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New high school gets approval in principle

A proposal to build a new Catholic high school on Wellington Street East was nearly rejected at a public planning meeting last week, in a debate that saw a councillor cover her head with a coat and plug her ears.

However, after nearly three hours of discussion, the recommendation to proceed was approved in principle.

Evelyn Buck, who says she does not have "the patience of Job", had heard all she needed to hear regarding the proposal, and attempted to shut further information out by plugging her ears.

Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary coming down? See Page 9.

"The motion to deny (the new building) was defeated. When the debate was over and it became apparent a motion in favour would be approved, the mayor proceeded to extend the argument," Councillor Buck said. "For the umpteenth time, the planner was asked to explain how almost 200 institutional jobs would fit the context of employment lands. It was as if they were hoping the same question, repeated often enough, would get a different answer.

"I wanted to fly right out of there. My patience was exhausted. I could not leave and forfeit my vote. So I covered my head with my coat and clamped my hands over my ears."

Last April the York Catholic District School Board applied to the town for a permit to demolish five residential properties on the north side of Wellington, to build the new school.

Board officials advised councillors it had assembled 10 separate properties of approximately 20.6 acres to the rear of the houses stretching north towards the sports bubble and a property to the west facing Industrial Parkway.

The proposed school would have a

Please see page 18



Although he's no longer mayor, Aurora's Tim Jones still manages to attend community functions. He was at the First Anniversary Open House of One Chocolate Corporation, makers of Fraktals, and was greeted with a chocolate strawberry, courtesy of the corporation's owner, Ingrid Kulbach. He appears to enjoy it. Scores of people attended the event, held in the corporate offices on Furbacher Lane, Wednesday. *Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

Briefly

An "M" visits

Ever wonder what the M & M in M & M Meat Shops means?

Aurorans will get half the answer Thursday, at about 10 a.m., when the founder of M & M Meat Shops will be here.

Mac (one of the Ms) Voisin will visit for about 40 minutes at Aurora's Greg Foster's franchise on Yonge Street.

When you see Mac, ask him about the other "M".

Oh, well

No more than five minutes had passed after we sent The Auroran to be printed, when an e-mail arrived saying Gordon Pinsent would not be coming to Aurora this week, after all.

Originally he was going to make an appearance at the Odeon Cineplex where his sold-out movie "Away From Her" was playing.

Organizers were trying to replace him but at press time, no one had been found.

Let's try again

Last week, it was confirmed famous children's author Robert Munsch would be in Aurora to do a reading.

Later in the week, the confirmation was downgraded to a "maybe" he'll be here.

We won't go out on that limb again.

If he shows up, it will be for the town's annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, and he will appear between 9.15 and 10 a.m. at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex.

More than 14,000 eggs will be hidden and because of its popularity, the hunt will be held twice, once at 10 a.m. and once at 1 p.m.

Only way to find out if he appears: go there.



As he has for years, Aurora Lion Moon Ing serves up a mess of pancakes at the Lions' annual breakfast in Sheppard's Bush. Looking forward to eating them is Amanda Corey. *Auroran photo by David Falconer*

Lions can't find unit used to sell tickets

Okay, it's big, it's yellow, it holds one person, and the Aurora Lions Club would like to know where it is.

Club members use it to sell tickets for their annual pancake breakfast in Sheppard's Bush.

They used it last year, but since then, it has disappeared.

Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority officials, the people who are in charge of Sheppard's Bush, haven't seen it, and it hasn't been, apparently, placed in storage anywhere.

Whether the Lions find it or not, the pancake breakfast event continues with three days of feedings for this weekend's Easter activities.

On Sunday, the Lions will hold an Easter Egg hunt for children aged two to 10, beginning at 1 p.m.

Meanwhile, breakfast in the bush happens Friday, Saturday and Sunday beginning at 9 a.m.

Whether the booth is there or not.

Aurora 'character' dies

No more will the residents of Aurora see the familiar figure striding up and down Yonge Street wearing his black cowboy hat and black gloves, carrying a swagger stick and a briefcase.

Gary Sinjakewitsch, an individual with a wild and infectious enthusiasm for life, who in the year 2000, ran for the Aurora mayor's seat, died last week at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket.

He was 55.

Sinjakewitsch was an eternal optimist and dared to be different. He had little respect for the status quo.

Classed as one of Aurora's "characters", Sinjakewitsch relocated to Bradford, shortly after he finished fourth in a four-person race for the mayor's job, but returned to an Aurora Council meeting prior to the 2003 municipal election sparking rumours that he might enter the election, but he didn't.

In 2000, he ran a very low profile campaign and wouldn't appear at a sponsored all-candidates meeting unless he was paid to do so.

He refused to appear on an Aurora Cable TV election program unless he was paid.

He also asked himself questions at an all-candidates' meeting when no one in the audience had any questions for him.

On warm summer days, Sinjakewitsch could be seen strolling down Yonge Street, shirtless.



Gary Sinjakewitsch

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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. Rehearsals Sunday afternoons to April 20. Contact Aurora Opera Company at keepsinging@look.ca.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Aurora Agricultural Society 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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

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Canadian Federation of University Women has monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Easter Dinner at the Legion, includes an Easter egg hunt, euchre, snooker and dancing. $10 per person. For further information, call 905-727-9932.

APRIL 6-8

Pancake breakfast in Sheppard's Bush, sponsored by the Aurora Lions Club, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Deadline for nominations for the Town of Aurora Civic Awards and Citizen of the Year. To learn more pick up a nomination package at the Town Hall or Leisure Complex or call 905-726-4762. Civic Awards take place June 6 at 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Five event at the Aqua Grill, Yonge Street, beginning at 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Aurora Seniors visit the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake to see "Mac and Mabel" by Jerry Herman. Cost is $103 for members and $107 for non-members.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Sixth annual Bob Hartwell run, starts early in the morning from the front of Wells Street Public School. To register, visit www.hartwellchallenge.com.

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Mixed dart tournament at the Legion, Industrial Parkway North. Registration from 8.30 a.m., play begins at 10 a.m. For further information, call Tom, 905-841-9188.

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Gently used clothing and equipment sale, sponsored by Newmarket Parents of Multiple Births Association, at a new location, Our Lady of Grace Childcare Centre, 205 Industrial Parkway North. Sale begins at 1 p.m. and continues until 3. Cash only.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Aurora Library, Eric Walters will do a writer's presentation for students in Grade 7. He has written a number of books for children and young adults.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

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

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From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Aurora Library, Ange Zhang will do a writer's presentation for students in Grade 6 and will discuss the writing of his book about China.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Fathers 4 Justice York Region Equal Parenting Group Monthly Meeting in Aurora at 7 p.m. For further information call 905-727-6060.

APRIL 20-21

Aurora United Church Spring Rummage Sale from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 21.For further information, call 905-726-1648.

APRIL 20 to 22

Aurora Home Show, Aurora Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

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

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Aurora Community Historica Heritage Fair at St. Andrews College. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. open to students and schools and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. open to the public.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Piano favourites in the Hillary House Ballroom with Recording Artist Carol Gibson at 2 p.m. Tickets, which include light refreshments, are $15 and are available in advance by calling 905-727-8991.

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Join authors Alisa Smith and J.B. MacKinnon as they discuss their book "The 100-Mile Diet: A Year of Local Eating" at the Seniors' Centre from 2 to 4 p.m. presented by the Environmental Advisory Committee. No admission charge. Pre-register by calling Info Aurora at 905-727-8214. The committee needs 150 registrants to make the event happen.

MAY 9 to 13

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Mother's Day Luncheon in the Hillary House Ballroom at noon and 1.30 p.m. Menu includes soup, fancy sandwiches and sweets. Tickets are $15 per person in advance by calling 905-727-8991.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Twelfth Annual Aurora Street Festival on Yonge Street, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Women's Centre of York Region in Aurora invites you to attend the 5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club. For more information, contact Shelley Lundquist at 905-727-5837, extension 107.

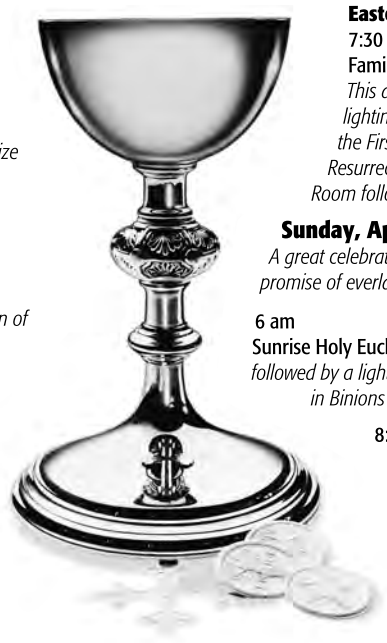
JUNE 23-24

"More Musical Mayhem", a hilarious new musical review at the Factory Theatre with shows at 2 and 7:30 p.m. June 23 and a 2 p.m. matinee June 24, with part of the proceeds going to Breast Cancer Research. Musical is directed by Irene Ilic with choreography by Pat Wilson.

Join us for Easter dinner.

Celebrate Easter with us.

There's no better time to experience the joy of communion with Jesus Christ. And, of course, no reservations are necessary.



Wednesday, April 4th
10:30 am
Holy Eucharist ~ Chapel

7:30 pm
Tenebrae ~ Chapel
"Tenebrae" is Latin for shadows. Increasing darkness is used to dramatize the increasing sadness of Holy Week.

Thursday, April 5th
Maundy Thursday
7:30 pm
Sung Eucharist
Maundy Thursday recalls the institution of the Lord's Supper and the washing of hands.

Friday, April 6th
Good Friday
10 am
Solemn Liturgy and Dramatic Presentation
A solemn reflection on the Crucifixion of Our Lord.
Nursery care available.

10 am
The Way of The Cross
Children journey with Jesus.

12 pm – 12:30 pm
Sacrament of Penance
Private confession *in the Chapel.*

Saturday, April 7th
Easter Vigil
7:30 pm
Family Choral Eucharist
This ancient Service includes the lighting of the New Fire ends with the First Eucharist of Easter. Join the Resurrection Party in the Common Room following the Service.

Sunday, April 8th Easter Day
A great celebration of new beginnings and the promise of everlasting life!

6 am
Sunrise Holy Eucharist,
followed by a light breakfast in Binions Hall.

8:00 am
Holy Eucharist ~ Chapel

9:15 & 11 am
Sung Eucharist
All ages are welcome to participate in this joyous celebration. Bring a bell and ring in the Resurrection! An Easter Egg hunt will follow each service.
Nursery care available.

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Traffic was rerouted Saturday on Yonge Street, as members of the Aurora Legion held a parade as part of a District E conference held here over the weekend. District E covers an area from Collingwood to Sutton and Woodbridge to Huntsville, and includes 42 Legion branches. Parade went from Edward Street to the cenotaph on Yonge Street. *Auroran photo by David Falconer*

Three restaurants win coveted award

Three Aurora restaurants have won the coveted Eat Smart Award.

They are Chinook Restaurant on Wellington Street East; Moon Garden Restaurant on Yonge Street; The Pure Pizza Company on Bayview Avenue.

The Eat Smart Award program is Ontario's Healthy Restaurant Program offered by York Region through the Health Services Department.

The program recognizes restaurants and food premises that offer a variety of healthier food choices on the menu or by request, have exceptional standards in food safety including kitchen staff certified in safe food handling and provide a 100 per cent smoke free environment.

Eat Smart restaurants prepare entrees and desserts with less fat and offer more options in grain products, vegetables and fruit on their menus and patrons can also eat healthier by asking for options such as a substitute for French fries or removal of visible fat from meat or poultry.

The restaurants are nominated by York Region Public Health Inspectors because of excellent food safety records. Once nominated, each establishment undergoes a rigorous review to ensure that it meets the high Eat Smart standards.

The three Aurora outlets join 86 restaurants within the region winning the right to display the Eat Smart Red Apple Award.

Representatives from the restaurants attended Aurora council Tuesday to receive their awards.

Lubbock was from newspaper family

Another member of the famed Lubbock newspaper family in Aurora has died.

Bruce Lubbock, who was a resident at Park Place Manor, died last Monday.

He was in his 77th year.

His father, Harold, was publisher and editor of the Aurora Banner from 1944 to 1950, then served as publisher only for another couple of years.

Harold purchased the operation in 1943, when Charles Lundy was planning retirement.

Lundy had been publisher and editor since 1915, and dating back to 1872, Sylvester Lundy had published the paper.

Bruce is survived by a brother, Harold, sister, Esther, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial visitation was held at Thompson's Funeral Home Saturday afternoon.

Three seek nomination to Green Party...so far

Perhaps the most interesting race in the upcoming federal election, will be the nomination meeting of the Newmarket-Aurora Green Party.

Already three people have declared their intentions to carry the Green Party flag into the race, and information is several more may still jump into the fray.

The smoke will settle Saturday, April 21, at the nomination meeting slated for the Aurora Town Hall at 10 a.m.

To celebrate Earth Day, April 22, participants at the meeting will be invited to help plant 100 trees along the Holland River.

The tree planting is being done in coordination with the Aurora Community Arboretum and under the direction of the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority.

"We already have a number of potential nominees who have indicated interest so this should be an interesting race," said Vanessa Long, CEO of the Newmarket-Aurora Green Party Association.

Candidate in the last election, Aurora resident Glen Hubbers, has indicated he will again seek the nomination.

He will be joined in the race by Brad Snell who was a candidate in the Newmarket municipal election and Steve Bezanson, an IT consultant who lives in Newmarket.

There have also been indications by several others who may come forward with nomination papers.

Deadline to submit nomination papers is Saturday, April 7, at 10 a.m.



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Poor Richard

I'm replacing my "bouquet" with "brickbat"

The peace and quiet is over,
As council battles have begun;
It's still so early in the term,
With more than 3 years to run.
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Last February a BOUQUET was given to Aurora council members for bringing a different attitude to council meetings, as the bitter, inter-personal digs had almost disappeared and while members talked too much and dragged out an issue before making a decision, it was an improvement.

The peace and quiet of recent council meetings exploded at the recent meeting by one of the most raucous debates in recent years, so the BOUQUET is withdrawn and replaced with a BRICKBAT.

The question of whether a workshop or an assembly is a legal meeting continues to be controversial at Aurora Council as evidenced by the raucous debate at a recent meeting.

Since the controversial off-site retreat at the start of the last term, the issue has haunted council in spite of a legal opinion from an external lawyer well versed in municipal affairs that closed sessions are permissible.

Council had been trying to update its Strategic Plan since the 2004 retreat without success as members couldn't agree on a council vision of what was to be accomplished during the term.

Finally, in December, 2005, council agreed to engage a consultant to carry out the update and staff suggested that a closed assembly be held with the consultant for an open dialogue as part of the visioning exercise which was approved on a 5-3 vote.

Councillors Phyllis Morris, Nigel Kean and Wendy Gaertner threatened to boycott the meeting as they had done for the off-site retreat.

Amendments to the Municipal Act which became effective January, 2007, did not make any significant changes to the existing criteria for holding closed meetings of council.

However, it was thought to have solved the issue that was a thorn in the side of Aurora Council as it provided that a meeting may be closed to the public for the purpose of educating or training members providing that the business or decision-making of council was not materially advanced at the meeting.

No one is more opposed to a closed meeting of council than I am and I have been a constant critic of Aurora and regional councils, and the school boards if I didn't believe it was in accordance with the criteria set out in the Municipal Act.

I have some knowledge of the criteria, as back in the 1980s closed meetings of council were rampant across the province resulting in many complaints from citizens and the media.

As a result the province established a provincial/municipal task force to study the whole issue of open and closed meetings and as Mayor of Aurora at the time, I was appointed municipal co-chairman.

The task force met for more than a year and recommended the criteria for closed meetings as set out in the Municipal Act.

Our report met hostile opposition from several municipalities resulting in the government of the day shelving the report, as it got cold feet.

Complaints about closed door meetings continued and finally in January, 1995, the Municipal Act was amended to require all council and committee meetings to be open to the public, unless the closed session met the strict criteria previously recommended by the task force.

But there are times when closed meetings are necessary for free, frank and full discussions without fear of being quoted or misquoted and the Councillor Evelyn Buck motion regarding the disposition of the Library Square and the Hydro building, as far as I was concerned, fell into that category.

The Library Square issue has been ongoing for years without solution and the Hydro building has been vacant for almost a year.

Meanwhile, the future of the Jack Woods property is still to be faced.

Aurora citizens and organizations deserve answers and if a closed meeting is necessary to set the background for a public decision, then the best interests of the citizens are being served.



The last high school play done on the stage of Wells Street Public School occurred in 1952. In the cast were, left to right, Phil Hobson, Mike Maughan, Donald Rawlings, Greta Tienkamp, Richard Hyma, Frank Seidl, ?, Nancy Ball, Eugene Underhill, ?, Marion Burns, Thelma Gordon and ?. Anyone know what play it was?

Letters to the Editor

Use new money wisely: Hogg

To the editor,

The Ontario government has finally recognized that forcing York Region to send $90 million to Toronto to subsidize services not available to residents of York Region was unfair.

Toronto residents have access to services - paid for with York Region tax dollars - that the residents of York Region are unable to access in their own community.

For years, Municipal and Regional Councils fought against this and the government has finally responded and will phase out this contentious funding model over the next seven years.

But will current councils use this new found tax relief wisely?

Will they re-invest these tax dollars to strengthen essential programs and provide benefits to the community that might otherwise not be affordable, or will they use it to repair and replace aging infrastructure that prudent financial planning should have anticipated and planned for?

Sports facilities, art and culture facilities or possibly a youth centre are examples of important community services that are often the first to get cut when politicians are faced with tax increases.

When we receive unanticipated dollars, let's make sure our representatives do not use them to make themselves look good by simply not raising taxes when it was poor financial planning that left us without the necessary funds to pay for expected expenses.

This is the same issue facing Aurora Council -- how to spend $34 million from the sale of Aurora Hydro?

Do they fund infrastructure repairs or new investments in our community?

The recent decision to support the renovations for Church Street School as a Heritage Centre is a good example of using these funds to invest in our community.

Well done!

Let's hope they continue to invest in our communities and not use the funds to mask poor infrastructure replacement planning.

After all, Aurorans owned an asset in Aurora Hydro – let's not burn through the dollars without getting similar assets in their place.

Bill Hogg
Aurora

So, why are we paying for this?

To the editor,

Subject: "This reader learned how to handle shredded paper" - Auroran Letter to the editor, March 27.

It is good to hear that someone has found a solution for ensuring their shredded recyclable paper gets recycled. However, why do we pay taxes for waste management if we end up having to manage it ourselves?

Shredding would not be necessary if there wasn't so much identify theft occurring.

I fully expect that people will continue to shred paper documents, but it will be disposed of in green or black garbage bags along with other household waste.

L.J. Chisholm
Aurora

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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Looking at alternatives

Last week I wrote about the work of the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform. This panel was formed by the provincial Liberals to look at our first-past-the-post voting system and see if it should be changed.

The Assembly has reviewed two voting systems, the Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system and the Single Transferable Vote (STV). Both are decidedly different from the status quo.

The Assembly will decide which of the two they like better, and then compare it against the existing first-past-the-post system.

Should they recommend a new system, Ontarians will have the opportunity to vote on their proposal in a referendum during October's provincial election.

The Citizens' Assembly regulation directs the Assembly to consider eight principles and characteristics as it evaluates electoral systems.

Let's take a look at some of the principles and how they stack up against the existing system.

The concept of legitimacy is a rather odd one. I know that those who support the proportional representation voting models believe most of the majorities that have been elected are not legitimate because they were achieved with under 50 per cent of the vote.

While I agree majority governments have been elected with as little as 40 per cent of the vote, any system in Canada is legitimate if the people of our society accept it as so.

No matter what you do, some people will not be happy with the electoral outcome.

The existing system does afford people lots of choice. You have the three main parties plus a number of others. Each offers differing perspectives and solutions.

The existing system is also simple and practical.

Everyone understands how it works.

My main objection to a MMP system is that I don't like the proposed use of party lists to fill seats.

Who would get on the lists? What would be the criteria?

I am a firm believer that a person needs to earn his way to Queen's Park or Parliament Hill.

The STV system is better than the MMP structure, although it may lead to a drastic dilution of party ideology and blurring of party lines.

Others may see this as a good thing as the main parties would need to work with the smaller parties to secure their support to become elected, or to retain office.

Consulting and broadening the appeal of a party is fine, but parties still need to stand for something and present clear alternatives and choices to the electorate.

The existing system, despite some obvious flaws, does work.

The STV system is better than the MMP structure, although it may lead to a drastic dilution of party ideology and blurring of party lines.

Others may see this as a good thing as the main parties would need to work with smaller parties to secure support to become elected, or to retain office.

But in the grand scheme of things what does the work of the Citizens' Assembly mean to me here in Aurora?

Will it have any material impact on my life? Will some new voting system make my life better, safer or happier?

The answer is that the work of the Assembly, and the labour of Aurora's John Reston, our committee representative, in and of itself, won't make your life directly better.

It is your participation in the process that leads to better outcomes for our community and for you personally.

The work of the Assembly simply strengthens and furthers our democracy. I believe one of the main reasons for the Assembly is that voter participation has continued to drop, and that, by modifying the voting system, it is hoped citizens will become engaged enough to vote.

I look at this issue through a different prism; why change the voting system if people are not taking their civic responsibility seriously?

Why make it better or easier to vote if a large number of people are already apathetic? Voters should show us they care - by using their franchise - before any changes are made.

Look at last October's municipal election. We had an exciting three-person race for mayor and 20 individuals ran for eight council seats. There were also important issues on the table that affect our everyday lives - the issues of growth, the level, quality and costs of services, and the appropriate level of taxation.

But how did we repay these 23 individuals - with a voter turnout of 38 per cent.

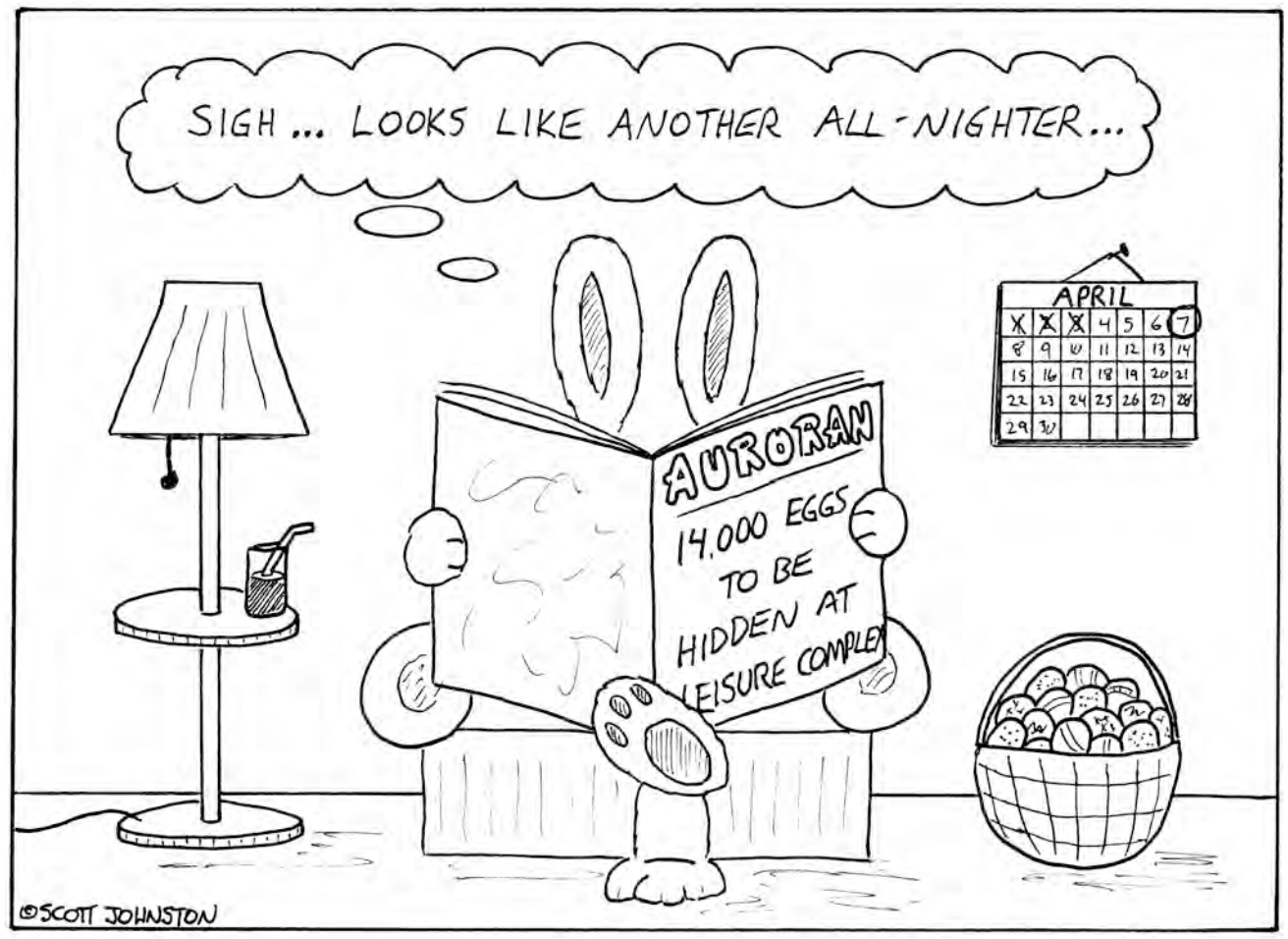
The privilege to cast a ballot should be one of our most cherished freedoms, but too many people don't take it seriously.

Before we are given the keys to the Porsche, let's show that we can drive the station wagon.

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Machell's Corners

by Scott Johnston



Letter to the Editor

Cat owners part of problem, too

To the editor,

This is the very first time I have ever written any type of letter to a newspaper editor; and often times, I am tempted, but as with most things; life gets in the way.

Having said that; last week's letter re: inconsiderate dog owners finally pushed me into writing.

Not only are dog owners inconsiderate; but cat owners as well. I, too, am disgusted!

There are cats on my street that are allowed to roam all over the neighbourhood, night and day.

They have decided to use my front flower beds as their litter box and I have even stepped in "it" in my own backyard! If that isn't bad enough, they have left dead mice in my beds as well.

I enjoy my garden and take pleasure in working in it as often as I can – but now I am faced with digging out little surprises every time and I'm sick of it.

I don't own any pets at the moment and I have nothing against animals but I think it is absolutely disrespectful of these cat owners to allow their pets to do this.

Those who are guilty (and you know who you are), there is a bylaw about keeping your pets on a leash at all times – and that includes cats.

Shame, shame, shame.

Anonymous
Aurora



Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

Rules and R'eggs

It was a beautiful day in early April.

In Town Park, a fuzzy figure smiled as he chose a brightly coloured egg from his basket and placed it near a rock.

The Easter Bunny was visiting Aurora.

Suddenly, a voice broke the early morning silence.

"Hey, what are you doing?"

The Bunny looked up in surprise.

Striding towards him was a very official looking person.

As with many official looking people, he did not look happy.

"See here. You can't litter in this park!"

"Oh, but I'm not littering," smiled the Bunny. "I'm leaving eggs for all the children of Aurora."

"It doesn't matter how biodegradable they are. They're still litter. I'll have to write you a ticket."

"But I do this every year," the Bunny explained. "It's tradition."

"You may have gotten away with it before, but it's still illegal."

The Easter Bunny's eyes went wide in surprise, as the man handed him the ticket.

This had never happened before.

Not even in Newmarket.

"But they're a sign of spring."

"A sign, eh? We have bylaws about those, too," he said, picking up and closely inspecting an egg.

"No. No. They're not actual signs," said the Bunny in exasperation.

"Have you got a permit?"

"A permit?" the Bunny reeled, trying to take in this new information. "Well, no, I…"

"If you're hosting all the children of Aurora in a town park, you have to have a permit."

"They won't all be here at the same time," the Bunny stammered. "It's a surprise…only once a year."

"It doesn't matter how often you stage your event. And it doesn't matter if it's a surprise party. We can't make exceptions to the rules."

The Bunny slumped slightly as he accepted yet another ticket.

Just how many bylaws did this town have?

He soon found out.

"Do you have a vendor's permit? You'll need one if you're going to sell all these eggs."

"But I'm not selling them. I'm giving them away."

"So, it's a charitable thing?"

"Exactly," smiled the Bunny.

Finally, the man was beginning to understand.

"So, let's see your charitable organization papers."

"My...? My…?"

Out came the ticket book again.

"Say," said the man, as he handed over the latest ticket, "shouldn't you be on a leash? You can't run free in the park. You can only do that in the leash-free dog park."

"But I'm not a dog. I'm a rabbit."

The official looking person looked skeptical.

"Okay, I'll let you off with a warning on that one..."

The Bunny figured this was less out of kindness, and more due to the fact the man was running out of tickets.

"…but only if you agree to pick up every egg you've littered in Aurora."

To say the Easter Bunny didn't relish the thought of doing this was an understatement.

Apart from the sore back he was developing from all this bending over, he'd already visited almost every park in town.

He decided on one last try.

Perking up his ears and twitching his whiskers, he gave the official looking man his most innocent look - the look that could melt both hearts, and if he wasn't careful, chocolate.

"Don't you want to hear the sound of the laughter and screams of delight from the children?"

"I expect that would contravene the new restrictions on noise in public places."

Since it was obvious the man wasn't going to give in, the Bunny sighed and started collecting his eggs.

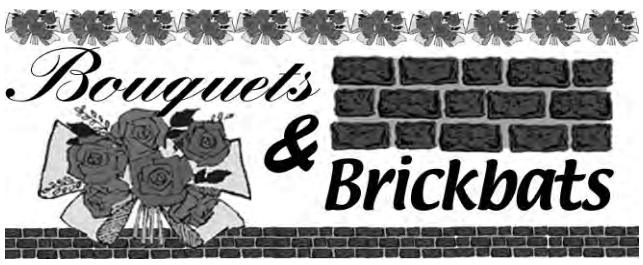
It wasn't half as much fun as hiding them.

After a few minutes, the official looking man looked satisfied, and headed off to do more official things.

Later, with his basket over-flowing with both eggs and paperwork, the Easter Bunny made a mental note to remind his good friend to read up on all the town's rules and regulations before he came to Aurora later this year.

Otherwise, compared with the Bunny, Santa might get a whole sack-full of tickets.

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By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BRICKBATS (submitted) to the man who was emptying his bladder behind the bus shelter on the southeast corner of Bayview Avenue and St. John's Sideroad Tuesday, March 27, in full view of the afternoon rush hour traffic. Cross the street and use a washroom next time, please.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Girl's soccer team for capturing the Can-Am 2007 tournament in Myrtle Beach recently. The girls won the Under-12 Gold Division Championship.

BRICKBATS to members of council for rehashing the need for a park in a new subdivision at Bayview Avenue and the Vandorf Sideroad after it had been fully discussed and draft approval given to the development, including the park, last October.

BOUQUETS to James Kellett of Aurora, who despite suffering from asperger disorder, a form of autism, is playing hockey for the first time with the novice house league team, the Senators, He scored the winning goal, his first, in a Newmarket tournament.

BRICKBATS to Toronto Hydro for requesting their customers to conserve energy, which many did only to find that their energy bills went up because the utility didn't make enough money due to conservation.

BOUQUETS to Ellen and Brad Watson of Aurora for their ongoing efforts to make known to the government and the public some of the difficulties senior family members are experiencing in some of the for-profit nursing homes.

BOUQUETS to the Region of York on receiving the Association of Municipal Recycling Coordinators' 2006 Best Campaign Award for its promotion of its Household Hazardous Waste program.

BOUQUETS to the staff and students of Wells Street Public School for celebrating the school's history and heritage April 18, as they have much to celebrate. It was built in 1892 as Aurora's first high school and converted to a public school in the early 1950s and is the oldest still functioning place of learning in Aurora.

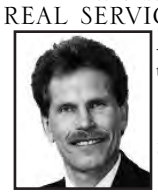
BRICKBATS to those at Hydro One and the Ontario government for taxpayers having to cough up close to $5 million to pay off Hydro CEO Tom Parkinson, in addition to the $3.3 million he received as severance when he resigned last December. Conrad Black is facing criminal charges and facing 100 years in jail for doing the same thing. What's the difference?

BOUQUETS to John Parker of Aurora on being the first recipient of the Upper Canada Chordsmen's John Parker Award, which was named after him because of his devoted efforts in making the Chordsmen a household name in the Aurora-Newmarket area by arranging publicity for their shows.

BOUQUETS to the Region of York on receiving the first 2006 Ontario Mainstreet Accessibility Award from the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas to recognize the efforts of small business people to identify, prevent and remove barriers for people with disabilities.

BRICKBATS to whoever is responsible for allowing the York Catholic District School Board to demolish several residences on Wellington Street East and start grading prior to the public planning meeting to hear the application and obtain council approval. Isn't that putting the cart before the horse? Council nearly rejected the application last week.

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Letters to the Editor

Plastic frogs won't help Tannery Creek: reader

To the editor,

"5,000 plastic frogs to go into Tannery Creek", a creek once called Red Willow Creek and once a cold water meandering stream with fish.

Hasn't this creek had enough degradation?

Run off created by upstream development and building has had culverts divert turbid, road washed cigarette butts, litter, oil, car pollutants into the creek with such velocity, the once cold water creek is now a channelized sewer without fish.

And where wild life can still barely function, the Rotary Club is now going to put 5,000 frogs, probably made in China frogs, into the creek.

We have built areas, do we have to destroy more of the fraction of nature left in this town after the most sensitive grounds for 41 different species of migrating birds were destroyed and where the heronry was destroyed, further degradation to a stream turned unnatural.

All this done in the last decade.

I live on this creek where the plastic frogs will be let go.

I keep my garden wild to help threatened wild life and I put in a seven-foot deep pond to further add habitat.

And yes, toads and tree frogs breed and inhabit here.

Can't the Rotary have a little sensitivity to what's left of struggling nature?

Don't Rotarians know they depend on the earth and all its synchronicity and should protect this fragile ecosystem?

They call it fun.

Well, go to a man-built place that was designed to produce "fun".

Gail McIntyre
Aurora

ED. NOTE: We're not sure where our reader got the number 5,000. Aurora Rotarians would probably be delighted if they had 5,000 plastic frogs racing in Tannery Creek. They'll be happy if 1,000 go in. The frogs are dumped in the creek in Machell Park, travel north about an eighth of a mile and are then removed. They probably don't spend more than 10 minutes in the water.

Glad I lost election: Kean

To the editor,

Growing up, I was always told by my parents to respect my elders, however, they never met Evelyn Buck nor did they listen to nor read her insulting comments.

If I was not a gentleman I would have to tell the councillor where the two-pronged prod and pen belong.

If, as she says, she is looking for an audience, she should perhaps rent an Aurora Community Centre rink and sell tickets so she could put on her "Do as I want show" there.

She could sell popcorn and chips and perhaps put the money she raises to good use.

Perhaps, she could buy a retirement home, somewhere else, but not Aurora.

She continues to use the word ethics. What a joke!

There is currently a Code of Conduct document that all council should follow but she doesn't agree with it so a Code of Ethics document would be a waste of time on her.

To the point that she makes about kicking me when I am down, well, Evelyn, every Tuesday night I thank my lucky stars that I lost the election.

I can sip my wine at home watching TV or listening to good music rather than listening to the verbal nonsense coming out of your mouth.

I no longer have to feel embarrassed that you cannot find which page the council is discussing, or that Dick Illingworth has to continuously tell you to turn on your microphone or your constant interruptions of real councillors trying to help Aurora.

Imagine my joy each Wednesday morning knowing that I had a great Tuesday night not having to be part of a council that includes you.

Perhaps if you put in as much to council as you do your letters you could actually be an asset to council, but then I doubt that.

Nigel Kean
Aurora

ED. NOTE: As much as we're enjoying this "debate", it's over. Go to your corners and find something else to write about.

What about animal safety?

To the editor,

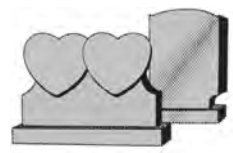
Whilst a more tactful approach to the miscreants vividly portrayed by K.L. White might have elicited a better result, I must say that I thoroughly agree with Ms/Mrs/Mr White.

Indeed, I deny all access by a hominid to my beloved White Shepherd-Beagle cross unless I am utterly convinced that the aforesaid hominid poses no threat to the safety of my canine friend.

Frank Hawkins
Aurora

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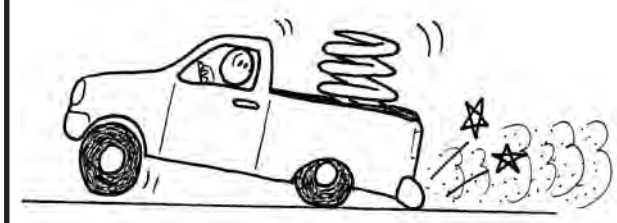
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Letters to the Editor

He blames the voters for Aurora's problems

To the editor,

Man what a piece of work this Buck is.

Make promises, break them, who cares, I can do anything I want.

And I justify it by the fact that I went to church a couple of times. Sheesh.

I not entirely sure who is more in need of a brain scan; Ms Buck, or the electors of Aurora who keep returning her to office.

I mean how does she even manage to get enough votes? Is her family that large, or does she threaten people to vote for her?

I think the people who need to hang their heads the lowest in your poor town are the poor losers who she beat in the last go round.

I can't begin to imagine how those poor shlubs feel.

I do know what it's like to lose an election. But at least I have some solace in the fact that the fellow who beat me is at least half way competent.

These unfortunates who found themselves behind Ms Buck in the polls, can you imagine how they would explain that to their family friends and other supporters?

"You got beat by her!??!. How useless are ya?"

To say nothing of your new mayor.

The works department must be going crazy wondering if all the doors at the town hall are wide enough and high enough for the swelled heads you folks elected.

You know, I've decided who the biggest losers in this whole fiasco are.

You know who I am talking about, don't you?

That's right, all the people of Aurora.

It's gonna be a long four years.

I was gonna write a letter taking Ms Buck to task for all of this, but that would be just too easy.

I'll leave you folks to her. Heaven knows what you all did to deserve it, but you are most certainly stuck with it now.

Or perhaps, more aptly put, you're stuck in it now.

Suckers.

Hugo Kroon
Bethesda

New school wouldn't help existing sports; call trustee: parent

To the editor,

I write this as a concerned parent at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School.

If you played football at Williams, we need your help.

When this school is torn down in the very near future, a new school will be built to replace it by 2010.

If the site location, near Sobey's in the north section of town, is chosen, all outdoor sports will greatly suffer and our kids will be left looking for sport activities outside the school.

The reason given is the land can only accommodate "about two fields".

Who will get the "two fields"? The junior or senior football team, the lacrosse team, the field hockey team, the girls' or boys' soccer team, the rugby team, the flag football team?

Will football now have two downs for eight yards on the "about two fields"?

According to the committee that briefed the parent community Tuesday, March 27, they would like our input.

Therefore, we have very little time to make a difference.

A decision will be made by May.

There is still time, we hope, for Dr. G.W. Williams to be rebuilt on the existing location.

But every concerned parent must get in contact with Gord Kerr, our trustee, and voice an opinion.

Gord Kerr welcomes your opinions and has asked for your feedback to gord.kerr@yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

With a 25 per cent increase in teen obesity today, we cannot afford, as a community, to lose our fields and decrease our kids' opportunity to get active, stay fit, and learn valuable lessons that sports can teach.

Not to mention the impact on the community and downtown core when you move 1,500 kids away from the existing stores, places where they work and shop.

As there are no sidewalks on some stretches of Bayview, getting to school will be a nice stroll along a very busy road.

If you think this is safe, just ask the kids who walk along Yonge Street, south of the railway tracks, how safe they feel in the winter when they compete with a snowbank on one side and a transport truck on the other.

As a parent whose kids walk this way, I pray they will arrive safe each and every day.

We can make a difference.

You must e-mail Gord Kerr and make your views heard.

Don't let our trustees replace a school that embraces sports with just a new building.

Jane Beakbane
Aurora

ED. NOTE: It was always our understanding that the land reserved for a high school on Bayview was for an "additional" school, not a replacement.

This reader appreciated "Callie" story

To the editor,

My familly wishes to thank The Auroran and its writer for kindly printing the article pertaining to the circumstances that we believe caused the death of

our "Calico" cat called "Callie".

I know that Callie appreciates the thought as well.

Callie will also be missed by her buddy "Charlie", a Tabi.

Pete Grayson
and familly
Aurora

ED. NOTE: The story was compiled and written by Dick Illingworth.

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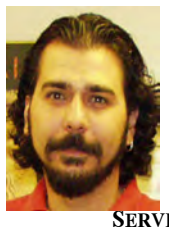
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Letters to the Editor

One addiction leads to another: reader

To the editor,

Your item in The Auroran, March 20, concerning the demise or revival of model railroading, struck a cord with me.

I remember that huge hobby shop mentioned in the story as well as something related, which I shall address in due course.

The closest I ever got to being a model railroader was the electric train set I received for Christmas in 1950, a train that went 'round in a circle and had little plastic "RR Crossing" signs and other related accessories.

It was a wonderful train and, although it did have an annoying penchant for going off the tracks regularly, I often wonder whatever became of it.

I recall one occasion, as my father sat nearby reading his newspaper while I struggled with a derailment for the umpteenth time, being introduced to the singular flavour of soap.

This discovery came about after I had ignored several warnings that a certain explosive expletive, beginning with the letter "S", ending with "T" and having two other letters in between, was unacceptable, at least when it came from the lips of an almost six-year-old.

In any event, it did not solve the problem of derailments, a conclusion perhaps of some interest to the present day CNR.

But I digress.

While I am pleased to learn model railroading is not dead in Aurora, I feel compelled to issue a caution to those who might entertain such an undertaking.

You see, I happen to be acquainted with a well-known Auroran who had his own model railroad, spread out in his basement where it travelled hither and yon, through, over, across and around the various objects found in a basement and sometimes presenting a challenge for pedestrians therein.

The probability exists that more than one piece of model rolling stock became a flat car after being ironed, accidentally of course, because of its proximity to washing machine and ironing board, perhaps even sent to that HO scale roundhouse in the sky.

I'm not positive, as this was more than 32 years ago and at least a couple of my memories of that basement shouldn't be printed anyway, but I think the choo-choos may also have had a spur line into the adjacent rec room, where the bar was located.

But again I digress, for my warning is not solely concerned with the possible perils of model railroading, or even of running spurs into bars, but rather where it might lead.

You see, one addiction often leads to another, an established fact.

Why, I have it on good authority it might even result in an uncontrollable urge to something bizarre, like nailing thousands of beer caps (without the bottles) to walls and structures inside one's home.

Addiction is an ugly thing and there is no telling where it might end, if it ever does.

Who knows, but that it even could lead to feverish collecting of millions of swizzle sticks, zillions of match books and thousands of drink coasters, phonograph records and even (dare I say it?) books!

Yes, books!

My kingdom for a warehouse.

Where does it end?

Probably best to consider a safer, more sedate pastime, like municipal politics.

Oh, wait...

Bob Cooke
Orillia
(formerly of Aurora)

Litter usually traced to fast-food outlets

To the editor,

Since January, I've made it my job to pick up litter on my daily walks with the dog.

Sometimes I've come home with three grocery bags full of trash, including more grocery bags.

On a visit to Oak Ridge Meats, I picked up an empty coffee cup outside and talked to the fellow behind the counter about the litter outside his door.

He said every morning he and his partner pick up trash left from patrons of the fast food restaurants on either side (Quizno's and Topper's Pizza).

He's often seen customers from those establishments sit in their cars and eat their purchases, then open the door and dump the refuse into the parking lot.

The litter problem here calls for a multi-pronged approach: more refuse containers mandated in plazas (a property manager I know told me that plaza owners don't like to put in too many, they don't want to pay too much for waste removal), education of litterers and business owners who let litter accumulate, more careful placement of recyclable items into the trucks, and waste-reduction initiatives, including the requirement that all businesses have recycling receptacles for use by their customers.

Perhaps we should even consider a levy on fast food outlets and convenience stores, because if you follow the trail of litter, it will almost always lead back to one or the other of these kinds of establishments.

So, if the town has to pick up litter stemming from their failure to provide adequate waste and recycling receptacles, they should have to pay a surcharge for letting it happen.

Carol Cooper
Aurora

Reader wants Buck banned from Auroran

To the editor,

In a recent Letter to the Editor, Councillor Eveyln Buck "personally" attacks former Councillor and Mayoral Candidate, Nigel Kean.

Councillor Buck's letter was in response to Kean's request that a Code of Conduct be established by the Town of Aurora.

Comments such as those made by Councillor Buck show exactly why a Code of Conduct should be immediately put into place.

Councillors are elected to best represent the citizens of the Town of Aurora. Councillors should conduct themselves with professionalism and treat the people they are paid to serve with dignity and respect. Clearly Councillor Buck does not.

In my opinion, The Auroran should not have published the article.

Councillor Buck used the newspaper as a platform to target a former colleague and showed a negative attitude toward the people of Aurora.

Based on this action, her articles should be banned from publication.

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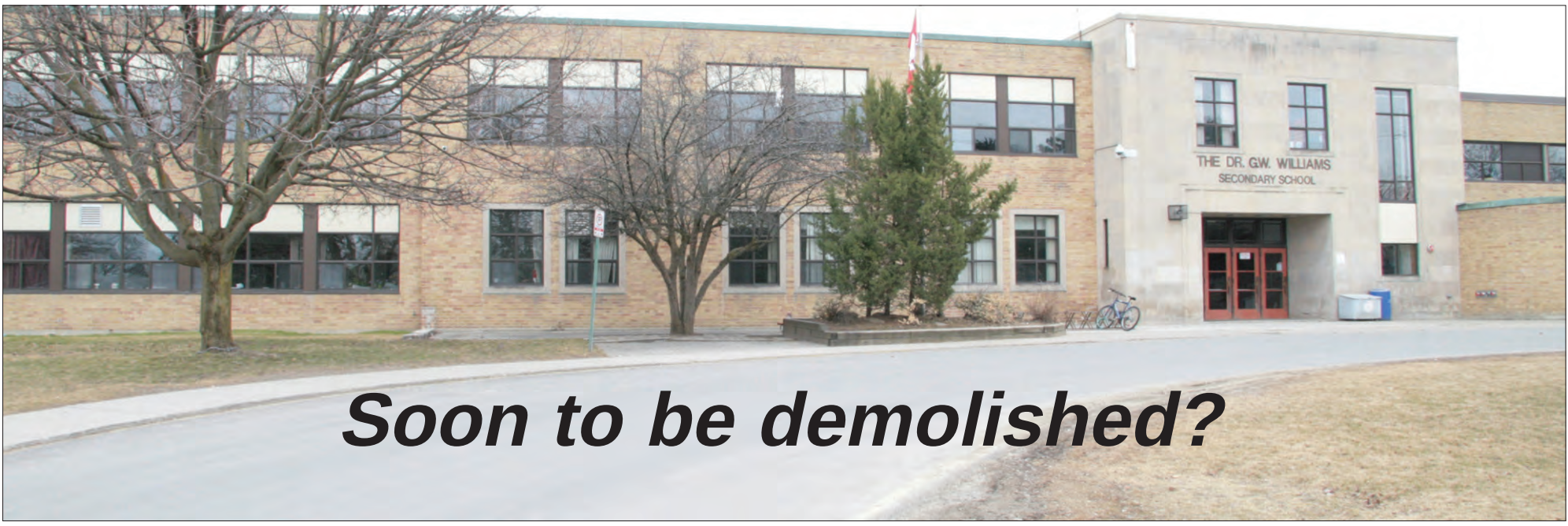
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Williams SS could move to Bayview

For some months now, it has been common knowledge that Aurora's Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School was going to be replaced.

However, it was only last week when parents learned one plan for replacement is a new location on Bayview Avenue.

Until then, word was Williams would be rebuilt on its existing site, on Dunning Avenue, where it has served as a high school since the 1950s.

A site for an additional high school had been set aside on Bayview Avenue when the Town of Aurora approved a number of residential subdivisions in the area.

It was last October when the York Region District School Board embarked on a school replacement strategy, aimed at older schools facing high maintenance and repair costs. According to a Ministry of Education formula, schools are determined to be potentially in need of replacement when the total cost of necessary repairs and upgrades reaches 65 per cent of the cost of building a new school.

Williams is one of nine schools destined for replacement.

When parents learned about the replacement plan last week, their main concern was a loss of playing fields.

However, during the current school year, the Board appointed architects to undertake feasibility studies to determine the best strategies for replacing affected schools.

Among them was the possibility of alternate site replacement.

While the board staff initially recommended a replacement of Williams on site, new information about development plans within the Town of Aurora has become public.

Armed with that information, it became necessary to reassess the initial recommendation and enter into a feasibility study phase to take into account the new future development.

Initial assessment indicates that a greater proportion of future Williams students will most likely have home addresses in the Bayview area of the Town, according to a press release issued by the board.

"With that said, there are many variables to be taken into account and a need to hear from the community regarding the potential implications," said Ross Virgo, communications officer for the board.

And the board got an earful last week.

For the next public meeting on the school replacement, the board plans to send letters directly to all parents of elementary school students who will attend Williams in the future.

Regardless of the approach taken to replacing the school, staff and students of Williams will remain together as a unit throughout the construction of the new school, according to the press release.

More meetings will be scheduled before the fate of Williams has finally been determined.

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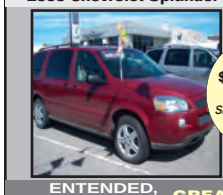
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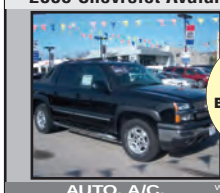
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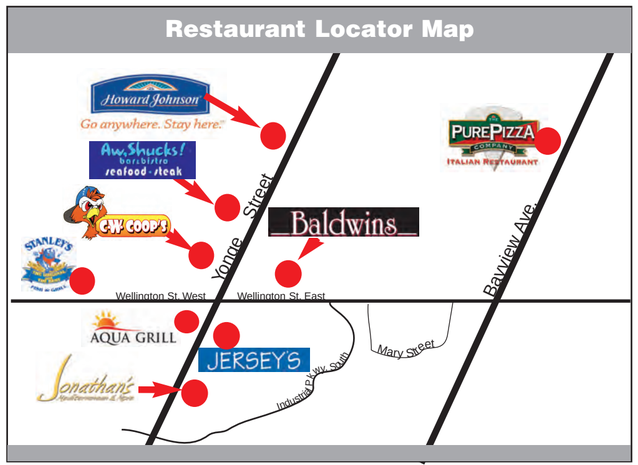
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Tigers eliminate Hamilton Red Wings

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Latest victim was the Red Wing team from Hamilton, that Aurora got rid of in five games.

Their only loss - Game Two in Hamilton - happened in overtime.

Led by many Tigers, playing as though their lives were on the line, Aurora defeated the never-say-die Hamilton Red Wings 3-1 Friday night to clinch the North-West Conference title.

The Tigers now face the Wellington Dukes, who on Sunday evening defeated the St. Michael's Buzzers, 3 - 1 to take their best of seven series, four games to one.

"It's a decent accomplishment," said Tiger coach Jerome Dupont after Friday's victory. "The team played very well but will have to be better yet to continue on. There is a lot more work ahead of us but at least we are well past the mid-way point."

Backstopping the winners was goaltender Tyler Gordon who stopped 25 of the 26 shots that came his way.

Scoring for the winners was Alain Goulet on a power play, Andrew Favot with a lazer shot and Matt McGill on a two footer generated by the intense forecheck of his linemates Mark Mayea and Jordan Watts.

Hamilton actually opened the scoring in game five, played before nearly 500 spectators at the Aurora Community Centre, but the pesky Tigers roared back to take the win and the title.

Officials expect the first game of the final round of the OPJHL playoffs will take place in Aurora Friday night.

A night earlier, Aurora marched into Hamilton's Mountain Arena, and before a sellout crowd of more than 1,200, skated away with a 6-3 victory.

This was the rink where, only three nights earlier, Hamilton had eked out a 4-3 overtime win.

But, as they say, when the going gets tough, the tough get going and that's exactly what Mike Ward did punishing the opposition with bone crushing hits plus scoring a goal and adding an assist while Mike Dahlinger created turnovers and set up three goals to lead the club to victory.

Tyler Gordon made keys saves in the second period when it mattered most and, in doing so, allowed the Tigers to take the road victory.

"Having everybody contribute makes it tough on the opposition because they can't key on any one line or individual," said Coach Dupont.

Also scoring for the Tigers were Mark Thorburn with two first period tallies, Quinn Waller, Daniel Michalsky and Andrew Favot.

GAME TWO

Hamilton 4
Aurora 3

First Period

A: Andrew Eastman (Ward, Thorburn) 3:27
H: Steve Mullin (Grandits, Heaphy) 7:11

Second Period

H: Kyle Jukosky (Grandits, Zettler) 3:01
H: Steve Mullin (Galbraith, Grandits) 6:06
A: Mark Thorburn (Michalsky, McGarry) 7:05

Third Period

A: Joey Martin (Goulet) 15:27

Overtime

H: Frankie Grandits (Mullin) 19:26

GAME THREE

Aurora 5
Hamilton 1

First Period

A: Doug Henderson (Waller, Favot) 5:35

Second Period

A: Paul Zanette (Henderson, Eastman) 7:55
A: Mike Dahlinger 10:18
A: Daniel Michalsky (Dahlinger, Martin) 18:32

Third Period

A: Paul Zanette 6:03
H: Marc Hagel (Jukosky, Abbott) 11:47

GAME FOUR

Aurora 6
Hamilton: 3

First Period

A: Mark Thorburn (Williams, Ward) 1:46
A: Quinn Waller (Goulet, Favot) 3:53
A: Mark Thorburn (Dahlinger, Goulet) 9:06
H: Frankie Grandits (Van Dyk, Mullin) 14:35

Second Period

A: Daniel Michalsky (Martin, Dahlinger) 7:31

Third Period

H: Marc Hagel (Van Dyk, Grandits) 5:11
A: Andrew Favot 10:26
H: Spencer Abbott (Fortino, Stringer) 17:43
A: Mike Ward (Dahlinger) 18:19

GAME FIVE

Aurora 3
Hamilton 1

First Period

H: Mike Galbraith (Mullin, Grandits) 6:22
A: Andrew Favot (Ward) 17:41
A: Matt McGill (Mayea, Watts) 19:52

Second Period

A: Alain Goulet (Dahlinger, Michalsky) 7:15

Third Period

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Marcus Sandhar, left, from Aurora's Master Ducks swim team, shows his unusual but effective "Green Lantern" start during a recent swim meet in Sudbury. In the photo above, the five women who were on the record setting relay team combinations are shown. They are, back row, left to right, Susan Allen, Julia Freixa, Lori Haws; front row, Crystal Drummond and Kathy McKnight.

Master Ducks finish second at swim meet

Aurora Master Ducks Swim Club sent its largest team ever to an 'out of town' competition, when more than 50 attended the 2007 Ontario Masters Swimming Championship at Laurentian University in Sudbury last week.

When all the swimming was done, 51 swimmers from Aurora showed other teams and themselves they are a force to be reckoned with, placing second overall out of 33 teams from across the province.

The top team amassed 2481 points to Aurora's 2368. The third place team rallied for 1216.

None of the other teams topped 1000 points.

Once again the ladies led the way with numerous solid gold performances.

Referred to as Mighty Mouse, Kathy McKnight won all six of her events in a highly competitive field.

Not to be outdone, Julia Freixa pocketed five gold medals, one silver and added an Ontario record in the 50 free (just 14/100ths off a Canadian record).

The ladies also scored huge on relay performances with two teams crushing the Canadian records in 4 X 100m free (Freixa, McKnight, Susan Allen and Lori Haws) and the 4 X 100m medley (Freixa, McKnight, Allen and Crystal Drummond).

Four gold medals were achieved by Lori Haws, Crystal Drummond, and Susan Allen.

Andrea Sodonis won three golds and added two silvers, while Hayley Clark, Janet Mitchell and Delfina Traxler won two golds each.

One of the top swimmers in the Canadian Masters swim world is perennial favourite Dave Wilkin who set four Canadian records en route to winning six gold medals.

His rankings this year will easily secure spots in the top 10 rankings in the world.

Teammate Tyler Clair tried to match that with four gold and two silver medals, while Dave Freeman got a taste of all types of medals wining three golds, a silver and two bronze.

One of his gold medal performances shattered the Canadian record in the 100 breast, a feat he will be attempting to do again in Vancouver in three weeks.

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Auroran photo by David Falconer

Aurora ready to host OHF Atom "AA" championships

The teams are selected and the schedule is in place for another Aurora first.

For the first time ever, the Aurora Minor Hockey Association and the Aurora Tigers Atom "AA" team will host the Atom "AA" Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) championships.

The three-day tournament opens at the new recreation centre Friday, April 13.

The tournament, sponsored by Bell Expressvu, is a coveted, annual event that showcases high-calibre players with well-developed skills.

Four qualifying teams from the Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), the Ontario Minor Hockey League (OMHL), the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario and the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) will participate in the prestigious tournament, as well as the host team, the Aurora Tigers Atom "AA" team.

And don't count the Aurora squad out of the action.

The team has had an impressive record winning several tournaments and the OMHA championship title for the past two years.

Last year, the team was recognized with a Community Award by the Town of Aurora for its achievements.

To see the Aurora squad in action, their first game is Friday at 11.45 a.m. when they meet a team from the GTHL.

At 7.30 that evening, Aurora will meet a club from the NOHA.

On Saturday, at 1.45 p.m., Aurora will tangle with a club from the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario, followed by their fourth game at 7 p.m. when Aurora links up with a team from the OMHA.

Playoffs begin Sunday.

Official opening ceremonies will take place at 6.45 p.m. on Friday.

All games will be played at the Aurora Recreational Complex, Wellington Street East.

Meanwhile, the Town of Aurora agreed Tuesday night to provide a grant in the amount of $4,500 to offset some of the tournament costs.

Newly renovated tennis clubhouse ready for members

The Aurora Community Tennis Club has never looked so good.

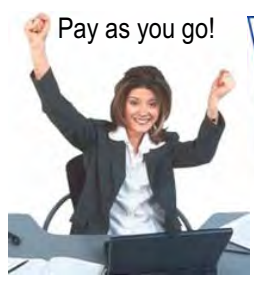
Major renovations, thanks to an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, have given the club's headquarters at McMahon Park, a brand new look.

People wishing to register for membership may do so Saturday, April 14, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the newly renovated clubhouse at the park, which is at 76 Maple Street.

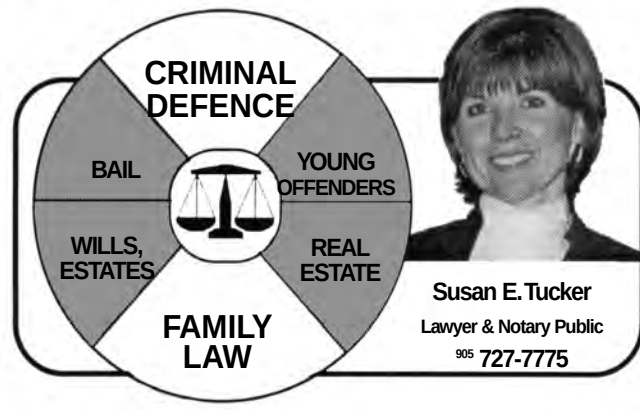
"We are excited to be offering all levels of tennis, from beginners to advanced, and welcome all newcomers to join," said President Brent MacKinnon. "Our Board of Directors has been working hard to offer many new programs in 2007."

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Day care centre to close April 30

Negotiations over rent fees between the Town and York Region Neighbourhood Services, operators of the Crescentbrook Day Care in the Jack Woods farmhouse have been ongoing for some time and have finally been finalized with the child care closing April 30, according to a letter received by council last week.

But Town officials say the letter is full of errors.

Council received the letter from a solicitor representing York Region Neighbourhood Services to advise the agency had declined to accept a proposed extension of the lease for another five years and would be vacating the premises on or before the end of the month.

Council was also told the agency was providing notice to the parents of the children attending the Crescentbrook facility to advise them of council's decision and its closure of the child care centre in April.

The letter was received by council Tuesday without comment or discussion.

However, Aurora issued a rebuttal later in the week.

“In response to recent incomplete and inaccurate comments made by York Region Neighbourhood Services Inc. in regard to the details of the closure of their Crescentbrook Child Care program, the Town of Aurora would like to clarify the details and eliminate all misrepresentation,” a press release said.

It then outlined the history behind the day care centre’s deal with Aurora.

“In 2001, York Region Neighbourhood Services Inc. entered into a voluntary lease agreement with the Town of Aurora, with the understanding that they were obligated to pay monthly rent, utilities and maintenance on the Jack Woods property located at 95 Allaura Boulevard,” the release said.

“In 2004, York Region Neighbourhood Services requested to meet with Council and Town staff to discuss their financial situation and their inability to meet the terms of the lease agreement. Since that time staff have met with York Region Neighbourhood Services several times to review the situation.”

"In 2006, after reviewing their financial statements, staff determined that there was absolutely no justification for the Town to waive any of the rent as initially negotiated with York Region Neighbourhood Services," said John Rogers, the Town's Chief Administrative Officer.

Since the expiration of the original lease term in August, 2006, the Town has continued to allow York Region Neighbourhood Services to continue operating the Crescentbrook Day Care Program on a month to month basis.

In February 2007, town staff members received a letter from York Region Neighbourhood Services saying it was prepared to operate the child care service beyond March 31st, but only if they were no longer required to pay rent.

A subsequent decision was made by Aurora Council on March 20, authorizing staff to extend the lease agreement with York Region Neighbourhood Services Inc. until August of 2011, with the understanding that they were still obligated to pay the agreed upon rent.

The letter from the York Region Neighbourhood Services solicitor declined the opportunity for an extension on the lease agreement.

Previously council had received a letter from the agency advising they were prepared to operate the childcare program past March 31, but only on an understanding that they would no longer pay any rent after that date until a new service plan was in place or until reasonable notice of closure could be provided to families.

At that time, council approved a staff recommendation that they be authorized to continue with the existing agreement until August, 2011, and to commence termination procedures in accordance with the agreement, if warranted.

The original five-year lease between the town and the agency expired in the fall of 2006 and the full rent as stipulated in the lease up to and including March 31 has been paid.

During the period the agency has operated the childcare centre at a significant loss and can no longer continue to so.

The agency pointed out that the rent required by the town in the past lease was well beyond the capacity of the service to pay and significantly exceeded rates paid by like programs in other municipal and publicly-owned facilities.

After advertising for interested parties for a day care facility at the Jack Woods farmhouse, the town entered into an agreement with York Neighbourhood Services for the lease of the property at a rental rate of $26,400 per year.

In April, 2004, the agency met with council to review the financial operations of the facility and to consider options to reduce the cost.

That resulted in a report to council in January, 2005, recommending a reduction in the rental rates from $26,400 a year to $5,480, which was received by council as information.

By September, 2006, it was learned that the agency had not paid any rent for 2005 or in 2006 and after considerable discussion, a general committee agreed to terminate the lease.

When the committee report came to council a representative of the agency dropped a bombshell when she said she had been told by town staff not to pay any rent until council had made a decision.

As agreement couldn't be reached the agency decided to terminate the lease and council will now have to decide the future of the Woods farmhouse and property which includes the Aurora Community Gardens.

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Board, Town resolve communication woes

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Last Tuesday the Board of Directors met with the Town's Al Downey and members of his department to discuss issues, mostly concerning lines of communication and quantity of e-mail communication between Town staff and the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA).

When consideration is given to the many conversations among Town staff, councillors and ASA directors, the opportunity for information to be distributed inappropriately abounds.

The amount of communication in the first year of operation between the ASA and Leisure Services Department including the Town coordinator at the ASA has been formidable and time consuming.

After the issues were articulated, discussed, and considered carefully, the air was clearer and everybody agreed to pay attention more closely in future to the timely manner in which information is dispensed and to whom and when it is dispensed.

For example, after a private rental function, the Town staff while closing the building at the end of the day, must check to ensure that the premises, in particular the kitchen, are clean and all appliances and equipment are turned off.

The lounge area will be locked and not used for private functions generally, although special permission could be obtained on request.

The major issue to correct from the ASA side is to ensure that information concerning current issues is channeled to the administrator of Leisure Services, allowing his department to become informed.

The following day the ASA held a special general meeting with an excellent attendance of almost 60 members.

The meeting was called for the purpose of ratifying constitutional bylaw amendments, to provide for the establishment of both Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, and to ratify a BoD budget decision concerning the ASA and the Town of Aurora. All items were ratified by the general meeting.

For clarification, a standing committee is one that continues to function indefinitely such as a finance committee and an ad hoc committee is one that is constituted for a particular purpose.

The Annual General Meeting will be held June 7, at 1.30 p.m. which corrects inaccurate information in my last column.

Before the AGM commences in June, and starting at 10.30 a.m., the ASA will hold a giant barbecue.

The ASA has been invited to participate in the Aurora Community Historica Heritage Fair, April 25, as project reviewers.

Virginia Bodnar and I have volunteered our services as reviewers but more are required.

You do not need special qualifications to participate as a reviewer and you will receive full information in writing, plus 30 minutes orientation prior to the review.

Contact Susan Walmer for more information at 905-713-1474 or e-mail swalmer@aci.on.ca.

RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

A point of order

During the public session of a public planning meeting, council is required to listen to all speakers and hear all comments, although many may be repetitive.

To cut off a citizen speaker from making a comment was an invitation for a hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board.

Back in July, 1984, at a public planning meeting, an applicant requested an amendment to the zoning bylaw for relief under the industrial parking provisions.

No objections had been received from residents and when the applicant started to describe parking standards in other areas, Councillor Evelyn Buck objected on a point of order.

Mayor Dick Illingworth ruled it was not a point of order as the applicant was speaking to the issue under discussion and had a right to be heard.

His ruling was challenged by Councillor Buck who was supported by council on a 4-3 vote after which the mayor left the chair.

Under parliamentary rules of procedure, it was not necessary for the chairman to vacate the chair on a challenge, but the mayor did so on what he called a matter of principle and personal integrity, as he claimed the applicant had a right to speak.

AURORA IN 1970

- Plans were submitted for a 250-suite apartment building on the west side of Machell Avenue.

- A building permit was issued for the new Aurora High School and plans were made to extend McDonald Drive, now Murray Drive south of Wellington Street.

- Aurora volunteer firefighters and their wives brought home three trophies from the Ontario Firefighters Association and made plans to host the 1971 convention in Aurora.

- Council considered action against a proposed Bell rate increase.

- After three years of negotiations ground was finally broken and construction started on the 22-unit senior citizens apartments on Orchard Heights Boulevard.

- Councillor Illtyd Harris was busy cutting grass with his lawnmower on the median strip on Orchard Heights.

- Working drawings were submitted to the school board for a proposed elementary school in Aurora Orchards, which is now Devins Drive Public School.

- A gasoline price war was in full swing with a gallon of gas selling for 41.9 cents.

- Thieves took more than $6,000 in cash and merchandise from three stores in the Aurora Shopping Centre.

- A proposal to build a 300-bed nursing home on Kennedy Street West was opposed by neighbours and rejected by council.

- York County Council asked its 14 member municipalities to object to tax provincial tax relief proposals caused by market value reassessment.

- During the subsequent election for mayor, Reeve Evelyn Buck attacked Mayor Dick Illingworth over his stand on reassessment.

- Aurora Council was dissatisfied with provincial measures to bring relief to residential taxpayers whose taxes had increased more than $50 due to reassessment.

A SHOPPING SPREE

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Bridge results

Here are the results for Aurora Bridge club for last week.

Tuesday, March 13: Olly Smolak, James Longley; Marg MacFarlane, Paul MacFarlane; Ross Jenkinson, Catherine Balant; Peter Brugger, Peter Ho.

Wednesday, March 14: N-S - Marg MacFarlane, Paul MacFarlane; Alex Carpenter, Beth Stokell; Marg Farmer, Vivien Thomas; Shirley Hulbig, Paul Graves. E-W - Doug Farmer, James Longley; Hans Jacobs, Linda Lord; Don Jackson, Lena Jackson; Paul Stanbury, George Jordan.

Thursday, March 15: Novice Game - Hazel McPhee, Terri McGuigan; Dennis McFadden, Frank Lablans.

Friday, March 16: N-S - Don Jackson, Lena Jackson; Paul MacFarlane, Paul Graves; Shirley Hulbig, Margaret MacFarlane. E-W - Ross Jenkinson, Jane Demers; George Jordan, Irma Field; Doug Farmer, James Longley.

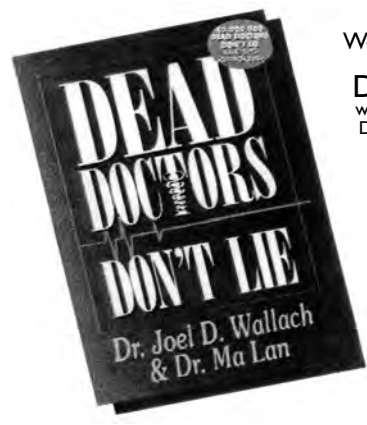
Sunday, March 18: K. Lee, J. Demers; S. Hulbig and P. Graves tied with M.and P. McFarlane.

Tuesday, March 20: P. Brugger, P. Ho; M. and P. McFarlane; I. Haque, D. Legallis; C. Balant, R. Jenkinson.

Wednesday, March 21: N-S - S. Hulbig, G. Model; N. McLean, R. Beetham; M. and P. McFarlane. E-W - D. and L. Jackson; G. Jordan, P. Stanbury; D. Neil, B. Saley.

Friday, March 23: N-S - P. Graves, M. McFarlane; I. Field, G. Jordan; G. Saul, J. Demers. E-W - D. Street, K. Prozac; M. Oglanby, P. Stanbury; D. Farmer, V. Smereka.

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Catholic high school gets tentative approval

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The building would ultimately accommodate 1,400 students from Aurora, Newmarket, King and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The proposal is for 67 regular classrooms with the potential for a 12-classroom port-a-pak unit should the need arise in the future, and 271 parking spaces with bus lanes.

The application sought rezoning of lands from General Industrial and Service Commercial to Institutional.

Town planning staff reported the application has a variety of positive aspects including close proximity to existing and new residential neighbourhoods, access to public transit, redevelopment of a prominent Wellington Street East site and close proximity to recreational facilities.

However, a number of concerns have been raised including conformity with the town's industrial and employment policies.

The application points out that the conversion to institution is in keeping with the policies of an official plan amendment as there will be about 150 employees.

In its report, staff pointed out that the applicant needs to prove the land use acceptable and if it is, traffic and transportation impacts must be accommodated.

Elizabeth Crowe, King/Aurora Trustee and Chairman of the Board stressed the need for the school due to the rapid growth in the area and the overcrowding of Cardinal Carter High School in Aurora with 24 portables and Sacred Heart in Newmarket with 22 portables.

She said the Board had searched for other sites without success and finally engaged a consultant to investigate sites in Aurora adjacent to the new development and she asked council to support the Board's application.

Board staff member Dan McCowell provided a brief summary of the Board's activities to date and the meetings held with various government agencies, community group and town staff and said he believed it was an excellent application both for the Town and the Board.

He added that the Board would like to get started as soon as possible with a tentative opening of the new school in 2009.

Resident Rebecca Beaton expressed several concerns about the loss of employment lands, where the students would come from, parking, bus drop-off, number of buses, location of port-a-pak, relocation of a water course on the playing field and the fact that the development would not produce any development charges or property taxes.

Her questions were responded to by staff and McCowell who said the school would primarily serve the Aurora/Newmarket area but the catchment area and school boundaries had not yet been discussed and decided by trustees.

It was anticipated there would be about eight buses dropping off and picking up students.

He also said that with Magna and other industrial plants in the area, the Board was considering a technical component to the school to provide technical co-op students to receive hands-on training.

Staff members said the Conservation Authority would provide approval for the move of the watercourse as had been done for the town-owned Leslie Street property.

In addition a letter was received from Christopher Ballard objecting to the application on the basis of the loss of employment lands. As there were no other members of the public in attendance, council began its deliberations.

The major issue appeared to be the loss of employment lands in spite of staff's report that institutional operations were permitted in commercial lands and limited institutional in employment lands, the questions continued.

Another issue was the area to be served by the school and in spite of a response from McCowell that it was a regional board, the catchment area and the school boundaries has not been discussed or established by the Trustees pending planning approval.

In response to a question about the use of the playing fields by the town due to the shortage, McCowell replied that the Board had excellent working arrangements with Leisure Services and fields would be made available.

Finally after almost three hours of presentations and discussion, Councillor Stephen Granger moved that the application be denied on the basis of the loss of employment lands and unresolved traffic issues, plus loss of development charges and property taxes.

Councillor Evelyn Buck pointed out that staff had done their job and the school board had done theirs and said she was delighted with the proposal especially the reference to the technical component.

She added that it was a win/win situation and if rejected by council, the board could appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board and with the supporting report from staff, the town didn't stand much of a chance and would result in an unnecessary expense to the school board and Aurora taxpayers.

Councillor Bob McRoberts also spoke against the motion on the basis of the need for a new school in Aurora and that all schools cater to students outside the municipality and teachers and staff help the economy of the town.

He noted the industrial land had been vacant for several years.

Other members of council supported the motion on the basis of poor planning, loss of employment lands, loss of development charges and property taxes, but when the vote was called Granger's motion, it was defeated.

Councillor Al Wilson moved that the application be approved in principle subject to the resolution of outstanding issues and the plan be brought back to another public meeting,

But when he heard that bringing it back to another public meeting would unnecessarily delay a decision, he moved that it be brought back to a council meeting on condition that it be well publicized, which was approved by council.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern voted against the motion.

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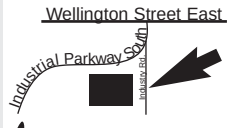
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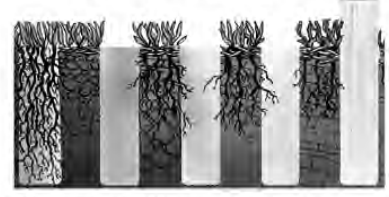
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