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**Member of the Aurora Optimist Club, Anna Kroeplin, shows her bowling technique Saturday as she joined fellow Optimists in the annual Big Brother Big Sisters of York Bowling tournament held in Aurora at Gateway Lanes on Edward Street. Optimists had one of the largest gatherings of all the teams entered. To see who else was on the team, go to Page 7.** *Auroran photo by David Falconer*

## Salvation Army HQ coming to Aurora

The Salvation Army is moving its Central York Region Headquarters to Aurora, according to Jeff Barrett, Divisional Property Manager of the Salvation Army's Ontario Central Division.

The Salvation Army's Central York Region Headquarters, Northridge Community Church, currently located in Newmarket, will move to land on Leslie Street, north-west of Wellington Street.

The new 25,000-square foot facility, according to Mr. Barrett, will allow the Salvation Army to expand its current services - including food bank, counselling, youth arts programs, and clothing services - and also provide greater recreation space to its congregation, including a gymnasium, currently a hot-button issue in Aurora.

Although Mr. Barrett says he has not had formal discussions with Aurora town staff regarding public accessibility to the new Salvation Army facilities, he said he expects there will be allowance for public access.

While Mr. Barrett says the project is currently in its preliminary development stage and performing an internal consultation process with its congregation, they expect to break ground for their new facility in spring 2011 with a tentative completion date the following winter.

The Central York Region branch, which serves the communities of Aurora, Newmarket, and East Gwillimbury, will also launch a "small capital appeal" in the near future to help aid in the cost of the new facility.

Northridge Community Church's relocation to Aurora comes at a time when the Town of Aurora is about to embark on a "youth needs analysis" study to explore the possibility of establishing a youth centre and munic-

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## Facilitator hears arguments to repair Wells Street school

The future of Wells Street Public School could now be in the hands of the Ministry of Education following a meeting of concerned residents with a Ministry-appointed facilitator last Tuesday.

Fourteen residents who signed the initial application for administrative review attended the meeting with former Ontario Minister of Education David Cooke to discuss the processes leading to the York Region District School Board's decision to close the long-established school.

"We explained our case to [Mr. Cooke]," said Dan Revington, co-chair of the Old Aurora Ratepayers Association, and one of the school's most vocal advocates.

"We had already submitted this big document with 49 pages of arguments and 200 pages of attachments. [Mr. Cooke], as expected, doesn't make a decision [but] he listened to us and asked a number of questions. I can say it was a frank exchange

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## Briefly

### To the bush...

The Aurora Lions Club annual pancake breakfast is returning to Sheppard's Bush for seven days this year.

Starting the weekend of March 20 and 21, the popular breakfast will be in the bush from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For two weekends following that, the club will again have the breakfast.

That includes the Easter weekend, which also includes Good Friday.

For further information call 905-727-6079.

### Really??

When the Aurora Legion wanted to advertise their St. Patrick's Day luncheon March 17, they decided to produce a piece of paper to announce it.

Because there is a special menu set up for St. Pat's Day, it noted on the paper "regular men not available to-day".

We thought there was nothing regular about the men at the Legion, but obviously, they do exist and they're out there somewhere.

### March Break

March Break is the perfect time to visit Aurora's new Cultural Centre, located inside the old Church Street School and two workshops have been set up for exactly that purpose.

"Fall, Fight, Fence and Fumble" will be a workshop offered Tuesday, March 16th from 1 to 4 p.m. The workshop will take children behind the scenes of popular action sequences.

On Thursday, March 18th, from 1 to 4 p.m. a "So We Know You Can Dance MEETS Canadian Idol" workshop will be offered.

Participants will dance and spin and then perform vocal performances of their favourite songs.

No experience is necessary for these workshops and registration is required.

They are suitable for ages 8 to 12. Cost for each workshop is $20.

For more information contact the Aurora Cultural Centre at 905-713-1818.

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# COMING EVENTS

**CONTINUING**

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.

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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 barbershop 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.

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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 .

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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.

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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.

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Every Thursday, Martha's Table serves homemade 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.

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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

Amnesty International meets at the Trinity Anglican Church on Victoria Street in the Rectory (house east of parking lot) at 7.30 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information, call 905-713-6713.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

Males and females, ages 3 to 73, are invited to meet with major model agent Pat Jarosz at the Aurora Public Library from noon to 4 p.m, She'll conduct a model and actor search and you're invited to discuss your areas of interest.

**MARCH 20 AND 21**

The Lions Club annual pancake breakfast takes place at Sheppard's Bush from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, call 905-727-6079. Sat. and Sun. March 27 and 28th as well as on Good Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3 and Sunday, April 4. Further information call 905-727-6079.

**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.

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The Aurora Historical Society presents Heritage in Aurora, a symposium bringing together the various organizations in Aurora with a commitment to culture and heritage. Speakers Include Jennifer Steen, Curator/Manager for the AHS and Hillary House; Laura Schembri, Executive Director of the Aurora Cultural Centre and member of the Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee; Mai Al Nabhan, manager of Heritage Planning and Urban Design for the Town of Aurora; and Reccia Mandelcorn, Manager of Customer and Circulation Services of the Aurora Public Library. Meeting takes place at the Aurora Cultural Centre on Church Street beginning at 7.30 p.m. For more information, go to www.aurorahistoricalsociety.ca

**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 progam 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.

**MARCH 27 AND 28**

Aurora Lions Club annual pancake breakfast takes place at Sheppard's Bush from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, call 905-727-6079

**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.

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Pancake Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m Vandorf 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 writters between the ages of 12 and 17. The meeting will occur in the Marjorie Andrews Room from 7 to 8 p.m.

**APRIL 2-4**

Aurora Lions Club annual pancake breakfast takes place at Sheppard's Bush from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Good Friday, April 2, Saturday, April 3 and Sunday, April 4. For further information call 905-727-6079.

**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.

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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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# Your chance to hit big time is coming

So, you wanna get discovered?

Your chance could happen Sunday, March 14, when a major model and actor search happens in Aurora.

Pat Jarosz, a model and talent agent with more than 30 years experience will be coming to meet with Aurora and area residents, for the first time.

She has appeared as an expert on shows like, Fashion Television, City Line and Eye on Toronto and works with fashion models on Boot Camp to Big Time, featured on Fashion File, Fashion Television, Entertainment Tonight Canada and E Talk Canada.

Males and females, ages 3 to 73, are invited to meet with Jarosz from noon to 4 p.m at the Aurora Public Library on Yonge Street to discuss their areas of interest and determine their potential for the business.

There are no charges for these information meetings.

For those who continue on to the March 27 finals to meet clients and agents, there will be a $25 seminar fee.

When meeting clients, everyone will be on the same playing field, wearing a search t shirt and their own denim or black pants or skirts. They will also be given a series of seminars.

As an agent, in the 80s and 90s, Pat started, molded and represented major talent including Carrie Ann Moss an actress in the Matrix Trilogy film; Paula Deviqc, an actress in Party of Five; Molly Simms, an actress in Las Vegas; Estella Warren, an actress in The Planet of the Apes, as well as others.

For the last nine years, she has held scouting events to introduce those who have an interest in modelling and acting to agents and clients.

During the past six months, 2009 search participants have been auditioning and working in all aspects of print advertising, music videos, TV commercials, TV series and films, including Hannah Montana's Emily Osment's video; MM Justin Bieber promo; West 49; Sears; Subaru, Go RVing, and Wonder bread.

Model Nicole Vos just returned from a contract in China and others have been working for magazines like Flare, Glow, Toronto Life Fashion, Elle, and Today's Bride.

# CYFS looks at safety

Newly-minted Central York Fire Services Chief, Ian Laing, will hand down a list of recommendations to improve safety conditions for drivers in the coming days, according to Joint Council Committee (JCC) Chair Councillor Al Wilson.

As The Auroran reported earlier this month, a Central York Fire Services vehicle was struck by a swerving dump truck as it exited the Fred Bolsby Fire Hall on Wellington Street East responding to a medical call on February 12.

Two firefighters were sent to hospital with injuries.

"The JCC met [February 23] and the captain that was in the truck who is also the president of the local union and always attends our JCC meetings [was there]," said Councillor Wilson. "We did discuss how we should be dealing with traffic issues entering and exiting all of our stations.

"The Chief is currently preparing a report that is going to bring us some very immediate and quick recommendations that we can implement to improve traffic conditions, particularly at [Bolsby].

"I'm not suggesting there aren't issues at other stations, but [Bolsby] is definitely an issue because it is on an 80 kilometre per hour road."

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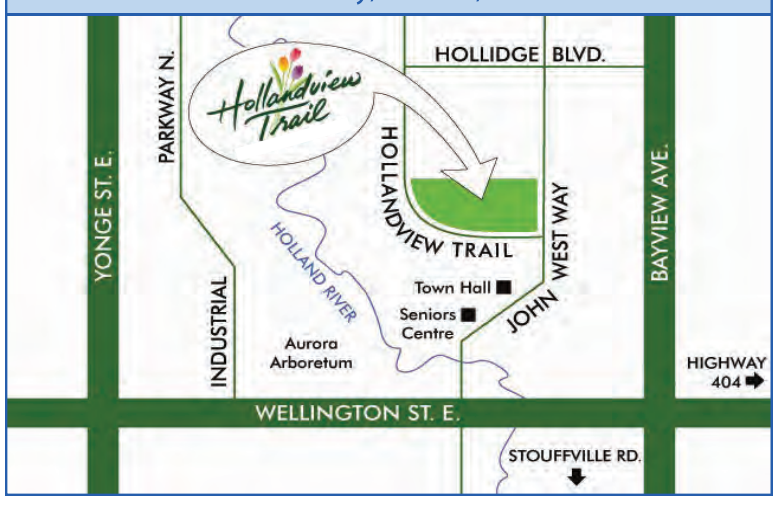


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## Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

# Bartender asked to see identification

Strangest thing happened to me recently.

I got asked for proof of age of majority.

Sitting in a restaurant at Tampa International Airport, I ordered my usual pre-flight drink: Canadian Club and ginger ale.

(Note: if this is your favourite drink, don't ask for rye and ginger in the United States, because most bartenders don't know what rye is...as a matter of fact, many have never heard of rye.)

No problem, the waiter said, "may I see your ID?"

I said, "You mean my senior citizens card?"

Laughing out loud, I was flattered...in less than three weeks, I'll be 66 years of age.

I couldn't get it out of my wallet fast enough.

Yep, it was true, I was born in March, 1944, and the picture on my drivers' license looks like I work for a used car dealer, there's no doubt it's me.

The waiter agreed. "Thank you," he said.

I could have kissed him, but I refrained.

For years now, I have wanted someone, anyone, to ask to see my ID.

"Make my day," I plead every time I enter a casino, "Ask me to prove I'm 19".

Most simply smile and wish me "good luck". They know that'll never happen either.

So, you can imagine how I felt when this guy asked me to prove I was old enough to have a Canadian Club and ginger ale.

Thank you, whomever you are.

**GORD JAMES**

I'm happy to report that my friend Gord James has a new job.

He used to live in Aurora, but now he's a resident of Hamilton, not far from his hometown of Stoney Creek.

Gord, who was a deejay with CHUM radio for about 23 years, was dismissed when CHUM was sold and became CP24 radio, a 24-hour news station.

No room for a disc jockey with that kind of format. He had a show called The Morning Show with Gord James and the James Gang.

So in January, Gord joined the staff of the Vinyl Radio, at 95.3 FM, and does the afternoon shift from 3 to 7 p.m.

Gord, you may recall, was the volunteer emcee of Aurora's Civic awards night. He did it for years.

I spoke with him Sunday morning and learned all this stuff.

His son, Kevin, still lives here and will finish his high schooling at Aurora High School, Gord said.

Kevin will work for Robbie Lane (now there's a name from the past) at Magna's incredible Aurora golf course this summer.

Gord is one of Robbie's nine Disciples in the group Robbie Lane and the Disciples.

Here's what Wikopedia says about the station:

"CING-FM is a Canadian radio station, which broadcasts at 95.3 FM in Hamilton, Ontario.

The station airs a classic hits format branded as Vinyl 95.3.

"CING was launched in 1976 by Burlington Broadcasting, at 107.9 FM in Burlington, Ontario.

"Initially an easy listening and then an oldies station, the station switched to a dance music format in 1991, after several months of adding new-age music to its mixture of classical and middle-of-the-road music.

"The station applied to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) a number of times in the 1980s for frequency changes in the hopes of better reaching the more lucrative Toronto market, but was denied each time.

"The station's name is a reference to vinyl records, which is the format on which most of the station's songs were originally released.

"This is also reflected in the station's logo".

I remember CING Radio, better known as FM 108, first hearing it when it was an oldies station back in the 80s, I guess.

I remember disc jockeys like Rockin' Robin and Norman B.

I was at the Longhorn Restaurant one evening, and that station was being played by the owners.

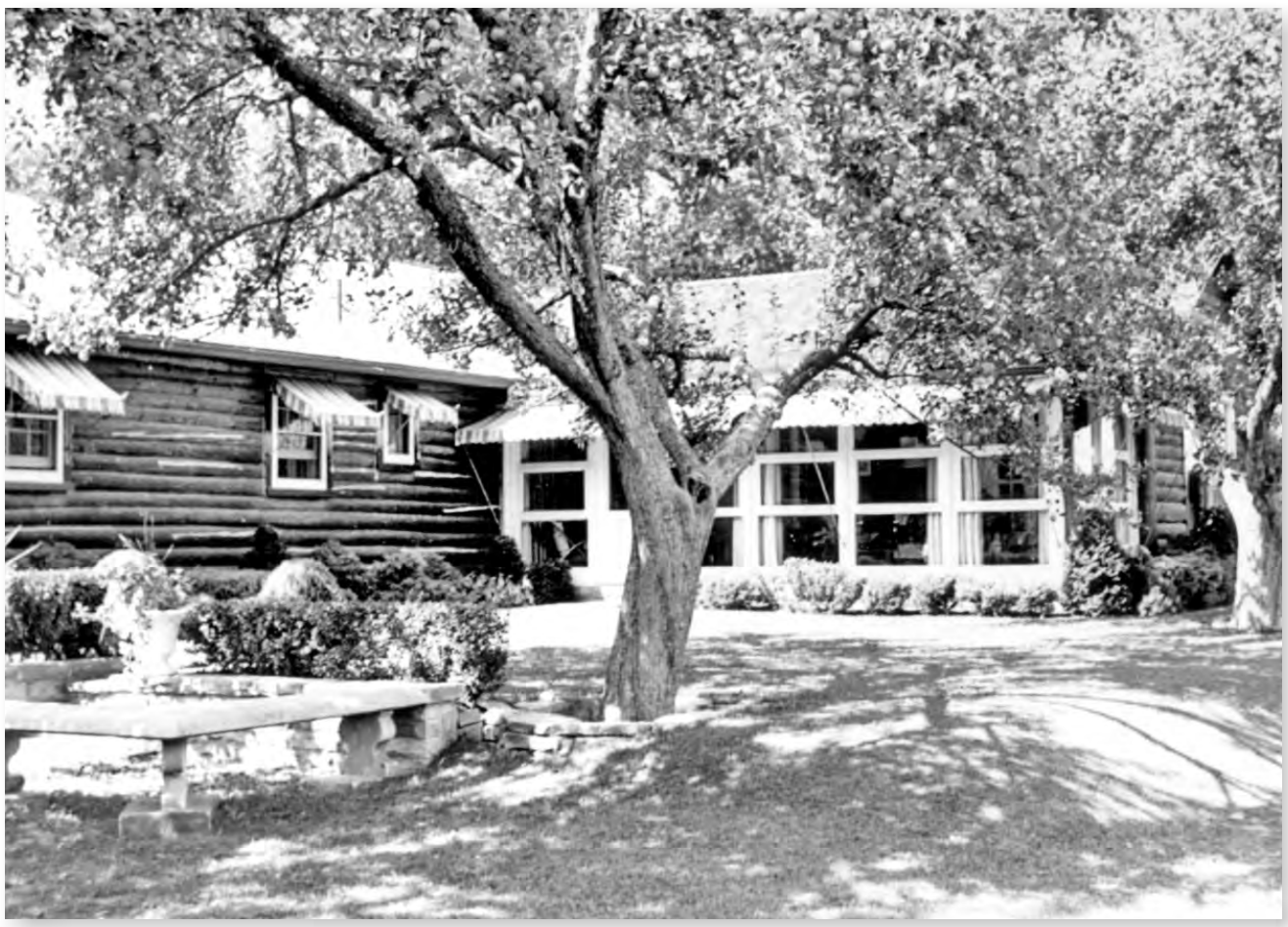
Ever the sucker for oldies music, I listened to it faithfully after that, until it changed to something else.

Now Gord tells me they pick up his new station in eastern Canada and across the border in New York, and every once in a while, he will broadcast the temperature in Aurora and Newmarket.

Now I hafta go find that station again.

Miss Gord? No problem, he's with Robbie Lane and the Disciples twice a month at the Old Mill Restaurant in Trawna.

Call for reservations.



**This is a photo of the only log cabin left in Aurora. The Petch cottage, falling down and empty on Leslie Street, south of Wellington, doesn't count. The above building is still inhabited and your job is to tell us where it is. We have a free lunch for two at the Aurora Legion on Industrial Parkway North for the first correct answer to arrive in our office after noon Friday, March 12.**

*Letter to the Editor*

# Plan seeks your input

**To the editor,**

**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 input 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 result 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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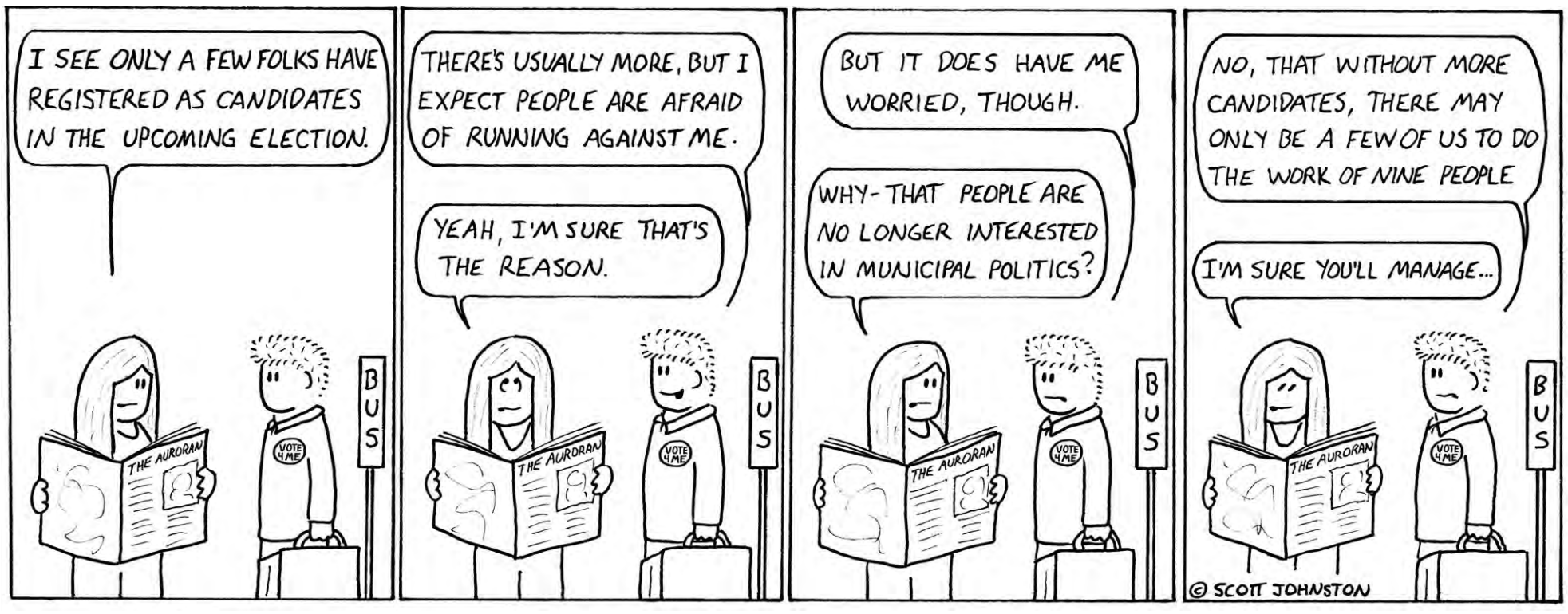
by Scott Johnston



# Front Porch Perspective

## A local hero

**By Stephen Somerville**

Growing up, we all have heroes.

In hockey, my first were Dave Keon and Brad Park, then followed by Ian Turnbull then Wendel Clarke and finally Alexander Mogilny.

In baseball it was Cincinnati Reds catcher Johnny Bench and New York Mets / Cincinnati Reds pitcher Tom Seaver, with former Toronto Blue Jay Jimmy Key as my favourite left-handed pitcher.

But my real heroes - as with most people - are my parents who live the quiet dignity of every day life, and also try to help others.

The attribute that stands out for these everyday heroes to me is selflessness and volunteerism.

As someone once said to me, "if you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are indeed a small package."

And it made me think about Aurora and how fortunate we are with all those folks who stand tall here due to their selflessness.

I have mentioned this before, but it bears repeating that I was struck by, after watching the civic awards ceremony last summer on the local cable television channel, the impressive nature of volunteerism that goes on around us here in Aurora.

Many local groups support events such as the World's Longest Street Sale and the Aurora Home Show.

It is also great to see the number of children playing organized soccer, baseball and hockey in Aurora, and they would not be doing so if not for the volunteer coaches and administrators.

These selfless people are, to borrow an expression from Richard Nixon, one of the "silent majority". Those people who quietly meet the challenges and commitments of everyday life and also find time to volunteer their time to others.

They usually don't garner headlines, trophies or accolades, but their individual contributions are what make our community worth living in.

But there is still much to do to make our community the best that it can be.

We should all keep this in mind as National Volunteer Week runs from April 18-24 this year.

And there are lots of agencies in our area that need our help.

Fortunately, finding information on volunteer positions has never been easier.

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 information about volunteer opportunities.

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

A total of 4,207 local agencies and government departments list their services on the database and 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.

You can also visit the Town website under Resident Services - Volunteer Opportunities Directory.

In 1852 the U.S. government produced the famous Uncle Sam poster with the following words to recruit people to the U.S. Army - "I Want You".

For our community, maybe our equivalent could be "Aurora needs your Time, Talent and Treasure - Be a Volunteer."

Let us remember one thing; our community is simply what we make of it.

On a similar note, Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District is honouring Aurora's own Steve Hinder at their eighth annual Community Tribute Dinner Wednesday, March 24th, at The Manor, Carrying Place Golf and Country Club, 16750 Weston Road, Kettleby.

Steve Hinder has been an active community volunteer since moving to Aurora with his wife Jane in 1975.

After volunteering for many years as a coach and executive with Aurora's minor hockey and baseball associations, he became a charter member of the Aurora Optimist Club and served as the Club's President in 1988/89.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of The Children's Wish Foundation from 1991-1998 and chaired an annual "Sports Celebrity Dinner" fundraiser.

After serving on various public committees for the Town of Aurora, Steve became an elected member of Aurora Council from 1997-2000.

He also chaired the Aurora Mayor's Golf Classic from 1998-2006, which raised more than $400,000 in support of local community groups and charities.

More than three decades of volunteer service clearly illustrate Steve Hinder's passionate belief in giving back to the community, which is why he is a deserving recipient of the 2010 "Community Service Award" for a Lifetime of Excellence in Community Service.

The Community Tribute Dinner is the major fundraising event of the year for Community Living.

You can contact Lesley Martin of Community Living Newmarket/Aurora at 905-898-3000, ext. 256, for more information about tickets.

**Stephen can be contacted at:**
**stephengsomerville@yahoo.com**

# Heard About Town

## Bill 157...enough

**By David Heard**

Two weeks ago in this column I reflected on that old tree in the Town Park with the antique clothes wheel enveloped in it.

It reminded me somewhat of the reality "It takes a village to raise a child" but I can add it indeed takes a larger community to repair a broken adult.

Then I remembered him; the young student.

He knew he was different from the first moment he walked into the kindergarten class.

Turning to a peer he questioned the endless buzz that to him sounded as if there were giant bees in the room.

The classmate looked back at him strangely and walked away and he then moved himself to the back of the room to the comfort of a quiet environment.

This removal of self would be a regular occurrence and would even be noted in a report card that stated: "He needed to be more involved with other students".

That would not be the case in early grades as he would use flight to eliminate the discomfort.

If he acted up he would be sent to the comfort of the corner of the room.

Should the noise continue then further misbehaviour would be required to allow him peace in the hallway.

Ceiling tile and brick became a solitary condition for this individual quite regularly and he enjoyed it while it lasted.

This is until he was seen there too often and as students would make their way to the office or on a task for a teacher the taunts started.

"Retard, loser", they mocked.

This became a regular chant that began to cut to the bone.

The wounds became deeper as the schoolyard names were accompanied by violence.

School was not a friendly environment for this small child but he kept trying and was scraping by and at times succeeded at high levels.

Some years when things were at the worst it seemed he found balance in hard work and creativity.

Then the attention grew and more verbal and physical attacks and thoughts of wanting to slip away began.

Depression and a label of a troublemaker from his early year peers made things worse and they did so as the bigger the school got, so did the interior pain.

His kindergarten teacher remembers him as a "happy child" in the beginning and his Grade 2 educator did try to help build his self-esteem that is utilized today.

These early days, however, were not enough as the real issue was overlooked and someone dropped the ball.

After findings of a substantial hearing impairment during his early school years he was pushed along.

In more ways than one.

His method of escape to change the loud environment was due to the fact he was deaf in one ear and impaired in the other.

His adult life became a rollercoaster ride of mountainous levels and functioning in community was a very troubling skill because the escape clause was still used.

The year 2007, decades beyond his school life he was walking into a gasoline station after filling his vehicle.

There inside the store in front of other citizens and staff a man entered the store after him and began a verbal assault.

"You are so $%?&* rude, didn't you hear me call you three times and you ignored me, you rude /"?*%&?. What are you deaf?"

It was the first time the now not so young man lifted his head and shoulders and looked someone in the eye and replied proudly "Yes, I am".

Since then many have come forward to apologize because they now understand a lot more about the past.

The impact this person has made with forgiveness and helping others as a healing tool is of merit some say but it is the community that lost, however, because he started caring from day one and then the ball dropped.

Bill 157 requires reporting of occurrences and that are exactly what the bullies are relying on. It is called a code of silence.

Vunerable students and citizens like the young man do not report.

Their courage is used just living day to day.

I know bullies would not understand that and possibly the powers that be also.

*Letters to the Editor*

# Several people helped to keep Wells Street Public School open

**To the editor,**

On March 2, a small group of Aurora citizens stood before Ministry of Education facilitator David Cooke to tell him the York Region District School Board breached its own policy when it closed Wells Street Public School.

These dauntless and tenacious community leaders - Quinn Bingham, Brian Duff, Carol Farrenkopf, Heidi Franken, Councillor John Gallo, Duncan McGregor, Marie McLaughlin, Mike Palmer, Jane Reeves, Kim Rouse-Parypa, Laureen Veino, Lucy Willer, and Beverly Norton (especially Beverly) - deserve the thanks of the people of Aurora.

Funding their campaign for our children and our community with donations of loonies and toonies from Aurora citizens, the moms and dads in Community Action for Wells Street stood up to the multi-million dollar school board.

They sold hundreds of lawn signs and buttons.

They ran a booth at the Farmers' Market.

They made compelling arguments about why Wells Street needed to be rebuilt.

Inspired by their example, the people of Aurora joined the fight to save Wells Street.

A thousand of us marched in the parade from the Town Park last June.

Support came from the Olde Aurora Ratepayers, the Mayor, our entire Town council, MPP Frank Klees, MP Lois Brown, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 116 former Wells Street volunteers, and many community leaders and groups.

The Accommodation Review Committee set up by the Board recommended that Wells Street be rebuilt.

Despite this overwhelming support for saving our school at the heart of our historic community, the Board voted to shut down our school forever.

Aurora's sole Trustee, Gord Kerr, voted to save our school, but he was outvoted 10 to 2 by the Trustees from outside of Aurora.

We who wanted to save our school were called "damned selfish".

But people in our community again fought back.

One hundred and seventy six people signed a petition to the Minister of Education for an Administrative Review of the decision of the Board.

Fourteen people – those named above - prepared written arguments and signed the Application for a review by a facilitator.

Facilitator Cooke is now writing his report to the Minister.

Based on past such reports, the odds are against a facilitator finding a Board breached its policy. But regardless of what Mr Cooke's finding will be, the people of Aurora recognize the injustice of closing Wells Street.

All levels of government must work with the community to re-open Wells Street Public School.

In our Town, people stand up for our community.

They stand up for our children.

Special thanks to those named above who have led the fight for our school on behalf of us all.

**Dan Revington**
**Aurora**

# Reader questions news value of Aurora Farmers' Market story

**To the editor,**

I am a great supporter of the Aurora Farmers' Market and so have seen firsthand what spirited atmosphere and business opportunity have been created there by the market organization of which volunteer efforts have been a large part.

So it is with regret that I see that Councillor Granger is resigning his volunteer liaison position, one in which he has been so very supportive that he has played a large role in moving the market forward to its successful position today.

He states at council that the market is ready to consider the position of a marketing manager, and he expects they are prepared for their "next level of success".

Then the second half of this article suddenly starts quoting an email sent internally to other market members from some member who has issues with the way the recent AGM was organized.

Organization of AGMs would be the Chair or Executive Director's responsibility, and members' issues with it would be resolved by them or the executive.

How does this internal e-mail suddenly become part of an Auroran article and why is this tabloid style of reporting desirable in this town's newspaper?

This writer's e-mail makes claim that the problems that he suffered from the organization of the AGM were all Councillor Granger's fault, and the article further states that "he left the meeting because he didn't want to be in the same room as Councillor Granger...", and other personal and immature slurs on the liaison.

There follows in the article no reported response from either Mr. Granger, or the executive Chair responsible for the running of the AGM, to these personal slurs and criticism of the Market Executive made public by The Auroran.

This is news?

There is also no reporter's name attached to this article which would infer that its content is the editor's responsibility. No prizes pending.

**Catherine Marshall**
**Aurora**

# Appalled to see Granger maligned

**To the editor,**

I feel compelled to clarify some of the issues raised in the Tuesday's (March 2nd) article concerning Councillor Granger's "resignation" as Council liaison to the Aurora Farmers' Market, as well as the portion of a private e-mail that was printed.

Councillor Granger did not "resign" as such, he stepped aside as liaison, which had always been the plan, as the market moves toward self-sufficiency and the hiring of a paid Market Manager.

The quoting of a partial, private e-mail, taken out of context, is deeply troubling.

As for the reasons the single vendor gave for walking out of the AGM, they are completely unfair. The reason the meeting was late in starting was because we had to change to a larger room and set up more chairs to accommodate all the vendors.

Secondly, the complaint regarding not having the agenda prior to the meeting should not have been directed at Councillor Granger as It WAS NOT HIS RESPONSIBILITY.

That responsibility lay with the Executive.

It is totally inaccurate to say that Councillor Granger was "disorganized" or ill prepared for the meeting.

He had spent countless hours working on revised constitution and ensuring that it was in line with our bylaw.

For the past three and a half years I have enjoyed a close working relationship with Councillor Granger on both the executive of the Farmers' Market as well as special events.

I have found him always to be well prepared, honourable, honest and has always conducted himself with integrity.

It is appalling to see his character maligned.

**Jan Freedman**
**Aurora Farmers' Market Vendor**

# Pitch the Petch House, reader says

**To the editor,**

What to do with the Petch House, in a word pitch it.

I'm sure records and photographs are in the archives.

I like history myself, but there's the cost to factor in.

I'm sure most of Aurora taxpayers would agree, the cost to bring it back to its former glory is too high, the money would be better spent on the hockey arena, or repaving Wellington St. West, between Yonge St and Haida.

This stretch of road is badly in need of resurfacing, and it would be nice to see something happening on the west side of Yonge Street.

**N. Pemberton**
**Aurora**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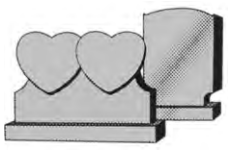

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# Tree opponents come to a deal

The issue of removing trees on Steeplechase Avenue came into full bloom at Aurora's last full Council meeting as opposing arguments were presented on behalf of concerned residents and planners of the property in question.

Doug Elliott, appearing before Council as a concerned resident, said while the technicalities of the building project might be in order, the "qualitative aspects" needed to be spoken to.

"Our neighbourhood is really defined by one thing, and that is its trees," he said. "This neighbourhood is heavily forested and that is unique in this town. Our neighbourhood is enjoyed by more than those who just live there, there are cars frequently parked outside of our homes belonging to people just enjoying the natural beauty of the area."

While Mr. Elliott said he does not oppose development, the removal of trees that characterize the neighbourhood was something that "disturbs" residents.

Trees, he said, are long term assets of the town that take a lifetime to develop and these assets should be protected.

The particular trees in question on this property would alter the character of the neighbourhood, he said.

"The removal of any trees is objectionable, [but] the removal of trees close to the roadway, especially characteristic of this area... we believe streetscapes should be protected at all costs," he said.

Mr. Elliott suggested viable alternatives could be found to suit both the property owner and neighbours, including altering plans for the new building to fit into the "footprint" of the old, or move the construction further back from the road "to preserve the character of the neighbourhood as seen from the street".

Bryan Whitehead of Rural Development Consultants Ltd. approached the podium representing the property owner, and insisted Mr. Elliott's proposals were not viable at all for a number of reasons.

These range from the landscape of the property - to move the project back from the street, they would have to cut into a land rise - to the installation of a new, up-to-date septic system, to that the plans for the house call for it to bringing the proposed home forward in the lot to accommodate a recreation area.

He also questioned Mr. Elliott's assertion that tree removal would alter the streetscape.

"The [plans] don't show that the trees will be cleared in the vicinity of the driveway," he said. "They're at the back of the woodlot. We're taking out something in the range of 20 trees here. We have three large spruce trees in the vicinity which fall within the house, and a couple of trees in the back which are where the septic system will go... and one maple tree on the side which has to come out so we can actually go around to access the house."

He said they have also proposed to replace a number of existing trees, including lining the new driveway and filling in clearings in the woodlot.

"I agree that it will take some time for the trees to grow up to the size of the trees in question," he said. "However, the loss of trees cannot be seen from the street."

In the middle of the delegation process, Mayor Morris suggested Mr. Elliott and Mr. Whitehead adjourn to a separate room to pore over plans and discuss outstanding issues before reporting back to council.

When the two parties emerged, they had agreed to increase the number of trees planted, scrap the proposed planting of hemlock in favour of maple, and give residents further opportunity to have their say on the development.

**Members of the Aurora Optimists turned out in droves Saturday afternoon to participate in the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters of York bowlathon. The event was held at Gateway Lanes in Aurora.**

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# Facilitator hears arguments

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of views."

Mr. Revington said their case against the board's decision consisted of two major arguments.

The first was the York Region District School Board ignoring the recommendation of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) to re-open the school, and the second was "unfair process" on the part of the Board and "bias on the part of the trustees."

"Our concern was the board followed an unfair process, that there was bias on the part of the trustees before we even had a chance to make our arguments and we - and the community - didn't have the same chance as board staff to make our arguments with the trustees," explained Mr. Revington.

"Then when the trustees made their decision, they didn't give coherent reasons for why they decided to close the school," he continued. "The reasons didn't say anything about what the ARC committee had recommended."

Mr. Revington said the group expressed these points to Mr. Cooke "as forcefully as they could" and he had a number of questions in response.

"We did our best to persuade him that the board did have a duty to have a fair process," said Mr. Revington. "If you are making an adjudicated decision to close a school you have to have a fair process."

The next step in determining the final fate for Wells Street Public School is for Mr. Cooke to issue his report to the Minister.

Wells Street School supporters, however, advocated for the facilitator to be given greater power to make a decision.

"The Minister will receive [Mr. Cooke's] report and depending on what it says the school board may decide to take further steps to review its decision," he said. "We have always felt the solution to re-opening the school has to come from different levels of government working together."

Aurora Councillor John Gallo, who also attended the meeting, said he thought the meeting was a success.

"The rationale for petitioning the Ministry for a facilitator to conduct an administrative review was to keep the Wells Street issue alive," said Councillor Gallo in an e-mail to The Auroran. "I think the group was successful in doing just that.

"It's hard to judge what the outcome of Mr. Cooke's report will be [but] in the meantime, this issue should not be left to fall by the wayside. The community, Town of Aurora, school board, and senior levels of government need to continue to work towards a solution."


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or

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**204 Toronto White Caravan Kids 5 -** Gregory Gatzopoulos 1G, Carson Williams 2G, Daniel Babcock 1G 1A, Giuliano Iervasi 1G 1A, Stetson Colicchio 1A, Eric Flicker 1A. **205 Florida Red Caravan Kids 1** - Nicholas Makhlouta 1G, Garrett Kohler 1A.

**203 Boston Gold Caravan Kids 2** -John Dol 1G 1A, Jacob Lopez 1G 1A, Francesco DeBartolo. **202 St. Louis Blue Caravan Kids 2** - Jonathan Gianforcaro 1G 1A, Aaron Preiano 1G 1A, Andrew Schaus 1A, Nathan Smith.

**201 Los Angeles Purple Caravan Kids 6** - Dylan Prescott 2G 1A, Mason Brown 3G, Cameron Lang 1G 1A, Todd Fischer 2A, Coulton Ives 1A, Cody Fisher 1A, Ethan Moulds 1A. **202 St. Louis Blue Caravan Kids 1** - Jonathan Gianforcaro 1G, Nathan Smith 1A.

**203 Boston Gold Caravan Kids 1** - Christian Fermo 1G, Justin Foster 1A, John Dol 1A. **204 Toronto White Caravan Kids 0.**

**201 Los Angeles Purple Caravan Kids 7** - Alexander Iaboni 1G, Todd Fischer 1G, Dylan Prescott 2G 1A, Cameron Lang 2G 4A, Colby Harrison 1G 1A, Matthew Flanagan 1A. **203 Boston Gold Caravan Kids 4** - John Dol 2G, Cristian Franze 1G, Christopher Siarkas 1G.

**205 Florida Red Caravan Kids 6** - Anthony Miranda 3G, Joseph Kuchcicki 2G, Garrett Kohler 1G 3A, Andrew Campbell 1A, Stuart Bishenden 1A. **202 St. Louis Blue Caravan Kids 3** - Sean Kiah 2G, Jonathan Gianforcaro 1G, Aaron Preiano 2A, Alex Murgida 2A, Austin Martin 1A.

**403 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 4** - Jack Dion 3G, Stephen McNeil 1G. **405 St. Louis Blue Laurion Law Office 1** - Bryce Davison 1G.

**411 Colorado Burgandy Danny's Boys 4** - Patrick Facca 1G, Troy Lane 2G, Tyler Frise 1G 1A, Patrick Facca 1A, Mitchell Levy 1A, Dylan Clark 1A. **408 Philly Orange Paragon Asset Management 2** - Keaton Thompson 1G, Reid Ludgate 1G 1A, Jack Camplin 1A.

**404 Los Angeles Purple Mastermind Toys 8** - Matthew Vassos 1G, Jessey Van Soest 2G 1A, Jacob Cowl 1A, Owen Bourrie 2G, Vyktoria Brochu 2A, Matthew Glionna 3G 1A, Dane Kerkkamp 1A, Andrew End 1A, Jackson Clements 1A. **401 Florida Red Chouinard Bros. 2** - Colin Read 2G, Joseph Naccarato 1A, Will Reid 1A.

**406 Pittsburgh Black Compass Ins. Brokers 4** - Charles Peters 2G, Paul Cotturo 1A, Nathan Sherrard 1G 1A, Cameron Jackson 1A, Caelan Bloor 1G, Jeffrey Crowe 1A. **402 Boston Gold Omar's Shoes 2** - Connor DeVogel 2G, Noah Murphy-Sealy 1A.

**412 Dallas Kelly Green Aurora Lodge 148 4 -** David Tonelli 3G 1A, James Freel 1A, Troy Campbell 1G 1A, Brock Stewart 1A. **407 Pittsburgh Powder Blue HS Financial 2** - Cameron Dyer 1G, Pranav Rendalkar 1A, Tristan Floyd 1A, Barrett Scott 1G, Keegan Fisher 1A.

**409 San Jose Teal North York Plumbing & Heating 4** - Niklas Seidel 2G, Colin Boorn 1G, Ben Godber 1G, Francesco Scuglia 1A, Chris Walsh 1A, Jack Hosmer 1A. **410 Los Angeles Grey McAlpine Ford 2 -** Evan Lambert 2G, Joshua Fallavollita 1A, Jacob Turriff 1A.

**409 San Jose Teal North York Plumbing & Heating 3** - Ben Godber 1G 1A, Chris Walsh 1G 1A, Niklas Seidel 1G 1A. **411 Colorado Burgandy Danny's Boys 2 -** Tyler Frise 1A, Dylan Clark 2G, Ben Lalonde 2A.

**402 Boston Gold Omar's Shoes 9** - Christian Ridd 4G, Evan Bryan 3G 2A, Anthony Livia 1A, Jake Carson 3A, Connor DeVogel 2G, Adam Wochenmarkt 2A, Liam DeSouza 2A, Andrew Lamana 2A. **408 Philly Orange Paragon Asset Management 5** - Ben Hagias 1G, Thomas Morra 3G 1A, Nicholas Vamvakaris 2A, Keaton Thompson 1G.

**407 Pittsburgh Powder Blue HS Financial 4** - Cameron Dyer 3G, Keegan Fisher 1G, James Samson 1A, Tristan Floyd 1A, Jacob Leblanc 1A. **403 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 3** - David Robertson 1A, Devon Mundy 1A, Hayden Edwards 1G, Jack Dion 2G 1A.

**609 San Jose Teal Backyard Pool & Spa 2** - Joey Hodgson 1G, Mitchell Law-Heese 1G, Carter Eby, shutout, T. Simpson 1A, N. Hatzitolios 1A, D. Hope 1A. **607 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Diamond Groundskeeping 0.**

**604 Los Angeles Purple Swiss Chalet 7** - Nick Baczynski 2G, Bradley Snoutlen 2G 3A, William Stroud 3G. **603 Toronto White Aurora Orthodontics 5 -** Tyler Wilson 2G, Daniel Robinson 2G, Connor Tripp 1G, Colin Dunlop 1A, Matthew Carcone 1A, Maxwell Jones 1A, Troy Foster 2A, Nick Armour 2A.

**606 Pittsburgh Black AHPA 1** - James Kellett 1G, Alexander Pero 1A. 610 **St. Louis Blue Rotary Club of Aurora 0.**

**602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 8** - Andre Cristillo 2G, Randy Sutton 2G, Stewart Reid 1G 1A, Chris Broughton 1G 1A, Zachary Keller 1G 1A, Paul Mason 1G, James Power 1A, David Kangas 1A, Rory Hamilton 1A, Brent Legrow, shutout. **605 Los Angeles Grey Rival Concepts 0**.

**601 Florida Red Rogers 5** - Austin Waite 2G 1A, Michael Imseis 2G, Patrick Bourrie 1G, Josh Divenczo 1A, Bryn Burbank 2A, Jack Bishenden 1A, Alexander MacKinnon 1A. **608 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 3** - Jacob Hagias 2G, Jacob Hagias 2G, Nicholas Pearce 1G, Nathan Dinatale 2A, Denzel Speller Drews 2A, Micheal Walsh 1A, Michael DiLosa 1A.

**603 Toronto White Aurora Orthodontics 2** - Tyler Wilson 1G 1A, Jason Omand 1G, Christopher Ottman 1A, Daniel Cariou 1A. **602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 1** - Riley Callaghan 1G, David Kangas 1A.

**605 Los Angeles Grey Rival Concepts 9** - Adam Hofmann 3G 1A, Aaron Rival 1G 1A, Ryan Ouwroules 1G 2A, David Leeper 1G 1A, Jonathan Jin 2G 2A, Adam Wilson 1G, Evan Nichols 1A, Justin Nisbet 2A, Cameron 1A. **609 San Jose Teal Backyard Pool & Spa 1** - Michael Boorn 1G, Jake Schacter 1A.

**610 St. Louis Blue Rotary Club of Aurora 4** - Johnny Sherwood 1G, Michael Montesanti 1G, Derek Keun 1G, Christian MacGillvray 1G, Brenden Ruuskanen 1A, Connor Cann 1A, Jake Mcgann 1A. **604 Los Angeles Purple Swiss Chalet 2 -** Robert Cabral 1G, James McDonald 1G, Emerson Cepelak 1A, Tarek Koudmani 1A.

**608 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 3 -** Micheal Walsh 2G, Nicholas Pearce 1G, Matthew Neice 1A,
Christian Pearce 1A. **606 Pittsburgh Black AHPA 1** - Justin Laird 1G, James Kellett 1A.

**601 Florida Red Rogers 2** - Michael Dowling 1G, Patrick Bourrie 1G, Jordan Reeves 1A, Daniel Della Rocca 1A, Bryn Burbank 1A, Carmelo Santino, shutout. **607 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Diamond Groundskeeping 0.**

**608 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 5** - Christian Pearce 1G, Jacob Hagias 1G, Matthew Neice 2G, Michael McKerracher 1G, Colin Dyer 1A, Peter McKerracher 2A, Micheal Walsh 2A. **604 Los Angeles Purple Swiss Chalet 5** - Ryan Donovan 1G, Bradley Snoutlon 2G, Max Bruckner 1G, William Stroud 1G, Emerson Cepelak 1A.

**605 Los Angeles Grey Rival Concepts 6** - Jonathan Jin 4G, Ryan Ouwroules 2G 1A, Aaron Rival 1A, Evan Nicols 1A. **607 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Diamond Groundskeeping 2** - Sandy Sanderson 1G 1A, Chris Aldis 1A.

**603 Toronto White Aurora Orthodontics 4** - Connor Tripp 1G, Christopher Ottman 1G, Nick Armour 1G, Matthew Carcone 1G 1A, Theo Meadows 2A, Jason Omand 1A, Colin Dunlop 1A, Maxwell Jones 1A. **609 San Jose Teal Backyard Pool & Spa 3** - Matthew Hall 3G, Joey Hodgson 1A, Yosef Kakush 2A, Jake Schacter 1A, Joel Robinson 1A.

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**602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 6** - James Power 1G, Paul Mason 2G, Austin Skelhorn 2G 1A, Chris Broughton 1G 1A, Andre Cristillo 2A, David Kangas 2A, Randy Sutton 2A. **610 St. Louis Blue Rotary Club of Aurora 1** - Christian MacGillvray 1G, Brenden Ruuskanen 1A.

**605 Los Angeles Grey Rival Concepts 5** - Ben Kissack 1G 1A, Adam Hofmann 1G, Jonathan Jin 2G 1A, David Leeper 1G, David Leeper 1G, Cameron Pyle 1A, Blake Holtby 1A. **601 Florida Red Rogers 4** - Patrick Bourrie 1G, Austin Waite 1G 1A, Michael Imseis 1G, Michael Dowling 1G, Tommy Allan 1A, Jack Bishenden 1A.

**609 San Jose Teal Backyard Pool & Spa 5** - Matthew Hall 1G, Joey Hodgson 1G, Mitchell Law-Heese 2G, Yosef Kakush 1G 1A, Jake Schacter 1A, Aiden Woolsey 1A, C. Screech 1A. **610 St. Louis Blue Rotary Club of Aurora 1** - Jamie Finlay 1G, Brenden Ruuskanen 1A, Brenden Ruuskanen 1A.

**602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 2** - James Power 1G, Mitchell Albert 1A, Stewart Reid 1G, Randy Sutton 1A, Andre Cristillo 1A. **608 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 1** - Christian Pearce 1G, Grant Kavanaugh 1A.

**604 Los Angeles Purple Swiss Chalet 4** - Nick Baczynski 1G, Bradley Snoutlen 3G, Mitchell Haak 1A, Emerson Cepelak 1A, Max Bruckner 1A, Eric Cumiskey 1A, Harrison Jarvis, shutout. **606 Pittsburgh Black AHPA 0.**

**603 Toronto White Aurora Orthodontics 3 -** Connor Tripp 1G, Christopher Ottman 2G, Daniel Cariou 1A, Nick Armour 1A, Colin Dunlop 1A, Troy Foster 1A, Alex Negri, shutout. **607 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Diamond Groundskeeping 0.**

**604 Los Angeles Purple Swiss Chalet 2 -** Bradley Snoutlen 1G, Emerson Cepelak 1G, James Eydt 1A, Ryan Donovan 1A, **602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 2** - Rory Hamilton 1G 1A, James Power 1G 1A.

**609 San Jose Teal Backyard Pool & Spa 6** - Joey Hodgson 4G, Yosef Kakush 1G, Jordan Screech 1G, C. Screech 2A, L. Bulmer 1A. **606 Pittsburgh Black AHPA 3** - Parker Jackson 1G 1A, Anthony Loduca 2G, Justin Laird 2A.

**810 Los Angeles Grey 4** - Trevor Rice 1G 1A, Collin Laird 1G 2A, Graeme Allison 2G, Declan Johnson 1A. **804 Los Angeles Purple Caruso & Company 3 -** Duncan Eveleigh 1G, Chris Downs 1G, Matthew Hudon 1G, Tyler Futterer 1A, Jesse Borin 1A.

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**802 Boston Gold Manhattan Trophies 5** - Ryan Dowling 1G 1A, Mac Cawfield 1G, Quinn McGowan 1G, Michael Liscio 1G, Andrew Roche 1A. **812 Dallas Kelly Green 3** - Josh Bell 2G, Cameron Staples 1G, Mackenzie McIntosh 1A, Brandon Plourde 1A, Matthew Roach 1A.

**806 Pittsburgh Black Continental Ingredients 4** - Justin Stevens 1G, Nicholas Bertrand 2G 1A, Brendan Elliot 1G, Brian Pedron 1A, Peter Mangaly 1A. **808 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 1** - Graham Killby 1G, Drew Bryan 1A.

**803 Toronto White AHPA 3** - Matthew D'Allessandro 2G, Liam Devlin 1G 1A, Zac Kroll 1A, Evan Sheridan 1A, Sajjad Akbar 1A, Evan Sheridan 1A, Daniel McDonnell 1A. **811 Colorado Burgandy 2** - Josh Lawlor 2G, Tyler Indos 1A, Kevin Siery 1A, Nick Holliday 1A.

**812 Dallas Kelly Green 2** - Brandon Plourde 1G, Josh Bell 1G, William He 2A, Kyle DeSouza 1A, Francois Bicego, shutout. **813 St Louis White 0.**

**810 Los Angeles Grey 2** - Trevor Rice 1G, Graeme Allison 1G 1A, Carson Roell 1A, Eric Staueble 1A. **802 Boston Gold Manhattan Trophies 3** - Mac Cawfield 1G, Quinn McGowan 1G, Ryan Dowling 1G, Kyle Nice 1A, Corey Young 1A.

**803 Toronto White AHPA 7** - Matthew D'Allessandro 4G 1A, Evan Sheridan 1G 2A, Daniel Antoniel 1G 1A, Evan Sheridan 1G, Liam Devlin 3G, Daniel McDonnell 2A, Bailey Miller 1A. **809 San Jose Teal 1** - Jamie Poutney 1G.

**808 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 7** - Drew Bryan 1G 1A, Michael McCreesh 4G, Ben Black 1G, Russell Johnson 1G 1A, David Roberts 1A, Joey Stel 1A, Alexander Gouthro 1A, Elias Jeries 1A. **804 Los Angeles Purple Caruso & Company 5** - Mark Pressaco 1G, Gregory Milligan 1G 1A, Chris Downs 1G 2A, Jesse Borin 1G 1A, Adam Durante 1A, Duncan Eveleigh 1A, Brian Langdon 1A, Tyler Futterer 1A.

**801 Florida Red A.D.C Aluminum 2** - Joseph Veneziano 1G, Andrew Boehmer 1G, Andrew Walter 1A, William Allen 1A, Ben McGowan 1A. **806 Pittsburgh Black Continental Ingredients 2** - Peter Mangaly 1G, Scott Taylor 1G, Brendan Elliot 1A, Trevor Stephens 1A, Scott Dunlop 1A.

**801 Florida Red A.D.C Aluminum 4** - Stephen Faiello 1G 1A, Jake Arcangeli 1G, Andrew Boehmer 2G 1A, Andrew Walter 1A, Michael Tanel 1A, Matthew Iamonaco 1A. **803 Toronto White AHPA 2** - Matthew D'Allessandro 1G 1A, Liam Devlin 1G.

**802 Boston Gold Manhattan Trophies 6** - Nic Venosa 1G, Mitchell Arnold 2G 1A, Corey Young 1G 1A, Alex Seto 1G 1A, Quinn McGowan 1G 2A, Michael Liscio 4A, Matthew Foschia 1A. **804 Los Angeles Purple Caruso & Company 1** - Tyler Futterer 1G, Mark Presacco 1A.

**904 Los Angeles Purple 4. 903 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 4.**

**905 St. Louis Blue 4** - Austin Fenyes 2G, John Dinicolontonio 1G, Drew Marshall 1G 1A, Vince Duggan 1A, Ward Benn 1A, Carter Hammett, shutout. **902 Boston Gold CW Coops 0.**

**901 Florida Red Aurora Chrysler 4 -** Andrew Seguin 1G 1A, David Marsillo 1G 1A, Alex Cackirovski 2A, Chris Fafalios 1G, Joe Detoro 1A, Shawn Hoffman 1A, Marty Wood 1G, Francesco Vallecorsa, shutout. **906 Pittsburgh Black Ruff N Redi 0.**

**902 Boston Gold CW Coops 5. 903 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 3.**

**905 St. Louis Blue 2** - Chris Karagiannis 1G, Brendan Kirasack 1G, Austin Fenyes 1A, Michael Rodrigues 1A, Ward Benn 1A. **901 Florida Red Aurora Chrysler 1** - Josh Ashfield 1G, William Miller 1A, Shawn Hoffman 1A.

**1002 Boston Gold 5** - Mark Tanel 2G 1A, Cameron Kearley 2G, Michael Mourtzanos 1G 1A, Brandon Rival 1A, Kevin Tree 1A, Anthony Decesare 1A. **1003 Toronto White CAA 5** - Scott Sturges 1G, Matthew Miller 1G, Jordan Fantin 2G 1A, Stephen Newby 2A, Evan Campbell 1G 1A, Ian Weston 1A, Ryan Laird 1A, Adam Reid 2A.

**1013 St. Louis White 5** - Anthony Marsillo 4G 1A, AJ Howard 1G 1A. **1005 St. Louis Blue Sentia 1 -** Geoffrey Gianopoulos 1G, David Naccarato 1A.

**1009 San Jose Teal 4** - Paul Keilty 1G 2A, Michael Bar 1G 1A, Dylan Skelton 2G 1A, Cory Blom 1A, Stephen Thompson 1A, Andrew Mangialardi 1A, Liam McGoldrick 1A. **1001 Florida Red 4** - Kyle McCreedy 1G 1A, Scott Quagliarini 1G, Michael Takahashi 2G, Sean Takahashi 1A, James Harkin 1A.

**1012 Dallas Kelly Green Envirocar 7** - Michael Morson 4G, Brett Allen 1G, Jonathan Alcock 1G 2A, Adrian Tobin 1G, Dylan Sutherland 1A, Adam Tomlin 1A, Jake Hindley 1A, Chris Tambos 2A. **1006 Pittsburgh Black 3** - Matthew Pellegrini 1G, Dillon Cappell 1G 2A, Jesse Cappell 1G, Jay Lamont 1A.

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**1011 Colorado Burgandy Graystones Restaurant 9** - Matthew Mears 1G, Chris Blumreisinger 1G 1A, Dylan Cross 3G 1A, Greg Lacroix 1G, Josh Bentolila 1G, Chase Riddell 1G 1A, Ryan Antoniel 1G, Lucas Cristillo 1A, Andrew Cosentino 1A, Justin Killens 1A, Brandon Giniotis 1A. **1005 St. Louis Blue Sentia 3** - Craig Bennett 1G 1A, Caleb Gould 1G, Colin Munn 1G, Keenan Vanrooyen 1A.

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**1009 San Jose Teal 1. 1007 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 0.**

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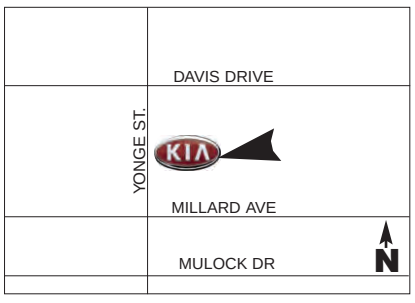

**Members of the Aurora Tigers and the Oakville Blades follow the routine and shake hands following their final playoff hockey game in Oakville Tuesday night. The Blades eliminated the Tigers from further playoff action, eliminating Aurora in five games, to win the first round of playoffs four games to one. Oakville has advanced in the playoffs and is currently tied with the Georgetown Raiders at one game each.**

# Tigers eliminated in five games

The Aurora Tigers are finished for the season.

But they gave it everything they had Tuesday night as they lost 3-2 to the Oakville Blades in Oakville to give up their first round of playoffs four games to one.

While an extra attacker worked late in the game, it wasn't enough for Aurora to force an overtime period Tuesday night.

Michael Sardella, who assisted on Aurora's first goal, brought the Tigers to one with only 12 seconds remaining in regulation time, but it was too little, too late.

Oakville needed most of the first period to finally break the goose egg, and they needed an extra attacker to do it.

Mark Bennett scored on a powerplay to send the teams to the dressing room with Oakville ahead by one.

Before the second period was 10 minutes old, Aurora tied the game on a goal by Alexi Pianosi as Tigers enjoyed the extra attacker.

However, the Blades took control in the third period scoring twice before the frame was three minutes old.

Sardella's goal late in the frame made the game interesting, but wasn't enough to keep the Tigers off the golf courses.

The Tigers went into Oakville to keep their season continuing for another game following their dramatic overtime win on Sunday.

They played well, matching the Blades in opportunities throughout the game but two minutes at the start of the third became their undoing, losing the game 3-2 and the series four games to one to end their season.

As was the case on Sunday the Tigers were the better team early.

They outshot the Blades 15-11 in the first, but came out trailing 1-0 after giving up a powerplay goal late in the period.

It looked good for the Tigers as they started the second period on a powerplay.

They came close, but weren't able to convert on that opportunity, but midway through the period on a two-man advantage Lucas VanNatter teed up an Alexi Pianosi onetimer point shot that beat the Blades' goalie to the short side.

Both teams continued to have their chances, but both goalies turned all opportunities away to send the players to the second intermission tied at a goal each.

An errant pass in the Tigers zone to start the third gave the Blades the chance they needed to take the lead just 36 seconds into the period.

With the Tigers now on their heels, the Blades sensed an opportunity and two minutes later beat Curtis Black with the eventual game winner.

With two minutes left in the period the Tigers pulled Black for the extra attacker.

Michael Sardella's tip in of an Alexi Pianosi point shot brought the Tigers within one goal, but with only 12 seconds left on the clock it was too little too late.

Black played well in net, again making saves while Oakville celebrated what they thought was a sure goal.

He covered the net well all game.

Two of the three he gave up were during goalmouth scrambles when he had made the initial stop but his teammates couldn't handle the secondary shooter.

He faced 39 shots in the game, while the Blades goalie handled 35 shots from the Tigers.

**OAKVILLE 3**
**AURORA 2**

**First period**

O - Mark Bennett (Ingoldsby, Murphy) PP 17.08

**Second period**

A - Alexi Pianosi (VanNatter, Sardella) PP 9.47

**Third period**

O - Josh Ranalli (Bennett) 0.36

O - Kyle Blaney (Lysaght, Ingoldsby) 2.02

A - Michael Sardella (Pianosi) EA 19.48

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# Minor Hockey Results

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Anton Thompson 1A, Sam Lombard 1A, Evan Ellig 1A. **Tournament 5.**

**Tournament 5. Tyke Select A 4** - Anton Thompson 1G, Ethan Cameron 1G 1A, Dylan DaCosta 1A, Jake Adams 1G, Bryson Posa 1A, Carter Beswick 1G.

**N/A 6. Tyke Select A 1 - Ethan Cameron 1G.**

**Georgina 4. Tyke Select A 2** - Bryson Posa 1G, Jake Adams 1A, Carter Beswick 1A, Dylon DaCosta 1G, Evan Vierling 1A.

**Stouffville Clippers 7. Tyke Select B 1** - Daniel Gaeta 1G, Caden McHenry 1A, Jace Jackson 1A.

**Stouffville Clippers 8. Tyke Select B 0.**

**Georgina 8. Novice AA Tigers 0.**

**Georgina 3. Novice AA Tigers 1** - Wesley Reid 1G.

**Newmarket 2. Novice A Tigers 1** - Will Sherman 1A, Jason Gage 1A, Jack Campbell 1G.

**Newmarket 4. Novice A Tigers 1 - Andrew Park 1G, Jeremy Gonsalves 1A.**

**Novice A Tigers 6** - Jeremy Gonsalves 2G 1A, Matthew Gram 1A, Justin Harbaruk 1G 1A, Blair Crabbe 1A, Adam Wloka 1A, Brendan Sanford 1G, Jack Campbell 1A, Craig Therkildsen 1A, Sam Ashton 2G, Matthew McConnell 1A. **Newmarket 4.**

**Newmarket 4. Novice A Tigers 2** - Jeremy Gonsalves 1G, Andrew Park 1A, Adam Wloka 1A, Justin Harbaruk 1G.

**Newmarket 5. Minor Atom AA Tigers 5** - Nicholas Rountes 1G 2A, Anthony Magnante 1G 1A, Nate Legros 1G, Taylor Tuck 1G, Andrew Jorgensen 1G 1A, Michael Thibeault 1A, Jamie Stewart 1A, Brandon Vaughan 1A, Ben Spittle 1A.

**Richmond Hill 2. Minor Atom AE Tigers 0.**

**Stouffville Clippers 3. Atom A Tigers 2** - Kyle Rice 1G, Jordan Torres 1G, Alex Wyndham-West 2A, Rhys Perry 1A.

**Stouffville Clippers 3. Atom A Tigers 3** - Eric McGhie 1G 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1G, Reid Carpenter 1G, Alex Wyndham-West 1A, Jordan Torres 1A.

**Barrie 4. Atom AE Tigers 1.**

**Atom AE Tigers 2. Barrie 2.**

**Minor Peewee AA Tigers 3** - Patrick Servideo 1G, Evan Woodhead 1G, Cameron Morrison 1G, Keegan Matthew 1A, Jared Brown 1A, Jared Reeves 1A, Anthony Orlandi 1A. **Newmarket 2.**

**Minor Peewee A Tigers 2** - Cameron Zinner 1G, Brian Suominen 1G, Brendin Ramsay 1A, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Evan Cherubini 1A, Ryan Coveart 1A. **Markham 1.**

**Minor Peewee A Tigers 5** - Mathew Tyndall 2G, Cameron Zinner 1G 1A, Evan Cherubini 1G 2A, Alistair Johnston 1G 1A, Ryan Coveart 2A, Jacob Hatton 1A, Colin Kostin 1A. **Markham 4.**

**Minor Peewee AE Tigers 4** - Connor Downs 1G, Jeffrey McKay 1G, Jordi Severini 1G, Zach Fletcher 1G, Tyler Williams 1A, Michael DaCosta 1A, Christian Arcuri 1A, Michael Jollimore 1A, Thomas Sauer 1A, Adam Caicco 1A. **Stouffville Clippers 1.**

**Stouffville Clippers 2. Minor Peewee AE Tigers 1** - Connor Downs 1G.

**Minor Bantam AA Tigers 6** - Lucas Pozzebon 3G 1A, John MacDonald 2A, Spencer Green 1G 2A, Shadoe Storm 1G, Sean Foxwell 1G. **Barrie Colts 4.**

**Barrie Colts 2. Minor Bantam AA Tigers 2** - Konner McMillan 1G, Erik Balkovec 1A, Nick Scott 1A, John MacDonald 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1A.

**Richmond Hill 6. Minor Bantam A Tigers 1** - Graham Robinson 1G.

**Richmond Hill 6. Minor Bantam AE Tigers 3** - Nelson Hossack 2G, Ian Dunlop 1G, Ryan McGolrick 1A, Brayden Beswick 1A, Victor Chadarov 1A.

**Bantam AA Tigers 4. Barrie 4.**

**Bantam AA - Tigers 3. TNT 0.**

**Bantam A Tigers 4. Uxbridge Stars 2.**

**Uxbridge Stars 5. Bantam A Tigers 2** - Hayden Trask 1G 1A, Vincent Ruscica 1G 1A, Andrew McDonald 1A, Daniel Fiori 1A.

**Bantam A Tigers 5** - Matthew Pryse 1G, Vincent Ruscica 1G, Quincy Ing 3G, Daniel Fiori 1A, Andrew McDonald 1A, Ryan Baskin 1A, Daniel Jones 1A. **Uxbridge Stars 3.**

**Newmarket 5. Bantam AE Tigers 3** - Casey Severini 1G 1A, Trevor George 1G 1A, William Brogan 1G, Zach Ferry 1A, Peter Sandwell 1A, Massimo Longhin 1A.

**Newmarket 4. Bantam AE Tigers 1** - Christopher Tsianos 1G, Trevor George 1A.

**Newmarket 3. Bantam AE Tigers 1** - Zachary Ferry 1G.

**Minor Midget AA Tigers 4. Markham 2.**

**Midget AE Tigers 7. East Gwillimbury Eagles 1.**


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# Monday night hockey standings

**Final standings**

| TEAM | W | L | T | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Highland Chev-Cad | 15 | 2 | 6 | 36 |
| Rec Cycle N' Sports | 16 | 3 | 3 | 35 |
| Law Insurance Brokers | 13 | 9 | 1 | 27 |
| Baldwin's | 11 | 11 | 1 | 23 |
| Priestly Demolition | 8 | 10 | 5 | 21 |
| Tom & Jerry's | 7 | 13 | 3 | 17 |
| FPL Aggregates | 5 | 14 | 4 | 14 |
| Masterclean Contracting | 4 | 16 | 3 | 11 |

**WEEKLY RESULTS**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Highlands Chev | 2 | FPL Aggregates | 2 |
| Rec Sports | 1 | Masterclean | 2 |
| Baldwin's | 5 | Law Insurance | 2 |
| Tom & Jerry's | 3 | Priestly Demolition | 1 |

| | G | A | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Andersen, Rec Sports | 23 | 22 | 45 |
| 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, Baldwin's | 12 | 19 | 31 |
| Ken Fisher, Highland | 15 | 11 | 26 |
| Mike O'Connor, Priestly | 11 | 14 | 25 |
| Ed Jackson, Baldwin's | 9 | 16 | 25 |
| Stephen McDonald, Law Insurance | 7 | 18 | 25 |
| Scott Thomas, Tom & Jerry's | 4 | 21 | 25 |
| Craig McConnell, Masterclean | 16 | 8 | 24 |
| John Leader,Law Insurance | 15 | 9 | 24 |
| Mark Lemmon, Rec Sports | 12 | 12 | 24 |
| Julian Dalcin, Rec Sports | 9 | 15 | 24 |
| Tom Hussey, Masterclean | 8 | 16 | 24 |
| Paul Wolanski, Law Insurance | 8 | 16 | 24 |
| Scott Crabbe, Highland | 7 | 17 | 24 |
| Ed Kilroy, Rec Sports | 17 | 6 | 23 |
| Sam Speranini, Tom & Jerry's | 14 | 9 | 23 |
| Brad McMillan, Baldwin's | 12 | 11 | 23 |
| Paul Gibson, Highland | 11 | 12 | 23 |
| Peter Briand, Baldwin's | 9 | 14 | 23 |
| Mark Sedore, Priestly | 13 | 9 | 22 |
| Jason Muise, Rec Sports | 8 | 14 | 22 |
| Tom Webster, Tom & Jerry's | 8 | 14 | 22 |
| Steve McBurnie, Priestly | 9 | 12 | 21 |
| Alain Boudreau, Highland | 8 | 13 | 21 |
| Don Nichols, Law Insurance | 12 | 8 | 20 |
| Gerry Mackrell, Rec Sports | 6 | 14 | 20 |
| Jerome Flanagan, Highland | 9 | 10 | 19 |
| Patrick Davies, Priestly | 4 | 15 | 19 |
| Ken Rumble, Highland | 4 | 14 | 18 |
| Gerald Briand, Baldwins | 10 | 7 | 17 |
| Dwayne Smith, Law Insurance | 7 | 10 | 17 |
| Dave Calverley, Law Insurance | 6 | 10 | 16 |
| Ken Heinrich,Rec Sports | 3 | 13 | 16 |
| Bill Collings, Tom & Jerrys | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| Rob Stroud, Masterclean | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| Bob Ince, Rec Sports | 3 | 12 | 15 |
| Scott Shepperd, Rec Sports | 1 | 14 | 15 |
| Steve Robertson, Masterclean | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Ron Thiessen, Tom & Jerry's | 1 | 13 | 14 |
| Al Perkins, Priestly | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Phil Podstatzky, Priestly | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| Jason Hurlbut, Rec Sports | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| Brad Wilson, Tom & Jerry's | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| Brett Vickers, FPL | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| 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, Baldwins | 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 |
| CraigGellatly, FPL | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| Glen Bince, Masterclean | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Deryk Preston, FPL | 2 | 8 | 10 |
| SteveRiswick, Tom & Jerry's | 2 | 8 | 10 |
| Chris Neale, Law Insurance | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| Denny Giles, FPL | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Adam Tzarik, Tom & Jerry's | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Les Nip, Highland | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Dan Smith, Baldwin's | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Dennis Tonello, Baldwin's | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| DarrylThompson, Tom & Jerry's | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Frank Balkovec, Baldwin's | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Michael Caicco, Baldwin's | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| Raz Khamissa, Law Insurance | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| John Nicholson, Highland | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| SteveBromley, Baldwin's | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| Hank Van Bakel, Highland | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Andrew Dalton, Rec Sports | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Marty McDermott, Masterclean | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Craig Donaldson, FPL | 1 | 6 | 7 |

# Aurora runner looks to winning Canadian title

Sarah Pierce, 4th year student at the University of Guelph, and daughter of Aurora's David and Johanna Pierce is possibly the fastest runner in the country.

A graduate from Aurora's Cardinal Carter Secondary School, Sarah is the Ontario gold medalist as she heads into Canadian championships this weekend.

She won that honour recently, at the Ontario University Athletics 2010 indoor track and field championships where she ran 60 metres in a life-time best 7.501 seconds.

At Christmastime, at the annual Christmas Open at York University, running for the Guelph Gryphons, Sarah beat the standard by a one hundredth of a second.

The Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) standard, set at 7.61 seconds, was broken when she ran the distance in 7.60 seconds, a time which equalled her life-time best and ranked her second all-time in Gryphon history.

At the recent meet, Sarah carved another half second off her time.

The Canadian championships will be held this weekend at the University of Windsor.

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**SAMANTHA KACZOR**

# Ducks win gold, silver and bronze at Etobicoke meet

The four-day provincial championship was an exciting meet for four of the top Aurora Duck swimmers recently.

Samantha Kaczor, 11, set the tone by placing third in the 100 back on the first day of the meet and followed it up on day two with a silver medal in the 100 Fly.

This was followed by an outstanding effort by Summer Mortimer, 16, swimming in the S10 disability division, winning four gold medals in the 50 back, 100 back, 100 free, and 200 Individual Medley.

In addition Summer unofficially broke the world record in the 100 back.

Summer is heading for San Antonio, Texas, later this month for the US Paralympic Spring Swimming National Championships where she will officially attempt to break the World Record.

Victoria Wicks, 13, placed sixth and ninth in the 100 and 200 breast and James Thompson, 11, in his first provincial championship placed 11th in the 50 fly.

Coach Reg Chappell was elated with the performances of the swimmers and the improvement in their times.

With this success in hand, the job now is to prepare the team for the Provincial Team Championships April 16.

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# Aurora Optimist Club turning 25……..

**Optimist of the Month**

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Currently 2009-2010 Director

Bill is the driving force behind the design and construction of the Club's award winning Santa Claus Parade floats. His backyard is transformed into a workshop each fall where he and many club members work tirelessly to ensure that they come up with something new, year after year, to make the parade that much more spectacular. The focus for these floats is always youth oriented.

This year's float was a tribute to the many diverse groups of children living not just in Aurora but around the "globe".

In the next few months you will read more about the Optimists and their plan to celebrate 25 years with a community Picnic in the Park on Saturday June 19th at Optimist Park.

The Aurora Midget A girls team, above, won a hockey tournament in London recently. On the team are, sitting left to right, Michele Todd, Leah Amson, Halle Manson, Chantal Mayo, Ashleigh Smith, Morgan Clarke, Taryn Deasley and Mikayla Johnson. Standing, left to right, are Adele Taylor (trainer), Catherine Boselmann (trainer), Andrew Westerhoek (coach), Sara Taylor, Danielle Coldwell, Terrah Westerhoek, Sara Guerin, Dan Coldwell (coach), Haley MacNeil, Alicia Todd, Lauren Arena, Taylor Hunt, and Kal Johnson (coach).

# Aurora would make 5K run a town event

Ready and willing Aurora residents could spend Mother's Day weekend this year pounding the pavement raising money for brain cancer research if a proposal by an Aurora student comes to pass.

The Mother's Day 5K Brain Cancer Research Relay was proposed to the town via the Leisure Services Advisory Committee (LSAC) by Aurora resident Fraser Kegel.

If Mr. Kegel's proposal is adopted, the relay would be held Saturday, May 8, between 10 a.m. and noon.

Mr. Kegel, a student at the University of Windsor, said in a letter submitted to LSAC that he was inspired to organize this event after one of his running buddies lost his aunt to the disease.

The Town has received Mr. Kegel's request to make this an officially sanctioned town event and LSAC has referred the matter back to staff for further information.

# *Committee for leash-free park to be re-established*

The Town of Aurora will re-establish the volunteer committee planned to oversee Aurora's leash free dog park.

The recommendations from the Leisure Services Advisory Committee (LSAC) were approved at last week's general committee meeting and ranged from soliciting leash free dog park users to volunteers for a sub-committee to the preparation of a draft agreement between the Town and the sub-committee.

According to Councillor Evelina MacEachern, Chair of LSAC, the volunteer committee was something always envisioned for the park but the idea never fully got off the launching pad.

Since then, she said, the park has been served informally by users, and particularly by a very loyal volunteer, dog-walker Helen Clarke.

"[Helen] basically just adopted that park in the sense that she just does everything," said Councillor MacEachern. "She picks up the dog litter in the morning. She walks through the whole dog park and picks up all the litter, she gets the green bins and takes them to the curb on the pickup days, she mows that grass all summer long.

"When she came [to Committee] she was like, 'I'll continue to do this', and we were like, 'No, you don't need to do that.' I didn't know she was mowing the grass!"

LSAC directed staff to meet with Ms. Clarke to establish a new framework for the park, something that would be akin to an Adopt-A-Park Program, to allow for fundraising and additional initiatives.

A new structure would also allow her to bring people onto a committee.

Concerns about the future of the dog park were raised by Al Downey, Director of Leisure Services, in a report presented at an LSAC meeting last month.

A number of concerns have been ongoing since the park was formally opened, he said in the report.

"Shortly after opening the park, staff observed a number of operational issues associated with waste removal and site conditions," he said. "It was at this time that it became evident that conditions imposed by council for the operation of the Park had not been fulfilled as previously agreed to by the Volunteer Committee."

Ongoing specific issues outlined in the report include the "absence of a Volunteer Committee or signed agreement", regular site inspection, potential liability, sanitary conditions, out-of-town users, use by commercial dog walkers, and "minimal to non-existent municipal service levels".

"As such, there is a difficulty in responding to the needs of the users and being able to provide a reasonable level of customer service to our residents," he said. "This coupled with the fact that the park is tremendously popular with our residents and the number of visits steadily increasing is a cause for concern."

These concerns - save for liability issues - were not shared by members of LSAC, according Councillor MacEachern.

"LSAC's philosophy is basically that it is an open park," she said. "As long as you are there as a dog walker or socialiser we don't have a concern. We're not going to be asking people where they live; this is no different from any other [town] facilities. All of our facilities can be used by non-residents.

"LSAC wanted to ensure the new structure they set up gives them liability insurance through the town so if they are conducting a duty on behalf of the town, they are covered under the town's volunteer insurance policy.

"It was more for [Helen]. I can't remember the last time I met someone so positive, so willing to do whatever needs to be done for the betterment of everyone else."

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# Woman helps grandmothers overseas

**By BROCK WEIR**
**Auroran staff**

If the unthinkable were to happen and Andrea Beal was left to take care of her six grandchildren, she knows she would have the resources to do it, but she knows all too well that countless grandmothers around the world are not so fortunate.

"Any grandmother would (take on the responsibility of raising her grandchildren), but I wouldn't do it in hardship and I wouldn't have a whole neighbourhood of children to raise," she said.

Ms. Beal is a member of GranAurora, a local offshoot of the Grandmothers To Grandmothers Campaign, a branch of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

GranAurora and Grandmothers to Grandmothers seek to help those who do end up raising "a whole neighbourhood of children" - African grandmothers affected by the AIDS pandemic.

A member of the group's National Advocacy Steering Committee, Ms. Beal is currently preparing to head to Swaziland this May along with 40 Canadian delegates to attend a summit with grandmothers from all over Africa.

Grandmothers to Grandmothers is the brainchild of Ilana Landsberg-Lewis, the daughter of Stephen Lewis.

"Stephen and Ilana noticed that what was happening in Africa in great part was that as the childbearing generation was dying, women who buried their own children were now taking on the raising of the grandchildren; not just the raising of their own grandchildren, but whole communities of grandchildren," said Ms. Beal.

Some homes, she said, have as many as 20 children in them headed by a single grandmother and it was decided to "harness" the support of Canadian grandmothers to help.

"The grandmothers have been really engaged in this, there is a strong feeling of sisterhood there," she said. "We wouldn't see our own sisters go unaided, why would we let these people go unaided?"

Since May, 2006, the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign has expanded from what Ms. Beal calls a "handful of groups" to approximately 230 groups across the country representing 5,000 grandmothers.

The 20-member strong GranAurora, which meets the first Monday of every month at Aurora United Church, is a particularly active branch, she said.

ANDREA BEAL

Ms. Beal's association with the Stephen Lewis Foundation began in 2004 when she first heard him speak about the African AIDS pandemic.

When an emerging pattern was later discussed about the increasing role of grandmothers, "there was a click that said that is where I belong."

An active advocate for the foundation, Ms. Beal said the Grandmothers' support of Bill C-393, a Bill to reform the Canadian Access to Medicines Regime was a landmark moment for the group.

They have also spearheaded petitions that have been presented in parliament.

GranAurora and Grandmothers to Grandmothers at large also focus on outreach, with the Stephen Lewis Foundation supporting specific projects across the continent supporting grandmothers with monetary contributions.

"The reason we don't send materials is because part of the goal is to get Africa back on its feet," she said. "If we sent materials it could potentially undermine some of the efforts in Africa to put a manufacturing and product-based economy together."

The Foundation has empowered African grandmothers, she said. This empowerment has in part been the basis of their African counterparts sponsoring their own gathering.

The gathering in Swaziland will bring in grandmothers from across Africa - as well as 40 Canadian grandmothers - for three days of meetings, workshops, and marches.

Ms. Beal said she is "delighted to be going".

In addition to being there in an advocacy role, she will also be performing some hospitality duties "so that the grandmothers who come a great distance don't end up serving the food and doing the jobs."

Her involvement with Grandmothers to Grandmothers has empowered her as well, she said.

"There has been a huge amount of self revelation," she said. "I've learned a great deal about what I can do. These wonderful, inspiring women in Africa who really work very hard and are very creative and resourceful are an inspiration to us."

Grandmothers to Grandmothers is becoming a family affair for Ms. Beal as her granddaughters are becoming increasingly aware and involved in the campaign.

"My 13-year-old granddaughter, Cheidre, is an honourary grandmother because she comes to our events and helps out," she said.

Her six-year-old granddaughter is also getting into the act, having turned her birthday party last year into a fundraiser for the Foundation.

"She decided she wanted a 'charity show'," said Ms. Beal. "She put on a show in her back yard and every one of her friends who came to the party had to prepare an act. They charged admission and came up with $240 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation and it was all her idea."

While the group always welcomes new members and donations, a pressing matter for the group right now is raising Aeroplan points not only to assist the Canadian delegates in getting to Swaziland, but to help the African grandmothers get to the country.

Points can be donated through www.grandmotherscampaign.org by clicking on "Donate Your Aeroplan Miles for the Swaziland Gathering".

"There are a few African carriers that do use Aeroplan points," she says. "Those grandmothers will be taken to a central point to pick up a carrier to take them to Swaziland. We're trying to get 6.5 million points together."

"[African grandmothers] are hugely excited to be able to go because some of them have never been outside an area the size of Aurora in their whole lives," she said. "This is a big thing for them and it is a big thing for us. Talking to the women who work on the ground, day in and day out, supporting nations that are struggling so hard, and doing the real base work really thrills me."

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The town's previous draft Master Parks and Recreation Plan, the predecessor to the plan adopted last month indicated there was a need for such facilities, but embarking on a "youth needs analysis" study to look at the issue further was a matter of considerable council debate.

While councillors were in agreement that youth spaces were needed in the town, for many it was a matter of "form follows function".

"The revised plan states let's do another study," said Councillor Bob McRoberts at a recent council meeting. "I would rather we decided to move forward and build and then have our staff report back. We have no municipally owned or municipally controlled gym space.

"I do not see the need for another study where we would re-survey the same community and likely find the same results. We have already been told by our consultant that there is a need."

Councillor Evelyn Buck said she agreed with Councillor McRoberts' sentiments saying there was no need to debate whether there was a need for youth space.

That, she said, had already been established.

"The consultants have identified a need," she said. "The shape and form of the activities is something that can be determined but there is no argument that there is a need, and there is no need for any further studies to determine whether or not there is a need. There is a need to supply, to fulfil the need."

For Councillor Al Wilson too the matter of "need" was already settled, but the fine details were yet to be determined.

"We're talking about what it should form," he said. "We're going through a process to get it right, what it is going to look like, what it will have, what it will be called, whatever the form might be.

"I'm going back and forth on this one. There used to be a famous phrase 'form follows function'. I know some cringe at that right now, but it does make a lot of sense."

The recommendation to carry out the youth needs analysis was passed 6-2, with Councillors McRoberts and Buck opposing the motion.

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**Members of the 140 Aurora Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets were on hand Friday night to honour Lieutenant-Colonel Michale Cheppard CD (retired), third from right. The event was held at the Aurora Legion Banquet Hall on Industrial Parkway North. Among the special guests was Member of Parliament Lois Brown, who was at the head table, third from left.**

By BRIAN WARBURTON

# Computer Club meeting planned

The computer club general meeting on Wednesday, March 10th, begins at 1.30 p.m., and everybody is invited.

It will present photography through the eyes and knowledge of Tom Yates.

This presentation is in excellent time for spring, and the first flowering of bulbs.

The following Wednesday, March 17th, beginning at 2 p.m., Bob Hedenberg presents free office suites, which can be accessed from the internet.

Office suite is open to a little interpretation but, I understand it, includes such applications as word processing, spreadsheets and so on.

I also assume that what is presented will be compatible with Microsoft and Mac operating systems.

The computer club meets each Wednesday, usually at 1.30 p.m. and offers a variety of presentations and sessions of Q&A, and has proved to be remarkably popular year after year.

If you have learned to compute by yourself and would profit by mixing with other computer operators, please attend any Wednesday, and you will be very likely to learn something new.

The Zephyr Big Band, led by Jack Savage and comprised of 14 musicians on this occasion, played their hearts out for the ASA members a week ago, and gave a very entertaining presentation.

The production included almost 30 well-known compositions, mostly dating from the last century including music of well known composers.

All of the proceeds from this musical Sunday afternoon will go to the Haiti relief fund through the Red Cross. The Haitians were well supported and the seniors were well entertained while doing so.

The attendance was excellent and but for an unforeseen clash with the Olympic hockey final, the concert would have been a sell out.

A few days earlier, the opera La Boheme was presented at the ASA and proved to be a powerful draw for opera lovers.

The world is rich in great music and our lives are improved and enlightened by exposure by the sounds crafted by great musicians.

Jytte Gillies, who directed the presentation at the centre, is expected to announce further operatic ventures and they will be announced in this space when known.

The Hollandview Trail Retirement Residence made a special presentation of a Nintendo Wii System to the ASA in 2008 and it has some adherents but deserves many more.

The Wii is capable of a huge diversity of recreational games, and the games that prove to be most popular to the seniors, include baseball, tennis, golf and bowling.

Many other games exist and the ASA Wii is equipped with some of them. If a particular game is to your liking, a request to any member of the board or to Michelle Stemer will prompt consideration of the request and possibly get the ball rolling.

The Newsletter lists Monday at 11 a.m. and Friday at 3.30 p.m. as the times Wii is available, but the Wii can be played anytime a location is available, and request to Michelle is all that is required to find a location on any day, and if possible you can play Wii.

Wii is capable of accommodating two or four players per game, and the participants can decide their preference.

The game which is played realistically through the medium a television screen, offers real physical exercise since the participants make the strokes of the game played.

So if it is a first time venture, play carefully and golf players in particular, would be well advised to loosen up with the Wii before taking part in a real golf game.

Who would like to try Yoga for free?

If Yoga catches your imagination, instructor Jane Eves offers a free class on Wednesday, March 31st, between 9.15 and 10.15 a.m. at the centre.

Space is limited so sign up early at the front counter and be sure to wear comfortable clothing, and bring a towel or something comfortable to sit on.

The process for nominations for the 2010, ASA Board of Directors will begin Tuesday., March 16th, and close Friday, April 16th.

Nomination forms are available at the front counter and members are entitled to nominate whom they choose.

If you wish to nominate somebody, please do so and strengthen the input from all members with your personal and considered input.

The more participants in the process of selecting the candidates, the stronger the authority of the series of events that will determine who the directors may be who are finally elected.

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# Hollandview Trail offers a fresh approach to retirement living

Located between Yonge St. and Bayview Ave. just north of Wellington, Hollandview Trail Retirement Community is an active living and wellness rental retirement destination that offers a truly refreshing approach to retirement living in the heart of Aurora.

Operated by Canadian-owned V!VA Retirement Communities, Hollandview Trail opened its doors in April 2009, offering 126 bright and spacious Independent and Assisted Living suites including studio, one bedroom, one bedroom plus den and two bedroom options. Comfort and convenience abound with all suites featuring large walk-in closets for extra storage; walk-in shower with a built-in seat and grab bars; walker and wheelchair accessibility; sprinklers and smoke detectors; emergency call-buttons; and individual heating and air conditioning controls. For extra security, suite access is electronically controlled and monitored with a key fob. Independent Living suites also include a private kitchenette with full-size refrigerator and microwave.

The size of Hollandview Trail suites are in contrast to much of what is available in the market at present, including in the immediate area. "We offer tremendous value at Hollandview Trail," says Nancy Boland, Community Director. "Our Community Members get larger suites for less than a lot of the other retirement communities in the Aurora-Newmarket region."

**Bon appetite!**

Dining is an absolute treat at Hollandview Trail. Community Members enjoy three freshly prepared meals daily that are as delicious as they are healthy. Menus include multiple options for each meal, and all meals are served in the dining room, La Tulipe, overlooking the Victory Garden. Community Members can also host their own private celebration or quiet meal with family and friends any time they wish in the private dining room.

"The common 'complaint' from our Community Members is that they gain weight here!" laughs Boland.

At Hollandview Trail's bistro-cafe, Perks!, Community Members enjoy complimentary fresh coffee and baked treats throughout the day. The Jazz Pub is another great place to unwind in the afternoon or evening, shoot some pool or enjoy the game on the wide-screen television.

**Making it easy (and fun) to stay healthy**

What really makes Hollandview Trail such a unique concept is its Concerto Wellness Spa. The spa includes an indoor heated saltwater pool, V!VAfit strength equipment designed for seniors, stretching studio, as well as a full beauty salon. V!VAfit stretch and strength classes are led by qualified senior-fitness instructors. Other wellness team specialists include an on-site doctor, nurse, physiotherapist, foot care nurse, denturist, dental hygienist and hearing aid clinician.

"We encourage the proactive wellness of our Community Members," says Boland. "Our programs address key senior health issues like strength training, bone density and balance."

**Amenities and activities galore**

While Hollandview Trail's suites are spacious and comfortable, Community Members often find they spend most of their time elsewhere! With great amenities such as the V!VAplex large screen movie theatre (including theatre-style seats, popcorn machine, and Nintendo Wii video game system), Brain Gym library and Internet lounge, and the Posit Science memory-stimulating computer-based program, the choices of 'what to do next' are virtually endless.

Hollandview Trail also embraces organic gardening with its Victory Garden, the centrepiece of the property's landscaped grounds. It contains raised planters, which are designed to allow easier, ache-free gardening for seniors. The Victory Garden enables everyone at Hollandview Trail to grow their own fruits, vegetables, flowers and herbs in a safe and convenient environment. The Culinary Team even uses the fresh produce from the Victory Garden in preparing the healthy V!VAlicious meals.

"Hollandview Trail really breaks the mould of your typical 'retirement home'," says Boland. "This is independent and assisted living for seniors where we are here to help our Community Members age successfully."

Residents have access to scheduled transportation (aboard the Hollandview Trail Bus) and numerous off-site activities.

"We really listen to what our Community Members want," says Boland. "We all come together at our Community Forum and they tell us what they need, and what they'd like at Hollandview Trail. We listen and respond. It's that easy."

**A place to call home**

Perhaps Hollandview Trail's greatest attribute is its location. By combining the tranquility of neighbouring Aurora Arboretum and Holland River with the convenience being next to the Aurora Seniors' Centre and great shopping, Hollandview Trail offers the best of everything.

"Living at Hollandview Trail versus living on one's own makes a lot of sense for many reasons," says Boland. "Ask any of our Community Members and you'll hear how they are making new friends, embracing new passions and feeling healthier than ever before... all in the comfort of spacious suites, modern amenities and this scenic, convenient location."

*Spacious suites feature large walk-in closets*

*Community Members enjoy a Vivafit stretching classes*

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**Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris, centre, Mai Alnabhan, Aurora's new Heritage Manager, and former Aurora Heritage Manager Michael Seaman show the award presented to the town from Lieutenant Governor David Onley recently at Queens Park. Seaman, now employed by Oakville, was there with the Mayor of Oakville as Oakville, like Aurora, was selected as the winner of the 2009 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Community Leadership (Oakville won in a larger population category). Altogether there were four winners, Goderich, Thorold, Aurora and Oakville.**

# *Aurora wins coveted LG's heritage award*

Aurora, Goderich, Oakville and Thorold each received the 2009 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Community Leadership in heritage conservation and promotion at Queen's Park recently.

"I'm delighted to see communities leading efforts to conserve the unique heritage of this province," said the Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. "They establish a high benchmark that becomes a model for others to follow."

The Lieutenant Governor presented the awards in the presence of the Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander, Chairman of the Ontario Heritage Trust, as part of the province's Heritage Week celebrations.

"To succeed in preserving Ontario's heritage, communities must lead by example," said Mr. Alexander. "The recipients of this award should be commended for their efforts to conserve the heritage of this province and for enhancing the quality of life in their communities."

The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Community Leadership is awarded in four population sub-categories.

The 2009 award recipients by category are: population under 10,000 - Town of Goderich; population of 10,000 to 50,000 - City of Thorold; population of 50,000 to 125,000 - Town of Aurora; and population over 125,000 - Town of Oakville.

"The people of Aurora are extremely proud of their town and its heritage," said Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris. "Homes and neighbourhoods are beautifully kept, historic buildings respected, natural environments protected and cultural activities enjoyed. Aurora is truly honoured to receive this meaningful award, recognizing all efforts to preserve our past while preparing for our future."

The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards are administered by the Ontario Heritage Trust, an agency of the Government of Ontario dedicated to identifying, preserving, protecting and promoting Ontario's heritage.

# Ben and Ildi to be etched in stone

The environmental efforts and activism of Aurora residents Ben Kestein and Ildi Connor will soon be etched in stone for all of Aurora to see.

The Honour comes after Council passed a motion by Councillor Evelina MacEachern at the last full council meeting to erect a stone marker near the McKenzie Wetlands - a project near and dear to their hearts - as a permanent commemoration of their work towards protecting the marsh, the Oak Ridges Moraine, and "other environmentally significant areas."

"Through the planning stages of the St. John's Sideroad reconstruction project, Ildi and Ben committed an inordinate amount of time at both the regional and local level to ensure any negative impact to the environment or wildlife in the area was kept to a minimum," said Councillor MacEachern.

Their public awareness campaign and fundraising events raised more than $15,000 for environmental protection, she said.

"In keeping with their desire for environment and wildlife protection and in recognition of their dedication and positive impact on the reconstruction design of St. John's Sideroad and protection of McKenzie Marsh, I believe it would be appropriate that a commemorative stone marker be located near the Marsh," she continued.

Councillor MacEachern said Town and Region staff have determined a stone commemorative can be installed on the north side of St. John's Sideroad, just west of the boardwalk.

The motion was met with unanimous approval.

"I think Ildi and Ben are the type of people who go out of their way to do these great works for the town and this would be a wonderful opportunity to support them," said Mayor Phyllis Morris.

"I think we're all fully aware of Ben Kestein as he came the podium many, many, many times," said Councillor MacEachern. "He's a little bit tired these days and you don't see him out very often, but I know myself when I drive by that stretch of [St. John's Sideroad], I think of him."


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