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Aurora ratifies 2.5 per cent wage increase for three years

Aurora's outside workers will see a general wage increase of 2.5 per cent for three years, after the tentative deal reached with CUPE was ratified last Tuesday.

The ratification came after months of talks between Town staff and a negotiating team from CUPE Local 905, which represents Aurora's 46 outside workers.

The workers were seeking wage parity comparable with their counterparts in other Regional municipalities.

The outside workers were poised to go on strike at 12.01 Monday morning until a tentative agreement was reached September 16. The union ratified the tentative agreement at their end at meetings the following Saturday and council followed suit at a special meeting which bookended last week's regular General Committee meeting.

The deal council ratified is a three-year contract that not only establishes the wage increase for each of the three years, but includes a market adjustment for

unionized staff based on other municipal wage rates, and converts two part-time seasonal positions into one full-time position.

While members of CUPE Local 905 say they have done "okay" in the contract negotiations, it is still unknown where this 2.5 per cent wage increase puts them in comparison with other regional municipalities.

"The problem is we're not finished bargaining with the rest of the units yet," said CUPE's Lorne Trevors, who is currently bargaining for contracts in Richmond Hill and Markham. "At the end of the day, we believe that at the end of the contract, people will be brought up closer to what we think we need to be."

"Will they be brought up to exactly where we think they should be? Probably not, but I think the employers made an effort to move us up a little bit higher than they may have in order to bring us closer."

"I think from that perspective we have done okay and we think the employers heard our issues."



Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley, left, was guest speaker Friday night in Aurora, a guest of Newmarket-Aurora Member of Parliament Lois Brown, right. Also attending the meeting was Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees. Event was held at Wellington Gallery.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Council ends its term

Tuesday's council meeting was likely to be the last formal sitting of Aurora's current council roster after members last week voted to cancel upcoming October 5 General Committee meeting and the October 12 Council.

According to a report from Clerk John Leach, the move brings Aurora in line with the rest of the Region.

"It is noted that the Towns of Georgina, Markham, Newmarket, and Vaughan do not have meetings scheduled in October to accommodate the change of election date of October 25, 2010," said Mr. Leach in his report.

Councillors voted in favour of the recommendation but were keen to stress that while previously scheduled meetings have been cancelled, council is still sitting and could be recalled to deal with important issues that might crop up.

"In the event of an emergency meeting, a special council, it is under the jurisdiction of the mayor's office to call a special meeting when required," said Mayor Phyllis Morris, emphasising that "emergency" in this case is simply terminology.

"[People often] think there is some special emergency, but it could be that some new information has come forward, it could be that something needs signing, or new direction. It means it is over and above the regularly scheduled meetings."

Certain authorities will also be delegated to Aurora CAO Neil Garbe in a period of hiatus.

"A motion to cancel a meeting does not preclude any other provisions in the procedural bylaw, which includes calling a special meeting," said Mr. Garbe. "Council has delegated certain authorities to the CAO in that period,

for instance, over the summer or the election break.

"Routine matters are my responsibility within certain parameters, the purchasing bylaw, for instance. If we should have a tender that comes back when council is not sitting, I have the authority to approve and provide if it is below tender. Routine housekeeping matters have been identified and appropriately identified to myself."

"We're all still here," added Mayor Morris. "No one is going away. The day to day business is there. The CAO is in place with the senior management team to execute Council's directions. People would think we're going on an extended vacation when that is not the case."

The inaugural meeting of the next council, previously set for November 30, will now take place Tuesday, December 7, at 7 p.m.

Psst...wanna own Petch house?

You may be interested in the fate of the Petch Log House, that derelict building sitting on Leslie Street south of Wellington.

If so, you'll be interested in the story that appears on Page 15 of this week's issue of The Auroran.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

The Aurora Public Library presents Terry Kelly of Ontario Early Years for a free presentation for parents/caregivers of children 2-7 years. Along with literacy, numeracy, and social skills, young children need self-regulation skills for success in school. These include being able to settle oneself for sleep, delay gratification, pay attention to a task, develop a good working memory, think outside the box, and to wait for one's turn. Event is free at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk, or call 905-727-9493 option 4.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

In the spirit of Fire Prevention Week, Central York Fire Services (CYFS) invites residents to its public open house at Aurora Fire Station 4-4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents are invited to park at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex and ride the Tim Hortons Express Train to the fire station, as no parking is available at the Wellington Street hall.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

The Aurora Public Library hosts an All Candidates Meeting at 2 p.m. in the Aurora Town Hall, Council Chambers, located at 1 Municipal Drive. All registered candidates for the offices of Mayor, Councillor, and school board trustees in the Town of Aurora have been invited to participate.

The Aurora Seniors' Centre will host an Active Living Fair on Sunday, October 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. This event features product demonstrations, manicures, pedicures, beauty products, demonstrations of reflexology and reiki, and information booths for local businesses of interest and retirement homes. Admission: \$5.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

The Aurora Public Library presents "Let's Talk About Investing in Today's Economy" with Roger Strong leading an informal discussion forum. Event begins at 6 p.m. in the Magna Room and participants may pre-register at the adult information desk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Aurora Chamber of Commerce annual 2010 Business Achievement Awards Champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception at the Country Day School on Dufferin Street in King Township. Tickets are \$75 per person plus HST. Event begins at 6.30 p.m.

The Town of Aurora will host the Colours of Fall Concert and Community Corn Roast, including an evening of fiddling, pumpkin carving, and live entertainment. The concert will be held at Town Park from 6 to 8 p.m.

Masks have, for centuries, been used for a variety of purposes including ritual, theatre, disguise and for the simple fun of Halloween. Join local artist Philippa Hajdu to create your own mask and alter-ego at the Aurora Public Library for ages nine to 14. A cost of \$20 includes all materials. Session happens between 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Internationally acclaimed author Marina Nemat will read from her newest book, After Tehran, a Life Reclaimed. A story of courage and recovery, After Tehran chronicles Nemat's confrontation with her past, how she re-engages with her distant father, and how ultimately she emerges from the emotional ravages of post-traumatic stress. Free with a ticket, but seating is limited. Event takes place at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room at the Aurora Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

A Bereavement Support Group for adults experiencing the death of a loved one, is again being offered at the Aurora United Church. The eight-week session is held from 7 to 9 p.m., and ends Dec 1. There is no fee for this program. It is non denominational and is open to all in the community. We will focus on strategies and resources for coping with your loss. To register or for more info, contact Carol at 905-640-7578 or bereavement@live.ca.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Wesley United Church holds its annual harvest fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Wesley United is at the corner of Woodbine and Aurora Rd.

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Members of the Rotary Club of Aurora were on hand recently, as Southlake Regional Health Centre unveiled a plaque acknowledging the contribution from the club over the years. Plaque is located in the hospital's new cancer wing, which has recently opened. On hand for the event were, left to right, Rotarians Barry McDonough, Greg Foster, Grace Marsh, Shabir Kudrati, Frank Mete and president George Gonsalves.

Auroran photo by Patricia Wallace

Flora Aurora moves forward

The Aurora Arboretum's Flora Aurora project came one step closer to completion this month with Council awarding a tender of \$77,465.15 for the construction of its second phase.

"In moving forward with the Aurora Community Arboretum (ACA) Flora Aurora Project, staff have been assisting ACA since approval of the 2010 Arboretum Capital Budget in a final detailed design plan for Phase 2 of Flora Aurora," said Al Downey, Aurora's Director of Parks and Recreation Services.

The project, he said, began with retaining the services of an outside landscape firm and staff members have been working with the ACA to hammer out a detailed design. The Town received four compliant bids for the project, which was eventually awarded to Marnix Infrastructure, Inc.

Flora Aurora was the subject of discussion earlier this summer, with details outlined by the Arboretum's Irene Clement.

"Hopefully we can get the work underway in late summer or early fall," she said.

The first phase of Flora Aurora has already been implemented and comprises of a grove of flowering trees, bushes, and shrubs.

"[Flora Aurora] would make a fantastic spring show for the town in several years when all of the plants are a bit bigger," she said. "You can see they are already developing really well... some really nice blossoms this spring."

The new phases of Flora Aurora are but one of several projects the Arboretum is looking at for 2011, but it is part of a

bigger picture plan, she said.

"We'll have an annual Flora Aurora spring festival," she said. "This could bring a lot of people into the Town. It would just be a great thing for citizens of the town to enjoy, especially after our winters."

Arboretum workers are also eyeing the creation and installation of a second "self-guided trail" going through the property, she said.

The installation of a further grass trail will help complement the north end of the reserve, she added.

"We want to also put a new grass trail in at the north end," said Ms. Clement. "It will go along Industrial Parkway and across, [crossing a new bridge] so that essentially we will have another circuit, another circle trail."

"Our aim with a lot of the mowed trails is to connect up so you can do a trail and not have to come back over the same path."

The Tender awarded last week does not include a limestone pathway as originally planned, according to Mr. Downey.

"We took it out [of the project] because we don't need it," he explained. "It was in the original design, however when we actually got into the project more and started preparing the bed, we felt it wasn't necessary and the pathway is something we can put in at a different date."

"Right now as Flora Aurora grows, we don't want people going into those particular areas while it is establishing itself, so we are not encouraging people to go through for that period of time."

Candidates' signs vandalized

As election campaigns at any level of government roll along, so too do the reports of theft and vandalism of campaign signs - and this year is no different.

Mayoral candidate Geoffrey Dawe told The Auroran earlier this month his sign team estimated about 40 signs had been stolen from various locations around town, but reports of theft have been few and far between.

"Just one [theft] has been reported," said Mr. Dawe, adding a woman who reported the theft witnessed the incident herself. "We have been working to get her in touch with the police."

Other candidates in the mayor's race said their campaigns have been similarly hit.

Former Councillor Nigel Kean said that while approximately 10 of his election signs had disappeared at the time, two have been found cut in half and a number kicked down.

"That is normal for most elections," said Mr. Kean. "What

can you do? Put them back up and replace the missing ones."

Roger Clowater's campaign said several of his signs have disappeared, become damaged, or "destroyed beyond being reused."

"On the other hand, I have seen the evidence of other candidates' signs receiving the same treatment," said Mr. Clowater. "It is our belief that we are not the target of the other candidates and that these attacks on signs are completely random."

For incumbent Phyllis Morris, who said damaged signs were par for the course in an election campaign, education can be used to combat the problem.

"What would be helpful [is] if

a letter would go out to local schools, if people are assuming it is youth, explaining [the consequences]," she said. "It tends to be that people feel that it could just be high spirits but they don't realize the significance."

Meanwhile, the most recent mayoral candidate, Miloslav Prikryl said he was eschewing campaign signs altogether.

"Too much resources and time are spent every election about campaign signs," he said. "I think that no police or other bylaw officers should use any effort to protect or investigate the abuse or disappearance of candidates signs as no contract is [signed] between a candidate and a municipality about such activity."

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- **Community minded**- Past Director of Women's Centre of York Region, Community Champion Big Brothers Bowlathon, Organizer and Co-organizer of many charity golf tournaments – Rotary Club, Heart and Stroke, Canadian Cancer Society

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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Lois collects -of all things- writing pens

As you know, I collect things. And, I have learned, I'm not alone. Friday night, Patricia and I hobbled (yes, I still use a cane following the operation on my knee, but the walker is now a thing of the past) to the Wellington Gallery to meet the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley. We were to be the guests of Lois Brown, Newmarket-Aurora's Member of Parliament. She had brought Finley in and the room was full of head-nodding Progressive Conservatives, including Newmarket-Aurora's provincial representative Frank Klees. Lois, who once worked for Frank, is a collector. "Do you have enough pens in your pocket?" Patricia asked after noticing a string of at least seven pens in my shirt. "Geez, I hope so," I mumbled.

Lois collects pens, so I was going to unload a few on her. She was, to say the least, delighted, as she mulled over the latest contribution to her collection.

Frankly, I don't know (and really don't care) how many pens Lois has in her collection, but the fact that she collects things makes her okay in my books.

Because I have a motto: if it isn't nailed down, I collect it.

And I don't know why. My matchbook collection numbers more than 10,000 different covers from all over the world.

So what? Who cares? I also collect stamps, coins, old hotel room keys, books, choo choo trains, miniature bar bottles (I really like it if they're full although they do evaporate, ya know!!), and tons of other things, but I'm not sure why.

My match collection (my favourite, actually) is saved on a computer. The collection is broken into 10 different categories (restaurants and hotels are the most popular) and are arranged by sizes (narrow, wide and odd balls) Why?

Beats me. Even if I got a penny for each package, I'd still only get \$100. for the lot. I paid more than that for the binders they're filed in.

While I can't explain why I collect things, it's nice to know I'm not alone.

If you have a collection of anything, I'd like to know about it. Send me a note.

And be happy with the knowledge that you're not alone.

Letter to the Editor

Food Pantry's Fall Drive now underway

To the editor,

Once again it's time for Aurora Pantry's fall food drive.

This is the most important drive of the year.

It not only has to fill shelves throughout the winter months, but it also helps fill Christmas hampers given out by the Aurora Lions Club.

People ask what is really needed.

While everything is appreciated, for those who are wondering, we have a supply of tuna, pasta, spaghetti, noodles, tomato soup, mixed beans like chick peas, fava, kidney.

Due to this generosity,

we have a fair supply of these items.

On the other hand, what is really low or empty at this time is Kraft Dinner, hot and cold cereal, all soups other than tomato, meal helpers, canned pastas and meats, pork and beans, canned juice and drink boxes, fruit and pudding cups, rice, crackers, stews and chile, all canned vegetables and fruit, instant coffee, mustard, ketchup, beauty, and soap items.

Also needed are baby food and diapers in the 4, 5, and 6 age range.

Just a reminder the "best before" dates have become an important

Letter to the Editor

There needs to be a street named after Norm Stewart

To the editor,

This is a follow up to three previous letters to The Auroran editor, one of which was from me.

The apparent fact that Aurora Council evidently will never honour our former councillor the late Norm Stewart, by naming a street after him, continues to rattle my dander -- now THAT'S a phrase to add to your personal Wikipedia.

But I digress. During my regrettably brief time as an citizen of what I remember as being one of the best, if not the best, places to live at the time, I came to know Norm Stewart well.

In fact, I am proud to say we were friends. Norm was the kind of man you either loved or hated. There was no in between for most persons.

He took the attitude, one to which I subscribe, of "love me, love my dog" and there was never any doubt about where he stood.

In other words, his attitude was "take me as I am or go fly a kite", although he might have used more precise, Anglo Saxon terms if the occasion warranted.

However, I think it fair to say that anyone who got to know Norm learned to love him, or at least to like, accept and respect him.

And, if he liked you, you could be sure of having a friend for life. Happily I count myself among the latter and I grieve his passing.

In her letter to the editor earlier this year, Evelyn Buck provided her own memories of Norm and his activities on behalf of Aurora in general and of individuals in particular, giving a well-rounded summary of Norm Stewart the man.

Anyone who missed that would be well advised to visit The Auroran's website and check the July 13, 2010, edition, page 7.

As we "old timer Aurorans", past and present, will know, Evelyn and Norm didn't always see eye to eye, especially when she was mayor of Aurora and he was on council.

But Evelyn, like Norm, was never one to mince words or fail to give credit where credit is due.

In December, 1972, while a reporter for what was then THE local newspaper (as The Auroran now is) I conducted an interview with Norm and still have my notes from that meeting.

Without going into a lot of detail as to his beginnings in Warminster, Wiltshire, England, Norm's music master father wanted him to study law. But Norm had other ideas and became an apprentice cook after leaving school in 1938.

War clouds were gathering over Europe at the time and, in April the following year, 17-year-old Norm Stewart joined the "Territorials", what we might call the militia, and was posted to an infantry division.

The war began and Norm, due to his age, was not permitted to go on the battle line which is where the infantry would be sent and instead was re-assigned to an anti-aircraft battery in London where he used his skills as a cook.

It was during that time he met Joyce, who became his wife on May 27, 1943.

After D-Day, Norm was in Europe with the Canadian Army at Caen and the closing of the Falaise Gap.

Shortly after, he went through France up to Brussels where he was re-assigned to the British Second Army.

The day after his arrival there, Norm was seriously injured by a booby-trapped barn he had entered to set up a field kitchen.

Suffering a broken pelvis, severe head cuts and broken ribs, he was repatriated to England.

Eleven years later Norm found himself back in uniform, this time in the Canadian Army, which included a tour of duty with United Nations forces in Egypt.

Eventually he left the military and, after unsuccessfully trying his hand at a catering business in Barrie, arrived in Aurora in 1962, broke and owing the bank \$250.

He joined the staff of St. Andrew's College as executive chef, overseeing food services.

Still possessing a soldier's spirit, Norm joined the local Queen's York Rangers militia unit, organizing a recruiting drive that culminated in the regiment receiving the Freedom of Aurora and Norm a personal commendation from the Minister of Defence.

As was his fashion, Norm took to Aurora and totally immersed himself in it.

He and Bert Graves started Aurora's Santa Claus parade which continues to this day.

Other events of the time, most of which Aurorans still enjoy, include the annual Christmas tree burning, fireworks displays and the winter carnival, all of which had the Norm Stewart hand at inception. A recipient of the Canadian

Centennial Medal, Norm and other residents of Richardson Drive, received permission from council to close off the street on July 1, 1967, to celebrate Canada's birthday.

Not to minimize the involvement of others, but Norm was the main mover and shaker.

Houses were decorated, hay rides arranged, bands played and roast beef was served at midnight. As Norm put it, "It was the biggest damn party you've ever seen".

The following year, Richardson Drive residents again had their own Canada's birthday celebrations. It was also the year Norm first ran for Aurora council.

He recalled he had "knocked on 1,000 doors to get in" and get in he did, not exactly by a landslide. In fact he came in eighth.

In 1969, people again began to talk about a July first birthday bash and that's when Norm decided it was time for the whole town to take part.

He organized the program for the entire event.

The following evening, the CBC TV national news began with footage of Aurora's fireworks, later to take shape as the once well-know Aurora pin-wheel or "swirl" on Town signs and stationery, now inexplicably abandoned by council.

Norm had made Aurora "Canada's Birthday Town". In the election that year, Norm finished in second place and went on to oppose a pay raise for council, from \$3,000 to \$3,600.

He wasn't successful in having it stopped but donated the \$600 raise to a St. Andrew's College scholarship.

Throughout his life and especially his years in Aurora, Norm showed himself a kind man, one of principle, common sense and dogged determination to promote what he believed was right.

He served three terms on Aurora council, finally stepping

down of his own volition.

Norm was a generous man who gave of himself, a fact I know from personal experience.

He had spent 13 years in the regular army, 15 years in the reserve (attaining the rank of Warrant Officer) and six years on council.

"I never sat on my ass and I figure I've given a fair whack out of my life," he said. So true.

There is a lot more that could be said about Norm, in addition to what is here and what Mrs. Buck has written.

Like all of us he wasn't perfect but he never stopped supporting and promoting Aurora.

He had a "way" about him that captured one's attention.

Despite there already being a street deservedly carrying the name of another Stewart, if there was anyone who warranted recognition by this town as small appreciation for what he did, it is Norm Stewart.

As Evelyn says in her letter, Norm is probably undisturbed by all this.

But there are those of us who still remember Norm and his contributions to individuals and to the citizens of this town.

He had great affection for his adopted country and town.

"Canada and Aurora specifically has been so good to me.

I could never repay it for what it's done," he once told me.

Surely the town could repay Norm, just a little.

Surely his name is one that should not be allowed to pass into history without the acclamation it deserves.

How about "Norm Stewart Way"?

Wouldn't that be a wonderful name for a town street, as well as a meaningful token of appreciation?

I think, despite his modesty, he would like that.

Bob Cooke
Orillia
(formerly of Aurora and still a resident in spirit)

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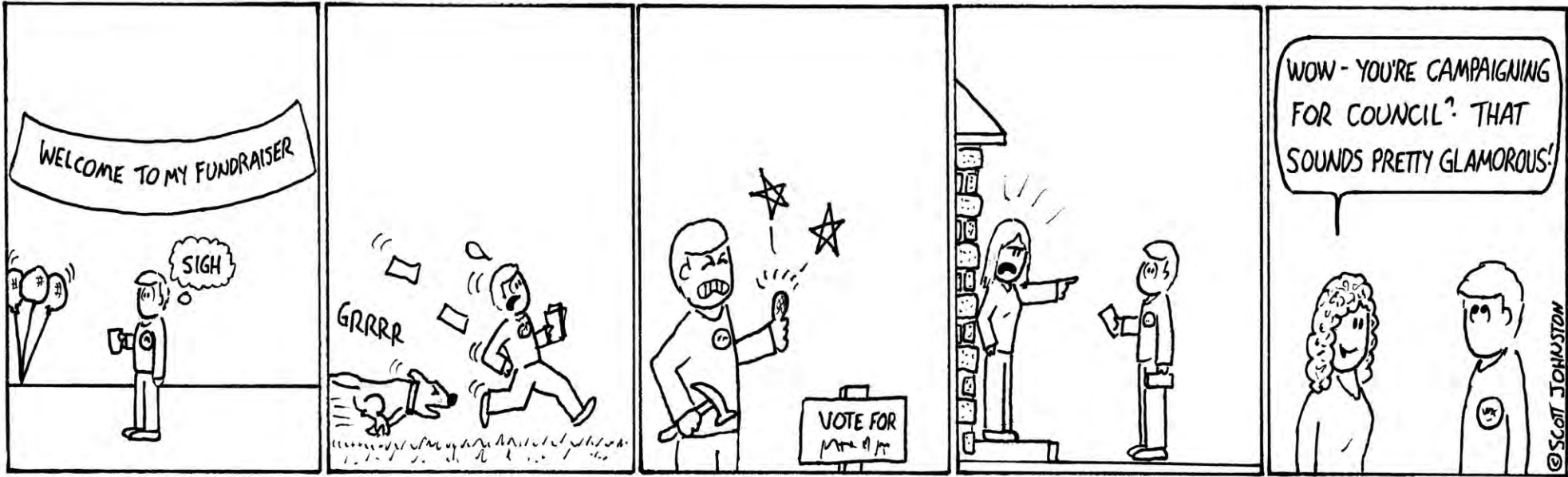
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Energy policy

Ontario's energy policy has come into public consciousness once again.

Most people, other than those who work in the industry, don't usually pay attention to the energy file. As long as the lights remain on and any outages are short in duration and don't occur too frequently, people are pretty satisfied and go about their busy daily existence of raising a family, paying the bills and saving for vacations.

But this has recently changed.

And it is a direct result of people opening up their mailboxes and finding electricity bills that are much more expensive than they were just a few months ago.

There are lots of reasons for the increase in rates; replacing aging transmission infrastructure, paying for new generation that has come on line, and increasing the return on equity component that distribution and crown energy companies are allowed to recover from their respective rate/tax base.

So what of the above? What are the potential implications for electricity rates in Aurora? And what - as individuals - can we do about it?

From the PowerStream website: "The provincial government has mandated the installation of Smart Meters for all residential and small business customers in Ontario by December 31, 2010 and the migration of all these customers to TOU (Time of Use) by summer 2011. As of the end of April, 2009, more than 2.4 million Smart Meters had been installed across the province with approximately 40,000 on TOU rates.

"To help meet the government's targets, PowerStream by the end of April, 2009, had installed more than 135,000 Smart Meters. The migration of all PowerStream residential and small business cus-

tomers to TOU rates is scheduled to be done over a two-year period beginning in the Aurora area in August 2009."

From 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. during weekdays, the price is the highest, at 9.9 cents/kWh because this is considered peak hours.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. is considered mid-peak and the charge is 8.0 cents/kWh.

From 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. is considered non-peak and the charge is 5.3 cents/kWh.

Let's briefly examine my local PowerStream monthly electricity bill. According to the back portion of the monthly bill, the Electricity Charge "is the cost of the electricity supplied to you during the billing period and this is part of the bill that is subject to competition." This cost recently comprised about 59 per cent of my total monthly bill.

On top of the generation charges are a host of other costs.

You have delivery charges, which "are the cost of delivering electricity from generating stations across the Province to PowerStream then to your home or business. This includes the costs to build and maintain the transmission and distribution lines, towers and poles and operate provincial and local electricity systems." This comprised about 29 per cent of my total monthly bill.

There is also a regulatory charge, which is "the costs of administering the wholesale electricity system and maintaining the reliability of the provincial grid." This comprised about six per cent of my total monthly bill.

The last item on the invoice is the Debt Retirement Charge, which is used to pay down the debt of the former Ontario Hydro. This also accounts for roughly six

per cent of my total monthly bill.

So the two real cost drivers on my bill are the actual generation of energy and getting the electrons into my home.

There is nothing I can do about the delivery charges, but I can somewhat reduce my generation charges, and ultimately the size of my monthly bill, by conserving energy.

But what a homeowner can't control is that fact that the cost of replacing old energy infrastructure is expensive.

According to various published reports Ontario will need to refurbish, rebuild or replace 25,000 megawatts of generating capacity over the next 20 years.

That represents more than 80 per cent of Ontario's current capacity of about 30,500 megawatts.

The estimate is that this will require an investment anywhere from 25 to 40 billion dollars, depending on what generation resources we choose to build, and when.

Replacing aging assets that have been fully depreciated over their long term useful life means that we will be paying higher prices for the new facilities.

Think of it this way, replacing that 1996 Ford Minivan with a 2008 Ford Minivan will now cost you quite a bit more.

One of the key tests for public policy makers is choosing the appropriate energy supply mix (because each type of generation asset has different operational and capital cost characteristics) and also how best to procure both the new generation and transmission that this province needs.

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Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

The Indifference Difference

Lower taxes, more accountability, controlled development, less bickering on council, a chicken in every pot...we'll hear a zillion promises from the candidates during the municipal election campaign.

While I'm all for safer neighbourhoods, a strong retail base, and other lofty goals, there is one thing I'd love our candidates to be able to deliver on in this election: more voters.

Every election the voter turnout in Aurora is more abysmal than the last one.

In 2006, only 38 per cent of eligible voters turned out. That works out to about 12,500 people.

That may seem like a lot, but to put into perspective, about 40,000 people, or over three times as many, turn out annually for the Santa Claus Parade.

If we can get almost the entire population of the Aurora to stand outside for a few hours in the late November dark along wind-swept Yonge Street, surely we can get more people to spend 15 minutes going to their local school, or wherever their polls are being held, once every four years, to cast a vote.

And to make it even easier on people, they have the flexibility of casting their vote earlier at an advance poll, if they want.

With such a traditionally low voter turnout, it's no

wonder everyone gets to vote for up to eight councillors in an Aurora election.

Otherwise, candidates could be elected with only a couple of hundred votes.

All they'd have to do to guarantee their election would be to just get their family members and neighbours to support them.

So how do we get more folks out? Although things have been quiet so far on the election front - not a lot of signs out yet, no debates, still waiting for that first bit of campaign literature to appear in my door or mailbox - there is certainly no end of interesting election issues.

Apart from the perennial favourites noted earlier, such as less bickering, and more accountability, which despite being everyone's campaign themes each election for the past ten years, never do seem to get resolved, there are such issues as the introduction of a ward system, development of the 2C lands, term limitations for council, the tax base, and our crumbling infrastructure.

From the word on the street, and letters to the editor in this newspaper, there seems to be a lot of interest in these subjects. But come election day, people will likely be more content to stay home and watch TV,

than getting out and voting.

In the old days, the electorate could be visibly bribed, with a free drink or cigar guaranteeing a vote for a candidate.

Since we can no longer do that, it's up to the candidates to "bribe" the electorate by making this an interesting election. Be seen and heard, go door to door, publicly state and defend your platforms, and if you aren't happy with the status quo, which it's safe to say describes the feelings of at least the non-incumbents that are running, then question it, and provoke debate.

As voters, we have a roll to play, as well. After all, these folks will represent us for the next four years.

So, after listening to what they all have to say (or sometimes more tellingly, don't say) the least we can do is mark an "x" to indicate who we want to be our voices on council.

Because going forward, if the way the town is run deteriorates, council will take the lion's share of the blame. But if voter turnout is low, we'll all share a piece of that responsibility, as well.

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Letters to the Editor



At least one Aurora resident knows how his/her vote will be on municipal election day October 25th. And the resident has no bones about sharing feelings with Lanewood Avenue neighbours.

Reader says it's important to vote

OPEN LETTER TO ALL VOTERS IN AURORA

I am a new resident of Aurora, having moved here last July from Newmarket. For the past year I have quietly watched and listened to the political atmosphere here in Aurora. I now find that I can no longer sit back and say nothing. "The Mayor and Council are dedicated to serve the residents and businesses of the Town of Aurora in a responsive and effective manner through leadership and legislative action for the present and future well-being of the community..." From the Town of Aurora

Candidate would fix fallen signs

To the editor,

In response to last week's letter from Geoff Dawe, I would like to say that all candidates are plagued by the same problem. I have lost many signs and others have been destroyed. I have also seen signs from Phyllis Morris that have also been damaged. I ask that all candidates help each other by putting up their opponent's signs where they have been knocked down. I have as I go around always put all the signs up that have been knocked down. As a veteran of many election campaigns I have always tried to help each candidate when possible.

Nigel Kean
Aurora

website. There have been many problems with our current Elected Council in the past year alone. I don't see that the above statement has been met by the last term of elected officials of Aurora. A councillor's resignation, a code of conduct that no one can agree upon, a legal battle within the ranks, two Integrity Commissioners in a short span of time etc., etc., etc. Walking out of council meetings seems to be the way our councillors deal with a problem. Over and over again councillors either are not in attendance or when they do not agree with the issue at hand, walk out in the middle of the meeting rather than dealing with the problem. Is this what we elected them to do? If these councillors are actually answering to the voters as they say they are, then why are they wasting so much of our time and money on such stupidity? Imagine if we all had the same luxury to walk out of meetings or situations at work that we don't agree with or don't want to deal with. I can assure you, we would only do it once and then we would find ourselves standing in the unemployment line. They have been elected to do a job and as far as I can see, they are working toward their own self-interests and instead of working together as a cohesive unit they are massaging their own egos at our expense. We all have personality conflicts in our lives and we have to work with people we don't necessarily like on a daily basis. That is why we are called

Grown Ups. We work together to get the job done and set aside personal distastes to accomplish it. As far as a Code of Conduct goes, I thought this was a given as an elected official you were supposed to conduct yourself professionally and with class no matter what your personal views and feelings are. As with any large group of people working in a public atmosphere, apparently it needs to be written down so that everyone understands the boundaries in which they are expected to work. The Code of Conduct was passed by a majority, therefore is now legally in place. Personally, I feel all politicians should be held accountable for their behavior while in term, it is the price you pay for the job you do. We, as voters, should be appalled at the deplorable behaviour of our elected officials. Now that the poison has seeped into this term of Elected Officials, can it be fixed? The only "fix" that I can see is taking the control back. VOTERS: - do your homework on each candidate and make an informed decision before voting this fall. Get informed about what the individual platforms are, go and listen to the debate. We have a choice and we can take the control back. VOTE! Let your voices be heard and hopefully we can elect a group of individuals who will put Aurora's best interests first and check their egos at the door. Georgia Pottage
Aurora

How mayoral signs stack up from one voter's viewpoint

To the editor,

The kids and I piled into the van for a Sunday drive in Aurora and what a drive it was. The weather is incredible and we had a chance to drive into all corners of this great little town of ours. The purpose of our outing was to count signs on the lawns of homeowners. We plan to do the same again in a few weeks in order to see if we can determine any trends.

On-line survey shows mayor's counts inverted

It is interesting that The Auroran's on-line election survey mirrored my sign survey results in every way except that the Phyllis and Nigel counts were inverted. Dawe had 49 per cent support in both cases and the population of signs and voters in each survey was just over 100.

Obviously this is a very small population but at least we have an indication of an apparent trend. The key will be to see how these results change after October 3rd and October 13th. I think that the on-line survey is more open to misleading results of any given campaign gets their people to weigh in. The sign count on private properties may be a safer measure, at least in these early days. I have a spreadsheet that shows results for eight areas within Aurora and I plan to do another drive by random survey (i.e. I'm not hitting every single street) in a few weeks. I drove for a couple of hours on Sunday though, so I think we got an accurate representative result.

Richard Johnson
Aurora

This was a random survey of eight areas in town. Dawe won four areas, Morris won three areas and Kean won one area. It should be noted that Kean won one area with only two signs while Phyllis won one other area with three signs. Phyllis won a second area because we drove by her home and there were six signs there. Given that we did not drive by the homes of the other candidates as far as we are aware, this should be noted in order

to be fair. If we assume that 12,500 people will cast a vote for mayor (which is a safe estimate given the last election numbers) then we can extrapolate from the more than 100 signs counted that the following results would play out if the election was held today: Dawe, 6,146 votes; Morris, 4,479 votes; Kean, 1,563 votes; Clowater, 313 votes. Have a nice day. Richard Johnson
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Letters to the Editor

Writer's not crazy about lawn signs

To the editor,

Once again, another election campaign for Aurora's newly, awaited mayor, has officially revved up as the five selected mayoral wannabes, fight for the mayoral throne. Oh yes, lest we also not forget the scattering of March hare councillors in tow.

In keeping with the traditional, political hoopla campaigns, we'll inevitably be deluged by the candidate's public appearances, as they elicit their slogan of credence throughout designated, electoral sites in and around Aurora.

As each perpetually, smiling, candidate, evokes their encouraging mandate - I tend to think, on average, people are growing tired of, "Vote for me and I'll present you with a better Aurora" type

slogan. Of course we'll have a better Aurora - but how much will it cost us and at who's expense?

Let's face it, most of us have seen this film before and it received mediocre reviews.

Throughout this election, we'll expect an inundation of scurrying, political canvassers, ringing almost every household doorbell.

I'm sure we've all experienced the exuberance of rushing to the door to hear their persuasive, sermon of proposed initiatives; with flyers in hand.

Purportedly, some candidates get tongue-tied, spewing generalizations in a roundabout manner, which eventually concludes with an assuring, "You'd best call our office".

However, should a campaigner sense a sup-

port blossoming or kudos exuding from you, expect, "Good! May we post our sign on your front lawn?"

Nope. Subjectively, I have a disdain for an outmoded, dissemination of publicizing unsightly, loud, mini-billboards - that do not work.

Besides, I'd rather not be part of a neighbourhood epitomizing a gladiator arena, strewn with a plethora of confusing, political propaganda and particularly, people exposing their vulnerabilities.

Inevitably, like dandelions, a neighbourhood can sprout a deplorable, hodgepodge of multi-coloured, carnivalesque, disconcertment of campaign signs.

Of course it's freedom of speech, but let's be frank, shall we?

Do you really think the average person in today's political battlefield, actually cares who he or she are voting for - visually?

Do you think by boastfully, displaying to every passerby, your dignified, political endorsement, that it will sway more sheep to the candidate's side?

Or, on the other hand, by not displaying a sign, does it mean that one is out of the loop and unpatriotic?

Enough of the horse and pony show.

Let's focus on a more serious issue at hand.

If one were to ask the average person on the street, "Do you know any background information about your chosen candidate for mayor?"

I'm inclined to think that the majority of our populace wouldn't have a clue.

Henceforth, the public is slowly losing interest in participating at the polls due to the lack of available information.

I think it's imperative to be informed rather than basing information on hearsay at a barbershop or a public washroom.

My first request to the paper, is to publish a special issue which will disclose a dossier of hits and misses of each candidate in the running. I think it's imperative to be informed rather than basing information on hearsay at a hair salon.

My second request, should by chance, Rogers decide to televise an open forum debate, make it imperative to hire a

notable journalist as host, to throw prepared, rigorous, concerning questions to all of the candidates.

Come election day, as I stand behind the enclosed ballot box, I'm

hoping that I needn't have to say, Eenie, Meenie, Miney, Mayor, to determine what square to put the proverbial "X" in.

Béla Peter Pfundt
Aurora

This reader believes in female mayors, like Hazel McCallion

To the editor,

The names are in, the signs are going up and there are knocks on our doors.....the municipal election campaign is upon us.

As a newcomer to Aurora and a former long-time Mississauga resident, I still like to read about what "Hurricane Hazel", the mayor of Mississauga, is up to.

I have a great deal of respect and admiration for female mayors.

Seems to me that what would be hailed as "great leadership" in a male candidate, is at times labelled "controlling attitude" in their female counterparts.

I don't agree with that and I already know whom I'll vote for.

On September 9, an article in the Globe and Mail announced that Hazel McCallion will run again for mayor of Mississauga...good or bad?

Makes no difference to me, I am an Auroran now and this is where I vote!

However, Hazel was quoted as saying something that I really agree with: "I want the people of Mississauga to elect councillors who will work with the mayor in the interest of the city and not their political ambitions."

Personally I've had enough of those people on council who are automatically against everything the mayor says or

suggests.

I've had enough of councillors who insist on doing things the way they have always been done.

And, most of all, I've had enough of councillors coming onboard with an agenda carved in stone.

Wouldn't it be nice if our mayor and councillors

listened to the people of Aurora, respected each other and really listened to each other in their council meetings and tried to come up with good solutions for our town?

Sylvie Hoyer
Aurora

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Board member responds to issues

To the editor,

I would like to respond to several issues that were brought up in last week's Auroran regarding a motion I put forward at a recent Library Board meeting which some Board members said was "offensive". I have only been a Library Board member since May 2009 and indeed, I did bring up the issue of making full agenda materials available on the library web site at my fourth

board meeting in October 2009. (The board does not meet in July and August.) As a result of that request, a report was provided at the December 2009 meeting. That report, titled Public Access to Library Board Documents, does not recommend on-line access to background reports attached to library agendas as it would require "considerable staff resources..." and "Electronic access to this material could cause

confusion and public misperception of Board decisions that may not yet be finalized." Personally, I have all the confidence in the world that the public can comprehend a report on a Library Board agenda. Unfortunately, only Councillor Al Wilson and I voted in support of posting full agendas. With respect to the Strategic Plan meetings, I did bring up my concerns at the January and February

board meetings, in follow-up e-mails and with the Chair of the Board. One of the reasons I ultimately voted against the Strategic Plan was because the public hadn't been provided notice of our meetings. The motion that precipitated last week's article was actually brought forward as a verbal notice of motion in April and confirmed in May. At that time only one member of the board was a registered candidate in the

upcoming municipal election. I don't think that anyone ever envisioned that by the September board meeting more than half the library board would be registered candidates in the next election. And just for the record; I am not one of them. While I would like to think that transparency and accountability of a public board to the residents they serve would be one of its highest held principles, the

board has democratically decided that its current policies are sufficient and I accept that. More importantly, regardless of what concerns I or other members of the board may have, the outstanding work and dedicated staff of the Aurora Public Library will continue to service the public long after these issues have died.

Rebecca Beaton
Aurora

He will file complaint if mayor re-elected

To the editor,

I would like to inform the public that should Mayor Phyllis Morris be re-elected that I will be filing a complaint to the Integrity

Commissioner along with evidence that suggests that she may have broken section three of the code of conduct in her statements made to the Toronto Star with regards to the reasons

why Mr. Nitkin was released from his duties as Integrity Commissioner of the town, shortly after he released an opinion that stated the initial allegations laid against Councillor Evelyn Buck

were "incomplete", "inaccurate", "ill-informed" and possibly wholly politically motivated. Mayor Morris' statements as communicated to me by the reporter in question

were not consistent with what Mr. Nitkin informed me were the actual facts, which may help to explain his cease and desist order against the mayor, nor were they consistent with the official reasons given by the town for his dismissal as per a Freedom of Information response provided to me. Therefore it appears on

the surface that the mayor may not have followed her own code of conduct rules. If this proves to be the case then she is guilty of the same offense that she and her fellow councillors are accusing Councillor Buck of breaching.

Richard Johnson
Aurora

An accident in the making

To the editor,

This intersection (Yonge and Wellington) is an accident in the making. Is there a reason (a

good one) why there are no dual, advanced left hand turn signals or even delayed left turn signals at this intersection. There are several other

locations in Aurora that incorporate such traffic assists. If you have driven through the Wellington and Yonge intersection you

have probably had close calls as a result of oncoming traffic obstructing the traffic flow by turning left without ensuring the intersection is safely clear.

Finally, does Aurora have any parking enforcement officers? Are vehicles actually ticketed for parking illegally? Some of our drivers seem to think it is okay to park illegally, as long as they turn on their hazard lights, (the Post Office on Wellington east of Yonge seems to be a favourite), which, of course, compounds the problem. Can this problem be examined by those in charge?

Ken Antaya
Aurora

Aurora Cultural Centre seeks persons to serve on its Board

To the editor,

The Aurora Cultural Centre, located in the wonderfully renovated Church Street School, would like to hear from thoughtful, conscientious and responsible Aurorans who are interested in serving on the Centre's Board of Directors. Over the past 18 months, the Centre's Board of Directors and staff have been building the foundation from which the Centre can realize the objectives and vision described in the Town's Cultural Centre Strategic and Business Planning Study.

The early results are exciting; the steady stream of activities and programs resulting from collaboration with programming partners has been met with enthusiasm, excitement and encouragement by Aurorans. The Centre is now looking for several new directors who are eager to contribute to

fulfilling the Centre's vision of "engaging and enriching the community through arts, culture, and heritage". As trustees for a charitable, not-for-profit organization, directors have fiduciary and governance responsibility for the Centre. Although new directors will likely want to volunteer to help with some of the Centre's programs and activities, the directors' role is primarily stewardship, governance and community engagement. An understanding, appreciation, and interest in arts, culture and heritage, as well

as some governance experience is a plus. To find out more about joining the board and what a director's roles and responsibilities would be, please either e-mail NewDirectors@AuroraCulturalCentre.ca or come to the New Directors' Open House Tuesday, October 5 at 7.30 p.m in the Church Street School at 22 Church Street, Aurora. We are looking forward to meeting you.

Robert Layton
Aurora Cultural
Centre Board

Reader has this hope of Aurora vision

To the editor,

I hope that the people who are running for council and mayor's job have a vision for Aurora instead of the personal mudslinging they do in the big city south of us.

Eric Stohr
Aurora

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Rec Cycle has rent arrears cleared

Arrears rent of \$2,400 owed by Rec Cycle and Sports to the Town of Aurora for pro shop use at the Aurora Community Centre were wiped from the record this month after a debate on the viability of the operation at the council table.

Rec Cycle holds the pro shop lease for both the Aurora Community Centre (ACC) and the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC).

While Doug Adair, the owner of the company, has been able to make his lease payments at his SARC location, it is not the same situation for his ACC shop.

In a letter to the Town explaining why Rec Sports is \$2,400 in arrears, Mr. Adair cited the current economic climate, the reconstruction of the ACC Parking Lot, and that the "Aurora Tigers Junior 'A' Hockey Club monopolizes prime ice time both Fridays and Saturdays."

"As a result of the above, business is now down over 50 per cent and we continue to lose money at this location," he said. "I am requesting for some leniency with regards to the past due amounts and the ongoing rental agreements going forward."

Town staff were accepting of Mr. Adair's request and came back to Council with a recommendation to handle the \$2,400 arrears with a grant.

"Rec Cycle and Sports have been the only company that has shown interest in the provision of this service and as a local vendor, has the ability to respond to all our user needs either at this site location or at his store," said Al Downey, Aurora's Director of Recreation Services, in a report. "The elimination of this service would not be in the best interest of our customers and the many visitors to the facility."

While councillors at September 7 general committee meeting said they saw the value of continuing the pro shop service, they questioned the wisdom of handling this in the form of a grant

request.

"I have a problem making a 'grant' to a viable business," said Councillor Evelyn Buck. "How do we explain that to other businesses in the Town that do business with us?"

"The comment that this service is very much appreciated by all the groups and organizations that use these facilities, and if it wasn't there, they would really be at a disadvantage, that suggests to me there is a living being made."

Mr. Downey said he understood Councillor Buck's "conundrum".

The Town was tasked with "finding inventive ways" to deal with the arrears, he added, as well as alternatives of terminating the contract, and putting out another Request for Proposal, but he was obliged to bring it before council as a resolution.

He also emphasized that the location at the SARC is doing well in comparison to the location across Town.

"I think we may have ourselves overestimated the business that was available," said Councillor Buck. "I think we may

have had greater expectations of the shop in the Community Centre. Since this contractor has been providing the service since 1996 and has always managed to pay his bills, I think we should take it as a fact the business isn't there."

"There isn't enough business at the Community Centre, and the SARC has been siphoning off some of the business. I would prefer to waive the arrears of rent and start with a new rent that is reasonable and realistic to pay. [Mr. Adair] probably had the same expectations as we did when he signed the lease."

Following discussion, councillors voted to authorize the treasurer to strike the \$2,400 arrears and "execute an amending agreement to the current pro-shop lease for Rec Cycle and Sports" at the SARC and include the ACC in the new agreement.

The matter is expected to come before Council for final approval this week.

General Committee also recommended that a \$1,000 grant be awarded

to the Aurora Barbarians RFC to help fund a trip to Ireland by the under 16 boys for a tour and cultural exchange in the country.

This fit all three of the Town's current 2010 Community Grant guidelines of being a non-profit organization observing the town's 80 per cent residency rule, that individuals must be representing Aurora, and that the money not be used for operational matters.

This came on the heels of discussion last month on whether grant requests from Big Brothers Big

Sisters of York, Victim Services of York Region, and St. Andrews College fit the criteria.

In revisiting the matter at the September 7 meet-

ing, general committee endorsed the staff recommendation to deny these three requests as they are outside the 2010 parameters.



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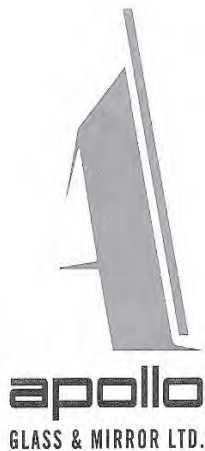
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106 Timbits Powder Blue 10 - Calum Ormond 1G 1A, Michael More 1G, Ethan Solilo 3G, Aidan Quinn 3G, Ryan Dunbar 2G, Justine Chu 1A. **105 Timbits Black 6** - Myles Graham 3G, Aidan Kirchmair 1G, Liam Taylor 1G 1A, Jacob Smith 1G, Tyler Cox 1A, Philip Lamparter 1A, **103 Timbits White 8** - Maxwell McConkey 1G 1A, Matteo Rossi 1G 1A, Alex Morra 1G 1A, Stefano Iaversi 3G 2A, Cayden Visser 1G, Marchel Woods 1G. **108 Timbits Grey 1** - Adam Rame 1G.
107 Timbits Kelly Green 10 - 104 Timbits Blue 4.
102 Timbits Gold 7 - Dylan Andersen 3G, Jake Andersen 1G 1A, Braeden Marchant 1A, Yi Yang 1G 1A, Turner Dudzinski 1A, Jake McMillan 1G 1A, Hunter Kolm 2A, Luka Rodrigues 1A, Ben Charette 1G, Dylan Duff 2A, Ryan Cutterbuck 1A, Liam Morassutti 1A. **101 Timbits Red 1** - Christian Troubitsin 1G, Bryan Cook 1A.
204 Caravan Kids Blue 8 - Logan Kidder 2G 1A, Carson Tidd 3G, Liam Graham 3G, Hunter Edwards 2A, Mitchell Weatherall 1A, Jake Byrne 2A, Owen Hall-Lalonde 2A, Sammy Alicandri 1A. **203 Caravan Kids White 5.**
206 Caravan Kids Powder Blue 5 - Ian Hilgendorff 2G, Jack Nicholson 1G, Matthew Muxlow 1G, Justin Just 1G, Victor Stanica 1A, Benajamin Fulford 1A, Corson Haywood 1A, Griffin Charnley 2A, Joshua Anselmo, shutout. **201 Caravan Kids Red 0.**
202 Caravan Kids Gold 4 - Quinn Spicer 1G, Thomas Raeburn 1G, Eric Wright 1A, Brennan Powell 1A, Chris Marton 1G, Joseph Livia 1G. **205 Caravan Kids Black 2.**
402 Omar's Shoes Gold 4 - Christopher Walsh 2G, Jacob Turriff 2G, Francesco DeBartolo 1A, Noah Dempsey 1A, Noah Johnson 1A, Jacob Yap 1A, Kyle Trumper 1A, Jack Gauthier-Moulton 1A, Mason Barone 1A. **405 Novintro Black 2** - Alexander Mueller 1G, Matthew Bolger 1G, Dan Rheeder 1A, Andrew Pignatelli 1A, Arun Sabharwal 1A, Wayne Freeman 1A,
606 Aurora Chrysler Powder Blue 4 - Will Ashton 3G, Jordan Elliott 1G, Connor Reilly 1A, Lucas Ackerman 1A, Reese Crevelle 1A, Matthew Barnett. **605 Lakeshore Valu Mart 2** - Michael Dowling 1G, Jordan Reeves 1A, Jack Bishenden 1G, Cameron Bourne 1A, Jacob Hatton.
610 Swiss Chalet & Harveys Orange 9. 601 Municipal Engineering Solutions Red: 2 - Nicolas Pearce 1G, Troy Lane 1G, Christian Pearce 1A, Matthew Ciancio 1A, Matthew (Matt) Glionna 1A, Tyler Justice 1A.
801 Rogers Red 6 - Bryn Burbank 2G, Brett Bond 2G, Brady Wilson 1G 1A, Jason Glionna 1G, Alex Harrison 2A, James Johnston 1A, Kevin Wood 1A, Owen Nisbet 1A, Scotty Barker 1A. **802 Manhattan Trophies Gold 2** - Cody Child 1G, James Power 1G, Christian MacGillvry 1A, Adam Petit 1A, Mackenzie Smith 1A.
812 Municipal Engineering Solutions Burgandy 6 - Joshua Bell 3G 1A, John Sherwood 2A, Nicholas Baczynski 2G 1A, Ryan McMillan 1A, Justin Chalmers 1A, Luc Martineau 1G 1A. **803 Rotary Club Of Aurora White 1** - Chris Sanita 1G.
805 Aurora Home Hardware Black 2 - Thomas Mason 1G, Benjamin Ashton 1G, Lucas Marek 1A, Andrew Foresi 1A, Joshua DiVincenzo 1A. **810 Pizza Pizza Orange 1.**
809 AHPA 1. 806 Laurion Law Office Power Blue 0.
901 Graystone Restaurant Red 4 - Michael Rodrigues 2G, Andrew Staples 1G 1A, Mathew Hart 1G, Andrew Begg 1A, Cameron Staples 1A, Cody Unger 1A, Kieran Cullen 1A. **809 AHPA 1.**
903 Optimist Club of Aurora White 2 - Kelly Hudson 2G, Mac Cawfield 1A, Nic Venosa 1A, Kelly Hudson 1A. **910 Philly Orange 1** - Brian Pedron 1G, Daniel LaFlamme 1A, Garth McBride 1A, Ali Akbar 1A, Jeremia Diaz 1A.
909 North York Plumbing & Heating Teal 3 - C. Mulhern 1A, T. Thiessen 1G, Jason Mizuguchi 1A, Scott Wheeler 1G 1A, E. Foxwell 1G 1A. **904 St. Louis Blue 2** - Matt Clarke 1G, Alex Woodward 1G, Cameron Greig 1A, Andrew Gibbs 1A, JP Hudon 1A, Josh Carducci 1A.
908 Crabby Joe's Grey 7 - Eamon Reilly 1G, Tyler White 2G 2A, Jason Eberlin 2G 1A, Chris Beach 1G, Madison Shaeffer 1G, Ryan Eberlin 3A. **905 Chicago Black 4** - Will Brogan 1A, Drew Marshall 2G, Duncan Eveleigh 1G, Stephen Wilkins 1G, Vince Duggan 1A, Michael McCreesh 1A, Will Brogan 1A, Matt Melito 1A, Vince Duggan 1A.
906 Ruff-N-Redi Powder Blue 4 - David Marsillo 1G 1A, Andrew Seguin 1G 1A, Mackenzie Macintosh 2G, William Tang 1A, Zachary Seto 1A, Nick Theorodopolous 1A. **907 Kelly Green 2** - Cody Sandersun 2G, Michael

David 1A, Massimo Longhin 1A, Mackenzie Wooder 1A, Cody Sandersun 1A.
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903 Optimist Club of Aurora White 3 - Ryan Dowling 1G 1A, Kelly Hudson 1G, Cole Roffey 1G, Trevor Stephens 1A, Nicholas Bertrand 1A, Evan Jones 1A. **902 Boston Gold 2** - Connor Flynn 1G 1A, Dylan Indos 1G 1A, Graham Joiner 2A.
901 Graystone Restaurant Red 2 - Mathew Hart 1G, David Schueller 1G, Ethan Cullen 1A, Cody Unger 1A, Andrew Staples 1A, Kieran Cullen 1A, Andrew Martin 1A, Ethan Benson 1A. **907 Kelly Green 1** - Joshua Hubble 1G, Stephen Faiello 1A,
904 St. Louis Blue 2 - Jim Tatum 1G, Matthew Warner 1G, Braedon Mackenzie 1A, Dustin Partanen 1A, JP Hudon 1A, Matt Clarke 1A. **910 Philly Orange 0.**

Rep League

Tyke Select A 5 - Anton Sopov 1G, Nicholas Giorgio 1G, Owen Papulkas 1G 1A, Owen Hollett 1G, Ryan Catania 1A, Todd Cook 1G 1A, Ryan Bryden 1A, Parker Holmes and Christian Haggith, shutouts. **Richmond Hill 0.**
Novice A Tigers 16 - Harrison Bennett 1G, Jake Piper 1G 2A, Riley Klugerman 2G 3A, Kazuki Negishi 2G, James Sproul 1G 2A, Liam Mahoney 3G 2A, Carson Maybury 4G, Brett Pearce 1A, Brandin Harris 2G, Jace Jackson 4A, Justin Lacroix and Dereck Avery, shutouts. Justin Hicks 2G. **Beeton 0**
Minor Atom A Tigers 3 - Adam Wloka 1G, Ryan Cunniam 1G 1A, Cory Read 1G 1A, Colby Prymych 1A. **Markham 2.**
Minor Atom A Tigers 1 - Blair Crabbe 1G, Sam Ashton 1A. **Belleville 1.**
Orillia 6. Minor Atom A Tigers 2 - Matthew McConnell 1G 1A, Blair Crabbe 2A, Sam Ashton 1G 1A.
East Gwillimbury 4. Minor Atom A Tigers 2 - Dylan Prescott 1G, Adam Wloka 1A, Blair Crabbe 1G, Matthew McConnell 1A, Sam Ashton 1A, Matthew Gram 1A.
Richmond Hill 1. Minor Atom AA Tigers 1 - Andrew Park 1G, Trevor Dungey 1A.
Atom AE Tigers 2. TNT 2.
Atom AE Tigers 5. Ajax 2.
Atom AE Tigers 2. Whitby 1.
Atom AE Tigers 2. TBD 1.
TBD 5. Atom AE Tigers 3.
Innisfil 4, Atom A Tigers 2 - Carson Yeomans 1G, Scott Rumble 1A, Jason Cox 1G 1A.
Atom AE Tigers 3. Beeton 1.
Nobleking 2. Atom A Tigers 0.
Ajax 3. Minor Pee wee A Tigers 3 - Mark Kalmisto 1G, Thomas Kostoff 1G, Eric McGhie 1G, Reid Carpenter 1A, Max Goldman 1A, Ethan Brooks 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1A.
Minor Pee wee A Tigers 3 - Colin McGoldrick 2G, Ryan Thornhill 1G, Eric McGhie 2A, Stewart Gable 1A. **Burlington Eagles 1.**
Minor Pee wee A Tigers 0. Amhurstburg Stars 0.
Whitby Blues 2. Minor Pee wee A Tigers 1 - Jordan Torres 1G, Eric McGhie 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1A.
Markham 5. Minor Pee wee A Tigers 2. Thomas Kostoff 1G, Mark Kalmisto 1G, Reid Carpenter 1A.
Whitby 4. Minor Pee wee A Tigers 4 - Bryan Manweiler 1A, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Mathew Tyndall 1A, Colin Kostin 1A, Alistair Johnston 2G, Ryan Coveart 1A, Matthew Liscio 1A, Jack Bryant 1G, Cameron Zinner 1G.
East Gwillimbury 5. Pee wee A Tigers 0.
Pee wee A Tigers 2 - Mathew Tyndall 1G 1A, Daniel McConnell 1G, Evan Cherubini 1A, Matthew Tanel, shutout. Markham 0.
St. Catharines 2. Pee wee A Tigers 2 - Tristan Kuchar 2G.
Newmarket 1. Pee wee AE Tigers 1 - Brendin Ramsay 1G.
Georgetown 4. Pee wee AE Tigers 0.
Pee wee A Tigers 4 - Matthew Liscio 2G 1A, Cameron Zinner 1G, Spencer White 1G, Daniel McConnell 1A, Evan Cherubini 1A, Cole Chapman, shutout. **Dundas 0.**

Richmond Hill 4. Pee wee AA Tigers 2. Patrick Servideo 2G, Cameron Morrison 2A, Keegan Matthew 1A, Jack Pecora 1A.
Pee wee AE Tigers 3 - Connor Downs 1G, Brendin Ramsay 1G, Jeffrey McKay 1G, Michael Jollimore 1A, Cameron Anderson 1A, Michael DaCosta 1A, Adam Leader, shutout. **Uxbridge 0.**
Pee wee A Tigers 5 - Cameron Zinner 1G 1A, Tristan Kuchar 1G, Mathew Tyndall 1G 1A, Evan Cherubini 1G, Jack Bryant 1G 1A, Colin Kostin 1A, Alistair Johnston 1A, Daniel McConnell 1A. **Dundas 1.**
Ajax 3. Pee wee AE Tigers 1 - Brendin Ramsay 1G, Lucas Ruscica 1A.
Pee wee A Tigers 4 - Colin Kostin 2G, Shaun Broad 1G, Daniel McConnell 1G, Mathew Tyndall 1A, Anthony Orlandi 1A, Matthew Liscio 1A, Cameron Zinner 1A. **Grimsby Peach Kings 1.**
Pee wee AA Tigers 6 - Cameron Morrison 1G, James Wyndham West 2G 1A, Alec Magnante 1G, Tyler Williams 1G, Patrick Servideo 1A, Jared Reeves 1A, Evan Woodhead 1G 3A, Keegan Matthew 1A. **TNT: 1**
Orillia 1. Minor Bantam AA Tigers 1 - Lucas James 1G, Matthew Leroy 1A, Adam Newell 1A.
Minor Bantam A Tigers 3. Bradford 2.
Bradford 2. Minor Bantam A Tigers 0.
Georgina 0. Minor Bantam AA Tigers 0 - Taylor Lemmon, shutout.
Stouffville 2. Bantam A Tigers 2 - Paul Neophytou 1G, Evan Jackson 1G, Zac Cowl 1A.
Bantam AA Tigers 4 - Konner McMillan 1G, Jordan Nanos 1G, Austin Lane 1G, Connor Cowl 1A, Brett Thiessen 1A, Quentin Campbell 1A, Spencer

Green 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, John MacDonald 1G, Braddock Baalerud, shutout. **Erindale Spitfires 0.**
Bantam A Tigers 6 - Jack Caldwell 1G 2A, Paul Neophytou 1G 1A, Graham Robinson 1G 1A, Mitch Arnew 1G, Evan Jackson 2A, Liam Coll 1A, Austin Persaud 1A, Gabe Oulahan 1A, Robert Stokes 1A, Liam Beresford 2G, Zac Cowl 1A. **Leaside Flames 1.**
Bantam AA Tigers 5 - Ryan Manson, shutout, Konner McMillan 2G, Lucas Pozzebon 1G 2A, Quentin Campbell 1G, Austin Lane 1G, Spencer Green 2A, Connor Cowl 1A, John MacDonald 1A, Jake McKee 1A. **Ottawa Upper Valley 0.**
To be Determined 8. Bantam AE Tigers 0.
Newmarket Redmen 5. Bantam A Tigers 4 - Jack Caldwell 3G, Austin Persaud 1G 1A, Alec Ground 1A, Liam Beresford 1A, Harrison Smith 1A.
Bantam AE Tigers 5 - Nathan Nealon 2G 1A, Ryan McGolrick 1G 1A, Joel Gouveia 1G 1A, Nathan Sinclair 1G, Kyle Nice 1A, Ben Goldman 1A. **Beeton 4.**
Minor Midget A Tigers 10. West Mall Lightning 0.
Minor Midget A Tigers 4. Downsview 0.
Cooksville 0. Minor Midget A Tigers 0.
TBD 1. Minor Midget A Tigers 0.
Ajax 4. Minor Midget AE Tigers 1 - Matthew Reeves 1G, Eliot Harkin 1A.
Minor Midget AE Tigers 4 - Collin Laird 1G 1A, Eliot Harkin 2G, Casy Severini 1G, Kyle Fedec 1A, Connor McQuillan 2A, Jeffrey Lam 1A. **TNT 3.**
Minor Midget A Tigers 9. Orillia 0.
Richmond Hill 1. Minor Midget AE Tigers 0.
Minor Midget AE Tigers 3 - Eliot Harkin 2G, Collin Laird 1G, Paul Steiner 1A, Connor Moody 1A, Daniel Jones 1A. **Stouffville 1.**



Aurora's James Prigione makes a save on Orangeville's Andrew Parks during Aurora's 3-2 win over the Flyers Saturday night. *Auroran photo by Steve Mitchell*

Tigers manage single win in three games last week

The Aurora Tigers could manage only two of a possible six points in three games played in the Provincial Junior A hockey league, and they had to go out of town to get them. After dropping their first meeting against the Newmarket Hurricanes 4-3 last Thursday, Aurora met the Orangeville Flyers Saturday night, and handed them a 3-2 defeat. Veteran Greg Cerilli's two goals paced the Tigers to the road victory over Orangeville. Cerilli opened the scoring with a powerplay goal at 3.21 of the first period, then scored the eventual game winner on an amazing solo effort at 7.46 of the third. Sloan Stewart added a shorthanded marker on a two on one break for Aurora's other goal. James Prigione came up huge between the pipes stopping 44 of 46 shots for his third victory of the season. However, Sunday afternoon before fewer than 200 fans, Aurora was no match for the Hamilton Red Wings, as the locals dropped an 8-1 decision. Hamilton's Matt Carey proved to be the difference in the game as he scored three goals and added an assist. Aurora held its own for the first 20 minutes of play, trailing Hamilton 2-1 at the buzzer, but allowed six unanswered goals in the final two frames to convincingly lose the match.

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Tigers clobbered by Hamilton 8-1

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Meanwhile, the Battle of Yonge Street returned Thursday night in Newmarket following a two-year absence.

After 40 minutes of play, the Hurricanes and the Tigers traded a pair of power play goals to dead-lock the hockey game at two despite a heavy shots on goal advantage for Newmarket.

In the third period, Newmarket outscored the Tigers by a 2-1 margin and held on for the 4-3 win.

Aurora's goals came from Ryan Purvis, Greg Cirelli and Adam Moody.

James Prigione started his 4th consecutive game in goal for the Tigers.

Round Two in the Battle of Yonge Street will be in Aurora on Friday, October 8th at 7.30 p.m.

Meanwhile the Tigers will meet the front-running Markham Waxers this Friday in Markham, travel to Oakville Saturday, then head to Buffalo for a game Monday night.

Governor's Showcase is set here next month

The Provincial Junior A Hockey League will host the Governor's Showcase in Aurora next month and fans will have an opportunity to see the Tigers in action twice.

The event will be held at Arenas 1 and 2 of the Aurora Community Centre from October 7th to 11th and will present a long weekend of junior hockey action featuring every team in the league.

Action gets underway

NEWMARKET 4 AURORA 3 First Period	O - Frank Zuccaro (Scott, Carnovale) 2.21	H - Matt Carey (Radjenovic, Christou) 9.22	H - Buddy Robinson (Gibson, Christou) 5.10
No scoring	Third Period	A - Matt Chiarantano (Dundas) 15.18	H - Matt Carey (Hyman, Radjenovic) 17.50
Second Period	A - Greg Cerilli (unasisted) 7.46	Second Period	
N - Tyson LeBlanc (Czuczman, Balas) PP 2.09	O - Tyson Fawcett (McPherson, Vassos) PP 12.06	H - Dominik Crnogorac (Leavens, Hyman) PP 2.00	
N - Tyler Sikura (Bonner, Czuczman) PP 4.54	HAMILTON 8 AURORA 1	H - Greg Gibson (Crnogorac, McLoughlin) PP 14.41	
A - Greg Cerilli (Stewart, Moran) PP 10.42	First period	H - Buddy Robinson (Hyman, Kri) 14.51	
A - Ryan Purvis (Evely, Moran) PP 13.09	H - Matt Carey (Crnogorac, McLoughlin) PP 5.55	Third Period	
Third Period			
N - Tyson LeBlanc (Rigney) 9.28			
N - Kevin Balas (Czuczman, Davies) PP 15.05			
A - Adam Moody (unasisted) 15.39			
AURORA 3 ORANGEVILLE 2			
First Period			
A - Greg Cerilli (Priestap) PP 3.21			
A - Sloan Stewart (Morton, MacPherson) SH 7.09			
Second Period			
Thursday, October 7, when the Markham Waxers meet the Oakville Blades at 7.30 p.m. in Aurora's ACC #1,			
The Tigers make their debut a day later when they meet their arch-rival Newmarket Hurricanes at 7.30 p.m. also in Aurora's ACC #1.			
Aurora meets the Stouffville Spirit on Sunday, October 10, at 2.30 p.m., in ACC #1 to end their performance in the tournament.			

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Earning a position of leadership is about integrity – abiding by principles that are easily understood, that people can rely on. They must also be concrete so people can hold you accountable to those principles.

As Mayor, I will direct Council's energies in the following 3 key areas:

LEADERSHIP
Integrity: Integrity cannot be legislated. The Code of Conduct has been an unacceptable use of resources and counterproductive to a collaborative team environment. I commit to initiating the immediate suspension of the Integrity Commissioner contract and a public review of the need for a Code of Conduct/Integrity Commissioner within the first year.

Freedom of Information: It is troubling when residents must resort to Freedom of Information requests to find out how Council is spending their time and our money. I commit to full public disclosure of Town of Aurora business – including legal fees (internal and external) – unless this information is restricted by an order of the Court.

Strong Regional Representation: Aurora needs a stronger voice at the Region. I commit to improving our attendance and participation record and will work with fellow Regional Councillors to secure a second seat on Regional Council for Aurora.

Focus on Policy, Not Implementation: I will work with Council to re-focus our efforts on policy – and then hold staff experts accountable to implement those policies to the highest possible standards.

COMMUNITY
Community Input: Council decisions must be made with input from all community interests – unlike the Parks and Recreation Master Plan which was re-written by a small group of individuals with no accountability to the citizens. I commit that consultant reports will be presented to Council, in their original form, so that Council may make the decisions they were duly elected to make based on complete unfiltered information.

Committee Membership: This term, a small group populates a disproportionate share of committees. The Town is not leveraging the diverse population to get the broadest input. I commit to encouraging diverse participation and will not support the selection of any of my key campaign team to any town committee.

ACCOUNTABILITY
Town Facilities: Town owned facilities continue to sit empty or underused. These facilities cost taxpayers' money and provide no value in return. I commit to review the inventory and develop a plan for utilization within the first year of my term.

Planning: Developing an Official Plan is mandated by the Province. Council has overridden expert staff and consultant advice and not met their deadlines. Resultant decision-making has been stripped from this Council and is now in the hands of the OMB. I commit to leveraging internal and external resources to ensure that complex processes, such as the Official Plan Review and long term financial planning, will be completed in a timely manner.

Strategic Plan: Developing a Strategic Plan for our community will be a first order of business for this Town.

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WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY

I have known Geoff Dawe for more than 15 years and witnessed first-hand Geoff's ability to get the job done with integrity – without confrontation or anger. He's a person with no hidden agenda who believes strongly that transparency is a sign of character and strength
— Jim McAlpine: Resident, President - McAlpine Capital Advisors Inc.

I have known Geoff as a highly respected community partner in the co-op education program at Aurora High. Geoff exemplifies leadership, has extensive involvement in community events and holds solid experience within our town. Geoff has a particular talent to draw out people's natural strengths and abilities and consistently amazes me with his ability to work with people in diverse situations.
— Carol Nerling, Resident, Head of Community Based Education - Aurora High School

Of all the candidates, Geoff is superbly qualified – his years of proven, relevant and translatable leadership experience overshadows any other candidate. People and business have a choice of where they work and live – and they expect exceptional value for their tax dollars. Geoff has the experience, wisdom and dedication to exceed those expectations and make Aurora a place we can all be proud of.
— Eric Goulden: Resident, Neighbour, Business Associate, President Telonix Communications

If you would like to get involved, please contact Geoff
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With your vote, we can put the Aura back in Aurora.



The Tigers Atom Double A team held a car wash Saturday. Taking part in the adventure are players, left to right, Bradley Shennan, Kyle Morning, Nate Legros, Jack Snedden, Nicholas Rountes, Anthony Magnante, Ty Boisseau, Brandon Vaughan, Matthew Howlett and Andrew Jorgensen.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Corporate Environmental Action Plan goes into force

The Town of Aurora's Corporate Environmental Action Plan went into force last month following Council approval, but the Plan's application in winter months could be further clarified at last week's general committee meeting.

The Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) is a five-year plan which sets environmental targets and goals for the Town and allows for the further development of what the Town describes as "key strategic initiatives".

There is also a focus on improving sustainability for future generations in Aurora.

Organized into four key areas - air, water, fire (energy), and earth (land) - CEAP tackles environmental concerns in themed areas.

For "air", the plan focuses on improving air quality in the town and combating climate change. Reducing corporate water consumption is also targeted, as well as enhancing existing storm water management features. Increasing energy efficiency is an additional keystone of the document, which is planned to be accomplished, in part, by promoting renewable energy resources.

On the land front, there is an emphasis on protecting and enhancing wildlife habitat and wildlife as a whole.

Green spaces, sustainable land use and construction plans, and developing what is described as "alternate modes of transportation" are also on the table as items that will be improved, enhanced, and implemented under CEAP.

Plans under "Earth" call too for making existing winter maintenance practices more environmentally friendly, and this is the one issue that is expected to come before General

Committee this week.

At last month's Council Meeting, Councillor Wendy Gaertner suggested that some roads less travelled in Aurora - such as selected cul-de-sacs - might be used as pilot projects to see what works and what doesn't in "greening" winter practices.

"I'm not really sure what we can accomplish in our winter policy by 2012, but I think one of the ways we can accomplish that is by conducting pilot studies on less travelled roads, see if there are ways to either reduce or not use sand and salt on those less travelled roads," she said. "It may not be possible, but it may be, and if it is possible it would achieve several goals, including not only environmental goals, but also would decrease our material and labour costs."

This suggestion raised the eyebrows of Councillor Evelyn Buck who said she was of the understanding that the public works department has long been tasked with determining "the best needs of reducing road hazards in winter conditions".

"I would have expected this to be a practice currently engaged by the public works department and should not need our consent to be an objective," said Councillor Buck.

In addition, she objected to the idea that the Town use streets with "only four or five residents" for pilot projects that "may or may not be useful or accomplish the objective of keeping the road clear of ice and thereby decreasing the hazard" saying it is not only dismissive of residents, but unnecessary.

"How many ways do you look to invent the wheel?" she asked. "We have already heard in previous comments that other municipalities are doing this. If

other municipalities are already doing it with success, why do we need to practice?"

Aurora CAO Neil Garbe was keen to stress, however, that even if Councillor Gaertner's suggestion were adopted, it would not jeopardize the safety of Aurora residents.

"I do want to make it clear that we would do nothing that would compromise the safety of our residents," said Mr. Garbe. "We have minimum maintenance standards that we will adhere to. The advantage of using less gravel on roads in smaller sections is like planting a test plot where we can measure the effects in a limited way.

"A collector road... would be harder to monitor the results where you have more traffic on it."

CEAP was passed 8 - 1, with Councillor Buck opposed.

While Councillor Gaertner's motion was expected to be deferred until the following week, it

didn't crop up again until last week's General Committee meeting, when the councillor again asked if it would be on next week's agenda for discussion.

"I don't believe it would be on the agenda for the specific reason that although it is a pilot project, we want to ensure that we won't expose the town to any additional liabilities," said Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure.

Bridge results

Monday, September 20: North-South - Carole Bell and Nan McLean; Lucille Sequeira and Dave Legallais; Joan Rotenberg and Mary Oglanby tied with Frank Lablans and Henry Hirtog for third place. East-West - Judy Salmon and Greta Ogden; Kay Hack and Rose White; Lynn Gowan and Anna Kennedy.

Library CAO outlines strategic planning

The Aurora Public Library will focus on understanding and meeting the needs of a changing community in the future, according to Library CAO Louise Procter Maio, who introduced the Library's 2010-2015 strategic plan at last week's council meeting.

The Library's new strategic plan focuses on three key areas: energizing the community, mobilizing knowledge, and collaborating and partnering with other groups.

"As our population ages, it becomes more diverse and reflects our lifestyles," Ms. Procter Maio said.

"Our vision is to make a positive difference in the community by mobilizing knowledge, actively participating in the affairs of the community, and effectively collaborating with our partners in education, culture, business, and government. The second challenge for the future is to be an integral part of our changing world to build a better Aurora."

In terms of "engaging the community" the Library is going to focus on reacquainting their services, spaces and resources to users "to enrich their lives and the lives of our community."

To accomplish this goal, the strategic plan calls on eight key areas, including "investigating

the usage and information behaviours and preferences of constituent groups in the community", the design and enhancement of services based on this research, and to look at new ways to communicate with existing and potential users.

To put knowledge in action, the Library plans to create its own facilities, and facilities elsewhere to "encourage interaction with information, people and ideas", enhance services to include literacy training "to help people effectively apply knowledge in their lives, learning, and work", and invest in further technology.

The final key goal in the Library's strategic plan is partnering and collaboration with like interests and agencies. They plan on taking Library services to the community through partnerships with these organizations, use networking opportunities, and expand working relationships.

"You may well ask if this plan is doable," said Ms. Procter Maio. "Its achievement rests more on the commitment than unlimited resources, and to achieve excellence is to realize our vision. It is the intent of the Library Board to achieve excellence through the issue of a strategic planning document."

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Psst...wanna restore a house?

The Town of Aurora may reach out for community partnerships to help restore the Petch Log House, in the latest development in the unlikely saga in the history of the otherwise unassumed building.

The move came after councillors examined a request for proposal put before them at last week's general committee meeting, which recommended council approve two phases of a restoration proposal worth \$36,000 plus taxes awarded to the IBI Group.

The first phase, conceptual design, would cost \$12,000, while the second phase, detailed design, would have come to \$24,000.

Rounding out the IBI Group price summary was a third construction phase, which would account for a \$444,000 project total.

"The construction budget allowance of \$400,000 was reviewed with the Proponent to request more accurate pricing," read a report submitted by Marco Ramunno and Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Directors of Planning and Infrastructure respectively.

Their response was that more accurate pricing could not be established

until the detailed design is completed and full project scope understood.

"It is recommended that only Phases One and 2 be awarded at this time to the IBI Group. Staff will report back on the results of the detailed design and any [recommended] next steps."

Councillors balked at the RFP presented to them, although lines were drawn between members on how to actually proceed in the future.

"I don't think the answer is going through the traditional tendering or RFP process," said Councillor Evelina MacEachern. "I believe that we may be able to achieve the goals of preserving the house and I agree that the only way to do this and stay within a reasonable expenditure is that it is a 'project of love'."

The fact the RFP came in at roughly \$400,000, similar to the last time the Town sent out an RFP, gave an good idea of what it would cost, said Councillor MacEachern, adding she could not support the expenditure.

"Maybe the direction would be that staff put an ad in the paper asking if there is an interest in the community to have this

project come forward in a different manner," she said. "As for the use of the building, a lot of informal discussion has been had with respect to it going to the Stewart Burnett Lands and potentially being used for community uses."

For Councillor Bob McRoberts, who acknowledged his interest in local heritage, the project is simply not viable.

"We have been dealing with this house for years, and within that time frame, we don't have a planned use, we don't have a planned location or home for this building," he said. "I am reminded that the Petch House, through most of its history, was not located in the Town of Aurora."

"I think the sum of \$444,000 plus \$50,000 to transport it somewhere is an awfully large sum for something that doesn't have any use. I would suggest another option I think is still viable, [and that] is the house be dismantled and stored as part of our heritage salvage program."

Councillor Evelyn Buck, however, argued that if anyone in Aurora had a passion for saving the project, as Councillor MacEachern suggested, they would have already come forward.

"Nobody has given this building more negative publicity than I have," she said. If there was anybody out there of sufficient passion and resources, then the things I said about it would certainly have brought them forward."

In citing that use of the Petch House was recently turned down by a local athletic organization for equipment storage, Councillor Buck insisted the interest just wasn't there.

But it was about more than interest, it was about bridging a gap between two camps for and against the house's preservation, she said.

"Every one of you knows [spending more money on the restoration] isn't right," she said. "There is no way out of this! We can't please both camps. We have to make a decision. If we are not to make a decision, we might as well defer it to the next council. I'm pretty damn sure they'll make a decision."

Interest and passion in these kinds of projects,

however, have been amply demonstrated in Aurora, said Mayor Phyllis Morris, and that looking for individual and community partners is an avenue which should be explored.

"If there were no passion in this town, there would be no Hillary House, there would be no Church Street School, there would be no sports centres, there would be no beautiful Seniors' Centre," she said. "I think if you go out there and advertise you would be surprised how much passion there is in the community."

"I'm not comparing Petch Log House to Church Street School, not for a minute, but I certainly believe that if you don't preserve your heritage there is nothing you can do to bring it back once it is gone."

Councillors voted in favour of Councillor MacEachern's motion to gauge interest in finding partners to restore the house "in hopes of securing a 'labour of love' solution".

The matter is expected to come before Council once again this week.

Second house gets historical designation

Two Aurora houses have been designated properties "of cultural heritage value or interest" to the Town.

The latest addition is the George Browning House located 15086-15088 Yonge Street.

The cultural heritage value of the Browning House was recognized by council September 14 with the passage of a bylaw recognizing its association with local builder George Browning and heralding it as an example of Italian/Tuscan villa architecture in the town.

Constructed in 1889 by Mr. Browning as his own residence, its architectural value representative of Italianate/Tuscan style is found in its "formal balanced facade", according to the bylaw.

"The house is two storey and features yellow brick walls, low pitched/hipped roof, quoins, dormers, heavy ornamental brackets under wide eaves, and two gable-like projections in the roofline which are cut and raised above the horizontal ridge over the facade, [affecting] Tuscan towers.

"It is also one of the punctuation points of one of the very few surviving

stretches of dwellings on Yonge Street in Aurora."

The George Browning House joins the Richardson House, which was formally recognized last month.

The "Richardson House" located at 14985 Leslie Street was deemed to be a property of cultural heritage value or interest" following the passage of a bylaw in the early hours of August 18.

According to the bylaw citation, the Richardson House is "representative of the Region's historical farming community".

Built around 1835, the 2.5 storey wood frame house derives its "design and physical value from its architectural style, materials and construction, all characteristic of the pre-Confederation

rural houses built in York Region

According to the Town, there are many key attributes to the house, both exterior and interior, which make the property of particular value to Aurora's heritage interests.

Outside, these characteristics include its raised stone foundation, "gingerbread trim", internal chimneys, gable roof, and Regency influence.

Indoors, the Town extols the home's "historic staircase", two original 1830s locks, and wood panelling.

"The house is associated with the Graham and Richardson families, prominent farming families in rural Aurora (Whitchurch Township)," noted the bylaw's citation.



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Ruth Bennett, Jason Wilson, Kara Prost, Reg O'Brien, Robert Ball and Denise Kennedy, star in the comedy "Having Hope at Home", currently playing at Theatre Aurora.

Photo by Taisa Ballard

Theatre Aurora's latest has Canadian overtones

It's taken a while for Theatre Aurora to put on a play written by a Canadian, with Canadian values, humour, and location, but their latest production, "Having Hope at Home", makes it worth the wait.

The setting is the kitchen of a farmhouse in rural Ontario.

Carolyn and her fiancé Michel, are all set to entertain for the first time in years her parents, William and Jane.

But the already strained relationships between generations will not be helped by the additional presence of a grandfather who no one can control, a vet who's actually a midwife, a number of critical announcements, and of course, the imminent arrival of Carolyn's baby.

Canadian playwright David S. Craig has written more than 20 plays, and this is one of his best.

The relationships of the various characters are developed and explored in ways that will allow the audience to immediately recognize either themselves or someone they know.

Along the way we are treat-

ed to a wonderful blend of conflict, humour and love.

But the strength of a good story means little unless it is well and lovingly portrayed, and director Helen Caughlin has obtained this in full from her terrific cast.

Kara Prost, in her first appearance at Theatre Aurora, makes central character Carolyn wonderfully warm and sympathetic as the expectant mother coming to terms with both her parents, and imminent parenthood.

Jason Wilson, as her supportive husband Michel, portrays his strength, while ably handling the French accent.

Reg O'Brien and Ruth Bennett, as parents William and Jane, are convincingly concerned about their daughter and that they know what's best for her, even if they don't yet know they have a bit of growing up to do themselves.

Another strong character is that of midwife Dawn as portrayed by Denise Kennedy.

She manages to stay in control, even though she is the only

non-family member of the group.

But the character that has the most fun in his role is Robert Ball as grandfather Russell.

He interacts with all of the other characters, dispensing both comic relief and surprising insight.

A special tip of the hat to the stage crew for a wonderfully detailed and functional set, that also includes a number of touches of Canadiana, such as hockey sticks, snowshoes, and even a Birk's box, that appears in one memorable scene.

All in all, the story, the acting, the pacing, even the set - are among the best in years at the Factory Theatre.

It would be a shame to miss this production.

Evening performances of "Having Hope at Home" continue at Theatre Aurora, 150 Henderson Drive, on September 30, and October, 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, with a matinee on October 3.

Tickets for all shows are available at the box office, 905-727-3669.

PRE-ELECTION POLL RESULTS AS OF SEPT. 28, 2010

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	G. Dawe	43% (86)		
	N. Kean	37% (73)		
	P. Morris	18% (35)		
	M. Prikryl	1% (2)		
COUNCIL	J. Abram	6 % (30)	J. Gallo	5 % (25)
	J. Abel	8 % (38)	W. Gaertner	3 % (12)
	C. Ballard	5 % (24)	S. Granger	5 % (24)
	E. Buck	15 % (75)	M. Hart	4 % (19)
	R. Cohen	5 % (21)	S. Humfries	5 % (27)
	B. Duff	6 % (31)	E. MacEachern	6 % (28)
	D. Moore	3 % (16)		
	K. Munro	3 % (14)		
	P. Pirri	6% (30)		
	H. Power	3% (17)		
		M. Thompson	5% (25)	
		A. Wilson	5% (26)	

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A cheque presentation from the Aurora Jazz Festival in the amount of \$2,600 to Safehaven and the Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness was made last week. In the photo, seated left to right, are Nidda Zaidi, George St. Kitts, Ellen Campbell, Kimberley Gadwah and Sher St. Kitts. Standing in the back row are, left to right, Susan Ferrante, Susan Walmer, Bob Leonard, Brenda Kieley, Melina Mastromartino-Laberge, Wendy Browne, Phyllis Morris and Terry Sherin. The man standing in the back row is Jonathan Sargent.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Retail workshop happens Oct. 5

Aurora retailers who want to increase profit, enhance staff morale and improve competitiveness have until this Thursday, September 30, to register for a workshop with noted retail trainer Donald Black, hosted by the Town of Aurora.

The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Magna Room at the Aurora Public Library.

Organized by the York Small Business Enterprise Centre at the request of the Town, attendees will

learn about multi-customer selling, retail as a form of entertainment, open-ended questioning, personal validations and creative selling.

The workshop is \$35, or four places for \$110.

Contact Pauline Nagelmakers at 905-830-4444, extension 1572, e-mail her at ysbec@york.ca, or check the Town's business development website at <http://www.businessaurora.ca/>.

The workshop is open to all retailers, new and old, big and small.



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Dog show a huge success

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Dogs are very much a part of human life, regardless of whether or not you own one; they are ubiquitous and everybody experiences the human/dog ritual of patting accompanied by doggy talk, while passing the mandatory smell test administered by the new canine acquaintance.

Dogs make excellent workers in a variety of fields and ultimately make excellent pets, while constantly providing a wonderful sense of companionship.

So, there is little wonder, Dog Shows attract dog owners with the opportunity to show off a devoted four-legged friend. The dogs remain unaware of the part they play in the show.

The seniors' presented their long awaited "Dog Show" Sunday with about 25 dogs registered to participate, and about 80 people present to view the proceedings.

The event employed a large committee to organize and present the show, which to everybody's satisfaction progressed well.

The weather turned out to be beautiful; not too hot and excellent for this day.

A barbecue was available operated on this occasion by Carol Hedenberg who did an excellent job supplying a hungry crowd.

The seniors' Wood Shop built an excellent doghouse, which was the prize of a popular raffle, won by June Thompson who now, easily boasts the best housed dog for miles around.

The dogs had a successful day and won many prizes supplied by several sponsors.

Many tricks were performed including a dog telling her owner that she loved her (by putting her paw on the owner's leg when asked who she loves).

Dogs were dressed as pret-

ty girls in dresses, in Christmas sweaters, and a cute Pomeranian wore a costume with wings and horns!

I understand that every dog won a prize and every dog owner went home happy, and probably anticipating returning next year.

The committee will now take a breather, regroup, and consider what follows and when.

With the committee, rested and bathed in the glow of success, an annual Dog Show will surely hold the interest captured by this year's enthusiastic presentation and equally enthusiastic support by sponsors and audience.

Calling all seniors who have interest in health and wellness, you're invited to attend an Active Living Fair this Sunday afternoon, October 3rd, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Seniors' Centre. Admission is \$5.

Advice and information from services including Canadian Diabetes Society, Regional Nursing Services, Optometrist, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Direct Dentistry Services, Local Pharmacies, Retirement and Nursing Homes will be available.

The personnel services representing the services are dedicated to their respective professions and ensuring that good advice is delivered to seniors.

While health remains good, many of these services do not influence our thoughts or daily life; but age mounts day by day, until health services assume consuming attention, and the editor of this paper has recently and bravely, experienced successful knee surgery. My turn (hip and then knee) looms on the near horizon.

Everybody eventually requires the magic of modern medicine, which allows the healthy life spans evident today

and increasing steadily, year by year, and I am well aware and appreciative of modern day medicine.

The mostly fun part of this Active Living Fair day, which will appeal to many women, will include an afternoon of pampering in the Spa Centre.

Applications of Reiki Facials and Makeup with services of Chiropractors, Acupuncturists, Chair Massage and Ionic Foot Baths, relieve sundry aches and pains and provide a good long lasting feeling.

An Art Show and Sale will take place October 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and represents an opportunity to acquire art from excellent local artists.

Computers and computing have infiltrated the life of seniors to an enormous degree, which is good because if it were not good, seniors would have no part of it.

Technology in the world of computers is relatively new and is evolving with improvements constantly emerging.

This requires a degree of

ensuring equipment is not too old and by keeping up with personal expertise.

Keeping up, translates largely to a satisfying experience, which seniors accomplish as a group, and secures the position of seniors in a technology-oriented society.

In a group environment, everything of a technical nature comes out and is explored as far as is necessary and from time to time, special sessions are arranged to allow a more in depth approach.

The result of this interest in the ASA is a community of seniors who are competent with computer technology and willing to discuss it and to help others whenever possible.

The seniors hold a computer club general meeting each Tuesday at 10 a.m. and a 'Drop In' session Tuesdays at 1.30 p.m.

Tuesday attendance at the Seniors' Centre provides excellent resources for seniors, which works well for seniors who take advantage of what is offered.

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From page 2 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

The Aurora Cultural Centre (Church Street School), presents Aurora's own jazz pianist Paul Neufeld in a series of Sunday Sessions. "Klezmer and World Music" features an intimate afternoon of the Juno award winning Neufeld on the Centre's spectacular Yamaha C7 piano with special guest Martin van de Ven on clarinet. Tickets are \$15 in advance at the Centre, or at the door. Event begins at 2 p.m. For further information, call 905-713-1818 or info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

The 25th anniversary of Ontario Public Library Week will officially kick off at the Aurora Public Library. The event will be launched by a visit from The Hon. Michael Chan, Ontario's Minister of Tourism and Culture. Events begin at 7:30 pm at the Library.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

The Aurora United Church will once again host its fall rummage sale from 1 to 8 p.m. followed by a bag sale Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yonge Street church. Items in the sale include gently used clothes, garage sale items, books, toys, and linen. For more information, call 905-727-1935.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

A chance for children to learn local history will happen today at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, 14732 Woodbine Avenue in Vandorf. Admission is free to this History Hands-On event. For further information, call 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

The Reverend David Chisling will talk about Garden Therapy at the regular meeting of the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society meeting at 8 p.m. at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Ray at 905-727-6168.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Today is the last day to catch the exhibit Distinctly Canadian: Celebrating the Fine Art of Members of the Ontario Society of Artists and the Royal Canadian Academy at the Aurora Cultural Centre (Church Street School). The exhibit features sculpture and paintings from artists, including local talent. Admission is free.

The Aurora Historical Society is hosting "A Night in Old Hollywood", a fundraiser at the Aurora Cultural Centre. All proceeds from the event will go towards the restoration of Hillary House National Historic Site. Tickets can be purchased in person at Hillary House, over the phone at 905-727-8991, or at the Aurora Cultural Centre (Church Street School). The event runs from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., and features a silent auction and entertainment by the Thursday Night Jam Band.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

As part of Holocaust Education Week, you are invited to Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street to view a screening of the short film, Pigeon. The event begins at 7 p.m. Following the film, Holocaust survivor, Roman Ziegler, will share his personal testimony. Pigeon recounts a rare and startling act of humanity. Roman Ziegler is the youngest of eight children and the sole survivor of his family. He spent 31 months in four slave labour and concentration camps before being liberated in May, 1945. He has lived in Canada since 1958 and is the co-author of Voice From the Heart. This event is suitable for youth as well as adults. For more information call 905-727-1935.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Join artist Bill Lewochko to learn about the art of cartooning, and develop your own cartoon characters and style at the Aurora Public Library today from 10 a.m. to noon. This event is for children aged 9 to 14 and the cost of \$10 includes all materials.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Women's League

holds their 15th annual Christmas Fair and Artisans Craft Sale today in the Lynett Hall, 16 Catherine Avenue. Events begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, presents Aurora's own jazz pianist Paul Neufeld in a series of Sunday Sessions. "Eclectic Jazz" features an intimate afternoon of the Juno award winning Neufeld on the Centre's spectacular Yamaha C7 piano with special guest Michael Occhipinti on guitar. Tickets are \$15 in advance at the Centre, or at the door. Event begins at 2 p.m. Call 905-713-1818 or info@auroraculturalcentre.ca for further information.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Aurora's Pine Tree Potters' Guild will host an "Empty Bowls" fund-raising event to benefit the York Region Food Network and Welcoming Arms. The event will take place at the Aurora Cultural Centre (Church Street School) with lunch from noon to 2 p.m. and dinner from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets now available at R & R Used Books, 95 Edward Street. For the price of a ticket, guests may choose from hundreds of handmade pottery bowls. Chefs from various Aurora restaurants will be on hand to serve their signature gourmet soups and artisan breads. For further information, click on www.pinetreepotters.ca.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

A jitterbug ball, to support Hospice King-Aurora, will be held this evening. Visit www.hospicekingaurora.ca for updates.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Aurora Seniors' Centre presents its Christmas Bazaar. Vendors from the Farmers' Market, ASA group baking, woodshop, sewing, knitting, and many other crafters will be on hand for the event.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

A Children Wish Foundation Christmas Tree Raffle happens today at the Aurora Seniors' Centre. The tree, donated by Home Hardware will be on display from October 18 to December 1 when the draw will take place. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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GRANAurora, the local Grandmothers To Grandmothers group, meets monthly to raise awareness, generate funds and lobby on behalf of the grandmother care-givers in AIDS-ravaged Africa. For more information call Kay at 905-841-9318 or Joan at 905-727-5586.

Alateen meets every Sunday at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Victoria and Mosley Streets. Al-Anon meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Aurora United Church on Yonge Street. For more information go to al-anon.alateen.on.ca.

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

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

The Upper Canada Chordsmen, Aurora-Newmarket's award winning chorus, is looking for male singers. The group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Old Fire Hall, 140 Main Street South, in Newmarket.

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

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

Martha's Table runs every Thursday in the hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets. The volunteer-operated program is offered between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. Lunch cost is minimal. Last year, more than \$6000 was given to local charities.

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

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

Queen's York Rangers Army cadet corps has openings for boys and girls aged 12 to 18. The group parades every Friday night between 7 and 9 p.m. There is no membership fee and those in high school can earn community service hours through the program. For further information, call 905-726-8600.

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

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

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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.

A drop-in centre will operate every Wednesday at the Community Bible Church on Bathurst Street just south of Henderson from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information e-mail Judy Hoffmann at jhoffmann@sympatico.ca.

Scottish Country Dancing on Tuesday evenings at 8.15 p.m. at the Aurora Heights Public School and Friday mornings at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome. For more information, call Helen at 905-713-3439 or Agnes at 905-841-2747.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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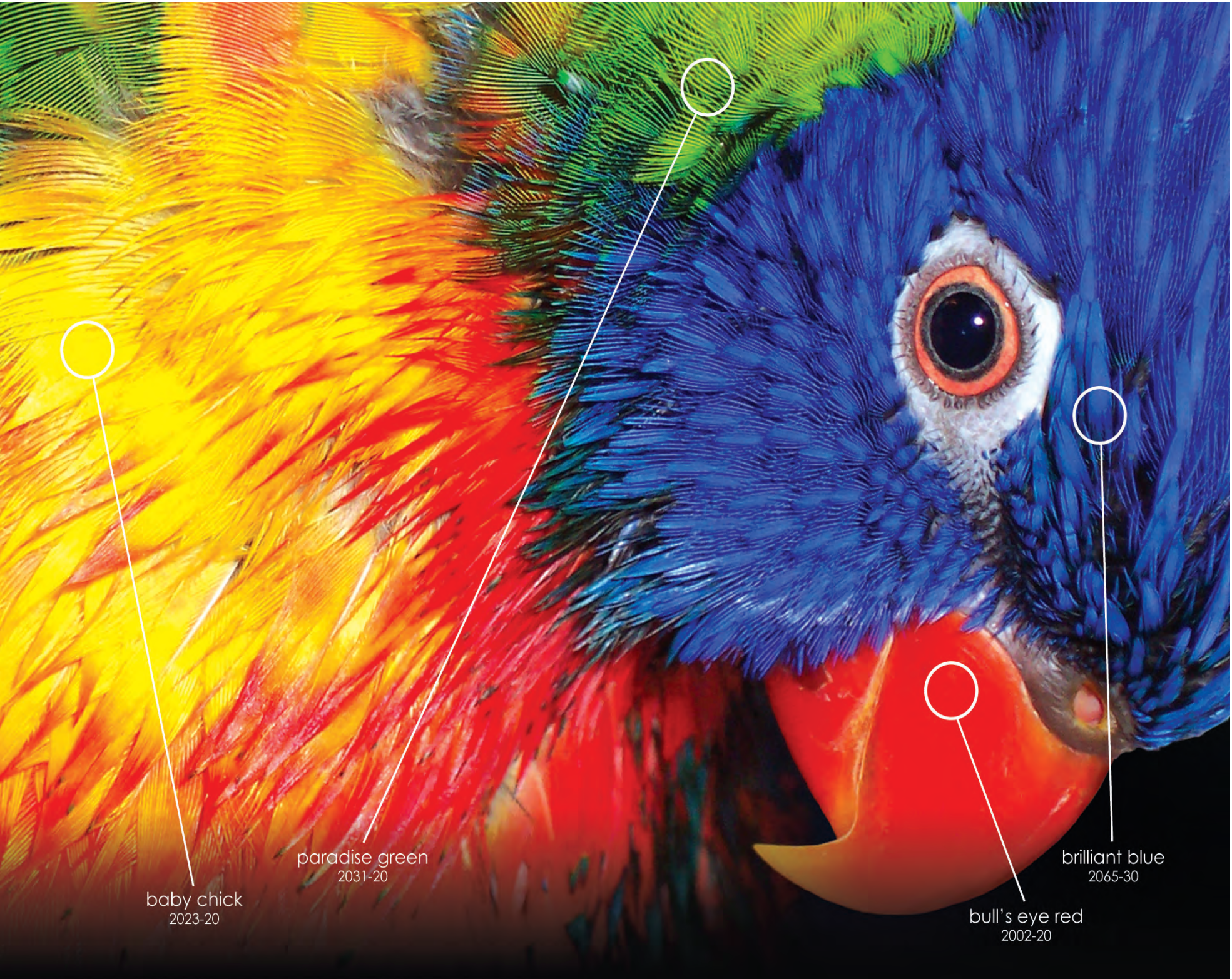
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