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HOEDOWN TOPS LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS



20 local charities will share in a \$543,000 pot following this year's Wild West Hoedown thrown by Magna International. The event, held Saturday night on the lawns of Magna, featured performances from Paul Brandt, Beverley Mahood, The Good Brothers, Danielle Bourjeaurd, and Matson Tweed. Former Magna founder Frank Stronach (sec-

ond left) and CEO Don Walker (second right) were joined on stage by Mahood, East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackson, King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Georgina Mayor Rob Grossi, and Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe for the cheque presentation. For more on the 2012 Hoedown, see page 23.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Northeast chicanes confirmed for October removal

By Brock Weir

Chicanes in Aurora's north-east quadrant will be removed by mid-October.

The timeline comes after Council approved a recommendation on Tuesday to award a contract of just under \$60,000 to have them taken out of the neighbourhood where they have become such a significant bone of contention since their inception. In recent surveys conducted through the north-east neighbourhood, as well as the wider Aurora community, the chicanes on Mark Street and Walton Drive were clearly the most derided of the variety of traffic calming measures introduced into the communi-

ty and this vocal majority was heard by Council.

When Councillors met over the summer, their intentions to remove the chicanes were made known, but what cast some doubt on their future removal was there was not money in the budget for the project. Councillors were reluctant, however, to put the discussion over until next year's budget discussions so they directed alternative funding sources be found to ensure they ripped out the chicanes before the arrival of winter.

Upon Council approval last week, this contract of \$59,945 with additional taxes, inspections, and contingency funds, resulting in a total of \$69,300,

will come from Aurora's Road Repair and Replacement Reserve, which has a balance of \$417,000, according to a report from Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure.

Funding sources and costs are in place and the wheels are now turning to have the chicanes removed. Councillor Paul Pirri, however, suggested a community fundraising initiative to help lessen the impact this would have on the Town.

"This is a great sum of money, especially when we factor in the money that has already gone into installing them," said Councillor Pirri.

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS



Aurora student Benjamin Fockter received his Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award from Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, at the Ottawa Conference Centre on Wednesday. Mr. Fockter, a graduate of St. Andrew's College and currently studying at McGill University in Montreal, journeyed to Africa as part of his Gold Level challenges and has since founded a charity to support underprivileged kids in northern Ontario.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
The Aurora Public Library presents the Triple P Parenting Workshop Series – Positive Parenting Program: Small Changes, Big Differences. The Library, in partnership with community agencies, hosts monthly workshops on a variety of topics that will help answer your parenting questions. All meetings are at 7 p.m. Tonight’s theme: Coping with Stress. Pre-register at 905-727-9494 x.275.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum will present their History Hands-On (H2O) Fall Fair today from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Experience what life was like over 100 years ago! This month’s History Hands-On theme will introduce you to 19th century Fall Fair activities. This event features our one-room schoolhouse! Regular admission applies. Adults \$5, Children (6-12) \$3, Seniors/Students \$4. Family of Four \$13, Children under 6 Free with paying adult. For more information, contact the museum at 905-727-8954.

The One Parent Families Association will host a dance tonight at 8 p.m. The dance will be held at the Aurora branch of the Royal Canadian Legion at 105 Industrial Parkway North. Hot and cold buffet. Cash Bar.

The Writers’ Community of York Region presents “Writing for Children & for Young Adults: The World’s Hottest Market”, Saturday, September 22, 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m at the Newmarket Community Centre and Lion’s Hall, 200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket. Fee: \$44 (incl. HST) paid in advance or \$48 (tax included) if you wait to pay at the door. To reserve a spot now, email: brianhenry@sympatico.ca

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
A Musical Tour of Europe will

take place this afternoon at Trinity Anglican Church with Jean-Paul Reeymont, host and singer, with guest vocalists Richard Heinzle, Jolanda Nel, and pianist Ryan Wang. Music from France, Italy, Austria, Germany, Hungary, Russia, Poland, Holland, and China will feature. The concert benefits the Marylake Shrine and Monastery in King City. Admission is \$25. For more information, call 905-898-5686.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
The Canadian Federation of Uniersity Women (CFUW) hold monthly meetings with speakers, interest groups, and CFUW community programs. The first meeting of this year is this evening at 7.15 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion at 89 Industrial Parkway South. For more information, call Beverley Varcoe at 905-753-9709.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Time-pressed adults are invited to dip into arts instruction this fall with a series of one-day beginner workshops at the Aurora Cultural Centre designed to tempt the busiest person. The first evening is “Selecting and Planting the Perfect Spring Bulbs.” Guidance in selection, layering techniques, soil prep, foiling squirrels! Evening workshop by Sheila Cording, Master Gardener. 6.30- 9 p.m. For more information contact 905-713-1818.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Time-pressed adults are invited to dip into arts instruction this fall with a series of one-day beginner workshops at the Aurora Cultural Centre designed to tempt the busiest person. This evening is “Introducing the Wonderful World of Japanese Paper” with Liz Menard. Discover the folding and marbling techniques to create personalized greeting cards, art pieces and a personalized bank book. Spend an enjoyable day learning the possibili-

ties of this ancient art form. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, contact 905-713-1818.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
The Town of Aurora and the Aurora Historical Society will hold a public brainstorming session this evening at 7 p.m. at the Aurora Cultural Centre on transferring the Aurora Historical Society Collection to the Town of Aurora. The Town of Aurora and the Aurora Historical Society have signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the future management and ownership of the existing artefacts and archives known as the Aurora Collection. The purpose of this session is to update the public on our progress to date and solicit your ideas in the future exhibition, storage and administration of the Collection. For more information, please contact Al Downey, Director of Parks and Recreation Services at adowney@aurora.ca or 905-727-3123 x.4752 or Catherine Richards, Curator-Manager for the Aurora Historical Society at curator@aurorahs.com or 905-727-8991.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Aurora’s First Baptist Church (33 Wellington Street East) will host its Fall Sing tonight at 7 p.m. This free event includes music from April Joy Sackrider,

Marlene O’Neill, Joan Elliott, Mark Edwards and Melissa Whalen, and an appearance from the Reflections Trio. For tickets and more information, contact Jim Edwards at 905-713-1665.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
Culture Days @ The Aurora Public Library: Create, Participate, and Celebrate: The library is participating in this coast-to-coast collaborative event to raise awareness of the arts and cultural life of our community. Join Aurora writer/instructor Marnie Maguire for Intuitive Writing: a Guided Tour into Your Own Imagination. Guided writing activities include games, meditation and word play to unlock your creative potential. 18+.

Limited space. Saturday September 29, 1-4 p.m. Lebovic Room. Free.

SEPTEMBER 29 – 30
The third annual Aurora Artists Studio Tour happens this weekend. This whimsical and unique Aurora Artists Studio Tour of 2012 will open early morning at the artist’s studio galleries to welcome the public for two days. from 10.00 a.m. till 4.00 p.m. It would be our pleasure for families, art students and the curious to come out and explore the many studios and witness the creative minds and talents of such a diverse group. Over 15 local artists will be taking part. For more information on where to go and who to meet, contact Deborah Campo at 905-727-1447

or deborah.campoart@sympatico.ca, or visit www.evafolks.com/2012_Studio_Tour.html

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2
Eating Disorders of York Region will host the Stages of Change Workshop tonight at their Aurora headquarters (15213 Yonge Street, Unit 8). Are you ready to explore the possibility of change? If so, discover where you are in your Journey of Recovery. “Stages of Change” will help you explore the changes that you are seeking. In a safe and confidential setting, the costs and benefits of changing eating disorder behaviors will be presented. We will also try to identify barriers and explore healthy coping

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COMING EVENTS

ON NOW

SEPTEMBER 6 – OCTOBER 6
The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, is proud to present Andrean Art: An Exhibition of Paintings from St Andrew’s College Sept. 6 – Oct. 6. Over 50 fine art pieces from students, Old Boys and faculty. A rare glimpse into a collection never before exhibited off campus. Opening Reception Sept. 20 from 7 – 9 p.m.; all welcome. Gallery hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday 12 p.m. – 4 p.m., and during special events. For info call 905-713-1818 or info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

SEPTEMBER 10 – OCTOBER 28
This Isn’t Your Grandmother’s Needle Point – The Aurora Public Library will host an exhibition of the work of Lorraine Salt. Come out and meet artist Lorraine Salt and view her Needlepoint Art Designs on display in the Colleen Abbott Gallery at Aurora Public Library. Salt takes needlepoint to a new level with original designs and special effects achieved through the layering of threads in vibrant colours, textures and stitch styles. Salt’s work will be on display from September 10 through to October 28, 2012. The artist reception will take place on September 20 from 7 p.m.- 8.30 p.m., and is a great opportunity to meet the artist and

get insight into her works. Light refreshments will be served. Location: Colleen Abbott Gallery, Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge St. Aurora. 905-727-9494

SEPTEMBER 13 – OCTOBER 18
Eating Disorders of York Region presents the support group Guidance and Assistance for Family and Friends of Those Striving to Overcome an Eating Disorder beginning today and running for six Thursdays at 75 Fernstaff Court, Unit 18 in Vaughan (Dufferin and Langstaff). Support for family and friends is vital in the recovery of a loved one. A family member or a friend needs a strong, safe and consistent source of support and needs to take care of themselves in order to do so. It is good to know you’re not alone when you experience stress, frustration or anger. 5 – 6 p.m. For more information visit www.edoyr.com or call 905-886-6632.

SEPTEMBER 18 - OCTOBER 9
Eating Disorders of York Region also presents On the Road to Recovery, a support group with Flora Svinarenko for four weeks starting September 18 at 75 Fernstaff Court (Unit 8) in Vaughan. The first session will begin at 6 p.m. This recovery group is intended for those who currently are active-

ly working on maintaining changes which they have made in regards to their eating behaviours while attending other group programs through EDOYR or participating in eating disorder treatment. The road to recovery is challenging sometimes and emotional support is necessary to overcome or prevent lapses. In a safe and empathetic environment this group will provide you with coping tools and support needed to address complicated emotions, unhealthy behaviors or unhelpful thoughts. This group is not structured, meaning you can bring your issues/difficulties/achievements to the group discussion. Together we will explore helpful ways to reduce symptoms and make meaningful changes. To register please call 905-886-6632 or register online: <http://www.edoyr.com/support-groups.html>

TUESDAYS
Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a 12-Step Fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is recovery from codependence and the development and maintenance of healthy relationships. The CoDA meeting in the area meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Aurora United Church (15816 Yonge Street). For more information, contact Wanda at mwgt1950@gmail.com.

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Special Olympians Adam Brookes, seen above left working at Omar’s Shoes, and Isaac Charles (right) will be heading to Korea in the new year, representing Canada in the World Games. The two are among 16 athletes from Aurora, Newmarket, and East Gwillimbury heading to Asia representing Canada in floor hockey after winning the gold in nationals over the winter. Events to help the team on their way kick off Thursday at the York Regional office in Newmarket.

Auroran photos by David Falconer

Korea-bound Special Olympians to receive boost this week

By Brock Weir

Excitement is building in the community as Special Olympics athletes in Aurora and Newmarket prepare to travel for the World Games in South Korea next year.

After capturing gold in the national championships in Alberta over the winter, the Newmarket & District Floor Hockey Team, as well as two skiers, advanced to the Worlds, which will be held in January. While the anticipation amongst members continues to build, there is still a lot of work to be done – and ways the community can help will be launched Thursday with a special barbeque at 1 p.m.

Athletes, their families, and supporters will come together at the York Region offices at 17250 Yonge Street in Newmarket for a celebratory barbeque and the unveiling of their fundraising support plan charting the next few months. Aged between 18 and 40 years, athletes hope that these fundraising efforts will go a long way in securing the essentials they need for the trip such as equipment and transportation.

“The objective is to raise funds to provide new equipment to the athletes, provide transportation to and from the airport in Korea and in Toronto, and then raise awareness for Special Olympics in general,” said organizer Theresa Buck, whose nephew Adam is one of the medal winning floor hockey athletes. “Another added plus to this is York Region is hosting the Special Olympic Games in 2013, so we’re hopeful that this will also promote these games coming to the Region next year.”

With her personal connection to the Special Olympics – and the athletes of the Newmarket and District team in particular, Ms. Buck’s passion for this project, the fundraiser, and the trip is clear.

“Adam is a story in himself,” she said. “What that kid has accomplished in his lifetime and the support he has got from his family to get him where he is today is an incredible story. As recently as 40 or 50 years ago, people with Down Syndrome would have been put away into homes, taken out of their parents’ care and put into homes where they would just basically exist.

“Today, because of the support my sister and Andy, her husband, have given Adam and his siblings, he has progressed through high school and is now involved in [Aurora-based] agency called Able Network. He is out working a job in Newmarket, and he does volunteer work in Aurora, and volunteers with Omar’s Shoes in Aurora as well. The progression of people with intellectual disabilities from 40 years ago is fantastic and the Special Olympics is part of that confidence.

“Special Olympics gives these people confidence, it builds their personalities, it builds their social responsibilities and they are surviving and functioning individuals in our society.”

According to organizers, over 180 athletes and 60 volunteers are involved in the local Special Olympics teams. Less than five per cent of funding comes from government and the remainder comes from personal donations, sponsorships, and contributions from corporations. The group is also hoping to receive not only financial support but support in

kind for running shoes, helmets, shin pads, floor hockey sticks, and other necessities.

Briefly

LIBRARY LAUNCHES VIDEO CONTEST

What does the Aurora Public Library mean to you? By putting your thoughts down on video, you could win some cash and bragging rights as the Library launches its first ever video contest. “myAPL” runs now through December 16 and is open to anyone 14 years of age or older, whether submitted as a single filmmaker or as a group. Submit a one to three minute video sharing your “love story” with the library and upload it to the Library’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AuroraPublicLibrary) to be in the running in the youth category (14 – 17) or the adult category (18+). If you are a budding film student, have a flare for the dramatic, or just plain love the library then this contest is for you,” said organizers. “The top five videos in each category with the most ‘likes’ will then become contest finalists and be shown at a Video Screening and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, January 10.”

FUNDING HELPS STUDENT TRANSPORTATION COSTS

More money will now be available for public school students on athletic teams. The York Region Board of Education announced Monday that the board plans on re-allocating \$300,000 “to cover more of the transportation costs for school clubs and teams.” Added Ken Thurston, Director of the Board of Education: “We are committed to the equality and excellence in education. We are pleased to provide further support for transportation costs, and make participation in school clubs and athletics more accessible for all our students.” According to the YRDSB, ministry guidelines dictate fees can’t be charged for materials kids need to graduate, and this has resulted in “some students at the secondary level having seen an increase in fees for extra-curricular athletics and clubs this year as the Board has re-allocated funding to support curriculum needs.”

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Letters to the editor

Redistribution will lead to poor representation

(Re: Here we go again! Poor Ronnie, September 11, 2012)

Mr. Justice George Valin has written, on the Commission website, “Representation by population is a key principle of Canada’s electoral system. When determining the boundaries of an electoral district, the Commission’s main goal will therefore be to divide the province into districts as close as possible to the average population.

“We must also take into account such factors as communities of interest or identity, the historical pattern of electoral districts, and a manageable geographic size for districts in sparsely populated, rural or northern regions of the province.”

In Aurora, during the 2011 Provincial election, there were just under 35,000 eligible voters, split 40% north of Wellington St. and 60% south. Splitting Aurora between Newmarket and Richmond Hill using Wellington St. can hardly be said to “take into account such factors as communities of interest or identity, the historical pattern of electoral districts.”

Please note that this distribution calculation is based on the eligible voter count of 92,231 not the census count of 133,181 for Newmarket-Aurora which the Commission is obligated to use. If those numbers continue to be representative, Aurora will have 27 per cent of the Aurora-Richmond Hill vote and 19 per cent of the Newmarket-Aurora vote, insufficient to ensure proper representation.

Public hearings will be held in October at various locations and residents may speak at those hearings. If you live in Aurora and want your vote to make a difference in upcoming elections, you may want to participate.

Contact & hearing information is available at ontario@rfed-rcf.ca or

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Geoff Andrew
Aurora

An alternative proposal for electoral boundaries

I hate these people who say “you can’t do that”, or, “It’s wrong”, “It won’t work”, but never give any suggestion as to how “it” could or should be done.

It doesn't matter who holds the riding now, let's look at the future to 2018. We don't want to keep changing boundaries.

Let's have a maximum population per riding of 150,000.

My suggestion for the Riding Boundaries of Aurora-Oak Ridges-King:

North: St. Johns Sideroad (Aurora North boundary) 18th to 404.

West: 400 from 18th Sideroad to Gamble Road
South: King/Vaughan Rd, Jefferson and Stouffville
Road East: Warden from Stouffville Road to St. John's
Sideroad.

The Southern boundary would depend on the population and may be extended down to Gamble road to meet the 150,000 Citizens.

Cliff Davies
Aurora

Community Spirit (or D-I-Y comes to Aurora)



BROCK'S BANTER

Brock Weir

moving in that direction, but I also want some community involvement in terms of raising funds, whether it is through a community barbeque or other fundraising events,” said Councillor Paul Pirri on the hefty price tag that comes with the chicane removal.

It was almost as if a loud “record scratch” permeated the room from the speed people looked up.

"I would just like to put that idea out there because...this is a great sum of money, especially when we factor in the money that has already gone into installing them. It might be useful to try to recoup that in whatever way possible."

Councillor Wendy Gaertner, however, was quite right in her comments against this particular idea.

"This is the work of two councils," she said. "I think the responsibility lies with us if we have made a mistake."

However you slice it, residents are going to be paying for this removal. Although the money for the project is coming out of reserve funds specifically for roads, asking taxpayers to help fund the removal of something most of them don't want – and many didn't want in the first place – through a fundraising drive is almost adding insult to injury.

If Councillors want to reduce overall costs and have more of a community “buy in”, let’s put Councillor Evelyn Buck’s “solution” to get rid of the chicanes a year or so ago back on the table. She “pro-

TOGETHERNESS BY FORCE

It was an interesting trip getting back from Toronto in time for Saturday's Wild West Hoedown. I was in the city for TIFF's closing night screening of *Song For Marion* starring Terence Stamp and Vanessa Redgrave. The presentation ran a little bit longer than anticipated, so I was able to get on the GO Bus with just two minutes to spare.

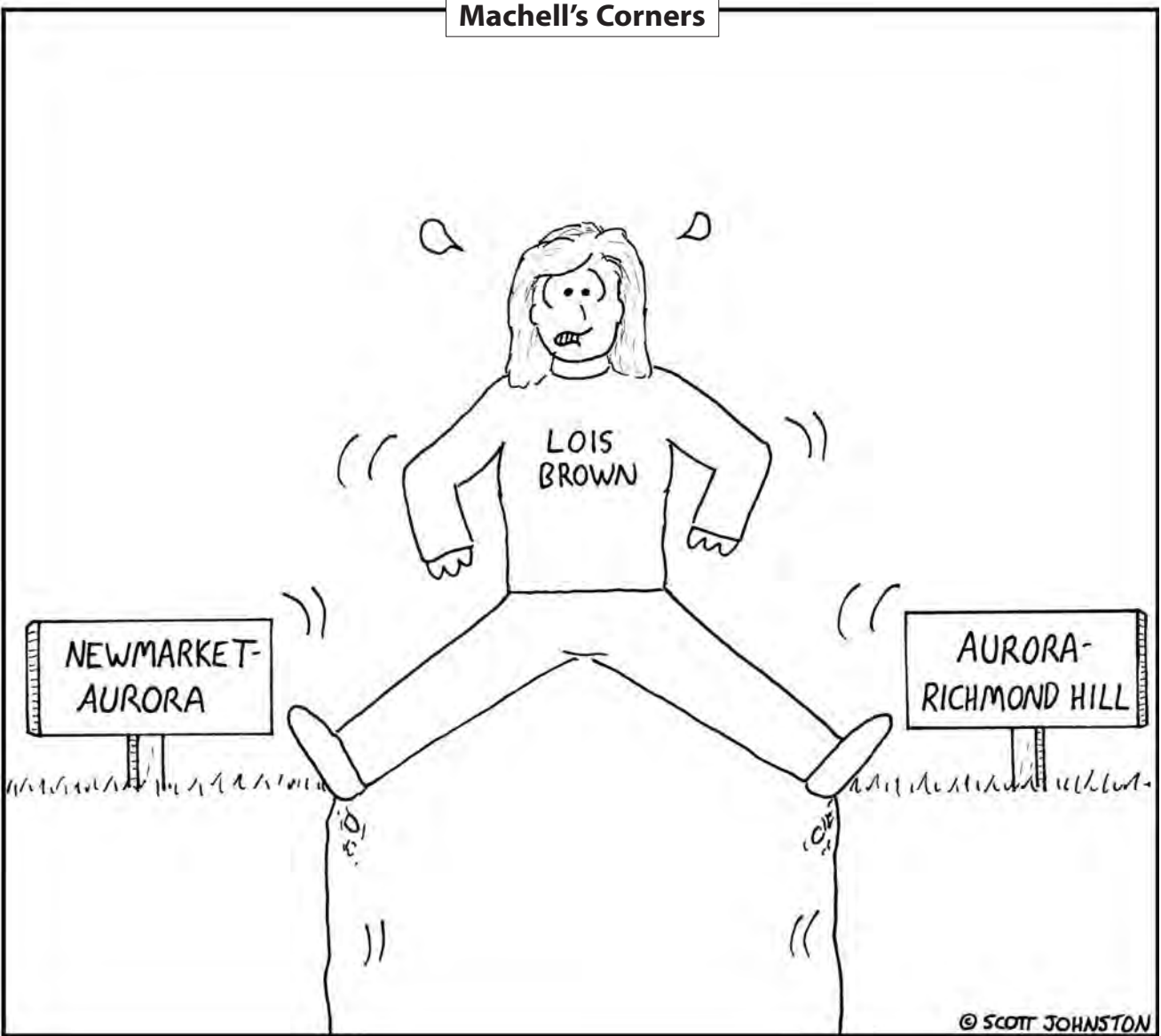
As a late arrival, it should have come as no surprise the bus would be packed to the gills, but standing the entire way was the only option.

I hadn't done that in a long time, but it was a very curious experience compared to the last time that happened. On this occasion, the prescient driver left all the lights on and what resulted was a very interesting dynamic. At those close quarters, you either make friends or you have a miserable trip.

As luck would have it, the crowd on either side of me was so that I was positioned almost directly beside Colleen Abbott of the Aurora Film Circuit, who was also at the screening. It was great to make conversation with the people around us, while people watching – soccer fans continuing their colour commentary all the way up the DVP, covertly observing a budding romance between two strangers who decided to share a seat, etc.

It was almost as entertaining as the film itself which, incidentally, we both give two thumbs up!

I would also like to send a special thank you to the woman offering sticks of gum to everyone in our immediate vicinity. At those close quarters, it was a gesture appreciated by all!



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AURORAN POLL

Lawmakers in charge of Federal electoral boundaries proposed last week that Aurora be split in two with Wellington Street as the dividing line. Residents on the north side of Wellington Street would still be voting in Newmarket-Aurora, while residents south of Wellington would be in the newly created federal riding of Aurora-Richmond Hill. The move would address some issues regarding population in electoral districts, but local officials say Aurora should have a united voice in Parliament. Are you in favour of the proposal to split Aurora voters down the middle in time for the next federal election?

A)Yes B) No C) It makes no difference



Please participate in our POLL –go to www.theauroran.com, scroll down and look to the bottom right of the home page to VOTE.



“Castle Doan 200 Years Yonge” was created by late Aurora artist Dorothy Clark McClure to mark the bicentennial of one of Canada’s most famous streets and military routes. It was acquired by the Town of Aurora in 1996 and is currently on display on the second floor of Town Hall. The work depicts Castle Doan, one of Aurora’s earliest structures, which was built as Yonge Street was being carved out of the wilderness. The landmark was demolished in the 1980s.

Ottawa Report

Paralympics

I know all Newmarket-Aurora joins me in saluting our Canadian Paralympic Team on their tremendous performance at the London 2012 Summer Paralympic Games August 29 to September 9 in London. Collectively our athletes won seven gold, 15 silver and 9 bronze medals. This is a huge achievement, and their hard work and dedication paid off. Congratulations as well to all the coaches, volunteers and family members who supported our athletes.

Supporting our Canadian Forces

Last week our government announced additional funding to enhance the Canadian Armed Forces’ (CAF) extensive mental healthcare system, particularly by targeting wait times through innovative recruitment campaigns and treatment approaches. An additional \$11.4 million will be invested, supplementing the \$38.6 million spent annually to provide mental health care to CAF personnel.

The health needs of military personnel are extremely important and we are doing everything we can to provide the care needed for those defending our country. This new funding will enhance our Government’s already robust mental healthcare programs and ensure that our Nation’s heroes will continue to receive the best care and services whenever and wherever they need it.

Action to Improve Health Care Solutions

Another investment revealed last week in innovative software will help Canadians, their

families and their medical teams gain quick access to all their health records using cloud-based tools. Minister Goodyear announced the Connected Health and Wellness Project, which will also allow hospitals, physicians and other healthcare professionals to access and update health records on an ongoing basis. The Connected Health and Wellness Project is a technology platform containing an integrated suite of compatible technologies and apps designed to improve the health of Canadians. This project will allow patients to access and share their health records with their family, friends and care teams, including a health coach, to collaboratively manage their health and wellness. This technology will also allow hospitals, physicians and other healthcare professionals to access and update this information on an ongoing basis. For example: patients with diabetes to track their biometric measurements, meals and exercise using smartphones and be able to share this information with their medical teams.

Our government’s contribution of up to \$15,549,290 through the Technology Development Program will enable the Connected Health and Wellness Project to bring together 16 private sector, academic and not-for-



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profit partners. In addition to federal funding, this project has leveraged more than \$23 million in private-sector investments. The project is being led by York University, NexJ Systems and McMaster University. We are proud to invest in this initiative and support industry-research partnerships in Southern Ontario that will strengthen the Canadian health system.

Tackling Crime

The National Crime Prevention Centre is ready to receive applications for its next funding intake. The Centre provides leadership in developing the Canadian-made knowledge base of what is effective in reducing and preventing crime.

The priorities for this phase are: preventing violence among at-risk youth ages 12 to 17 years; preventing offending among Aboriginal children and youth ages 6 to 17 in urban centres; and preventing school-based bullying. Eligible recipients for funding include community or professional organizations which have voluntarily associated themselves for a not-for-profit purpose, and which have the mandate to represent their membership or community; as well as municipal and provincial governments.

The National Crime Prevention Strategy continues our government’s commitment to providing at-risk youth with life skills that will

empower them to make smart choices and to stay away from crime. In 2011 alone, our Government funded 138 community-based crime prevention programs through the National Crime Prevention Strategy, in which nearly 16,000 at-risk youth participated.

For more information about National Crime Prevention Centre funding and to find out how to apply, please visit <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/cp/cpaf/ind-ex-eng.aspx>. Deadline to apply is October 25, 2012.

Queen’s York Rangers Honoured

Prime Minister Stephen Harper paid tribute September 14 to military regiments, including the Queen’s York Rangers (1st American Regiment) (RCAC), who successfully defended Canada during the War of 1812, by announcing that battle honours will be awarded to select regiments with ties to units who won decisive battles in the war.

In keeping with Canada’s policy of military perpetuation adopted after the First World War, this honour will be able to be placed on the Colours of the regiment to honour the soldiers who are a key part of Canadian history. This honour, which recognizes the deeds and sacrifices made by these soldiers, will allow the current unit to act as the safe-keeper of their heritage.

If you would like to contact me on these or any other issue, please call 905.953.7515 or visit my website at www.loisbrown.ca. I would love to hear from you.

Redistribution

This week I had planned to write about the two recent Ontario by-elections, the various policy discussion papers that the provincial Progressive Conservative Party have released and a bit about what I believe will be the sleeper topic - energy – during the next provincial election.

I will save this for a future column.

Instead, I want to concentrate on an issue that is in the local public consciousness right now.

Electoral boundary redistribution.

As most of you have seen by now, there are initial plans put forward by the three person non partisan Committee of Elections Canada to split Aurora into two electoral districts.

The area from Wellington north would become part of the riding called Newmarket-Aurora while those people living south of Wellington would become part of the Aurora-Richmond Hill riding.

Why is this being done?

From the Elections Canada website:

“The Constitution of Canada requires that the number of seats in the House of Commons be recalculated and the boundaries of federal electoral districts be reviewed after each 10-year census to reflect changes and movements in Canada’s population.”

“Federal electoral district boundaries were last revised following the release of the 2001 Census population numbers, which had led to an increase in the number of House of Commons seats from 301 to 308.”

How long will this process take?

This is basically a three stage process. The initial report has already been made public and community forums will be held across the country in October. The input from these meetings is then added into a report that is provided to the House of Commons, no later than December 21 of this year.

“MPs have two opportunities to give input into the federal redistribution process: during public hearings, and through the House of Commons review process for the commissions reports

“Boundaries commissions will consider all comments received, but they are not obliged to make changes based on them. Commissions make all final decisions with respect to the new electoral boundaries.”

“Then the commission submits its final report to the Speaker of the House of Commons by June 2013.”

How do they decide on the initial allotment of seats?

“The population of a province is divided by the ‘electoral quotient’ to provide the initial allocation of seats to that province. For this redistribution process, the electoral quotient is set at 111,166.”

Statistics Canada shows Ontario as hav-



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Stephen Somerville

aries is population equality. The Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act requires that the population of an electoral district in a given province be as close as is reasonably possible to the average population size of a district for that province (that is, the province’s population divided by the number of electoral districts).

“However, in addition to population equality, commissions must consider other social and geographic factors. They may choose to create electoral districts whose populations vary from the average, if they consider it necessary or desirable to do so in order to: Respect communities of interest or identity (for example, communities based around language or shared culture and history), Respect historical patterns of previous electoral boundaries, or Maintain a manageable geographic size for districts

ing a population of 13,372,996 on July 1, 2011. Dividing the population by the electoral quotient of 111,166 provides Ontario with 121 of the 338 seats in the House of Commons.

The key question in all this really is what criteria are used to determine the new federal electoral boundaries? Again, from Elections Canada:

“The main criterion for electoral boundaries is population equality. The Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act requires that the population of an electoral district in a given province be as close as is reasonably possible to the average population size of a district for that province (that is, the province’s population divided by the number of electoral districts).

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in sparsely populated, rural or northern regions of the province.

“Commissions should make every effort to ensure that the population of a district is not more than 25 percent above or below the average district population. In extraordinary circumstances, however, commissions may create districts that vary from the average by more than 25 percent.”

According to the 2011 Statistics Canada Census, Aurora has a population of 53,203 and Newmarket 79,978 which, taken together, equals 133,181. Taking the electoral quotient of 111,166 and multiplying by 1.25% equals 138,958, so the Commission, even before considering the other social and geographic factors, is well within its rights to maintain the riding as it is presently configured. This would not fall into the category of “extraordinary” circumstances.

I do hope that the Commission maintains the current riding boundary. If it does not, then there are many possible configurations available like an Aurora – Oak Ridges (Richmond Hill) – King riding, for example.

However, any of these other riding permutations and combinations do present certain challenges for us in Aurora, which I will comment on in a future column.

We will get a better idea of how things look after the commission publishes its next report in mid December.

Stay tuned.

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Are you ready for another exciting season?

Things are really starting to hop at the Centre now that summer is closing down.

As per tradition, fall brings some old favorites and some new activities. Organizers wouldn't want us to get stuck in a rut.

Are you stuck in a rut or are you willing to try something different?

I've always wanted to try sculpting with clay. As a youngster, I well remember carving some kind of bird from a bar of Ivory soap for our arts class. For years, I've watched in awe as clay workers mould and shape their creations, and wanting desperately to give it a go.

Sculpting with Clay is one of a large number of fall programs offered this season. It starts September 19, so you'll have to hurry and register. This program runs Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. at the Centre. Registration is \$62.

Dancing anyone?

Perhaps dancing is more up your alley. Whether you want to brush up on your skills or learn new moves, you are welcome to join the ballroom dancing program. Ballroom and Latin dances include foxtrot, cha-cha, waltz, rumba and more. You will need

a partner, however. It runs Tuesdays from 7.45 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. for 10 weeks starting September 18. Registration is \$58 per person.

If you'd rather not get into such a schedule, you can try square dancing beginning October 15 and to continue every Monday from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. Organizers have recognized that some dancers have slight problems with the amount of swinging that's involved and have adapted by introducing a new move.

You don't need to know how to square dance because you will be walked through all the steps first, and the experienced dancers will gladly guide you. This group offers more, however. You can learn other dances which include the Willow and the Gay Gordons. They have a great time, make mistakes, and enjoy lots of laughs, so why not join in? What a fun way to get involved and make friends, especially if you're new to the Centre.

Mahjong for your brain

I play Mahjong on my computer all the time and it's nothing like the

A movie worth watching

On September 25, the centre is showing the movie, The Best Exotic



SENIOR SCAPE

Sylvia Dickens

version they play at the centre. Theirs takes much more brain power. There are so many elements to it that I found it a little too much for my liking. I prefer a game I can learn in a minute or two and jump right in. This one takes a bit longer, but they tell me that once you learn it, it's a lot of fun.

If you don't mind utilizing more of your brain power, try this Mahjong. The organizers and participants are quick to teach you in a way that's not overwhelming. A dedicated group play every Thursday from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Drop in, watch if you prefer, but you are sure to be invited to play moments after stepping through the door.

Marigold Hotel, starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy and Maggie Smith. The story follows British retirees to India where they take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel. Less luxurious than it's advertised, the Marigold Hotel slowly shows its charm in unexpected ways. The movie starts at 6.30 p.m. Price is \$1.50 for members; \$2 for non-members, and includes refreshments and popcorn.

p.m. at the Centre's reception desk or call 905-726-4767.

Transportation help

In response to concerns that some seniors have difficulty getting to and from the Centre, the ASA Board of Directors has decided to re-establish a Transportation Committee to explore how to assist seniors without transportation to get to the Centre. If you're interested, contact Karie at the Centre.

For more information on the Aurora Seniors' Centre and all it has to offer, drop by 90 John West Way, visit the web site www.auroraseniors.ca, email auroraseniors@rogers.com or call 905-726-4767 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Letters to the editor

Ontario government is off track

In order to transform "free nations" into police states, or to have the public not to critically question policies, governments must dupe the public into acceptance of oppressive "war measures" type legislation, through fear mongering and misdirection.

Some now suggest there is hardly a more profound example of this than the events created by the Ontario Liberal Party in late August.

The government told the Boards of Education to have contracts signed before the start of the new school year. The government has told the teachers that their salaries will be "frozen" for two years and that other benefits, such as sick days

will be pared back.

The Liberals made public announcements that schools would open up and start on schedule on September 4. No strikes were to be allowed! However, no strike vote had even been taken by any of the school boards up to that time. So, why is there all this action?

This anti-democratic tactic method of rule could take away a lot of support away from the Liberal Party of Ontario. Have we forgotten that teachers' contracts had been negotiated, democratically, by the Unions and the management?

It was just a few years ago that the Conservative government, under Mike Harris, tried to discredit

Ontario teachers by using negative TV ad campaigns and underfunded education. Classroom sizes increased, extracurricular activities such as sports and arts were reduced and the number of "special ed" programs dwindled for several years.

At that time the Liberals, under Dalton McGuinty, accused the Tories of "using teachers as punching bags" and undermining the quality of education. For several years, many of the teachers in the province volunteered by campaigning at election time for the Liberal Party. Surely, this trend may come to a halt since teachers do not like being depicted as the culprits for the present day budget crisis.

The September by-elections

were very important for the Liberals but the public did not get confused by any of the political tactics. The government tried to create the illusion of a crisis, (when there wasn't one), so they can appear to be in control of the province. Bullying methods such as these are not only transparent to all; but they also show poor leadership.

The recent by-election in the Waterloo riding area was won by the NDP. It looks like the Liberals got schooled here!

Jim Jackson
Aurora

On the other hand...

(Re: "Forget ORNGE, What about the 407?", September 4, 2012. Page 4)

Way to go Geoffrey!

I had brought this very topic up with Mr. Klees and his team during the past election, first as a response to his (in?)famous "voter apathy" article during the election and then in discussion with his election staff shortly thereafter, but never a response from him.

Though I find Frank to be quite insightful at times – something fairly rare in a politician (contrast to Papa Dalton and most of his Liberal entourage) – nonetheless his tacit approval of the "407 status quo" shows the constraints of Party Loyalty.

There cannot be a single Ontario motorist that agrees with the usurious fees charged by 407 Inc. I'll bet not even the employees of that lecherous company approve (but then again they probably get a good employee discount to compensate).

But for our chauffeured politicians, no doubt they are not even aware of what highways they are travelled upon, while, for those less fortunate "self-chauffeured" types, it's all just an expense write-off, the cost of being a true "public servant."

Maybe Mr. Klees was right after all in his "voter apathy" lectures, but it's

apparently broader than that - it's "Ontarian Apathy" – our collective ability to put up with almost anything that doesn't affect our morning cup of Timmie's or evening bottle of Molson's.

Long Live the "Common Sense Revolution" I guess ..

Rick Piovesan
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Hitting the Road

Civic engagement is a term that has found increased use in the wider media, political circles and general conversation over the past several years.

It is quite probable that the concept has enjoyed a renaissance due to the explosion of communication technologies, largely driven by email and the Internet since the 1990s.

Though it has become easier to send information through instant messaging, Facebook, Twitter and the host of other digital options available, I am always struck by the unyielding preference for people to have face-to-face conversations. Perhaps this need to meet in-person, shake hands, read body language and form a better understanding is why executives fly half-way across the world to conduct business, when teleconferencing is readily available.

As Mayor, creating opportunities for residents to have their views and concerns heard is extremely important. While it is completely appropriate to send accurate, concise, easy-to-understand information through our advertisements, website and social media tools, there is often no substitute for the “personal touch.”

It is with this approach in mind that I viewed Councillor Paul Pirri’s recent motion to take our Council “on the road” as a tremendous opportunity to meet face-to-face with residents who don’t have the chance to attend our Council and be heard. I was equally pleased that our Council endorsed the motion by having two upcoming General Committee meetings at local high schools.

The technical logistics of moving our Council to another site are formidable. We have gone to great lengths to make our Council Chamber accessible to those with mobility and other challenges. We broadcast our Council meetings through Rogers Television and will be starting a pilot project to live-stream our General Committee meetings via Internet this fall.

Despite these challenges, this is a worthy endeavour that demands we overcome some technical limitations. Reaching out to young people in our community and those who cannot attend our Council is too great an opportunity to be sidelined. Town staff is in the process of selecting locations for our upcoming “road trip” and we will let residents know where and when the sessions will be held.

Technology makes it easy to read about our Council decisions after the fact. But I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity to attend these upcoming meetings to do so. If you want a full understanding of what your elected officials are saying and doing on your behalf, there is no substitute for the real thing. I’m looking forward to the opportunity to meet and speak with more people and am hopeful that we can expand on this series of offsite meetings.

Life is busy and it is often difficult to participate in Town affairs. Making this easier is a goal worth pursuing and provides the personal touch that our residents deserve.

While on the topic of community engagement and participation, I am very pleased at the work our Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee has produced in such a short period of time. Having just started in August, this group of seven outstanding community volunteers has already met four times, hosted a public consultation forum and approved a bright and attractive new logo that can be used on everything from advertisements and websites to signs and t-shirts.

With an 18-week planning horizon, the sesquicentennial group has undertaken a Herculean task. But they have met this challenge with creativity, openness, enthusiasm and drive. We are extremely fortunate to have this group planning our 150th anniversary, and having participated in their meetings, I am confident their recommendations to our Council in October will provide a celebration we will treasure for the ages.

Since the title of my article is “hitting the road,” I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the wonderful time I spent in Italy this summer with my family. Taking time away really provides a chance to broaden one’s perspective and I took every opportunity to marvel in the nuances of my European getaway. In particular, things such as the high-speed rail transit system and creative approaches to recycling really impressed upon me how these centuries-old communities could easily retain their community charm but adopt new technology.

The parallels of these communities to Aurora were striking. With municipalities all over the world struggling with competing priorities and demands on infrastructure, there were clear lessons to be learned for sound planning and sustaining infrastructure over the long-term.

They are lessons I will certainly embrace in our upcoming 2013 Business Plan and Budget discussions.

Anniversary projects need to engage youth, public at large

By Brock Weir

Planners for Aurora’s 150th birthday next year were looking for ideas to celebrate the Town’s past, present and future – and that’s just what they got from members of the public at an open house on Wednesday.

Members of Aurora’s Sesquicentennial committee took over the Council chamber on September 12 to update citizens on plans that have come together so far, but also help guide individuals and groups tailor their own 2013 events to coincide with Aurora’s sesquicentennial. As The Auroran previously reported, the committee has nailed down some timelines for the celebrations with key anchor events planned for the winter, spring, summer, and fall focusing on the Town’s past, honouring its present, and looking ahead to the future.

Plans for the winter include a Mayor’s levee, which could now be held on February 3, Aurora’s actual anniversary date, to coincide with Aurora’s Borealis in Town Park and a potential multi-faith ceremony bringing together Aurora’s diverse religious and spiritual groups.

Spring events, including a concert, could be held in May to coincide with the 125th anniversary celebrations already planned for Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, while a number of options are being explored for the fall. Several people representing the community’s civic and cultural interests, as well as citizens at large, came to the podium with suggestions dovetailing nicely with the objectives of the committee.

Judy Marshall, Executive Director of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, came to the podium on behalf of the group. Although she didn’t put forward some suggestions of her own, Ms. Marshall said the Chamber is already exploring a number of options to put a 150th anniversary component into their existing events. These include branding the Aurora Home Show, the Aurora Street Festival, and the Chamber’s Business Achievement Awards. Similarly, reps from the Aurora Public Library said they already had the ball rolling on their plans.

While the Library and Chamber are already on the ball, many people in attendance on Wednesday night were focused on making sure the entire community was aware, engaged, and excited about the Town’s 150th Birthday.

“One of the things that is most important about history is making it come alive,” said John Webster, Aurora’s Official Town Crier, who attended the meeting dressed as a civilian. “When I was in school, history was that dumb, boring thing between math

and science, and I think it is important that young people and new people to Aurora realise the History of Aurora didn’t start when they first got here.”

Mr. Webster suggested encouraging kids and schools to get involved in essay contests exploring specific and significant bits of Aurora’s heritage, younger citizens interviewing not-so-young residents, bringing in a steam train, and producing short plays on people, places, and things around Town.

These were views somewhat shared by Christopher Watts. Mr. Watts, along with local historian David Heard, recently watched a silent film shot in 1953 during Aurora’s celebrations marking the centennial of the first train to arrive in Town. Building on an idea floated earlier in the evening by Councillor Michael Thompson to use infrastructure like GO and VIVA as a good base to make Aurorans aware of the celebration with bus wraps, Mr. Watts went a step further and suggested a train wrap.

He seemed more concerned, however, about making this a contemporary celebration just as much as one with a heritage component and said the mouthful that is the word “sesquicentennial” could be an opportunity for the Town to develop a mascot to engage the kids – “Sasquatch-centennial.”

“You have an Arctic Adventure – a perfect location to bring that forward,” he said. “You’re talking about something to engage the youth and something that is fun and jovial and I think there is going to be a tie-in there.”

Looking at the past as well as the present was Councillor Evelyn Buck. While Councillor Buck suggested bringing some



The Town’s official Sesquicentennial logo (above) was unveiled last week. If the committee members in charge of throwing the Town’s birthday party have their way, versions of this logo will soon become a familiar sight.

elements of past celebrations into the fore – including the production of commemorative beer and wine glasses to be sold over the celebration and raise some money to help pay for it in the process – engaging the people of today with something that is relevant to them is a key as well.

“We should have the Petch House perched in the Arboretum [by then] and that is a beautiful place,” she said. “The committee should think about having some kind of event around the Petch House. It’s not our history, but it’s ours now! We are part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration and what we do is part of the Town’s history – it isn’t about 150 years ago, it is about ‘now’ as well.”

Additional ideas put forward included encouraging local sports teams to emblazon their new uniforms with Aurora’s Sesquicentennial Badge to raise awareness and create a special Sesquicentennial Tournament for a participating sport, and bringing in Swedish dancers to mark the link between Aurora and its Swedish twin, Leksand.

One further suggestion which seemed to excite the committee was an idea brought forward by RBC. Reps from the bank suggested putting their extensive collection of Aurora banking artefacts to good use and using them to give people a vintage banking experience – complete with teller – at celebratory events.



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Buddhist Centre will not pose problem for Moraine protection: lawyer

By Brock Weir

Aurora’s approval of a Buddhist meditation centre on the east side of Town will not put the municipality in danger of a lawsuit, according to Town Solicitor Warren Mar.

Mr. Mar made his comments at Council last week as Council approved plans for a special designation on a Leslie Street property intended as a place of worship.

The concerns stemmed from the previous week’s General Committee meeting where Councillor Wendy Gaertner questioned whether allowing a change in designation to this land – as it falls under Oak Ridges Moraine protection – would open up a can of worms for other properties, areas, and designations on the Moraine.

“When we were discussing the 2C secondary plan, the committee was told that if we changed any part of the OPA [Official Plan Amendment] on the Moraine that we would be at risk for all the Moraine lands being subject to OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) appeals”, said Councillor Gaertner at the General Committee meeting. “If Council approves this amendment, can we be assured that there will be no OMB appeals on the rest of these lands covered by the OPA?”

Marco Ramunno, Aurora’s Director of Planning said at the time discussion had indeed taken place on whether this would open up the plan to review, but said it was a site specific amendment.

“The only thing that would be subject to appeal would be the site specific amendment itself...[and] that would be the only document open to appeal,” he said.

This was a discussion continued between

Councillor Gaertner and Mr. Mar since the previous meeting and on Tuesday, the Councillor asked him to share the information that came out of these discussions.

“OPA 48 is protected from appeal, generally speaking, in its entirety,” said Mr. Mar. “The fact there might be a site specific amendment in this case to permit a Buddhist Meditation Centre at 13900 Leslie Street is simply a site-specific amendment and would not re-open the entire OPA 48 to appeal.

“This is similar and consistent with the official plan, once all appeal periods have passed. In that case, if Council several years later were to approve of a site specific amendment, it doesn’t re-open the whole entire official plan to appeal, so it is similar and consistent with that. OPA 48 remains protected.”

Karma Tekchen Zabsal Ling Centre, the proponents of the Buddhist

Meditation Centre, propose the designation for the existing property on Leslie Street, just north of Bloomington Road. It was currently under “countryside” designation, but approval for the re-designation puts it in the “special” category.

The creation of the Meditation Centre out of the existing building has long been in the works, with public meetings beginning in the Spring of last year to consult the neighbours on the plans – meetings at which neighbours had some concerns over a “lack of consultation” on the plans, the size of the project, impacts on traffic and the building use itself – and talks with the Region of York.

Once plans are carried through to fruition, 6,000 square feet of the existing 14,242 square foot house will be used for a place of worship while the remainder is reserved as the residence of the Buddhist organization’s



The Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society put on a dazzling display of cut flowers and floral designs created by people of all ages with green thumbs at the Aurora Cultural Centre last week. Pictured above, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe poses with the winner of the Mayor’s Bouquet, created by Maureen Mewett.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

leader and accommodation for visiting students. proposal, can be accommodated for up to seven days.

Solar power generation gets the green light

By Brock Weir

The roof of the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex could be leased out to a private company to generate solar electricity.

The plan to lease the roof of the SARC to Solera Sustainable Energies is up for discussion at this Tuesday’s General Committee Meeting. When it comes up for discussion, the plan will be a full year less a day in the making since the Town made its first overtures to lease out this unusual space. At the time, the Town planned on making the roof available on the previous terms of the Province’s FIT (Feed-In Tariff) program, which allows individuals, companies, and organizations to sell the power they generate back into the public grid. The Town would then have money flowing into its coffers for the lease of the space, while the company would get money from the power generated.

Uncertainty over the future of the FIT program in the midst of the Provincial election, however, caused the project to be scrapped.

With the new terms announced for the FIT Program last month, however, the project is back on the table with the winning bid coming from Solera, a company which has undertaken similar projects in places such as London and Ajax. According to a report from Aurora CAO Neil Garbe, the company has proposed two projects for the SARC with the potential to generate 500 kW of power. As the Town has only applied for one 250 kW project, renegotiations with the Province will have to take place.

“Solera offered the Town the highest flat rate annual roof lease rate of all the compliant bidders,” said Mr. Garbe. “This will provide the Town with a guaranteed source of annual revenue, which is not dependant on the performance of the solar PV systems on the SARC or external factors such as weather. Solera has similar roof lease agreements in place with other Ontario municipalities such as Ajax.

If this gets approval at committee level this week and then formally by Council on September 25, it will be the latest in a long string of recent solar projects in Aurora.

The Aurora Public Library and Town Hall will become beacons of renewable energy in Town as plans to install solar power stations at the facilities got the green light last week.

Council gave its final approval on these two solar panel projects for the two public buildings last week to the tune of \$120,000.

This is not the first time Aurora has tried to get into the solar energy game. Last year, Councillor Michael Thompson proposed a similar project at Town Hall. Like the larger project, this was largely scuttled during the run up to the last Provincial election over uncertainty over the program’s future. The microFIT program made a comeback this summer, but power generators will now earn over 30 per cent less per kilowatt hour than they did under the previ-

ous rules.

Revenue from the project, according to Aurora CAO Neil Garbe, will average \$11,182 per year, and \$223,646 over 20 years. This money, he added, could be used to establish an environmental reserve fund to help support other environmental and green initiatives, along with the \$20,000 usually budgeted for Bullfrog Power, a contract for buying green power which the Council terminated earlier this year.

“Environmental initiatives often result in operating cost savings for equipment and facilities, but also often involve higher up-front costs as related to less environmentally-friendly alternatives,” said Mr. Garbe in his report. “This Fund would cover the cost difference between environmentally-friendly alternatives”

The fact these microFIT projects were back on the table was a welcome sight to Councillor Thompson who said that at a recent Association of Municipalities Conference, the importance of green leadership for municipalities such as Aurora was underscored.

Others, however, saw this as a missed opportunity as had the projects got off the launch pad before the provincial review, a better price could have been realised for the power Aurora generates.

“Unfortunately we didn’t act quickly enough to

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Bayview Avenue park development sparks furious debate

By Brock Weir

A war of words erupted at Council this week over facilities at the new David English Park in Southeast Aurora.

Councillor John Gallo led the charge against Town Staff for the project, which is planned to include a double tennis court, arguing the plans proceeded without Council authorisation.

According to a report before Council from Al Downey, Aurora's Director of Parks and Recreation, residents in the area surrounding the park near Bayview Avenue and Vandorf Sideroad were told last year that the park would include playground equipment, a tennis court, and a gazebo, but when staff tendered the project last fall, it came back over budget and was delayed.

"Staff determined that by delaying the project until Spring 2012, it would be possible to complete the project within budget by managing the project in-house using a combination of Parks Department staff and external contracts," said Mr. Downey in his report. "In keeping with the purchasing policies and procedures, staff commenced site work at David English Park in June 2012.

"Work had been progressing on all aspects of the park and is continuing to progress with the exception of the double pad tennis court when staff was directed to discontinue working on this aspect of the park until Council approval was obtained."

Contracts awarded for more than \$50,000 require Council approval, but Mr. Downey stated in his report that to "reduce costs" the department decided to proceed with the tennis court as "individual components and act as the general contract administrator for the project" as had been done in other recent park projects.

"By breaking the project into individual components of asphalt, fencing and lighting, no portion of the construction was in excess of \$50,000 and therefore did not require Council approval as per the purchasing-bylaw," said Mr. Downey. "In stating this, there was no intent on the part of staff to circumvent any approvals or purchasing process in completing this particular project."

In his comments last week, Councillor Gallo outlined a number of his concerns over this project, not the least of which was his belief this was the wrong area in town for a tennis court noting those facilities should be in parks surrounded by denser communities. His arguments, however, were dominated by his stated belief something had gone wrong within the process.

The budget was approved for this project in 2011, but what took place, he said, did not allow Council to do their job when it comes to finances.

"The broader scope of why we have a \$50,000 limit is we want to control the spending," said Councillor Gallo. "We want to have

the proper authority given to staff. In my opinion, you can't break it up into small pieces and then have it go forward. It did not follow the budget and permit bylaw. If you're approving this, you're approving something that didn't follow the plan and quite frankly I am disappointed it has gotten to this point."

This was a viewpoint shared by Councillor Wendy Gaertner who questioned whether or not Aurora's procurement bylaw allows for a large scale project to be broken up in to smaller pieces to come below the \$50,000 limit. This prompted a point of order from Councillor Evelyn Buck, who said the comment was a "misrepresentation" of what was said in Mr. Downey's report, but Councillor Gaertner pressed on.

"It may be misrepresentation, but it happened," said Councillor Gaertner.

It is at this point Mr. Garbe took exception to the flow of the debate.

"The implication that staff circumvented procedural bylaw or the procurement bylaw is absolutely untrue," he said. "The practice of acting as general contractor is widely accepted by this Council and has been the benefactor of that practice. It was announced to Council in the June 5 report. There is no evidence that it has ever been an issue with splitting purchase orders as the implication is and that was confirmed by an internal audit into our purchasing practices as early as this



There will be some new faces on beats across York Region as new recruits were officially welcomed to the force. Among the people who were welcomed Thursday evening by Chief Eric Joliffe (third left) at the official Badge Ceremony for new recruits were (from left) Constables Peter Hamsen, Dominique Vernon, Megan Harper, Kirley Mitchel, and Jason Hartung.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

More needs to be done on traffic calming: Buck

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"It might be useful to try to recoup some of that in whatever way possible."

This idea, however, failed to gain traction at the Council table. What did, however, was Councillor Evelyn Buck's belief that removing the chicanes did not go far enough. The Councillor put forward an idea, which was seconded by Councillor Sandra Humfries, on how much more it would cost if the neighbourhood's traffic diverters – seen as road closures to some – were removed as well.

"There are people in that area that are required to drive around the whole block to get home, just to get into their own driveway, and it makes no sense," said Councillor Evelyn Buck. "I have received several communications from residents [who] tried to tell us what the impact would be before we approved the \$211,000 [to install the traffic calming measures]. We need to open up those streets that

were closed."

Councillor Humfries, who duly seconded the motion, said that she would like to understand not just the cost, but also the impact such a removal would have on the community.

"I think there has been an appropriate traffic flow redesign and removing those might cause other issues," she said. "Price is one thing, but the follow up would have to be on impact."

Residents had also been in touch with Councillor Michael Thompson over the street diverters and traffic calming measures, and he said the response he had received to the

remainder of the traffic calming measures is mixed.

"I have heard from some people who don't want that touched and I have heard from some people that do, and I think that bears out in the survey that when it came to the other traffic calming measures, there were two sides to the coin.

"The chicanes were the only ones that were overwhelming. I don't think any one of us have received a 'Save the Chicane' petition. I am open to hearing that information, but I am not necessarily in agreement that those other measures need to go."

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spring. It has never happened, it has never been an issue, it is not the purpose and I object to that insinuation."

The debate pressed on, with Councillor Chris Ballard voicing similar views to Councillor Gallo, while Councillors Buck and Thompson got into the mix, supporting Town Staff. Councillor Gallo, however, continued.

"I am not suggesting that anybody contravened anything, but if our procurement bylaw isn't specific enough, we need to address that, because I am sure they followed the permit bylaw," he said. "They said they did, I read it, and it is a grey area. They proceeded to move forward with the park and I felt staff did not have the authority for the design of this park and not to continue."

The plan was approved 6 – 3 with Councillors Ballard, Gaertner, and Gallo voting against.

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AURORA WALKS FOR THE CAUSE



This was a weekend for walking in Aurora as two prominent fundraising events took over our streets. Above, young volunteers, participants, and entertainers gathered at the Town Park Band Shell on Saturday morning to participate in Aurora's Ovarian Cancer Walk for Hope, including Aurora's 2010 Teen Idol Sarah Carmosino. The annual fundraiser raises much needed research dollars to help fight the illness which is often dubbed the "silent killer."



Runners and walkers turned out in force at Sheppard's Bush on Sunday morning to take part in the annual Terry Fox Run for cancer research. (Left) these little guys got a free ride while (right) people young and old got on their feet and ventured out onto Industrial Parkway to raise funds for cancer research and in honour of Terry Fox. Auroran photos by David Falconer

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Many people associate a lifestyle community with only retirement communities, but this is simply not the case anymore.

A lifestyle community is not only coveted by just retirees or seen as “bastions of exclusion” anymore. Instead a lifestyle community can offer homeowners peace of mind, a place to play and live with little or no worry.

Lifestyle communities or gated-communities can be seen in great numbers south of the border and in particular, sun-belt states like Florida, Arizona and California. Canada has been slower to adopt this type of housing stock for a few reasons. Firstly, many of these communities exist in the USA due to the sense of security that living behind a gate can offer.

Canadian cities and towns generally have lower crime rates than American counterparts and therefore, the fear factor, real or imagined, is not as great and doesn’t motivate Canadian buyers the same way.

Moreover, some municipalities simply do not want their emergency vehicles to have to deal with a barrier like a secured gate in case of fire or other emergencies.

Also, there is the argument that a community like this can cut off the neighbouring communities with its gates. Some would argue, that Canadians seem to want to come together more than to be separated. For these reasons, there seems to be a smaller demand but in fact, a demand does still exist.

Some people tend to shy away from the having to pay a fixed monthly fee and do not see the benefit of having someone else do their maintenance work for them.

Categories

The three main categories of a gated or lifestyle community are Recreation Based (i.e. golf courses or mari-

nas), Upscale Prestige (multi-million dollar homes) and Barricaded Security. Some developments fall under all three.

In the GTA and in Aurora specifically, these types of communities exist and flourish. Not everyone wants to live behind a gate, but many like the secure, low-maintenance style of living, while others love the concept of playing-where-you-live!

A few of the communities in Aurora that would fit into this category of living are places like Adena Meadows, Beacon Hall, Stonecliff, Wycliff and, close by in

These are great alternatives to condominium buildings and people can still have a garden and outdoor space of their own.

King Township, King Valley Estates.

Adena Meadows falls under all three of the categories of gated or lifestyle communities. Grand Estate homes are built around the renowned Magna Golf Course and sell in the \$3-\$5 million range. Beacon Hall would also fall under all three categories and offers both detached homes and townhome style properties for homebuyers. Prices ranges here are more varied starting at \$600,000 and going as high as \$1.8 million.

Wycliff and Stonecliff, located near Industrial Parkway, offer a security gate which can only be accessed by residents and their family and friends. These are townhome style properties and are set on rolling hills and offer some privacy but, moreover, peace of mind to those who live there, who may travel or have a secondary property that they visit often.



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Stefani P. Konidis

The lawns and grounds are tended to all year round and, therefore, residents have a few less things on their ‘to do’ list and can enjoy a more active lifestyle. These are great alternatives to condominium buildings and people can still have a garden and outdoor space of their own.

King Valley Estates is set in the rolling hills of King Township just north of Wellington at Dufferin. Not in Aurora proper, but close enough that residents choosing this community depend on the amenities of Aurora and some Aurora schools have this part of King in their catchment area.

King Valley detached homes start over \$900,000 and can go up to \$1.5m. It is built next to a Clublink golf course, and has tennis courts, basketball court, a gate house with gym, outdoor pool and hot tub. Residents enjoy security as well as all grounds-

keeping year round.

Living in these communities, of course, offers security and amenities, but that comes at a cost. Some people resist maintenance fees, but those who choose this style of living, see the value in having someone else deal with the various “jobs” of homeownership like grass cutting,

snow removal, or pool maintenance.

At the end of the day, a homeowner could end up with similar invoices from outside companies in a freehold style property. Moreover, for some, the sense of security of living behind a gate is reason enough to choose a lifestyle community.

A lifestyle community may be a good fit for your next real estate move but keep in mind, that maintenance fees are like property taxes and are non-negotiable and will go up at some point. These neighbourhoods are managed by a property management company so, before buying, make sure you and your solicitor, have a look at the current financials and all the

rules and regulations to make sure this is a sound project deserving of your investment.

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According to colour expert Kate Smith, homeowners are taking steps to express their personalities by adding color to everything from their roofs to their entry doors to their window frames.

"Today's homeowners are looking beyond variations of whites and beiges to set off the key accent points of their homes, such as louvers, trim and window frames," says Smith, president of Sensational Colors. "With the realization that they're going to be staying in their current houses longer comes the commitment by people to truly personalize their

homes. This has resulted in eye-catching neighbourhoods.

"As homeowners replace major components of their homes they place greater value on finding products with a long life span, lower maintenance and style. They are seeking out both a noticeable change and an improvement from existing products on the home. The ability to add a creative element, personal touch or signature color tends to 'bond' homeowners even more closely with their living spaces."

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Tigers win home opener over Muskies 4 -2

By Brea Bartholet

It was one heck of a home opener for the Aurora Tigers on Saturday night.

The boys played the Lindsay Muskies in their first game at the Aurora Community Centre this season, with a large crowd of supportive fans in the stands to cheer them on.

And they didn't disappoint – winning by a final score of 42.

But at this year's home opener, a win by the Tigers was not the only feature of the evening – it began with some very special guests. The York Ringers Canadian Special Olympics Floor Hockey Team joined both teams out at centre ice before the game began. The Tigers welcomed the team, who will be traveling to South Korea next year for the Special Olympic World Games, with Tigers t-shirts and some proud words by the Vice President and Director of Hockey Operations, Barry Quinn.

Once the game began, the Tigers showed that their triumphant win over the new divisional rival team was no fluke. It was an exciting game for onlookers, as the Tigers completely took over their home arena and made the ice their own.

The game began with a real bang at the beginning of the first period – Robert Angiolella started it all off with the team's first home game goal of the season. Firing the Tigers up, he led the way for the next three goals to come, and all within a span of the second period of play.

In the second period, Tigers captain Daniel Clairmont decided to chip in with a stunning goal within the first few minutes, pushing the team ahead of the Muskies with a 2-1 lead. With a show of effort put in by the leader of the pack, the boys continued to impress the crowd with expert teamwork and their precise plays out on the ice.

Shortly after Clairmont made his move,

Minor Atom AE team takes second in tourney

By Brea Bartholet

It was a successful and very exciting weekend for the Aurora Minor Atom AE team at the Richmond Hill Early Bird Tournament Championship.

The team came in second place, proving they had the determination and perseverance to give their opponents some stiff competition.

Media Manager Julie DeCristafario applauded the boys for their efforts before the start of their regular season.

"We have six new players in our talent pool this year, and though we haven't started our regular season games yet, our boys did a fine job of collaborating on the ice during this tournament!" she said.

In game one, the team came head to head with the Richmond Hill Stars – with an unfortunate but close loss of 1-0. The Stars came off strong against the boys, but the Aurora defense would not allow another goal.

But their first game loss wasn't going to faze the team. Game two against the Peterborough Petes was Aurora's best performance throughout the tourna-

ment, pulling out an amazing 4-0 win. Max McKonky and Tyler Cox each scored a goal, while Riley Pearl blew away the fans with two goals.

After a hot streak in game two, the intensity and fire in game three was quite obvious. Aurora came face-to-face with the Milton Winterhawks, hoping for a repeat of their battle against Peterborough. Cox came through once again with two goals and one by Pearl – giving Aurora the win with a score of 3-2.

They were then off to the semi-finals. Once again, the team faced the Winterhawks for their only chance at making it to the finals. Aurora knew they could outplay their opponents on the ice, and were able to win it 1-0 with the lone goal by Nicholas Petinarelis.

With solid goaltending by both Gianluca Pannozzo and Ben Charette, the team expected a heated battle against the Stars for the championship title.

Even with a two-man advantage twice due to multiple penalties by the Stars, Aurora was unable to hang on. They took a tough loss of 4-0, but celebrated their hard earned second place finish.



The Aurora Tigers fight for possession of the puck during their home opener on September 15 at the Aurora Community Centre against the Lindsay Muskies.

Auroran photo by Brea Bartholet

Angiolella struck again with a beautiful goal – catching the Muskies’ goalie completely off guard. He added yet another number onto the scoreboard, however, the Tigers were still hungry for more.

Mike Sones grabbed the fourth and final goal in the second period to help give the Tigers' their win. Goalie Kevin Entmaa stopped an astounding 26 of 28 shots to the net, keeping the Muskies from coming out on top.

The 2012/2013 Tigers season will feature the following roster of players: Robert Angiolella, Dylan Wallace, Taylor McCloy,

Kory Kennedy, Mike Sones, Daniel Clairmont, Trevor Hughson, Tyler Shaw, Tanner Shaw, Mihkel Poldma, Alex Mills, Kyle Tanev, Kevin Shier, Dylan Sikura, Justin Nice, Kyle Liu, Adam Moody, Brett Sinclair, Jason Abbott, Kevin Entmaa and Daniel Lisi.

The Tigers have a win under their helmets after a strong first game at home – following a close and upsetting loss of 3-2 against Trenton in their first game of the season.

The team is scheduled to play an away game in Kingston on September 20, but will return home to face Whitby on September 22 at the Aurora Community Centre.

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Moon Point filmmakers take a bow at Theatre Aurora

By Brea Bartholet

Making a movie is hard enough for big-time directors like Steven Spielberg – so what does it take to make an idea come to life when you're on an even tighter budget?

The director of Moon Point, Sean Cisterna, knows all of the hard work and dedication it takes to build a script off of a piece of paper and into reality and onto the television screen.

On Saturday, September 15 at Theatre Aurora, Cisterna, along with cast and crew, held a final theatrical screening of the movie.

The film, shot with a small crew of just 12 people, was the brainchild of Cisterna and a writer from York Region – both of whom shared the idea for the storyline and wanted to pursue it further.

Moon Point is based around the life of the main character, Darryl, played by Nick McKinlay. It captures his day-to-day life of trying to reconnect with an elementary school crush – thinking it would give his life some sort of purpose.

The film was shot over the course of one year, starting in October, 2010 and finishing up in August of 2011. Locations in the movie include sites in Richmond Hill, Oakville, Orillia, and, of course, Aurora and Hillary House.

Although only a small crew and local Ontario locations were used throughout the year, Cisterna underscored the dent made in his pocket book.

"This was definitely a credit card movie," he said. "There was no major funding, so it was very stressful after the movie was released. We had to make some sales from it in order to make any profit."

Luckily, the crew was able to make a sale to companies such as Air Canada, giving the film a bit of a boost in revenue.

"If it weren't for a company like them, we wouldn't have done as well as we did," said

Cisterna.

Though the director felt the reality of making a movie on a budget, McKinlay was focused on his role as the lead actor. A professional in the field for just about six years, the Sarnia native was in a feature once before, called Cooper's Christmas over three years ago.

With the experience of that, along with commercials and spots on Disney shows, McKinlay was still nervous for the audition role of Darryl.

"I was very nervous at the audition," he said. "In fact, they said I completely blew it, but in the last minute I pulled through and I ended up getting the part."

McKinlay also mentioned the first time he stepped into the Hillary House to film.

"It was perfect there. It was the first time I felt like what we were doing was really awesome – that it was going to turn out a lot better than any of us had thought."

So far, the film has been featured in numerous film festivals, and hit select movie screens last February.

"The experience was amazing. I had a great time filming with the crew, and in the end it all came together just the way I was hoping," said Cisterna.

Now, the ambitious director is working on his next film – featuring the life of a paranormal investigator under the title of 30 Ghosts.

To learn more about Cisterna's new flick, follow @30GhostsMovie on Twitter, or find it on Facebook at facebook.com/30GhostsMovie.



Moon Point actress Paula Brancati, a Markham native, received some last minute touches from Lisa Gustafsson (left) while filming the feature at Hillary House in 2010. Below left: Promotional material from the film, which has been touring festivals and theatres over the past year.

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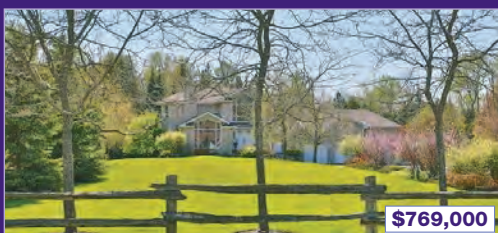


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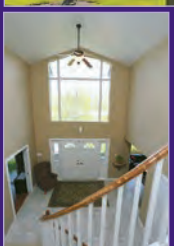
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Give it a whirl and give it a twirl

Baton club celebrates 20 years in Aurora

By Brock Weir

Give it whirl and give it a twirl – that’s the message Aurora’s Spectrum North Baton Club is sending out as it prepares to mark its 20th anniversary this week.

Spectrum kicked off its 20th anniversary season on Monday, welcoming baton twirlers from Aurora, Newmarket, and East Gwillimbury. The club started two decades ago as an offshoot of the Etobicoke Spectrum Baton Club, when long time member and coach Jen Meron moved to Aurora.

Ms. Meron began twirling with the Toronto club at just four years old. Having responded to a poster simply listing “baton lessons”, she and her mother found a room of 15 little girls anxious to get going...and 35 years later, she is still going strong.

Spectrum’s coach retired when Ms. Meron was 15 and upon his departure, his duties were shared by Ms. Meron and other senior athletes in the club.

“When I moved up to Aurora, I really wanted to share my passion for the sport with my own community, so I started the northern division,” she said. “Eventually it just wasn’t feasible with my family to continue to

Etobicoke, so I devoted 100 per cent to Spectrum North.”

For Ms. Meron, her passion for the sport of baton twirling can be attributed to starting at such a young age. With a good start, this passion takes hold and you want to “spread the wealth”, she said. While some people might hear the phrase “baton twirling” and simply conjure up images of a traditional majorette in their mind, it is much more than that, she said. In fact, it is a sport under a continuous evolution.

“When I was first involved, it really was more of the traditional majorettes,” she said. “We did a lot of marching back then and parades were a mainstay of what we did, but today, even for entry level competitors, it is more of a blending of the body and the dance as well as the twirling.”

“At higher levels it also requires gymnastics and acrobatics, so it is much more of a performance sport now. I just think that people don’t understand the intricacy of the training that is involved in competing in baton.”

While the sport has evolved in her 35 years of involvement, the demographics have largely stayed the same. It is still an activity that is domi-

nated by young girls, but there are growing numbers of boys getting involved in it too. This slight shift, she said, is nothing but a plus to the world of baton.

“It is just a whole other aspect of the sport when you bring the masculine strengths to it,” she said. “I don’t have any young men involved at this moment, but that is certainly something the Canadian baton twirling association is looking to expand on.”

To mark the 20th anniversary of Spectrum North, the group is providing 10 weeks of classes for \$20 – one for each year of existing, and planning special shows for later in the season – including one on April 8 at Newmarket High School – and a special yearbook.

Baton twirling is unique in that you can participate and excel as an individual but there is a very strong team element to it, she said.

“There is no other sport like it in terms of how much you rely on your teammates when it comes to form the transitions and exchanges you do. It’s not like in hockey or in soccer where if you have a bit of a weak member you have to sit them out. Everyone is on the floor 100 per cent of the time and everybody has to do the pulling for



Twirlers from the Spectrum Baton Club showed off their skills Sunday, the eve of the club’s new season. Pictured above are Tyler Burke, Bridgit Lynagh, Madi Georgopoulos, Leanne Howorth and Amanda D’Attolico. Spectrum marks their 20th anniversary in Aurora this year.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

the club,” she said.

“As a sport, there is almost nothing like it that develops the eye-hand coordination that is needed, the ambidexterity is another major benefit of participating in baton. I really do think it is just something that the kids can start and can get the basics quite quickly so that certainly for parents who are looking to promote the confidence of their child it is exceptional for that.”

Spirit Walk combines history and a good splash of “creepy”

By Brock Weir

Picture walking through the darkness of downtown Aurora around Hallowe’en and happening upon the remains of a pioneer cemetery.

The leader of your journey has taken you through the twists and turns of not only Aurora’s geography, but of the people who took the very same steps you’re taking decades – or even centuries – earlier. These people are but long, distant memories to some, but he brings their stories to life – and sometimes they pop by for a cameo themselves.

It was two years ago when David Heard, founder of the Aurora Spirit Walk, brought one of his annual tours to the headstones at Aurora’s Trinity Anglican Church. Carrying a lantern passed down through his family, he hooked it onto a post and began to tell the crowd of some of the town’s earliest settlers, and thinking about Annie Dunning, a character with whom some claim to have had a ghostly encounter.

“I hung up the lantern and it just so happened there was a person who investigates paranormal activity filming,” said Mr. Heard. “I started to speak and told of how we were standing on the remains of an early pioneer cemetery of settlers who came to Aurora and all of a sudden the lamp dropped off the post. My reaction was, ‘Okay, that’s not possible. That’s just creepy.’”

“There was a gasp from the crowd. [Looking back over the video], it almost looks like the lamp moves up a little bit and outwards before it drops off the post.”

Mr. Heard and friends of the

Aurora Spirit Walk shared this film at an event last year at the Filly and Firkin. The local pub on Yonge Street was the setting of the premiere screening of an episode of Rescue Mediums, which focused on Aurora’s paranormal activity. According to Mr. Heard, Annie Dunning was one of the spirits who may have had a little fun with Rescue Medium’s camera crews on a stakeout in the basement of the Filly and Firkin.

This could be one of the many stories of Aurora’s weird, wonderful and “creepy” history you might hear if you join one of the Spirit Walks this fall. The first Spirit Walk of the season gets underway this Saturday, with further tours scheduled for September 29, October 20, and October 27. Tickets are available Saturdays at the Aurora Farmers’ Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling 905-717-6447.

If Annie Dunning was one early Auroran who may have revealed herself, Mr. Heard said that any number of things might come out of the woodwork, and there is no way of telling that before you set out on your journey.

“Two years ago, I took a chance,” said Mr. Heard. “This was the first year I invited people to bring their cameras. I asked people not to take their cameras and point and shoot with focus, but just randomly take shots. Some people who took out their cameras started commenting more than once that their batteries were draining. Some people emailed me later on and in some of the photos you can’t count the number of orbs.


“There was more than one person who captured unusual bits of light.”


Often before the start of each tour, people are given the option of whether they want a more sedate tour or if they want to be “scared.” Patrons almost always choose the latter. This year’s tour starts in the downtown core, heading onto the site of the Fleury Implement Works, down Temperance Street and along Reuben to historic homes, before proceeding up Church Street to its namesake school, now home to the Aurora Cultural Centre, and Trinity.

“We really respect the citizens of this town who have shared their stories and they know this is something good for the community,” he said. “It is not a ghost walk. It is a walk I and others have invested time to find out about our history and about our incredible stories of community. Many people have walked away saying not only did they feel entertained but they have felt more a part of this community and it is an honour to hear that.”

All proceeds – however you choose your own adventure – from the Spirit Walk will be donated to the York Regional Abuse Program. A survivor of abuse, Mr. Heard has been a passionate supporter of the program and the counselling programs they offer.

“Counselling is not cheap, but for every four people that show up that is one hour of counselling,” he said. “That is the way we’re looking at it. Maybe we can think in terms of a spirit-minded way that maybe the one hour that we pay for is the hour that makes a difference. That’s being real community minded.”





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Fallen soldier’s name not a likely addition to cenotaph

By Brock Weir

When Aurora native Earl Garbutt enlisted in the army, received his uniform, and went to fight for King and Country in Europe, he didn’t return.

Killed near Vimy, a few weeks after one of Canada’s most notable and influential battles, Garbutt’s name has recently been the topic of much discussion in his hometown on whether his name should be added to Aurora’s landmark cenotaph at the south end of Town.

The proposal to add Garbutt’s name to the monument – which honours the fallen of Aurora, King and Whitchurch – sprang up earlier this year with a movement from relatives and researchers. The matter of his inclusion took place at the Council table over the summer with members deciding to add his name on the condition he is not listed on a cenotaph elsewhere in Canada.

Complicating matters was the fact his enlistment papers – a copy of which appeared in The Auroran last month – pegged Garbutt as living in the vicinity of Belleville, ON. Garbutt himself listed his father as his next of kin, noting his address as the nearby town of Warkworth, a small community near Campbellford – and it is here where Garbutt’s memory is memorialized on the public monument.

This evidence was forwarded to Councillor Evelyn Buck, who thought she had sent it to Al Downey, Aurora’s Director of Parks and Recreation, who was overseeing the project. This was a mistake on her part, so discussions at last week’s Council meeting were based on the assumption Garbutt’s name was not recorded for posterity.

“The National and International Memorials Component of the Canada Remembers Program is responsible for the provision of funeral and burial assistance, burials, grave and cemetery monuments, including the Canadian National Vimy Memorial and the Newfoundland Beaumont-Hamel memorial,” said Mr. Downey in his report. “Staff spoke with Pat Burnside who confirmed that there are no ‘hard and fast’ rules or official protocols about placing names on cenotaphs. She stated that a name can appear on more than one cenotaph indicating that it is up to each community.”

Aurora could use more solar: Gaertner

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deal with the previous, but at least we’re doing it,” said Councillor John Gallo.

This was a view shared by Councillor Evelyn Buck who added she had additional concerns over the viability of the program.

“They have already decreased the price they’re going to pay for it and I think it is a substantial decrease, considering hydro energy is heavily subsidized in Ontario from taxpayers’ money,” she said. “Considering the fact the Province is in the difficulties it is and looking in every direction for cutting funds, I am concerned that their commitment to purchase from the municipalities or anybody else who chooses to put up solar panels might not be as strong as we think it is.”

The proposal, however, cleared committee and should Council approve

This was also noted by the Royal Canadian Legion, he added.

During the discussion last week, Mr. Downey said he had been unable to confirm whether the name appeared in the Warkworth Community and all the information he had was before Council. The agencies involved, including Library and Archives Canada do not keep records of which fallen soldier is recorded on what public monument and protocols for such a situation were not concrete. Nobody, he said, had any objection to Garbutt’s name being added, even if it was memorialized for a second time.

Over the summer it was Councillor Buck who raised the objection to the possibility of Garbutt’s name appearing on more than one memorial, and it was a position she reiterated on Tuesday.

“The reason I would imagine there is no protocol is because nobody has every suggested – probably that nobody’s name has been left off a memorial – and now 100 years later should be added to a memorial,” said Councillor Buck. “There is no evidence that he spent his later years [in Aurora]. We obtained information that he lived and worked in Belleville and there is substantial information.

“What does [adding this name] do to all the other names that are on there and obviously 100 years later have no personal feelings for this man? It is just the strength of my conviction that this memorial is sacred and should not be treated so lightly.”

Should Councillor Buck submit the photographs in question, the matter is likely to come up for a final vote in the coming weeks. It was originally Council’s intent – should his name not appear elsewhere – to have his name in place in time for Remembrance Week activities around the memorial this November.

“At this point, because the information provided suggests that the person’s name actually appears on another cenotaph is there would be no action in terms of adding that name based on direction from August 14,” said Mayor Geoffrey Dawe. “Staff can just send us all that information at which point once all the Councillors have had a chance to digest that information, that item can be pulled on reconsideration.”

the application this week, it will move forward.

“I think this is something that the communi-

ty of Aurora would look forward to us to do and we should be doing more of it,” said Councillor Wendy Gaertner.

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18. Bring banquet food
19. Front of the head
20. Jean Paul __, author
22. Movie settings
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49. Musical pieces in slow tempo
51. Not crazy
52. Star Trek helm officer
53. Gave the axe
56. Make a mental connection
60. City founded by Xenophanes
61. Extremely angry
65. Wild Eurasian mountain goat
66. Voyage on water
67. Comforts
68. Otherwise
69. Young herrings in Norway
70. Weapon discharges
71. Prepares a dining table

CLUES DOWN

1. Shopping pouches
2. Old Italian money
3. Central German river
4. Composer Ludwig van
5. A way to withdraw
6. Macaws
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8. Highest card
9. Any bone of the tarsus
10. Places to store valuables
11. Actor Ladd
12. Nutmeg seed covering
13. Vision organs
21. Abnormal breathing
23. Crownworks
25. Religious recluse
26. Fruits of the genus Musa
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28. Repeatedly
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33. French Chateau Royal
36. Bulk storage container
38. “Good Wife” Actress Julianna
43. Assoc. of Licensed Aircraft Engineers
45. An account of events
48. West __, archipelago
50. Coercion
51. Ancient Scand. bard
53. Leaves of the hemp plant
54. Jai __, sport
55. Designer Chapman
57. Having the skill to do something
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Tax incentives could help owners of older, heritage homes

By Brock Weir

Owners of heritage properties could soon face more stringent rules on keeping their properties up to snuff for future generations – but they could also get more incentives for doing so.

This was the decision of Council last week as they approved a recommendation to look at future amendments to Aurora’s Property Standards bylaw outlining the maintenance and repair of “heritage

attributes” of these buildings. With their approval also came the recommendation to look at implementing incentives – financial and otherwise – for homeowners to stay on the ball with their homes, discussions which will take place during the upcoming budget process for next year.

The recommendations came forward following a notice of motion earlier this year from Councillor Sandra Humfries. Inspired by the now-demolished Browning House on Yonge Street which was knocked

down after falling into a state of disrepair, she wanted something in place to prevent that progression from happening again.

“It will ensure that heritage properties in our community are kept up as much as possible, considering some of the things that have happened over the last year or so falling into severe disrepair,” she said.

Financial incentives to fulfil this objective, according to a report from Techa van Leeuwen, Aurora’s Director of Building and Bylaw, include – following the examples of other municipalities – a Heritage Property Tax Reduction Program offering tax relief to owners of heritage properties, a heritage loan fund where loans can be granted to heritage owners for conservation or restoration projects, and a grant program offering help on a cost sharing basis on preserving buildings.

Aurora, she said she has continued to see heritage homes improve and they are now better than ever.

“The financial cost will be to other homeowners and I think before we go that last step, people in Aurora should be consulted on whether they care enough about heritage aspects of the Town to be able to shoulder the extra burden of taxation to make sure these properties are maintained at our expense rather than the homeowners.

“I have had three new roofs on my house since it was built when I moved into it 50 years ago and nobody has helped me pay for the roof of my house and I am not included to pay for the roof on anybody else’s house.”

Rangers get Battle Honours on 200th anniversary of war

By Brock Weir

Members of the Queen’s York Rangers were on hand Friday to receive honours for Aurora’s local regiment’s contributions during the War of 1812.

Personnel from the Regiment, which is based both in Aurora and Toronto, and members of the 7 Toronto Regiment (Royal Canadian Artillery) gathered at Toronto’s Fort York to receive special Battle Honours from Defence Minister Peter MacKay. The honour is awarded to current regiments in Ontario, Quebec, and Atlantic Canada that have their roots in the regiments that helped defend what is now Canada during the battle between the British and Americans.

“Canada’s victory in the War of 1812 was a pivotal point in the development of our great country,” said Prime Minister Stephen Harper. “During that war, the French, English and Aboriginal peoples took up arms together to achieve a common objective – to resist the American invasion. The ties our ancestors forged laid the foundations of a truly pan-Canadian identity and made our Confederation possible, a country of

great diversity with two national languages.”

The Queen’s York Rangers will be able to add “Queenston” to their regimental colours for their links to this historic and decisive battle.

“On October 13, 1812, British, Canadian and First Nations Forces marched to Queenston to oppose an invasion by a numerically superior American army, forcing the surrender of nearly 1,000 soldiers,” said the Prime Minister’s Office. “This victory early in the war was vital in bolstering the morale of Upper Canada as it showed that Canada could be successfully defended.

Other contemporary regiments sharing the Queenston honour include The Lincoln and Welland Regiment – which received its new colours personally from their Colonel-in-Chief, the Countess of Wessex, in a ceremony in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday morning, The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, which received theirs from the Earl of Wessex on behalf of his father on Saturday afternoon, and the 56th Field Artillery Regiment.

The proposals met with mixed reviews at the Council table.

“I can’t support this recommendation because it is far more than a matter of maintaining property standards,” said Councillor Evelyn Buck. “It is a matter of putting the burden on other taxpayers for the maintenance of heritage properties. The heritage act provides for relief of taxes, it provides for loans to be provided. It’s not a simple thing, but at the same time you can’t get away from the fact if owners of the heritage properties are going to be relieved of a portion of their taxes and are provided with loans at a favourable interest from the municipality to keep their properties under repair, someone has to pay it and who will pay it will be the rest of us who don’t happen to live in heritage properties.”

Living in heritage properties, she continued, is a choice residents make. Over her 50-odd years as a resident of



Know Your Merchant Contest Winner



TRACY STALLARD

Tracy was recently presented with her \$250 cheque by Auroran editor Brock Weir at the paper’s Yonge Street office. Tracy solved the puzzle by going out to the businesses, scouring the internet, and asking neighbours and friends for input. Congratulations, Tracy!

Auroran photo by Diane Buchanan

Puzzle Solution

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| 10 | RAZ KHAMISSA Omars | 24 | BRIAN NORTH Ellis Studios | 8 | CHRIS ISSARIS T.C's Restaurant | 16 | STEVEN HO Chinook |
| 2 | BOB CLUBINE Home Hardware | 12 | ALFREDO TAMBURINI A & F Hair | 7 | FARZIN ANSARI Play It Again Sports | 15 | ELISE DESJARDINS T.H. Oliver |
| 6 | LEE HURST Hurst Bakery | 22 | DAVID MINTZ Edward Street | 4 | WILLIAM YANG Bonsai Hill | 14 | RANDY WINSTONE McAlpine |
| 11 | BRANDON PELUSO Highland | 5 | LENARD LIND L.H. Lind Realty Ltd. | 3 | DIANA BLANK Happy Hearing | 13 | LINDA MAUNDER Maunder's Food Shop |
| 21 | INGRID KULBACH fraktals | 18 | HOWIE BERMAN Crystal White Cleaners | 17 | PETER VIRTANEN State Farm | 1 | SOPHI GEORGIOPOULIS Jonathan's |
| 19 | STEVE DAVIES Harvest Meats | 9 | LISA OLIVER Maid To Shine | 23 | DAMIR VRANCIC Vrancic Law | 20 | DOUG ADAIR Rec Sports |

Thank you for your participation!

Heritage neighbourhoods could expand west of Yonge Street

By Brock Weir

Residents in the Town Park area will have to wait just under a month for progression in their bid to become Aurora's latest heritage district – but residents on Temperance Street could be able to take advantage of the designation too, if Councillor John Abel gets his way.

The Councillor pitched his idea to include a slice of heritage homes in the Temperance Street area as part of an investigation into creating the "Southeast Old Aurora Heritage District." The proposed heritage district is roughly bordered by Connaught Avenue in the south, in the west by Victoria Street, just north of Wellington Street East and extends almost as far east as Industrial Parkway North.

Council budgeted \$100,000 to complete the Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Study, but when this matter came up for Council approval last week, it clocked in at \$67,425. This leftover cash would be an opportunity in the long run, said Councillor Abel, to save money now and have the Temperance Street lands included in the heritage study.

He proposed deferring approval of the plan for a few weeks to see if this could be accomplished. Marco Ramunno, Aurora's Director of Planning, said Council could award extending the project across Yonge Street with an upset limit of approximately \$20,000.

"My thought is [not] affecting the boundaries, but just undertake that study so if the residents (of Temperance Street) want to get a heritage district then they could assemble and then come to Town and we will already have that information for them and not have to budget and go forth with another study," said Councillor Abel.

While the matter was indeed deferred until October 9 to see if this is possible, Councillors were divided over whether this plan had

merit. Councillor Evelyn Buck, for instance, questioned the boundaries of the plan and said it extended too far south. Houses at the southern end of the proposed district are not heritage buildings and re-jigging the boundaries would be worth a second look. Councillors Wendy Gaertner and Chris Ballard also questioned whether using the leftover money to investigate a possible heritage district west of Yonge Street in anticipation of a movement from neighbours would actually save the Town money.

"This organization has come in at about \$33,000 under what we budgeted and frankly I think it is going to be too confusing if we start expanding the scope of the contract in the beginning...to look at properties west of Yonge," said Councillor Ballard. "To do one of these studies you need to get a buy-in from the community, so we can start that study. Unless the community is willing to move forward with phase two or phase three or whatever, that data could just gather dust and that would be a waste of money for the taxpayers."

"Simply because we are \$33,000 under budget doesn't mean we have to spend it – although it is tempting when the consultants are on the ground to use them – but there is a process to initiate these studies and I'm not convinced we are at that point when we should be spending some of all of [it]."

To counter Councillor Ballard's argument, Councillor Abel said that residents were "thrilled" with the idea but didn't know how to proceed in making their heritage designation a reality. Not throwing this money "back into the Pool" could save Aurora money in the long run, he noted.

Have your say: What do you think? Are you a resident of Temperance Street? Would you like your neighbourhood designated as a heritage district? Send your comments to brock@auroran.com.

Town sets goal to help United Way in \$8 million campaign

By Brock Weir

It has been a very busy few weeks for the United Way York Region.

Last month, the organization – one of the most prominent charities in the area – announced their goals for this year: a whopping \$8.25 million. The announcement was made in King Township at the Seneca College Campus during the 2012 Toromont Cat Dragon Boat Festival. York Regional Police have also set a \$400,000 goal to help.

According to CEO Daniele Zanotti, the funds raised during this campaign will address what they anticipate will be a growing need in the community. With the economic downturn and the slow recovery, they believe more people will be seeking help from the United Way this year than ever before.

"People are inspired by the real and direct impact we have in communities across the region," said Mr. Zanotti. "Last year, over 10,000 youth stayed clean and in school thanks to United Way-funded mental health and addiction support, crisis counselling and education programs; over 5,000 people found jobs, affordable housing and healthy food; and over 46,000 people received assistance close to home: crisis counselling to stabilize a family in transition, a safe shelter for a mom and her kids fleeing violence, a day program for adults with developmental challenges, and support isolated seniors."

"People are giving and volunteering because they see the change United Way is driving."

Aurora wasn't exactly driving, but paddling on the day of the announcement, winning the Municipal Challenge cup in the Dragon Boat festival which raised a total of \$150,000. The cup and the accompanying medals were formally presented to the Aurora team at Council on Tuesday.

"With dragon boating, it is all about synchronicity and not so much about strength," said Carmen Clayton of the United Way during the presentation.

"I'm not saying they're not a strong team, but they showed fabulous teamwork that reflects on all of you."

It is this teamwork that the Town of Aurora hopes they can continue to bank on as they launch their own campaign to help United Way York Region reach its ambitious target for the year. Reps from the United Way were on hand for a kick-off breakfast at Town Hall on Thursday morning to kick-off their campaign to raise \$13,000 from the group.

"Town staff recognizes the valuable contributions of the United Way of York Region and has enthusiastically accepted the challenge of fundraising to support their many services," said CAO Neil Garbe in a statement. "Each year the United Way provides invaluable assistance to family, friends and neighbours, and we are proud to help them with the work they do so well."

The efforts of staff to hit this target during the one month campaign include a public skate at the Aurora Community Centre on September 28 and partnering with local companies and Franchises including Longo's, Superstore, and Tim Hortons. Last year, Aurora raised \$11,000 during the annual fundraiser.

"On behalf of the 2,000 volunteers and 20,000 donors, I want to thank you," said Ms. Clayton before presenting a bronze participation medal to the Town for their efforts last year.

"I want you to know that the investment is happening right here in the community at projects such as the Charles Darrow Co-Op and programs such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, CHATS, the York Region Food Network and Yellow Brick House, to name a few."

"As you gear up for your 2012 campaign, I want you to know you and eight other municipalities along with York Region are supporting strength in our communities."

For more information United Way York Region and how you can help them meet their \$8.25 million goal, visit york.unitedway.ca.



Bargain hunters and yard sale enthusiasts descended on the Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday for their annual giant garage sale. There was something for everyone as people looking for a good deal rummaged through books, clothes, dishes, pots and pans, knick-knacks, tools, and holiday decorations looking for just the thing they always wanted – or something they never thought they needed!

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Aurora's Royal Canadian Legion Col. Fred Tilston VC Branch 385 paid tribute to local veterans on Saturday and Sunday with their candlelight tribute. Branch members and cadets placed small red candles and a Canadian flag (left) on graves of all known veterans' graves. About 430 candles in all were placed. Sunday was marked with a Drum Head Service on the grounds and doves (right) were released by Tony Guido in tribute.

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MARKET MUSINGS

Jan Freedman

You know what they say about best laid plans. Well, unfortunately, that’s what happened to the exciting plans for the Apples and Honey Fest and the En Plein Air day a week ago Saturday at the Farmers’ Market.

Not only were we rained out but we were almost washed away in the morning downpour. While both the event and the planned entertainment had to be cancelled, one intrepid painter decided to stick it out despite the dreadful conditions. That brave artist, Ted Yao, hunkered down beneath an unusual combination of umbrella and plastic shopping bags to paint the farmers’ booths beside and opposite him.

It seemed both appropriate and ironic that he had chosen to work in watercolours and his finished work had a somewhat liquid quality, as though seen through a mist. The Cultural Centre and the En Plein Air group have already chosen their date for next summer, and you can be sure we will put in a special request regarding the weather.

Let’s meet a few more of our vendors at the Aurora Farmers’ Market. Cosmo Smoked Meats was founded in 1978 in the town of Alliston. As the business landscape changed, Cosmo began selling his products at various farmers’ markets across Ontario.

As the business expanded, Cosmo added new markets yearly, and now Cosmo and his son, Jim, operate at 10 different markets in Ontario as well as at several shows and country fairs. This is their first season at the Aurora Farmers’ Market and from their first day, there have been lineups at their booth.

Cosmo’s Smoked Meats provides customers with nitrate-free, homemade European meats and cheeses. They offer over 25 different products ranging from salamis to pepperettes to beef jerky as well as award winning asiago and goat cheese. They also carry smoked cheeses and smoked trout.

They are proud that their products are made with the finest ingredients while maintaining an incredible flavour. Visit their booth to sample their products and see for yourself what a great addition they are to our Market.

Then we have our “honey man”.

Many years ago a good friend of Andre’s grandfather suggested to him that he consider taking up beekeeping. For many years he enjoyed his new hobby, and eventually it became his father John’s hobby and subsequently, it became Andre’s hobby as well—might as well keep it in the family.

At first, they all enjoyed caring for the bees and the honey extraction at the end of the summer. They always had a good supply of quality honey on hand. Then, about five years ago, Andre decided to begin to sell their honey at farmers’ markets. Business was very good and so one market became two and two soon became three and so on. Then, a year ago, the business expanded again.

A new barn was built on Andre’s parents’ 60 acre farm, surrounded by trees and ideal pasture for their 25 hives. Not taking any time to rest, they came across an opportunity to buy another apiary, thus increasing their hives to 500. Since that time, Andre has been kept very busy as the proud new father to not only his adorable young daughter, but also to 50,000,000 bees.

We have seen very little of him at the Aurora Farmers’ Market, where he previously had been chair for several years, and the Pioneer Honey booth has been ably looked after by Andre’s father, John. We hear that Andre is currently pulling honey, but expects to be back at the Market sometime this month.

We understand that beekeeping is really farming and the beekeeper must also bow to Mother Nature’s schedule and changeable weather. We all look forward to Andre’s return whenever he is able to make it to the Market. Do come and welcome him back and ask him what it’s like to contend with 50,000,000 bees.

Be sure to mark our next “special event”, Culture Days, on September 29th on your calendar. That’s when we will be hosting our Seven Chefs—Seven Courses event from the middle of Wells Street beginning about 10 a.m.

Our chefs will be creating a seven course meal from ingredients sourced at the Market for people to sample and recipes will be available.

See you at the Market!

Culture Days

AT THE AURORA FARMERS’ MARKET and ARTISAN FAIR

There is anticipation in the air at the Aurora Farmers’ Market as we prepare to celebrate Culture Days.

While Culture Days, the annual Federal celebration of the arts and culture nationwide, is not new, this is the first time that Aurora has participated. We are honoured to join our partners the Aurora Public Library, the Aurora Cultural Centre, and the Aurora Historical Society in this collaborative expression of creativity and culture.

People’s expression of their culture takes many forms and one of the most basic of these lies in their cuisine. Since the Farmers’ Market is centred around the growing and producing of healthy, fresh and locally grown food, it seemed logical to highlight what we do best.

Therefore, our participation will be a celebration of the Culinary Arts. This will involve our seven chefs preparing for sampling a seven course, Canadian-themed meal from ingredients sourced at the Market. The courses include antipasto, soup, salad, pasta, fish, meat, and dessert. The chefs have already chosen their course from a hat and are deciding on their ingredients.

Beginning around 10 a.m., the chefs will take turns cooking at a central location on Wells Street. Each will have between 30 - 45 minutes to prepare and describe their dish to the public, after which samples will be offered for tasting.

In addition, the chefs



The Aurora Farmers’ Market is one of four locations marking Culture Days this month. Look for your Culture Days Passport in the September 25 edition of The Auroran and visit all participating venues to have it stamped!

will tell people which vendor supplied the ingredients for their dishes.

The participating chefs are Gabriel of Gabriel’s Café, Nick of Family Kitchen, Pascal of Organic Crepes, Melvin of Ebonite Trading and Mat and Andrew of Cookery Catering. We are fortunate to be able to include one of Andrew and Mat’s sous chefs to replace Kevin of the Big Grill who left the Market mid-season.

Culture Days is both a co-operative and collaborative endeavour which invites your participation.

Look for your passport in the September 25th edition of The Auroran. Have your passport stamped at all the participating venues to be eligible to win great prizes.

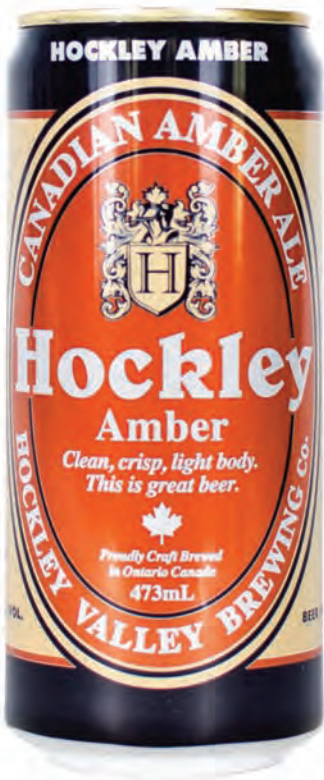
The Aurora Farmers’ Market is located on Saturday mornings, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Wells Street between Metcalfe and Mosley and along the pathways in the historic Town Park in the heart of downtown Aurora.

We invite everyone to come to their Farmers’ Market on Saturday, September 29 to taste the creative dishes prepared from Market ingredients by our seven chefs.

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Wild West Hoedown 2012



Headliner Paul Brandt (left) and Hoedown favourite Beverley Mahood (right) got the crowds on their feet.



Former Magna VP and Newmarket-Aurora MP Belinda Stronach attended the Hoedown with a guest.

Thousands pack tent for Hoedown bash

By Brock Weir



Volunteers kept the hundreds of revellers well fed...



...while more volunteers made sure everyone who had a ticket got in...and could get back in!

As tickets sold out well in advance of Saturday’s party, it should come as no surprise to anyone that the 2012 Wild West Hoedown was a tremendous success.

This year’s fundraiser, the largest annual bash in York Region, pulled in \$543,000 this year, which will be shared among 20 local charities. This is up \$22,000 from last year’s efforts.

When asked whether he had any inkling the event which started as a relatively small scale back yard bar-beque over two decades ago ever have evolved into something like this, Magna founder Frank Stronach said he hoped so, but couldn’t have know it would have become an event of its scale.

“This event, the Hoedown, will be secure for the next 100 years in Aurora,” said Mr. Stronach to the cheers of the crowds.

Magna CEO Don Walker said on behalf of everyone at Magna that it is an honour to host an event like the Hoedown.

“There are so many people helping in the community and so many people from charities working so hard for this event,” he said. “It is fantastic to be able to hold it. Magna is very proud to be a supporter of the community. If there were an Olympics for a great community event, I think Aurora, Newmarket, and the area would win a gold medal!”

Also adding his praise to organizers and volunteers prior to the cheque presentation was Mayor Geoffrey Dawe. In his remarks he paid tribute to Hoedown’s roots and its future.

“Frank Stronach had a dream for a party and what a party this has become!” he said. “Thanks to Mr. Walker, the party continues. We are so fortunate to have a corporation like Magna in our community, a corporation that gives back so much to our community. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Walker and Mr. Stronach for all the things they have done for our communities, and thank you to all the volunteers.”

Proceeds, which includes money for all event tickets, raffle tickets, and auction items, will be shared by groups including the Optimist Club of Aurora, the Aurora Youth Soccer Club, Marquee Theatrical Productions, and many more.



Magna CEO Don Walker, host Beverley Mahood, and Founder Frank Stronach took to the stage to draw the winners of the Prospector’s Raffle



“Outlaw” country singer Danielle Bourjeaurd also kept the crowds entertained.

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