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Food Pantry, Irvine family sign the lease

The Aurora Food Pantry is moving.

Within the next month, the Food Pantry, currently located in a basement on Yonge Street, hopes to be operational in the former Aurora Cable building at 350 Industrial Parkway South.

Lawyers from both sides finalized lease papers earlier this week, and Rogers, the company that bought Aurora Cable Internet, has moved out of the building.

However, the building is still owned by the Irvine family, who operated ACI.

Jim Irvine earlier told The Auroran "we wanted to give something back to the community".

"The work of preparing the space to move in will begin immediately, anticipating being operational within the next month, said pantry board member Patricia Wallace, who is also in charge of coordinating the move. "For those people who may have difficulty getting to the new location, we are working on setting up a shuttle service and will be looking for volunteer drivers."

With the new facility, the Pantry

will have the space to serve more people at once, reducing line ups and wait times.

January's statistics show another large increase in use of the food bank over last year.

Currently the Pantry is open all day Saturdays and for a couple of hours Thursday evenings, twice a month.

"We are hoping to have more shelving donated, as well as other items, so we can operate efficiently in this much larger space and continue to focus our spending on food costs," Ms Wallace said. "Aurorans have been very generous in this last year with their cash donations and we hope this will continue as we strive to put together an efficient and safe operation."

Meanwhile, the Pantry is looking for people willing to pack, move and unpack.

If you can help, contact auro-rafoodpantry@gmail.com.

Negotiations are continuing with two other groups - Big Brothers Big Sisters of York and Hospice King-Aurora, who are also hoping to share space in the 14,000 square foot building.



This lamp-post, seen through the fog Sunday morning, has prompted neighbours to respond to the Town of Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill claim the post was erected without their knowledge, and sent a letter to the town and to The Auroran. Both appear on Page 6.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Granger resigns farmers' market

Councillor Stephen Granger has resigned his position as "Council Liaison" for the Aurora Farmers' Market.

The announcement came at Tuesday's council meeting following the presentation of a new constitution for the market at the Annual General Meeting a few days earlier.

"I wanted to bring it to council's attention that I will be relinquishing my liaison role and there will be considered the position of a marketing manager that will bring [the Farmer's Market] to that next level of success," he said. "At our annual general committee meeting we had a resounding, strong attendance,

and we have 11 volunteers and community leaders that are going to be part of the committee. They've got their new constitution which is pretty strong."

Councillor Granger said the Aurora Farmers' Market has grown rapidly over the years.

"Going back three and a half years ago, we first started with eight members on Temperance Street. We have actually grown to 43 farmers to what we now call the Aurora Farmers and Artisan Fair," he said. "We're at a point now where they are going to be on their own. That being said, they have all the plans

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Rotary hits Haiti goal

Citizens of Aurora outdid themselves in supporting the Aurora Rotary Club in its efforts to raise money for earthquake-ravaged Haiti, Rotarians agreed this week.

Putting up \$5,000 of its own money, the Aurora Rotary Club asked the community to kick in another \$15,000 and this week, Rotary treasurer Tony Anderson announced that more than \$21,000 had been raised.

It means that at \$1,000 each, the Aurora Rotary Club was able to provide 21 ShelterBoxes to homeless Haitians.

Of the amount, \$15,672 qualified to be matched by the federal

government, Anderson said. That amount of money was sent prior to the mid-month deadline.

The remaining money has been sent, the treasurer confirmed.

Helping the fund grow were two other Aurora service clubs: the Lions and the Optimists. Together, they kicked in \$6,000.

ShelterBoxes are equipped with a 10-person tent, and a range of other equipment including 10 sleeping bags.

Once assembled, the boxes will be banded, sealed and individually numbered so each box can be tracked and the Aurora Rotary Club will know its final destination.

Now, this is what you call team spirit

By MARCIA KAYE
Special to The Auroran

A new ministry team has arrived at Aurora United Church, and they're a team in every way.

Not only are Rev. Lorraine Newton-Comar and Rev. Andy Comar the new co-ministers of

the stunningly renovated historic church, they're also a married couple.

The husband-and-wife team moved to the area from Guelph before Christmas with their 16-year-old son and took up their new duties in January, right in the middle of the busy church-

and-school year.

"We knew that coming into the community midstream would be a busy time, but it's also been really wonderful. The welcome has been overwhelming," Lorraine said.

Since their arrival, the couple's enthusiasm, energy and

sense of humour have been drawing increasing numbers of people to the church and its many programs.

"For the January soup lunch following the service, we had so many people we were scrambling for chairs and bowls," said Colleen Abbott, chair of worship

committee and a member of the church choir.

Ms Abbott was on the search committee that was looking for a new ministry team, although not necessarily a clergy couple.

"I wondered about the idea of a husband-wife team," she said.

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

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

The Upper Canada Chordsmen, Aurora-Newmarket's award winning chorus, is looking for male singers. The group sings about love, friendship, family, humour and brotherhood and meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Old Firehall, 140 Main Street South, in Newmarket .

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

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

Every Thursday, Martha's Table serves home-made soup, sandwiches, and dessert in St. Andrew's Hall at the Presbyterian Church, corner of Mosley and Victoria Street. Cost is minimal, and the volunteer-run program enabled the church to give more than \$5,000 to local charities in 2008 alone. You can enjoy lunch, conversation, and a sense of community between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. weekly.

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

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

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

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

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

A drop-in centre will operate every Wednesday at the Community Bible Church on Bathurst Street just south of

Henderson from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information e-mail Judy Hoffmann jhoffmann@sympatico.ca.

Scottish Country Dancing on Tuesday evenings at 8.15 p.m. at the Aurora Heights Public School and on Friday mornings at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members are welcome. For further information call 905-841-1352 or 905-713-9356.

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

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

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

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

Progressive Euchre every Thursday night at the Aurora Legion at 7.30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

Canadian Federation of University Women holds monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Choir practice in the West-McKenzie Hall of the Seniors' Centre, every Wednesday from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. under the direction of Enid Maiz.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

The annual St. Andrew's College Cadets in Concert presents "A Musical Extravaganza!" at the school. Concert begins at 7.30 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets are \$15.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

The Aurora Public Library presents a free workshop on starting your own business, income tax, payroll withholding, Goods and Services tax/Harmonized sales tax and income and expenses from 6.30 to 9 p.m. in the Magna Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk or call 905-727-9493 option 4.

The Aurora Film Circuit presents "Creation", starring: Paul Bettany and Jennifer Connelly. The story is based on a biography penned by Darwin's great-great-grandson Randal Keynes using personal letters and diaries of the Darwin family. The movie happens at the Aurora Cineplex; doors open 6 p.m.; door prize 6.45 p.m., film at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at Aurora Public Library or R & R Books.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Aurora Public Library, in partnership with community agencies, presents five monthly parenting workshops until May. This month's workshop deals with disobedience and is for parents/caregivers of children ages 2-12 years. It's free. 7 to 8.30 p.m. in the Magna Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information desk, or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Learn about Printmaking and the Pop Art style of the 1950's with programmer Erin Wynn at the Aurora Public Library. This program is for children ages nine to 14, costs \$6. and happens between 7 and 8 p.m.

MARCH 25-28

Daffodils are among the first flowers to emerge from the recently defrosted

ground. The arrival of spring marks the beginning of the Canadian Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Days campaign. Bunches of daffodils will be available for \$7 each or \$12 for two. Volunteers will be selling daffodils at a variety of locations around Aurora including the LCBO, grocery stores and hardware stores across town. For more information call the Canadian Cancer Society Holland River Unit 905-830-0447

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Monte Carlo Night at the Aurora Seniors' Centre. 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Lounge entertainment by Joe Simpson. Refreshments and prizes. Members \$26 and non-members \$29.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Trinity Anglican Church on Victoria Street in Aurora presents the 90-male voice Tri-City Gospel Chorus at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Pancake Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vondorf Community Centre – 14663 Woodbine Avenue. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children. For further information, call 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

Aurora Public Library says the search is on for The Next Great Canadian Writer. A group will meet the last Tuesday of each month to write chapter by chapter, month by month, the first draft of a novel, a book of poems, or a memoir. A prize will be awarded to the winner of The Next Great Canadian Writer challenge. The Next Great Canadian Writer challenge is mentored by Aurora author Marnie Maguire. Program is available for writers between the ages of 12 and 17. The meeting will occur in the Marjorie Andrews Room from 7 to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

The Upper Canada Chordsmen, with members from Aurora and Newmarket,

present a "Sentimental Journey", a musical journey from the 1900's to the present, featuring the musical flavor of each decade. Show will be held twice at the Newmarket Theatre; a 2 p.m. matinee and a 7.30 p.m. evening performance. For tickets phone 905-953-5122

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Join local artist Philippa Hajdu to design and create your own Sacred Circles at the Aurora Public Library. This program is for children aged nine to 14, costs \$15 and runs for 1 to 3.30 p.m.

APRIL 23 AND 24

Aurora United Church spring rummage sale at the church, 15186 Yonge Street at Tyler. Times on April 23 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., for the individual sale and April 24 from 9 a.m. to noon for the bag sale. For further information, call 905-727-1935.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

The Dr. G W Williams Students' Council will host the second annual Spring Rummage Sale. Stay tuned for details.

Game design has spawned a multi-million dollar industry that creates and markets traditional board games, computer games, role playing games (RPGs), and card games, with new and exciting games always on the horizon. If you'd like to design your own game, here is an opportunity to learn from professional board game designer Bill Lewochko at the Aurora Public Library. This program is for children aged ten to 14 years, costs \$10 and will be held from 10 a.m. to noon,

SATURDAY, MAY 22

The Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society is having their annual plant sale at the Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge Street, Aurora from 9.30 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome.


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While Dorothy Clark McClure cuts the cake, recipients of Aurora's Ontario Heritage Trust recognition awards look on last week. In addition to Ms McClure, winners are, left to right, Robert and Michael Hess, Elizabeth Milner, John and Irene Clement and Harry Lumsden. They enjoyed a reception following presentation of their awards last week at a regular Aurora Council meeting. *Auroran photo by David Falconer*

Aurora honours 7 citizens for Ontario Heritage work

Seven Aurora residents were recognized at a council meeting last week and they received awards from the Ontario Heritage Trust.

As The Auroran reported last week, artist Dorothy Clark McClure was the recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Ms Clark McClure received the award from Lieutenant Governor David Onley in the presence of former Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander, along with Mayor Phyllis Morris at a ceremony at Queen's Park the previous Friday.

The Town of Aurora presented her with a certificate of recognition during the ceremony in the Council Chamber.

"Dorothy Clark McClure has devoted her life to capturing the spirit of Ontario's architectural heritage through art," said Donna Smith, Chair of Aurora's Heritage Advisory Committee while reading the citation. "She started painting as a means of preserving Ontario heritage.

"Her work is meant to inspire and make people more aware of their local heritage buildings. Her work motivated many people to save their heritage and to be proud of it."

Author Elizabeth Hearn Milner was honoured in the Cultural Heritage category for her book Aurora 1945-1965.

"[Looking back on her hometown] took so many years of research and hard work, and the end result was an extraordinary book called Aurora 1945-1965, covering a period of great change," said Mai Al Nabhan, Manager of Heritage Planning.

"The book is an impressive account of a time period which has not been covered in other published books about this community," she said. "For this reason it is an irreplaceable document."

Irene and John Clement were honoured for their work

preserving and promoting natural heritage through many local initiatives - including the Aurora Arboretum - in the awards' Natural Heritage category.

"Over the last few decades, Irene and John have been volunteering in the local and global community and both have maintained a passion for the environment," said Ms Smith.

Ms Smith noted the Clements purchased and donated countless trees and shrubs to the arboretum to attract specific species of birds.

"Irene and John's tree donations began in 2000, and Irene quickly became Chair of the [Arboretum's] Board and has been doing that ever since, now serving as president," said Ms Smith.

The Lifetime Achievement Category went to Harry Lumsden for his decades of work in science.

The Scotland-born Mr. Lumsden settled in Canada after the Second World War and began his work as a research scientist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in 1948.

"In 1982, he initiated the project of reintroducing trumpeter swans to Ontario," said Ms Al Nabhan. "To do so, Mr. Lumsden hatched them in incubators and used mute swans to raise the cygnets in the waters of Ontario. When he retired in 1988, he arranged with the Ministry to continue on with his work

"In 2004, Mr. Lumsden was made a Member of the Order of Canada in recognition of his outstanding work with trumpeter swans in Ontario, and [for] his devotion to the preservation of our natural heritage."

Two young brothers, Michael and Robert Hess, were honoured in the Young Heritage Leaders category as well.

"Michael and Robert volunteered for the past two years at multiple events at Hillary House

and the Sharon Temple, both national historic sites," noted Ms Al Nabhan. "Both Robert and Michael assisted at various functions including giving tours and Doors Open.

"[They] are fine examples of Aurora's young people. They not only care about our heritage but take the initiatives to promote it."

The Town of Aurora was also on the receiving end of a prize last week, which was recognized at Council along with the Aurora citizens.

Aurora was the recipient of the 2009 Lieutenant-Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Community Leadership.

Along with the receipt of the 2008 Prince of Wales prize, Ms Al Nabhan said the awards speak to the Town's dedication to heritage.

"Both awards are a great honour and testify to the hard work and ongoing commitment of the Town of Aurora to preserve its heritage, ensuring that it be protected for future generations," she said. "Through much work and commitment, the Town of Aurora has demonstrated what a developing municipality of its size can do to protect heritage, said Ms Smith. "This award validates the outstanding enthusiastic support for heritage conservation in Aurora."

860 parking spaces in covered building are now available

Construction of the GO parking lot, which has been causing traffic backups on Wellington Street East, is over.

The new 860-place covered lot opened for business Monday near the Aurora railway station.

The multi-level parking structure is located just

north of the existing east lot at the station.

According to GO officials, further enhancements to the station will continue until this spring.

Attempts to elaborate on the story fell short when no one from GO Transit could be found for comment prior to The Auroran's deadline.



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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Cultural Centre visit is a must

Before I went away for a week (thank you, Chris Ballard) I went to the first book launch ever held at the “new” Aurora Cultural Centre.

Of course, the centre is located in the hundred plus year old Church Street School, and what they have done to the old place is magnificent.

Definitely worth a visit, if you haven’t already seen it.

Like Hillary House, I was always afraid of visiting the Church Street School, because I was afraid I’d break something.

My love affair with the building goes back to March, 1969, after the Town of Aurora agreed the building could be used for the headquarters of the newly-formed York County Board of Education, and I, as a rookie reporter for the Aurora Banner, was instructed to “get a picture of the place”.

It was a Saturday morning, I recall, when I entered the building, and found only one person there: Ron McKnight, who was an architect for the newly-formed board.

I took the usual picture then followed that by becoming the Banner’s education reporter, a nice way of telling a newcomer that it was about the lowest assignment you could get.

I covered all the meetings, held on the second floor of the old school, where Sam Chapman was director of education and the late Keith Nisbet, once Aurora’s mayor, was the town’s first trustee.

He was replaced by Norm Weller and Weller was replaced by me.

Obviously, having the board of education in Aurora was a good thing for the town’s economy. The school board paid, I think, about a dollar a year to rent the facility, but stayed in Aurora when they outgrew the school.

The board, by then it was known as the York Region Board of Education, shared a new building with the Town of Aurora on Wellington Street West, where they still are. The Town now has its own place on John West Way.

My efforts to get the board to buy Sterling Drug at Yonge and Murray, (it was a steal then) fell on deaf ears.

Sterling would have been big enough to rent half the building to the separate school board and save them the expense of building their new structure on the Bloomington.

Cripe, the place was so big, director of education at the time Bob Cressman could have landed his private plane there.

But it was not to be and my vote lost.

At any rate, the Aurora Historical Society took over the Church Street School, but couldn’t see their plans through to fruition, so the Town of Aurora got involved, and voila, the Aurora Cultural Centre was born.

Although several projects have happened in the old school, there still hasn’t been an official opening of the “new” building, and I think it’s long overdue.

While the building maintains some of its old charm - the front stairway to the second floor is still there, as is the sliding wooden door on the second floor where the board meetings used to take place - I’m not afraid to touch anything in there anymore.

The original ceiling tiles (I have one, by the way) are still there and all the false ceilings have been removed, allowing the windows the opportunity to do what they were installed for: let in light, because electricity was unheard of when the school was built.

There are rooms where original blackboards have been maintained, and I was looking for holes in the floors where desks had once been bolted, but I guess someone filled them in.

If you get a chance to visit, take it. Parking may be a problem, but that’s another column.

ABOUT TREES

It’s amazing what you go through life thinking you know.

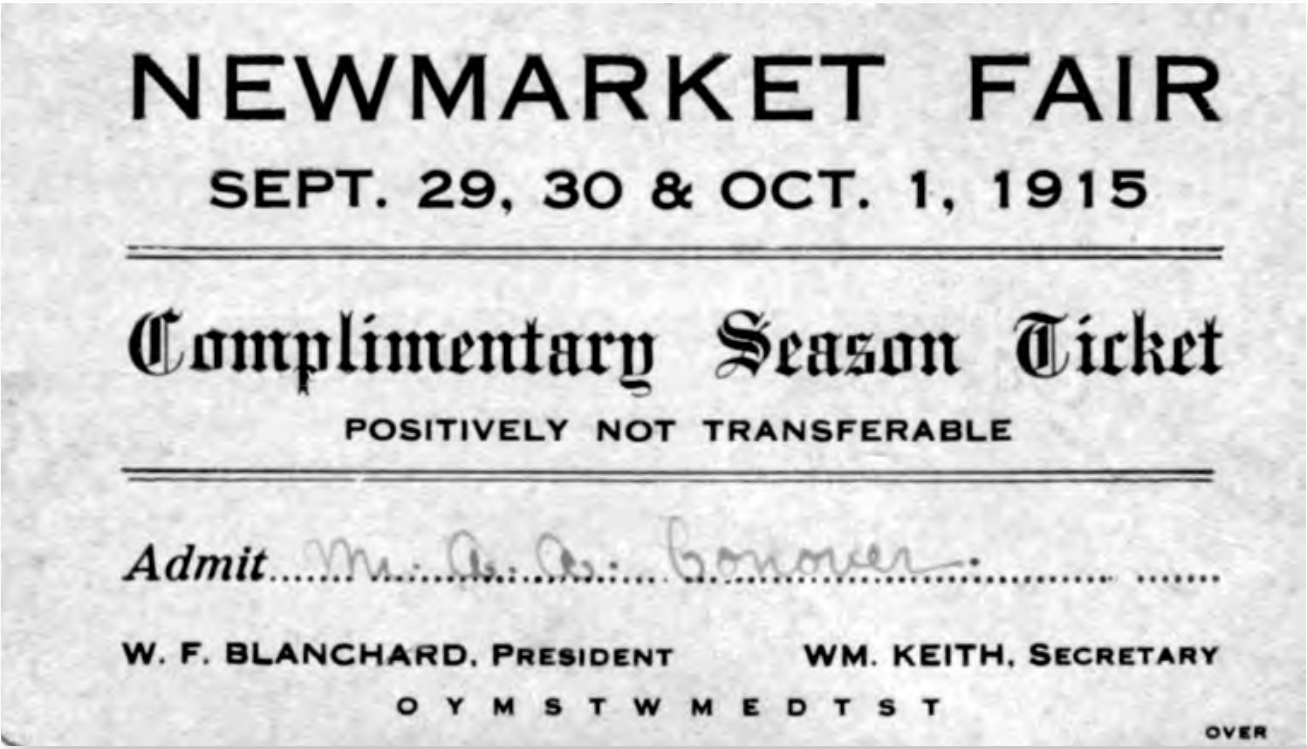
For more than 60 years, I always thought the Christmas tree in our house was a Scotch Pine.

Well, according to the Aurora Arboretum’s latest newsletter, it’s not a Scotch Pine; it’s a Scot’s Pine.

“If you have walked through the Arboretum, you may have noticed a large area of pine trees just west of the Town Hall.” the newsletter reports. “These were originally planted around 1930 by the Willson family, then owners of a farm called “Oakburn”. The trees are Scot’s Pine (pinus sylvestris), originally brought to Canada for reforestation programs from Scotland in the 1920s.”

Lambert Willson, there is a park named after him in Aurora, was an active supporter of the early Region of York Conservation Authority and sat on their Board of Directors for several years.

The things you learn.



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Steve and Tracey Hehn-Zwicker have been renovating their house at 50 Tyler Street for quite a few years now and came across this ticket dated 1915. While moving the oak wood trim in the hallway the ticket showed up. The name on it is Mr. A.A. Conover, the man who had the house built in 1913. Tracey, who runs a chiropractic clinic from the house, wants to know if anyone has any more information about the Newmarket fair.

Letter to the Editor

Plan seeks your input

Re: Trails Master Plan has been started

After more than two years of preparatory work by the members of the Trails committee, The Town of Aurora has now hired consultants for a Trails Master Plan Study. Because of the extensive preparatory work, a Master Plan should be in place before the fall municipal election.

The Master Plan will cover all of Aurora. Trails in green corridors are intended to allow Aurorans of all abilities, age, and means, to get out of their four walls, and out of cars.

To do it in pleasant environments, meeting our friends in nature, and meeting other Aurorans – and getting exercise, to boot.

The Master Plan will make sure that trails are being provided where links between homes and destinations such as parks, shops, schools and work places, and links to and between green spaces, are now missing and that those trails are as continuous and barrier free as possible, across the major roads and rail corridor. Not overnight, but gradually, through pro-active planning initiatives.

Already, as a result of good preparatory work of the Trails committee, Aurora Council has adopted the draft trails network for the north-east section of Aurora, ahead of major development for that area.

The Region of York has been asked to respond formally to a request by council that contemplates trail underpasses for Leslie Street and St. John’s Sideroad, ahead of those roads being widened to four lanes.

But these council decisions

don’t come out of the blue - they require inputs from citizens, from ordinary Aurorans. These pro-active steps by our council are very commendable.

Apart from the Trails Master Plan, Aurora is also currently in the process of other planning oriented studies.

The downtown corridor study, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the Official Plan Review are also ongoing.

Together, these efforts will have a major influence on what Aurora will look like, in even the foreseeable future – what the quality of life of Aurorans will be like.

The public, all Aurora citizens, are invited to participate in all of these studies, through their comments. In the case of the Trails Master Plan, there is an on-line questionnaire, which can be accessed through the Town’s main web-site, www.e-aurora.ca.

Efforts are also being made to provide a similar commenting opportunity for those who do not have computer access.

Again, progressive council decisions don’t come out of the blue. They are results of ordinary Aurorans commenting during planning efforts, and they are appreciated.

If you don’t participate you have no one but yourself to blame if the Master Plan has not dealt with what you envision as desirable, where you want improvements.

The Trails Master Plan is intended to be integrated into the Official Plan of Aurora, the document that sets out the official conditions under which Aurora’s development and re-development initiatives are

being implemented.

That is where most of the planning decisions are rooted when it comes to making Aurora a truly walkable community, and how, by what means, and to what degree, trails will be respected.

But first Aurorans have to participate – have to let the consultants know what their ideas are about a trails network.

The on-line questionnaire is the first opportunity. Then, at the Home Show, in April, Aurorans will be able to see some of the early results of the work that has gone into the Master Plan, and a draft of a map for the Town

wide trails network.

Aurorans will be able to comment, on the spot, and will be able to talk to Trails Committee members and the consultants.

Beyond that, there will be at least one public meeting, which will include discussions among all of those attending.

But for now, your thoughts are invited, via on-line input. Don’t miss the opportunity to respond to that questionnaire, and to comment in any way at all.

**Klaus Wehrenberg
Aurora**

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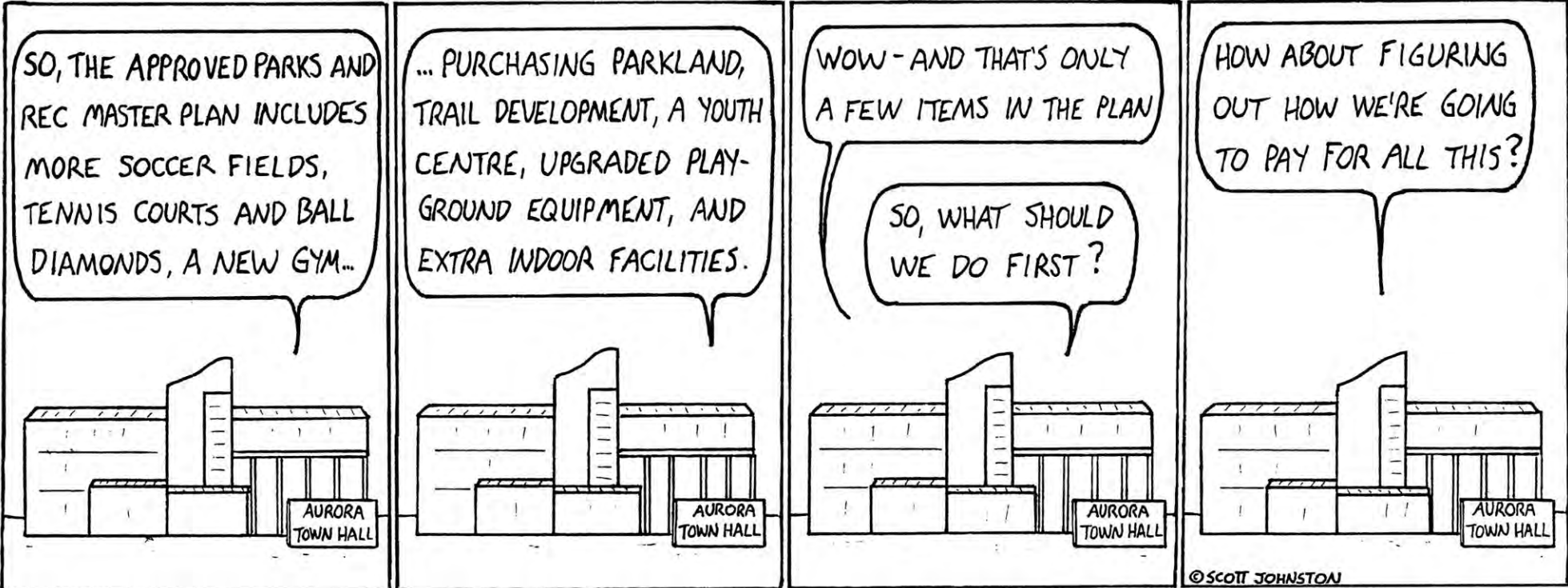
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Loyal readers may recall the column that I wrote a couple of weeks ago about Parasport Galore.

This is a wonderful program run out of the Magna Centre in Newmarket that promotes participation and exercise for the disabled.

This registered program, which began in January, offers a weekly experience of Paralympic sports including sitting volleyball, sledge hockey, wheelchair basketball, bocci, wheelchair curling and more.

This column leads to the following e-mail exchanges:

Hello Stephen;

"I enjoy reading your column and think to respond numerous times, but finally, I decided to put 'finger to keyboard' and send this email.

"You describe different issues and activities occurring in the local area and provide readers of The Auroran with new information and awareness.

"In the case of last week's article on the Parasport Galore, I have seen children at the Magna Centre gym when I go running on the track above, and know Pat McIntosh from other youth initiatives, so I was somewhat familiar with what the Town of Newmarket offers.

"Indeed, we had a high school student this fall on co-op at the Aurora Town front desk who uses a motorized wheelchair and is a very very avid sledge hockey player with the program, and now is wanting to volunteer for Pat.

"But it was your description of the range of activities now offered by Pat and Janis, the corporate support given, and larger network of non-profit organizations working together that made me so impressed.

"People may think that things happen magically, or that government and taxes only pay for such services.

"I hope your story creates an impression for people that so

much creative, hugely supportive, and good things happen when the three sectors get together. Indeed, I would submit it will be the only way forward.

"Re getting involved. Over 1,000 vacant volunteer positions open any given day, and over 3,500 non-profit/charity organizations in York Region. So, your efforts to inform people about their community are welcomed big time.

"Thanks for your good writing."

Rosemary Park
Information Aurora

Rosemary;
Good afternoon!

Thank you for the kind note. I like to profile the good work and activities that happen in our local communities - hoping that more people will become involved!

Could you send me some more info on the 1,000 positions and the 3,500 orgs - I would like to write a column about this. Thanks and Best Regards,

Stephen

Hi Stephen;

Not sure what your theme will be but here's some local numbers in terms of volunteer information (I put stats together from a community and government information website for York Region that Information Aurora helps maintain.)

National Volunteer Week runs from April 18-24 this year.

Since the York Region Community Information and Volunteer Centre ("YRCIVC") website was launched in 2004, there have been more than 922,000 site visits looking for infor-

Volunteers required

mation about volunteer opportunities.

People have been able to volunteer to help St. John Ambulance (the single most popular over time), perform non-profit agency office, fundraising, event administration, take care of stray and wildlife animals, serve as Scout leaders, help at retirement homes, at a hospital, library, hospice, conservation areas, municipal event, etc., serve as an information provider or counsellor for distress lines, be a Green Party local activist, participate in theatre or arts shows, and so on.

Since 2004, there have been more than 110,000 visits to the site looking for information about volunteer positions in Aurora.

4,207 local agencies and government departments list their services on the database. 1,459 agencies and government departments use the site to list volunteer opportunities.

Today, the YRCIVC website shows community groups or local governments needing 3,793 people to help volunteer for 394 different volunteer activities.

This can change daily as the organizations add new requirements, but generally there are more than 3,500 vacancies posted each day.

(I liken it to an EI rate for the local voluntary sector.)

No one has ever done a 'whole population' canvass to determine/estimate all of the volunteer positions in York Region.

Cheers
Rosemary

For more information you can also visit the Town website under Resident Services - Volunteer Opportunities Directory.

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Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

I never realized what a dire state our town's finances were in until I attended a recent Aurora council meeting.

And I found out before the meeting had even started.

I was just walking by a staffer standing near the door to the council chamber, when he said, "Excuse me sir, do you have a ticket?"

"Ticket?" I asked, as I paused.

"Yes, sir. There's an admission fee to attend council."

"What!?"

"It's just been introduced, after it was realized that council was providing hours of free entertainment. It all goes towards offsetting our annual tax increase."

"Okay," I sighed, fishing in my pocket for change. "How much is it?"

"\$15."

"\$15!" I blurted out. "That's ridiculous. Why, I could see the latest blockbuster movie in 3D for that amount."

"Yes, but this is in 3D as well. And if you're lucky, the meeting will run way longer than two hours, so that's far more entertainment for the same price. And don't forget that it is for a good cause, and all funds go back into the town."

"Yes, but who would pay \$15 to attend a council meeting?"

"You'd be surprised: parents watching their children receive

awards, people who have a vested interest in a council decision, folks who are anxious to speak at Open Forum...

"And don't forget that it's an election year. The viewing gallery always fills up with potential candidates, plus those who just want to get a handle on what the issues are."

"But they can watch it on TV."

"Not for long. Rogers will be shutting down televised coverage of council shortly, as they always do in the months leading up to an election."

Seeing I was reluctant, he added, "we're having a special this week; admission and a guidebook for only \$20."

"A guidebook? What would I need that for?"

"Oh, it's an invaluable resource. Not only does it include the agenda, but additional features such as committee schedules for the year, profiles on the council members, and contests."

"Contests?"

"Yes, there's a fun one this month," he said turning to the appropriate page. "Just correctly determine the number of agenda items that will be referred to staff to report back on, and win a prize."

Leaning closer and tapping the side of his nose conspiratorially, he whispered, "guess that all of 'em will go back - you can't go wrong."

Price of Politics

"Wait a minute," I said, coming back to something he said earlier. "You mean I have to pay for a guidebook, just to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda?"

"Not unless you brought one with you," he said, looking at my empty hands with a smile.

I'd come all this way to Town Hall, so grumbling, I purchased my ticket, and guidebook, and started into the Council Chamber.

But he had one more suggestion.

"Before you go in, you may want to visit the snack bar," he said, pointing to a small kiosk off to his left that I hadn't noticed before.

"But you can't ..." I started to say, before noticing that the signs forbidding eating and drinking in the chamber had been removed.

"That's right, sir," said the staffer, correctly identifying the connection I'd just made. "The ban on food and drink has been lifted. In fact, the snack bar's now one of the town's biggest sources of revenue."

After a moment's hesitation, I headed over to the kiosk.

After all, the meeting looked like it would be a long one.

If I was going to get full value for my admission, I was going to need an extra large coffee to stay awake through it all.

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Letters to the Editor

Reader opposes ward system

To the editor,

We now have an administrative restructuring that has cost several hundreds of thousands of dollars for studies and implementation. Our town's ability to deliver government is less efficient and far more costly, with additional staff whose sole job appears to aggrandize Morris. In a small community like Aurora, councillors

elected at large are far preferable to carving up the town using artificial boundaries that may make no sense when it comes to its peoples' representation. It is not uncommon in towns with ward systems that people become so disenchanted that they soon stop running for ward councillor and in the end there may be only one candidate and that person is ultimately acclaimed.

Once a councillor has been acclaimed and becomes an ongoing incumbent the odds of defeating this candidate decline dramatically. It is far better to have a group of candidates seeking election to council from across the broad spectrum of the community at large, candidates who are knowledgeable about all of the town's requirements, its strengths and weaknesses, so that they may deliberate on the basis of the total needs of the town and all its citizens.

If Morris and her gang persists in placing a ward question on the next public ballot it should be based on a simple geographic division which would eliminate experts' costs and interminable studies: simply take the four-corner intersection of Yonge and Wellington Streets and thereby create four wards. In addition to these

four ward councillors there **must be four councillors at large.** This would provide a far more balanced approach in representing the concerns of the town's citizens and dealing with them in a satisfactory manner. It would also eliminate some of the inevitable ward heelers that somehow manage to materialize out of thin air like rats and weasels, seeking

instant gratification. **George Hervey Aurora**
ED. NOTE: While this letter may appear similar to one that appeared in The Auroran by the same author two weeks ago, there are changes in it. The writer attempted to make changes but was too late for The Auroran's deadline. Therefore, we have reprinted the letter, with changes, here.

Ward system not needed, he says

To the editor,

So I see that our beloved dysfunctional Aurora Council is still at it. This time, so very perplexed at the question of whether or not we should have (need?) a ward system in the town. They continue to demonstrate (or at least some councillors) a trait of such indecisiveness that it boggles the mind. They have NOT, during their entire term, shown to the Aurora citizens,

that they can make a decision without sending it to staff for repeated studies, or in this case, taking it to the public with no less than three time-consuming and costly meetings. Why is the current town council trying to bring about such profound changes to the local governmental system with only a few short months left in their tenure? It's because they can. And frankly, who's going to stop them? They have shown time

and time again that they don't listen to the constituents' concerns, and for that matter, they don't even listen to the findings of their own staff after completing the many studies ridiculously ordered by council. As to the motion brought forth in council for this three-step consultation process on the ward system...shouldn't it be mandatory that any councillor in the final year of serving on council be made to declare his or her running in the fall municipal elections before any motions are brought forward? George Hervey summed it up nicely with his letter recently comparing the governing bodies of the CITY of Vancouver vs. the TOWN of Aurora. Hell, even Vancouver with population of over half a million doesn't have a ward system. Why do we need one in Aurora? It is the same old, same old, council that is dictated to by the tyrant master that almost all

councillors dare not object to for fear of repercussions. While we're at this, why do we need (or DID we need since he's been hired) an Integrity Commissioner? Because "someone" at the Town Hall "thought" the council should foolishly spend the taxpayers' money on something we've never needed before in this town and we still don't need, but we have it anyway, at a costly figure to boot. Let's keep going...how about that Petch House, that's been abandoned out on Leslie Street. I can see that it's a fine example of a log cabin, but the astronomical figures I've read to even relocate this relatively unhistorical piece of junk are ridiculous. But our wonderfully, historically-minded council sees fit to have all kinds of costly studies performed to see if there's any validity in saving this "abandoned" building. For the preservation of our past and the taxpayers' dollars, I say leave it

where it is (no one seems to care anyway) and have any parents who are interested in showing their kids a log cabin drive them out there to see it. Maybe the council could request a study from staff on the possibilities of posting a map on the Town's website on how to get there. Bringing in a Ward System to the Town of Aurora is "THE" most asinine suggestion I've heard over the last 52 years that I've lived in Aurora. There will definitely be some changes at Aurora Town Council this fall and it's only fair that any fallout from radical changes made to the governing system should NOT be left on the plate for the incoming council to deal with. We need change in this town for sure. For starters, we can all make sure that happens on October 25th when we make ourselves heard via the democratic system. Now there's something the council CAN'T ignore!

Mark Holmes Aurora

Evelyn doesn't accept validity of master plan

To the editor,

Brock Weir's story last week on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a classic illustration of life under the Morris and MacEachern dominated council. We have a Procedural Bylaw which includes Rules of Order for Debate. We have much trumpeted Codes; one for Ethics, another for Conduct. Each articulates the requirement to respect differences of opinion and prohibit personal criticism of one who may differ from the dominant party. They completed their

I accept neither the validity of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by Council on February 23rd nor do I endorse the integrity of the process which produced it. I do accept the validity of the plan prepared by consultants retained by Council under lawful contract, at a cost of \$53,222 of taxpayers' money. I accept also the integrity of the process whereby the firm was retained by a vote of council in March of 2008, to undertake a specific task under terms of reference approved by Council. They completed their


work and submitted to the town but not council, under their name, a final draft plan, in January of 2009. Twelve months later, January 2010, a second plan, citing no authority and bearing no name, was presented to Council. I claimed the right to state my position on these dual plans, during a televised meeting of council, to ensure the greatest number of people become aware of debate on the issue. For that, I have been subjected to a hail of personal criticism, repeated in detail in The Auroran, from the Mayor and

Councillor MacEachern. In a normal council, such conduct is subject to control of the chair under Rules of Order. In this council, we have the additional instruments of dual Codes of Ethics and Conduct to ensure decorum and respect in debate. What chance for control, decorum and respect, when rules are repeatedly transgressed by a presiding member who observes no limits on her own conduct or that of her gang of consistent supporters? **Evelyn Buck Aurora**

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Bob Abrames, seated, was guest speaker last week as the Aurora Chamber of Commerce held its annual sponsor-a-student lunch. Two of the students participating in the event were Sonny Atkins, left, and Mario Settino, both from Aurora’s St. Andrew’s College. Activity was held at Tuscany Event Centre on Edward Street.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Good Neighbour Award is accepted

The list of potential nominees for Aurora's 2010 Civic Awards widened last week after council formally endorsed Councillor Evelina MacEachern's motion to approve the initiative brought forward by Rebecca Beaton: the Good Neighbour Civic Award.

As The Auroran reported last week, the award is "designed to recognize and honour those residents who, on an ongoing basis, have made a difference in our community without seeking recognition for their efforts."

The award was inspired by the late Frank Camenzuli, whose granddaughter Shannon made a direct appeal to councillors on behalf of this project at Tuesday's meeting.

"My grandfather immigrated to this country in 1950," she said. "A few years later, [he and grandmother Margaret] bought a home in Regency Acres. He always told me about the sign that was displayed at the corner of Murray Drive and Yonge Street. Those words read, 'Come Live Like a King in Regency Acres.'"

"You could always see the pride for his neighbourhood he had in his eyes when he told that story. My poppy was an inspiration and, immodestly put, an amazing man. He was always will-

ing to lend a helping hand, whether it be fixing a broken weed whacker or driving someone to an appointment.

"He was always there, he was a good neighbour. I feel very strongly that...good neighbours out there need to be recognized for their efforts. They are the people who give Aurora its small town feel, what makes sitting outside on a summer's night something to look forward to. They are the smiles when you walk past or the push when you get stuck in snow. They ask nothing in return and it is our turn to give back to them."

Councillor Wendy

Gaertner said the Good Neighbour Civic Award was a great initiative.

"I think it is something that really speaks to what Aurora was, is, and hopefully will stay," she said.

Bridge results

Monday, Feb. 22 - NS: Suzanne Nunn and Shirley Laurin; Audrey Robertson and Kay Hack; Ada and Terry Robertson. E/W: Don Newman and Murray Sinclair; Priscilla Hull and Inger Kamel; Rose White and Gloria Smith.

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Williams' Jam Band leader learned from his students

When Dr. G.W Williams Secondary School teacher Sylvan Gayadeen wanted to learn guitar, he knew who to turn to for his teacher - Williams' students.

"I asked the 'who's who' of guitar playing at the school to help me learn and soon we went from teaching to jamming. They certainly taught me a lot," said Mr. Gayadeen who has taught at Williams since 2003.

When he first joined the staff at the school, he began his extra-curricular coaching with cricket.

"We had a lot of fun," he said, "and I had a good feel for the school."

And from the humble beginnings of a teacher simply looking to be a better guitar player, has emerged a dedicated band that writes and performs its own music. to the enthusiastic reception of Williams' students.

"It just grew to be something we loved," Mr. Gayadeen said of the transformation from jamming to band. "We went from jam-

ming to pretty intense practice."

Today there are three students in the Jam Band, Rahul Joshi, Grade 10, on piano, Jimmy Nickerson, Grade 11, on bass and Braedon Solomon-Krakus, Grade 12, on drums. Mr. Gayadeen plays guitar. The group is looking for a vocalist.

"I've been fortunate to form a good rapport with students at Williams," the English teacher said. "I like to interact with them in the hallways, even if they aren't my students. There's so much energy in the air - it's a great place."

The Jam Band makes it easier to get to know students because "we use music to relate".

Jam Band practice must be great, too, because members are expected to gather for a serious three-hour practice each Friday after school. That's on top of the one hour of daily practice they're expected to do on their own, Mr. Gayadeen said.

"Hey, I do it too, and I've got a full-time job and kids," he joked.

"The one thing I stress, whether it be cricket or music, is that members

have to be dedicated," he said. "We can't have anyone in the band who isn't willing to make a commitment and work hard. This is serious, this is a real band."

The band is rock based, but can play a variety of styles, including jazz, reggae and blues.

A few of their own tunes include Better Than Most, a "bluesy" piece, Somebody Lied, called "emotional," and Ode to Santana, featuring rifts reminiscent of legendary guitarist Carlos Santana.

And now that they've got good feedback from Williams' students, it's time to take the show on the road, with the permission of school administration.

The Jam Band is looking to raise money for equipment, so they don't have to keep borrowing from an accommodating, but equally busy, music department.

Mr. Gayadeen said they will be investigating local grants for arts groups, donations, as well as looking for paying "gigs" in order to purchase music gear.

Although graduation each year means a turnover in band members, the group has not had a problem main-

taining the quality of its music.

And like good teachers everywhere, Mr. Gayadeen knows when to be a good student.

"I learn from them," he said. "They're phenomenal."

Town sends best wishes to skaters

Mayor Phyllis Morris, on behalf of the Town of Aurora, sent out her best wishes to Aurora Olympian Vanessa Crone and her partner Paul Poirier.

In their first trip to the Olympics as an ice dancing team, Ms. Crone and the Unionville-based Mr. Poirier came in 14th in the February 22 competition where fellow Canadians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir won a gold medal.

"They did exceptionally well and we send our very best wishes to them," said Mayor Morris. "We are extremely proud of the work that they did and hope they had a fantastic time. Congratulations to our skaters!"

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Two of the players involved in the annual Aurora Optimist chess tournament held at the Aurora Legion last week are Abigail Tossios, 6, a Grade 1 student; left, and Tyler Thomas, 11, a Grade 5 student. Both youngsters attend Aurora's Montessori School, and joined dozens of others in the event.

Auroran photos by David Falconer

Hot concert planned at College

Aurora's St. Andrew's College Music Department is ready to put forth the hottest performance of the year - Cadets in Concert: A Musical Extravaganza!

It's slated for the Ketchum Auditorium this Friday night, beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Not only does this event showcase the St. Andrew's College Cadet Band, but highlights the wealth of other musical talent in the school.

This year's event will again feature an impressive

array of musical talent from the prize-winning Wind Ensemble, conducted by Head of Music, Sandi Chasson, to the Pipes and Drums Band performances, directed by Jim McGillivray, Director of Piping and Drumming, Drummer Fanfare orchestrated by Major Brian McCue, as well as the greatly anticipated return of "Contents Under Pressure", inspired by the Blue Man Group.

The audience is expected

to be taken on a musical journey not soon to be forgotten.

"If you have never attended Cadets in Concert before, this is the year to do so," said Major McCue, Commanding Officer of the School's Cadet Corps and Director of Drumming. "The boys give 110 per cent both in the preparation and actual performance. Audience members will be amazed by the sheer entertainment value and scale of this production."

Cadets in Concert: A

Musical Extravaganza! is the culmination of activities planned around SAFA (St. Andrew's Festival of the Arts), which will take place March 4th and 5th throughout the day and evening and includes music and visual arts workshops and clinics, multiple student visual arts displays, and musical performances.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by calling 905-727-3178, extension 260, or emailing jane.bedard@sac.on.ca.

Granger resigns from market

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and guidelines to go forward. I think it is a part of the sustainable next level, and I would like to personally thank council for their support, the community's support, and everybody's support in regards to that business being where it is right now."

Mayor Phyllis Morris said thanks should be directed towards Councillor Granger as well as he helped steer it towards what it is today.

While Councillor Granger

has relinquished his liaison position, he said he has every intention of remaining on hand as a volunteer.

What wasn't mentioned was the leaving of the Saturday AGM of the Farmers' Market by member Mike Watson and two e-mails that followed.

In one to other members, Mr. Watson said he left for three reasons.

"To put in perspective the desire to leave a meeting immediately was due to: 1. that (the meeting) had not

begun even 15 minutes after the original start time; 2: that an agenda had not been published for scrutiny by the general membership to allow for additional items to be submitted for discussion; 3: an acting member of the Aurora Council had clearly stated and rationalized being unprepared for our meeting was because he was "busy".

"My apologies for not wishing to be involved in a meeting that appeared to be one that just shoved the information in front of a highly intelligent

group to read while those same matters were going to be explained by an obviously disorganized council member," he said. "As stated I believe that challenges of maintaining a "true" farmers' market status will continue with such poor leadership as witnessed by Councillor Granger this afternoon when challenged with effective and direct questions on organization after he announced he was present to guide the group through procedure."

Mr. Watson said he left the meeting because he didn't want to be in the same room "as Councillor Granger while he proceeded with his typical self-indulgence of attempting to be a leader".

Aurora welcomes youth

Aurora's newest council members took their seats at last Tuesday's meeting as Councillor Al Wilson's Youth Councillor Program came into action.

The new "councillors", Chelsea Campbell, a Grade 11 student at Cardinal Carter Catholic High School, and Adrian Bulfon, a Grade 11 student at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, said they were excited to join the team.

"I think it is pretty interesting," said Adrian. "It's a good opportunity to get involved in politics and Aurora and this is a great opportunity to get exposed to that."

"It will definitely just be a great experience to really see what goes on behind the rulings of our town because we live here, we are the citizens," added Chelsea. "Because we're the youth we tend to get neglected in our opinions, so it is good [councillors] are taking a stand on that."

Adrian said he was chosen for the job through his involvement not just on student council, but also in Williams' pre-mentoring program.

Chelsea added that teachers looked particularly at senior students who it was thought would "take the task more seriously."

Both Chelsea and Adrian said they were on the same page as well when it came to

issues facing Aurora youth, explaining there is a need for more sports fields and sports facilities in general.

"In our schools, too, a lot of the extra-curricular activities had to be pushed aside because they couldn't find a field," said Chelsea.

"It doesn't really affect the adults too much, but I know it affects a lot of the kids," said Adrian.

During the meeting, Chelsea took her seat next to Councillor Evelyn Buck while Adrian found his chair next to Councillor Wilson, who introduced them both to fellow councillors, town staff, and the assembled audience.

"It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you Chelsea Campbell and Adrian Bulfon," he said, noting Chelsea's "keen interest in architecture" and plans to attend McGill University in 2012. He also highlighted Adrian's involvement in sports and extra-curricular activities.

Their term will run through June 30.

Councillor Wilson's intent with this pilot project is to "engage the participation of youth in the process of local government".

He noted at a previous meeting that having youth at the table would afford them the opportuni-


ty to provide council with "input from this growing segment of our community" and "ensure there is a strengthened communication vehicle between council and our youth".

Adrian and Chelsea's new duties include keeping council abreast of youth issues, providing input on youth activities, and reporting back to council on their experiences so the program can be expanded by future councils.

However, at least one executive member was not impressed with the e-mail.

Sher St. Kitts, defending Councillor Granger, said the councillor "has been working very hard to help bring your market constitution in line with your bylaws in time for your Annual General Meeting (and) he did most or all of this work unilaterally".

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106 Pittsburgh Black Timbits 5 - Brett Pearce 1G, Matthew Cowl 2G, Liam Mahoney 2G, Eric Wright 7A, Harrison Bennett 2A. **101 Florida Red Timbits 4** - Jonathan Gagnon 2G, Gavin Hunter 1G, Nicholas Giorgio 1G, Luca Capraro 1A, Dante D'Antonio 1A, E. Winter 1A.

103 Toronto White Timbits 5 - Rory Callaghan 1A, Gianluca Santocono 1G, Jake Piper 2A, Riley Klugerman 1G, Christian Romas 1G, Brennan Powell 1A, Gage Gonsalves 1G, Anton Sopov 1G 1A, Aiden Nitsopoulos 1A. **104 Los Angeles Purple Timbits 3** - Owen Lalonde 1G, Zoe Rodger 1A, Eddie Cobbold 1G, Aiden O'Toole 1A, Avery Lee 1A, Aaron Murphy-Sealy 1G, Devon Bourrie 1A.

106 Pittsburgh Black Timbits 7 - Kyle Rame 1G, Matthew Cowl 3G, Harrison Bennett 1G, Zachary Grant 1A, Owen Papulkas 1A, Logan Kidder 1G 1A, Brett Pearce 2A, Liam Mahoney 1G 1A, Eric Wright, 1G. **103 Toronto White Timbits 1** - Thomas Raeburn 1G.

101 Florida Red Timbits 4 - Jonathan Gagnon 1G 1A, Zachary Kolm 1G, Luca Capraro 1G 1A, Gavin Hunter 1G. **108 Philly Orange Timbits 2** - Nolan Michelberger 2G, Cole Nip 1A, Nicholas Leontis 1A.

404 Los Angeles Purple Mastermind Toys 7 - Matthew Vassos 2G 1A, Matthew Glionna 1G 2A, Jacob Fulford 1A, Owen Bourrie 1G 1A, Connor MacGrath 2A, Jacob Cowl 2G 1A, Jessey Van Soest 1A, Vyktoria Brochu 1G, Matthew Bolger 1A. **408 Philly Orange Paragon Asset Management 2** - Keaton Thompson 1G, Nicholas Vamvakaris 1G, Dylan Cowell 1A.

412 Dallas Kelly Green Aurora Lodge 148 6 - Troy Campbell 3G, David Tonelli 3A, Andrew Currie 2A, Jack Campbell 1G, Matthew Winters 1A, Johnathon Martin 2G, Evan Knowles 1A, Remington Colicchio 1A, Jeremy Rusnell 1A. **409 San Jose Teal North York Plumbing & Heating 6** - Niklas Seidel 3G 1A, Colin Boorn 2G 1A, Cameron Palmer 1A, Brittney Fraser 1A, Francesco Scuglia 1A, Cameron Bourne 1G 2A.

410 Los Angeles Grey McAlpine Ford 5 - Evan Lambert 1G 1A, Mackenzie Snelgrove 1G 1A, Joshua Fallavollita 1G, Nicholas Badali 1A, Jacob Turriff 1G, Justin Carcone 1A, Shayne Colin 1G. **411 Colorado Burgandy Danny's Boys 3** - Tyler Frise 1G 1A, Tristan Hicks 1A, Troy Lane 1G 1A, John Powell 1A, Josh Hookey 1G.

405 St. Louis Blue Laurion Law Office 4 - William Morin 2G, Sam Speranini 1G 1A, Austin Hendy 1G 1A, Matthew Carney 1A, Arnold Tanner 1A, Riley Jackson 1A. **401 Florida Red Chouinard Bros. 0.**

404 Los Angeles Purple Mastermind Toys 5 - Jackson Clements 1G, Matthew Glionna 2G, Andrew End 1A, Owen Bourrie 1G 1A, Matthew Bolger 1A, Shawn Mason 1A, Matthew Vassos 1G, Dane Kerkkamp 2A. **406 Pittsburgh Black Compass Ins. Brokers 1** - Charles Peters 1G, Justin Miller 1A, Nathan Sherrard 1A.

805 St. Louis Blue Orr & Associates 7 - Andrew Begg 1G 4A, Tyler Hindley 2G 2A, Joel Gouveia 1G 1A, Thomas Scougall 1G, Nick Moffatt 2G, Cody Mulhern 2A, Mitchell Lamantia 2A, Jonah Blaser 1A. **807 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 2** - Christopher Sanita 2G, Neil Duggan 1A, Matthew Reeves 1A, Ethan Cullen 1A.



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807 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 7 - Kieran Cullen 1G, Ethan Cullen 1G, Christopher Sanita 2G 1A, Neil Duggan 2G, Keenan Hull 1G 2A, Matthew Sanita 1A. **811 Colorado Burgandy 1** - Josh Lawlor 1G, Dylan Indos 1A.

812 Dallas Kelly Green 5 - Mackenzie McIntosh 2G, Josh Bell 2G 2A, Cameron Staples 1G, Brandon Plourde 1A, Matthew Roach 1A. **806 Pittsburgh Black Continental Ingredients 2** - Trevor Stephens 2G, Scott Dunlop 1A.

802 Boston Gold Manhattan Trophies 5 - Quinn McGowan 2G, Scott Cosentino 1G 1A, Michael Liscio 1G, Kyle Nice 1G, Mac Cawfield 2A, Corey Young 1A. **803 Toronto White AHPA 3** - Bailey Miller 1G, Liam Devlin 2G, Zac Kroll 1A, Daniel Antoniel 1A, Matthew D'Allessandro 1A.

801 Florida Red A.D.C Aluminum 5 - Derek Capone, shutout, William Allen 2G 2A, Michael Tanel 2G 1A, Andrew Boehmer 1G 2A, Joseph Veneziano 1A. **809 San Jose Tea 0.**

813 St Louis White 3 - Morgan Walker 3G, Alex Harrison 2A, Dylan Sutton 1A, Andrew Hall 1A. **805 St. Louis Blue Orr & Associates 3** - Andrew Begg 1G, Nick Moffatt 1G 1A, Thomas Scougall 1G, Cody Mulhern 1A, Joel Gouveia 1A, Michael Moffatt 1A.

808 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 3 - Michael McCreesh 2G, Russell Johnson 1G 1A, Scott Wheeler 1A, Graham Killby 1A. **810 Los Angeles Grey 2** - Collin Laird 1G, Trevor Rice 1G, Declan Johnson 1G, Carson Roell 1A, Graeme Allison 1A.

807 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 3 - Matthew Sanita 2G, Kieran Cullen 1G, Neil Duggan 1A, Mitchell Palmer 1A, Samantha Sanita 1A, Brayden Babineau 1A. **809 San Jose Teal 2** - Matthew Pelkola 1G, Harris Riopelle 1G, Cody Child 1A, Jamie Poutney 1A.

811 Colorado Burgandy 4 - Josh Lawlor 2G 1A, Nicholas Holliday 1G, Michael Slack 1G, Dylan Indos 2A, Ryan Byerlay 1A, Tyler Abushinov 1A, Paul Ashbourne 1A, Tyler Indos 1A. **805 St. Louis Blue Orr & Associates 4** - Thomas Scougall 2G, Nick Moffatt 1G, Nick Moffatt 1A, Andrew Begg 1G 1A, Mitchell Lamantia 1A, Tyler Hindley 1A, Cody Mulhern 1A, Cody Mulhern 1A, Dylan Lyons 1A, Jonah Blaser 1A.

812 Dallas Kelly Green 5 - Josh Bell 3G 1A, Cameron Staples 1G 1A, Matthew Reynolds 1G, Mackenzie McIntosh 1A, Kyle DeSouza 1A, Owen Woodcock 1A. **804 Los Angeles Purple Caruso & Company 1** - Tyler Futterer 1G, Jesse Borin 1A.

806 Pittsburgh Black Continental Ingredients 5 - Trevor Stephens 1G, Eric Bulloch 1G, Nicholas Bertrand 1G, Patrick Tardiff 1G, Brendan Elliot 1G, Scott Taylor 1A, Michael Hosmer 1A. **810 Los Angeles Grey 2** - Graeme Allison 1G 1A, Collin Laird 1G.

808 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 3 - Michael McCreesh 2G, Russell Johnson 1G, Scott Wheeler 2A, David Roberts 1A, Joey Stel 1A. **801 Florida Red A.D.C Aluminum 2** - Andrew Walter 1G, Michael Tanel 1G, Joseph Veneziano 1A, Daniel Bresolin 1A.

813 St Louis White 3 - Dylan Sutton 1G 1A, Morgan Walker 1G, Keith Jarvis 2A, Alex Harrison 1A, Jason Mizuguchi 1A, Jimmy Brookes 1G 1A. **803 Toronto White AHPA 2** - Evan Sheridan 2G, Matthew D'Allessandro 1A, Daniel McDonnell 1A, Liam Devlin 1A.

901 Florida Red Aurora Chrysler 1. 902 Boston Gold CW Coops 1.

905 St. Louis Blue 4. 904 Los Angeles Purple 2.

903 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 2 - Ryan Rival 1G, JP Hudon 1G, Brian Tree 1A, Nick Sbolla 1A. **906 Pittsburgh Black Ruff N Redi 1** - Zachary Cook 1G, Sunny Bhullar 1A.

1011 Colorado Burgandy Graystones Restaurant 7 - Dylan Cross 2G, Chris Blumreisinger

2G, Andrew Cosentino 1G 1A, Jordan Gerace 1G, Brandon Giniotis 1G 1A, Scott Tonello 1A, Lucas Cristillo 1A, Joe Lombardi 1A, Greg Lacroix 1A, Josh Bentolila 2A. **1009 San Jose Teal 5** - Paul Keilty 3G, Dylan Skelton 2G, Michael Bar 1A, Robert Anderson 1A, Stephen Thompson 1A, Andrew Mangialardi 1A.

1013 St. Louis White 12 - Jamie Hawkins 4G 2A, Stephen Di Nallo 1G, Jay Finch 2G, Kamran Karamchi 3G 2A, Johnathan Siery 1G 2A, Spencer George 1G 3A, Nick Di Nallo 3A. **1007 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 3** - Madison Weber 1G, Ryan Taylor 1G, James Forrester 1G, Andrew Wilkins 2A.

1004 Los Angeles Purple 2 - Brendan Strachan 1G, Daniel Howie 1G, Carter Schaefer 1A. **1003 Toronto White CAA 0.**

1002 Boston Gold 9 - Paul Tuck 2G, Jonathan Boehmer 1G 3A, Ryan Brown 3G 1A, Michael Mourtzanos 2G 2A, Cameron Kearley 1G 2A, Brandon Rival 2A, Wesley Seminara 1A, Anthony Decesare 1A, Dakota Hendy 1A. **1005 St. Louis Blue Sentia 3** - Andrew Osmond 1G, Louis Lamanna 2G, Drew Coley 1A, Evan Casselden 1A, Geoffrey Gianopoulos 1A.

1001 Florida Red 3 - James Harkin 2G 1A, Brandon Connolly 1G. **1010 Los Angeles Grey 2** - Nick Zebrowski 1G, Tristan Miller 1G, Ben Mulholland 1A.

1012 Dallas Kelly Green Envirocar 4 - Curtis Stobo 2G, Daniel Cervone 2G 1A, Jonathan Alcock 1A, Brett Allen 2A, Adam Tomlin 1A. **1008 Philly Orange Aurora Home Hardware 1** - Sheldon Rivard 1G, Brett Richardson 1A, Tanner Brewer 1A.

1011 Colorado Burgandy Graystones Restaurant 6 - Ryan Antoniel 1G, Justin Killens 3G 1A, Dylan Cross 1G 1A, Lucas Cristillo 1G 1A, Brandon Giniotis 1A, Chase Riddell 2A. **1007 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 3** - Madison Weber 1G, Andrew Wilkins 1G, Steven Foss 1G.

1001 Florida Red 3 - Michael Takahashi 1G, Tyler Lamantia 1A, Scott Quagliarini 1A, James Harkin 2G. **1008 Philly Orange Aurora Home Hardware 3** - Egan Fennell 2G, Christian Davies 1G, James Chappell 2A, Kyle Ozols 1A, Nick Gundert 1A.

Rep League

Ajax White 8. Tyke Select A 0.

Stouffville Clippers 7. Tyke Select B 0.

Tyke Select B 4 - Dereck Avery and Justin Lacroix, shutouts, Daniel Gaeta 2G, Riley Klugerman 1G, Justin Hicks 1A, Jonathan Gagnon 1G, Jace Jackson 1A. **Richmond Hill 0.**

Tyke Select B 4 - Jace Jackson 1G, Liam Mahoney 1G, Justin Hicks 2A, Harrison Bennett 1A, Riley Klugerman 1G, Daniel Gaeta 1G, Kaszuki Negishi 1A, Dereck Avery, shutout. **Richmond Hill 1.**

Georgina 4. Novice AA Tigers 3 - Evan Pringle 1G 1A, Malcolm Johnston 1G, Wesley Reid 1G.

Novice AA Tigers 6 - Malcolm Johnston 3G, Wesley Reid 2G, Evan Pringle 1G 2A, Trevor Dungey 2A, Anthony DiPietro 1A, Cory Read 1A, Ben Liotta 1A. **Georgina 4.**

Novice A Tigers 3 - Stefanie Baxter 1G, Matthew Gram 1A, Justin Harbaruk 1G, Matthew McConnell 1G, Sam Ashton 1A, Jack Campbell 1A. **Nobleking: 2**

Newmarket 3. Novice AE Tigers 1 - Jack Patterson 1G, Justin Harbaruk 1A, Rony Wahab 1A.

Barrie 5. Minor Atom AA Tigers 5 - Andrew Jorgensen 2G 1A, Nick Rountes 1G 1A, Bramdon Vaughan 1G 1A, Ben Spittle 1G, Taylor Tuck 1A, Michael Thibeault 1A, Sammy Leader 1A, Matthew Ferry 1A.



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Minor Atom AA Tigers 4. Newmarket 1.

Minor Atom AE Tigers 6 - Scott Rumble 2G 1A, Carter Wilmsmeyer 1G, Carson Yeomans 2G, Stephen Silverio 1G, Adam DePiero 3A, Braden Reid 1A, Fin Reeves 1A. **East Gwillimbury Eagles: 2**

Stouffville Clippers 3. Atom A Tigers 1 - Stewart Gable 1G, Alexander Simardone 1A.

Atom AE Tigers 7. Georgina 2.

Barrie 4. Atom AE Tigers 0.

Atom AE Tigers 4. Barrie 1.

TNT 4. Minor Peewee AA Tigers 3 - James Wyndham West 2G, Keegan Matthew 1G, Daniel McConnell 1G, Evan Woodhead 1A, Taylor Kauffeldt 1A, Jack Pecora 1A, Cameron Morrison 1A.

Minor Peewee AA Tigers 4 - James Wyndham West 1G, Evan Woodhead 1G, Jack Pecora 2G, Graham Sanford 1A, Keegan Matthew 2A, Austin Pringle, shutout. **Georgina 0.**

Stouffville Clippers 3. Minor Peewee AE Tigers 1 - Tyler Williams 1G, Michael DaCosta 1A, Cole Chapman 1A.

Markham 2. Minor Bantam AA Tigers 0.

Minor Bantam AA Tigers 3 - Spencer Green 1G 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1G 1A, Liam Coll 1G, John MacDonald 1A, Matt Iwai 1A, Blake Wallace 1A. **Markham 2.**

Richmond Hill 6. Minor Bantam A Tigers 2 - James Johnston 1G, Nathan Nealon 1G, Zac Cowl 1A, Connor Cowl 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A.

Richmond Hill 4. Minor Bantam A Tigers 2 - Nathan Nealon 1G, Connor Cowl 1G, Austin Persaud 1A, Robert Stokes 1A, Jake McKee 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A.

Richmond Hill 2. Minor Bantam AE Tigers 0.

Richmond Hill 3. Minor Bantam AE Tigers 0.

TNT 3. Bantam AA Tigers 1.

Bantam AA Tigers 6. Georgina 3.

Bantam AA Tigers 2. Georgina 0.

Newmarket 0. Bantam A Tigers 0.

Bantam A Tigers 3 - Matthew Pryse 1G, Ryan Baskin 1A, Andrew McDonald 1G, Braden Casselden 1A, Quincy Ing 1G 1A, Eric Damecour 2A. **Newmarket 2.**

Uxbridge Stars 4. Bantam A Tigers 3 - Eric Archibald 1G, Ryan Baskin 1G 1A, Vincent Ruscica 1G, Evan Romano 1A, Daniel Fiori 1A, Quincy Ing 1A.

Minor Midget AA Tigers 5. TNT 0.

Markham 2. Minor Midget AA Tigers 1.

Minor Midget AA Tigers 4. Newmarket 2.

Minor Midget AA Tigers 4. Markham 3.

Minor Midget AA Tigers 3. Georgina 2.

Barrie 4. Minor Midget AE Tigers 0.

Midget AA Tigers 3. Georgina 2.

Markham 3. Midget AA Tigers 1.

Midget AA Tigers 6. Barrie 3.

Midget AE Tigers 6. East Gwillimbury Eagles 1.

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Tigers force fifth playoff game

Just like Team Canada on Sunday, the Aurora Tigers were less than a minute away from winning their first game in their play-off series against Oakville, when the Blades tied the game and forced overtime.

And just like Team Canada, Aurora scored the winner in overtime to keep the best of seven playoff series alive, and force a fifth game.

Tigers now trail the series three games to one.

The match was played in Oakville Tuesday night, but results were too late for The Auroran.

You can find out what happened by clicking on www.Theauroran.com Wednesday morning.

If the Tigers are successful, a sixth game will be played in Aurora Wednesday night beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, the Tigers literally had their proverbial backs to the wall; one more loss and their season was over.

After Friday's shellacking in Oakville that put Aurora down 3-0 in the series, it wasn't clear whether there was any life left in the Tigers.

Apparently there was, as the Tigers found the Blades net first for the first time in the series.

With Aurora pressing the Blades in their zone the puck sprung free to Sloan Stewart who turned and fired past a surprised Blades goalie.

It could have been an even larger lead for the Tigers if Lucas VanNatter had been successful on the penalty shot he was awarded when tripped up on a breakaway while killing a penalty midway through the period, but he couldn't score.

Meanwhile Curtis Black had his best game of the series as he turned away everything thrown at him in

the first period to take the Tigers to the first intermission with a 1-0 lead.

The second started well for the Tigers until both referees called different penalties at the same time to make the Tigers two men short for a full two minutes.

The Tigers did well, killing all but the last 15 seconds of the penalties before Oakville tied it up.

With almost 12 minutes gone in the period Nick Vangog put Auora back in the drivers' seat.

Oakville got even again three minutes later on another powerplay but another three minutes later Greg Cerilli spotted Andrew Secco who tipped the puck in for the Tigers' third goal and a 3-2 Tigers lead after two periods.

The Blades were able to beat Black with just over three minutes gone in the third to tie the game. The score stayed that way despite several good chances on both nets until Stewart, with his second of the game, put Aurora in front with a lead that Oakville erased when they pulled their goalie.

In the playoffs, games are decided by 20 minute period overtimes, not the typical five minutes of four-on-four and then shoot out like in the regular season.

The two teams again exchanged chances, including the Tigers killing off the only penalty of the overtime. With less than two minutes remaining in overtime, Lucas VanNatter gave Aurora the win.

It wasn't that great Friday night, when Aurora dropped an 8-0 decision to Oakville.

Aurora started Stefan Dumaresque in goal, expecting Stefan's style difference to Curtis Black's would stymie the Blades offence, but he never had a chance.

The Blades' pressure in the Tigers zone would

result in two goals on defensive zone giveaways before eight minutes were gone. And it went downhill from there.

Dumaresque was replaced by Black after getting beaten for the fourth time with five minutes gone in the second.

Black didn't fare any better as he was also beaten for four during his stint between the pipes. They collectively faced 27 shots in the game, allowing eight goals.

The loss set up Sunday's encounter with the Tigers having their backs to the wall.

In game two, Aurora again had a good start against the Oakville Blades at the ACC on Wednesday night.

However, a bad bounce put them in the hole early but this time they bounced back to take the lead for a while before succumbing to the Blades' pressure and losing 5-2.

Oakville took the lead for good four minutes into the second period while on a powerplay, sneaking a puck between Black and the post, and then scoring an insurance marker ten minutes later to send the Tigers to the dressing room trailing 4-2.

In the third Aurora had its chances but couldn't capitalize.

Late in the third with the Tigers pressing, Oakville was able to turn the puck up ice and close the door on the Tigers night with a final goal and a 5-2 win.

In the opening game of the playoffs, Aurora learned early what they were up against.

Even though Aurora gave the Blades all they could handle, a couple of unfortunate events in the first period resulted in the Tigers pursuing Oakville for the remainder of the game.

Eventually they lost 4-1.

GAME ONE

OAKVILLE 4 AURORA 1

First period

O - Kellan Lain (unassisted) 8.04
O - Dustin Alcock (Lysaght, Ryan) 13.03

Second period

A - Michael Sardella (Morley, VanNatter) 0.38
O - Kyle Blaney (Karius, Rivait) 11.07
O - Kyle Lysaght (Alcock, Lain) 14.39

Third period

No scoring

GAME TWO

OAKVILLE 5 AURORA 2

First period

O - Mark Bennett (Evans, Murphy) 3.08
A - Nick Vangog (Pianosi, Chiarantano) PP 13.35
A - David Morley (Pianosi, Chiarantano) PP 14.52
O - Steven Hickey (Ranalli) 18.03

Second period

O - Mark Bennett (Evans, Murphy) PP 4.00
O - Kyle Blaney (Trojanovic, Rivait) 13.32

Third period

O - Dustin Alcock (Evans) 18.27

GAME THREE

OAKVILLE 8 AURORA 0

First period

O - Kyle Badham (unassisted) SH 5.00
O - Mark McGowan (Bennett, Murphy) 7.25

Second period

O - Ryan Murphy

(McGowan) 3.53
O - Tyler Karius (Blaney, Hickey) 5.23
O - Dustin Alcock (Lain) SH 6.23
O - Kyle Lysaght (Lain, Cord) 13.38

Third Period

O - Steven Guzzo (Ranalli, Cord) PP 11.21
O - Steven Guzzo (Ranalli, Badham) 14.06

GAME FOUR

AURORA 5 OAKVILLE 4

First period

A - Sloan Stewart (Ramkema, Secco) 2.46

Second period

O - Mark Bennett (McGowan, Murphy) PP 5.52
A - Nick Vangog (Ramkema) 11.44
O - Dustin Alcock (Rivait, Ingoldsby) PP 14.33
A - Andrew Secco (Cerilli, Chiarantano) PP 17.21

Thid period

O - Kyle Badham (Guzzo, Ranalli) 3.13
A - Sloan Stewart (unassisted) 17.36
O - Dustin Alcock (Ingoldsby, Murphy) EA 19.23

Overtime

A - Lucas VanNatter (Pianosi, Morley) 18.12



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Ducks grab 16 medals at meet

A small contingent from Aurora's Ducks swim team headed east last weekend for the Oshawa Aquatic Club Pentathlon hosted at the Donovan Recreation Centre and came home with 16 medals.

Of that total, six were gold, six were silver and four were bronze medals

They were won by seven different swimmers.

Again the swimmers showed a strong ability to transfer what they have learned and practiced to the competition setting, said coach Reg Chappell.

"The competition was an opportunity for swimmers to race in every stroke discipline and specifically to work on their individual medley skills," he said. "The individual medley is made up of two or four lengths of each of the

four competitive strokes, butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle. The swimmers showed a strong ability to transfer what they have learned and practiced to the competition setting."

As the short course season draws to a close, this was the chance before Provincials for swimmers to chase time standards at all levels as well as to achieve qualifying times for Team Championships, he added.

The meet was yet another success for the team in what has proven to be an excellent season thus far.

Last weekend, five swimmers from the Ducks headed to Etobicoke for the Provincial Championships. Results were not available at press

time.

Oshawa Pentathlon Meet Results:

Cassie Beach, 14, 100 free. gold; 100 back, silver; 100 fly, silver; 200 Ind Med, silver.

Victoria Wicks, 13, 100 breast. gold.

Mackenzie Moyer, 15, 100 fly, bronze.

Laird Douglas, 9, 50 free, silver; 50 back, gold; 50 breast. gold; 200 Ind Med, bronze

Jack Dancy, 12, 100 free, bronze; 100 back, gold.

Alejandro Hernandez, 13, 100 fly, bronze.

Kevin Boehnke, 18, 100 back, silver; 100 breast, gold; 200 Ind Med, silver.

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Priestly Demolition	8	9	5	21
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FPL Aggregates	5	14	3	13
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Baldwin's	2	FPL Aggregates	2

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Rob Blakley, Tom & Jerry's	26	16	42
Mark Swirla, Priestly	22	15	37
Doug Adair, Rec Sports	9	25	34
John Archibald, Highland	15	17	32
Steve Kavanagh, Baldwins	12	19	31
Ken Fisher, Highland	15	11	26
Mike O'Connor, Priestly	11	14	25
Ed Jackson, Baldwins	9	16	25
Stephen McDonald, Law Insurance	7	18	25
Scott Thomas, Tom & Jerry's	4	21	25
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John Leader, Law Insurance	15	9	24
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Scott Crabbe, Highland	7	17	24
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Sam Speranini, Tom & Jerry's	14	9	23
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Paul Gibson, Highland	11	12	23
Peter Briand, Baldwins	9	14	23
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Ken Heinrich, Rec Sports	3	13	16
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Ron Thiessen, Tom & Jerry's	1	13	14
Al Perkins, Priestly	6	7	13
Jason Hurlbut, Rec Sports	5	8	13
Phil Podstatzky, Priestly	5	8	13
Brad Wilson, Tom & Jerry's	5	8	13
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Hugh Alcorn, Masterclean	3	10	13
Brian MacKenzie, Priestly	1	12	13
Brandon Chappel, FPL	9	3	12
Ken VanNoort, FPL	7	5	12
Brian McCartney, Law Insurance	6	6	12
Kevin O'Keefe, Rec Sports	6	6	12
Todd Richardson, FPL	6	6	12
Rob Carnegie, Law Insurance	1	11	12
Keith Carruthers, Baldwin's	7	4	11
Ron Van Noort, FPL	5	6	11
Patrick O'Mahony, Masterclean	4	7	11
Joel Reeves, Tom & Jerry's	4	7	11
Dan Cote, Highland	3	8	11
Jody Mathews, Highland	3	8	11
Bruce Ing, Law Insurance	2	9	11
Craig Gellatly, FPL	8	2	10
Glen Bince, Masterclean	4	6	10
Deryk Preston, FPL	2	8	10
Steve Riswick, Tom & Jerry's	2	8	10
Chris Neale, Law Insurance	1	9	10



Even though the students were ahead in the second period, the teachers prevailed to win the hockey game 7-5 Friday when both sets from the St. Maximilian Kolbe High School in Aurora battled at the Aurora Community Centre. The game was almost sold out as nearly every member of the school attended. Above, the teachers, in the dark uniforms, press the students in hockey action.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Master parks plan approved

After months of extended negotiation, adjustments, hearings, and a re-write, Aurora's Master Parks and Recreation Plan was formally approved Tuesday.

With the fine details of the plan already hammered out, the motion bringing it forward at last week's council meeting was one last chance for councillors to voice criticisms of the plan, the process, and give rebuttals to criticisms.

Councillor Evelyn Buck, who had been particularly vocal in her opposition to the plan, was first up to express her thoughts, which as The Auroran reported last week, she was saving for the occasion.

She said her criticisms stemmed from her understanding of the purpose of a master parks and recreation plan.

"My understanding of this exercise is that the consultants will go to the community and they will speak to all the people within the community who are engaged in recreation as sports organizations; they will give them an opportunity to state how they have been served with the present facilities and programs and how they might wish to see those programs improved," she said.

"[Consultants] did all that, and they put together a final draft plan. It was a draft plan because council should always have the right and authority to either accept the draft plan or make whatever changes they might consider necessary. When those changes are complete and council is satisfied with the changes then it becomes a plan."

While she said, in her judgement, the consultant's plan advised council from the "ground up, the community up", and the intention of a Master Parks and Recreation plan is "not to dictate from the top down", she did not want to take away from the work of those

who put their time and effort into the document.

"I do not argue that some individuals put a great deal of effort into creating a different plan," she said. "I am arguing that it was completely unnecessary. It should have been council that did the work with the participation with the residents of the community."

While Councillor Al Wilson said the process in obtaining a finalized Master Recreation Plan was unusual, there was nothing inherently wrong with it.

"When I see something done perhaps unconventionally, my first reaction is not to be negative but what can we learn from this," he said. "We did look at this whole issue through an unconventional, somewhat less than normal process. Consultants in my mind are just that. They give suggestions, ideas, but it is not carved in stone."

Councillor Evelina MacEachern argued, however, that following this "unconventional" path was necessary in bringing about a plan that best suits the needs of Aurora.

"[Committee members] tried to refine the findings of the consultant and tailor-make it to have a Master Rec plan for Aurora," she said. "The comments we have received from the user group Sport Aurora and from the trails subcommittee I think speaks highly to the fact they agree the Master Rec Plan is an Aurora Master Rec Plan."

She also took the opportunity to address some criticisms that have been aimed at her and the plan itself.

"As for the comments that Ken Whitehurst and Councillor Evelina MacEachern basically took it upon themselves to go into a dark room and come out with this revised plan, that is not at all true," she said.

"All the recommendations that were put forward by the working group went to LSAC

first, was endorsed by LSAC, came to council through the minutes, and the general committee minutes of last week reflect all the recommendations that came forward. The working group was legally sanctioned. There was nothing untoward about that."

Councillors voted 7 - 1 in

favour of the revised Master Recreation Plan, with Councillor Buck being the one holdout.

"Congratulations, Mr. Downey," said Mayor Phyllis Morris to Al Downey, Director of Leisure Services. "You have a Master Rec plan and so does our community."



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Husband, wife team hired by church

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"But from the first moment I met them, I was convinced I was meeting two very strong and independent individuals who also happened to be married."

"I was so engaged by them, and we knew this was the right fit for the church."

Lorraine is originally from Timmins and Haileybury, Andy from Toronto.

Ordained about 25 years ago and having worked together for the past 15, the couple have had plenty of experience in being co-ministers.

"Apart from being married and loving each other, we like each other enormously," Lorraine said.

What about the hazards of spending so much time together? "At work we're so busy we can go the whole day and not see each other," Andy said.

What about issues of confidentiality involving congregants?

Like all clergy, the couple are bound by rules of confidentiality.

But Lorraine added, "After long days in ministry, when we get home the last thing we want to talk about is work!"

While people often assume that Andy is the preacher and Lorraine in charge of Christian education, the couple have reversed the stereotype.

Lorraine gives the sermons.

"She's the better preacher," Andy said. "She's very thoughtful, she's a voracious reader, and she just connects with what's happening out in the world."

Andy's responsibilities include the children's and youth ministries.

"Over time it's become evident that this is one of Andy's strengths," said Lorraine, citing her hus-

band's natural teaching abilities and his insatiable drive to scout out new and exciting educational resources.

Andy plans to implement "workshop rotation" into Sunday school, a revolutionary theme-based, kid-friendly program.

Instead of sitting in a classroom-like setting listening to a lesson, kids live the lesson over a period of four or five Sundays by rotating through multimedia workshops that may incorporate drama, storytelling, food, technology and art.

Kids love it, teachers love it, and it's far less expensive than the traditional model, Andy said.

"We want to get away from classrooms and curriculum. Sunday school should not be like going to school!"

He also intends to start Vacation Bible School for PA days, March Break and other school holidays.

Realizing that the church offered little for teens in Grades 10 and up, Andy has already started a Sunday-night program called Youth Group Second Generation.

Lorraine and Andy will share the duties of pastoral care, weddings and funerals.

The couple have three sons: Greg, 25, studying TV production at Mohawk College in Hamilton; Noah, 23, in the animation program at Sheridan College in Oakville; and Keegan, 16, in Grade 11.

The couple shares a strong interest in health, and so does the church.

For the past several years Aurora United has had a parish nurse, Carol Rose-Kudelka, and a prayer-shawl ministry that offers hand-knitted shawls to those needing comfort or solace.

While the new ministers had started a prayer-shawl ministry at their previous church, they had never worked with a parish nurse.

"This is wonderfully complementary to our interest in health," Lorraine said.

Both Lorraine and Andy are trained in Therapeutic Touch, a non-contact form of energy therapy based on ancient healing arts.

The couple, both accomplished musicians, are thrilled about the church's focus on music, with its choir and handbell groups led by music director Michael Mailley.

Lorraine is a classically trained singer, and Andy sings and plays piano and guitar.

He's also one of a small group of Canadians who play the carillon, a massive musical instrument of bronze bells usually operated from a keyboard.

He has performed at the University of Toronto's Hart House and at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Both plan to join the church's choir as soon as they can. Right now they're working seven days a week and most evenings.

"I'm just delighted they're here," said June Yates, the church's chair of communications and a choir member. "I'm struck by their warmth, their compassion and their closeness. I love how they join hands when they go down the aisle at the end of the service."

A year ago, the couple had no intention of leaving their previous church, Trinity United in Guelph, where they'd been for seven years and were perfectly comfortable and happy.

When they received an initial voice mail from Aurora United's Brigitta Gamm asking if they knew anyone who might be interested in applying for the job, they ignored it. But then they received a second call, and that started them wondering.

"Andy and I had a conversation about what ministry is. Is it about being comfortable?" Lorraine said.

They had a strong sense that their job in Guelph was



MR AND MRS. ANDY COMAR

Photo by June Yates

complete and they should follow this new challenge. As Lorraine cheerfully explained to the congregation recently, "People make plans. God laughs."

Kathy Stephens, chair of ministry and personnel committee at the Guelph church, said, "Lorraine and Andy are very talented, very approachable and kind, offer excellent pastoral care, and brought a lot of new programs into our church. I miss them!"

The couple is focusing on learning about the hopes and dreams and wishes of Aurora United Church with a goal of inspiring people to become engaged to achieve those dreams.

They're issuing an inclusive welcome to everyone.

"Our theme is open all the doors and let the people come," Lorraine said.

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Juno winner to speak to Aurora Probus Club

Juno award winner Sandra Beech will be the guest speaker at the next Aurora Probus Club meeting, set for Wednesday, March 10.

The singer and entertainer will address the club at the Aurora Legion Hall, 105 Industrial Avenue North.

She is expected to begin speaking about 11 a.m., even though the meeting starts at 10.

Sandra Beech has been an entertainer all her life.

As a child, she performed for adult audiences but has dedicated her adult life to performing for children.

She has performed in theatres and schools, festivals and fairs throughout North America and has appeared on many television shows.

To date, she has recorded seven albums and two videos.

The entertainer was born and raised in Ballymena, North Ireland, where she began her career as a child performer with her two brothers, Will and George.

Her brothers, along with their cousin, Joe Millar, went on to become the internationally famous Irish Rovers.

She moved to Canada with her family in 1953 and she and her brothers entertained as the Musical Millars, until she married Len Beech in 1964.

When her first daughter started at Mr. Dressup's nursery school, she gave up singing for adults and started her career as a children's entertainer.

Sandra is the mother of three daughters, Carrie, Heather and Jenn.

She has 11 grandchildren.

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Senior Scape

Springtime looms large in spite of the sudden onset of snowy weather, springtime of the imagination to be sure, but seniors of the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) are clearly imaginative; and imagination understands that the reality of spring is merely a few weeks away in real time.

The days have lengthened already, and lengthening days are a promise of changing seasons with winter storms and short days giving pride of place decisively, to the glory of spring with all of its promise of birth and renewal.

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Not everyone is as lucky as we have been, to reach retirement in good health, enough to enjoy life in the company of excellent friends.

The ASA offers in its capacity as a community centre for seniors, an impressive and comprehensive organized series of activities, pastimes and programs of many descriptions, all designed to stimulate interest in members, to brighten lives, and to encourage participation in a variety of ways.

The ASA is a perpetual festival of senior life, and has always been the recipient

Knotty Knitters seek members

By BRIAN WARBURTON

ent of freshly retired talent—ed seniors, hastening to join the ASA to explore the Seniors’ Centre, a place of excellent repute and scene of many splendid events organized and celebrated by seniors’ resident in and close to Aurora.

The result is that the ASA is filled week after week with lively seniors, nimble of mind all of whom are interested in their chosen pleasures, and who return regularly, and who apparently age slowly while immersed deeply in a kindly and invigorating social life.

Rozlin Laber is an important role model among the ASA knitters and not only accomplishes excellent knitting work herself, but is very much a team player who helps anybody requiring assistance.

Rozlin helps everybody achieve their knitting goal either by teaching the craft or in obtaining a more advanced result by those who have basic skills.

Rozlin informs me that knitting has achieved a revival and that knitting circles are springing up in small and large communities alike.

The ASA knitting circle, known as the Knotty Knitters, supported the Northern Lights Public School in their endeavour to reach the orphan children of Africa.

Children from Grades 4 and 5 proved to be wonderfully enthusiastic, but hands of young children took a little longer to

accomplish the manufacture of blankets than expected.

I understand that a shipment has been dispatched and I offer my congratulations to the schoolchildren of Aurora in rising to this challenge, successfully.

The project was organized to help orphans in Africa, but also noteworthy of mention is the knitting skill acquired by the schoolchildren.

I also acknowledge the wonderful residents of Aurora who quietly and very effectively donated wool for the help the project.

All wool donated will be knitted to what is wanted most and will find a very needy recipient somewhere.

A newly knitted garment is a wonderful gift for someone who has little or even nothing.

Still required is baby wool for our newborns at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, who are provided with toques knitted by the ASA Knotty Knitters.

The group meets every Monday morning to sit together and knit while engaged in deep conversation.

The ASA and the Knotty Knitters in particular are elated whenever new members join this sociable group of ladies in their knitting endeavours, and any new arrival of a knitter, experienced or not, on a Monday morning at 10 a.m. will arouse everybody’s interest.

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