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"HOW DO YOU START THIS THING?"

Young Elora Rossouw tries her hand at driving Aurora's first motorized fire truck Saturday at the Fred Bolsby Fire Station. The Central York Fire Services held their annual open house at the station, located on Wellington Street East, near the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex, where the young and the young at heart could have a firsthand experience of what goes on at the fire hall and get a hands-on look at the trucks and equipment. Please see Page 10.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Town, Cultural Centre near a new deal

Museum planned for "Aurora Room" by 2014

By Brock Weir

A new deal could soon be in place between the Town of Aurora and the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Both parties have spent the better part of the year trying to come up with a new agreement that would work for the Town, the Centre, and in the view of some Councillors, the taxpayers following a winter move from Councillors John Abel and Paul Pirri to terminate the existing contract early.

While the termination, which they argued, was in order to pave the way to coming up with a new, mutually beneficial agreement, was ultimately voted down, a committee was struck to work on the deal and the laundry list of issues and grievances came to a head during the heated debates.

These included having Council representation on the board of the Cultural Centre (ACC), having the Board come to Council during the budget process to justify what they spend, how much they receive from the Town, and from other resources, and why the building was not a museum for Aurora's collections.

If a new draft agreement, which will be discussed at General Committee this week, is passed by Council, a consensus has been reached on many of these sticking points.

Under the new draft agreement, Council may appoint – at its own discretion – two of its own to the Board with "all the rights and privileges" of board members and "subject to the same rights, duties, and responsibilities."

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Filmmaker shares stories of promises, dreams made in war and peace

By Brock Weir

When emerging Aurora filmmaker Jaime Gianopolos brought her film, A Promise is a Promise, to Newmarket's Pickering College on Friday, vows and commitments made both long ago and more recently came full circle.

A Promise is a Promise centres around brothers Sheremet and Musa Berisha, two boys who grew up in Kosovo at the height of the conflict. When the mission eventually turned into one of peace-keeping, Pickering College graduate Jonathan Knaul was one of countless Canadian peacekeepers deployed to the scene.

It was there Major Knaul made a commitment to the kids he had met in one particular village in 1999. It could have been considered a way of paying it forward, as his father was a survivor of Auschwitz himself, having escaped as a young child and hiding in the woods before being found and harboured by a German family, but the peacekeeper left behind his contact information.

Knaul told the kids if they ever wanted to come to Canada or wanted an opportunity, he would try to help them. He couldn't, of course, guarantee these attempts would be successful but he promised to try.

As part of a leadership assignment at the school, Ms. Gianopolos was assigned to interview the brothers who, by now, were her fellow students at Pickering College thanks to taking Major Knaul up on his offer, both with dreams of making it as

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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 16	7 p.m.	General Committee
Wednesday, October 17	7 p.m.	Aurora Public Library Board
Friday, October 19	10 a.m.	Trails and Active Transportation Committee
Tuesday, October 23	7 p.m.	Council
Wednesday, October 24	7 p.m.	Public Planning
Wednesday, October 24	7 p.m.	Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee

Meetings are open to the public and held at Aurora Town Hall. Council meetings can be seen on Rogers TV, channel 10.
For a full list of upcoming meetings, please visit www.aurora.ca/calendar

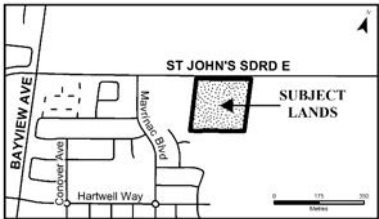
PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Complete Applications under the Planning Act

The Town of Aurora has received the following applications under the Planning Act:

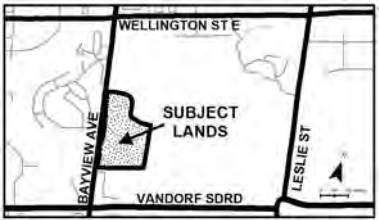
TOWN FILES: D12-04-12 and D14-12-12

Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning Amendment Applications from Luvian Homes (Aurora) Limited for the lands municipally known as 1001 St. John's Sideroad have been submitted to The Town of Aurora. These applications seek to permit 30 single detached dwellings and a 2.03 ha open space block.



TOWN FILE: D14-10-12

A Zoning Amendment application has been submitted by The Alpen House Holdings Limited to amend The Town of Aurora Zoning By-Law 2213-78, as amended, for the lands municipally known as 14695-14875 Bayview Avenue. The application proposes a private park consisting of natural areas, a habitat pond, education pavilions, a boardwalk, three soccer pitches, a playground, an amphitheatre, trails and a wildlife habitat.



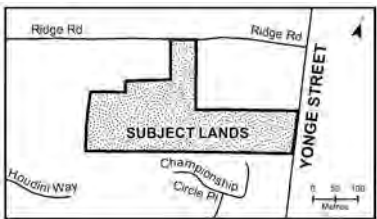
TOWN FILE: D14-11-12

A Zoning Amendment application has been submitted by 2101154 Ontario Inc. to amend The Town of Aurora Zoning By-Law 2213-78, as amended, for the lands municipally known as 32 Wellington Street East. The application proposes a three-storey residential apartment building consisting of 22 units and 83.6m² (900 ft²) of ground floor retail.



TOWN FILES: D09-03-12, D14-21-03 and D12-03-02

An Application for an Official Plan Amendment and Revised Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications have been submitted to The Town of Aurora by Pandolfo et. Al for the lands municipally known as 14070 Yonge Street. The application seeks to permit a residential plan of subdivision consisting of 29 single detached dwellings and two open space blocks.



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The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that "complete" planning applications have been received by The Town of Aurora pursuant to the Planning Act. These applications have been circulated to Town departments and external agencies for review and comment. A Council Public Meeting will be scheduled and held at a later date and formal Public Meeting notice will be provided pursuant to the statutory requirements of the Planning Act.

If you wish to express your views with respect to these applications, please forward your comments in writing to Deborah Giannetta at 905-727-3123 ext. 4347 or email dgiannetta@aurora.ca. The personal information accompanying your submission will become part of the public record. Additional information and material related to these applications is available for inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. during regular business days at the Town's Planning & Development Services department, located at 100 John West Way, 3rd Floor.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2012

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dinner and a Movie The Avengers

Where: Aurora Public Library
When: Saturday, October 20 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Rating: Rated PG
Ages: 11 to 14 year-olds
Price: Entry is \$3 per person and pizza will be served.
For more information, please call 905-726-4760.

Evening hours by appointment program



Are you a homeowner or contractor in need of a permit for a home renovation project? Can't make it during regular business hours? The Town of Aurora is offering extended hours by appointment on **Thursday, October 18**. Book your appointment today for a quick, "one-stop-shop" permit process. Call 905-727-3123 ext. 4390, 4394 or 4388 or email building@aurora.ca

The Evening Hours by Appointment Program allows for review of projects that qualify under the Town's Residential Express Permit Program. For information on projects that qualify, please visit www.aurora.ca/REPP



Appointments take place at Town Hall in the Building Services department (3rd floor). For more information, please visit www.aurora.ca/buildingservices

Aurora Collective Artists (ACA) 18th Annual Art Show and Sale

Residents and visitors are invited to the Aurora Collective Artists 18th annual Art Show and Sale on **Saturday, October 27** at the Aurora Seniors' Centre. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to come out and meet the artists!

For more information, please call 905-726-4767.

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Call 905-726-4762 or visit www.aurora.ca for more information on this event!

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Club Aurora presents: Total Health seminar series

Club Aurora Fitness Centre is proud to partner with Total Health Healing Arts Centre to present three health seminars this fall. The subject in October is *Nourishing the Mind*. Learn about specific brain nutrients and stress relief techniques.

When: Wednesday, October 24
Where: Aurora Family Leisure Complex
Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10 per seminar

For more information, please call 905-726-4764.

Town of Aurora considering new Fees and Charges By-law

The Town of Aurora will be considering the adoption of the new Fees and Charges By-law for 2013 (By-law Number 5455-12) at the Council meeting on **Tuesday, October 23** at 7 p.m.

The report regarding the Fees and Charges By-law, Report No. CFS12-033 will be presented at the General Committee Meeting on **Tuesday, October 16**.

To view the agenda for the meetings, please visit www.aurora.ca/agendasminutes

For more information, please call Laura Sheardown, Cash Flow and Investment Coordinator/Financial Analyst at 905-727-3123 ext. 4136.

Early Payment Option for Parking Infractions

The Town of Aurora is offering an early payment option for parking infractions. A reduced fine will apply to those who pay parking fines within seven days.

The early payment option was established to help streamline the payment process, making it easier for residents and allowing Town staff to devote additional time to bylaw enforcement duties.

For more information, please contact Bylaw Services at 905-727-3123 ext. 4240.





Aurora filmmaker Jaime Gianopolos presented her new film, *A Promise is a Promise*, at Pickering College's annual Reunion Week on Friday. *A Promise is a Promise* centres around the journey of a Pickering grad who, as a peacekeeper in the aftermath of the Kosovo conflict, helped two young villagers come to Canada to pursue their dreams.
Auroran photo by Brock Weir

I want to be part of the change in the world: Gianopolos

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pilots in Canada.

"I started pulling this project together where I would interview them about their stories and something switched in my head when they would tell me about these times where they would flee into the mountains and run away from tanks and how a lot of their friends from school were massacred," Ms. Gianopolos told *The Auroran* on Friday, shortly before the film was screened to a wide variety of alumni at their annual Reunion Week.

"I would hear these stories and then observe how positive they were every day and it made me realise that my worries were actually superficial and they weren't worries at all."

Speaking about her time interviewing the brothers, she said their stories almost became "medicine" to the soul and as time wore on, those behind the camera decided to enter their film onto the festival circuit, where it eventually took

home a couple of awards at the Toronto Student Film Festival and the (Brooklyn) Bridge Student Film Festival.

"I looked out into the audience and people were crying, and so I realised that it was not only medicine for myself, but it was for others," she said.

Shortly thereafter, Ms. Gianopolos had a feeling that when it came to pursuing a career, film was where it was at. A graduate of Pickering College in the class of 2006, she started her educational journey at Regency Acres Public School before rounding out the senior years of elementary school at the Aurora Montessori School.

It was these feelings and instincts which lead her to the landmark Newmarket school when she heard about their leadership program. Her parents, Carolyn and Kerry, were unsure, she said, on whether they could afford sending her there but they eventually came to the conclusion that it would be a good

move for her. She was sponsored as a student in her first year by her uncle and after that her parents saved to let her continue.

Following Pickering College she studied film at the Toronto Film School. In the early days of making *A Promise* is a Promise, she said she realised she wanted to pass along the message she learned from the brothers to the wider world and film was the most effective way to capture their passion and their story.

"I always wanted to be part of the change in the world," she said. "I knew that something didn't feel right in society. This movie is called *A Promise* is a Promise and I made a promise to do this. There were definitely hard times and obstacles when I was this close to giving up. To be here and know that we pulled through and know that we kept the promise is more confirmation of what the story really shows and tells."

And the story continues. Sheremet is an avion-

ic engineer in Montreal while Musa is doing similar work in Windsor, both as independent contractors. In addition to building up their hours to obtain their pilots' licenses, they are supporting their family back in Kosovo – even recently building a new home for them – and contributing to their home village.

"I really hope that [after seeing the movie, people] realise a lot of the things we worry about in our fortunate society are really not worries," said Ms. Gianopolos. "This is a story where two people made it over impossible circumstances, so for people who may feel stuck and they are in a situation where nothing is going to happen, I want them to realise their dreams are achievable and people who are willing to help exist."

"It is a matter of each individual stepping up and saying I am going to go get that dream. It is all up to you. Wake up and make your dreams happen."

2013 Budget could be approved as early as February

By Brock Weir

Aurora's 2013 Budget could be approved as early as February, if a new review schedule is passed by Council.

The revised schedule will be up for discussion at this week's General

Committee meeting before final approval on October 23. The new timeline comes after Council concerns earlier this month that spreading the budget process to April and limiting public meetings to debate the budget to Mondays was a hin-

drance to getting public input. The new timeline includes a Saturday session in the New Year.

If approved, budget debates will kick off Monday, November 5 with a presentation at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers. This will include the

introduction of a draft operating budget with a detailed overview. Public consultation will be taken at this meeting.

This meeting will be followed by a daytime session on Monday, November 19, kicking off

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Briefly

"REUNION 125" PLANS COME TOGETHER

Final plans for the 125th anniversary celebrations for Dr. G.W. Williams could be ready by the end of the week as committee members, comprised of students from Aurora and as far away as Barrie and Burlington, meet to hammer out the last few details. Celebrations for Williams, and its previous incarnations as Aurora High School (1888-1952) and Aurora District High School (1952-1961) will be held in Aurora on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4. Tentative plans for Williams' Reunion 125 include decade rooms throughout the school, a Silent Auction, an art show, and a pick-up basketball game on the Friday. Saturday is when the action really begins with a reunion of staff past and present, a special luncheon, official ceremonies, a cocktail party for former and current staff at Greystones, and a finale dance at the Aurora Community Centre. For more information and to register visit www.reunion125.ca or contact Bob McRoberts at reunion125@bell.net. The Auroran will have full information on firm plans next week.

ST. MAX TAKES ON KING IN FIRST "OFFICIAL" GAME ON FIELD

The St. Max Mustangs will take on their football rivals from King City Secondary School next Wednesday, October 24 in a special game which marks the official opening of the artificial turf field at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School. The field, which was constructed in partnership between the York Catholic District School Board and the Town of Aurora, will be commemorated with a special blessing and further ceremonies at 5.30 p.m., followed by the kick-off game. The School is located at 278 Wellington Street East.



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Letters to the editor

East actually does meet west: Reader

(Re: Brock's Banter, Week of October 2, 2012)

I read your article “East Meets West...Or Does It?” with interest.

Our family just moved to Aurora from small-town Ontario, and our new house is, indeed, east of Bayview.

One aspect that your article didn't mention (unless I missed it) is the high school that our kids go to: Dr. G.W. Williams. Every day I drive my daughter to and from school, and every week I take at least two trips to the public library nearby.

Since I've found short cuts, I always drive through the older neighbourhoods that pleasantly remind me so much of the small town where we used to live. In so doing, I've discovered the No Frills at Yonge and Edward, where I appreciate the lower prices, though Sobeys and Longo's are within walking distance of my house.

Another thing that probably brings lots of people to the older part of Aurora is bus tickets.

As far as I can tell, the only places you can buy books of 10 YRT VIVA tickets and maybe passes are clustered around Yonge Street.

When I was registering my daughter at the high school, the vice-principal told me that “so many” of the kids at Williams live in our area (roughly Bayview and Wellington). The special YRT VIVA Route 426 for the school is often overcrowded, according to one student who takes it, so you have a high percentage of Aurora's young people and some of their parents (like me) driving in from the East Zone and crossing your imaginary Checkpoint Charlie every school day.

As a newcomer eager to explore the whole of Aurora, I've been blissfully unaware that any such dividing line existed in the minds of long-time residents.

One thing that you do want to make sure you are offering in downtown Aurora is convenient and free parking (especially important when you have events like festivals and parades). I used to live near a large town that was trying to revitalize their downtown area, but they were shooting themselves in the foot by charging for parking and being very quick to issue tickets upon meter expiry.

This situation exacerbated the problem of people avoiding the downtown in favour of the big stores on the edge of town. My advice is, don't let this happen in Aurora.

Christine Bruggemann
“East Aurora”

You have your chance, so have your say on taxes: Reader

I encourage all residents of Aurora to come out to the Town Council meetings.

There's a chance to speak at the beginning of each meeting (5 min.max) during what is called “Open Forum”. You can talk about any matter near and dear to you. Some Councillors actually seem to listen.

I spoke this past week about our very high property taxes here in Aurora and how some of us struggle to pay them. It was heartening to see how Councillor Evelyn Buck sympathizes with the overburdened taxpayer, speaks up and votes against unnecessary spending. Often she seems to be the only Councillor thinking about us taxpayers.

For myself I find the proposed 8.1 per cent tax increase shocking. Am I the only one upset? Is it time for a tax revolt?

Property taxes in Newmarket are half what they are here. I know this from living there two years ago. Unfortunately I tell all my friends who are house hunt-

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How's my driving?

BROCK'S BANTER

Brock Weir

seemed very impractical and rather uncomfortable.

Apparently he wanted me to call him back to discuss his suggestions further, but neglected to leave his number. “Unfortunately?!” you might be asking. Well, who wouldn't be intrigued by continuing the conversation? Details were limited.

If you were me, wouldn't you like to know where he was parked and where he evidently incurred the wrath of someone carrying around your business card for just such an occasion? You know you would. Maybe the details of where they were could help narrow down just who actually left the note.

So, to the guy who left me the voicemail last week, please note that it wasn't me who critiqued your parking skills, but feel free to hold onto the business card. Who knows when it might come in handy? If ever you are offended by someone else's parking, it might save you the effort of writing a note of your own.

To the person who used the back of my card to vent their spleen, while I appreciate your recycling efforts and doing your part to help spice up an otherwise humdrum Tuesday, please think twice before doing it again. Someone might – just might! – get the wrong idea.

After what happened the last time someone left obscene messages anonymously in Aurora, I hope this isn't the start of a new trend. If so, play your cards close to your chest. Seriously, though, I'd love for the

person who actually wrote that note to just drop me a line. Not knowing who actually did it is going to be maddeningly frustrating for years to come! At the very least, can you mail me a business card of your own? I have a message to leave the UPS guy the next time he barrels down the street.

ONE OF US
(WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT)

During last week's Council meeting, one local historian came forward to speak against the proposal of the Aurora Historical Society and other proponents to turn Hillary House and the three houses immediately south of it into a heritage park. One of this person's objections to the plan that venerating Hillary House was “tweaking” Aurora's history because it started life as part of King Township, comparing it to the Petch House which was built in what was then Whitchurch.

So, let me pose a question to the wider community: Just when does Aurora's history start? (Or stop, for that matter?)

To argue people, places and things are only germane to the history of Aurora if they were within Town limits on that winter day of incorporation in 1863, we would have a very limited history indeed. Wherever the Town limits were plotted in its earliest days is irrelevant. When these further flung areas (however far a couple of hundred metres can be flung) came under Aurora's purview, so did their history and saying otherwise is dangerous. Does that mean all the Tigers rosters that have come and gone playing north of Hillary House are not part of Aurora's history? Where should our historic limits be in the south? Perhaps the Aurora Cemetery needs a rebrand.

It is like saying Yonge Street is not a part of Aurora's history because its construction started near Bradford.

AURORAN POLL

Lawmakers in charge of Federal electoral boundaries proposed this month 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.



This dinner plate is from an original service used by countless residents and travellers at the Queen’s Hotel. The Queen’s Hotel was a prominent three-storey Aurora landmark which stood once upon a time at the northeast corner of Yonge and Wellington, where TD Canada Trust now stands. A hotel had stood on the site as early as the mid-1860s in the very early days of the Town. TD purchased the land in 1970 and began demolition that December. The current bank was opened in 1973.

Ottawa Report



LOIS BROWN
MP Newmarket-Aurora

was recently celebrated on Saturday, the 200th anniversary of Major-General Sir Isaac Brock’s death on the battlefield at Queenston Heights. To commemorate this crucial moment on the road to Confederation, a new 25-cent circulation coin has been issued in honour of this legendary hero. Only 12.5 million of these coins have been minted. I encourage you to take the opportunity during this bicentennial year of the War of 1812 to learn more about our heroes and history at www.1812.gc.ca.

Pennies and More for Polio Initiative
The Pennies and More for Polio Initiative was recently announced, that invites Canadians to join in the fight to eradicate polio. The Government of Canada, through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will provide funds to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative matching dollar for every raised by Rotarians in Canada, up to a maximum of \$1 million. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will likewise provide funds of equal value, at a ratio of \$1 for every \$1 raised by Rotarians in Canada. This would result in every \$1 raised by the Rotary Foundation leveraging an additional \$2. Canada and CIDA

have proudly contributed to global efforts to eliminate polio, particularly where it threatens the health of the most vulnerable. This joint initiative will allow more Canadian individuals, groups, and organizations to contribute directly in the eradication of polio.

Increasing Benefits for Veterans
Effective immediately, the Government of Canada will deliver increased benefits to Canadian Forces Veterans. This will be accomplished by ending the deduction of Veterans’ disability pensions when calculating their Earnings Loss and Canadian Forces Income Support benefits.

Earnings Loss Benefit and Canadians Forces Income Support Benefit recipients who are in receipt of a disability pension from Veterans Affairs Canada may see a significant increase in their payment in the coming weeks. All affected recipients will be notified in writing with details of the recalculation and change to their payment.

We owe a great deal to our veterans who have served Canada while putting themselves in harm’s way. I am very proud that these changes, amounting to an investment of \$177.7 million over five years, will help meet the needs of these heroes and their families.

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.

National Science & Technology Week
Expanding young people’s knowledge of and interest in science and engineering is increasingly important in 21st-century Canada. National Science and Technology Week, which runs until October 21 helps raise awareness of the importance of science and technology while celebrating Canada’s role as a leader in innovation. More than 100 Canadian organizations, including museums, schools and science centres, are hosting events and activities to inspire youth to consider careers in these fields. Ensuring that young people have the skills they need to succeed and contribute to Canadian society is an investment in renewing and expanding the country’s highly skilled workforce and, ultimately, an investment in Canada’s future. For more information and a link to online science activities visit science.gc.ca.

Small Business Week
Canada’s Small Business Week runs through Saturday. Small business is the backbone of our economy in Newmarket-Aurora and in Canada, and entrepreneurs are leading the way in creating jobs and growth in communities right across the country. A key part of Canada’s Economic Action Plan includes creating the best business environment possible for our small business entrepreneurs to succeed and grow. Some of our government’s recent key actions for entrepreneurs include: cutting red tape through our Red

Tape Reduction Plan by applying common sense solutions to business irritants in areas ranging from tax and payroll, to labour, transport and trade; promoting Canadian exports through our ambitious trade plan including nine recently signed free trade agreements and twelve new foreign investment promotion and protection agreements; extending the temporary Hiring Credit for Small Businesses for one year to help employer’s with the cost of new hires; introducing the Pooled Registered Pension Plan providing small business entrepreneurs with a framework to provide pensions to employees at a lower cost; and keeping the small business tax rate low at 11 per cent.

Commemorating Major-General Sir Isaac Brock
The War of 1812 was a defining moment in the history of our great country and paved the way for Confederation. It was the fight for Canada and a defining moment in our country’s history that saw British regular forces, English and French-speaking militia, First Nations and Métis allies join together to defend our borders. Without their courage and sacrifice, Canada as we know it would not exist. One of its most significant battles

Being on time for church – round two

I was in the Superstore grocery store last week when a fellow Our Lady of Grace parishioner approached me. This gentleman is a regular reader of this column and as he knows that I was a former member of the Parish Council, and he asked if I had any update regarding the development of the new Church. I told him that I had no special knowledge but that I imagined that one of the future weekly Council Bulletins may contain an update (hint, hint to the Parish Council). He then went on that he did not like seeing the ever-increasing amount of people who are late for church every week. He recalled that he liked my column on this and he suggested that I re-run it. Before reading below, I state for the record that I am always plenty early for church but that on a number of occasions; I have had to leave shortly after communion (and before the end of the formal service) to get home to be with my son and trade places with my wife who is going out. As a public service announcement, the original column appeared in early February 2009, simply entitled, “Being late for church”. Obviously, for anyone who attends Mass on a regular basis, they will probably be late at one time or another due to some unfore-

seen event. It’s just that it seems that it is the same people who are late every week. Don’t get me wrong; I am not, nor do I pretend to be, punctually perfect. I am not offended by people’s tardiness. In fact, I kind of find it interesting. When the same people show up a couple of minutes sooner or later than usual, I wonder what changed in their morning routine. I had resisted the urge to write this column because my wife kept talking me out of it. She would always say that “if you write such a column, you had better not be late for church yourself or you will never hear the end of it.” Well, Father Tim Hanley has done the work for me. In the weekly message bulletin that is given out to people as they leave the church, he has, very delicately and with some humour, made the points better than I could have. This is what he wrote: “One old routine and habit among some of



FRONT PORCH PERSPECTIVE

Stephen Somerville

people regularly arrive during the first fifteen minutes of the Mass, not present for the Liturgy of the Word and distracting others from listening as they seat themselves during the Sacred Readings. “Unfortunately, there are a surprising number of people who regularly leave Mass after communion, not taking the time to thank the Lord Jesus for the great gift of the Eucharist or to receive the final blessing and participate in the Recessional Hymn. “Another small group makes an effort to stay for the blessing, then use the final hymn

as musical accompaniment for their race to the door of the church, making sure they outrun the altar servers and priest before our arrival in the foyer. “I thank God that the vast majority of our families are not part of the ‘late arrival / early departure’ syndrome, but ask those who are to reflect on what this says about the importance of faith in their lives, and also their lack of respect for their fellow parishioners.” Father Hanley’s message doesn’t just apply to this parish, but to other places of Worship or Faith as well. Common courtesy means that one tries to be on time. I recall that a long time ago on the first day of grade thirteen, my calculus teacher watched everyone file into class. At about 9.15 or so, she said that “ten of you came in past 9.05 – this is not acceptable, especially as this is the first class of the day. The door will close at 9:05 from now on. If you can’t make it, stay away and get the notes from someone else.” Tough love it was – but it seemed to work. I was always on time – too bad it didn’t produce better results than the nifty fifty-three percent that I received on my report card!

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Letters to the editor

Reader applauds Aurora going back to Municipal Board

A big bouquet to the members of Council who voted to hire external counsel for the defence of their decision to refuse a proposal to sever the lot at 720 Wellington Street to create a new lot with a new driveway opening on Marksbury Court.

A very large brickbat to those still in opposition.

The decision, supported by a majority of Councillors, reflects the wishes of the residents of Marksbury Court and the affected Wellington neighbours to continue to have their right (for which they paid when they bought their home) to enjoy their stable, established neighbourhood. This 2012 decision agrees with a similar decision made by Council in 1993.

At the planning meetings it was made clear that the applicant had a choice to join the Marksbury neighbour-

hood as others had done by simply buying a house on that street: two have been available recently. Alternatively, they could apply to sever their lot and share the driveway they have now which leads onto Wellington.

The precedent “on the ground” for this option is just east of 720 Wellington. The residents chose instead to incur the expense of going to the Planning Department, hiring consultants, and spending their time at two planning meetings.

What Councillors Pirri and Gallo do not seem to grasp is that residents have the reasonable expectation that Council will accept the wishes of the affected majority, in this case the residents of Marksbury Court and their affected neighbours, and not simply bend to the wishes of those who spend money on planning applications supported by

a Planning Department.

I’m assuming that “sound planning principles” includes a complete, comprehensive, and thorough review of all pertinent facts – such as previous Council decisions from 1993 regarding this same property. Had the Planning Department conducted a thorough review of these facts contained in Town records, money spent by the residents of 720 Wellington and about to be spent by the Town could have been saved.

I had been concerned that the Town would not mount a defense of the majority decision at the OMB. I am glad to see that I was incorrect and that the Town will defend vigorously the majority decision. Many thanks to those Councillors supportive of the residents.

E.L. Springolo
Aurora

Industrial Parkway sidewalks are “beyond logic”

I was at the presentation for the sidewalks on Industrial Parkway.

I said at that time and say again why anybody would consider this project at over \$2 million is beyond logic. It is a waste of time and money, almost as big a waste as it has been already to pay out, up till now, \$94,000 (the Town’s numbers) for several people to study this.

If they have nothing better to do with their time, then maybe it’s time to cut back on Town Staff. God knows everybody else but the government is being forced to.

The Council has said they are looking at an 8 per cent increase in taxes and they are spending money not only in waste-

ful ways but in blatantly stupid ways. Perhaps the Town has an ulterior motive, those sneaky devils, maybe they’re going to advertise this in Toronto and upper state New York as a tourist attraction: “Come walk the industrial area of Aurora, maybe watch the factory workers take a break or have a smoke, or – if your timing



IN THE PINK: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and volunteers for the Canadian Cancer Society fanned out across Aurora last week to help collect donations for the cause through the sale of pink ribbons. Lesley McDonald (left) was only too happy to stop at Real Canadian Superstore on Saturday morning to purchase hers from Cambria Brown and Caroline Charteris.

Auroran photo
by Brock Weir





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CHATS gives thanks for Mayor’s golf tournament

On behalf of the over 7,400 seniors and caregivers who receive services from CHATS - Community & Home Assistance to Seniors, especially those who participate in the Adult Day

program at the CHATS Aurora location, we thank Mayor Geoff Dawe and his 2012 Aurora Charity Golf Tournament committee for supporting CHATS with \$5,000 from the

annual charity golf tournament held Thursday, September 27th at the Silver Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Our goal at CHATS is to enable seniors to live well, age well and be well. CHATS’ quality programs and wellness education enable seniors to continue living in their own homes, remain connected to their communities and out of emergency departments, hospital beds and long term care facilities.

Being able to attend an Adult Day program on a weekly basis provides healthy social activity for our clients and in many cases also provides their family caregivers time to recharge and tend to their own personal

responsibilities.

While CHATS receives funding from the Central LHIN and the United Way of York Region, and through moderate service fees for some programs, donations from the community are crucial to our ability to serve seniors.

This funding is particularly important because as our seniors’ population in York Region and South Simcoe grows, so too does the demand for the services and supports that CHATS provides. Funding from the Aurora Mayors Charity Golf Tournament meets a critical need for CHATS in our provision of services. We are very grateful!

Christina Bisanz
CEO, CHATS

Have your say on taxes

From page 3

ing not to buy here – the property taxes are crippling. Aurorans, please try to come out to a meeting. It’s riveting! You can watch as Councillors make rezoning decisions that affect your neighbourhood and you can speak up if you disagree. You’ll see the good people from The Auroran there, faithfully taking notes and looking out for us. And me in the back row. During one meeting one of the


Town Clerks approached and asked what I was doing there! Well, I just want to see where my tax dollars are going. So come out and see how your Town will be changing. And you’ll see multi-million dollar decisions being made. At the very least you’ll certainly know who to vote for in the next election.

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Foul play ruled out after body discovered in Norm Weller Park

By Brock Weir

Police have ruled out foul play in the body of a man discovered Thursday morning in the tennis courts at Norm Weller Park.

York Regional Police are continuing their investigations into the death, who, at press time, was yet to be identified.

Police were on the scene through Thursday afternoon after responding to a call to the park, located on McClellan Way near Bathurst that morning at 11.45 a.m. from a park user who happened upon a body that appeared to have no vital signs. Police combed the

area and by that afternoon many curious onlookers had gathered to watch police continue their investigations.

The deceased is described as a white male between the ages of 40 and 50 years of age. According to the York Regional Police, there was no identification on the body and officers canvassed nearby neighbourhoods for any leads on who he might be. While that investigation continued, Constable Andy Pattenden told The Auroran that police had ruled out foul play.

"A canvass of the area will be conducted to determine a time-line of

when the deceased was first sighted in the area," said Constable Pattenden.

"We arrived on the scene and confirmed that it was an adult male, deceased, and the area is closed off for investigation," he told The Auroran.

Police and forensics were on the scene most of the day, along with Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, and members of the Town of Aurora's Parks Department. By the afternoon, the area had attracted a large number of students from the adjacent Light of Christ Catholic School and Highview Public School.

Following the discovery of the body, police asked the schools to keep their students inside while the initial phase of the investigation was underway, but stressed there were no security issues involved.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, x.7141, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, to leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com or text your tip to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK.



Students from Light of Christ Catholic School and Highview Public School gathered in Norm Weller Park after the final bell Thursday afternoon to watch as police continued their investigation into the death of a man whose body was found in the tennis court that morning.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir



SENIOR SCAPE

Sylvia Dickens

As a child, I delved into various art forms, but my favorite was pencil drawings. Subjects usually came from nature. I'll never forget the day a squirrel sat atop a tree outside my bedroom window, eating a pear he'd acquired from our neighbor's tree. It amazed me how he peeled the pear before eating the good parts.

Since I didn't have any paper or pencil handy, I figured he would go if I went to get them, so I studied him.

About 10 minutes later, when he finished his pear and moved on, I rushed downstairs to get some supplies and drew a reasonably impressive sketch of him. It was one of those childhood items you wish you still had in your collection.

Trees were always a challenge. As I struggled to get the trunk just right, my father tried to give me a few hints. It's kind of like learning to drive a car. Your parent is not necessarily the best teacher for you.

In my mid-30s, the secret of three-dimensional drawing was revealed through a drawing course at Humber College. My degree of mastery in a mere six weeks surprised me, even though I still had a very long way to go.

Shortly after, I gave up drawing for journalism, but abandoning art hasn't stopped me from enjoying the work of others.

If you are like me and wish you could create such beautiful and realistic art, or are just amazed by it, you will enjoy this.

Art Show and Sale

The Aurora Seniors' Centre will host the Aurora Collective Artists 18th annual Art Show and Sale on October 27 from 10

You don't have to be an artist to enjoy this beautiful form of expression

a.m. to 5 p.m. The artists will be on hand to answer your questions and discuss their work. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

Police Male Choir Tickets

Nothing can compare to the beautiful music created when members of an all male choir raise their voices in song. The York Regional Police Male Chorus will be performing at the Centre again this year to delight and impress. Last year, this event sold out fast so get

your tickets now. Show time is Sunday, October 21 at 2.30 p.m.. Tickets are \$5, available at reception.

Let's Square Dance!

Square dancing has proven to be a fun interactive pastime for people of all ages. The music is lively, the dances are educational and amusing (there are usually lots of laughs), and they trigger new friendships. It doesn't matter if your spouse isn't interested. You can just show up alone or together. Singles and cou-

ples are encouraged to join in and learn traditional square dancing. It started Monday and continues every Monday from 12.15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

A Cirque du Soleil Mystery

If you've seen any of the ads on television for Cirque du Soleil, you will be aware of the beautiful, stylistic performances that make them famous. You can enjoy one of these spectacular shows when the Centre offers Amaluna.

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You may find that your pain or stiffness affects your work, housekeeping, leisure activities, exercise, sports or other activities. You go to the drug store or to your doctor and get pills to help relieve your pain. But you find the pain keeps coming back.

So you go back, again and again, and get the same or different drugs to make you feel better. Your doctor may eventually say... "I've done all I can do - use the drugs to cope with the pain". Alternatively, the doctor may refer you to a specialist who may tell you that surgery is needed or is an option for you.

However, many people are hesitant to have surgery given its invasive nature. It is important to know that although surgery is sometimes neces-

sary, it is considered a last resort in most cases.

You are likely frustrated by having to suffer with the come and go pain but may also be concerned on your dependency on the pills and their possible side effects. You may have heard that there are serious health risks associated with chronic use (or overuse) of pain pills or anti-inflammatory drugs that include damage to the liver, kidneys and gut.

Although the pain killing or anti-inflammatory drugs are designed to numb the pain they do not correct the underlying root causes of the pain.

The most common underlying causes include nutritional problems, postural problems, infections, chemicals and immune system problems.

Medical doctors largely focus on medications to give relief but sufferers need to be aware that there are additional choices available for many cases of arthritis that are effective and safe. These natural approaches have helped many sufferers improve their lives dramatically.

To help sufferers an upcoming workshop is being provided on Arthritis relief. This eye

opening information has helped countless sufferers to feel better, have more mobility, increased flexibility and vastly improved function.

Many sufferers have found the information has led them to remarkable improvements in performing daily activities that include sports and athletics, leisure activities, housekeeping tasks, work duties and taking care of their kids.

"These natural approaches have helped many sufferers improve their lives dramatically".

There are other approaches, beyond the use of drugs and surgery, that have safely and effectively helped many sufferers find lasting relief.

In many cases, sufferers have found that they been able to avoid unnecessary surgery. As a community service this workshop is free. The workshop will be held on Wed Oct 24, from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. at the King West Wellness Centre 141 King Rd., Unit 10, Richmond Hill. Seating is limited.

To make reservations call 877-334-2785.

Advertorial

Reliance on Hydro Fund interest is hurting its value: Council

By Brock Weir

It's time to cut the cord on using the interest on Aurora's hydro funds, according to Councillor Michael Thompson.

The Councillor brought forward a motion at Council last week calling on the Town to wean itself off the interest garnered each year by the \$33 million in the bank left over from the sale of Aurora Hydro which continues to be siphoned off and used to help buffer the Town's annual budget and, in turn, your taxes.

Specifically, he called on Council to "adopt a plan to be implemented during this term to eliminate our reliance on using the interest from the Aurora Hydro Sale Investment Fund to mitigate property taxes.

"Hydro produced revenue for the Town of almost \$1.2 million and that was used to offset some of the operating costs to the Town," said Councillor Thompson speaking to his motion. "With the sale of the assets, a plan was put in place to sort of wean the Town off the dependence of the interest that was being

generated by the funds of the sale as far back as 2006 and the report we have tonight talks about a plan to reduce that by one per cent per year until that got to zero.

"Originally it was supposed to be eliminated in 2010. It has been reduced a number of times from \$1.2 million down to \$600,000 and I would like to see this Council on principle take a stand to commit to reducing that to zero either within our term or over a year period."

Considering comments made earlier in the evening by Councillor Evelyn Buck on her concern a Council in the future might "fritter away" the money already in the account, Councillor Thompson argued that Councils since the establishment of the fund have essentially been doing just that as interest is not going into the account. The fund's buying power over that time has been reduced and that has led to a significant hit in the bottom line, he added.

"I look at the \$35 million and I look at the housing prices in 2006 and the average house was \$250,000. You could have bought 100 houses at that time," he said. "Today the average house is \$469,000 so you can only buy 75 houses with the money we have left. I am concerned about us frittering it away because if we're not taking care of the principle and building it through the interest then it will slowly fritter away and buy us less and less every year.

"Given our budgetary pressures this year, I think it would be fair to say we make a minimal contribution or reduction of \$100,000 in 2003, another minimal reduction of \$200,000 in 2014 and then the remainder in 2005," he ventured. "Should the budget pressures not be as great next year when we sit around the budget table and reduce it completely, so be it and let's have a discussion.

"I just think it comes all down to good governance and good planning and by spreading it over a two or three year period it would allow staff to prepare for it and formalize the process. Up until this point it has been a direction and never formalized."

While Councillors were generally in agreement that something needed to be done

to wean Aurora off the Hydro interest, there was no clear consensus on just how that could be accomplished. Councillor Evelyn Buck, for instance, said that "hard figures" needed to be presented to Council on how much of an immediate impact Councillor Thompson's plan would have on the Town and Taxpayers. The timeline, she said, might not be one for this Council to put in place, since they are essentially halfway through the current term.

This was a view shared largely by Councillor John Gallo who said he was completely open to discussion, he said he did not support what Councillor Thompson put forward as it couldn't be eliminated within this term. The motion should be kept open ended, he said, and kept in mind when going through the budget process.

Town Treasurer Dan Elliott suggested that it be taken one step at a time and that Councillors should instruct staff to prepare a budget showing a \$100,000 reduction in the 2013 budget year, but Councillor Michael Thompson said there needed to be a "definitive plan."

What Councillors ultimately voted on was to put the responsibility onto Town Staff to come up with a "multi-year plan" to eliminate the reliance on hydro.

"While I recognize at the time of the Hydro ownership we were receiving a \$900,000 dividend supporting the tax rate, that was all fine and well and the decision was made to sell that," said Mr. Elliott. "We now need to figure out how to embrace the impacts that that decision has and that we don't have that \$900,000 dividend.

"In some municipal treasurer circles we refer to these as tax rate crutches. They sort of prop up the tax rate artificially but eventually that crutch is going to wear out and you're going to have to embrace the reality that it is not available, it is not sustainable long-term."



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All right, who took the bench from Rotary Park? It was removed several weeks ago and hasn't been seen since.

No matter, according to Jim Tree, who is working with the club to improve the land, the Town of Aurora will replace the missing bench, and Tree can get on with the job at hand.

The Rotary Park, located on Gurnett Street, with entrances to the facility on Gurnett at Kennedy and Cousins Drive, has been part of the Rotary family for years.

Rotarians decided last year to invest a total of \$45,000 to make the park more accessible.

To that end, Rotarians, throughout Aurora, are selling stone slabs for \$100 each.

If you're interested, call Greg Foster at 727-1250, during office hours.

Mr. Tree was scheduled as the guest speaker at our regular Rotary meeting to outline his plans for Phase II and III.

He also planned to look into the installation of an "on-site" sign with more information about how you can purchase one of the stones.

Rotary Park is one of the Town's oldest Parks running through the valley system from Cousins Drive in the south to Gurnett Street in the north.

As one of Aurora's oldest parks, the Rotary Club of Aurora recognized the park would benefit from some investment to enhance the experience of visitors enjoying the park.

Rotary approached the Town of Aurora and offered to fund upgrades to the park over a period of three years with a contribution of \$45,000.

Phase one has been completed. The Gurnett Street entrance, located at the bottom of Kennedy Street East, has been landscaped and a new plaza with a seating area (where the bench was) has been introduced.

Phase two of the project, which will begin soon, involves enhancing the Cousins Drive entrance.

Details of phase three are still under consideration.

In addition to the enhanced surroundings and comfort, phase one of the project also provides residents with the opportunity to show their pride in Aurora and "own a piece of the park" by having their name, family name or company name engraved in stone by the seating area. Company logos are also possible.

Several stones have already been sold and some have been engraved in memory of loved ones.

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Click on the heading Rotary Club Stone Form and mail it along with your cheque to: Rotary Club of Aurora, P.O. Box 71512, Aurora North, Aurora, ON L4G 6S9.

Rotarian members also have order forms available.

All proceeds from the sale of the stones will support future Rotary Park enhancements as well as other Club initiatives in the community.

If you would like additional information please contact Greg Foster, the Rotarian who is managing the project for Rotary at 905-727-6193 or by email weluvmm1@gmail.com.

New rules govern \$33 million Hydro pot

By Brock Weir

A number of rules governing how the Town can authorise the use of funds garnered in from the sale of Aurora Hydro were changed at Council last week.

Described as housekeeping matters, as well as recommendations to streamline the process, the new rules provide more clarity on how Council can approve anything to do with the future of the funds.

Of primary concern were the number of Councillors needing to be present at any one time before a vote can be taken on the money's future. As it stood before Tuesday, a full complement of Council needed to be present for the vote. Failing that after three consecutive meetings, this number would fall to full Council less one member, and so on. This, argued Town staff and some Councillors, could ultimately – and perhaps inadvertently – give any one Councillor a semblance of veto power over any plans that come forward.

The changes were approved unanimously by Councillors present last week. Councillor Paul Pirri did not attend the meeting.

Of the current roster of councillors, only Evelyn Buck and Wendy Gaertner are still serving from the time the original rules were put in place in the second to last term of Council. The latter spoke at Tuesday's meeting that giving Councillors veto power was not what was intended at the time.

"[The intent] was that all members of Council be present when the discussion and decision of what to do with this money be made," said Councillor Wendy Gaertner. "I was concerned with that

and asked for an amendment and my amendment was that should there be three consecutive meetings and a person is still not able to attend that we could move the process along. The reason I wanted that amendment is that I wanted to cover the situation where somebody might be seriously ill or have another important reason for not being at the table to discuss the funds."

The intention, she said, was not to allow anyone to "stymie" the process and there was never any discussion at the table other than allowing the process to go forward if someone was unable to attend.

The one lingering concern councillors had over the recommendation on the

floor last week, however, was whether the 30 day notice that will be required to be given to the public whenever a recommendation on the future of the money is going to come forward, is adequate.

This was a view shared by Councillor Buck, who said her preference at the time was to essentially "put the money in a treasure chest and bury it" so no one would be able to "fritter it away" in the future.

"I think it needs to be recognized by Council that there needs to be a bylaw in place and the community needs to know it will not just be siphoned off without any significant discussion and without 30 days notice, I'm not sure if that is enough to give the community.



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Public to have say on Federal riding changes this week

By Brock Weir

Public hearings are set for this week on the future of Aurora’s federal electoral boundaries.

Members of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission will give the public a chance to have their say Thursday and Friday in Richmond Hill, where the extensive boundary revisions for much of York Region will be up for public discussion.

Aurora is not going to go unscathed in this proposed boundary revision and if the Commission gets its way, Aurora voters will be split in two at Wellington Street, with the north side remaining part of Newmarket-Aurora while everything south of Wellington will become part of a newly formed riding called Aurora-Richmond Hill, comprised of the northwest section of the town to our south.

Meetings begin Thursday, October 18 at 11 a.m. at Richmond Hill’s Sheraton Parkway North

Toronto Hotel and Suites, in their Aurora Room. The hotel is located at 600 Highway 7 East. The second meeting will be held in the same location the following morning at 10 a.m.

Since plans were announced this summer, the Commissioners intentions for Aurora have been met with widespread criticism from Newmarket-Aurora MP Lois Brown, MPP Frank Klees, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe and the public at large.

Last week, Council approved proposing three alternatives to the Commissioners in advance of this week’s meeting. As The Auroran reported in our October 9 issue, all three proposals keep Aurora intact, but present different configurations.

The first option is to merge Aurora with the northern part of Richmond Hill, along the line that has historically been known as Oak Ridges. According to the Town, this proposal takes into account the “natural

divide” of the Oak Ridges Moraine as well as the historic connections between Aurora and Oak Ridges.

The second option would be Aurora-King-Whitchurch, which, as the name suggests, comprises the Town of Aurora, King Township, and Whitchurch without Stouffville. This option has affects on other proposed riding changes in the other Towns and here Richmond Hill would be divided into two ridings within their own Town limits, with Stouffville joining a Markham riding.

A third option is to keep Newmarket-Aurora largely intact, but running the riding up only as far north as Davis Drive.

“This proposed riding is the closest to the target population of the three options and results in an even population split between the Town of Aurora and the Town of Newmarket (50.4 per cent and 49.6 per cent respectively,” said the Town. “This delineation no longer includes portions of two municipalities on

either side of Newmarket and allows for the 10 federal electoral districts that cover York Region to be located completely within York Region boundaries.

“Prior to the creation of the Regional Municipality of York, the southern border of the Township of East Gwillimbury was Davis Drive/Highway 9. This new delineation makes a Northern York riding possible that does not require parts of Simcoe County and Durham Region and creates a logical boundary across the entire Region at Highway 9/Davis Drive.”

While Councillors did not specify which option they preferred on the list, all three will be heading to the commissioner.

“It was educational for me and there are options here where they would get a sense that we’re compromising, so that is a good thing,” said Councillor John Gallo at Tuesday’s Council meeting.

Earlier in the evening, Aurora resident Cliff Davies came forward with his own proposal. He said

looking ahead for the next federal election or two, the proposals put forth by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission will likely mean as York Region communities grow, they will soon be back at the drawing board redefining Federal ridings to make sure each community has adequate representation. Whatever comes forward, he said, needs to be firmed up through 2018.

“My suggestion for the boundaries are St. John’s Sideroad as the Aurora north boundary, across to the 18th at highway 400 and east at Warden Avenue. Now we take Hwy 400 southbound to the

King/Vaughan Road and you’ll notice these two joints at the 400 do not link into the 400. They are not linked into the 400.

“Across from the King-Vaughan road to Jefferson and Stouffville Road across to Warden Avenue, that provides basically a square, equal in distance each way. If you drive through King City, you will notice a fantastic amount of new buildings going in there. With that number of people going in and the extension Oak Ridges has gone through in the last few years, I think we will amount to the number of people required.”



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United Way looks to “connect” communities

By Wendy Soloduik

In order for any community to flourish, residents must feel connected.

This concept is the foundation of the latest, and largest announcement made by the United Way of York Region (UWYR).

Stemming from a year of research at the grassroots level, including working with residents at the Charles Darrow Housing Co-Operative in Aurora, the UWYR has pledged to fundraise an additional \$2 million over the next five years, a “Strength Investment” they believe will help residents “get connected”.

The \$2 million will be spread between the nine municipalities within York Region, adding to the more than \$300,000 of funding already raised in the past two years over and above existing funding for long-term programs.

The Strength Investment message was recently delivered by UWYR CEO Daniele Zanutti, in Markham. Gathered to hear the message were residents and representatives from community-based groups, government, businesses, places of worship and labour.

They heard the results of canvassing York Region municipalities to find out how to build social infrastructure that would endure in future years. Throughout the study, York Region residents expressed their concerns about the increasing pressures of deepening poverty, a lack of affordable housing and the challenges of housing affordability.

“But more than the issues and problems, regardless of the municipality, three key messages emerged: people love their community; people don’t feel connected; people want to get involved,” said

Zanutti.

“A lot of learning was done in Aurora,” Zanutti told The Auroran. “Residents of the Charles Darrow demonstrated that even with very few dollars people can create their own solutions.”

Zanutti references the \$150,000 given to residents of the co-op to create community programs, including a garden, an after-school program, parent support group and youth leadership group.

“The report...magnifies

the work done at the Charles Darrow,” said Zanutti. “We want to invest more into that kind of mentality – community led initiatives. United Way is committed to supporting not only the formal front-line programs – something we have done for decades – but with this announcement, the informal supports that connect people to community: because we know community attachment matters, it takes years to build, and it is the best prevention to many

social problems.”

With the funding announcement in place, the United Way will now revisit the five high-growth municipalities – East Gwillimbury, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Vaughan – who have already shown support for the program. Over the next six months, representatives from the UWYR will attend community cen-

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(1) All Aboard: Participants at this year’s open house were able to hop a train which ferried people from the parking lot at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex to the nearby fire station. (2) “Sparky”, the CYFS mascot, was on hand to greet participants and share his own safety tips. (3) People were able to get a taste of the old and the new as today’s complex fire engines were contrasted with models that served Aurora in its early days.

Auroran photos by David Falconer



Municipal financial “security” issue to remain behind closed doors...for now

By Brock Weir

Issues of financial “security” found in Aurora’s 2011 municipal audit will remain behind closed doors, at least for the time being. Despite being billed as “clean”, it was a bumpy road for the audit to get to that point. Some of these bumps were severe enough to be taken into closed session earlier this month away from the public gaze. These included issues identified by the auditors as an issue which could identify a member of staff.

“It is not uncommon when auditors, whether it is specific issues or financial transactions that are at issue, errors that are at issue, or in the case at hand, some internal control issues they wish to discuss,” said Town Treasurer Dan Elliott to Councillors at last week’s Council meeting, reviewing what had transpired the previous week.

“The point to the security of financial assets of the corporation, the exposure [is the] risk of those financial assets and that’s why those are held in

closed session when appropriate. It’s the financial assets of the corporation to protect the security.”

This explanation was not good enough, however, for those Councillors who remain adamant that the audit should not have gone into closed session in the first place. When pressed by Councillor Evelyn Buck, Mr. Elliott offered the following “wild example that does not exist at the Town” to justify the move.

“If the auditors discovered there was a way of registering and appearing to pay for parks programming online with a credit card when in fact no charge resulted to your transaction, they would want to report that to you, but I don’t think they would want to have that discussion in public until the concern was rectified,” said Mr. Elliott. “[That’s an example of something] if it continued, or there was an opportunity for someone to take advantage of that information, [it would] put the financial assets of the corporation at risk.”

Although Councillor Buck said that example

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Heritage Park would “anchor” north Yonge Street

By Brock Weir

An ambitious project, which would amalgamate Aurora’s Hillary House with the two properties immediately south to form a Heritage Park, would serve an “anchor” to north Yonge Street, according to organizers.

These were the words brought to Council last week by Bill Albino, one of the main forces driving the proposed Hillary-

McIntyre Park. If plans come to fruition, the project – which will clock in at roughly \$10 million gathered from three funding sources – would come together forming a 4.2 acre heritage park that could also be home to the Aurora Museum.

“We think that once the property is transformed it will basically anchor the whole of north Yonge Street and would bring the whole

Yonge-Wellington corridor into a whole new space with respect to the rest of the Town,” Mr. Albino told Council in his presentation Tuesday. “We would have a perimeter defined by a gateway. We would put a large entry into [the park] which would be inviting and would build upon the assets that are there – three amazing properties, 4.2 acres with some of the best heritage trees you

can imagine.”

Starting from the north, Hillary House would essentially be maintained as-is and displayed as a museum of a typical working doctor’s house. Immediately south is the Readman House, currently owned by realtor Bruce Sprague, which is the centre of the most ambitious plans.

Constructed around 1910, the building been transformed many times

over the years. If organizers get their money, they plan on extensively fitting the interior for office use and putting an 8,000 to 10,000 square foot addition onto the building which would be for museum and office space.

“It would be a new, permanent home to the Aurora Collection – and it certainly needs a new permanent home,” he said. “We would have purpose built high-quality museum space which could forever do it justice to the depth and breadth of the collection, which is really an unseen gem at the present time.

“Civic and private function space would be essential. We would like it to be able to house public

and private functions up to a couple of hundred people – weddings, parties, celebrations, graduations, school trips, any and all kinds of civic functions would be able to be housed.”

Next would be Horton Place, the warm yellow-brick house on the south corner currently occupied by John McIntyre. If this can be acquired – and it seems like that is a distinct likelihood – its remarkable state of preservation would also lend it to museum space as well as meeting functions.

As for the grounds, organizers hope to turn the 4.2 acres of space into

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An artist’s rendering of what the Hillary-McIntyre Park could look like as an “anchor” for the north end of Yonge Street. From left: Horton Place, the proposed gateway to unify the site with Fleury Park at the rear of the property, the Readman House with the proposed modern addition, and Hillary House.

Drawing by Suzanne Reiner (Aurora Historical Society)

Councillors to tackle draft agreement this week

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ties” as other board members.

“An early concern expressed by the Town’s auditor, solicitor, and members of Council was the lack of representation on the board of the ACC,” said Aurora CAO Neil Garbe in the report which is before Councillors this week. “The ACC has agreed to include two Council appointees, which will be enshrined in the agreement.”

According to Mr. Garbe, the intention is to now have two members of Council, rather than staff members, on the board.

Aurora’s collection of historic artefacts will also have a permanent museum home at the Cultural Centre if the deal is approved as well, with artefacts taking over the second floor “Aurora Room”, which includes original blackboards left over from

the Church Street School.

The agreement specifies that the Town of Aurora will have “exclusive use” of the room, which has been used over the years for art exhibitions as well as exhibitions of heritage and cultural interest, beginning January 1, 2014 for “the purpose of operating a museum for heritage artefacts and other related uses at the Town’s sole discretion, at no expense to the Centre.”

It also spells out that the ACC will not be required to spend its resources or staff time on such a museum.

“This space had previously been requested by the Aurora Historical Society for this purpose,” said Mr. Garbe in his report. “Additionally, the agreement also provides for rotating displays throughout the entire building, partnerships with ACC for collaborative displays throughout the year, [and] retained use of the

library room, archive space, and all other space.

“With this space now being dedicated to the display of artefacts and a schedule for rotating and collaborative displays throughout the building, this may now qualify as a museum for the purposes of receiving a Community Museum Operating Grant.

“While there is a financial cost to giving up the Aurora Room for bookings, it was agreed by the ACC that cultural programming could be shifted to not impact the mandate of the ACC under the terms of the agreement.”

The Aurora Cultural Centre’s current agreement with the Town expires at the end of the year. Under the current plan, the Town gives \$356,900 to the ACC as a grant and bears \$133,565 for maintenance and upkeep based on 2012 numbers. If the new agreement is passed

by Council, this fixed grant will be replaced by the Board making annual requests to Council through the budget process.

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People share the same experiences, but Francey is the one who writes it down

By Brock Weir

David Francey has always been one to set his thoughts and life experiences down on paper. From the age of 10 he was a budding poet before sowing his first seeds as a song writer in his teens, but after a 20 year career in the construction industry, it took a Juno win at the tender age of 45 to nudge him in the direction of making singing and song writing a full-blown career.

Now aged 54, with nine albums, three Junos, and numerous other nominations and accolades under his belt, Mr. Francey is considered one of Canada's pre-eminent folk musicians.

He is set to make his Aurora debut November 2 at the Aurora Cultural Centre in an intimate concert in Brevik Hall. Speaking to

The Auroran last week, just after a personal appearance in Prince George, BC, Francey said he has always enjoyed these more intimate gigs.

"We did a lot of house concerts when we started just to get a following and those were immediate things," he said. "We made a lot of friends and fans doing that, so while we do play bigger halls sometimes we still play clubs and everything else."

When asked why his music resonates with audiences large or small, he said it is something he has wondered all along his career trajectory. One thing he can attribute it to is writing about everyday life. His music, he said, is informed by his personal experiences and, in one way or another, everyone has experienced the same issues.

"I am not writing about things that are esoteric and difficult to understand," he said. "I am writing about everyday life and trying to chronicle that and I think people see themselves in the songs. People come up to me after a show and say, 'The song speaks to me because [the situation] is similar to mine.' I just happen to be the one to write it down."

Indeed, Francey was never one to waste time before setting his thoughts to paper. Not keeping a possible musical career foremost in his mind, he wrote them for himself and never felt the need to play them before anyone else.

"The last thing I wanted to do was to get on the stage, but I am married to a very bright woman and she saw a lot in the songs and loved them and wanted me to sing them," he said, recalling he

even pitched finding another singer to lend their voice to his songs. "She wasn't settling for that. She pushed me pretty steadily to take the risk."

If the success of his first album wasn't enough to convince him a music career could be a reality, one could say he finally got the hint when awarded a Juno for his second album. That, he said, was the life changer.

"I was throwing stuff in the construction business in December and then lo and behold I collected a Juno for the second album in April and that's when I went full time," he said. "I consider that as the point in time as when I thought that was going to fly. I thought, 'Wherever that takes me, it will take me, and I just wanted to make a living out of it.'"

In addition to his life



David Francey will make his Aurora debut on November 2. Supplied photo

experiences, Mr. Francey's work is informed by a public consciousness and he is not one to shy away from tackling politics in his works or finding inspiration from the headlines. He has "no great faith or love of politicians" and they certainly present him with plenty of fodder for his songs.

Although he said wherever he finds the inspiration, the song he's currently working on is always nearest and dearest to his heart. But his latest songs may have its roots in the past, even partially completed works that are brought out for the finishing touches when the time is right. Regardless when the songs started out, the personal connection to the words keeps it fresh.

"All the albums contain that disparity in terms of new work and old work," he

said. "I talked to my wife about it and she gave me the wisest words ever. I said, 'What happens when I'm out here playing song after song on the road every night? If I start doing them by rote, I am going to be coming home because I can't do that.'"

"She said, 'You never will. They're all personal for you. You remember where you were when you wrote them and why you wrote them and if you just think about that when you start them, they will be fresh every night.' That was a great bit of advice."

Mr. Francey hits the stage at the Aurora Cultural Centre at 8 p.m. on November 2. Doors open at 7.30. Tickets are \$25. The Centre is located at 22 Church Street and can be reached over the phone at 905-713-1818

University eyed for Aurora's north end

By Brock Weir

Plans for Aurora to make a bid to host Ontario's next post-secondary institution took a step forward this week, following a meeting of the Town's Economic Development Advisory Committee.

A further committee, comprised of members of Council, the Economic committee (EDAC), the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and citizens at

large who might be able to pull the right strings is starting to take shape following a Council resolution earlier this fall. Aurora envisions a university or college campus in the northeast corner of Town, just north of the State Farm headquarters near the 404 as one ideal location that could make this dream a reality.

Peter Dickens and Marilee Harris, both members of EDAC, have been appointed to help

bring this forward, following a September direction from Council to "coordinate an appropriate team to seek support and partnerships pertaining to securing a post-secondary institution within Aurora."

Making this goal a reality would work to fulfil a mandate in the Town's Strategic Plan and Town staff believe this would be a boon to the local economy.

Aurora is just one of a

number of GTA municipalities that have thrown their hat in the ring to get the green light on a post-secondary institution while locally East Gwillimbury, with Queensville's long-held ambitions to have a university, arguably the most prominent initiative. Newmarket, Barrie, and Milton have also expressed some interest.

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910 Neuman's Puck Bandits: 5 - Matt Sanita 1G 1A, Austin Harvie 1G, Kevin Hillsdon 1G 1A, Noah Spicer 1G, Mitchell Lamantia 1A, Brendan Ruuskanen 1A, Gavin Patterson 1G 2A. **901: 3** - Matthew Iwai 1G, Ben Goldman 1G, Brayden Beswick 1G 1A, Joey Hodgson 1A, Alex Negri 1A, Josh Mohabeer 1A.

911 Coldwell Banker Case: 3 - Paul Mason 1G, Michael Arcuri 1G, Paul Neophytou 1G 1A, Russell Johnson 2A, Grant Kavanagh 1A, Mitch Carter 1A. **906 AHPA: 3** - Chris Sutherland 1G, Adam Ashraf 1G, Zac Cowl 1G.

912: 3 - Chris Crisolago 1G, Robert Doswell 1G, Liam Gray 1G 1A, Nick Delzotto 1A, Sean Foxwell 1A, Josh Lye 1A. **903 BMO Bank of Montreal: 1** - Luc Martineau 1A, Austin Persaud 1G, Nick Baczynski 1A.

913: 4 - Adam de Roos 1G, Alec Ground 1G 1A, Cody Child 1G 1A, Ian Coschi 1G, David Gonder 1A, Nathan Dinatale 1A. **908 Laurion Law Office: 3** - Jake Arcangeli 2G, Liam Coll 1G, Jordan Stephenson 1A, Tim Pare 1A.

902 Tile Master: 5 - Alistar Johnston 1G, Declan Johnston 1G, Alex Harrison 2G, Brett Bond 1G, Keith Jarvis 1A, Jason Gionna 1A, Graham Robinson 2A, Domenic Fiorini 1A. **907 Crabby Joe's: 1** - Tyler Futterer 1G.

1006 AHPA: 6 - Andrew Walter 2G, Ryan Dowling 1G, Quinn McGowan 1G 2A, Justin Killens 1G, Luke Pizzurro 1G, Christian Frappier 1A, Mitchell Waite 1A, Paul Louis Steiner 1A, Carter Hammett, shutout. **1005 Continental Ingredients: 0**

1007 Inaria: 3 - Nick Heintzman 1G, Taylor Nuttall 1G, Alex Heintzman 1G, Stuart Mattilla 1A, Doug Nisbit, shutout. **1008: 0**

1006 AHPA: 4 - Quinn McGowan 1G, Andrew Walter 1G, Nick Theodoropolous 1G, Paul Louis Steiner 1G, Nick Venosa 1A, Blake Klasios 1A. **1008: 4** - Sammy Fanone 1G, Eric Ludwig 1G, Thomas Scougal 2G, Duncan Eveleigh 1A, Nick Ramono 1A, Jesse Borin

1A.

1007 Inaria: 5 - Nick Heintzman 1G 1A, Stuart Mattilla 1G, Alex Seto 1G 1A, Alex Heintzman 1G, Taylor Nuttall 1G, Marlon Young 1A. **1005 Continental Ingredients: 1** - Jonathan Hurtubise 1G, Marco Ghegin 1A.

REP LEAGUE

Novice AE, Aurora 3 - Austin Venneri 1G, Henry Paluch 1A, Malcolm Parkinson 1G, Dylan Vasilevski 1G 1A, Ethan Powell 1A. **Schomberg 5.**

Novice AE, Aurora 3 - Josh McLeod 1G, Austin Venneri 1A, Carson Day 1A, Malcolm Parkinson 1G, Ben Hilgendorff 1A, Nathan Mochizuki 1A, Dylan Vasilevski 1G, Graham Hoogers, shutout. **TNT 0.**

Minor Atom AA, Georgina 4. Aurora 2 - Owen Papulkas 1G, Ethan Belisle 1A, Todd Cook 1A, Ryan Catania 1G, Nick Giorgio 1A, Anton Sopov 1A.

Minor Atom AA, Aurora 4 - Owen Papulkas 1G, Nick Giorgio 1A, Myles Graham 3G, Nicholas Pisapia 2A, Charlie Huxley 1A. **Barrie 1**

Atom AA, Aurora 5 - Evan Vierling 2G, Ethan Cameron 1G 1A, Jake Piper 1G, Josh Lombard 1G 1A, Jake Adams 1A, Carter Beswick 1A, Andrew Langlois 1A. **Markham 2.**

Atom A, Aurora 2. Richmond Hill 1.

Minor Peewee AA, Aurora 5 - Evan Pringle 2G, Malcolm Johnston 1G 1A, Wesley Reid 1G, Harris Goan 1G, Luke Joseph 1A, Stephen Whittle 1A, Ryan Lindsay 1A. **Brampton 45's: 1.**

Minor Peewee AA, Aurora 1 - Evan Pringle 1G, Andrew Wolanski 1A. **Georgetown 1.**

Minor Peewee AA, Aurora 2 - Evan Pringle 2G, Warren Hill, shutout. **Georgetown 0.**

Minor Peewee AA, Aurora 3 - Malcolm Johnston 2G, Harris Goan 1G, Andrew Wolanski 1A, Ryan Lindsay 1A, Wesley Reid 1A, Evan Pringle 1A. **Waterloo 2.**

Minor Peewee A, Aurora 1 - Blair Crabbe 1G, Sam Ashton 1A, Alex Sandras 1A, Will Sherman, shutout. **Innisfil 0.**

Minor Peewee AE, Aurora 10 - Kyle Fowler 2G, Anthony Iacovetta 1G 3A, Luke Catania 2G 2A, Matthew McConnell 1G 1A, Jack Patterson 1G, Thomas Childerhose 1G 1A, Noah Dempsey 1A, Owen Romano 2A, Cooper Judson 1A, Cory Read 2G, Jonathan Gianforcaro, shutout. **Richmond Hill 0.**

Peewee A, Aurora 2 - Julien Aben 1G, Anthony Capraro 1A, Michael Thibeault 1A, Brandon Vaughan 1G, Jamie Stewart 1A, Ty Boisseau 1A. **Richmond Hill 2.**

Peewee A, Aurora 3 - Brandon Vaughan 1G, Andrew Jorgensen 1G, Carson Yeomans 1A, Jamie Stewart 1G, Connor Iwai 1A. **Innisfil 1.**

Peewee A, Aurora 4 - Andrew Jorgensen 3G, Ben Spittle 1A, Sammy Leader 1A, Anthony Capraro 1G, Michael Thibeault 1A, Julien Aben 1A, Carson Yeomans 1A. **Bradford 3.**

Peewee AE, Aurora 3 - Finn Reeves 2G, Callum Gorrell 1G, Colin Windle 1A, Braden Reid 1A, Nicholas Vamvakaris 1A. **Schomberg 1.**

Minor Bantam AA, Aurora 2 - Mogan Frost 1G, Greg Hoogers 1G, Rhys Perry 1A, Brady Futterer 1A, Brady Sarazin, shutout. **Barrie 0.**

Minor Bantam A, Rochester Americans 4. Aurora 3 - E. Pears 1G, R. Carpenter 1G 1A, B. Langlois 1G, M. Kalmisto 1A, T. Kostoff 1A, P. Wolanski 1A.

Minor Bantam A, Orillia 5. Aurora 2 - P. Wolanski 1G, E. Pears 1G, J. Rusnell 1A, G. Belgue 1A.

Minor Bantam A, Richmond Hill Stars 4. Aurora 2 - L Dane 1G, J Schmitt 1A, E Pears 1G, K Rice 1A.

Minor Bantam A, Aurora 4 - J Liotta 2G, E Pears 1G, R Carpenter 1G, K Rice 1A, R Thornhill 1A, P Wolanski 1A, M Goldman 1A. **Markham 3.**

Minor Bantam AE, Aurora 3 - Jack O'Keefe 1G, Curtis Romanchych 1G 1A, Jack Camplin 1G 1A, Sam Speranini 1A, Jared Duthie 1A, Eric McGhie 1A. **Barrie Colts 1.**

Bantam AA, Aurora 2 - Christian Arcuri 1G, Richard Hache 1G, Bryan Manweiler 1A, Jack Pecora 1A, Michael Shum 1A, Ryan D'Antimo 1A. **TNT 1.**

Bantam AA, Barrie 3. Aurora 0.

Bantam AE, Aurora 6 - Evan Lambert 2G, Matthew MacDonald 1A, Jordan Screech 1G, Bradey Adams 1A, Michael DaCosta 2G, Anthony Orlandi 1A, Christian Pearce 1A, Nicolas Pearce 1G. **Innisfil 0.**

Bantam AE, Aurora 4 - Brendin Ramsay 1G, Bradey Adams 1G, Nicolas Pearce 2G, Michael DaCosta 2A. **TNT: 2.**

Minor Midget AE, Aurora 3 - Patrick Bourrie 1G, Brad Snoultlen 1G, Christian MacGillivray 1G, Alex Bernier 1A, Michael Boorn 1A, Michael Fisher 1A, Brent LeGrow, shutout. **Barrie 0.**

Midget AA, Aurora 4. Markham 1.

Midget AA, Stouffville 2. Aurora 2.



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Aurora's Tigers were hard at work off the ice Saturday as the team filled the Real Canadian Superstore, bagging groceries, helping customers to their cars, and corralling carts all in the name of helping the Aurora Food Pantry. (L) Kory Kennedy and Robert Angiolella greeted customers and passed out information while (C) Dylan Sikura helped Colleen O'Brien with her groceries and (R) a three-man team helped Jan and Matthew Taylor bag theirs. Auroran photos by Brock Weir

Tigers win two and lose two last week

By Brea Bartholet

It was a long week of traveling for the Aurora Tigers – but it certainly paid off.

On Thanksgiving Monday, the Tigers finished off their long week-end with a bang – defeating the Cobourg Cougars 5-2.

Kory Kennedy kick-started the game when he scored on a powerplay 14:09 into the first period, giving the Tigers a 1-0 advantage. Aurora got their powerplay opportunity when the Cougars' Rylee McKinnon was called for holding.

With one goal scored going into the second period, Cobourg's Justin Danforth and Dalton Bew each slipped a goal between the posts.

But Daniel Lisi, assisted by Dylan Sikura and Alex Mills, was aggressive enough to tie the game 2-2 after the second period.

In the third period, Aurora's Dylan Wallace, Adam Moody and Daniel Clairmont each scored a goal to cap three periods of play. Kennedy got an assist on Adam Moody's goal, upping the score to 4-2 at 12:15 of the third. He also gave Daniel Clairmont a little help with his goal, making things 5-2, 14:13 into the third period, winning it for the Tigers.

The Cougars kept Kevin Entmaa busy throughout the game, with the Tigers' goalie making 33 saves on 35 shots.

After a few days off, the Tigers were next on the ice Thursday night facing the Stouffville Spirit. Forced into a shootout, the Tigers came out on top with a score of 3-2.

The Spirit's Jacob Bauchman was too quick for Kevin Entmaa, scoring the first goal of the night – as well as the only goal during the first peri-

od.

At 8:01 of the second, Adam Moody scored during a powerplay, tying things up at 1-1. By the end of the period, Aurora was trailing 2-1 after a goal by the Spirit's Joseph Deveny at 16:01.

During the third period, the Tigers were able to tie things up at 2-2 with a goal by Curtis Warren at 3:27. The game went into overtime, but neither team scored to take the win.

With eight shots between the teams, Stouffville's Alex Botten and Michael Morgan were able to get two in, but fell to the Tigers' three goals by Daniel Lisi, Dylan Wallace and Taylor McCloy. Stouffville's strong offense was able to direct 35 shots against the Tigers' goalie during the game, with Entmaa saving 33.

Winning two games in four days, the Tigers would eventually meet

their match against the Lindsay Muskies on Friday.

With both teams struggling on the ice, the Muskies escaped with a 5-3 victory over the Aurora Tigers.

In the first period, Clairmont started things off with a 1-0 lead, and was the only Tiger who scored a goal during a powerplay. At 12:46, Kennedy raised the bar, scoring a second goal for the Tigers.

But Lindsay was close to follow with a goal by Cole Murdoff. At the end of the first period, the Tigers were leading by a score of 2-1.

The second period was more of a struggle. Brett Sinclair let a fast goal into the net by the Muskies' Terry Snodden just 6:38 in. With only a minute and a half left of the second, Jordan Brown took back the lead for the Tigers, holding the score at 3-2.

The third period

belonged to the Muskies. With failed attempts at keeping their opponents away from the net, the Tigers let three goals in by Lindsay's Brian Hubers and Dean Klomp. At the end of the third, the Muskies had gained enough momentum to beat the Tigers by a final score of 5-3.

The Tigers' Brett Sinclair stopped 49 of 54 shots.

After a close loss, the Tigers traveled to Wellington to face the Dukes Sunday.

The Dukes were led by Craig Campbell in the first period, who scored two goals at 13:33 and 14:47. With just over 30 seconds left in the first, Dylan Sikura scored a goal for the Tigers, cutting the Dukes' lead to 2-1.

After a goalless second, the third period approached quickly, and Dylan Sikura scored the second and last goal for the Tigers at 3:34. By

the end of all three periods, the score was tied up 2-2.

The game went into overtime, with no success. A shootout lost the game for the Tigers, as

the Dukes' one shootout goal won it by a final score of 3-2.

The Tigers will host the Dukes this Saturday at 7.30 p.m. at the Aurora Community Centre.

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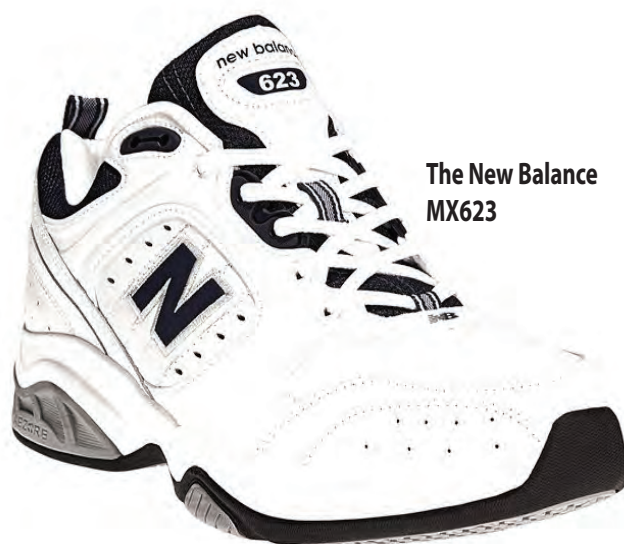
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COMING EVENTS

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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.

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 is held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Aurora United Church (15816 Yonge Street). For more information, contact Wanda at mwgt1950@gmail.com

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

The Aurora / Newmarket Chapter of WINGS and HEROES invites you to its monthly meeting (third Tuesday morning of the month, 9:30 a.m.). Market, promote and mentor small business is the focus of WINGS and HEROES. For more information, please visit their website: www.wingsandheros.com. A light breakfast will be available. This month's hot topic: "Finding your Niche within Your Niche Market." Guest speakers Deborah Bullock on her "Women of Wonder Money Club" and Amanda Siragusa of "Energy Exchange Organic Salon" will chat on how they found their Niche Market and why it works for them. Following will be a lively discussion on the eight benefits of Niche Marketing. For more information and location please call Leslie Vivvian at 905-841-6436 or email: celebrateyourway@bell.net.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

The Aurora Public Library hosts Children's Storyteller Sandra Whiting tonight from 7 – 8 p.m. at the Library. The event is geared towards kids ages 6 – 9. Come and heard the rich oral traditions of West African & folklore from the Caribbean with authentic patois & assorted dialects from Sandra's native Jamaica. Free with ticket.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

The Aurora Historical Society presents The Hillary House Ball this evening at The Mansion (DiNardos) on Industrial Parkway South. The Hillary House Ball will be the highlight of the 150th anniversary year of Hillary House. In honour of 1862, the year Hillary House was constructed, The Hillary House Ball will transform "The Mansion" with a Victorian-era theme. Guests will be encouraged to let Victorian trends inspire their own attire for the evening. More than 300 guests will enjoy a seasonally-inspired four course meal, dancing to the rich sounds of the After Hours Big Band plus special guest entertainment, a silent auction and opportunities to support Hillary House. The event will raise much needed funds for restoration and ongoing operations of Aurora's heritage gem, Hillary House National Historic Site. For more information, contact the AHS at 905-727-8991.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Aurora branch of the Royal Canadian Legion hosts "Newfie Night" tonight. Dinner is at 7 p.m. followed by dancing at 9 featuring entertainment from Josie & Laurie. You can officially become a "Newfie" by being screeched in and kissing the cod. \$20 per person includes dinner and dance. Tickets are available at the bar. No reservations.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) hold monthly meetings with speakers, interest groups and CFUW community events. The meeting starts at 7.15 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion at 105 Industrial Pkwy North. For more information call Beverley Varcoe at 905-953-9709.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, presents Quilting for Beginners Workshop with Paddy Honey. Learn all you need in one day (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) to get started on your quilting journey. Select fabrics, learn proper use of tools, and foundational techniques including the perfect ¼ inch seam. You will create a quilted block that can be used to make a pillow or seat cushion. Workshop fee \$75; simple materials list provided upon registration, and students must provide their own sewing machine. All other specialized tools provided on loan for the class. Please register in advance over the phone, or in person at the Centre. For info, or to register call 905-713-1818, or contact info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

Award-winning author Terry Fallis will read and discuss his newest book Up and Down tonight at 7 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library. Book sales and signing to follow. Free with ticket. Please contact the Library to reserve your spot at 905-727-9494.

Garden Aurora! Hear all about Organic Growing with Tamas Dombi. The Aurora Garden Club invites you to join us 8 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North for a great speaker, flower show and design competition. All of that and refreshments too! Further information at www.gardenauro-ra.com.

OCTOBER 26 – OCTOBER 27

The Aurora United Church will hold its Fall Rummage sale Friday and Saturday at their location at Yonge and Tyler. Proceeds from the sale go back into the community. Sale begins Friday from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. for individually priced items while Saturday's bag sale including clothes, linen, books, toys, and garage sale items runs from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, call 905-727-1935.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, announces the return of the schoolHOUSE concert series, with Nova Scotia native Alex Hickey presenting a repertoire of "up to date roots." With compositions ranging from My Knees are Pushing 40, but My Heart's Just 17, 11 Kinds of Itchy and Moonshine and Mischief, you'll want to discover a singer-songwriter talent with a flair for humorous and poignant songs. Tickets, \$15, available in advance or at the door. Doors open 7:30 pm; concert at 8pm. For info call 905-713-1818, or info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

The Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair marks the closing day of the 2012 Outdoor Market season with a Pumpkin Fest celebration. Along with musical entertainment and fun activities for the kids, the Market will be hosting a pumpkin carving competition. Bring your pumpkin creation to the sponsorship booth at the market before 11 a.m. and you will have a chance to win a Farmers' Market gift basket filled with fresh produce, baked goods, and artisan treats. Contact Catherine Cook at info@theaurorafarmersmarket.com for more information.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and Community Centre will host its History Hands-On (H2O) Harvest today from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Learn how to make rope in the cabin and try some heritage board games. Practice rug hooking in the farmhouse parlour and learn about printmaking with our printing press demo. Really experience life as it was 100 years ago. Regular admission applies. For more information, contact the museum at 905-727-8954 or visit www.townofws.com/museum.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

"Ursula sings" at Newmarket's Trinity United Church this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Ursula sings a program of songs about sleep, sleeping, and sleepers; about beautiful dreams, bold dreams, scary dreams; and even a nightmare or two. Accompanied by Wesley Bells (guest violinist) and Voltr Ivanoffski (pianist). Music by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Dvorak, Liszt, Wagner, Puccini, Strauss, Rachmaninoff, and others. For more information, contact the church office at 905-895-4851.

NOVEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 6

Eating Disorders of York Region (EDOYR) presents an art program with Amanda Di Santo and Rebecca Vos-Van Soelen, Toronto Art Therapy Institute Place students for six Thursdays beginning November 1. Multi-media, no previous experience required. All supplies provided. FREE. To register and for more information call 905-886-6632 or email info@edoyr.com. Location: 15213 Yonge Street, Suite 15, Aurora, L4G 1L8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Newmarket-Aurora French Language Meet Up Group meets this evening at 7 p.m. at Heavenly Bite European Cafe and Bakery in Newmarket (1100 Davis Drive, Unit 20). This Meet Up is for those who want to practice their French in conversation and for those who want to study French. The meetings are fun, informal, and oriented towards self-help. The normal routine is to break into self-organized groups for French at various levels. Join them in having fun with French and in meeting new people!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

The Aurora Cultural Centre will host Juno-award winning artist David Francey in concert tonight at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30. The popular Canadian folk and roots artist is making his Aurora debut in this York Region-exclusive concert as part of the Centre's Indie Music series. The evening will feature music spanning his debut on the folk scene some 13 years ago, up through his 2011 compilation of singer/songwriter tunes, Late Edition. Tickets are \$25 plus HST, available in person or over the phone. Seating is general admission. For more information, call the Aurora Cultural Centre at 905-713-1818.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The Hadley Grange Crafters invite you to their Annual Craft & Gift Sale today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hadley Grange (16015 Yonge Street, Aurora. First driveway north of St. John's Sideroad) Come start your holiday shopping with us!

NOVEMBER 6 – DECEMBER 11

Eating Disorders of York Region (EDOYR) presents Life Without an Eating Disorder Support Group

with Flora Svinarenko beginning November 6 and running six Tuesdays to December 11. The group is based on the Cognitive Behavioural Therapy techniques, specifically developed for eating disorders. During this group participants will learn about various factors that contributed to the development of disordered eating and later serve as maintaining mechanisms. We will construct a model of your eating disorder, identifying and targeting the processes that are maintaining the disordered eating. We will discuss how perfectionism, self-esteem and interpersonal problems connected with your eating habits. You will learn how to challenge and change unhelpful thoughts and behaviours. FEE: \$60.00. To register and pay online, please visit our website www.edoyr.com/support-groups.html. For more information call 905-886-6632 or email info@edoyr.com

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

The Aurora Public Library presents Money Talk\$, a free monthly discussion group to exchange ideas and unbiased financial planning information, this evening at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room. This evening's theme is How To Limit Losses When Investing. No financial products or services will be offered or sold. Money Talk\$ are presented the first Wednesday of the month. For more information and to pre-register, contact the Library's Adult Information Desk at 905-727-9494 x275.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The Newmarket-Aurora French Language Meet Up Group meets this evening at 7 p.m. at Heavenly Bite European Cafe and Bakery in Newmarket (1100 Davis Drive, Unit 20). This Meet Up is for those who want to practice their French in conversation and for those who want to study French. The meetings are fun, informal, and oriented towards self-help. The normal routine is to break into self-organized groups for French at various levels. Join them in having fun with French and in meeting new people!

NOVEMBER 8 – DECEMBER 13

The Hope and Inspiration Peer Support Group with Frances Carullo will be presented by Eating Disorders of York Region (EDOYR) beginning November 8 for six Thursdays. The group provides you with the opportunity to explore and freely share your thoughts, feelings and experiences of having an eating disorder and concurrent issues with others who understand, in a safe and comforting environment. Group participants will feel empowered as they ask questions, discover answers, and gain insights together to help and support each other on their journey to recovery. Group participants can become role models for each other, as they witness one another

overcome obstacles and make progress in their lives. New participants who are experiencing an eating disorder will be able to join at any time. Participants are asked to commit to 4 peer group meetings. Fee: \$40.00. To register and pay online, please visit our website www.edoyr.com/peer.html. For more information call 905-886-6632 or email info@edoyr.com

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

The Aurora PROBUS Club presents guest speaker veteran Cliff Davies in a presentation entitled Freedom – Please Carry the Torch. A veteran of the Second World War and a long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Davies will talk about Freedom – where does it come from, what is the torch, and what we should do about it. For more information, contact program chair Bob Staley at 905-727-5017.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The York Regional Police Male Chorus celebrates their 20th Anniversary fundraising "In Harmony With the Community" concert at the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 17955 Leslie Street in Newmarket. This special concert will feature the voices of the Ontario Provincial Police Chorus, the Roselawn Public School Choir from Richmond Hill, the York Region Community Choir from Newmarket and the host York Regional Police Male Chorus. Start time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from any member of the police chorus or by phoning 905-727-9676. Email orders can be made at mcclenny349@rogers.com Advance ticket sales will ensure you a seat.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The Doane House Hospice will hold its third annual Unique Craft and Gift Show today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Newmarket Community Centre (200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket). For more information, call 905-967-0259.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Eating Disorders of York Region (EDOYR) invites you to their annual fundraising campaign event "Fiddler on the Roof" thanks to the support by Steppin'

Out Productions. Join us on November 21 at 8:00 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts for an amazing show and a fabulous silent auction! The proceeds from all tickets purchased through EDOYR for the opening night performance benefit EDOYR programs. To purchase tickets or for more information please call 905-886-6632.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Aurora's Pine Tree Potters Guild will hold its third annual Empty Bowls fundraiser today at the Aurora Cultural Centre, benefiting the York Region Food Network and Welcoming Arms. Lunch sitting runs from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45. For more information, visit www.pinetreepotters.ca.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Trinity Anglican Church hosts its Annual Christmas Bazaar "Merry Jubilee Christmas" today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 79 Victoria Street. Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Books, jewelry, baked goods, knitting, kids corner, silent auction, clothes from the Clothes Closet, and collectibles. Start the Christmas season at Trinity!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

The Aurora PROBUS Club will host a joint meeting between the Aurora and Newmarket clubs and Dr. Dave Williams, CEO of the Southlake Regional Health Centre. The meeting will take place at Seaton Hall in Newmarket at 17995 Leslie Street, north of Davis Drive. Arrive at approximately 10 a.m. For more information, contact program chair Bob Staley at 905-727-5017.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The Caledon Agricultural Society presents its second annual SnowFest today in honour of Family Day. Dedicated to healthy winter fun, exercise and competition for the entire family, SnowFest activities include: snowshoeing and dog sledding demos, horse drawn sleigh rides, ice sculptures and the children's snow castle competition, plus a special "chilly" cook-off involving service clubs and community organizations. Admission is free to the public with gates open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Caledon Fairgrounds are located on Hwy #10 (Hurontario), just south of Charlestown Sideroad (Hwy #24) in Caledon Village. For more information visit: www.caledon-fairgrounds.ca.

JULY 11 - 14, 2013

York Regional Police will host the 2013 Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games. More than 500 athletes will attend participating in athletics, soccer, softball, rhythmic gymnastics and golf. For more information on Special Olympics Ontario Events, contact Inspector Maria Ahrens at 1-866-876-5423 x6710.

Campus should have offshoot in downtown: Staff

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Government announced there is a need for three post-secondary institutions in the [Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area]," project manager Jim Kyle told the Committee on Thursday. "In a lot of the work I have seen, York Region is up there as far as numbers and need."

One issue which could pose a danger to York Region's bid is the presence of Toronto's York University which, he said, is often considered to be in York Region simply because of its name. Indeed, the University had been exploring options of expanding their presence northward through satellite campuses, but edicts from the Province indicated a "full blown" university would be preferable over satellites.

When Aurora's official plan was last updated in 2010, the land near State Farm was given the appropriate designation to

accommodate a post-secondary institution, and there are other areas scattered around Town, including on the southern end of Industrial Parkway that would also be appropriate. Clarity, however, needs to be received from the province on just exactly what they're looking for.

"The government's criteria are pretty vague," said Mr. Kyle. "They said they are going to be coming out in the fall with better criteria, but I have heard you need 100 acres and other people have said that is not the format anymore. Universities are smaller and more compact. They can be spread through different buildings in Town so you don't have a main campus.

"There are other areas of land in Town [eligible aside from the northeast corner] and I don't want to start picking and choosing, but I would personally love some presence in the Downtown if there is any

thing available. It wouldn't be an entire university, but a portion of it."

Before anything further is done, however, further seats on the committee need to be formed.

"Most [other municipalities vying for the campus] have champions in their community to get a committee together and start working with landowners, the universities, and anybody else who

has connections in the university field to try to start gearing up towards how do we get into the game," said Mr. Kyle. "We want to work very strongly with this community. A larger committee...would include politicians and local advocates [to] find out who is in Aurora – university professors in Town – and we need to form a working committee to move forward with this."

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Park is not an “opportunity” for public money: Buck

From page 12
a park, which would include formal gardens, water features, and also be linked with the nearby Fleury Park and Community Centre to create one fluid park network with Yonge Street access.
With a \$10 million price tag, organizers hope it will be covered by Federal and Provincial funding and private fundraising, with the balance to come from Aurora’s Hydro funds. Their aim is to ultimately turn this into a Municipal Services Corporation which would be supported by the Town of Aurora.
When Mr. Albino formally brought the proposal to Council after meeting with Mayor, Councillors, and local media over the past few months, this appeared to be a sentiment shared by the majority of Councillors.
“I am excited about this,” said Councillor John Gallo. “This sounds like a fantastic opportunity. I know it is something that I spoke to last week in terms of public buildings and this is exactly the kind of thing I was referring to when speaking about a new facility

we would be putting in Town. The amount of energy that has clearly gone into this is phenomenal and very exciting.
Added Councillor Chris Ballard: “I thank you and the committee for thinking outside the box. It looks to me that fundamentally a lot of work still has to be done with regards to building that business case, but you’re eager to get at it and convinced you can make that business case and I look forward to seeing that and how we can move this project ahead.”
Others, however, were less convinced with Councillor Michael Thompson said while he appreciated the cost estimates in the presentation, he wanted firmer cost estimates on operation costs. Mr. Albino said, however, while this had been considered it hasn’t been considered “with enough rigour” to bring firm numbers to the table on Tuesday night.
“We now need to have a business case put forward for operating costs,” said Mr. Albino. “We need to identify funding at an operating level once this thing is built. We have to identify what the working business model would be and given that it is inter-

twined with other things like how to handle the Aurora Collection, the museum conversations, we have to make sure we’re very careful with how to do that.
“We are very conscious in the fact we need a sustainable business model and we have people on our working committee who are extremely familiar with how to bring economic vitality to a project such as this.”
One Councillor less excited by the proposal was Councillor Evelyn Buck.
“I would be excited if you came here and told us there were private investors falling over themselves waiting to take advantage of this great opportunity you described, but when we talk about public funds, we talk about taking money out of people’s pockets.
“You were here tonight to hear from one of our taxpayers who asked us, who beseeched us to think about people who were not affluent in the Town of Aurora, who are struggling to do what they have to do with their families. I do not see this as an opportunity for investment with public money.”

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CLUES ACROSS

1. European Common Market

4. Poetic go quickly

7. Parts per thousand (abbr.)

10. Pigeon pea

12. Sao __, city in Brazil

14. Longest division of geological time

15. __ Alto, California city

16. Small terrestrial viper

17. Coming after all others

18. Penetrate with a sharp fork

20. Still-hunt

22. Chinese frying pan

23. Cave-dwelling salamander

24. Any thick messy substance

26. About the moon

29. AKA Tao

30. Jet cabin requirement

35. Prince Hirobumi, 1841-1909

36. An easy return in a high arc
37. Italian commune

38. L. Comfort’s illuminator

44. Foot digit

45. Minute tunicate genus

46. Green regions of desert

48. Direct a weapon

49. __ de Janeiro

50. Equestrian animals

53. Aquest Tomei

56. Head of the RCC

57. Twines

59. Scientific workplace

61. Minerals

62. Hypothetical original substances

63. Hit with the open hand

64. Political action committee

65. Winged goddess of the dawn

66. W. states time zone

CLUES DOWN

1. Electronic data processing

2. Man or boy (Br.)

3. W. African nation

4. Fault’s incline from vertical

5. Method of birth control

6. City founded by Xenophanes

7. Legumes

8. Beckham’s spice girl

9. Explosive

11. 1936 Nobel winner Otto

12. Greenbay teammate

13. Brass that looks like gold

14. School graduates

19. Lively, merry play

21. Make indistinct

24. Egyptian mythological figure associated with floods

25. Washing sponge

27. Old name for nitrogen

28. Impounds for lack of payment
29. Radiotelegraphic signal

31. MN 55731

32. Sun in spanish

33. Helps little firms

34. Cease living

39. Flames up

40. Egyptian sacred bull

41. To wit

42. Mire

43. Bring two objects together

47. Filths

50. Israeli dance

51. Oil cartel

52. A particular instance of selling

53. Microelectromechanical system

54. Var. of 45 across

55. Goat & camel hair fabrics

56. Soda

58. A firm’s operational head

60. Seaport (abbr.)

Last Week’s Puzzle Solution

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Plans shape up for final outdoor market of the season

There's a certain crispness in the air these days telling us that the days of the outdoor Farmers' Market are coming to an end soon.

We have just two more Saturdays this month to enjoy the fabulous abundance of fall produce available from our farmers. I don't know about you, but I can't get enough of roasted root vegetables, and I've never met a type or style of potato that I didn't like.

Why not try mixing everyone's favourite mashed potatoes with another roasted vegetable like cauliflower, caramelised onions or parsnips, celeriac or fennel—simply delicious!

There are still a handful of vendors yet to meet. One of them is everyone's favourite, Mike Howard of Howard's Farm. The Howard family has been farming in York Region since the 1800s. Don Howard, Mike's father, has been farming his entire life. He began to sell meat when he was still in high school.

Later, when he started his own family, he rented a small farm of his own while still helping out at his father's farm. In addition to the cattle, the Howards began to raise chickens, pigs and rabbits in response to requests from customers and people from the region. That led to their being asked to participate in a Farmers' Market, first in Newmarket, and subsequently, in Aurora.

Don looks after the Market in Newmarket and Mike does ours in Aurora. In fact, Mike is a founding member of the Aurora Farmers' market having been back in the parking lot off Temperance Street 10 years ago!

We have all seen Mike grow from a 25 year old

lad to a grown man with a beautiful wife, Melodie, and adorable daughter, Madeline, and another baby on the way. His product line has also grown over this time and he now has jams from Greaves, honey from the Snapes, right here in Aurora, maple syrup, a variety of Empire cheese, butter, the freshest eggs, fresh baking and flowers to complement the meat they're known for.

In contrast to the Howards, Ted Kirsh, of Captain Ted's Knick-Knack-a-Tory, is new to the Market this year. He says that he has always enjoyed working with wood and friends and family members encouraged him to try to sell his designs.

All of Ted's projects are made from 100% pine for children or adults. Customers can choose from a variety of non-toxic paint colours for children or stains for adults, and the finished product will be ready in 1-2 weeks.

Ted learned to sew from his mother, who was a seamstress in the 1940s and who taught him to use her Singer sewing machine—he only recently progressed to a computerized machine which offers a large selection of fancy stitches.

Ted also makes a line of 100% cotton children's comforters for both summer and winter, some with fleece on the reverse side and all with a cotton liner triple stitched all around. He also makes double-sided baby bibs, children's aprons with matching chef's hats and library book bags with drawstring enclosures, also available in a waterproof design.

Despite all the wonderful articles that Ted creates, he is most proud of his "treasure", Kalea, his 13 year old daughter, who accompanies him to the Market every Saturday.



MARKET MUSINGS

Jan Freedman

Kalea is the artist behind the brightly coloured bandanas, double-sided with a Velcro closure, for the family pet. She also

makes the adorable clay trinkets which are baked and come with a chain or a clip.

Kalea is bright and

bubbly with a distinctive husky voice and a knack for selling anyone's products at the Market. Her delightful personality and her way with people have attracted a lot of customers to our Market this year.

We have only two more outdoor Market days before the end of the season when we move indoors once a month (except December) at the Aurora Cultural Centre. Those dates are: Saturday, November 24; Saturday, January 19;

Saturday, February 23; and Saturday, March 23. Many of your favourite vendors will be there and some will accept special orders in advance that you can pick up at the indoor Markets.

At our final outdoor Market on October 27th, we will be having 2 pumpkin carving contests—one for vendors and one for the public. The winner of the public contest will win a Market basket full of goodies from the Market vendors. See you at the Market!

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The UWYR will also reach out to the four municipalities yet to participate, including Aurora, as well as Georgina, King, and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

A formal application process will then be put into place to allow residents access to the funds – which Zanotti says will be collected through a variety of sources, including current donors, individual donation (The UW currently has 17,000 private donors) and new

donors.

“The simple application will be available early in 2013,” said Zanotti. “At that point groups will be able to come forward and say, ‘we don’t have things to do, we don’t want to join a formal program, but we’ve come up with our own solution.’”

To date the UWYR has already funded 12 Strength Investments and the results have all been positive.

“We’re expecting to see a tremendous impact,” Zanotti told The Auroran of the new Strength Investment. “We will continue to fund our large regional programs, but are looking forward to deepening our local work.”



Music was in the air Saturday at the Aurora Farmers’ Market where a number of musicians took over the band shell to entertain the crowds. (Left) Aurora high school student Sonia Zarei came with her guitar while (Right) The Jonathan’s Song Circle, now in their eighth year, also performed. This group regularly performs Tuesday nights at Jonathan’s Restaurant.



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Senior Scape

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Bud Switzer sings again

You might recall that Bud Switzer was one of several music competi-

tion winners recently. On November 21, he will be participating in the Senior Star contest to be held in Niagara Falls. He will be competing against seniors from all across Canada. His popular, winning performance is his interpretation of the song, "Some Enchanted Evening". We wish him much success!

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“Please consider the average taxpayer” is one resident’s plea

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at 9 a.m. This meeting will focus on several items in the capital budget, including the repair and replacement of existing town assets, and planning for the future. A final meeting on the capital budget is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 26 at 7 p.m. Assuming no further meetings are needed to go over the capital budget, it is slated to come to Council for final approval Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m.

Then the fun stuff starts. The second part of the 2013 financial plan is the Operating Budget. Details will become clear on what each Town department is planning for in the coming year by mid-December, but the formal presentation of these numbers is scheduled for Saturday, January 12 at 9 a.m. in the Council chamber.

This meeting will include presentations from a selection of public departments, including infrastructure, parks and recreation, and planning. The following Monday, January 14 budgets from outside of Town Hall will be considered. These include the Aurora Public Library and Central York Fire Services (both of which are planning budget increases for next year), the Aurora Cultural

Centre (no change from 2012) and the Aurora Historical Society.

Discussions will continue in a daytime session on Monday, January 21 which will include presentations from the balance of municipal departments from administration to legal.

Further meetings on January 28, February 4, February 11, and February 25, all starting at 7 p.m., are in the offing if needed. Town Treasurer Dan Elliott in his report to Councillors this week, has earmarked February 12, February 26, March 5, or March 26 as possible days when the budget could be wrapped up and approved by Council.

As things stand now, Aurora taxpayers are facing an 8.1 per cent tax increase on the municipal portion of their bill. This number will be combined with increases from the Region of York to formulate how much of an overall hit you will have on your tax bill based on assessment.

This number is slightly higher than what was originally forecast by the Town during last year’s budget process and big ticket items contributing to this increase for the coming year include increased costs for employees at Town Hall

(3.18 per cent of the 8.1), increase in fire costs (2.28 per cent), new positions (1.07 per cent), as well as

cash to capital, a reduction of planning fees, a 6.7 increase in the Library budget, and funding to

combat the Emerald Ash Borer, each of which account for less than one per cent of the tax increase.

The proposed 8.1 per cent increased has been criticized by Councillors and by the public at large. While comments have appeared in The Auroran through its letters, one voice came forward at last week’s Council meeting to voice her frustration with the prospect of another tax increase.

“I ask you to consider the average taxpayer in making all your deci-

sions,” said Angela Barbetta, a resident near Bayview and St. John’s Sideroad. “It’s a struggle for many of us, especially if you’re like me, you’re a single income resident putting a child through university.

“Property taxes are not just high, they are crippling. I am working 60 hours a week now to pay the taxes and I have the smallest house on the street. All I ask is for fiscal responsibility. Please consider the average taxpayer. Not all of us here in Aurora are wealthy.”



Duncan might be a Argo-in-Waiting as he practiced his football moves in Town Park over the weekend. The fall leaves provided the football fan with an obstacle course – as well as a soft landing – as he ran around to the delight of others.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Fixes pending for audit problem

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helped clarify things, there were further questions on when the issue will ultimately be reported out from closed session. Mr. Elliott said two further reports on the matter had been requested; one to deal with how to solve the problem that was identified in the auditor’s report, and later to identify what was achieved in closing the gap.

The first one will be discussed in closed session this week, and there will be an additional report in six weeks.

“I think we’re all concerned about the public confidence so it is good to see the report is coming back to us quickly so we can move forward and there is a bit of disclosure,” said Councillor Michael Thompson. “I look forward to being able to share some of those details with the public to restore some of the confidence.”

But just how – and how much detail – will come before the public was the elephant in the room. As the information in question apparently identifies an employee within the Town of Aurora in what is undoubtedly a negative light, the question remained on whether that would be made public.

Councillor Chris Ballard, who argued

against going into closed session in the first place, said he would like to see the original letter from the auditor released to the public, at least with the individual’s name removed to cover off any personnel issues that might be felt.

“The vast majority of this report needs to be made public and in my mind it needs to be public sooner rather than later,” he said. “I don’t think the public should have to wait six to eight weeks and only get perhaps dribs and drabs. I would like to see this report public as soon as possible so that people aren’t speculating that things are worse than they might be. We have some concerns, they are being dealt with, but the longer we hold onto this report and not allow it to go public, the more that speculation builds and I don’t think that does the Town any good whatsoever.”

His motion to make the auditor’s letter public was met with some support around the table, particularly from Councillors Gallo and Gaertner, but others said they felt since a report was likely coming forward this week the move was a bit premature.

“I agree with getting it out there as soon as possible,” said Sandra Humfries on the delay. “We’re going to be providing a document that is presented with some additional information.”

Added Councillor Thompson: “What would be good is in addition to the plan that will come forward next week is to take a look at the internal control report that would be released publicly will look like as edited so we’re all comfortable with it...and then make the decision in one week’s time.”

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PAINTING THE TOWN RED: York Regional Police Deputy Chief Bruce Herridge (R) was in Aurora last week promoting next year's Special Olympics Ontario Summer Games, which will take over several venues throughout the Region next July. Joining him were (from left) Police Superintendent Paul Pedersen, Lina Bigioni, Director of Government Relations for the Region of York, and Games Manager Karen Richards of the YRP, proudly displaying red shoelaces which will be on sale to help support Special Olympics athletes and the games.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

Aurora set to be a venue for Ontario Special Olympics

By Brock Weir

Ontario's Special Olympians will have a chance to go for the gold next year right here in Aurora.

The Town is one of several municipalities throughout York Region which will be opening their doors and their facilities to host Special Olympians from around Ontario in the 2013 Special Olympic Provincial Summer Games.

The games will be held next July 11 through July 14 and many of the over 904 athletes will be put up at St. Andrew's College throughout the event, with their fields hosting the soccer events.

"All kinds of volunteers will be coming to all of the nine municipalities who participate in softball, soccer, which is a new sport to the Special Olympics, event golf, rhythmic gymnastics, and track and field," said Bruce Herridge, Deputy Chief for the York Regional Police. "We have made a concerted effort to ensure that the games have a presence in each of the nine municipalities that make up York Region, either the

games, hosting a dinner or a barbeque, events for the Special Olympics Athletes, and their families, and there will be something in all of the municipalities.

"In Aurora, we will be operating the soccer tournament at St. Andrew's College and there will be some lodging in the facility. Soccer players will be coming from a larger accommodation venue to play the games at the St. Andrew's College location."

For Lina Bigioni, Director of Government Relations for the Region of York, next year's Provincial Games will have a transformative affect on the Region and its residents.

"Champions will celebrate champions all across York Region," she said. "Hosting the games is a great source of pride for York Region and York Regional Police. Both organizations have enjoyed a long, proud history of supporting these amazing athletes.

"My own Special Olympics journey started in 1998 when I had the honour of promoting the 2000 Special Olympic Spring Games. I had the pleasure

and privilege to work along-side fallen officer Detective Constable Rob Plunkett. I remember working with Rob and hoping and anticipating that this event would be a memorable and resounding success. We saw it all come together thanks to the support of each local municipality and the event's dedicated community volunteers.

"It was the passion and determination in the eyes of each athlete that told us, 'Yes, this event was and will always be a success.'"

Also key to making the event a success is ensuring the funds are available to keep it going. Organizers have undertaken a fundraising campaign with an ultimate goal of \$500,000. As of last week, they were already at \$133,000 committed but, as Ms. Bigioni said, there is still "a long way to go."

Future fundraising opportunities include regular donations, but also "adopting" an athlete. Sponsors will have an opportunity to put \$500 towards sponsoring an athlete to participate, whether as an individual donor or group donation. Donors will receive a photo of their ath-

lete, and a schedule of the games when they will be participating so you can come and cheer them on.

There will also be an opportunity for purchasing red laces this coming spring which will soon be on sale to wear on your shoes as a show of support for the athletes and their endeavours.

"We'll be selling these red laces around the Region wherever we can find people who will help us sell them," said Deputy Chief Herridge. "They will be going to go for \$5 apiece and then on May 16, the Region is going to declare a Special Olympics Day. At that point we want to paint the Region red!"

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New Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters

By Brock Weir

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York has named Sarah Dame as their new Executive Director.

The Newmarket resident will helm the Aurora-based group (BBBSY) and brings over 25 years of experience in non-profits to the job. Ms. Dame has recently been involved with the Salvation Army's Hope for Others campaign, which has raised funds for their Northridge Community Church on Leslie Street near Wellington Street East. This work, as well as her work with Brampton's William Osler Health System Foundation and

Toronto's Branksome Hall, has resonated with BBBSY.

"We are confident that her dedication, enthusiasm and passion will bring a fresh perspective to our region and our organization, as we strive to provide caring adult mentoring relationships for children and youth to promote their healthy development and enhance their self-esteem," said Richard Farmer, president of BBBSY's Board of Directors in a statement.

Ms. Dame said she feels "privileged" to have had the opportunity to work with people throughout York Region on these initiatives and is looking for-

ward to leading BBBSY.

"Today, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York touches the lives of thousands of children, youth and families through the delivery of a variety of programs, but we can do so much more to strengthen our impact," she said.

"I look forward to giving back to the community in which I live to change the lives of children, teens and young adults by working together to develop and deliver the very best mentoring programs. Together, we can work to ensure that every child has an opportunity to reach his or her full potential, both as individuals and citizens."

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