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Hayley Macneil stands beside her acrylic on canvas titled "Angelina" during an Aurora High School Grade 12 art exhibition held at the Aurora Cultural Centre last week. The Aurora resident was one of several who displayed everything from paintings, photography, sculpture to fashion at the show. See additional photo on Page 12.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Briefly

Silent auction

"This January, Put a 'Spring' in Your Step!" is a silent auction fundraiser to mark the wrap-up of the CHATS 2011 Walk for Wellness – a 40 kilometre virtual walk to raise funds for seniors' programs and services in our community.

This is a free event, including food and soft drinks, and is open to the public.

Silent auction items will feature donations from local businesses and artists including a wood in-lay picture, photographic wall art, a Eureka tent, Dell printer, hand-crafted jewellery, beautiful gift baskets, one-hour field time at the Aurora Sports Dome, golf at Delta Rocky Crest, and more.

The event takes place Sunday, January 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at CHATS, 126 Wellington Street West, Suite 103, Aurora.

For more information, call CHATS, 905-713-6596.

Day in court wasn't

The long-scheduled January 13 hearing in the \$6 million lawsuit former mayor Phyllis Morris took out against three local bloggers, among others, failed to materialise last week after lawyers for Ms. Morris failed to file a motion confirmation notice.

The news of the error came on the Wednesday prior to the hearing. The hearing is now scheduled for March 15.

"I think what happened was that they forgot to confirm the motion and that is something that happens in practice and you make do with that situation," said Jordan Goldblatt, lawyer for the three named in the lawsuit – Richard Johnson, Elizabeth Bishenden, and former councillor Bill Hogg.

The case, which recently lost the authorization of Town Council, cutting the use of taxpayer dollars to fund Ms. Morris' suit, recently gained the involvement of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association as interveners to fight what

has been described as a Norwich order – compelling a third party to reveal the identities of anonymous posters on the Aurora Citizen Blog.

For Mr. Hogg, last week's error is indicative of the urgency of the case.

"It is disappointing that given the supposed urgency that Phyllis has to

getting this Norwich order endorsed that somehow they have forgotten to submit the right paperwork, which gives you a sense of just how important this is and such a sense of urgency this is," he said.

Mr. Hogg maintains that this is

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Concert planned for children of woman killed Christmas Eve

The York Regional Police Male Chorus will perform a one-hour benefit concert for the children of Jennifer Salandy, the 37-year-old mother of three who died early Christmas morning at Southlake Regional Health Centre as a result of an accident while she attempted to exit the parking lot of the hospital Christmas Eve afternoon.

The chorus will perform in Newmarket at Crossland Church on Millard Avenue West, just west of

Yonge Street.

The benefit is slated to be held Sunday, January 23rd beginning at 2.30 p.m.

There are 400 tickets available and they cost \$10 each,0

Advance tickets are available by phoning York Regional Police Community Services at 905-830-0303 extension 6709 or in Aurora at 905-727-9676.

Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert.

Historian plans series of Aurora discussions

Aurora's distant and more recent history will come alive once again beginning this week at the Aurora Cultural Centre in an inaugural series of discussions and presentations hosted by local historian Jackie Stuart.

Ms. Stuart, who was curator of the Aurora Museum for 25 years, has called her series: "Our Aurora Heritage: Taking a Closer Look."

The first lecture on Wednesday, entitled "Looking Through the Layers: Clues to Aurora's Past in Our Present Surroundings" looks at changes in topography and compares past and present photos of many Aurora buildings.

That lecture is followed with

the second instalment on Wednesday, February 15, dubbed "A Virtual Mystery Tour of Aurora", which asks residents how well they know their Town.

The final scheduled instalment of this inaugural series is "Tomorrow's Heritage" which seeks to remind residents that "what we view as 'heritage' today was once new."

"I decided to talk about aspects of our heritage which can be seen, recognized by the newest newcomer to Town, our physical surroundings, and concentrating on our built environment rather than our natural environment, although that will come up to some extent," said Ms. Stuart.

"This is really talking about the buildings around us and how we can get some clues to Aurora's past, past appearance, the history of things by looking at those buildings which survive."

The lectures come after what Ms. Stuart describes as "25 years of preparation" as curator of the museum.

"During those 25 years I took lots of pictures and the museum, now the Historical Society, acquired numbers of old pictures donated to the Society and many of those were converted into slides," she said. "I have been putting together very much a picture-based presentation using those old slides."

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COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, presents the first in a three-lecture series "Our Aurora Heritage: Taking a Closer Look", an informative series of evening chats by local historian Jacqueline Stuart. Tonight's feature is Looking Through the Layers: Clues to Aurora's Past in Our Present Surroundings. Complimentary admission and refreshments, no registration required; starts at 7 p.m. Wheelchair accessible at north entrance. For information phone 905-713-1818 or e-mail info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
The first Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast of the New Year, sponsored by Honsberger Physiotherapy, is this morning at St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, 4 Pinnacle Trail, from 7.30 a.m. to 9 a.m. These popular breakfasts feature a hot buffet breakfast, formal networking, and a business card exchange. Cost to Chamber members is \$20, or \$30 for guests.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22
Opening Reception for Dorothy Clark McClure "Then and Now" artist display, happens today at the Aurora Cultural Centre (formerly Church Street School) from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dorothy will be in attendance.

Robbie Burns Night at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North, features a live celtic-rock band, Hadrian's Wall. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets, available from all members of the White Heather Pipes and Drums band or from the bar at the Legion starting Dec. 1, are \$40 per person.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23
"This January, Put a 'Spring' in Your Step!" is a silent auction fundraiser to mark the wrap-up of our CHATS 2011 Walk for Wellness – a 40 km virtual walk to raise funds for seniors' programs and services in our community. This free event, including food and soft drinks, is open to the public and takes place today from 1 to 3 p.m. at CHATS, 126 Wellington Street West, Suite 103, Aurora. For more info, call CHATS, 905-713-6596.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25
Movie at the Seniors' Centre is "Wall Street 2" (PG-13; 133 min) starring Michael Douglas, Shia LeBeouf and Susan Sarandon. Movie starts at 6.30 p.m. sharp and the cost is \$1.50 for members and \$2 for non-members. Cost includes the movie, refreshments and treats.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26
The Aurora Chamber of Commerce is hosting an information session, "How to Manage Your Small Business Electricity Costs with Time-of-Use Rates" at the Aurora Public Library in the Magna Room, from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. tonight. The event is sponsored by PowerStream, and is open to the public. Cost is complimentary.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27
Aurora Seniors' Centre presents a day at a casino and bingo hall. Participants will get a \$10 slot voucher which can be used at Georgian Downs and a \$15 bingo play package to be used at the Boardwalk Gaming Centre in Barrie. Free lunch is also provided at the bingo centre. Cost for the day is \$20. For further information to sign up, visit the reception centre at the seniors' building or contact Michelle Stemer at 905-727-3123, extension 3611 or via e-mail at mstemer@e-aurora.ca.

Newmarket-Aurora MP Lois Brown holds a Pre-Budget Consultation meeting to hear your suggestions for the upcoming federal budget

today at the Aurora Municipal Offices, 1 Municipal Drive in Aurora, at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome but presenters need to register ahead of time at 905-953-7515 or Brown.L@parl.gc.ca.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28
Opening night at Theatre Aurora for "A Streetcar Named Desire" the classical play by Tennessee Williams, set in New Orleans, which has challenged and entertained audiences through the years with unforgettable characters Blanche du Bois, Stella and Stanley Kowalski. Produced by Special Arrangement with Dramatists Play Service. Play continues January 29, February 3, 4, 5, 6 (matinee), 9, 10, 11 and 12.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Today is the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Ski Day 11 at Osler Bluff Ski Club near Collingwood. Tickets are \$115 and the cost includes bus transportation, lift ticket, lunch and après ski.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Are you ready for some heat? Warm up with classical guitar music performed by Robert Carullo. Tracie and Daniel will dance the Tango, Rhumba and Salsa in full costume and singer/actor Brent Titcomb will be featured in Bessada and Arbic's original short play, How Raven Stole the Sun. This is a fundraiser for the Yellow Brick House Second Shelter, Second Chances Capital Campaign. Tickets for the show at the Aurora Cultural Centre are available online at www.pandorasboxsalon.com or by calling 289-221-0229. They are \$35 adult; \$25 student/senior; or \$95 for a family of four.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21
The annual Arctic Adventure takes place in the Town Park today and is an opportunity to bundle up and take in some great outdoor activities such as dog sled rides, snow shoeing, skating, live entertainment, professional ice carving, fire-eating demonstration, chili cook-off and "snow" much more. The event begins at 10 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. For further information, check the Town website at e-aurora.ca/arcticadventure.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24
The Aurora Chamber of Commerce hosts the Mayor's Luncheon today. Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe will be the keynote speaker and will talk about the Town's development of a new strategic plan and what that will mean for businesses in Aurora. The luncheon, sponsored by the Character Community Foundation of York Region, is being held at the Tuscany Event Centre, 222 Edward St., Aurora. Networking starts at 11.30 a.m., followed by lunch. Cost is \$40 for Chamber members and \$50 for guests – all are welcome but you must pre-register. Showcase tables are also available for \$30 at this event.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Bowl For Kids Sake, presented by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, will hold its Aurora Community Day today from 1 to 5.30 p.m. at the Gateway Café and Lanes. Call Mary Lynn Stephenson at 905-726-2149, extension 305 to book a lane for your team.

Explore different colours, textures and designs in glass with Daniela Weston while you create your own unique stained glass sun catcher at the Aurora Public Library. Event costs \$15 which includes all materials and is open for youngsters ages 9 to 14. Event lasts two hours and begins at 1.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
Retired York Regional Police Chief Armand

La Barge will be honoured by the Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District at its ninth annual Community Tribute Dinner tonight. The event will be held at The Manor, Carrying Place Golf & Country Club, 16750 Weston Road in Kettleby. The dinner is the major fundraising event of the year for Community Living and all proceeds will go to support people who have an intellectual disability. Tickets are \$125 each (\$1,000 for a table of eight) and can be purchased online through the Community Living website at www.clnad.com or by calling 905-898-3000, ext. 258.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
Embarrassed by your bare wrists? Get beading! Show off your sense of style with a unique beaded backpack pin and a fashionable suede bracelet made at the Aurora Public Library from 6.30 to 8 p.m. This program is for youngsters aged 9 to 14 and costs \$8 which includes all materials.

SATURDAY, MAY 14
"I Love Rock & Roll" dinner dance takes place this evening at DiNardo's Mansion on Industrial Parkway South beginning at 6 p.m. Dance to the music of Freddie Vette and The Flames and meet and have your picture taken with Elvis Presley, who is really Kevin Mills from Richmond Hill. Tickets sell for \$60 a


person, which includes a three-course meal and are available at Aurora Used Books, 95 Edward Street. Proceeds go to the Aurora-Newmarket District of Community Living.

CONTINUING
Trinity Anglican Church "Clothes Closet", located at 44 Metcalfe St., Aurora. is the local source for gently used women's, children's and men's clothing. All monies raised are used to support the needy of Aurora, since it goes directly to the "Welcoming Arms" Ministry. Open weekday mornings, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. The Bag Sale happens the last Monday of each month.

The Evergreen Choir, under the direction of Richard Heinzle, meets every Wednesday afternoon in the West-McKenzie Hall of the Aurora Seniors' Centre. Members meet at 1.30 p.m. and rehearsals are from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. New members are always welcome. For more information call the desk at 905-726-4767.


The Aurora Probus Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at the Aurora Legion. Memberships consist of retired and semi-retired PROfessional and BUSiness

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Wellington Gallery, just west of Yonge Street, has acquired a rare painting by Canadian artist Jim Reid, and it's on display in the front window. Gallery owner Emil Simon is at the right of the painting.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Pet cemetery might be lost to development

The Town of Aurora is doing further investigation into the heritage significance of a pet cemetery on Yonge Street, just south of Vandorf Sideroad.

Concerns have been raised by residents in the community in recent months regarding the site since reports surfaced that the feature might be lost if the property, adjacent to Kennel Inn, were to be developed.

The Pet Cemetery, Happy Woodland, was founded in the early 1930s, according to a heritage report prepared for the Town by local historian Jackie Stuart.

In her report, Ms. Stuart related about how the site, founded by Victor P. Blochin, a Major in the Russian Red Army, and his wife Anne Elizabeth Wilson, founding editor of Chatelaine Magazine, came into being.

"After suffering shell-shock and a temporary loss of hearing, [Blochin] was granted a six-month leave which he spent in Scotland, living in a

castle owned by a friend," wrote Ms. Stuart. "He did not return to Russia but stayed on in Scotland, worked as a gardener and groundskeeper at the castle, and became master of Dear Little Snowflake, a West Highland Terrier."

Arriving in Canada and settling in Aurora in the 1920s, Mr. Blochin purchased land on the west side of Yonge Street named Silverdale Farm, and designed a stone house for the site, where he created kennels to breed the terriers.

Marrying Wilson in 1929, they eventually created Happy Woodland, in which they built a stone memorial to their pets, emblazoned with the legend, "Our Dear Pets: they lived happy and died beloved - Anne Elizabeth and Victor Blochin, 1933."

"Anne Elizabeth wrote a book, That Dog of Yours, published by Macmillan in 1941,

and based on a series of articles she had written for Maclean's Magazine," continued Ms. Stuart. "The book includes a few photos of graves in Happy Woodland, one of them said to show the shadowy spirit figure of a dog already lying in the grave just dug for him."

"This illustrates a long and sometimes poignant chapter on paranormal events involving dogs."

Anne Elizabeth Blochin died in 1946 at the age of 44, and following re-marriage and becoming a widower for a second time, Victor Blochin died in 1978.

The property was sold to Kennel Inn in 1975.

A further report on the site from the Town's Department of Heritage Planning is expected soon, said Jason Ballantyne, Aurora's Manager of Corporate Communications.

Report error wouldn't alter recommendation

Steps are being taken to "ensure a greater degree of accuracy in preparing reports" at the Town after a report to councillors recommending the Town extend its animal control service contract to the OSPCA by one year inadvertently

discounted the services of Aurora-based Kennel Inn.

In a report from Techa Van Leeuwen, the Town's director of Building and By-Law Services Director, the report contained the inaccuracy but would not have changed staff recommendation as passed

December 14.

"Within the body of the report it stated that no other animal control service providers were within close proximity of Aurora," she said in her memo. "Upon further review it has been determined that Kennel Inn... is an animal control service provider."

"Kennel Inn did provide animal control for the Town of Aurora from 1975 to 2007 at which time the Town issued a Request for Proposal for Animal Control."

It was a competitive process that resulted in an award of the contract to OSPCA.

"The inaccurate statement contained [in the report] would not have changed staff recommendation to extend the contract with OSPCA for one additional year until December 31, 2011."

Following the memo, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe said Kennel Inn would be

involved following the contract's expiration.

"Steps have already been taken to ensure a greater degree of accuracy in preparing reports, and Kennel Inn will certainly be included in the tendering process which will be later this year," he said.

A report on animal control services will be available in June, according to Ms. van Leeuwen's memo, with "detailed information on required services and options."

"At that time council will be able to provide direction to staff on a desired course of action for animal control services going forward," she said. "Until that time Building and By-law Services is confident in the OSPCA's ability and desire to provide excellent animal control enforcement and shelter services to the Town of Aurora."

Local MP is appointed to Red Tape committee

Newmarket-Aurora MP Lois Brown was appointed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper to the newly created Red Tape Reduction Commission last Thursday.

The commission, comprised of an entirely Conservative collection of MPs and six representatives from private sector interests - including the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, WearWell Garments, and Central Mechanical Systems - was created to help small and medium-sized businesses "benefit from reduced administrative burden," according to the office of the Prime Minister. "Small and medium-

sized businesses are the backbone of our economy," said Ms. Brown in a statement. "Newmarket-Aurora is a great example of an area that relies on entrepreneurs and small business owners, many of whom are invested personally in their community, for employment opportunities."

"I look forward to working on the commission, which will identify unnecessary federal regulatory impediments, to facilitate the growth and competitiveness of all Canadian businesses."

Consultation for the Red Tape Reduction Committee continues through March 31.

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Letter to the Editor

Attitude change needed to conserve water here

To the editor,

Water, in its many forms, is big in the news as we start this new decade.

Fluffy snow crystals have turned airports into dormitories, normally dry places are under liquid water and Aurorans complain because water bills are higher than they were last year.

Are we just wimpy Canadians, complaining if Boxing Day sales don't last all year? What goes into our new water bill, and why?

A favourite whipping boy is the harmonized sales tax.

Taxation is a major source of government revenue – the price we pay for having a government.

Back when Canada had a large manufacturing sector, there was a 13.5 per cent Manufacturer's Sales Tax (hidden at wholesale) plus small provincial sales taxes at retail.

As the manufacturing stream shrank, in 1991 the Mulroney government replaced the MST with the 5 per cent Goods & Services Tax. Now the GST is blended with the PST, just short of its 20th birthday. The perceived problem is that some previously exempt items, like water bills, are now included.

Another concern is how governments balance services and the costs of those services.

Services deemed to be a "general good" are funded from general revenue.

In other cases, the user pays all or part of the service cost. Water is a good example.

As people began to settle at Machell's Corners in the early 1800's, water came from shallow wells – holes dug in the ground.

Later the name changed to Aurora and the wells were drilled, becoming deeper and more sanitary, all at the owner's expense.

Eventually the town established wells, laid pipes and delivered safe water to the homes at a fixed, flat rate. Taxation now supported the operation.

In 1971, when the Regional Municipality York was created by the Davis government, the supply and quality control of water was centralized.

The regional members were left with local distribution, collecting the fees and fielding complaints, over which they often had little control. Residential water meters appeared later, making the user more individually accountable for water use.

Both Aurora and the Region state a commitment to "a long-term capital rehabilitation strategy that supports a full cost pricing model for water and wastewater services."

This means that the balance is shifting towards "user pay," rather than support from general revenues. This coincides with the need for infrastructure refurbishment -

that's engineer talk meaning "Fix the Leaky Pipes!"

Good news for Aurora: a process is underway to insert liners into leak-prone pipes, without digging up the whole street and replacing the pipes.

All the while, the individual water supply is maintained.

However, it is still expensive. Canadians know that we sit next to a great reservoir of liquid fresh water – the Great Lakes – about 22,000 cubic kilometres.

Although it is recharged by the rains, this supply is not infinite.

Aurora expects a 40 per cent increase population by 2031. Does that mean 40 per cent more water pipes or water usage?

Notwithstanding those who complain about summer watering restrictions, conservation is the most economical way to meet those demands, with limited additional pipe.

The regional program "Water for Tomorrow" has installed showerheads and toilet flappers to help reduce our water usage. It is working with industries to find ways to do more with less water. It is working, but we Canadians are still water hogs.

The Conference Board of Canada web site reports, "Canada's water consumption was 1,494 cubic metres per capita in 2000. In their homes alone, Canadians used over 300 litres of water per person per day. Canada's water consumption per capita was over nine times greater than that of the U.K., the best performer, and more than double that of the 16-country average.

Canada ranks second to last on this indicator and earns a "D" grade. Only the U.S. consumes more water per person, at 1,682 cubic metres per capita. Ten of Canada's peer countries had water consumption below the average of 641 cubic metres per capita."

So what's to do? At a public scale, better building codes can enforce plumbing that captures greywater from the sink and tub to water the garden and to flush the toilet.

Better engineered toilets will further reduce the flush volume. But changes in regulations take lots of time.

On the personal scale the simplest thing is conservation. Unfortunately this requires the hardest thing - a change of attitude.

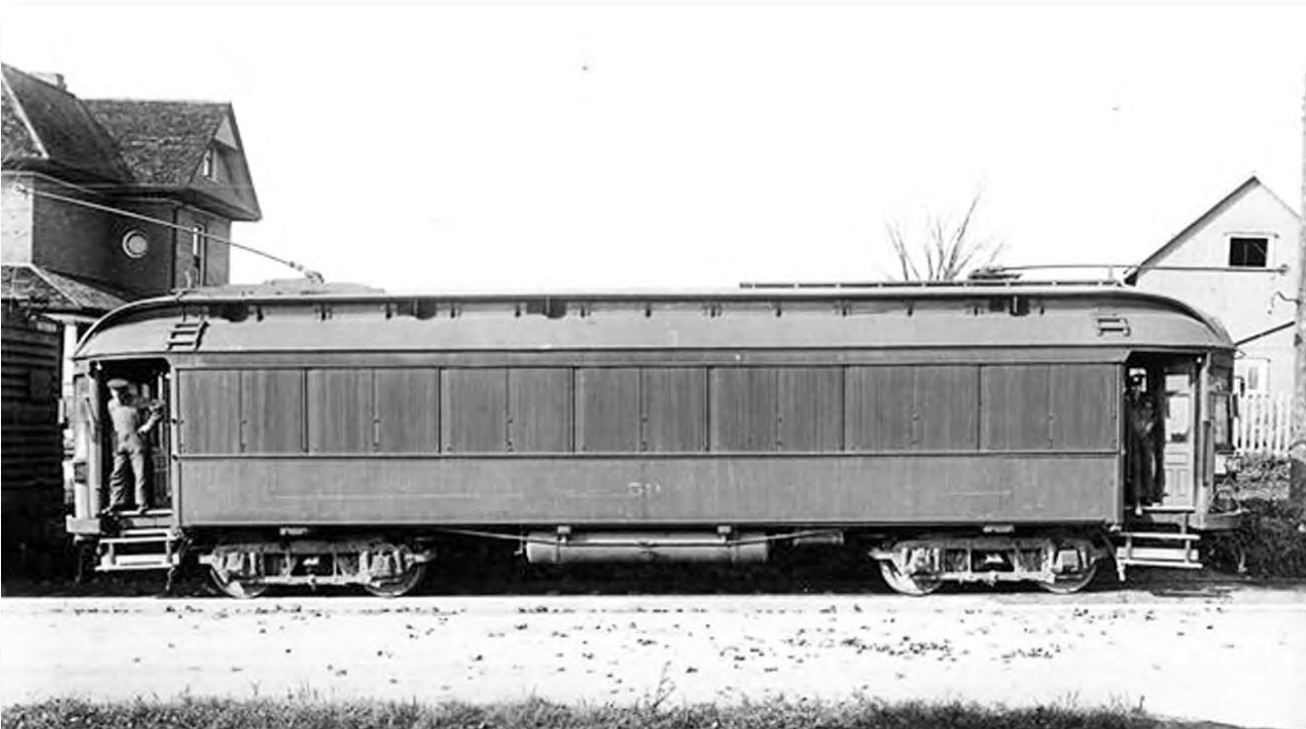
Think of your water behind the tap as if you went to the street and brought it in, one pail-full at a time.

Or, think of it costing five to ten times more, as it does now in Europe.

As a society we have accepted taxation as a support for governments. We have also accepted "sin taxes" – on tobacco and alcohol – as a revenue stream and a restraint on usage.

Should water be on that list?

Gordon Barnes
Aurora



Last week, The Auroran brought you three pictures in this spot showing the installation and finished product of the Aurora street railway that ran north and south on Yonge Street. The gauge was similar to the Canadian National Railway in the town's south end, so when a boxcar was to be delivered to Collis Leather, it was simple to remove the car from the main line and shove it north to Wellington Street and then to Collis on the street railway. This week, we show you the type of transportation you could expect to ride on if you were travelling those rails, that went from Toronto up to Sutton. The radial railway that branched out from the city went as far west as Grimsby. Above is a photo of a windows-boarded up (no, we don't know why) Shunter #59. The picture was taken October 25th, 1928.

Letter to the Editor

Cost of operating computer will increase, reader claims

To the editor,

As I turn on my computer to begin this letter, I log into Windows and receive a notification that an update is available for Java.

Something I've seen a hundred times before and never really given much thought to.

But this time something else crosses my mind; how big is the update? How much data will be downloaded to my computer? I read each of the prompts that come up on my screen, a little more closely than previously, looking for some indication of file size, but I see nothing. I go ahead with the update, but not without some concern.

The issue? Something as simple as a software update on my computer may actually end up costing me money.

The new Usage Based Billing systems coming into place with the big Internet Providers in Canada will mean a lot more restriction and monitoring of the things we do every day.

Products we have already paid for, services we have already subscribed to (along with their monthly or annual bills) will now be subject to overage fees, adding more cost onto what we already pay.

Where we could once pay a single monthly bill for our internet, we will now be paying not only the bill, but also the extra fees for having used more data than the Internet Service Providers think we should be using.

I have a few internet connected devices in my home aside from just a computer.

Most Canadians would agree that a household with a single computer used simply for checking email and doing online banking is no longer the norm in our society.

When most people hear talk of "large downloads" and Internet Providers cracking down on "excessive users", to most this brings up thoughts of people using file sharing, or peer-to-peer programs to share music and movies across the internet.

But with the prevalence of so many internet connected devices found in almost every home, and with legitimate online video and music streaming services being introduced, "large downloads" is something that now applies to everyone, whether they fully realize it or not.

I have an Xbox360. I use it to watch videos, play online multiplayer games with friends, download game demos, and to purchase and download full games through Microsoft's Xbox Live service.

As my monthly bandwidth allotment from my Internet Provider disappears, I will simply stop using it. I have already paid for my Xbox, the use of the online service through my Xbox Live Gold account, the games themselves, and for my internet access.

With Usage Based Billing I will be expected to pay yet again if I don't monitor my usage closely enough.

I should not be paying more for services that I already pay for.

This does not only apply to people with Xbox 360's, but also to anyone with a Sony Playstation or a Nintendo Wii in their home.

It would be safe to assume that the majority of people in this country that have an internet connection have at least one of these gaming devices in their home.

Even if it's in your son's or daughter's room and you never actually use it yourself, it's the same as any other computer connected to your

home network.

We paid for them, in some cases we pay extra for the fuller online experience, and now we will be expected to pay yet again, each month, due to these new bandwidth restrictions.

Higher monthly bills will result in people placing more restrictions on usage, watching their bandwidth meter, making sure they'll be able to afford their internet bill for the month.

I don't use it myself, but I know there are a number of people that purchase music, movies and television shows through Apple's iTunes.

Having paid for your videos, perhaps in High Definition format, downloading them, and then being charged again at the end of the month due to the size of the videos themselves, is completely unfair.

I subscribe to Netflix. I have been using it on both my home computers and my

Xbox. Although now with the new changes coming into effect, when I find a movie on Netflix I want to watch, I'll be checking to see how much more, on top of the fee I have already paid to Netflix, the movie might end up costing me. Again, paying more for services that I already pay for.

I use an online backup service called Crashplan. All of my computer files are backed up daily to their secure servers, leaving me the peace of mind that if our home was broken into or anything was destroyed in a fire, all of my files and programs would be safe.

Already paying an annual fee for the service, I may well have to give up this peace of mind in order to keep my internet bill at an affordable level.

As an addition to this full online backup service, I also use a service called Dropbox. This enables me to keep cer-

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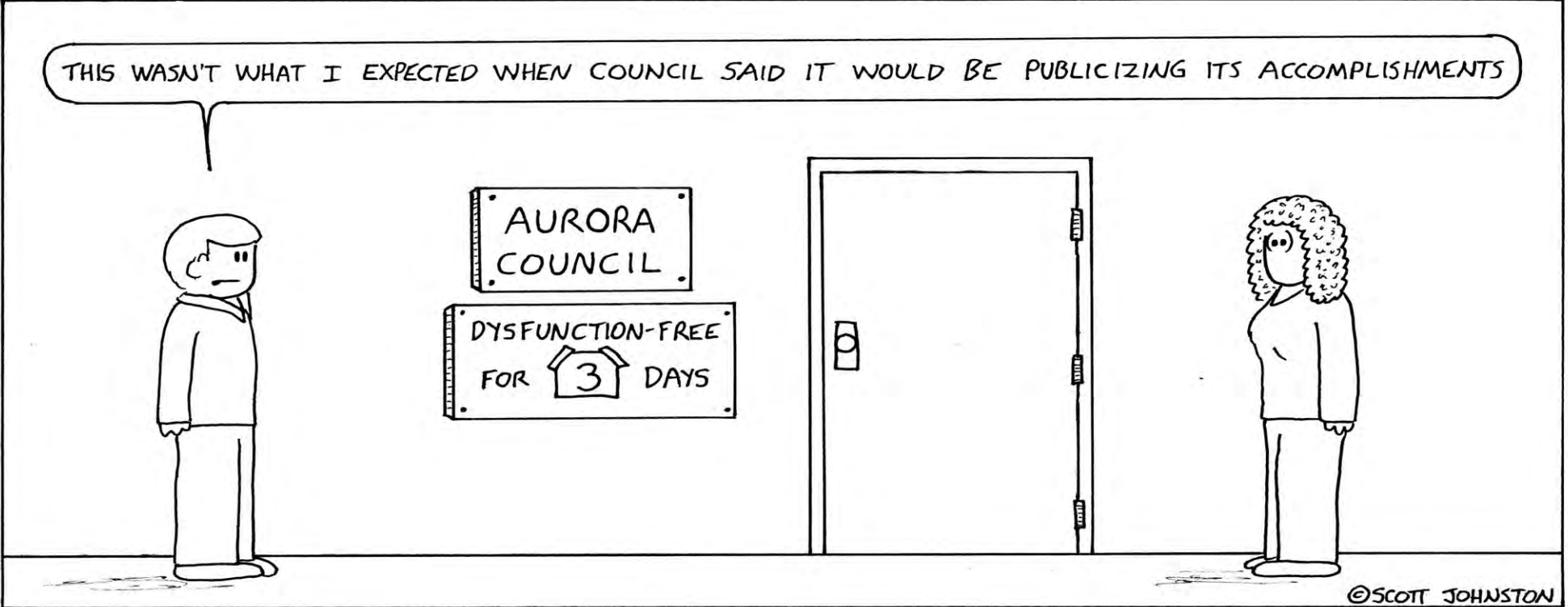
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Customer Service - reader responses

My column two weeks ago regarding customer service or I should say, the lack of it in certain instances, certainly struck a chord with a number of readers judging by the amount of e-mails I received.

This letter is from reader Kent Dinning.

"I enjoy reading your column. I was reading your article this week in The Auroran about customer service. I hope you told the manager about how you felt, it may not have helped but I am learning that we all need to speak up when this happens or nothing will ever change."

Here's another letter.

"Good morning Stephen,

"I was visiting a friend recently and had the opportunity to read The Auroran paper and subsequently your column.

"You were a bit distressed due to the lack of service in some retail stores. I too have found that service seems to be lacking in some stores BUT rather than stand silently as you did (and many others do this as well) I approach the manager and ask that they put more staff on the floor/cash out/tellers, whatever.

"As long as no one brings this to the managers' attention nothing will be done to remedy the situation. I always ask politely but firmly and to date have always had an immediate positive response.

"May I also add that you noted some employees in the immediate area that appeared to be otherwise occupied that could have been of assistance, did nothing to help. This indicates to me that they are the type of employees

that NEED constant supervision. By involving the manager this will give him the information he requires to assist them (hopefully) to be better employees.

"Thank you for the opportunity to respond and hopefully to help you resolve your problem.

"Good luck, I hope that you have as much success as I have had in dealing with the same type of situation."

Isobel Dietrich

The following letter represents what is best about customer service in our community.

"Dear Stephen:

I would like to take the time to comment on your recent article entitled "Customer service in Aurora- Round IV." I have a personal story that I would like to share with you around this subject.

"In March of 2009, our beloved miniature pinscher Scout, was diagnosed with terminal bladder cancer. Scout has been a patient of Dr. D. McLean at the Aurora Animal Clinic since around 2007. "Throughout this period Scout has been under the skilled care of Drs. McLean and Hanson as well as their wonderful support team of professional veterinarian technicians.

"We came to know of the Aurora Animal Clinic when we were referred by a family friend who also has had the good fortune of having their dog treated there. Every visit begins with a warm and genuine hello and question about Scout's welfare. We are made to feel valued and that these professionals really do care about our pet. All our

questions and concerns are addressed quickly and with compassion.

"I know that we are blessed to have a number of wonderful vets in York Region, and for that I am thankful. However, the Aurora Animal clinic team in our minds is the very best of the best.

"Dr. McLean is a wonderful and caring vet and human being. Words cannot convey our very deep gratitude for his expert care and kind manner displayed to our Scout.

"In a time where many of us are all too well aware of the pitfalls of poor customer service, what a delight and sheer pleasure to be served by such compassionate and wonder individuals. We will never be able to repay Drs. McLean and Hanson and their fantastic team for their commitment to our pet.

"If you need a terrific vet with a heart of gold and a real love of animals I encourage you to give the Aurora Animal Clinic a call.

"With our deepest respect and admiration,"

**D. Carson, P. Strauch, and Scout
Aurora**

I thank those who sent me e-mails on this topic; I will have more to say on this matter in two weeks time.

In the meantime, please remember, a happy customer means a customer that will be coming back.

Cheers.

Stephen can be contacted at:
stephengsomerville@yahoo.com



Frankly Speaking

By Frank Klees

Have your say

"If you don't get involved in the political process, you are destined to be governed by those who do".

Anyone who has ever looked at my business card has seen that quote.

It's there because I believe it is more than a trite saying.

I believe that active engagement of the electorate in the political process is the very foundation of our democratic system of government.

To abdicate that responsibility, is to undermine democracy itself.

I was recently asked what I thought was the reason for people's cynicism towards politics.

My response? People's apathy and lack of involvement in the political process.

If people were engaged in the political process, they would know that they can have a say, not only in who represents them, but in determining policy priorities and in the allocation of their tax dollars. The more people disconnect from politics, the less influence they have on outcomes of elections and on the decisions their governments make.

And it only stands to reason that the less influence people feel they have, the more cynical they get about politics, politicians and government at all levels.

That's why I have arranged for each household to receive delivery of a survey in the next few days entitled... "Have Your Say Ontario".

I encourage you and your family to complete this survey and return it by mail or deliver it to my Aurora constituency office.

You will have the opportunity to register your opinions on a variety of issues, prioritize allocation of tax dollars and make specific recommendations as to policy priorities.

If the questionnaire does not include the issues you believe should be considered, please feel free to write in your proposals.

As your representative in the legislature, and as a member of the PC Caucus, I will ensure that your views are included in our policy deliberations.

I also want to encourage you to become involved in the election process as we head toward the provincial election to be held on October 6th this year.

Of course, I would welcome your support as we begin to plan our re-election campaign, but if your political principles are not aligned with mine, I encourage you to engage with the political party of your choice, and get involved.

I look forward to receiving your comments on the

"Have Your Say Ontario" survey, and as always I invite your questions and comments either to my website at www.frankklees.com where you can also find a link to the survey if you prefer to complete it on-line, or you can call me at 905-750-0019.



100 Watts

By Christopher Watts

We all know the saying : "the candle that burns twice as bright, lasts half as long."

Bringing that into 2011, a typical laser in a laser cutter will produce about 100 watts of light.

Much more than a 100 watt light bulb, because most of the power in a light bulb goes into heat rather than light, and the light that is produced goes off in all directions rather than being concentrated into one direction.

Something to think about is how you shed your light in everyday life.

Are you more like a light bulb or a laser beam?

Letters to the Editor

Pole Walking Open House set for golf club Saturday

To the editor,

It has been a while since I have written to you about the "Free Nordic Pole Walking Clinics" that I continue to teach every other weekend in Aurora. We have now taken this wonderful low impact exercise into 12 hospitals and are working with many health organizations in Ontario. It is very exciting. I am contacting you at

this time because on Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., I will be hosting my Second Annual "Nordic Pole Walking Open House" and I would love to spread the work of this Open House to the general public through The Auran. Nordic Pole Walking helps you get healthier this year, and as part of the Open House, I will host a Free Nordic Pole Walking

Clinic at St. Andrews Valley Golf Club at 10 a.m. The club is located just north of St. John's Sideroad, west of Bayview Avenue. This is the perfect exercise for anyone, of any age of any fitness level. Don't forget to RSVP especially if you would like to borrow a set of Noridixx Poles. For more information contact Shawn Nisbet at

info@shawnnisbet.com, call 416-804-0938 or visit http://www.shawnnisbet.com. Nordic Pole Walking burns up to 46 per cent more calories per minute than regular walking. It increases heart and cardiovascular training up to 22 per cent and incorporates 90 per cent of all body muscles. There are approximately 350 clinical and scientific

reports about the health benefits of Nordic Pole walking available in scientific publications. Coffee and tea will be

provided at the Open House. Shawn Nisbet Aurora

Computer operation may cost more

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tain files in sync across all of my computers, as well as my Smartphone. A very handy and reliable service, but also one that uses data over my home internet connection. Again, I pay an annual fee for this service, but may end up being charged even more on top of that as a result of the new Usage Based Billing.

majority are more than capable of streaming video from YouTube and a number of other online services. With the new Usage Based Billing, my phone is one more device connected to my network when at home, using up the limited bandwidth, and eventually costing me even more by the end of the month. There are also certain things that are harder to control in our online world when it comes to data consumption; Windows Update is a perfect example.

updates for any of the software installed on your computer, will also be added to your total data consumption. I'll admit, these software updates, each on their own, are usually not very large, and so it would be easy to dismiss them. But when added together with the web surfing, online banking and shopping, emailing, Youtubing, Facebooking, video/audio streaming, online gaming (on PC or console), and all the other random data transfer that we have never really had to think too much about in the past, this adds up. And the higher the data consumption climbs, the higher the bill will be at the end of the month.

It is not too late to change this. As with this letter, there are ways of making sure people are informed about this issue and how, in the end, it will affect their daily lives. The companies and service providers, like the ones I mentioned above, should also be made aware, that if things continue down this road they will in fact be losing customers, as a lot of us will simply not be able to afford their services due to the extra fees being charged by our Internet Providers. Our society is evolving. Online services and connected devices have become an integral part of our daily lives, for both work and pleasure.

I use Last.fm. This is an online radio service that customizes radio stations for me based on my listening habits. I sometime have it playing for most of the day as I do things around the house, but this will have to stop, as I can't risk the constant data stream pushing my internet bill up and up. I have friends that use VoIP services; Voice over IP (internet telephone, as opposed to the normal telephones most are familiar with). These services, such as Vonage and Skype, eliminate the need for an extra telephone bill in their homes, and provide long distance savings.

These are the fixes issued by Microsoft for their Windows Operating System that, in most people's cases, download and install automatically in the background. The only User intervention required is after the updates are finished installing, you get that familiar prompt that your system needs to be restarted. And so the questions: how much data was downloaded during this process? If you were already very close to your monthly bandwidth allowance, did this push you over? Did these updates actually end up costing you more money?

And the higher the data consumption climbs, the higher the bill will be at the end of the month. I certainly don't like the idea, nor do I think it's fair, that at the end of any given month, I might find myself very close to the bandwidth allotment given to me, and having to decide if uploading that new video to Facebook is worth an extra dollar or two on my internet bill, or having to weigh the cost of emailing the photos I took at Christmas to my family. Why should my Internet Provider get to cash in on things that are supposed to be free? I already pay for my internet access, as I always have, but now that will not be enough. In order to keep my bill at a reasonable level I will be expected to monitor the usage of every internet connected device in my home (including friends that might stop by with their laptop, netbook or Smartphone), and in some cases will be forced to eliminate certain things and cancel certain services altogether.

The cost of these devices and services is something we weigh at the time of purchase, but now there will be an additional factor to consider; how much more will I have to pay each month to my Internet Provider in order to use them?

But with the overage fees charged by the Internet Providers, they will no longer be the money saving services they were meant to be. In addition to the PC's, laptops, and the Xbox I have in my house, I also have a Smartphone. I recently made the switch to an Android based phone, but this will also apply to anyone who has an iPhone, Blackberry, or any other internet enabled phone that can connect to a Wi-Fi network. When at home I keep my phone connected to my home Wi-Fi.

The last time I installed my copy of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook), I remember a number of updates being required through Windows Update, and they were not small in size. Having already purchased the software, I don't believe I should be charged again for installing the necessary upgrades. As careful as you might be in regards to the data being transferred in your household, making sure the next bill to come in is within the affordable range, things like background updates for your Operating System, as well as any Anti-Virus and Spyware programs you may be using (on each of the PCs in your home, mind you), and other

J. Martin Aurora

Reader liked Westhill stories

To the editor,

Re: OMB Westhill

Your coverage of the closing arguments of the OMB hearing last week was excellent. This has been a long, contentious debate and your articles demonstrated a good understanding of the many complex issues and presented them clearly and objectively.

Susan Jones Aurora

Dust will set off fire alarm-reader

To the editor,

The fire alarm went off at around 5:20 a.m. I was sound asleep. I have never jumped out of my bed that fast ever! I took a shirt to fan it and it stopped finally. I could not smell any smoke but I checked the house. I called 911 and an engine arrived quietly. Two men came in and checked the fire alarm that went off. They checked the carbon monoxide and took readings. It was okay. They checked the furnace also. The purpose of this

item is, the house that I am living in was built in 1996. It has the original fire alarms x2. A firefighter took the upper one apart and blew the dust out of it and said I should replace it. I did not know to dust the fire alarm on the ceiling. So I hope other people are aware of the care of their fire alarms. I still do not know what triggered it to go off but I am glad it did. Thank you to the Aurora Fire Department.

Dorothy Gummersall Aurora

His tax increase was 10 per cent

To the editor,

Got my 2011 interim property tax notice. A ten per cent increase! It is encouraging to receive the new council's

first evidence of constraint reflecting taxpayers financial hardships and council's anticipated expenditure control. Alex Vander Veen Aurora



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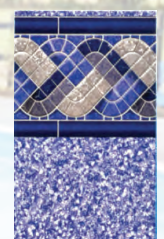
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Parents fail to sway Board to change its mind

The York Region District School Board is pressing ahead with plans to overhaul the French immersion registration process, despite a last-ditch attempt from parents last week to get the Board to change its mind.

More than 120 concerned parents from across the Region descended on the School Board's Wellington Street building to have their voices heard at the Board's regularly scheduled Standing Committee of Trustees meeting last Monday.

Parents object to the school board's new "lottery system" for Grade 1 French Immersion registration, which will replace their former "first come first served" process next month.

Their concerns lie in the fact students whose siblings are already enrolled in higher grades

of a school's French immersion program are not given preferred registration consideration to keep siblings in the same program.

For Aurora parent Kate Kurtz, who has her three daughters enrolled at Lester B. Pearson Public School, the two eldest enrolled in the French Immersion program, Monday's meeting was an indication that this concern is widespread.

"The Board has made it seem like it is just in Aurora that we're being so caught up on that siblings should have priority, but we are not the only ones," she said.

She said she has the impression the Board is not "prepared to listen to what parents want".

"I understand their point about wanting to be fair to everyone but I haven't heard any parents speak up about being

comfortable with the lottery system as it is," she said. "I don't really understand what is stopping the Board from considering sibling priority when they already allow it for kindergarten."

"It's not a question of denying any child French immersion, they have said that, which is great, it is just that they don't seem to make it a priority to keep families together. At the end of the day, I'm sort of disappointed because I don't think we will be able to change anything and that makes me sad."

From the perspective of the school board, giving siblings priority in the registration process would "create a disadvantage" for families that do not already have kids enrolled in the program.

"Board staff have responded to well over 100 emails that have been

sent by various parents on the subject and we've certainly answered numerous telephone calls and had conversations with many people who feel, as a number of parents did last night," Ross Virgo, spokesman for the York Region District School Board, told The Auroran following the meeting.

"[They] take the position that families with children already enrolled in a program ought to be given a preference and a priority over those families that don't have children already enrolled in a program and we just don't feel that that is an equitable approach for providing access to programming. As a result, the board is proceeding with its plans to conduct French immersion online registration beginning February 1."

Pre-registration for the French Immersion program begins on February 1 and can be accessed through the Board's website at www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

Families without access to the internet can receive assistance in the process at any school or York Region District School Board location, according to Mr. Virgo.

"It is a very simple process that requires a minimal amount of information and following the

close of the process after February 14 for those schools that have adequate capacity or have fewer students registering than they have places, the places will simply be assigned to those students who have registered.

"In any schools where we have more registrants than we have places in the designated schools we will be having a computerized ranking system that will rank students on a random basis from one to the total number of people who are registering and places will be assigned

again using a random ranking basis.

"Any students who remain on the list beyond the capacity of that designated school to accommodate them will be assigned a place in the overflow schools and the school board will provide school bussing to and from school and will accommodate those bus transportation needs for all students who need it."

Newmarket's Mazo De La Roche Public School has been earmarked as an overflow school for Aurora French Immersion students.

Dorothy's show expected to draw busloads of people

Paintings started to arrive last week at the Aurora Cultural Centre in advance of the upcoming exhibition celebrating the life, work, and career achievements of prominent local artist Dorothy Clark McClure.

The Centre began hanging the pictures this week for the exhibition, "Dorothy Clark McClure: Then and Now - A Retrospective", in what the Centre's Executive Director, Laura Schembri, said is "is the biggest thing we've done."

"I am in my office right now looking at have a dozen beautiful framed works," Ms. Schembri told The Auroran last week.

"We're really excited about it and I think the public is going to be really surprised because, as this is an accumulation of her life's work, the earliest painting we have from her is from age 13 right up to the work she is doing at this stage in her life."

"It is truly her life's work and the variety, the different styles... it is going to be an eye-opener for people and it's getting very exciting for us as they come through the door."

The exhibition opens at the centre on January 22 and runs through March 26.

The opening reception on January 22 is open for all and the artist will be in attendance for the occasion.

One of the highlights of the exhibition is of Ms. Clark McClure's early work.

Describing the painting included in the exhibition which Ms. Clark McClure completed at the age of 13, Ms. Schembri says it is "very well done".

"You would find it difficult to believe that someone at the age of 13 could work at that level," she said.

"Some of the ones I am looking at now are of a beautiful Spanish woman ready to dance in fancy costume, there is a landscape, there is

a still life watercolour, there is an illustration of a very whimsical or mythical creature, and some of the ones I am looking at are from the 1950s, but they will be spanning the whole scope."

If early reports are any indication, this Saturday's reception will be well attended.

"We're hoping that the mayor will be here and I know they are bringing a bus load of seniors in," Ms. Schembri added. "They have already booked a bus at Hollandview Trail where she is a resident, and we have people coming in from the Varley Gallery in Unionville and coming in from Markham, so I think a lot of people will want to honour her."

Aurora Seniors' Duplicate Bridge results

Monday, January 10 - North/South: Frank Lablans and Dennis McFadden; Bernie O'Brien and Mary Oglanby; Lucille Sequeira and Dave Legallais. East/West: Frank Henriques and Irene Doran; Carolyn Liddy and Christine Woolley; Greta Ogden and Judy Salmon.



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*Please note, dates and times are subject to change.

Date	Start Time	Budget Topic
Sat., Feb. 5	9 a.m.	Capital Expenditures (i.e. Major repairs to roads, buildings, sewers, etc.)
Mon., Feb. 7	7 p.m.	Capital Expenditures (i.e. New projects related to infrastructure, buildings, etc.)
TBD (Feb. 12 or 14)	9 a.m.	Operating Budgets for Council, Office of the CAO, Parks & Recreation, Infrastructure & Environmental, Corporate & Financial and Legal Services
Mon., Feb. 28	7 p.m.	Operating Budgets for Building & Bylaw, Customer & Legislative and Planning Services
Mon., Mar. 7	7 p.m.	Operating Budgets for Corporate Revenue & Expenditures and Library and Fire Services
Mon., Mar. 21	TBD	TBD

Can't make the January 31 meeting? You can provide your budget suggestions at www.e-aurora.ca/2011budget or email them to ourtownbudget@e-aurora.ca

Please stay tuned to www.e-aurora.ca and the Town's Notice Board (published every Tuesday in *The Banner* newspaper) for the latest budget meeting information (i.e. topics and dates).





Message from the Mayor

Dear residents,

Each January, many people start thinking about what they want to accomplish during the course of the year.

Maybe it's landing that promotion you've always wanted. Perhaps it's volunteering in the community to make it a better place.

One thing is certain though - no matter what the goals are, we all know how important a good plan is to achieving them.

Right now, Town council and staff are planning for one of their most important goals of the year, the 2011 budget.

In a nutshell, we're thinking really hard about how we will spend your tax dollars in ways that will impact the community directly.

Because of this, we're looking for your input. I'm happy to say there are a few ways you can make that happen.

The first way will be attending the public budget session on Mon., Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall in Council Chambers. (You can fill out a delegation request by visiting www.e-aurora.ca/delegation or calling 905-727-3123, ext. 4217).

At that meeting, we're looking for your input on budget themes. This will be the time to provide your suggestions on things like:

- Service levels
- Spending priorities
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HOUSE LEAGUE

909 North York Plumbing & Heating Teal 1 - Francesco Vallacorsa, shutout. **907 Wooder Food Safety Consulting Kelly Green 0.**

903 Optimist Club of Aurora White 4 - Andrew Walter 2G, Nicholas Bertrand 1G 1A, Scott Cosentino 1G, Quinn McGowan 1A. **905 ATS Healthcare Black 3.**

1004 Global Caffe Blue 1. 1006 BMO Bank of Montreal Powder Blue 0.

1002 CW Coop's Aurora Gold 7 - Dylan Cross 4G, Ben Slimkowich 2G, Cameron Annear 1G, Andrew McKay 3A, Ryan Kennedy 1A, Nick Zebrowski 1A, Kasey Piper 1A, Hayden Sands 1A. **1004 Global Caffe Blue 1** - Matt Pellegeni 1G, Carter Schaeffer 1A.

1007 CAA South Central Ontario Kelly Green 2 - Taran McGowan 2G, Tanner Brewer 2A, Scott Sturgess 1A, Patrick Mueller, shutout. **1008 McAlpine Ford Grey 0.**

1009 Backyard Pool & Spa Teal 5 - Chris Tillsley 3G, Sean Maule 1G, Chris Porter 1G, Brendan Strachan 1A, Daniel Howie 2A. **1006 BMO Bank of Montreal Powder Blue 2** - Patrick Jones 1G, Adam Clark 1G, Michael Wood 1A, Michael Takahashi 1A, Michael Morson 1A.

1001 Pizzaville Aurora Red 6 - Egan Fennell 2G 1A, Spencer George 1G 1A, Nick Di Nallo 1G 1A, Jamie Hawkins 1G 1A, Kamran Karamchi 1G 1A, Aidan Morris 1A, Zach Ashfield 1A. **1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 2** - Joseph Lombardi 1G, Justin Killens 1G, Lucas Cristillo 1A.

1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 2 - Curtis Stobo 1G, Jonathan Alcock 1G, Anthony De Cesare 1A, Joseph Romano 1A, Wesley Seminara 1A . **1002 CW Coop's Aurora Gold 2** - Dylan Cross 1G, Cameron Annear 1G, Nick Zebrowski 1A.

1009 Backyard Pool & Spa Teal 5 - Brendan Strachan 1G, Dylan Skelton 1G, Craiig Bennett 1G, Chris Tillsley 1G, Daniel Howie 1G 1A, Sean Maule 1A, Paul Andrews 1A. **1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 3** - Brandon Giniotis 2G, Justin Killens 1G, Chase Riddell 1A, Andrew Cosentino 1A.

1004 Global Caffe Blue 5. 1001 Pizzaville Aurora Red 5.

1007 CAA South Central Ontario Kelly Green 5 - Brandon Bortolin 1G 1A, Christian Davies 2G 1A, Anthony Marsillo 1G, Taran McGowan 1G 3A, Michael Madigan 1A. **1009 Backyard Pool & Spa Teal 4** - Craig Bennett 2G, Liam McGoldrick 1G 1A, Braydon Jackson 1G 1A, Brett Matthews 1A, Chris Tillsley 1A.

1004 Global Caffe Blue 8 - Tristan Miller 3G, Carter Schaeffer 2G 2A, Geoff Gianopoulos 2G 1A, Kyle Rojas 1G, Jordan Snowie 1A, Lucas Poletto 3A, Ryan Taylor 2A, Jake Hindley 1A, Scott Spiering, shutout. **1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 0.**

1008 McAlpine Ford Grey 5 - Jamie Cherutti 1G, Matt Miller 2G, Stephen Newby 1G, Brett Richardson 1G, Adam Reid 1A, Lucas Hargrave 1A, Brandon Rival 1A, Brody Hunter 1A. **1002 CW Coop's Aurora Gold 1** - Matt Schmitt 1G, Griffin Slimkowich 1A.

1007 CAA South Central Ontario Kelly Green 2 - Christian Davies 2G, Taran McGowan 1G1A, Scott Sturgess 1A. **1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 1** - Zachary Andrews 1G, Nicholas Orsatti 1A.

1004 Global Caffe Blue 4 - Tristan Miller 3G,



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Graham Ralph 1G, Kyle Rojas 1A, Lucas Poletto 3A, Ryan Taylor 1A. **1006 BMO Bank of Montreal Powder Blue 2** - Michael Morson 1G, Alex Heintzman 1G, David Scott 1A, TJ Ground 1A, Michael Bernier 1A.

1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 2 - Chris Smith 1G 1A, Christian Avolio 1G 1A, Jamie Saabas 2A. **1006 BMO Bank of Montreal Powder Blue 2** - Tyler Lamantia 1G 1A, Brandon Pederson 1G, Michael Wood 1A.

1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 4 - Kyle Cutone, shutout, Michael McGoldrick 2G, Matt Mears 1G, Brandon Giniotis 1G 1A, Justin Killens 1A, Andrew Cosentino 1A, Lucas Cristillo 1A. **1004 Global Caffe Blue 0.**

1007 CAA South Central Ontario Kelly Green 7 - Taran McGowan 3G 4A, Kyle Ozols 1G, Michael Madigan 1G 1A, Thomas Hagias 1G 1A, Branden Bortolin 1G, Anthony Marsillo 1A, Royce Kirby 1A. **1002 CW Coop's Aurora Gold 5** - Dylan Jolivet 2G, Matt Bishop 2G, Hayden Sands 1G, Andrew McKay 1A, Logan Weber 1A.

1008 McAlpine Ford Grey 6 - Jamie Cherutti 2G, Adam Reid 1G, Kenton Gamble 1G 1A, Matt Miller 1G, Brett Richardson 1G, Stephen Newby 1A, Lucas Hargrave 1A, Kevin McCrudden 1A. **1001 Pizzaville Aurora Red 3** - Alex Payne 1G 1A, Spencer George 1G, Kamran Karamchi 1G, Zach Ashfield 1A, Jamie Hawkins 1A.

1002 CW Coop's Aurora Gold 4 - Dylan Jolivet 1G, Matt Schmitt 1G, Andrew McKay 1G1A, Nick Zebrowski 1G, Cameron Annear 1A. **1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 1** - Curtis Stobo 1G, Jonathan Boehmer 1A, Michael Di Vincenzo 1A.

1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 1 - Chris Blumreisinger 1A, Greg Lacroix 1G, Kyle Cutone, shutout. **1007 CAA South Central Ontario Kelly Green 0.**

1008 McAlpine Ford Grey 5- Jamie Cherutti 1G, Kevin McCrudden 1G 2A, Matt Miller 2G, Trevor Best 1G, Jaret Meron 1A, Adam Reid 1A. **1009 Backyard Pool & Spa Teal 1-** Brett Matthews 1G, Dylan Skelton 1A.

1001 Pizzaville Aurora Red 6 - Kamran Karamchi 3G 1A, Cooper Riswick 2G, Egan Fennell 1G 1A, Jamie Hawkins 2A, Nick Di Nallo 3A. **1007 CAA South Central Ontario Kelly Green 5** - Scott Sturgess 2G, Taran McGowan 3G, Alexander Dunn 1A, Branden Bortolin 1A, Christian Davies 1A.

1002 CW Coop's Aurora Gold 10 - Andrew McKay 1G 2A, Ben Slimkowich 1G 1A, Hayden Sands 1G, Dylan Cross 4G 2A, Griffin Slimkowich 1G, Matt Bishop 1G 1A, Dylan Jolivet 1G 2A, Cameron Annear 2A, Kasey Piper 1A. **1008 McAlpine Ford Grey 1** - Trevor Best 1G.

1006 BMO Bank of Montreal Powder Blue 8 - 5G, Michael Wood 1G 1A, Nick Heintzman 1G 1A, Brandon Connolly 1G 1A, Sean Takahashi 2A, Alex Heintzman 1A, Michael Takahashi 1A. **1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 6** - Justin Killens 2G, Brandon Giniotis 2G, Jesse Bentolila 1G, Ryan Antionel 1G, Scott Donello 1A, Chase Riddell 1A, Joseph Lombardi 1A, Kyle Cutone 1A.

1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 4 - Joseph Romano 3G, Kevin Tree 2A, Jamie Saabas 1G 1A. **1004 Global Caffe Blue 3** - Kyle Rojas 2G, Jordan Snowie 2A, Graham Ralph 1G 1A.

1006 BMO Bank of Montreal Powder Blue 6 - David Scott 2G, Michael Takahashi 1G, Adam Clark 1G, Nick Heintzman 1G 1A, Robert Horton 1G, Michael Wood 1A, **Brandon Connolly 1A. 1002 CW Coop's Aurora Gold 2** - Ben Slimkowich 2G, Matt Bishop 1G, Dylan Jolivet 1G, Kasey Piper 3A,

Dylan Cross 1A, Hayden Sands 1A.

1008 McAlpine Ford Grey 4 - Lucas Hargrave 2G, Ryan Laird 1G, Kenton Gamble 1G, Spencer Palmer 1A, Stephen Newby 2A, Matt Miller 2A. **1009 Backyard Pool & Spa Teal 2** - Dylan Skelton 1G, Luca Battiston 1G.

1007 CAA South Central Ontario Kelly Green 6 - Taran McGowan 3G 1A, Anthony Marsillo 1G, Braydon Dunn 1G, Christian Davies 1G 3A, Giancalo DeLuca 2A. **1001 Pizzaville Aurora Red 2** - Nick Di Nallo 2G, Adrian Tobin 2A.

1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 7 - Christian Avolio 1G1A, Christopher Piron 4G 1A, Joseph Romano 1G1A, Jonathan Boehmer 1G, Mark Tanel 2A, Chris Smith 2A, Jamie Saabas 1A. **1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 3** - Greg Lacroix 1G, Ryan Antionel 1G 1A, Lucas Cristillo 1G 1A, Jesse Bentolila 1A, Justin Killens 1A, Scott Donello 1A.

REP LEAGUE

Tyke Select A - Aurora 4 - Anton Sopov 2G, Ryan Bryden 2G, Owen Papulkas 1A, Jacob Hoffrogge 1A, Charles Huxley 1A, Parker Holmes 1A. **Brantford 3.**

Tyke Select A - Aurora 7 - Owen Hollett 1G 1A, Caden McHenry 1G 2A, Todd Cook 1A, Nicholas Giorgio 1G, Charles Huxley 1G, Ryan Bryden 1G 1A, Thomas Hollett 1A, Michael Crowe 1A, Anton Sopov 2G, Christian Haggith, shutout. **Ancaster 0.**

Tyke Select A - Peterborough 4. Aurora 2 - Luca Capraro Charles Huxley 1G, Ryan Bryden 1G, Caden McHenry 1A.

Tyke Select A - Allan Park 3. Aurora 1 - Owen Hollett 1G, Ryan Catania 1A, Anton Sopov 1A.

Tyke Select A - Newmarket 2. Aurora 1 - Ryan Bryden 1G, Caden McHenry 1A.

Tyke Select A - Aurora 2 - Ryan Bryden 2G. **Richmond Hill 1.**

Novice A - Orillia 3. Aurora 0.

Novice A - Aurora 3 - Liam Mahoney 2G, Jonathan Gagnon 1G, Eddie Cobbold 1A, James Sproul 1A. **Stouffville 1.**

Novice A - Aurora 11 - Jace Jackson 2G 2A, Liam Mahoney 2G, Kazuki Negishi 2G 1A, James Sproul 1G, Jonathan Gagnon 1G 1A, Carson Maybury 1G 2A, Riley Klugerman 1G 1A, Brett Pearce 1G, Justin Hicks 4A, Brandin Harris 2A, Jake Piper 1A. **Beeton 1.**

Novice AE - Aurora 8. Innisfil 0.

Novice AE - Aurora 9. East Gwillimbury 0.

M Atom AA - Barrie 4. Aurora 1 - Andrew Park 1G, Anthony Iacovetta 1A, Trevor Dungey 1A.

M Atom AA - North Bay 4. Aurora 0.

M Atom AA - Aurora 0 - Matteo Orlandi, shutout. **Innisfil 0.**

M Atom AA - Aurora 0 - Hunter Wong, shutout. Scarborough 0.

M Atom AA - Markham 4. Tigers: 3 Harris Goan 2G, Tyler Sawyer 1A, Anthony DiPietro 1A, Luke O'Keefe 1G, Wesley Reid 1A, Anthony Iacovetta 1A.

M Atom AE - Aurora 6 - Jack Patterson 1G 2A, Spencer Morrison 1G, Luc Catania 1G 2A, Alex Sandras 1G 2A, Jessica Jollimore 1G, Owen Romano 1A, Rony Wahab 1G 1A. **Richmond Hill 1.**

M Atom AE - Georgina 6. Aurora 2 - Rony Wahab 1G, Alex Sandras 1G, Daniel Babcock 2A.

M Atom AE - Markham 4. Aurora 0.

Atom AA - Georgina 2. Aurora 2.

Atom AA - Vaughan 3. Aurora 1.

Atom AA - Aurora 4. Gloucester 2.

Atom AA - Orangeville 5. Aurora 3.

Atom AA - Aurora 4. Richmond Hill 0.

Atom AA - TNT 11. Aurora 1.

Atom AA - Newmarket 3. Aurora 1. Atom A - Markham 3. Aurora 1 - Carson Yeomans 1G.

Atom AE - Aurora 1 - Adam DePiero 1G. **Stouffville 1.**

Atom AE - Aurora 6 - Adam DePiero 2G 2A, Jason Langdon 1G 1A, Braden Reid 1G 1A, Lucas Surace 1G, Stephen Silverio 1G. **Richmond Hill 4.**

Peewee AA - Aurora 3 - Cameron Morrison 1G, Patrick Servideo 1G, Jack Pecora 1G, James Wyndham West 1A, Taylor Kauffeldt 1A, Tyler Williams 1A. **Markham 3.**

Peewee A - Aurora 1 - Colin Kostin 1G, Bryan Manweiler 1A. **Parry Sound 1.**

Peewee A - Aurora 3 - Cameron Zinner 1G, Matthew Liscio 1G, Evan Cherubini 1G, Daniel McConnell 1A, Colin Kostin 1A, Alistair Johnston 1A, Mathew Tyndall 1A. **Hamilton 0.**

Peewee A - Walden N A 4. Aurora 1.

Peewee AE - Newmarket 1. Aurora 1 - Christian Arcuri 1G, Michael DaCosta 1A.

Peewee AE - Aurora 1 - Christian Arcuri 1G, Zach Fletcher 1A, Cooper Hewgill 1A, Louie Kirkos and Adam Leader, shutout. **Richmond Hill 0.**

Bantam A - Richmond Hill 5. Aurora 1 - Paul Neophytou 1G, Austin Persaud 1A.

M Midget AA - Aurora 6. Georgina 5.

M Midget A - Aurora 7 - Hayden Trask 1G 1A, Quincy Ing 2G 2A, Eric Damecour 1G, Matthew Pryse 1G 2A, Andrew McDonald 1A, Braden Casselden 1A, Liam MacKichan 1A, Daniel Fiori 1A, Conner Rowntree, shutout. **Richmond Hill 0.**

M Midget A - Bradford 4. Aurora 2.

Minor Midget A - Aurora 6 - Eric Damecour 1G 1A, Matthew Pryse 1G 1A, Hayden Trask 2G 1A, Liam Killops 1G 3A, Quincy Ing 1G, Conor Fennell 1A. **Orillia 2.**

Minor Midget A - Aurora 2 - Quincy Ing 1G, Braden Casselden 1G, Liam Killops 1A, Hayden Trask 1A, Conor Fennell 1A, Ethan Slimkowich, shutout. **Markham 0.**

Minor Midget A - Aurora 8 - Eric Archibald 1G, Matthew Pryse 1G 2A, Ryan Baskin 1G 1A, Quincy Ing 2G, Daniel Fiori 1G, Colton Lee 1G, Hayden Trask 1G, Braden Casselden 2A, Andrew McDonald 1A, Vincent Ruscica 1A, Liam Killops 1A. **East Gwillimbury 1.**

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Masterclean Contracting	9	3	3	59	38	21
Highland Chev-Olds-Geo-Cad	8	4	3	49	41	19
Copper Creek	8	6	1	63	52	17
FPL Aggregates	7	6	2	51	55	16
Baldwin's	7	7	1	68	69	15
Rec Cycle N' Sports	5	7	3	39	50	13
Tom & Jerry's	4	9	2	48	57	10
Priestly Demolition	4	10	1	52	59	9

WEEKLY RESULTS

Copper Creek	5	Masterclean	4
Baldwins	1	FPL Aggregates	3
Tom & Jerry's	3	Highlands Chev	1
Priestly Demolition	2	Rec Sports	1

PLAYER STANDINGS

	G	A	Pts.
John Archibald Copper Creek	14	16	30
Tom Hussey Copper Creek	10	15	25
Mark Sedore Priestly	15	8	23
Al Perkins Baldwins	14	9	23
Steve Kavanagh Baldwins	8	15	23
Brad McMillan Baldwins	11	11	22
Paul Wolanski Copper Creek	11	9	20
Darren Yaremko FPL	9	10	19
Ryan Spampinato Tom & Jerry's	9	9	18
Ryan Bryce Masterclean	9	8	17
John Leeder Baldwins	8	9	17
Phil Podstatzky Priestly	10	6	16
Kevin O'Keefe Highlands	7	9	16
John Andersen Rec Sports	10	5	15
Gareth McDonald Priestly	6	9	15
Rob Carnegie Masterclean	1	14	15
Rob Blakely Masterclean	8	6	14
Pat O'Mahoney Masterclean	8	6	14
Ed Kilroy Rec Sports	6	8	14
Glen Bince FPL	5	9	14
Jeff Sleep Rec Sports	9	4	13
Ron VanNoort FPL	8	5	13
Ed Jackson Baldwins	4	9	13
Craig McConnell Highlands	4	9	13
Ed Jackson Baldwins	4	9	13
Don Nichols Copper Creek	6	6	12
Dave Caverley FPL	5	7	12
Ken Fisher Highlands	8	3	11
Doug Adair Rec Sports	6	5	11
Steve Robertson Masterclean	6	5	11
Raz Khamissa Tom & Jerry's	5	6	11
Ron Thiessen Tom & Jerry's	5	6	11
Darryl Thompson Tom & Jerry's	5	6	11
Mike O'Connor Copper Creek	5	5	10
Vince Greco Tom & Jerry's	4	6	10
Alain Boudreau MasterClean	3	7	10
Scott Crabbe Highlands	6	3	9
Ken Rumble Highlands	5	4	9
Jody Matthews Highlands	4	5	9
Iain Boudreau Masterclean	2	7	9
Hugh Alcorn MasterClean	1	8	9
Scott Harris Tom & Jerry's	4	4	8
Murray Campbell Highlands	4	4	8
Billy Fetherston Priestly	4	4	8
Bob Nunn Baldwins	4	4	8
Dave Mayberry Priestly	3	5	8
Steve MacDonald Tom & Jerry's	3	5	8
Chris Neale Copper Creek	3	5	8
Peter Briand Baldwins	2	6	8
Mike Caicco Copper Creek	2	6	8
Richard Fava Tom & Jerry's	1	7	8
Les Nip MasterClean	6	1	7
Sam Speranini Masterclean	4	3	7
Gerald Briand Baldwins	3	4	7
Craig Gellatly FPL	3	4	7
Scott Thomas Tom & Jerry's	2	5	7
Dan Cote Baldwins	1	6	7
Andrew Dalton Rec Sports	1	6	7
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Tigers now tied with Flyers

The Newmarket Hurricanes did the Aurora Tigers a favour last week by defeating the Orangeville Flyers.

Stouffville wasn't as fortunate Sunday, losing a shootout 2-1.

The loss and the win to Orangeville tied the Flyers with the Aurora Tigers, after Aurora could manage only two of a possible four points last week.

Aurora defeated Milton 7-2 Friday then lost to the west division's second-place Georgetown 6-3 Saturday night in that town in regular Ontario Junior A hockey action.

Sunday afternoon, in Stouffville, the Spirit took a 1-0 first period lead, but Orangeville tied it in the second, then won the shootout.

Both Aurora and Orangeville have won 14 games this season of the 42 each has played.

"The next games against Orangeville - there are two left - are huge," said Tiger V.P. Barry Quinn.

Aurora faces Orangeville Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. for the first meeting of the two teams. The Tigers then meet the Flyers in Orangeville Feb. 12.

The top three teams make the playoffs in each division.

The next two in the north division play off in a mini-series against other.

That means Aurora and Orangeville would play off against Brampton and Buffalo, if the playoffs were to begin today.

However, Buffalo hosted Oakville Monday night, but results were too late for The Auroran's deadlines.

Buffalo then travels to Brampton Thursday night while

the Tigers are in Huntsville Friday evening.

Stouffville travels to Orangeville this Saturday then the Flyers are in Aurora Sunday for the first of two meetings.

Hamilton travels to Buffalo next Tuesday, while Aurora visits Markham Thursday, January 27.

That night, Orangeville is in Newmarket.

Brampton is in Markham Friday night at the same time Buffalo is in Oakville.

The next night Brampton is in Burlington, while Buffalo visits Georgetown.

Orangeville is in Huntsville on Sunday, January 30 and Burlington ends the month with a game in Buffalo, the same day that Brampton is in Hamilton.

In Milton Friday evening, the Tigers opened a 3-0 lead on their way to a 7-2 win, but it was Evan Rodrigues, with three goals and an assist that finished Aurora as they went down to a 6-3 loss against the powerful Georgetown Raiders Saturday night.

AURORA 7 MILTON 2

First Period

A - Kyle McLaughlin (Faust, Periera) 16.17

Second Period

A - Sloan Stewart (Lisi, Gidaro) 0.55

A - Daniel Lisi (Gidaro, Zeggil) PP 14.25

M - Jon Brand (Scaglione, Thacker) 15.56

A - Ryan Purvis (Johnson, Prinsen) 16.50

Third Period

A - Ryan Johnson (Bell, Purvis) 12.10

M - Riley McGilloway (Kim, Ell) 14.10

A - Justin Periera (Faust, Prinsen) 15.48

A - Sloan Stewart (Gidaro, Periera) 17.14

G - Justin Basso (Shiplo, Hebebrand) PP 13.24

Second Period

G - Evan Rodrigues (Wilson, Friedmann) 4.30

G - Tyler Walsh (Marinac) 17.12

Third Period

A - Ryan Purvis (Johnson, Bell) 0.56

G - Scott Wilson (Rodrigues, Domagala) 1.33

A - Kirk Evely (McLaughlin, Moran) 14.05

A - Daniel Lisi (Zeggil, Priestap) 15.27

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Aurora’s Liza Upham is shown with her metal sheets and copper tubing entitled ”evolution” during Aurora High School’s Grade 12 art exhibition held last week at the Aurora Cultural Centre on Church Street.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Court documents released to public

In advance of the eventually cancelled hearing into former mayor Phyllis Morris’ multi-million dollar lawsuit against three local bloggers, court documents pertaining to the case were released to the public.

These factums, filed before the courts, outline the case of Ms. Morris and the defence of Richard Johnson, Elizabeth Bishenden, and former Councillor Bill Hogg, the three named in the suit among others. They also flesh out some of the gaps that have appeared in previously released documents.

Ms. Morris’ factum argues that the anonymous “malicious, false, and defamatory” statements on the Aurora Citizen blog have caused her and her reputation “serious irreparable harm.”

It further alleges that Mr. Hogg is a moderator on the site with the “power to publish, republish, encourage or delete postings or comments”, and that Elizabeth Bishenden was a one-time moderator of the website. The updated factum removes claims in earlier court papers asserting that Richard Johnson was also a moderator. He is now cited as “a frequent poster and commentator on the website.”

Earlier claims by Ms. Morris that the anonymous parties in the suit attempted to settle are also clarified in her document.

“[Jordan Goldblatt, lawyer for the named individuals, not representing the anonymous defendants] transmitted a settlement offer to the Plaintiff on behalf of the anonymous defendants, and therefore either knows the anonymous defendants, or has means of determining their identity,” it states.

Citing the affidavit submitted by Town Solicitor Christopher Cooper, continues the narrative, quoting a voice-mail from Mr. Goldblatt.

“... The people who made the anonymous post are prepared to have settlement discussions with you,” it reads. “I can tell you I don’t represent

these people. What I have been asked to convey to you is that if you are amenable to those kind [sic] of settlement discussions, then I will find a way to get this information back into these peoples’ hands. I’m saying plural but for all I know it could be one person and they will find a way to contact you.”

In arguing the legal principles within the document, Ms. Morris asks whether an order should be given that Mr. Hogg, Ms. Bishenden, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Goldblatt provide “certain information regarding the identity of the owner of the blog account and the blog commenters so that the true identity of the persons posting defamatory messages may be determined.

“The Plaintiff seeks to obtain the identity of the message poster(s) in order that she might properly bring action against the proper defendant(s) against whom she makes the allegations in these proceedings.

“... The moving party has been unable to obtain the information from other persons or from Automattic, Inc., and it would be unfair to force the Plaintiff to proceed with this action without having the opportunity of identifying the true defendant.”

Ms. Morris insists in the fact the “defamatory” statements in question are untrue and they are also causing her “emotional distress and fear for her safety.”

Her documents also touch upon earlier assertions that a government hasn’t the right to sue its citizens, arguing there is “no blanket protection granted to those who wish to defame public servants with respect to the execution of their public duties”, but defendants have the defence of fair comment.

“Rather than insulating anonymous persons from suit for clearly defamatory statements, this Court should order their identities compelled,” it states. “The anonymous defendants can thereafter plead their

defences. Without knowledge of the identities of the anonymous defendants, the Plaintiff has no ability to defend her reputation in a court of law.”

On behalf of the respondents, their factum claims the court has nothing before it to evaluate Ms. Morris’ claim as her counsel has not “particularized” the defamatory words in question.

“Morris has no evidence of urgency or irreparable harm that she will suffer if the mandatory order is not granted,” they argue. “It is not in the public interest for this Court to order disclosure of the information sought by Morris where anonymous commentators have a right to remain anonymous in their criticism of an elected government official.”

The defendants’ factum states that while Mr. Cooper has submitted an affidavit in the case in his capacity as Town Solicitor, Ms. Morris herself has “proffered no evidence on the motion.” Their factum, however, relies heavily on Mr. Cooper’s affidavit and subsequent cross-examination by their own counsel.

“The allegation made against the individual defendants on this motion is that they are moderators of the website who have access to IP addresses that can be used to track down the identities of the anonymous bloggers,” their factum states. “However, Cooper accepted on cross-examination that he has ‘no information with regard to whether moderators are provided with IP addresses.’”

Further nuggets highlighted from Mr. Cooper’s affidavit include that it claims Mr. Hogg is a moderator of the website and that this information was given to Mr. Cooper by Mr. Hogg himself. It was revealed that on cross-examination, however, “Cooper more candidly admitted that Mr. Hogg never told him that he was a moderator of [the Aurora Citizen].”

Similarly, it goes on to state that Ms. Bishenden and Mr. Johnson are not alleged to

have been moderators.

“There is no allegation in the affidavit material that Mr. Johnson ever was or is a moderator,” their factum states. “Cooper admitted on cross-examination that Mr. Johnson is not alleged to be a moderator, and that there is no allegation in the affidavit material that Mr. Johnson was or is a moderator.”

Several legal hurdles have to be overcome by Ms. Morris for her motion to be successful, the defendants go on to argue in their factum.

“Morris must establish an underlying claim exists: the words complained of have never been particularized; the plaintiff is a government actor that cannot sue for defamation; and the notice provisions under the Libel and Slander act have not been complied with.”

To strip the Aurora Citizen of its ability to provide anonymity to its posters “on matters of public interest would be a significant imposition and would chill public political discourse,” the defence argues. There would be no harm to Ms. Morris should she not obtain the identities of the anonymous posters, they continue.

“Indeed, ‘many’ police complaints have already been initiated, such that if there were any legitimate threat to her, one would assume Police would take ample precautions.”

But this is a matter of free speech, speech that should be protected, they conclude.

“Where the speech in question is geared towards attaining truth, where it is regarding political decision-making, and where self-fulfilment and human flourishing ought to be cultivated in an essentially tolerant, indeed welcoming, environment, the speech in question must be protected.

“While Morris may not agree with the comments about her governing reputation, they are nonetheless constitutionally protected.”

The hearing is now scheduled for March 15.

Peterson’s hat goes in the ring

As the Auroran reported last month, Newmarket resident and long-time local Liberal Kyle Peterson will be seeking the federal Liberal nomination for the riding of Newmarket-Aurora in the next federal election.

Mr. Peterson is a lawyer who practices in Toronto.

He has been heavily involved with federal elections locally since the 2000 campaign, when he worked on the re-election campaign of Karen Kraft Sloan.

He went on to manage the campaigns of Martha Hall Findlay, Belinda Stronach and Tim Jones.

Mr. Peterson is also involved in a number of local community organizations and often dedicates his time as a volunteer.

He has the support of former federal cabinet minister, Belinda Stronach, former provincial cabinet minister Charles Beer and past federal candidate Tim Jones, among others.

“I am running with one goal in mind: to put people before politics. I want to be the voice for our community in Ottawa, I want to

make sure everyone feels they have a place to express their concerns or share their ideas. I see that as the primary role for a Member of Parliament.”

As to what issues he sees are important to the riding, Mr. Peterson indicated that “this election will be about the economy, about health care, about the environment and about support for families. And to be frank - none of these issues are a priority for the current government.”

Mr. Peterson graduated from Huron Heights Secondary School, before attending the University of Western Ontario, where he obtained his BA.

He later graduated from the University of Toronto with an MA in history and Dalhousie University Law School.

He is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada. He lives in Newmarket with his wife, Andrea and their young son.

The Liberal Party has yet to set a date for the nomination.

The federal election must take place by October 2012, yet some expect it may occur as early as this spring.

Hearing date has been set

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nothing more than a SLAPP – Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation – Lawsuit, intended to silence criticism and “drain personal finances from the defendants.”

Pointing out that the Provincial Anti-SLAPP Advisory Panel cited the Morris vs. Johnson et al case as an example of this, Mr. Hogg said the matter is clear.

“Of all the lawsuits they could have picked from, and obviously they picked a number of them, they chose ours as one of the ones to make the point about this type of lawsuit,” he said.

“The issue for me is that it just continues to drag on and she just continues to drag this thing through,” he continued. “[Phyllis] just continues to drag it on and she has given us no indication that she actually wants to bring a resolution to this.

“This is just something that she has decided to make three families in this community as miserable as possible because she refuses to accept responsibility for her own behaviour. I think it is time for her to acknowledge that it is her own behaviour that created her problems instead of blaming it on other people.”



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Auroran photographer David Falconer was asked to get a photo depicting wintertime in Aurora when he came across Krystal Ann Patterson, a model from Ottawa, who was visiting friends in Aurora. For Krystal, it was the perfect time for her to walk “Rockford”, a friend’s Golden Retriever. The photographer caught up with them on the bridge near John West Way and the town hall.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Gaertner, Ballard say ‘no’ to offsite

Councillors Wendy Gaertner and Chris Ballard were the two hold-outs in attending last weekend's offsite Council meeting.

The meeting, which was called an educational and team building exercise was held January 14 and 15 at the Kingbridge Conference Centre in King City.

According to the meeting's agenda released Friday afternoon, Councillors were expected to discuss strategic planning, accommodation, land and space needs, a customer service standard for the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), and legal and litigation proceedings.

Councillors were also expected to receive an overview of finances and capital asset management, and take in “Planning 101”.

Councillors Ballard and Gaertner voted against holding the offsite meeting at a Council meeting last month. In responding to why he was not attending last weekend's meeting, Councillor Ballard reiterated much of the concerns he expressed before the vote to go ahead with the weekend was passed.

“There is nothing here for the public to understand what we're going to be talking about, or what they are going to be talking about because I'm not going,” he said, reviewing the agenda.

“There is nothing on the agenda that shouldn't be discussed in public,” he continued. “They shouldn't be spending in a 2011 tax year where it is going

to be very difficult to come up with a balanced budget. They shouldn't be spending this kind of money. It is not in the budget to be spending this money and we shouldn't be going to a neighbouring community to spend this money.

“If we're going to be spending it we should at least be spending it in Aurora.”

Councillor Ballard said he had a “philosophical problem” with having closed session meetings.

“They've changed the agenda three times to reflect the concerns of Councillors but they haven't materially changed what we're going to be talking about,” he added.

“I know the argument had been made that it is a great team building exercise. That's fine, but there are many other ways we can build a team. There is the Big Brothers Big Sisters bowl-a-thon that Sandra Humfries is organizing. That is a great team building experience. We don't have to go away and spend taxpayers' money to build a team.”

On Friday as he was preparing to leave for the meeting, Councillor Paul Pirri, had a more positive view of the upcoming weekend's proceedings.

“I expect this to be a great learning experience as well as a wonderful chance to do some much needed team building,” he told The Auroran.

Mr. Pirri's comments echoed those of some of his fellow Councillors as the meeting wrapped up.

“I've spent quite a bit of time at Town Hall over the last month trying to get a handle on how municipal government works,” said Councillor John Abel in a statement. “For councillors who have other commitments during the day, it can be difficult to try to cram in both learning and team building into a two- or three-hour Council meeting. That's why I thought the session was a good, productive use of our time.

The meeting was within the confines of the municipal act, said Mayor Geoffrey Dawe.

“This type of session is allowed under the Municipal Act and done in many municipalities,” he said. “It's even been

done in the past in Aurora. We had expert staff guidance during the session to make sure all discussions stayed on track.”

The meeting was a way to get Council up to speed effectively and efficiently, he added, noting Council could not “move the business of the corporation forward outside of Council chambers.”

In an informal survey of Councillors on their expected attendance prior to the start of Friday's meeting, most Councillors confirmed their attendance. Of note, Councillor John Gallo confirmed his attendance but added he would not be staying at the conference centre.



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Discussions planned at centre

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For Laura Schembri, Executive Director of the Aurora Cultural Centre, asking Ms. Stuart to come in to kick off their inaugural lecture series was an obvious move due to her passion for history.

"This is the first of any type of lecture series that we've done and we just knew that Jackie Stuart was someone who knows all the background of local history and all the interesting facets of it, so it is not cut and dried," said Ms. Schembri.

In her advance of her presentations, Ms. Stuart said she hopes what she has to say encourages people to take a closer look at their neighbourhood, get out of their cars, and walk along the streets and rediscover things like the contrast between the more-modern looking street-level of Yonge Street shops and the hints of their earlier appearance in the second and third storeys.

While she was reluctant to reveal her thoughts on Aurora's best-kept historical secrets - "That might be my second or third talk!" - she said many "discoveries" historical sites and buildings that don't necessarily "hit you in the face" have been made.

"At the corner of Mosley and Wells Street, there was a paper box factory

that is now a house," she explained.

Although she admitted that was known before she came on the scene, she added the Town's wooden plaque program helps bring its significance to light.

"It does help bring [the building] to the attention of the public, but otherwise it is not really obvious that that was once a small factory or a large workshop," she said. "It just looks like it has been a house forever.

"One thing that we'll be looking at in the first session is how some houses have changed hugely over the years and you really do need to be able to look at old photographs to determine those changes. Some of those changes did become obvious to us as the former museum or historical society acquired more and more old photographs. We were able to track the changes."

For someone who has dedicated so much time to preserving and shedding light on Aurora's heritage, Ms. Stuart seems to take a pragmatic point of view towards development and the evolution of many aspects of Aurora's built environment.

"One might think, 'Oh, well, she's the former curator, she'll want to put a glass dome over the Town and change nothing,' and

in a way, personally, that is true!" she said. "I don't want to lose anything. On the other hand, that job I had gave me a perspective that perhaps has softened my opinion.

"Things do change. Some of the buildings we most treasure now replaced earlier buildings, so if that replacement hadn't been allowed then we wouldn't have this fine building. Do I regret the loss of some especially fine or interesting buildings? Certainly, but on the whole I do accept the change.

"There are one or two [buildings that might be appreciated by future generations] but come to that March talk and we'll talk about it. I'm hoping at that talk, members of the audience will come up with their ideas of what is now new that will be treasured in the future."

If one comes to the talks, Ms. Stuart promises a picture-packed evening and new insight into Aurora's past, present, and future.

"It might just help everyone, even people who have been here for a long time, see our surroundings from a different perspective or in a new light... or maybe a new respect," she said.

Each session begins at 7 p.m. at the Cultural Centre. Admission is free.



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The culverts enable wildlife to cross under St John's Sideroad, to the Wetland on the opposite side of the road.

The first snowfall remained where it fell on the boardwalk, with ice lurking underneath the snow effectively eliminating that section of the walk.

Phone calls to the Town by senior Joe Craydon elicited some concern but no dis-

cernible action, until warm weather removed the offending snow and ice.

That improved the situation but was a temporary result.

Winter has legs yet, and more snow and ice has produced another impasse on the boardwalk.

Where seniors walk is a matter of deep concern for safety and the boardwalk on the north side of St John's continues as a popular location to walk and to linger.

To cross the road to the south side, is to traverse heavy traffic, often speeding; therefore, seniors confine their daily walking to the north side and eliminate the traffic hazard.

Hadley Grange appears to contain about 80 apartments and may house about 140 residents, many of whom are active and mobile, and others who retain their mobility with wheeled walkers.

This issue begs the ques-

tion; do reasons exist to deter cleaning the boardwalk and rendering it safe, or do viable reasons exist, demanding removal of snow and ice?

Considering the number of residents in Hadley Grange and other residents of Aurora, who may choose to stroll along the boardwalk from time to time, and noting that the boardwalk comprises part of the Nokiidaa Trail System, clearing the snow and ice from the boardwalk would provide a service many residents of Aurora and visitors would appreciate.

This area on both sides of the road, comprising the natural wildlife habitat of the McKenzie Wetland, has received a great deal of public attention over the years, and provides considerable satisfaction to seniors who have the best interests of wildlife in their hearts.

Recently, I met Lorna

Nadeau in the lounge of the Aurora Seniors' Association (ASA), where she works diligently with archived manuscripts.

I was delighted to meet with Lorna and enjoyed an excellent conversation regarding her endeavours.

Lorna describes her work as collecting photographs, newspaper clippings, announcements and current events that concern the ASA.

She is very interested in receiving donations of material, for the photograph album, so if you have photographs, which you consider appropriate for this purpose, please offer them to Lorna or leave them at the front counter, with a name and contact information.

In fact, if you have any information that would be suitable for the archives, pass it along to Lorna. Chairpersons of committees or any member

could assist Lorna greatly by supplying, or keeping her informed about current events or past events, before information is lost irretrievably.

The archives occupy space in the lounge and a request at the front counter will establish their location.

Interest in the past is part of human nature, and what seniors achieve at this time, even concerning daily activities will surely rouse interest among future seniors interested to find they continue traditions and activities current among today's population of seniors.

An idea may be to record pictorially; members of activities together with names, and who can know what future pleasure these records will provide succeeding family members.

Memories preserved with records conserved in the archives will comfort all in the years of seniority.

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Trish Ottone will instruct and the lessons will take place March 10th to the 31st, Thursdays, from 10.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m.

More information is available at the front counter.

COMING EVENTS

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people, hence the name. New members are welcome. For more information, call Marilyn Munslow at 905-727-9344 or Bob Saunders at 905-841-3558.

GRANAurora, the local Grandmothers To Grandmothers group, meets monthly to raise awareness, generate funds and lobby on behalf of the grandmother care-givers in AIDS-ravaged Africa. For more information call Kay at 905-841-9318 or Joan at 905-727-5586.

Alateen meets every Sunday at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Victoria and Mosley Streets. Al-Anon meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Aurora United Church on Yonge Street. For more information go to anon.alateen.on.ca.

The Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. Visitors are welcome for only \$2. For more information call Ray at 905-727-6168.

York Highlands Chorus is an award-winning a capella Sweet Adelines chorus, a group of women who gather Tuesday evenings at the Old Fire Hall, Newmarket, to sing, share in the harmony of friendship and learn the barbershop art form. York Highlands is always looking for new women who share the love of a capella music. Call Karen at 905-726-2113 or email Vikki at information@yorkhighlands.com.

The Upper Canada Chordsmen, Aurora-Newmarket's award winning chorus, is looking for male singers. The group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Old Fire Hall, 140 Main Street South, in Newmarket.

The Optimist Club of Aurora meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Aurora Legion. New members are welcome. Call 905-727-5012 for more information.

The Aurora Lions Club meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the Aurora Lions Hall, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets. Co-ed club welcomes new members. For further information, call 905-727-6079.

Martha's Table runs every Thursday in the hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets. The volunteer-operated program is offered between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. Lunch cost is minimal. Last year, more than \$6,000 was given to local charities.

The York Regional Police Male Chorus is looking for new members. You do not have to be a police officer nor are you required to read music to volunteer. The group rehearses Monday evenings between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. For further information, contact the chorus supervisor at 905-727-9676 or the coordinator of volunteer services for YRP at 905-830-0303, extension 6717.

Aurora's Air Cadets meet every Tuesday night at Cardinal Carter School from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and offer a program for 12 years and older boys and girls.

Queen's York Rangers Army cadet corps has openings for boys and girls aged 12 to 18. The group parades every Friday night between 7 and 9 p.m. There is no membership fee and those in high school can earn community service hours through the program. For further information, call 905-726-8600.

Aurora Opera Children's Chorus welcomes treble voices. It is a choir dedicated to nurturing and providing opportunities for children to express their musical abilities. The chorus is open to boys and girls ages 5-17. Contact the general director at keepsinging@rogers.com

Community Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS) is looking for volunteers to assist with the activities in its Adult Day Program. The positions call for a commitment of a few hours a week at its Aurora location. Various times are available. Call Christine at 905-713-3494.

Every Wednesday from 6.30 to 8 p.m. the Pioneer Club for boys and girls, age three to Grade 4 and the Junior High Club for boys and girls, Grades 5 to 8, will be held at the Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South. For more information call 905-841-8884.

A drop-in centre will operate every Wednesday at the Community Bible Church on Bathurst Street just south of Henderson from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information e-mail Judy Hoffmann at jhoffmann@sympatico.ca.

Scottish Country Dancing on Tuesday evenings at 8.15 p.m. at the Aurora Heights Public School and Friday mornings at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome. For more information, call Helen at 905-713-3439 or Agnes at 905-841-2747.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members are welcome. For further information call 905-713-9356.

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

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

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

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PURCHASE PRICE	OR VARIABLE RATE FINANCING
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Cab 2WD R7A/Sierra 1500 Ext. Cab 2WD R7I/Sierra 1500 Crew Cab 4WD R7E) on approved credit. Bi-weekly payment and variable rate shown based on current TD Bank prime rate and is subject to fluctuation; actual payment amounts will vary with rate fluctuations. Example: \$10,000 at 3% for 84 months, the monthly payment is \$132.13. Cost of borrowing is \$1,098.92, total obligation is \$11,098.92. Down payment and/or trade may be required. Monthly payments and cost of borrowing will also vary depending on amount borrowed and down payment/trade. Taxes are not included for or terminate the Program in whole or in part with or without notice to you. ▼Offered by GMCL until 01/31/11 on eligible purchase financing of a 2010/2011 Buick/Cadillac/Chevrolet/GMC vehicle. OAC by TD Financing Services (fixed rate special only) or Ally Credit. Interest applies for entire financing term and accrues on unpaid amounts during deferral period. 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