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COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Tonight is the opening reception for “Being Métis” Show and Sale by artist Nathalie Bertin. From images of traditional trades to political statements, tied together by designs inspired from the art of the “Flower Beadwork People”, Bertin celebrates her Algonquin and French heritage, honours the Métis tradition, recognizes the courage of early Canadian settlers and acknowledges the debt we own to our First Peoples. Artist Reception and Walk and Talk at 7 p.m., with guest Métis fiddler Alicia Blore. Admission is free. Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street.

The Heritage Sports Art & Memorabilia Show and Sale happens at the Aurora Cultural Centre today. Many original framed sports art pieces for sale by artists including William Band, Nola McConnan, and Tino Paolini of St. Andrew's College. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 1 to 4 p.m., or by appointment. Show continues through until October 29 at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street. Admission is free.

OCTOBER 12-15

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. October 12, 13, 14, 15, with evening performances at 8 p.m. Theatre Aurora is located at 150 Henderson Drive, Aurora. Purchase tickets on-line through the web-site www.theatreaurora.com, or you may contact the box office by email at taboxoffice@bellnet.ca or by telephone at 905-727-3669.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Amnesty International meets to support human rights in the rectory of Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria St., at 7.30 p.m. For further Information call 905-713-6713.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

The George Olliver Duo appear at the Graystone Restaurant tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Paul Neufeld Sunday Sessions Jazz continues today with Andrea Koziol, vocals and her new passion – the ukulele. Check out her “heartfelt music that has nestled in the lovely nooks of jazz, pop and folk” at www.andreakoziol.com. Tickets are \$15 each, or \$45 for a family of four at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

St. Joseph Catholic School in Aurora, turns 50 years old today. All alumni, board members, current and former staff, parents, students and community members are invited to attend this wonderful celebration.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

The Aurora Cultural Centre presents former Toronto Mayor, John Sewell with the heritage lecture “William Lyon Mackenzie and the Upper Canada Rebellion.” Almost everyone has heard of the fiery rebel, but what did he actually do to lead the rebellion? Mr. Sewell will illuminate the legacy of Mackenzie's actions. Everyone is welcome; admission by donation gratefully received, with light refreshments provided. Activity gets underway at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

Celebrate Oktoberfest in the heart of Aurora, with George Kash's band, and Bavarian fare provided by the Graystones. Tickets are \$75 per person, with all net proceeds benefitting programming at the Aurora Cultural Centre. For information, or for tickets contact Aurora Cultural Centre at info@auroraculturalcentre.ca or 905-713-1818.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Join singer/songwriter/guitarist David Patridge in his ‘nom de tune’ as Postcard Comets in this first SchoolHOUSE Indie Concert celebrating acoustic-style music in a casual setting. Picture listening to great live music in your living room, and you'll see what we mean! Tickets, \$15, available in advance or

at the door. Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street; fully accessible at north entrance. info@auroraculturalcentre.ca or 905-713-1818.

727-9493, option 4.

OCTOBER 21 AND 22

The Aurora United Church presents its fall Rummage Sale today and tomorrow. Judging by the success of the spring sale there is still a need for people to acquire gently used items. All proceeds go back into the local community including the Welcoming Arms project. Friday, the event runs from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the individual sale and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon for the Bag Sale. Items include clothes, books, toys and linen. For further information, call 905-727-1935.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

Join Aurora resident Lisa Turner for this 2-part adult craft workshop. Fee includes all supplies. Workshop happens at 7 p.m. and costs \$10 per person. Seating is limited. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk, or call 905-727-9493 option 4.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Nightmare for Christmas party happens tonight at the “haunted” mansion, 400 Industrial Parkway South, beginning at 9 p.m. For further information, call Councillor Sandra Humfries at 905-727-1433.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

The Upper Canada Chordsmen chorus, with several members from Aurora present “Happy Trails”, a Western musical. Also on stage will be Susan Brown, York Region's renowned and inspiring soprano. Rounding out the show are fun music makers extraordinaire Joy and Jamie MacPherson. Matinee performance is at 2 p.m., while the evening show begins at 7.30 p.m. For tickets, at \$25 each, call the Newmarket Theatre at 905-953-5122.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9/11: Miracles and Reflections (An Evening With Brian Clark). Brian will speak at the Aurora United Church at 7 p.m. It's your chance to hear his riveting story of survival and hope following the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Tickets are \$15 and refreshments will be served. More information may be found at www.auroraunitedchurch.ca. Call 905-727-1935 to reserve tickets.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, located in Aurora, will hold its annual Gala tonight at Le Parc in Markham. CTV's Tom Brown is the encee. For more information, call 905-726-2149, extension 305.

The Auora senior citizens will hold a Holiday Bazaar 2011 today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, as a fund raiser to help support various programs and equipment for the benefit of members. There will be approximately 30 plus outside vendors, with a large selection of interesting items. Many from the Aurora Farmers' Market are expected. There will also be a Tea Room for a quick snack or lunch. For further information contact carolhed@sympatico.ca.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Aurora's Pine Tree Potters' Guild will be hosting its second annual Empty Bowls fundraising 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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

The 31st Annual Victorian Tea will be held today at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum in Gormley from noon until 2 p.m. The Museum Gift Shop will be open for those hard-to-find heritage games, toys and books! Please call to reserve your preferred seating time. Tickets for adults are \$15, while children under 12 pay only \$10. For further information call the museum at 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

The “Holiday Happenings Workshop for Children” takes place today at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum in Gormley from 9.30 a.m.

until noon. Children ages 8-12 will participate in an assortment of hands-on crafts and heritage cooking appropriate for the season. Cost is \$15 per child and includes all materials and snack. Pre-registration is required. For further information, call the museum at 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337

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 Heinze, the Evergreen Choir's time of practice will be increased to 90 minutes. Registration is now available at the front desk of the Aurora Seniors' Centre for the season until 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

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Peter Van Schaik, from Van-Rob Inc., addresses the crowd after he was named Business Person of the Year by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at their annual Business Achievement Awards dinner held in King Township Thursday night.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Morris ordered to pay nearly \$28,000 in costs

Former Aurora mayor Phyllis Morris has been ordered to pay \$27,821.46 to Bill Hogg and Richard Johnson, two of the three Aurora residents named in her \$6 million defamation lawsuit against three local bloggers, among others.

The decision for costs came from Justice Carole Brown October 3 after the two parties failed to reach an agreement on costs resulting from Ms. Morris' loss of her Norwich Motion in March, which could have compelled the release of any information that could identify the anonymous individuals she alleged defamed her at the Aurora Citizen blog.

According to Justice Brown's costs endorsement, Mr. Hogg and Mr. Johnson requested costs on a substantial indemnity scale coming in at \$36,204.93 inclusive of disbursements.

Justice Brown noted in her decision that the defendants submitted there was "no reason to depart from the general principle of awarding costs" to them as the successful party.

"They further submit in support of an award of costs on a substantial indemnity basis that they were put to the additional expense of having to retain and instruct new Counsel when the plaintiff made allegations against their counsel, [Jordan] Goldblatt," she wrote, going on to note the defendants also argued

that when Ms. Morris brought about her suit it was funded by Aurora taxpayers, including the defendants and she did not swear an affidavit, "thus sheltering herself from cross-examination in an action in which she alleged damage to her reputation."

The claims brought by the defendants were only partially successful in Justice Brown's view.

"It is clear that the defendants were required to retain new counsel when allegations were made in this matter as against their counsel, Goldblatt," said Justice Brown. "Regarding the other grounds advanced for consideration, I do not place emphasis on them. The funding by Aurora taxpayers had ceased. It was the plaintiff's option to use another affiant in support of her motion, which she did. The plaintiff's request for interim relief pending release of the decision was not entertained by the Court and did not influence my decision."

"I find there to be no reason to depart from the general principle of awarding partial indemnity costs to the successful party."

Ms. Morris was ordered by Justice Brown to pay costs to the defendants within 30 days, but there is still the outstanding matter of Ms. Morris' leave to appeal Justice Brown's original decision on the Norwich Motion, which will be heard in

court on October 27.

If she is successful and her appeal is allowed to go ahead, costs would be reconsidered depending on that outcome.

"I am satisfied that we won [the Norwich Motion], I'm satisfied the judge saw fit to return the bulk of our costs to us, but it still cost us more than \$28,000," Mr. Hogg told The Auroran last week. "It doesn't resolve the larger issue."

Mr. Goldblatt added he and his clients will wait to see the outcome on the leave to appeal motion before considering next steps.

"My clients intend to continue their vigorous defence of this matter," he said.

Justice Brown's decision also made it clear that Ms. Morris settled costs privately with Elizabeth Bishenden, the third individual named in her lawsuit which was brought about last Thanksgiving.

Ms. Morris declined to comment.

St. Joseph's planning 50th anniversary party

Current and former students of Aurora's St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School are invited to take a trip down memory lane this Saturday as the school marks its 50th anniversary.

Preparations are well underway for Saturday's festivities to commemorate the school's half-century beginning with a mass at Our Lady of Grace Church at 1 p.m. followed by a series of events at the school itself beginning at 2.30 p.m.

"I think we've done more than what would have been a typical 50th anniversary school celebration," said Karen Welk, the school's senior secretary who serves on the 50th anniversary committee. "We've really put some thought and process and decorating into it."

First on the agenda following the mass is a special ceremony in the gym with greetings from local dignitaries, a video presentation of the school today, and performances from the school's band. Guests will be invited to explore special themed rooms where students from each decade of the institution's existence could come face to face with their past and artefacts from their time at the school.

"We've selected five different rooms which will each represent a decade and outside the room will be posters of different things from the era, plus yearbooks, pictures, music, and a movie from that time period will be playing on a TV in the background to encourage the feel of the time," said Ms. Welk, adding that a number of items on display have been sourced from former students.

Blasts from the past, however, will not be confined to the classroom setting.

"In our foyer, the Aurora Historical Society will be setting up a display of artefacts and David Heard from A Step In Time [might] also be doing a display in the foyer."

The St. Joseph foyer

will also be the home of a permanent commemoration of the school's half-centennial in the form of newly installed heritage showcases which, when ready for Saturday will flank either side of the school's altar, and a new pedestal for its refurbished statue of St. Joseph.

"We have requested and are hopefully getting delivery on our heritage cabinetry today," Ms. Welk told The Auroran Friday. "There are a few sponsors that helped us pay for those and people will be acknowledged through a plaque which will be in our heritage cabinetry."

In addition to these reminders of St. Joseph's history - both permanent and temporary - guests will also be able to take home their own personal commemorations in the form of t-shirts and other products emblazoned with the school's logo for

the occasion.

These will be on sale throughout the day.


Proceeds from the sales of these items will go towards the settlement of a refugee family through the local church.

In the lead up to Saturday, Ms. Welk said response from former students after word was spread through social media like Facebook and Twitter is an encouraging indication that a healthy number of students both past and present will come together to mark the school's big day.

In addition to giving the school a proper salute to mark the milestone she also hopes the event will afford both students and staff from each decade the chance to reconnect, catch up, and remember.

St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School is located at 2 Glass Drive.

Admission is free and open to the public.



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The Aurora Volunteer Fire Department may not have had the best equipment available in the 1800's but they always managed to come up with

volunteers as this photo, taken in front of the town hall on Mosley Street, indicates. This is another photo from Freddie's Files. Fred Bolsby was, for

many years, a volunteer for the department and had risen to the post of deputy-chief before he died.



Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

So where was Jim Treliving?

Seems sensible to me that if Jim Treliving was going to invest in my idea, the thing to do would be to have a party at one of his Boston Pizza outlets.

One of the first franchises of Boston Pizza was started by Jim, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer.

In 1968 he had noticed the growing popularity of Boston Pizza and purchased the rights to open a restaurant in Penticton, British Columbia.

While in Penticton he met up with George Melville who was a chartered accountant and who acted as Treliving's business consultant for four years. In 1973 he became Treliving's partner in the business. Over 10 years, they built 16 restaurants in B.C.

The rest is history. Treliving is worth a fortune and is one of the stars on the famous TV Show Dragon's Den, seen every Wednesday night on the CBC network.

Such was the case last Wednesday when more than 100 friends of Chris Williams, who came up with a Bottle Bin container, herded into Aurora's Boston Pizza outlet in the town's east end.

Even though no one was supposed to know whether Williams was successful in his bid with the Dragons, it made sense to him to hold the party at the Pizza outlet.

On the internet I found four reviews of the Aurora location...two liked the place and two didn't.

One noted: "the food has no taste other than grease and fat. They have an atmosphere like a kindergarden with kids running around the aisles and spilling drinks. And the waitress was unshapely and totally not attractive. BP is the new Swiss Chalet."

When I was there Wednesday night with Patricia, it took some time to get served, but once we were, everything (food included) was fine.

While I wasn't surprised with the outcome of the evening, I do believe the Dragon's Den got a few more fans...like it really needs them.

The Williams presentation was almost last in the line of people who had things to offer the Dragons, and you knew the minute they came on, because of the cheering and hand-clapping.

Every television in the place - there were at least eight - was tuned to the show.

There was no question how it would turn out, but I'm surprised Treliving didn't make an appearance.

Letter to the Editor

Majority of Ontarians out of luck when physiotherapy required

To the editor,

The Canada Health Act guarantees you publicly-funded physiotherapy as an inpatient or outpatient of your local hospital.

Yet more than 30 of Ontario's hospitals have closed, downsized or privatized their outpatient physiotherapy clinics since 2007.

When our hospitals announce a closure or cut-back, management will usually indicate that services are available elsewhere in your community, through the OHIP funded Designated Physiotherapy Clinics (DPC) network, your local Community Health Centre (CHC), Family Health Team (FHT), or in your home through our Community Care Access Centre (CCAC).

As a resident of Newmarket-Aurora and a physiotherapist, I can tell you that you should be prepared for disappointment if you find yourself dependent on any of these options.

Our nearest DPC? There is one DPC located in the Electoral District, but to be eligible for treatment you will need to meet restrictive criteria (you have to be 65 or older, 19 or younger, someone who recently had at least one night's hospital stay, or be on an Ontario government support program).

This leaves the vast majority of Ontarians simply out of luck.

Our nearest CHC? There are only a few Community Health Centres in all of Ontario that even provide publicly funded

physiotherapy.

Through an FHT? Despite promises to do so, the government hasn't funded a single physiotherapist position in any of the FHTs!

Through a CCAC? Because of budgetary constraints, CCACs are implementing wait lists, limiting the number of services and visits, and restricting eligibility.

Each sector of our health care system passes the buck to the others, and those who really need physiotherapy pay the price, literally if they can afford it, and with deteriorating health if they cannot.

The good news is that the evidence is overwhelming that physiotherapists are critically important to your health: restoring function after a stroke, surgery or illness, and helping many, like seniors, maintain their mobility and their ability to live independently.

Physiotherapists reduce the demand for hospital and long-term care beds and emergency room visits.

Physiotherapy also has a major impact on decreasing wait times for joint replacement surgeries and increasing access to specialized care for chronic conditions such as arthritis and diabetes.

The bad news is that our healthcare system is not taking full advantage of the benefits that physiotherapists can bring to Ontarians.

The Ontario Physiotherapy Association, of which I am a member, has asked for a freeze on cutbacks to publicly-funded

physiotherapy.

We've asked the government to initiate a full review of the shortfalls and gaps in access to physiotherapy and to make sure there is a plan that ensures you have reasonable access to the services you need.

Like my colleagues, I am not asking for more taxpayers' dollars to be spent on physiotherapy. Instead, we are asking for the approximately \$500 million spent

by our government on physiotherapy services be spent more rationally, cost effectively, and based on the best clinical evidence.

Join me in asking our re-elected Liberal government and our local MPP Frank Klees to ensure that you have access to the physiotherapist services that you need.

**Sandra Manherz
Aurora**

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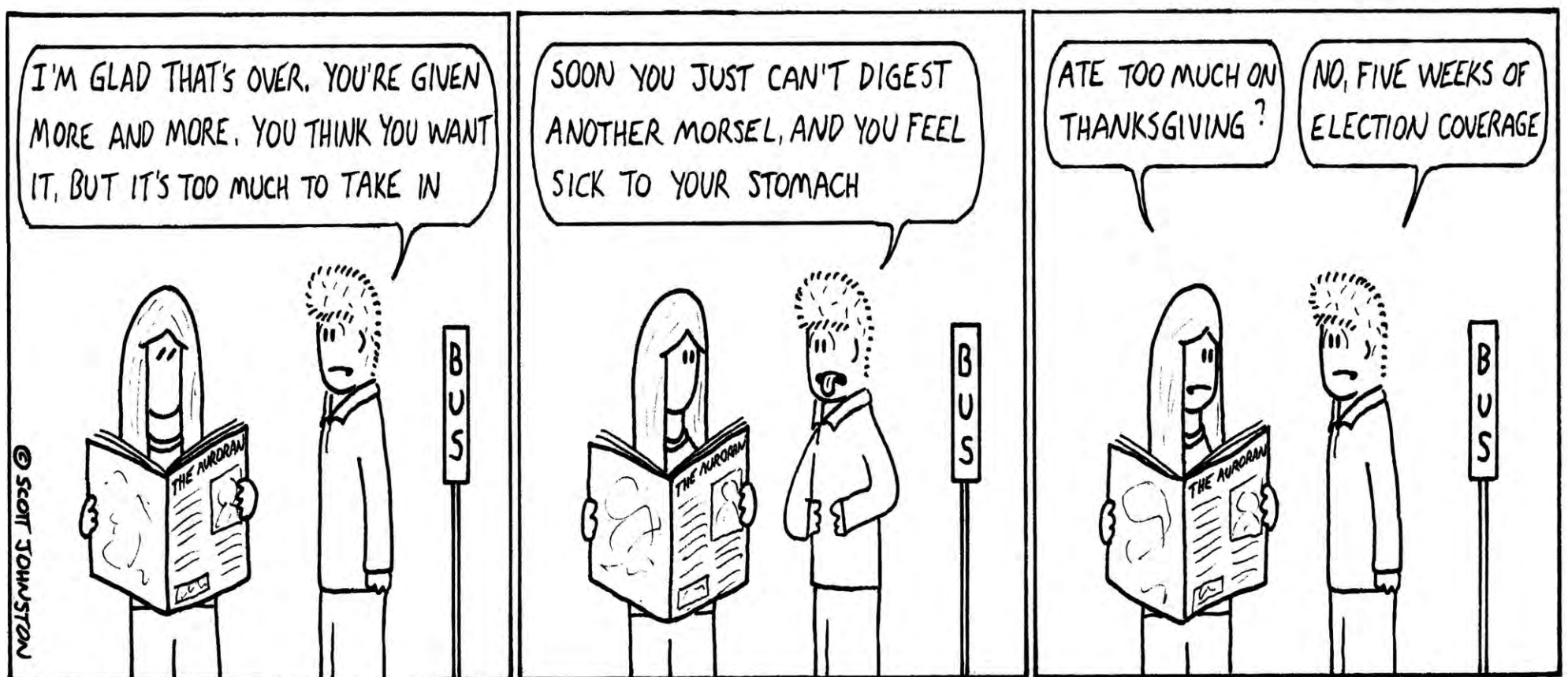
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Frankly Speaking

By Frank Klees
MPP Newmarket-Aurora

Thank you, Aurora and Newmarket

When the votes were counted on October 6th, I was once again honoured to represent you as your Member of Provincial Parliament.

I thank you for that privilege and for your vote of confidence.

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

For those of you who have seen my business card, you'll know that these words are printed on the back of the card.

I had them put there because I've become more and more concerned at the apparent lack of interest in the political process.

This election has proven once again, that one out of every two people are leaving it to someone else to decide who will make the important decisions about how their tax dollars will be spent, what their healthcare and education systems will look like and generally, how the affairs of the province will be managed.

That's why I want to express my appreciation and thanks to those who made the effort to get involved in this election, and most important, those who made this election - and all elections in our country - possible.

Thank you to the men and women who guaranteed us the liberty and the freedom to vote

To our veterans of every war and conflict, in which men and women were willing to sacrifice their lives to protect our freedom and democratic rights, I say thank you.

One of those rights, is the right to a free and democratic vote.

As we watch the evening news and see citizens of countries around the world struggling to attain that right, we would do well to remember that exercising that right is also a responsibility and resolve not to take it for granted.

We will soon be observing Remembrance Day in the company of our veterans, and when we join them in proclaiming the words, "We will remember them", let's remember that they died to guarantee us our freedom

and our rights.

Thank you to the 45,328 residents of Aurora and Newmarket who cast their vote

While less than half of the more than 91,000 eligible voters in Aurora and Newmarket voted, it was encouraging to see the effort many made to do so.

What was a relatively easy exercise for some, was a major effort for others.

Over the course of the election campaign, during Advance Poll voting and on Election Day, I observed many people with disabilities who didn't let their challenges keep them from registering their vote.

While canvassing in Aurora, I met a resident who wanted to vote, but couldn't leave her husband unattended because of his advanced stage of Parkinson's disease.

My wife Jaine and daughter Alissa offered to stay with the husband while one of our volunteers provided transportation to the polling station.

There are many other examples of extra efforts made by voters to exercise their vote. I thank you.

Thank you to the many volunteers who became engaged in the election campaigns of all political parties

While I have been involved in many election campaigns, including two leadership campaigns, I have never experienced the enthusiasm and energy that was present in this campaign.

Literally hundreds of volunteers engaged on a daily basis to assist with canvassing, erecting signs, making phone calls and helping out in our campaign headquarters.

Many put their personal lives on hold to help advance a cause or to support their candidate of choice. I thank you.

Thank you to the candidates who put themselves forward to carry the banner of their respective parties

I have now participated as a candidate in seven provincial elections.

The first two times were in south-western Ontario in the electoral district of Essex South, where I was the

candidate in the 1975 and 1977 provincial elections.

I was not successful in those elections, but found the experience rewarding and in retrospect, am grateful for the more than 20 years of life and business experience that prepared me for my role as MPP which began with my first successful election in 1995.

I have also had the good fortune to remain good friends with many of the candidates from all political parties along the way.

That was due to the fact, that we managed to keep the focus on the issues rather than engage in the negative and personal attacks that have

become all too common in today's political arena.

The results showed clearly, that the voters of Aurora and Newmarket reject that kind of politics.

I have always believed that all candidates, regardless of political stripe, share the same common goal, and that is to serve their community and to help make it a better place to live, to work and to raise a family.

I thank my fellow candidates for stepping forward.

As always, I welcome your comments and advice.

Please feel free to call me at 905-750-0019 or contact me through my website at www.frankklees.com.

Letters to the Editor

Hudak has no platform

To the editor,

Tim Hudak seems to be a nice guy.

You know what happens to nice guys.

He has no platform or

plan. Frank Klees would have been a better choice.

Hudak thinks he can win the election by mud-slinging, constantly attacking the other side for the state of affairs, yet never offering any

progressive ideas or solutions.

A Buck a Beer just don't cut it, Tim.

**Eric Strohr
Aurora**

Photographer asks if CBC's "compass" is a scam

Attention Frank Klees:

Good morning Frank,

I am the photographer who met you yesterday at the charity "walk for hearing" in Aurora.

At that time I discussed with you my experiences using the CBC "compass".

Is this a SCAM or

not?

I am a decidedly right wing voter but after answering all the questions on the "compass", it was suggested that I should vote "liberal".

This is a duplication of the result during the previous election when the "compass" also suggested that I should

vote "liberal".

There must be a considerable number of undecided voters who could be "persuaded" to vote "liberal".

Please advise whether I should take this any further.

**Tony Whibley
King City**

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Writer says pair who wrote letters deflecting attention from the issue

**Catherine Marshall
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Council upholds designation against dangerous dog

A dangerous dog designation against an unleashed Doberman which attacked a golden retriever in Fleury Park at the end of August has been upheld by Aurora Council after hearing an appeal by the dog owner last week.

Last Monday, Council, sitting as a tribunal, heard testimony from Ron Verbakel, the owner Leroy, the Doberman in question, and from Robert Brooks, who was walking his neighbour's golden retriever Liza when the incident happened.

Going into the appeal, several restrictions had already been placed on Leroy due to the dangerous dog notice, including a requirement of the owner to keep the dog leashed on his property or confined within the owner's dwelling, to keep the dog under the leashed control of an adult, to keep the dog muzzled, and inform the OSPCA of any changes to the situation.

Under examination from the Town's Bylaw Manager Jon Popple, Mr. Brooks said he spotted Leroy while walking Liza near the Fleury Park baseball diamond and turned to avoid confrontation with the dog, but to no

avail. He said he tried to ward off Leroy with Liza's retractable leash as the attack went down and tried to examine the golden retriever on the bleachers before she squeezed out of her lead and dashed home, with Mr. Brooks trailing behind her.

This is the second incident between Liza and Leroy, Mr. Brooks went onto say.

When asked by Mr. Verbakel whether he thought Leroy was truly a dangerous dog, however, Mr. Brooks said he was not qualified to make that statement.

"I don't know what a dangerous dog is, but I do know that twice this dog has bitten the dog I was walking," said Mr. Brooks. "It is up to the Town and the officers to determine [danger]. I would have it leashed and muzzled."

Investigations into the incident in question were carried out by the OSPCA's Eric Schafranek.

Having gathered witness statements and photographs pertaining to the attack, Mr. Schafranek said in looking through records he had found three previous complaints related to Leroy dating

back to 2008 pertaining to Leroy being off leash.

In response, Mr. Verbakel said that Leroy "does not leave the property" and the basis of the 2008 complaints were "unjustified."

"Leroy is not a dangerous dog," said Mr. Verbakel. "I admit I let Leroy run down into the park along with other dogs. I live very close to Yonge Street. Leroy never leaves the property, ever."

With the evidence presented to council, Mr. Verbakel argued that the wounds shown in photographs should be considered a "nip" rather than a "bite" and the "dangerous dog" designation was unfair.

"Like I told both officers that came around I know what Leroy does," said Mr. Verbakel. "He might come up and do a little bark, bark and leave. Like I told both officers that came around I know what Leroy does. This whole thing about Leroy being a dangerous dog is very unfounded."

Following Mr. Verbakel's statement, Mr. Popple questioned him on his abidance to the Town's bylaws which require dogs to be leashed when off property.

During the exchange, Mr. Popple asked him if he kept Leroy on the leash when being taken through Fleury Park.

Receiving the answer of "sometimes" with the qualification that occasionally he lets Leroy off leash to run through the bush and the creek, Mr. Popple pressed on, asking him if he was aware of bylaw regulations.

When Mr. Verbakel replied in the affirmative, he was asked if he abided by them.

"Most of the time I do," said Mr. Verbakel. "I am a responsible owner of Leroy. I don't personally see the harm. If I thought Leroy was dangerous I wouldn't be so foolish. I recognize the liability if Leroy actually bites someone."

Asked if he would continue to let Leroy off leash in the future, he said he would not "anymore as a result to this."

"There has been three previous complaints about this dog filed with bylaw services in relation to at large and the previous alleged bite so we have had numerous contacts with this owner and this dog as a result of violations of the bylaw and we're simply asking that these measures be put in

place to ensure the safety of the general public that this dog isn't permitted to bite again or attack," said Mr. Popple in his closing statement.

Mr. Verbakel said in his closing that in the years he has owned Leroy he has never left the property and said that there hadn't been a complaint against him in three years, which is "a pretty long time" considering the busyness of their neighbourhood.

"I have kept Leroy under control," he said. "I know what he does. He'll run up to the retaining wall and bark. He will not do anything. I would ask that you ease the restriction and the muzzle thing. Leroy does not need to be muzzled. I don't think that is fair for Leroy."

In the end, council decided to keep the restrictions in place except for the condition

regarding the muzzle. Council opted to make this conditional upon Mr. Verbakel completing a dog training program approved by the OSPCA within six months.

At that time, if the conditions have been met and the OSPCA and Town are satisfied the condition will be removed.

After the hearing, Edith Dewolde, Liza's owner, said she was satisfied with the ruling.

"I feel sorry for the dog, that the dog has to be muzzled, but I do agree that he is a dangerous dog and just because other charges haven't been laid and the police haven't been called or contacted doesn't mean that this dog hasn't been terrorizing the neighbourhood," she said. "As my neighbour would go around speaking to people, everyone has some incident with Leroy."

There's still "misunderstanding" between Cultural Centre, AHS, say auditors in a council report

Despite the Aurora Cultural Centre being found to be in compliance with its Cultural Services Agreement with the Town, for some councillors questions still remain regarding the Centre's obligation to provide heritage programming.

The auditors came to the conclusion that the Cultural Centre is providing arts, cultural and heritage services in compliance with their agreement but said there is no definition within the agreement that defines what constitutes heritage programming apart from the Centre's obligation to store the Aurora Historical Society's (AHS) collections.

"From our review of the Centre programming for 2010 and 2011, it was evident that the Centre has provided the AHS with space for their displays and events at no cost to the AHS," said the auditors in their report. "Both the Centre and the AHS are interested in finding ways they can work together in the future to present heritage programming."

While the auditors said the Centre and the AHS are working together to develop a Collections Agreement for what is stored, they added they

are of the opinion there may be a "misunderstanding" by the Historical Society that there is something in the Cultural Services Agreement "that indicates that the Centre has an obligation to the AHS other than as a host for the collection and to collaborate where possible in developing and presenting heritage programming."

This "misunderstanding" was a concern to some councillors at the table, including Sandra Humfries, who has been a vocal advocate for the restoration of an Aurora museum, describing it as a "huge gap".

"There is some work to be done [on the misunderstanding]," she said. "I don't believe that piece is addressed. I'm not slighting anything of the Cultural Centre, I think they do a great job, but there is that gaping hole. It is stated here by the auditors and I expect that to be addressed. The community has addressed it several times."

Councillor Evelyn Buck said that she also shared the AHS' "misunderstanding" of the obligation.

"It was a fact that the prime purpose of [the Church Street School restoration] project was to

provide a home for the Aurora Museum," she said. "The investment was made in the building for that purpose. It was not to exclude the opportunity for arts and cultural programs, but it was certainly the prime purpose and I find myself in complete disagreement with the conclusions of this consultant. He doesn't seem to have talked to anyone who was there [at the time]."

In a statement issued after last week's general committee meeting, the Aurora Cultural Centre said it has been a "huge success" and "tens of thousands of visitors have enjoyed what the Centre has to offer in Arts, Culture, and Heritage in the first half of this year."

"There was clearly a void that we are happily filling here at 22 Church Street, and the response to every event is tremendous," said Laura Schembri, Executive Director of the Aurora Cultural Centre. "The community has responded enthusiastically to our ticketed events, instructional programs and workshops - and has equally embraced the many free arts, culture and community heritage offerings we have enjoyed presenting to the public."

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From left to right, Trevor, Kathleen, and Chris Williams of Aurora company Sustain It Inc., are seen here with company owner Andy Williams, right, at a viewing party for Dragon's Den at Aurora's Boston Pizza last week. Trevor, Kathleen, and Chris represented the company when they stepped into the Dragon's Den in the spring for an episode which aired on CBC last Wednesday, promoting the Bottle Bin, a plastic receptacle to carry empty beer and wine bottles back to The Beer Store and the LCBO. Their product was just what the panel was looking for with a bidding war breaking out between the Dragons and the Williams' ultimately going with a deal offered by Jim Treliving of T&M Investments and co-owner of Boston Pizza.

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Bidding war for Aurora product breaks out at Dragon's Den

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storage capacity - 18 standard wine bottles and up to 48 beer bottles - as well as its double use as a cooler, while Trevor extolled the virtues of its double handle system. Evidently their pitch was just what the Dragons were looking for as a bidding war erupted on the panel.

"[This] is a really smart idea," said Dragon Arlene Dickinson. "Good for you guys."

Bids from the Dragons ranged from \$150,000 for a 40 per cent stake in the company from Kevin O'Leary, \$150,000 for a 20 per cent stake and \$1 per bin until the initial investment is recouped from Bruce Croxon, \$150,000 for no equity but a 75 cent royalty per bin from Ms.

Dickinson, and \$150,000 for a 30 per cent stake and 25 cent royalty from Robert Herjavec.

As the viewing party was held at Boston Pizza, one could argue it is a safe assumption on who ultimately had the golden bid.

"It's a great project," said Jim Treliving, co-owner of Boston Pizza through T&M Group of Companies. "I just don't know how I'm going to make it work."

But evidently he worked something out, offering the company exactly what they were looking for - \$150,000 for a 20 per cent stake. It was a done deal.

"I met these guys in May when they pitched in Toronto," said Rowan Anders of T&M, who attended the viewing party

representing Mr. Treliving. "I have been working with them since then and they have been so much fun to work with. You can tell by the support they have here tonight and it is great."

Mr. Anders also brought word from Mr. Treliving, who sent along the message that "it has been awesome working with Chris, Trevor, and Andy to put our deal together and as partners I'm confident we're going to grow Bottle Bin and Sustain It into the biggest success Dragon's Den has ever seen."

Following the screening, Andy said the deal with Mr. Treliving was in the final written stages and will help the company grow for the future.

"We have a couple of new projects we're working on and...those funds

could be very useful for those expansion projects [but] just like the Bottle Bin we have to keep that secret!"

Symphony begins anniversary with performance in Aurora

On October 15 and 16, Music Director Gregory Burton will begin the York Symphony Orchestra's 50th Anniversary season with a Brahms festival and they'll open in Aurora.

Joining the orchestra will be two favourite young soloists of recent years, violinist Luri Lee and cellist Andrew Ascenzo, who will join forces to play Brahms' lyrical and romantic Double Concerto.

Luri Lee is currently concertmaster of the Glenn Gould School Orchestra of the Royal Conservatory of Music.

She was the winner of the 2008 Concerto

Competition at University of Toronto, where she played the Brahms Violin Concerto.

More recently, having graduated from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, earning her Master of Music degree, Luri was selected from Peabody Conservatory students to perform a chamber music concert in Carnegie Hall and Singapore.

A York Region native, cellist Andrew Ascenzo recently completed his Undergraduate and Master's Degrees in Cello Performance at the University of Toronto under the tutelage of Professor

Sauna Rolston, while also studying jazz improvisation with Matt Brubeck.

The concert will include Brahms' stirring and playful Academic Festival Overture, and his last major symphonic work, the Fourth Symphony.

Concerts are slated for Saturday, October 15th at 8 p.m. at the Trinity Anglican Church in Aurora, and Sunday, October 16th at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

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Group in compliance with what, councillors curious

After an independent review of the Aurora Cultural Centre's compliance with its Cultural Services Agreement with the Town, the Centre has been found to indeed be in compliance - but just what exactly they are in compliance with was the topic of much debate last week at the council table this week.

The audit report was discussed at last week's general committee meeting where councillors had the chance to go through the report in detail.

In the report, the auditors said they found the Centre to be in compliance with both their contract and lease agreement.

It was a finding that pleased some councillors.

"I think it is an excellent audit that should put to rest many of the concerns councillors have had - and some people in the public - with regards to the administration of the Aurora Cultural Centre," said Councillor Chris Ballard. "You'll recall I was a touch reticent to begin with to move ahead with the audit report but I am quite glad it has been done because it should put to rest questions people may have."

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe said he thought the report was well done and confirmed his belief that "the Cultural Centre is very much living up to the terms of the agreement as drafted."

"I think the Cultural Centre is doing exactly what they're contracted to do and I think they are doing it very well," he

said.

Not surprisingly, the staff and board members of the Cultural Centre were also pleased with the auditor's findings.

"The Board of directors is pleased, but not surprised," said board president Rob Layton. "From its inception, at the request of the Town, the Board has been committed to meeting the terms and the tone of the Cultural Services Agreement. The auditors' report confirms that the Board's governance has resulted in full contract compliance and that this compliance has allowed the Centre to operate successfully as predicted by the Strategic Plan."

But many councillors at the table last week expressed misgivings about the Cultural Services Agreement itself when considering the motion recommended by Town Staff to develop key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure the success of the Centre's operations.

In their report, the auditors found that while the Aurora Cultural Centre has provided the Town with an annual report of KPIs related to their programming, community participation, and fundraising activities, there is nothing within the existing contract to specify how performance is measured "and provides no expectation for performance".

"There is no formalized process defined in the contract that delineates how the KPIs will be utilized or who has the

responsibility to monitor the KPIs to measure the success of the Centre's performance," reads the report.

The auditors also found that there is nothing in the Cultural Services Agreement that "defines the obligations between the Centre and the Council."

"The contract does not include a clause that outlines what and when the Centre will report to council," it said. "The Centre has made two presentations to council and has intentions to report on at least an annual basis."

For Councillor Evelyn Buck, who has been a vocal critic of the current operations of the Aurora Cultural Centre where heritage programming is concerned, the existing contract has not served the community's interest.

"I don't find the agreement satisfactory, so the audit may find them in complete compliance with an agreement I don't find serving the community's interest," she said.

Councillor Michael Thompson said he too had concerns with the terms of the agreement and said that council is responsible for the amount of funds it dispenses and it should exercise "the issue of accountability" where the Aurora Cultural Centre is concerned - namely having council representation on the Cultural Centre Board and having the Centre come before council with their annual budget like other organizations.

"That is what we ask of

all organizations and I don't think the Cultural Centre should be any different," he said. "For me, it is just those issues with the service agreement that I would like to sit down with them and talk it out and see if we can come up with an amicable solution that addresses those issues."

Council representation on the Board was something incorporated into the recommendation before members, which called upon the Town's CAO to work with Cultural Centre staff to "define the reporting relationship between the Aurora Cultural Centre and council".

"The audit more or less confirms to me that the agreement, the CSA is really probably what I would like answers to help explain and maybe facilitate better involvement," said Councillor John Abel, who has previously raised questions about the Centre at the table. "I think some people maybe misunderstand me and think that I want to compete against the existing Cultural Centre and that's not true at all."

"What I would like to do is complete what I see as a great heritage service and facility for the Town and it really is a matter of understanding what role we can play and the residents should have some input."

With regards to the KPIs, Councillor Abel said he could see why the auditor said the Cultural Centre was in compliance with the agreement "because there is nothing

to be in compliance with."

Before general committee signed off on the staff recommendation to, among other items, have the CAO develop the KPIs, Councillor Ballard moved a motion directing the staff to work with Novita, the consulting group which compiled the original report on the Cultural Centre and developed the current Cultural Services Agreement, in drafting the indicators.

"I'm not sure if Councillor Ballard has been listening to the conversation tonight but most of us have said we have a problem with the way the service agreement has come about so going back to the same firm that helped create the service agreement I think is counterintuitive to what the group here is saying as a whole," said Councillor Paul Pirri.

This sentiment was shared by Mayor Dawe, who said he had no problem with the drafting of KPIs but was vehemently opposed to Novita getting back into the mix.

"I wasn't impressed with the Novita report when it first came out as chair of the Library Board," he said. "I thought it was a poorly written work, quite frankly, and there is no way I can support hiring them again."

General committee's approval of this recommendation, as well as their approval of a motion from Councillor Buck to send the existing Cultural Services Agreement back to the Town Solicitor for a full review of its merits, shortcomings, and the Town's legal obligations to the document, are expected to come forward to council for final approval this week.

SIU rules policeman shot himself

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Ian Scott said the officer had the lawful authority to arrest the complainant and "use reasonable force to make the arrest".

The store, he said, had a history of similar robberies and "the officer could reasonably conclude that the suspects might have been armed and therefore drew his firearm."

"While attempting to subdue the complainant on the ground, the subject officer's firearm discharged," said Mr. Scott. "The mechanism leading to the discharge is unclear. His gun may have been knocked in the struggle or he may have unintentionally squeezed the trigger. Whatever the reason, in my view, taking into account the trajectory of the bullet, the discharge was accidental - the subject officer clearly had no intention of shooting himself in the arm. As a result, I do not have reasonable grounds to believe that the subject officer committed an

assault related offence against the complainant.

"Nor do I have grounds to believe that the subject officer was careless as this word is defined in the Criminal Code in the use of his firearm. This offence requires proof of conduct showing a marked departure from the standard of


care of a reasonably prudent person in similar circumstances. The subject officer had the authority to have his firearm at the ready during the arrest given his reasonably held belief that the suspect may have been armed."

"While it is unfortunate that the complainant was injured, given the dynam-

ic nature of this potentially high risk arrest, it is my view that this accidental discharge does not show a marked departure from the standard of care of a reasonably prudent police officer who found himself in circumstances similar to those of the subject officer."

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This bug could wipe out town's ash tree population

The spread of the emerald ash borer northward in York Region could spell an end for most ash trees in Aurora in as little as 15 years, according to a Regional Report presented at Aurora's general committee meeting last week.

The remarks were made by Ian Buchanan, Manager of Natural Resources for the Region of York, at the meeting where councillors voted to accept the recommendation to tentatively use resources to remove and replace damaged trees rather than undertake a treatment program which may or may not be successful in the long run.

According to Mr. Buchanan, the Region of York placed pheromone traps in six locations within Aurora to gauge how far the invasive insect has spread and one trap at Bayview Avenue and Stone Road contained one individual emerald ash borer.

While the Region said it did not consider finding the single bug to be "representative of a significant infestation at this time" it is indicative that it is spreading into the area as previously forecasted.

"The emerald ash borer will kill all ash trees and that has huge consequences to our rural envi-

ronments and our urban forests," said Mr. Buchanan. "There is no question that it will kill all the trees and has huge both natural environment and economic consequences to our residents."

Thirty per cent of the Regional forest is ash and the destruction in the wake of the borer will cause a "dramatic shift" in the forest communities.

But it won't just hit the forests, it will also wipe out a significant portion of street trees throughout the Region, of which 8,000 trees are ash.

The removal and replacement of these trees is estimated to cost about \$7 million over the next 10 years.

From Aurora's side, over 2,700 trees will be affected by the emerald ash borer, according to Parks Director Al Downey.

In his report, ash trees are in parks, woodlands, and line the streets and the bug will result in a "dramatic transformation" in the appearance of many streets and parks where ash dominates.

"With over 2,700 ash

trees in our current inventory and hundreds more in our open space and wooded lands, costs for removing and replacing the trees will be significant," said Mr. Downey in his report. "In addition to the actual financial impacts, the aesthetic and ecological impacts could be much more significant. Many of our ash trees are large specimens lining our streets and parks that have developed full canopies."

"Streetscapes will be dramatically transformed in that decade of tree development and mature canopy will be lost over a few years or less. A loss of tree canopy of this magnitude could also raise concerns and demands in some neighbourhoods with respect to the diminished quality and character of neighbourhood streetscape."

In discussions on how to tackle the issue, Councillor Sandra Humfries said she would like to see an alternative recommendation carried out which would have seen the Town treat larger ash trees at a cost of nearly \$4.5 million spread

over time.

"From a residential perspective, if we don't try the preventative maintenance that means we're also going to be spreading that to our private properties," she said. "I would like to see us do some preventative measures so that it helps protect our residents' private homes and they can start a strategy to eventually replace those trees."

That option, however, would not have any impact on whether trees on private lands are affected by the infestation, said Mr. Downey.

In the end, councillors opted to go for the first plan presented to them which would allow the emerald ash borer to take its course, "taking no proactive action in the treatment or control of that

insect."

The plan comes up for final approval this week.

"Although there will be no costs incurred with the treatment or managed control of the emerald ash borer, there will be considerable costs associated with the removal and replacement of trees and additional staff and/or contract resources required to undertake and manage all aspects of this work."

Removal and replacement of the trees is estimated to cost just over \$3.4 million spread over the course of the infestation.

While some councillors said they did not like the outcome, they indicated this was the only practical course of action.

"It is unfortunate, but

this strategy is the only one that makes sense," said Councillor Michael Thompson.

Others expressed concern that the option to treat the trees could potentially lock the Town into treatment for the foreseeable future for however long the problem exists.

"I don't think these bugs are going away any time soon so I can see this program going on for 15 years maybe saving a significant number of our trees but maybe not but we might be tied in for perpetuity until some scientist comes up with a way of introducing a natural pest to take care of them," said Councillor Chris Ballard. "But much as I like ash trees I think number one is the way to go, unfortunately."

Aurora Seniors Duplicate Bridge results

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Klees wins Newmarket-Aurora riding again

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dents, issues that rose to priority levels during the course of the race and this time was no different

According to Mr. Klees, he was faced at the door by many people who were having difficulty in making ends meet due to taxes, their hydro bills and other factors, and also individuals who had a "serious concern" about health care wait times and unemployment.

"There are a lot of people in Newmarket-Aurora who are still desperate for a job because of the downturn in the economy and it is a serious issue," he said.

One difference though during this election campaign was "negativity" from the Liberal side "primarily", he said, going as far as to call it "mudslinging." Mr. Klees said he has never before faced such "clear attacks" on his "personal integrity" during a campaign - "the kind of pamphleteering and insinuation those pamphlets made on my character" - and said voters rejected this kind of "gutter politics".

"It is unfortunate that it actually became part of this campaign," he said. "I hope not to see it again and I hope it was a clear signal to the Liberal party that this kind of politicking is not welcome in Newmarket-Aurora."

While Mr. Klees said his biggest personal success during the campaign is the strong vote of confidence voters put in his record, when asked if there were any missed opportunities, he said he does not think his campaign could have done anything better.

With the 2011 campaign behind him, however, there are a number of issues Mr. Klees said he is looking forward to tackling once he gets back to work at Queen's Park.

The most important issue, he said, is to "hold the McGuinty government accountable for their mismanagement of our economy"; something he said is resulting in high unemployment and pressure on families with the cost of living.

"I'll be challenging the government not to just give lip service to the issue of health care but to take specific steps to deal with the gaps in health care that are very obvious in our community," he said. "On the issue of all-day GO Train service, the Liberals have promised that and I am going to be asking the Minister of Transportation for a specific timeline on when exactly we can expect that."

"The Liberal candidate held a press conference, made that one of her central promises of a Liberal government and I am going to be asking at the earliest possible opportunity during Question Period what the time line is for that all day service for Newmarket-Aurora and it will be very interesting to see the response I get."

While having a more comfortable voter majority this time around is one thing, Mr. Klees said he wants to make it clear to residents that he and his office are available to serve residents from all political stripes.

"Between elections, as anyone will tell you, there is no partisan label on the constituency office and I never ask anyone if they have voted for me," he said. "That is not an issue. Between elections, partisanship does not come into play in my constituency office or in my role as Member of Provincial Parliament."

When all was said and done, Ms. Bisanz received 16,170 votes - or 36 per cent of the vote - trailing Mr. Klees by 5,226, almost 4,000 more than when she ran against him four years ago.

Klees, 60, begins his second term in the newly-formed Newmarket-Aurora riding, although he is no stranger to politics.

"It's gratifying," the veteran Progressive Conservative told a group at Newmarket's Glenway Golf Club. "I'm just glad to be the MPP for Newmarket-Aurora."

Klees has been a Member of the Provincial Assembly since 1995 when he was first elected, defeating former Liberal leadership candidate Charles Beer in the riding of York-Mackenzie by some 12,000 votes.

He was easily re-elected in the 1999 provincial election, and on June 17, 1999 joined the cabinet of Premier Mike Harris as Chief Government Whip, Deputy House Leader and Minister without Portfolio.

He has been re-elected ever since.

Klees lives in Aurora and was elected in the newly-created provincial riding of Newmarket-Aurora in the Ontario general election, 2007.

On March 30, 2009, he declared his candidacy in the 2009 Ontario Progressive Conservative leadership elec-

tion, and finished second after finishing third in a similar election in 2004.

Speaking to her supporters shortly after her arrival at the hall when the night's outcome was all but certain, Ms. Bisanz thanked them for all their hard work since the campaign began but also reflected on the mixed bag of emotions election night brought to the local Liberals.

"Obviously one of the reasons I entered into this race in the first place was because I became very concerned a few months ago that the potential for a change in government would take this province backwards, and I have said repeatedly [during the campaign] that the reason I decided to run is I believe we have made progress in Ontario over the last eight years that was quite significant," she said, going on to highlight achievements in areas ranging from improvements in education to decreased hospital wait times.

"The sweet element of tonight is we have a Liberal gov-

ernment in Ontario," she continued. "Unfortunately I won't be your representative at Queen's Park but I know that this campaign was hard fought. This campaign was fought with honesty, with integrity, and with hard work of all of the volunteers."

After thanking her family and her team once again, Ms. Bisanz told The Auran that one of the biggest successes of her campaign here in Newmarket-Aurora was "cutting through the negativity and rhetoric" and demonstrating to voters that the party has a "serious plan" and the Liberals follow through on those commitments with results.

"For me, that, regardless of what happened here on the local level, the bigger picture is one I am very proud of and proud to have been a part of delivering those messages with honesty and integrity."

Facing what she described as the "challenge of being up against an incumbent" with "far more resources" to get his message out there, she said she and her campaign headed into

the fray with their "best fight" to get out their message as well.

But the people of Newmarket-Aurora made their decision in re-electing Frank Klees, a fact Ms. Bisanz said is "unfortunate" for residents given Thursday's results.

"I think the challenge will be to ensure that the community is well represented given that [Mr. Klees] will once again be coming at it from a position of opposition and it is unfortunate that Newmarket and Aurora do not have a voice within the government at Queen's Park," she said.

When asked, however, what she would say to the more than 16,000 people who voted for her and did not get the local representation they wanted in the end, Ms. Bisanz provided a call to action.

"I think we need to stay focused on the vision for the future, recognizing that we all do need to work together in order to continue to make this province the best place to live, to work, and to raise a family," she said.



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HOUSE LEAGUE

104 Timbits - St. Louis Blue 3 - Fiohn Keon 1G, Brayden Baird 1G, Jacob Madore 1G, Norbert Kristof 1A, James Madore 1A, Andrew Aikins 1A. **103 Timbits - Toronto White 1** - Cayden Connelly 1G, Luke Bonellos 1A.

101 Timbits - Calgary Red 6 - Adam Rame 2G 1A, Kellan Sherman 1G, Anthony Archibald 1G, Matthew Keizer 1G, Brent Davison 1G. **107 Timbits - Nashville Silver 2** - Philip Lamparter 1G, Lucas Wilhelm 1A, Jordan Sieber 1G, Julian Martin 1A.

108 Timbits - Atlanta Sky 5 - Malcolm Parkinson 2G, Ben Hilgendorff 2G 1A, Nathan Mochizuki 1G 1A. **106 Timbits - San Jose Teal 1** - Joshua Mcleod 1G, Joseph Trovato 1A.

201 Caravan Kids - Calgary Red 7 - Jonah Spataro 2G 1A, Nicholas Zambri 1G, Michael Valenti 1G, Hussien Wahab 1G, Liam Parris 2G, Ty Hartley 2A, Christian Bryan 1A, James Boland-Wall 1A. **204 Caravan Kids - St. Louis Blue 0**.

203 Caravan Kids - Toronto White 4 - Marchel Wood 1G 1A, Aidan Quinn 1G 1A, Stefano Iervasi 2G, Adam Mollard 1A, Kai Sillcox 1A. **202 Caravan Kids - Boston Gold 4** - Rory Callaghan 1G 1A, Sebastian Santagato 1G, Cristian Troubitsin 1A, Cameron Mills 2G.

406 McDonald's - Purple 4. **404 McDonald's - Blue 3.**

407 McDonald's - Kelly Green 4 - Mohabeer 1G, Preino 1G, Masset 1A, Turriff 1G, Harrison 1G 1A. **404 McDonald's - Blue 3** - Fenton Clark 1G, Gregory 1G, Matthew 1G, Max 1A.

401 McDonald's - Red 9. **410 McDonald's - Orange 8.**

408 McDonald's - Grey 7 - Jack Viney 1G, Matthew Cowl 4G 1A, Jacob Peticca 1G, Matthew Pelan 1G, Christian Romas 1A, Justin Schembri 1A, Daniel

McKay 1A, David Moschella 1A, Emerson Parkinson 1A. **403 McDonald's - White 3** - Michael Holden 2A, Carter Beacom 1G, Eddie Zorzit 1A, Kyle Fowler 2G.

406 McDonald's - Purple 2. **405 McDonald's - Black 1.**

608 Mastermind Toys 9 - Evan Lambert 3G 3A, Christian Loria 1G, Stephen Silverio 1G, Kyle Gillies 1A, Nicklaus Reid 1G 1A, Thomas Tantalo 2A, Ryan Mascarenhas 1G, Jack Hosmer 1G 3A, Nicholas Sever 1G. **603 Optimist Club of Aurora 3.**

610 IOOF Aurora Lodge #148 8 - Kenzie Macmillan 2G, Dylan Clark 2G, Colin Boorn 2G 1A, Jacob Cann 2G 1A, Sean Mackrell 1A, Chris Sands 1A, Adam 1A.

604 Omar's Shoes 6 - Jacob Cowl 2G, Tristen Macklin 1G, Andrew Warner 2G, Jacob Leblanc 1G, Blake Vandervalk, shutout. **606 Dr. Weaver's Drillers 0.**

609 Kumon Aurora-East 7 - Liam Patterson 1G 1A, Cameron Bourne 1G 1A, Ethan Brooks 1G, Josh Hookey 2G, Christian Ramirez 1G, Matthew Winters 1G 1A, Patrick Facca 1A. **601 Chouinard Bros. 0.**

603 Optimist Club of Aurora 5 - Elias Dasani 1G, Jason Perkins 1G, Jason Cox 1G 1A, Mathew Lancaster 1G, Austin Heady 1G 1A, Adam Mizuguchi 1A, Jacob Turiff 1A, Micheal Vivian 1A. **607 Crabby Joes 3** - Tyler Frise 1G 1A, Roberto Iervasi 1G 1A, Ben Pitre 1A, Raffaele Parente 1A, Anthony Livia 1G.

612 H.J. Pfaff Audi 3 - Jack Camplin 2G 1A, Tyler Justice 1G 1A, Trevor Barnett 2A, Niklas Seidel 1A. **605 Crossley Contracting Ind. Restoration 2** - Cameron Bugos 1G, Colin Read 1G, Brett Lassen 1A.

608 Mastermind Toys 2 - Evan Lambert 2G. **602 Aurora Home Hardware Bldg Ctr 2** - Tristan Hicks

1G, Andrew Hammond 1G, Ethan Cohen 1A.

803 McAlpine Ford 7 - Adam Ashraf 3G, Michael Walsh 1G 1A, Liam Gray 1G, Kyle Jeppeson 1A, Eric Cumiskey 1A, Connor Tripp 2G 1A, Daniel Robinson, shutout. **802 Aurora Home Hardware Bldg Ctr. 0.**

801 Diamond Groundskeeping Services 3 - James Eydt 1G, Josh Mohabeer 1G, Michael Imseis 1G, Jordan Screech 1A, Cameron Screech 2A, Jeff Stobo 1A. **807 Crabby Joe's 2** - Chris Sutherland 2G, Peter McKerracher 1A, Daniel Cariou 1A.

806 Backyard Pool & Spa Co. Ltd. 5 - Stewart Reid 3G, 1A, Ryan Ouwroules 1G, Alex Hoffmann 1G, Chris Broughton 1A, Paul Mason 1A, Anthony Loduca 1A, Matthew Neice 1A. **808 Laurion Law Office 4** - Bradley Snoulten 2G, Jordan Reeves 1G, Alex Tashos 1G, Nathan Dinatale 1A, Yosf Kakush 1A.

809 Danny & Scotty Puck Bandits 4. **805 Lakeshore Valu-Mart 1.**

804 Optimist Club of Aurora 5. **810 Benson, Kearley IFG 1** - Austin Skelhorn 1G, Mitchell Albert 1A.

909 Manhattan Trophies Ltd. 3 - Matthew Pelkola 1G, Michael McCreesh 1G, Ben Black 1A. **904 North York Plumbing & Heating 2** - Declan Johnston 1G, Matt Reeves 1G, Kienan Osborne 1A, Scott Barker 1A, Liam MacKichan 1A.

908 Benson, Kearley IFG 4 - Luc Martineau 1G, James Johnston 3A. **905 Continental Ingredients 3** - Kyle Fedec 2G, Brendan McDonald 1G, Massimo Longhin 1A, Christopher Cherubini 1A, Jamie Wilson 1A.

907 Crabby Joe's 5 - Morgan Walker 1G, Neil Duggan 1G, Joshua Bell 1G, Zac Kroll 2G. **906 ATS Healthcare 3** - Eliot Harkin 1G, Sam Steenhorst 1G,

Braydon Babineau 1G, Derek Capone 1A, Scott Kostin 1A, Jerryd Jensen 1A.

902 Aurora Chrysler 4 - Ben Hankins 3G 1A, Matthew Roach 1G 2A, Scott Dunlop 1A. **911 AHPA 3** - Joey Stel 1G, Russel Johnson 2G, Graham Killby 1A, Ethan Cullen 1A, Austin Tanaka 1A.

912 Pizza Pizza 4 - Andrew Kaszuba 2G, Tyler Indos 1G, Kyle Strachan 1G, Tyler Hindley 1A, Michael Liscio 1A, Robert Ruscica 2A, Dylan Indos 1A, Tyler Abushinov 1A. **901 Rogers TV 3** - Andrew Walter 1G, Matthew Foschia 1G, Nic Venosa 1G, Scott Cosentino 2A, Ryan Dowling 1A.

903 A.D.C. Aluminum 7 - Michael Tanel 1G, Thomas Scougall 1G 2A, Tyler George 1G, Christopher Sanita 1G 1A, Trevor George 1G 1A, Matthew Sanita 1G, Jesse Borin 1G 1A, William He 1A. **910 INARIA 2** - **Mitchell Arnold 1G**, David Roberts 1G, Scott Wheeler 1A, Matthew Walker 1A.

907 Crabby Joe's 6 - Sean Foxwell 3G, Joshua Bell 3G, Tyler Futterer 1A, Tom Mason 1A, Tim Pare 2A, Kevan Cress 1A, Zac Kroll 1A, Owen Woodcock 1A. **905 Continental Ingredients 1** - Jake Arcangeli 1G, Massimo Longhin 1A.

911 AHPA 5 - Russel Johnson 1G 1A, Michael Arcuri 1G, Kieran Cullen 1G 1A, Mitchell Carter 1G, Paul Neophytou 1G, Austin Tanaka 2A. **901 Rogers TV 4** - Johnathan Hustubise 1G, Paul Louis Steiner 1G, Ryan Dowling 1G 1A, Scott Cosentino 1G, Landon Kirby 1A, Daniel Wochenmarkt 1A, Alexander Seto 1A.

904 North York Plumbing & Heating 4 - Liam MacKichan 1A, Kevin Wood 1A, Kienan Osborne 2G, Declan Johnston 2A, Matt Reeves 2A, Alexander Harrison 1G, Keith Jarvis 1G. **908 Benson, Kearley**

IFG 2 - Duncan Eveleigh 1G1A, James Johnston 1G, Mitch Lamantia 1A.

903 A.D.C. Aluminum 3 - Harris Riopelle 1G, Matthew Sanita 1G, Jonathan Caporusso 1G, Tyler George 1A, Christopher Sanita 1A, Trevor George 1A, Michael Tanel 1A, Matthew Warner, shutout. **909 Manhattan Trophies Ltd. 0.**

912 Pizza Pizza 5 - Tyler Indos 1G, Casey Severini 1G, Tyler Hindley 1G 1A, Robert Ruscica 1G, Carson Roell 1G, Dylan Indos 2A, Tyler Abushinov 1A, Quinn Harris 1A, Kyle Strachan 1A, Michael Liscio 1A. **906 ATS Healthcare 4** - Adam Durante 2G, Braydon Babineau 1G, Eliot Harkin 1G, Sam Steenhorst 2A, Derek Capone 1A, Jerryd Jensen 1A, Scott Kostin 1A, Will Brogan 1A, Dylan Lyons 2A.

910 INARIA 3 - Scott Wheeler 2G, Cody Child 1G, Bailey Miller 1A, Daniel Bresolin 1A. **902 Aurora Chrysler 1** - Kyle DeSouza 1G, Cody Mulhern 1A, Matthew Roach 1A.

1005 BrokerLink 3 - Cooper Riswick 1G, Ryan Eberlin 1G, Kyle Coughlin 1G, Eamon Reilly 1A, Michael Reilly 1A, Trevor Best 1A, Jason Eberlin 1A, Joe Romano 1A. **1006 Caruso & Company 1** - Taylor Butler 1G, Tyler White 1A, Alex Woodward 1A.

1002 INARIA 1 - SASHA DAJIA 1G, Zack Henderson, shutout. **1001 Pizzaville Aurora 0.**

1005 BrokerLink 2 - Robert Bradford, shutout. Ryan Eberlin 1G, Kyle Coughlin 1G, Eamon Reilly 2A, Jason Eberlin 1A. **1002 INARIA 0.**

REP LEAGUE

Tyke Select A. Richmond Hill 9. Aurora 1.

Tyke Select A - Aurora 4 - Jake Wortham 2G, Daniel Iwai 1G, Emmett Ross 1G. **Barrie 4.**



Novice A - Barrie 3. **Aurora 1** - Ryan Fowler 1G, Matthew Reid 1A, Alex Morra 1A.

Novice A. Markham 5. Aurora 0.

Novice A - Aurora 0. Richmond Hill 0.

Minor Atom AA - Aurora 3 - Carter Beswick 1G, Evan Vierling 1G, Ethan Cameron 1G, Jake Adams 2A, Josh Lombard 1A, Anton Thompson Liam Mahoney 1A. **Georgina 3.**

Minor Atom AE - Barrie 3. Aurora 0.

Minor Atom AE - Aurora 1 - Curtis Manley 1G, Carson Tidd 1A, Sean Haw 1A, Max Piorischin, shutout. **Georgina 0.**

Minor Atom AA - Aurora 6 - Dylan DaCosta 3G, Daniel Gaeta 1G, 1A, Josh Lombard 1G, 1A, Zach Kolm 2A, Carter Beswick 1G, Jake Piper 1A, Liam Mahoney 1A, Ben Barber 1A. **Newmarket 1.**

Atom A - Aurora 7 - Dylan Prescott 2G, 1A, Anthony DiPietro 1G, Anthony Iacovetta 3G, Spenser Morrison 1G, Connor Thomas 1A, Ryan Cunnam 1A, Matthew McConnell 1A, Andrew Park 1A, Sam Ashton 2A. **Richmond Hill 1.**

Atom A - Aurora 1 - Dylan Prescott 1G, Will Sherman, shutout. **Barrie 0.**

Atom AE - Aurora 9 - Jeremy Gonsalves 3G, Matthew Gram 1G 2A, Luke Catania 2G, Noah Johnson 1G 1A, Daniel Babcock 1G 1A, Ryan McCartney 2A, Alex Sandras 2A, Tyler Sawyer 1A, Carson Williams 1G 1A, Joseph Kuchicki, shutout. **Orillia 0.**

Atom AE - Georgina 6. Aurora 1 - Luke Catania 1G, Tyler Sawyer 1A. **Please see page 15**

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Tigers lose two, but gain a point

The Aurora Tigers, of the Ontario Junior Hockey League, dropped both games on the week-end, but still managed to gain a single point in the north division standings.

Friday night, before fewer than 200 fans, Aurora lost a heartbreaker to the visiting Georgetown Raiders as Georgetown scored a late goal followed by the game winner in a shootout in a 5-4 decision at the Community Centre.

Aurora nursed a one-goal lead through most of the final period only to find the game sent to overtime on a late power-play goal by Tyson Fawcett of the Raiders.

Following a scoreless overtime, Ryan Lopes' shootout goal - the only one of eight shooters to

find the back of the net - secured the victory for Georgetown.

The single point kept Aurora in fourth place in the north division, a point ahead of the Orillia and two points up on Huntsville, who have also played two games less than Aurora.

For the Tigers, Daniel Lisi, Robbie Lepine, Nick Angelo and Dylan Sikura attempted to score, but were thwarted by the abilities of goaltender.

Scoring for Aurora in regulation play was Justin Nice, Ryan Purvis, Taylor McCoy and Jeff MacPherson.

Aurora goaltender Brett Sinclair had a busy evening facing 47 shots through 65 minutes of action, plus four more in the shootout.

Sinclair was stupendous with some of the saves he made, although the next night in Orangeville he was taken from the game and replaced with backup goalie Kevin Entmaa as the Tigers lost their second in as many nights to the Orangeville Flyers.

In that match, Aurora played a strong 40 minutes of hockey, but let the game get away from them in the third period suffering a 6-4 loss at the Alder Street Arena in Orangeville on Saturday night.

The Flyers' Kelby Lorenz broke a 4-4 deadlock with 7:11 remaining in the game while Shane Cavalieri's shot into an empty net put the game on ice.

Scoring for the Tigers

were Kevin Shier with his first two goals in Junior A Hockey. Taylor McCloy also had a pair.

Robbie Lepine still leads the Tigers scoring.

He has 10 points, followed by Nick Angelo, Ryan Johnson, Evan Fong, Adam Moody and Eric Bouchard, who have eight points each.

Tied for third place are Taylor McCloy and Jeff MacPherson, who have seven points each.

Aurora has a busy schedule coming up this week with three games in as many days.

Thursday the Tabbies visit Brampton, on Friday they travel up north to meet Huntsville in a game that begins at 7.30 p.m., then on Saturday, they host Markham at 5 p.m. in a contest in Cobourg as part of the Governors' Showcase Tournament which the Cobourg Cougars have been awarded.

(Genua, Fawcett) PP 5.11
A - Ryan Purvis (Sikura, Angelo) PP 6.17
A - Taylor McCloy (Bouchard) SH 17.51
G - Brock Labelle (Genua) 19.40

Third Period

A - Jeff MacPherson (Lisi, Nice) 7.09
G - Tyson Fawcett (Gialedakis, Lopes) PP 19.50

Overtime

No Scoring

SHOOTOUT

Ryan Lopes
**ORANGEVILLE 6
AURORA 4**

First Period

A - Taylor McCloy

(Lepine, Shier) 5.18
O- John Doyle (Mullay, Pitsadiotis) 11.51
O- Daniel Holt (Lorenz, Cummings) 14.45
O- Daniel Holt (Cavalieri, McCann) 16.33

Second Period

A - Taylor McCloy (Lepine, Fong) PP 1.30
A - Kevin Shier (Johnson) 11.08

Third Period

O - Sean Perichak (Wolff, Small) 6.16
A - Kevin Shier (Moody, Angelo) 7.05
O- Kelby Lorenz (Mullay, Forslund) PP 12:49
O- Shane Cavalieri (unassisted) EN 19.55



Aurora Minor Hockey Association Results, up to October 2, 2011



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Minor Pee wee AA Georgina 3. Aurora 2 - Brandon Vaughan 1G, Matthew Hollett 1G 1A.

Minor Pee wee AA - Aurora 4 - Aurora 3 - Jaedon Jackson 1G 1A, Matthew Hollett 1G, Nicholas Rountes 1A, Andrew Jorgensen 1A, Nate Legros 1A, Ty Boisseau 1A, **Brandon Vaughan 1G**.

Minor Pee wee AA - Aurora 4 - Anthony Magnante 1G, Nicholas Rountes 1G, Matthew Ferry 1G, Julien Aben 1G, Brandon Vaughan 1A, Sebastian Giorgio 1A, Nicholas Keller 1A. **East Gwillimbury 2**.

Minor Pee wee AA - Aurora 2 - Nicholas Rountes 1G, Brandon Vaughan 1G, Ty Boisseau 1A, Matthew Ferry 1A, Julien Aben 1A. **Barrie 1**.

Minor Pee wee AE - Aurora 7 - Francesco Scuglia 1G, Carson Venneri 1G 2A, Fin Reeves 5G, Joseph Grassa 1A, Thomas Morra 1A, Braden Reid 1A, Peter Chimienti 3A, Nicholas Vamvakaris 1A. **Stouffville 2**.

Minor Pee wee AE - Aurora 3 - Nicholas Vamvakaris 2G, Lucas Surace 1A, Francesco Scuglia 1A, Fin Reeves 1G, 1A, Michael Fodero 1A. **Georgina 3**.

Minor Pee wee AE - Aurora 4 - Nicholas Vamvakaris 1G 1A,

Andrew Cundari 1G, Carson Venneri 1A, Michael Fodero 1A, Fin Reeves 2G. **Markham 2**.

Pee wee AA - Markham 3. Aurora 1.
Pee wee AA - Aurora 1.

TNT 1.

Pee wee AA - Aurora 8. Bradford 0.

Pee wee AA - Aurora 4. Georgina 2.

Pee wee AE - Aurora 1. Newmarket 0.

Pee wee AE - Aurora 1 - Ryan Thornhill 1G, Troy Campbell 1A, Matthew Nitsopoulos 1A. **Georgina 3**.

Minor Bantam A - Aurora 4 - Austin Kiraly 1A, Ryan Coveart 1A, Matthew Liscio 1A, Alec Magnante 3G 1A, Connor Gonsalves 1G, Cameron Zinner 4A. **Markham 1**.

Minor Bantam A - Aurora 1 - Cameron Zinner 1G, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Adam Caicco 1A. **Markham 1**.

Minor Bantam A - Nobleking 2. Aurora 0.

Minor Bantam A - Nobleking 5. Aurora 4 - Alec Magnante 3G, Will Ashton 2A, Matthew Liscio 1A, Shaun Broad 1A, Cameron Zinner 1G, 1A.

Minor Bantam AE - Richmond Hill 4. Aurora 1 - Daniel McConnell 1G.

Minor Bantam AE - Georgina 3. Aurora 1 - Jeff Mckay 1G, Daniel McConnell 1A, Charles Bennett 1A.

Minor Bantam AE - Aurora 1 - Jack Bryant 1G, Spencer White 1A. **Stouffville 1**.

Minor Bantam AE - Aurora 3 - Jack Bryant 2G, Daniel McConnell 1A, Lucas Ruscica 1G, Christian Pearce 1A. **Stouffville 1**.

Minor Midget AA - Aurora

5 - Matt Iwai 1G 1A, Nick Scott 1G 1A, Ty Varga 1G, Shadoe Storm 1G, Nic Delzotto 1G, Quentin Campbell 2A, Brett Thiessen 1A, Tristan Joseph 1A. **Georgina 3**.

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 7 - Lucas Pozzebon 2G 2A, Brett Thiessen 1G 3A, Ty Varga 1G 2A, Jake McKee 2G, Andrew Quattrin 1G, Quentin Campbell 2A, Shadoe Storm 1A, Tristan Joseph 1A. **Stouffville Clippers 4**.

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 4 - Connor Cowl 2G 1A, Brett Thiessen 1G 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1G, Quentin Campbell 1A, Nic Delzotto 1A, Tristan Joseph 1A, Blake Wallace 1A. **Barrie 1**.

Minor Midget AA - Newmarket 4. Aurora 1 - Connor Cowl 1G, Ty Varga 1A, Tristan Joseph 1A.

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 5 - Lucas Pozzebon 3G, Quentin Campbell 1G 1A, Tristan Joseph 1G, Brett Thiessen 4A, Connor Cowl 1A, Nick Scott 1A, Andrew Quattrin 1A. **Stouffville 4**.

Minor Midget AE - Aurora 1 - Brett Bond 1G, Brian Langdon 1A, Nathan Nealon 1A. **Stouffville 3**.

Midget A - Orillia 3. Aurora 2 - Brett Wilson 1G, Zach Ferry 1G 1A, Jody Nonnewitz 2A.

Midget A - Aurora 3 - Luke Pizzurro 1G, Vincent Ruscica 1G, Anthony Selski 1G, Brendan Beresford 2A, Quincy Ing 2A, Eric Damecour 1A, Justin Mason, shutout. **Markham 0**.

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Caitlyn Jimmorskog, a kindergarten student at Northern Lights Public School in Aurora, has her eyes tested during a Lions Club sponsored Vision Screening test held recently. Tests will continue in Aurora at various schools for several more weeks.

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Still no conclusion to procedural bylaw

Another hour and a half later and there is still no final decision from Council on whether to adopt its proposed procedural bylaw.

At a recent council meeting, councillors have spent over eight hours total - including both council and general committee meetings, regular, special or otherwise - discussing this document with no final decision being reached.

Much of the discussion was dedicated once again to Councillor Wendy Gaertner's objection to delegations being limited to three per meeting without the council having to waive its procedural bylaw to allow for more, an objection shared by Councillor Chris Ballard.

Putting a limit on delegations would limit "accessible and open government," she said.

"Of course, the procedural bylaw can always be waived, however that would require a person to come to the council chamber not knowing whether or not they would be heard by us," she said. "They would have to plead their case as to why we should listen to the delegation and to me that is not conducive to accessible and open government."

While some councillors said they would be in favour of keeping the number of delegations to three and having the option to waive the bylaw at their discretion, it was pointed out that members of the public could make their views known to councillors through open forum, although that is not part of the public record.

Still, questions remained on how members of the public would

be informed whether they could speak at open forum should they be the fourth person to make a request and one of the three people ahead of them fails to turn up.

"Anyone that wishes to speak in delegation must make the delegation to the Town Clerk by 4.30 on the Monday prior to the meeting," said Town Clerk John Leach. "If there were three delegations they would be placed on the agenda. It should be that if there were more than two delegations being requested, I would make an effort to determine whether or not the timing or the nature of the request can be accommodated in some other way.

"That being said, if only three delegations would be interested and council would become aware of that when they have to add the delegations to their agenda as they did this evening, and if there was an urgent matter that required the delegation, the individual would have the opportunity of appearing at that time. Council, if it deemed appropriate, would be able to waive the procedural bylaw."

Councillor John Gallo, however, said this could put a responsibility that is ultimately the responsibility of council and delegating it to the Clerk.

"I think it is unfair for that position to be put on his shoulders," he said. "I feel that there might be issues and quite frankly in the time that I have spent at this table there has never been an issue where there has been so many people lined up that has frustrated the business of the corporation."

Councillor Evelyn Buck, however, said she

experienced such a scenario where a number of items were deferred until the next meeting in the interests of time.

She said having an unlimited number of delegations sounds like it could lead to a "free for all" and there needs to be a structure to council meetings.

One councillor who was initially considering supporting removing the three delegate clause was Councillor Sandra Humfries, who has since decided she believes individuals should contact councillors first with their concerns and see the members as advocates on their behalf.

"Nothing is stopping them and there is always open forum available," she said. "I actually agree with this. I think it helps focus the meetings. I think it helps us get the business accomplished that we want to get done around the table and I don't think it deters anyone...from coming to talk to us."

Councillor Gaertner's motion was ultimately defeated, but although Councillor Humfries voted in favour of keeping the three delegate clause in the new draft procedural bylaw.

She said she wanted to see a consolidated bylaw that reflects all the amendments made by councillors before giving final approval.

But while the Town Clerk has been directed to bring forward a complete bylaw for enactment by council, it seems far from certain that it will be passed without councillors taking it for another spin around the table before actually voting on it.

Install new ramps in council chambers: committee member

New, improved ramps should be installed at Town Hall to allow persons with mobility issues to be able to enjoy the full use of the council chamber, according to Aurora accessibility advocate Tyler Barker.

Mr. Barker, a member of the Town's Accessibility Advisory Committee, made his comments known at a recent council meeting where he appeared as a delegate to speak of the "lack of accessibility" at the municipal building.

As Mr. Barker uses a rather large motorized wheelchair, however, he made his delegation from a viewing area near the entrance to the Town Hall lobby from a wireless microphone.

"I would love to be down there delegating and not up here," he said, speaking to reports from the Accessibility Committee. "It recommends that a ramp or a lift be in the budget as the [existing] ramp is very narrow and unstable for any motor vehicle or even walking.

"I feel like for someone like myself to accept an award or anybody who is accepting an award, or any future member who runs for council should have the right to be down at the table with everyone else. I just feel it is a very important issue that should be addressed.

"I understand it costs a lot of money but all I want is a discussion. It doesn't have to be this year, but hopefully within the next year or two it can be accomplished."

Mr. Barker added that the he feels Aurora is at the "forefront of accessibility" and is "setting the standard to be at the head of the class" in York Region in terms of accessibility.

"I hope that whether it goes to the budget for next year I hope it is implemented before the next election or the next award night not this year but next," he said.

Councillor Evelyn Buck, who has used a motorized scooter on occasion, said she too has had difficulty in navigating the narrow ramp around its bends and said she hoped something was in the works to bring about an alternate ramp.

"I think we will bring something back for discussion," said Aurora CAO Neil Garbe. "We've

noticed that it is a big issue, the accessibility of this and many of our buildings. Hopefully we can bring something forward.

"Our plan was to look at this space along with the other space in Town Hall and bring

something comprehensive but it certainly can be separated out and done separately and we'll bring something back for discussion in the budget."

Budget deliberations begin next month.

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Indemnification policy may be settled this week

Aurora's proposed new indemnification policy is expected to come before council for final approval this week, a plan which would spell out plainly that libel and slander situations would not be covered by the Town.

The plan first came forward at the August council meeting and had been deferred several times due to time constraints and other issues.

According to a report from Town Solicitor Warren Mar, the new bylaw is "is neither designed nor may it assist an individual to advance their personal rights to compensation in a libel and slander situation."

Specifically excluded under the indemnification bylaw is "any proceeding brought under the Libel and Slander Act", as well as the Criminal Code,

Highway Traffic Act, Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, and the Provincial Offences act.

It also excludes "any proceeding commenced by an employee against another employee, a member of council against another member of council, an employee against a member of council, or a member of council against an employee.

"An indemnification bylaw functions to provide security to both members of council and employees in the course of their day-to-day duties," said Mr. Mar in his report.

As The Auroran reported when the draft policy first came forward, within the proposed bylaw former employees and members of Aurora Council would be included under the plan, "provided that

events alleged in the action or proceeding relates to the time the individual was with the Town and arose from their duties or responsibilities" but is not retroactive to include legal proceedings already underway.

Nor does it allow for indemnification for any future legal proceedings that could come up on issues that took place prior to the bylaw being enacted.

When the draft policy came up for discussion at last week's general committee it passed with very little discussion or fanfare, with just Councillor Chris Ballard asking for confirmation on the libel and slander matters.

"Does that mean that the Town will not go to bat for any individual who is a Town employee who was slandered or libelled?" Councillor Ballard asked

Mr. Mar.

"This bylaw was never designed to cover that type of action so council would have to make that a direction to do so," replied Mr. Mar.

Councillor Ballard ultimately voted against the policy and as Councillor Wendy Gaertner excused herself from the meeting before this item came up for discussion, further discussion on the matter could be heard if it is pulled from this week's agenda.

What did generate discussion, however, was the proposed litigation policy also brought forward by Mr. Mar.

According to Mr. Mar, the revisions aim to clarify roles and responsibilities of the Town Directors, Solicitor, Clerk, and council, and "establish consistent rules for managing claims by and

against the Town" and "provide the Town Solicitor and Town Clerk with the Authority needed to protect the interest of the Town.

In a move which could avoid a situation that cropped up during the new council earlier this year when considering whether the council of the day actually gave authority to staff to proceed with then Aurora mayor Phyllis Morris' \$6 million defamation lawsuit against three local bloggers, among others, through the new suggestions, it is crystalized that uninsured litigation can only be commenced "with the clear authority of council."

A guideline is provided within the policy to those within the Town "on what form of resolution is required to authorize the commencement of uninsured litigation by the Town."

"While it is understood that discussions regarding litigation will occur during closed session meetings of council or general committee, this guideline ensures that a proper record is kept of any such resolution," said Mr. Mar in his report. "Where time is of the essence in addressing the claim and the Town Solicitor requires further instructions from council or requires council authority to retain external legal counsel, the Policy has been revised to enable the Town Solicitor to call an emergency special council

meeting for those purposes."

But it is not that point which caught council up, but the issue of councillors being unable to retain the services of lawyers also engaged by the Town and vice versa.

The worry was that pools of lawyers for both parties would be limited.

"My concern is it could affect the Town's business in its ability to move forward on certain issues or not," said Councillor Michael Thompson. "I don't necessarily have a solution but that is my concern. Councillor Gallo has a number of property dealings and deals with a wide variety of solicitors and that prevents us from approaching that firm."

Mr. Mar said the policy was indeed restrictive as the onus is on council members not to retain lawfirms or lawyers that may be retained by the Town.

"It is a legitimate concern that some law firms may shy away from representing the councillors individually because they would thereby afterwards be prevented from representing the Town on matters," said Mr. Mar. "Weighing the retainers of the Town and the retainer of an individual councillor they may choose the Town's business over the councillor's business and there may be some concern with that."

Councillors voted to defer that item to a later date for further discussion.

New customer service on horizon for Aurora

Plans are in the works to bring in a new customer service strategy at Town Hall which could result in a more streamlined, efficient and what is hoped to be a better customer service experience for residents, according to Town Staff.

The plans were put in place last month when council approved the development for a customer service implementation program based on a model presented by consultants from AtFocus after they identified deficiencies in the existing customer service system.

According to AtFocus' Stan Brown, after thorough interviews with Town Staff either in person or online, and a review of 11 sites where residents could expect to receive municipal service, staff identified concerns about communicating with residents, particularly over the phone, and that they want improved resources to better their quality of service.

"There's no standard protocol, there are no expectations," Mr. Brown quoted a staff member as telling him. "Everyone seems to say or do their own thing or a variation of what one person does depending on who trains them."

Incoming calls at Town Hall, he said, are often transferred multiple times from person to person until they reach the individual who can best serve their needs and different counters in the municipal buildings are

limited on what types of transactions they are allowed to do.

"You've got inconsistency in practice in terms of your calls, your correspondence, and memorandums as well," said Mr. Brown. "Where we'd rate [Aurora compared to other municipalities] is not very high. On a five point scale, you're probably sitting on average of about a two, maybe reaching a little bit above a two. What does that mean? A lot of it depends on where you think you want to be."

The proposed solution?

Implement a new customer service strategy which establishes a central facility for a "one window in" approach for both reception and general inquiry calls where there are trained staff on hand to deal with all inquiries and informational calls.

If a call is beyond their depth of knowledge, the calls would then be transferred to the appropriate person.

"The benefits of something like that is it gets to the right person and minimizes the number of calls and transfers," said Mr. Brown. "The drawback is it is going to change your organization, so a change in management is required. People are going to be responsible for more different work

"Your investment costs are basically training costs, complex physical set up, technology costs for the knowledge management system. You are

using a universal agent and a universal agent is someone who can answer any of the calls and general enquiry calls for across the Town and way they can do that is train and have a system to refer to."

According to Mr. Brown, the We Can Help Model - which has been tentatively accepted by council - would result in six staff being required to handle general enquiry calls and could require a \$200,000 investment - but the centralized system could be accommodated in existing space.

He also recommended a maximum of two counters to handle transactions in Town Hall.

During Council discussion of the recommendations, Councillor Evelyn Buck said Mr. Brown's report painted a very "dreary" picture of Town Hall Services.

Although she said there was certainly need for improvement, she was reluctant in taking on a plan that would require additional staff "at a time when we are looking at the possibility of having to cut back on employees".

"That might be justified if we were on a continual growth pattern, but we're not," she said, adding that she would not want human contact to be sacrificed at Town Hall for efficiency's sake.

"I don't want to have to go to Deep Throat or meeting someone in a dark garage to get all the information I want from them," she said with a laugh. "I am very com-

fortable picking up the phone, getting the name of the person who can give me the information and having them take all the time it takes to fill me in on the details."

Techa van Leeuwen, Aurora's Director of Bylaw Services, said the last thing the Town would want to lose is human contact.

"I think it is very important," she said. "We're just looking at ways of doing a better job, providing more consistent customer service and consistent experience which builds confidence and trust."

All numbers provided in the report were estimates, however, said Ms. Van Leeuwen, adding that staff could be "redeployed" to meet the needs, should the plan be implemented, and \$750,000 for related projects have already been earmarked over the next three years.

A full report on the customer service strategy, including all costs, will be submitted to council for consideration in time for budget talks.

"Anecdotaly, at my former employer we went through this process and it resulted in a dramatic increase in customer satisfaction, employee satisfaction with their jobs, and greater efficiencies were developed," said Town Treasurer Dan Elliott. "It allowed for the addressing of retiring work forces and attrition and developing better programs to meet the emerging needs of our clients."

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A plaque has been placed in the Case Woodlot to mark the partnership between the Town of Aurora and the Region of York in the purchase of the final remaining privately owned parcel of land. The deal closed in June. The land in question is on the north side of Henderson Drive, while the Case Woodlot is on the south, in the southern section of town. In the photo are, left to right, Jim Tree, Al Downey, Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, Neil Garbe, and Ian Buchanan, forestry manager for York Region.

Aurora photo by David Falconer

Wellington landscaping gets council approval

Extensive landscaping on Wellington Street between Leslie Street and Bayview Avenue got the green light at a recent council meeting, a move which will see plantings similar to those between Bayview and John West Way extended eastward as a "gateway" to the Town of Aurora.

The project, for which a third of the funding will be provided by the Region of York, will see additional tree plantings on the boulevards as well as "feature areas" close to key intersections that will incorporate "decorative natural stone borders" integrated into new planting beds, according to Al Downey, Aurora's Director of Parks and Recreation Services.

Median landscapes, like those closer to John West Way, however, are not part of the project.

"The Regional Municipality of York will ultimately own and maintain these trees," said Mr. Downey in his report. "The Town will continue to maintain the turf on the boulevards and the landscape rock edge features in the vicinity of the trees and will report any maintenance or tree health concerns to the region for their follow-up.

"Ongoing maintenance and care of these trees will be a major issue as there are critical elements and conditions that must be addressed in order to ensure the successful survival of these trees."

The survival of the trees was expressed as a concern within Mr. Downey's report, and councillors considered an alternate recommendation to proceed only with a pilot project, but they ultimately decided to go ahead with plan as presented.

For Councillor Chris Ballard though, with a \$465,000 price tag, he would have liked the project delayed until the November 15 start of budget discussions to have a "better understanding of what we face", but was cautioned by Staff and other councillors that delaying this project could put not only the tender price into question but also the continued funding from the Region.

"[The Region] has indicated to us they are very interested to move forward," said Mr. Downey. "This is something we have looked at since 2009. They would like to see this happen and, quite frankly, we would like to see this happen. We want to make sure it survives,

however we believe the steps that we're taking is the best method in which to ensure the greatest likelihood of survival of the trees."

Councillors ultimately defeated a motion to defer the project until the October 11 council meeting to find out where the Region stands and, in the end, decided to go ahead with it.

"It falls into our official

plan, which has three pillars with the environmental impact which trees have," said Councillor John Abel. "It gives us a sense of community pride and it is an economic driver for those who visit our Town, so it fits in with everything and I would not want to delay this and proceed.

"It is a well thought out, well tendered endeavour we're going to enter into."

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Mr. Sewell will bring this fascinating personality to life; his early involvement in political uprisings in Glasgow, his subsequent move to Toronto where he worked as a journalist and publisher, his burgeoning interest and leadership in the Reform movement.

Mr. Sewell's talk promises to bring those past history lessons to life with a lively and informative discussion of a figure at the very centre of Canadian democracy.

The lecture offers a wonderful opportunity to delve into the story of Toronto's first mayor, from the unique viewpoint of one who has also held the post.

John Sewell is a passionate advocate for thoughtful urban planning, with a reputation for scholarship and reform in municipal affairs.

The author of a variety of titles that present life in urban Canada through the lens of policing, housing and municipal politics, he is equally passionate about the early reformer William Lyon Mackenzie.

This is his first appearance at the Aurora Cultural Centre and his books will be available for sale during the evening.

The evening gets underway at 7 p.m., with complimentary coffee and light refreshments on hand. The event lasts approximately one hour. Mr. Sewell welcomes questions from the audience. Admission is by donation.

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Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Evergreen Choir performs at Hall

On November 6th at 7 p.m. at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto, the Aurora Seniors Association's Evergreen Choir will join with a host of other voices to take part in The Big Sing.

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the Highland Creek Band, hosted by Fergus Egan.

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Ticket prices are \$27.50 and \$32.50 depending on seat location.

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Computer Club gets genealogy program

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Genealogy is a subject in which most people, young and old, have an interest to some degree. Initiating the process of tracking personal family history is daunting for many, a fact realized among committee members of the Computer Club committee.

With genealogy recognized as a wish and a need, and after dialogue addressing the issue aired recently at a Computer Club meeting; how to address the situation became the question.

Tom Yates kindly donated two copies of a popular top rated genealogy software program to the Seniors' Centre.

For members with interest in genealogy, this is a critical step forward; if we employ computers to research genealogy sites, software computer programs provide the power to drive the computer in the direction required.

Next, a sign up sheet for genealogy is located in the computer room, in the binder for computer instruction, and students of genealogy who sign up for instruction, now provide the driving force to carry the study of genealogy to the next functioning level of student participation.

If you need assistance to locate the sign-up binder, attend the "Drop In Program" on Tuesday between 1 and 3.30 pm, or approach a member of the Computer Club committee for assistance.

Computers will aid the study of genealogy considerably computer equipment required is available; all members of the Seniors' Centre may use Computer Club equipment.

I imagine everybody has common interest in past generations; as children, we pay attention to those living, parents, siblings, grandparents,

friends and us.

We have little knowledge or seek knowledge of ordinary relatives who lived their lives several generations earlier, and certainly little heed is paid to those who lived hundreds of years ago.

If we look back far enough, we will find samplings of every character trait including the good and the bad.

Probably royalty will be involved somewhere in the past, and living relations of whom we are unaware, may pop up unexpectedly.

We all have relatives; a few generations may separate us, but we each possess full ancestral trees, complete with all mothers and fathers.

Sometimes the father is a fleeting figure and sometimes a mother gives her new born away early in life, but they still exist.

Wherever your genealogy interest lies, whether it is by name or perhaps an ancestral village or parish, or even a small island, advanced searching will reveal the information you seek and may even bring you back to friends and relations lost in younger years.

The Seniors' Centre Computer club offers an opportunity to view Apple products at the centre on Tuesday morning, October 18th, between 10 and 11.30 a.m.

Herb Koller will host the event and a representative from Apple will be on hand to answer any questions and offer advice as required.

This is an opportunity to learn about Apple products, in the setting of the Seniors' Centre, where general questions from the floor often interest other members.

In a period when new technological products appear often enough to overwhelm some members, seniors who

require assistance to investigate specific products will be well served by attending this presentation, and those intent on keeping abreast of developments will find interest.

OPERA CLUB

The Opera Club meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month, at 10 a.m.

Donizetti's Anna Bolena, which was his first great triumph conferring on him international fame, will be the Opera under discussion.

For those who love fine operatic productions, the music in Anna Bolena is a delight; the storyline concerns the sad fate of Ann Boleyn, second wife of Henry VIII and the queen who produced Elizabeth 1st.

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Halloween Lunch is Wednesday, October 26th, at noon.

Lunch consists of Scary Soup, Spooky Sandwiches and Devilish Dessert and entertainment is by the irrepressible Silver Stars.

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ART SHOW

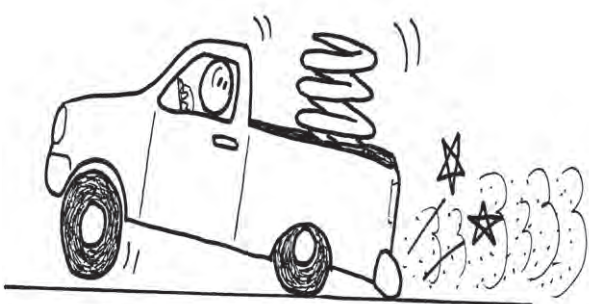
Senior artists studying at the Seniors' Centre will show their work at the 17th Annual Art Show and Sale October 15th, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A show of work, often created with passion, is an extraordinary event for the artist, whose acceptance or casual rejection of work, created with painstaking dedication, is an expression of their inner most feelings.

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• “ORGANIC CREPES” by French Chef Pascal who has a demonstration video on making CREPES now posted on www.aurorafarmersmarket.tv. Meet Pascal at the Aurora Farmers Market for a healthy lunch.

COMING EVENTS

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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.

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.

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, since the sale of their hall at 33 Mosley Street in August, have moved to their new meeting place at the Aurora Legion in the Coulson Hall where they have three meetings per month. The second Monday of the month is the dinner meeting at 7 p.m., the third Tuesday is the business meeting at 7.30 p.m. and the fourth Monday is a dinner meeting at 7 p.m. The club is welcoming people to come out to the meetings to see what the Aurora Loins are all about and consider joining the Lions and reach out to the community in many events. For further details go to our website at www.auroralionscanada.com.

The Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday night at Gabriel's Restaurant on Yonge Street. New members are welcome.

Meet 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 reopened 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.

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 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 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.

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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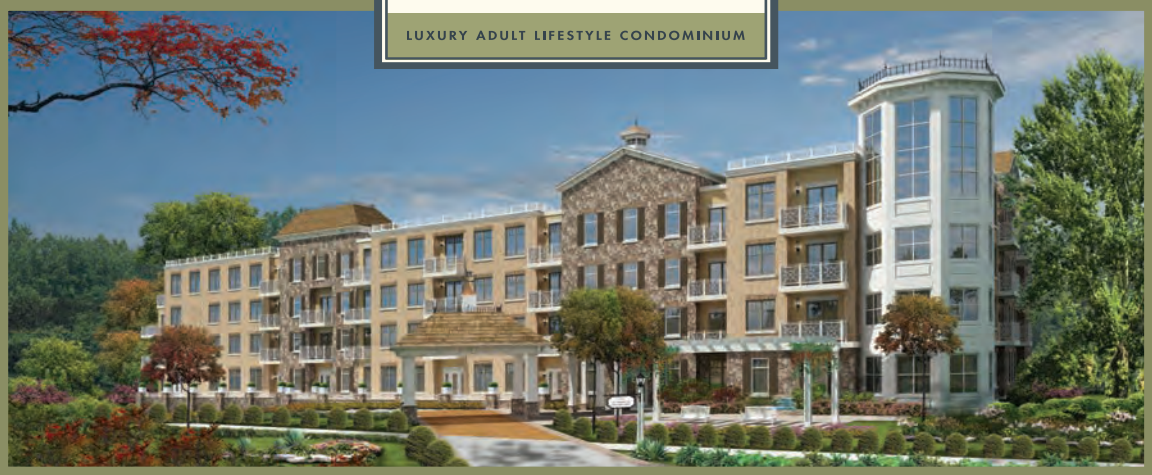
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