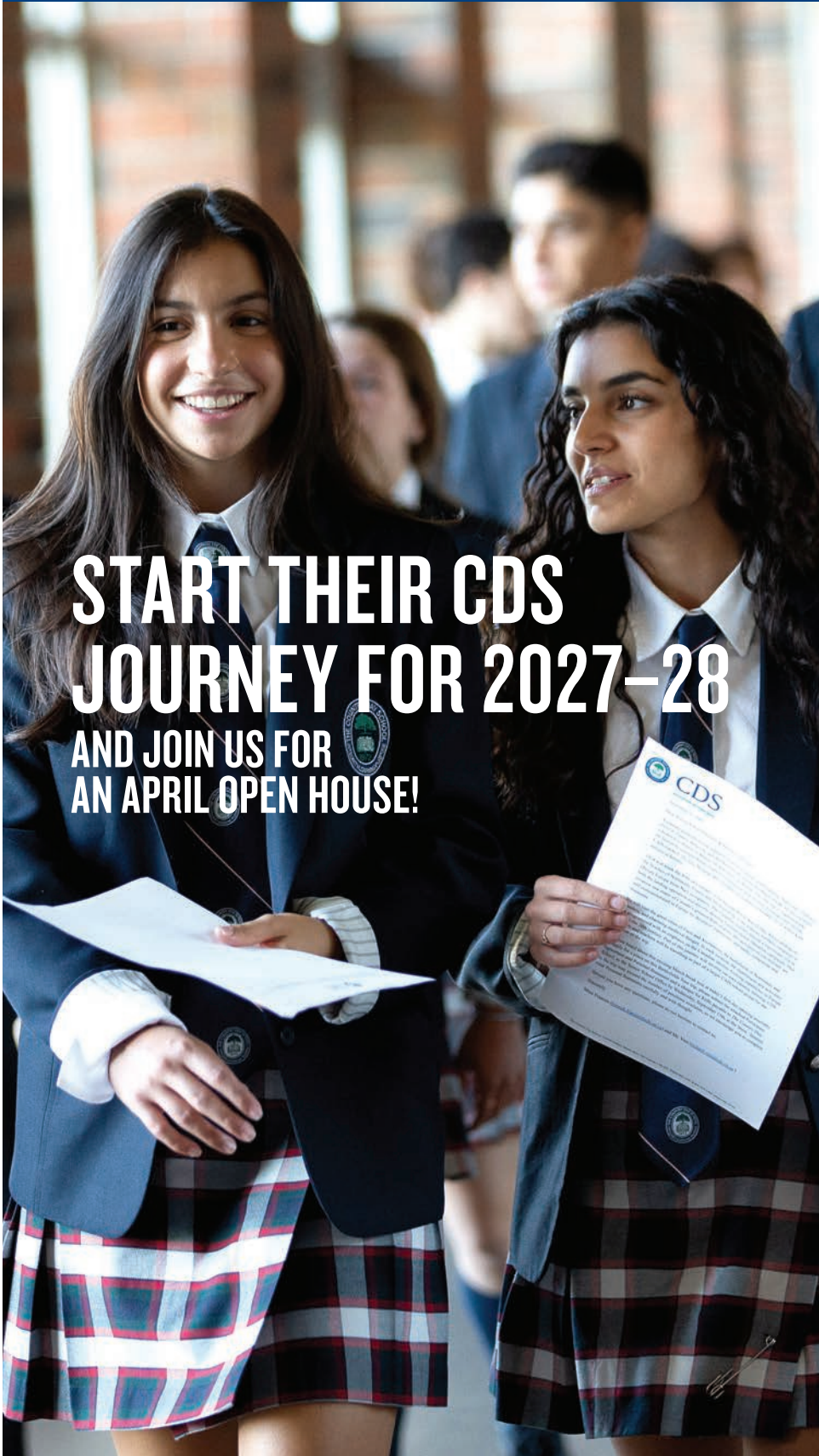




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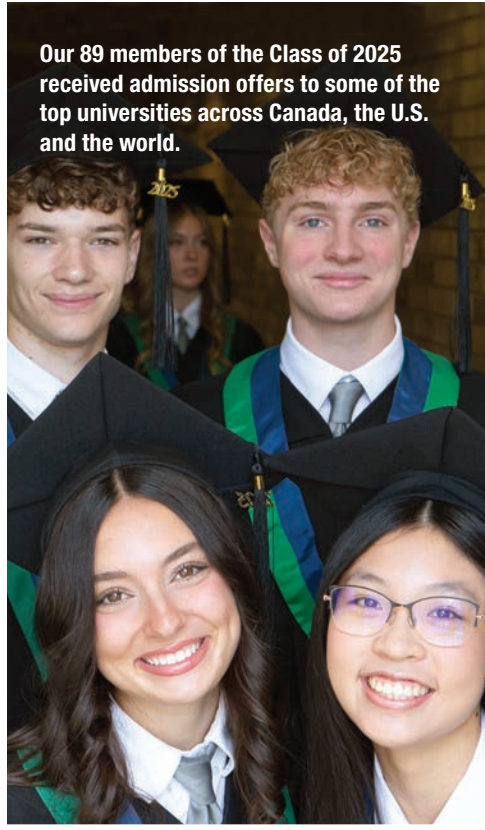
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STUDENTS ENROLLED
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100

ACRE CAMPUS IN KING

18

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

89

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93%

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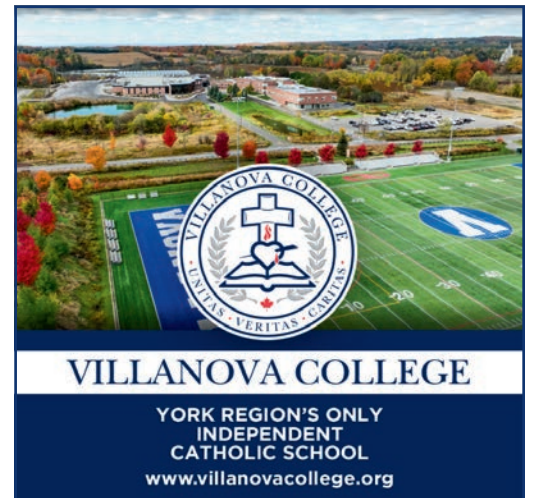
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Meet with the mayor or your ward councillor

Your local elected officials work hard to make progress on important issues that face your community, and they want to hear from you.

Meet Mayor Steve Pellegrini, your Ward Councillor or both, for a one-on-one conversation during an event on Tuesday, April 28, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the King Township Municipal Centre, located at 2585 King Road.

Appointment time slots of 15-minutes can be booked online at king.ca/MeetCouncil.

Residents are encouraged to reserve their preferred timeslot in advance as walk-in appointments will be accommodated pending availability. The deadline to book online is 9 a.m. on Monday, April 27.

Please book a different time slot with each elected official you wish to speak with and arrive five minutes prior to your scheduled appointment to ensure all appointments can run on time.

This event gives residents a platform to meet their elected representatives to discuss issues that matter to them most. Voice your questions, concerns and ideas, or

just come and say hello as an individual, group, or family in a one-on-one, sit-down setting in the gymnasium. There will be a dedicated waiting area and coffee, tea and light refreshments will be provided.

King Township is governed by an elected Mayor and six Councillors, each representing one of the six wards within the Township. Not sure which ward you belong to? View the King Township Ward Map and read about your Mayor and Council at king.ca/council.

When you arrive for your appointment, Township staff can also assist with determining your Ward Councillor based on your address.

Learn more about your King Township Council members: Mayor Steve Pellegrini; Ward One Councillor Jordan Cescolini; Ward Two Councillor David Boyd; Ward Three Councillor Jennifer Anstey; Ward Four Councillor Mary Asselstine; Ward Five Councillor Debbie Schaefer and Ward Six Councillor Avia Eek.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS
Monday, April 13
6 p.m. - Council
Monday, April 27
6 p.m. - Council

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS
Thursday, April 09
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee

Virtual

Wednesday, April 15
6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment

Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
 Visit: king.ca/cofameetings for more information.

Tuesday, April 21
11 a.m. - Accessibility Advisory Committee

View full Council and Committee agendas at king.ca/meetings
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Recent Planning & Heritage Notices

- **Notice of Passing of Zoning By-Law Amendment 2026-019 Re: 962 Graham Sideroad, King, ON (File No. Z-2025-08)**

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Join King Township for the official unveiling of the Sports Hall of Fame

Celebrate local athletic excellence by joining Mayor Steve Pellegrini, members of Council and King Township, for the official unveiling of the Sports Hall of Fame exhibition taking place on **Saturday, Apr. 11 at Zancor Centre from 2 to 3 p.m.**

This free, community-wide event includes remarks from dignitaries, and activities for kids including colouring pages.

The unveiling will honour the inaugural class of inductees: **Jim Elder, Mike Kitchen, Rosie MacLennan and Suzanne Morrow (Francis)**. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Mike Kitchen and Jim Elder and hear a special message recorded by Rosie MacLennan. **RSVP at kingmuseum@king.ca.**

For details, visit kingheritageandculture.ca




You're invited!

Meet the Mayor & Council

Tuesday, Apr. 28 from 3 - 7 p.m.
 King Township Municipal Centre

Book your 15-minute, one-on-one conversation today at king.ca/MeetCouncil




Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 2 at 8 a.m - 1 p.m.

It's time to do some spring cleaning and turn that clutter into cash! If you have unique items that need a new home, **register for a space** at King Township's annual Community Yard Sale at the Trisan Centre.

Register for a space by April 17.
 Prices (plus HST) are:

- 6-foot space: \$15
- 12-foot space: \$25
- 18-foot space: \$35

Table rentals sold separately.

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Water Bills Due Date: April 22
Property Tax Due Date: April 21

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Microchip & rabies clinic - April 19

10a.m. - 3p.m. at the Vaughan Animal Shelter (located at 70 Tigi Crt., Unit 47, Vaughan)
 Call Vaughan Animal Services at 905-832-2281 to schedule your timeslot. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Age-Friendly Community Action Plan

Following recognition by the Government of Ontario earlier this year for King's achievements in building an Age-Friendly Community, Council has endorsed King Township's Age-Friendly Community Action Plan.

The plan outlines eight key priorities—from housing and transportation to social participation and accessibility—to help residents thrive at every stage of life.

Developed through extensive consultation with residents aged 55+, community partners, and the Age-Friendly King Advisory Committee, this plan reflects what our community told us matter most to help older adults age in place (grow older at home) with dignity and independence.

For more information and read the full plan, visit king.ca/seniors.



New community centre coming to Kleinburg-Nashville

Excitement is building in the Kleinburg-Nashville neighbourhood, as plans move forward for a new multi-use community centre.

Monday, Mayor Steven Del Duca, members of council, MPP for King—Vaughan Stephen Lecce and Ontario's Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, joined community members to officially announce that a new community centre will be coming to the Kleinburg-Nashville area – an exciting milestone for the residents of Ward 1.

"The Kleinburg-Nashville neighbourhood is growing, and families have long been asking for a dedicated community centre for them and their kids to enjoy. I'm proud to say: we're making it happen," said Lecce. "I am grateful for the strong partnership with Mayor Del Duca and Minister Sarkaria – and to the entire community for rallying behind this vision – as we deliver a legacy project for generations to come."

The Province of Ontario announced the transfer of nine acres of provincial surplus lands to the City of Vaughan, valued at approximately \$24 million, for a nominal fee to help facilitate the future Kleinburg-Nashville Community Centre.

Located at 10220 Huntington Rd., the

future Kleinburg-Nashville Community Centre will be the first community centre built to serve the rapidly-growing neighbourhood – as a place for families to gather, connect and make memories.

This announcement builds on the strong partnership between Mayor Del Duca and MPP Lecce that worked together to deliver key investments for the Kleinburg-Nashville community and families across the City of Vaughan including:

A new York Regional Police substation in Kleinburg.

A new family recreation area opening at the North Maple Regional Park this summer, made possible by a combined \$26 million investment from the City of Vaughan and Province of Ontario.

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"I am thrilled that we have identified the location for a future community centre for residents of Kleinburg-Nashville. I want to thank the Province of Ontario, in particular MPP

Lecce and Minister Sarkaria for helping us get one step closer. I would also like to acknowledge Ward 1 Councillor Marilyn Iafrate for her unwavering support of this project. I look forward to seeing the construction progress, and ultimately, coming back here in to officially cut the ribbon and welcome in the community," said Vaughan Mayor Steven Del Duca.

"I want to thank the Government of Ontario for their support and partnership as we identified the ideal location for this new community centre. These lands give us the opportunity to create something meaningful and lasting, and that supports a wide range of recreational, cultural and community

activities. This is a major step toward delivering a much-needed community space for the Kleinburg-Nashville area, and I look forward to seeing this vision come to life," added Vaughan Councillor Marilyn Iafrate.

"Our government is proud to work with the City of Vaughan to support growing communities and help make important local projects possible. The transfer of this land is an important step toward the future Kleinburg-Nashville Community Centre and will help ensure this community has the space it needs as Vaughan continues to grow," said Ontario's Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria.

Modified Victoria Day celebration this year

This year's Nobleton Victoria Day Fair and Fireworks Show will be held on Monday, May 18 from 11 a.m. to dusk at the Dr. William Lacey Community Centre and Arena.

As phase two of the Nobleton Park Revitalization project continues to take shape, vendor and entertainment spaces are being thoughtfully adjusted around ongoing construction of the park – and the Township's signature fireworks show will go on, with modified viewing areas that ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

Construction of the park is anticipated to be completed in July.

By summer, Nobleton residents can look forward to new recreational and cultural amenities such as:

A wading pool (which converts to a refrigerated outdoor ice rink in the winter); an amphitheatre; lit pickleball courts; soccer field; formalized walking paths, and a program facility.

During construction, the existing baseball courts and playground remain open.

The Nobleton Park Revitalization project is a transformative initiative aimed at revitalizing key municipal properties located at 15 Old King Road in Nobleton. This project is part of the broader strategy, designed to create a vibrant, multi-use community hub that reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of Nobleton residents.

Learn more at speakingking.ca.

For more information about this construction project, visit king.ca/MajorProjects.

Provide feedback to elected officials

From Front Page

If you need help booking an appointment for the Meet the Mayor and Council event, call ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca. Learn more at king.ca/MeetCouncil.

The Meet the Mayor and Council event is just one way residents can provide feedback. Connect with King Township's dedicated customer service division by phone at 905-833-5321, email serviceking@king.ca, or in-person at the King Township Municipal Centre to discuss urgent issues, service requests, concerns and inquiries. You can also submit a request online or chat with the Township's 24/7 Virtual Assistant, Kingsley, located in the bottom right corner of every webpage at king.ca. For more information, visit king.ca/ServiceKing.

To help residents understand service levels and associated standards – what

they receive and can expect from their tax dollars – King Township publishes Service Profiles and reports yearly on headline performance measures to be transparent about the volume of work completed and the quality of services. Learn more at king.ca/ServicePerformance. To better understand the value you receive for your tax dollars, view the service-based 2026 Budget Book at king.ca/budget.

"Your voice can help make life better in King – join King Township Council for our annual Meet the Mayor and Council event. Come with your questions, ideas and insights into the initiatives that are guiding King's future. These one-on-one conversations provide a more personalized setting and encourage an open dialogue with myself or your Ward Councillor so that decision making continues to reflect our community's needs," said Mayor Pellegrini.



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We should care deeply and spread compassion!

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

— Leo Buscaglia

We all agree that our time here is limited and we should put it to good use. We also agree that we never stop learning. Often, we don't even come close to “getting it” until we pass middle age.

We talk about human values and what's important. These are things that, surprisingly, we almost always agree on. Caring about another person could be one of life's greatest gifts.

The Dalai Lama agrees:

“Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.”

Wise words of course.

Some of us Boomers may have raised our kids on an ample supply of Care Bears, popular in the 1980s. The Care Bears used their tummy symbols to summon assistance, such as heart-shaped balloons, cloud cars, rainbow bridges, and sending out distress signals.

The Care Bears' ultimate weapon is the “Care Bear Stare,” where they stood together and radiated light from their respective tummy symbols. These combined to form a ray of love and good cheer which could bring care and joy into the target's heart, break dark spells, or revive something that has been broken, wilted, or messed up.

Boy we could really use them these days.

Humans, too, have the potential to “beam” love and caring, but maybe not from our bellybuttons.

Caring has been described as “heroic, pure,” and “generous.”

And it seems we have limitless amounts of the stuff to give. And yet, we've fallen, tripped, or dove willingly into the abyss of self-centredness and indifference.

Our connectivity has jolted our in-



Mark Pavilons

nate narcissism and the victims are empathy and caring.

Yes, times are tough, and we've fallen victim to apathy and being engrossed by our own woes, thoughts and problems. Who has time to care, when we worry about making the next car payment or buying expensive groceries?

Our close relationships can also suffer, if we allow trust, empathy and caring to fall by the wayside. We need to listen more, speak less and pay attention to what's behind your loved one's eyes.

But we are caring humans, designed by a higher power, right? Okay, so we've allowed the world to cloud our judgement, but all is not lost, people.

Caring, according to “Caring as an Emotion: Exploring the Complexities of Human Compassion,” (Neuro-Launch editorial team's 2024 article), is a genuine concern for the well-being of others, often accompanied by a desire to help or support them. It's that warm, fuzzy feeling you get when you see a stranger help an elderly person cross the street, or when your friend remembers your birthday and surprises you with your favorite cake.

It's a complex emotion, one that overlaps with empathy, compassion, concern and altruism. When something is tugging at your heart, you best listen.

Research has shown that caring behaviors activate several regions in our brains, including the prefrontal cortex (our brain's CEO), the anterior cingulate cortex (involved in emotion regulation), and the insula (associated with empathy and emotional awareness). It's like a “neural symphony,” with different brain regions playing together to create the beautiful music of compassion. There's also a whole cocktail of hormones and neurotransmitters that come into play when we care, including oxytocin, which promotes bonding, trust, and feelings of warmth and connection.

Our levels of dopamine (the feel-good neurotransmitter) and serotonin (involved in mood regulation) also rise, rewarding us for caring.

I admit that I have fallen victim to indifference and intolerance, in light of my own journey. It's a shame that a life-altering illness can wipe away such precious commodities that make us amazing human beings.

I am known to say “I don't care,” more often lately. But for some of us, that really means “it doesn't matter to me either way.” But we have to care, don't we?

I wonder what the Bears' heart-shaped Caring Meter indicates today?

But we are better and we are resilient. We can dust off our shoulders,

pick up our pace and get back to caring.

We are quick to respond to family members and occasions like birthdays, anniversaries and various milestones. We love to celebrate together over a meal, or a night out.

We celebrated two birthdays at our house recently, and it was a bit hectic, organizing everything and juggling the cost of eating out. Again, it's a shame that caring is hindered by finances.

But in the end, our appetites, and our hearts, were fulfilled.

We all show our emotions in different ways.

Gender differences, cultural norms, actions, verbalizations all figure into the formula of how we show we care. Some are “fixers” and “doers,” while others are rock-solid supporters and pillars who always have our backs. Some feel love and compassion deep down, and show it when it's convenient.

Regardless of the method, I'd recommend you exercise your caring muscles every day. We are designed for caring and sharing, to create a unique human melody.

It's why we're here.

There's no magic pixie dust to sprinkle on our fellow citizens. And we can't run around in furry costumes with light-up mid-sections.

But we can care and share, and hopefully it spreads like wildfire.

Send out those positives vibes today, and every day!

Tourism

Apply for York tourism funds

Applications for the 2026 York Region Tourism Fund are open. If you're planning an event that brings people together and showcases the best of York Region, this program can help with up to \$5,000 in funding.

The fund helps to:

Boost arts, culture, and tourism experiences across York Region.

Support the delivery of events, product packages and thematic campaigns that support tourism arts and culture.

Encourage collaboration among local organizations.

Past recipients include festivals, sports events, agriculture and agri-food events and more.

Eligible applicants include registered charities and non-profit or not-for-profit organizations such as municipalities, business improvement areas, chambers of commerce, boards of trade, destination marketing organizations, arts associations, and community groups.

Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first served basis and funding is limited. Events must take place by Dec. 31, 2026.

Learn more: yorklink.ca/TourismFund



Quote of the Week

“I feel the capacity to care is the thing which gives life its deepest significance.”

— Pablo Casals

Trivia Tidbits

When your stomach rumbles, that's called a “wamble.”

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Results from last week's poll:

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

a) Yes 100%

b) No 0%

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you aware that NASA is sending astronauts around the moon for the first time in decades?

a) Yes
b) No

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Renewable energy saves lives and money

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Rising fuel prices hurt almost everyone — driving up the cost of transportation, food and electricity (even when much of the latter comes from cheaper renewable sources). Rising living costs disproportionately harm those who can least afford it. The ultra-wealthy don't have to worry much, and those who profit from polluting, climate-altering oil and gas get to add more to their already overflowing coffers!

Recent price hikes — during a growing affordability crisis — are in large part due to the United States' ill-advised and poorly planned attacks on Iran. These compelled Iran to choke shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, through which one-quarter of the world's seaborne oil and gas is moved.

The horrific conflict illustrates the volatile nature of fossil-fuelled economies and shows the need to get away from fossil fuels as quickly as possible — not just because of their lethal pollution and climate impacts but also because clashes over who controls them cause so much death and destruction. Despite false claims about drug smuggling, the U.S.'s recent violent actions against Venezuela were also about securing oil supplies.

Unmoved by the clear advantages of renewable energy over energy from coal, oil and gas — lower costs, less pollution, greater supply and price stabil-

ity, improved energy independence, reduced conflict — petrostates and fossil fuel-supporting governments continue to impose measures to stall renewable energy development while incentivizing fossil fuel expansion.

The U.S. offers a clear example, but even in Canada, Alberta continues to throw roadblocks onto the renewable path while clearing the way for more oilsands, liquefied natural gas and coal production. One of the province's largest and most important companies, ATCO Ltd., is even blaming the Alberta government for “a \$408-million hit to the value of its wind and solar projects,” arguing that government energy and electricity policies are “detrimental” to renewable energy investment. The company is considering legal action.

Among other recent restrictions, Alberta imposed a moratorium on renewable energy development in 2023 and is promoting oilsands and LNG expansion and new pipelines. Along with the federal government, the province is offering tax breaks and other incentives for oil and gas companies to do what they should and could afford to do themselves, such as building carbon capture facilities and cleaning up the tens of thousands of inactive wells they've left behind to pollute water, land and air.

The fossil fuel industry is driving up living costs for most people, polluting and heating the planet, widening the wealth gap and contributing to deadly conflict worldwide. As the planet surpasses the 1.5 to 2 C warming limit countries adopted under the Paris Agreement, we're seeing consequences as bad as or worse than scientists and others predicted: accelerating extreme weather events, massive floods, prolonged droughts, more water shortages, rising sea levels, widespread disease transmission, increased human migration and ongoing hostilities. Yet we continue to needlessly pump increasing amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

Why do we put up with it? Why do governments and news media entrusted to represent and reflect the public interest put so much money and effort into keeping this dying, destructive industry alive? Why are some of the world's most powerful nations raining horror and death on countless people in oil-producing countries?

Guardian columnist George Monbiot says we're being “gaslit” for the sake of the ultra-rich: “What the owners of newspapers and politicians want is what their entire class demands: a

world in which resources are controlled and prices harvested by those who own them. You can do this with fossil fuels, whose reserves are concentrated and under the exclusive control of the companies licensed to exploit them. You cannot do it with renewables, because sunshine and wind are everywhere.”

It may seem difficult — especially since we've wasted so much time ignoring scientific warnings and spewing ever-increasing amounts of long-lasting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere — but we can and must shift rapidly from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

Switching to technologies like wind

and solar with storage will give us a chance of stalling and reversing global heating. It will also give us cleaner air, water and land, increase affordability, provide greater energy stability and reliability, improve energy independence and reduce the bloody disputes over limited fossil fuels.

It's not a difficult choice.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.

York Regional Council refreshes vision to guide growth and strengthen communities

York Regional Council received a presentation and approved updates to its Vision, reaffirming York Region's commitment to strong, caring, safe communities while reflecting the evolving needs of the Region's 1.29 million residents.

The refreshed Vision document provides clarity on what these priorities mean for York Region today and into the future. Strong communities are resilient and future-ready, caring communities are collaborative and inclusive and safe communities are accessible and thriving.

“Our Vision is York Region's north star. It is a both a reflection of what residents value most and a guiding framework for Council decisions,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. “These updates ensure we remain aligned with community priorities, anticipate the pressures of growth and continue building resilient, inclusive and safe communities for generations to come.”

York Region's Vision continues to focus on four key areas: economic vitality, healthy communities, sustainable environment and good government. Within these areas of focus, updated definitions emphasize priorities like affordability, innovation, access to ser-

vices, environmental stewardship, mobility and trust in government.

“Vision sets the direction, but it is through responsible financial planning that we make these priorities achievable,” said Township of King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of the Region's Finance and Administration. “By aligning York Region's strategic plan and multi-year budget with council's Vision, we are ensuring the investments we make today support resilient community and long-term value for our residents.”

“This refreshed Vision gives our organization a clear path to turn Council's direction into action,” said York Region Chief Administrative Officer Erin Mahoney. “It guides our programs, services and performance measures as we track progress and ensure every decision supports the communities we serve.”

Progress toward Vision will be measured through community indicators and organizational performance measures, aligned with global standards such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and social determinants of health. This dual approach ensures accountability both to residents and within the organization itself.

To learn more about the Region's Vision, visit york.ca/vision

Letter to the Editor

MP Roberts addresses human trafficking

The following letter, to Minister of Women and Gender Equality, Rechie Valdez, was submitted to the Sentinel.

On behalf of my Official Opposition colleagues serving on Standing Committee on the Status of Women, we write to request an update regarding the government's implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee's report entitled “Act Now: Preventing Human Trafficking of Women, Girls and Gender Diverse People in Canada,” tabled in Parliament on February 29, 2024.

This report was the result of extensive study and consultation. The committee heard testimony from 55 witnesses, including survivors, law enforcement officials, frontline service providers, and subject matter experts. In addition, the Committee travelled across the country to better understand the realities of human trafficking and its effects on Canadian communities. At the conclusion of this study, 22 recommendations were put forward and adopted.

Unfortunately, human trafficking continues to be an epidemic across our country. A report from Statistics Canada, published on Dec. 8, 2025 entitled “Trafficking in persons in Canada, 2024” underscores this grim reality. Between 2014 and 2024, more than 5,000 human trafficking incidents were reported by police in Canada, with women and girls accounting for 93% of identified victims. 63% of these victims were under the age of 25 and 22% of which were under the age of 18.

These trends are alarming and raise serious concerns about whether existing federal measures are adequately preventing trafficking, supporting victims, and ensuring traffickers face meaningful consequences.

Given the federal resources and repeated commitments made by your government to combat human trafficking, it is essential that you, as Minister of Women and Gender Equality, can demonstrate results to this Committee and to Canadians.

In this light, we respectfully request a comprehensive update to our committee, in person, at the earliest opportunity outlining:

- The specific actions taken by your government to implement each of the Committee's 22 recommendations.
- How these recommendations are being incorporated into the Renewed National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking.
- Timelines for implementation of outstanding measures.
- Measurable outcomes achieved to date.
- An explanation for any recommendations that have yet to be implemented.

Victims and survivors of human trafficking deserve no less than a clear accounting of how, or if, these important recommendations have been incorporated into federal policy to combat this epidemic.

Anna Roberts
MP, King—Vaughan



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— Matthew 28:6



STEPHEN LECCE
MPP King-Vaughan



Ontario Budget builds a more competitive, self-reliant economy

Ontario's 2026 Budget follows the direction of protecting Ontario.

In the midst of tariffs and economic uncertainty, the government continues to deliver on its plan to protect Ontario by building the most competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy in the G7, including through significant tax relief contained in the next phase of Ontario's Tax Action Plan.

"In the face of global uncertainty, this Ontario 2026 budget doubles down on Canada," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan. "A positive plan by Minister Bethlenfalvy and Premier Ford that reduces costs for homebuyers, cuts the small business tax rate, and lays the foundation for 150,000 net-new nuclear jobs. Ontario's plan will fortify our economy and build more here in King and Vaughan, and across the province."

The 2026 Budget furthers the government's plan to attract jobs and investment, lower costs for workers and businesses, keep life affordable for families and individuals and make targeted investments in key public services that

support the province's long-term prosperity.

"Ontario is navigating economic challenges with a pragmatic and prudent fiscal plan," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "To help the province navigate these times and come out stronger, we are investing in strategic priorities such as energy, critical minerals, key infrastructure and critical technologies that will make our economy stronger, while cutting red tape and creating the conditions for businesses to grow, supporting workers and strengthening Ontario's economy."

Despite challenging global economic circumstances, Ontario's 2026 Budget reflects the benefits of the province's resilience and prudent fiscal management to date. While other provinces and the federal government have made significant funding cuts, reductions in the size of the civil service or increased taxes, Ontario's 2026 Budget continues to increase funding for key priorities like infrastructure, health care and education, while providing substantial tax relief to make life more affordable

for Ontario families, increase competitiveness and spur investment and job creation in the province.

The government's approach maintains a path to balance as part of its fiscal plan. The 2026 Budget continues to take a prudent and financially responsible approach through sustained investments in key public services, while maintaining the fiscal flexibility needed to respond to changing conditions and support for the people of Ontario.

Highlights include:
Delivering on the province's Tax Action Plan to make Ontario the most competitive jurisdiction in the G7 and lower costs by:

Providing further relief for homebuyers by removing the full 13 per cent of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) for all eligible buyers of new homes valued up to \$1 million for a maximum rebate of \$130,000 in relief to an eligible buyer and the amount would be maintained for new homes valued up to \$1.5 million.

The federal government has agreed to cost-share with Ontario in support of provincial housing initiatives, subject to passage of federal legislation, which would approximately cover the federal five per cent portion for the HST that is being removed from new homes in Ontario. This partnership would provide almost \$2.2 billion in total joint tax relief for housing in Ontario.

Ensuring Ontario's small businesses continue to stay competitive and resilient by proposing to cut the small business corporate income tax (CIT) rate from 3.2 per cent to 2.2 per cent effective July 1, 2026. By cutting the rate by more than 30 per cent, over 375,000 Ontario small businesses would benefit from an additional \$1.1 billion in CIT relief over the next three years.

Intending to lower the cost of capital investments by allowing businesses to accelerate the income tax deduction for the cost of depreciable assets, in parallel with changes announced by the federal government. These changes would lower the cost for investment in a broad range of assets and would take effect following the passage of federal legislation.

Establishing the Protect Ontario Account Investment Fund, in which the province will invest up to \$4 billion to attract investment from pension funds and other private capital to advance Ontario's long-term economic and strategic priorities.

Increasing funding for the Ontario Autism Program to nearly \$1 billion annually, which will enable more children and youth to access core clinical services while further strengthening sector capacity across the province.

Expanding Ontario's four-year investment in the Primary Care Action Plan to \$3.4 billion from 2025 to 2029, furthering the province's plan to connect everyone in Ontario to a family doctor or primary care provider. Initiatives through the Primary Care Action Plan will close the gap for the remaining people of Ontario who want to connect to primary care, achieving the goal of connecting every person in Ontario to primary care.

Investing in the most ambitious provincial capital plan in Canadian history, with planned investments over 10 years totalling more than \$210 billion, including \$37 billion in 2026-27. This includes building highways, hospitals, transit and community infrastructure to keep workers on the job, strengthen Ontario's economy and ensure communities thrive for generations to come.

Providing an additional \$300 million over six years through the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, to help meet the needs of growing communities by supporting the repair, upgrade or construction of new sport and recreation facilities across the province. Ontario's investments through the program now total \$500 million.

Saving daily transit users in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) up to \$1,600 per year, by extending the Ontario One Fare Program for an additional two years to continue keeping costs down for commuters.

Ontario's 2025-26 deficit is projected to be \$12.3 billion — an improvement of \$2.3 billion compared to the outlook published in the 2025 Budget.

Ontario's prudent plan does not raise taxes or cut services, and Ontario is one of the only provinces that retains a path to balance.

Over the medium term, the government is projecting deficits of \$13.8 billion in 2026-27 and \$6.1 billion in 2027-28, before planning for a surplus of \$0.6 billion in 2028-29.

Ontario's real GDP rose by an estimated 1.2 per cent in 2025 and is projected to rise by 1.0 per cent in 2026, 1.7 per cent in 2027, 1.8 per cent in 2028 and 2.0 per cent in 2029.

Ontario's 2025-26 net debt-to-GDP ratio is now forecast to be 36.8 per cent, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points from the 37.9 per cent forecasted in the 2025 Budget, which is primarily due to a lower-than-projected deficit. Over the medium-term outlook, the net debt-to-GDP ratio is forecast to stay below the target of 40.0 per cent, demonstrating that Ontario continues to make positive progress towards reducing the debt burden.



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In 1850, one of the first King Township by-laws was "Hogs Shall Not Be Free Commoners."

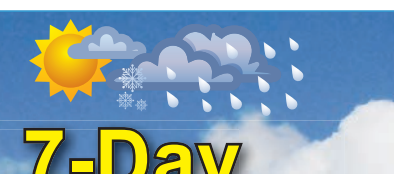
Since free-roaming pigs and hogs tended to go rooting around in people's gardens, this by-law states that the animals must be kept in pens or barns so they won't cause damage.

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Schomberg house receives King Heritage Award

Famous for great food, drinks – and now its heritage – The Schomberg Pub & Patio, located at 226 Main Street, has been selected as the recipient of the 2025 King Township Heritage Award.

Bailey Jackson, the pub's General Manager, accepted the award on behalf of property owner Nicole Stamcos who was honoured with a framed rendering of the heritage building by local artist Phyllis Vernon during a recent council meeting.

Built circa 1880, the property, historically known as the Dr. Dillane House, is recognized for its strong connection to the history of the Village of Schomberg and its continued contribution to the Township's cultural heritage. The property is celebrated for its distinctive and well-maintained Victorian-era architecture, including its decorative dichromatic brickwork, prominent front verandah and wooden detailing, and projecting bays, standing as a familiar and enduring feature of Schomberg's historic village core.

The home was once owned by Dr. Morris Kinsey Dillane, a longtime physician who served Schomberg and the surrounding area for more than 50 years. A highly respected community figure, Dr. Dillane delivered thousands of babies and provided medical care throughout King Township at a

time when physicians often travelled by horse and buggy to reach their patients.

In the mid-1970s, Dr. Dillane's home was purchased by the Andrews Family, who operated it as a bakery called L'Haricot Vert until a gas explosion in 1989. Rebuilding included a tearoom and specifications for a liquor licence. In 1994, Dr. Dillane's Pub & Patio opened and operated until 2011, when the name changed to The Schomberg Pub & Patio.

The property at 226 Main Street was selected for its continued preservation and its positive contribution to the historic streetscape. It stands as an example of how heritage buildings can be cared for and valued as part of the Township's evolving built environment, while maintaining a strong connection to the past.

The King Township Heritage Award is presented annually by the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee and recognizes properties (buildings, structures, streetscapes) that demonstrate a strong commitment to the conservation and stewardship of the Township's cultural heritage. This includes the thoughtful preservation, maintenance, restoration and/or enhancement of heritage buildings and their ongoing contribution to the character and identity of King Township's villages and



communities.

The Heritage Advisory Committee evaluates the nominees based on predetermined criteria, focusing on cultural heritage value and interest. They also assess the extent to which a property stands out due to the creativity used in its conservation and the evident commitment from current owners to maintaining or improving the building.

Nominations for the prestigious 2025 King Township Heritage Award were open July 7 to August 18, 2025. The schedule for the 2026 awards is still being confirmed and will be shared once nominations open.

For more information about the King Township Heritage Award, contact King's Heritage Coordinator by email to heritage@king.ca, call 905-833-4067 or visit king.ca/heritage.

"Council is pleased to present the 2025 King Township Heritage Award to the owner of The Schomberg Pub and Patio, recognizing the outstanding stewardship of one of Schomberg's most recognizable historic properties. This landmark has been an important part of village life for generations – from its early days as the home of a longtime community physician to its continued role today as a welcoming gathering place on Main Street. The care shown in preserving this building's Victorian character reflects a strong commitment to heritage conservation, and we congratulate the property owner for helping preserve King's history for future generations," said

Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Learn more about King's heritage buildings. The Township has an online, interactive "Heritage StoryMap" available at king.ca/heritage that showcases all listed and designated heritage properties, sharing their history and significance. It explains the difference between listed properties – recognized for potential heritage value – and designated properties, which are legally protected under the Ontario Heritage Act.



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KCOC president Michelle Frauley bids a fond farewell at AGM and appreciation event at Connon Nurseries

By Jim Stewart

King Chamber of Commerce President Michelle Frauley completed her three-year term last week and stepped down as per a constitutional requirement that Board of Directors take a mandatory one year off after renewing a second term of office.

Frauley declared that “My term of office concludes this evening” – eliciting a hearty round of appreciative applause from the dozens of community leaders in attendance at Connon Nurseries. The popular local business owner gave the assembly a sneak preview of 2026 and encouraged the incoming Board of Directors to continue “Advocating, connecting, and promoting as well as continuing to strengthen our partnership with the municipality.”

The theme of the evening in the airy and verdant setting was “Gratitude and Growth” and Frauley offered evidence of both: “When reflecting on 2025, one word comes to mind: momentum. We became the second-fastest-growing Chamber in Canada heading into 2026. It hasn’t been an easy year for many businesses. It’s been kind of eerie at times, as many have struggled. Dealing with tough times is what makes the Chamber even more important – that we support one another has never been more important.”

She added that “Our network events

were amazing. It was nice to see 30-40 members coming out to collaborate and grow their businesses – making real connections in our community. It’s not just about these events – it’s about the relationships.”

Frauley expressed her gratitude for these events and relationships by thanking the dozens of sponsors for making the Chamber of Commerce gatherings possible, including Tuesday night’s AGM and Appreciation Night.

After her Keynote Address, Frauley invited Treasurer David Magahey to present the Financial Report. He noted that “Year-to-Year revenues were off by 11% from \$208,821 to \$185,410.” Magahey pointed to two contributing factors: “Membership fees declined by 23% and there was a 5% decline in Event Income.” He also expressed concern about “the economy and inflationary pressures,” but lauded the Chamber’s introduction of “simplicity” to its accounting procedures and acknowledged that the KCOC has “no debt.”

There was a significant consequence to the Chamber’s downturn in 2025. Due to the stated declines in revenue, Magahey announced that “in 2026, the Gran Fondo event will not be run by the King Chamber of Commerce.”

After Savita Despot delivered the 2025 Governance Report to the assembly, the AGM shifted to the ceremonial Oath of Office for the incoming or re-



newing directors.

In the absence of Mayor Pellegrini (who was attending to the needs of his daughter who gave birth to a baby boy in Vancouver), Councillor David Boyd presided over the Oath of Office. The five new Directors sworn in were Talia Iafrate, Jason Keown, Garette Marques, Chloe Thurston, and Rashpal Uppal who commenced their two-year terms. Carmelinda Galota and David Magahey renewed their two-year terms after completing two years of service.

Outgoing President Frauley offered context to the group about terms served by Directors: “After four years, there is a mandatory one-year break to encourage fresh ideas and leadership.”

No elections were needed at the AGM to stock the 2026-2027 Board of Directors since there were seven spots open for five new nominees plus two returning directors. It was a seamless fait accompli.

Each of the nominees and renewing directors delivered two-minute speeches. Each delineated the experiences

they will be bring to the table for the next two years and offered a vision of what the KCOC could become under their guidance and leadership.

After fulfilling his role as Deputy Mayor in the Oath of Office ceremony, Councillor Boyd expressed what “an honor and a privilege it was to welcome the new directors. The Chamber is a powerful connector which promotes local growth and helps us build our community.”

The Nobleton civic leader also praised the leadership of the outgoing President: “I want to offer my heartfelt congratulations and thanks to President Michelle Frauley – the sense of pride that Michelle has instilled in the Chamber is impressive. Truly, she has made a lasting impact.”

Vice President Raymond echoed Councillor Boyd’s sentiments and presented Frauley with congratulatory certificates from King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce and Premier Doug Ford.

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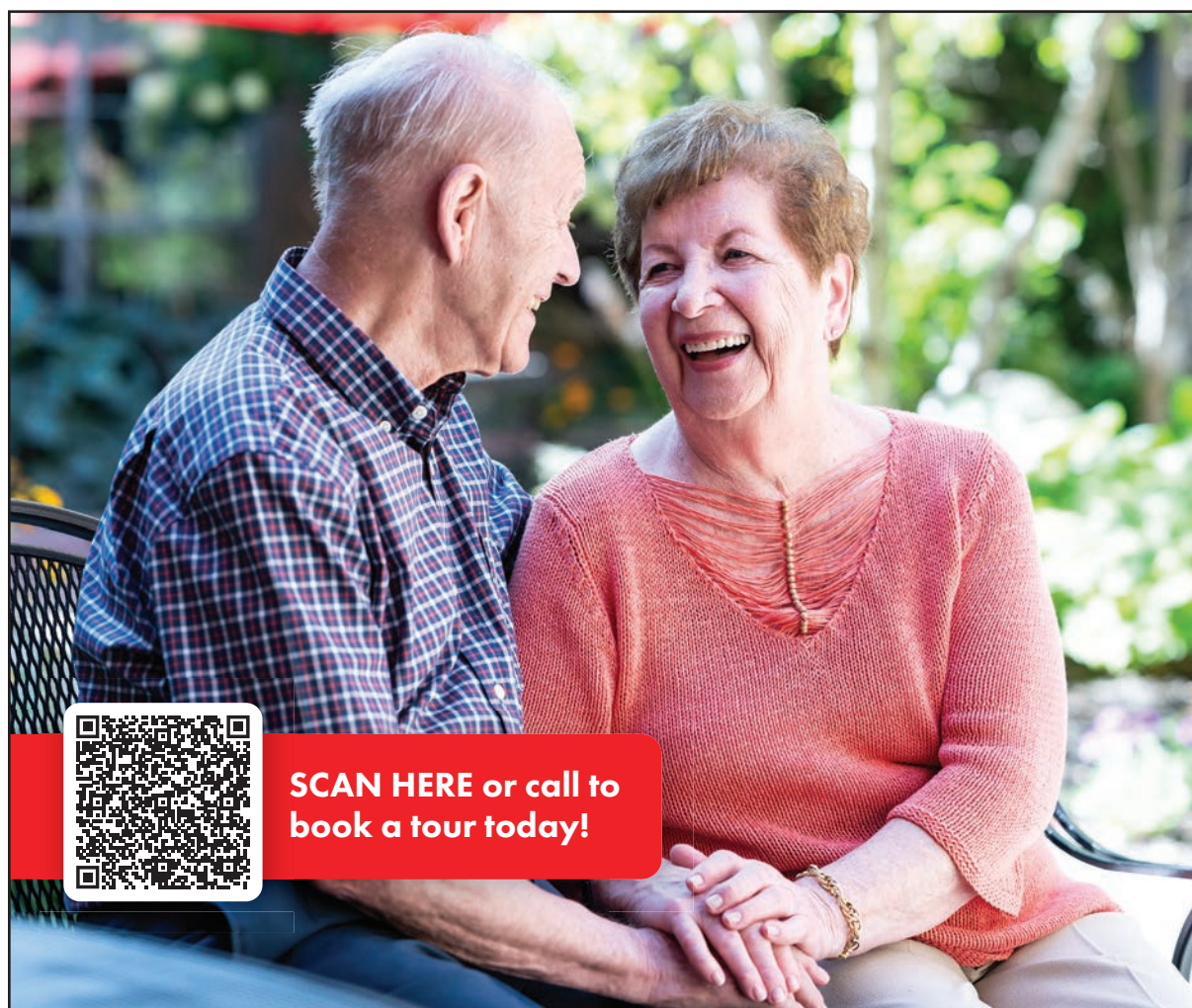
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Local vendors elevate Chamber event in style

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The charismatic leader was also presented with a bouquet of flowers by Treasurer Magahey and was greeted with a standing ovation at the conclusion of the poignant presentations by her colleagues.

President Frauley's closing words were short and sweet: "It's been a pleasure to serve the Chamber for the last several years. I now call the AGM to a close."

Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events

After the official business was concluded, KCOC Vice President Ryan Raymond promoted a series of upcoming Chamber events including 'King After 5' at Pine Farm Orchards on April 9; the Mayor's Luncheon at Waterstone Estate on May 6; a Rooftop Signature Event at ACE Fitness on July 9; 'Farm to Table' at Sherwood Farms at the end of August; the KCOC Business Awards Dinner at The Country Day School; and Toy Drive at the King Municipal Centre.

Networking and grazing in the verdant Connon Nurseries 'Food Court'

Over 100 business and political leaders assembled in the airy, verdant set-

ting of Connon Nurseries on Tuesday night to install a new board of directors, acknowledge the impact of its outgoing leaders, and network with comrades.

Amid an array of sponsor-provided delights, the assembled captains of industry, Township staff, and Councillors swapped stories and mingled.

Attendees were spoiled by Healthy Now's 'Gourmet Quality Delicious Catering' which included a beautifully-presented Charcuterie combo, Turkey Caprese Sliders, and Pulled Pork/Mac and Cheese. Perfectly delicious servings for the reporter on the run.

Kaharu Japanese Restaurant served salmon, albacore tuna, lobster, and/or veggie and showed off their Sushi and Maki tray prowess. The various sushi rolls were incredibly tasty and light.

KCOC members were also treated to the hospitality of Vin Bon – a boutique microwinery that specializes in custom batches of wine. The friendly staff poured glasses of vino to complement all the food groups.

Historia Cantina – a popular mainstay at the annual event – delivered the perfect combo of appetizers: Classic Margaritas set off by Pico salsa and tortilla chips. Visiting the Historia Cantina booth is the best way to start the AGM.

Tim Hortons offered complimentary coffee or steeped tea complemented by a range of freshly-baked cookies, thus providing the classic Canadian finish-



ing touch to a late afternoon of networking and grazing. The company's catering slogan – Level up your next event – offered visitors a baked goods option for their next catered luncheon or breakfast meeting.

Pine Farms Orchard displayed the fruits of its labor by vending its jams, pies, butter tarts, and apple chips. In an Old Testament moment, I was tempted by the apple chips as I sauntered by and they served as my meeting snack to set

off a thermos of Earl Grey tea. Luckily, when I bit into the dried Russet slices, I was not expelled from Eden otherwise known as King Township.

The KCOC membership also visited a range of kiosks which encircled the "food court" including Chloe Thurston – The Travel Agent; Whiteboard Studio-Creative Advertising Agency; Chambers Plan Employee Benefits; Pawsitively Canadian; Hospall Home-care, and KW Property Services.





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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 AM to 4 PM at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre (2920 King Road, King City).

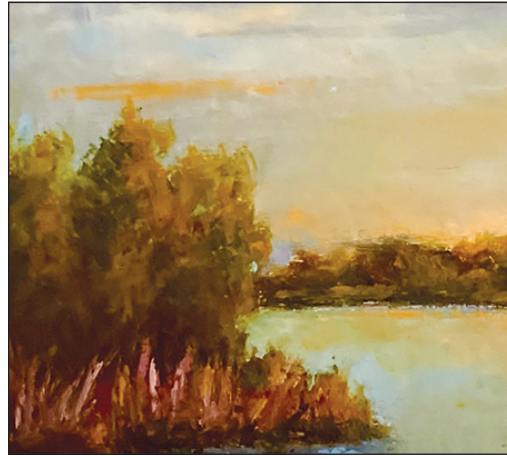
ARTROAM King is a juried art show and sale featuring 26 exceptional local fine artists. For one weekend, the KHCC's four historic buildings will be transformed into vibrant gallery spaces, inviting visitors to roam, discover, and purchase original artwork in an inspiring heritage setting.

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

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



Susie Cattedra, is a self-taught, award-winning artist who exhibited a natural talent at a young age and enjoys finding connections with others through her artwork. Susie's paintings have found their way into permanent collections, from multiple pieces gracing the walls of the Mayor of King Townships' office, local collectors and overseas.

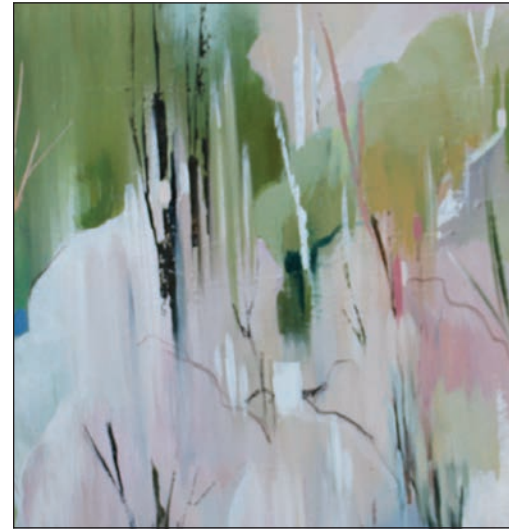


Sylva Sroujian paints expressive landscapes in cold wax, oil, and acrylic. Her outdoor adventures, especially in Algonquin and along Lake Superior, influence her work with a deep connection,

evoking serenity and wonder, and inviting viewers to pause and reconnect with nature's quiet, enduring beauty.



Jacqueline Raynor's artwork explores colour and texture in nature: her pieces feature whimsical hearts, flowers and weeds, prairies, abstract seascapes and landscapes, all in glorious encaustic colour!

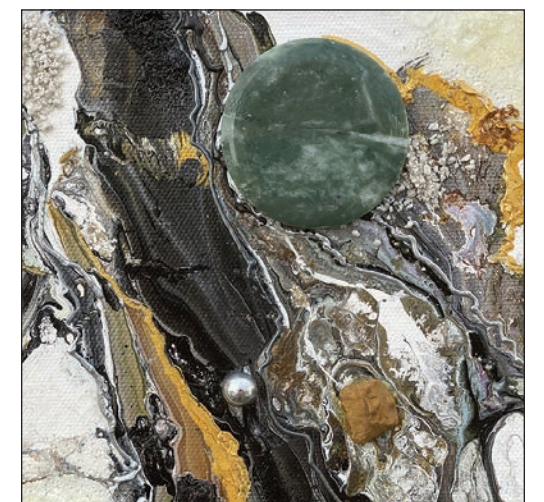


Valeria Mravyan works in acrylic, watercolour, oils, charcoal, pastels, and mixed media, focussing on surface texture, material exploration, and expressive colour. Guided by rhythm and atmosphere, her paintings translate shifting light, weather, and time into

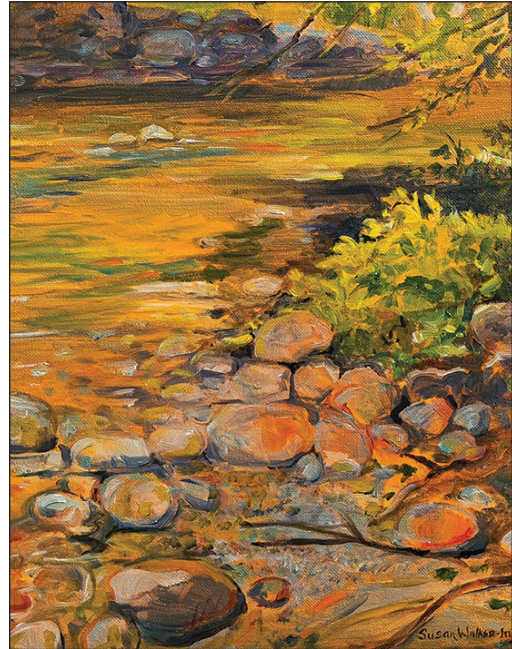
layered compositions that evoke emotion rather than narrative.



Veronica Meloche is intrigued by the application of paints, slips and glazes and the memory of human touch on the canvas and clay. Her most recent vessels are named the "Great Lakes Series" and combine driftwood salvaged from the beach shore after the winter storms.



Vladimir Lopatin, trained in Russia and Ukraine, works in many different mediums. Nature gives him an endless supply of forms and patterns for inspiration. His art is stylized fantasy rather than realism. His work appears in private collections around the world.



Susan Walker-Ing brings decades of artistic exploration to her work, from printmaking, watercolour, and drawing and painting in pastels, acrylics, and oils. Inspired by her studies in Florence, she is a versatile artist with a track record of success across various mediums.

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The winner of the 13-17 vocal category will be named the 2026 Aurora Teen Idol.

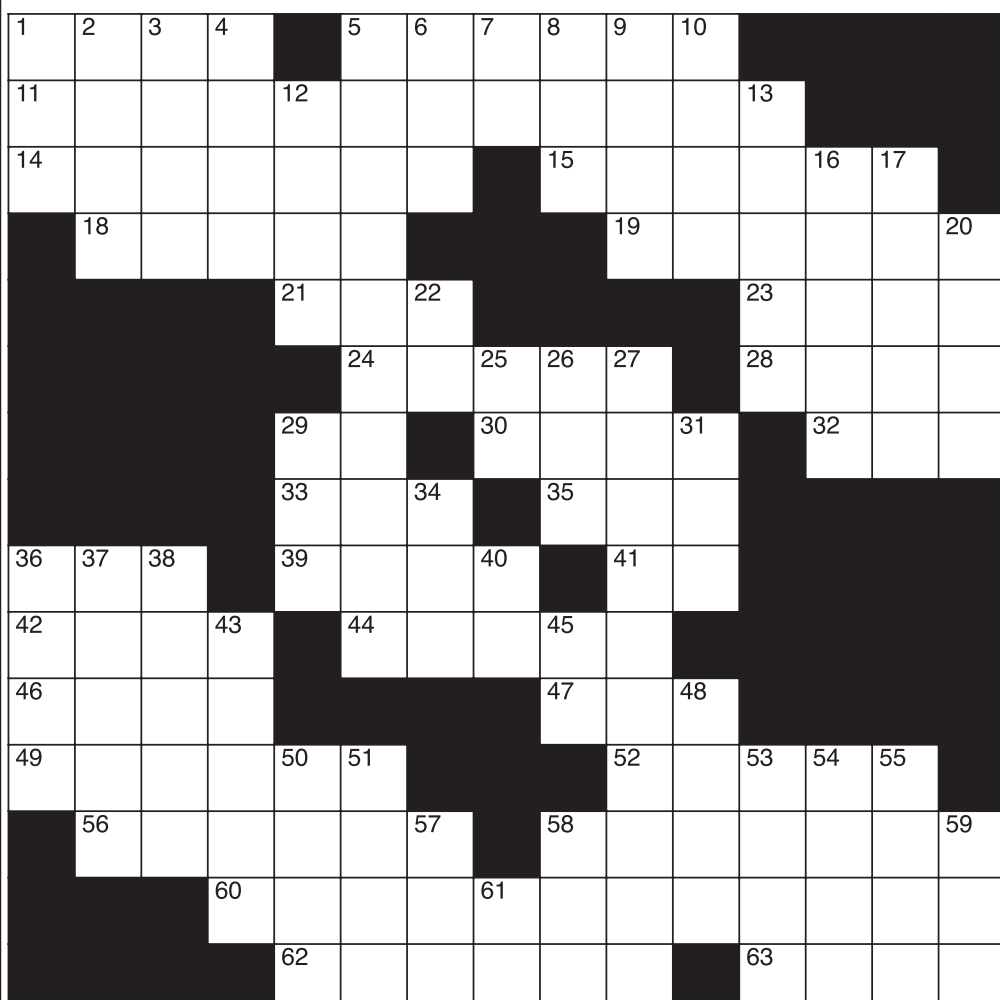
To learn more about the Aurora Performing Arts Festival or to register, please visit aurora.ca/ArtsFestival or call the Special Events line at 905-726-4762.



Wendy Cho, an OCAD U-trained illustrator, exhibits under her studio name once upon a design. Her playful, imaginative work has been featured in numerous juried shows and art fairs across the GTA.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Absence of difficulty
5. Preserve a dead body
11. Gratitude
14. The act of coming together again
15. More cushy
18. Visionaries
19. Large fish-eating bird
21. Indicates near
23. Former CIA and CIA critic
24. Icelandic poems
28. Pop
29. Hammer is one
30. Selfs
32. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
33. Nowhere to be found
35. Electronic data

36. Drivers' licenses and passports are two
39. Snake-like fishes
41. Air Force
42. Popular personal computers
44. Stages in ecological succession
46. Wings
47. In the center
49. Pleasantly smooth
52. Jeweled headdress
56. In slow tempo
58. ___ Falls
60. Reiterations
62. Eras
63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

1. Body part
2. Mimics
3. Expel or eject (variant sp.)

4. Sea eagle
5. Taxonomic category
6. Chinese languages
7. Mr. T's "A-Team" character
8. Consumed
9. Chinese dynasty
10. NFL legend Randy
12. Ireland
13. Palm trees with creeping roots
16. Fungal disease
17. Tall, slender-leaved plants
20. Affirmative! (slang)
22. It says who you are
25. Atlantic coast state
26. Grow older
27. Associations
29. Woman (French)
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. Leader
37. Indigo bush genus
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Junior's father
43. Mackerel genus
45. Morning
48. Straight line from side to side (abbr.)
50. Type of molding
51. Small, thin or twisted bunch
53. Worn by exposure to the weather
54. Mars crater
55. Humanities
57. Relating to the ears
58. "To the ___ degree"
59. Residue when something is burned
61. It cools a home

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

King Fire's annual food drive delivers strong support for local families

By Geoff Simpson
President, King
Township Food Bank

More than 900 pounds of food and \$2,400 in donations were collected during King Fire and Emergency Services' Annual Food Drive, making a real difference for families across our community.

We would like to sincerely thank King Fire and Emergency Services for organizing and leading this incredible

effort. Their leadership, along with the generosity of residents across King Township, made the day such a success.

These contributions will go a long way in helping us provide nutritious food to the more than 160 families we support each month.

We are also grateful to the teams at Foodland Schomberg, No Frills Nobleton, and Cousins Market for hosting collection sites, and to everyone who took the time to stop and donate. It is this kind of community support that



reminds us how much people care. King Fire's hands-on involvement in collecting, transporting, and delivering donations shows a real commitment to the well-being of our community. With

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Over the years, York Region temporarily closed this section of Stouffville Road to allow the salamanders to cross safely. Scientists with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority also collected valuable data on salamander movement patterns, range and genetics.

York Region applied years of research to tunnel design and installed

two permanent salamander tunnels beneath Stouffville Road. The salamanders are guided to the new tunnels by exclusion fencing. Time-lapse video captures the stages of tunnel construction in summer 2025.

The tunnels offer a long-term solution that protects the species while keeping the road open. Gerard Sullivan, an Environmental Specialist with York Region Public Works explains the importance of the tunnels on video.

This project was made possible through partnership with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and community support. The salamander population and their rich habitat in the Oak Ridges Moraine are undisturbed and protected, ready to thrive for generations to come.



Garden Club learns how healthy soil supports a healthy planet

Members and guests of the Nobleton & King City Garden Club gathered Monday evening, March 24, at Laskay Hall for an engaging presentation on the vital role soil plays in our environment.

Guest speaker Glenn Munroe, Manager of Special Projects with the Compost Council of Canada, delivered a thought-provoking talk titled "Compost, Soil Health and Climate Change."

Drawing on more than 40 years of experience in government, private consulting, and the non-profit sector, Munroe shared insights into how compost and soil management can positively influence climate resilience, biodiversity, and food production.

The presentation began with fascinating facts about soil's complex physical, chemical, and biological makeup. Munroe explained that healthy soil is more than just dirt – it is a living ecosystem that plays a critical role in supporting plant life, filtering water, storing carbon, and sustaining human health.

A key focus of the evening was the powerful connection between soil health and climate change. Munroe highlighted how composting and the use of organic matter in gardens can improve soil structure, increase carbon



storage, and strengthen plant growth. These practices, he noted, are practical steps gardeners can take to contribute to a more sustainable future.

Members left the interactive inspired by the message that meaningful environmental action can begin close to home. By composting kitchen and garden waste and nurturing living soils, gardeners can help support biodiversity, grow healthier food, and contribute to climate solutions—right in their own backyards.

The informative evening reinforced the important role gardeners play as stewards of the soil and the environment.

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Southlake leaders awarded King Charles III Coronation Medal

Southlake Health and the Southlake Health Foundation are proud to announce that 11 members of the Southlake Health family have been awarded the prestigious King Charles III Coronation Medal.

This national honour recognizes individuals who have made exceptional contributions to Canada and their communities.

The King Charles III Coronation Medal was established to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on May 6, 2023. Only 30,000 medals were awarded across the country to deserving individuals who made significant contributions to Canada or a particular Canadian province, territory, region, or community.

"We are incredibly proud of our colleagues and partners whose contributions have been recognized with this extraordinary honour," said Paul Woods, MD, President and CEO of Southlake Health. "For over a century, Southlake has built healthy communities, and each of the recipients is an important part of that legacy. Their commitment to advancing leading edge care and building healthy communities is a reflection of the values we uphold every day."

"What makes Southlake Health truly special is our People – our clinicians, our staff, and our incredible community of volunteers, donors, and supporters who go above and beyond every day for patients and families who rely on us. They are the true champions and tireless partners. It's both humbling and inspiring to see these remarkable leaders recognized for their service," said Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Health Foundation.

Staff and medical staff recipients

Karyn Popovich, Executive Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive. Karyn Popovich is a Registered Nurse who has worked more than 35 years in healthcare. She has held a range of clinical leadership and executive positions, including Vice President, Chief Nurse, Executive Vice President and most recently, CEO of North York General Hospital, which she led during the COVID-19 pandemic. Karyn is a passionate champion of patient and family-centred care and the pursuit of excellence in quality and operational performance.

In addition to her work as healthcare executive, Karyn has served an Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto's Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing since 2009 and an Accreditation Canada surveyor since 2011.

Patrick Gamble, MD, FRCSC, Orthopaedic Surgeon. Dr. Patrick Gamble is an orthopaedic surgeon and Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada with subspecialty training in hip and knee reconstruction and orthopaedic trauma. He practices at Southlake Health, where his clinical work focuses on complex joint reconstruction, trauma, and sports medicine, with particular expertise in anterior hip surgery and advanced knee procedures.

He served as Head of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery at Southlake Health for nearly a decade and has worked extensively as a surgical consultant with multiple orthopaedic companies. His contributions include surgeon education, the development of advanced techniques, and training learners across North America.

Dr. Gamble is also the founder and Medical Director of Motus Medical, The Sports Medicine Professionals, a

network of multidisciplinary clinics dedicated to comprehensive musculoskeletal care. Beyond his professional commitments, Dr. Gamble is most proud of being the father of seven children.

Baseer Khan, MD, FRCSC(C), M.FIN., P.CEO. Glaucoma, cataract, anterior segment & refractive surgeon. Dr. Baseer Khan is a globally respected ophthalmologist and co-founder of Clarity Eye Institute, Ontario's largest ophthalmic group. A pioneer in advanced eye surgery, he has performed over 35,000 intraocular and 20,000 laser procedures and was among the first in North America to use several cutting-edge technologies. Dr. Khan is the Division Head of Ophthalmology at Southlake Health and serves on staff at multiple hospitals while teaching as an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

Laura Pella, RN, CPMHN, Outpatient Mental Health Community Treatment Orders Coordinator. With over 35 years of experience as a Registered Nurse, Laura has worked across a wide range of clinical settings, including day surgery, family practice, telemedicine coordination, inpatient mental health, and as team lead for an outpatient schizophrenia clinic. Since 2017, Laura has been a Certified Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse through the Canadian Nurses Association. Currently serving as a Community Treatment Order (CTO) Coordinator, Laura plays a vital role in supporting individuals with serious mental illness by ensuring they receive consistent care and treatment while living in the community.

Current, former members of the board of Directors or Philanthropy Cabinet

Pat Horgan, CPA, Past Chair of the Board of Directors for Southlake Health. Patrick Horgan is the Past Chair of the Board of Directors for Southlake Health. He worked at IBM for 35 years, playing a pivotal role in leading transformations both in Canada and globally. As Chair of the IBM Canada Board and in his final role as Chief Operating Officer, Patrick oversaw a broad range of business operations. As head of Innovation, he led IBM Canada's Software Lab and the IBM Microelectronics Plant in Bromont, Quebec, both the largest of their kind in the country.

Patrick has served on several external boards, including as the 2013 Chair of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, as well as serving on the boards of the Ontario Brain Institute, the Aboriginal Business Council, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. From 2019 to 2022, he was an Adjunct Professor at Western University, advising on AI and its implications for the Engineering and Business faculties. Pat currently is a member of the Newmarket Economic Development committee and a Board member with Invest Ontario.

Peter van Schaik, Co-Chair, of Southlake Health Foundation's Philanthropy Cabinet and Board Director. Peter van Schaik is the Co-Chair of Southlake Health Foundation's Philanthropy Cabinet, a Board Director of the organization, and is currently the Chairman of Van-Rob Realty. In 1979, Peter formed Van-Rob Inc., an automotive parts supplier, which grew into one of Canada's largest automotive parts suppliers.

Under Peter's leadership as Southlake Foundation's Count on Me Cancer Campaign Chair, \$65 million dollars was raised to build the Southlake's Re-

gional Cancer Centre, which opened in 2010. Since then, Peter has been an integral leadership volunteer and donor, supporting leading edge care across Southlake Health.

Steve Hinder, Co-Chair of Southlake Health Foundation's Philanthropy Cabinet. Steve Hinder is the Co-Chair of Southlake Health Foundation's Philanthropy Cabinet.

After completing a 30-year career in policing in Toronto, he retired at the rank of Staff Sergeant, having served in many areas of policing. Community has always meant a lot to Steve. He has been active since moving to Aurora in 1975, serving as a member of Aurora Council (1997 to 2000) and honoured as Aurora's "Citizen of the Year" in 1996.

Steve has served as a Director on the Southlake Health Foundation Board of Directors, was a long-time member of the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake and Southlake Gala Committees, is the former Chair of the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce, and former Chair of the Board of Governors for the Character Community Foundation of York Region.

Michael Croxon, Southlake Health Foundation Philanthropy Cabinet Member, and President and CEO of the NewRoads Automotive Group. Michael Croxon is the President and CEO of NewRoads Automotive Group and a dedicated community leader in Newmarket and surrounding areas. Inspired by his father's example, Michael has made philanthropy a core part of his business, supporting Southlake Health, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Women's Centre of York Region and other worthy organizations.

NewRoads supports Southlake through various signature events and by running their annual community event, the NewRoads LakeRide, a cycling event in support of Southlake's Mental Health Program. Michael, his wife Sharon, and NewRoads, were also lead supporters of the Better Begins Today Mental Health Campaign. The NewRoads Emergent Mental Health Assessment Unit was named in recognition of their generous investment in the mental health and wellness of our communities.

Volunteers and community leaders

Brian North, Member, Southlake

Health Foundation Community Cabinet. Brian North is a dedicated member of Southlake Health Foundation's Community Cabinet – a group of citizens invested in engaging our communities in fundraising for Southlake in diverse and meaningful ways. Brian is community builder whose passion for service has made a lasting impact in York Region. A driving force behind the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake for over 13 years, Brian has helped rally thousands in support of Southlake Health, a cause deeply personal to him. Mr. North was recognized with the prestigious Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship in 2019 and named Aurora's Citizen of the Year in 2012.

Lynnette Lanning, Member, Southlake Health Foundation Community Cabinet and Owner, Neighbour Media.

Lynnette Lanning is a member of Southlake Health Foundation's Community Cabinet and is committed supporter of Southlake Health. A journalist and business professional by trade, Lynnette supports local storytelling through Neighbour Media which highlights positive, uplifting, and heartwarming stories for the neighbours who live, work and play locally in Newmarket and Aurora. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Abuse Hurts (Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness).

Arif Khan, Member, Southlake Health Foundation Community Cabinet and Chairman, The Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association. Arif Khan is a member of Southlake Health Foundation's Community Cabinet and is a dedicated community leader who has played a key role in strengthening local engagement in Newmarket through his work with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association. Under his leadership, the Newmarket branch has become a driving force behind numerous charitable initiatives, including blood, clothing, and food drives that support those in need. In recent years, Arif helped launch the Run for Newmarket, a major community event that has raised tens of thousands of dollars for Southlake Health. Committed to service, Arif and his team continue to support a wide range of local causes, from spring cleanups to urgent community needs, whenever and wherever help is needed.

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NobleKing Knights capture back-to-back championships in dominant fashion

The U21 NobleKing Knights have cemented their place as one of the premier teams in the region, capturing their second consecutive league championship while also completing a perfect tournament season.

After winning the title in the 2024–2025 season, the Knights returned this year with the same core group, many of whom also found success together at

the U18 level, and proved once again they are built for big moments. The team added two more tournament victories to their resume this season, winning both the locally hosted Knights Out tournament and the Kevin Fegan Memorial Tournament in Niagara Falls.

The Knights delivered a commanding 8-1 victory to secure the championship. The energy in the arena was electric, with strong community support helping drive the team to the finish line.

A standout moment came from Giannimichael Niro, who earned Player of the Game honors in the final after scoring his first and second goals of the season at a crucial time. Goaltender Andrea De Melis was a backbone for the team throughout the year, delivering consistent performances that gave the Knights confidence in every game.

Finishing second out of 14 teams in regular season play, the Knights entered the playoffs as strong contenders. The opening round featured a unique matchup against their NobleKing counterparts. After splitting the first two games (2-1 win, 3-2 loss), the Knights took control of the series with dominant 7-2 and 9-3 victories to advance.

In the semi-finals, the Knights faced the Collingwood Blues, a familiar opponent from tournament play earlier in the season. The team delivered a convincing three-game sweep with scores of 5-1, 4-2, and 4-1, showcasing both offensive depth and defensive structure.

The championship series brought a hard-fought battle against the South Muskoka Bears, who had earned their spot by defeating both the top-seeded Schomberg Redwings and the Essa Eagles. The first two games were tightly contested, with the Knights grinding out back-to-back 5-3 wins. Despite the physical nature of the series, the team stayed composed and focused.

Game 3, played in front of a packed home crowd in Nobleton, was the exclamation mark.

With back-to-back championships and a season sweep of their tournaments, the NobleKing Knights have set a new standard for excellence, one built on teamwork, resilience, and a commitment to winning when it matters most. Special thanks to the coaching staff - Head Coach Claudio D'Ulisse, Assistant Coach Angelo Veri, Trainer Lucio Mazzotta, and super fan Peter Simhairi.

Little Rocks to cowgirls to champions

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

The curling was vamped up to another level this past week with invitationals, Little Rocks curling and social league playoffs. Youth curling caught the interest of a few more Little Rockers joining the club after watching the Olympic curling coverage on TV.



Ethan Battershell and Scott MacDonald both of the King Curling Little Rocks program, recently participated in a fun spiel open to 7-11 year olds at the Sutton Curling club. The duo delivered to a very impressive 3rd place overall placing.

Ethan Battershell and Scott McDonald, who are not strangers to the curling rinks, come from a deep family of curlers. Hanging out at the rink watching their parents and grandparents curl for countless hours sparked their own interest in the sport.

The duo recently participated in the Super Sliders U13 fun spiel that was held in Sutton where the roles were reversed, and the adults were now watching them. The event included 2 6-end games, lunch and prizes. Matched up with 2 others from another club to make a team, Battershell and McDonald played an impressive round of curling where the pair eventually swept to a 3rd place finish overall.

taking 6 points in the next end. The game ended in a tie and required an extra shot to the button to determine the winner. Caroline Bachand threw the extra shot with sweepers Trudy Lalonde and Pam McKinley for the win.

Wednesday Social Winner Crowned

Wednesday afternoons are reserved for the Pub League of social curling. The final game of the season featured a back and forth match between the top 2 of the field both vying for champion.

Team Gavin Bloom led his rink of Ray Martin, Janice Gervais and Trudy Lalonde against Team Fiore Gagliardi, Nick Vitale, Karl Davis and Domenic Girgenti. Bloom earned a steal of 2 in the second end after Martin delivered both of his rocks into a dominate position behind guards.

In the 4th, Davis and Girgenti of Team Gagliardi both threw rocks in the counting position and after a near missed attempt of removal, Gagliardi stole 2 back. Gagliardi stole 3 more in the 5th and 1 more in the 6th. Running out of rocks and time, Bloom offered handshakes to Team Gagliardi for the 7-4 win and the title of 2nd half champion.



NobleKing Knights



Michelle O'Brien, Jennifer Forrest, Sheila Mckenzie and Karen Mello took first place with a 3-0 record at the Minden "Wild West" Women's Invitational.



Fiore Gagliardi, Nick Vitale, Karl Davis and Domenic Girgenti captured the Wednesday afternoon Social League's second half championship title.

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King's Corners

King City-York Pines By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday was Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week.

Palms were strewn and on display in the sanctuary. Rev. Carolyn McKinley highlighted the role of the donkey in the joyous yet humble entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, but foreshadowed Jesus's ultimate sacrifice on Good Friday. We also celebrated the Sacrament of Communion.

Rev. Carolyn returns for the Good Friday service, April 3 at 10:30 a.m. Cheryl Stenson leads worship on Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m when we will offer an Easter continental breakfast and coffee beginning at 9:30 in the entryway for all to enjoy.

Our Lenten Study concludes this Friday after the service. We are using the book "Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Fruitful Living" available through ucrdstore.ca. Feel free to join us for this last insightful discussion of the Lenten season.

Mark your calendar for our next Spaghetti Dinner & Music Night on April 25 at 6 p.m. Tickets and more details will be available after Easter.

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. At this time the Food Bank is appreciative of donations of food, money or toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, soap, etc. Diapers, especially larger sizes 4 and 5, are in demand.

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

Friday, April 24 - 10 a.m. - Presentation - Do you ever wonder what your astrological sign says about you? Come out to hear Naomi Simpson discuss astrology to gain insight into human affairs, personality and potential future events.

Friday, May 1 - Presentation - Rose Pallotto from Hope House Hospice will discuss how to prepare for health decisions if you cannot speak for yourself.

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, next session starts in June).

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

Passion Week Services: Holy Thursday, Mass at 7 p.m. followed by Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall until Midnight; Good Friday service, at 1 and 3 p.m.; Saturday Easter Vigil - 8 p.m., No 5 p.m. Mass; Easter Masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon. Please note that special offertory collections during Holy Week are for Good Shepherd Ministries in Toronto on Holy Thursday and for the needs of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Blessing of Easter Baskets Saturday, April 4, at 11 a.m.

Sincere appreciation is extended to Nadia Pascuzzo for organizing the Tenbrae Service once again this year. The St. Michael's Choir School voices gave power to the service and contributed to immersing ourselves into the Passion and death of Jesus, and His descent into Sheol. The sole light left burning reminds us of the Light which cannot be overcome by darkness. Thank you to The Cariati, Pascuzzo and Bozzo families for providing the meal for the choir members.

Cardinal Francis Leo invites the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP) requesting their support of a Private Member's Bill (C-218) to amend the Criminal Code, making it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can send an email directly to your local MP in less than three minutes.

Upcoming March for Life - Join us on Thursday, May 14 - The bus will be leaving from St. David's Church, Maple at 6:30 a.m. and will be leaving Ottawa at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Please contact Gerry Sciarra at 647-501-1173 or email gerryosciara8@gmail.com and reserve your seat.

Rectory: 905.833.1161. Email: sacredheartki@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, "Rejected!" from Mark 6:1-6a.

Our Easter Sunday service on April 5 at 10 a.m. will include Communion, followed by a pot-luck lunch. Pastor Jeff will lead this service with a message entitled, "Travelling Light" from Mark 6:14-29.

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. 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.

King's Corners

From B2

A total of 9 different weeks to choose from. Each week is limited to only 28 Juniors, so please sign up early.

The KCTA executive looks forward to seeing our members playing tennis this spring.

Kingcrafts Studio Spring Artisan Sale

Join us for our annual Spring Studio Sale featuring 40+ local artists.

Shop unique handcrafted items and gifts: card making, decorative arts, enamelling, fibre art, fine art, fused glass, jewellery, leather art, needlework, pottery, stained glass, rug hooking, wire sculpture, weaving.

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Kingcrafts Studio is located at 12936 Keele Street.

Schomberg AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held weekly at Suburban North at 116 Church St. They're held every Monday and Thursday in-person at 7:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

All are welcome at St. Andrew's at 13190 Keele St., two blocks north of the King Road. Our Morning Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. We hope you can join us this Easter Sunday. We will have a Good Friday service at 10:30 a.m. too. Both of the Easter Services will be joint services with our partner church, The Well. On Saturday, there is an Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting) at 10 a.m., outside on our grounds. The Well extends the invitation to everyone.

Last Sunday was Palm Sunday, Luke 24: 28-44 tells us that Joyous Hosannas shouted from the crowd, but Jesus knew

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.

Educational Thursdays run weekly from 10 am. to noon.

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 31 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 905-833-6665.

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A heartfelt thank-you to our speaker Glenn Munroe for a wonderful presentation on How soil health connects to climate and human health, and how compost use is among the best tools we have, to make that positive connection

that most of the crowd didn't get it and He wept. If you would like to hear Pastor Alison's sermon, it is on YouTube and our website is standrews-kingcity.ca.

I will keep you posted for "Thursdays at Three" as to when we are going to resume after Easter!

Happy Easter! He is Risen!

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 continue through Holy Week, there is still time to enter into this sacred story, to pause, reflect, and open our hearts to the mystery of love, sacrifice, and new life.

This Good Friday (April 3) at 10:30 a.m. we gather in quiet reverence at the foot of the cross. It is a space to bring our grief, our questions, and the weight of the world, trusting that God meets us there.

And then, on Easter Sunday (April 5), we celebrate the joy of resurrection with services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Our 10:30 service will be filled with joyful music and followed by refreshments as we come together in celebration of hope, renewal, and the promise of new life.

Whether you have walked the whole journey of Holy Week or are just joining now, you are warmly invited. There is a place for you here.

As well, our annual rummage sale is just around the corner. Donations are still being gratefully accepted until Wednesday, April 8. If you are doing a bit of spring cleaning, we would love to receive your gently used items.

Please note that we are not able to accept electronics, used baby equipment, or used sports equipment.

Thank you for helping us make this community event such a success each year, your generosity truly makes a difference.

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happen. We appreciated the knowledge, inspiration, and enthusiasm shared with our members.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Garden Club meeting last evening. It was wonderful to gather for our first in-person meeting of 2026 and share our love of gardening while learning about such a current topic. This is the perfect time to become a member! Annual membership fee is \$30, non-members fee is \$10. Contact us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com Come grow with us this year, we'd love to have you!

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Nobleton Lions

Hey Kids! Come on out for the FREE annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday 10 a.m. at Tasca Park. There will be 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. Information about the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides, May 31, and the Community Fundraising Golf Day, June 7, including entry and sponsor forms, is available on our website.

Our website Upcoming Events Page includes a section for non-profit community organizations to publicize their events. This month you will see listed The Olive Branch for Children's 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 nobleton.lions.club

Book club

The Nobleton Book Club holds monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library, located at 8 Sheardown Drive. The schedule of meetings is on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the program room at the Nobleton Branch.

Here is the reading list for the Nobleton Branch Book Club:

Wednesday, April 8, The Laundryman's Boy, by Edward Lee.

Wednesday, May 13, Indians on Vacation, by Thomas King.

Wednesday, June 10, Diva, by Daisy Godwin.



OBITUARIES FOREVER IN OUR *Hearts*



Sandra "Sassy" Purdy

August 3rd, 1939 - February 4th, 2026

Sandra "Sassy" Purdy, beloved aunt, teacher, artist, and friend, passed away peacefully on February 4th, 2026, in hospital, surrounded by family. She was 86.

Born in Fort William, Ontario, Sandra built a remarkable career as a dancer, performing with some of Canada's finest talent and dance companies including the celebrated Canadettes. She eventually made her home in Kettleby, Ontario, where she spent decades as a dance instructor. Through her work at the Canadian Dance Teachers

Association, Sandra touched the lives of students across multiple generations by helping to design curriculum and working as an examiner.

Art was the constant thread of Sandra's life. She was as celebrated for her paintings as for her teaching, with people travelling from far and wide to study her use of colour and form on canvas. Her creative spirit extended well beyond painting -- Sandra was equally gifted in rug hooking, wire sculpture, and mosaic work, each piece carrying her unmistakable warmth and eye for nature's beauty. Sandra's work was published many times for the artistic world to see.

Her home in Kettleby was itself a work of art, built up lovingly over the years and surrounded by a garden that reflected the same care and creativity that defined everything she touched. It was a place where guests always felt welcome, and where a good chat, a cup of tea, and freshly baked muffins were never far away.

Above all, Sassy was a beautiful human being -- warm, generous, and genuinely interested in the people around her. Those lucky enough to spend time in her company knew they were in the presence of someone special. She will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her nephews Blair and Ryan, and her grandnieces and grandnephews Amelia, Ella, and Jake. A celebration of Sassy's life will be held at her home this summer.

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Grade 3 school portraits, Kinghorn School, 1967-1968



Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

On Good Friday, April 3, at 10 a.m. we will have a Joint service in Nobleton to remember Jesus's crucifixion.

Easter, Sunday, April 5, is almost here. The chancel at both churches will be filled with memorial tulips. Easter is a time of renewal. There will be communion at the service.

The last Lenten Bible Study is this Thursday at 1 p.m. at Nobleton United for scripture, reflection and good conversation.

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.

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Ontario releases 2025 public sector salary figures

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Year over year, the number of Ontario civil servants on the “Sunshine List,” continues to grow.

Salaries for civil servants have reached record levels as some 404,922 employees across the province made the list in 2025, compared to 337,881 in 2024.

Each year, the Province released the salaries of Ontario Public Service and broader public sector employees who were paid \$100,000 or more, as mandated by the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996

“Retroactive payments, collective bargaining outcomes and an additional pay period for multiple organizations were all unique factors contributing to salary increases in 2025,” said Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board, and MPP for York-Simcoe.

“Over 50 per cent of this year’s growth was driven by municipalities, which includes local police and fire services whose work continues to protect Ontario communities. Of the total list, more than half is comprised of public service

organizations like school boards, hospitals and public boards of health, which in large part is comprised of nurses and teachers.”

The Act applies to the provincial government, Crown agencies and corporations, Ontario Power Generation and subsidiaries, publicly funded organizations such as hospitals, municipalities, school boards, universities and colleges, and not-for-profit organizations that receive \$1 million or more, or receive between \$120,000 and \$1 million if the provincial government funding they receive is 10 per cent or more of their gross revenues.

The 2025 data is available in a downloadable, machine-readable, sortable, searchable table format on Ontario.ca/salarydisclosure, making it transparent and accessible.

King Township

King Township had 75 employees who earned \$100,000 or more last year. The following are some of the top wage-earners.

The total salaries hit \$9.1 million, up 16.6% from the 2024 total of \$7.8 million.

Salaries and benefits make up roughly 44% of the total operating budget for the Township.

The highest-paid civil servant is CAO Daniel Kostopoulos, with a salary of \$317,963.56.

Next was Manager of Capital Services Samantha Fraser, with a salary of \$221,393.02.

She was followed by Stephen Naylor, Director of Growth Management Services and Chief Planner, \$217,213.14.

Next was Chris Fasciano, Director of Community Services, with an income of \$213,033.29.

He was followed by Jennifer Ignoto-Caietta, Director of Corporate Services, \$196,702.39.

Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer, made \$196,507.02.

Jodi Mancini, Manager of Human Resources, made \$178,436.90 and Barry Budhu, Manager of Transportation and Fleet, earned \$178,436.86.

Kyle Snell, Manager of Environmental Services, pulled in \$178,436.86.

Andrew Quattrociochi, Chief Building Official, made \$175,068.01.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini was paid

\$173,307.37.

Adele Reid, Chief Executive Officer, earned \$171,890.30.

Fire Chief Courtney Allen was paid \$160,864.71.

Gaspere Ritacca, Manager of Planning and Development, was paid \$156,729.14.

Town Clerk Denny Timm pulled in \$154,003.79.

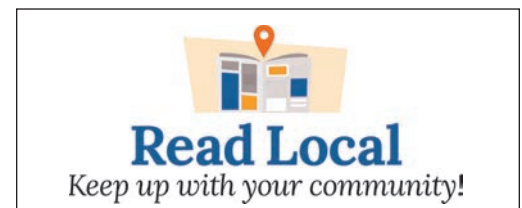
Brennen Filice, Director of Public Works, made \$154,003.85.

Kristen Harrison, Manager of Policy Planning, earned \$150,559.86.

Andrea Gyarmati, Manager of Communications and Public Engagement, was paid \$147,588.75.

King-Vaughan MPP and Minister of Energy and Mines Stephen Lecce earned \$219,939.76.

By comparison, Ontario Premier Doug Ford earned \$269,567.49.



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By Susan Heslop

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I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter, gets lots of chocolate and enjoys time with friends and family. Let's hope spring is here to stay and we've said good-bye to old man winter, who was especially grumpy this year.

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Bird Watching Club

All are invited to join the newly formed Bird Watching Club which meets every third Saturday. The DMNC Bird Club meeting exact time and location will be determined a few weeks

before each outing and will depend on interest, sunrise time, and season (i.e., winter residents, spring migration, breeding birds, fall migration). A notice will be posted on social media and on the Dufferin Marsh website. For the April 18 outing we will meet at the Schomberg Library at 8 a.m.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Join us on Good Friday (April 3) at 10:30 a.m. for a solemn service of reflection. Easter Sunday morning (April 5) at 9 a.m. will be a joyous celebration of the Resurrection – “He is Risen!” The service will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome!

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 long-time member of the Society, who used to bring in bouquets of flowers to sell.

Contact information: schomberghortsociety@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+

This past Monday we had a wonderful presentation of the life story of one of our past members, Mona Berman, who not only survived the loss of her first husband, but lived through World War II, while growing up in Wales. It's so rare these days that we have many people left that experienced a world war. It was emotional ride not only for her but for all of us listening to what she has survived. We thank Rona for coming back from her new retirement residence in Bradford, not only visiting but for sharing her story with all of us.

Then we had something new, we had a “mystery guest” and played a game of “What's my Line” asking yes or no questions till we guessed his profession. Then Captain Sheppard gave us a talk on aviation safety and told us a few of his fascinating stories.

Upcoming Events:

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

Tuesday, April 7 – Heart to Home

Meals – Free sampling (NEW) registration required by March 28.

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

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

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

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

Weekly Events:

Please note new times for Mobility Matters!

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

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

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

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

Thursday afternoons – 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling - at Trisan. Thursday afternoons – 3 to 4:30 p.m. – The 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).

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