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Dawe is Aurora's new mayor

Excited voters and supporters filled Town Hall Monday night to watch the votes come in as Geoff Dawe sealed his place as Aurora's new mayor in a landslide victory over incumbent Mayor Phyllis Morris.

Although Mayor Morris' loss seemed clear well before the final polling station reported in, Mr. Dawe described his win as "humbling, exhilarating, [and] a little scary."

"Quite obviously the expectation is now firmly on me to make sure I deliver on my

promises," he said. "I'm quite aware I have got that task."

Mr. Dawe also thanked Ms. Morris for her service.

"There is no question she is passionate about the Town," he said. "Her parting words were, 'Please take care of the Town. We care about it.' We shall do that."

Now that his future is firmed up, Mr. Dawe said he looks forward to updating himself on the Town's current affairs so he's "ready to hit the ground running" December 7.

"I will set up meetings with councillors just to make sure we start to build that teamwork," he said.

While Ms. Morris was looking forward to going out and enjoying the evening with her campaign team, she thanked Aurora voters.

"I have enjoyed every minute of it," she said.

"It has been an honour and a privilege to serve them, and keep an eye on the Moraine legislation" she added when asked what she would say to Aurorans.

Final numbers showed Mr. Dawe defeated Ms. Morris by almost three votes to one. Nigel Kean was in third place.

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Group could get involved in Morris' blog lawsuit

The landscape of Mayor Phyllis Morris' lawsuit against three local bloggers, among others, changed this week with word the suit is expected to now come from the mayor personally, and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association may become involved in the matter.

The Auroran confirmed Monday that steps have been taken to have the claim changed from being from Phyllis Morris "In Her Capacity as Mayor of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora" to simply "Phyllis Morris" in a private capacity.

"In court on Friday the Mayor's Counsel said they were going to change the name," said Jordan Goldblatt, lawyer for Elizabeth Bishenden, Bill Hogg, and Richard Johnson, the three named in the suit, on Monday.

"They subsequently sent us over a draft with a new title of proceeding reflecting it was the mayor in her personal capacity. We approved it

and I am told they are going to file it in court today."

Mayor Morris also confirmed this.

"The statement of claim is being amended to clarify any misunderstanding that the defamatory comments were made against me personally and not against the Town," she said. "It should be a public record as of Monday."

Mayor Morris said she was unable to comment on whether she would now fund the suit personally rather than with taxpayer dollars, as was the case previously, "as the case is currently before the courts."

Inquiries to the Town's external counsel for this case, Howard Winkler, were unanswered at press time.

It emerged Friday that the Canadian Civil Liberties Association is considering trying to become involved in the claim, which also

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Advance polls show increase

Nearly five per cent of all eligible voters in the Town of Aurora - or 1,590 individual voters - turned out this year for the Municipal Election Advance Polls - a 12.6 per cent increase from the 2006 total of 1,412, according to Jason Ballantyne, Aurora's Manager of Corporate Communications.

"Definitely voters are interested," said Mr. Ballantyne on Friday. "Without predicting what's going to happen on Monday, the trend definitely shows that we are going to see an increase in voter turnout, which is always a good thing."

"We have had our Vote 2010 Campaign up for a couple of months now, trying to educate people on why it is important to get out and vote and it appears that in this election they are getting out."

If the 12.6 per cent spike trend

continues on Election Day, voters could set a turnout record for the Town.

Between 1994 and 2006, voter turnout reached its peak with the 41 per cent reached in 2000. The lowest voter turnout during that time period was in 2003 with just 33 per cent of eligible voters casting their ballot.

"We're trending to hit about 40 per cent and could possibly break that 41 per cent mark, depending on the voter turnout Monday," said Mr. Ballantyne. "In terms of democracy they are very good numbers in a historical sense, looking back over the last 20 years. Let's hope this trend continues Monday."

On the other hand, demand for proxy votes appeared to be on the wane, with the Town issuing 48 application forms at the end of business

day on Friday.

"In 2006 we issued more than that, but only 45 per cent came back," he said. "Typically you don't get 100 per cent return on the proxies."

In speaking to the Town Clerk's office, Mr. Ballantyne said the drop in demand may have stemmed from advance polls being open over the Thanksgiving Weekend.

"Traditionally, proxies, for the most part, are used by university students because they are away at school," he said. "Just being open over Thanksgiving weekend we assume that some of those university students who historically would have used the proxy system were actually home over the holidays and were able to vote at the advance polls."

Advance polls closed last Wednesday.



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COMING EVENTS

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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Ellis Studios, located at 145 Engelhard Drive, hosts a Business After Five tonight from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. The event will be catered by Jonathan's, and owner Brian North will offer tours of his facility which offers digital and screen printing. Brian will draw for a door prize. Cost is complimentary.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

The Nightmare for Christmas Hallowe'en Bash happens tonight at DiNardo's "Haunted" Mansion, Industrial Parkway South. Activities get underway at 9 p.m. For tickets or to donate to the event, call Tracey Mead at 905-841-6656. Event features dancing, cash bar, raf-fles, prizes and a late night buffet.

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, Aurora Used Books location on Edward Street, 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 6

The annual Hadley Grange Crafters Craft and Gift Sale takes place at 16105 Yonge St, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entrance is the first driveway north of St. John's Sideroad.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Rooms with a View Décor and Photography Show and Sale at The Aurora Cultural Centre today. Each room in the Centre will be decorated local interior decorators, and enhanced with photographs from professional photographers. Tickets are \$10, in advance at the Centre, or at the door. The event starts at 11 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. For further information, phone 905-713-1818 or info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Paul Henderson will be guest speaker at the 2nd annual Aurora Mayor's Prayer Breakfast today at DiNardo's Banquet Hall, and the \$25 ticket includes a hot breakfast. If you want a ticket, phone 905-506-0566.

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.

The York Regional Police Male Chorus will host their 18th Annual "In Harmony With The Community" fundraising concert at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 17955 Leslie St., Newmarket. The concert which starts at 7.30 p.m. will feature the new York Regional Police Youth Band, the Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus, the Halton Regional Police Chorus and the York Regional Police Male Chorus. Funds will be shared between community non-profit organizations and the York Regional Police Male Chorus. Tickets remain at \$10 per person and can be purchased from any chorus member or by calling 905-737-9676 or emailing mcclenny349@rogers.com.

Aurora's Gregg Lawless in Concert, with special guests John Sheard and Fergus Marsh, will be at the Aurora Cultural Centre beginning at 8 p.m. Accompanying Gregg is John Sheard, pianist for Stuart McLean's Vinyl Café, and former Bruce Cockburn bassist Fergus Marsh. Tickets are \$10 (students and seniors), \$15 adult and

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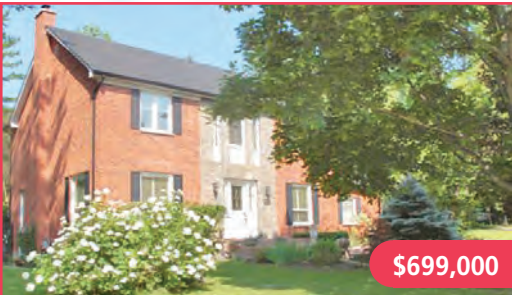
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Members of the Aurora Historical Society and the Aurora Cultural Centre gathered at the historical Church Street School last week for the unveiling of two plaques commemorating the renovations and the opening of the Cultural Centre.
Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Candidates here don't take much from developers

Aurora candidates take the lowest amount of developer, corporate, and union campaign contributions compared with their other York Region counterparts, according to a study released last week by Environmental Defence Canada.

Environmental Defence Canada, which conducted the Vote Smart 2010 initiative in advance of Monday's vote, said 43 per cent, or \$1.7 million of campaign funding across the regions of York, Halton, Peel, and Durham, came from the development industry.

In particular, 47 per cent of all funding in York Region came from developers. Peel topped the list at 52 per cent.

Environmental Defence has promoted a campaign to ban corporate and union dollars from election campaigns and said they believe developers are "undermining" democratic principles by "seeking to buy influence at City Hall," said Rick Smith, Executive Director of Environmental Defence.

"We need to ban campaign donations by non-voters - including developers and unions - so that elected officials are accountable to the individu-

als they represent, and not beholden to other agendas," he said.

In Environmental Defence's study, which examined the financial statements of 75 incumbents seeking re-election in York Region, Aurora fared best in their study.

"York Region was perhaps the most interesting Region in the study with Aurora coming in as the number one municipality out of the 24 studied with the lowest percentage of development industry funding, at a mere three per cent," said the Environmental Defence report. "Yet, Aurora's neighbours, Whitchurch-Stouffville and Richmond Hill had the highest and second-highest percentages of developer funding from all four regions in the study, 61 per cent and 57 per cent respectively."

Environmental Defence also surveyed all candidates running for council positions across the GTA, including Aurora in 2010 and reviewed the numbers from the last election.

In 2006, Councillor Wendy Gaertner came out on top with 21 per cent of her campaign funds coming from the development industry. She was followed

at 15 per cent by Councillor Al Wilson, Stephen Granger at eight per cent, and Mayor Morris at one per cent.

In the 2010 survey, the poll posed the following question: "Do you support changes to the Ontario Municipal Elections Act to require that donations to Candidates come only from electors in the municipality where the candidate is running, and that union and corporate contributions are banned?"

While Mayor Morris did not submit a completed survey to the Vote Smart Campaign, of the four other candidates only Geoff Dawe voted against it, although he said he has declined similar contributions.

"I have chosen to decline these types of donations," Mr. Dawe told Vote Smart. "But, I do

not feel it is necessary to impose my views on others, especially given that donations to municipal candidates are not tax deductible, and are limited to \$750."

Nigel Kean, however, said these donations provided an advantage to certain candidates.

"I believe that certain candidates abuse the system by getting corporate donations that allow them to have thousands of signs but with no substance as far as platform," he said.

Nine council candidates - John Abel, Jim Abram, Chris Ballard, Evelyn Buck, Brian Duff, Sandra Humphries, Evelina MacEachern, Brian Moore, and Michael Thompson - completed the survey and of those nine, all were in support of the ban.



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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Who cares about Aurora’s history?

I guess I have to face facts...I - like everyone else - am getting old.
What mattered years ago doesn't apparently matter any more.

Times, they say, are changing.
I know I'm not keeping up with the change. I still don't know what an MP3 is...although my wife, Patricia, wants one for Christmas. She probably should have had one years ago...

All this is a result of last week's meeting I attended with the Aurora Historical Society.
I said in last week's column that I thought I had the solution to the fact that Aurora doesn't have a museum anymore.

I still believe there is a solution, but money is an issue, and it's something the historical society doesn't have.
Y'see the Whimster House on Victoria Street is up for sale, and currently it's owned by the Bank of Montreal.
For those who don't know, the Bank of Montreal is Aurora's oldest business, having been at northwest corner of Yonge and Wellington in one form or another for decades.

Patricia and I, with the help of Keller Williams sales representative Sean Herbinson, toured the 4,400 square foot Whimster House recently, and felt there was no place else in town better suited for a museum.

It's downtown, it has its own history, and the Bank of Montreal could play a major role in making this happen.
Unfortunately, I ran out of time so I never did talk to the manager at the Aurora branch of the bank.
But, as it turns out, it doesn't really matter now, because the members of the Aurora Historical Society weren't too interested in my idea.

It was former chairperson of the society, Helen Roberts, who levelled me with the reality.
There are a few people interested in the history of Aurora, she said, but not enough to justify what I wanted to do, and that was create a museum.

Times are changing, she said, and for the most part, people of Aurora today aren't that interested in the town's history. They visit a "museum" once and never go back.
She's right, y'know.

I thought there'd be more outcry when they demolished the two houses on Church Street to make way for the new library; I thought people would scream loud and long when the 100-year-old chimney came down behind Bacon Basketware; I thought people would be up in arms when they destroyed five old homes on Wellington Street for a new high school, but there was silence.

The Bank of Montreal will probably take whatever it can get for the "Whimster" House, (it's listed for \$879,000). Some developer will probably buy it, tear it down and erect an office building on the site.

But it won't be that easy, since the 100-plus year old house, on a huge lot, has a historical designation on it,
The house is included on the Aurora Register of properties of cultural heritage value or interest as defined under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Therefore, any additions, alteration, demolition, etc., to the structure would be subject to review by the Aurora Heritage advising committee.

To buy it, at whatever price, and fix it (there would likely be a requirement to install an elevator like the one at Church Street School) would probably cost another million dollars.

So, the history of Aurora is kept at Church Street School in various climate-controlled rooms and the question is: Who Cares?

Well, Jennifer Steen, current curator at the society-owned Hillary House, does and she's organizing a collection volunteer orientation day to find people interested in working with the archival documents.

It will be held in the "Library Room" at the cultural centre Thursday, November 11th from 1 to 3 p.m.

"We are looking for volunteers who are interested in completing research requests and manning the "Research Room" at the Aurora Cultural Centre so it can be open for set hours," she said.

There are about 8,000 collectable Aurora items currently filed away.
Think I'll go.

Merchant James Whimster replaced Richard Machell's old store on the southeast corner of Yonge and Wellington in 1889. You recognize the word "Machell", because at one time, Aurora was known as Machell's Corners.

Whimster, of course, built the house on Victoria Street in 1892, and could walk to work.



Above is the Aurora United Church choir, set to perform sometime in the early 1970s. Thanks to the efforts of Dave Griffith, his brother Ed, and Ed's wife Marg, most of the singers are identified. Those who aren't have a question mark where their name should be. They are, top row, left to right, Larry Tipson, Dave Griffith, George Collins, Jim Epworth, Bob McRoberts, ?, John Clements, Orual Magee, and Norm Cook, Next row down, left to right, are Anita Cutler, Christie Hiltz, ?, Elizabeth Buchanan, Judy Rodger, Doreen Hiltz, Nora McRoberts, Jean Hill, Joan Devins, Renee Agnew and Joyce Epworth. In the row, second from the bottom, are, left to right, Sally Wyse, Lynda Hodgins, Mary Jean Oliver, Lynn Thompson, ?, Laura Rodger, Evelyn St. Clair, Rose Rohowsky, Ann Cotton and ?. In the front row, left to right, are Irene St. John, Nancy Chant, ?, Marie Devereau the choir leader, Marjorie Epworth and Ruth Haywood.

Letters to the Editor

Renting the hydro building for “pittance” not a good idea

To the editor,

At the time it was vacated by PowerStream Inc., the Aurora hydro building had potential assessment revenue of \$69Ks a year.

Twenty-seven people worked there.

The building was relatively new, architect designed, landscaped frontage, a heavily power secured yard, garage facilities, workshop facilities, office headquarters and a boardroom .

Completely serviced with driveway, parking lot and street illumination.

The building alone probably cost two million to construct.

It was and is a valuable asset.

It was five years ago. The building has been neglected and the yard is cluttered.

It has been underutilized for six years and is currently described by the town's Chief

Administrative officer as "a liability".

How does an asset worth several million dollars turn into "a liability"?

It does not.

The role of a municipality is not landlord and tenant.

We have already had negative experience in that area.

A long term lease to the Department of National Defense with a niggardly rent from the Federal government is described as good news for the town.

Continuing good relations with the Queen's York Rangers are cited as logic to support rental of a valuable industrial asset.

People are out of work, taxes continue to rise, people are forced to share homes to pay mortgage rates for modest homes in Aurora.

Working families pay half their income on inadequate and unsafe accommodation in base-

ments and attics, and have to access food banks to feed their children.

Because of continuing tax increases, seniors are forced to sell the single asset that guaranteed security of their own homes after a lifetime of fighting wars, working hard and paying taxes to provide opportunities they never enjoyed.

Renting the hydro building to another level of government for a pit-

tance is not good news.

Twenty-seven jobs replaced and a new business partner in Aurora; now that would be good news for the community.

The media release from the Corporation on the disposition of a multi-million dollar asset for a pittance and no jobs provided is nothing but a warm steaming pile of horse pucky.

Evelyn Buck
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If police like registry, “good enough for me”

To the editor,

One might argue about whether the long gun registry was a good idea or not initially but the fact is we now have it (at considerable expense).

The cost of running the registry is minimal compared with dollars already spent.

If most police chiefs feel it is a helpful tool, that is good enough for me.

We ought to keep the registry and make whatever tweaks are needed for the rural Canada situation.

Personally, I think the fewer

guns of any kind the better but it is reasonable for people to register them the same as they register their car, license their dog, get a permit for many other things.

The gun registry does not guarantee the bad guys won't get guns - they will, but a registry does provide some structure/regulation to the process of gun ownership.

Registration is not the first step to confiscation as the NRA asserts in the USA.

Malcolm Watts
Newmarket



Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Municipal Election predictions

By the time you read this column, the municipal election will have already taken place.

This will not stop me today (Friday, October 22nd), however, from a favourite past time - making electoral predictions.

Just keep in mind that I confidently predicted that Kim Campbell would win 100 seats in 1993 and that the Leafs should have been making the NHL playoffs each of the last five years.

A couple of tools were utilized in arriving at my predictions.

First, although I could only attend one of the four public campaign events, I spoke to a number of people who attended the various events and whose judgment I trust.

Second, I drove around the town, looking at how many candidate signs were actually on front lawns as opposed to public or municipal property.

Third, I voted in the advance poll and spoke to some of the workers at the polling station to get a feel for possible voter turnout.

Fourth, I reviewed most, but not all, of the candidates' campaign literature.

Before going any further, let's review my prognostication ability from the 2006 municipal election.

I predicted that incumbent Mayor Tim Jones would win by about 350 votes over Phyllis Morris and that voter turnout would break 45 per cent, which would have been a huge increase from the 2003 election.

My top eight council candidates choices were - in order of votes: 1. Bob McRoberts - would become Deputy Mayor; 2. Stephen Granger; 3. Evelina McEachern; 4. Grace Marsh; 5. Al Wilson; 6. Alison Collins Mrakas; 7. Wendy Gaertner; 8. Bryan Moir.

The actual results?

The official 2006 Town of Aurora municipal election results indicated voter turnout was 38 per cent, an increase of five

per cent from the election in 2003, but a far cry from the 45 per cent that I was predicting.

Former Councillor Phyllis Morris was elected mayor with 5,208 votes, ousting four term mayor Tim Jones by more than 400 votes.

I was not too far off (for a change) regarding the council candidates; I had seven of the eight correct, however, I was (as per usual) quite a bit off the mark regarding the order of finish.

The eight elected councillors included two incumbents and six newcomers.

Official numbers showed Bob McRoberts leading the vote with 7,361 ballots cast; followed, in order by Evelina McEachern, 5,426; Wendy Gaertner, 4,896; Stephen Granger, 4,611; Grace L. Marsh, 4,441; Alison M. Collins-Mrakas, 4,133; Evelyn Buck, 4,089; and Al Wilson, 3,806.

Finishing out of the money was John Gallo, 3,496.

You may further recall that Grace Marsh resigned part way through her term and was replaced by Mr. Gallo.

Okay, my fearless predictions.

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I think Mr. Dawe will now win quite comfortably, probably by 1,000 votes, over Nigel Kean with Ms. Morris placing a very close third.

I believe that Evelyn Buck, who finished seventh last time, will garner the most council votes and become the Deputy Mayor.

Other than Ms. Buck, I had a real hard time picking the rest of the candidates.

There are six incumbent councillors running again - I will predict that - apart from Ms. Buck - either incumbents Stephen Granger, Evelina McEachern and Al Wilson all will get in again or none of the three will be elected.

There may be an "anti-incumbent" sentiment out there, but without any real polling being published during the campaign, I have no real idea or feel for how deep this potential sentiment could be running.

Assuming the three incumbents join Ms. Buck in getting re-elected, here is my forecast for the rest of the council seats up for grabs - in order of votes:

1. Milton Hart; 2. John Abel; 3. Michael Thompson; and 4. Sandra Humfries.

You heard it here first (ok, last.).

And by the way, the Leafs will finish seventh in their division and make it all the way through to the Conference Finals next spring.

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Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

Happy Ho-Ho-Halloween

I ran into a friend in town this week, and since it was only a few days away, our conversation inevitably turned to Halloween.

"So, what is your son going out as this year?" I asked. "Something scary like a ghost, zombie, or Integrity Commissioner?"

"Much more frightening than that," he replied. "He was originally thinking of being an axe murderer. Then he was leaning towards dressing up as a vampire, as they're all the rage these days. But he finally settled a character that is even more disturbing."

"Who's that?"

"Santa Claus."

"Santa Claus?" I exclaimed. "The jolly old elf with the hearty laugh, a twinkle in his eye, and all the free presents? Apart from his blood sugar level after eating a million plates of cookies Christmas eve, how is he scary?"

"Think about it," he said. "There's been a ton of stuff going on the past couple on months...kids back to school, Thanksgiving cooking and relatives, yardwork, days getting cooler and shorter, a hint of snow in the air, prepping

for Halloween, not to mention all the activity around the municipal election campaign."

"So, how is that making you feel?"

"Like I could use a break," I admitted.

"Exactly. We could all use a bit of down time to relax and recharge. But what inevitably happens as soon as Halloween's over?"

My eyes went wide as I made the mental connection.

"You got it. As soon as the clock strikes 12.01 a.m. on November 1st, we'll be blitzed with holiday madness."

"You won't be able to go into a store without tripping over Christmas displays, and that's assuming you can even find a parking spot. There will be carols playing on mall sound systems and the radio, seasonal television commercials whipping kids into a frenzy over the latest toy, a thousand fliers in your mailbox, not to mention all the shopping, wrapping, baking, cards, decorating, concerts, relatives..."

Spreading his arms wide he concluded, "It'll be Christmas overload 24 hours a day, seven days a week for two months."

"And do you really want to start thinking about Christmas already?"

"No way," I said with an involuntary shudder. "I wasn't even considering it, until you brought it up."

"Exactly. No one is. People are just trying to get through October, and have a breather. So what scarier figure for people to see when they least expect it than Santa Claus? It'll make them realize that there is no rest for the weary, and that the Holidays officially start at full speed the next morning."

"You're right. St. Nick's probably the most unnerving image I could think of seeing on October 31st," I agreed.

"We thought so too," my friend beamed, as we headed out of the store.

Thinking about it as I made my way home, I realized I had one advantage over my other neighbours; at least I knew 'Santa' is coming Halloween night.

I don't envy those who will be caught by surprise.

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Aurora's new mayor ready to re-engage master plan

With Geoff Dawe poised to take his position at the head of the Council table following his victory in Monday's election, the community is likely to become "re-engaged" with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Mr. Dawe made his comments at the All-Candidates Meeting hosted by Sport Aurora last week.

In the last All-Candidates Stop in the 2010 Municipal Election campaign, Mr. Dawe was joined by his fellow candidates in a wide-ranging discussion about sports and recreation in the Town which covered the lack of winter sports facilities in Town, balancing the requests and needs of Aurora's varying demographic groups, and attracting big ticket events to Town.

"One of my first commitments is to re-engage the community on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan through two-way dialogue, and not monologue," he told a standing-room only audience.

"Once we get a clear picture of what the community needs, wants, and wishes, we will be better prepared to understand and then bring forward the necessary financial planning that will make this happen in the

most tax effective way."

The Town needs to clearly communicate with residents so that residents fully understand what they are getting for their tax dollar, he added.

He also spoke about the importance a diverse range of activities means to residents.

"It is an integral part of what makes Aurora a great place to live," he said. "It builds friendships for both children and adults that last a lifetime. The diversity and range of activities available to Aurora residents is a testament to the commitment of volunteers that make our community great."

"I believe the volunteers are the unsung heroes of our community and Sport Aurora has demonstrated this ideal - the true spirit of volunteerism by putting community ahead of everything else. I would suggest that the Town Council could learn a thing or two from Sport Aurora."

"I know that Sport Aurora, when any of their groups wished to have a new facility they have to perform a needs analysis," he continued. "That is how they justify having a new facility put in place."

"I believe that you would extend that same opportunity to seniors or to any other group if they want a curling rink. Let's work on a needs analysis, find out how many people are going to use it, and let's work through a budget and see if we can afford that."

People will also need to come forward if the Town was to build a competition venue to accommodate the 2015 Pan Am Games, which one resident would said would be a "legacy in this Town for decades" and bring thousands of spectators and tourism dollars to the Town for the event and afterwards.

Citing the fact the upcoming Pan Am Games are the impetus for Go Transit's upcoming all-day GO Train, Mr. Dawe said it is an "excellent opportunity to get people up to Aurora."



Peter McNeill, above, was the winner of the CrimeStoppers International Media Award for his effort in producing a PACT (Police And Community Together) Page in The Aurora, Aurora's only independent newspaper. The award was made at a conference in Halifax recently.

Liberties group may be involved

From page 1

lists anonymous posters on the Aurora Citizen blog.

The Association said they are concerned in any case "where a public official is, in her capacity, running a lawsuit against members of the public" when they are criticizing her "with respect to how she carries out her public duties".

"We think that these things implicate the rights to freedom of expression and a defamation lawsuit creates a chill, makes people scared to criticize their government, which we don't want to happen," said Cara Zwibel, Director of the Fundamental Freedoms Program of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

"That is how we work in a democratic society - people have their say, people are entitled to express their opinion, and that is how we progress."

there are privacy rights at stake," said Ms. Zwibel.

Before the Canadian Civil Liberties Association acts, Ms. Zwibel said they were waiting further information on the case, more detail on the actual claim, and consultation with their board of directors as a non-profit organization.

When Mr. Hogg spoke to The Auroran on Friday he said there was some uncertainty on just how the suit would proceed. Both parties were supposed to meet earlier that day to argue motions, but the Town's external legal counsel, acting on behalf of the Mayor, was not "prepared".

"The reason they weren't prepared to argue the motions was because we had a motion to dismiss based on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the fact that a government is not allowed to sue a citizen," said Mr. Hogg.

"Our view was before any motion could be argued, that was the one that had to be argued first, at which point they backed off arguing any motions and said they would be more than happy to just schedule in court."

The need and desire for indoor winter sports facilities was the first question tackled by Mr. Dawe.

He was asked by a senior resident what he would do to address this issue of the elder demographic who want to take part in curling and tennis without having to go to Newmarket or Richmond Hill.

Mr. Dawe said that he would fully support those initiatives, as they were considerations brought forward in the Master Parks and Recreation Plan, and issues that have cropped up many times before.

"We need to re-engage the community on some of those issues that are maybe not first and foremost like hockey or baseball, but certainly appeal to a wider range, he said.

Following this line, the candidates were also asked how they would balance the needs for sports venues and facilities requested by "special interest groups" in relation to those of Aurora seniors.

"I'm sensitive to seniors because, according to some, I am there now," joked Mr. Dawe.

"We know that the transportation infrastructure is being developed based on the games," he said.

"If we can develop a business case that says a baseball field is going to attract people to Aurora, is going to attract business, and is going to fall on the sports tournaments which have a fabulous cultural and economic benefit to the Town, I would say we would look very strongly into doing a business case."



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Ms. Zwibel said the Association is considering whether to intervene if the proceedings do go forward. There are a legal issues involved where "traditionally a public official can't bring a defamation suit in their public capacity", she added.

The Courts could give permission to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association to become an intervener in this case, which would entitle the organization to make legal arguments.

"Usually we couldn't contribute to setting the factual record of what happened and we generally don't take a position on the outcome of a specific case," she said. "What we do is help the court by putting forward the legal principles and the ideas related to the rights and liberties that the courts should be cognizant of when it makes a ruling."

The Association is concerned not just with the defamation suit in general, but also the attempts to ascertain the identities of the anonymous blog posters, she said.

The organization has been involved in similar lawsuits, including one recently where "the court found that it was inappropriate to just order the disclosure of identities as a matter of course, that the side seeking that information needs to establish a good basis for doing that because



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104 Timbits Blue 6. 108 Timbits Grey 4.

202 Caravan Kids Gold 4 - Brennan Powell 1G, Thomas Raeburn 2G, Liam Vivian 1G, Joseph Livia 1A, Jonathan Avgousti 1A, Eric Wright. **204 Caravan Kids Blue 4** - Liam Graham 1G, Jesse Strom 1A, Andrew Scott 1A.

206 Caravan Kids Powder Blue 7 - Ian Hilgendorff 2G 2A, Colby Jackson 1G, Jack Nicholson 1G, Matthew Muxlow 1G 1A, Mark Clutterbuck 1A, Victor Stanica 1A, Alexander Ko 2G. **205 Caravan Kids Black 9** - Gianluca Rotondi 1G, Ethan Joiner 3G, 2A, Andrew Laguardia 1G, Aiden O'Toole 1A, Matthew Cowl 2G 1A, Nathan Clark 1A, Kyle Rame 1G, Cole Spragg 1G.

203 Caravan Kids White 11 - Jack Sutherland 2G, Graham Woodcock 1G 1A, Nathan Mohabeer 4G, Christian Romas 1G, Devon Bourrie 1G, Evan Ramasra 1G 2A, Chris Childerhose 1G, Joshua Turriff 1A, Christian Romas 1A, Ethan Edwards 1A. **201 Caravan Kids Red 1.**

405 Novintro Black 0. 410 HS Financial Orange 0. Becham Georgiou, Peter Leonitis, shutouts.

404 Tilemaster Blue 8 - Claudio Basso 1G, William Reid 1G 1A, Andrew Campbell 1A, Benjamin Godber 2G 1A, Adam Woehenmarkt 2G 1A, Matthew Parkin 1G, Aaron Preiano 1G 1A, Paul Cotturo 1A, Ethan Cohen 1A, Jason Xue 2A. **402 Omar's Shoes Gold 1** - Christopher Walsh 1G, Noah Dempsey 1A, Francesco DeBartolo.

603 Diamond Groundskeeping Services White 4 - L. Bulmer 1G 1A, T. McKechnie 1A, A. Skelhorn 1G 1A, J. Leblanc 1G 1A, C. Dyer 1G, M. LeClair 1A. **608 Crabby Joe's Grey 0.**

603 Diamond Groundskeeping Services White 3 - A. Skelhorn 1G, J. Samson 1A, J. Leblanc 1A, A. Lamana 1G, R. Callaghan 1A, C. Dyer 1G, L. Bulmer 1A. **610 Swiss Chalet & Harveys Orange 0.**

608 Crabby Joe's Grey 5 - Gordon Scott 1G, Tristan Macklin 1A, Connor Tripp 3G, David Robertson 1A, Jamie Finlay 1A, Stephen McNeil 1A, Jack Dion 1G. **607 Envirocar Kelly Green 1** - Ian Rucker 1G, John Powell 1A.

606 Aurora Chrysler Powder Blue 4 - Will Ashton 2G, Alex Carter 1G 1A, Lucas Ackerman 1G, Matthew Barnett 2A, Dylan Cowell 1A. **609 IOOF Aurora Lodge #148 1** - Calem Pollock 1G.

605 Lakeshore Valu Mart 2 - Jacob Hatton 1G, Andrew Currie 1A, Daniel Della Rocca 1G, Michael Dowling 1A. **610 Swiss Chalet & Harveys Orange 2** - Alex Tashos 1G 1A, Noah Sealey-Murphy 1G, Robert Iervasi 1A.

603 Diamond Groundskeeping Services White 4 - J. Camplin 2G 1A, A. Skelhorn 1G, C. Dyer 1G, 1A, L. Bulmer 1A. **601 Municipal Engineering Solutions Red 4** - Troy Lane 1G, Nicolas Pearce 3G, Matthew (Matt) Glionna 1A, Jordan Bodimeade 1A.

910 Philly Orange 5 - Daniel LaFlamme 2G, Graeme Allison 1G, Ryan St. Germain 3A, Stefan Richardson 1A, Alexander Deblasis 1A. **906 Ruff-N-Redi Powder Blue 3** - Zachary Seto 1G 1A, Josh Lawlor 1G, Will Miller 1G, William Tang 1G, Dylan Sutton 1G, Chris Falfalios 3A, Mathew Stewart 1A.

905 ATS Healthcare Black 1 - Michael McCreesh 1G, Duncan Eveleigh 1A, Adam Durante 1A. **901 Graystones Restaurant Red 1** - Mathew Hart 1G, Mark Presacco 1A.

906 Ruff-N-Redi Powder Blue 2 - Josh Lawlor 1G, Nick Theorodopolous 1G. **904 St. Louis Blue 1** - Eric Bulloch 1G, David Roberts 1A.

902 Boston Gold 2 - Mitchell Royce, shutout, Connor Flynn 1G, Graham Joiner 1G 1A, Jonathon Hurtubise 1A, William Allen 1A. **908 Crabby Joe's Grey 0.**

903 Optimist Club of Aurora White 5 - Carter Hammett,

shutout, Cole Roffey 1G, Quinn McGowan 2G, Nicholas Bertrand 2G, Evan Jones 1A, Andrew Walter 2A, Kelly Hudson 2A. **907 Wooder Food Safety Consulting Kelly Green 0.**

910 Philly Orange 8 - Brian Pedron 2G, Thomas Scougall 1G 3A, Ryan St. Germain 1G 2A, Jeremia Diaz 1G, Stefan Richardson 1G, Ryan Rival 1G, Garth McBride 1G 1A, Graeme Allison 2A, Daniel LaFlamme 4A, Sajjad Akbar 1A. **909 North York Plumbing & Heating Teal 3** - Scott Wheeler 1G 1A, C. Mulhern 1G, Cameron Albert 1G, E. Foxwell 2A, Drew Davison 1A, T. Thiessen 1A.

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908 Crabby Joe's Grey 6 - Trevor George 2G 1A, Ryan Dalcin 1G 1A, Tyler White 1G, Jason Eberlin 2G, Chris Beach 1A, Ryan Eberlin 2A, Connor Weibe 1A, Gregory Milligan 1A. **903 Optimist Club of Aurora White 2** - Quinn McGowan 1G, Nicholas Bertrand 1G, Mitchell Waite 1A, Matthew Foschia 1A, Scott Cosentino 1A.

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1009 Backyard Pool & Spa Teal 7 - Liam McGoldrick 1G 1A, Chris Smith 1G 2A, Craig Bennett 1G, Dylan Skelton 1G, Brayden Jackson 2G 1A, Sean Maule 1G 4A, Chris Tillsley 1A, Daniel Fusco 1A. **1001 Pizzaville Aurora Red 2** - Cooper Riswick 1G 1A, Nick Dinallo 1G, Zach Ashfield 1A, Aidan Morris 1A.

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Tyke Select A Aurora 6 - Owen Hollett 3G 1A, Charles Huxley 1G 3A, Jacob Hoffrogge 1A, Ryan Catania 1G, Ryan Bryden 1A, Owen Papulkas 1G 2A. **Clarington Black 3.**

Novice A Aurora 5 - Carson Maybury 1G, Harrison Bennett 1A, Liam Mahoney 2G, Jake Piper 2A, Justin Hicks 1G, Riley Klugerman 1A, Jace Jackson 1G, Brandin Harris. **Richmond Hill 2.**

Novice A Aurora 3 - Brett Pearce 1G, Jake Piper 1A, Riley Klugerman 1G, Kazuki Negishi 1A, Justin Hicks 1G. **Barrie 3.**

Novice AE Aurora 4. Richmond Hill 2.

Novice AE Aurora 4. Markham 0.

Minor Atom AA Aurora 2 - Wesley Reid 2G, Anthony DiPietro 2A. **TNT 1.**

Minor Atom AA Barrie 4. Aurora 3 - Wesley Reid 1G, Trevor Dungey 1G, Ben Liotta 1G.

Minor Atom AA Aurora 3 - Jeremy Gonsalves 1G 1A, Anthony Iacovetta 1A, Wesley Reid 1G 1A, Ben Liotta 1. **Richmond Hill 2.**

Minor Atom A Aurora 3 - Dylan Prescott 1G, Sam Ashton 1G 1A, Blair Crabbe 1G 1A, Connor Thomas 1A, Cory Read 1A. **Bradford 3.**

Minor Atom A Barrie 4. Aurora 3 - Cory Read 1G, Sam Ashton 1G, 1A, Blair Crabbe 1G, 1A, Adam Wloka 1A.

Minor Atom A Aurora 5 - Ryan Cunniham 1G 2A, Matthew Gram 1G 1A, Jason Gage 1G, Dylan Prescott 1G, Cory Read 1G, Jack Campbell 1A. **Markham 0.**

Minor Atom AE Aurora 1 - Carson Williams 1G, Alex Sandras 1A. **Markham 1.**

Minor Atom AE Barrie 3. Aurora 2 - Jack Patterson 2G.

Minor Atom AE Aurora 3 - Thomas Childerhose 1G, Alex Sandras 1G, Jack Patterson 1G 1A, Luc Catania 1G, Stuart Bishenden. **Georgina 3.**

Atom AA - TNT 6. Aurora 1.

Atom AA Markham 6. Aurora 3.

Atom A Aurora 3 - Jaedon Jackson 3A, Jamie Stewart 1G, Carson Venneri 1G, Ryan Jamieson 1G, Cameron

Tyndall 1A, Andrew Cundari 1A. **Brantford 3. Atom A Thorold 3. Aurora 2** - Andrew Buffa 1G, Carson Yeomans 1G, Anthony Capraro 1A, Cameron Tyndall 1A.

Atom A Stouffville 4. Aurora 3 - Jaedon Jackson 1G, Ben Spittle 1G, Carson Yeomans 1A, Andrew Buffa 1G.

Atom AE Barrie 2. Aurora 1 - Finn Reeves 1G, Justin Evans 1G.

Atom AE Aurora 2 - Finn Reeves 2G, Justin Evans 1A. **Markham 2.**

Atom AE Orillia 5. Aurora 4 - Max Lombard 1G, Thomas Morra 1G, Lucas Surace 1G, Sebastian Giorgio 1G, Michael Fodero 1A, Adam DePiero 1A.

Minor Peewee AA Georgina 3. Aurora 1 - Devlin Kauffeldt 1G, Ben Langlois 1A, Brady Futterer 1A.

Minor Peewee AA Aurora 5 - Philip Wolanski 1G 2A, Devlin Kauffeldt 1A, Jack Liotta 1G, Brady Futterer 2G, Graydon Belgue 1A, Lucas Dane 1G, Jordan Torres 1A, Andrew Sergejewich 1A. **Markham 5.**

Minor Peewee A Innisfil 4. Aurora 2 - Jack O'Keefe 1G 1A, Stewart Gable 1G, Ethan Brooks 1A, Max Goldman 1A, Mark Kalmisto 1A.

Minor Peewee A Stouffville 3. Aurora 0.

Peewee AA Aurora 4 - Patrick Servideo 3G, Taylor Kauffeldt 1G, Keegan Matthew 2A, Tyler Williams 1A, Jack Pecora 1A, Cameron Morrison 3A. **Richmond Hill 3.**

Peewee AA Aurora 2 - Patrick Servideo 1G, James Wyndham West 1G, Keegan Matthew 1A, Cameron Morrison 1A, Evan Woodhead 1A, Alec Magnante 1A. **Georgina 2.**

Peewee A Aurora 2 - Mathew Tyndall 1G, Alistair Johnston 1G, Matthew Liscio 2A. **Barrie 1.**

Peewee AE Georgina 3. Aurora 0.

Peewee AE Aurora 1 - Brendin Ramsay 1G, Cameron Anderson 1A, Adam Leader, shutout. **East Gwillimbury 0.**

Minor Bantam A Aurora 3. Innisfil 1.

Minor Bantam A Richmond Hill 4. Aurora 0.

Minor Bantam A Aurora 3. Nobleking 1.

Bantam AA Aurora 4 Ryan Manson, shutout, Conner McMillan 1G, Brett Thiessen 1G 1A, Spencer Green 1G, Nick Scott 1G, Jordan Nanos 1A, Austin Lane 1A, Tait Snedden 2A, Quentin Campbell 1A. **TNT 0.**

Bantam AA Aurora 5 - Lucas Pozzebon 3G, Nick Scott 2G, Conner McMillan 2A, Jordan Nanos 2A, John MacDonald 1A, Brett Thiessen 1A, Erik Balkovec 1A. **Barrie 3.**

Bantam A Innisfil 4. Aurora 1 - Liam Beresford 1G, Austin Persaud 1A.

Bantam A Barrie 3. Aurora 2 - Jack Caldwell 1G, Liam Beresford 1G, Alec Ground 1A, Zac Cowl 1A, Graham Robinson 1A.

Minor Midget A Aurora 4 - Eric Archibald 1G, Matthew Pryse 2G 1A, Liam Killops 1G, Liam MacKichan 2A, Quincy Ing 1A, Evan Romano 1A. **East Gwillimbury 1.**

Minor Midget AE Aurora 6 - Connor McQuillan 1G 2A, Kyle Fedec 1G 1A, Connor Moody 1G 1A, Peter Sandwell 1G, Matthew Reeves 1G, Eliot Harkin 1G, Collin Laird 2A, Sasha Dajia 1A, Paul Steiner 1A, Kyle Fedec 1A. **Pickering 3.**

Minor Midget AE Aurora 2 - Connor Moody 1G, Casy Severini 1G 1A, Collin Laird 1A, Daniel Jones 1A. **Stouffville 1.**

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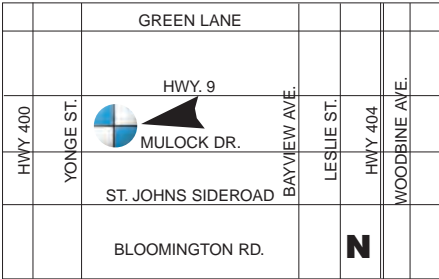
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Tigers scoop two points in two games

Sloan Stewart was a one-man wrecking crew Sunday afternoon as the Aurora Tigers beat the Collingwood Blackhawks 6-3 before fewer than 80 fans at the Aurora Community Centre.

Stewart scored twice, including a shorthanded marker, and added two assists in the Tiger victory that saw Aurora score five unanswered goals to secure the win.

The victory gave Aurora a total of 16 points so far this season, but they now trail the Stouffville Spirit by six points, having lost to that team Friday

night, 6 - 2.

More than 100 fans watched that game in Aurora.

Markham Waxers still lead the north division and, for that matter the entire Junior A league with 32 points.

For Collingwood, it was their 15th loss in 16 tries so far this season.

Only one team, the Dixie Beehives, in the south division, has a poorer record.

By virtue of his four points Sunday, Stewart is alone in second place in the scoring race.

He has 14 points, is three points ahead of

Patrick Moran, who also added four points to his total Sunday and trails Jordan Gidaro by only two points.

Perseverance was key as Aurora peppered 53 shots at Collingwood net-minder Clint Windsor Sunday afternoon.

James Prigione stopped 20 of 23 shots for his fifth victory of the season.

The Aurora Tigers will again host their Yonge Street rivals, the Newmarket Hurricanes, this Friday night at the Community Centre.

In two meetings this year, Aurora has been

unable to defeat Newmarket.

**STOUFFVILLE 6
AURORA 2**

First Period

A - Daniel Lisi (Priestap, Bell) 16.26
S - Andrew Doyle (Geiger, Neal) PP 18.03

Second Period

S - Kory Kennedy (Finch, Caggiula) 0.24
S - Kyle McLaughlin (Jacques, Neal) PP 10.09
S - Declan Gunovski (unassisted) 14.55

Third Period

S - Drake Caggiula (Finch, Jacques) PP 5.50
A - Ryan Johnson (MacPherson, Secco) SH 13.47
S - Matt Neal (McLaughlin, Lovatsis) 16.49

C - Tyler Crawford (Morton, Mullay) PP 13.18
C - Greg Cerilli (Crawford, Forslund) 17.35

Second Period

A - Daniel Lisi (Stewart, Reed) PP 1.21
A - Patrick Moran (Priestap, Gottschalk) 3.36
A - Sloan Stewart (Reed, Gidaro) PP 10.57

**AURORA 6
COLLINGWOOD 3**

First Period

C - Mike Mullay (Bauchman, Forslund) 1.35
A - Jordan Reed (Moran, Fennell) PP 7.39

Third Period

A - Sloan Stewart (Gidaro, Moran) SH 3.07
A - Jordan Gidaro (Stewart, Moran) EN 19.26



One of six
Aurora Tigers score one of six goals - this one by Daniel Lisi - in their 6-3 come-from-behind victory over the Collingwood Blackhawks at the Aurora Community Centre Sunday afternoon. Fewer than 80 fans watched the game.
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By DANIEL CARINGI
PACT member

As a child Hallowe'en was always a blast. It was the only day of the year when my parents did not bug me to eat my vegetables.

Every year we would always try and top the amount of candy we had gathered the year before, and make our costumes scarier.

As time passed on we all got older and Hallowe'en was not about the candy or the costumes, but was about the parties.

This would be about the time parents would realize that they could not dress their son or daughter in the famous bumble bee, or pumpkin outfit, but have to worry what kind of party they were going to.

Now as I write this article I cannot help think of how much my parents could have worried about me, or just how much they worry about their kids in general on Hallowe'en.

It's a time where everyone is in a disguise.

Parents, generally around this time, become overwhelmed and concerned about their children's safety.

PACT is here to help with some simple tips on how even parents can survive these Hallowe'en glory days worry free.

FOR KIDS

- Make sure they know their phone number.
- Avoid talking to strangers.
- Travel in pairs and be aware of your surroundings.
- Be extra careful crossing the street. Drivers can be increasingly distracted by houses on Hallowe'en. Use

Hallowe'en care
'is not only for kids'

flashlights when walking.

- Have your name and address written on your costume somewhere.
- When knocking at a door never enter the house, only stay at the doorway.
- Keep candy wrapped and eat it at home after your parents look at it.
- Go only to well lit houses.
- Call 911 if scared, or in trouble.

FOR PARENTS

- Teach your children to trust their feelings and that they have the right to say "no" to even an adult.
- Keep track of your child's friends with their addresses and phone numbers.
- Supervise the trick or treating with young children.
- Establish a curfew for older children.
- Know the neighbourhood where your child is going.
- Listen when your child says they don't want to go somewhere.
- Exercise extra care and safety when driving.
- Have a cell phone charged and carry it with you. Make sure your child knows the number in case of emergency.

FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

- Get to know the people in your community.
- Encourage your community that when you prepare homes for Hallowe'en to keep walkways and lawns clear of obstacles.
- Drive slowly.

- Touch base with the local police force or community centre to see if they do anything special for Hallowe'en that can be both safe and fun for the whole family.
- Gather groups of the neighbourhood that simply could walk the street on Hallowe'en with flashlight as a safety patrol.
- At your home be sure that your car doors are locked, back yard gates are shut and have your outside lights come on sooner and stay on longer than most normal nights.

These tips can be highly useful in helping parents have some fun on Hallowe'en, but also see their young children enjoy something that only comes once a year, safely.

Always remember Hallowe'en is a time of fun and enjoyment. It is the only time of the year where anyone can go out and dress as scary as they like, as cute as they like, as superhero as they like, as random as they like, or even as silly as they like.

Never forget that if there is an emergency always call 911. For non-emergencies call 905 895 1221 for York Regional Police. Tips to Crime Stoppers "Always Anonymous" are always encouraged and welcomed at either 1800.222.TIPS (8477) or www.1800222TIPS.com.

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WINNERS

Minor Peewees capture Nepean Turkey Tourney

The Thanksgiving weekend saw the Minor Peewee A Tigers win the annual Nepean Raiders Turkey Tournament in Ottawa. This year's edition of this Tigers team is a mixture of 11 year olds from all three divisions. The team is starting to gel nicely and this tournament gave them the opportunity to play several games back-to-back and get their game together.

The first game saw the Tigers take on the local Kanata Blazers. As might be expected, after the long drive, the team got off to a slow start. However, as the game continued, the Tigers' superior skills began to take control and the team came up with a 5-1 win. Curtis Romanchych was awarded the Tigers player of the game.

With their first game salted away, the entire team took in the Ottawa Senators home opener. The second round robin game saw the Tigers facing a tough team from Waterloo and came up with their second victory.

Things took an odd turn when a flurry of penalties were called on the Waterloo squad and the Tigers controlled the play for nearly an entire period. As the game closed the Tigers were on the positive side of a 3-1 solid victory. Thomas Kostoff was awarded the player of the game.

In the third round robin game, their second of the day, the Tigers faced hosts Nepean Raiders. This game saw the Tigers needing to battle hard as the Raiders are a good squad and the Tigers were tired. Back and forth play saw more than a few odd man rushes that required strong efforts

from Patrick Cruickshank, named player of the game, in the Tigers net. In the end the Tigers won 3-1.

The final round robin game had the Tigers facing the Cumberland Jr. Grads. To that point Aurora was undefeated and the Grads were winless. An apparent lopsided affair.

But it wasn't to be as easy as it looked. The Tigers came out early with several goals but then the tide turned.

Cumberland came on hard with a flurry in the second period but the Tigers held back the push with superb goaltending by Mark Carpenter. In the end the Tigers took the game 3-0 and Mark Carpenter was awarded the player of the game.

In the semi-final game the division winning Tigers faced the Osgoode-Metcalf River Rats.

Strong was the only way to describe the Tigers attack. Aurora began with an early goal followed quickly by a second and the boys were off and running. They managed to hold on to win the game 4-1.

Clayton Allen was chosen as player of the game. The Championship game, played later in the day, was a rematch with the Tigers facing the Waterloo Timberwolves.

Before the game the coaches discussed the possibility of the Tigers being nervous but Head Coach Kevin Allen said he thought the team was only a little nervous.

The coach was right, as the game started with tentative play by both teams.

The Tigers saw the first good scoring chance as Eric

McGhie fed a pass to Jordan Torres. Torres had a clean look to the far side slot and but Colin McGoldrick just missed the gaping cage.

This year's team boasts some solid offensive defensemen, and Curtis Romanchych showed his power with a couple of blasts from the blue line.

The smallest man on the club, Jack O'Keefe, started a great play when he threw his weight around separating the larger T-Wolves player from the puck. He then fed the puck forward to the speedy Stuart Gable, who cut hard to the net but was stymied by the goalie. Strong work at centre by Mark Kalmisto gave the Tigers several good scoring opportunities but to no avail.

Aurora had to depend on an overtime goal to win the game and the title.

With the score tied at zero, and three minutes remaining in regulation time, Waterloo broke through with a one on none scoring chance but Mark Carpenter made the best save of the tournament to completely shut down the scoring chance.

Aurora went into overtime ready for action.

The four on four format showed the Tigers taking an aggressive approach playing

three forwards and one defence rather than the traditional two and two.

The strategy paid off as Aurora controlled the balance of play and with 38 seconds remaining, the Tigers were rewarded when a solid fore-check created a poor clearing attempt and Clayton Allen capitalized with a point shot that ended up deflected by a Waterloo player behind their goalie.

Mark Carpenter was awarded his second player of the game title for his many quality saves and earning an overtime shutout.

The early-season victory, for a developing Tigers team, will go a long way to helping them to continue on an upward climb to the OMHA and Silver Stick championships that lie ahead.

After the game the coaches had praise for the team.

Tim McGhie said the relentless fore-check and puck pressure were among the many ideas they have stressed in practice, while Allan Cruickshank pointed to the solid physical play and great line control by the defence as another area that worked well for the entire tournament.

Coach Kevin Allen pointed to both goaltenders and their outstanding work all weekend.

Monday night hockey results

Standings

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Highland Chev-Cadillac	3	1	0	13	10	6
Baldwin's	3	1	0	24	15	6
Copper Creek	2	1	1	17	12	5
FPL Aggregates	2	1	1	14	13	5
Tom & Jerry's	1	2	1	15	17	3
Masterclean Contracting	1	2	1	10	15	3
Priestly Demolition	1	3	0	14	17	2
Rec Cycle N'Sports	0	2	2	11	19	2

WEEKLY RESULTS

Highlands	4	Copper Creek	4
Tom & Jerry's	1	FPL Aggregates	1
Rec Sports	3	Baldwins	6
Masterclean	3	Priestly Demolition	3



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Senior Scape

To facilitate internal communications, a mail box has been available in the Aurora Seniors' Association (ASA) office to receive communications among directors and from members, for some years.

Now, a new box, crafted and installed by the Wood Shop, is available in the office to allow communications among members of the Operations and Activities (O&A) committee.

One slot is assigned to me and I would be pleased to hear comments from members on articles or items of interest.

All communications from members of activities will be welcomed, from the most popular activities to those attracting the fewest active members.

The diversity of activities is the magnet that draws seniors to membership, and friendly relationships formed over time, constitutes the glue that binds the ASA as a coherent Seniors' Centre.

Instead of gently fading away, seniors today have opened a new chapter on life, with stories yet to unfold and new pages written; the book on this generation of seniors has not closed yet, but rather paves the way securely for those who follow.

Personal stories of member interest concerning the Seniors' Centre are always welcome, and in fact are sought, because this weekly column reaches and comforts seniors too infirm to attend the Centre in person.

Stories worthy of publication do not require to stand on a profound or ground-shaking basis; life consists largely of trivia and minutiae, which consumes much of everybody's interest and room is always available for such stories.

A matter which requires public clarification concerns why the O&A committee was formed.

In a nutshell it allows representatives of all activity groups to mingle and share experiences and issues.

However, this does not appear to be clear to everybody, and often representatives will make a presentation and then leave the committee meeting, defeating the purpose of sharing information.

These words form an appeal to members of all activities to find somebody to attend and participate in the O&A committee meeting from start to finish.

The last meeting was completed in 45 minutes and future meetings will be comparable in length, with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th at 1 p.m. Representatives from every activity are welcome.

If an issue is to be heard it should be presented or e-mailed to Carol Hedenberg at Carolhed@sympatico.ca in time for inclusion on the agenda at the next committee meeting.

Also, any activity group may submit an article to the ASA Newsletter for publication.

The article may not necessarily be published, depending on space available, but if an article is submitted the prospect of publication is excellent.

Matters that interest members are matters that interest the publishers of the ASA Newsletter, who in turn wish to keep all members well informed.

The same logic applies to the Auroran newspaper; a letter submitted to the editor is very welcome and will be published at the discretion of the editor. The e-mail address of the editor, Ron Wallace is on the Auroran editorial page, and he will read what you send to him.

The Dance committee has organized a Halloween Octoberfest Dinner Dance at the

centre Friday, October 29th, with the dinner beginning at 6.30 p.m. and the dance following at 8 p.m.

Sausages, salads, dessert and beverage will be served at 9.30 p.m.

Costumes will add greatly to the festivities and there will be prizes for best dressed but, everybody is welcome regardless of costume.

Tickets are \$7 each, which can be obtained at the front counter, while they last; Lydia Schuster is the Dance Committee Convener, and she can be reached for information at 905-841-1494 or e-mail schuster_lydtony@hotmail.com.

Many times over the past few years, I have written about the Computer Club and the members who roam in cyber space in varying degrees of comfort with their computer knowledge, which ranks from beginner to quite considerable.

Nobody knows everything but in the computer club, everybody knows enough to enable practical use of their personal laptop or desktop computer, secure in the knowledge that practical advice is available readily and quickly, should this be a necessity.

Women operate computers with an excellence, usually within their sphere of interest and they tend to extend their knowledge as interests grow.

Members of the Computer Club find interests related to computing, as the magnet that draws them to exercise their computer skills publicly to the benefit of everybody who cares to take advantage of opportunity freely extended.

In a world where cost is attached to almost everything, in the friendly environs of the Seniors' Centre computer world, advice and help is available freely, to fellow members.

Professional Referrals group networks with local businesses

On Wednesday, October 27, the Professional Referrals Organization (PRO) will host its annual Wine and Cheese Networking Event for members of local businesses.

PRO is one of the area's most progressive business

referral groups.

The event will be held at the Tuscany Event Centre, 222 Edward Street, Aurora, from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. in celebration of Small Business Week in Canada.

The membership of PRO

is made up of individuals representing different categories of business in the area.

For more information about the organization check www.professionalreferralsorganization.ca/, which provides details about PRO and its members - and the categories they represent.

Link to the members and their categories from the home page or directly at www.professionalreferralsorganization.ca/members.html.

While only one member per category can join, PRO is always looking for new members to enhance its already active organization.

A \$10 registration fee gives you access to an evening with the opportunity to network with other professionals, good food and door prizes.

It's a good chance to become acquainted with PRO's members and find out how they work successfully together.

If you are interested in attending the event or if you have questions about how your business category might fit in, email PRO Chair Pierre Bonhomme or PRO Vice-Chair Karen Thompson at info@professionalreferralsorganization.ca.

Scary times at Park Place

The Aurora Writers Group and Park Place Manor will present "Macabre Moments" Thursday, October 28 at Park Place Manor.

Event gets underway at 7.15 p.m. and continues until 8.30 p.m.

Aurora writers will read short stories and poems created for Halloween and the event will include a costume party.

Macabre Moments will be

held in the lobby at Park Place, and will include a book sale and refreshments.

All who are young at heart are welcomed to attend although the evening is not suitable for young children.

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Seating is limited, so you need to RSVP with Park Place Manor at 905-727-2952.

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The manner of accessing knowledge is by presence at the weekly Tuesday computer club meeting starting at 10 a.m., or by dropping into the computer room any Tuesday afternoon for the "Drop In" program, when one or more members will answer your computer related questions or direct you to someone who can.

If you find the atmosphere and congeniality of the computer club to your satisfaction, you may

find your interest drawing you to participate as a councillor at the "Drop In" sessions.

And, of course, computer instruction lessons are available when demand and availability of instructors are matched.

Basic instruction and Word Processing have been offered regularly for many years now, and E-mail, and Microsoft Publisher could be taught if demand is present.

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\$45 for a family. Centre is located at 22 Church Street. For more information call 905-713-1818 or info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

A Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon, sponsored by St. Andrew's Guild, will be held from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. The annual event offers home-baked goods, Christmas crafts, and "treasures." Stay for lunch, which will be served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Victoria and Mosley Streets.

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 Aurora 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 further information. To purchase tickets, contact HKA at 905-773-0155 or at info@hospicekingaurora.ca. Some raffle tickets and sponsorships are still available.

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.

The Town of Aurora's Heritage Advisory Committee invites you to the Old House Seminars event to take place at the Church Street School (Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church St.).

Trinity Anglican Church on Victoria Street, will be the location for the 'Merry Christmas Tree Bazaar' from 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be available between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Included in the bazaar will be a silent auction, bake table, Christmas tree items, attic treasures, collectibles and jewelry. Proceeds from the event will go to the ACW Outreach and parish projects.

NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH 27

"A Chorus Line" will be performed at St. Andrew's College at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by emailing Jane Bedard at jane.bedard@sac.on.ca or by calling 905-727-3178 extension. 260. For more information, visit http://www.sac.on.ca.

NOVEMBER 27-28

The Optimist Club of Aurora holds its annual book sale at the Aurora Public Library, Saturday, November 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, November 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair Holiday Edition will be held at the Aurora Cultural Centre, (Church Street School) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. Your favourite Aurora market vendors will be in attendance throughout the Centre, with produce and artisan goods just in time for the holiday season. Free children's craft activity is planned from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

York Region Community Choir Presents "Classics of Christmas", a concert celebrating the Holiday Season, at 2 p.m. at the Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. Tickets are \$10 and may be obtained by calling Heather at 905-853-6925.

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The Aurora Probus Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at the Aurora Legion. Memberships consist of retired and semi-retired PROfessional and BUSiness people, hence the name.

New members are welcome. For more information, call Marilyn Munslow at 905-727-9344 or Bob Saunders at 905-841-3558.

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 \$6,000 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 keepsinging@rogers.com.

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

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

A drop-in centre will operate every Wednesday at the Community Bible Church on Bathurst Street just south of Henderson from 8 a.m.

to 1 p.m. For more information e-mail Judy Hoffmann at jhoffmann@sympatico.ca.

Scottish Country Dancing on 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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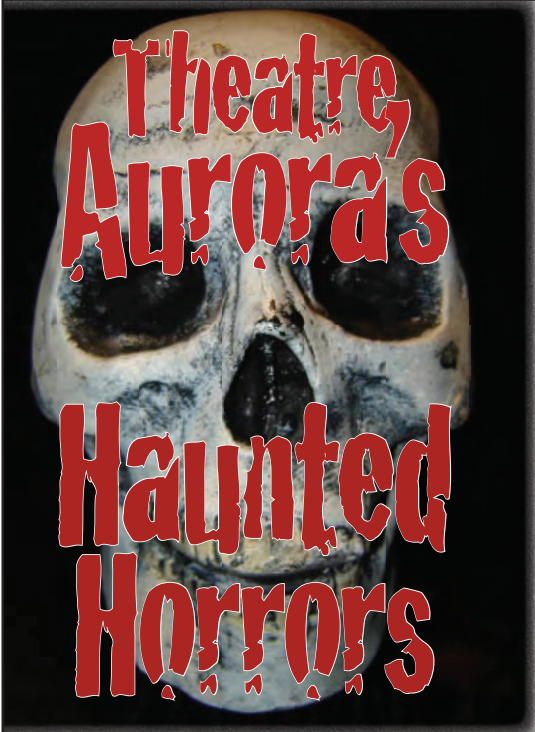
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