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# York Region improves local road safety

York Region is introducing enhanced pavement markings in school zones to encourage drivers to slow down and improve school zone safety, as part of York Region's Vision Zero Traveller Safety Plan.

Work is taking place throughout July and August. New features include:

- Speed reduction pavement markings (optical speed bars) to signal drivers to slow down.
- Wider, more visible pavement markings, including centre lines, lane lines and edge lines, helping drivers better understand lane position and road alignment.

"Do Not Block" pavement markings at school entrances to improve access and visibility (where applicable).

Upgraded school zone markings.

These enhancements are part of a pilot project being introduced in nine school zones across the Region in 2026, including King City Secondary School and King City Public School in King Township.

Upgrades will be completed before students return to school in September, and access to schools will not be impacted.

For general inquiries, call 1-877-464-9675 or email [transportation@york.ca](mailto:transportation@york.ca).

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**Wednesday, August 19  
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## Water Bills

**Due Date: Aug. 19**



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## Municipal and School Board Election

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# Voting Options

For the first time, King Township is offering online voting, giving residents more ways to cast their ballot:



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Learn more at [king.ca/elections](https://king.ca/elections)

## Civic Holiday closure & Fireworks By-law reminder

King Township Municipal Centre, recreation facilities, and libraries will be closed on Monday, August 3 to observe the Civic Holiday. Service King will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4.

**Essential services will continue uninterrupted.**

A reminder that fireworks can only be set off on Canada Day, the Victoria Day holiday and the third day of the Diwali Festival to ensure the safety of residents, properties and livestock.

To report a complaint or concern, call 905-833-5321 or email Service King at [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).



Learn more at [king.ca/fireworks](https://king.ca/fireworks)



### Have a question or need assistance?

For the quickest and most effective after-hours response (evenings, weekends and statutory holidays) call King Township's main phone line at **905-833-5321** and press **"0"** rather than contacting staff directly.

This ensures:

- The request is assessed and prioritized correctly
- The right staff member is contacted immediately
- The issue is documented and tracked
- Service is delivered consistently and efficiently

If you are experiencing an emergency that requires police, fire, or medical assistance, dial **9-1-1**.

For matters involving immediate safety concerns or enforcement issues that are not emergencies, please contact York Regional Police on their non-emergency line at **1-866-876-5423**.

For all other matters, call the Township during regular business hours Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or email [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca)

## King Community BBQ

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## Harvest King Fall Farmers Market

**Sunday, October 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
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## Celebrate the Township's rich heritage by shining a spotlight on a historic property

Nominate a historic building, structure, streetscape, district or cultural landscape for the **2026 King Township Heritage Award**.

Presented annually by the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee, the award recognizes excellence in the preservation, maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of King's cultural heritage resources. Property nominations must be selected from the Township's Municipal Heritage Register.

The winning property will be honoured at a Council meeting later this year, where they'll receive an artistic replica of their property, created by a local artist.

Submit a nomination by Friday, September 4 at [king.ca/heritage](https://king.ca/heritage)



# York Health and Well-Being Review highlights need for additional senior government support

York Regional Council received an annual Health and Well-Being Review, an analysis of demographic, socio-economic and overall health and well-being trends and how York Region is responding to the evolving needs of residents.

The review identifies strengths, challenges and opportunities for improvement, providing the Region, local governments, community partners and other levels of government with clear information to align support and policies. It is intended to inform community engagement, system planning and advocacy to help residents thrive.

“Ensuring residents have access to care and support continues to be a priority. While we are seeing continued growth and success, rising living costs, housing pressures and income insecurity are affecting residents in our communities,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. “Understanding the health and well-being of residents allows us to address areas that need improvement and work with our partners to support everyone.”

York Region continues to experience population growth in 2025, increasing by 1.7%, adding approximately 21,300

residents, outpacing provincial and national growth. Despite Council investments advancing housing and human services, affordability challenges are making it harder for many residents to thrive. Trends from the review include:

- 20% increase in the subsidized housing wait list since 2024, reaching 22,074 households waiting for housing.
- 34% increase in people known to be experiencing homelessness since 2024, or 1,176 people, identified through the Point-in-Time Count.
- 27% increase in the monthly average number of people receiving Ontario Works since 2023.

York Region remains committed to supporting resident well-being through innovative programming, collaborative partnerships and effective service delivery. However, additional and sustainable investments from senior levels of government are needed for the Region to meet rising service demand and keep pace with population growth and changing needs.

“Growth and diversity enrich our communities and help make York Region strong,” said Vaughan Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, chair of Community and Health Services. “The

Health and Well-Being Review helps us understand where residents are facing barriers so we can better align services, work with community partners and advocate for the resources needed to support people at every stage of life.”

A Community Opinion Survey conducted by the Region in 2025 showed:

- 76% of residents reported a good or excellent quality of life.
- 83% said York Region is a safe place to live.
- 76% reported making financial sacrifices to sustain housing.
- 41% reduced spending on groceries due to financial strain.
- 24% reported a fair or poor quality

of life.

While York Region continues to make positive impacts through investments in affordable housing, partnerships and strengthened advocacy, rising population, demand and costs are outpacing available funding for core services supporting health and well-being.

Based on the 2026 approved operating budget, a \$79.1 million provincial funding shortfall is projected for four provincially mandated services:

- Homelessness Community Programs - \$26.2 million.
- Long-Term Care Homes - \$30.8 million.
- Paramedic Emergency Services - \$3.7 million.
- Public Health mandatory programs - \$18.4 million.

## York Region’s 2025 Community Report: Delivering resident priorities

York Regional Council received the 2025 Community Report, showcasing results reflecting residents’ key concerns. This annual report highlights achievements in fostering economic growth, strengthening community well-being, advancing environmental sustainability and ensuring the delivery of essential services to residents.

Each year, The Regional Municipality of York Community Report provides an update on progress made toward the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan and the financial results related to the Region’s budget.

“The 2025 Community Report provides a clear view of the progress we continue to make together as a Region, delivering essential services, strengthening communities and investing in the future responsibly,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. “Through these collective actions, we continue to strengthen York Region to support our residents while laying a strong foundation for future generations.”

Key accomplishments include:

- Delivered 127 billion litres of clean and safe drinking water.
- Achieved a 100% compliance rate on water quality systems.
- Reached a 90% waste diversion rate.
- Added 33 new paramedics.
- Supported 5,600 residents through

homelessness community programs.

Provided 23.7 million transit trips with 94% on-time performance.

Implemented Vision Zero safety measures at 214 locations.

Committed \$25 million to help establish the York University School of Medicine.

“As we entered the third year of York Region’s 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan, our focus remained on advancing priorities in a complex and evolving environment,” said York Region Chief Administrative Officer Erin Mahoney. “With 75% of performance measures trending in the desired direction, we are making steady progress and remain committed to delivering value and building strong, caring, safe communities for our residents.”

The 2025 Community Report outlines successes from all public service departments and core service areas, including details of York Region’s long-term financial sustainability and investments to deliver high-quality services to a diverse and growing population of 1.3 million residents.

York Region will continue to report on Strategic Plan priorities to ensure residents have a clear understanding of the outcomes and impact on the community.

Visit [york.ca/AnnualReports](http://york.ca/AnnualReports) to find out more.

## King City man among those charged

Three Greater Toronto Area residents, including a King City man, have been arrested and charged in an extortion, money laundering and criminal interest rate, known as loansharking, operation.

In September 2025, the Investigation and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) commenced Project STOP, an investigation into suspected illegal lending of money at a criminal interest rate.

As a result of the investigation, on Thursday, June 25, 2026, the OPP, York Regional Police (YRP) and Toronto Police Service (TPS) executed search warrants on two residences and one vehicle in North York and King City.

The OPP arrested and charged three individuals under the Criminal Code (CC) and the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act (PCMLTFA).

Vuong Quan DINH, age 44 of King City, was charged with:

Criminal interest rate, section 347(1) CC; Laundering proceeds of crime, section 462.31 CC; Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, section 354(1) CC; Extortion, section 346 CC; Failure to register as a money service business, section 74(1) PCMLTFA; Registration offence for knowingly engaging in a money service business activity without being registered with FINTRAC, section 77.4 PCMLTFA, and Reporting and other requirements (fail to report transactions), section 75(1) PCMLTFA.

Anyone with information regarding the lending of money outside of regulated banking institutions is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

The OPP acknowledges the valuable contributions of the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC), TPS and YRP in support of this investigation.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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## We are a catalogue of billions of bits of data

Everything we do or think is produced by the human brain.

Sitting on our shoulders is the most complicated, and mysterious object in the universe.

And I have to wonder why it's so extraordinary, operating in rather ordinary human beings.

Aside from the work it does every second, our brains hold all of our memories – our personal diaries that we carry with us.

While the exact capacity is debated, estimates range from 10 to 100 terabytes, comparable to computer hard drives.

According to Christoper Ravn (Optoecutics, How Much Information Can The Brain Hold), some studies suggest the brain capacity could be as high as 2.5 petabytes (PB). With the estimate of 10 TB, it could store around 3 million digital photos or 3,200 hours of HD video. The higher estimate of 100 TB could store approximately 30 million photos or 32,000 hours of HD video.

The most extreme estimate of 2.5 PB could store around 530 million photos or 670,000 hours of HD video. Unlike digital storage, the brain does not store information in a linear or file-based manner but uses complex networks and associations to encode and retrieve information efficiently.

Yahoo's 2.0 petabyte computational center, which can process 24 billion "events" a day, is a jaw-dropping 20% smaller than the capacity of a single human brain.

The brain can process words at a rate of 400 to 800 words per minute, see between 10 and 100 images daily.

Neuroplasticity is how the brain adapts to changes in response to new learning and memory demands. This process involves the formation of new neural connections and the strengthening or weakening of existing ones,



Mark Pavilons

which allows the brain to reorganize and adapt to new information and experiences. The brain adapts to new information through learning new information, pruning connections to allocate resources, generating new neurons, reorganizing functional areas to compensate for changes, adaptation of one brain area, adapting to sensory deficits, and the ability to adjust.

The brain is believed to hold up to 450 years of memories and can store and gather information at any given time. However, when the brain reaches its capacity, it will go through neural pruning and forgetting to manage and store information. Neural pruning is when the brain removes unwanted neural connections to make way for new information.

One has to wonder why our brains were built to hold so much, when our time here is very much limited. We

would never use such capacity, so why did the Creator give it to us?

It's estimated that we have roughly 50,000 thoughts per day. Over the course of a lifetime, scientists estimate that our brains will hold up to 1 quadrillion pieces of information.

So, this vital organ is stupendous. But what happens when our bodies give out and we die?

Six minutes without blood flow typically means catastrophic loss.

We have a soul, but where is it located?

René Descartes claimed the soul was separate from the body, interacting through a tiny gland in the brain – the pineal gland.

Physician Duncan MacDougall believed he had scientific proof of the soul's existence. By weighing patients before and after death, he claimed to have recorded a precise loss of 21 grams – the supposed weight of the soul leaving the body.

Aristotle and Plato understood the soul as an incorporeal form but closely related to the physical world.

Most religions teach that the soul is an eternal essence that transcends the body. In Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and Hinduism, the soul continues beyond death, entering either paradise, reincarnation, or union with the divine. Buddhism, however, challenges the idea of a permanent soul, instead describing an ever-changing self shaped by past actions (karma).

According to Mark Travers (Psychology Today), a team of researchers captured approximately 15 minutes of brain activity leading up to, during, and just after one patient's death. It involved an 87-year-old Canadian man who died

during an EEG in 2022.

The EEG recorded an abnormal surge in gamma waves. These are the highest-frequency among all brainwaves, and they primarily occur within the hippocampus (the brain's memory center). Typically, these oscillations are associated with memory retrieval, dreaming, and deep meditation.

This spike in gamma wave activity – in tandem with other oscillations such as delta, theta, alpha, and beta – created a brainwave pattern that looked remarkably similar to what we see when someone is deeply remembering something, or dreaming vividly.

In light of these findings, one of the professionals involved in the study, said: "Through generating oscillations involved in memory retrieval, the brain may be playing a last recall of important life events just before we die."

Looking for some sort of reassurance, I'm hoping to find some solace in these findings, and of course, religious teachings.

The universe itself likely holds answers to questions we haven't even thought to ask.

I don't want to go quietly into the night, and slip away without much ado. I don't think that's a fitting way for any of us to leave. We should be accompanied by regal bands, bagpipes and a symphony of stringed instruments, marking our departure and offering thanks to our life-long contributions.

When I pass, my body and all that it holds, will wither, fade and cease. What will happen to all those billions of images of smiles, laughs, family gatherings, friends, campfires, loved ones, pets, lake-front and ocean-front experiences?

What of me?

### Program for business partners

## Become a Tag and Wag Benefits partner

Tag and Wag Benefits is a rewards program for residents of Vaughan and King Township who license their pets.

Local businesses can partner with the City of Vaughan through the program to gain visibility while demonstrating the importance of residents annually licensing their pets. If you become a partner, we will list your business and the benefit you are offering on the City's website.

How does being a partner work?

Being a partner is easy and free. As a partner, your company will:

Decide on the benefit you will provide to licensed pet owners.

Sign a Tag and Wag Benefits partner agreement.

Honour the benefit when a customer shows you their Tag and Wag Benefits membership card.

To apply to be part of Tag and Wag Benefits and attract customers to your business, visit [vaughan.ca/TagAndWag](http://vaughan.ca/TagAndWag) or contact Vaughan Animal Services at [tagandwag@vaughan.ca](mailto:tagandwag@vaughan.ca), 905-832-2281 or 1-855-227-7297 (toll free).



### Quote of the Week

*"We are in this life to enlarge the soul, liberate the spirit, and light up the brain."*

— Tom Robbins

### Trivia Tidbits

*The Arctic is the smallest ocean in the world.*

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**Did you watch the World Cup soccer final?**

a) Yes **50%**

b) No **50%**

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**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Do you think relations between Canada and the U.S. will improve?

a) Yes  
b) No

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# President Trump and the Threshold of Pain

By Gwynne Dyer

World Issues

It would be so easy for Donald Trump to escape from the trap he has built for himself in the Persian Gulf. Just declare a victory and leave.

So what if the Iranians also declare a victory (with a lot more accuracy)? The ‘nuclear weapons’ that gave Trump (and Israeli leader Binyamin Netanyahu) a pretext for attacking Iran never really existed. This would be as close to cost-free for the United States as a lost war ever gets: only a dozen American dead.

The only audience that really matters for Trump is the MAGA supporters back home, and they would be so glad to see him drop this nonsense that they wouldn’t say a word against him. The oil price would drop and Republicans might even manage to hold onto both Houses of Congress in the November mid-term elections.

But Trump just can’t accept defeat, either in politics or in war. That’s why

he’s still re-litigating the presidential election he lost in 2020 long after everybody else has moved on. It’s why he is escalating a lost war in the Persian Gulf, even though the consequences may be catastrophic for the region.

He may not recognise the phrase ‘Threshold of Pain’, as bone spurs on his heels spared him from having to take a close personal interest in the Vietnam War. However, when that war was getting problematic for Americans in the mid-1960s, this was the catchphrase that the pro-war advocates used to promise victory in an increasingly unpopular war.

American troops were winning the battles against local guerillas and North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam, but Communist-ruled North Vietnam just wouldn’t give up. So the Pentagon sold Defence Secretary Robert

McNamara a new strategy.

It was called ‘Operation Rolling Thunder,’ and it really lived up to its name: between 1965 and 1968 the US Air Force and Navy dropped as many bombs on North Vietnam as they did everywhere in the entire Second World War.

The idea behind it was that the US should bomb North Vietnam in order to force it to the negotiating table. You just keep raising the dosage (of bombs) until eventually you reach the enemy’s ‘pain threshold’ – whereupon they will come to the table and make a deal just to make the pain stop.

It was bad psychology and a brazen misuse of medical terminology, and probably not even the strategy’s proponents really believed it would work. They just didn’t have any better ideas, and they needed something to say. And it did fail, of course. In fact, it had already failed several times.

It didn’t work on the British in the 1940 Blitz, and it didn’t work on the Germans in the mass bombing of 1943-45. It did work on the Japanese after Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but those were nuclear weapons. It didn’t work in Korea in the early 1950s, it certainly didn’t work in Vietnam, and it almost certainly won’t work on Iran now.

The people under U.S. bombs in Iran are in their homes, near their family and friends, and well within reach of the regime that controls their fate. Even if they dislike the government, what are they going to do about it in the middle of a war? Commit treason? Safer to suffer in silence.

Meanwhile, the relentless logic of escalation is already driving Trump to ap-

prove attacks on Iranian civilian infrastructure (bridges and power plants). In practice that affects water as well, since the deep ground-water wells that much of the country relies on get their power from the national grid. Iran’s desalination plants are also vulnerable to power cuts.

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the smaller, richer countries on the southern side of the Gulf from Kuwait to Oman, are even more vulnerable. Their population has grown from 9 million to 60 million in the last sixty years, and almost all of that extra population depends entirely on desalinated water supplied by 56 giant plants.

Iran has said that it will strike those plants if the United States hits its own water supplies, and the threat is quite credible. Emergency water storage in GCC countries ranges from a few days to a few weeks, and nobody could ship water into the Gulf in the necessary volumes even if the Gulf of Hormuz were open. This is a calamity waiting to happen.

It is a safe bet that Donald Trump does not understand the stakes in the game he is playing. Maybe some of the people who are around him do, but it’s more than their jobs are worth to tell him the truth. The senior members of the Iranian regime obviously know, but are enjoying Trump’s desperation far too much to spoil the show.

They should all be spanked and sent to bed without supper.

*Michael Gwynne Dyer OC is a British-Canadian military historian, author, professor, journalist, broadcaster, and retired naval officer.*

## Nominations open for agriculture awards

The Ontario government is opening nominations for the 2026 Excellence in Agriculture Awards, to recognize the outstanding efforts of the province’s agri-food leaders. These awards recognize the achievements of Ontario’s world-class farmers, processors, industry organizations and businesses that protect the province’s food independence and make Ontario’s nearly \$53 billion agri-food industry a global leader in food production.

“The success of Ontario’s agri-food sector is driven by the passion, innovation and hard work of farmers, processors, organizations and businesses across the province,” said Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. “Their leadership helps keep our province competitive, drive economic growth and reinforce Ontario’s position as a global leader in agriculture. We look forward to celebrating this year’s outstanding recipients.”

This year, the province will recognize agricultural excellence in 10 categories:

Research and Innovation Excellence; Agribusiness Excellence; Education Excellence; Promotional Excellence; Urban Agriculture Excellence; Northern Business Excellence; Indigenous,

Métis or Inuit-Owned Business or Indigenous, Métis or Inuit Community Group Excellence; Women’s Farming Excellence; Youth Excellence; Farm Family Excellence.

Nominations are being accepted until September 4, 2026. You can submit a self-nomination or nominate another person or a business at [ontario.ca/excellenceinagriculture](http://ontario.ca/excellenceinagriculture).

The Excellence in Agriculture Awards support the province’s Grow Ontario Strategy by raising awareness of the high-quality, local food grown and made in Ontario, as well as the significant contributions of the agri-food sector to the provincial economy.

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## Former councillor passes away

The flags at the King Township Municipal Centre and local fire stations were lowered to half-mast Monday in honour of former Ward 6 Councillor Harry Vander Kooij, who passed away on Friday, July 17 at the age of 90.

Mr. Vander Kooij was elected to King Township Council in 1994 and served as the Ward 6 Councillor, representing the Holland Marsh area, until 2003. Throughout his time on Council, he demonstrated a commitment to public service and worked to represent the interests of the residents and community he proudly served.

The Township of King is grateful for Mr. Vander Kooij’s contributions to municipal government and to the local community. “On behalf of Council and staff, we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all those who knew him.”









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# New long-term care beds, residences will be built beside the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital

A new seniors’ village, near the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, will begin construction this fall.

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce made the announcement Monday, noting the village will now include 320 long-term care beds, a substantial increase from the originally planned 256. The project has been expanded from a siloed long-term care home into an integrated Campus of Care, featuring 320 long-term care beds and, in the second phase of construction, 300 more retirement home suites, creating a total of 620 net-new spaces for local seniors.

“When I was first elected, I made a promise to build new long-term care and seniors’ homes, so that our aging parents and grandparents can get the best care, close to their families. I am proud to announce that Ontario will build a new long-term care home with 320 beds, along with a new 300-suite retirement home, beside the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital,” said Lecce. “This new integrated seniors’ Campus of Care will benefit from its proximity to the Hospital and the new York University School of Medicine, ensuring seniors get enhanced access to care from doctors, nurses, and PSWs. In the heart of our community, we are making this vision a reality to serve patients at the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital; train family doctors at the York University School of Medicine; and now, care for seniors — at this state-of-the-art seniors’ village. I am proud to announce that construction starts this Fall, moving with speed to complete construction by the end of 2028.”

This project builds on the 160 long-term care beds under construction at the St. Rita at Mary Lake Long-Term Care Home in King City, opening early

next year — all part of the Ontario government’s continued progress toward its commitment to build 58,000 new and upgraded long-term care beds across the province, as outlined in the 2026 Ontario Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario.

“Our government is improving long-term care by building more homes, hiring more staff and making historic investments to support families and protect their loved ones,” said Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care. “Today marks a significant milestone for Vaughan as once construction is complete, 320 community residents will have a new long-term care home where they can receive the care they need, when they need it.”

Operated by Schlegel Villages and located alongside Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and within a growing network of health care and education partners, the new Village will become an innovative precinct designed to bring together health care, research, education, and community services in one integrated campus.

“For more than 70 years, our family has believed that long-term care should be far more than providing care – it should create places where people belong,” said James Schlegel, President & CEO of Schlegel Villages. “The Vaughan Health Care Centre Precinct represents an incredible opportunity to bring together health care, education and community in ways that will benefit older adults for generations to come. We thank the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care and MPP Stephen Lecce for helping bring that vision to life.”

“Older adults are the heart of our community and helped build the foundation for the quality of life we enjoy today,” said Steven Del Duca, City of



Vaughan. “I’m thrilled to see this significant investment in the future of seniors’ care in Vaughan and York Region. As part of the Vaughan Health-care Centre Precinct, alongside Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and a growing network of health, education and research partners, this expanded seniors’ village will provide more families with access to the high-quality, compassionate care their loved ones deserve, close to home. I want to thank MPP Stephen Lecce, Minister Natalia Kusendova-Bashta and the Government of Ontario for their leadership and continued commitment to supporting seniors and their families.”

Through partnerships with Mackenzie Health, York University, Seneca Polytechnic, and other organizations across the precinct, the Village will help strengthen connections between care, learning and innovation while expanding access to compassionate, person-centred long-term care for older adults.

“Our seniors deserve access to compassionate, high-quality care close to home,” said Michael Tibollo, MPP for Vaughan—Woodbridge. “This new Campus of Care represents a transformative investment in the future of Vaughan that will provide greater comfort, dignity, and support for older adults while giving families the peace of mind that their loved ones are receiving the care they deserve. By creating a community that brings together long-term care, retirement living, health-care, and education, we are building a brighter future for our seniors while strengthening support for generations to come. I am proud to support this important investment in the health and well-being of our seniors.”

The Village will feature 10 neighbourhoods of 32 residents each. Each neighbourhood includes welcoming gathering spaces including the family room, country kitchen, den and laundry, creating opportunities for residents, families and team members to connect as part of everyday life. The Village will offer exclusively private rooms, providing residents with greater comfort, dignity and privacy while supporting enhanced infection prevention and control practices.

At the heart of the Village, Schlegel Villages’ Main Street – a vibrant gathering place that reflects the life of a small town and encourages connections throughout the day. Residents, families, and neighbours will enjoy amenities including a café, library, spiritual centre, community centre with a solarium, Schlegel Villages’ signature Program for Active Living exercise and therapy

space, council chambers, general store, and hair salon.

“Supporting seniors is an increasingly important part of our work as a hospital system, particularly as our western York Region community continues to grow and age,” said Carmine Stumpo, President and CEO, Mackenzie Health. “We are grateful to Minister Lecce for his leadership in recognizing the potential of this project and helping advance an ambitious vision, creating the foundation for a seniors’ village that strengthens connections across the continuum of care. By bringing together long-term care, acute care, primary care, community supports, academics and future innovation in seniors’ care, this model has the potential to help seniors age with dignity, maintain their independence and stay connected to the people and community that matter most.”

“King Township is pleased to see continued investments that strengthen care for seniors across our region. This new Senior’s Campus of Care in Vaughan will provide older adults and their families with greater access to high-quality, compassionate care close to home,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Township of King. “Together with the 160-bed Long-Term Care Home currently under construction in King City, this project reflects our shared commitment to helping seniors age with dignity, comfort and the care they need in the communities they call home.”

“Creating spaces for seniors is something I have always found incredibly important, which is why I helped to open the Seniors Room in the Nobleton Arena, where I help organize and deliver seniors programs,” said Joanne Bailey, RN, Retired College Professor, Nobleton Program Chair for Seniors. “Thank you to MPP Lecce for incredible vision and leadership in ensuring that this space is delivered and curated with seniors’ care at the forefront.”

“On behalf of the King City Seniors, I would like to extend our deep appreciation to our advocate and parliamentary representative, Minister Stephen Lecce MPP, and to the Government of Ontario. I am advised that our seniors community here in King Township and The Region of York will be the beneficiary of a new long-term care home containing 320 long-term care beds together with 300 retirement suites. It will be constructed next to the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. This location is situated in the heart of the community, and the new facility serves a very vital need,” added Franklin Moskoff, Chairman Emeritus, The King City Seniors.

## Farm to Table event

Join the community and King Chamber of Commerce for the signature Farm to Table event, proudly presented by Eek Farms.

The event will take place Aug. 26 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Sherwood Farm Retreat. Celebrate the best of King Township with an unforgettable evening showcasing our local farmers, agricultural community, and the businesses that bring fresh, locally grown food from farm to table.

Enjoy a delicious farm-to-table dining experience, live music, line dancing, a local vendor market, and more — all while celebrating the people and partnerships that make our community thrive.

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# Schomberg Agricultural Fair 2026 results of Homecraft Division

The Schomberg Fair this year was our 176th! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the Fair including all the exhibitors, sponsors and spectators who attended over the Fair weekend.

It takes a great deal of effort to organize such an event and it would never happen without the many volunteers who dedicate so much time, effort and



Grand Champion Hand Quilted Quilt Julie Wheeler and Reserve Grand Champion Joy Theriault.

talent throughout the year to ensure the Fair is enjoyed by everyone.

The Homecraft Committee extends our appreciation to all participants in the 2026 Homecraft Competitions. We had a great show this year and the entries were outstanding. Congratulations to the Homecraft and Junior Champions for 2026:

Homecraft Champion: Myrna Morehouse, Schomberg.

Runner-up: Jessica Davies, Alliston.

Homecraft New Exhibitor/High Points: Lindsay LaForest, Brampton.

Champion Cook: Bonnie O'Hara, Schomberg.

Runner-up: Sheila Lewis, Caledon.

Grand Champion Hand Quilt: Julie Wheeler, Schomberg.

Reserve Grand Champion Hand Quilt: Joy Theriault, Schomberg.

Amateur Art Hi Points: Mara Wray, Schomberg.

Antiques Best of Show, Judges Choice: Linda Jessop.

Antiques Hi Points: Linda Jessop, Schomberg.

Crafts & Hobbies Best in Show: Bob Hitchman, Bracebridge.

Horticulture Hi Points: Myrna Morehouse, Schomberg.

Doris Hughes Memorial Plaque: Jessica Davies, Alliston.

Horticulture "Specimens" Best of



Homecraft Champion: Myrna Morehouse, Schomberg.

Show: Karen Letwinka, Schomberg.

Horticulture "Best Arrangement": Jessica Davies, Alliston.

Needlework Best in Show Judges Choice: Trudy Burnside, Bolton.

Needlework Christine Munshaw Special: Trudy Burnside, Bolton.

Needlework Committee Members Choice: Jeannette Burnside, Mississauga.

Photography Hi Points: Myrna Morehouse, Schomberg.

Photography New Exhibitor Hi Points: Julia Rainey, Alliston.

**Junior Homecraft Champions**

Jr. Champ, Age 3 & under: A Tie: Malakai Sauv , Schomberg and Isla Peligrini, Alliston.

Jr. Champ: Ages 4 – 5: Sophia Buryeyev, Alliston.

Jr. Champ, Ages 6 – 8: Gabrielle Tasse, Schomberg.

Jr. Champ, Ages 9 – 11: Stephanie Janssen, Bradford.

Jr. Champ: Ages 12 – 13: Victoria Ho, Richmond Hill.

Jr. Champ: Ages 14 – 17: Jessica Wright, Stouffville.

Prizes for Junior Homecraft Champions & Runners-up were provided by the York Region Milk Board, Jack Orr and the Mike O'Hara family.

Thank you to the various businesses and private citizens who donate "Special" prizes to our Homecraft exhibitors. Your contributions enhance our

competitions and encourage exhibitors to try new and different classes every year.

Many thanks and congratulations to all who entered. Much time, effort and skill goes into preparing for and entering the Fair competitions, we look forward to seeing these and more competitors at the 2027 Schomberg Agricultural Fair, which will be the 177th Schomberg Fair.

Whether you are an avid quilter, addicted knitter or budding artist, if you have a green thumb or are a hobbyist wanting to showcase your talents - now is the time to start thinking about what you can do for the 2027 Schomberg Agricultural Fair Homecraft Show.



Jr. Champ, Ages 6 – 8: Gabrielle Tasse, Schomberg.



Jr. Champ: Ages 4 – 5: Sophia Buryeyev, Alliston.



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## King City project moves ahead, council okays bid

**By Mark Pavilons  
Editor**

Plans for apartments and townhouses in King City have been given the conditional green light by King council.

The bid by Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited, Alpa Properties was okayed recently, which will facilitate the development of a proposed residential subdivision on the subject lands.

The owner has submitted applications for Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision for the lands at 13130-13176 Dufferin Street, in the northeast quadrant of the Village of King City.

The purpose of the applications is to acquire the necessary approvals to develop the subject properties for 353 residential units, including 87 townhomes, 46 back-to-back townhomes and 220 apartment dwelling units facilitated through the residential plan of subdivision. A Metrolinx buffer block, a park block and road widening block together with three new public streets are also proposed.

The Planning Division recommended approval, along with the draft plan of subdivision with conditions.

What's needed is the allocation of water and sanitary servicing capacity by the Township, a Record of Site Condition (RSC) in conformity with Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MOECP) requirements and a Rail Safety Study in accordance with Metrolinx's rail safety standards.

The applications were submitted in June 2022, and a Statutory Public Meeting of Council was held in December 2022 to present the Applications and seek comments from Council and the public. At the conclusion of the Public Meeting, Council directed Planning Staff to continue to review the Applications and report back to Council with a recommendation report.

Subsequent to the statutory public meeting, the Applicants revised the proposed Draft Plan and submitted additional supporting information responding to technical comments of the Township and other agencies. The revised Draft Plan now proposes a total of 353 dwelling units, being an increase of 6 units (see Schedule 4) relative to the plan which was presented at the public meeting.

The Applications were advanced to a meeting of Council on December 8, 2025, and Council decided to have the matter referred back to staff for further discussion with the applicant with respect to the neighbourhood concerns with the removal of an existing acoustic barrier fence. As such, additional discussions took place with the Applicant and Township Planning and Development Engineering staff; however, the staff recommendation contained in this report remains unchanged.

The subject development site consists of two industrial properties located on the west side of Dufferin Street, north of King Road in the Village of King City. The combined site measures

7.53 hectares with approximately 200 metres of frontage. The southerly property supports the operations for Alpa Lumber Mill, where a large industrial building and outside storage are located together with a man-made pond and a treed area. The northerly property is occupied by Robert B. Somerville Company where an office building, shop building and outside storage are located. The Metrolinx rail corridor runs immediately north of the development site, while the southern lot boundary is adjacent to existing townhomes which front onto Tatton Court, a Montessori School and a McDonald's Restaurant. The rear/west portion of the subject lands, borders Salamander Park and a stormwater management pond.

The subject lands are located within the Village boundary for King City which is considered a Settlement Area in accordance with the Provincial Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

Under the ORMCP, Settlement Areas are encouraged to continue to develop for a range of uses, including commercial and residential uses in planned areas identified by the local Official Plan while minimizing impacts on ecological functions and hydrological features.

The applications conform with the YROP. The proposed development is located within the built-up area of the Village of King City and propose residential units in the form of freehold townhomes and condominium apartments that would contribute to meeting the intensification target identified by the YROP.

The development site is situated between existing commercial and townhomes to the south, the Metrolinx railway corridor to the north, Salamander Park and stormwater management pond to the west, and Dufferin Street to the east. This context provides an intensification opportunity by way of a relatively self-contained neighbourhood pocket in an appropriate and compatible fashion relative to surrounding low density residential areas and environmentally sensitive lands. However, the proposed development would provide connections with the surrounding existing development by way of vehicular and pedestrian sidewalk connections on Sunbloom Street via Tatton Court and to Salamander Park.

The policies of the Mixed-Use designation include a building height minimum of two storeys, and a maximum of up to three storeys, and up to 5 storeys may be permitted subject to certain compatibility criteria and a floor space index of approximately 1.5. The proposed development consists of 3 storey freehold townhomes, 3-storey freehold back-to-back townhomes and two 5-storey condominium apartment buildings with an overall FSI below the 1.5 maximum.

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

The interface between the existing two-storey townhomes on Tatton Street and the three-storey townhomes proposed by the applicants includes an existing Township acoustic fence barrier which was erected to lessen the impact of noise emanating from the Alpa Lumber operation. The acoustic fence would no longer be necessary in terms of its noise mitigation function if the industrial land use is replaced by the proposed residential development. The overall height of this acoustic fence is not characteristic of a neighbourhood residential fence. However, residents along Tatton Court have voiced concerns with the potential removal of the fence. Further consideration and consultation will be given to determine the extent to which the fence is to be modified at the detailed design stage of the subject development and/or in consultation with the Public Works Department.

Since the development site is bounded by the Metrolinx rail corridor to the north and Salamander Park to the west, no further connections are proposed. The street layout on the draft plan consists of a looping local street which is bisected by two local streets, all measuring 20 metres in width and capable of supporting sidewalks on both sides.

## Applications open for Ontario Women's Forum

The Legislative Assembly of Ontario is pleased to announce that applications for the Ontario Women's Parliamentary Forum: Pathway to Parliament are now open.

This program will bring together 124 women and gender-diverse individuals aged 18 to 30 from across Ontario for a unique, full-day leadership and civic engagement experience at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

"As Ontario's first female Speaker, I know the importance of seeing women in leadership roles," said Donna Skelly, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. "The Pathway to Parliament Women's Forum will inspire, inform, and encourage the next generation of women leaders to step forward with confidence and make a lasting impact."

Focused on active citizenship, education, and empowerment, the program will provide participants with a behind-the-scenes look at the province's parliamentary process and opportunities to engage directly with prominent women leaders and key parliamentary figures. This initiative is designed to encourage participants to explore careers in politics, public service, and community leadership while developing a deeper understanding of civic participation.

Applications for the Forum will be accepted until Aug. 20.

To ensure broad participation from across the province, transportation costs and one night's accommodation will be covered for participants who live more than 50 kilometres from the Legislative Building.

More details, including a full program overview and selection criteria, are available on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario's website.

The parking requirement under the Zoning By-law for the proposed townhouse dwellings is 266 spaces using a rate of two spaces per unit. The Applications demonstrates that the parking requirement of the bylaw will be satisfied. The development layout will include several opportunities for temporary on-street parking, subject to the Township's parking bylaw. The parking requirement under the Zoning By-law for apartment dwellings is 330 spaces using the rate of 1.25 parking spaces per unit and 0.25 visitor parking spaces per unit. The application demonstrates that a total of 378 parking spaces will be provided which exceeds the bylaw by 48 spaces. All the proposed housing types identified by the Applications will be subject to site plan approval where the requirements of the by-law will be confirmed.

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



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# Enterprise Mobility’s tournament raises \$160,000 in support of Food Banks Canada

Enterprise Mobility brought together partners from across Canada for its 28th annual charity golf tournament at King Valley Golf Club, continuing a long-standing tradition of giving back in support of Food Banks Canada.

This year’s tournament raised \$160,000 through donations and sponsorships, including a \$70,000 match from Enterprise Mobility, with proceeds supporting Food Banks Canada’s After the Bell program, which helps provide food to children and families during the summer months when school-based supports are unavailable.

The annual event reflects Enterprise Mobility’s ongoing commitment to strengthening communities and addressing food insecurity through partnership, investment and local impact.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the flagship car rental brand of Enterprise Mobility, works closely with insurance companies, collision repair shops and dealerships to support customers when they need a replacement vehicle.

Attendees included partners from

across the Canadian insurance and replacement industry, with the day concluding with a reception and remarks from Enterprise Mobility leadership.

The event also featured NHL player appearances, where they connected with attendees through photos and autographs, bringing added energy to the day while reflecting Enterprise’s support of hockey, its partnership with the NHLPA and a shared commitment to giving back.

Since its launch in 2016, Enterprise Mobility’s Fill Your Tank® program has built strong partnerships with food banks and hunger-relief organizations across North America and Europe. To date, the program has contributed more than \$125 million USD to over 800 non-profits, including Food Banks Canada. By 2030, Enterprise Mobility aims to donate \$30 million CAD to Food Banks Canada as part of a broader commitment to grant more than \$210 million globally to organizations addressing food insecurity.

“Events like this are a powerful re-



minder of what we can accomplish when we come together with our partners around a shared purpose,” said Jennifer Everett, Vice President of Sales, Replacement & Leisure Division Canada at Enterprise Mobility. “The continued support and momentum behind this tournament allow us to expand our impact and help ensure more families across Canada have access to the food they need, especially during critical times of the year.”

Food Banks Canada’s After the Bell program provides nutritious, child-friendly food packs throughout the summer when school-based supports are not available. These packs include shelf-stable items such as milk, hummus, crackers, cereal and oatmeal, along with funding for fresh items like fruits, vegetables, dairy and protein.

To learn more about the Fill Your Tank program, please visit: [enterprise-mobility.com](http://enterprise-mobility.com)

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Food Banks Canada is the leader in addressing food insecurity in Canada. Our mission is to provide national leadership to relieve hunger today and prevent hunger tomorrow in collaboration with the food bank network from coast to coast to coast. For over 40 years, food banks have been dedicated to helping people living in Canada with food insecurity. Over 5,500 food banks and community organizations come together to serve our most vulnerable neighbours, who – this year – made over 2 million visits to these organizations in one month alone, according to our Hunger-Count report. Since 2010, Food Banks Canada has shared over \$829 million in food supports and over \$245 million in funding to help maximize collective impact and strengthen local capacity – while, backed by leading research, advocating for meaningful actions from governments to counter hunger and its root causes.





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# Arts & Entertainment

## Exhibit brings vibrant burst of colour to municipal centre

If you’ve stepped into the Township of King municipal office recently, you may have noticed a dramatic transformation along the first floor main hallway. What is usually a standard municipal corridor has been turned into a breathtaking, colorful adventure, courtesy of local artist Mary Morganelli.

Lined with a stunning variety of Mary’s bright and vivid paintings, the hallway invites visitors to pause, re-

flect, and step into a world where color knows no bounds.

For Mary, the inspiration behind her bold aesthetic is simple: bringing joy into everyday life. In a world that can often feel weighed down by dull or stressful events, her work serves as an instant mood lifter. Each canvas radiates warmth and energy, designed specifically to brighten the day of anyone walking past.

“I love to paint in bright colors to help brighten people’s lives,” says Morganelli.

Visitors are encouraged to take a leisurely stroll through the municipal office hallway and surround themselves with the beauty of the exhibition.

The art isn’t just for viewing – it can also be a part of your daily life. If a particular piece speaks to you or you’re looking to light up a room in your own home or office, Mary’s artwork is available for purchase.

To learn more about the exhibit, inquire about pricing, or take a original piece home, you can contact Mary directly at [mary@mariellart.com](mailto:mary@mariellart.com) or visit [www.mariellart.com](http://www.mariellart.com)

Don’t miss the chance to experience this vibrant collection in person – stop by the Township of King municipal office today and let the colours blow your mind!



Mary Morganelli



## Cultural Centre summer camps in Aurora

By Brock Weir

Summer can present a world of wonder and the Aurora Cultural Centre is showing kids how these wonders can be transformed into art through a series of camp programs.

The Cultural Centre is in the midst of its Summer Camp season and this year’s programs offer a wide range of art forms for kids to explore and try out.

“We believe that children learn best by doing,” says Aitak Sorahitalab, Education Manager for the Aurora Cultural Centre. “We design the curriculum based on artistic experiences and they really explore the materials – testing their ideas and solving problems by making their own creative decisions. We don’t give children a template to copy, we introduce them to real processes and campers really have a chance to try a wide range of art forms, from storytelling and drawing to sculptures, printmaking and animation.”

“This year, all of our counsellors are professional artists, art educators, or even post-secondary art students, and we have expanded our team to include a dedicated behavioural management specialist, and her role is to support the camper’s social and emotional wellbeing. We wanted to make even more supportive environments for children.”

*Themes for the remainder of summer include:*

Comics, Anime, and Cartooning: “Get ready to draw, draw, draw! Inspired

by exciting and action-packed comics, anime, and movie magic, campers will immerse themselves in activities practicing storytelling, worldbuilding, and character building, experimenting through marker, ink, comic-paneling, painting, sculpture, craft, and other exciting traditional mediums!” (August 4 – 7).

Artmaking for the Senses: “Inspired by touch, smell, sight, movement, and auditory play, campers will utilize different senses to create artworks and nurture the art-making process and allow experimentation with new, fun, and engaging art mediums.” (August 10 – 14).

Famous Artists & Their Styles: “This week, unleash your inner Basquiat, Monkman, or Group of Seven! Inspired by International, Canadian, Indigenous, recognized, and culturally ground-breaking artists and their work. Delve into the styles and techniques used by some of the most famous artists in history, and learn about various mediums and experiment with recreating iconic artworks.” (August 17 – 21).

Neverending Summer Fun: “This final week of camp celebrates Summer 2026, giving campers the chance to reflect on the best parts of their summer. Through a variety of creative activities, they’ll celebrate the last few sunny days before heading back to school.” (August 24 – 26).

For more information about these and other education programs on tap throughout the summer at the Aurora Cultural Centre, visit [auroracultural-centre.ca](http://auroracultural-centre.ca).



## ASK holds plein air workshop

Arts Society King hosted a Plein Air workshop recently. Perfect weather and inspiring instruction, paired with a stunning setting and the camaraderie of painting alongside fellow artists made for an unforgettable day. Thanks are extended to Denny and Dennis for hosting, Linda Kalianteris for instructing, and to Pat Earl and Susan Walker-Ing for organizing the workshop.

# CROSSWORD

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god

5. Romanian monetary unit

8. Santa’s helper

11. Fictional Pink Floyd corporal

13. Sea eagle genus

14. Broad volcanic crater

15. Minneapolis suburb

16. Actual commercial worth (abbr.)

17. Exchange rate

18. Ethnic peoples in Guinea

20. Men’s fashion accessory

21. Craft material

22. Offerings

25. Early

30. Large room

31. Soviet Socialist Republic

32. One who hauls

33. Shorthand for accepting

38. Promotional materials

41. Loss of memory

43. One who beheads

45. Photographers

48. Small, rich sponge cake

49. White clerical vestment

50. Partner to “oohed”

55. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician

56. Zero

57. Owl monkey genus

59. Lace bug genus

60. Mild expression of surprise

61. Storage devices

62. Keyboard key

63. Make a mistake

64. One-time Korean president

### CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. Large, stocky, lizard

4. Rumanian river

5. Missive

6. Stout-bodied moths

7. Brings out

8. Bird of prey

9. King of Thebes

10. Cleaving tool

12. African antelope

14. Three are particularly famous

19. Satisfy

23. C. European river

24. Dictator

25. Portion of (abbr.)

26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

27. Consume food

28. Woman (French)

29. Scrape or wear away by friction

34. Popular vegetable

35. Pacific Standard Time

36. Brazilian state capital

37. Paddle

39. Cause to become insane

40. Drier and flakier

41. Mimic

42. ESPN host Kimes

44. One who moseys

45. Secret political clique

46. Behind the stern of a ship

47. Supernatural force

48. Sanctuary in Orthodox churches

51. Swiss river

52. Grayish white

53. Engrave

54. UNC’s chief rival

58. Midway between south and southeast

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

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# Elizabeth Crowe retires after 32 years of public service as trustee and chair of the York Catholic District School Board

By Jim Stewart

While students are enjoying the summer, one significant trustee and chair in York Region will not be returning to the school system in September.

Elizabeth Crowe served with distinction as Chair of the York Catholic District School Board for over 18 years, including a continuous span from December 1998 to November 2015, followed by an additional term from December 2017 to November 2018 and another term starting in November 2023 which concluded with her retirement in 2026.

The long-time resident of Schomberg served the communities of Aurora, King, and Whitchurch-Stouffville as the trustee starting with her election in 1994 and brought veteran leadership to the School Board for parts of four decades.

During our chat in the air-conditioned comfort of Tim Hortons in Schomberg on one of the hottest days of 2026, Crowe recounted the factors that induced her to consider retirement: “I decided late last summer when the Minister of Education was talking about eliminating trustees that it was time to retire. I spent most of the fall getting to as many school events as possible

at our schools in King, Aurora, and Stouffville – to concerts, parent meetings, tournaments, social events. I wanted to be in the schools and see the kids. When we were taken over by the government in mid-March, I made the decision to retire. It was very emotional for me. I went to my last Mass at Holy Name and I’ve been busy encouraging people all summer to run for trustee and the chair position in the fall. There hasn’t been much interest yet.”

This gap in succession is worrisome for the long-serving chair. As we sipped our Tims confections, Crowe made an open appeal for local citizens to run for school leadership positions in the 2026 Municipal Election: “I want somebody to run who’s passionate about our students and schools. The time commitment is not as much as people think. It’s important work that needs to be done.”

As Crowe reflected on her 32 years of service to the YCDSB, she focused on her vocation’s most satisfying elements: “One of the most satisfying things was starting Programs. We brought in Phys Ed and Music specialists to all our elementary schools. We brought in French Immersion – first at the elementary level and later at the secondary level. Implementing International Baccalau-



reate, Advanced Placement, Arts-centred schools, and High Performance Athlete programs were very important – more and more students and parents wanted these specialized programs. There was so little interest in these programs in the ‘90s when I was first elected, but they became very sought after and important programs for so many of our high schools. It’s satisfying to meet such a demand.

For example, there are over 250 students in the AP program at St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School and there’s a waiting list to get into the school. It’s been very successful. Bringing this variety of programming to the students across the board was an achievement.”

As a significant influence at the YCDSB since 1994, the amiable Chair discussed the significant challenges she encountered at the helm of one of the biggest boards in Ontario: “It was a huge challenge to look after and care for our Special Needs students – and try to maintain an excellent level of service for our Special Needs kids despite continual shortages of funding by the government. When I started in the mid-’90s, we also had a big deficit and a terrible relationship with our unions which included three strikes in the de-

cade – the Provincial Walkout being the longest one. I remained active in bargaining every year with OECTA and CUPE. It was important to hear their concerns as the chair. These were huge challenges to overcome in the 1990s and we dealt with a deficit again in 2012. It’s always difficult to make cuts caused by declining enrolment. Nobody wants to close schools but when enrolment drops to 120, it becomes a problem. When these schools get too small, what do you do when you have ten students in the school’s Grade 8 classroom? We’ve had schools in Aurora drop from 800 to 250 and we’re asking ‘Where are these kids going?’”

Crowe’s connection to the kids across the YCDSB was evident in her anecdotes and she shared one of her most magical moments regarding those interactions: “One of my highlights was meeting Andre De Grasse at the York Region Track and Field Championships at York University. He was there to give out the medals at the sprint events to both the boys and girls champions. He’s one of our distinguished graduates and he comes back every year. Andre has so many programs in place to help youth achieve their dreams. I follow him all the time when he’s competing.

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# Board is one of the best, Crowe says

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“I cried when I watched the Canadian Men’s relay team win the 4 x 100 metre race at the Paris Olympics. It was not expected and it made them winning the race even more enjoyable.”

Equally enjoyable for Crowe is living in Schomberg: “We bought Margaret Black’s house in 1988. All the kids love coming back. It’s a great place to raise children. We love life in Schomberg. We enjoy Main Street Christmas, The Fair, visiting farms, and enjoying the restaurants. It still feels like a small town and everyone is so welcoming and friendly. My husband, Stephen, walks our dog every day around The Loop through downtown and he goes to The Grackle and we find out what’s happening.”

The retired chair and the 38-year resident also noted the positive growth that has taken place in Schomberg: “Over the years, there have been more commercial opportunities and it’s been great to see so many stores and restaurants doing so well on Main Street. When McDonald’s, Tim Hortons, and A&W located here, it provided part-time job opportunities for so many kids. One of my daughters worked at Tim Hortons. It’s also been nice to see the variety of stores that have opened for business here so we don’t have to go to other towns.”

Crowe has to travel to other towns to bond with her children who live in Nova Scotia, England, and Tennessee, but the gift of time that comes along with retirement will allow for more

travel opportunities to see them in Halifax, London, and Knoxville, respectively: “Retirement is going to make seeing the kids much easier. My son has four children and he’s in the Air Force. He flies helicopter out of CFB Shearwater. My oldest daughter has a three-year-old and just bought a place north of London where she works in e-commerce in England. My youngest daughter works for the Department of International Agriculture in Knoxville, Tennessee. We travelled to a destination wedding as a family recently.”

Settling into retirement life has been embraced by the former Structural Engineer and Crowe has time to put into her favorite hobbies: “I’m looking forward to gardening. I’m an avid gardener and I also enjoy painting – especially with acrylics.”

Visiting her kids and grandkids and enjoying life in Schomberg seems like a nice retirement plan and a natural extension of her professional life during her 32-year career as trustee and chair of the York Catholic School Board.

She closed off our conversation by extolling the virtues of the hard-working teachers and students of the Board she served from 1994-2026: “We’re one of the top four boards in Ontario regarding EQAO scores. That’s the result of our teachers addressing the needs of every child. It’s great student achievement. We set up the resources for our teachers and students, but the hard work was done in the classroom to achieve those kinds of results. It’s important work.”



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## Junior A Rebellion ready to roll into third OJHL season

By Jim Stewart

Over 60 prospects took to the ice on Sunday afternoon at the Country Day School Arena 2, all hoping to crack the King Junior A Rebellion lineup for the 2026-27 season.

Rebellion General Manager and Director of Hockey Operations Jay DeGennaro, Head Coach Geoff Schomogyi, Assistant GM Sean Ellison, and Head Scout Nick DiMaria huddled rink-side and kept a keen eye on players competing in the Blue-Black game at the Zancor Centre.

GM DeGennaro took time from observing the junior hockey hopefuls and provided an update regarding his pre-season roster: “We’ve got 75 prospects at this camp. They range from U16s and some U15s to 16-, 17-, and 18-year-olds looking for a spot. We’re starting our training camp on August 15 so our roster will be much clearer by then. The good news is that most of our players from last season are returning. We built this season’s team last year. A lot of the players are coming back so we’ll be an

older, bigger, tougher, veteran team.”

DeGennaro pointed to the organization’s administrative stability as a source of strength. He noted that the veteran Schomogyi is coming back as Bench Boss and Ellison and DiMaria are reprising their key roles as Assistant GM and Head Scout, respectively: “Sean and Nick put this whole camp together. It’s the result of their hard work. Last season was Schmogie’s first year as coach with us and we were looking for guys to fit into his team culture. Schmogie’s the kind of guy that treats everybody the same – rookies, veterans; he’s coached professional players and he’s done at great job at the OJHL level, too.”

In addition to delivering great news about recent player signings such as 6’6” forward Matthew Legge – a 17-year-old Barrie Colts draft pick from Ottawa – DeGennaro noted how much he’s looking forward to hosting an OHL game for the first time in King Township on Monday, August 31 at the Zancor Centre: “We’re happy to build interest in the community regarding



King Junior A Rebellion Head Scout Nick DiMaria; Assistant General Manager Sean Ellison; General Manager and Director of Hockey Operations Jay DeGennaro; and Head Coach Geoff Schomogyi are building their roster for the 2026-27 OJHL season. The quartet is also promoting the first OHL game to be played in King Township, a pre-season tilt between the Barrie Colts and the Sudbury Wolves on Monday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 at the Zancor Centre.



## Red Bull Rooftop Event celebrates ACE’s third anniversary and builds community

By Jim Stewart

Brave “High Intensity Interval Training” teams competed on ACE Performance Gym’s rooftop recently.

The 45-minute competition – promoted as ‘The HIIT Battle’ and featuring Red Bull giveaways – was officiated by ACE instructor Massimo Barbera.

After a few outdoor microphone mishaps, Barbera welcomed the assembled workout teams and delineated the rules of the competition. The ACE staff – be-decked in their black and red t-shirts demarcating ACE’s third anniversary – worked their way around the rooftop facility as hostesses, brand ambassadors, and cheerleaders.

Over 30 competitors braved the atmospheric elements and were spared the worst wildfire smoke of the day due to high winds which swept across the rooftop. The co-ed group demonstrated their athletic prowess as they pumped, squatted, hoisted, and planked their way through the workout stations – all in quest of bragging rights that come with winning the annual trophy presented by ACE President and Co-Founder Morris Guido.

Despite the tinted skyline and an angry-looking orange sun illuminating the verdant-turfed workout space, Guido was in a celebratory mood: “We’re celebrating community and we’re celebrating ACE’s third anniversary tonight. We’re wearing event t-shirts made by Surge Active Wear in Schomberg with red #3’s on black – it’s a celebration of our business partners, too. The group is enjoying resident DJ Victor – he does so many of our events. Victor is one of our fitness staff members, too. This is a collaboration with Red Bull that’s been in the works for a number of months. It’s taken us a while to build a brand in King, but now our rooftop events are really taking off. Red Bull being a part of it is huge. There’s a complimentary Red Bull Bar here tonight for our teams.”

ACE’s affable leader was pleased with the level of participation in and sponsorship of the fitness event: “It’s all about exercise outdoors. It’s a summer event. We want to show that we’re more than just a gym – we’re a community space. This has been a great space for major King Chamber of Commerce events we’ve hosted. Most of all, tonight is all about the community.”

junior hockey games. Our team has enormous potential this season and we want to get the community on board a little more this coming season. Inviting the Sudbury Wolves and the Barrie Colts to play at the end of August gives us the opportunity to bring the King community together. Not only is it historical, but it’s a chance to see future NHL stars. That’s important to grow hockey in the community. Some of our best players over the past two years have been call-ups to the Wolves and Colts. Marshall McCharles was called up by the Wolves and Sam Black was called up to the Barrie Colts last year before he was traded to Brampton.”

The energetic second-year Rebellion GM confirmed that “McCharles – the team’s leading scorer before he was

called up by the Wolves – re-signed on July 16 and Captain Jared McNeil and Assistant Captain Ryan Castle are both returning to give our leadership group continuity. (Goaltender Logan) Kennedy is returning and will be playing the majority of our games this year. Only four players chose not to return.”

Tickets are still available for the historic Sudbury-Barrie exhibition OHL game on Monday, Aug. 31. Puck drop will be at 6:30 p.m.

The Junior A Rebellion kick off their exhibition schedule on Friday, Aug. 21. King’s top junior club will travel to the Aurora Community Centre to take on the Tigers at 7 p.m. The home-and-home preseason series resumes on Saturday, Aug. 22 when King hosts Aurora at 7 p.m. at the Zancor Centre.

## Sean Walker to bring Stanley Cup to Georgina

Sean Walker is bringing the Stanley Cup to Georgina. The Keswick native and defenceman for the Carolina Hurricanes celebrated the Stanley Cup championship on June 14, 2026. He will bring the Stanley Cup to the Georgina Ice Palace on Wednesday, Aug. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

“We are thrilled Sean Walker is bringing the Stanley Cup to Georgina and I am proud to declare Wednesday, Aug. 5 as Sean Walker Day!” said Mayor Margaret Quirk. “On behalf of our entire community, I want to congratulate Sean on this tremendous achievement. As a proud Keswick native, Sean has shown that hard work, determination and passion can take you to the highest level of the game. It’s especially inspiring to know his hockey journey began right here with the Georgina Blaze AA hockey program. We are incredibly proud of everything Sean has accomplished and know his success will inspire the next

generation of young athletes in Georgina. Congratulations Sean, on this incredible achievement and bringing such pride to your hometown.”

The two-hour event, which will take place on the blue ice pad, will include opening remarks from the Mayor and Sean, followed by photos with Sean and the Stanley Cup. This is a first-come first-served event and a photo opportunity only. Due to the large number of people expected for this event and with the limited time Sean and the Stanley Cup will be in Georgina, Sean will not be signing anything in an effort to see as many people as possible.

Sean began his NHL career with the Los Angeles Kings and also played for the Philadelphia Flyers before being traded to the Colorado Avalanche. He signed a five-year contract with the Carolina Hurricanes in July 2024.

Visit [georgina.ca/SeanWalker](http://georgina.ca/SeanWalker) to find out more.

### FROM THE ARCHIVES



King Heritage & Cultural Centre

Gone fishing in Muskoka, circa 1930/40s

# King's Corners

## King City–York Pines By Sheryl Sinka

Worship is suspended for the month of July and through the Civic holiday weekend on August 3. We will resume our Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9 with Rev. Carolyn McKinley leading worship on that day.

We would like everyone to know that the church has an accessible entrance and a 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. Let us know if there is someone we can pray for.

Please remember the King Township Food Bank in your giving. 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, “Marks of Disciple.” We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

Please visit our website for links and further information. [www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://www.kingbiblechurch.com)

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

### King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

The following activities will be offered at the King City Senior Centre throughout the summer months.

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 afternoons: 1 pm – Bid Euchre

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

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bridge.

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi).

Thursday, mornings: 11 a.m. – Qigong (must be registered with the Township).

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

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

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or [kingcity.seniors@gmail.com](mailto:kingcity.seniors@gmail.com)

### Sacred Heart Church

The next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. “.... The lesson ... strive to sow only good seeds and spread them wherever you go.”

Donations to King Township Food Bank help our residents. During the summer months food bank inventory is low. Bins are in the entrance of the church Hall.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 20 - Annual Carnival & BBQ Picnic.

Saturday, October 24 – Fundraising Gala at Primavera Place; Tickets avail-

## Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

### By Earle Laycock

Needing spiritual nourishment and fellowship? Join us for our Wednesday “Music, Message and a Meal.” The meal is potluck so please bring something to share. We gather next on Wednesday, August 5 at 5:15 p.m. in Schomberg, singing our favourite hymns, with a scripture reading and short reflection. Lesley Morris will lead worship.

Note that during the summer months, we do not meet for regular Sunday worship.

The next Senior’s Luncheon is Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg. The entertainment is the 4 String Ukelele Band, back by popular demand (they must have been here 4 or 5 times already!).

The meal is zucchini lasagna, Caesar salad, rolls and butter and tea or coffee with sherbet and sugar cookies. 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

able after Mass or from the Rectory by cash, cheque or credit card.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.; Holy Mass at 7 p.m.

Exposition of the eucharist: Silent Adoration, Fridays 3:30 p.m., Benediction at 6 p.m., Holy Mass at 7 p.m.

Coffee and Friendship will resume in September.

Rectory: 905.833.1161. Email: [sacredheartki@archtoronto.org](mailto:sacredheartki@archtoronto.org)

Website: [sacredheartki.archtoronto.org](http://sacredheartki.archtoronto.org) Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King

### Garden Club

Join the Nobleton & King City Garden Club, we’ll get ya growing! No gardening experience is required, just a willingness to learn about gardening and nature. Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month between March and November at Laskay Hall 2920 King Rd., King City. No meetings in July and August. Guest speakers present at each meeting on a variety of garden-related topics.

Our line-up for the rest of the year is as follows, Monday, September 28, “Garden Maintenance with Pollinators and Birds in mind.” Speaker Dorte Windmuller. Monday, October 26, will be our last speaker, Dugald Cameron presenting “All About Summer Flowering Bulbs.”

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](mailto:nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com)

### St. Andrew’s Church By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew’s, 13190 Keele St. Our morning worship is at 10 a.m. for July and August. Our partnership church, The Well, took July when Pastor Alison was on vacation. She is back now and will lead us on worship Sunday at 10 a.m.

On Sundays – August 16 and September 6 – we are having All Together Sundays with the Well joining us. (The King, Vaughan and Bolton Well Churches). Please use the East Entrance (Keele St.) since our main entrance and lobby (south) is undergoing renovations. Our website is [www.standrews-kingcity.ca](http://www.standrews-kingcity.ca)

For pastoral care, and for directions to the manse, please call the church office (905 833 2325) or call your elder.

Have a safe and a very happy summer!

### All Saints Anglican By Kit Woods

As the summer continues to unfold, we at All Saints Anglican Church are embracing the quieter rhythms of August with open hearts and faithful presence.

Our beloved Rev. Canon Erin is taking a well-deserved vacation for the remainder of the month, and we’re grateful to welcome a variety of guest officiants and preachers who will be leading our Sunday services in her absence.

Though our numbers may be smaller during these summer weeks, the spirit of our community remains strong. Whether you’ve been away or are just passing through, you are always welcome here. We continue to hold space each Sunday for worship, reflection, and fellowship, for anyone seeking a moment of peace or a connection with God and others.

At this time, we are also lifting our prayers for those affected by the devastating wildfires across the north

free, donations are appreciated to defray costs.

The following Wednesday, August 12, we will be holding our congregational picnic at Jack and Kim Campbell’s. Front Porch Harmony will be entertaining us with their gospel singing. We will be gathering at 4 p.m. to enjoy some fellowship or perhaps a swim with worship beginning at 4:30. Please bring a salad or dessert. BBQ food will be supplied.

Mark your calendars! There will be an Ecumenical Worship Service at the Dufferin Marsh on Sunday, Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. Nobleton-Schomberg United, St. Mary Magdalene and Christ Church Anglican, Emmanuel and St. Andrew’s Presbyterian will be participating. The joint worship will be followed by a “finger-food” potluck. Please, bring a lawn chair, hat, sunscreen, bug spray and a contribution for the potluck table.

Join us on Wednesday mornings for our Zoom Coffee chat from 10 to 11 a.m. We discuss a variety of topics, including current events. If interested, email Nancy Hopkinson at [nancykhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) to request the link.

Nobleton-Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg.

and throughout Europe. We pray for safety, strength, and recovery for all people, communities and ecosystems impacted. At All Saints, we have a special relationship with the people of Pi-kangikum, and we ask you to join us in holding them close in your hearts during this difficult season.

## Nearly 1.7 tonnes of drugs seized, homes in York, Caledon searched

A multi-jurisdictional, cross-border investigation resulted in the seizure of nearly 1.7 tonnes of illegal drugs, including suspected cocaine, methamphetamine and opium marking one of the most significant drug seizures in a single investigation in Ontario. This intelligence-led joint forces investigation, named Project Bay, focused on disrupting the importation and trafficking of illegal drugs with a nexus to the international border.

Homes in York and Peel, including Caledon, were searched.

In January 2025, the Windsor Police Service (WPS) initiated a drug-trafficking investigation. In February 2025, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) collaborated with WPS to advance the investigation and identify the cross-border trafficking network. As the scope and complexity of the investigation expanded, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was engaged to support the cross-border and inter-provincial components of the investigation through the Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST) and the OPP-led Border Drug Interdiction Task Force (BDIT).

As the investigation progressed, law enforcement partners provided critical support. U.S. agencies, including Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Drug Enforcement Administration, assisted with international aspects of the investigation, while the Toronto Police Service (TPS) and Peel Regional Police (PRP) provided operational and investigative support.

The investigation revealed the use of a broker-style model within the commercial transportation sector. It leveraged established connections to facilitate the cross-border movement of illegal drugs, including the arrange-

No matter where you find yourself this August, at home, at the cottage, or here in the pews, know that God is with you. And if you find yourself longing for community or a place to rest in the presence of the God who loves you unconditionally, our doors are open.

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ment of drivers to knowingly transport illicit commodities within legitimate supply chains.

On Thursday, June 25, 2026, 18 search warrants were executed at residences and businesses in Windsor, Corunna, LaSalle, Brampton and Kleinburg.

On Tuesday, July 14, two search warrants were executed in Markham and Caledon. On Monday, July 20, two search warrants were executed in Brampton.

Throughout the investigation and as a result of the search warrants, the following items were seized with approximate quantities: 973 kg. suspected cocaine; 660 kg. suspected methamphetamine; 49 kg. opium 230 oxycodone tablets (5 mg.); 17 firearms, including an anti-tank rifle; prohibited devices and weapons including brass knuckles, magazines and baton, along with \$80,000 in Canadian cash and \$10,000 U.S. cash.

The estimated street value of the drugs seized is more than \$139 million, representing a significant disruption to the illegal drug supply chain in Ontario.

The OPP Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit has been engaged to investigate any proceeds of crime offences and assist in the seizure of offence-related property.

Twenty-one individuals have been charged with 102 offences contrary to the Criminal Code and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. Nineteen of the accused were arrested and two remain outstanding. Arrest warrants have been issued. Information on the accused and their respective charges are included in the attached Addendum of Charged Persons.

The investigation into the source and full scope of the trafficking network remain ongoing.



Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul’s Church  
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will lead the service this morning with a message titled, “The Holy Spirit: Fruit-Bearer.”

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 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.

St. Paul’s monthly men’s group meet on the first Saturday of every month which includes a scrumptious breakfast. Our next meeting will be this Sat-

urday, Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.

St. Mary’s Church

New parishioners – All are welcome to be a registered member of St. Patrick’s Church or St. Mary’s Church, please contact the parish office for a registration form. The form can be forwarded by email and returned via email to the parish office. Once registered, a box of Collection Envelopes will be assigned to you, which can be picked up at the parish office. Pre-authorized Giving Plan is also available. Call the office to ask us about it (905-859-5522).

Specific bequests in estate planning – In your kindness, please remember St. Patrick and St. Mary’s Church.

For bereavement requests please contact Rose Pallotto at 416-605-6843.

For special celebrations, please click on: www.vatican.va or www.eleemosinera.va/papal-blessing-parchments.

Letters of recommendation/reference – For those being asked to act as Godparents for Baptism, Sponsors for Confirmation, etc., letters of recommendation are only issued to active parishioners who have been registered for at least two years at St. Mary’s or St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Churches.

Nobleton Seniors (55+)  
By Joanne Bailey  
Program Chair

Regular Nobleton King Connections 55+ Scheduled Programs are:

Regular scheduled educational Thursday events have ended for the summer months.

We will resume on Thursday September 10, 2026, at 10am. Fall events to be announced in August.

CHATS 55+ Fitness Program (FULL). Wednesdays 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. Nobleton Senior Room – Nobleton Arena.

This program is currently full however participants can still join the waitlist if interested. The next session will start in September. More details to be released in August.

Cards and Social – Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. Nobleton Senior Room – Nobleton Arena. Join us for cards and social time. Various games to choose from!

A valid King Connections 55+ membership is required.

Art Social – Fridays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Nobleton Senior Room – Nobleton Arena. Join us for conversations and art making. Bring your own creative projects and enjoy making art side by side.

Participants are required to bring their own supplies.

A valid King Connections 55+ membership is required.

Non-members are welcome in all King Connections 55+ programs. There is a fee \$3 for residents and \$5 for non residents.

Valid King Connections 55+ members have access to daily drop-in programs out of all 3 senior spaces – King City Seniors Centre, Nobleton Senior Room and Trisan Centre. Members also receive discounts and a weekly email to stay up to date with all King 55+ programs and services. To learn more about becoming a King Connections 55+ member visit king.ca/seniors, email seniors@king.ca or call 905-833-6565.

Have a great summer!

Garden Club

Join the Nobleton & King City Garden Club, we’ll get ya growing! No gardening experience is required, just a willingness to learn about gardening and nature. Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month between March and November at Laskay Hall 2920 King Rd., King City.

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No meetings in July and August. Guest speakers present at each meeting on a variety of garden-related topics. Our line-up for the rest of the year is as follows, Monday, September 28, “Garden Maintenance with Pollinators and Birds in mind.” Speaker Dorte Windmuller: Monday, October 26, will be our last speaker, Dugald Cameron presenting “All About Summer Flowering Bulbs.”

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

Kingcrafts Studio  
Art Show & Sale

Showcasing local talent, we invite you to come engage with the artists and other art lovers. Browse & shop a variety of unique fine art pieces. We look forward to welcoming you!

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Kingcrafts Studio is located at 12936

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Nobleton Lions

Proceeds from the Club’s fundraising events go to organizations such as the Mackenzie Health Foundation which provides valuable services to our community.

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Regular meetings of the Nobleton Lions Club are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from September to mid-June, and will resume on September 8. The Lions continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women.

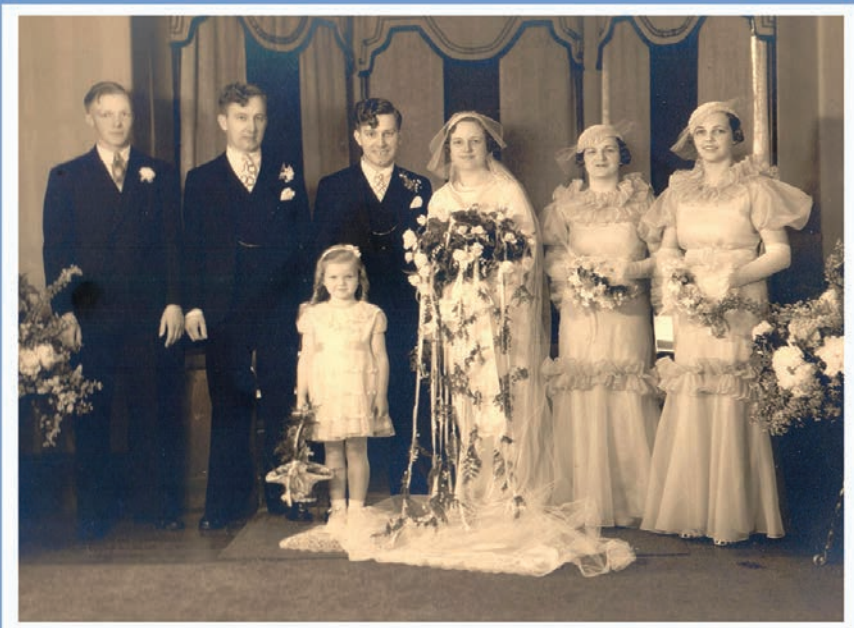
To learn more about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local

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After that date, the estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee has received notice.

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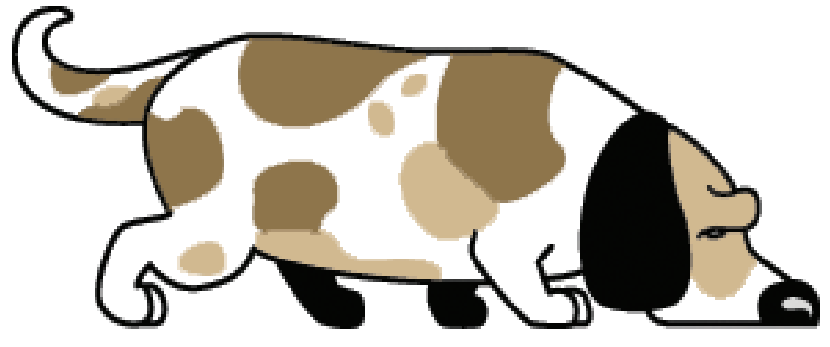
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# Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Can you believe that the August long weekend is upon us? I sure can't! It's that time of year when the commercials for the Ex appear. As a child, that's when the anxiety of going back to school crept in, that and the new fall line up on TV. Enjoy it will you can and please stay safe.

## Motorized vehicles

Speaking of summer and summer activities, King Township parks wants to remind you that trails are for people-powered (non-motorized) recreational activities, like walking, running, and cycling. Riding motorized vehicles, such as pocket bikes, dirt bikes, minibikes, ebikes, ATVs, and motorized scooters, is prohibited in King Township's parks and trails. Non-compliance can lead to fines up to \$5,000, and vehicles may be impounded. To report violations seen in parks or on trails, email Service King at [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca). To report motorized vehicle violations on sidewalks or roadways, call the York Regional Police non-emergency line 1-866-876-5423.

## Ball diamonds

The Parks and Forestry team stepped up to the plate to revitalize the baseball diamonds at Osin Lions Park. Built in-house by Township staff, these improvements support local baseball programming, community events, and active recreation for residents of all ages. Batter up, King! The diamonds are officially first-pitch ready.

## Artists sought

Calling all artists! "A Main Street Christmas" is searching for a local artist to create the featured artwork for their 2026 commemorative poster. The medium can be a 2D artwork, including oil, acrylic or watercolour. The theme is winter and must include a sleigh, and bright eye-catching colours are encouraged. The selected artist will receive \$500 cash, a commemorative plaque featuring the poster, four event passes. You can apply at [Schomberg.ca](http://Schomberg.ca).

## Farmers' Market

Calling all local farm stands, produce growers, artisans, handmade goods vendors, and food producers! Take part in the first-ever Harvest King Fall Farmers Market on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the King Township Municipal Centre. Hosted in partnership with the King Environmental Action Team, this free community event celebrates the deep agricultural roots that continue to shape King Township today.

Vendor details: Space: 10' x 10', Set-up: 8 to 9:15 a.m., Teardown: 2 to 3 p.m. Table rentals (6 and 8 ft): \$15 (plus HST). Fees to secure a spot are \$25 (plus HST) for businesses; spots are free for designated Township community group affiliates.

Connect directly with residents, attract new customers, and build brand awareness in King Township and beyond! Apply online by September 4 at [king.ca/KEAT](http://king.ca/KEAT)

## Sip & Savour

Mark your calendars King Township Food Bank is thrilled to announce Pura Vida, our 13th Annual Sip & Savour fundraiser, happening Thursday, October 22 at Holland Marsh Wineries. Volunteers are working creatively be-

hind the scenes to bring you an immersive Costa Rican rainforest experience that you won't want to miss. Whether you're a longtime supporter or curious first-timer, Sip & Savour delivers a great night of good food, fun and fundraising for a good cause. Tickets go on sale soon — stay tuned for details.

## 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](http://simcoecurrencyclub.com) or call 647-200-7007.

## Schomberg Euchre Club

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

## Schomberg 55+

Our next bus trip will be Toronto City Lunch/Boat Tour scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15, max capacity 50, \$159 for members, \$169 for non-members. Pick up at both the Trisan and King City Arena. You'll enjoy a bus tour of the city with Bruce Bell, followed by lunch at the Hot House Café, then a guided harbour cruise followed by a visit to the Cheese Boutique, return home by 6 p.m. You can sign up online or in person

at Trisan, King City Senior Centre, Zancor or Nobleton Arena

Our Schomberg 55+ Group is taking a summer break and will be back September 3. We have lots of exciting things lined up for the fall, so stay tuned for our fall line-up.

Please note that all the weekly activities end this week and will resume in September, except for bid euchre which will be going through the summer, it will change over Wednesdays 1 to 3:30 p.m. in Multi Room A at Trisan.

Interested in a 2027 winter escape? How about a Caribbean cruise with some of your 55+ friends! If this sounds like your kind of sunshine, please get in touch with Terry Price at [thprice@me.com](mailto:thprice@me.com).

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

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

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you would love to see here [porter5952@gmail.com](mailto:porter5952@gmail.com) or 416-460-5952.



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