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Aurora's Cara Chisholm

Cara brings experience to the stage Saturday

One of the entertainers in the Aurora Senior Citizens' upcoming Winter Cabaret is Aurora resident Cara Chisholm.

She has an amazing 30-year-history in the entertainment field.

Cara was a five-time national baton twirling champion when she was between the ages of 14 and 18.

She then went on to the University of Toronto to study Physical Education and Health.

While doing that, she continued entertaining with song and dance at such locations as Ontario Place and Canada's Wonderland.

She performed in "42nd Street" at the Limelight Theatre and entertained troops in Egypt, Cyprus and Germany.

When "Les Miserables" first opened Cara had the roles of Cosette and Eponine for three years. She was in 830 perform-

ances.

From there Cara continued entertaining in a role in "Gypsy" on a cruise ship and following that she developed her own cabaret show and performed on more cruise ships.

Following that Cara performed in the international tour of "Phantom of the Opera".

She has had parts in five feature films alongside actors such as Gene Hackman and Meryl Streep.

The most recent film she was in was "Chicago".

One of the highlights of Cara's career was in England where she performed in the musical "Little Mermaid" and on two occasions Princess Diana was in the audience.

This Saturday, at the Winter Cabaret, she will entertain alongside Brian Roman.

The matinee, presented by the

Aurora Seniors' Association, begins at 2 p.m. and tickets, available at R & R Revisited, 75 Mary Street, are on sale for \$20.

The event will be held at the Seniors' Centre, 5 Municipal Drive, across from the Aurora Town Hall.

Weather expected to dictate Arctic Adventure's success

Aurora's upcoming Arctic Adventure can use some Arctic.

Until last week, unseasonably mild temperatures have threatened the annual event, but since then some snow has fallen and so have the temperatures.

Assuming the weather will co-operate, Aurora's Arctic Adventure is an awesome event for the entire family to discover, according to Aurora's Special Events Co-ordinator Shelley Ware.

Outdoor activities will take place at Machell Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 10.

"Activities are free of charge, unless otherwise indicated," Ms Ware said. "There is something for everyone."

Children of all ages will no doubt enjoy the numerous activities offered such as skating and for those who enjoy some friendly competition try the "Winter Willy Tug of War".

New this year is the professional

Turbine issue may go to court

The Aurora Cable Internet controversy regarding the company's application to the Committee of Adjustment for a minor variance to permit the installation of three wind turbines and a container to hold batteries as a back-up power supply at their transmitter site took a new twist at council Tuesday night.

The site is ACI property at the end of Ridge Road in Aurora's south end.

Walter Mestrinaro, who has opposed the proposal since the application was originally submitted, again voiced his objections.

He said he and his colleagues were not objecting to the decisions of the Committee of Adjustment or the Ontario Municipal Board in approving the ACI application, but to the lack of action in fulfilling the conditions imposed by both bodies.

He continued to argue there had been a change in use prior to the conditions being fulfilled and pointed out a new generator had been installed in 2006.

He asked if had received a certificate of approval.

He also noted that the noise survey had not been carried out as required in the OMB conditions and the shipping container was in place due to loopholes provided by staff.

He threatened to file an application in the courts if ACI did not comply with the conditions.

His presentation was preceded by a presentation by Peter Scott, technical manager of ACI, who explained the container held batteries as a backup power supply and noted there had been a power outage that morning and their service had not been affected.

He explained that the noise survey had to be carried out at another location with similar equipment and it had been hoped to do the testing at a Scarborough site and at night to reduce other noises.

However, difficulties and delays had been experienced and a couple of sites in the United States were being investigated, he said.

He showed photographs of the interior of the container and assured

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Briefly

Induction

This coming Sunday, the Reverend Canon Dawn Davis will be having her induction service at Trinity Anglican Church.
The service begins at 4.30 p.m.

Movie rerun

If you missed the 2006 documentary by Al Gore called "An Inconvenient Truth", you're going to get another chance.
The Aurora Community Arboretum and the Environmental Advisory Committee will host an evening that includes the movie Monday, Feb. 19 at the Aurora Town Hall.
Included in discussions will be climate change and global warming.
Everything begins at 7 p.m.

ice carving team which will bring life to ice right before your eyes.

You'll see Nemo and his friends re-created out of 200-pound blocks of ice.

Weather permitting, the creations will be on display the entire week following the event.

Other adventurers can participate with sleigh rides and dog sled rides.

For further information, visit www.e-aurora.ca or call 905-726-4762 for the latest details and schedule.



Aurora's Special Events Coordinator Shelley Ware points out that all activities for this year's Arctic Adventure will be held outdoors...weather permitting. Auroran photo by David Falconer



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From Feb. 2 to 23 the paintings of Donna Greenstein will be featured in the Skylight Gallery of the Town Hall. The gallery is open from 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Aurora Opera Company is seeking 30 children (ages seven to 12) to participate in the main stage musical "Children of Eden" as animals and grandchildren in the children's chorus. No participation fee, and no experience necessary. Auditions in February. Rehearsals Sunday afternoons from mid-February (excluding March break) to April 20. Contact Aurora Opera Company at keepsinging@look.ca.

Until April 15, winter parking restrictions are in effect and parking is prohibited on all streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. daily.

The 3rd Aurora Scouting Group has spaces available in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. For registration information or to volunteer call 905-726-2393 or 905-841-0556.

Meet at Martha's Table, now in its second season. Every Thursday from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., you will find comfort food and a sense of community at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. A lunch of hot soup, sandwiches, and dessert will be provided.

Voice is a group of aspiring writers ages 12 to 19 interested in developing writing skills, working on a magazine and embarking on creative adventures with similarly minded people. The group meets in the Marjorie Andrews Room of the Aurora Library on the last Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Call the Library at 905-727-9493 for more information.

Aurora Seniors present a movie night every Tuesday from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Admission is \$1 for members and \$1.50 for guests.

Aurora Zen Meditation Group meets weekly every Wednesday evening at Healing Hands Wellness Centre on Wellington Street East at 7.30 p.m.

Aurora Agricultural Society (organizer of the Aurora Fair & Horse Show) meets the first Monday of every month from 6.30 to 9 p.m. at the Aurora Community Centre. New members welcome. For more information, call 905-713-6773, e-mail at info@aurorafair.ca, or visit www.aurorafair.ca.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members welcome. For further information, call 905-841-1352.

On the first Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon, a satellite constituency office for Vaughan/King/Aurora MPP Greg Sorbara will be open in the councillors' lounge at the Town Hall. Call 1-877-880-6770 for information.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #148 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at 15216 Yonge Street (south of Wellington). For more information, call 905-830-9205.

Masons' Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at The Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7.30 p.m.

Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10.30 a.m. Coffee club at 9 a.m., lunch at noon. Call 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080.

Gamblers Anonymous, every Tuesday night, Trinity Anglican Church, Victoria Street, 7.30 p.m.

Progressive Euchre every Thursday night. Aurora Legion, 7.30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

Canadian Federation of University Women has monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. There is also a selection of interest groups. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

Dancing at the Legion, 8 p.m. every Friday night.

Bid Euchre at the Legion, 1 p.m. every third Sunday.

York Regional Police Male Chorus is looking for members from Aurora and area who would like to volunteer by joining the choir. Men, 16 years of age and older, are invited to visit any Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in committee room B, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket. For more information, call volunteer chorus supervisor Lowell McClenny at 905-727-9676.

Queen's York Rangers free camps for boys and girls, 12 to 18. Aurora Squadron runs Friday evenings at the Aurora Armoury. For further information, call 905-726-8600 any Tuesday evening between 7 and 9 p.m.

The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Seniors Choir practice under the direction of Tom Rainsford every Wednesday from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. in the West McKenzie Hall of the Seniors' Centre.

Aurora Public Library, in partnership with Aurora Cable Internet presents the sixth of the 10-part monthly series of free computer workshops. 7 p.m. Magna Room. Register at the Adult Information Desk, on line, or phone 905-727-9493, option 4.

A no tie dinner to celebrate Tim Jones and his 28 years of service on Aurora council will be held at DiNardo's Mansion. Tickets are \$100 each or \$700 for a table of eight. Proceeds to the Southlake Regional Cancer Centre. Call 905-727-6188 for details.

Aurora Seniors Association presents "A Winter Cabaret", featuring Cara Chisholm and Brian Roman. Limited tickets are available at the Centre, 5 Municipal Drive, and R & R Revisited, 75 Mary Street, Unit 3. The matinee begins at 2 p.m.

Roarin' Twenties Valentines Party, Aurora Legion, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10. For further information, call 905-727-9932.

Aurora's Arctic Adventure takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Machell Park with outdoor public skating, dog sleds, horse-drawn sleigh rides, outdoor winter games, professional ice carving demonstration and face painting. Call 905-726-4762 for further information or to volunteer.

Aurora Film Circuit presents the Canada-U.K. co-production "Snow Cake", starring Alan Rickman and Sigourney Weaver. Tickets are available at R&R Revisited on Mary Street in Aurora and at the Aurora Public Library, at a cost of \$10 each. Screening time begins at 6.45 p.m. with a welcome and door prizes. Movie at 7 p.m.

Justin Trudeau will be guest speaker at an Aurora Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

Aurora's Marquee Productions presents Rogers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" at the Newmarket Theatre at 7.30 p.m. with 2 p.m. matinees on February 17 and 18. Call 905-713-1040 for tickets.

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Ski Day at Osler Bluffs Ski Club in Collingwood. Space is limited to 56 people so early booking is necessary. Cost is \$110. Call the Chamber office at 905-727-7262 to reserve.

Theatre Aurora presents "Crazy For You" at the Factory Theatre on Henderson Drive, Curtain is 8 p.m. Matinee dates, 2 p.m. For tickets, call the box office at 905-727-3669.

Aurora Writers' Group presents "Writing A Page Turner", a day-long seminar at St. Andrew's Church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee is \$38 in advance; \$42 at the door. To register, call Susan Stevenson at 905-751-1674 or e-mail brianhenry@sympatico.ca.

Aurora Public Library presents "Take A Deeper Look" with Aurora historian and former Aurora Museum curator Jacqueline Stuart. 7 to 8.30, Magna Room. Free. Pre-register at the adult information desk or phone 905-727-9493, option 4.

Pancake Tuesday at the Aurora Legion. 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. For further information, call 905-727-9932.

Aurora Historical Society annual general meeting at Hillary House at 8 p.m. Guest speaker is David Tomlinson. Call 905-727-8991 for additional information.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hosts a special 7 p.m. worship service. The service, led by the Rev. Matthew McKay, is intended to show solidarity with the people in Darfur, Sudan, where crimes against humanity are being committed.

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Five meeting at Highland Chevrolet Cadillac, 15783 Yonge Street. 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

Aurora Public Library presents author and independent publisher Collette Yvonne who will discuss getting self-published. 1 to 5 p.m. with a \$2 per person fee. Pre-register at the adult information desk, or phone 905-727-9493, option 4.

A coffee house, with entertainment and refreshments, will be held in aid of the people of Darfur, Sudan, in the Church Hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Mosley and Victoria Streets, at 7.30 p.m. Admission is \$5. All funds raised will go to World Vision.

The Canadian Alliance of British Pensioners meets at the Aurora Legion at 1.30 p.m. for a presentation to have British pensions indexed and an update on the legal case which is currently before the European Court of Human Rights. Anyone who has worked in Britain and will in future, or is now receiving a British State Pension is invited to attend.

Aurora Horticultural Society presents a "Question and Answer Session with Master Gardeners" at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North beginning at 8 p.m.

The York Chamber Ensemble, conducted by Aurora's Tony Browning, presents the Fourth York Region Youth Concert. In this strings concert, young performers add their bows to those of chamber orchestra members. The concert takes place at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street,

beginning at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, available at the door, are \$15; \$10 for students and seniors.

This is International Women's Day and the Women's Centre of York Region announces a day of celebration, education and inspiration for all Enterprising Women at at Cardinal Golf Club. For more information, call Shelley Lundquist at the Women's Centre in Aurora 905-727-5837, extension 107.

Aurora Historical Society meets at Hillary House at 8 p.m. with Curator Cathy Molloy as guest speaker.

Trinity Anglican Church presents the return visit of The Tri-City Gospel Chorus. Come and hear this 85 voice male choir sing in four part harmony. No admission charge; however an offering will be taken up. 7 p.m.

Aurora Horticultural Society presents a "Rhododendron Woods" at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North beginning at 8 p.m.

Deadline for the Aurora Library's Second Annual Poetry Contest for Teenagers to celebrate National Poetry Month based on the theme Murmurs. There are two categories, one for those in Grades 7 to 9 and the other for Grades 10 to 12. For more information call 905-727-9493.

Aurora Historical Society meets at Hillary House with a Show and Tell and Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.

Aurora Home Show, Aurora Community Centre.

Aurora Horticultural Society presents an "Aurora Urban Oasis-Aurora Arboretum" at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North, beginning at 8 p.m.

Marquee Productions presents the musical "The Secret Garden" at the Newmarket Theatre at 7.30 p.m. with 2 p.m. matinees on May 12 and 13. Call 905-713-1040 for tickets.

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Aurora Agricultural Society President Andy MacPherson took time out from the society's annual general meeting last week to present Sue Browne with a framed horse show poster from 1997. Sue is stepping down from the society and many years as an executive member.

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Poor Richard

Things that bug me at council meetings are in abundance

*Councillors are in a learning curve,
As they meet from week to week;
But they are not getting very far,
For the many answers they seek.*

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

What appeared to be a relatively simple agenda at last week's Aurora Council meeting developed into a complex, confusing meeting which lasted much longer than necessary as members of council went around in circles trying to grasp what was going on.

Thank heavens there were few spectators in the audience to observe the spectacle, but the poor TV audience on Aurora Cable Internet must have been thoroughly confused and there was no reason for the confusion.

The agenda for the meeting was approved in a routine motion early in the meeting, but discussion was allowed to continue on the details of the items listed on the agenda rather than the report to which the agenda item referred with Councillor Evelina MacEachern as the worst offender.

This resulted in members of council and the media flipping from one page to another trying to keep track of what was being discussed with amendments being made to the agenda item, which had previously been approved.

Among other things there were five committee reports on the agenda, of which some dealt with budget items, procedural bylaws and terms of reference for advisory committees.

All the items on the committee reports had been fully discussed at the committee level and instead of being adopted as presented, the discussion continued on some of the same issues with a few minor word changes to some items, which had little impact on the intent of the recommendations.

This has been ongoing over the years when council as the general committee, with all members in attendance, reaches a majority decision on an issue after a full debate and then when the committee report comes to council, some issues are re-hashed all over again, usually by a council member who didn't get his or her way at the committee meeting.

Besides, council meetings are telecast and committee meetings are not. Rehashing an issue to satisfy a personal whim is a waste of time and energy and it makes one wonder why general committees are held, so here's a thought.

Do away with them or make decisions binding unless new information is to be introduced.

A possible and easy solution to the agenda/report debacle that occurred at the council meeting might be to only list the item number, title of report or issue and page number so that the debate can take place, at the proper time.

But this would prevent citizens who use the internet on the town's web site to learn what's on the agenda, so the easiest solution for the chairperson and members of council to remember is the issue to be debated, not the summary in the agenda, which has been previously approved.

Another pet peeve happens when a consultant or a delegate makes a power point presentation and does not provide copies for members of council, staff and media to follow along and make notes as applicable.

At last week's council meeting a consultant made a power point presentation showing how Aurora compared with other participating municipalities in a variety of categories including property taxes, assessment, cost of providing programs, etc.

It was an excellent presentation but would have been much more effective if copies had been made available at the time of the presentation.

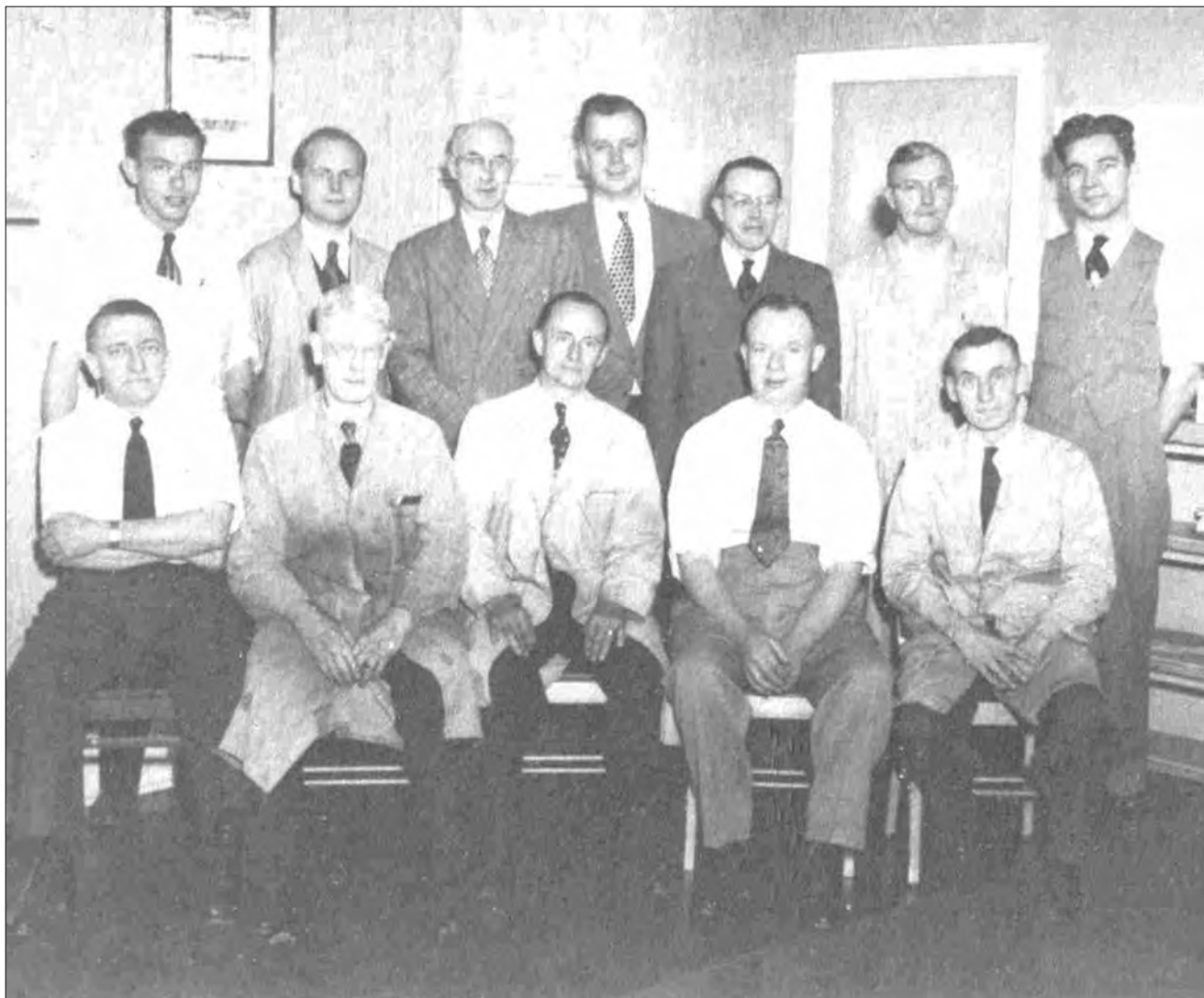
This should be a relatively simple issue for staff to arrange.

Another frustrating issue which is becoming more and more frequent at council meetings is the internal circulation of e-mails and memos from citizens and among council members on public issues which are referred to or discussed in public session, but are not made public.

Incoming e-mails from citizens on a public issue should be treated as correspondence and listed on the public agenda in the same manner.

At the same time, when a member of council asks for a staff report at a public session, it should be presented in public session and not circulated internally, which leaves the impression that council is a secret society.

There is no need for meetings to be complex and confusing if simple parliamentary procedures are followed.



This is a picture of the T. Sisman Shoe Co Ltd. management team, taken sometime around 1950, when Sisman Shoes was one of Aurora's major industries. In the back row, left to right, are Albert Ryman, Foreman; Robert Hedley, Foreman; William Stoddard, Foreman; John E. Sisman, President; Ross Linton, Vice-President; Milton Graham, Foreman; and Lester Stradman, Foreman. In the front row, left to right, are Clarence Doolittle, Foreman; George Wilkinson, Foreman; Ernest Eveleigh, Superintendent; Charles Dodson, Foreman; and Jack Brown, Foreman. This photo was supplied by Aurora's Heather Sisman. Think she's related to the Sisman family somehow?

Letter to the Editor

Consider delivering medical supplies to poor countries

To the editor,

Early this year, David and I went to Cuba for the fourth time.

Four of our family took a case (26 kg) each of medical supplies.

Our daughter Beth's case was filled with gynaecological supplies and the pap test puzzled the young customs officers.

Luckily just before she thought a physical demonstration was necessary she was given the all clear.

Maybe there are other readers who would like to take part in this through Not Just Tourists.

There are many doctors in Canada who collect donations of outdated (but viable) supplies for this purpose.

It's hard to believe, but hospitals, home-care agencies, pharmacies and medical supply companies throw out usable supplies all the time.

Cuba is a country rich in doctors but with a sagging economy struggling under a United States embargo it lacks basic supplies such as needles and surgical gloves.

There is a much higher incidence of people with missing limbs.

A cut with a machete for a worker can become infected and with few antibiotics available can lead to the only option: amputation.

When David continued his

survey of Canadian migratory birds in a small wood there he was followed each day by a young boy who was unable to attend school because of (easily treated) ringworm.

Although there was no medication available to stem the infection, seven-year-old Ainiel enjoyed pointing out birds to David and taking a turn with the binoculars, as did his two brothers.

We get our supplies from Dr. Taylor and his wife, Denise, in St. Catharines, and they send medications based on wish lists from Third World doctors who receive them.

The basement of their house is devoted to this endeavour and looks like the Aurora Food Bank with floor to ceiling shelves divided into sections of medical supplies for Heart, Obstetrics, Psychiatric, Neurological, etc.

As we arrived to pick up our cases, about 15 volunteers (many of whom are nurses) were leaving after their frequent and voluntary shifts there, to sort donations into sections and pack cases for people to courier to the Third World.

That week they had sent considerable amounts to Africa, the Philippines and Indonesia, all in donated cases.

It is an intricate project that relies on the contribution of donors, doctors, volun-

teers and tourist couriers and it is the pure logic of capturing the waste for a good cause that makes Denise Taylor dedicated to Not Just Tourists.

The cases we courier come with papers stating that they are humanitarian aid from Canada to Cuba and their weight is not deducted from your baggage allowance.

David, Beth and I took the cases in a horse and buggy to Dr. Gonzales, three kilometres from the hotel in the village of Marea del Portillo.

Arnaldo welcomed us

warmly and as his wife, Ania, served hot sweet coffee, he suggested he needed a holiday - half a day - and that David come fishing with him.

If only I'd been there to photograph the two of them setting out on Arnaldo's rickety bike, David holding the rods in one hand, the net and bait can in the other, while sitting on the metal rack over the back wheel.

For more information, e-mail "notjusttourists@yahoo.ca".

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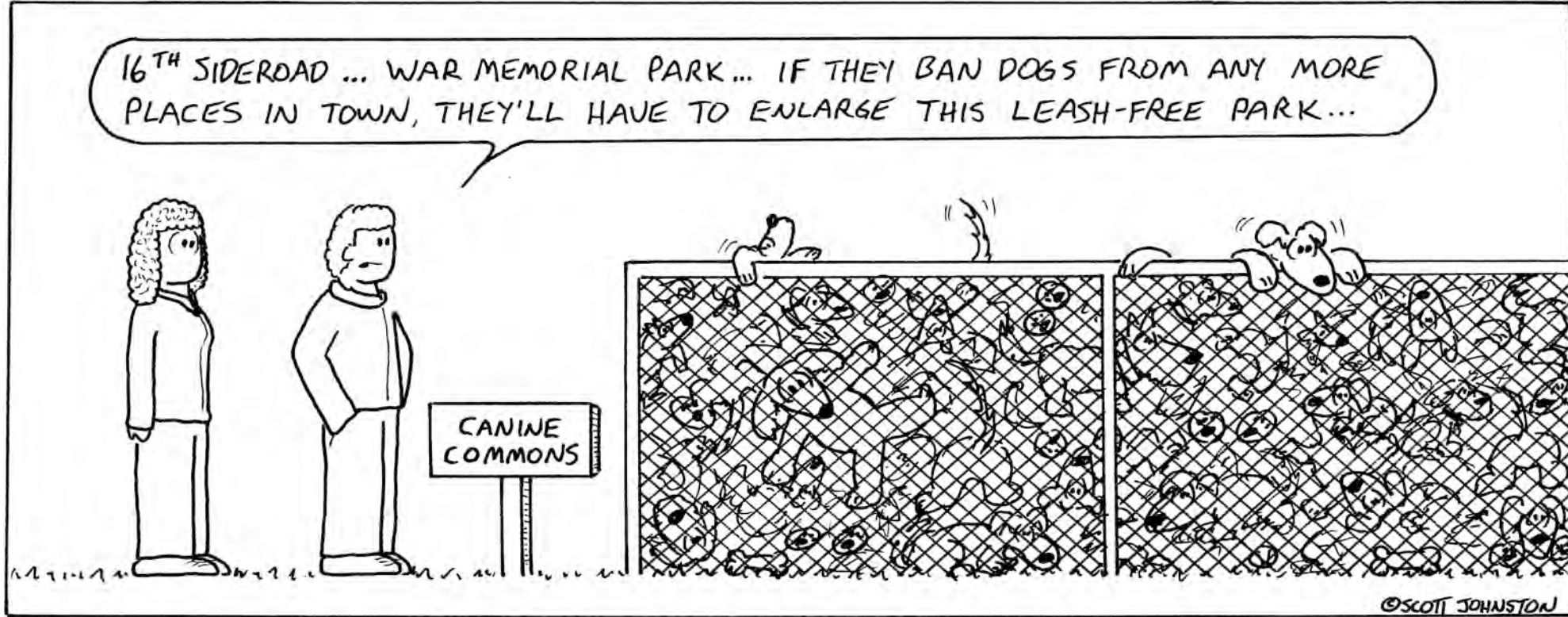
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

A roast for a former mayor

While former Aurora Mayor Tim Jones has been out of office now for almost two months, he has certainly not been forgotten.

When you have served your community, in the various capacities that he has, for almost 30 years, you certainly meet a lot of people along the way.

In the former mayor's case, many of these people became friends.

And a bunch of these people are getting together to appropriately 'roast' Tim Jones Feb. 8 at Di Nardo's - The Mansion Banquet Hall in Aurora.

I am looking forward to attending the event and hearing his friends, cronies and associates regale us with their recollections: it could be a story, funny incident, something about the former mayor's character, or what have you.

I provide you with an early preview of one such recollection.

This tribute is from former Town Councillor and 1996 Aurora "Citizen of the Year" Steve Hinder:

"I really got to know Tim when I was considering a run for Council in 1996. From the get go, he was very helpful and frankly we developed a friendship that went way beyond that circle of governance in the Town Hall.

"Tim's a very generous person. Like the time we were vacationing with our wives and it involved a long walk along a beach, with the boys stopping in for a beverage while the ladies checked out the shops. Eventually they joined us for lunch and Tim, ever so generous, insisted on paying the tab, impressed that he'd remembered to put his credit card in his bathing trunks prior to leaving.

"The bill came, Tim proudly pulled out the card to pay. It was then he realized the card he brought with him was not his MasterCard but rather his Air Miles card!

"Fortunately, we were able to pool our resources to save us from doing the dishes! Tim was embarrassed but he recovered quickly.

"I'm proud to be his friend and wish him all the very best...he's truly earned it. This community is all the better for Tim's 28-year commitment to public life."

It is said that the former mayor never met a ribbon that he wouldn't cut! I hope that fondness does not extend to ties.

The roast has been billed as 'no ties' and the last similarly themed occasion that I went to, I was not forewarned of this edict.

At the event I was called up to the front of the room by the company president. He then took out a huge pair of scissors and cut my tie.

I have been told that my expression was, as the ad says, "priceless".

Worked out well in the end though - the company let me expense a new tie. A new tie from a well-known high end men's shop suitably replaced my rather modest looking and priced one!

A few tickets are still available at 905-727-6188.

On a different matter, our publicly elected officials still continue to grapple with the budget beast.

They are past the Feb. 1 deadline suggested by staff to finalize the document. More budget related meetings are scheduled over the next month.

According to Councillor Alison Collins-Mrakas, council has now reviewed all 127 capital projects.

She said "an upcoming meeting will address specifically the merits of each project - that is what should stay 'above the line' and what can be moved below the line for the purposes of reducing the levy (and tax burden)."

On the topic of budgets, I received a nice note from an

Aurora resident regarding one of my recent columns. He writes:

"...I would encourage you to give as much detail as possible in your future articles about municipal taxes so that we residents can understand how our municipal taxes work. When I asked someone who understands local taxes they said to me that the increase in local taxes is driven by the provincial government funding formula and that the large increases that Aurora has recently experienced were unavoidable and have nothing to do with the spending record of the Aurora Town

Council.

"So, I would like to understand how they work because does this mean that everyone's taxes are rising by double the rate of inflation? I cannot believe that."

In next week's column I will look at the differences between federal, provincial and municipal taxes; what they represent, how they are calculated and how they are collected.

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Cathy's Corner

The Ya-Ya Sisterhood

I met her about 10 years ago.

I was the new president of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, and she was a new member.

Debra was gracious enough to invite me to the opening of her accounting practice where I met her mother.

"And how do you know Debra," asked Mrs. Farquharson.

"Actually," I said, "I haven't met her yet. I was hoping you might introduce me?"

Anais Nin said: "Each friend represents a world in us, a world not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born."

Meeting Debra opened to me the world of the "Ya-Ya Sisterhood".

We don't adopt strange names or wear ornate headdresses (although, occasionally, we do sport feather boas) but once a year, we indulge in moonlit ceremonies during a weekend at Punta Del Sol, Debra's cottage on Drag Lake.

And yes, one of these ceremonies is "Death by Chocolate".

It is an inspiring, uplifting, and fulfilling experience to spend a few days immersed in the feminine spirit...to revel in its strength and courage, to share in its healing and nurturing, to rejoice in its warm humour.

Of course we women can't get enough of the richness of the company of our own kind, so Debra hosts another annual event to fill the void in winter, "Girls' Night In".

This year, 20 of us gathered for the event that also marked Debra's 50th birthday.

I felt particularly blessed to be a part of this celebration of not only 50 years of life, but of the friendships that Debra's life has brought to life.

This very special woman is the epitome of the old saying: "Make new friends but keep the old..."

The spectrum ranged from more recent career friendships to high school friends to a woman she has known since she was six years old.

When women come together to celebrate women, we connect with the feminine spirit.

And when we plug into this deep, powerful and boundless feminine spirit, it has a way of connecting us to the deep, powerful and boundless part of ourselves.

Charlotte Whitton said: "Whatever women must do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult".

Women can do extraordinary things, and the only thing more amazing than the things we can do is our capacity to see them (and ourselves) as ordinary.

We have given birth to 100% of the world's children, for heaven's sake!

That alone makes us special and unique! Especially when you consider that every man who ever lived came from a woman's womb.

Sometimes, I swear I can hear the feminine spirit shout: "Just call me Eve! And watch your ribs!"

Clearly, women have the stronger claim to superiority! But since we've agreed to settle for equality, it is important for us to be each others' mirrors.

When we see the exceptional beauty in our girlfriends and feel their affection and appreciation, how can we not see our own beauty and love reflected in their eyes?

International Women's Day encourages women all around the world to discover what my friend Debra already knows: The sisterhood is sacred.

IWD is now an official holiday in Armenia, Russia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia (see, I hail from good roots!), Moldova, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

Surprisingly, Canada lags behind along with the rest of the western world.

But in Aurora, The Women's Centre of York Region is at the forefront.

They will be holding their inspiring day-long annual conference "Enterprising Women" at the Cardinal Golf Club on International Women's Day, March 8.

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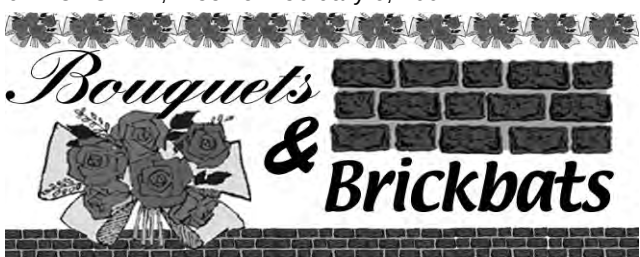
Go because one of the most creative, competent and capable women I know is running the show: my intuitive, imaginative, ineluctable, indispensable, inimitable, impish, inspiring friend, Shelley Lundquist.

Or go because your friend might be there. The one who, when you meet her, will cause a whole new world to be born for you.

This is what IWD is all about. Indeed, it is what women are all about.

As Jerry Lee Lewis so appreciatively put it: "If the Lord made anything better than a woman, He kept it for Himself."

For more information or to register for the "Enterprising Women" event, contact Shelley at the Women's Centre of York Region at (905)727-5837 ext. 107, or e-mail: slundquist@wcyr.ca



By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Joe Badali of Jersey's for his letter to The Auroran expressing his dismay for the utter disregard Dalton McGuinty and the Liberal Party have for people in business and for being hypocritical for allowing smoking in gambling casino shelters where they share the proceeds, but not in restaurants and pubs.

BRICKBATS to Aurora Council members and staff for referring to memos and e-mails which were circulated internally in public session dealing with public business with the audience and the media having no idea what they are talking about. Public business should be dealt with in public!

BOUQUETS to Matt Maddocks and R. Leonard for taking Poor Richard to task in The Auroran for his hypocrisy for continually knocking the Harper Tory government and not giving them credit for anything, such as trying to keep promises. Poor Richard says he calls things as he sees them, and hopes they will continue to keep reading, as one day it may be a bouquet.

BRICKBATS to those responsible for the condition of the women's change room in the new recreation complex. Apparently tiles are crumbling on the walls and around the shower controls. Members of council should investigate.

BOUQUETS to Andy Campbell, Director of Solid Waste Management for York Region, on being recognized by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for being an AMO Volunteer. Since 2004, he has been the lead municipal expert and negotiator on all matters relating to waste.

BRICKBATS to Canadian government officials and others for criticizing Segolene Royal, a French presidential candidate visiting Canada, for her pro-Quebec comments in support of Quebec's liberty and sovereignty. It's hard to blame her when the federal government proclaimed Quebec a nation.

BOUQUETS to York Region for being recognized by the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas and the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association on being selected for a 2006 Ontario Mainstreet Accessibility Award.

BRICKBATS to those at Pearson International Airport for spending whatever it cost to install Richard Serra's sculpture "Tilted Spheres", a 120-tonne installation in the new \$800 million Pier F consisting of four gently curving plates that rise from the floor.

BOUQUETS to the federal and provincial governments for each contributing \$301 million over two years, with matching funds from participating municipalities, to create new units of affordable housing for low income households.

BRICKBATS to the federal government for reducing funding for child care by nearly \$1.4 billion to the provinces and municipalities. Although the direct funding of \$1,200 a year for children under six will benefit some families, others will lose their subsidized day care.

BOUQUETS to the citizens of Aurora and central Ontario for donating 12,047 units of blood and platelets between December 4 and January 3 in response to Canadian Blood Services "Brighten a Life" holiday promotion.

BRICKBATS to Harper-appointed Senator and Public Works Minister Michael Fortier who promised to seek election for failing for the second time to run in an upcoming by-election in Outremont. He previously declined to run in the Repentigny riding, yet he was appointed to give Montreal a voice.

Letter to the Editor

Stouffville's Hugo returns

To the editor,

I'd like to start by expressing a most hearty 'welcome back!'

Not welcome back to all of you, the inhabitants of Aurora, but to me, of course, your erstwhile correspondent from the neighbouring community of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

You may or may not have noticed, but I have been absent from this august publication of late, and would seem to have been somewhat truant.

You, the inhabitants of this fair burg, naturally have not been anywhere other than where you are, fortunately or unfortunately, depending on who is, and how they are viewing those sorts of things.

It is unfortunate in the case of you folks, because you are still stuck here in Aurora, and fortunate for all the rest of us...because you are still stuck there in Aurora.

And to make matters worse, you had to endure an entirely tedious municipal election without the benefit on my perceptively astute insights into your particular electoral predicament.

I say "predicament" because that is precisely where you had found yourselves, potential representatively speaking.

For in perusing this very publication, and others covering (or perhaps tolerating) the political races in your town, I discovered that there was certainly some prospect for exciting and interesting races, except for the absence of one important detail.

And that detail was the shortage of exciting and interesting candidates.

Yea, many of the pundits watching your election, both professional scribes and amateur correspondents who have promulgated prior to your local plebiscite in this 'letter to the editor' section of the paper you hold in your trembling hands, bemoaned the lack of qualified postulant contestants.

Not so, over here in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Here on the decidedly more enlightened side of the 404, our situation could best be described as "our candidate cup runneth over".

The citizens of our winsome village were blessed with an abundance of eminently qualified candidates to choose from. So much so, that all the best ones were unable to be chosen.

In somewhat of the same vein, I see that you folks managed to elect yourselves a new mayor.

As we did too. Sort of.

You see, our recently elected mayor, unlike your new mayor, is not really a entirely new mayor.

Our new mayor is the old mayor.

Actually to be truthful, he is a new old mayor. As opposed to our old mayor, who was the old new mayor, and is now the new old new mayor.

Which really makes the old new mayor, the old old new mayor, and our old mayor the old new new old mayor.

I hope that clarifies things somewhat.

But enough about Whitchurch-Stouffville, now I must return to matters concerning Aurora, and its good citizens.

I read Dick Illingworth's column Jan. 23, where amongst other things he opines that we as Canadians suffer far too much of the winter doldrums, and should demand of our Federal officials a new holiday to celebrate, recoup and relax in the midst of the winter months.

Hear, hear and huzzah, Mr Illingworth! I whole heartedly agree.

Our good sage, Mr. Illingworth, then goes on to suggest that we should bestow that honour of celebration on the father of our country, Sir John A. Macdonald, in deference to the occasion of his birthday, Jan. 11.

Perfect timing, might I suggest. Who doesn't need another holiday 10 days after the last one?

We, as citizens of the frozen north, certainly suffer enough. Anybody remember how wickedly seasonal New Year's was? Brrrrr!!!!...and pass me another pina colada, seniorita.

Dick further bemoans the fact that some Canadians would rather celebrate Robbie Burns' birthday, instead of Sir John A's.

Actually, whether we celebrate the birthday of one drunken Scot or another, who's really to know or care?

I also noted the ongoing controversy regarding the placement of the wind turbines proposed by the local cable company.

Seems to me that they are at least trying to do something to promote green power in this part of the country, and personally I can't understand what the kerfluffle is about.

We all really must agree that as a society we should strive to do everything possible to promote and utilize renewable and sustainable sources of energy should we not?

So what's the problem?

As I understand it, if a more suitable location were to be found, it may be more palatable for the residents concerned.

However, the very nature of these machines requires a constant and consistent source of wind to make them economically feasible.

In that vein, the obvious location should be somewhere that they can catch as much wind as possible.

Seems to some that the top of a hill is a good place.

Others might suggest downwind of a group of excited and excitable politicians may be a better choice for sheer displaced air volume and velocity.

I have another suggestion.

Perchance these turbines should be placed in the general proximity of Ms. Stronach's new constituency office.

What with her whizzing back and forth between parties, solving all the issues facing all women in Canada (or at least Liberal women), and running around getting her hair done or shopping, there's sure to be plenty of wind on that part of Yonge Street.

As an aside, I do hope that the ongoing renovations of Ms Stronach's new amenities are progressing well, and I am sure Mr. Domi has a hand in the design and improvements.

I've not seen the results, but I am sure that he would know how the job has progressed, and may even know if the new drapes match the carpet.

I'm sure he would.

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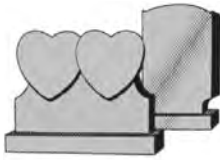
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Letters to the Editor

Humans, not dogs, litter Aurora's Memorial Park

To the editor,

I see by the latest Auroran that dogs are to be banned completely from the War Memorial Park.

So far as I know the only time this park ever gets any use is the one day every year when the Aurora Legion holds its Remembrance Service there.

There were people attending in 2006 who brought their dogs to the service.

Are they to be turned away in future?

Granted the memorial itself is sacred but there are several acres of land surrounding it that rarely get any use.

If this land is so sacred why is it not used more?

Yes, it is sacred to the memory of men and women who served their country, but what about the hundreds of horses, donkeys, dogs and pigeons that were killed in the trench warfare of the Great War of 1914-1918?

They did not volunteer to go to war to be killed or maimed. At that time the Canadian Army had a Veterinary Corps to look after these animals yet the Town of Aurora, in its wisdom, is not willing to allow a veterinarian to take his sick and recuperating patients to this under-used park to do their business even though he assured council that all droppings would be cleaned up.

The part he wants to use is at least 200 metres from the monument.

Aurora Council is conveniently passing the buck to the Legion because at a general meeting (not a Board meeting) the Legion members voted against allowing a gate in the fence for the use of the Veterinary Clinic.

But, did you know that there were only 23 people at that crucial meeting and the vote was carried by a single vote?

I know because I attended that meeting!

Why is the Aurora Council

allowing 12 votes to dictate what hundreds of pet owners can and cannot do?

I deliberately took my big dog to that park several times after that meeting in October and found absolutely no dog dirt there.

What I did find was heaps of rotting vegetation at the eastern part of the park, garbage strewn along the inside of the fence on the north side and a swampy northeast corner where even my dog would not walk.

Why do you make dog owners purchase dog tags if they are to be restricted from certain parks?

Parks are to be used and enjoyed, not left to languish day in and day out.

I am sure that York Region dog owners would never allow their pets to desecrate our war memorial as some humans did at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

In closing let me say my dog is not one of Dr. McLean's patients but I have every

respect for this vet's work and would urge the citizens of Aurora to petition the town council on his behalf.

Eleanor Thomson
King Township

Ed. Note: Dr. McLean's biggest mistake was being above board and bringing this issue to the public by offering to pay for a new gate in the fence. Until then, few knew the old gate was even there.

Dick has earned his stripes: reader

To the editor,

Re: Illingworth bias, Letter to the Editor, The Auroran, Page 6, Jan. 23.

Back when I took Journalism 101 – Beginning Reporting – the professor told us to be objective and balanced when writing a news story.

When the editor/publisher lets us have a by-line, we would have earned the honour of being subjective.

Dick, you have earned your by-line many times over.

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Budget meetings dates set

Members of Aurora Council have held a number of special general committee meetings to review the 2007 capital and operating budgets including an all-day Saturday session.

More meetings are needed before the budget can be presented to council for approval.

In order to provide sufficient time to advertise as well as deliberate both the capital and operating budgets, staff recommended that special budget general committee meetings be held Feb. 15 and 22 and March 5, if necessary.

Mayor Phyllis Morris suggested it was necessary to rank the budget issues in priority before setting dates and that background information was required for some of the issues.

Other general committee members suggested the first meeting be a priority setting meeting.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said members were spending too much time discussing the budget and weren't getting anywhere and talks had come to a screeching halt.

She added that the budget wasn't cast in stone and expenditures still had to be approved by council.

Her comments were not well received by other members of council as they believed they were doing a good job and the preparation of the budget was an on-going process.

The proposed budget dates were adopted as presented.

Turbine issue heading to court?

From page 1
possible to work with the town in fulfilling the conditions, so that the project could proceed.

At a previous general committee meeting, after more than an hour of debate, several staff reports were requested plus direction that the mayor and CAO attempt to facilitate discussions between ACI and the concerned residents with a goal to achieve a resolution.

When the committee report came to council, following the two presentations, the debate started all over again.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern said council was going in circles with a new spin each week and the OMB had imposed five conditions which had not been addressed and council members were not getting direct answers.

Councillor Evelyn Buck pointed out that both the Committee of Adjustment and the OMB had ruled in ACI's favour and the residents had every opportunity

to present their case and when they didn't get their way, they appealed to council.

At the time council had not taken a position, she said.

"Council was not a party at either the Committee of Adjustment or the OMB hearings and trying to overrule an OMB ruling was not reasonable," the councillor added.

She said she would not support a ruling to go to court as the citizens had every opportunity to have their say.

She added that it was a case of harassment, to which Councillor MacEachern objected saying she was just doing her job and until the five conditions were fulfilled the OMB decision had not been

carried out.

In referring to the committee report recommending more staff reports which was before council, Councillor Bob McRoberts said that staff had spent enough time compiling reports and that the OMB had not imposed a time limit for fulfilling the conditions.

In spite of the strong objections of Councillors Buck and McRoberts, council members voted to endorse the committee recommendations with Councillors Buck, McRoberts and Alison Collins-Mrakas in opposition.

Councillor Grace Marsh was absent for the meeting.



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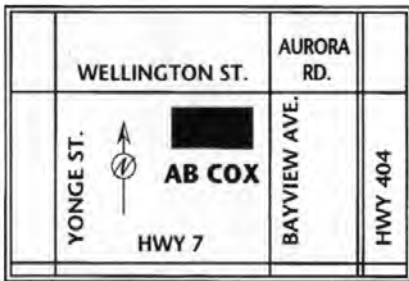
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Tigers finish on top

Bring on the playoffs!!

Aurora will welcome teams from either Orangeville or Buffalo to town this Friday night as the first round of Provincial Junior A hockey playoffs gets underway.

To say the Tigers are ready is an understatement.

Last week, they added three more victories to their impressive season, and were scheduled to play their final season game in Collingwood Tuesday night.

Results of that encounter were not available at press time.

Sunday afternoon, even though top spot was already clinched, the Tigers clubbed the Pickering Panthers 9-2, thanks to a five-goal second period outburst.

Scoring twice for the winners were Jordan Watts, who was all over ice creating havoc, and Paul Zanette who contin-

ues his torrid scoring pace of late.

Other markers came from Jeff Grenier, Vince Bruni, Andrew Favot, Joey Martin and Joey Piccone.

Adding two assists each were Mark Thorburn, Joey Pell and Favot.

A more subdued Tyler Gordon played extremely well between the pipes and stopped 38 of 40 shots sent his way.

Aurora opened with three goals in the first period, poured five more in during the middle 20 minutes, and added another in the final frame to account for their scoring.

Pickering scored once in the first and again in the third.

Friday night, in front of more than 500 fans, Aurora edged the powerful St. Michael's Buzzers 3-2.

Two power play goals and a shorthanded goal by Jordan Watts with the aid

of Mark Mayea proved to be the difference in the victory.

The first power play marker was scored by Joey Martin who was parked in front of the net and he roofed a rebound.

The second was the result of a beautiful passing play initiated by Alain Goulet up high to Colin Williams down low who found Daniel Michalsky in the slot for the tally.

Despite getting distracted at times, Tyler Gordon was solid between the pipes for the Tigers stopping 33 of 35 shots most of which came on St. Mike's many power plays including three separate five-on-threes.

Gordon's key stop came with seconds remaining in the game when an opposing forward sneaked in all alone and fired high but Gordon make a remarkable shoulder save to preserve

the victory.

In Oshawa last Tuesday night, Aurora dumped the Durham Fury 5-1.

Zanette scored twice, while singles came from Colin Williams, Connor McGarry and Favot.

Mike Lalonde was between the pipes for the winners.

Aurora scored one goal in each of the first and second periods, then buried Durham with a three-goal outburst in the final 20 minutes.

Durham spoiled Lalonde's shutout bid in the third frame.

Favot, without counting what he might have done Tuesday night, led the scoring race after Sunday's game with 30 goals and 37 assists for 67 points, one ahead of Martin, who is a goal off the pace.

Not counting Tuesday's game in Collingwood,

Aurora boasts a 43-4-1 record and has won nine games in a row.

Without knowing their opponent in the opening

playoff round, the Tigers will host someone at the Aurora Community Centre Friday evening.

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Aurora Skating Club results

Following are results of the members of the Aurora Skating Club who attended the 28th Annual Uxbridge Invitational Competition recently.

STARSKATE EVENTS FREESKATE

Pre-Preliminary Ladies 1A: Courtney McGrath (Flight 5) 3rd, Stephanie Morawietz (Flight 6) 1st.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies 2B: Marilena Perri (Flight 1) 2nd, Savannah Hendy (Flight 3) 3rd, Samantha Duncan (Flight 5) 1st, Molly Oulahen (Flight 6) 1st, Kaitlin VanWinckle (Flight 8) 3rd, Becky O'Malley (Flight 9) 3rd.

Preliminary Ladies 1B: Jacqueline Relke (Flight 2) 1st, Katherine Morawietz (Flight 3) 1st.

Preliminary Ladies 1C: Amber Cioffe (Flight 2) 3rd.

Preliminary Ladies 2B: Kendall Mannella (Flight 1) 6th, Tayler Sim (Flight 2) 3rd, Kate Sutton (Flight 3) 2nd.

Preliminary Ladies 2C: Raquel Burgess (Flight 1) 1st, Alana Fabbicino (Flight 1) 4th, Taylor McDowall (Flight 2) 5th, Hailey Riggs (Flight 2) 3rd, Hailey McGrath (Flight 3) 5th, Jihyun Cha (Flight 4) 6th.

Junior Bronze Ladies B: Nicole Relke (Flight 4) 2nd.

Junior Bronze Ladies C: Jennine Brunton (Flight 5) 3rd.

Senior Silver Ladies: Meaghan Jones 5th.

INTERPRETIVE Introductory Ladies:

Jory Goldman (Flight 1) 5th, Allie Sutton (Flight 2) 2nd.

COMPETITIVE EVENTS FREESKATE

Juvenile Ladies: Sierra Chovanec 12th.

Novice Ladies - Short: Carolyn Armstrong (Flight

1) 6th, Sarah Gray (Flight 1) 7th, Lauren Cooper (Flight 2) 1st, Maya Goldman (Flight 2) 8th, Emma Hayzelden (Flight 2) 3rd.

Novice Ladies - Long: Sarah Gray (Flight 1) 7th, Lauren Cooper (Flight 2) 2nd, Maya Goldman (Flight 2) 3rd, Emma Hayzelden (Flight 2) 9th.

Novice Ladies - Final: Sarah Gray (Flight 1) 7th,

Lauren Cooper (Flight 2) 1st, Maya Goldman (Flight 2) 3rd, Emma Hayzelden (Flight 2) 9th.

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New bylaw would raise the cost of pet licences

If you are a pet owner in Aurora be prepared to pay a little more for your pet's licencing fee, but you'll have a chance for input before the enacting bylaw is adopted, scheduled for Feb. 13.

The current dog fee is \$20 and the fee for cats \$10 and it is proposed to increase these amounts to \$30 for a dog and \$20 for a cat.

Seniors have not been required to obtain a licence in the past, and it is proposed that they pay \$15 for a dog licence and \$10 for a cat.

Micro-chipped pets, for which there previously was not a charge will cost \$30 for a dog licence and \$20 for a cat licence under the proposal.

The policy of not charging a licence fee for service dogs remains.

Town staff pointed out that in spite of the growth of

the town the licence fee revenue over the past six years has been decreasing.

In 2001 there were 2,508 dog licences issued and 1,714 cat licences for total revenue of \$56,089.

By 2006, only 1,736 dog licences and 778 cat licences were issued for total revenue of \$16,522.

The downward trend was believed to be the result of two factors, the increase in the number of micro-chipped pets which were not required to pay a fee and the discontinuance of the door to door licence canvassers that the town used from 2001 to 2004.

At the same time the operating costs for animal control services has increased significantly over the past seven years from \$89,300 in 2001 to \$164,500 in 2007.

It was also pointed out that currently there are about 14,864 households in

town and it is estimated there are approximately 3,000 dogs and 2,000 cats.

It's proposed that an aggressive licensing and enforcement campaign be introduced.

By removing the exemption for micro-chipped pets and charging seniors with pets a proportionate fee, it is envisioned the total pet licence revenue can be increased to help offset the escalating costs of the animal control services which can be a burden on non-pet owner taxpayers.

In 2001 the town hired canvassers to go door to door selling pet licences.

It was a successful program as it provided a value added service to the residents and eliminated the need to go to the Town Hall to obtain a licence.

The program was discontinued in 2004 due to escalating costs, as the canvassers were paid a

proportion of the revenue for each licence they sold.

It became evident however that the program was not economically viable because the town had to pay the canvassers for licences they sold to seniors and pet owners with micro-chipped animals for which the town did not receive revenue.

It was recommended the door to door service be re-introduced in 2007 with a special surcharge of \$10 on the purchase of a pet licence from the canvasser.

In the event a resident refused to licence a pet through the canvasser, the file would be forwarded to Animal Control Services for follow-up action.

Another component for the proposed modified bylaw addresses the fines for unlicensed dogs or cats and would increase the fine from \$105 to \$200.

There was further discussion about the proposed fee structure with suggested changes and the role of the canvassers.

A letter was received from a resident complaining about the proposed fee for micro-chipped pets and council members can expect to hear more from pet owners.

New group may help ease your tax burden

With the downloading of many provincial programs and services to municipalities without the fiscal resources to cover costs, property taxes have skyrocketed in municipalities.

Aurora is no exception. However, there may be some light at the end of the tunnel as the province and Ontario's municipal governments through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the City of Toronto have embarked on a new

partnership.

In accordance with the commitment to consultation outlined in the Municipal Act and the City of Toronto Act, the province and its municipal partners agreed to undertake a joint review of the provincial/municipal fiscal and service delivery relationship.

The review which got underway in December is scheduled to be complete by the spring of 2008.

It should produce a consensus-based summary report for public release, including recommendations for implementation.

The main goals of the review are to lead to a sustainable, provincial/municipal relationship and focus on affordability and fiscal sustainability for both levels of government, fairness for taxpayers and residents and long term economic development and prosperity for Ontario.

The members of the review team comprise municipal and provincial elected officials from across the province.

In addition, financial and technical expertise needed to support the review will be included to provide for a wide-ranging exploration of all options.

Bridge Club results

Here are the results for Aurora Bridge club:

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Libby McWilliams, Linda Lord; Izhar Haque, Steve Sanderson; Margaret McFarlane, Paul McFarlane.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: NS - Paul Graves, George Jordan; Linda Lord, Hans Jacobs; Don Jackson, Lena Jackson. EW - Priscilla Hull, Ruth Rea; Ross Jenkinson, Jane Demers; Alex Carpenter, Beth Stokell

Friday, Jan. 26: NS - Paul MacFarlane, Marg MacFarlane; George Jordan, Irma Field; Rani Mahmood, Libby McWilliams; Mary Oglanby, Sandra Davey. EW - Gerald Heath, Deanne Dennison; Don Jackson, Lena Jackson; Izhar Haque, Ibrahim El Amin; Jane Demers, Gordon Saul.




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Monday night hockey

Results as of Monday, Jan. 29

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Tom & Jerry's	13	2	2	61	35	28
Law Insurance Brokers	10	5	2	69	39	22
Rec Cycle N' Sports	9	7	1	63	62	19
Highland Chev-Olds-Geo-Cad	8	6	3	70	53	19
Priestly Demolition	8	8	1	63	59	17
Baldwin's	5	10	2	60	67	12
FPL Aggregates	5	12	0	43	78	10
Masterclean Contracting	4	12	1	48	73	9

Results, Monday, Jan. 29

Highland Chev	4	Rec Sports	6
Baldwin's Steakhouse	3	FPL Aggregates	2
Tom & Jerry's	3	Priestly Demolition	6
Law Insurance	0	Masterclean	1

Player standings, Monday, Jan. 29

NAME	TEAM	G	A	PTS
John Archibauld	Highland's	18	9	27
John Anderson	Rec Sports	16	10	26
Mark Sedore	Priestly	18	6	24
Ed Kilroy	Rec Sports	12	11	23
Bruce Chappell	Highland's	7	16	23
Steve Kavanah	Baldwins	11	12	23
Steve McDonald	Law Insurance	9	11	20
Scott Crabb	Highland's	8	12	20
Kevin Brown	Rec Sports	8	11	19
Craig McConnell	Law Insurance	13	5	18
John Yaremko	Law Insurance	12	6	18
Darryl Thompson	Tom & Jerry's	14	4	18
Jason Muise	Priestly	7	10	17
Charlie Steenhorst	Rec Sports	3	13	16
Brad McMillan	Tom & Jerry's	8	8	16
Pat Davies	Priestly	9	5	14
Gerald Briand	Baldwins	7	7	14
Ed Jackson	Baldwins	4	10	14
Vince Greco	Tom & Jerry's	6	8	14
Pat O'Mahony	FPL	6	8	14
Colin Leech	Priestly	4	9	13
Chris Neal	Highland's	7	6	13
Kevin O'Keefe	Baldwins	7	6	13
Mike Nisbet	Priestly	6	6	12
Doug Adair	Rec Sports	4	8	12
Darren Yaremko	Law Insurance	4	8	12
Brian Horton	Baldwins	2	10	12
Joel Reeves	Tom & Jerry's	3	9	12
Jerry Mackrell	Tom & Jerry's	5	7	12
Frank Balkovec	Law Insurance	2	10	12
Mark Lemmon	Law Insurance	4	7	11
Steve Robertson	Highland's	4	7	11
Dave Holden	Tom & Jerry's	5	6	11
Alain Boudreau	Masterclean	7	4	11
Dean Iwai	Tom & Jerry's	4	7	11
Bob Ince	FPL	5	5	10
Jerome Flanigan	Priestly	3	7	10
Ron Van Noort	Masterclean	7	3	10
Scott Sheppard	Rec Sports	1	9	10
Dave McQueston	FPL	4	6	10
John Leeder	FPL	6	4	10
Paul Gibson	Law Insurance	2	8	10
Peter Briand	Baldwins	4	5	9
Andrew Dalton	Rec Sports	3	6	9
Hugh Alcorn	Masterclean	0	9	9
Scott Thomas	Tom & Jerry's	0	9	9
Mike Kensit	Masterclean	5	4	9
Mike Casey	Priestly	4	5	9
Dave Caverley	FPL	3	6	9
Bill Collins	Masterclean	2	7	9
Ken Rumble	Highland's	6	2	8
Doug McGrath	Baldwins	3	4	7
Dan Smith	Rec Sports	3	4	7
Mike Slimkowich	Masterclean	2	5	7
Jack Radecki	FPL	4	2	6
Doug Hackett	FPL	1	5	6
Jody Matthews	Highland's	3	3	6
RonThieson	Tom & Jerry's	0	6	6
Steve Rezwick	Rec Sports	1	5	6
John Spicer	Rec Sports	1	5	6
Angelo Nasato	Masterclean	1	5	6
Tom Hussey	Masterclean	3	3	6
Mike Caicco	Priestly	1	5	6
Mike Dinner	Priestly	1	5	6
Craig McConnell	Law Insurance	4	2	6

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House League Tyke

109 Tim Hortons Wild Tyke House League 6 - Tyler Thomas 1A, James Samson 3G 1A, Josh Hookey 1A, Cameron Raitlon 1A, Jackson Clements 2A, Cameron Dyer 3G 1A. **101 Tim Hortons Red Wings 2.**

110 Tim Hortons Thrashers Tyke House League 8 - David Tonelli 1G, Tyler Frise 1A, Gordon Scott 4G, Ethan Brooks 1A, John Powell 1A, Brennan Young 3G, Andrew Warner 1A. **102 Tim Hortons Bruins 5.**

103 Tim Hortons Senators 5. 104 Tim Hortons Flyers Tyke House League 2 - Chris Roche 1A, Eric Pears 1A, Christian Ramirez 1A, Shamus Quinn 1A, Carmelo Sortino 1G, Connor MacGrath 1G.

108 Tim Hortons Sharks Tyke House League 8 - Matthew Carney 1G 1A, Ryan Lewis 2A, Matthew Minchella 2G 4A, Jayson Perkins 1G 1A, Austin Hendy 1A, Kyle Wulle 1A, Clayton Allen 3A, Alexander Simardone 3G 1A, Cameron Bourne 1A, Sam Speranini 1G, Brianna Nocon-Willatts 1A. **105 Tim Hortons Leafs 0.**

106 Tim Hortons Penguins 7 - Reid Carpenter 1G, Filip Ekstrom 2A, Jack Camplin 3G, Andrew Currie 1A, Quest Rodin 2A, Aidan Glassey 1A, Aidan Burbank 2A, Andrew Sergejewich 3G, Dan Atasiei 2A, Evan McKenzie 1A, Mark Carpenter 3A. **107 Tim Hortons Lightning Tyke House League 2** - William Morin 1G, Mark Kalmisto 1G 1A, Kyle Dungey 1A, Brady Sarazin 1A, Darcy Sarazin 1A.

Novice

205 Mastermind Toys Novice House League 4 - Max Bruckner 1A, Connor Tripp 2G 1A, Alex Carter 1G, Tyler Williams 1A, Devon Hope 1A, Carter Eby 1A, Lucas Ackerman 1A, Connor Reilly 1A, Will Ashton 1G 1A. **206 Chouinard Bros. Home Improvements 1.**

203 McAlpine Ford Novice House League 5 - Lucas Bulmer 1A, Tristan Kuchar 2G 2A, Alistar Johnston 2A, Spencer White 1G, Keegan Matthew 2G 1A. **201 Diamond Groundskeeping Services 2** - Adam Caicco 2G, Brett Diamond 1A, Conor Braund 1A.

Minor Atom

301 Optimist Club of Aurora Inc. 3 - Cameron Screech 2A, Dennis Semenovych 1G, Matthew Hall 2A, Johnny Sherwood 2G. **303 Tilemaster Minor Atom House League 2.**

302 Rec Cycle N' Sports 8 - Michael Imseis 2G, Nolan Smith 1G, Christian Strilchuk 5A, Bryn Burbank 1G 1A, Joshua Capodagli 1G, Ryan Batten 3G, Hunter Jones 1A, Matthew MacGrath 2A. **304 HS Financial Services Inc. Minor Atom House League 0.**

Atom

401 Shoppers Drug Mart Aurora 7. 404 All Pro Source For Sports Atom House League 0.

402 Orr & Forster Insurance Brokers 3 - Keith Jarvis 1G, Morgan Walker 1G, Russell Johnson 1G. **403 Delph & Jenkins Surveyors Atom House League 2** - Joseph Veneziano 1A, Nathan Sinclair 1G, Matthew Walker 1G, Max Brown 1A.

406 AB Cox Pontiac Buick GMC 2 - Scott Taylor 1G 1A, Justin Chalmers 1A, Lucas Brutto 1A, Eric McMurray 1G. **408 Greenpoint Laser Products Atom House League 2.**

Minor Peewee

506 Dr. Steiner's Drillers Minor Peewee House League 7 - Kieran Cullen 1A, Scott Cosentino 1A, Eric Staeuble 1G, Dustin Partanen 1G 2A, Ryan Dowling 3G, Sasha Dajia 2G, Nic Venosa 1A, Ethan Cullen 2A, Luke Pizzurro 1A. **501 Millennium Devils 3** - Liam Devlin 1G, Joshua Lawlor 1G, Kyle DeSouza 1A, Daniel Bunder 1A, Jesse Borin 1G, Ryan Byerlay 1A .

505 Nacora Insurance Brokers Ltd. Minor Peewee House League 5. 501 Millennium Devils 2 - Jamie Pountney 1G, Daniel Bunder 1G.

506 Dr. Steiner's Drillers Minor Peewee House League 8 - Eric Staeuble 1G, Dustin Partanen 1G 1A, Paul Louis Steiner 2G 1A, Ryan Dowling 2G, Sasha Dajia 1G 1A, Matthew Iamonaco 1A, Franco Porano 1A, Ethan Cullen 2A, Luke Pizzurro 1G. **504 Rotary Club of Aurora 3.**

Minor Bantam

702 ACI 3 - Curtis Rose 1G 1A, Eamon Reilly 1G 1A, Michael Wood 1G 1A, Michael Reilly 1A. **705 CAA South Central Ontario Minor Bantam House League 3** - Jaret Meron 1G, Spencer Palmer 1G, Kevin McCrudden 1G 1A, Stephen Newby 2A.

707 Optimist Club of Aurora Inc. Minor Bantam House League 6. 702 ACI 2 - Joel Piovesan 1A, Eamon Reilly 1G, Michael Reilly 1G, Egan Fennel 1A.

703 A.D.C. Aluminum 5 - Brandon Lalonde 1G 1A, Michael Vance 1A, Ryan Taylor 2G, Mark Tanel 2G 1A, Christian Avolio 1A, Wesley Seminara 1A. **706 Cosentino Produce Minor Bantam House League 4** - Cameron Annear 1A, Jonathon Boehmer 1A, Patrick Dowling 1A, Joey Lombardi 1A, Lucas Cristillo 1G 1A, Colin Sandquist 1G, Andrew Cosentino 1A, Alexander Payne 1G, Ryan Cumiskey 1G.

704 Marys Flower Shop 5 - Gianluca Sampieri 1G 1A, Tyler Jensen 1G 2A, Danny Malinas 2G, Curtis Stobo 2A, Hayden Sands 1A, Roman Attwell 1G. **706 Cosentino Produce Minor Bantam House League 1** - Cameron Annear 1G, Jonathon Boehmer 1A, Logan Weber 1A.

709 ACI Minor Bantam House League 6 - Paul Andrews 1A, Razvan Vela 1A, Greg Lacroix 1G, Danny McConnell 5G 1A. **707 Optimist Club of Aurora Inc. 2** - Taran McGowan 1G, Adrian Bulfon 1A, Alex Dunn 1G.

710 Central York Professional Fire Fighters Minor Bantam House League 4 - Christopher Morin 1A, Stefan Richardson 1A, Griffin Slimkowich 1A, Kamran Karamchi 1G, James Phillips 2G, Nicholas Boswell 1G. **708 Perfect Moves 3** - Justin Fenyes 1G, Liam Martin 1G, Brandon Connolly 1A, John Zorzit 1A, Troy Gouveia 1G.

Bantam

801 Supreme Collision Centre 3 - Scott Cunningham 2G, Eric DeRoos 1A, Marco Santella 1A, Ben Crouse 1A, Jordan Adams 1A, Neil Gaston 1G. **802 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre Bantam House League 3.**

806 Wood Brothers Drywall Bantam House League 8. 801 Supreme Collision Centre 0.

Minor Midget

901 Emilios Pizza 4 - Trevor McCartney 1A, Geoff Knaack 2G 2A, Derek Isidoro 2G 1A. **902 Minor Midget House League 2** - Daniel Korolnek 1G, Steven Foss 1A, Andrew Wilkins 1G 1A.

905 Skaters First Minor Midget House League 3. 902 2 - Scott Quagliarini 2G.

904 Pizza Pizza 7 - Spenser Freeland 1G 1A, Ethan Shore 1G 1A, Jason Nadeau 1A, Taylor Bryce 2G, Michael Shoesmith 2G, Daniel Filippi 1G, Eric Shoesmith 2A. **905 Skaters First Minor Midget House League 3.**

Midget

1010 Midget House League 5. 1001 3.

1007 Pizza Pizza Midget House League 6. 1002 0.

1006 Smittys Painting & Decorating Midget House League 4. 1003 3.

1005 Highland Chev Cadillac Midget House League 7. 1004 C.W. Coops Aurora 2.

1004 C.W. Coops Aurora 4. 1006 Smittys Painting & Decorating Midget House League 3.

1008 5. 1009 Midget House League 1.

Rep Games

Minor Atom

Newmarket Redmen Minor Atom A 2. Aurora Tigers Minor Atom A 1.

Atom

Aurora Tigers Atom AE 1. Newmarket Redmen Atom AE 1.

Peewee

Aurora Tigers Peewee A 2 - Dylan Hussey 1G 1A, Evan Collect 1G 1A. **TNT PW A Peewee A 1.**

Minor Bantam

Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AE 2 - Luca Battiston 2A, Gavin Forrest 1G 1A, Michael Nonnewitz 1G 1A. **Newmarket Redmen Minor Bantam AE 0.**

Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AE 2 - Luca Battiston 1G 1A, Gavin Forrest 1A, Adam Reid 1G, Rocco DeBartolo 1A. **Newmarket Redmen Minor Bantam AE 0.**

Bantam

TNT Bantam AE Bantam AE 5. Aurora Tigers Bantam AE 1 - Justin Killens 1G, Stephen Di Nallo 1A.

Minor Midget

Newmarket Redmen Minor Midget A 4. Aurora Tigers Minor Midget A 3.

RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

The controversial multi-way stop

The intersection of Kennedy and George Streets has received more attention by council over the years than any other intersection within the municipality.

Residents of the area had requested stop signs to slow traffic and provide safety for pedestrians, especially students attending George Street Public School.

Due to the north and south legs of George Street being offset by more than 30 feet, no action was taken except to lower the speed limit on Kennedy to 40 km/hr.

At the time both legs of George Street had stop signs and Kennedy was a through street.

During the public meetings regarding the reconstruction of Kennedy Street during the summer of 2001 the issue of stop signs was raised once again. Somehow or other the multi-way stop signs were erected during the construction without a bylaw to make them legal.

A temporary bylaw was quickly adopted until the George Street stop signs were removed, which resulted in delegations and petitions to council to retain the signs.

Finally in February, 2002, a bylaw was adopted to make the signs legal and Councillor Ron Wallace was successful in obtaining council support for a review in six months time.

Now a former councillor, Wallace is still waiting!

Another controversial stop sign control was the two-way stop at Child Drive and Baldwin Road.

In April, 2006, council adopted a recommendation of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee that the existing two-way stop be retained and oversized stop signs and warning tabs be installed to enhance the existing stop sign control.

Council also asked staff to monitor the intersection and report back if additional measures were required.

Was it ever necessary to report back?

WHO PAYS FOR THIS MAINTENANCE?

During the development of Phase One of the Bayview Wellington subdivision back of the Town Hall, in December, 1996, council of the day discussed the issue of private versus public ownership of the rear yard laneways in terms of maintenance and capital replacement.

Various options were discussed including leaving the laneways private, accept it as public or as public with a surcharge, or a one-time cash payment to cover maintenance and capital replacement.

Staff recommended a one-time cash payment as the preferred option but this was defeated by council on a 5-3 vote and as a result the town assumed the laneways.

The issue was raised again in October, 1998, when another phase of the development was to proceed and it was pointed out that taxpayers would have to pick up the costs of maintenance, including snow plowing and it was recommended that a surcharge be imposed.

Council requested staff to bring back a report outlining the options available to them.

It is not known if the report was made available or what the options might be, but it would be interesting if a member of the current council would ask what had happened and who was paying.

A FREUDIAN SLIP

A re-faced Jack Rettie admitted afterwards that it was a Freudian slip.

Rettie, York Region's first chief administrative officer, stood to address regional council back in 1971 and according to procedure directed his comments through Regional Chairman Garfield Wright.

"I'm not sure how we solve the chairman, Mr. Problem," he said as council erupted into laughter.

THE LEKSAND EXHIBIT

Missing from public view at the Aurora Town Hall is a cabinet that contained several artifacts from Leksand, Sweden, Aurora's twin municipality.

The items were on display when the municipal offices were located on Wellington Street West.

In April, 1974, Councillors Norm Stewart and Jack Williamson returned from a friendship visit to Leksand, Sweden, to present a tapestry to Mayor Evelyn Buck, members of council and citizens of Aurora as an indication that the mayor, council and citizens of Leksand had accepted Aurora's invitation to twin.

Susan E. Tucker
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Adventurous trip planned in May

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Virginia Cuifo is our new part time Seniors Programmer who began her duties January 30.

Welcome to the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA), Virginia. I am sure I speak on behalf of all members when I say the centre needs the expertise you possess and we are happy to have you aboard.

Movie night is back with our new humongous projector screen, and we look forward to seeing all the familiar faces again.

The first movie was: "You, Me, And Dupree" with Kate Hudson.

An exciting trip is planned to Branson, Missouri, May 1 to 8.

If this appeals to you, book early to avoid disappointment and to allow the organizers time to understand how many are interested in this outstanding trip.

Also, this involves a USA border crossing, so photo I.D. is imperative, although a passport is recommended.

Admission to five musical shows is included and lots of free time is available to attend various other attractions.

The trip will take you to Joliet, St. Louis, Springfield and Branson, where you will stay for four nights.

Day six will be spent in Indianapolis, Indiana, before returning home.

The list of available activities is greater than I can describe here, but just contemplating this trip has me yearning to take part.

All of the information is available at the Centre.

If you plan to photograph this trip with your film or digital camera, or to take your laptop computer with you, which will serve as a diary, no charge e-mail contact with home, and a place to download a ton of photographs, I recommend you refresh or brush up on your skills in the computer room.

I comment on the obvious when I write that if you own equipment of a technical nature, the only way to obtain maximum pleasure from it is to learn how to operate it.

The computer room has meetings every Tuesday where many subjects are discussed, including questions and answers.

Often somebody else will ask the question you had forgotten and you can benefit that way.

In addition, every Tuesday, beginning at 1 p.m., we have a resource volunteer available in the computer room, who will help you if possible, or direct you to available help.

A few members take great advantage of this opportunity but many more let the chance slip by.

The annual membership renewal is now January 1 for everybody; please renew as soon as possible if you have not done so already.

We have doubled our membership or better in the last 12 months. I keep meeting new people I like!

February is often a slow month with the snowbirds far to the south, but we have a few things on the go for February, including a Winter Cabaret, Feb. 10; Valentines Lunch, Feb. 14; Square Dance, Feb. 17; and Pancake Tuesday, Feb. 20.

One last item is a planned photography club we would like to start.

This is proposed for Tuesday evenings, so even if you are still employed, you can come over to the Centre and participate.

If you are interested, leave your name and phone number at the front counter for Virginia Bodnar, or e-mail her at virginiabodnar@sympatico.ca.

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In addition to the tapestry, the councillors brought back several books, a recording of the famous Leksand Fiddlers and other gifts which were placed on display in the cabinet.

In March, 1979, Swedish artist Hans Prins on a visit to Canada stopped off in Aurora to present an illuminated scroll from the citizens of Leksand to the citizens of Aurora as a further token of friendship.

It was presented to Mayor George Timpson.

Where is the cabinet and all the artifacts from the citizens of Leksand to the citizens of Aurora and why isn't it on view in the lobby of the Town Hall for all to see?

AURORA SAFETY COUNCIL

At one time Aurora had a very active Safety Council and in October, 1968, the Safety Council presented crests to 16 young girls who taught safety to pre-school children for two days per week for seven weeks during the summer.

Receiving crests were Gayle Climpson, Lorraine Raymond, Miriam Falkanger, Craig Paskin, Lynn Paskin, Diedre Mullins, Kerry Rymer, Anne Killaire, Dorothy Gould, Anne Taerner, Janice Bub, Debbie Hattey, Anna Manski, Wendy Smalley, Debbie Conklin and Cathy Trimble.

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Aurora in good shape according to this study

Jim Bruzzese of BMA Management Consulting firm appeared before council Tuesday night to present the Town of Aurora's municipal study for 2006.

Aurora is one of 80 Ontario municipalities participating in the study and his presentation focused on 11 municipalities with similar size and geographic location.

Aurora fared very well. Aurora's population during the period 2001 to 2005 increased 19.5 per cent compared with an average of the 11 municipalities of 12 per cent.

Seventeen of the top 19 growth municipalities were in the GTA with Vaughan at 49.6 per cent, Richmond Hill 31.4 per cent, Markham at 23.7 per cent and 19.5 per cent in Newmarket.

Aurora has a relatively rich assessment base at \$127,748 the 11th highest in the survey of 80 municipalities with the survey average \$93,700, but Aurora has higher than average residential assessment with 86.3 per cent compared with a survey average of 80 per cent.

Aurora experienced lower than average building construction activity in 2005 with \$1,154 compared to the survey average of \$2,172 with just under \$60 million in building permit construction value compared with \$195 million in 2004 and \$140 million in 2006.

Aurora's net municipal levy per capita was \$1,073 which was close to the survey average of \$1,025.

Expenditures per capita for roadways was \$62 com-

pared with a survey average of \$116, but parks was \$56 compared with the survey average of \$37 and library at \$50 compared with \$35.

The remainder of services was close to the survey average.

Aurora had no debt charges as a percentage of total expenditures excluding water and sewer compared with Newmarket at approximately 9 per cent.

Aurora's reserves as a percentage of total expenditures was shown as 105.8 per cent including the proceeds from the sale of Aurora Hydro compared with a survey average of 42 per cent but if Hydro is excluded the percentage drops to below 20 per cent.

Aurora's tax burden of \$2,954 for a detached bungalow is above the survey

average of \$2,630 but below the GTA average.

In relation to the other 80 municipalities in the survey, Aurora's relative tax position was in the "mid-high" range.

Aurora's property taxes as a percentage of income at three per cent was below the survey average of 4.3 per cent, the third lowest in the survey.

In summary, Bruzzese said Aurora was a fast growing municipality with a rich assessment base, among the highest in the survey.

Aurora also has a high level of reserves and low debt, low tax rates in all classes of property, and property taxes, as a percentage of income, were well below the average in Aurora, which was an indicator of affordability, he said.

His presentation was received as information and referred to staff to assist in the preparation of the 2007 budget.

Aurora boomed in 1962

In 1962 the Aurora Junior Chamber of Commerce was an active community organization with a mandate to promote Aurora.

The Jaycees published an information booklet about Aurora. They described the town as a place for pleasant living on grand old streets lined with tall maples and new subdivisions.

At the time Aurora had a population of 9,000, half of which had moved to town during the previous four years.

Town council consisted of Mayor Keith Nisbet, Reeve Clarence Davis, Deputy Reeve Bill Stoddart and Councillors Alf Child, Cliff Corbett, Bill Davidson, George Sinclair, Vic Jones, Jean Moffat and Jim Murray.

The fire department had full-time Chief Harry Jones and 23 volunteers. The Police Department consisted of Chief Bill Langman, a sergeant and five officers.

Although Aurora would celebrate its Centennial as an incorporated village in 1963, it was much older than that as a settlement.

The Indians knew Aurora for hundreds of years and once had a village just east of the present CNR tracks, high on the hill overlooking the creek and the Sheppard farm.

Long before Yonge Street was built, the crossroads of North America were within a few miles of today's municipality.

To the west, in King Township was the Humber/Holland portage

which carried Etienne Brule, Lake Superior discoverer, and the first white man to visit what is now Toronto.

John Graves Simcoe, Upper Canada's first Lieutenant Governor, went over the Humber/Holland portage in 1793, decided there must be an easier way, and gave orders to blaze Yonge Street as a military road north from the capital at York to Lake Simcoe.

The Queens' Rangers, forerunner to today's Queen's York Rangers, blazed the roadway through the forests to Holland Landing and named it after Sir George Yonge, British Secretary of War.

About 1804 the tiny settlement at the crossroads became known as Matchville after a small match factory, but there was little growth or prosperity.

During the Rebellion of 1837 Aurora had many supporters of the rebel cause. Then it became known as Machell's Corners after a prominent merchant, but Charles Doan, the postmaster, changed the name to Aurora in 1854 to signify the dawn of a new era and to honour the Goddess of the Dawn.

In 1962 Aurora had four dentists, nine physicians and surgeons, five lawyers, and three accountants.

At the time Aurora was the industrial leader of York County with eight per cent of the county's population and 28 per cent of the industrial

assessment with 32 industries.

Advertisements in the brochure included Norm Cook Men's Wear, Glenville Farm Dairy, Scanlon's Bakery, Cousin's Dairy, Dailey's Ladies Wear, Barth Cleaners, Buchanan Cartage, Ray's Café, Ardill's Dept. Store, Aurora Dairy Bar, Aurora Cleaners and Patterson Hardware.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was dedicated on the same site at Mosley and Victoria streets as the previous church which had been dedicated 89 years earlier.

The Jaycees wore a jacket with a large chicken on the back with inscription "Aurora - Chicken Capital Of Ontario" after the chicken processing plant at the north end of the town so that no matter where the Jaycees went, Aurora was well represented.



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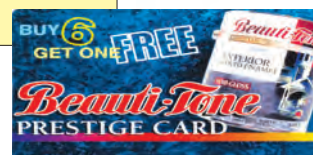
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