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Aurora's Cpl. Graeme Sherman of the Queen's York Rangers embraces his mother, Julia Walkley-Sherman following her emotional speech about her son and his service in Afghanistan. Ms. Walkley-Sherman was speaking at Cardinal Golf Course Wednesday at A Day in the Life of a Soldier, a fundraising breakfast for their Regimental Assistance Fund.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

# “A Superhero doesn’t need a cape”

By Brock Weir

But, according to one Aurora mother, “a good helmet might do.”

Julia Walkley-Sherman’s son Graeme, was just 16 in 2006 when he enlisted in the Canadian Army. Deployed to Afghanistan as part of Operation Athena just six years later, he was a gunner and an observer in a four man unit.

Ms. Walkley-Sherman, a teacher at Light of Christ Catholic Elementary School, joined Graeme, now Corporal Sherman, at Cardinal Golf Course in King on Wednesday to share their story as part of A Day in

the Life of a Soldier fundraiser for the Queen’s York Rangers’ Regimental Assistance Fund.

Rather than getting a full flavour of a soldier’s life on the frontlines in the theatre of war, attendees heard a moving account of one mother seeing her son off to fight.

“When our children are little, we often envision what they will be like in the future,” said Ms. Walkley-Sherman. “We often see a little trait early on which allows us some glimpse of who they are becoming. “My son, Corporal Graeme Sherman, was always the adventurer, the one who would climb trees, jump out of trees [and] his adventurous spirit was channeled

through various activities.

“I don’t know if this is going to embarrass Graeme, but his dad is also a reservist, so he came to this interest honestly. Out of our three children, he took the lead and every Hallowe’en, it was not Superman, it was not Dracula, it was not Spiderman. What he wanted to dress up as year after year was an army guy. He would take his dad’s uniform and proudly display it and out the door he would go.

“As a mother of a soldier, who was deployed in Afghanistan, you can understand that it is very, very difficult to see your child in uniform leaving. We are

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## Tigers ousted from playoffs by Lindsay Muskies

By Jeff Doner

Hopes of a deep playoff run for the Aurora Tigers were crushed on Friday night, as the Lindsay Muskies knocked off the first place Tigers with a convincing 6-2 victory in Lindsay.

The Muskies won the best of seven series 4-2.

After a solid regular season that saw Aurora finish atop the north division, the early playoff exit was a shock to the talented team.

"As you can imagine, I am very disappointed in the way our season ended last night in Lindsay," said head coach and general manager James Richmond. "Give Lindsay credit, they got very good goaltending against us which seemed to frustrate our players quite a bit."

And that frustration was warranted.

Muskies netminder Tanner Davis had a sparkling 2.35 goals against average, a .946 save percentage and 245 saves in the six game series.

Captain Daniel Clairmont and Kyle Liu scored the first period goals for Aurora in game six to knot the score in a 2-2 tie going into the second period.

But it would be all Lindsay from there, as they added four more goals (including one shorthanded) and held the Tigers at bay for the rest of the game.

After the loss in game five, Clairmont said his team just had to bear down and work harder and admitted they were playing off their game.

"We just have to go back to our game plan and get pucks to the net," he said. "We've just got to pretty much play how we have been playing all season. That's why we became first in the north division."

The Muskies were clearly using a physical game to counter the speed and skill of the Tigers.

"They're a pretty chippy team and we just can't let it get to us," said Clairmont.

The series was very physical as both teams traded hits and spent a fair amount of time in the penalty box - something Richmond said was a problem for his team in game five.

"I think we got bogged down a little bit. We were undisciplined and we've been disciplined all year long and took some bad penalties. We were shorthanded for eight minutes in the second period and that took a lot out of us."

However, the Tigers only served three minor penalties to Lindsay's five in game six.

Special teams were a bit of a problem for the Tigers in the series, having scored only one power play goal on 36 chances, while giving up three shorthanded goals to Lindsay.

But Coach Richmond said that's nothing new in playoff hockey where power play goals are hard to come by.

Richmond also said he hopes his team will learn from the series loss.

"We can take away a good lesson from losing in the playoffs this year," he said. "And that would be our compete level needs to be a lot higher and our commitment to a total team game must also be greater."

Despite their early exit, Richmond recognized the accomplishments of his team.

"While the loss [on Friday] puts a bad taste in our mouths right now, and will sting for a good part of the summer, we can hold our heads high with our accomplishments this season," he said. "In late November we were 12 points out of first place and our players played together and earned the north division title."

He also noted that the future of the Aurora Tigers is bright.

"We have a lot of players due to come back which will make up a very strong nucleus for us to take a run at another north title in 2013-14. Two years ago we were a team that didn't qualify for the playoffs and now we have earned a north title," he said. The objective now will be to look at what went wrong and how to improve on it for next season, something Richmond said will happen right away, starting with the spring rookie camp at the end of April. "I have told our players to hold their heads high because at the end of the day only one team will win the OJHL title and we will be back next year better and hungrier."

## Aurora Stingers 96 boys are Ontario champs

Submitted by Mark Allen

When Coach Phil D'Elia told the boys that playing this winter in the older division would prepare them for the 2013 season, he didn't realize how early in the year the team would reap the rewards.

The Ontario Indoor Cup preliminary round was played just three days into the New Year, pitting the 97 boys against Erin Mills, Brampton and Mt Hamilton, with only the winner of the division moving forward.

Adapting quickly to the surprising six-a-side format, the boys prevailed easily over Erin Mills and Brampton 4-1 and 5-0, respectively before dismissing a plucky Mt Hamilton squad 2-1 to move onto the next round.

Finding themselves in the tougher

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Aurora Tigers goalie Kevin Entmaa sprawls to make a glove save early in game five against the Lindsay Muskies last week. Entmaa made 26 saves, but the Tigers still dropped the contest 4-2.

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Supporters of the Aurora Special Ducks and swim enthusiasts alike turned out to St. Andrew's College on Sunday to see their local team compete in the water. (Above) Adam Brookes, Greg Freeman, and Mary Haberer relax poolside in between lengths.

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- 105 Timbits - Pittsburgh Black: 3**  
Luke Davison 1G, Jack Rispin 1G, Tristen Aben 1G, Tyler Hewitt 1A  
**109 Timbits - Philly Orange: 3**  
Noah Savage 2G, Zac Bensley 1G
- 108 Timbits - Atlanta Sky: 10**  
Tyler Weidenfelder 4G, Norbert Kristoff 3G 1A, Matthew Cogswell 2G 1A, Daniel Nozdrachev 1G  
**106 Timbits - San Jose Teal: 0**
- 101 Timbits - Calgary Red: 8**  
Lucas Reid 1G 1A, Jonathan Robertson 2G, Noah Rayner 2G, Joseph Richard 1G, Andrew Mettel 1G, Yian-nis Skanderis 1G 1A, Evan Murphy 1A  
**104 Timbits - St. Louis Blue: 7**  
Tyler Pridham 5G, Cameron Venneri 1A, Devrim Coskuner 2G 1A
- 101 Timbits - Calgary Red: 8**  
Lucas Reid 3G, Jonathan Robertson 2G, Nicholas Ferrante 1G, Andrew Mettel 1G, Yiannis Skanderis 1G 2A, Noah Rayner 5A  
**103 Timbits - Toronto White: 4**  
Griffin Lamanna 1A, Jacob Belisle 2G, Nathan Windle 1G, Riley Saltzman 1G
- 109 Timbits - Philly Orange: 5**  
Ethan Lane 3G, Noah Savage 1G 1A, Andrew Aikens 1G, Ryan Hart 1A, Ryan Meddings 1A, Nathan Lambert 1A  
**104 Timbits - St. Louis Blue: 4**  
Lucas Dang 3G 1A, Edan Kroi 1G, Stefano Deappollonia 1A
- 107 Timbits - Nashville Silver: 8**  
Martin McConkey 2G, Thomas Dimoulas 3G, Aidan Lindsay 2G, Trevor Smith 1G, Julian Fryer 1A, Ryan Day 1A  
**106 Timbits - San Jose Teal: 7**  
Nate Brentnell 3G 1A, Luc Warner 2G 1A, Bryce Lamontagne 1G, James Vettese 1G, Owen Arnold 1A
- 204 Caravan Kids - St. Louis Blue: 0**  
**Newmarket - Dodge Caravan - McDonalds - White: 0**
- 201 Caravan Kids - Calgary Red: 7**  
Dimitri Iriotakis 3G, Jacob Madore 2G, Jordan Sieber 1G, Jacob Phillips 1G  
**202 Caravan Kids - Boston Gold: 2**  
Noah Bobrow 1G, Jordon Ko 1G
- 201 Caravan Kids - Calgary Red: 5**  
Braeden Merchant 2G 1A, Nathan Cobb 1G, Jacob Madore 1G, Jordan Sieber 1G, James Hall 1A, Dimitri Iriotakis 1A, Matthew Song 1A  
**204 Caravan Kids - St. Louis Blue: 3**  
Luca Pugliese 1G, Jeffery Belvedere 1G 1A, Brian Constandes 1G
- 204 Caravan Kids - St. Louis Blue: 6**  
Jake Cowden 1G, Jake Heritage 1G, Jakob Isreal 1G 1A, Luca Pugliese 1G, Brian Constandes 1G, Julian Tsukada 1G  
**202 Caravan Kids - Boston Gold: 5**  
Ben Cordingley 2G, Aidan Edmunds 1G, Ethan Ko 1G, Kenneth Lawrence 1G
- 608 Mastermind Toys: 2**  
Raffaelle Parente 1G 1A, Ben Pitre 1G, Benjamin Akkermans 1A  
**610 Rotary Club of Aurora: 2**  
Ryan Funston-Clark 1G, Andrew Hoogers 1G
- 608 Mastermind Toys: 3**  
Ben Pitre 1G 1A, Jack Hosmer 1A, Raffaelle Parente 1G 1A, Dalton Slind 1G  
**604 Orr & Associates Insurance: 2**  
Matthew Gram 1G, Cole Sheremeta 1A, A.J. Mackintosh 1A, Carson
- Williams 1G, Stetson Colicchio 1A, Keegan Fisher 1A
- 603 Optimist Club of Aurora: 5**  
Adam Tuzi 1G 1A, Quinn Bruckner 1G 1A, Liam Patterson 1G 1A, Eric Flicker 1G, Roy Tadors 1G, Steven Seitz 1A, Ben Lalonde 1A, Ryan Mascarenhas 1A  
**602 Aurora Chrysler: 3**  
Alexandre Meunier-Geoffroy 2G, Brendan Dodd 1G, Nicolas Verbeek 1A
- 601 Aurora Home Hardware Bldg Ctr: 4**  
Chris Sands 2G, Evan Bryan 2G, John Dol 1A, Matthew Bolger 1A  
**604 Orr & Associates Insurance: 2**  
Cody Fisher 1G, Nick Sever 1G
- 605 Omar's Shoes: 1**  
Dylan Clark 1G, Scott Rumble 1A  
**609 Aurora Lodge #148 IOOF: 1**  
Stephen Silverio 1G, Rony Wahab 1A
- 606 Benson Kearley IFG: 3**  
Carson Venneri 1G 1A, Matthew Winters 1G, Jason Cox 1G  
**608 Mastermind Toys: 2**  
Jack Hosmer 1G, Raffaelle Parente 1G, Jack Chivers 1A, Alex Murgida 1A
- 607 Crabby Joes: 5**  
Will Reid 2G 1A, Ben Godber 1G 2A, Hunter Gilpin-Maier 1G, Matthew Parkin 1A, Adam Wochenmarkt 1G 2A  
**610 Rotary Club of Aurora: 3**  
Andrew Hoogers 3G, Ben Masset 1A
- 804 Optimist Club of Aurora: 3**  
**808 Twirl 'n' Top Yogurt Cafe': 1**
- 806 Backyard Pool & Spa Co. Ltd.: 7**  
Ryan Cooper 2G 3A, Andrew Sutherland 3G, Lucas Ackerman 1G 3A, Anthony Loduca 1G, Gorgio Venosa 2A, Adam Vanderkolf 1A, Alex Carter 1A, Shamus Quinn 1A, Connor Reilly 3A  
**808 Twirl 'n' Top Yogurt Cafe': 1**  
Nick Stangolis 1G, Justin Miller 1A
- 801 Diamond Groundskeeping Services: 10**  
Daniel McConnell 4G, Brett Diamond 1G, Evan Nugent 3G, Michael Dowling 2G 1A, Blake Holtby 1A, Ethan Brooks 1A, David Townshend 1A  
**804 Optimist Club of Aurora: 3**  
Alex Tashos 2G, Max Bruckner 1G, Darren Tree 1A
- 911 Coldwell Banker Case: 8**  
Spencer Green 3G 2A, Russell Johnson 4G, David Leeper 1G 1A, Graham Killby 2A  
**907 Crabby Joe's: 2**  
Tyler Futterer 1G 1A, Josh Bell 1G, Ryan Batten 1A
- 904 A.D.C. Aluminum: 7**  
Evan Jackson 3G 1A, Harris Riopelle 3G 2A, Joseph Veneziano 1G, Austin Waite 1A, Michael Tanel 1A, Josh DiVincenzo 1A  
**906 AHPA: 1**  
Justin Laird 1G, Jerryd Jensen 1A
- 912 Jonathan's: 3**  
Chris Crisolago 1G, Robert Ruscica 1G, Kyle Strachan 1G, Scott Kostin 1A, Michael Walsh 2A  
**910 Neuman's Puck Bandits: 2**  
Brendan McDonald 1G, Matt Sanita 1G, Max Brown 2A, Austin Harvie 1A, Mitch Arnew 1A
- 902 Tile Master: 11**  
Graham Robinson 4G 1A, Declan Johnston 1G 1A, Alex Harrison 1G, Brett Bond 1G 3A, Adam Petit 2G, Domenic Fiorini 1G, Scott Barker 1G 1A, Alistair Johnston 1A, Sam Mason SO  
**908 Laurion Law Office: 0**
- 910 Neuman's Puck Bandits: 5**  
Max Brown 1G, Chris Sanita 2G, Derek Keun 1G, Austin Harvie 1G, Mitch Arnew 1A, Matt Sanita 1A,

- Brendan Ruuskanen 1A, Gavin Paterson 1A  
**906 AHPA: 4**  
Jerryd Jensen 2G 1A, Brady Wilson 1G, Braydon Babineau 1G, Adam Ashraf 3A, Nicholas Chethuan 1A  
**905: 7**  
Graeme McDonald 4G 1A, Alessandro Perri 1G 1A, Lucas Marek 2G 1A, Randy Sutton 2A  
**909 Inaria: 5**  
Nicholas Scougall 1G, Nicholas Steiner 3G, Cameron Staples 1G 1A, Mitchell Arnold 2A, Erik Balkovec 1A, Michael Liscio 2A, Tom Mason 1A
- 902 Tile Master: 5**  
Alex Harrison 2G, Alistair Johnston 2G, Graham Robinson 1G 2A, Adam Petit 3A, Declan Johnston 1A, Jason Gionna 1A, Tait Snedden 1A  
**904 A.D.C. Aluminum: 3**  
Evan Jackson 1G, Ben Ashton 2G, Josh DiVincenzo 1A
- 903 BMO Bank of Montreal: 5**  
Nick Armour 2G 1A, Matthew Pelkola 1G 1A, Andrew Roche 1G, Brandon Fennell 1G 1A, Derek Capone 1A, Nick Baczynski 1A, Troy Foster 1A  
**907 Crabby Joe's: 2**  
Connor Cowl 2G, Josh Bell 2A, Carson Roell 1A
- 1001 ATS Healthcare: 5**  
Stephen Wilkins 1G, Josh Lopez 1G, Anthony Selski 1G, Vincent Ruscica 1G, Conor Fenell 1G  
**1007 Inaria: 2**  
Taylor Nuttall 2G
- 1006 AHPA: 7**  
**1004 North York Heating & Plumbing: 6**
- 1005 Continental Ingredients: 3**  
Chris Blumreisinger 2G, Ryan Baskin 1G  
**1002 Caruso & Company: 2**  
Adam Reid 1G, Zach Ferry 1G
- 1003: 5**  
Matt Reeves 1G, Trevor Rice 1G, Liam Mackichan 3G  
**1002 Caruso & Company: 2**  
Jim Tatum 1G, Zach Ferry 1G
- 1004 North York Heating & Plumbing: 3**  
**1001 ATS Healthcare: 1**
- 1006 AHPA: 6**  
**1007 Inaria: 2**
- 1004 North York Heating & Plumbing: 7**  
**1007 Inaria: 4**
- 1001 ATS Healthcare: 3**  
**1006 AHPA: 3**
- ## Rep League
- Tyke - Unionville: 8 Aurora Select A: 6**  
Fionn Keon 2G, Callum Millar 2A, Lucas Wilhelm 1G, Owen McNamara 1G, Erik Guilbert 1A, Charlie Cobbold 1A, Jared McNeil 1G, Lucas Vacca 1A, Matthew Lyons 1G, Bradley Gardiner 1A
- Tyke - Newmarket: 3 Aurora Select B: 1**
- Tyke - Cobourg: 6 Aurora Select B: 0**
- Novice AA - Aurora Tigers: 5 TNT: 0**  
William Haines 2G, Andrew Parsons 1A, Ayden Posa 1G, Tucker Kaufeldt 1A, Daniel Iwai 1A, Emmett Ross 2G, Jack Beswick 1A, Cameron Boyd 1A, Ryan Smyth 1A
- Novice AA - TNT: 1 Aurora Tigers: 0**
- Novice A - Aurora Tigers: 3 Richmond Hill: 1**  
Sam Belman 1G, Parker Jalbert 1G 1A, Kellan Sherman 1G, Matthew Gianforcaro 1A, Nolan Heggie 1A
- Novice A - Richmond Hill: 3 Aurora Tigers: 2**
- Novice A - Richmond Hill: 4 Aurora Tigers: 3**  
Kevin Wasserman 1G 1A, Matthew Gianforcaro 1G 1A, Kellan Sherman 1G, Thomas Bradley 1A
- Novice AE - Aurora Tigers: 4 Richmond Hill: 2**  
Dylan Vasilevski 1G 1A, Nathan Mochizuki 1G, Malcolm Parkinson 1G, Ryan Blakley 1G, Carson Day 1A, Brayden Baird 1A
- Novice AE - Aurora Tigers: 8 Richmond Hill: 0**  
Malcolm Parkinson 2G, Ryan Blakley 1G 2A, Nathan Mochizuki 1G 2A, Josh McLeod 1G 1A, Dylan Vasilevski 1G 1A, Ben Hilgendorff 1G, Austin Venneri 1G, Dave Durbano 1A, Ethan Powell 1A, Carson Day 1A, Graham Hoogers SO
- Novice AE - Aurora Tigers: 3 Richmond Hill: 2**  
Dylan Vasilevski 1G 1A, Austin Venneri 1G 1A, Ben Hilgendorff 1G, Ryan Blakley 1A
- Novice RS - Kitchener Jr. Rangers: 5 Aurora Tigers: 0**
- Novice RS - Hespeler Shamrocks: 2 Aurora Tigers: 1**  
Mason Scanga 1G, Rylan Kirchmair 1A, Brian Constandes 1A
- Novice RS - Brantford Church Saints: 11 Aurora Tigers: 1**  
Ben Cordingley 1G, Julian Tsukada 1A, Jack Boyd 1A
- Minor Atom AA - Aurora Tigers: 4 Newmarket: 3**  
Nicholas Pisapia 1G 1A, Owen Papulkas 1G, Todd Cook 1G 1A, Nick Giorgio 1A, Lucas De Palma 1A, Luca Capraro 1A, Anton Sopov 1G, Michael Crowe 1A
- Minor Atom AA - Aurora Tigers: 3 Newmarket: 1**  
Michael Crowe 1G, Ryan Catania 1A, Lucas De Palma 1G, Luca Capraro 1A, Todd Cook 1G, Charlie Huxley 1A
- Minor Atom AA - Aurora Tigers: 6 Newmarket: 1**  
Nick Giorgio 1G, Lucas De Palma 1G 1A, Owen Papulkas 2A, Ben Legallais 1A, Todd Cook 1G, Nicholas Pisapia 1A, Ryan Catania 1G 1A, Michael Crowe 1A, Gage Gonsalves 1A, Anton Sopov 2G
- Minor Atom A - Innisfil: 6 Aurora Tigers: 2**  
Jonah Spataro 1G, Ayden Whilby 1A, Ryan Weeks 1G, Aidan Kirchmair 1A
- Minor Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 3 Innisfil: 0**  
Ethan Solilo 1G, Max Reeves 1G 1A, Jonah Spataro 1A, Dylan Andersen 1G, Aidan Kirchmair 1A, Jack Sutherland 1A, Liam Haddock SO
- Minor Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 1 Markham: 0**  
George Rappos Jr 1G, Nicholas Petinarelis 1A, Ben Charette SO
- Minor Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 3 Markham: 2**  
Jordan Dimatulac 1G, Ryan Fowler 1G, George Rappos Jr 1G, Max McConkey 1A, Ryan Dunbar 1A
- Atom AA - Newmarket: 3 Aurora Tigers: 2**  
Zachary Kolm 1G, Carter Beswick 1G
- Atom AA - Aurora Tigers: 1 Newmarket: 0**  
Ethan Cameron 1G, Dereck Avery SO
- Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 2 Newmarket: 1**

- Atom A - Newmarket: 3 Aurora Tigers: 2**  
**Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 5 Newmarket: 1**
- Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 7 Orillia: 2**  
James Sproul 2G, Jake Iwai 2G, Geoffrey Wilson 2G 2A, Zachary Grant 1G, Sean Haw 1A, Andrew Scott 1A, Sam MacLeod 1A, Joshua Torres 1A, Curtis Manley 2A, Mitchell Weatherall 1A, Liam Graham 1A
- Minor Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 2 Markham: 0**  
Anthony DiPietro 1G 1A, Andrew Park 1A, Alex Sandras 1G, Adam Wloka 1A
- Minor Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 3 Innisfil: 1**  
Ben Liotta 1G, Tyler Sawyer 1A, Anthony DiPietro 1G, Colby Prymych 2A, Sam Ashton 1G, Myles Vasilevski 1A
- Minor Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 2 Markham: 0**  
Tyler Sawyer 1G, Luke Jarvis 1G, Blair Crabbe 1A
- Minor Peewee AE - Aurora Tigers: 5 Markham: 2**  
Anthony Iacovetta 1G 1A, Matthew McConnell 1G, Brendan Sanford 1G, Luke Catania 1G, Thomas Childerhose 1G, Russell Tanaka 1A, Kyle Fowler 1A, Cory Read 1A, Jason Gage 1A
- Minor Peewee AE - Aurora Tigers: 4 Markham: 1**  
Matthew McConnell 1G, Thomas Childerhose 1G, Noah Dempsey 1G, Jason Gage 1G, Jack Campbell 1A, Cory Read 1A, Luke Catania 1A
- Minor Peewee AE - Aurora Tigers: 3 TNT: 2**  
Kyle Fowler 1G 1A, Jeremy Gonsalves 1G, Anthony Iacovetta 1G, Cooper Judson 1A, Matthew McConnell 1A, Noah Dempsey 1A
- Peewee AA - TNT: 5 Aurora Tigers: 3**
- Peewee AA - TNT: 8 Aurora Tigers: 0**
- Peewee AA - TNT: 9 Aurora Tigers: 2**
- Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 5 Markham: 2**  
Ben Spittle 2G 1A, Anthony Capraro 1A, Sammy Leader 3A, Andrew Jorgensen 1A, Julien Aben 1G 1A, Brandon Vaughan 1G, Kyle Morning 1G, Carson Yeomans 2A
- Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 8 Markham: 1**  
Peter Chimenti 2G 2A, Anthony Capraro 3A, Brandon Vaughan 1G, Jamie Stewart 1G 3A, Ty Boisseau 1A, Ben Spittle 1G 1A, Andrew Jorgensen 1G, Fraser Ciocca 1G, Julien Aben 1G 2A
- Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 3 Markham: 2**  
Carson Yeomans 1G, Anthony Capraro 1A, Jamie Stewart 1G, Julien Aben 1G, Ben Spittle 1A, Connor Iwai 1A
- Peewee AE - Aurora Tigers: 5 Innisfil: 1**  
Francesco Scuglia 1G 1A, Finn Reeves 1G 1A, Nicholas Vamvakaris 1G, Callum Gorrell 1G, Carter Wilmsmeyer 1G, Mathew Hastings 2A, Max Lombard 1A, Colin Windle 1A
- Peewee AE - Aurora Tigers: 4 Stouffville: 2**  
Andrew Cundari 1G, Callum Gorrell 1G, Finn Reeves 1G, Nicholas Vamvakaris 1G, Colin Windle 2A, Mathew Hastings 1A
- Peewee AE - Stouffville: 4 Aurora Tigers: 2**  
Mathew Hastings 1G, Finn Reeves 1G, Fraser Ciocca 1A, Thomas Morra 1A
- Minor Bantam AA - Kingston: 2 Aurora Tigers: 1**  
Greg Hoogers 1G, Morgan Frost 1A, Brady Futterer 1A
- Minor Bantam AA - Aurora Tigers: 3 Kingston: 2**  
Jordan Torres 1G, Connor May 1A, Ariz Bhimani 1A, Morgan Frost 1G, Brady Futterer 1A, Andrew Sergejewich 1A
- Minor Bantam A - Aurora Tigers: 3 Barrie: 3**
- Minor Bantam A - Aurora Tigers: 6 Innisfil: 3**  
T. Kostoff 2G, R. Carpenter 2A, P. Wolanski 2G, C. Romanchych 1G, M. Kalmisto 2A, K. Rice 1A, J. Rusnell 1A, E. Pears 1A, J. Schmitt 1A, L. Dane 1G 1A
- Minor Bantam AE - Barrie: 5 Aurora Tigers: 3**
- Minor Bantam AE - Barrie: 4 Aurora Tigers: 3**  
Sam Speranini 1G, Alexander Simardone 1G, Jared Duthie 1G, Jack O'Keefe 2A, Curtis Romanchych 1A, Cameron Bugos 1A, Cameron Dyer 1A
- Minor Bantam AE - Aurora Tigers: 4 East Gwillimbury: 1**  
Jack O'Keefe 2G, Jack Camplin 1G, Cameron Dyer 1G, Cameron Bugos 1A, Curtis Romanchych 1A
- Bantam AA - Tigers: 3 Georgina: 2**  
Connor Irving 1G 1A, William Stover 1G, Richard Hache 1G 1A, Cameron Zinner 2A, Evan Cherubini 1A, Michael Shum 1A
- Bantam AA - Aurora Tigers: 1 Georgina: 0**  
Cameron Zinner 1G, Richard Hache 1A, Matthew Tanel SO
- Bantam AA - Aurora Tigers: 4 Georgina: 0**  
Cameron Zinner 3G, William Stover 1G, Connor Irving 3A, Richard Hache 2A, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Christian Arcuri 1A, Matthew Tanel SO
- Bantam A - Nobleking: 3 Aurora Tigers: 1**
- Bantam A - Markham: 1 Aurora Tigers: 0**
- Bantam A - Nobleking: 5 Aurora Tigers: 1**
- Bantam AE - Barrie: 8 Aurora Tigers: 1**
- Bantam AE - Innisfil: 3 Aurora Tigers: 2**
- Bantam AE - AuroraTigers: 3 Innisfil: 1**  
Shaun Broad 1G, Brendin Ramsay 2G 1A, Bradey Adams 2A, Anthony Orlandi 2A
- Minor Midget A - Newmarket: 4 Aurora Tigers: 1**
- Minor Midget A - Newmarket: 3 Aurora Tigers: 1**
- Minor Midget A - Newmarket: 4 Aurora Tigers: 1**
- Minor Midget AE - Ajax: 3 Aurora Tigers: 1**
- Minor Midget AE - Ajax: 5 Aurora Tigers: 2**
- Minor Midget AE - Newmarket: 6 Aurora Tigers: 2**



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## Office Hours

**Monday: 9:00am - 1:00pm**

**Tuesday: 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

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## Sport Aurora Executive Board Members of 2013

Ron Weese	<b>President</b>
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Kate Collins	<b>Executive Secretary</b>
Sarah Smith	<b>Treasurer</b>
Stephen Kimmerer	<b>Director</b>
Doug LeGallais	<b>Director</b>
Katie Williams	<b>Director</b>

## Sport Aurora Welcomes new Board Members for 2013

At the Sport Aurora AGM held Feb.6th in Town Council Chambers, three new Board Members were welcomed to the Sport Aurora Executive and will assume their responsibilities immediately.

At the meeting, Sport Aurora thanked three members who stepped down from office after lengthy contributions to the Organization. Treasurer Mike Sturges; Director of Volunteer Recognition Stephen Forsey; and Director-at-Large Stephen Bernardo were thanked for their years of commitment to the Organization and given awards for their contributions. All thanked Sport Aurora and offered their support away from the Boardroom; each pledging their continued participation in a variety of ways.

Sport Aurora eagerly welcomed the new Board members. Stephen Kimmerer, was nominated by St. Andrew's College and immediately took charge of the Membership portfolio. Mr. Kimmerer is no stranger to sport in Aurora having served on a number of local Sport Organizations as coach and Executive. His many years of experience in local sport is highly-valued and we look forward to his positive and knowledgeable influence on the Board. Katie Williams of the Central York Girls Hockey Association also accepted a nomination for the Board. She has been an unrelenting and consistent leader for women's hockey not only in Aurora but province-wide and her leadership is highly valued and appreciated at the Sport Aurora Board. Sarah Smith of Evolution Gymnastics Aurora accepted her nomination and assumed the role of Treasurer. Sarah's financial skills as an Aurora sport-business person will keep Sport Aurora firmly on track financially.

While we welcome the new Board Members we also thank returning Member, Dr. Doug LeGallais of the Master Ducks, who accepted a second term on the Board. Dr. LeGallais led and implemented the highly successful Breakfast of Champions Event last Fall that attracted over 200 guests to celebrate the accomplishments of over 102 Aurora Champions and he will continue in that role in 2013.

Sport Aurora looks forward to another year of success and thanks the new Board in advance for their leadership and dedication to making sport a better place in Aurora.

## Sport Hall of Fame Moves to Induct It's First Members!

**On March 6th, Kate Collins, the Chair of the Aurora Sport Hall of Fame Induction Committee, announced that the process for selection and induction of Members has been established.**

Ms. Collins wanted to thank the members of the Induction Committee who have worked diligently over the past four months to build this selection process. The members of this committee include the Consultant Leader, Scott McRoberts of the Community Sport Councils of Ontario and his staff; Deputy Mayor John Abel; Director of Parks & Recreation Al Downey; citizen and acting legal Counsel Gerry Miller; Michael Roy, Director of Admissions, Marketing and Business Development for St. Andrew's College and Mayor Geoffrey Dawe and Sport Aurora Chair, Ron Weese who are both ex-officio Members of the Committee.

"The contribution of the Committee can't be understated," said Ms. Collins. "Each member has worked hard to bring the best practices of other Sport Halls of Fame to the table and have provided hours of input to ensure the selection process is clear, objective and transparent," she continued. "While we are not yet ready to call for nominations, the majority of work has been done and a path forward is very clear that will lead to our first induction this fall," she stated. "Our selection processes will be made public very soon and we hope to make the public call for nominations in the next few months." She concluded, "It is an exciting time for sport in Aurora."

The Aurora Sport Hall of Fame is a project of Sport Aurora's and through the efforts of the Board of Governors and many citizens who wish to celebrate our long and storied sport history, the Aurora Sport Hall of Fame looks to become a reality in our sesquicentennial year!

## Call for Nominations for the 2013 Breakfast of Champions

**All players of Sport Aurora Member Organizations who have won Provincial, National or International honours are eligible. Nominations must be verified by the President of the nominating Sport Organization.**



## Sport Aurora is Growing!

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# A Day in the Life of a Soldier

Auroran photos  
by David Falconer  
and Brock Weir



Members of the Queen’s York Rangers (QYR) and their distinctive army vehicles greeted visitors at the entrance of Cardinal Golf Club.



(Above) Darrell Bricker, Honourary Colonel of the QYR, was master of ceremonies for the morning meal. (Below) Sgt. Ryan Mitchell spoke of his experiences in active duty.



Ms. Walkley-Sherman, Cpl. Sherman, and Sgt. Mitchell listened intently.



The event was attended by East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackon, King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, and Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe



King Mayor Pellegrini joked the event was very well protected with several members of the Canadian Armed Forces and (above) the York Regional Police present.



Councillor Paul Pirri chairs the three events this year raising money for the Regimental Assistance Fund.



Ken White, Parade Commander for the Aurora-based Ontario Command for the Royal Canadian Legion, was also in attendance.

## Mother and Son share both sides of war

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all very happy and proud of our children, but the only thing is that we can’t protect them. We can’t protect our children when they are out there far, far away from you and the only thing you can hope is the people they are surrounded by, their Comrades in Arms, have been just as well trained so they can lean on each other when they are away from home.”

Corporal Sherman left when he was 20 and came back at 21. His mother says that people often say one truly becomes an adult with that age, but his adulthood actually came when he was on the frontlines with the men and women in uniform.

Keeping the home fires burning, Ms. Walkley-Sherman recalled that she and her family would prepare care packages “to help ease the separation we were suffering” that could be shared with many of his Comrades in Arms, such as candies and other fun things to lighten their spirits, but some comfort also came from an unexpected source.

“I don’t think [Graeme] grew out of being a borrower of his dad’s uniform because I just recently learned he took his dad’s helmet with him to Afghanistan,” she said, noting that it returned with shrapnel marks on it. “I stepped back from that and decided that even though we couldn’t be there to protect our son, his dad’s helmet was there to protect him and that it did.”

After eight months on the front, Corporal Sherman returned home to what his mother described as a “joyous” day, and a day in which the Aurora and the Regimental communities truly came out and

exemplified the meaning of community. The returning soldiers were met by their families, their Regimental family, members of the York Regional Police and the police escort back to Aurora was something she said she would always remember. The community truly did come together that day, she said.

“What sets Graeme apart from most 23 year olds is that he is just an Average Joe, but he has an exceptional sense of dedication and honour that

*“I stepped back from that and decided that even though we couldn’t be there to protect our son, his dad’s helmet was there to protect him and that it did.”*

comes from wearing the uniform. Reservists are hidden heroes. They choose to serve. They choose to train. They choose to deploy. This is all while they are full-time students or full time civilian employees. My son is my hero, but however hidden from everyday life.

“As his preference to choose his Dad’s army uniform at Hallowe’en, a Superhero does not need a cape, but a good helmet might do. Maybe even your dad’s helmet that protected you so very far away from home.”

While the story of mother and son resonated with

many of the people throughout the room, it might be fair to say it resonated with none more so than Sgt. Ryan Mitchell. Sgt. Mitchell became interested in serving with the Armed Forces from a very young age. According to the Regiment, he was ultimately one of the youngest Canadian patrol commanders on the Bosnian mission, helped hundreds of soldiers with their training, and continued public service with the QYR as the unit’s Regimental Liaison Officer working throughout the community, as well as on missions outside the military in Haiti, Cuba, and elsewhere throughout the Caribbean and South America.

“We do sign up to go overseas and be the first responders, but most importantly we are part of a family and part of York Region’s own regiment to aid you in your time of need,” he said. “At 16, Cpl. Sherman had to sign up and we were laughing today because when I signed up I had to bring my mother along with me. I thought, ‘my mum’s here just to take a picture,’ but what’s interesting is my mum had to sign up for me because I was 16 and I wasn’t legally able to sign a contract.

“I thought, ‘I’m cool. I’m going to join the army’ – and my mummy had to sign for me. My mother always reminds me of that because she didn’t sleep that night, so it is funny that we’re wanting to do that and the mothers and the fathers have to make the sacrifices for that.

“When we deploy, it is not just us, it is our girlfriends and our wives. It is your mothers, it is your fathers, and it is everything there as well,” he said. “That’s what this event is for.”



Two more events follow  
QYR fundraiser

By Brock Weir

Wednesday's breakfast in honour of the Queen's York Rangers, was the first in a series of three events raising money for their Regimental Assistance Fund, as well as raising awareness of York Region's oldest Regiment.

Hosted at Cardinal Golf Course in King and attended by Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, event fundraising chair Councillor Paul Pirri, committee member Councillor Sandra Humfries, past-chair Councillor Chris Ballard, Councillor John Abel, as well as former mayors Tim Jones and Phyllis Morris, and former Councillors Alison Collins-Mrakas, Steve Hinder, and Damir Vrancic the breakfast was opened by King Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"I like to boast that King is the largest municipality here in York Region, but I now also like to boast it is the best protected in York Region," he said, noting the large contingent of military and police personnel in the crowd. "It is a privilege to be here and to take part in this fundraiser."

Hosting the fundraiser was the QYR's Honorary Colonel Darrell Bricker who paid homage to the history of the Regiment in York Region, as well as the role it continues to play in the changing world.

"This is the regiment that has served in this part of the country since the late 1700s. It is the founding regiment of Ontario. John Graves Simcoe stood up the Queen's Rangers in the 1790 when he founded the province. They were responsible for building all the original infrastructure of this area. They built Fort York, they built Dundas Street, they fought in the War of 1812 and that is being recognized this year.

"We're getting four new battle honours for the Regiment because of the York County Volunteers who served at the Battle of Queenston Heights, fought at the Battle of Detroit, fought in the Niagara Campaign and served in the defence of Canada from 1812-1815. We are the only regiment in the GTA that is actually getting any battle honours from the War of 1812 and we're very proud to be able to represent

those brave soldiers who fought on behalf of Canada at that time."

In recognition of the historical role the QYR has played in the province, they will be one of several Ontario Regiments parading before the Duke of Edinburgh this April 27 in Toronto to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of York. Prince Philip, 91, will be in Canada specifically to mark the anniversary.

Continuing the history of the two regiments until their amalgamation in 1936, he said the story of the Queen's York Rangers is really the story of the immigrant, and a reflection of the Canada that has grown up around and with it.

"The Rangers were basically created by refugees from the War of Independence in the United States," he said. "They came and they founded the Province of Ontario."

Emblems incorporated into the badge include the rose of England, the Thistle of Scotland, the Shamrock of Ireland, and the Leek of Wales. Bricker suggested that to reflect the current face of the Regiment, it might be appropriate to incorporate symbols of the Philippines, China, Indonesia, and Pakistan to reflect some of the largest immigrant groups.

"If you saw the Cadet Corps you would see that many of those young folks are from first generation immigrant families," he said. "If you look at our regiment you will see the exact same thing - they're very representative of what the new Canada I becoming so we're very proud to be a part of that and very proud to be a part of York Region."

The next event in the Queen's York Rangers Appreciation Fundraiser will be lunch at Machell Park on Sunday, May 5 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., coinciding with the Aurora Tattoo, marking Aurora's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

This family-friendly event will include interactive training and military procedures, drills and obstacle courses, a barbeque, and a chance to meet with reservists, cadets, and take a look at their new digs on Industrial Parkway South.

For more information on this and other initiatives, visit [www.qyrappreciation.ca](http://www.qyrappreciation.ca).



March Break got off to a rousing early start Saturday as local kids and their parents let loose with Chris McKhool and his Fiddle Fire show at the Aurora Cultural Centre. Showcasing world music for young ears, Mr. McKhool was joined on stage by Zoye Fortier and Alex Wilson.

Auroran photo  
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For me personally, as long as this was not going to cost us any money, then I was fine with the proposed

Until next week, stay informed, stay involved because this is, after all, Our Town.

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53. A scheme or program
54. Female horse or zebra
55. Invests in little enterprises
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58. Robert's nickname
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**FEBRUARY 4 – APRIL 8**

The Ontario Clay and Glass Association brings its FUSION: Fireworks 2011 exhibition to the Aurora Cultural Centre. FUSION'S mission to promote excellence in clay and glass is fulfilled through the Fireworks exhibitions. Since 1975, the notable or award winning have been purchased by FUSION for the FUSION Permanent Collection, housed at and on permanent loan to the Burlington Art Centre.

**FEBRUARY 6 – APRIL 6**

The Aurora Cultural Centre presents Passage by Northern Star Collective – From Eastern Influences to Western traditions in the Great Hall Gallery. Exhibition includes works by artists Feng Yu Wei, Guan Sui Sheng, Hu Zu De, Phoebe Lu, Sun Chang Yin, Ann Yan, and ShiFu. Gallery Hours Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street. For more information, visit [www.auroraculturalcentre.ca](http://www.auroraculturalcentre.ca).

**FEBRUARY 11 – MARCH 31**

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and Community Centre hosts Defining Moments: Discovering our Canadian Stories. This travelling exhibit is a national digital media arts and citizenship project aimed at engaging youth across Canada to explore, express and showcase their diverse perspectives on Canadian identity. These works are the 26 willing pieces, representing eight provinces and territories across Canada. While you're here, participate in an on-site art activity that expresses your Canadian identity. Regular admission applies. For more information, contact the museum at 905-727-8954.

**FEBRUARY 14 – MARCH 21**

Eating Disorders of York Region (EDOYR) will host Healthy Coping Skills for Anxiety and Depression with Flora Svinarenko for six weeks from 5 – 6 p.m. beginning Thursday, February 14 at their Aurora headquarters. (15213 Yonge Street, Suite 15). During this group you will learn how your negative thinking patters might be affecting your feelings and behaviors. You will be able to explore the “mechanisms” of anxiety and depression and learn why they are triggered. You will learn healthy coping techniques with your symptoms and you will be able to share your struggles and worries in a safe environment.

**MARCH – APRIL**

March has arrived, and that means two things: spring is almost here and Epilepsy Awareness Month is in full flight. Epilepsy York Region hopes to use this time to share information and build relationships with all those affected by Epilepsy. March Awareness Month culminates with Purple Day, March 26, a world-wide initiative that aspires to promote awareness and engage learning about this more-common-than-you'd-think disorder. For more information, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/epilepsyvorkregion> to learn more about all things Epilepsy.

**MARCH 1 – APRIL 2**

Register now for The Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School 125th Reunion on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4. All Alumni and guests are welcome. Many events and social functions are being planned. A new history book has been created. Space and history books are limited. Don't be disappointed! For more information and to register, visit [www.reunion125.ca](http://www.reunion125.ca).

**MARCH 11 - 18**

Eating Disorders of York Region (EDOYR) hosts Living Again: Tools and Solutions for Overcoming Eating. This seminar will provide individuals, families and friends information on practical and very useful therapeutic techniques used to help overcome anorexia, bulimia, binge eating disorder, and emotional eating. Participants will have the opportunity to walk away with tools and solutions to help them and those they care about recover. Dates: Monday, March 11 and Monday March 18. Location: EDOYR, 15213 Yonge St., Ste. 15, Aurora, Main Floor \$20.00 for both weeks. For more information email [info@edoyr.com](mailto:info@edoyr.com), call 905-886-6632 or visit [www.edoyr.com](http://www.edoyr.com).

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

Music with Russ - March Break. Aurora Public Library (Magna Room). For families! Join Russ Clayton for a family-fun concert! Russ will sing and play instruments, making this an upbeat, high tempo musical adventure for families with young children! 10.00 - 10.45 a.m. FREE tickets available in advance.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

WHIMZ Animals @ the Library! - March Break. Aurora Public Library (Magna Room). Children 7 Years+. Join us for this fun, dynamic and educational presentation about the animals you may or may not see in your backyard! What animals will WHIMZ bring? Maybe a Sugar Glider, rabbits or a lizard or two! Come and see for yourself!! 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. FREE tickets available in advance.

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The Aurora PROBUS Club will host guest speaker Brock Godfrey in a seminar covering Mass Marketing Fraud, Identity Theft, and Other Scams – and how to avoid them. The meeting will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion (105 Industrial Parkway North, Aurora) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon – with the speaker's presentation being from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information on the event and PROBUS, contact Gary Gilbert at 905-895-2349.

**MARCH 12 – APRIL 30**

Eating Disorders of York Region presents Intuitive Eating For Those Struggling with Overeating, Emotional Eating, and Binge Eating Support Group with Amelia Perri. The group begins March 12 and will run for eight weeks from 3 – 4 p.m. at 75 Fernstaff Court, Unit 18, in Vaughan. \$80 for all eight sessions. To register online please visit <http://www.edoyr.com/support-groups.html> or call 905-886-6632.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**

Lofty's Marvellous Magic! - March Break. Aurora Public Library (Magna Room). Children 6 Years+. Join Lofty the Magician in this magical and entertaining show! A blend of magic, juggling, storytelling, jokes and of course participation, children will have a hollering good time. 2.00 - 2.45 p.m. FREE tickets available in advance.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**

Stories and Rhymes with Sally Jaeger! - March Break. Aurora Public Library (Magna Room). For Children 3- 6 Years. What will Sally tell today? Tales of farms, Mother Goose rhymes, or silly stories to make you laugh out loud? Join us and find out in this story session what makes learning enjoyable and funny! 10.00 - 10.45 a.m. FREE tickets available in advance.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

The White Heather Pipes and Drums present a St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance this evening. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6.30 at the Royal Canadian Legion (105 Industrial Parkway North). Come and enjoy an evening of Irish Stew and all the fixin's, along with music and dancing. Entertainment by the White Heather Pipes and Drums and Aurora's own Delaney Drive. Dinner is \$12 per person, \$5 after dinner.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19**

The Stronach Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake is pleased to offer the continuing interactive lecture series on cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. The complimentary series will be of interest to cancer patients, their family members, community residents, and healthcare professionals. The presentation gets underway at 5.15 p.m. in the conference room of the Centre. Main floor. 596 Davis Drive, Newmarket.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

The Aurora Cultural Centre presents an Artists Walk and Talk for the exhibition Passage by Northern Star Collective – From Eastern Influences to Western traditions. Seminars include Calligraphy in the Comemporary led by ShiFu, Guan SuiSheng and Phoebe Lo, Works of Femininity: A Look at Women in Culture by Feng Yu Wei and Ann Yan, and Beyond the Canvas: Creating the Sublime by Sun Chang Yin and Hu Zu De. All are welcome. Free admission. Events run today from 1 – 3 p.m. Regular gallery Hours Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street. For more information, visit [www.auroraculturalcentre.ca](http://www.auroraculturalcentre.ca).

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Join Fred Flood, local heritage restoration enthusiast for a heritage lecture “Hidden Gems in Plain Sight: Restoration Projects in Aurora”. Illustrated lecture with plenty of insights and tips into taking on your own home project. Admission gratefully received; complimentary refreshments provided. 7 p.m. start. Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street. Tel. 905-713-1818; [info@auroraculturalcentre.ca](mailto:info@auroraculturalcentre.ca). Fully accessible at north entrance.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

Steppin' Out Theatrical Productions will donate \$5 for every ticket sold for this evening's performance of Stephen Sondheim's Gypsy at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts to Aurora's Eating Disorders of York Region. Performance is at 8 p.m. Gypsy is based on the memoir of Gypsy Rose Lee and focuses on her mother, Rose, who has become synonymous with “the ultimate showbiz mother.” For tickets, call 905-886-6632.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street schoolHOUSE Concerts presents the acoustic trio Memories Unplugged with “Seasoned Voices, Familiar Songs”. Vocals, guitar and mandolin, with favourites from the 1950s, 60s and 70s. Relaxed, comfortable vibe; complimentary refreshments. Tickets, \$15, available in advance or at the door; 8 p.m. start. For info, or to purchase tickets call 905-713-1818, or check [www.auroraculturalcentre.ca](http://www.auroraculturalcentre.ca).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

Garden Aurora! Our next monthly meeting is at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North, at 8 p.m. Donna Fenice will take us on a journey through Italy's most beautiful public and private gardens. Join us for “The Gardens of Italy”. As well, our Youth Members, ages 5 to 15, will be meeting 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Children love to garden and joining a gardening club is a wonderful way to teach them about our natural world. Further information at [www.gardenaurora.com](http://www.gardenaurora.com) or 905-713-6660.

**APRIL 4 – 27**

The Aurora Cultural Centre hosts the art exhibition “Mentorship in Motion”. “Mentorship in Motion” is a partnership of six accomplished artists mentoring six young students living with a challenge. Together, each team produced a collaborative piece of art showcasing how creativity can restore, repair, and renew. Art will be on display through April 27. For more information, visit [www.artcures.ca](http://www.artcures.ca).

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

Spectrum North, an Aurora-based baton club is hosting its annual Spirit of Spectrum Competition. Clubs from all over the GTA will meet to compete in group and individual events, as well as a pre-event showcase. Free Admission Newmarket High School, 515 Pickering Crescent, Newmarket. For more information, contact Jen Meron at [j.meron@rogers.com](mailto:j.meron@rogers.com) or visit [www.eteamz.com/spectrumnorthbaton](http://www.eteamz.com/spectrumnorthbaton).

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

Evening with the Curator – Join the Aurora Historical Society (AHS) this evening for an intimate event with Aurora Historical Society Manager/Curator Catherine Richards. Part lecture and part hands-on, this workshop-style session will focus on archives. Participants will learn about 'encapsulation' and have the opportunity to encapsulate their own archival document or photograph. There will be a \$20 registration/materials fee (\$15 for AHS members). Please phone the AHS office at 905-727-8991 to register for this event. Location to be determined. This is the first of three “Evening With The Curator” events that will be presented by the Aurora Historical Society; each will cover a different topic

**APRIL 11 – MAY 16**

Eating Disorders of York Region launches a new group for teens – Healthy Coping Skills for Anxiety and Depression. Very often anxiety and depression are familiar feelings to someone struggling with disordered eating, body image issues and low self esteem. During this group you will learn how your negative thinking patters might be affecting your feelings and behaviors. You will be able to explore the “mechanisms” of anxiety and depression and learn why they are triggered. You will learn healthy coping techniques with your symptoms and you will be able to share your struggles and worries in a safe environment. Location: EDOYR, 15213 Yonge St., Ste. 15, Aurora, Main Floor. \$60.00 for six weeks. EDOYR is a registered non-profit organization. For more information email [info@edoyr.com](mailto:info@edoyr.com), call 905-886-6632 or visit [www.edoyr.com](http://www.edoyr.com).

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

The Aurora Cultural Centre's Great Artists Piano Series continues this evening with Bax & Chung, the Seiler Piano Trio. A first for the Centre - one piano, four hands! Originally playing together at the 2003 Ottawa Chamber Music Festival, the real life marriage of these 2 great concert pianists has led to one of the best piano duos of their generation. Performing together at the Yamaha C7 piano, their repertoire will include works by Brahms, Stravinsky and Piazzolla. For more information, visit [www.auroraculturalcentre.ca](http://www.auroraculturalcentre.ca). Tickets are \$30 for adults, and \$25 for seniors and students. On sale now. Doors open at 7 p.m. Concert begins at 8.

**APRIL 19 – 20**

The Aurora United Church will hold its annual Spring Rummage Sale Friday and Saturday at the Church (15186 Yonge Street at Tyler). Friday's sale will consist of individually priced items from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m., while shoppers on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. can enjoy a bag sale for clothes, linen, books, toys, and garage sale items. For more information, call 905-727-1935.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

The Aurora Cultural Centre hosts a Wrap Up Party for the “Mentorship in Motion” art exhibition. “Mentorship in Motion” is a partnership of six accomplished artists mentoring six young students living with a challenge. Together, each team produced a collaborative piece of art showcasing how creativity

can restore, repair, and renew. All are welcome to the party. Art will be on display through April 27. For more information, visit [www.artcures.ca](http://www.artcures.ca).

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**

Garden Aurora! The Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society invites you to learn how to wean your gardens off expensive and unhealthy chemicals. Hear Paul Cray, an organic gardener, speak on “What, Why and How to Compost”. The meeting is held at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North and starts at 8 p.m. Our Youth Members, ages 5 to 15, will meet at 6.30 p.m. to show their prized tulips and daffodils and to create a hat for the Easter Parade! Further information at [www.gardenaurora.com](http://www.gardenaurora.com) or 905-713-6660.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

In honour of Aurora's 150th anniversary, a Choral Celebration will be held at the Aurora United Church on Saturday, April 27 at 6.30 p.m. Seven choirs will be participating in this special event: Aurora's Evergreen Choir (the host choir), the Men of Note Male Voice Choir, the York Region Community Choir, the United Church Chancel Choir, the United Church Youthful Spirits Choir, the York Region French Choir and the Newmarket Keynotes Seniors Choir. Each choir will perform on their own but will come together at the end of the performance to form a mass choir of approximately 150 voices. Tickets are \$15 each and available from participating choirs, from CHATS at 126 Wellington Street West, Suite 103 and from the Aurora Seniors Centre, 90 John West Way (telephone: 905-726-4767). Tickets will also be available at the door, if available.

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

The Aurora Historical Society, in partnership with Southlake Regional Health Centre will launch its medical exhibit today at Hillary House. Artefacts from the Hillary Collection relating to medicine and health will be displayed along with their modern counterparts, provided by Southlake in a newly restored exhibition space in the National Historic Site. The exhibit will showcase a wide variety of implements and themes, including education and accreditation of medical professionals, record keeping and documentaion. For more information, contact the AHS at 905-727-8991 or visit [www.aurahistoricsociety.ca](http://www.aurahistoricsociety.ca).

**FRIDAY, MAY 31**

The Aurora Cultural Centre's Great Artists Piano Series concludes this evening with the dazzling American pianist William Wolfram, medalist at both the William Kapell and Naumburg International Piano Competitions, as well the Tchaikovsky Piano Competition. Mr. Wolfram has appeared with orchestras throughout the world, including The Pittsburgh Symphony under the baton of Leonard Slatkin. A graduate of the Julliard School, Mr. Wolfram records on the Naxos label. Program to include works by Liszt, Schubert, Chopin & Ligeti. For more information, visit [www.auroraculturalcentre.ca](http://www.auroraculturalcentre.ca).



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## Vision on Historical Collections could become clear next week

By Brock Weir

The ink on the new agreement between the Town of Aurora and the Aurora Cultural Centre spent this last weekend drying.

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe and Frank Pulumbarit, president of the Cultural Centre board, met at the Church Street landmark on Friday afternoon to seal the deal on the new agreement.

While the issue of whether Councillors can sit on the Cultural Centre board is yet to be decided by the courts, one thing is for certain and that is a new museum will be restored to one room in the building.

Although the Aurora Historical Society (AHS) stores much of its extensive Aurora Collection at the building, there has been no permanent display space within it for the items they store, but now the second floor Aurora room will be its permanent showcase.

However an advance this might be to the more heritage-minded members of our community, it is not enough for the company recently tasked with evaluating and appraising what is currently in storage.

“It’s a fantastic place, and the renovation was spectacular, and the [combination] of the old and the new is just fantastic,” said Shawna White of the Cultural Asset Management Group. “I know you have made an agreement for a room, but I would argue for a whole floor at a minimum.”

In addition to more display space, Ms. White, who was presenting her findings to Council with her colleague Shelley Falconer, argued more space would also be needed for workspace outside of the storage area currently used by the AHS if they plan on

a grander vision for the Aurora Collection.

Clarity on this vision could come as early as next week as Councillors get back to work considering a recommendation calling on the Town to acquire the Aurora Collection from the AHS, along with just over \$179,000 for the operating costs for the exhibition and management of the collection, and \$50,000 for the capital costs, money for which is expected to be allocated from Council’s Discretionary Reserve Fund.

“The collection is really a reflection of the history of the area,” said Ms. White of her company’s findings. “The present day Aurora and the area it occupies has been a home to human activity for over 9,500 years. There are early examples of projectile points and the like in the collection as well [but] the main collecting period starts when Sir John Graves Simcoe establishes Yonge Street, thereby setting the parameters for European settlement in the area in 1793.”

Traces in the early foundations of Aurora can be seen in a land grant given to a settler in 1802, one of the earliest documents in the collection, wooden boxes carved and decorated by early locals in prison following the Mackenzie Rebellions in 1837 and 1838, and various textiles from wedding trousseaux to army uniforms donated by families over its long history.

To drive home their point that these artefacts might not be stored in ideal conditions, Ms. White and Ms. Falconer pointed to these textiles as prime examples.

“Of all the collections we have had the privilege of working with, this one collection is probably in the best stored condition,” said Ms.

White. “I am not saying there aren’t problems – and there are. In general, there are too many items for the available space and that puts the collection as a whole at risk. This has necessitated the use of the floor area where objects are susceptible to damage as well as the overcrowding of items into storage boxes.”

Storage boxes are adequate, if they are acid free archival boxes, she added, but this is not always the case with the Aurora Collection.

“There are also overcrowding of shelves, things rubbing against each other and shelves aren’t lined. Specific concerns that we have was an active infestation in the textile collection. These little tiny carpet beetles at various stages that are there love to eat – especially the wool and textile and that is especially dirty textiles.”

Textiles that come into collections such as these aren’t often dry cleaned and can have sweat and skin cells on them, often a delicious combination for the critters. The appraisers took the items affected and bagged them to kill off some of them, but freezing the items is really the only bath to complete eradication, they argued. Once that is done, expansive textile boxes will be needed, but there is just no room.

“You just can’t do one piece of the puzzle,” said Ms. White. “You need to consider the whole thing.”

To this end, Ms. Falconer said that a number of possibilities need to be considered on what to do with the collection should a change in ownership take place following General Committee on March 19 and final approval at Council the following week.

Her first recommendation was to look at creating different collections



**UKELELE TALK** – Musician Judy Marshak, front, was joined by Jason, Nancy and Dina for her class on the classic ukulele at the Aurora Cultural Centre last week. Part of the Cultural Centre’s Songwriter Series, Ms. Marshak’s program was designed for those who have gone just a little bit beyond the beginner to “expand skills and repertoire focusing on a number of contemporary songwriters.” The next class takes place at the Centre next Monday, March 18.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

within the bigger picture, including an education collection that could be taken around to local schools and classrooms, a display collection that could be used here at home, loaned to other museums, or form part of a tour, and an archival collection for more delicate things.

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## Southlake partners with AHS on new show

By Brock Weir

Southlake Regional Health Centre has partnered with the Aurora Historical Society (AHS) to underscore medical advancements made in the last century-and-a-half.

The collaboration will open at Hillary House on Saturday, May 18, featuring medical equipment and artefacts collected over nearly a century for the Hillary Collection coupled with their modern-day counterparts, supplied by the local hospital.

“We can think of no better partner for the exhibition, which will

demonstrate the progress of medical history,” said Aurora Historical Society (AHS) curator Catherine Richards in a statement. “The AHS is proud to be partnering with an organization such as Southlake which contributes so much to our local community, and we all know their participation will really take this exhibit to the next level.”

The exhibit will have several key things including education, commercialization, packaging of pharmaceuticals, and medical record keeping.

The May 18 launch coincides with International Museums Day.

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Hockey moms have the recipe for the next NHL stars

By Brock Weir

Yvonne Murphy grew in the United States, the land where baseball and little league are not just sports, but a way of life.

But when the career of her husband, former Maple Leafs coach Mike Murphy, took them from California to Vancouver, she was immediately immersed in the world of the hockey moms and dads who are the backbone of Canada’s national pastime.

“I think it is such a wonderful Canadian tradition,” says Ms. Murphy, whose recently re-published cookbook, Puck Mommies, was launched at Aurora’s Edward Street Bistro on Saturday.

The book is a collection of recipes and stories from hockey parents of NHL stars past, president, and maybe even future.

“Here, it is a great tradition in Canada for hockey parents to help each other, support each other, and I think the kids that grow up do the same with their children.

“I think that is what was so exciting about coming here and having that opportunity to see it for myself. We didn’t have that in California and I want to pay tribute to those moms and dads and families that want to get up at 5 a.m. to drive to Quinte like I did.”

And that she certainly did --- the mother of three sons could be forgiven for wanting skates herself to get her and her kids where they needed to go. They grew up playing hockey for various levels of the Aurora Tigers and the York Simcoe Express, before setting their sights on the larger picture. Being everywhere they needed to be wouldn’t have been possible without the tight support network that grows from spending the early hours each and every morning watching and cheering on your children on the ice.

The idea for Puck Mommies came

to Ms. Murphy about 10 years ago when putting together a charity golf tournament. Then she thought it would be more interesting to put together a cookbook of collected recipes from hockey heroes, but it would be more interesting to go directly to the women who raised them.

“It was better than calling players up and asking for a recipe, so I called their moms and got little stories and quips about them and that is how it began,” she recalls. “Doug Gilmour’s mom was in the Toronto Maple Leafs wives room every other game with me, so I just called them up.”

She called up Darryl Sittler’s mother and got a dish or two, and even though he and her husband went head to head on the ice more times than either probably care to remember, she called up Bobby Orr to get the recipe of his late mother’s signature meatballs.

“I just called him up and he said, ‘Yvonne, I would love to give you my mother’s recipe,’ she says. “I am going to call my dad right now.’ Even though she had passed away, he wanted to pay tribute to his mom. I made his recipe thinking his mom made that for one of the best hockey players who had ever lived.

“It wasn’t super surprising how humble they were, but it was a sweet surprise how that was validated and how humble and generous they all were with their contributions.”

For her, the completed book provides a different and unique look at the professional hockey players that become so familiar whether it is on the TV screen or at the highest levels of the Air Canada Centre.

“You look at them as little kids growing up and what their moms fed them,” she say. “You get a peek into the professional hockey player becoming a little bit more flesh and blood and a little bit more like your kids.”



Cookbook author Yvonne Murphy (third from right) was joined by her husband, NHL coach Mike Murphy along with their son Ryan, granddaughter Brooklyn, 2, grandson Christian, 9 months, and daughter-in-law Ashley at the Edward Street Bistro Saturday for the launch of Puck Mommies.

Auroran photo by Diane Buchanan

Stingers took on Nepean

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division, they played a stellar all-round game against London Marconi, winning handily 4-0 on two goals from Alex Rasiga and one each by Brady Reil and Duncan Allen.

The Stingers failed to find the back of the net in their next game against Brampton East, losing a close 1-0. In their final round robin match they needed nothing less than a win to advance against an unbeaten Nepean Hotspurs Team.

Missing two open nets, it seemed that it was game over for the Stingers when Duncan Allen

found himself behind the defense with the ball at his feet and only minutes left on the clock.

A deft pass to a wide open Brady Reil and a technical finish meant the boys were off to the semifinals the following day with a 1-0 win and control of their division. The Semifinals saw the boys face the “Giant Killers”, Mississauga Falcons who had knocked out two OYSL teams in their preliminary round.

Clearly outmatched, the Stingers were up 2-0 on goals by Brady Reil and Alex Rasiga before giving up an unfortunate own goal late in the game. The

finals found the Stingers matching up against the defensive Nepean Hotspurs once again.

Nepean’s counterattack style found them with a couple of glorious chances against the run of play only to be matched by some outstanding goaltending by Stefano Mercuri in the first half. Set up by a clinical overlapping run and pass by Jeremy Iu, Brady Reil once again found the back of the net.

Not finished there, Jeremy Iu scored a goal off a free kick a few minutes later as the boys celebrated as provincial indoor champs!



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## COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 19	7 p.m.	General Committee
Wednesday, March 20	7 p.m.	Aurora Public Library Board
Wednesday, March 20	7 p.m.	Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee – Cancelled
Thursday, March 21	7 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Thursday, March 21	7 p.m.	Economic Development Advisory Committee
Friday, March 22	10 a.m.	Trails and Active Transportation Committee
Tuesday, March 26	7 p.m.	Council
Wednesday, March 27	7 p.m.	Public Planning

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

General Committee meetings can be viewed online by visiting [www.aurora.ca/gcstream](http://www.aurora.ca/gcstream)

## AURORA 150 FACT:



Image Courtesy of the Aurora Historical Society

### Trinity Church (1846)

The church was located so that it could be easily seen from Yonge Street. Before the village had its own bell, Simon Appleton was appointed by village bylaw to ring the Trinity Church bell in case of fires or other emergencies.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Dinner and a Movie

#### ParaNorman

Where: Aurora Public Library  
When: Saturday, March 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Rating: Rated PG  
Ages: 11 to 14 year-olds  
Price: Entry is \$3 per person and pizza will be served.  
For more information, please call 905-726-4760.

### Outdoor Rinks Closed for the Season

Please be advised that all Town of Aurora outdoor ice rinks are closed for the season.

### Winter Parking Restrictions in effect from November 15 to April 15, 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

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For more information, please call 905-726-4751 or visit [www.aurora.ca](http://www.aurora.ca)

### Aurora Community Arboretum's annual Meet and Greet on March 25

The Aurora Community Arboretum is holding its annual meet and greet at Aurora Town Hall on **Monday, March 25** at 7:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend and hear about the recent achievements of the Arboretum and plans for 2013. A brief annual general meeting forms part of the evening. New members and volunteers are welcome to sign-up.

### Seeking nominations for the 2013 Citizen of the Year

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe invites residents to submit a nomination for the 2013 Aurora Citizen of the Year.

Nominations for this significant award are open to citizens of The Town of Aurora that are 16 years of age and over, with the exception of Members of Council. The deadline for nominations is **April 30**.

The 2013 Citizen of the Year nomination form is available on the Town's website at [www.aurora.ca](http://www.aurora.ca). To obtain a hard copy, please contact Betty De Bartolo, Executive Assistant to the Mayor at 905-726-4741.

Judging will be based on the information received in the nominations, with an emphasis on the all-round activities within the community.

The winner of the Citizen of the Year Award will be announced at a Council meeting in June.

Please send your nomination form to:

Citizen of the Year Award  
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### Aurora Seniors' Centre trips

The Aurora Seniors' Centre offers the following spring trip for both members and non-members.

- Myrtle Beach, South Carolina  
Saturday, April 13 to Monday, April 22

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For more information, please contact Karie Papillon at 905-727-3123 ext. 3610.

### An Adventure a Day! March Break Edition for ages 11+

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When: Monday, March 11 to Friday, March 15

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- Cooking School
- Kids Great Minds – Video Game Programming
- Home Alone

For more information please call 905-726-4760.

### Skylight Gallery Artist of the Month

In March, the Skylight Gallery will be featuring the artwork of Gail Zealley-Brennan.

Unique and eccentric characters created from the artist's imagination are quite often the focal point in many of Gail's pieces. Most of the subject matter is whimsical and exhibits a love of the Victoria and Edwardian eras. There is also a celebration of colour from the basic duo of black and white to complex colours.

Regular viewing times are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Personal Training at Club Aurora

Looking for that little extra motivation to shape up for the summer? Let Club Aurora help you achieve your fitness goals. You do not need to be a member of Club Aurora to benefit from great personal training packages. Club Aurora offers competitive rates and packages for every budget. For more information, please call 905-726-4764 or email [fitness@aurora.ca](mailto:fitness@aurora.ca)

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### Seeking Citizen Members for two Committees

Aurora Town Council invites residents to apply to participate as a citizen member for:

- The Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study Area Sub-Committee
- Environmental Advisory Committee

For the Southeast Old Aurora Committee, the Town seeks representation from members of the Heritage-East Aurora Rate Payers Group and residents who live within the Southeast Old Aurora study area. Please visit [www.aurora.ca](http://www.aurora.ca) and view the homepage for a map of the selected area.

Applications will be accepted by mail addressed to the Deputy Clerk, 100 John West Way, P.O. Box 1000, Aurora, ON L4G 6J1, by email at [cjanzen@aurora.ca](mailto:cjanzen@aurora.ca), by fax at 905-726-4732 or hand-delivered and received prior to: **Tuesday, March 26**.

### What is the Advisory Committee's Role?

To find out more about this opportunity or to pick up an application form, please visit the Customer & Legislative Services department on the 2nd floor of Aurora Town Hall, 100 John West Way, or visit the Town's website.

Applicants must be 18 or older and not employed by The Town of Aurora.

For more information, please call 905-727-3123 ext. 4217.

On Saturday, March 23, The Town of Aurora will be participating in Earth Hour.

Join us by powering down from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Together, we can take a stand against climate change.

To find out more about the Town's Corporate Environmental Action Plan, visit [www.aurora.ca/CEAP](http://www.aurora.ca/CEAP)



# Province shouldn’t follow suit with electoral boundaries: MPP

**By Brock Weir**

When Aurora splits into the two Federal Ridings of Newmarket-Aurora and Aurora-Richmond Hill at Wellington Street by 2015, the Provincial riding boundaries should not necessarily follow suit.

So says Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees. Mr. Klees was one of the chorus of local officials who vehemently opposed plans from the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission to split the Town between two ridings.

Despite opposition from him, MP Lois Brown, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, the Chamber of Commerce, and residents at large who delegated to the Commission’s public hearings in September, the Commissioners rejected the pleas, saying they just couldn’t make the population numbers work to keep Aurora intact. The changes mean York Region will get three new Federal ridings, among 15 allocated for the whole province.

Before Queen’s Park contemplates following suit, however, extensive debate needs to take place over whether the Legislature really

needs 15 new members.

“I am not convinced there is a need for an additional 15 members,” says Mr. Klees. “When we were first elected in 1995, one of the first pieces of legislation we introduced was the Fewer Politicians Act, and the reason for that was we felt at the time there were too many politicians in the province and we wanted to shrink the size of the government.

“I don’t feel this riding is too large for me and my staff to serve, so I am disappointed that steps are being taken to disrupt these boundaries. I think it would be a much wiser move for ridings such as ours where there is growth to perhaps add one more staff person and allow for a budget to help with the workload we have in the riding. To increase the size of the legislature, especially at a time when all parties are calling for a reduction in the size of government...is, I think, a contradiction.”

That being said, Mr. Klees says he agrees with the commission that some ridings do need to be split to be more manageable, even close to home in the riding of Oak Ridges—Markham which includes not only

the northern halves of Richmond Hill and Markham, but also all of King Township and Whitchurch-Stouffville. That riding, he says, is “cumbersome” and should be split in two. The same can be said for Halton, he adds.

Any redistribution, he added, should cover future growth but, moreover, conversation should have taken place with members of both federal and provincial parliament to get their own views on whether they are overburdened by their riding. It is more efficient, he says, in his view, to add money in the budget for an extra staff person to handle extra casework attributed to community growth rather than “creating an entire additional bureaucracy that is going to be relatively permanent.

“One advantage, I suppose, is I would have two MPs helping me and advocating for my riding,” he says. “I will take that help any day! The question, I think becomes, is there a difference between the work an MP does and an MPP does. I think there is a great difference. The amount of casework that is done in this office, I would suggest

is very different than what Lois’ office would do.

“When you keep in mind you’re dealing with issues that relate to our healthcare, our education, we’re dealing with worker’s compensation, a day to day basis with seniors issues, long-term care placements, these are issues that are very labour intensive and so I think it is important that people also keep in mind that our responsibilities are

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do something for the immediate time. If you’re looking 25 years down the road, will we have to revamp the whole thing? We have to make sure whatever decisions we make anticipate that the Library will continue to grow, the Cultural Centre will continue to grow, and if you’re adding the Downtown Core, something that is going to bring in business, then make sure the decision we make to spend money is a wise decision, not just for today.”

The meeting was led by Al Downey, Aurora’s Director of Parks and Recreation Services, and was attended by Councillors Chris

really quite different from a federal member’s responsibilities and the work that goes on there.

“Should we then necessarily be following what the Federal government is doing and the shaping of their constituents, or the setting up of their offices? I don’t think the two are necessarily linked.”

Speaking to The Auroran after his report was tabled to committee in the House of Commons, Justice

George Valin, the man heading up the Ontario Commission, said that presentations against spitting Aurora were “well presented” but unworkable keeping in mind the towns that surround Aurora.

“We have to see what the fallout is and how do we accommodate the fallout,” he said. “In other words, all the neighbouring electoral districts and it just became impossible for us to accommodate the wishes of the people of

my perspective, removal of that building from our inventory program space is not something I would like to see. If we remove the building and replace it with more or different program space, that would be great. Certainly that would be more functional for us because there are limitations with the existing building.

“Removal of the building without any thought of replacing that program space there or elsewhere in Town is not something I would be recommending or supporting as Director of Parks and Recreation because we desperately need that programming space.”

## Program Space is needed, whatever Library Square’s future might hold: Parks Director

Ballard, Wendy Gaertner, Paul Pirri, and Michael Thompson. The results and ideas of the meeting will be compiled and evaluated before another public session at the Old Library on May 23 to examine the options.

Speaking after the meeting, Mr. Downey told The Auroran that from his perspective, the Town needs programming space, such as what is currently taking place at the Old Library and that need is only going to grow in the future.

“The building is fully booked throughout. It is not one of our premiere buildings, but it shows how much we need programming space,” he said. “From

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## ASK TOM

Tom Mrakas

### Don't get stuck with a leaky valve on a Friday

This week, as I was thumbing through some emails (and thank you to everyone who contacts me! Much appreciated) and one of your emails triggered a recollection of a problem that a client of mine had.

I thought I should share this story with all of you in the hopes that it won't happen to you. And if it does... well, at least you'll know what to do!

While doing some plumbing work, we needed to shut off the water at the main valve. After shutting off the water, we did what was needed to be done and then went to turn the water back on. When we did, however, we noticed that the valve had a small but very noticeable leak.

The valve that was in place was what is called a "gate valve"

(Gate valves are the valves that you turn to open and shut and look like a wheel). Based on my experience on this project, and old plumbing this is your main shut-off valve.

I highly recommend that you should have it replaced with a ball valve. Ball valves are more reliable than gate valves – less prone to leaking and other issues.

It was pretty clear that the valve had to be replaced.

In order to be replaced, though, the water to the house had to be shut off. Again. The Town needed to be called in to shut off the water from the street and then the valve could be replaced. Well, you could imagine the shock to my clients – and to me as well – that because it was Friday, and a Friday of a long

weekend, and because it was already 4 p.m., that it would cost \$250.00 for someone from the Town to come out and shut it off.

It was that, or we could wait until after the weekend (that is wait for three full days with water leaking all over the place) and then it would not cost anything.

I don't think that was much of a choice. If you have water leaking, you have no choice but to get it done right away. A thought did go through my head – what if this was an emergency? Water gushing all over the basement? Would they come out right away, or would you have to wait until Monday? We have Town staff on call to deal with these kinds of emergencies. It's not clear to me why there's an extra charge. I thought that's what our taxes

are for.

So what's the moral of the story – of course beyond the obvious one of don't ask to get something fixed on the Friday of a long weekend? Be proactive and change those old gate valves with

ball valves.

You'll have less headaches in the long run. And at the very least, make sure you don't spring a leak on a Friday because it will cost you twice – in taxes and in a charge. Until next week,

remember a good job, is a job well done! If you have any questions you can reach me at [www.facebook.com/anastasisdesign](http://www.facebook.com/anastasisdesign) or on Twitter, @ADesign. build and email of course Anastasis@anastasisdesign.ca

## SENIOR SCAPE

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He also welcomes suggestions for movie night. If you have a favorite type of movie you'd like to see, let him know.

Mike does have one precaution, however. If you really want to see the movie that's playing, be sure to arrive early. It starts at 6.30 p.m. sharp. The seats fill up fast and there are no reservations. The event typically enjoys a full house.

Do like so many other of his guests do. Make Tuesdays your night out with your partner. Have dinner at your favorite restaurant and then come to the Centre for the movie.

For those of you who

do not drive, Mike tries to accommodate the town transportation by making sure the movie ends before 9 p.m. If you've experienced the parking lack during the day, don't worry. There's ample parking on Tuesday evenings.

You can see a list of upcoming movies in the ASA newsletter, available at the reception desk. Admission is \$1.50 and includes refreshments.

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

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# Local debater to take on the world in South Africa

By Brock Weir

A teen is never usually one to shy away from an argument, but local student Natalie Ganzhorn has taken things to the next level.

The Grade 9 student at Country Day School has the ability to think on her feet, be persuasive and win an argument and turning these talents into an art form has landed her on a trip to South Africa to take on the world.

This month, Natalie and debate coach Kerstin Windham-West are bound for Durban to participate in the World Debating Championships.

“At the beginning of the year, I didn’t think I would be getting to go to the World Championship, and that is definitely really exciting,” Natalie tells The Auroran. “I am probably most excited about the actual competition. It is really cool to be competing with some other really amazing competitors from around the world.

“At a really high level, I think it will be cool to learn watching some other people’s speeches as well.”

Natalie qualified for the Worlds at a tournament in Calgary last fall. There, she aced a dramatic monologue, reading from the play “I, Claudia”, her persuasive speech, and a news broadcast.

Often at competitions like these there is freedom to choose one’s own topics. She and Kerstin try to pick subjects that are topical and people can easily connect with.

“The topic I chose for the worlds is germs found in hotel rooms,” she explains with a laugh. “It is pretty disturbing and everyone will be staying in a hotel while we’re there so I thought it would be easily relatable.

“One fact that gets me the most, is the housekeeper uses the same rag to wipe the toilet and then the sink. There are also a bunch of facts about the high levels of germs under light switches, the remotes, the surfaces in the bedroom, the bed sheets...it is

really gross!”

While she naturally – and strategically – gravitates towards current and topical discussions, she typically steers clear of issues that could have a more comedic aspect and gets down to business with the serious matter at hand. For example, one topic close to her heart, due to her own grandmother, is Alzheimer’s disease.

That being said, she doesn’t shy away from a good point and if she personally disagrees with the side she has been assigned, it is a challenge she meets head-on.

“[Then], it is hard to be persuasive and convince everyone else to agree with it, but it is something you learn with experience and you really don’t have a choice!” she says. “The most recent debate topic I actually found interesting was whether or not Canada should have its own space launch and flight program.

“This is something I hadn’t really explored before or had much knowledge on, but it was interesting to research. I had no idea how much it would cost, some of the pros and cons of it, and that is something I found really interesting.

“The best debate topic I ever got was, ‘BE IT RESOLVED THAT child beauty pageants should be banned.’ I think it is rare that I have enjoyed having a debate topic this much. I was lucky because I did get the side I wanted to debate, which is it should be banned and I just felt this was a really fun topic. I love the show Toddlers and Tiaras, so I was quite knowledgeable on the subject!”

For the record, she does want them to be banned for the pressure it puts on small children with fake nails, teeth, and other...accoutrements.

As for her coach, Ms. Windham-West couldn’t be prouder.

“It is very exciting and I am obviously exceedingly proud of Natalie’s achievements,” she says. “We’re pretty much ready to go. We have two weeks before we leave for



Grade 9 student Natalie Ganzhorn, left, will be debating against international competitors in the World Debating Championships, to be held in Durban, South Africa this month. Coached by Kerstin Windham-West, right, both are looking forward to the adventure and competition the journey has in store.



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South Africa, so we have been furiously working on speeches and we have been working on choosing a topic together.

“I am looking forward to seeing Natalie on the world stage and I think she is going to be really competitive.”



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we have so many pre-1900 buildings, more so than the northern area and within walking distance,” he said, noting his opposition to the proposed Hillary McIntyre Park just north of the quadrant. “I felt that we had everything there and we didn’t need to proceed with a park. I look forward to this study unveiling more. When I walk that area, everyday there is something new I uncover that I didn’t know about that area. I just think that if you’re going to look for a template for a heritage square area, and I think the term I used was Aurora Heritage Square and Cultural Learning Centres because the number of churches, the Library, the Cultural Centre, we didn’t need to spend \$5 million. We had it already available to the taxpayer for so little.”

Ms. Kelly, however, argued there is room in Town for both visions.

“Look at the City of Toronto,” she said. “At one time, they had what was the O’Keefe Centre which had the ballet, the opera and everything and now we have an opera centre, we have a ballet

house, several theatres, so we can make room for everything. I think we need to move forward and think that way because like I said before there were different classes, and there always will be, and there will be different experiences in Town. There were different experiences of how people live and let’s celebrate all of that.”

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Iron axe find sheds new light on nearby medieval village

By Brock Weir

For people using the 404 to commute every day between Aurora and Toronto, it may be difficult to imagine that just beyond the eastern side of the busy thoroughfare lie the remains of a thriving medieval village.

But that is just the case in Whitcurch-Stouffville with the Mantle Site, the remains of a 16<sup>th</sup> century village inhabited by thousands of Wendat (Huron) people before they migrated northward.

Evidence of the village was first uncovered in 2002 during a routine archeological investigation of a site slated for development.

Several years of excavations later, archeologists involved in the dig returned to our neighbours to the east Monday for the official book launch of The Mantle Site: An Archaeological History of a Huron-Wendat Community by Dr. Ron Williamson and Dr. Jennifer Birch.

Bringing with them several artefacts uncovered from the site including pipes bearing intricate effigies and other tools, one of the showpieces of the exhibition was a startling discovery made public years after the dig had commenced – a wrought iron axe head.

“That appeared in our sights late in the process,” says Dr. Williamson. “The site was excavated between 2003 and 2005 and it is one of those stories where you read about and wonder, ‘why are they only talking about it now?’ It takes that long to go through all the artefacts and go through the record of a place like this and figure it all out.”

His lab manager placed a bag of artefacts on his desk in 2004, identified the piece of iron, but was puzzled on what it actually was. So too was Dr. Williamson, but a battery of tests revealed its true origins.

“I looked at how securely it was positioned within the Huron features, as opposed to anything relating to the 19<sup>th</sup> century occupation of the property, and it seemed pretty clear it related to the Huron occupation. I was admittedly confused in the beginning and I wasn’t sure why. I asked my assistant, Andrea, to work on that and she is the one who suggested

doing x-rays to find out it was wrought iron. The marks lead us to the Basques and this might be the earliest piece of trade iron in the lower Great Lakes.”

The subject of the axe was recently discussed in the History Channel documentary The Curse of The Axe. A weighty name for such a small object?

“If you think about it, this is the first piece of iron that sits in a community here, literally 100 years before the Huron meet their first European, and it is very much a harbinger of what is coming, which is the decimation of the Huron,” says Dr. Williamson.

“Most scholars think that between the Huron, and the ones who lived next to them in the Collingwood area, there were probably about 30,000 Huron. Between 1630 and 1640 all but 12,000 died, so by the 1640s there were really only 12,000, so that decimation by European diseases is something they carry with them to this very day.

“When they see that piece of iron and realise it is kind of the first European object amongst them, they realise what that means.”

Since their findings were made public and more people have an appreciation of what was previously thought of as simply farmland, Dr. Williamson says he has been pleased with the interest it has stirred up in this part of York Region and has found that people are taking more of an appreciation of their surroundings.

“They didn’t know there was a 10 acre community with 1,800 people living on that site which required 2 kilometres of corn fields and required 18,000 deer hides to clothe them,” he says. “When people start thinking about it they realise what a mammoth community that was here 500 years ago and they do take an ownership of it.”

Since the discovery, Dr. Williamson and his team are keen to track the group as they migrated northward, and would like to take a closer look at some sites in Aurora they believe might have been a settlement stop along the way.

*The Mantle Site is published by Rowan and Littlefield and is available in stores and online.*

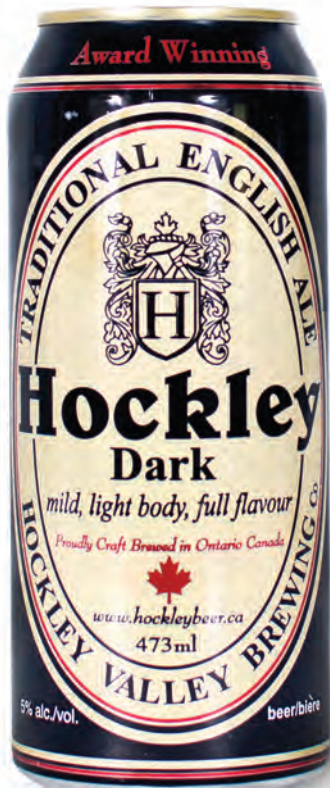


SENIOR STARS

Local seniors were honoured for their contributions to the community Saturday at the Aurora Seniors’ Centre as part of the new 2013 Community Awards Gala. Founded by Aurora resident Elisha MacMillan as a creative, outside-the-box way to honour seniors who give back, recipients included Shirley Cook (top) who was awarded “Radiant Sunshine Personality”, and (bottom) Jo-anne Spitzer, who was named “Volunteer Extraordinaire”. For further coverage of the event, look in next week’s edition of The Auroran.

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**IN HAPPIER TIMES:** Members of Lucid Community Development joined Council less than a month ago for approval of the Aurora Live Music Festival, slated for Machell Park at the end of July. In a dramatic turn Thursday, most members of the team parted company with founder George Roche. From left: Canadian Idol winner Brian Melo, Councillor John Abel, Mr. Roche, So You Think You Can Dance Canada's Miles Faber, broadcaster Christine Bentley, Councillor Paul Pirri, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, Councillors Sandra Humfries and Evelyn Buck, Canadian Idol judge Farley Flex, and Councillors John Gallo and Michael Thompson. **Auroran photo by Brock Weir**

## The show must go on says Lucid director following mass resignations

By Brock Weir

Star wattage planned to shine at July's Aurora Live music festival at Machell Park dimmed significantly Thursday following the sudden and dramatic resignation of many of the people that laid the very groundwork for the event.

Plans for the festival, slated to take place at Machell Park on July 27 and July 28, were thrown into disarray with the resignations of former Canadian Idol Judge Farley Flex, Canadian Idol winner Brian Melo, So You Think You Can Dance Canada finalist Miles Faber, former CTV broadcaster Christine Bentley, and musician Jamie Shear, among others, from the board of Lucid Community Development.

In a statement sent out Thursday morning, the group of eight board members, said they had dissolved their partnership with the group, and its director, George Roche, after an "intrinsic difference in business philosophy."

They said they realised the move came at an "inopportune time" in light of Aurora's plans and apologised for the "timing and inevitable inconvenience."

Speaking to The Auroran shortly after the announcement, Mr. Flex said the differences between the members and Mr. Roche were "irreconcilable."

"Whenever I get into a relationship of any kind, I try to recognize the common denominators, respect the differences and then move forward," said Mr. Flex. "If the differences are irreconcilable, you have to make a decision and it is unfortunate. I am hoping the collateral damage is minimal."

"The list of people share the same perspective and those differences could not be resolved in the foreseeable future."

Differences had always been there between the two men, but Mr. Flex said he saw these as "surmountable" issues. It became apparent to him, however, late in the game that that was not necessarily the case based on their own "brand" and "integrity".

As for Mr. Roche, he says he was blindsided by Thursday's announcement and was still "trying to make sense of it."

"He cites a difference in business philosophy and I am unclear as to over the months when the differences of our philosophies took place," says Mr. Roche. "Since we spent so much time working together, I thought our philosophy was already concrete and understood. How we called that into question is puzzling to us."

Mr. Roche says his focus was the development of the Aurora Live Festival, while Mr. Flex had an interest in the "REAL School" concept, which would expose youth to all aspects of the arts and entertainment world from performance to support roles.

"I was instructed by the Town to focus on the Festival and nothing else," says Mr. Roche. "I advised Farley that was the focus. His interest seemed to increase in implementing 'REAL School' into the equation which the Town wasn't interested in at that time. I explained that to Farley and I was unsuccessful in getting him to realise that the way we need to get him to work is to listen to what the Town has requested and deliver."

Their decision to depart

the company has come over raucous debate over the Festival at the Council table on what exactly will be required by the Town for the festival. Despite assurances from Town Staff, and the people at Lucid, the heated arguments spilled out of the Council chamber into the pages of this newspaper and into social media, including a war of words aired online between Councillor Chris Ballard and Mr. Roche. When asked whether this increased scrutiny and controversy played a factor in their decision, Mr. Flex said it was not necessarily the correspondence itself, but questioning the "need to address an issue unless you make it an issue."

"There are different ways to approach any kind of opinion or conflict and everyone has their own philosophies," said Mr. Flex. "That particular incident was not a catalyst of any kind, but it is a recognition that we have a discussion about it and figure out was it right, was it wrong, and should it have happened or should it not."

"It would be unfair and unlike me to single out one particular thing. That's why I try to use the phrase philosophical. I can't change anyone's behaviour."

From Mr. Roche's

perspective, it is business as unusual and plans for Aurora Live are marching ahead with or without them. Council is set, however, to consider a further report from Parks and Recreation Director Al Downey, next week. Ahead of next week's General Committee meeting, Councillor Ballard said it was "unfortunate" things have unfolded the way it did, but Council should have done its "due diligence" to avoid the "embarrassing position we are in right now."

"I am still waiting for Mr. Downey's report on March 19 to tell us where he thinks we should go, but I think one of the attractions of Lucid was the powerful group of talented entertainers that were part of that consortium," he said. "If they are no longer part of that consortium, I think all bets are off. We'll have to see where we are at."

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, on the other hand, said this is simply a permit application for the use of Machell Park.

"It is unfortunate they have some issues but that is something they have to work through," he said. "It still comes back to the fact they came to us with an unsolicited proposal and they came to us for a permit for our park."

### Briefly

#### CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN

A Code of Conduct complaint lodged February 26 against a member of Council was withdrawn Friday afternoon, according to John Leach, Aurora's Town Clerk. The complaint was filed with the Town just hours before Councillors voted on a resolution to repeal their existing Code of Conduct and roll its contents into a newly drafted Code of Ethics, which would have much of the same guidelines but fewer penalties than the old document. Had the Code of Conduct complaint remained on the books, the Town would have had to hire an Integrity Commissioner to specifically examine the complaint, interview the key people involved in whatever the complaint turned out to be and render their findings and any associated punishments to Council accordingly. Mr. Leach was due to present a shortlist of possible Integrity Commissioner candidates to Councillors for their approval at next Tuesday's General Committee meeting. The Town targets a new Code of Ethics to be ready for approval by the end of April. Until that time, the Code of Conduct passed by the last Council term remains on the books.

#### HAVE YOUR SAY ON YORK REGION TRANSIT

York Region Transit (YRT) will hold a public information session next Wednesday, March 20 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library to discuss their 2014 Annual Service Plan. YRT plans to "consult with community representatives, members of Council, and residents as we assess all routes and service throughout York Region," according to Richard J. Leary of the Region of York. "[This] will allow interested residents to gain a better understanding of YRT and Viva's operations and strategies to be implemented in the upcoming year."

#### MARCH BREAK

March Break is in full swing. For a list of things you and your kids can do in and around town, check our Coming Events listings this week on Page 17.



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The cover of our February 26 edition featured a great photo by David Falconer of youngsters Emily and Madison bowling ahead of the Big Brothers Big Sisters' Bowl for Kids' Sake in Aurora. Accompanying them was their aunt, Janine. Their parents are Stacie and Mark.



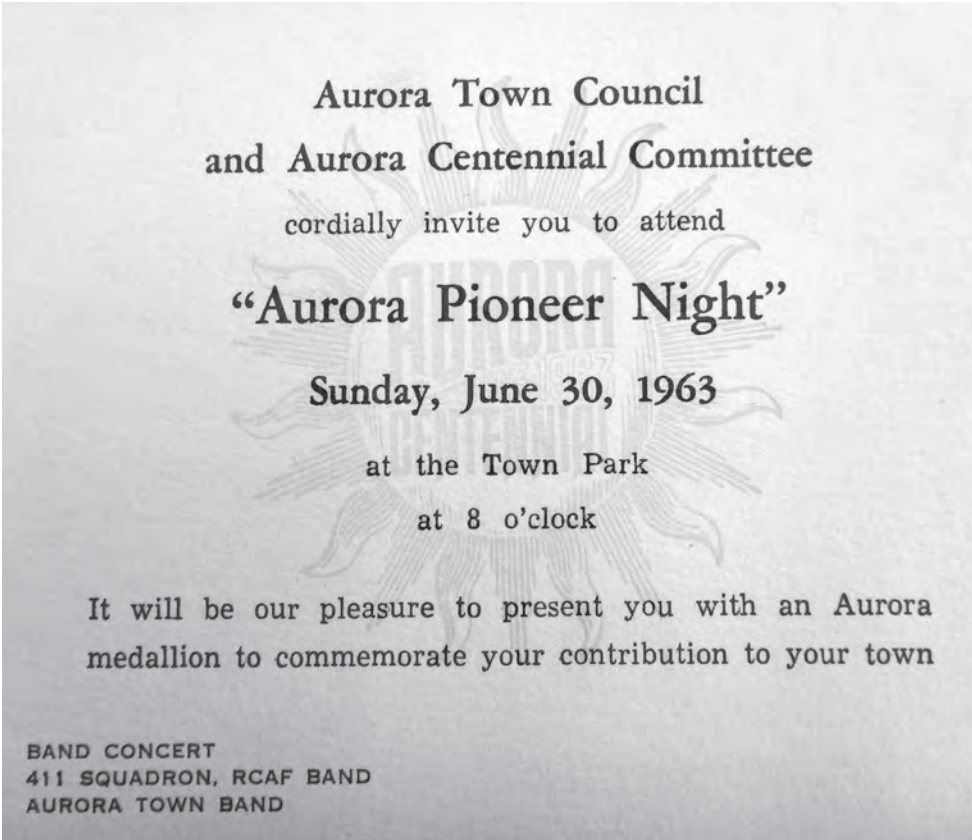
# AURORAN POLL

Do you think Aurora Council’s Code of Conduct should stay on the books?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Not in its current state



Please participate in our POLL – go to [www.theauroran.com](http://www.theauroran.com), scroll down and look to the bottom right of the home page to VOTE.



Aurora’s early days were remembered during its Centennial Celebrations 50 years ago with Aurora Pioneer Night at Town Park. Attendees were given a special medallion featuring the Centennial Logo and Aurora’s first locomotive, which are collectors’ items today. The next event in the Aurora 150 Celebration will be a military tattoo at the Aurora Community Centre on May 5.

Photo courtesy of the Aurora Historical Society

## Ottawa Report

### Protect Yourself Against Fraud

March is Fraud Prevention Month across Canada and around the world, and I would like to remind everyone to be vigilant.

Fraud comes in many different forms and the best way to protect yourself is to be aware of the fraudulent schemes out there. Remember that the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will not send information about your personal refunds or benefit payments by email, will not ask for personal information by email, and will not leave any personal information on an answering machine.

Canadians who receive an email or a phone call of this nature should not respond to it and should call the CRA right away. If you think you have been a victim of fraud, you should notify your financial institution and the local police. For more information on how to protect yourself against fraud, visit [www.cra.gc.ca/fraudprevention](http://www.cra.gc.ca/fraudprevention).

### 50,700 new jobs in February

Statistics Canada announced that employment increased by 50,700 new jobs in February. The unemployment rate remains at a post-recession low at 7 per cent - the lowest level in four years. February’s strong job growth and the over 950,000 net new jobs created since the depth of the global recession in July 2009 (90 per cent full-time and nearly 80 per cent private sector), are positive

signs that we’re on the right track for Canada’s economy. Indeed, Canada has the best job growth record among all G-7 countries in recent years.

Nevertheless, Canada is not immune to global economic challenges from beyond our borders. We have been and will continue to be impacted by ongoing turbulence in the US and Europe – among our most important trading partners. That’s why our Conservative government will keep working hard to help grow Canada’s economy and create jobs. The upcoming Economic Action Plan 2013 will do just that with positive pro-growth initiatives, while keeping taxes low and returning to balanced budgets.

### More Choices, Better Prices for Wireless Services

New measures have been announced that will increase competition in the wireless sector, providing Canadians with more choices and access to the latest technology at better prices.

Wireless services are changing our families, our work, and our economy and our government has worked hard to increase competition in the Canadian wireless sector to improve choices and



LOIS BROWN  
MP Newmarket-Aurora

reduce prices. In 2008, we set aside wireless spectrum for new entrants. Since then, a number of new wireless competitors have emerged and more importantly, we have seen wireless prices drop by more than 10 percent across Canada. The next step in our Government’s plan to build a more competitive wireless sector includes:

- Tightening the rules to increase cell tower sharing and thereby help to limit the construction of new cell towers.

- Expanding -- and extending -- the requirement for wireless companies to provide roaming on their networks to competitors.

- Using the upcoming wireless spectrum auctions to promote four competitors in each region of the country.

- Reviewing our policies on transferring wireless spectrum with the objective of promoting competition in the wireless sector.

### Defibrillators

Heart disease is a major problem in Canadian communities. That’s why our Conservative Government is committed to both helping prevent the disease, and ensuring that when heart attacks occur

the proper life-saving equipment is available.

In 2011, Prime Minister Stephen Harper pledged to place Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in hockey arenas across the country. Recreational arenas are often a hotbed of physical activity in smaller communities and they’re used for numerous events other than hockey, making them a likely location for sudden cardiac arrest victims.

Through a four year program our Government will give \$10 million to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The first \$300,000 will be used to scout ideal arenas and locations for the defibrillators, with a special emphasis on rural communities. After these locations are found, the remaining money will be used by the Heart and Stroke Foundation and their partners to place defibrillators in arenas nationwide and train associates how to use them. This coincides with action being taken by our Government to combat heart disease: \$5.2 million annually to the Cardiovascular Disease Program, increased research investments, and increased investments in promoting healthy, active lifestyles.

*If you would like to contact me on these or any other issue, please call 905-953-7515 or visit my website at [www.loisbrown.ca](http://www.loisbrown.ca). I look forward to hearing from you.*

## Bugs Beats Ben in Favorites Fight

Last Tuesday, movie-goers expected a typical night. They were anxious to see the award-winning Argo starring Ben Affleck which was about to start. Little did they know that there would be a little extra that evening.

Sitting in the semi-darkened room, they munched on popcorn and sipped on juice or other refreshment. And then, the room went dark and the screen turned blue as it always does just before the movie starts.

They expected to see the introduction screen to Argo, but instead, up popped the Bugs Bunny logo and that popular tune everyone must surely recognize. Immediately, oohs spread across the room. Faces in the crowd beamed as the comical rabbit confronted a Scottish bagpiper. Thinking the bagpipes was a monster attacking a lady, Bugs quickly sprang into action.

The audience roared with delight as the scene unfolded. Clearly, this cartoon, “My Bunny Lies Over The Ocean” was the perfect surprise.

The main feature was in deep contrast to Bugs. Argo, based on a true story, opened with riots in the

streets of Iran where American Embassy officials feared for their lives. A handful of them escaped through a back door and found refuge in the Canadian Embassy.

It was Ben Affleck’s job to go in and rescue them under the guise of making a space movie. Argo was filled with tense moments, leaving the audience captivated until the final scene when everyone was finally safe.

Ben won the day in Iran, but the battle against Bugs didn’t go quite as well. Bugs left many guests with warm fuzzy feelings as he triggered memories of youth, when a cartoon always ran before the feature movie.

One gentleman was very grateful to movie night organizer Mike Ilkiw for playing Bugs Bunny.

“He was very emotional and happy because he had not seen a cartoon before the feature movie since he was a kid,” Mike says. “He took his father to the movies for the first time and the cartoon was Bugs Bunny. His



SENIOR SCAPE  
Sylvia Dickens

father couldn’t get over the fact that the rabbit could talk. They always went together to the movies hoping that the cartoon was Bugs Bunny. Tonight made his day and brought back fond memories.”

A couple of ladies who sat near me said they felt that Bugs was the best part of the evening.

Sorry Ben, but you just got beat out by another Oscar-winner, Bugs Bunny.

Movie night has changed immensely in the past eight months. Being the new organizer, Mike takes a lot of care to ensure his guests have a great evening. He has a lot of plans for the future, including making sure he provides a good variety to appeal to different audiences.

By reviewing each movie he is confident that the topic is appropriate for a general audience and in good taste.

He aims to offer everything from modern themes to classic black and white movies, like “So Proudly We



Movie buffs Sylvia and Jim Gilchrist load up on popcorn in preparation for an evening of entertainment. Movie night organizer Mike Ilkiw makes sure his guests are comfortable and serves refreshments to keep them happy.

Auroran photo by Sylvia Dickens

Hail” scheduled for March. That movie won four academy awards in 1943. It is a story of nurses and events surrounding Pearl Harbor.

If you like the cartoon idea, you won’t be disappointed. He’s going to start adding them to the agenda.

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# Letters to the editor

## Gallo responds to criticism, wants to “turn page”

Mr. Francis, I read your second letter to the editor of March 5. You suggest that I have not attended a number of events held in Town. You also suggest “I have no idea what I was elected to do”. Allow me to correct a few things.

**Santa Under the Stars** – you suggest I was not there, wrong, I was there with my family (I asked if I could have my family join me on the float and it could not be accommodated... understandable),

**Canada Day Parade** – attended, not for long, but was there,

**Arctic Adventure** – attended with my family.

I would agree with you that I don’t attend every event held by the Town. My priorities are my family. I have a responsibility to my children and when schedules conflict, they win. I’ve offered to meet you (that still stands) and perhaps, if I know what you look like, I will make an effort to say “hi” if I see you at any future events.

As far as not

understanding what I was elected to do, I am confident the people who voted for me certainly did not do so because they wanted me to attend every social event the Town holds.

I am confident they voted for me to work hard at the council table in their best interest. My preference has always been to do my work at the table and communicate to the public what we are doing, in any way possible.

Mr. Mayor, I want to start by confirming that I understand you are frustrated with the events that took place regarding the Aurora Live Music Festival. As you could see, so were we (Councillor Ballard, Councillor Gaertner and myself).

We chose to provide the public with facts with specific examples. We chose to analyze how decisions are made at Town Hall.

We chose to communicate to the public where staff went wrong

when we were not allowed at the Council table (my memo). We chose to raise public concern over what Council was approving regarding the music festival. We chose to do it in a respectful manner. Allow me to highlight your comments:

“Three Councillors took the deliberate steps to misinform our public”, “this is not only irresponsible but unfairly vilifies or staff and compromises the integrity of Town Hall,” “to see elements of a working draft paraded in front of the media is reprehensible.”

Does this “re-establish civility at Town Hall”, as you write? Does your criticism of us for raising issues to the public “open the lines of communication”, as you write? Does disagreeing with adding my memo (for information) to the agenda “establish a decorum that encourages vigorous debate”, as you write?

Are you suggesting,

“there is ample opportunity to discuss issues at the Council table and...question issues and proposals in that forum” only, as you write?

It recently become public knowledge that [members of the board] are no longer associated with Lucid Community Development Group. I spoke with Farley Flex and he advised that they are no longer participating in Aurora Live as a result of “intrinsic differences in business philosophy” between the nine of them and Lucid. I made the call to Mr. Flex to verify whether our involvement had anything to do with their decision. They have issued the following statement:

“The former members of Lucid CDG would like to state emphatically that their decision was not based on anything that transpired with or at Aurora Council. Again, this was strictly based on an intrinsic difference in business philosophy”.

I also did this because I suspect some may suggest that they left as a result of making these issues public.

Mr. Mayor, I’m not sure if this latest development has changed your mind. Nonetheless, I regret the way this whole issue went down. I strongly believe

that if our concerns about the proposal did not fall on deaf ears, we would have been much farther along. I hope this is a learning

lesson and we can all turn the page.

**Councillor John Gallo**  
**Aurora**

### Letter writer “doth protest too much”, says reader

(Re: “Wither the Councillors?”, March 5, 2013, Page 4)

This is in response to Mr. Francis’s Letter to the editor “Whither the Councillors?” He doth protest too much about Councillors missing appearances for “photo-ops” at various Town functions.

The real measure of whether Councillors or the Mayor are doing their jobs they were voted in to do is how they deal with issues at Council meetings. I am not interested in how many times our town representatives make it into group photos or attend

functions that basically are used by many to appear that they are representing the taxpayers.

We have a disturbing trend in our society where voters are being swayed by the cult of celebrity. Superficial and empty speeches are given too much credence.

From my experience at several council meetings I have attended, I have been very impressed with the critical thinking skills of those singled out by Mr. Francis, Councillors Gaertner, Ballard and Gallo.

**Shelley Wister**  
**Aurora**

## Neighbours support Heritage Community

**From page 4**  
characteristics of our community be preserved and enhanced to stimulate pride in Town history, plus benefit future cultural endeavors for the social wellbeing of all. Many Wells St. Neighbours agree revitalizing the downtown center is economically important, however protecting built and natural heritage is equally important as it plays a vital role in attracting citizens and tourists to the downtown core.

The Town of Aurora takes pride in its built heritage having won several provincial and national awards. This year, the Town is celebrating its 150th anniversary of the Incorporation of the Village of Aurora, and Wells St. Neighbours are pleased that our community, which forms part of the Village, has played a vital role for the

past 150 years and desires to continue.

We are equally delighted to be identified as part of the Town’s ‘Cultural Hub’ by the Promenade Study, and expect future planning will use the study’s recommendations to both protect heritage features and guide future builds and enhancements.

The Heritage Conservation District Study is also designed to aid in future planning and building by first identifying the historic architecture and natural landscape features of our neighbourhood. Secondly, a set of bylaws will be written to protect the present heritage and sensitively steer what will be built in the future.

By complimenting and enhancing the heritage features of the downtown core, and neighbourhoods radiating outward from it, the Town’s past

remains vital. Everyone has opinions on what is needed, however, taxpayers’ money should be invested in the needs identified by the majority of citizens - this includes common cultural goals, all arts disciplines, plus the mosaic of people living and working in Aurora both past, and presently.

As the latest planning initiative of the Library Square gets underway, Wells St. Neighbours, the present stewards who must live with the decisions Council makes going forward, trust the Heritage Conservation District Study will preserve the unique heritage characteristics of our beloved neighbourhood while responsibly piloting future building or enhancement for the benefit of all.

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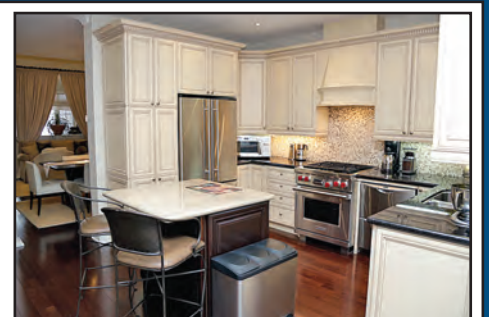
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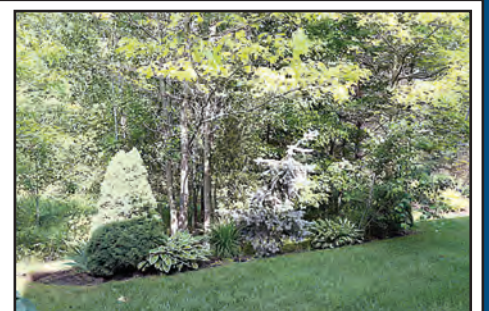
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# Redevelopment will be important in the decades to come: Mayor

By Brock Weir

Although sod has is yet to officially turn on the new 2C residential and commercial developments near Leslie and Wellington, its impact on Aurora is already being forecasted for years to come.

When all is said and done, on the west side of Leslie Street, over 3,000 new homes will be built, the west side will be filled in by commercial developments and the tax assessment from the result will have Town coffers significantly replenished with a further boost to the local economy.

This land, which is roughly bordered by Town limits with Newmarket in the north, Highway 404 in the east, Wellington Street in the south, and Bayview Avenue at its most westerly point, is Aurora’s last large scale chunk of land available for development – but what then?

In this second of two parts of The Auroran’s interview with Mayor Geoffrey Dawe on the state of the local economy, the Mayor looks at what faces Aurora in the years and decades ahead.

“We’re looking at the development money that will come out of 2C and the tax assessment that will come out of that,” he says. “People are going to be buying groceries, they’re going to be going to the dry cleaners, and they’re going to be going to the hardware stores, so I think there will be a substantial impact [on the economy].”

Land, however, is a done deal. As the threadbare phrase goes, “they’re not making anymore.” Short of annexing parts of

Whitchurch-Stouffville, most developments following 2C will be estate or infill developments here and there. Once Aurora reaches build out, it is time to reassess, says the Mayor, look at new opportunities and redevelopment potential.

“I think we would need to adjust the way we do business,” he says. “As we get to build out, we will have to adjust how we do business. The planning and development departments would automatically downsize just because we’re not getting all that, but parts of our business will grow out.

“We will have more services, facilities, and that kind of thing [and] we have to ensure that we’re being careful in how we have managed our business. In keeping the economy robust in Aurora, we just continue to ensure we provide the best possible service we can to ensure that businesses come into Town and stay in Town.”

The Mayor spoke weeks before local business leaders and interested parties and stakeholders alike came to Town Hall for a brainstorming session on how to do just that. Their ideas ranged from a dedicated advocate for Aurora businesses, more “destinations”, building Aurora’s image within, and establishing a newer, more attractive image for businesses and outside investors.

During the interview, Marco Ramunno, Aurora’s Director of Planning, said the initial groundwork his department had done with people interested in business improvement and

retention has been positive with over 200 business owners taking part, but when Aurora gets to the point of build-out, changes in approach will be more than necessary.

“Once we build out in our 2C and green field area, we will focus on our redevelopment opportunities and naturally our builders and developers out there, if they are interested in coming to Aurora – and I think they are – they will be looking at redevelopment opportunities and intensification opportunities within our Downtown Yonge Street and Wellington Corridor,” says Mayor Dawe. “That takes longer to evolve over time, as opposed to new subdivision type requirement.”

Underscoring his point, the two said the recently approved Wells Street School House lofts, which was recently approved to revamp and add a two-storey addition for condos in the venerable old building, was a prime example of this redevelopment and similar opportunities that might be out there.

The Wells Street School, however, is in Aurora’s Downtown Core, and lest people have concerns on how intensification and redevelopment could impact the Town’s “small town feel” residents often cite as a key selling feature, there is a delicate balance that needs to be struck.

“I think you have to look at the size of the development that is going in before the old Thompson’s Furniture building was turned over



**Aurora cadets with the Queen’s York Rangers welcomed their counterparts from Brandon, MB on Friday at Town Hall. The Cadets were here as part of the Inter-provincial Cadet Exchange Program and in addition to their roast beef dinner at the Skylight Gallery with Mayor Geoffrey Dawe and other officials, the QYR will take their guests to see Niagara Falls, the CN Tower, and the Hockey Hall of Fame. Pictured above with Mayor Dawe are Konnor Chelowki, Heather Windsor, Matthew Meeches, and Kyler Chelowski.**

for the new Aw Shucks,” says Mayor Dawe. “There were a couple of developers who came in and looked at [building up] and they couldn’t make it work with the narrow footprint and height restrictions so they chose not to go forward.

“We [Council] needs to look at whether there is an application that perhaps makes sense where we can perhaps go to eight storeys as opposed to seven. That comes to Council and Council can make that determination, but if you look to probably one of our largest re-development areas, the northwest corner of Yonge and Wellington [the former grocery store], that’s an area where I think you could easily achieve pretty substantial development.”

With further development, redevelopment, and intensification comes more people, more commuters, and generally pressure on

local roads to handle the burden. To this end, Mayor Dawe says making the long-planned interchange between St. John’s Sideroad and Highway 404 would go a long way to easing the pressure on Wellington Street and, consequently, the Yonge and Wellington intersection.

The interchange, however, is the responsibility of the province, while Yonge and Wellington falls to the Region.

The Auroran’s full interview with Mayor Dawe can be viewed online at [www.theauroran.com](http://www.theauroran.com).



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## Canada Day will honour Aurora’s oldest “residents”

By Brock Weir

Few things in Aurora have lived here during the Town’s entire 150 years, but plans are afoot to create a lasting memory of these few living survivors.

The Aurora Arboretum plans a special nature walk through its grounds on Canada Day, culminating in the dedication of a special 150 year old tree on the property, which runs from John West Way, northward towards St. John’s Sideroad and Industrial Parkway.

“We’re interested and excited about the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Aurora and we have been trying to think about what we could do to celebrate in a proper way,” said John Clement of the Aurora Arboretum. “We had a lot of different ideas and a lot of different discussions and then we realised we represent the inhabitants of Aurora who are here and were here 150 years ago – and those are the trees.

“We have trees in the Arboretum that are 200 years old and we have trees throughout the

Town of Aurora that are 150 years old, so they were quite substantial when Aurora was founded.”

Of course, you can’t tell precisely how old a tree is without cutting it down and counting the rings, or taking a core sample at the very least, but the Arboretum had a shortlist of candidate trees that fit the bill, eventually whittling it down to one prime specimen – although they will remain mum on which tree has been selected to represent the elder arbour-statesmen until closer to the big reveal on July 1.

“We have chosen the tree, we’re keeping some of this under wraps because it is more exiting to have a big reveal,” said Mr. Clement, adding they are preparing signage to incorporate the history of the Town, the Tree, an image of the tree in full foliage, and official Aurora 150 logo.

“The tree will be dedicated and the sign unveiled on Canada Day,” he said. “It won’t be too far a walk from [Canada Day celebrations] at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex and Lambert

Willson Park, and we will have an all-ages interpretive walk with elements of both nature and history involved in it.

“There is not a lot else living in Aurora that was living 150 years ago, and the dedication of this tree is not just this tree, but

it stands for all the other trees that have spanned Aurora’s entire 150 years. We hope the tree we have chosen will be around for the next 50 to 100 years – we don’t want a tree that is going to keel over so we can count its rings next week!”

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## Parking is paramount with Library Square's future

By Brock Weir

They paved paradise to put up a parking lot, but could the old Aurora Library and Seniors' Centre site have the same fate?

Perhaps, if some residents who turned out to a recent public meeting to determine the future of Library Square on Victoria Street have their way. Brainstorming focused on the future of the two buildings whose future has been in question since they were replaced by the new Aurora Public Library at Yonge Street and Church Street, and the new Aurora Seniors' Centre on John West Way in 2001 and 2002 respectively.

While the two buildings have been rented and permitted out to various groups such as the Air Cadets, pre-school programs and Blue Balloon, a day program for children with difficulties, bringing in revenue to make the cost of operating the buildings neutral to the Town, the uncertainty has caused costs to repair and bring the buildings up to snuff to snowball.

While nobody has jumped on the bandwagon to shell out hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring both buildings – including roofing and mechanical equipment – back into

a semblance of their former glory, whatever replaces them has to address what residents feel is a shortage of parking in the downtown core.

“Until we solve the parking issue, we’re probably going to be going around in circles,” said resident David Heard.

Others, such as Mary O'Reilly, said there needs to be a serious review of previous parking studies in the area which, they said, count parking spots reserved for public businesses as among those parking spots downtown available for public use. Gordon Barnes said however the Library Square site pans out, if there is further space for parking, the Town should seriously consider re-implementing pay parking throughout not just Downtown Aurora but throughout the municipality.

“There is no free lunch,” he said. “The taxpayers have to pay for it. Why not the guy who is actually parking there.”

“I think I could have a nice vacation if I auctioned off my parking spot,” added Reccia Mandelcorn of the current Library. “Whatever it is, I don't think we can avoid the parking issue because we all want to maximize our

services.”

Although parking is an issue, residents attending the brainstorming session did not want to simply raze the site to build the proverbial parking lot. There are issues to that, of course, such as whether there should be above or below-ground parking; large excesses of water underneath the buildings, including the Aurora Cultural Centre, could make that an engineering nightmare.

The attendees, however, were clear about one thing – they wanted a long-term vision of the role the site will play in Aurora's future.

“We need something that will become our heart in Downtown Aurora,” said Klaus Wehrenberg. “It's location, location, location. That is important to where we are going to go in the Downtown Area. It needs to be part of a larger picture of 'Aurora Central.' All of these things need to contribute to the reinvigoration of Downtown.

“I don't think you can think of redoing the downtown without including the public spaces that we have. We don't have much, but this is one of them.”

Added Ms. O'Reilly: “Whatever we do has to think in terms of the future. We can't just

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Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, right, grapples with King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, left, on Thursday as sponsor Joe D'Addario of Nature's Emporium and Neila Poscente, President of the Southlake Foundation, look on. King is the proud custodian of the cup, which was awarded to them last year, after raising the most money amongst York Regional Councils for the annual Run/Walk for Southlake. This year's event takes place April 28 at the Aurora Community Centre.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

## Study could help establish Aurora's second Heritage District

By Brock Weir

After more than a year on the backburner, efforts to establish Aurora's second Heritage District took a significant step forward last month.

Council appointed two of their own to a new committee to oversee the establishment of the Southeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District. The proposed new area follows the success of the first heritage district in Aurora's Northeast quadrant. The new land in question is roughly bordered by Yonge Street in the west, the north side of Wellington Street East in the North, Centre Crescent at its most easterly point, and Kennedy Street East in the south.

The Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District (HCD) covers nearly 170 properties and was designated in 2006. It provides cohesive guidelines for new construction and development in the area and encourages ways to ensure the heritage feel of the neighbourhood.

A newly established HCD in the southeast would include many notable buildings and points of interest, including the Church

Street School, now home to the Aurora Cultural Centre, Town Park, Wells Street School, several historic churches, and the old Aurora Armoury.

“Southeast Old Aurora contains many significant public buildings, vistas, public open spaces, places of worship, and a rich variety of architectural styles,” said Marco Ramunno, Aurora's Director of Planning, in a report. “The Town Park has been a focal point for the community for many years and is home to the drill shed built in 1874 for the 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion York Rangers, and is the site where Hon. Edward Blake delivered his Aurora Speech to launch the Canada First movement.

“The proposed Southeast Aurora HCD study represents an opportunity for the Town to recognize a significant neighbourhood of historical homes and institutional buildings and spaces in the Town Centre. The establishment of an HCD would give the municipality the necessary tools to protect the special character of that neighbourhood by establishing a clear guiding policy through the Plan, as well as establishing a review process of alterations, additions and new construction to ensure that there is

compatibility.”

Going forward with developing a HCD in the southeast quadrant was approved by Aurora's Heritage Advisory Committee, and subsequently by Council, in the fall of 2011. It was only at the last meeting of Council, however, where the composition of a committee to drive these efforts began to take shape, appointing Councillors John Abel and Sandra Humfries as Council's two members. The decision came on the heels of the previous week's Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) where members expressed enthusiasm the plan was ready to get going.

“I am so excited to see this item here today,”

said HAC member Erina Kelly. “It has been seven years since we started and I am just delighted. I can't wait to see what history they uncover that we don't already know. I know there was quite a bit of history in our section, but I am sure there is more and I am just thrilled there will be more because the Native, the French, and the English were already there.”

Fellow HAC member David Heard said he has always felt passionate that this area of Town had what it took to be a template for a heritage and cultural focal point within the community.

“In this quadrant,

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