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Two historic buildings could be sold soon

Dramatic changes could be coming to two prominent historic buildings surrounding Aurora's Town Park in the coming months with the possible sales of two distinguished Aurora structures.

Several firm offers have come into the York Region District School board since the Wells Street School was put on the open market earlier this year.

Although the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) would not disclose the list of potential buyers, a decision on to whom to sell the building could come as early as the next school board meeting in

September, according Ross YRDSB spokesman Virgo.

"We have firm offers on the property," he told The Auroran last week. "It is not in point of fact sold until the trustees approve the sale and that would not be until the September board meeting. We do have firm offers and they are being considered at the present time.

"Unfortunately, I can't [provide further detail] pending final decision than simply to say we have more than one interested buyer, so those are being actively considered and

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It was the first corn roast held by town council ever. Held at the Aurora Farmers' Market Saturday morning, the event was attended by, left to right, Aurora Councillor Sandra Humfryes, Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe and the Mayor of East Gwillimbury Virginia Hackson. Several other Aurora councillors attended the event as did members of East Gwillimbury council. Auroran photo by David Falconer

Brieflv

SIGN THE BOOK

Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees said this week that a Book of Condolences in remembrance of Jack Layton has been made available for signature at his constituency office in Aurora.

"Jack Layton was a remarkable human being who inspired Canadians from all walks of life through his dedicated and passionate public service. Although our political views differed, I admired Jack's passion and dedication to advance his vision for Canada," Mr. Klees said. "I believe that many in our community share my sentiments and it is for that reason that I want to give my constituents the opportunity to pay their respects by signing a Book of Condolences".

The Book of Condolences will be available for signature at his constituency office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. at 14845 Yonge Street, Suite 201, in Aurora.

TICKETS RUNNING OUT

Aurora Seniors Association members, their families and friends are reminded that tickets for the final blast of the summer - a corn roast at the Aurora Seniors' Centre (ASC) on John West Way are nearly sold out, and if you had plans to attend, you'd be wise to get them soon.

The roast will be held Friday, September 9th at 6 p.m. on the deck. Tickets sell for \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. A cash bar will be operational. After dinner, there will be a video concert. For further information contact Marie Leone at 905-713-0608 or leoneml@bell.net.

Foodland shuts doors in Aurora October 29

Seniors could be left in the and careful review of the opera- a lot of residents can't even go this fall, according to area resi- Foodland, dents.

Sobeys, Foodland's parent company, confirmed to The Auroran last week that the Foodland store at St. Andrew's Plaza will close its doors October

"It was following an extensive

lurch following the closure of tions that the decision was made out shopping," she said. Aurora's Foodland grocery store to close the St. Andrew's "Foodland delivers their gro-Sobeys said spokesperson Sarah Stover.

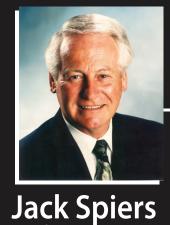
However careful the review, the store's closure could prove to be detrimental to the older residents of two adjacent residential buildings for seniors, according to resident Anne Cairns.

"This is a seniors' building and

ceries, but some of them only walk with walkers and some of them can only walk across the road as far as Foodland, which is pretty close."

According to Ms. Cairns, with Foodland's closure, residents of Aurora's northwest quadrant will

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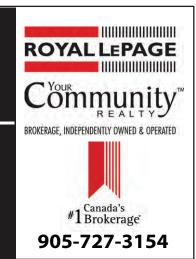
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COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Money Talks. A free, informal discussion group will be held tonight at the Aurora Public Library to share ideas and exchange unbiased financial planning information, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room. Moderator Roger Strong is not affiliated with any financial institution.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The first Aurora Chamber of Commerce networking event is a breakfast, sponsored by Avaloch Insurance Services Inc. and slated to be held at St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, 4 Pinnacle Trail, Aurora, from 7.30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for guests.

Amnesty International meets re human rights at 7.30 p.m.tonight at the Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. Everyone is welcome. For further information call 905-727-8671

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society is hosting its Annual Flower Show today where members exhibit exceptional specimens from their gardens and display unique artistic floral designs. The flower show will be held at the Aurora Cultural Centre. 22 Church Street, from noon to 4 p.m. For more information call Cindy at 905-713-6660.

SEPTEMBER 9-11 The sixth annual Ribfest will be held

this weekend in Machell Park. It will operate Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

The 14th Annual Aurora and Newmarket Parkinson SuperWalk will take place at Fairy Lake in Newmarket. Registration, a Yoga demonstration by The Royal Pathways Inc., and speeches begin at 9.30 a.m. under the main pavilion closest to the Water Street entrance. The walk begins at 10.30 a.m. For more information or to volunteer call Kim Rouse-Parypa at e-mail 905-713-0774 kimrp@sympatico.ca For more information on Parkinson's or to register on-line

visit www.parkinsonsuperwalk.ca. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Baby Talk supports language development with Blue Balloon and will be part of a free seminar with a pediatric health specialist covering normal language development and how best to support language acquisition in your child, with games and activities at the Aurora Public Library beginning at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk, or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

"Surrealism, High Expressionism." Join three exhibiting artists at the Aurora Cultural Centre this evening for a free Opening Reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. In the Blue Gallery, high realism painter George Boyer presents Moments in Time show and sale of paintings; the Red Gallery will host abstract painter Katja Van den Enden with the exhibition and sale Freedom of Expressionism. Surrealist artist Marcelo Suaznabar will present an Artist Walk and Talk at 7.15 p.m. to discuss his new large scale works in the exhibition "Mensages del Tiempo" (Time Messages). Aurora Cultural Centre is located at 22 Church Street and is fully accessible at the north entrance. For more information send an e-mail info@auroraculturalcentre.ca or call 905-

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

The Aurora Seniors' Centre will hold its second annual Dog and Mutt Show behind the centre at 96 John West Way from 1 p.m. (rain or shine). A barbecue will also be available. Registration forms are now available from the centre. Maximum is 30 entrants. For further information contact Michelle Stemer at 905-727-3123, ext.

Walk of Hope to raise funds for the Ovarian Cancer Canada happens today from the Farmers' Market at 9 a.m. Contact Gayle Palmer for further information at gaylepalmer@msn.com.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

The annual Terry Fox Run takes place today from the Sheppard's Bush soccer fields beginning at 8.30 a.m. with registration. Participants have the choice of a fivekilometre run/walk/bike/roller blade or a two-kilometre forest stroll. For more information go to www.terryfox.org which also includes on-line pledging) or contact Hank Van Bakel at (hvanbakel@ortech.ca).

Paul Neufeld's popular Sunday sessions returns this fall with the first of a set of four relaxed afternoon monthly jazz piano concerts, each with a special guest. Today Paul invites Hugh Marsh, an improvising violinist who has worked with everyone from Loreena (spelled correctly) McKennitt to Moe Kauffman, Bruce Cockburn and Robert Palmer Tickets are \$15 each, or \$45 for a family of four. The session begins at 2 p.m. at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Today is the start of Fall Programs and Workshops for children, teens and adults at the Aurora Cultural Centre. From group guitar, to painting, drawing, wood and stone carving, to teen drama, songwriting, arts classes, a variety of one-day workshops will take place. Check out the website for all the program offerings or call for a brochure. The Aurora Cultural Centre is fully accessible at north entrance. for more information send an e-mail to info@auroraculturalcentre.ca, www.auroraculturalcentre.ca or call 905-713-1818

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

This year the Aurora Chamber of Commerce's Annual General Meeting will be held this evening from $5.30\ p.m.$ to 7.30p.m., at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street. The 2010 - 2011 Audited Financial Statements and year end reports will be presented, followed by the induction of the Board of Directors. A cocktail reception, catered by Maunders Food Shop, will follow the formal part of the meeting. Cost is \$10 for members.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Spirit Nights - A Taste of Wine at the Aurora Cultural Centre. Enjoy an evening of 'tutored tastings' of limited edition wines, paired with artisan cheeses, all led by wine expert Chris Price. Round out the evening with visits to all three galleries with the artists in attendance to talk about their vorks, and the melodies of jazz pianist Paul Neufeld. Tickets are \$60 each and tables of eight are available for groups. Net oceeds benefit programming the Centre. For tickets or proceeds inquiries contact the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, at info@auroraculturalcentre.ca or phone 905-713-1818. Mark your calendars for two more Spirit Nights: Friday, October 21. 2011 Oktoberfest! With George Kash's lively band & Saturday, December 3, 2011 Scotch - A Night of Nosing Sampling the finest single malts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

The Art of Stenciling, with Deborah Mores, an artist, teacher, home furnishing designer and business owner. She will bring more than 30 years of expertise to this workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Lebovic Room. \$20 per person and you must be 18 years and older. Pre-register

at the Adult Information Desk, or call 905-727-9493, option 4

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

The Triple P Parenting workshop series returns to Aurora Public Library. Join the group the last Wednesday of each month, September to May, excluding December. A variety of topics will help you answer your parenting questions and needs. All meetings at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk or call 905-727-9493,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Theatre Aurora presents Michael Healey's The Drawer Boy. This thoughtful and touching Canadian drama tells the story of two boyhood friends, Morgan and Angus, who live together on a farm. Morgan is a tough-minded, stubborn man who cares for Angus, who suffered brain damage and memory loss during the bombing of London in the Second World War. Angus is initially identified as "the drawer boy" because he used to design buildings, and has the talents of an architect. A visitor threatens to unravel their memories. Produced by Kay Valentine and directed by Andrea Emmerton Performances are September 30, October 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 (matinee), 12, 13, 14, 15, with evening performances at 8 p.m. and the matinee at 2 p.m. Theatre Aurora is located at 150 Henderson Drive, Purchase tickets Aurora. through the www.theatreaurora.com, or you may contact the box office by email at taboxoffice@bellnet.ca or by telephone at 905-727-3669.

OCTOBER 1, 2, 6 AND 7

The Canadian Cancer Society Holland River Unit will be running the Pink Ribbon event in October. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and volunteers from the Canadian Cancer Society will be selling pink ribbons on the above dates to raise awareness about breast health. Funds raised during this campaign will support breast cancer research and community programs for people living with breast cancer and their

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

The Juno nominated Sultans of String bring their CD release tour to the Aurora Cultural Centre tonight at 7.30. Tickets are available at the door from the Cultural Centre for general admission seating for \$30. Advance tickets are \$25.

You're invited to be part of the Aurora Artist Studio Tour 2011, a group of professional artists along with emerging artists from Aurora, inviting the public into our homes for our second year two day annual studio tour on Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The following artists are already participating: Jean Beard, David Beard, Deborah Campo, Eva Folks, Maya Rodrigues, Judy Sherman and Christine

E-mail Deborah Campo to be added to the August 13th at deborah.campoart@sympatico.ca 905-727-1447. Artists are asking that you studio meeting at the Aurora Public Library, 2nd floor, Tuesday August 16th at 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

The Tuesday Philosophy Club meets tonight at the Aurora Public Library in the Lebovic Room at 7 p.m. What is the meaning of life? Why are we here? Is there an ultimate purpose to my existence? If these questions have ever crossed your mind. join the club. No prior experience in philosophy is required. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk, or call 905-727-9493,

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Join the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at the black tie (optional) 2011 Business Achievement Awards Dinner, which will be held at The Manor, 16750 Weston Road, Kettleby. Cocktails start at 5.30 p.m., with dinner and awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person plus HST. Visit the Chamber website for details and to purchase tickets

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

The annual Aurora Prayer Breakfast will be held this morning from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. sharp. Guest speaker is Dr. Rick Tobias who will speak on "Breaking the cycle of multi-generational poverty, with a particular focus on youth-at-risk". Dr. Tobias brings his passion and strategies for community-wide change to Aurora. Best known for his life-long advocacy on behalf of low-income and marginalized people and for collaborating with business and professional leaders to promote change in the city, the President and CEO of Yonge Street Mission will be the speaker The event will be held at The Mansion, former-

Dinardo's. 400 Industrial Parkway South, and the \$25 includes admission For tickets contact breakfast. www.auroraprayerbreakfast.ca or call 905-506-0566

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Aurora's Pine Tree Potters' Guild announces that it will be hosting its second annual Empty Bowls fund-raising event. Tickets, at \$45, go on sale September 6

and are available from the Aurora Cultural Centre, Vic's Shoe Repair and Meridian Credit Union.

CONTINUING

Trinity Anglican Church "Clothes Closet", located at 44 Metcalfe Streeet, 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.

At the request of its director, Richard

Heinzle, the Evergreen Choir's time of

practice will be increased to 90 minutes, and will meet on Wednesday, September Please see page 15



Approximate start dates:

Melba - Aug 18 Gravenstein - Aug 30 Wealthy -Aug 27 McIntosh - Sept 10

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12:45 p.m. Upcoming Local Musicians

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2:15 p.m. FRESHWATER TRADE (music reflecting the heritage of the Great Lakes region)

2:45 p.m. The Dirty Dishes (Toronto's hottest Country/Bluegrass/Gospel Band)

JIMMY RANKIN 3:45 p.m.

The Infamous Binder Twine Queen Contest! 5:00 p.m.

Around the Village: Taylor Made Trio, York Regional Police Pipes & Drums, Dave Hoy Honky Tonk, Katie & Doug The Great, Canada Day Jazz Trio, The 3rd Degree Fiddlers, Starlight Steel Drum Band, Goodman Square Dancers, and Ron the Balloon Man!

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Christina Bisanz, above, the Liberal candidate in the October provincial election, gets help from former MPP and cabinet minister Charles Beer, as she officially opens her campaign office on Wellington Street East in Aurora Sunday afternoon. At left she snips the ribbon.

Auroran photos by Ron Wallace

Date set for second Rock and Roll show

Love Rock and Roll" event know. We are also starting

Aurora said earlier this week that the date, April 28, 2012, has already been would not make a decision

Last year's star of the show, Kevin Mills did not great but I am looking to win the Elvis Presley title in make 2012 even better," he Memphis this year,

will most likely be available www.iloverockandroll.ca. for our April 28 "I Love at Dinardo's Mansion!"

Mr. Hayes was quick to point out that Kevin had not confirmed yet "because had he won Memphis then he may have not been available on April 28 next year due to the winner's commitments".

"I have decided to do it all again next year. So although it is a little less than nine months away, I already getting requests for tickets," he said. "If you are planning to attend and/or know someone who is, please reply to Alan's e-mail with "Rock & Roll Tickets" on the subject line and "I will make sure tickets are held for you."

"I have a few people offer to be on the planning and organizing committee and I will be contacting them soon," he added. "If you would also like to be

on the committee or help There will be another "I in any way, please let me to look for sponsors and Organizer Alan Hayes of silent auction donations."

Mr. Hayes said he has a "few charities in mind, but I until a committee is set up.

"This year's event was said, reminding people "So this means Kevin to check his website:

Last year's event raised Rock & Roll" dinner dance just under \$7,000 for Living, Community

Newmarket Aurora District.

Tickets cost \$75 each or \$725 for a table of 10. There are also a few tables of 12 available for

E-mail your request to iloverockandroll@bell.net with "2012 Tickets" on the subject line.

"We are also offering \$2,000 table sponsorships," Mr. Hayes said. "You will get 10 tickets plus your name on your table, recognized on the website, on the double screens in the hall, and more."

Aurora resident believes town missed opportunity

Together (PACT) makes that are somewhat overlappreparations to launch the Parks Ambassadors program in the spring following council approval earlier this month, one local parks volunteer said an opportunity has been missed in having the program work with the existing Adopt-a-Park program.

The concerns were raised by Aurora trails advocate Klaus Wehrenberg in a delegation to Town Council prior to councillors giving their final approval on the yearround project, which saw sign off Ambassadors for a one-year the matter be referred back trial and rejecting recommendations from Town Staff to have their terms of reference decided by Aurora's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) and the program take a break during the winter

Wehrenberg queried why the Adopt-a-Park program had not been considered by PRAC in conjunction with the Parks Ambassadors program.

"My concern comes from experience," said Wehrenberg. "I have been with that program for about 15 years and have basically fulfilled all of the functions that I expected to be carried by the Parks program. Ambassador namely patrolling the park, reporting activity, and I have reported some drug related infractions and have taken some significant action, but that was rather infrequent."

Additional activities carried out through the Adopt-a-Park program, according to Mr. Wehrenberg, included sending for the police to deal with more serious matters such as cars coming into the park "tearing up" the lawn, approaching dog owners whose dogs ran around without leashes, and picking up garbage such as beer cans strewn about the park by passing vehicles.

"I have a lot of experience over the 15 years and my concern is that we might be

As Police and Community running two programs, two ping and I'm trying to find a way where we can find a solution where we can deal with both programs and possibly come to an agreement on how they can ... run better in certain ways."

While Mr. Wehrenberg said the initial recommendation to have the Parks Ambassador program run from May to September was flawed as such a program "should indeed be yearround" as there is "always something to keep an eye on in Town parks."

He recommended that to PRAC for further discussion in the coming months as the Parks Ambassadors program was not slated for official launch until May.

Such discussion could take place during the autumn months, he said, and result in a report from In his presentation, Mr. staff on the Adopt-a-Park

> "I believe the Adopt-a-Park program is different from other considerations [such as] how we operate with the Rotary Club," he said. "They are by and large more concerned with certain aspects of certain parks. The Adopt-a-Park program is a town-wide program and rates somewhat differently.

> "I would like to see the Adopt-a-Park program dealt with before we go ahead with the approval and that is contrary to what you have in

front of you. We're not going to lose much time so we have the benefit of an additional Parks and Recreation committee and maybe something can come out of

According to Al Downey, Aurora's Director of Parks and Recreation, out of the 60 parks in the Town of Aurora's portfolio, only six are covered by the Adopt-a-Park Program.

This, he said, was one of the reasons he recommended further involvement from the Parks and Recreation Committee so that they could oversee the distribution of Ambassadors to area parks to ensure allocation is adequate and even.

"The Parks Recreation Committee would be able to say, 'Thank you, we appreciate your interest, but perhaps we would rather see you in Fleury Park across the street or in another location'," he said. "That type of discussion doesn't necessarily take place between the Police [and PACT] with regards to the selection of Parks Ambassadors.

"[We] wanted Parks and Recreation to play a more active role so we ensure that we have appropriate coverage with regards to the program, because they said we already have some partners within the Adopt-a-Park program but we have barely 10 per cent of our parks covered by that program."







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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Perfect weather for police picnic

York Regional Police couldn't have asked for a better day to hold its 40th anniversary picnic Saturday.

Using the space at the Community Safety Village at Bruce's Mill, the police entertained more than 600 people, including the chief himself, Eric Jolliffe.

I was one of the guests, and all I wanted to do was go for a ride in Air Two, the police helicopter, which had landed at the scene for inspection by members of the police service and their families.

But it was not to be.

The Community Safety Village welcomes approximately 180 children daily from September to June and hosts day camps as well as offering four weeks of summer camp each year. It also hosts several special events throughout the year. To date, the village has welcomed more than 100,000 people to its site.

The biggest problem Saturday was getting to the event.

Construction crews had apparently chosen the main entrance to Bruce's Mill to rip things apart, and rip them apart, they did, to the point where a staffed police cruiser was used to show people how to get into the place.

Once inside, the place was packed.

Granddaughter Mikayla Stade was a foot too high to ride in one of the miniature automobiles that were being driven all over the place, but she did get to pet one of the dogs used to demonstrate how the police can catch a "bad guy".

I was totally impressed with the police acquisition of the armoured car.

It would comfortably hold 10 people (including the driver) and I can only hope the police never have to use it.

"I would expect to see something like that in Libya," said my mother-in-law.

In all about 10 people were responsible for the event and they met regularly to pull it off.

In my mind they did a good job.

Of course, there was no hurricane or earthquake to deal with as they had in New York City last week.

My daughter, who lives in the Big Apple asked, via email: Earthquake and hurricane in the same week. When do the frogs start falling from the sky?

Couldn't answer that.

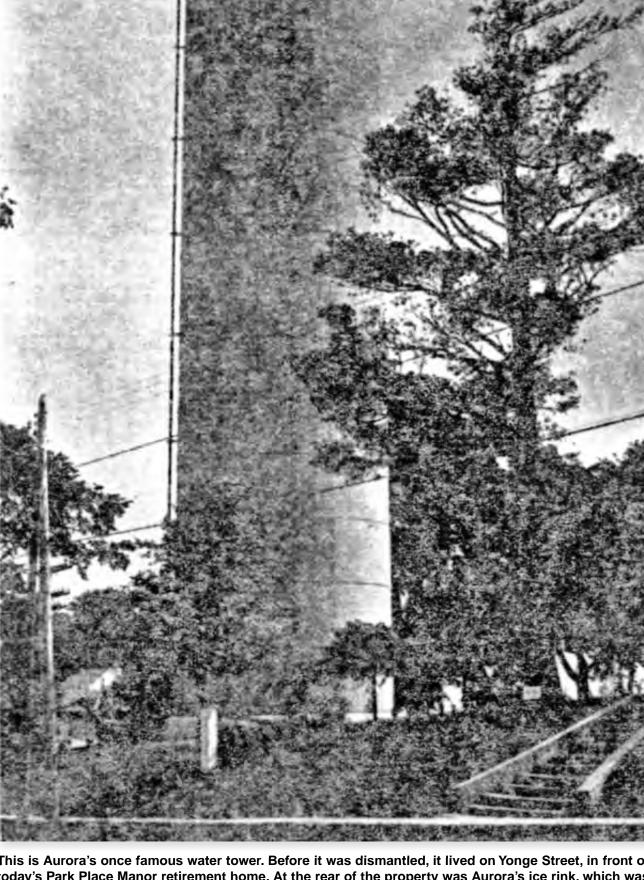
I asked her Saturday if things were okay and she replied, "Supplies are in, nothing to do but wait."

I'll let you know next week how she made out.





In the top photo, a dog from York Region Police canine unit demonstrates ability to nab the "bad guy", while police armoured car, bottom, was on display Saturday. Auroran photos by Ron Wallace



This is Aurora's once famous water tower. Before it was dismantled, it lived on Yonge Street, in front of today's Park Place Manor retirement home. At the rear of the property was Aurora's ice rink, which was destroyed by fire one cold night in February, 1965. It was replaced by the Aurora Community Centre, built on Aurora Heights Drive in 1967.

Letters to the Editor

Seniors thank Peter Diamond

To the editor,

participation was very

Grass-free?

To the editor,

The weather has been so great recently that I decided to take a walk around town, including a couple of the town parks.

This chemical herbicide ban is realy starting to show dividends finally.

I believe we are well on our way to obtaining our goal of being "GRASS-FREE AURORA" within three to five years.

That was our goal, wasn't it? To be grass free?

Brian Marshall

successful, as mentioned in the August 9th column While our seniors' float of the Senior Scape, we omitted to acknowledge an important sponsor, on behalf of our Board of Directors and members thank Diamond Landscaping of Aurora.

It has been a few years that Peter of now Diamond Landscaping been donating his trailer for our seniors' float, they take the time to unload the trailer, wash it, and deliver it to us and we appreciate this support.

Thank you, again.

Charles Sequeira President **Aurora Seniors Association**

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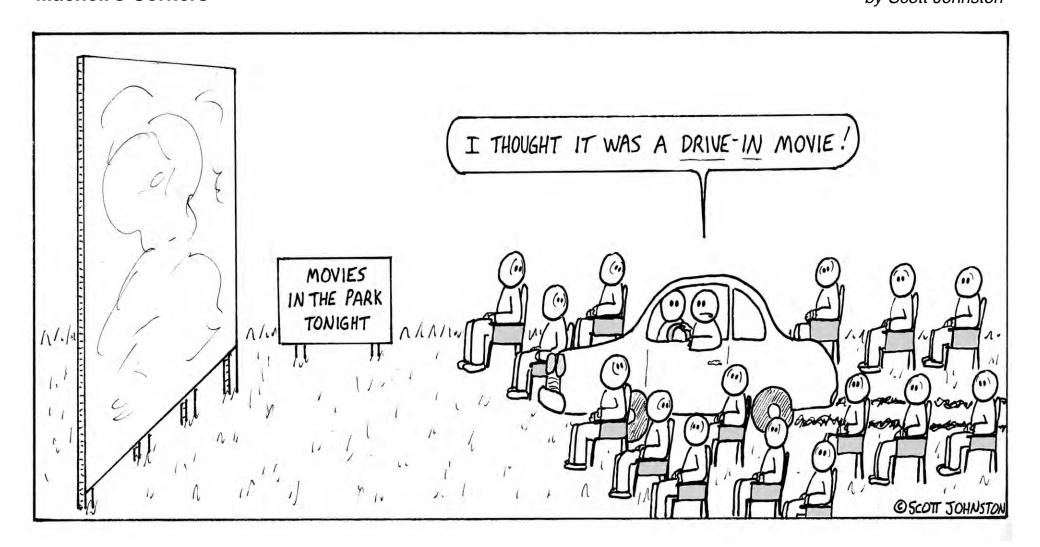
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Another historic day as prince visits area

The Aurora visits of the future King Edward VII in 1860, and the future King George V and Queen Mary - grandparents of the present Queen - at the turn of the century were fleeting at best, as they made whistle-stop tours of the area, but that was definitely not the case years later.

In October 1924, their son Edward, Prince of Wales arrived in Aurora to take part in a fox hunt.

The Prince of Wales, who 12 years later would famously abdicate the throne to his brother in order to marry Wallis Simpson as Duke and Duchess of Windsor, was at this time a very popular figure within the British Empire as the seeds of the Commonwealth continued to be sewn.

As such, he was frequently sent by his father on extensive tours of the Dominions.

While the image of the Prince of Wales leading a cluster of hunters in red tunics across Aurora's wide open spaces might be a bit difficult for today's readers to imagine, school children lined Aurora's main thoroughfare as the Prince made his way up Yonge Street from Toronto to the farm of the venerable Sir William Mulock at the corner of what is now Yonge and Mulock Drive in Newmarket.

"Wednesday will go down as another historic day for the old and historic County of York," said the October 17, 1924 edition of the Aurora Banner. "Long before his arrival Yonge Street from the city limits to Sir William Mulock's home, north of this place, was jammed with motor cars and people lined the roadway to catch a glimpse of the slight, boyish figure clad in chequered Ulster and cap, which sat in the undecorated car of Mr. George W. Beardmore in its progress up Yonge Street."

According to this contemporary account, the Prince specifically requested a low-key visit and accordingly there was no welcoming ceremony or addresses from members of Aurora's political and civic life.

In fact, according to The Banner, one would have hardly noticed the Prince in the back of the vehicle if there wasn't advanced notice of his arrival.

"[He was] not conspicuous in a party which included uniformed huntsmen, and some spectators missed him," it said. "But for all who looked, 'Edward P.' had a cheery wave of the hand, and where the gathering was thicker, he would take off his cap and give the people a boyish wave."

With The Banner's emphasis on his "boyish figure" and "boyish wave", it might be pertinent to point out here that the Prince of Wales was 30 years old at the time of his visit to Aurora.

"The Prince with the brush.

The finish w and south of the

"School children turned out en masse with flags to wave back and their shrill cheers mingled with the deeper tones of the ovation as the Royal car went by," it continued. "Many houses along the road were decorated, also the stores, but in spots busy housewives merely ran out of their kitchens and smiled

greetings to the party."

By the time the Royal party reached Sir William Mulock's farm at 11 a.m., "thousands" of people had gathered on its grounds to welcome him including "Toronto's smartest society best" dressed in their specially bought riding togs already on horseback.

"The royal huntsman had arrived for the hunt, and even the restless hounds herded down on the lawn seemed to know it," said the paper.

A half-hour later, the successful hunt commenced with the prince riding a horse called Kildare.

The hunt continued until the dogs caught up to the fox at the farm of a George Thompson, about nearly six kilometres south of Yonge and Mulock.

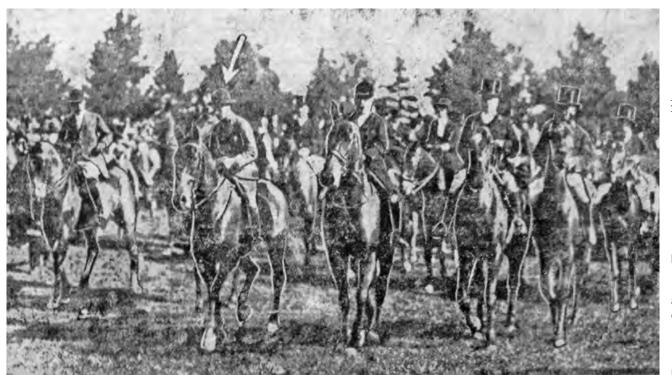
"The Prince suffered a slight mishap and it was due largely to the skill of a groom that H.R.H. was not injured," said The Banner. "The groom received the personal thanks of the Prince and a \$10 bill, which is to be framed as a souvenir.

"The Prince was in at the kill and was presented with the brush.

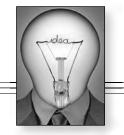
The finish was at the farm of Mr. W.A. Brodie, west and south of the Mulock Farm and here H.R.H. asked and received from Mrs. Robert Carr, a glass of water pumped from the well.

He thanked and shook hands with her.

The Prince then dismounted and motored to the Beardmore farm, south of Aurora, where luncheon was served, the Prince leaving immediately afterwards for the King Edward Hotel."



This was the scene at the Mulock farm north of Aurora. A big crowd cheered His Royal Highness (arrow) and the 150 or so riders as they left for the chase. The fact that the prince wore a bowler hat, instead of a hunting cap, was interperted as meaning that he has only expected a "drag" hunt instead of a genuine fox chase, according to contemporary reports.



100 Watts

By Christopher Watts

This man was likely world's oldest CEO

For those attending this year's Hoedown there's probably not enough time to get an order with Rockmount Ranch Wear.

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Jack Layton gone, but not forgotten

To the editor,

"They" whoever "they are" say that we are all creatures of habit.

As I have said before I if my eyes are open, panting

have a steadfast morning routine that starts at 6:10 a.m. with my two 80-pound furry companions bounding on my bed, checking to see

in my face and if that doesn't work a paw is directed the towards closest appendage, followed by a

They also have a sched-

ule but theirs is more front door to retrieve my urgent, usually, than mine.

On my way to the backdoor to let the beasties out, I turn on the premade coffee maker then proceed to the with him.

morning papers.

During the summer, my son usually brings in one of the papers and takes one

This morning, I found The Star in its blue plastic wrapper on the counter at the front door so I proceeded to pour my coffee, sit at my space at the kitchen table and opened my paper.

At the time, I thought that the front page was a little yellow but continued to

The headline was that Jack Layton had informed the media that he was diagnosed with additional cancer and would be retiring from politics.

I kept reading but when I read the line indicating that made had announcement on Monday.

I thought - isn't this Monday? What's going on?

Do you ever look at the date on the front page of the paper that is delivered to your house?

I never did! There is was Tuesday, July 26th, 2011. What the heck! I have had an ongoing battle with my "Star" delivery person.

In the winter they throw the paper in snow banks.

Since the spring my paper could be found in my overgrown garden at the front of my home which is encircled in a fence so you have to go to the side, climb through the jungle to rescue the paper. Apparently, my son, being the kind individual he is, retrieved what he thought was today's' paper.

I found the truant bundle, encased in my monster plants after some very harsh words fell out of my mouth towards the delivery person.

However, I had my "Star" and consumed it with my normal insults to its Liberal editorials, read the obits, horoscopes, weather forecast on the back page of the Sports Section (that is the only part of that section that I ever look at unless the Olympics are on).

Now comes the very strange part of my morning.

I got ready to go to my 9 a.m. appointment, to have my natural hair colour put in, once again following my leaving the house routine one dog cookie each if I am only going out for a short time. Upon arrival, I overheard some of the girls talking about a death.

I asked who and the response sent chills up my arms and back.

"Jack Layton" died.

How weird was it that I read that old newspaper, by accident, just this morning and his death was not reported until the paper had been put to bed.

I may not have agreed with his politics but I respected him for his dedication to public service, steadfast ideals, determination and his triumph placing his party in the position of the loyal opposition party of Canada.

His presence will be truly missed but not forgotten.

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Auditors' numbers corrected: Elliott

To the editor,

Re: "Some householders not paying taxes: auditors." The Auroran, August 23, 2011 edition.

This story triggered some feedback to my office.

Of concern was the statement attributed to the auditors stating, "the percentage of outstanding taxes receivable for the calendar year of 2010 stood at 42 per cent, up from 27 per cent in 2009."

The article in The Auroran misquoted the auditors' report, which should have read "the percentage of taxes outstanding for one year or more increased from 27 per cent in 2009 to 42 per cent in

Upon further discussion with the auditors, they now admit this 27 per cent figure was a typographical error, and that the correct comparative percentage should have read as "37 per cent" in their report. They have since revised

their report to the Town. Your readers may better appreciate the real health of our tax receivables from the attached table, below.

It is easy to see from the table that our tax receivable balance has been reduced in actual dollars, and by extension, as a percentage of the current year's tax levy total.

All taxes receivable are fully secured against the title of the respective properties, in priority over all liens and mortgages except those of the Crown.

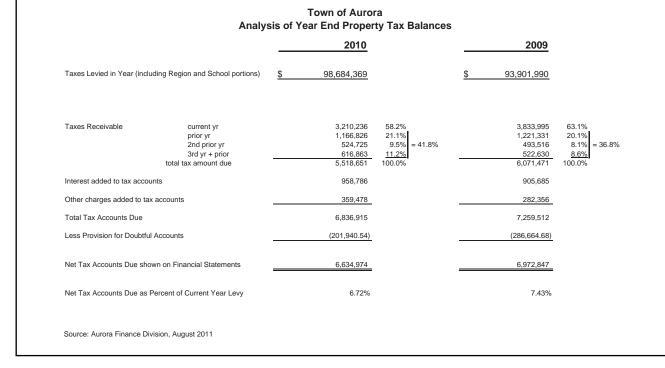
The Town of Aurora annually initiates proceedings against properties with longstanding arrears,

which if not resolved, move ultimately to a sale of the property for tax arrears by the Town.

I wish to assure all members of our community that our revenue streams are being properly managed.

Further, ensuring the effective safeguarding of our assets and delivering optimal value to the community are goals of all Town of Aurora staff.

Dan Elliott Treasurer Town of Aurora



Employee says thanks to customer

To the editor,

This is a heartfelt know that your kind letter

thank you to Rob Dawes. I just want to let you

Loblaw Public Relations has found its way to Chris' No Frills and subsequently to me and my fellow employees.

> The fact that you took the time to write the letter in the first place speaks volumes about you and I am truly humbled by your generous compliments.

> I totally enjoy the opportunity to serve and chat with so many cus

tomers and if any of them leave with a smile I have had a successful and rewarding day which makes my job fun!

Please introduce yourself the next time we are there on the same day so I can put a face to the name and say thank you in person.

Gail Teel Aurora

He remembers some teachers

To the editor,

Getting back to you on the picture we discussed of the teachers (Page 4, The Auroran, August 23).

I am taking a shot at the names and I believe I have the names right except perhaps Mr. Mullins. George Street was my first public school in Aurora.

Top row from the left: Mrs. Adair, Joe Morley.

Second last in the top row Mr. Mullins.

Bottom row: first-person from left is Ursula Ostick, I believe.

Hope you have other people submitting.

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Green Party selects candidate

By BROCK WEIR Auroran writer

Kristopher Kuysten, 26, has faced many challenges in life arising from his disabilities, but his overcoming of the many obstacles makes him an ideal person to represent the people of Newmarket-Aurora at Queen's Park following the October 6 election, said the newly minted Green Party can-

A Newmarket resident of five years and native of Willowdale, Mr. Kuysten said he stepped up to the plate to carry Green banner Newmarket-Aurora after frustration as a voter in the last provincial election when there wasn't a Green candidate running locally.

"In the last election I was voting in a riding where there was no Green Party candidate, and that is unacceptable because the Green Party is stronger than ever." he said. "With no candidate for Newmarket-Aurora, there were two of us running for the spot and I was chosen."

For this first time candidate, Mr. Kuysten admitted that the prospect of campaigning is "very nerve wracking" but he said he is looking forward to taking up the challenge.

Having lived with muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, as well as learning disabilities, Mr. Kuysten has completed a Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Guelph after doing his undergraduate work at Ryerson and is set to begin work towards his PhD in **Economics**

"My disability has brought me many challenges throughout my life, but I have the ability to overcome, such as completing a Masters in Economics



KRISTOPHER KUYSTEN

and publishing," he said. "I strive to get what I want and to push for what the people of Newmarket-Aurora

As the provincial Green Party candidate, Mr. Kuysten said his vision for Ontario is one of a province that provides opportunities for support in areas such as education, support for businesses, and providing options for people to utilize green energy and green technology in their homes and busi-

After one full year, Cultural Centre expands workshops

The Aurora Cultural workshops for teens with Centre marks its first year of arts programming with an expanded slate of classes and workshops for children, teens and adults starting this September.

With 25 classes - many of them new to the roster and a number of one-day workshops, there's an arts program for everyone in the family.

open, and classes begin September 19.

Based public on response to classes in the first year, the Centre has expanded opportunities for all ages, including five classes aimed specifically at teens aged 13 to 18.

Teen offerings include several specially-designed classes from expert instructors who are particularly enthusiastic about teaching this age group.

Popular local musician Glenn Marais has created Songwriting A - Z for Teens classes, culminating in a final recording and coffee house performance of songs.

Region's own York Humber River Shakespeare Company has also crafted a new series of drama an emphasis on movement. voice, improvisation and Shakespeare scene study.

Led by artistic director Kevin Hammond, along with Stratford alumnus Sophia Kolinas, these classes are a first for Aurora.

No previous experience is required.

The teen program rounds out with classes in Creative Writing from Clare Bolton, as well as a portfolio-building Fine Arts for Teens aimed at high school art students wishing further in-depth multimedia study.

Adult offerings include the return of two levels popular Group Guitar Classes, Creative Songwriting, as well as Kick Start Your Creative Writing for either beginners or more advanced stu-

Stone Carving instructor Ruth Devor returns this season offering both Relief and 3-Dimensional Limestone Carving.

All the visual arts instructors are back with expanded classes in watercolours, Acrylics (two levels) and Drawing and Sketching (two levels).

Local artists will be pleased to practice their painting and drawing skills in a new Portraiture and Figure Drawing Class with model Janice Morgante.

Aurora husband and wife duo Fred and Marlene Ash will offer a new introductory Wood Carving class, and popular photography instructor Steve Somerville returns with Creating Impact with Your Photos.

Other classes include Dance, Stretch and Tone, as well as a variety of oneday workshops in everything from jewelry-making, to glass paperweights and holiday urn decorating.

As always, there are several art classes for children ages two to 13, including a new Cartooning and Anime course for ages 6 to 12.

Registration is now open; full details can be found on the website or in the brochure.

For further information, contact Jane Taylor, Program Coordinator. Aurora Cultural Centre. Phone her at 905-713-1818 or send an e-mail to janetaylor@ auroraculturalcentre.ca

"We're standing up for the little guy and we have a vision of a green Ontario for all," he said. "My vision is to create jobs for the 21st century, which means creating lower taxes for entrepreneurs [and those with] lower incomes, to create safe, affordable energy to power our communities, and have a government that is full of checks and balances."

In talking to voters during the campaign so far (although it was clear he was named Green Party candidate earlier this month by the party, his first official day as candidate was last Wednesday) Mr. Kuysten said one of the most prominent issues he has heard from voters is job creation, along with protecting people's savings and providing stable, long-term growth rather than what Mr. Kuysten terms as "mass fluctuation."

From his perspective too, there is a gap that needs to be addressed in increasing opportunities for active transportation not just in Newmarket-Aurora. but Ontario-wide.

"In Newmarket-Aurora especially we are depending on vehicles because there is not enough public transportation so people have to go out and spend \$10,000 to \$20,000 on a new car to get where they have to go," he said. "Families have too many cars in the driveway which costs them money and hurts the environment, and individuals are not healthy.

"We're encouraging healthier communities, which include walking and biking to places rather than taking cars.'

This stance goes hand in hand with his and the party's views on rising gas prices.

While he said today's gas prices are "terrible", it has proven that it is necessary to get "people away from single passenger vehicles" and encourage car pooling and the use of public transportation. Ontario's public transit systems are underutilized and rising gas prices could lead people to look to that as a solution, he said.

"The increase in gas prices will incentivise individuals to find alternative transportation," he said. "In addition it will promote retailers to further refine the manufacturing of cars so we have [renewable energy] cars that do not require much gaso-

While using renewable energy to power where we need to go is part of Mr. Kuvsten's platform, so too is renewable and clean energy in all areas, something his party believes in "100 per cent." People should have full access to renewable energy programs and subsidies such as Ontario's Feed In Tariff program, he said, and projects such as the recently approved Town of Aurora initiative to lease out the roof of the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex to companies installing solar panels for energy generation will make Aurora a showcase in encouraging other companies and municipalities to follow suit, he said.

"This will decrease our demand on nuclear and coal energy," he said.

As someone who has clearly taken advantage of post-secondary education opportunities in Ontario, Mr. Kuysten also believes there is room for improvement on that front.

Access to post secondary education needs to increase first and foremost, he said, and this could be achieved by tackling rising tuition fees which have increased due to demand.

"We believe that this is unfair for students to have higher and higher fees, so we would freeze tuition and only allow tuition to increase at the regular inflation rate," he said. "One of the issues is people are finishing university and they can't find a job because they don't have any experience. We are going to encourage internships, co-op programs and mentorship programs so that people have practical experience to go along with the classroom experience. Individuals will have a much more well-rounded education."

As he moves forward towards the polls opening on October 6, Mr. Kuysten said he looks forward to spreading the Green Party of Ontario message throughout the riding, a philosophy of having "citizens create their own province rather than the other parties such as the Liberals and Conservatives dictating what happens", and plans for a "healthy economy, healthier growth with minimal government, and at the same time have a healthy community."

"I have overcome many barriers and I think anything this campaign throws at me I can rebound and make it 10 times better," he said. "I can go out and be proud to be Green and just not hold anything back and give people what they want. None of this arguing back and forth. Nobody is wrong, everybody is right; it is just about delivering what matters to peo-

For a full video of our sit-down interview with Mr. Kuysten, visit www.theauroran.com, click on the TVA link and select the



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The last concert in Aurora's Town Park this summer was held Wednesday evening, and about 500 braved the inclement weather to listen to the Summer of '69, a Bryan Adams tribute band. Weather reports, with predictions of rain, thunder, and possibly a tornado, were blamed for keeping the crowd down.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Money to LSRCA upsets councillor

building on Wellington spaces at the northeast Street West near McDonald corner of the property. Drive is slated to be converted into a 14-unit struc- ered the additional parking ture with the overhaul of lot development as "comsome two-bedroom apart- patible" with the surroundments to single apartment ing area, the LSRCA has dwellings, but with this con-requested a revised substruction comes further mission from the developmeasures to increase ers as storm water flow capacity and compliance.

the site plan, which includes four additional approved meeting this month.

Ramunno, were granted by Aurora's ence in the end. Committee of Adjustment in the required number of Simcoe parking spaces from 1.5 Conservation yard parking space.

"All four minor variances were approved on the condition that a site plan be approved, that the applicant make satisfactory arrangements with the LSRCA (Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority) for the development, and that the conditions be satisfied within one year," said Mr. Ramunno. "An additional condition requires that the owner execute a memorandum of understanding acknowledging that cash-in-lieu of parkland will be required by the Town before issuing a building permit."

There are currently 11 spaces in the building's parking lot on the west side and part of the proposal

10-unit apartment included an additional five

While the Town considfrom both parking lots will Councillors approved drain into a nearby creek.

Although councillors the plan, units of servicing, at a Councillor Evelyn Buck said she objected to the In his report, Marco amount of money the Aurora's LSRCA plans to charge for Director of Planning, said a plan which, she said, will minor variances for the site result in very little differ-

"The parking lot drains February which reduced into the creek and the Lake Region Authority spaces per unit to 1.12 wants \$3,000 to review the spaces, reduced the mini- fact that a parking lot will mum size of a standard one continue to drain into the room apartment by six creek," she said. "It was square metres, reduced draining into the creek minimum dwelling lot area, before, there is only one and permitted one front place where it can drain into the creek! I don't apartments," she said.

understand why it has to go to them again, and why it costs \$3,000."

The \$3,000 charged by the LSRCA is the standard fee for such proposals, according to Mr. Ramunno.

"We have a site plan before us...for the expansion of the parking lot," he said. "It has been expanded in front of the existing building and that is a standard review fee that the Conservation Authority has when they review site applications and the backgrounds from the storm water management reports and engineering submissions."

But from Councillor Buck's perspective, there was little evidence that the reconfiguration of the building would result in increased tenancies and thus increased use of the parking lot as the building will stay its current size.

"There are going to be more apartments, but they are going to be smaller

"That doesn't necessarily mean there are going to be more tenants within the apartments. We have twobedroom apartments and you have possibly a couple and maybe an adult child still living at home, max. You have a one bedroom apartment and chances are you have one person living in the apartment.

"You don't necessarily increase the residents living in the apartment, but look at the fees that are being charged. Cash in lieu? Possibility of parks? \$3,000 to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority to review whether or not the drainage is going in? It's outrageous."

When Councillor Wendy Gaertner pointed out, however, that this \$3,000 fee would be paid by the site owners, it made very little difference to Councillor Buck who said it "bothers" her when she sees money being charged "from one place to another for no



Mar is named town solicitor

The Town's vacant position of Town Solicitor and Director of Legal Services was formally filled by councillors following a lengthy closed session meeting earlier this month which covered this and several other items.

Councillors let out with an enthusiastic cheer and applause when they voted in favour of the motion. which saw Acting Town Solicitor Warren assume the top job.

Mr. Mar, who joined the Town as Associate Town Solicitor on April 5, 2010, had been filling in the position after the Town and former Town Solicitor Christopher Cooper abruptly parted ways in March.

Mr. Cooper, whose affidavit has been frequently cited by the legal team of former Aurora mayor Phyllis Morris in her \$6 million lawsuit against three local bloggers, among others, "left to pursue other opportunities", said Mayor Geoffrey Dawe at the time, who added the Town "wished him well".

Late last week, Mr. Mar was enthusiastic about Council's decision to take him on as the full Town

"I am very happy and I'm

looking forward to continuing in my role as solicitor for the Town of Aurora, now in the Town's solicitor position," he told The Auroran when asked what he would like to bring forward now that his future with the Town is secure. "At this time, I'm just looking to get a full complement of people here in the Legal Services department and moving forward. We have a lot of business to take care of."

Aurora Seniors **Duplicate** Bridge results

Monday, August 22: North/South - Rose White and Gloria Smith; Frank Henriques and Frank Lablans, Joan Rotenberg Mary Oglanby. East/West Marion Warburton and Noreen Hashem, Inger Kamel and Priscilla Hull, Cicily Wilson and Yvonne Peterson.





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Residents want Kennedy traffic calming

Traffic calming measures should be installed along Kennedy Street West not just to curb speeds but also to tackle traffic volume, according to residents who made their concerns known at this month's council meeting.

According to John Lenchak, traffic along Kennedy Street has been particularly problematic in the stretch between Murray Drive Bathurst Street.

In this neighbourhood, residents "walk their dog along the street at all hours", staking their spot of the road along with Region Transit routes in the area and many neighbouring residents crossing the street in order to catch the YRT and local school buses.

The problem, he said, was compounded by the widening of Bathurst which brought increased traffic to the area.

"[This] is a well-estabneighbourhood lished with residential homes approximately between 1987 and 2006. but times have changed," he said. "People use this portion of Kennedy as a short cut to get to the commercial areas on Yonge Street. Traffic has increased considerably

this portion of they Kennedy since widened Bathurst to four

"People in the area would like to see an effort by the Town to bring traffic from this portion and move it back onto Wellington and Yonge."

Along with the volume, speed is also a concern something Lenchak said he had addressed with the for-Traffic Safety Advisory Committee in January 2010 as well as directly with Jamal Massadeh, Aurora's traffic analyst.

"The result has been some traffic monitoring, temporary flashing speed lights and apparently a sign has been posted [but] it doesn't really deter speed at all," he "You see Yonge speeds on a street that is not intended for those speeds or volumes.

"All this came to a head this past spring on Tuesday, April 19 at about 9.50 Residents heard a loud bang, like a shot and we came outside to investigate. There was a car over in front of 324 Kennedy and this was an eastbound car that was obviously travelling too

driver received head injuries when his car took out a cast iron light post, sending it 15 metres down the sidewalk.

While he said it was lucky there were no furconcerns and responded to a petition sent around.

"Seventy-two houses were approached and 58 people responded," he said. "Three did not believe it was an issue but 55 people said yes. That represents 95 per cent of the people.

"We need a change on Kennedy West. We need to reduce the volume of traffic, we need to reduce be without a nearby place the speed. This can be done with stop signs, speed bumps, or other measures. Ninety-five per cent of residents believe that there is an issue to ensure the safety of our neighbours and the ability to fix this

At the August council meeting, councillors did respond to road concerns from residents, this time from the residents of Pedersen Drive, who complained against the existing parking restrictions on the street.

Bylaws prohibited ple here who can't come

Mr. Lenchak said the parking from 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. seven days a week on the stretch of Pedersen between Gateway Drive to 50 metres east of Kirkvalley

"Concerns have been ther injuries, he said his received from residents neighbours share his regarding the existing seven day week on-street parking prohibitions on Pederson Drive and the lack of available onstreet parking on weekends." said Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure in a report to Council.

In his report, Mr. Simanovskis said that the Town had no history of parking issues on the street, and there had only been one reported collision in three years.

But ultimately Town Staff recommended the existing parking restrictions be lifted on Saturdays and Sundays, a recommendation which council approved.

Mr. Simanovskis estimated the cost to replace area signage to reflect Council's approval would be approximately \$800,

which would come from Infrastructure the Department's operating budget.

"Staff have no technical concerns and recommend that on-street parking be allowed on Pedersen Drive between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and that parking prohibitions remain as is...Monday to Friday on the north and south sides of Pedersen Drive from Gateway Drive to a point 50 metres east of Kirkvalley Crescent."

Foodland closes October 29

From page 1

to do their grocery shopping with the closest supermarkets being Sobeys and Longo's in the Bayview and Wellington Area, or the No Frills and Metro in south Aurora.

"Most seniors can't get our children. You have out to do their shopping or can't go any distance to do their shopping and they are going to miss a grocery store completely," said Ms. Cairns. "What are the seniors in the building going to do? I am fortunate enough that I can walk across and I don't have them delivered but there are quite a few peo-

out. The seniors in the building are going to be left without a grocery store and most of the residents in here are living on a fixed income and can't take taxis down to No. Frills and back. They just can't afford that.'

Online alternatives for grocery delivery could prove, too, to be a hindrance as many of her neighbours do not have a computer.

For Sobeys, the decision to close Foodland was purely for "business reasons".

"Decisions aren't made lightly by any means and are well thought out," said Ms. Stover. "Careful consideration is given to the impact on our customers, our community and our employees so it was well thought out."

While the company has no plans currently to open a new store in the area in the immediate future, Ms. Stover declined to elaborate on what factors played into their decision, such as a slowdown in sales, "for competitive reasons".

Calls to Davpart Inc, property managers for the St. Andrew's Plaza to determine what - if anything - is currently lined up to occupy Foodland's unit were not returned by press time.



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Members of the Aurora Bantam Jays celebrate their come-from-behind victory recently as they won the York Simcoe 2011 Select championship defeating Stayner 7-6 in an extra inning. Keith Jarvis was the hero of the game when he belted a single up the middle to score two runs and give Aurora the victory.

Bantam Jays need extra inning to win ball title

The Aurora Bantam behind to defeat Stayner Jays Select Team won the York Simcoe Baseball (YSBA) 2011 championship recently, coming from final chance at bat.

in extra innings.

In extra innings with Stayner leading by a 6-5 score, Aurora had one

Merrick Lloyd started the inning with a double and Tyler Matthews got to second base, advancing Lloyd to third.

Enter the hero, Keith

Jarvis, who belted a single up the middle to cash in the two runs and Aurora won a very exciting championship game 7-6.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING *2011/2012 REGISTRATION*

We will be available for In-House Registration at the Hockey Office located at the Aurora Community Centre for the following dates in August. Divisions are filling up quickly.

> Wednesday August 24, 2011 7 – 9 pm Wednesday August 31, 2011 7 – 9 pm

Please refer to our website www.auroraminorhockey.net for further information.

NOTE:

Tyke players born in 2004 and 2005 must submit a copy of a birth certificate. It is recommended that 2005 players have either taken skating lessons or completed one year of Opti Hockey.

Last-place finish raises \$ for UW

While Aurora councillors might still be smarting from the fact they came in last place in a municipal challenge dragon boat race August 20, they can take comfort in the fact they raised more than \$3,500 for the United Way of York Region in the process.

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe was joined by Councillors John Abel. Paul Pirri. and Michael Thompson for the fundraising race, which saw a municipal challenge issued involving the Towns of Aurora, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Whitchurch-Stouffville, as well as the Region of York.

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most improved team, shedding almost six seconds off race times.

"Not only was it a great team-building exercise, the money raised will go to some very deserving home-grown agencies," said Mayor Dawe in a statement.

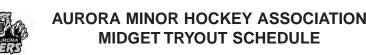
The race was part of the Toromont CAT Dragon Boat Festival, held at Seneca College's King Campus, a friendly canoe racing completion of 20 paddlers, drummers, "and a steer person, among a cross-section of the Region's business community."

"While there may have Although they placed last, been 20 of us on the water, Jason Ballantyne, Aurora's there were many people and organizations behind the Communications said the Town scenes that made this happen," "unofficially won the overall said Mara Gromacki, team captain and HR representative for the Town in a statement. "I would like to especially acknowledge our many sponsors for their important contribu-

Part of the Town's fundraising was done in a special event at Boston Pizza in the Smart Centre plaza on Wellington near Highway 404 earlier this month where Mayor Dawe and Councillors Abel, Pirri, and Sandra Humfryes, played wait staff for an evening.

Councillors had the goal at the time to raise \$2,000 to cover the Town's entry fee in the August 20 race.

Ten per cent of all Boston Pizza sales taken in while the mayor and councillors waited tables were donated by the restaurant to the United Way.





Date	Start	End	Event	Location
9/11/2011	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Midget AA/A/AE Tryout	Aurora Recreation Centre [ARC West]
9/12/2011	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Midget AA/A/AE Tryout	Aurora Community Centre [Aur CC 1]
9/14/2011	9:30 PM	11:00 PM	Midget A/AE Tryout	Aurora Community Centre [Aur CC 2]
9/14/2011	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Final Midget AA Tryout	Aurora Recreation Centre [ARC West]
9/15/2011	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Midget A/AE Tryout	Aurora Recreation Centre [ARC West]
9/17/2011	5:15 PM	6:45 PM	Final Midget A Tryout	Aurora Community Centre [Aur CC 2]
9/17/2011	6:45 PM	8:15 PM	Midget AE Tryout	Aurora Community Centre [Aur CC 2]
9/18/2011	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Final Midget AE Tryout	Aurora Recreation Centre [ARC West]

PLAYERS MUST PURCHASE AN AMHA MIDGET TRYOUT PASS (\$50) PRIOR TO ATTENDING TRYOUTS. PASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE AMHA OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7 PM - 9 PM

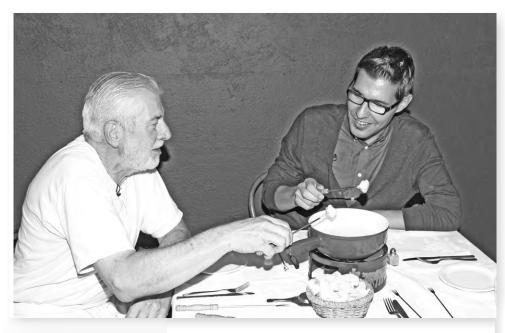
IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BE SELECTED FOR A MIDGET DIVISION REP TEAM YOU MUST ATTEND EITHER THE FIRST OR SECOND TRYOUT SESSION.

MIDGET TRYOUTS FOR ALL TEAMS, AA/A/AE, ARE BEING HELD AS A GROUP. PLAYERS WILL BE EVAULATED AT EACH TRYOUT SESSION

AT THE END OF EACH TRYOUT THE PLAYER WILL BE DIRECTED TO A SPECIFIC TRYOUT DATE/TIME FOR THEIR NEXT TRYOUT

IF A PLAYER IS OFFERED A POSITION WITH ONE OF THE TEAMS, AND REFUSES THAT POSITION, THEY ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR FURTHER TRYOUTS





Gabriel's Cafe on Yonge Street in Aurora was the setting for the taping of the Rogers cable show "Where To Feast", which will air on Channel 10 in October. Owner of the cafe, Gabriel Schacher, left, demonstrates his cooking abilities to show host Rob Cannone. Auroran photo by David Falconer

Sunday afternoon jazz series program resumes at Centre

Centre welcomes back the well-represented popular jazz series Paul Hollywood Neufeld's Sunday Sessions such as The Chronicles of for four monthly concerts.

continues the tradition of albums as a studio musibringing some of Canada's cian." finest vocal and instrumental guests to play at his side at everyone from Loreena the Centre's Yamaha C7 grand piano.

Sessions this season," Neufeld said. "I love playing at the Cultural Centre - the environment, the piano and the people are all wonderful. It's a lovely way to be able to spend a Sunday afternoon as the weather starts to cool down but the sun is streaminformal, and I'm delighted to winners in both contests. present a truly varied colleccompelling in different ways."

September 18) kick-off fea- team in Aurora Friday tures Paul with guest Hugh night, 3-1. Marsh on electric violin.

Cockburn throughout the shots that came his way.

From page 1

staff will be making their

report and recommenda-

Town Park lies the Aurora

Armoury, which has been

operated by the Federal

It too, could be on the

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Government since 1874.

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Industrial Parkway it was

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Aurora Cultural 80s and 90s, he is equally soundtracks

Narnia and The DaVinci Aurora's own Neufeld Code, and hundreds of

Having worked with McKennitt on The Visit to Robert Palmer and Moe "I'm thrilled to be able to Kauffman, Paul and Hugh continue my Sunday are sure to offer an eclectic and vibrant kick-off the Fall

Tickets for each concert are \$15 each, or \$45 for a family pack of four tickets.

They are available in the door.

The afternoon underway at 2 p.m.

For further information contact Jane Taylor, Program Coordinator at janetaylor@aurora culturalcentre.ca or call her at 905 713-1818.

Aurora wins a pair of exhibition games

played last week, the learned, put on the trade ing in the big windows. The Aurora Tigers Junior A list this week. concerts are intimate and hockey team emerged as

> Wednesday night in against Panthers a 5-0 drubbing,

Aurora shared goaltend-According to Neufeld, ing duties in the shutout "Hugh is one of the best with Kevin Enchmaa getmusicians I have worked ting the win, stopping all 15 with in any musical context, shots aimed at him. Knick Famous in Canada as a Dawe was the other Aurora bandmate and foil to Bruce goalie who handled all 10

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to augment DND services

particularly for the

Queen's York Rangers

Bonnie Golbeck of DND's

Public Affairs depart-

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Rangers will move into

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Parkway site is not yet

complete, but is expected

to be done by February

"The DND renovation

not yet begun.

"Once the work is com-

But according to Major

and cadets.

the case.

When the Department the old armoury will be

In two exhibition games He will be, The Auroran has

The Tigers open their regular season at home the Milton tion of talented quests - all Pickering, they handed the Icehawks at the Aurora Community Centre September's (Sunday, then defeated the same Saturday evening at 7.30

> A tailgate party is planned for the opening game in Aurora.

It will take place in front of the Aurora Community Centre between 5.30 and 7

Tigers will play most of their home games Saturday night after coming to terms with the Aurora Minor Hockey Association, and giving up their normal Sunday afternoon slot.

The Tigers will also host several Friday night games.

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Hutton) 3.30 A - Robby Lepine (unas-

sisted) 16.46

Second Period

- Dylan Sikura (Wallace, Fenell) PP 10.30

Third Period

A - Kenzie Smith (Shaw, Shier) 11.45

Bike marathon to include Aurora

enthusiasts from across Ontario will hit the roads north of Toronto, including Aurora, September 11 for the 10th annual Ride for Karen, a charity bike ride that has so far raised more than \$1.4 million to help send children with cancer to camp.

One of Ontario's top cycling events, Ride for Karen features a century (160 kilometres) ride for advanced riders; 100 km ride for intermediate riders; a 25 km ride for recreational riders, and a Kids Fun Ride for children from two to 12 years of age.

The ride starts at St. Joan of Arc High School, Maple in the City of Vaughan from 7.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and winds through the countryside, including Aurora.

Cycling enthusiasts advance at the Centre, or at Kirk and Kris Tobias started the charity after their mother, Karen, died after a five-year battle with breast cancer in 2002.

The idea for the Ride for Karen started when the brothers got a few friends together for a long bike ride to clear their heads after their loss.

"Our mother was dedicated to improving hope for cancer patients, and the Ride for Karen is a way to build this hope," said Kirk. "Ride for Karen offers support for people who have been touched by the disease, cancer survivors, and families who have lost loved ones. Thanks to our presenting sponsor Scotiabank, we are proud that 100 per cent of the money raised every year goes to ensuryoung patients have the opportunity to enjoy just being

In Canada, approximately 1,400 children are diagnosed with cancer each year and another 10,000 are already living with cancer or its longterm effects.

The Ride for Karen is made possible with the help from dozens of sponsors and volunteers. "Whether it's the local police from York, Peel, South Simcoe and the Ontario Provincial Police who donate their time, or people making sandwiches and baking cookies for participants, the help from the community truly makes this a successful family event," says Kirk Tobias.

Participants funds through pledges and many dedicate their ride to a child or loved one affected by cancer.

In 2011, the recipient charities are Camp Quality Canada, Camp

More than 500 cycling Oochigeas and Camp Trillium.

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These eight people, looking for all the world like clowns, took part in the 11th annual Watergames event, which was held at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex last Wednesday. They are, left to right, Andrew Recine, Alexandra Yustiu, Andrei Hosu, Jennifer Bowes, Oliver Koh, Alex Lawlor, Matt Zawada and Brandon Baird. Event raised money for the Lifesaving Society's Water Smart campaign.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Free hockey helmets provided for players

Fun Hockey is providing all five-year-old players across Canada with an opportunity to get their first hockey helmet for free, giving parents peace of mind while instilling the importance of on-ice safety from the beginning of their child's sporting involvement.

By providing new and safe equipment, the Chevrolet Canada Hockey Helmet Program will help these young players learn that safe hockev is fun hockev.

Highland Chev in Aurora is participating.

"We're focused on serving our customers and communities better than ever, and with more than 400 dealers in comwe have the opportunity to make a real impact through this bold new initiative," said Rob Assimakopoulos, general director of marketing at Chevrolet. "Hockey is Canada's game, and as a longstanding supporter, Chevrolet is encouraging young players to learn the safety and sportsmanship, making positive

Chevrolet Safe and change by ensuring they Chevrolet their first days on skates."

"For over a decade, Hockey has safe and enjoyable envi- Bauer Hockey and the ronment for kids across Canada," said Bobby Orr. "The new program to provide free helmets to young players is a great initiative that will help us build safety into the culture of sports and help kids understand that hockey can be lots of fun, while still being safe."

All players born in 2006 who register to play hockey with Hockey Canada in the 2011/2012 season will be eligible to receive a free Bauer munities across Canada, Hockey helmet from Chevrolet.

> In the 2010/2011 season, over 23,000 fiveyear-olds were registered with Hockey Canada.

"Chevrolet's involvement in the sport and commitment to safety and innovation has helped Canadian families play safer hockey while having importance of on-ice fun," said Bob Nicholson, president and CEO of Hockey Canada. "Now,

play safe and fun from Canadians the home ice advantage by providing hockey parents with the equipment their children Chevrolet Safe and Fun need so that they can been play the sport they love. I involved in creating a would also like to thank

Forzani Group for joining Chevrolet on this initiative. '

To pre-register for a Chevrolet Safe and Fun Hockey package, including a free helmet, parents can visit www.chevrolethockey.ca.





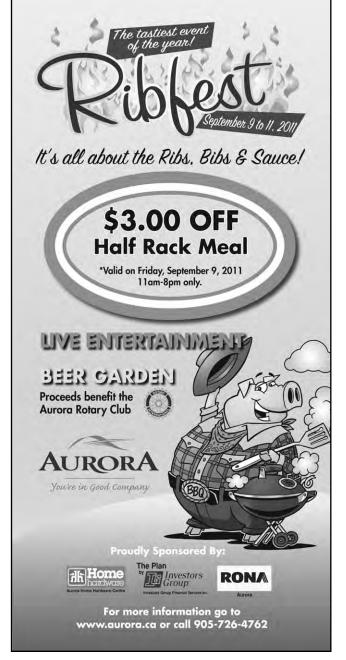
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Aurora girl named Chief Play Officer for company

If you want the inside scoop on the hottest toys sweeping the country, you needn't look further than Aurora's own Julianne Bisnaire, who was named Chief Play Officer for Canada's largest toy store chain on Tuesday.

Toys 'R' Us announced Julianne, 13, as the winner in the company's contest "Canada's Search for the Next Chief Play Officer", and the Ecole Renaissance student said she couldn't believe it when they told her she had won a couple of weeks before the official announcement was made.

"I was freaking out," Julianne told The Auroran last week. "I was so thrilled and I didn't believe them at first - I thought they were just kidding, but they were being completely serious. I just can't even wrap my mind around it."

In their announcement, Liz MacDonald, vice president for marketing and store planning with Toys 'R' Us heralded Julianne's "passion for play, charismatic personality, and active imagination", all qualities that make up the ideal candidate for CPO, she said.

"Julianne brings a fresh kid perspective to the team that speaks to Toys 'R' Us as the authority on toys in Canada and self. around the world."

term she describes as "one fun- toys each month and travel filled year" - Julianne will be responsible for "reminding Canadians that play is discovery" and keeping parents up to heard about the video, I just date on the latest trends in toys couldn't resist so I sent it in and and games.

that message to the wider public meet me in person.' through TV appearances, store events across the country including a scheduled stop in tive, sitting behind a desk wear-Halifax so far - social media, and ing a suit and tie, complaining even walking in Toronto's Santa about how little kids know about Claus Parade in November.

The company will also have her participate in "training sessions" with toymakers and send her a monthly care package of toys and games to try out her-



AURORA'S JULIANNE BISNAIRE

"It's an amazing job - who During her time as CPO - a wouldn't want to get a big box of across the country?" said Julianne, who submitted a video entry for the contest. "When I about a month later they called The job will also see her bring me and said they wanted to

> In her video, Julianne took on the role of a stodgy execu-

> Apparently this was an approach that made her stand out from the crowd.

> "I was just making fun of the idea, but I think it is a great idea

that they want kids to be the career in the toy industry or in CPO," she said. "I just think from the arts. that video you can tell that I would be a great CPO."

As she looks ahead to the rest of her term, Julianne said she is particularly looking forward to travelling across Canada and getting to dive into that box of toys every month.

While she said she doesn't have a preference when it comes to comparing classic toys and games versus electronic gadgets with all the latest bells and whistles, Julianne says she has particularly enjoyed the Nintendo Wii lately.

Her time as CPO, however, is something she believes will only help her in her future endeavours whether decides to seek a creative

"I think this job helps me open a lot of doors because I am learning a lot," she said. "I think it is going to be a great experience and will just help me better in life."

According to Julianne's mother, Rachel, her family is just as excited as she is at the prospect of Julianne being named CPO, even though it might cause her to miss some school.

"The whole family is just thrilled for her, we all think it is a terrific opportunity," said Rachel. "She gets to work with adults, which is always enriching for kids, and she gets to do some travelling so that is very positive.

We are all very supportive.

"We're not concerned at all about her schooling because Toys 'R' Us has been very family focused and makes a great effort to schedule around her school.

"They also provide her with a tutor so if she misses anything she will be able to catch up quickly.

"We're just tickled for her; it's sort of the biggest thrill for a kid. It sure beats a paper route, right?"

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Public input sought on Glass Dr. design

Members of the public will be able to provide input for the future look of Glass Drive, following Council's awarding of a contract for design consulting services for the thoroughfare earlier this month.

Councillors approved the contract for design consulting services to Aecom Canada Ltd. for \$85,663 with an additional \$4,887.74 from the storm sewer reserve.

The reconstruction of Glass Drive, initially slated to take place between 2015 and 2016 was brought forward to 2011 during this year's budget process.

"Glass drive is primarily constructed to a two-lane semi-rural cross-section with ditches and no curb or sidewalk," said Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director Infrastructure, in a report to Council. "The portion of Glass Drive, from Murray Drive to Child Drive, has curb and sidewalk adjacent to St. Joseph

Catholic School and no curb or sidewalk on the opposite side of the street."

For Councillor Evelyn Buck, however, the ideal and "logical" next step would see sidewalks added to that very opposite side of the street to increase the safety of pedestrian traffic, particularly in the school zone.

"It says reconstruction of the street will provide safer driving conditions, safer pedestrian traffic and improved drainage," said Councillor Buck. "Now it is noted in the report that there is a section of sidewalk on the west side of Glass Drive, and it is the logical place for a sidewalk. My question is the logical place for a sidewalk is the opposite side to the park at the schools - is that where it is going to be?"

In response, Simanovskis, said there may actually be two sidewalks on the road pending final decision and the public will have input said Mr. Simanovskis.

on what the final outcome will

"I will [follow up] with the design consultant once the assignment is awarded and review that consideration as well, and we have had input from the school board," he said. "It is still open. There will be public input made and we can look at one side, or both sides depending on what the final desire is.'

With council's approval, the final design of the road is expected to be undertaken this fall with a completion date in early 2012. When that is in place, the Town expects to go to tender for the street reconstruction itself in the spring.

"It is possible that there may be unforeseen design costs related to the works to be performed under this contract; therefore, an increase in funding in the amount of \$4,887.74 from the storm sewer reserve is requested,"

With the Aurora Public Library set to start looking at ways to expand to better serve the needs of the growing community, what direction do you think they should go? (Suggestions received will be published in a future edition of the The Auroran)

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COMING EVENTS

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7th in the West McKenzie Room at 1.45 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. Registration is now available at the front desk of the Aurora Seniors' Centre for the season commencing September 7th to June 2012. The fee for the coming sessions remains the same: \$50 per member. New members are always welcome. If you can carry a tune and like to sing we would be happy to have you come and join us. It is not necessary to be able to read music, nor will you be asked to audition, to enjoy being part of this happy experience. In addition to its regular Christmas and Spring concerts, the group will also perform at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts on Sunday, January 29th 2012, and take part in the 'Big Sing' at Roy Thompson Hall on Sunday, November 6th 2011 For more information call the desk at 905-726-4767.

Aurora Probus Club, which meets every second Wednesday of the month at the Aurora Legion, will not meet during August but will reconvene September 14th. Memberships consist of retired and seni-retired PROfessional and BUSiness 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 al-anon.alateen.on.ca.

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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 e-mail 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 Legion, on Industrial Parkway North. Co-ed club welcomes new members. For further information, call 905-727-6079.

Come for lunch and a sense of community at Martha's Table, based in St. Andrew's Hall at Aurora's Presbyterian Church. The thriving, volunteer-run program reopens September 1. Lunch, featuring soup, sandwiches, and dessert, is offered between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. Net receipts go to local charities. The hall is on the corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets

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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 co-ordinator 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 oirls.

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

SEPT. 3

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 Friday mornings mornings at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome. For more information, call 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.

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.

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

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