is scheduled for April 2026, weather and site conditions permitting.

Controlled burns are carefully set and managed fires used to restore and maintain tallgrass prairie habitat. The fire burns quickly through dried grasses and leaves but does not harm larger trees. Approximately 6.14 hectares (15 acres) will be burned and is expected to take two to three hours to complete.



York Region is closely monitoring conditions to determine the ideal burn window.

Under ideal weather, smoke will rise and should not impact nearby properties. Changing conditions may cause temporary smoke drift to nearby homes. Residents are encouraged to close windows, doors and fire dampers, and anyone sensitive to smoke is advised to remain indoors during the burn.

York Region, in partnership with Tallgrass Ontario, established this prairie to support a rare and valuable grassland ecosystem that provides habitat for insects, migratory birds and important pollinators. Tallgrass prairies are globally at risk and form an important part of Ontario’s natural and cultural heritage.

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Consolidated CAs to deliver consistent services

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The consolidation of provincial conservation authorities has moved forward.

The Ontario government is taking the next step to improve the province's conservation authority system with our plan to create nine regional conservation authorities.

This follows extensive consultation on how conservation authorities can help get shovels in the ground faster on homes and other local infrastructure projects, while strengthening their vital role in managing watersheds and protecting communities from floods and natural hazards.

The plan initially drew criticism and concern from stakeholders, who wanted to ensure this amalgamation would maintain local service and representation.

In fact, a motion sent from King council in February urged the Province to build safeguards, including funding, into the transition. The motion also asked Queen's Park to establish clear roles and responsibilities to prevent any service gaps in permitting and planning. It also wanted confirmation on how watershed plans, sub-watershed plans, and the LSPP in particular, will

be maintained, applied, and enforced under a regional structure.

King is currently served by two Conservation Authorities – the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA). Under the proposed consolidation the Township of King would still be served by two new ones – the Central Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority and the Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority.

The consolidated regional conservation authorities, the Province contends, would reduce administrative duplication, redirect resources to front-line conservation and modernize permitting to help the province deliver on its plan to protect Ontario by cutting red tape and building an economy that is more competitive, resilient and self-reliant, to help keep workers on the job in the face of tariffs and economic uncertainty.

"Ontario's improved approach would feature watershed-based regional conservation authorities operating under consistent provincial standards, modern tools and strengthened capacity – delivering stronger watershed management, flood resilience and better support for housing and infrastructure growth," said Todd McCarthy, Minister

of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "We listened and used feedback from last fall's consultations to refine and strengthen our plan, including optimizing regional boundaries to better reflect local needs, knowledge and relationships."

Ontario's current system includes 36 independent conservation authorities with varying policies, processes and capacity, which has created a fragmented system with inconsistent standards and timelines. This has created uncertainty and delays for builders, landowners and farmers, and has made it more challenging for conservation authorities to carry out their role in protecting communities from floods and natural hazards. To address this, the province created the new Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) last fall and began consulting with conservation authorities, municipalities and other partners on proposed boundaries for consolidating the province's conservation authorities.

Based on the extensive feedback received, the government amended its proposed conservation authority boundaries and intends to introduce amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act in the coming weeks that, if passed, will set out a path to consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities to create nine new regional conservation authorities.

Under this plan, the OPCA would coordinate a clear and successful transition targeting early 2027 for consolidation, and to deliver on its goal of improving customer service, enabling more consistent decision-making and strengthening watershed management across the province.

With centralized leadership and independent oversight of conservation authorities by the OPCA, Ontario's plan for a regional conservation authority system will reduce administrative duplication across the system and allow conservation authorities to redirect resources to front-line services, operate with greater consistency and transparency and deliver strengthened services to municipalities and permit applicants. This would better position conservation authorities to support the building of new homes and infrastructure while continuing to protect communities from flooding and other natural hazards. Programs and services delivered by conservation authorities would remain the same, including watershed management, natural hazard management and source water protection.

To ensure local knowledge and input continue to guide watershed management, the province would require regional conservation authorities to create one or more local watershed councils that help identify local priorities for watershed-based conservation programs and services. Regional conservation authorities would remain municipally governed, with regional municipalities, counties and cities ap-

pointing members to conservation authorities. Lower-tier municipalities in counties, such as towns and townships, will no longer be participating municipalities of a conservation authority under this approach.

"Today marks a milestone for conservation in Ontario. By building a modern, more unified system, we're protecting local expertise while supporting front-line programs that communities rely on," said Hassaan Basit, Ontario's Chief Conservation Executive. "The Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency would lead a smooth, well-supported transition, ensuring conservation authorities have the tools and resources they need every step of the way to deliver effective watershed management programs, meeting the needs of today and the future."

To support regional conservation authorities throughout the transition process, the province is providing annual funding to the OPCA in the amount of \$3 million, beginning in 2026. This funding would be used by the agency to support conservation authorities as needed during the transition period. Following transition, this annual funding would go toward helping regional conservation authorities achieve program improvements.

These changes are part of the government's plan to protect Ontario by improving the province's fragmented and inconsistent conservation authority system to deliver more consistent services and more efficient resource and information sharing, ensuring conservation authorities are more responsive to the needs of the communities they serve.

The Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency would coordinate the transition to ensure conservation authorities can continue to manage flooding and other natural hazards, drinking water source protection, permitting and the management of their lands and recreational trails.

Conservation authorities issue permits for development activities such as housing and the installation of supporting infrastructure in areas affected by risks of natural hazards such as floodplains, shorelines and wetlands.

In November 2025, the government amended the Conservation Authorities Act to establish the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency to provide efficient governance, strategic direction and independent oversight of Ontario's conservation authorities.

From November 7 to December 22, 2025, the province led a 45-day consultation on the proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation, with conservation authorities, municipalities, general stakeholders, and Indigenous communities, which included six regional workshops that engaged directly with conservation authority and municipal leadership. All input received was considered and helped to inform the government's plans.

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Taste of King wraps up another celebration of local flavour

By Brittany Greci

After two weeks of incredible food, local flavour, and community support, Taste of King has officially wrapped up for another year.

The popular culinary event, which ran from Feb. 28 to March 14, invited residents and visitors to explore the vibrant dining scene across King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg. Restaurants throughout the Township offered special prix fixe menus, signature dishes, and unique culinary experiences that highlighted the creativity and diversity of King's local food culture.

Taste of King was more than just a chance to enjoy a great meal – it was an opportunity to support the local restaurants that help bring energy and character to the community. Events like this



encourage residents to discover new favourites, revisit beloved neighbourhood spots, and celebrate the passion that local chefs and restaurant owners bring to the table every day.

From comforting pub classics to international cuisine and elevated dining experiences, each participating

restaurant showcased its own unique flair, giving diners a true taste of what makes King Township's food scene so special.

This year's participating restaurants included Raffaele's Cantina, Taj Royal Indian Cuisine, Tat Döner, The Schomberg Pub & Patio, Locale, Misoya Sushi, Nobleton Burger, Pine Farms Orchard, Port Soirée, Holland Marsh Wineries, In This Corner Bar & Grill, Koharu, Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smokehouse, Craft Kitchen & Beer Bar, Freshhouse King City, Freshhouse Schomberg, and Historia Cantina.

By the end of the two-week celebration, Taste of King once again proved that great food has a way of bringing people together. As the event closes for another year, the message remains clear – supporting local restaurants

not only strengthens the local economy, but also helps preserve the unique character and flavour that make King Township such a special place to dine.



Ontario earns first-ever A in Red Tape Report Card

Ontario scored its first-ever A (9.1/10) in CFIB's 2026 Red Tape Report Card released today as part of CFIB's 17th annual Red Tape Awareness Week™. The grade is up from last year's A- (8.9/10) – largely due to the province's significant progress on removing internal trade barriers – and places Ontario in a tie with Nova Scotia for the second-best overall score after Alberta.

"We're breaking down internal trade barriers and cutting red tape to unleash Ontario's economic potential," King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. "The Canadian Federation of Independent Business recognizes Premier Ford's plan is working – a plan to eliminate regulatory burden and duplicate approvals. With our government's One Project, One Process legislation to cut mine permitting times by 50%, we are making Ontario one of the fastest and business-friendly jurisdictions in the G7 to build large-scale nuclear capacity and get critical minerals out of the ground and into international markets to displace Russian and Chinese resources in favour of 'Made-in-Canada.'"

"We commend the Ontario government for staying laser-focused on red tape reduction since 2018," said Angela Drennan, CFIB's Ontario Vice-President, Legislative Affairs. "On average, small business owners across Canada spend 32 working days a year on red tape. Every minute devoted to comply-

ing with unnecessary, excessive, duplicative, and outdated rules is a minute not spent on growing the economy and creating employment opportunities for Ontarians."

"Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government has led the charge to cut red tape and make Ontario the best place to invest, work, and live," said Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Red Tape Reduction. "By working closely with partners like the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, we've delivered real results, saving time and money for businesses and families. Earning an 'A' grade on CFIB's Red Tape Report Card proves that Ontario is setting the standard for competitiveness. We're protecting Ontario's future and building a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy by cutting red tape and ensuring businesses can grow and succeed."

In this year's report card, CFIB once again graded the federal government and provinces in three key areas: Regulatory Accountability (40%), Regulatory Burden (40%), and Political Priority (20%). Bonus points were awarded this year for setting and publishing service standards and wait times for permit, form and application processing. Ontario received the full 10 bonus points for posting government service standards by Ministry for business permitting and licensing services, effective

January 1, 2025. The province is also working on a site (now in Beta testing) where businesses can find and track permits and licences.

"The proof of Ontario's political leadership on red tape reduction is in the numbers," said Julie Kwiecinski, CFIB's Ontario Director of Provincial Affairs. "CFIB data shows that between 2024 and 2025, Ontario reduced its total number of regulatory requirements by 3.5%. The only other province with a reduction during the same period is Nova Scotia by 0.1%."

"To further improve its grade, we urge the Ontario government to continue its solid work on reducing internal trade barriers and provincial regulatory requirements. While Ontario has the second highest number of regulatory requirements after Quebec, it boasts the lowest number by far per capita (i.e., 86/10,000 population compared to the next best 133/10,000 population in Alberta).

"We also encourage the government to publish regulatory documents in an open, machine-readable format (e.g., CSV, JSON, or XML), allowing for data to be freely accessed, used, analyzed, shared, and built on."

Businesses and people can tell the Ontario government about their specific red tape frustrations at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-red-tape-reduction>.



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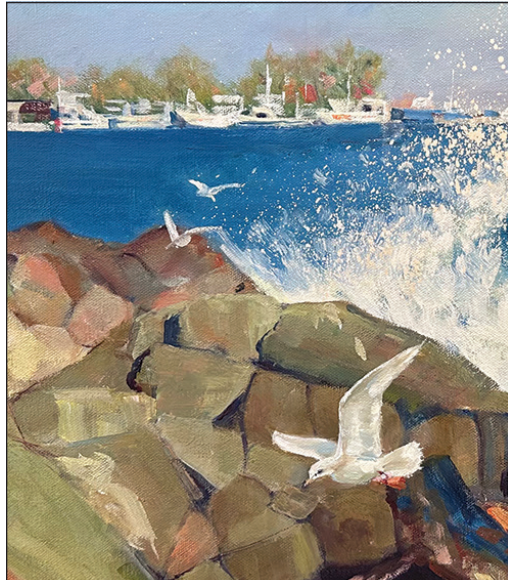
Mark your spring calendars! Arts Society King is proud to present the inaugural ARTROAM King 2026, taking place Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre (2920 King Road, King City).

ARTROAM King is a juried art show and sale featuring 26 exceptional local fine artists. For one weekend, the KHCC's four historic buildings will be transformed into vibrant gallery spaces, inviting visitors to roam, discover, and purchase original artwork in an inspiring heritage setting.

After more than two decades of artists opening their home studios to the public through Studio Tour King, ARTROAM King introduces a fresh, centralized format. By bringing all participating artists together in one location, visitors can experience the full event in a single stop – making it easier than ever to meet artists, browse their work, and enjoy the creative energy that defines King Township.

This year's exhibition showcases a dynamic range of artistic styles, voices, and mediums. Here's a brief introduction to just some of the diverse work you'll encounter during ARTROAM King. For more detailed information on all 26 artists, including those not listed below, please visit ASK's website. There's truly something for everyone, regardless of what type of art you enjoy!

Ivanka Pipinikova presents luminous oil paintings inspired by the amazing colours of the seasons and the reflections in the water of lakes and rivers. Ivanka aims to create beautiful, impactful art that conveys the feeling and mood of a moment in a way that



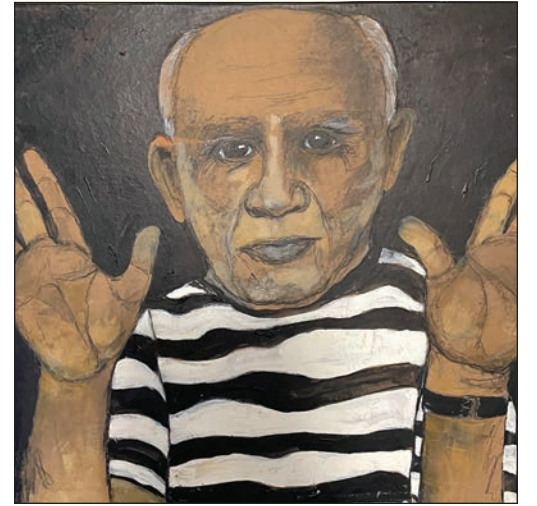
the viewer can become a part of it.



Jacqueline England is known for her meticulous photo-realism in oil, especially in equine portraiture. As she paints, she feels her paint brush move over the details of the head, find the light in their eyes, and feel the muscles of their beautiful bodies.



Joe Trimmeliti is a graphic designer by training and was a Senior Staff Artist at the Toronto Public Library for 15 years. Joe has recently rekindled his love of painting and has been successful in several fine art shows and sales.



Lynn Wilson works across a wide range of mediums, from acrylics to altered-book journaling. Her work is described as “strong, energetic, bold and colourful” and includes florals, abstracts, streetscapes, and portraits.



Joe Shocrylas offers a body of work shaped by discipline and precision honed during his career in dentistry. His paintings have been featured in civic buildings, galleries, and media across Ontario.

ARTROAM King is a free community event, open to all. Whether you're an art collector, a casual browser, or simply curious, this immersive exhibition offers something to inspire every visitor. Bring a friend, spend the day, and experience the creativity that thrives in our community.

For artist profiles and website/social media links, preview images, and event details, visit www.artsocietyking.ca.

CHATS Community Arts Showcase 2026

CHATS – Community & Home Assistance to Seniors – is proud to host its 2nd annual CHATS Community Art Showcase, a special and inspiring exhibition celebrating the extraordinary creativity and talent of older adults in our community.

The CHATS Community Art Showcase will be held on March 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway N. Aurora.

The opening reception is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event offers visitors the chance to explore and enjoy the outstanding artwork of local senior artists.

The showcase features a wide range of artistic expressions, including painting, photography, sculpture, and handmade crafts. More than just an art show, it is a celebration of creativity and a tribute to the meaningful role older adults play in enriching and shaping our communities.

Older adults make invaluable contributions through their wisdom, life experience, and artistic gifts. Their work provides new perspectives and strengthens our cultural landscape.

The CHATS Community Art Showcase is a powerful reminder that the creativity and passion of older generations continue to inspire, influence, and bring people together.

Bolton ComiCon March 21

Visitors can join in celebrating pop culture at the Bolton ComiCon event, coming March 21.

The event, by Pop Culture Canada, will take place that day at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On tap will be vendors selling comic books, toys, video games, sports cards, jewelry and pretty much anything geeky cool!

Admission is \$5 (online through Eventbrite) or \$10 at the door (cash and card accepted). Children 12 and under are free with paid admission.

If you want to purchase a \$25 VIP admission, it includes general admission, a premier shopping bag, which contains a Funko pop, as well as a pen, stickers, a pin, a lanyard and other collectable items.

Visitors are also asked to bring unexpired non-perishable food items for your local community food bank and receive a free comic book when you donate five or more items.

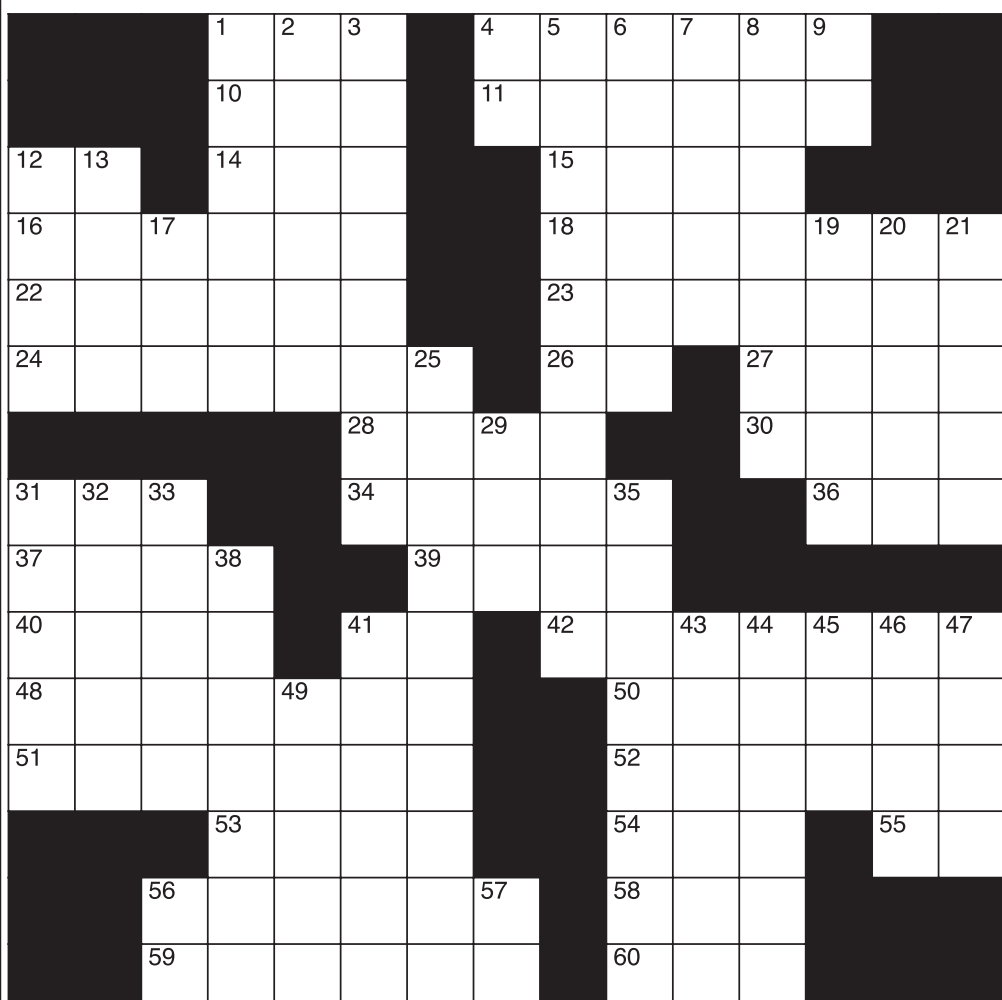
For more, visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bolton-comicon-march-21st-2026-comic-con-tickets-1978928870523>



Lisa Allshire combines sharp realism with areas of thick impasto paint to capture the play of light. Her recent shaped-surface works explore how memory selectively records the world around us.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Inclined to do
4. Sketches
10. Book of Chronicles (abbr.)
11. Atomic #58
12. Dorm official
14. Small Eurasian deer
15. Southern constellation
16. Workers' groups
18. Former
22. Excellent
23. Romance language related to Spanish
24. Reference
26. Equally
27. Dirty towels
28. A cargo (abbr.)
30. Ammunition
31. You get one in summer
34. Slang for trucks

with trailers

36. Swiss river
37. Exchange rate
39. British School
40. College teacher
41. Foreign Service
42. Horse gear
48. Cost to fly
50. A salt or ester of boric acid
51. Mocking
52. One who bird-watches
53. Concluding passage
54. A major division of geological time
55. Sodium
56. A way to produce
58. Soak
59. Laughed loudly and harshly
60. Affirmative

CLUES DOWN

1. Moth species
2. Quantum of energy
3. Break the law
4. Location of White House
5. Official cancellation of a decision
6. Where rockers work
7. Cut of beef: __
8. Nocturnal burrowing reptile
9. Atomic #62
12. Genus of evergreen shrubs
13. Flowering plant of the legume family
17. Inches per minute (abbr.)
19. Tropical fruit
20. Hot fluid beneath the earth's crust
21. James __, painter
25. Popular dessert
29. Payment (abbr.)
31. Cuisine style
32. Genus of true flies
33. City in western France
35. Arrogance
38. One holding a position of command
41. Weekday
43. An evening party
44. Print errors
45. Not good
46. Egyptian Sun god
47. East German town
49. Olfactory property
56. Atomic #37
57. "Pollock" actor
- Harris

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

MPP Lecce hosts inspiring Women's Day celebration

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, hosted his annual Inspiring Women's Celebration On March 11, bringing together local women leaders and business owners to celebrate International Women's Day.

The event was hosted at Vivo Restaurant in Nobleton, locally owned by Sandra Macri, with desserts provided by Josie D'Orio from D'Orio's Bakery in Kettleby.

The event was co-chaired by Janice

Williams, founder of Nobleton's Neighbourhood Watch, and Sophia Azevedo, a mom from Kleinburg advocating for her son, Lucas, who has a rare genetic condition, in addition to keynote speaker Natalie Kusendova-Bashta, Ontario's Minister of Long-Term Care.

"We dedicated my annual inspiring Women's Day celebration to all the strong mothers who love, inspire, and lead. From my late-mom, to our event co-chair Sophia who inspired us by her

love of her son, to Janice, who took initiative to keep our families safe," said Lecce. "It was a moving night and motivational story by my friend and colleague Natalia — grounded by a shared conviction that every girl should believe in their heart that they can do anything. We also congratulated King-Vaughan resident Nancy Siew, who was just awarded the Order of Ontario — Ontario's highest civilian honour — for her dedication to Canada's veterans, civic education, and Canadian values."



The Women's Institutes of King Township
Advocates - Educators - Historians

The Women's Institute was a community-based organization founded in the early 20th century to support, educate, and empower rural women. The movement grew quickly and King Township women were early leaders.

Branches in Laskay, Kettleby, Nobleton, King City, and smaller hamlets each supported their own community in practical ways: fund-raising, education, war effort, children's welfare, health care, and much more.

The Women's Institutes empowered rural women and gave them a vital support system. Each branch also researched and recorded their community's history in detailed Tweedsmuir histories, a valuable archival resource.

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson



Last Sunday some of us braved the wild snowstorm to go to Knox United Church for a multi-church service to celebrate PIE Day, a day to publicly declare our support for the LGBTQ2S community. Those of us in the joint choir enthusiastically sang Kermit the Frog's Rainbow Connection song. Afterwards we had blueberry, raspberry or apple pie and coffee/tea.

Regular Sunday services resume at our churches (Schomberg at 9:30 a.m., Nobleton at 11:15 a.m.).

The famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner is this Friday, March 20 at 6 p.m. at Nobleton United Church. If you reserved a seat, don't forget to come. We are sold out. Contact me at 416-316-5064 to go on the waiting list.

Our next Messy Church is Monday, March 23 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. The activities and crafts (5-6 p.m.) are based on different Bible stories. The theme for March is the Prodigal Son. God always welcomes us home. 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.

Palm Sunday (March 29) is a joy-

ous Sunday and we wave real palm branches to celebrate Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem. On Good Friday (April 3) at 10 a.m. we will have a solemn Joint service in Nobleton to remember Jesus's crucifixion.

Easter (April 5) is coming. If you would like to place a pot of tulips in one of the churches, as a floral memorial, the cost is \$10. Tulips can be ordered through Kim Campbell (for Schomberg) or Sue DiFebo or Val Ball (for Nobleton).

The next Lenten Bible Study is each Thursday at 1 p.m. at Nobleton United for scripture, reflection and good conversation. Last one is Thursday, April 2. All are welcome.

There is a 15-minute Reflection for Lent on Zoom every Monday at 7 p.m. Begin each week with hope. Short scripture, reflection and prayer. Last one is Monday, March 30.

The Schomberg United Church Women will meet Thursday, April 9 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.

Our next Schomberg Senior's Luncheon is Tuesday, April 14 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg. The guest speaker is Richard MacLeod, The History Hound, making a presentation on local farming history for us. The meal

is ham and scalloped potatoes, grilled green veggies, and Orange Bavarian for dessert. 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.

Schomberg's Anniversary is on Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. Nobleton will join the celebration.

On Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.). We talk on a huge variety of topics, main-

ly 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. It has a wheelchair ramp and a chair lift to go up the 7 steps to the Sanctuary. To contact our churches phone 905-859-3976.



New CWL council elected

This is the new CWL Council of St. Mary's Church in Nobleton. Father Robert Glyn installed the new Catholic Women's League executive March 10. Shown are (l to r) Micheline, Elizabeth, Franca, Mary, Maria, Emily. (Absent was Claudia). Along with the general council of new members and returning members, Carmella celebrating her 50th year as a sister of the CWL. Congratulations to the whole council.

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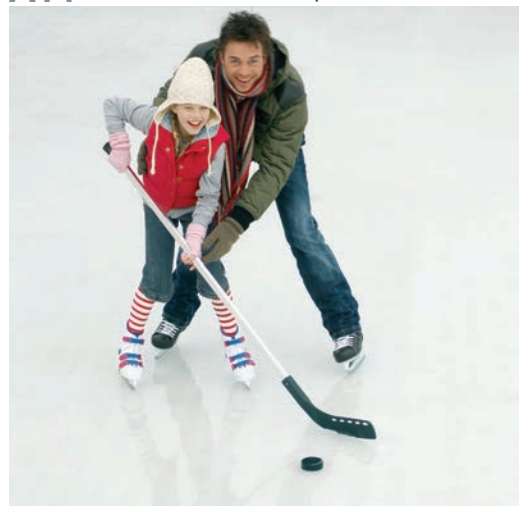
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Deacon King fires final goal of OJHL career in Rebellion's 4-1 series-ending loss to perennial powerhouse Collingwood

By Jim Stewart

Veteran OJHL forward Deacon King scanned the emptied Zancor Centre and shook his head in the aftermath of his club's hotly-contested, season-ending 4-1 loss to the Collingwood Blues: "We worked our asses off. It feels that we did all we could, but just came up short. The puck just didn't go in."

The only puck that did get past Blues goaltender Hagan Bach during Thursday's decisive Game 4 was King's final OJHL goal. It was scored with 21.8 seconds left in the first period, gave the Rebellion hope, and provided 1-0 lead that they held into the middle frame. King – who will compete in NCAA golf and hockey for Albertus Magnus College in Connecticut in the fall – described his deft deflection of Ryan Castle's blast from the right point: "We were working hard on the forecheck after getting the puck in deep. I had a good screen, Castle's shot got through, and it felt good to get one in."

The resident of Acton was emotional about the loss to Collingwood, but appreciated how he ended his three-year OJHL career: "I loved playing hockey here in King. I had the most fun I've ever had on a team. It was great working with the guys. The facilities here are great and we'd hang out here before the games."

King – a productive forward who

was acquired midseason from the Caledon Admirals – described the thrill of the series versus Collingwood in which the Rebellion skated evenly with the Blues in four narrow losses: "These last four games were the most fun I've had playing Junior hockey. I've never been in the playoffs before so this was a place I really wanted to come to. We're disappointed with how the series ended, but the guys were so much fun and we tried our best. We left it out there."

In addition to addressing the strong bonds and team culture that were developed by the Rebellion's leadership group, King also complimented the valiant, 30-save performance of Rebellion goaltender Noah Mavin. One of the top goaltenders in the OJHL, Mavin kept the high-scoring Blues off the board in the first period, but surrendered a pair of tough luck goals in the middle frame: "Noah played great. He kept us in the game. It was too bad we had a few unlucky bounces when we tried to block shots in the second period. Our goalies gave us a chance to win every game in the series."

The two shots that eluded the heroic Mavin in the middle frame swung the momentum of the game to the visitors. Talan Palmer one-timed Ethan Facchino's rebound from the right doorstep past Mavin and bulged the twine 2:22 into the second period to pull the Blues even at 1-1.

After Mavin stopped a breakaway with a sliding save twenty seconds into a mid-period King power play, he delivered a blocker and shoulder stop with 2:20 left and flashed the leather at 1:35 on a rising point shot.

However, after the Rebellion failed to capitalize on a 5-on-3 power play despite furious attempts to score again on Bach, King Captain Jared McNeil was called for tripping with 18.3 seconds left in the period.

Four seconds into the power play, a slap shot from the right point by Brayden Stumpf was deflected by Talan Palmer through a crowd and past Mavin to give the opportunistic Blues a 2-1 lead heading into second intermission.

"Magnificent Mavin" did all he could to keep his squad's playoff hopes alive and showcased his prodigious athletic talents in a combo stop fifty seconds into the final frame followed by a kick save less than two minutes later.

The Rebellion's rotten puck luck continued when gritty forward Justin Pavese beat Bach but not the crossbar six minutes into the third period. Three deflected pucks by King forwards wrapped around the Collingwood right post and bounced away harmlessly.

After all the near misses, Atom Thususka turned out the lights on the Rebs' post-season at 11:59 when he rifled his fourth goal of the series high blocker side from the left faceoff circle to give the Blues a 3-1 lead.

Mavin was pulled with 3:14 left in the game, but the furious 6-on-5 pressure by King could not produce a goal nor spur a comeback.

Blues forward Eric Palmer deposited the puck in the empty cage with nine seconds on the clock to provide the three-goal win for the 2024 Canadian champs whose playoff prospects look as bright as the yellow and blue "Optimist Club of Collingwood" patches that adorn the back of their sweaters.

On Monday night in Collingwood, the Blues had put a stranglehold on the series with a narrow 3-1 win over the Rebellion. The home side's third goal was an empty netter, too. It was the story of the series – the Rebellion skated with the Blues for twelve periods and, as King veteran Adam Smeeton noted after a narrow 2-0 loss in Game 2, "The series doesn't feel like a 2 versus 7. It feels much closer."

Smeeton's insights were spot on. Although the Rebellion bowed out of the playoffs for the third year in a row ver-

sus the Blues, King Township's Junior A squad put forth four entertaining and steadfast performances to close their successful 2025-26 season.

In appreciation of Rebellion PA Man Doug Ireland

Baritone-voiced and big-bearded Doug Ireland provides much of the zip and zest for fans at the Zancor Centre. The long-time voice of the Brantford 99ers and second-year Rebellion PA Man brings energy and gravitas to an OJHL game. He did so on Thursday night during the team's curtain call as King was eliminated from the playoffs by Collingwood.

Ireland's rousing and invitational "Please welcome back your KING REBELLION" – delivered in that booming voice that climbs an octave at the end of the phrase – always revs up the crowd as the home side takes the ice after intermissions. His use of BTO's "Takin' Care of Business" is a satisfying sign-off to designate home side victories. It's always a pleasure interviewing the Rebellion's star of the game with that victory anthem playing in the background.

In addition to the victory music, Ireland provides great classic rock interludes between periods and you can be assured that Stompin' Tom Connors's "The Good Ol' Hockey Game" will be heard.

The larger-than-life entertainer is also a masterful multitasker in the officials' box as he keeps the time, score, penalties, and shots on the big centre ice clock; serves as the game's official scorer; announces the game's pivotal moments with much vigor; fills space with musical segments between faceoffs; and works as penalty box warden to keep feisty antagonists untangled.

Ireland learned to perform five-to-seven tasks at once while plying his trade at the Brantford Civic Centre as PA Man for the 99ers and moved seamlessly with the club to the Nobleton Community Centre in 2024-25.

Later, in the Rebellion's inaugural season in King Township, Ireland christened the Zancor Centre with his polished, professional performances. His dulcet and dynamic tones over the sparkling new sound system gave local hockey fans another compelling reason to come watch Junior Hockey and support the Junior A Rebellion at Dufferin and 15th Sideroad.

Men's Ryder Cup Invitational

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

The Men's annual Ryder Cup Invitational that began in 2018, was held this weekend to yet another successful day of curling. Top ranked men were selected from clubs in Barrie, Bradford, King and a Wild Card (team that was made up with players from York (Newmarket) and King. Each team included 4 teams each with a total of 64 men participating in a 3-game round robin format all vying for the title. 16 men represented the King team as well as 12 more men that participated for Team Wildcard.

Bradford came out on top with the highest total points while Team Wildcard claimed second overall. Congratulations to the following Wildcard team players; Skip Mark Inglis and his team of David Krakovsky, Greg Switzer and Calvin Cameron. George Gerrits skipped James Gillem, Rich Ahle and Al Courneya. Karl Davis skipped Brad Stronach, Jason Pellar and Corrie Oukes. Gary McKay skipped Mike Lapish, Chad Yaremko and Ron Mott who represented York.

Sylvain Pelland, Ryder Cup organizer, is grateful for the many volunteers who lent their valuable time and efforts.

Club President Larry Sheardown was the MC who initiated a very special moment while watching (on TV) Team Canada's Wheelchair gold medal game against Team China at the Paralympic Winter games in Milano Cortina Italy.

After the game was heavily watched



James Gillem earned the highlight reel award for his Triple Takeout during the Mixed League's quarter-final action. The highly ranked shot delivered a momentum shift that eventually led his team to victory and advancing onto the semi-finals.

by Ryder players who all witnessed the last shot by Skip Mark Ideson to claim the Gold Medal, loud eruption waned throughout the lounge. Sheardown led everyone to rise and join in the singing of Canada's national anthem. It was a moment that sent chills and a sense of Canadian pride throughout the club.

KCC Quarter-finals

Women's quarter-finals action witnessed some very well executed shots and draws to the button for the win. Teams Morning and Cairns won their tight matches advancing onto the semis.

The Mixed Team league held their first game playoffs and the games were like the entire season; on the edge of your seat back and forth contests. Teams Morning and Barber found the victory and now move on the next round to face the top 2 seeded teams of Inglis and Kolody.

Highlight Reel

The turning point of the game and highlight reel award of the evening goes to Vice James Gillem of Team Morning. During the quarter-final game in the 4th end against Team Battershell, Gillem delivered a text-book triple takeout shot that eventually led his team for the go-ahead score. The high ranked shot resulted in a momentum shift for team Morning who went on to win and advance to the semis.



Team Wildcard's Calvin Cameron and Greg Switzer sweep for David Krakovsky during the Men's Annual Ryder Cup Invitational. Wildcard claimed second overall in a field of 64 curlers from 4 different clubs.



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King's Corners

King City-York Pines
By Sheryl Sinka

King City-York Pines United Church now worships at 10:30 a.m. Sunday when Lesley Morris will share her unique perspective on Christianity.

Last Sunday, Jon Brooks's message "Awake, O Sleeper," spoke to Ephesians chapter 5 verses 8-14 and challenged us to awake and be aware spiritually in these tumultuous times. As King City and York Pines merge into one congregation, we welcome all to join in our journey as we explore our faith and how it shapes our futures together.

Our Lenten study continues this Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m. at King City United Church and every Saturday until Easter. We are using the e-book, Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living available through ucrdstore.ca. Feel free to join us for coffee (or tea) and an insightful discussion of our faith.

Monday, March 23 The Book Club will meet at King City at 10 a.m. "People of The Book" by Geraldine Brooks is the subject of this meeting. This book is a novel of sweeping historical grandeur and intimate emotional intensity, and you don't need to have read it to join in. Contact the office for more information or to participate remotely on Zoom.

The next Fellowship Lunch is on Thursday (note change of day) March 26 at noon at Pine Farms Orchard, 2700 16th Sideroad, King.

Friends, family and neighbours are welcome. If you plan to attend, please contact the office,

We would like everyone to know that the church does have an accessible entrance and lift to the auditorium floor for anyone needing this assistance. If there are any pastoral emergencies, you may leave a message at the office at 905-833-5181. Prayer shawls are available on request.

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.

We have a Small Group Bible Study that meets at the church every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. We will be studying

"The Unstuck Life."

Easter at KBC - Good Friday Service: 10:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

Our next Open Closet Outlet is Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We invite you to come and shop for free! Restrictions apply and not for re-sale.

Please visit our website for links 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, March 20 - 10 a.m. - Cooking Demo - Serena, a Culinary Arts graduate, is excited to demonstrate how to create simple, flavourful and easy to make nutritious Italian dishes designed for seniors. Cost \$5/pp due by March 13. Limited space so registration is necessary. No walk-ins.

Friday, March 27 - 10 a.m. - Presentation - You have a medical emergency in your home. You call 911. What happens next? Who will help you? What do you need to know? A representative of York Paramedics will walk us through dealing with an emergency to prepare us, in a calm setting, on how to handle an emergency.

Friday, April 10 - 10 a.m. - Creative workshop with artist, Angela Del Borrello. Theme to be determined. Cost id \$10/pp.

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. - Step at a Time (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. - 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 afternoons: 1 p.m. - Progressive Euchre.

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

Sacred Heart Church

Confessions - Friday, March 20, Wednesday, March 25, Friday, March 27 (after 7 p.m. Mass).

Tenebrae Service is Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

Would you have an hour or so to spare on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am. Team Martha is looking for two or three individuals who could assist with cleaning the Church. If you cannot commit to every Wednesday that is okay. Please contact Beverly, Team Martha at rhmcauley@zing-net.ca

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

Ensemble performs

Sub Rosa Ensemble, founded by Eliza-Jane Callander from Kettleby, is giving a Spring Equinox concert at St Mary Magdalene Schomberg on March 28th at 4pm, with an unusual mix of music from ancient convents, traditional folk tunes, and hymns, all for women's voices. This choir gave a popular concert at Christ Church Kettleby this past July and are excited to share this music with the community again. Tickets available on-line at the Sub Rosa facebook page or cash at the door. Tickets \$20 or \$15 for seniors and students and children under 12 are free. Refreshments will be provided at intermission.

Garden Club

March has arrived, and with it, the promise of a new gardening season. The countdown is on for the Nobleton & King City Garden Club's first in-person meeting. We're thrilled to have a great lineup of speakers again this year.

Our speaker for March will be Glenn Munroe. He will present an interactive workshop on Compost, Soil Health and Climate Change. He will also discuss how composting, and compost use are among the best tools we have, to make a positive connection happen.

Join us on Monday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Laskay Hall, 2920 King Rd., King City. If you haven't already done so, renew your annual membership of \$30 at that time or contact us at nobletonkingcitygardening.com

citygardenclub@gmail.com to e-transfer the funds prior to the meeting. Guests are always welcome, cost \$10.

St. Andrew's

By Kathy Patterson

This week is "Thursdays at Three" (3 p.m.) and we hope you can join us. We will have one more Thursdays at Three in our Community Room and it will be the following Thursday (March 26) as we lead up to Easter.

It is a great time to get together over coffee/tea. Pastor Alison leads us, using a book called What if Jesus was serious about Prayer? by Skye Jethani. Join us, if you're able. All are welcome. Our morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. and you're invited to stay for coffee afterwards.

Last Sunday, March 15, Pastor Alison continued with her sermon series about Alistair Begg's book "C" is for Christian and the letter "J" was for "Jewel." This is an A-Z treasury of what the Bible says who we are in Christ. Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca

Easter is coming soon and St. Andrew's has two Joint Services with our Partnership Church, the Well and both of the services are at 10:30 a.m. They are a Good Friday Service and the Easter Sunday Service where Communion will take place. All are welcome. We also have opportunities to share some goodies and treats with our church-use groups. Sign up sheets are on the welcome/reception desk and the donations should be in by Palm Sunday.

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

All Saints Anglican Church

By Kit Woods

It's hard to look at the world right now and not feel afraid. We're watching wars unfold and regimes rise that threaten not only their neighbours, but the stability of life as we have known it. Change is happening so quickly that it can leave us feeling unsteady, unsure of where to stand.

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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, "Feeling Sorry For the Pigs" from Mark 5:1-20.

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, March 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, April 4 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.

Holy week, Mass of the Last Supper Thursday 8 p.m. adoration until 11 p.m. St. Mary's Nobleton. Good Friday 2:15 Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m. The Lord's Passion St. Mary's Nobleton, 5 p.m. at St. Pat's Schomberg. Easter Vigil 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Nobleton. Easter St. Patrick's Schomberg, Sunday 7:45 & 9 (English) & 10:30 a.m. (Latin Mass); St. Mary's, Nobleton, Sunday Mass 10:15 & 11:30 a.m.

In this weekend's Gospel, Lazarus is raised from the dead, which remind-

ed me of a story about the experience of a young woman at a local children's hospital. She was asked by a teacher from the church to tutor a boy with some school work while he was in hospital. The woman didn't realize until she got to the hospital that the boy was in a burns unit, in considerable pain and barely able to respond. She tried to tutor him, stumbling through the English lesson, ashamed of putting him through such a senseless exercise.

The next day when she returned to the hospital, a nurse asked her, "What did you do to the boy?" Before she could finish apologizing, the nurse interrupted her: "You don't understand. His entire attitude has changed. It's as though he has decided to live!"

A few weeks later, the boy explained that he had completely given up hope until this young woman arrived. With joyful tears he explained: "They wouldn't send a tutor to work on nouns and verbs with a dying boy, would they?"

Joke: When Pope Francis was elected, there was rumour that another highly contested cardinal who could have been elected. It was cardinal Sikola out of Sicily and the reason he was not chosen pope instead was Pope Francis was because Cardinal Sikola would

have been Pope Si-Cola.

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

Nobleton Seniors (55+)
By Joanne Bailey
Program Chair

Please register for each program you plan to attend. Material and food are purchased according to the number of people registered.

Regularly scheduled programs are: 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.

Bone Fitness - Wednesdays at 1 p.m. (must be registered with the Township).

Educational Thursdays run weekly from 10 am. to noon.

March 26 - Emergency Preparedness. Presented by Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin Ritson. CPR will be demonstrated and the seniors will be able to participate and review the technique of CPR. Be informed and know what to do when an emergency arises.

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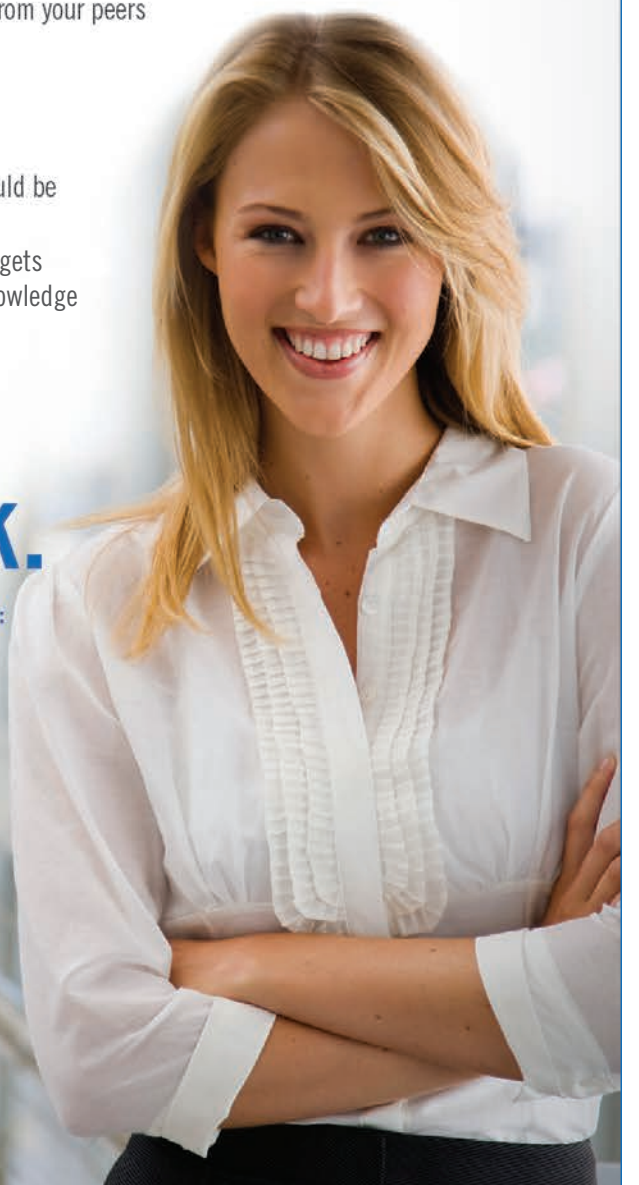
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Nobleton Notes

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April 2 – Easter is Coming, Artist Angela Del Borrello will provide instructions on how to create a “Bunny Wood Décor.” The cost is \$10 per person which includes all materials.

Be sure to register by March 26 so materials are available for you.

April 9 – “Laughing for the Health of It: Connecting Through Joy” Presented by Cathy Nesbit, certified teacher. This heart-warming session will alleviate isolation and foster connection. Event will be sponsored by Kristen Egan, Community Outreach Manager, Delmanor, Aurora.

April 16 – Chair Yoga via YouTube with Kierstie Payge (level 3). Improve your flexibility, strength, balance, and mental well-being as we participate in this session together.

For more information on 55+ programming, memberships and services visit king.ca/seniors or call 905-833-6565.

Ensemble performs

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za-Jane Callander from Kettleby, is giving a Spring Equinox concert at St. Mary Magdalene Schomberg on March 28 at 4 p.m., with an unusual mix of music from ancient convents, traditional folk tunes, and hymns, all for women’s voices. This choir gave a popular concert at Christ Church Kettleby last past July and are excited to share this music with the community again. Tickets available on-line at the Sub Rosa facebook page or cash at the door. Tickets \$20 or \$15 for seniors and students and children under 12 are free. Refreshments will be provided at intermission.

Garden Club

You’re invited to join the Nobleton & King City Garden Club. Guest speakers present at each meeting on a variety of garden-related topics. Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month between March and November.

We’re thrilled to share our upcoming speaker program for the year. A wonderful lineup of knowledgeable, passionate presenters who will inspire, educate and spark new ideas for your gardens.

Monday, March 23, “Healing our Soils & Climate with Compost” by Glenn

Munroe. Monday, April 27, “The Monarch: An Icon on the Edge” with speaker Lisa Massie-Xerces Ambassador. Monday, May 25, “Natural Garden Design” with speaker Shaun Booth. Monday, June 22, “Benefits of Mushrooms” with speaker Geoff Norton. Monday, September 28, “Garden Maintenance with Pollinators and Birds in mind.” Speaker Dorte Windmuller. Monday, October 26, will be our last speaker, Dugald Cameron presenting “All About Summer Flowering Bulbs.”

Thinking about becoming a member? This is the perfect time! Contact us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com or e-transfer \$30 for your annual membership at that same email address. Guests are always welcome to attend a meeting and see what we’re all about for only \$10.

Nobleton Lions

Hey Kids! Come on out for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. at Tasca Park. There will be free chocolate bunnies for kids to age 10 and hot chocolate for everyone. This is a joint event put on by all three Lions Clubs in King Township, working together. Next, look for our float in the

parade and visit us at our booth at the arena grounds on Victoria Day, May 18.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Poker fundraiser. It was another great success.

Periodically we hear from organizations that we support about how they have been helped.

This week The Olive Branch for Children outreach in Tanzania shared: “Our KICKIT Mobile Libraries continue to bring books and literacy programming into rural communities where access to reading materials is very limited. Watching children build confidence and excitement around reading has been incredibly encouraging. Our Academic Support Program remains our largest focus, ensuring students have what they need to stay in school and succeed — from fees and uniforms to textbooks and exam support. That steady, practical support makes a lasting difference.”

You can provide additional financial support by attending its gala on May 2. For tickets visit www.theolivebranchforchildren.org

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

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

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Do you know what's Irish and stays out all night? Paddy O'Furniture! I can only tell that joke once a year, so I won't be passing up the opportunity.

Ensemble concert

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Bird Watching Club

All are invited to join the newly formed "Bird Watching Club" which meets every third Saturday at the corner of West Canal Bank Road and Highway 9, remember to bring binoculars, spotting scope, and dress for the weather.

Aquatics in King

The spring schedule for swim lessons and aquatic leadership courses at Zancor Centre is now online. King Township is offering learn-to-swim lessons for all ages, based on the life saving society Swim for Life program, which features programming for parent & tots, preschoolers,

children, teens and adults, as well as private lessons for children ages 3+. Aquatic leadership programs to train youth for employment as a swim instructor or lifeguard are also available.

Be ready to register! Registration for spring swim lessons and aquatic leadership courses opens at 7 a.m. on Monday, Mar. 16. Programs start the week of April 13. For more information, visit king.ca/aquatics.

Horticultural Society

March 24, Schomberg Horticultural Society's first meeting of the year. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Schomberg Community Hall.

The first meeting of 2026 will be both fun and delicious - from beginning to end! Come early and enjoy a slice of pizza before the meeting! Members are invited to bring in homemade baked goods, squares, savories, pies, or cookies to participate in the friendly "Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice!" competition. Baked items should be in place by 7 p.m.

The speaker, Maria Shtemberg, is a member of the Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners. She will take a fresh look at the growing trend of "Container Gardening," offering tips and tools to make your flower and vegetable containers spectacular and useful year-round. Container gardening is ideal for both beginners and seasoned gardeners. Attendance at the meeting is free to members. Guests are welcome - \$5 at the door.

We have an exciting lineup of speakers, a garden tour, and a plant sale to look forward to, as well as the monthly flower shows and end-of-season photography contest. We look forward to seeing you in March!

Annual membership is \$20 per member or \$30 (2 per family + \$10 for each additional person (all in same household)).

Guests are more than welcome at \$5 per meeting. This annual membership fee entitles you to admission to all meetings, including expert guest speakers, member events, flower shows and discounts from local merchants.

All general meetings will be held on

the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall at 325 Main Street, unless otherwise notified. Virtual meetings may be held if and as necessary. Members will be notified by social media (eg. Facebook) and emailed of any changes. At these meetings, a sales table is set up, and as a member of the Society, we hope you will donate previously loved gardening books or magazines, vases, cuttings, perennials, seeds, small plants and whatever you might want to share with other gardeners. Please label plants along with instructions for their care. This table is dedicated to Clara, a former and long-time member of the Society, who used to bring in bouquets of flowers to sell.

Contact Information: schomberg-hortsociety@gmail.com

Simcoe Currency Club

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

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

Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre is every Friday night at Trisan in Room A/B from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All you need to know is how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously. Please note that due to conflict we won't be playing on March 27, and we will be moving to Thursdays, April 2, in the Curling Lounge.

Schomberg 55+

Monday, March 30 What's My Line - Mystery guest #1 (replaces Carol Hindley, members Life Story).

Tuesday, April 1 - Health Presentation - Part of Seneca Polytechnic's HELIX Program.

Tuesday, April 7 - Heart to Home Meals - Free sampling (NEW) registration required by March 28.

Monday, April 13 - Lynn Holden - Beyond the Sites, adventures through all of Canada's World Heritage Site.

Monday, April 20 - Bill Anderson - The Caribbean Cruise with stories behind the flag of each place.

Monday, April 27 - Terry Turner, Ancestry Research Tips on British Family Ancestry.

Tuesday, April 28 - Sean Cisterna - Silver Screamer-a film screening, 1 hr. film making workshop(register).

Weekly Events:

Please note new times for Mobility Matters!

Monday afternoons - 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Mobility Matters Trisan Centre (new time).

Tuesday afternoons - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Bridge - in Multi Room A at Trisan.

Wednesday mornings - 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. - Bone Fitness.

Wednesday afternoon - 2 to 4 p.m. - Mahjong -in the Multi Purpose Room A at Trisan.

Thursday afternoons - 1 p.m. - Carpet Bowling - at Trisan. Thursday afternoons - 3 to 4:30 p.m. - The Tighty Wound ukulele group in the Multi Room A at Trisan.

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

Friday afternoons - 1 to 1:45 p.m. (new time) Mobility Matters (Trisan Centre).

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Julianne Boileau, Sales Representative with RE/MAX Hallmark York Group has enjoyed a long successful career in Real Estate based on her knowledge of the industry trends and her ability to successfully negotiate a deal.

Growing up in Richmond Hill and currently living in Schomberg, Julianne is a lifelong resident of the region and has an intimate knowledge of many of the towns and cities in the area. Her mother is still an active realtor, and her late stepfather was also a realtor. Julianne learned the industry from the ground up.

"I enjoy the challenges and rewards my career has afforded me," Julianne explained. "It is such an amazing feeling when all is done, and my clients are packing and moving, with the excitement of the future in their new home."

After 37 years in the industry, Julianne knows pretty much all there is to know when it comes to real estate. She can help guide you to a neighbourhood and a home that will meet your needs.

Most clients have requirements for where they would like to live. Julianne can advise you on the

neighbourhoods, and local amenities like schools, restaurants, shopping, sports clubs, and recreational activities available in the area.

She is known as a skilled negotiator and has the ability to work with clients no matter what type of residential property they would like to sell or buy. From smaller homes that may require some work to high-end homes that attract a completely different buyer. Julianne has the experience and knowledge to attract potential buyers through her superior marketing techniques.

"The best is the least I can do," Julianne said. "I am so happy to help my clients navigate this important process and ensure they end up exactly where they should be. My years of experience with every level of real estate from high-end luxury homes to affordable rentals have given me considerable experience. I pride myself on my integrity, ability to solve problems, strong communication skills, networking, and determination."

Julianne is a 'people person' who enjoys meeting clients as much as she enjoys her work. Many clients over the years have become personal friends.

Because of her interpersonal skills, experience, and knowledge of the industry, many clients refer family and friends to Julianne because they were so satisfied with how she helped them when they were purchasing or selling a home.

Julianne is always aware of current trends and stays informed of the market changes throughout the year. Her personal philosophy as it relates to clients is "I am big enough to get results, small enough to care."

Julianne serves the entire GTA region and is an active Real Estate Sales Representative in Schomberg, King City, Newmarket, Aurora, Bradford, Richmond Hill, Mississauga, Malton, Toronto, Pickering and Uxbridge.

Julianne is known to always answer her phone! She can be reached at 416-418-6683.

WRITTEN BY Brian Lockhart

Moving this spring?

What to review before changing addresses

(NC) Moving to a new home is an exciting time, and there's a lot to process. Between closing documents, packing and unpacking, it's easy to lose track of some administrative details.

You can save yourself some potential headaches by taking these items into consideration:

UPDATE ONLINE SERVICES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A lot of these use your home address, so get ahead of the move by updating them to your new address. This will help you avoid disruptions and having to scramble to

get everything where it needs to be on top of having to settle in.

MAKE A RECORD OF VALUABLE ITEMS.

In case anything gets damaged or goes missing during a move, it's important to have a clear record of what you had before the process. One useful trick is to photograph any valuables from a couple of angles for easy reference later on.

PLAN AHEAD FOR CONNECTIVITY IN A NEW HOME.

Getting internet, TV and phone services set up is an early priority during a move. You can notify your provider to help make the process easier, but the truth is that issues can happen. You may run into unexpected fees during a move or even service disruptions.

If your service provider doesn't deal with the issue to your satisfaction, you still have options, such as taking the issue to the Commission for Telecom-



television Services (CCTS), an independent agency that can deal directly with providers. It handles unresolved wireless, TV, phone and internet service issues from thousands of Canadians each year.

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD.

Moving can also be a chance to only take what you truly value with you. Instead of looking at all your stuff as automatically coming with you, try imagining it was something

being offered to you for your new home. If it's something that excites you to have there, pack it—if not, consider letting it go.

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HOME INSPECTIONS: What they really do (and How Buyers Can Use Them Wisely)

A home inspection is one of the most valuable steps in the buying process — not because it guarantees a “perfect” home, but because it helps you understand what you’re buying. In today’s market, inspections can also be a practical bargaining tool: they can change the terms of a deal without ending it.

The goal of a home inspection is simple: information. It provides a clearer picture of a home’s condition on the day of the inspection, highlights visible safety concerns or major defects, and helps buyers prioritize repairs and maintenance. For sellers, it can reduce surprises and support more confident negotiations. For both sides, it keeps the transaction grounded in facts.

WHAT A HOME INSPECTION IS — AND WHAT IT ISN’T

A home inspection is typically a non-invasive, visual assessment of a property’s major systems and components. It’s not a guarantee, a warranty, or a pass/fail test. Inspectors generally do not open up walls, move heavy furniture, dismantle equipment, or perform destructive testing.

Think of it as a professional snapshot of condition and risk — not a promise that nothing will ever go wrong.

WHY INSPECTIONS MATTER (EVEN WHEN A HOME LOOKS “FINE”)

Most homes have issues — even well cared for ones. Buyers often focus on finishes, layout, and curb appeal, but inspections look at the systems that can be expensive or disruptive if they fail.

A thorough inspection can help:

- identify potential safety issues (electrical hazards, moisture or ventilation concerns)
- flag major defects (roofing concerns, foundation movement, plumbing leaks)
- reveal deferred maintenance (aging HVAC equipment, deteriorating exterior components)
- provide a realistic repair/maintenance roadmap
- confirm what’s in good working order, which brings peace of mind

THE INSPECTION AS A BARGAINING TOOL (NOT A DEAL-BREAKER)

A good inspection doesn’t “kill” a deal — it clarifies it. The point isn’t to demand perfection. It’s to ensure the purchase price and terms reflect the home’s real-world condition.

For example, if a roof receives a poor rating or shows signs of nearing end-of-life, buyers may have several reasonable options:

- request a price adjustment to reflect replacement cost
- request the seller complete repairs by a qualified professional before closing
- request a credit (where applicable) to offset repairs
- accept the condition but adjust other terms (closing date, inclusions, etc.)

In a balanced market, inspection findings often lead to a practical rebalancing of expectations: the home is still the right home — the deal just needs to make sense.

WHAT HOME INSPECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR

While exact scope varies, a typical home inspection includes a visual review of many of the following areas:

Exterior and structure: visible foundation condition, grading/drainage, exterior cladding and flashing, decks/steps/railings, and visible signs of settlement or moisture entry.

Roofing: visible roof covering condition, flashing, vents and penetrations, and visible evidence of leaks in accessible attic areas or ceilings. (Any “remaining life” comments are an opinion, not a guarantee.)

Plumbing: visible supply and drain lines where accessible, basic water flow observations, hot water tank age/condition, visible leaks or corrosion, and general fixture function.

Electrical: service panel observations, visible wiring concerns, presence/function of GFCI/AFCI protection where testable, and a sampling of outlets/switches for function.

Heating, cooling and ventilation: basic operation of furnace/boiler/heat pump when conditions allow, central air where seasonally appropriate, visible ductwork/vents/filters, exhaust fans, and ventilation concerns that could contribute to moisture issues.

Insulation and attic (when accessible): general insulation coverage, attic ventilation, visible moisture staining, and visible structural concerns (not an engineering assessment).

Interior: ceilings, walls, and floors for visible defects;

windows/doors for basic function; and stairs/railings for safety.

Fireplaces (limited): a basic visual review of accessible components; inspectors commonly recommend a specialist for a deeper safety evaluation.

Inspection reports typically categorize issues by severity (for example: safety, major defect, maintenance, monitor) and note limitations — especially areas that weren’t accessible at the time.

WHAT INSPECTORS ARE NOT DOING

This is where expectations matter. In most cases, a standard home inspection does not include:

- invasive inspection behind walls or under floors
- mold/air quality testing (unless added as a separate service)
- asbestos testing
- septic and well testing (usually separate specialists and tests)
- full chimney flue inspection (often requires a camera inspection)
- pest inspections (sometimes separate)
- engineering opinions on structure/foundation
- code compliance certification
- predicting remaining life with certainty (roof/HVAC life estimates are educated opinions)

Because inspectors can only report on what’s visible and accessible, no inspection can uncover every issue.

LIMITATIONS AND LIABILITY: THE IMPORTANT REALITY

Home inspection reports include limitations and disclaimers for a reason. A home inspector provides a professional opinion based on visible conditions and standard inspection practices — but they are not guaranteeing perfection or future performance.

Inspectors generally limit their liability through the inspection agreement and report terms. That means if something is missed — especially something hidden behind walls, under finishes, or inside sealed systems — the inspector is typically not responsible for the full cost of that failure. This is why it’s important for buyers to

read the inspection agreement, understand the scope, and ask questions during the inspection.

In plain terms: an inspection reduces risk, but it does not eliminate it.

HOW TO GET THE MOST VALUE FROM A HOME INSPECTION

A few best practices can make inspections far more useful:

- Attend the inspection if possible — seeing issues first-hand helps you understand what matters most.
- Ask for clarity, not catastrophes: “Is this urgent? What’s the typical fix? What would you do first?”
- Focus on major systems and safety, not cosmetic items.
- Use specialists when needed: targeted quotes can turn a concern into a number.
- Negotiate reasonably: the best outcomes happen when findings lead to fair adjustments, not unrealistic demands.

THE TAKEAWAY

No home is perfect. No inspection reveals everything. But a good inspection provides valuable information that helps buyers make informed decisions and negotiate intelligently. In many cases, it doesn’t end a deal — it simply shapes the deal into one that better reflects the home’s true condition.

If you’re considering a move and would like straightforward advice on your options in today’s market, feel free to contact Michele Denniston at 416-433-8316 or michele@micheledenniston.com

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4 things to test for when buying a home

(NC) Moving into your new home is an exciting and sometimes overwhelming time. Between all the organizing and settling in, safety tests are probably the last thing on your mind. But there are still important things to check. Here are a few simple but important issues to look for:

1 INSULATION AND AIRFLOW

More than 10 per cent of the energy used in Canada every year goes to heating our homes, and poor insulation can waste a lot of it. One way to check airflow is with a blower door test. A membrane goes over an



external doorway with a powerful fan built in. It depressurizes the home by drawing air out quickly, and infrared cameras can show where air is being drawn in from outside to fill the low-pressure interior.

2 RADON GAS

Every home in Canada has some level of radon. It's an invisible radioactive gas that makes its way into homes from the ground through cracks and gaps in the foundation. Exposure increases the risk of lung cancer considerably, so it's important to test for it. Radon levels go up and down, but you can estimate your annual exposure by using a simple test kit for three months. If your levels are high, a professional can reduce them by up to 90 per cent for less than the cost of replacing your furnace or air conditioner.

3 MOISTURE AND MOULD

High moisture levels can damage the home and lead to mould growth. Mould may cause a number of health issues such as wheezing, shortness of breath and the worsening of asthma symptoms. Health Canada doesn't recommend testing the air itself for mould, but reducing moisture levels can be an effective prevention. Pay special attention to the kitchen, bathroom and basement, where moisture can be greater. Using dehumidifiers or ventilation can help you keep the humidity level between 30 and 50 per cent.

4 PLUMBING

Faults in your plumbing can worsen existing moisture issues and damage drywall, bricks and foundation materials. Look for signs of current or past leaks—discolouration on ceilings or walls, as well as spots where the paint seems to bulge or sag. It's also important to verify your pipes' material: some homes still have lead fixtures connecting them to the municipal service lines. Consider testing your service line connections early and replacing them if necessary.

Not every safety risk in the home is obvious. Some, like radon, are literally invisible, and the only way to know is to test. You can learn more about getting started with a do-it-yourself test kit or electronic monitor at takeactiononradon.ca.

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AVERAGE 35 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

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YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

-9.73%

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AVERAGE 37 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

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YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

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*The statistics provided were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's Market Watch FEBRUARY 2026; Summary of Existing Home Transactions for All Home Types, FEBRUARY 2026 + Focus on the MLS Home Price Index for Composite, FEBRUARY 2026 for York Region's Aurora and King

As we move through the first quarter of 2026, the York Region real estate market continues to show signs of a market recalibration. While activity remains measured compared to the heightened pace of previous years, the market is gradually finding its balance as both buyers and sellers adjust to current economic conditions.

In February, the average home price in Aurora was approximately \$1.10M, with homes taking about 34 days on average to sell. Inventory has also increased modestly, with roughly 120–127 new listings entering the market over the past month, giving buyers more choice and negotiating power than we saw during the peak years of the market cycle.

Across the broader Greater Toronto Area, sales activity has remained somewhat subdued as economic uncertainty and affordability concerns continue to keep some buyers on the sidelines. This has contributed to softer pricing trends and a market that increasingly favours well-prepared buyers.

This is a strategic market: Buyers benefit from greater choice and negotiating room, while Sellers who price correctly and present their homes well will still achieve strong results.

As we move into our most robust selling season, the key will be to price correctly and take the appropriate steps to best showcase a home. In an evolving market, Key Advantage is always here as a trusted advisor to provide support, guidance and information.

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Planning a backyard project?

This step is required by law

(NC) Picture this: You're looking out your back window, imagining your dream patio. You've got the vision, and now you're going to put it into motion. But before you do, did you know you're required by law in Ontario to determine the location of the underground infrastructure outside?

Before any project that involves digging, homeowners must request a "locate" to identify underground infrastructure. This requirement applies to everything from planting a tree or installing a mailbox to building a deck or putting up a fence. The goal is simple: to prevent damage to natural gas lines and other utilities that serve your home and neighbourhood.

Underground utility lines can be much closer to the surface than most people expect. A shovel placed just a few centimetres in the wrong spot can cause damage that leads to service interruptions, costly repairs or serious safety risks. Requesting a locate shows you the approximate location of these lines so you can plan your work and dig with confidence.

In this province, locates are requested through Ontario One Call, a free public safety service that connects homeowners with local utility providers. Once you submit your request, it notifies utilities, and they'll come and mark the location of underground infrastructure on your property. This process can take up to five business days, so it's essential to plan ahead.

Starting a project without a locate not only puts people and property at risk but may also result in legal and financial consequences. By taking this simple, required step, you can protect your home, stay compliant with provincial regulations and avoid unnecessary delays.

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PROJECT ON TRACK

- Walk your yard before submitting a locate request so you can clearly identify where digging will take place.
- Mark your planned project area using flags or biodegradable paint to help the locate crews understand the scope of work.
- Avoid digging if weather conditions make locate markings hard to see; wait until markings are clear and visible.
- Keep your project plans, sketches and locate records in one place so that everything is easy to reference.
- Take photos of locate markings once they're applied in case rain, wind, or lawn activity causes them to fade.

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A GUIDE TO • Survive lengthy home renovations

Renovations can transform homes into spaces that mirror homeowners' dreams. Regardless of the scope of a project, a home renovation will involve some level of disruption to residents' daily lives. Lengthy, more involved projects may impact daily life considerably.

Renovation timelines vary depending on the scale of the project. Painting may take a week or two, while a kitchen or bathroom remodel may last anywhere from four to 16 weeks. Larger projects like adding a room can take between three and six months, say the experts at John Merrill Homes. Projects also often take longer than expected, as surprises may be in store once homeowners begin peeling back the layers in homes. Homeowners about to embark on lengthy renovation projects can embrace these tips to come through on the other side relatively unscathed.

CHOOSE YOUR TIMING

The timing of a renovation may have to coincide with contractor availability or having the budget to fund the project. But homeowners should consider life circumstances and season before starting a project.

You might not have the energy to take on a project right before the holidays. If kids play on sports teams that require a lot of travel, it might be better to wait until the season winds down. Figure out what you can realistically take on to reduce the likelihood that you'll feel overwhelmed.

PLAN ACCORDINGLY

Creating and sticking to a daily schedule, and knowing what is happening each day, can keep a project on track. It also allows you to determine which days will be the most chaotic. Demolition days can be noisy and messy, and maybe those are days when you plan to be away from the house for a few hours.

STORE ITEMS OUT OF HARM'S WAY

Invest in a storage solution for the duration of the renovation. Decluttering and removing items before

the project is in full force will make it easier to work and maneuver, and it also means fewer items will need to be cleaned afterwards. Renovations tend to kick up a lot of construction dust, after all.

DESIGNATE A SAFE ZONE

Establish a room or rooms as work-free areas to which residents can retreat. If multiple rooms are being renovated, you might consider spending time with a family member or friend, or getting a hotel for a short duration until the bulk of disruption dies down.

LOWER YOUR STANDARDS

Homecooked meals may be your standard most days of the week, but it's alright to be a bit lax when remodeling projects begin. Relying on frozen foods or takeout might be necessary for a little while.

The most popular rooms to remodel

HOME IMPROVEMENT TRENDS come and go. In a testament to that reality, the wildly popular open floor plan concepts that have dominated homeowners' desires over the last decade-plus could be falling out of favor, a shift that Rachel Stults of Realtor.com linked to the COVID-19 pandemic in a 2023 interview with Business Insider. Stults noted open floor plans will likely exhibit some measure of staying power, but linked the shift toward more traditional layouts to COVID lockdowns and the desire for more privacy among residents.

The shift away from open floor plans is a testament to the fleeting nature of home renovation trends. But trends still deserve a place at the table among real estate investors and homeowners who want to renovate their homes with an eye on projects that could be most appealing to prospective buyers. As homeowners balance their own preferences with those that might help them sell their homes down the road, they can consider this list of the most popular rooms to renovate, courtesy of the "2024 U.S. Houzz & Home Study" from Houzz Research.

1. Kitchen
2. Guest bathroom
3. Primary bathroom
4. Living room
5. Guest bedroom
6. Primary bedroom
7. Laundry room
8. Closet
9. Dining room
10. Home office

When considering renovating these or other rooms, homeowners should know that Houzz researchers found that the median spend increased for most interior room upgrades compared to the previous year. However, the median cost to upgrade living rooms and home offices remained unchanged.



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Did you know?

AN ASSORTMENT OF VARIABLES will dictate just how long a home's siding will last, including the amount of sun a home receives and the location of the home. The life expectancy of siding will also depend on the siding material. According to Sunshine Contracting, vinyl siding lasts between 20 and 40 years. It's a popular choice because of how long it lasts and the minimal upkeep it requires. Wood siding, another traditional favourite, is more expensive, but it also boasts impressive longevity, according to BobVila.com. With proper maintenance, which includes cleaning and refinishing, wood siding may last for decades. The coating on aluminum siding typically begins to fade after about 15 years. Fiber cement siding is affordable, durable and low maintenance, and it may actually last as long as the home itself. It needs to be repainted occasionally. Sunshine Contracting says stone veneer siding will last between 20 and 75 years, depending on the stone that is used.



THINGS TO KNOW WHEN

replacing windows

Windows are durable, but they do not last forever. The experts at This Old House say the life span of home windows is between 15 and 50 years, with most reaching the upper limits of their life expectancy at around 20 years. Once they reach this age, the seals begin to weaken or fail, and windows become susceptible to drafts and water seepage.

Replacing windows can be a good investment. Such a project is one of the more effective ways to elevate a home's curb appeal and value. New windows are energy efficient and make homes more secure. They also tend to look better than old, fading windows. When pondering a window replacement project, it's important to consider these factors.

• KNOW THE WINDOW TYPES. Double hung windows are classic and have operable upper and lower sashes. Lowering the upper sash allows warm air near the ceiling to escape and cooler air can to flow in through the bottom. Single hung windows only have an operable lower sash. Sliding windows have one or more panels that move horizontally, and picture windows are fixed models designed to offer wide, unobstructed views and lots of light.

• REPAIR OR REPLACE WINDOWS.

Existing windows might just need to be repaired, saving homeowners thousands of dollars. It's best to consult with a professional to see if certain components can be repaired rather than replaced. Typically, rotten framing, wet or weeping windows or significant drafts require replacement.

• IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AND CONSTRUCTION WINDOWS.

Traditional replacement windows are sometimes called pocket windows, says Consumer Reports. They fit inside an existing window frame. Construction windows require the removal of the entire old window, including the frame, sill and trim. The latter cost more to install.

• FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH WINDOW FRAME MATERIALS.

Various window frame materials are available for purchase, and variables such as heat transfer, maintenance and durability differ with each product. Vinyl is a common material that's low-maintenance

and affordable. Aluminum and aluminum clad windows can be economical options, and they are corrosion-resistant and require little maintenance. Wood also is popular for the interior parts of a window, and offer a traditional look. Wood is available on new construction windows. Fiberglass windows also are available in new construction windows. They won't crack, warp, rust, corrode, or peel, and the frames will not expand and contract as much as other materials.

• KEEP COSTS IN MIND.

According to Fixr, an online marketplace for local remodeling services, the average national price for a professional to replace a window is around \$800. For a one-story house, a window replacement project of multiple windows may cost around \$8,000.

When selecting replacement windows, look for The National Fenestration Rating Council label to get a snapshot of the window's energy performance to compare with others. The Energy Star logo indicates that the window meets Energy Star standards.



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When the *Easter Bunny* needed a REAL ESTATE AGENT



By **Julien Laurion**
Real Estate

Spring has officially arrived in Aurora. The snow is mostly gone, the birds are back, and the familiar sight of real estate signs starting to pop up around town means one thing: the spring market is waking up. Around here, that's almost as much of a seasonal tradition as Easter itself.

But this year, something unusual happened while I was checking in on one of my renovation projects.

I had stopped by a property we were getting ready for market. The floors had just gone in, trim was being installed, and the painters were finishing their final coats. It's one of my favourite stages of a project—the moment when a house really begins transforming from “needs work” into “someone’s dream home.” As I stepped into the backyard with my coffee in hand to take a look around, I noticed something strange in the grass.

A trail of footprints.

Not work boots. Not shoes.

Little bunny prints.

Now, Aurora has its fair share of wildlife, but these tracks led straight to the shed, and the door was slightly open. Inside was a basket sitting on the workbench. On top of it was a small handwritten note.

“Julien – I hear you help people with homes. Even rabbits need an upgrade sometimes.”

And just like that, it appears the Easter Bunny had entered the spring market.

According to the note, the Bunny has been dealing with a few “operational challenges.” When your job involves hiding thousands of eggs across neighbour-

hoods in a single night, apparently logistics become very important. His current burrow somewhere north of Aurora simply isn't keeping up with demand. Storage is tight, the insulation is questionable, and the layout—well, let's just say it wouldn't exactly photograph well on an MLS listing.

After hearing that I help people not only buy and sell homes but also renovate them to maximize their value, the Bunny figured I might be able to help.

Honestly, he came to the right place.

Because the truth is, real estate isn't just about buying or selling. Sometimes the smartest move is improving the home you already have. A well-planned renovation can completely transform a property—both in how it lives and in how it performs on the market.

The Bunny's place was a perfect example.

From the photos he left, the burrow had potential, but it clearly needed some love. The ceilings were low, the tunnels were dark, and there was very little natural light. From a resale perspective, most buyers would walk through and say the same thing: “Great location... but it needs work.”

That's exactly where my contracting side comes in.

When I work with homeowners, we often look at ways to renovate strategically before listing a property. Updating flooring, refreshing kitchens, opening spaces, and improving lighting can dramatically change how a home feels—and more importantly, how buyers respond to it.

If the Easter Bunny were my client, my first recommendations would be fairly straightforward: raise the ceilings a bit for better airflow, install proper lighting throughout the tunnels, add a larger entrance for egg transportation logistics, and upgrade the insulation so Ontario winters don't turn the burrow into a freezer. A dedicated chocolate storage room wouldn't hurt either.

With those changes, suddenly the burrow isn't just a hole in the ground—it becomes a charming woodland retreat with real market appeal. Even magical creatures understand that presentation matters.

Of course, the other factor we discussed in the Bunny's note was timing. Spring is always the most active time



of year for real estate. Families are preparing for moves before the next school year, buyers become more motivated, and homes that show well tend to attract serious attention.

When people ask me what makes a home stand out in a busy market, the answer usually comes down to three things: condition, pricing, and exposure.

Condition means presenting the home in its best possible shape. Pricing means understanding where the property fits in today's market. Exposure means making sure the right buyers actually see it.

Now, the Easter Bunny arguably has excellent exposure already—he does visit every house once a year, after all—but condition and pricing are where strategy really makes the difference.

Homes that are properly prepared and positioned don't just sit on the market... they move. Sometimes surprisingly quickly.

The Bunny may end up renovating his current burrow and staying put. But if he decides to upgrade, I've already got a few areas in mind that would make ideal headquarters. Our town has incredible family-friendly neighbourhoods, beautiful parks, and backyards that practically look designed for Easter morning. Tree-lined streets, gardens, and plenty of places to hide eggs—what more could a rabbit ask for?

In all seriousness, while the Easter Bunny story might sound like a bit of springtime fun, there's actually a real lesson behind it.

Every home has potential. Sometimes that potential is unlocked through thoughtful renovations. Sometimes it comes from smart pricing and marketing. And sometimes it's simply about having someone who understands both the construction side and the real estate side working with you to make the right decisions.

That combination is exactly what I aim to bring to every client I work with. When you understand how homes are built, how they can be improved, and how buyers think, you can unlock opportunities that others might miss.

As I was leaving the property that day, I noticed one last thing in the basket the Bunny had left behind. Next to the note was a single chocolate egg and a message scribbled underneath.

“Thanks Julien. If the renovations go well... I might list next spring.”

Now I can't officially confirm that the Easter Bunny endorses my services.

But if he does decide to sell his burrow one day, we'll stage it properly—and I have a feeling it will sell faster than a kid finding the golden egg on Easter morning.

From my family to yours, I hope you have a wonderful Easter and enjoy the start of a beautiful spring here in Aurora. And if you happen to see a few extra bunny tracks around your yard this weekend... don't worry. He might just be checking out the neighbourhood.

And maybe, just maybe, thinking about moving.

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