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Candidate information session for municipal election

Are you interested in running in the 2026 Municipal and School Board election? Attend an upcoming Candidate Information Session to ensure you're well equipped with everything you need to know about running for office in preparation for the election taking place on Monday, Oct. 26.

Hosted in partnership by King Township, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and the City of Vaughan, these information sessions, delivered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), are designed to help prospective candidates understand the nomination process, key deadlines, campaign rules, financial responsibilities, and the role of elected officials.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about legislative requirements and ask questions to ensure they are prepared before filing their nomination.

All information sessions are free and will cover the

same content, so attend a session that works best for you:

A virtual session is slated for Thursday, March 26 at 11 a.m.

To register for the virtual session, email elections@king.ca. Details on how to join online will be shared with you by email closer to the date. The recording of this session will be available to view following the event at king.ca/elections. This session is hosted in partnership with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

An in-person session will be held Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m.

Attend the in-person session taking place at Vaughan City Hall Council Chambers, located at 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan. This session is hosted in partnership with the City of Vaughan.

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Monday, April 27
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King Township's seed saving program & lending library

Spring is just around the corner and there's no better time to stop by your local library branch to sign out a variety of **free seeds** and get your garden growing!

To start your green thumb journey, King Township has partnered with the **King Township Public Library** to expand the Seed Lending Library to include the Nobleton and Schomberg branches, in addition to King City.

Stop by one of the pick-up locations to browse the variety of seeds available, write down each kind of seed you'll be signing out and start growing – no library card required. From a variety of herbs to pumpkin, squash, tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, beans, peas and more – there's plenty of options to choose from.

Save your plant seeds! By borrowing, growing, and returning seeds, you're helping to ensure the community has access to an affordable, diverse seed collection.

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Learn more at king.ca/SeedSavingProgram.



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Moves under way to get tough on crime in Ontario

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Are cries from the public and politicians on violent crimes finally being heard?

A homeowner in Vaughan will not face charges after firing at three individuals who allegedly broke into their home. Police report that one of the suspects who was shot was later dropped off at a hospital and is currently in stable condition. Authorities say the resident used a legally owned and properly stored firearm during the incident.

After reviewing the evidence collected at the scene, investigators have decided not to lay any charges against the

homeowner who discharged the weapon.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford praised the homeowner who shot an alleged intruder, saying “congratulations for shooting this guy” and that the intruder “should have been shot a couple more times.” His comments did draw criticism from opposition politicians.

Previously, homeowners defending themselves almost always landed in court to fight charges.

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.

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. “... we’re working to build a more just Canada – where protecting your loved ones doesn’t land you in the dock.”

“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.

Locally, new CCTV cameras are active in King, specifically in Nobleton.

These cameras are funded in part by the Ontario government through a \$255,000 CCTV Grant to help York Regional Police expand its video surveillance systems and better protect the community against violent crime.

“Families in Vaughan deserve to live in safety, which is why Ontario stepped up to deliver crime stopping cameras — helping police catch criminals before they can escape,” said King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. “Our government has been clear since day one: we will do everything in our power to keep our neighbourhoods safe — using cameras equipped with modern license plate recognition technology to track down stolen vehicles often used in violent and organized crime.”

Ontario Premier Doug Ford wants

the federal government to legalize pepper spray so residents can defend themselves against criminals.

The Premier noted the Province is passing new tough on crime legislation, hiring new judges, and investing in police services.

He noted the Province wrote to the federal government, asking them to legalize the use of pepper spray for self defence.

“It’s a common sense way to help people, especially women,” he said. He pointed to an example of a person leaving a job late at night, walking home, potentially at risk of criminals. They need to protect themselves from the “crazy lunatics running around.”

He said Ontario has never before seen this level of violent crime, “rushing rampant.”

“We’re going to put an end to it,” he said. “I’m going to be all over the federal government on this (pepper spray).”

The local MPP stands by the government’s move

“Our message is zero tolerance, and our priority is cracking down on repeated violent offenders by toughening the laws, imposing minimum mandatory sentencing and introducing a meaningful and urgent bail reform,” said said Lecce. “While we continue to call for these actions, we are taking practical steps to better protect law abiding citizens with new tools for self-defence and stand firmly behind the rights of victims. That is why our government is calling on the federal government to introduce new measures to protect families from sexual predators, including mandating DNA collection on anyone arrested for sexual offences.”



Candidates can file for election May 1

From Front Page

Candidates can begin filing for nomination on May 1. Nominations must be filed in-person at the King Township Municipal Centre and appointments must be made in advance. Appointments can be scheduled by emailing Suzanne Cudnik, Elections Coordinator at elections@king.ca.

It’s never too early to ensure you’re on the Voters List for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election. Register at registertovoteon.ca.

To be eligible to vote in the municipal election, you must be:

18 years of age or older; a Canadian citizen, and a resident of King Township. A non-resident can vote if they own or rent property in King Township. The spouse of an owner or tenant of property in King Township can also vote.

For more information on Municipal and School Board Elections in King Township, visit king.ca/elections.

Township releases council remuneration

King Township’s council salaries took a modest, \$551,487 bite out of its 2025 budget.

In accordance with The Municipal Act, 2001, the Township is mandated to provide salaries and expenditures on an annual basis.

Total remuneration and expenses of \$551,487.97 for members of council in 2025 were within the approved budget allocation. By comparison, the total payout was \$507,736.77 in 2023, meaning King is keeping a tight rein on expenses.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini was top of the list with a salary of \$109,684.33. He took in payroll benefits (\$20,474.74), health benefits (\$8,420.64). He also had \$4,382 in expenses for attending events and received a \$10,500 car allowance. It totalled \$154,468.32.

Councillor David Boyd was next with a total of \$71,490.26. That included his salary (\$49,285.20), benefits (just over \$16,000) and \$3,012.40 for memberships and conferences.

Jennifer Anstey was next with a total compensation of \$69,151.37. Her salary was \$49,681.27 and she took advantage of payroll and health benefits, too., along with \$2,637.89 in memberships and conferences.

Avia Eek took in \$66,050.49, which included a \$49,285.20 salary and roughly \$16,000 in benefits.

Debbie Schaefer was next with a total of \$66,013.52 and a salary of \$50,347.44. She claimed roughly \$15,000 in benefits.

Councillor Mary Asselstine rounded out the list, with a salary of \$51,276.90, along with benefits and memberships, for a total of \$62,828.74.



Notice of Public Meeting

Development Charges Background Study And Proposed Development Charges By-law

Take Notice that the Corporation of the Township of King intends to publish the updated Development Charges (DC) Background Study and Proposed DC By-law in accordance with Section 10(4) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended (the Act), on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at king.ca/developmentcharges.

And Take Notice that on Monday, May 11, 2026, the Council of the Township of King will hold a Public Meeting, pursuant to Section 12 of the Act to present and obtain public input on the DC Background Study and Proposed DC By-law.

All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Meeting of Council and any person who attends the meeting may make representations relating to the DC Background Study and Proposed DC By-law.

Meeting details:

When: Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Township of King Council Chambers at 2585 King Road, King City

How to Participate:

1. View the meeting in-person or watch virtually at king.ca/meetings. No pre-registration is required.
2. Submit written comments to the Township Clerk at clerks@king.ca by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Comments will be circulated to Council and Staff prior to the meeting.
3. To speak at the meeting, pre-register with the Township Clerk at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. If you are pre-registering, you must indicate how you wish to participate (video, phone, or in-person), and provide your full name, address, telephone number. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating. All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

And Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will consider the final 2026 DC By-law at its regular meeting of Monday, June 15, 2026. Interested parties are invited to attend, more information on this meeting including the meeting agenda will be made available at king.ca/meetings on Thursday, June 11, 2026.

Additional Information can be found on the Township’s website at king.ca/developmentcharges. If you have any questions, please contact Marina Fung, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, at mfung@king.ca.

Comments and personal information are collected in accordance with the requirements of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended, are considered as part of the decision-making process with respect to the DC By-law, and become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the collection of personal information, please contact the Finance Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.

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Historic relics themselves do not promote hate

Niagara’s Regional Chair Bob Gale resigned recently, when it became known he owned a piece of history, namely a book signed by Adolf Hitler.

It was reported he owns a copy of “Mein Kampf,” Hitler’s political manifesto, written in the 1920s.

Saleh Waziruddin, of the Niagara Region Anti-Racism Association, said authenticating “hate material signed by Hitler makes any reasonable person wonder.”

And Sherri Darlene of Justice 4 Black Lives Niagara added: “It’s shocking ... that Niagara’s highest elected municipal official owns hate literature.”

Sorry to break it to you Sherri, but our public libraries are filled to the brim with what could be deemed “hate literature.”

The book is widely available in Canada. It is banned in Germany and Austria, but not banned in Israel, where it’s primarily available for research and academic purposes.

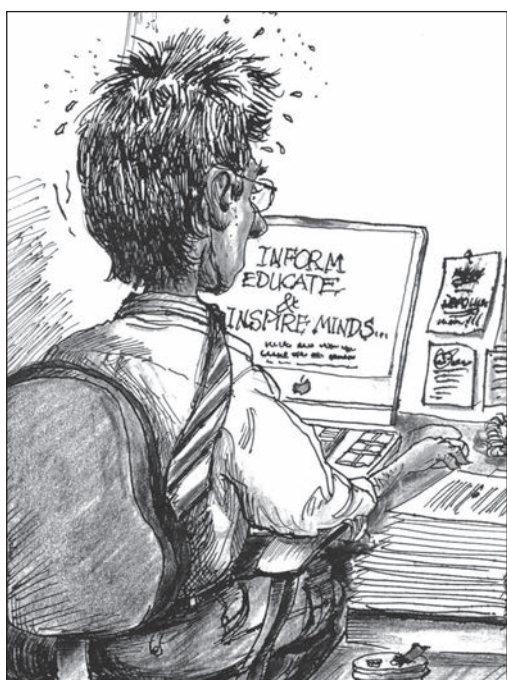
Gale described himself as a “passionate historian with a broad collection of historical art and artifacts.”

He said his collection includes an 1859 letter from anti-slavery advocate John Brown, a letter from George Washington, a letter from Winston Churchill and Vatican archives and a signed copy of the first book in 1685 about Niagara Falls by Father Hennepin.

People collect many historic documents, even wanted posters of some of history’s worst criminals. Photos of dead gunslingers who had a price on their heads were quite the rave in our not-too-distant past.

These items are physical reminders of our past – they tell stories and tales about life, death, conflict and even debauchery. Our history is filled with all of those things.

Some collect these things because they are quite valuable, and historically significant, not unlike signed sports



Mark Pavilons

cards.

Believe it or not, the swastika is not illegal or banned in Canada, but it is in several countries around the world. Even those where the ban is in place, the symbol is allowed for “academic, educational, artistic and scientific purposes.”

The swastika was (and is) a symbol of divinity and spirituality in several religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism, but was perverted by Hitler.

We have to clarify and focus whether we’re talking about hate-mongering or preserving history.

Nazi memorabilia includes a variety of objects from the war, specially those featuring swastikas and other Nazi symbolism and imagery or connected to Nazi propaganda. Examples are military and paramilitary uniforms, insignia, coins and banknotes, medals, flags, daggers, guns, posters, contemporary photos, books, publications, and more.

During the Second World War, Allied

soldiers often took small items from fallen enemies as war trophies. Many found their way back here, to North America. A lot of items, to this day, are still being donated to museums around the world.

Some people are offended by, and condemn, auctions, militaria shops, online stores and other businesses selling Nazi antiques, and find the goods and commercial trading as tasteless and hateful. Maybe, but most collectors are mainly interested in the historical background and are fascinated by the distinctive design of the items.

Collecting Egyptian, Roman, Viking or even medieval artifacts could then be seen in a similar light as these “regimes” were all guilty of mass murder and genocide.

I believe these are mere objects steeped in antiquity. If they are religious, they bring comfort to people. If they are “evil,” they serve as a warning. They all have value in terms of academic importance.

While not exactly the same, this line of thinking extends to freedom of speech and expression.

Any “sentinel” of free speech is adamantly opposed to censorship and book burning. We journalists are among the most steadfast in preserving the sanctity of the written word.

The U.S. First Amendment’s protection of free speech means that Mein Kampf is legal to publish, sell, and own. The Supreme Court has consistently ruled that even “hate speech” is protected unless it directly incites imminent lawless action.

Here in Canada, public libraries have a similar opinion:

“Libraries have a core responsibility to safeguard and facilitate access to constitutionally protected expressions of knowledge, imagination, ideas, and opinion, including those which some individuals and groups consider unconventional, unpopular or unacceptable ...

Libraries provide, defend and promote equitable access to the widest possible variety of expressive content and resist calls for censorship and the adoption of systems that deny or restrict access to resources,” says the Canadian Federation of Association Libraries (CFLA, 2019, para. 6).

Unfortunately, book banning has become our new national pastime.

The Centre for Free Expression defines censorship as the, “suppression of words, images, or ideas that are deemed ‘harmful’ by those attempting to impose their personal, political, religious, or moral values on others,” while also noting that it can be carried out not only by governments, but private parties as well.

Does that mean The Holy Bible, Quran and Torah are all next on the chopping block?

In 2023, the Peel District School Board engaged in an “equity-based book weeding process,” leading some schools to purge thousands of books. These books were, according to the social justice framework that motivated their removal, potential sources of student “harm.” I wonder who sat in judgement of such a thing.

Should we remove all printed material that deals with hate, religion, war, murder, genocide, gender, slavery ...

That’s not a true reflection of our world, and our past. You know they say if you don’t learn from history, you’re damned to repeat it.

I find it difficult to believe that a collection of memorabilia or regalia incites hatred against a group of people. That, my friends, is the evil that lies in the human heart.

We have legislated against blatant public displays of hate.

But we still allow people to gather, protest, debate and discuss what separates us, and brings us together.

Let’s make the latter a priority.

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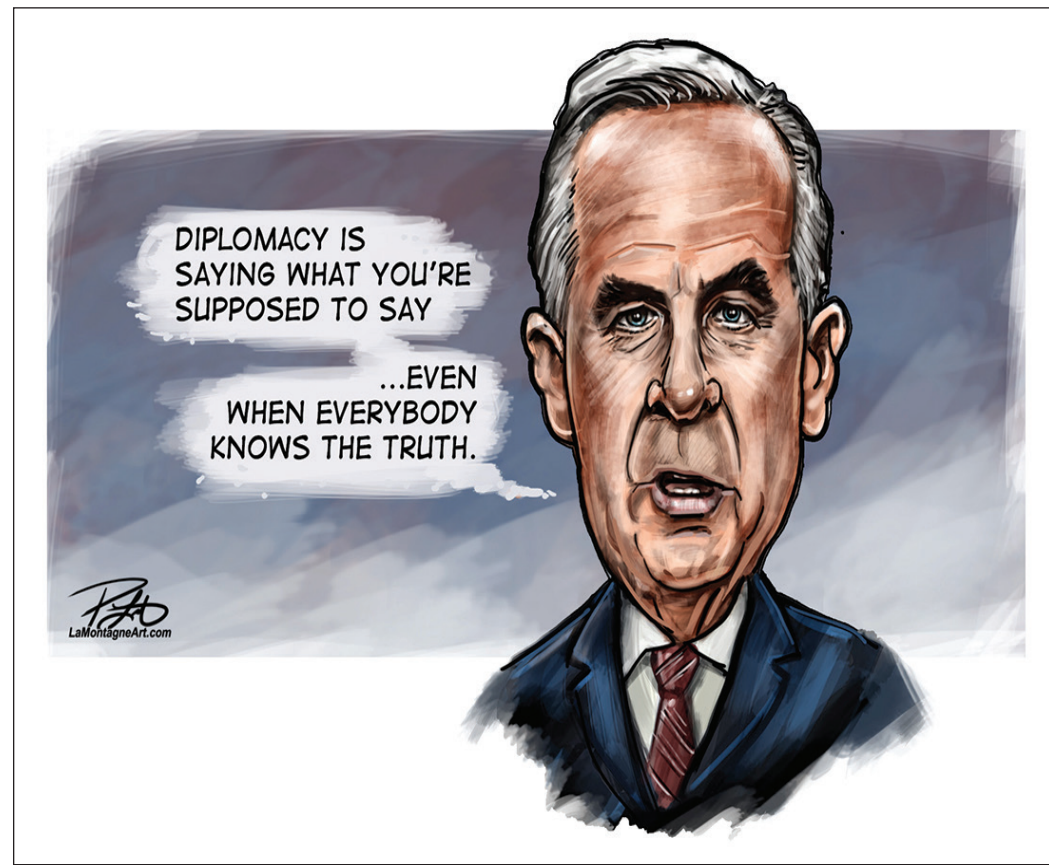
Firefighters holding drive for King Food Bank at grocery stores

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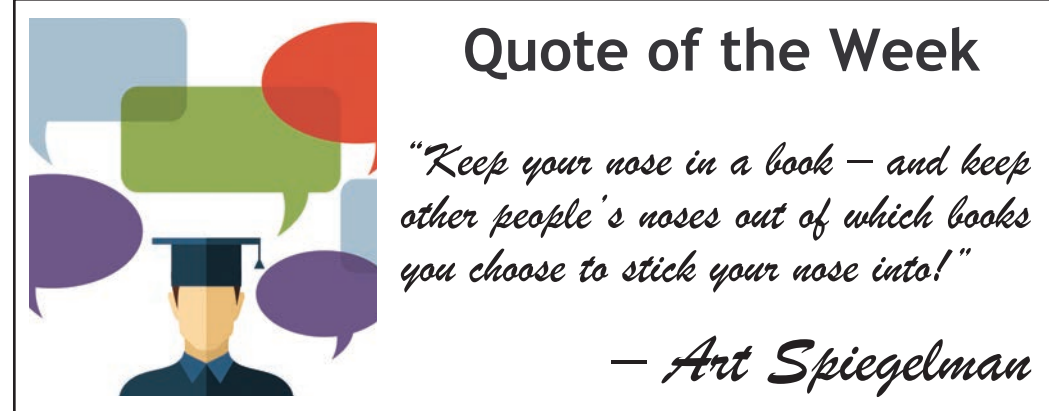
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Are you expecting big things again this season from the Toronto Blue Jays?

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Who owns Canada's natural resources? Does it matter?

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Canada is among the world's most resource-rich countries. Forty per cent of its land is covered in forests. It holds 20 per cent of the world's freshwater reserves. It's the fourth-largest crude oil exporter. It produces more than 60 minerals and metals and ranks in the top five for 14 of them — critical to the global clean energy transition.

Our natural resources sector is important to communities throughout the country, and to the national economy. Beyond economics, nature provides essential ecosystem services, including climate regulation, carbon storage, flood mitigation, air filtering and biodi-

versity support.

But who owns the sector, and why aren't we talking about it more?

There's been more talk about how organizations trying to protect and restore these valuable life-supporting necessities — including the David Suzuki Foundation — are “foreign-funded.” The (false) accusation is that environmental groups are undermining sovereignty and putting outside interests first. These allegations are unfounded but not surprising.

What is surprising is the lack of scrutiny around foreign ownership of

this country's natural resources. Who owns and controls Canada's natural wealth has implications far beyond a balance sheet. It affects who benefits and who bears the risk in an increasingly volatile world.

The share of foreign-controlled assets outside the financial sector sits at 22.9 per cent. In the oil and gas industry, that rises to 33 per cent. In forestry and logging, foreign-controlled enterprises have been reported as accounting for up to 40 per cent of revenues, though lack of transparent reporting makes accountability difficult.

It's hard to notice ownership structures when companies have deceptive names such as “LNG Canada,” which has no Canadian ownership but is a massive joint venture between five multinational corporations, some state-owned, including PetroChina and Korea Gas Corporation.

This is not an argument for xenophobia or economic isolation. Canada's participation in global markets is vital to its economy, while foreign companies bring capital and expertise and employ countless people who live here.

Ownership matters, as does the long-term accountability that follows.

Companies not headquartered here direct more profit out of the country with little concern or accountability for the ecological consequences of their actions.

With climate change intensifying wildfires and floods, people here are stuck with the bill. Climate impacts are estimated to be slowing Canada's economic growth by \$25 billion per year. Last year, extreme weather-related losses surpassed \$2.4 billion. That doesn't include the cost of cleaning up industrial events like oil spills, air pollution and abandoned wells — which live on long after corporations leave.

On top of that, habitat loss and fragmentation from industrial activity threaten at-risk species. More than half of wildlife species in this country are currently declining, mainly because of human activity. Industrial activity alters ecosystems in ways that communities in Canada — not the home countries of the companies involved — must live with for generations.

Where does this leave Indigenous nations, whose territories are home to most of Canada's natural resources?

When we prioritize multinational corporations over Indigenous stewardship models rooted in ecological responsibility and community benefits, we undermine reconciliation and the potential for a sustainable future.

A leadership candidate in British Columbia recently claimed Coastal First Nations is a foreign-funded advocacy group and suggested he would ban foreign-funded organizations seen to influence B.C. politics. Silencing Indigenous nations under the guise of sovereignty while allowing multinational corporations to actively reshape policy decisions and entire ecosystems is hypocritical and far more concerning. Indigenous sovereignty is itself critical because their relationship with nature is built around reciprocity.

Most Canadians want limits on foreign ownership. A recent survey found almost 60 per cent believed outside possession of Canada's critical minerals was a greater threat than “missing out on development and jobs because of a lack of investment.”

Where are the loud warnings? Where are the critics?

If industry supporters see supposed foreign funding of environmental organizations as a threat to sovereignty, why doesn't foreign ownership of Canada's natural resources ring alarm bells? Do those working to protect ecosystems actually pose a greater risk than the multinational companies working to extract and profit from them?

Sovereignty can't matter in one context and be dismissed in another.

We should all be asking the important questions: Who makes decisions around Canada's natural wealth? Who benefits? And who is left holding the bag?

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Communications Manager Stefanie Carmichael. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.

Premier asking Ottawa to legalize pepper spray

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Ontario Premier Doug Ford wants the federal government to legalize pepper spray so residents can defend themselves against criminals.

Ford made the announcement at a recent press conference that detailed funding for correctional facilities.

The Premier noted the Province is passing new tough on crime legislation, hiring new judges, and investing in police services.

The feds, he stressed, need to follow through on bail reform.

“Enough time is gone by, stop dilly-dallying on bail reform,” he said.

He noted the Province wrote to the federal government, asking them to legalize the use of pepper spray for self defence.

“It's a common sense way to help people, especially women,” he said. He pointed to an example of a person leaving a job late at night, walking home, potentially at risk of criminals. They need to protect themselves from the “crazy lunatics running around.”

He said Ontario has never before seen this level of violent crime, “running rampant.”

“We're going to put an end to it,” he said. “I'm going to be all over the federal government on this (pepper spray).”

The local MPP stands by the government's move

“Our message is zero tolerance, and our priority is cracking down on repeat-

ed violent offenders by toughening the laws, imposing minimum mandatory sentencing and introducing a meaningful and urgent bail reform,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan. “While we continue to call for these actions, we are taking practical steps to better protect law abiding citizens with new tools for self-defence and stand firmly behind the rights of victims. That is why our government is calling on the federal government to introduce new measures to protect families from sexual predators, including mandating DNA collection on anyone arrested for sexual offences.”

At the press conference, officials announced \$3-billion in funding to expand jails and correctional facilities.

Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, said the government is introducing tough on crime legislation, and will keep pushing to keep dangerous offenders locked up. Ontario is building more capacity, as witnessed in the expansion of the Brockville Correctional Complex.

They are “leaving no stone unturned,” looking at reopening closed jails.

Premier Ford lauded correctional services personnel and pointed to their measures to increase capacity at jails now, and in the future.

The Province is moving forward on the new Brockville Correctional Complex & Saint Lawrence Valley Correctional and Treatment Centre. They are also looking at adding 400 additional correctional officers.

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Entrepreneur with a heart Joe Melo passes away

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The strength of a community is built on its foundations, its cornerstones, its people.

King lost one recently.

Joe Melo, founder of Allstone Quarry Products, passed away March 15. He was 83.

The community, and the world in fact, know Allstone for its towering inukshuk, Little Joe, situated at the quarry on Highway 27 south of Schomberg.

Towering 11 metres high and weigh-

ing 82,000 kilos, Little Joe was Melo's pride and joy.

The sculpture is constructed from 11 granite slabs trucked in from the Grenville Mountains in the Canadian Shield, boasting some of the oldest rock formations in the world at 1.3 billion years old. These extremely large pieces of granite gneiss were extracted from Allstone's quarry in Big Wood Township, north of the French River.

Nothing generates amusement, wonder, and a great photo-op than something really, really big. According to the travel website Days Out Ontario, Allstone's inukshuk is right up there along with Ontario icons the big nickel at Sudbury, the Canada goose at Wawa, Sawyer the Lumberjack in the Algonquin Highlands and the large rocking horse at Innisfil.

The local landmark has been named one of the Best of Ontario on Days Out Ontario.

This is a symbol of Joe Melo's strength and dedication. It speaks volumes about his passion.

A veteran landscaper and stone craftsman, Melo had been involved with the Peace Garden in Toronto, Science North and the Portuguese Walk of Fame, to name a few.

He was instrumental in building a monument and ramp at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Schomberg. The showpiece is a special granite sculpture, roughly six feet tall.



Joe Melo (left) was very proud of his contributions toward the Portuguese Walk of Fame in Toronto.



At the time, he wanted to incorporate a bit of the church's past, its Irish heritage, along with modern times, as a tribute to the 100th birthday. He also contributed the stones for the new walkway, which have a fresh, energetic look. The sculpture provides a nice focal point, and there's even a large rock placed just so that it can be used as a bench.

Most of Melo's, and Allstone's achievements are, quite frankly, solid as a rock.

Melo was always proud of the dozens of granite gateways, created for villages and cities across the GTA. These simple yet magnificent showpieces are often the first welcome message visitors see when entering the town. The company did work close to home for Caledon and Vaughan.

Allstone created, and still helps maintain, the Welcome to Schomberg garden centrepiece.

Allstone installed a massive rock ensemble at Scarborough's Knob Hill Park in 2017. The piece de resistance was an enormous piece of granite, 29 feet 6 inches long, weighing roughly 63,000 pounds. Despite its size, "The Rock" as it's called, was gently and expertly put in place by Allstone's crew.

These works are visually appealing and stand the test of time.

The self-proclaimed "large rock art-



ist" Melo had many accolades to his credit, almost too numerous to mention.

Aside from the rock monoliths, Melo and Allstone were perennial supporters of almost every event and charity in King.

For those who knew him, Joe Melo was charming and unassuming. His love of family and respecting earth's natural bounty were evident.

He was always quick to extend his hand, and his heart.

Such a man doesn't come along very often. The community will miss him.

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Resilient Agriculture Series highlights managing invasive species

By Brittany Greci

Farmers, landowners, and community members gathered for an informative session in the 2026 King Resilient Agriculture Series, focused on a growing issue across the region: invasive species.

The event was held in the upper level of Schomberg Community Hall March 13.

The event brought together experts from the Invasive Species Centre, York Region, and local conservation authorities to share insights on the invasive plants and species affecting rural and agricultural lands. Attendees had the opportunity to learn how these species spread, why they are harmful to local ecosystems, and what steps can be taken to manage them.

One of the featured speakers was



Dayna Laxton, Invasive Species Specialist with York Region, who gave an overview of York Region's Invasive Species Program and the work being done to address this issue across the region.

Laxton explained that York Region was the first municipal government in Ontario to create a dedicated Invasive Species Specialist role, demonstrating the region's commitment to tackling the problem proactively. Through the program, York Region works with municipalities, conservation authorities, and environmental experts to monitor invasive species and coordinate solutions.

Part of the program's role is to advise on local invasive species issues, connect specialists across jurisdictions, and provide technical support on projects that may be impacted by invasive species. The region also leads the Invasive Species Technical Working Group, which helps different agencies collaborate on management strategies and share resources.

Education and outreach are also a major part of the program. York Region works to support residents and landowners through education initiatives, outreach programs, and incentive opportunities that help communities better understand how to manage invasive species on their properties.

For farmers and rural landowners, this knowledge is particularly important. Invasive plants can spread quickly across fields, forests, and waterways, often crowding out native plants and affecting crop production, soil health, and biodiversity. Learning how to identify and manage these species early can make a significant difference in keep-



Event organizers (left) Kathryn McLellan, Environmental Stewardship Outreach Coordinator for King Township and Giorgia Morris-Cefis- Environmental Outreach & Sustainability Coordinator, welcomed a receptive crowd.

ing them under control.

The event also provided an opportunity for attendees to connect with local vendors and organizations offering solutions for vegetation management and land stewardship. Vendors included Goats in the City, known for their eco-friendly goat grazing services used to control invasive plants, Leuschner's Industrial Vegetation Management, Rewind Soils, and several other organizations working in environmental and agricultural management.

With expert presentations, practical advice, and opportunities to con-

nect with local specialists, the session highlighted how community awareness and collaboration are key to managing invasive species. By bringing farmers, experts, and local businesses together, the King Resilient Agriculture Series continues to provide valuable resources to help protect the region's land and agricultural future.



New technology is boosting Township efficiencies

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Technology increases efficiency, and King Township is using all available tools to reach new levels of efficiency and customer service.

In fact, as Mayor Steve Pellegrini pointed out, this largely rural municipality is "punching way above its weight" in comparison to its urban neighbours.

Councillors recently heard from staff about how new technologies are boosting performance and results, in various departments.

You can't waste a second when it comes to saving lives. And for King Fire and Emergency Services, they have shaved off some valuable time thanks to some new gear.

Fire Chief Courtney Allen presented the new "Tablet Command," a real-time incident management, dispatching and mapping platform used across York Region fire services.

Currently, calls from Vaughan Dispatch are pushed to stations and leadership with two-way updates. Tablet Command provides a digital accountability board for crew assignments,

PAR checks and tracking during operations. It provides life GIS/ESRI maps, turn-by-turn routing and region-wide apparatus and call visibility.

This will result in faster responses, clearer communications, and shared regional coordination. And one very important factor – firefighter safety.

The Firefighter Accountability Board is a tablet that offers a satellite overview of the emergency location; location in real time of all apparatus in York. All data is shared and recorded.

This is a "complete new level of service for King Fire," the chief noted.

Dispatch will now push calls for service to King fire through Tablet Command with live updates posted across the board simultaneously.

This year, AVL, or real time GPS, will be integrated with dispatch. Down the road, they are anticipating integration of live drone footage and response plans for high-risk locations.

The "digital transformation" carries through Public Works as well.

Barry Budhu, manager of transportation and fleet for King, noted the department is currently paper-based with

"limited visibility." There's little in the way of reliable operational data and they tend to be reactive, based on customer concerns. Staff also have limited ability to prioritize work or proactively manage risk.

Reports are hand-written and operators keep journals.

Going digital, he said, will improve service delivery and the "customer experience." It will lead to stronger governance, transparency and accountability. It will also indicate measurable progress to align with council-approved objectives.

In 2025, the department added digital pre-trip inspections; driver metrics, digital patrol and snow plow operator routes, and fleet work orders.

And, there's more to come. Budhu said they're looking at a pilot project that involves AI pavement condition assessment. A "find my plow" app and digital driver coaching are also in the works.

Corporate data will also get a boost. Marco Cheng-Perrio, manager, digital transformation, data and corporate innovation, noted King has received several awards of excellence for incorporating AI into their systems.



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Residents can now sign out seeds for free at all libraries

With spring just around the corner, there's no better time to stop by your local library branch to sign out a variety of free seeds and get your garden growing!

To start your green thumb journey, King Township has partnered with the King Township Public Library to expand the Seed Lending Library to include the Nobleton and Schomberg branches, in addition to King City.

King Township's free Seed Saving Program and Lending Library helps cultivate a healthier community by making it easy for everyone to grow their own fresh, nutritious food and supports the creation of pollinator habitat. By sharing seeds, knowledge, and gardening experiences, you'll be strengthening community connections, supporting local biodiversity, and building a more resilient, sustainable King – one garden at a time.

Borrowing seeds is easy! Just stop by one of King Township's pick-up locations to browse the variety of seeds available, write down each kind of seed you'll be signing out and start growing – no library card required. From a variety of herbs to pumpkin, squash, tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, beans, peas

and more – there's plenty of options to choose from.

Looking for inspiration or not sure where to start? Grow your gardening skills and discover new tips by borrowing free resources with your library card at the King Township Public Library.

Seed pick-up locations are at three main libraries – King City, Nobleton and Schomberg.

For more information, including operating hours, visit kinglibrary.ca.

The Seed Lending Library relies on donations and seed savers. Participants signing out seeds are encouraged to save and contribute harvested seeds back to the program.

Thanks to the generous seed donations by the Nobleton & King City Garden Club and Hawthorn Farm Organic Seeds, the Seed Lending Library is able to offer a larger variety of seeds for 2026. By borrowing, growing, and returning seeds, you're helping to ensure the community has access to an affordable, diverse seed collection.

If you have seeds that you would like to donate, email environmentalstewardship@king.ca or call 905-833-5321 to arrange a drop off at the King Town-



ship Municipal Centre.

If you are collecting and saving seeds from your own plants, spread the seeds onto newspaper and air-dry them for approximately a week.

Write the type of seed on the newspaper so that there's no mix up as to what each of them are.

Once they're dried, pack them into small paper packets or envelopes and label them with the name of the plant, the date and location of harvest.

In 2025 the Seed Saving Program and Lending Library distributed 346 seed packs, with over 2,800 seed packs, con-

sisting of over 100 different types of seeds, available across King Township Public Library branches for 2026. Each seed pick-up location includes organic heirloom varieties of herbs, beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower chives, corn, tomatoes, hot and sweet peppers, lettuce, peas, pumpkin, squash and native wildlife seed mixes, wild columbine, wild bergamot, common milkweed, lupines, coreopsis and much more.

For more information on the Seed Saving Program and Lending Library, visit king.ca/SeedSavingProgram.

Get involved in activities all season long in King

Spring has sprung so we're putting the "petal" to the metal!

Join King Township in caring for our scenic green spaces by getting involved in environmental activities all season long.

From the community yard sale and e-waste event to our annual cleanup, frog watch, tree plantings, green yards and seed saving and lending programs, there are plenty of ways to celebrate the warmer weather while giving back to the earth. Plus, have your say on two important environmental initiatives: take the Community Tree and the King Invasive Species Strategy Feedback surveys.

Upcoming spring activities and events:

Frog Watch: Hop on over to Cold Creek Conservation on Thursday, April 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. to listen to the (ribbit) sounds of spring! Delivered in partnership with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

King Community Clean Up: Celebrate Earth Week (April 20 to 25) by taking part in the Township-wide clean-up on Saturday, Apr. 25. Register your clean up location today and reserve

your clean up supplies.

Community Yard Sale & Electronic Recycling Event: Looking for a unique item or a special find? Stop by the Trisan Centre on Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to shop around. Don't forget to bring your unwanted electronics to the community e-waste event to ensure they are disposed of safely, recycled and kept out of the landfill.

Community Seed Saving and Lending Library: Ready to start a garden but don't have seeds yet? Visit any of the three King Township Public Library branches to access a variety of seeds at no cost, no library card needed.

Green Yards Program: Take a step towards greening your yard and supporting pollinators. Get a native wildflower kit, rain barrel or backyard composter. Register starting Wednesday, Apr. 22.

Community Tree Survey: We're "branching out" to hear your opinion on trees throughout King Township.

King Invasive Species Strategy Feedback Survey: Help shape the strategy, improve local understanding of invasive species, and ensure community values are reflected in King Township's management approach.

In 1804, High County Constable John Fisk, of King Township, was the first known police officer killed in the line of duty in Canada.

Fisk was lost at sea while aboard the schooner *HMS Speedy* while transporting a prisoner to Newcastle. The ship went down in a violent storm, killing everyone on board.

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Concerned Citizens of King Township seek renewal in 2026

By Bruce Craig
Chair CCKT

Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) is reaching out to the King community for new members, and specifically for three additional board members.

CCKT is a long-standing, not-for-profit, volunteer organization that is in the process of renewal, as we seek to chart our way forward through 2026 and beyond. An important current goal is to refresh our vision and to set priorities for the coming years.

Advocacy and Conservation

Since 1972, CCKT has advocated for responsible conservation of the natural environment on the ORM, sustaining King's valued rural lands and productive farmland, while creating well-planned, vibrant and healthy communities in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg.

Activities over the past 10 years have included engaging citizens in the Greenbelt Review, the King Official Plan, tree conservation and expanding King's tree canopy, and organizing public meetings that highlight several relevant topics – stewardship of the ORM, climate change, role of Township by-laws, housing, smart planning and design in our villages, plus hosting all candidates meetings during elections for all levels of government. We welcome members of the community of all ages with a variety of skills, interests and experiences.

A Collaborative Team

CCKT is seeking individuals who have a passion for citizen engagement and bringing insightful and thoughtful voices forward to contribute to building a healthy and sustainable future:

1. Those who advocate for wise stewardship of natural heritage systems

(forests, meadows, wetlands, waterways and lakes), and sustaining vibrant rural areas and agricultural lands.

2. Those who seek to create and enhance complete communities in King's Settlement Areas that provide housing, services and amenities for everyone, and make efficient use of infrastructure while respecting and celebrating King's cultural heritage and the sensitive natural areas on the ORM and within the Greenbelt.

3. Those who enjoy working within a collaborative team and building partnerships with others in the community.

If you would like to learn more, please check out the website www.cckt.ca or reach out with questions to current board members by contacting us through the website or personally.

For new memberships and to express interest in joining the CCKT board, please use the website for email contact: <https://cckt.ca/contact-us/> or write to them at 115 Clearview Heights, King City, ON. L7B 1H6.

We need to hear from community members interested in joining the board by April 24, as we anticipate holding an AGM in early June to elect the new board for 2026.

Citizens bring valuable perspectives and skills that help shape the future of King and beyond.



Clean water is a team effort

Recently we celebrated World Water Day, a reminder that safe drinking water doesn't happen by chance – it's the result of strong, collaborative government systems working every day behind the scenes.

In King Township, clean drinking water is delivered through a shared system. @yorkregiongovt is responsible for drinking water treatment, while both York Region and King Township carry out required monitoring to ensure water meets Ontario's strict Drinking Water Quality Standards.

King Township maintains the local distribution system, helping ensure residents have access to clean, dependable drinking water. These efforts support public health, protect the environment, and contribute to a high quality of life, today and into the future.

Every year, King Township releases its annual Drinking Water System Report. The report outlines system performance, water quality results, and the ongoing work that helps deliver safe, reliable drinking water to every household.

Read the 2025 annual report at king.ca/township-services/water/drinking-water-quality.

From the Archives

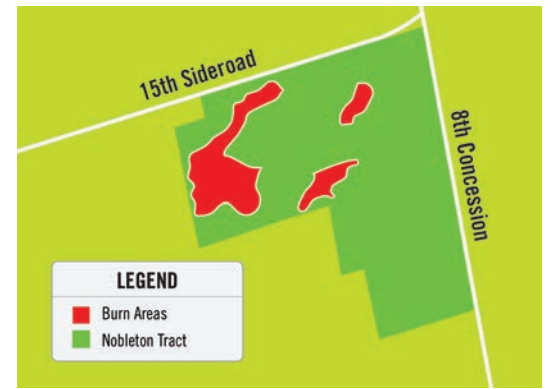


Nobleton Brass Band, late 19th century

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.

For more information and to sign up for updates, visit york.ca/ControlledBurn

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Arts & Entertainment

ARTROAM King 2026: A new way to experience local art

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, Ontario).

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!



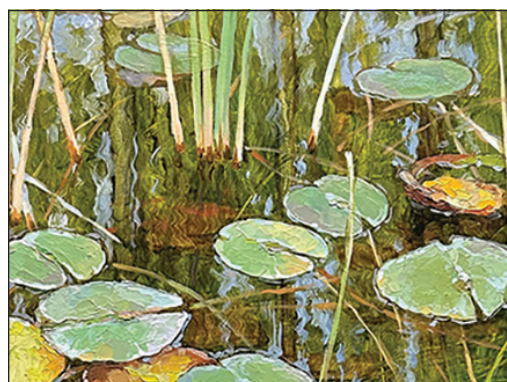
Mary Morganelli, the artist behind Mariellart Gallery, brings together her lifelong passion of painting and love of nature where secret gems of hidden ponds are discovered within forests, and sunsets leave skies in unbelievable bursts of color.



Naghmeh Ahmadi, an internationally exhibited artist, works across multiple mediums and styles. In 2020, she was recognized as Best Textile Designer at the London Fashion & Art Exhibition. She also teaches painting to students of all ages.



Nonie Dauphinais's fluid art embodies freedom of expression with few boundaries beyond the size of the canvas. The minimalist interpretation created by the interplay of the paints expresses what she has taken from a scene in the world around her.

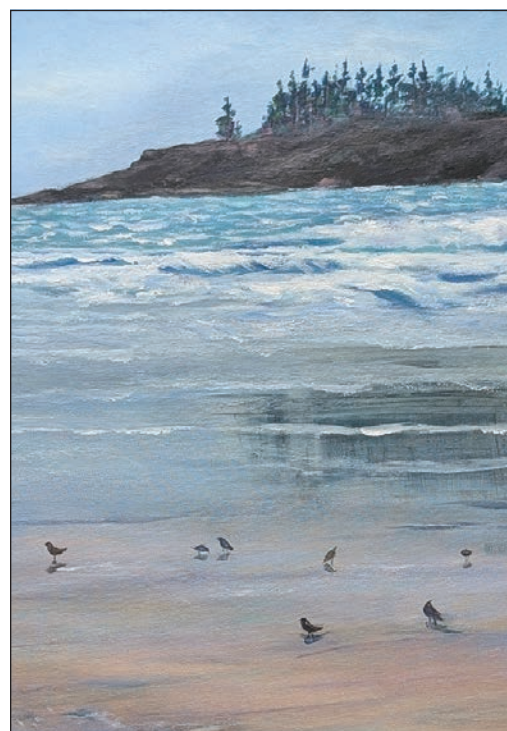


Olena Lopatina finds beauty in her surroundings and uses oils to portray

that beauty. She is a member of several groups of artists, and her work has been shown widely across Ontario



Olga Senyk, a painter and longtime art instructor, is an award-winning artist whose work is featured in many private collections. Her process involves carefree brushstrokes of light and dark which she builds upon to capture the unruly untried undergrowth of the Ontario landscape.



Patricia Earl has participated in retreats and workshops across North America, earning awards from the Richmond Hill Group of Artists and Arts Society King. Her work appears in permanent collections in Canada, the U.S., and the Netherlands.

ARTROAM King is a free community event, open to all. Whether you're an art collector, a casual browser, or sim-

ply 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.

Masterworks by the Group of Seven and contemporaries

This spring, the McMichael Canadian Art Collection invites visitors to stand among giants. Old Growth: Masterworks by the Group of Seven and their Contemporaries (through July 5) brings together some of the most iconic and beloved works in the McMichael's permanent collection – paintings that have shaped how generations have seen, imagined, and felt the Canadian landscape.

Organized geographically, the exhibition takes visitors on a sweeping journey across the nation, from the forests of Algoma to the peaks of the Rockies to the vast expanses of the Arctic tundra. Like the towering trees of an old-growth forest, these works are deeply rooted in the country's cultural memory and are foundational to the McMichael's identity.

The exhibition features masterworks by some of Canada's most celebrated artists, including Tom Thomson, Lawren Harris, Emily Carr, A.Y. Jackson, and J.E.H. MacDonald. Their bold forms and luminous palettes helped define a distinctly Canadian modernism in the early twentieth century, forging a powerful visual language of place and identity.

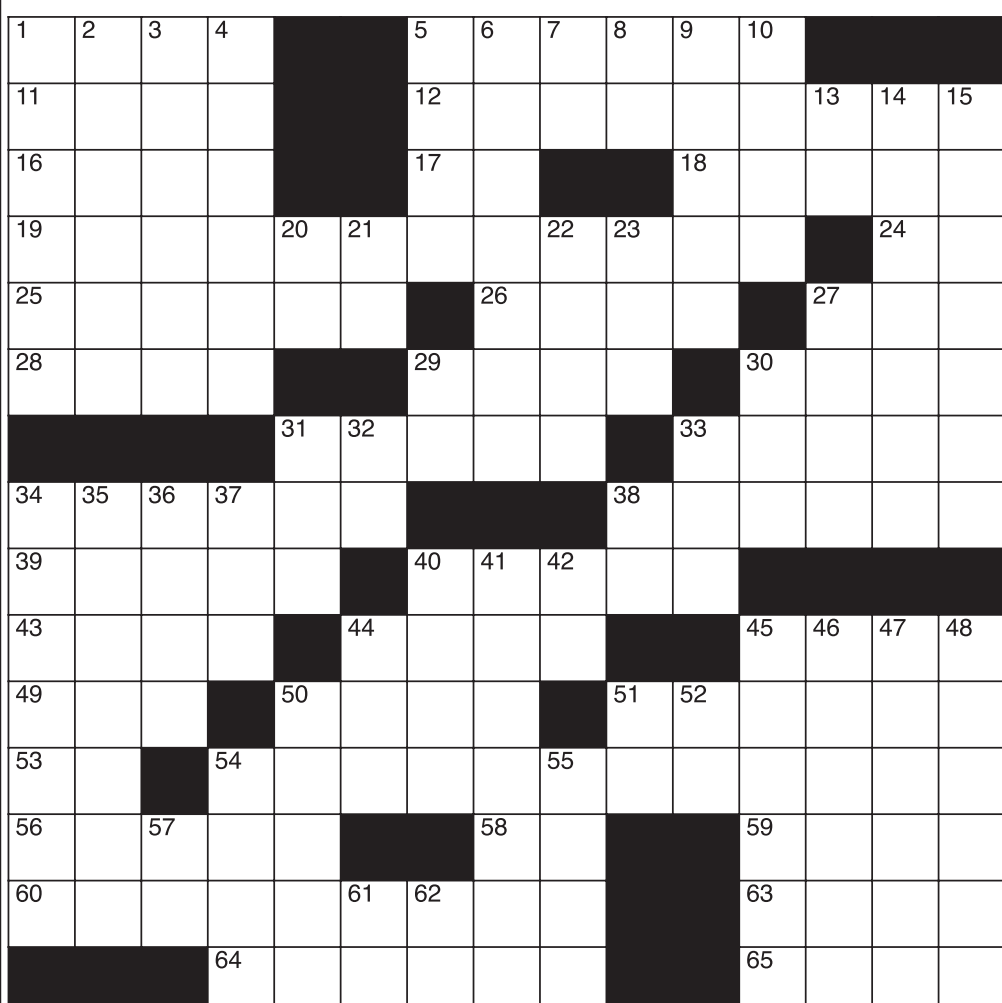
Old Growth also widens the lens. Alongside these canonical figures, the exhibition highlights often-overlooked contemporaries whose contributions deepen and complicate the story of Canadian art. Works by artists such as Yvonne McKague Housser, Anne Savage, Kathleen Daly Pepper, and Bess Harris offer fresh discoveries for many visitors, enriching the familiar narrative with perspectives that have too often remained in the background.

Through this broader framing, Old Growth proposes a more expansive understanding of Canadian art, one that honours the achievements of the past while making room for additional voices and viewpoints.

For more, visit <https://mcmichael.com/>

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1. "Bird of Paradise" constellation
5. Red Sox WS winner Bronson
11. Whirl
12. The State Dept. has a notable one
16. Energy, style and enthusiasm
17. Part of the mind
18. Mountainous country
19. Type of beverage
24. Atomic #109
25. Opposite of falsities
26. Female sheep
27. Rocky peak
28. Sensitive information sharing environment
29. Ethnic group of Thailand
30. Patron saint of Rome Philip
31. Psychedelics
33. Japanese pine
34. Have an impact on
38. Violent disorder
39. A French river

CLUES DOWN

40. Early Mesoamerican civilization
43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
44. Musician Clapton
45. Ancient Greek sophist
49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
50. Valley
51. A way to unwind
53. Atomic #93
54. Recommending
56. Indigo bush
58. Larry and Curly's pal
59. Off-Broadway theater award
60. Fencers
63. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
64. Relating to songbirds
65. A way to assign

- possessing high legislative powers
5. Genus of typical owls
6. One with distinctively colored hair
7. Red cross
8. An alternative
9. Abominable snowmen
10. About ear
13. The opening letters
14. Feeling of regret
15. Atomic #39
20. Luteinizing hormone
21. Atomic #55
22. Carries a debt
23. Albanian monetary unit
27. Semitic abjad letter
29. Yes
30. Negative
31. Earn a perfect score
32. Connecticut
33. Partner to cheese
34. Snack nuts
35. Quadruped's body part

36. Locate
37. Pitching statistic
38. "___, myself and I"
40. Utah city northwest of Provo
41. Football players in the trenches
42. One who runs the show
44. Wood
45. Performing artists
46. Slang for a cut
47. More breathable
48. Most crafty
50. Provokes into action
51. University of Dayton
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Families enjoy King Maple Syrup Fest at Cold Creek

Residents indulged in a day filled with sweetness, laughter and fun at the recent Cold Creek Maple Syrup Fest held March 14. Hosted by Cold Creek Conservation Area, the family-friendly event was filled with plenty of activities and sweet new memories. Visitors enjoyed a pancake breakfast and participated in guided hikes through the sugar bush, witness tree tapping demonstrations. There were plenty of kid-friendly activities to keep the young ones busy.



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Ontario permitting 'Bring-Your-Own' alcohol to outdoor events

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King is still looking at options

The Province will permit residents to bring their own alcohol to outdoor public events this summer.

Queen's Park says the aim is to help support local tourism and drive economic growth. The "bring-your-own" (formerly tailgate) event permits are for municipally designated cultural or community outdoor public events, including farmer's markets, movie screenings, art exhibits and neighbourhood festivals.

The expanded permit will allow people who attend these events to bring their own alcohol for consumption in designated areas.

"Starting this spring, Ontario is giving communities more flexibility to safely and responsibly enjoy cultural and outdoor events," said Attorney General Doug Downey. "The 'bring-your-own' event permits will help save attendees money, lower overhead costs for event organizers and contribute to local economies."

Municipalities will be required to pass a bylaw authorizing the use of alcohol in public, if they do not already have one in place, and establish a local process that would determine whether an event qualifies as community or cultural. Starting April 30, event organizers in participating municipalities will be able to apply for bring-your-own permits through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

King Township is still looking at options and hasn't made a decision.

"Like many municipalities, King Township is still reviewing the Province's proposed 'bring-your-own' legislation. At this time, the Township requires more detailed information to fully assess the potential impacts, including considerations related to enforcement, liability, community events

and existing community standards, with public safety the top priority," Township staff said.

"Our government is always working to find new ways to empower local communities, boost economic activity and increase tourism," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "By giving Ontario municipalities the choice to make use of this new initiative, our government is directly contributing to their economic well-being while ensuring adults can continue to safely and responsibly enjoy their favourite products."

The "bring-your-own" permit change will be enabled by an amendment to a regulation under the Liquor Licence and Control Act, giving community and cultural organizations greater flexibility ahead of the spring and summer event season.

Previously, only organizers of live sporting events were able to obtain this type of permit.

Only individuals 19 years of age and older will be allowed to bring alcohol to events holding a "bring-your-own"

event permit.

The province will continue working closely with the AGCO to uphold existing rigorous standards for licensing, regulation and social responsibility, ensuring events are safe and reflect community priorities.

The bring-your-own initiative builds on the recent amendment to the Liquor Licence and Control Act to allow alcohol sale and consumption on pedal pubs.

In 2024, Ontario's tourism industry supported more than 300,000 jobs and nearly 104,000 tourism-related businesses. That same year, the sector contributed \$34 billion to Ontario's GDP.

"Across Ontario, local events showcase the pride, culture and entrepreneurial spirit that define our communities. By modernizing these rules, our government continues to make responsible, innovative changes that help boost tourism and contribute to local economies," said Monica Ciriello, Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General.



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This impact is made possible through the dedication of our volunteers, who regularly give their time at Bingo World in Richmond Hill. Through charitable gaming, these fundraising efforts directly support incredible organizations like Dog Guides.



President Lion Rob Payne extends heartfelt appreciation to all members of the club for their continued commitment, generosity, and service.

“We are grateful to the Richmond Hill Hall Charities Association and OLG for their continued support and for providing us the opportunity to serve our community in meaningful ways.”

Shown are Lion Frank Sartor, Dog Guides representative Richard Barnyard, and Lion David Perry.



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King U10AA Rebs win back-to-back championships

The U10AA King Rebellion capped off an amazing 2025/2026 season on Thursday night in Nobleton that included a League Championship in back to back seasons; a Tournament Championship, and clinching 1st overall during the 2025/2026 YSMHL season.

After defeating Stouffville in the best of 3 semi-finals with a 2-0-1 record. It was only fitting that the finals would be between the top two Season seeds in the King Rebellion (1st Seed) and TNT Tornadoes (2nd Seed).

Game one last Sunday was played in Nobleton in front of an enthusiastic home town crowd, that helped the King Rebellion take a demanding 5-2 lead going into the third period and ensuring a game one victory. Game two on Tuesday night headed back to enemy territory in Aliston, where the King Rebellion took a quick first period lead 1-0. However TNT struck back with 3 unanswered goals in the second and third periods. The King Rebellion quickly cut the lead down to one however were unable to get any closer, and took a 3-2 loss.

Setting the stage for a final deciding game 3 on Thursday night at the Nobleton arena. Before a fully sold out stadium of parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents and the unrelenting King Rebellion faithful, our community pushed the Rebels to victory. After going down 1-0 in the first period, as the Rebellion have done all season, without panic or concern, they continued to keep the pedal down on the offence and scored 3 unanswered goals. With the TNT net pulled for over 3 minutes, the Rebels pinned TNT into their zone, as the fans watched the clock slowly fade into Championship territory. Counting down the seconds, the buzzer rang and the celebrations began.

A huge congratulations to our brick wall goalies Jadon Smith and Veer Dhaliwal, our monster defensive pairs of Edison Nunes & Matthew Zappulla, Elliot Cinelli & Julian Montagnese and



our work horse forwards Adrian Bianca, William Rossetto, Zayden Paolerio, Zavie Spears, Francesco Mallocci, Tommy Han, Henry Gunnell and Marco Cannavo. Congratulations to our Head Coach Matthew Rossetto, Assistant Coach Anthony Cortese & Jerry Nunes, Defensive Coaches Zach Cafaro & Liam Rider, Trainer Matt Cinelli and Team Manager Ashley Rossetto.

With the King Rebellion clinching the York Simcoe finals, they have also qualified for the OMHA's Championship weekend in Whitby March 27 to 29 where the other Ontario league champions and finalist play a weekend long tournament. Culminating on Sunday afternoon for the coveted Redhats to be crowned Ontario's champion.

We all wish great and continued success to this dedicated team, that has shown us all what a great team culture creates when we are all supporting each other. They continue to be a true great example as teammates who have also become brothers. Let's Go Rebels!



King Curling Club playoff action and 'lucky charms'

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

Just two more weeks of curling for the season, and for some it's a welcomed rest, while for others they are already dreading the 6 month break until the rocks are once again being thrown.

The heavy hitting men's league began their playoff run with quarter-finals this past week and for the most part the story played out with a winning continuation of the top teams.

While the sheets of King were loud and robust, there was one exception of a surprise ending. Number 3 seeded team of Andrew Kolody was upset by the 6th seeded team of Karl Davis during an intense back and forth game with a 6-5 decision in Davis's favour.

Skip Karl Davis, Brad Stronach, Jason Peelar and Gary Boose will move onto the Semi finals games along with Teams Pelland, Barber and Gerrits.

The women's league have now determined their Championship Game teams for both the A and B Divisions. Teams Kathleen Gorseline and Shellee Morning will go end for end in the A championship final while Teams Ann Gerrits and Jordan Holmes will sweep for the B Division.

During the semi final games, the scoreboards witnessed close back and forth scoring in the early frames of the games.

In the A Division Gorseline exchanged singles with Team Cairns until mid-way when Gorseline and her crew of Marnie Deathe, Beth Egan and Christine Warner earned a 4 point end eventually leading to a 6-2 win.

Morning and Stronach both collected 3 point ends at separate times during their match but Morning and her team of Kim Battershell, Karen Morrison and Sue Burman earned 2 in the 6th for a score of 7-4. In the 7th end Stronach with hammer played a great strategic



First draw winners of the Go For the Green spiel were Steve Vitale, Peter Kamstra, Kelly Stronach and Jim Rout.

end setting up the house needing 3 to tie.

Down to Skip rocks the button was crowded with rocks from both teams and a slim chance for a Stronach three. Stronach connected with her intended target but jammed on a Morning stone collecting just a single for a Morning 7-5 victory.

The B Division included its own excitement and surprises.

Second seed Team Gerrits and her team of Julie Hymers, Heather Thompson and Sue Sheardown cruised to a solid win over D. Holmes and will advance to the finals. Fourth seeded Team of Jordan Holmes met up with number 1 seeded team of DeWinter.

While the score board fluctuated the determination and perseverance grew for Team Holmes as Skip Jordan Holmes, Jesse Sissons, Andrea Diamond, and spare Judy Tripp won 8-3 and will move on to their first ever Championship game.

Mixed Team Entry semi final action was played with a high degree of shot making between the top 4. Team Inglis won against Team Morning while Teams Kolody and Barber battled down to the wire with Kolody earning the win and will now face Team Inglis

in the Championship title game.

Luck of the Irish

This past weekend the club held its annual Go for the Green spiel with an almost full house of new and experienced curlers. The ice displayed a sea of green with curlers wearing costumes all in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

As always, there were many "Lucky Charm" volunteers that offered their tireless efforts and time who were also dressed in their finest green attire. Event organizer Donna DeWinter was thankful for the many special "Leprechauns" who came to help and was delighted to see them all in costume as well.

The Luck of the Irish granted Kelly Stronach, Peter Kamstra, Steve Vitale and Jim Rout as first draw winners and Ray Honey, Lloy Bloom, Cindy Perkins Rhode and Pat Earl as second draw winners.

In fine Irish "Go for the Green" tradition there was also plenty of Irish Spring soap to go around for those that



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didn't quite find their pots of gold.

Best Costume winners on first draw were John Turner, Janice Gervais, Karel Span, Kim Campbell and second draw costume winners were Ray Honey, Sharon Dorney, John Caruso and Lloy Bloom. Once again KCC congratulates everyone for a very successful event and looks forward to seeing everyone next year under the rainbow for the eluded pot of gold.



Donna DeWiner (left), Go for the Green spiel organizer, is seen with the Lucky Charm volunteers Sandee Fennel, Sharon Dorney, Lynda Thompson, Barb Davis and Beth Egan.

King's Corners

King City-York Pines By Sheryl Sinka

The message last Sunday, March 22, delivered by Lesley Morris, was based on John 11: 1-45. The recounting of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead unveils the empathy of Jesus for those who are suffering and in Jesus's weeping reveals His depth of love and compassion for all humankind.

May we also strive to reciprocate that love to the world around us and know that in our quiet moments and in our suffering, God is always by our side.

Sunday, March 29 please join us at 10:30 a.m. for Palm Sunday worship when we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion with Rev Carolyn Baggett leading worship

Good Friday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Carolyn Baggett.

Easter Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 with Cheryl Stenson leading worship.

Our Lenten Study continues this Saturday and every Saturday until Easter at 10:00 at King City UC. We are using the book "Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Fruitful Living" available through ucrdstore.ca. Feel free to join us for coffee (or tea) and an insightful discussion of our faith

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.

Please remember the King Township Food Bank in your givings. Support through the food bank is an expression of kindness and generosity for which so many are grateful. We encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations for the many needing assistance.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark will be speaking on our 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 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 is \$10/pp.

Friday, April 17 - 10 a.m. - Presentation - Lianne Harris will present "Undressed: A Short History of Hygiene." If you have seen Lianne before, you know that this will be a lively, visual, entertaining look at history. Don't miss out on this popular presenter. Call the Centre now to save your spot. 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

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 rbmcauley@zing-net.ca

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

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King City Tennis Club

The King City Tennis Association is a non-profit tennis club established by volunteers over 40 years ago in partnership with King Township. The King City Tennis Association outdoor season runs from May to October 2026.

The 2026 KCTA website is open, with Early Bird KCTA Memberships with discounts, until April 13.

The KCTA website homepage is found at: kingcitytennis.com

KCTA 2026 Registration of individuals addresses and contact information and Membership Payments must be completed and paid by credit card, before registering for KCTA tennis programs on-line.

Markus Ziegler, our OTA Certified Head Tennis Coach of several years, is ready to provide tennis programs and lessons for all ages and levels of ability.

Markus offers many excellent and varied skill-level tennis instruction for Adults, in addition to Junior Programs for ages 4 to 14 years, starting in May and which continue to October.

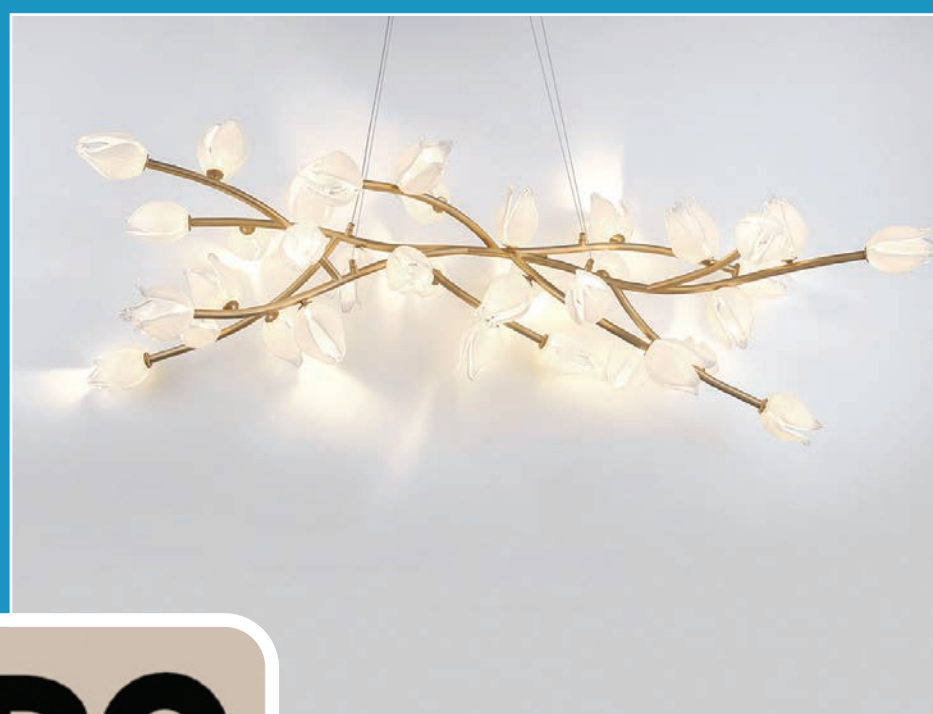
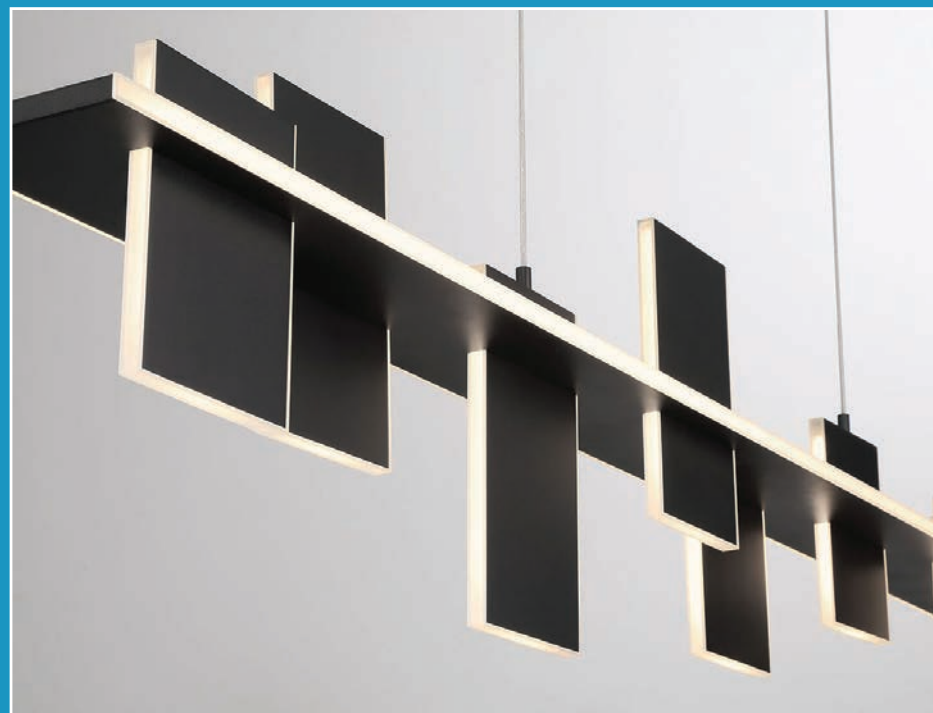
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Nobleton Notes

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, "Reaching Out" from Mark 5:21-43.

Mark your calendars for our Good Friday service which will be held on April 3, followed by our Easter Sunday service on April 5, both of which begin at 10 a.m.

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 27 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.

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.

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.

April 23 - Chair Zumba with Frank De-Bartolo. This fun, low-impact workout will improve cardiovascular health, strength, flexibility, balance, and mood. Surprise Frank and wear your favourite hat.

April 30 - "Fables, Fairytales and Rhymes," will be presented by Liana Harris, Historian. Turn the pages of classical Fairytales and Mother Goose Rhymes and see how they give us the

lessons to navigate in real life.

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

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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.

One of the organizations that we support is The Olive Branch for Children outreach in Tanzania which aims 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. Here close to home, you can provide additional financial support by attending its fundraising gala at Paradise Banquet Hall in Vaughan 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. The Lions continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com

To learn more about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website which can be accessed by googling "nobletonlions.com" At the website on the Upcoming Events page you will also see announcements for events offered by non-profit organizations in King. If you have an activity that qualifies, please contact Lion Jerry MacBain. You may also follow us on Instagram at [nobletonlions.club](https://www.instagram.com/nobletonlions.club)

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

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

The famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner was an amazing community event, so much fun and such good food. Special thanks to Sue & Gino DiFebo and Val Ball for this event. Did you know that Sue and Gino made over 700 meat balls!

Palm Sunday (March 29) is a joyous 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' crucifixion.

Easter (April 5) is coming. The chancel will be filled with memorial tulips. Easter is a time of renewal. There will be communion at the service.

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 & 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.

Our next Messy Church is Monday, April 20 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. The activities and crafts (5-6 p.m.) are based on different Bible stories. The theme for April is the Easter story. At 6 p.m., we have story time until 6:15 p.m. when we eat. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

One activity is always decorating a cookie in the theme of the day. Please let Nancy Hopkinson know (text 416-316-5064 or email nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) if you would like to attend, as we need to have enough food for everyone.

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

Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It is accessible. Nobleton United Church meets 6076 King Rd., Nobleton. It has a wheelchair ramp and a chair lift to go up the 7 steps to the Sanctuary. To contact our churches phone 905-859-3976.

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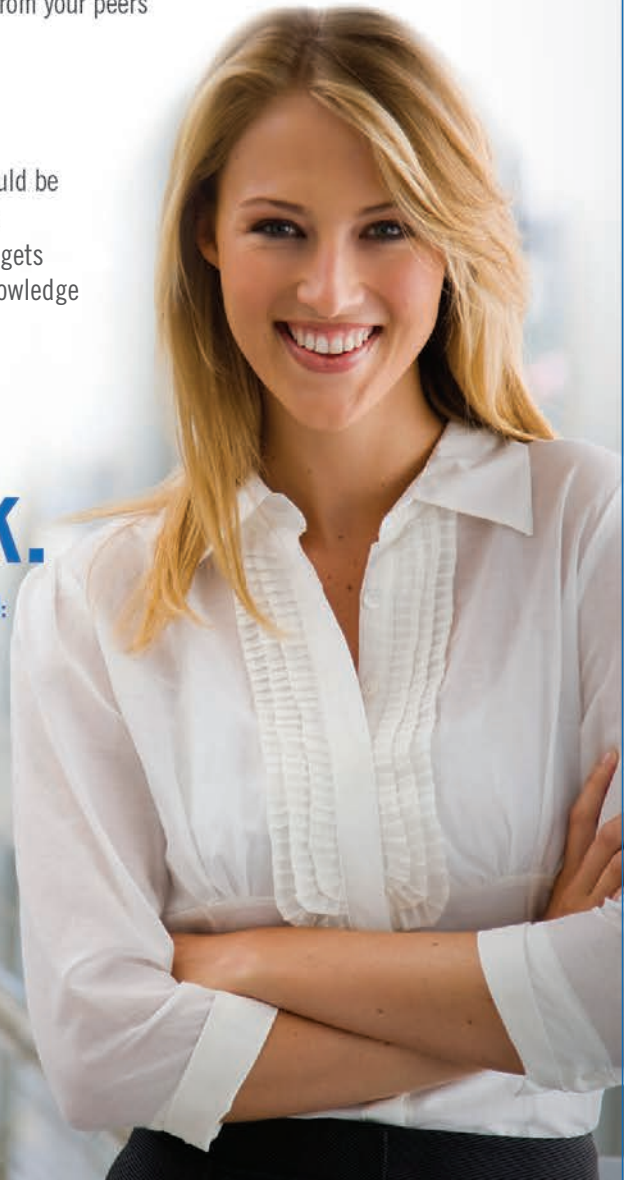
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St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

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All are welcome. This Sunday, March 29 is Palm Sunday! Our morning Worship service is at 10:30 a.m.

Last Sunday, Pastor Alison continued with her sermon series about Alistair Begg's book "C" is for "Christian" and the letter "K" was for "Knitted together in Christ." See Colossians 2:2. This is an A-Z treasury of what the Bible says who we are in Christ. Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca

At Easter time, St. Andrew's has two

Joint Services with our Partnership Church, the Well. April 3 is our Good Friday Service at 10:30 a.m. and our Easter Sunday Service where Communion will take place is also at 10:30 a.m. 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 this Sunday, 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

As we move into the holiest time of the Christian year, we are invited not just to observe the story of Holy Week, but to enter into it. At All Saints, we will walk this sacred path together through reflection, remembrance, and ultimately, celebration.

We begin on Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. with a contemplative Taizé-style service, a peaceful evening of scripture and chant that offers space to breathe, pray, and simply be in God's presence.

On Sunday, March 29, we mark Palm

Sunday with services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., remembering Jesus's entry into Jerusalem as a moment filled with both joy and the shadow of what is to come.

Our journey continues on Maundy Thursday (April 2) at 7:30 p.m. with a deeply moving service of foot washing and Holy Eucharist, where we are reminded of Christ's call to love and serve one another with humility and grace.

On Good Friday (April 3) at 10:30 a.m., we gather in solemn reflection at the foot of the cross, holding space for grief, love, and the profound mystery of

sacrifice.

And then comes Easter.

On Sunday, April 5, we celebrate the joy of resurrection with services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Our 10:30 service will be especially festive, filled with joyful music and followed by refreshments as we rejoice together in the hope and new life that Easter brings.

Holy Week is not just a series of services, it is a journey of the heart. Whether you come to one service or walk the whole path with us, you are warmly invited.

Come and see. Come and experience. Come and be part of the story.

Firefighters holding food drive Saturday

On Saturday, March 28, King Fire and Emergency Services is rallying together to support our community through the annual Food Bank Food Drive. The community is invited to 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 Food Bank.

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By Susan Heslop

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Ensemble concert

Sub Rosa Ensemble, founded by Eliza-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 this past July and are excited to share this mu-

sic with the community again. Tickets available online 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.

Horticultural Society

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 longtime member of the Society, who used to bring in bouquets of flowers to sell.

Contact Information: schombergortsociety@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+

Last Thursday our Schomberg 55+ joined up with King and Nobleton clubs and the Carpenters Union Retirees for a bus adventure to Fallsview Casino.

We each were given \$20 to play the slots, and mine was gone in a flash! I didn't hear of any big winners, but maybe someone was a big winner and didn't want to have to treat the entire bus to Tims on the way home. Then it was off for the Cirque show "Maximum Velocity" which was truly a "sit on the edge of your seat" show.

If you like bus trips with a touch of adventure, stay tune for our next one, all seniors are welcome and you can bring guests. We always have a great time!

This past week we didn't have a meeting, so I hope everyone enjoyed their Monday off and we shall see you next week on the 30.

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 HE-LIX 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 Tightly 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).

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

Again, if you find a lost dog or cat, please secure it and call Vaughan Animal Control at 905-832-2281, they are responsible for this area.

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Elementary students in York Region experiencing grief are invited to join the Mariposa Art Club for Grieving Children. The club provides free art-making activities designed to help children safely express their feelings, learn healthy ways to cope, and experience the power of peer support.

These 2-hour sessions are hosted at Doane House Hospice on PA Days in the York Region District School Board’s calendar and for 1 week of summer camp. Professional facilitation is provided by certified therapists with expertise in grief and bereavement.

For more information, contact Cynthia Gardner, Art Therapist, at cgardner@myhospice.ca



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