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Big and Little Brothers, along with staff members and Big and Little Sisters, offered help last week bringing much needed food to the Aurora Food Pantry. They didn't have far to go, since both operations share space on Industrial Parkway South, in the building formerly used by Aurora Cable TV. The building, owned by Cable TV owner Jim Irvine, has been leased out to the Food Pantry and the Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

## Defeated Black won't decide on Liberal nomination...yet

Outgoing Mayor of King Township Margaret Black said she had no immediate plans to set her sights once again on the Federal Liberal nomination for Newmarket-Aurora following her defeat in the October 25 election.

Ms. Black came in second in the mayor's race to Steve Pellegrini. Mr. Pellegrini secured the mayor's seat by 577 votes.

"It's very recent," Ms. Black told The Auroran last week on her future plans following her defeat. "It is a very recent thing that has happened. My present plans are to return to being a lawyer. I guess you never say never, but I don't have any immediate plans. I'm going to take a couple of weeks to

get rested."

Ms. Black was acclaimed Newmarket-Aurora's Federal Liberal nomination on August 12, 2009 after a three-way race for the position against former Aurora Mayor Tim Jones and Newmarket Councillor Chris Emanuel, who was re-elected to his council seat last week.

Mr. Jones bowed out of the race the previous June, throwing his support behind Ms. Black. Councillor Emanuel withdrew his name at the end of the following month.

Ms. Black decided to drop the Liberal nomination last December, opting instead to seek re-election as Mayor of King.

She told the Auroran at the time that she made her decision after seeing what lay ahead for King.

"On November 30, there were a couple of applications before us and I thought they needed strong leadership," she said when she made her decision. "I realized my heart is in King, my passion for life is in King and I believe King really needs me at this time. There is much to do and it's where I should be.

"I think at the local level we're really dealing with issues that affect people's lives, their quality of life and will really have an impact. At this point I can't see changing from being a local politician."

## Recount??

There could be a recount in last week's municipal election.

Aurora's outgoing council will meet Tuesday to vote on a ballot recount request from Councillor Stephen Granger.

The date was set Friday afternoon after Mr. Granger made tentative enquiries on how to go about asking for a recount earlier in the week.

As the votes came in on October 25, Mr. Granger was overtaken in the last moments by newcomer Paul Pirri for the eighth seat on Council by 21 votes.

In an email to Town Clerk John Leach, Mr. Granger asked for the recount based on the margin of votes among himself, Mr. Pirri, and tenth place finisher Councillor Al Wilson.

"Further to the official results that have been posted for the Municipal election October 25, 2010, there is only a 21-vote differential in my eligibility for the eighth councillor position

along with Councillor Wilson who is 28 votes short of the eighth councillor position."

In a report released Friday, Mr. Leach said that if council votes in favour of recounting every ballot cast at advance polls and October 25, the recount must take place within 15 days of the resolution's passage.

"Any recount would be conducted in accordance with the Act and prescribed regulations," Mr. Leach wrote. "In addition, the Act specifies that where a recount is conducted it shall be 'in the same manner as the original count.'"

Recounts on votes for specific candidates are not recommended by the supplier of the tabulator equipment, he added. Town staff would be used to in the recount and any costs would come from the Town's election reserve account, he said.

Although calls to Mr. Granger were  
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## Court date set Jan. 13

Phyllis Morris and the Town's external counsel will now present their motion "to obtain disclosure of the true identities of the anonymous bloggers", in her lawsuit - which also names Aurora bloggers Bill Hogg, Richard Johnson, and Elizabeth Bishenden - on January 13, 2011.

The date was confirmed to The Auroran both by Ms. Morris and external counsel Howard Winkler.

When asked how the change in the claim last week, which made the suit come simply from "Phyllis Morris" rather than "Phyllis Morris, In her capacity as Mayor of the

Corporation of the Town of Aurora", would affect various related matters, including whether or not taxpayers would still be on the hook, Mr. Winkler's written reply was simple.

"The only amendment made was to the style of cause of the proceedings to make it clear that Ms. Morris was, and is, suing in respect to the damage done to her reputation in relation to the office she held at the time of publication," he said. "The nature of the action remains as it always was."

The lawsuit is one of the issues  
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### Briefly

#### Hearing in 2011

The Town of Aurora's ongoing battle with the West Hill Redevelopment Corporation over the unauthorized destruction of 118 trees earlier this summer will carry over into the New Year.

A judicial pre-trial has been scheduled on the matter for February 18 at 11:30 am.

A tentative trial date is set for April 4 at 9 a.m.

The Town filed a total of nine charges against West Hill Redevelopment this summer and owners Joe and Wilf Lebovic over the trees at 1796 Bloomington Road.

According to the Town, a permit would have been required for the destruction of several of the trees in question, a permit which was not sought.



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## COMING EVENTS

### 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.

A Christmas Craft and Bake Sale will be held at the Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South, featuring 30 unique vendors featuring handmade dolls, doll clothes, toys, bags, bows, cards, jewelry, soaps, candy and honey. The Mission fund-raiser will also feature a silent auction, bake table, face painting, and a coffee/lunch room. Activity begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 2 p.m.

### 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.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Newmarket-Aurora Member of Parliament Lois Brown hosts an Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Five gathering at her office, 16600 Bayview Avenue, Suite 206 in Newmarket today from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and there will be a door prize. There is no charge for this event, but it is limited to a maximum of 50 people and you must register on the chamber's website in advance.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Amnesty International hosts a discussion on the death penalty, at Trinity Anglican Church, the Rectory (house behind church), 79 Victoria St., Aurora. Event begins at 7.30 p.m. For more information call 905-713-6713.

### 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 905-727-9676 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 \$45 for a family. The Centre is located at 22 Church Street (the Church Street School.) 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.

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce regular formal Networking Breakfast meeting in November will be held today at St. Andrew's Valley Golf Course, 4 Pinnacle Trail, Aurora from 7.30 to 9 a.m. This event is sponsored by Hotline to HR, and offers a hot buffet breakfast and both formal and informal networking. Cost is \$20 for members, or \$30 for guests.

### 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.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce is holding a New Member Orientation today at the Chamber office, 14483 Yonge Street, corner of Industrial Parkway South from 7.30 to 8.45 a.m. This event is open to members who have joined the Chamber since April, 2010. Cost is complimentary.

### 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.

Amnesty International hosts its annual Writeathon, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library. Write cards of support to human rights defenders. For more information call

905-713-6713.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

At 7.30 p.m. join the festivities at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, 5 Municipal Drive, as the Evergreen Choir, under the direction of Richard Heinzle, presents "A Joyous Sound". Tickets are adults \$5, children, 14 and under, free. Tickets are available at the Seniors' Centre or at the door. Refreshments will be served at intermission.

### CONTINUING

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. AI-Anon meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Aurora United Church on Yonge Street. For more information go to alanon.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.

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The Haunted Forest which took place last week in Sheppard's Bush was once again a huge success with a long line up waiting their turn to enter the forest, even though it was raining. Above, the channeling person is Mishaela Kostaske-Simpson, Aurora Teen Idol 2009.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

# Morris may start her own blog

With her time as Mayor of Aurora coming to a close, Phyllis Morris may have her sights set on entering the blogosphere.

When asked earlier last week what she saw in her future, Ms. Morris cited both her Court and Tribunal Agent diploma "and passion for writing" as possible outlets.

"I have a passion for writing, so between that and the knowledge I have learned about the workings of local and regional politics, and GTA politics, you might be seeing me sitting next to you at the table," she told The Auroran.

"There are lots of ways to get the word out and to raise issues that are important to the community and may be of interest to them," she added. "I would like to celebrate some of the great things about this Town and getting back to the pen would be one way to do that - or the keyboard."

When asked if she was going to start her own blog, Ms. Morris said that she was in "the information gathering stage at the moment" and that "if and when" she decided to write

a blog she would do her utmost to ensure that it carries with it as much integrity as humanly possible".

"One thing I have learned is that the written word can really hurt," she said. "Responsibilities come with freedom of speech. It is great that people can sit at their keypad at home on their computer and share ideas and thoughts but I know of many who do it in a positive way.

"I hope to be one of them - if and when I choose to write a blog."

If she goes down this route, Ms. Morris said others could be able to comment if she had a forum that would allow for that and she would look at others' best practices to see conduct on other blogs.

"There used to be a great one for the Foundation of Canadian Municipalities where you could go on and pose a question to others who are in, so you could have a municipal blog that raises questions with other municipalities so that you can share information.

"That might be a format I might use. I haven't had a chance to reflect on that yet, but right now I am in the information gathering stage."



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## Aurora musician home for concert

Noted Aurora musician Gregg Lawless will have the all-too-rare opportunity to play a concert before a hometown crowd on Saturday, November 13, at 8 p.m. when he plays the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Known to many for his eclectic musical influences - and to countless Canadian students as his Francophone alter-ego Gregg LeRock - Mr. Lawless has recently been

focusing on his Music Through Literacy Initiatives.

The former student of Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School will bring two guests with him for the November 13 concert - John Sheard, pianist for CBC Radio's Vinyl Cafe, and bassist Fergus March who often toured with Bruce Cockburn.

"Lawless, an indie vocal and guitar specialist will perform his clever toe-tapping

songs from his collection of three CDs, as well as new material," said the Aurora Cultural Centre's program coordinator Jane Taylor in a statement. "His music is diverse, and his song writing draws comparisons from James Taylor to David Wilcox."

Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$15, with the option of obtaining a family rate.

Tickets are available from the Cultural Centre in advance or at the door.

"We plan to jump from pop to blues to Celtic - and wherever the mood takes us," said Mr. Lawless. "I also love to tell stories in my concerts - so much so that people ask me to recount them again and again. Add John Sheard and Fergus Marsh to the mix, and you've got a Party Capital cocktail."

## Society looking for volunteers

If you are interested in the history of Aurora and want to learn more about the Aurora Historical Society's collection, you get your chance next month.

The Society is hosting a Collection Volunteer Orientation Day for those volunteers interested in working with the archival documents in the newly

renovated "Library Room" at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

The group is 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.

The orientation will take place Thursday, November 11th, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the "Library Room" at the Aurora Cultural Centre (22 Church Street).

Light refreshments will be served.

## Aurora Seniors Duplicate Bridge results

**Monday, October 15:** N/S - Irene Doran and Frank Henriques; Mary Oglanby and Joan Rotenberg; Carole Bell and Nan McLean. E/W - Melody Irving and Jeannine Mackie; Carolyn Liddy and Christine Woolley; Priscilla Hull and Inger Kamel.

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A special note of recognition to all who put their names forward for this election — and especially the many volunteers who unselfishly worked for each candidate. Aurora is a stronger, more vibrant community because of your commitment.

And, lastly, congratulations to the new Councillors. The residents have made a clear statement about their vision for Aurora, and I look forward to working with you to accomplish that vision!

*Geoff*

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## Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

# All-way stops prevalent in Aurora

Yet another four-way stop has been born in Aurora, and I say, enough is enough.

This one, in the south end of town at the intersection of McClellan Way and Loraview Lane on one side and Briardale Road on the other, certainly is not my idea of what a four-way stop is all about.

A four-way stop should be put in just prior to the installation of traffic signals because the intersection is so busy with cars.

There is one intersection in Aurora that qualifies for a traffic light, in my estimation, and that's Kennedy Street and Murray Drive. Always busy.

In the case of McClellan Way, Briardale is a "no-exit" street, so how could it possibly have enough auto traffic to warrant a four-way stop?

Two former councillors' comments come to mind.

The late Councillor Herb McKenzie would always vote in favour of what the neighbourhood wanted, because "they had to live there, so they must know what's going on..." and former Councillor Judith Ochalski was opposed to the stop sign at Orchard Heights and Hill Drive, because eastbound Orchard Heights traffic would slide through the intersection in the wintertime because of the hill.

Whether that's true or not, I don't know but the stop sign is still there.

The same argument can be used for eastbound (or is it northbound, because the road curves just before the stop sign) McClellan Way.

The road goes downhill to the stop sign, and I can only wonder if a snowstorm will cause cars to slide through the intersection this winter.

Aurora is so over-run with all-way stop intersections that it's tough to remember the ones that aren't.

For example, you must stop if you're north or southbound on Temperance Street, but there is no stop for east or westbound traffic on Reuben Street.

And Reuben can hardly be called a street at all, beginning at Yonge Street and dead-ending just west of Temperance.

It's about a block and a half long.

And, speaking of silliness, whatever happened to the report promised to me after six months of the installation of stop signs at Kennedy and George?

There is an intersection that is not an intersection.

South George Street is several feet west of its northern namesake, and while I went along with it when I was on council, I asked for a report on whether it was working.

That was at least six years ago, and I was promised the report in six months.

Obviously, because the signs are still there, the all-way stops are working.

Drivers will, apparently, get used to anything, but in Aurora, all-way stops are overkill.

Either do every intersection, or start removing some signs.

### Letters to the Editor

# His father purchased the "Whimster" House

To the editor,

The topic of Oct. 26 issue "Poor Ronnie", a column on Page 4, was read with great interest.

My father, Lorne Lee, purchased the Whimster House, 21 Victoria Street (the number may have changed).

Mr. Lee was a practicing lawyer and was also serving as Town solicitor.

His first wife, Frances Evans Lee, was preparing to move in along with the family in 1952 but she died suddenly so my brother, Dad and myself moved in without her.

Later in the 50's Dad married Connie Brody.

They had two daughters, Mary Ann and Lorna.

The property was huge and included a frontage on Wellington which Dad

sold.

The big house itself was very interesting.

There was a big boiler for heating and slate shingles.

It had a huge basement complete with a wine cellar under the front porch.

The attic was large, as well.

I discovered a stack of "London Illustrated" dated from the 1890s.

The roof was shingled with real slate.

I was given the upstairs bedroom facing the street.

The living room and dining rooms had beautiful oak and mahogany sliding doors.

These are my memories from living in that terrific house.

**Gordon Lee  
La Salle, Quebec**



Above, is an Aurora Council and we're not even sure of the year. Could have been any year between 1961 and 1963, We also don't know all the players in the photograph. Do you? We recognize Clarence Davis, who was Reeve, seated second from left, Mayor Keith Nisbet next to him; and Jack Williamson, standing, third from right. We believe the woman is Councillor Jean Moffatt who became Deputy Reeve in 1964, and the rest of them are staff members or councillors. If you can help us out, call 905-727-3300. Since we don't know the answers, this is not a contest.

### Letters to the Editor

# College grads face under-employment in addition to unemployment, he says

To the editor,

Today, the unemployment rate in Ontario is 8.8 per cent, according to Statistics Canada.

That unemployment rate is high enough but many young college and university graduates face under-employment.

Instead of getting a job in their related field, the college grads seek any type of work for a pay check and wind up working at a warehouse, or at a big box store, doing clerk duties, or unpacking boxes of merchandise during a night shift!

There have been some gains in the employment field, such as transportation and warehousing; however, there has been a sharp decline in employment in the professional, scientific and technical services.

College graduates need to find work in these fields, due to their training and advanced studies in liberal arts.

These graduates often carry a student loan of about \$14,000 to \$16,000, on the average and they need to pay off this debt.

This task seems to be even a larger problem due to the fact that many students can only find part-time work, rather than full-time work; and these jobs usually pay just the minimum wage.

Many of the 21 to 26-year-olds seem to be out of luck and they need some functional government programs to help them find jobs to get a decent start in life.

Students flood the employment centres which are operating now, and they desperately seek any lead for a job.

Post graduate programs at Community Colleges are becoming popular now, due to this high under-employment and unemployment rate for the recent graduates.

However, this option may not be open for many young college-aged people, since it requires financing the cost of another year of tuition and room and board.

Governments at all lev-

els need to address this issue now, or we may see our young, educated and talented people migrate out of Canada to the United States, or to other places where they can find jobs in their intended field of employment.

This is a huge loss to our society.

**Jim Jackson  
Aurora**

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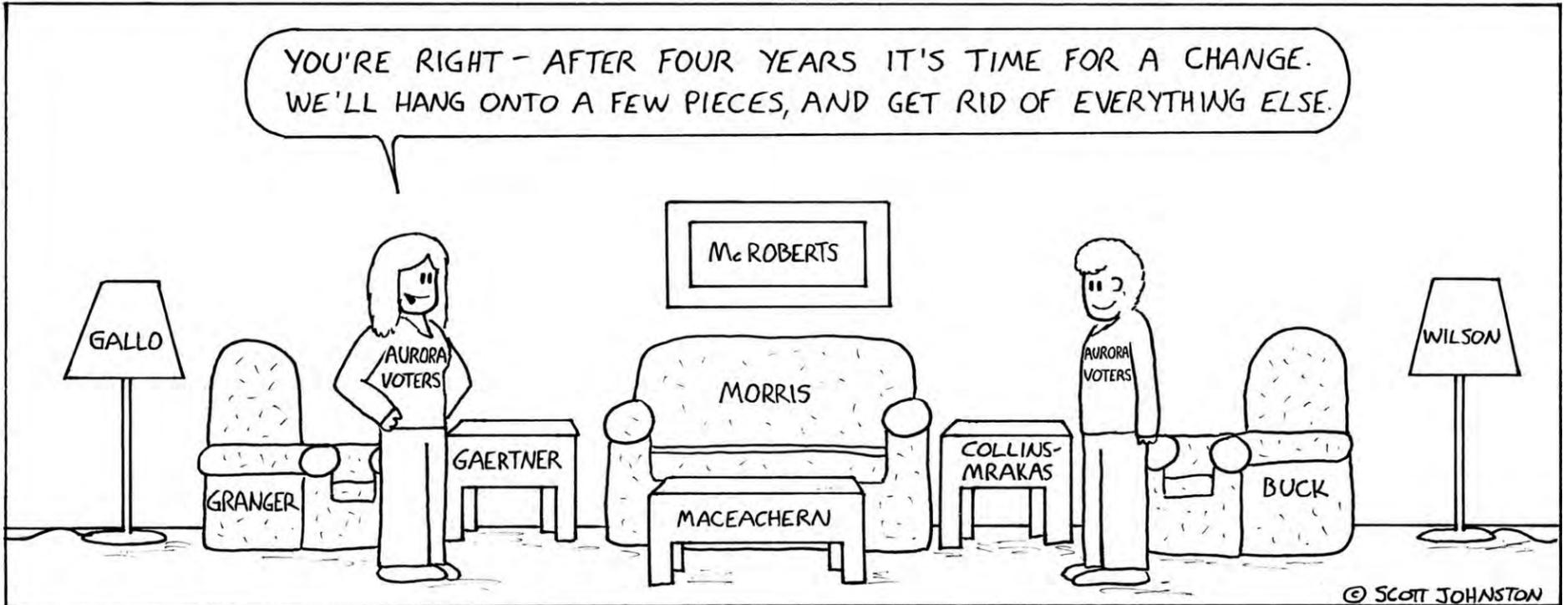
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## Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

## Reviewing the predictions

I was not at the Aurora Town Hall last Monday night to watch the election results amongst the various candidates and their supporters.

Instead, I was in Newmarket traveling between two campaign offices as two of my friends were vying for council seats.

And I am happy to report that they both won!

I have been a volunteer in various campaigns over the years and it is always exciting to be with a friend on their first election night.

You can see the full range of emotions at play as they wait for the ballot results: anticipation, the nervousness, and then, when the results are in; the relief when they find out that they have won.

It's one of the best parts of campaigning.

In any event, democracy is alive and well in Aurora as we had five candidates seek the mayor's chain of office and 18 of our fellow citizens seek one of the eight council seats up for grabs.

To those who won - congratulations, and to those who sought office - our thanks for trying.

Your efforts to further democracy and to improve our community are to be applauded.

Last week, I made a number of election predictions:

Voter turnout will be 43 per cent, a five per cent increase from 2006.

I was all set to forecast that the mayoralty election was going to be closer than the 400 vote margin in 2006, with Geoff Dawe winning by about 200 votes over the current Mayor, with Nigel Kean finishing quite a bit back.

I thought that Mr. Kean and Mr. Clowater would siphon

enough votes from Mr. Dawe to make it a very close race.

However, as a result of the negative reaction that I heard around town regarding the \$6 million lawsuit launched by Mayor Phyllis Morris against three citizens of Aurora, I changed my mind.

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

I believed that Evelyn Buck, who finished seventh last time, would 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 were six incumbent councillors running again - I predicted that - apart from Ms. Buck - incumbents Stephen Granger, Evelina MacEachern and Al Wilson would get in again or none of the three would be elected.

There may be an "anti-incumbent" sentiment out there, but without any real polling being published during the campaign, I felt so I had 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, I 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.

How did I do?

Not too bad. This is really another way of saying "mediocre at best".

Voter turnout was about 38.5 percent, up only half a per cent from 2006. This really surprised me, especially in light of the more than 50 per cent voter turnout in Toronto.

I was right regarding Geoff Dawe.

However, I was way off regarding the margin of victory; I thought he would win quite comfortably, but not in a landslide.

The council race results really confused me. I was right regarding John Abel, Michael Thompson, Sandra Humfries and Evelyn Buck.

However, I was way off base regarding the incumbents.

Councillor John Gallo and Councillor Wendy Gaertner were the only two incumbents who were elected again.

This may have had something to do with the fact the people may have considered these two councillors more as "independents" and not as closely linked to Mayor Morris.

However, I thought this would be offset by the fact that both these councillors backed her lawsuit.

It could be simply that voters felt these two councillors have done a good job and were worthy of re-election.

On a slightly different note, The Auroran conducted an open on-line poll throughout the campaign and I was quite dismissive of its relevance because individuals could vote more than once if they changed computers.

The poll predicted Geoff Dawe at 50 per cent and he actually received 55 per cent of the vote, while the predicted versus actual results were also pretty similar for Ms. Morris, Mr. Kean and Mr. Clowater.

Not sure if this was pure coincidence or not.

And by the way, I still stand by my prediction that 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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### Letters to the Editor

# Candidate for mayor congratulates winners

To the editor,

I would like to congrat-

ulate the new mayor and council on their victories.

I am sure that the town

will be in good hands.

Let's hope that this group will get the job done

without any bickering and hopefully no personal blogs.

I would also like to thank all of my team, especially my wife, Cathy,

for the amazing effort that they put together on my behalf.

# Third time winner thanks the voters

To the editor,

I would like to thank the electorate for re-electing me to council.

This, my third election,

was an uphill battle.

I am pleased that my supporters once again placed their trust in me.

Congratulations to all incoming councillors and,

of course, congratulations to Mr. Dawe, Aurora's mayor elect.

My hope is that council will have a productive four years; and will at all times

ensure that our decisions protect our community's best interests.

In the past I have not often responded to letters to the editors of local pub-

lications that are directly or indirectly critical of council.

I believe that did not serve the community well.

Going forward I will not allow what I consider to be misrepresentations of facts or irresponsible statements to remain unchallenged.

I look forward to working with all of council and expect council to discharge its collective responsibility honourably and with respect.

The residents of Aurora are a class act and it was great to meet so many of them.

Last but not least, to all of the candidates, win or lose, you worked hard.

Always be proud of your efforts and please never give up on your dream to work for the residents of this great town.

Perhaps volunteer to the many great charities in Aurora or even volunteer to sit on one of the town committees.

# Numbers don't add up: reader

To the editor,

A funny thing happened looking at the Aurora election numbers.

For mayor, the 2.5:1 result was decisive.

However, for councillor, the results were very close.

I wondered if the voters had a great problem getting to know all 18 candidates.

I did the sums.

For mayor there were 13,168 votes.

The councillor total was 105,344 - 30% less than if each voter cast all eight votes

possible.

Marie sends me to the dictionary where I find, "Plumping - Chiefly British - to vote exclusively for one candidate in an election, instead of distributing or splitting one's votes among a number."

Is the missing 30 per cent

due to plumping or confusion?

With Aurora 2014 population projected about 62,000, maybe it is time to talk about wards again.

Gordon Barnes  
Aurora

Wendy Gaertner  
Aurora

Nigel Kean  
Aurora

Letters to the Editor

# Reader presents facts to refugee letter

Ms. Tiffin et al,

Before any one of us passes along a message we would all do well to check our "facts" thoroughly with an authoritative source on the subject at hand.

The following is from Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

**True or False?**

Refugees receive more financial assistance from the federal government than Canadian pensioners.

This is false: The short-term financial support for refugees does not compare to the lifetime pension benefits for Canada's seniors.

**The facts**

Refugees don't receive more financial assistance from

the federal government than Canadian pensioners.

A letter to the editor of a Canadian newspaper contained this incorrect information.

In it, a one-time, start-up payment provided to some refugees in Canada was mistaken for an ongoing, monthly payment.

Unfortunately, although the newspaper published a clarification, the misleading information had already spread widely over e-mail and the internet.

In truth, about three quarters of resettled refugees receive financial assistance from the federal government, for a limited time, and at levels lower than Canadian pensioners.

They are known as government-assisted refugees.

We have to remember that many of these people have fled from unimaginable hardship, and have lived in refugee camps for several years.

Others are victims of trauma or torture in their home countries.

Many arrive with little more than a few personal belongings, if that.

Canada has a long humanitarian tradition of accepting refugees and helping them start their new lives here.

For this reason, a government-assisted refugee receives a one-time amount of up to \$1,830 from the federal government to cover essentials — basic, start-up needs like staples, furniture and clothing.

They also receive a tempo-

rary monthly allowance for food and shelter that is based on provincial social assistance rates.

In Ontario, for example, a single refugee would receive \$768 per month.

This assistance is temporary - lasting only for one year or until they can find a job, whichever comes first.

This short-term support for refugees is a far cry from the lifetime benefits for Canada's seniors.

The Old Age Security (OAS) program, for example, provides people who have lived in Canada for at least 10 years with a pension at age 65.

The Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) is an additional monthly benefit for low-

income pensioners.

The Canada Pension Plan (CPP), or Quebec Pension Plan (QPP) for people in Quebec, pays a monthly retirement pension to people who have worked and contributed to the plan over their career. In October, 2007, Canadian seniors received an average of \$478.28 in OAS benefits and \$481.46 in CPP retirement benefits (\$393.84 in QPP).

Lower income OAS recipients also qualified for an average of an additional \$393.99 in GIS benefits. In Ontario, for example, a pensioner would receive approximately \$959 per month.

Source: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/English//department/media/facts/aid.asp#tphp>.

According to Snopes (<http://www.snopes.com/politics>)

/immigration/refugees.asp), a website dedicated to separating fact from hoax, the claim that refugees are collecting more financial assistance than Canadian pensioners stems from an ambiguous statement embedded within an article appearing in a March 2004 edition of The Toronto Star. (Anyone with an active Aurora Public Library card can log on to the library's website and check The Toronto Star's archive for this particular article.)

Furthermore, Hoax-Slayer (<http://www.hoax-slayer.com/refugee-payment-hoax.shtml>) has noted that this misinformation has been subsequently altered for American and Australian audiences.

D. Coulter  
Aurora

## Refugees' pension "nonsense", he says

To the editor,

Your October 26 edition included a letter from Bonnie Tiffin of Oak Ridges who states that refugees in Canada receive more gov-

ernment assistance than seniors.

This tidbit has been making the rounds by email and letters to the editor for some time.

It is complete nonsense.

Refugees in Canada do not receive anything close to "a monthly pension of \$1,890 plus \$580 in social assistance," as Ms. Tiffin's letter claims.

According to Citizenship

and Immigration Canada, which has issued an advisory about this urban legend, "a government-assisted refugee receives a one-time amount of up to \$1,830 from the federal government to cover essentials — basic, start-up needs like staples, furniture and clothing.

They also receive a temporary monthly allowance for food and shelter that is based on provincial social assistance rates.

In Ontario, for example, a single refugee would receive \$768 per month.

This assistance is temporary — lasting only for one year or until they can find a job, whichever comes first.

Ms. Tiffin and your editors could have discovered this in about 30 seconds with a Google search. Instead, they chose to perpetuate a lie that was clearly designed to fuel resentment against new Canadians.

If any seniors truly believe it, they should "ask for the status of refugees instead of applying for Old Age Pension," as Ms. Tiffin suggests.

I would invite them to do so.

Dan Bortolotti  
Aurora

## Convicted criminals keep money. What's wrong here?

To the editor,

Further to Bonnie Tiffin's letter about Refugee Social Assistance entitlements of \$1,000 plus per month more than retired senior citizen entitlements, when seniors in this country are forced to

go into a government run nursing home or retirement care, my understanding is that their pensions and any savings they have must be signed over to the facility to offset the cost of their care.

Isn't this just another slap in the face to all of those

people who have worked hard all of their lives and paid taxes?

Refugees can collect almost twice what our own senior citizens can, and convicted criminals can collect their pensions and keep their money.

Haven't we got our priorities a little wrong here?

Why don't criminals have to forfeit their pensions to help pay for their keep while incarcerated? Whatever way you cut it, refugees and criminals get the mine and honest, hard working, tax paying citizens get the shaft.

Who on earth have we elected who make these ridiculous decisions?

It's time for us all to sit up and take notice and get rid of the politicians who support these types of policies.

Heather Stewart  
Aurora

## Mistaken information re refugees, he says

To the editor,

Re. Letter "Get more money being a refugee" October 26, The Auroran

This piece of misinformation has been circulating via emails for many years.

You can check it out at Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

A letter to the editor of a Canadian newspaper contained this incorrect information.

In it, a one-time, start-up payment provided to some refugees in Canada of \$1,830 was mistaken for an ongoing,

monthly payment.

Unfortunately, although the newspaper published a clarification, the misleading information had already spread widely over e-mail and the internet.

If something appears too good to be true, it probably is.

Don't confuse me with someone who thinks seniors have it great.

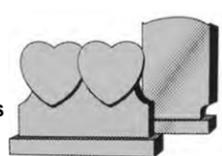
With McGuinty's "Made in Ontario" financial disaster by the name of HST, what little the seniors get has been further eroded.

Ken Greenwood  
Aurora

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## Bob McRoberts

# Outgoing councillor wishes newcomers "much success"

While council was guaranteed at least two new faces at the table after last week's election, one of these two spots was vacated by outgoing Councillor - and Deputy Mayor - Bob McRoberts.

Councillor McRoberts, a self-described "born and bred" Auroran said he first decided to run for council to give back to the community.

"Even though some may consider it to be a cliché, in my case it is absolutely true," Councillor McRoberts told The Auroran last week. "As I got closer to retirement, I thought it might be something I'd have more time to commit to. So, I decided to become a candidate for the 2006 election."

Although he decided to become a candidate in 2006, he said he has always had an interest in local politics and has a collection of campaign buttons and brochures that span the years.

Following his election,

Councillor McRoberts came out ahead of the pack in terms of votes in the Council race and, as such, became Deputy Mayor, something he said he never even considered.

"My goal was to get elected," he said. "I tried to take what I thought would be the best steps to make that happen, and it did. I thank the voters for that privilege."

In his new responsibility, in the event that the sitting mayor was absent or ill, he would act "in the place and stead of the mayor".

"This amounted to my chairing some extra meetings and responding to a few time-sensitive emails on behalf of the mayor," he said. "If the mayor is out of town and we have a major chemical spill, I still have my red Emergency Response binder ready to roll just in case."

Looking back at the last four years, Councillor McRoberts cites the comple-

tion of renovations of the Church Street School, the creation of the future wildlife park, agreeing on the location of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School ("That contentious issue was decided upon at approximately 11.30 one evening.") and businesses taking root in the 404 area as this council's greatest achievements.

On a personal level, however, he said among his proudest achievements is "making it to the end of the term, and feeling good about most of my decisions."

"I have tried to make the best decisions for Aurora and its citizens based on the information I've had at the time," he said. "I believe my favourite part of this experience has been having the ability to help individual residents with their concerns."

"Sometimes it is a matter of being a good listener, or steering the person to the

appropriate staff director, or offering some advice. I do not recall bringing forward any motions of great significance, but I do hope that I helped make some positive changes."

During his term, however, Councillor McRoberts often found himself voting with Councillors Evelyn Buck and Alison Collins-Mrakas against the majority at the table.

When asked how he seemed to stay above the fray compared with some of the comments lobbed at Councillors Buck and Collins-Mrakas he said he wasn't sure he'd agree.

"To me, I was above, below, and in the fray depending on the issue," he said. "Through my life, it has been my nature to try to get along with people. Certainly, some folks are more outspoken than others. Perhaps, at times, I was not outspoken enough. Not everyone has the same personality."

"Believe it or not, I'm basically a very shy guy. I believe I weighed in a little more heavily on what I felt were significant issues."

Councillor McRoberts announced he would not seek re-election in mid-August.

In his statement he said he was "not enjoying the position of councillor enough".

He told The Auroran he needs a break to "re-do a bunch of things, re-group my thoughts, re-gather my ideals, re-energize my soul, re-ignite the flame, that kind of thing."

"Of course, there are some political reasons that I don't want to talk about publicly. There are some issues in my personal life that could use a bit more of my attention. I would also like to see what 'retirement' might include. As my wife says, I've retired from teaching, but not from working."

Councillor McRoberts said he currently enjoys working with young people, including tutoring students, working part time at York University, and looks forward to possibly doing supply teaching for the York Region District School Board, as well as having some time to "add on a few yet unknown possibilities."

When asked for any parting advice he would give to the next deputy mayor, a role which will most likely be filled

by newcomer John Abel, Councillor McRoberts said he was reminded of a nearly five-year-old conversation with former Aurora Mayor Tim Jones.

"I think it fits for all elected officials," he said. "Tim's advice to me about decision making was to go with my heart and I wouldn't be wrong. I believe that is very true. I would add: Do your homework as much as possible before you come to the table, and follow your gut instinct when making decisions."

"Listen to that little voice inside your head. To the next Deputy Mayor, I would recommend getting familiar with the procedural bylaw as soon as possible."

"It has been a pleasure to serve the people of my hometown," he added. "I wish the council much success."

## Court date set Jan. 13

From page 1

Mayor-Elect Geoff Dawe said he would like to tackle once the new Council is sworn in December 7.

Two of the three returning Councillors - Wendy Gaertner and John Gallo - voted in favour of going ahead with the lawsuit, something that too might become a matter of further discussion.

"I haven't spoken with them specifically, so I do not want to put words in their mouth, but there was some scuttlebutt on the street that what they thought they were voting for was not what they got, so there needs to be clarity in terms of what they thought they were getting," said Mr. Dawe. "I think it is pretty clear that the Town residents were highly offended by that lawsuit and want it to go away. They want this to be corrected. I didn't talk to anyone who thought it was a good idea. Most people were appalled. A lot of people simply said, 'What is this all about?' It was almost incomprehensible."

Councillor Gaertner, however, confirmed that the "scuttlebutt" was not off-base.

"The reason why I supported in principle doing something - and we didn't know what that something would be, in fact I found out what that something would be via the newspaper - but we did give staff the authority to do what they felt was proper to stop anonymous allegations of criminal wrongdoing on the part of the mayor, staff, and the outside legal expertise we hired."

When asked if she was disappointed with how the lawsuit resonated with the community, she said "many of us don't understand what damage can be done by anonymous comments made in the blogosphere. I think out of respect for everybody on council, everybody on staff,

everybody in the community, that we need to decide what can and cannot be allowed in the new social media. Social media is a whole new territory. We may make some mistakes trying to figure it all out, but that doesn't mean that we don't try."

In hindsight, however, she said she would have asked for a full report to come back to councillors on the matter before going forward.

"We had a full and complete discussion based on the facts as we knew them at

the time," she added. "Going forward, if it was the same presentation of facts, I would support the resolution that council made."

"Let's wait and see," said Ms. Morris when asked what would happen with the lawsuit should the incoming council revisit the matter. "We're in court January 13. It started while I was in office. I would like to know who has made the anonymous comments that are both, in my opinion, defamatory and threatening."

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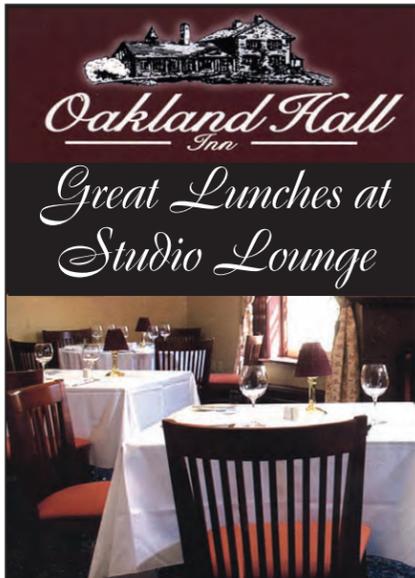


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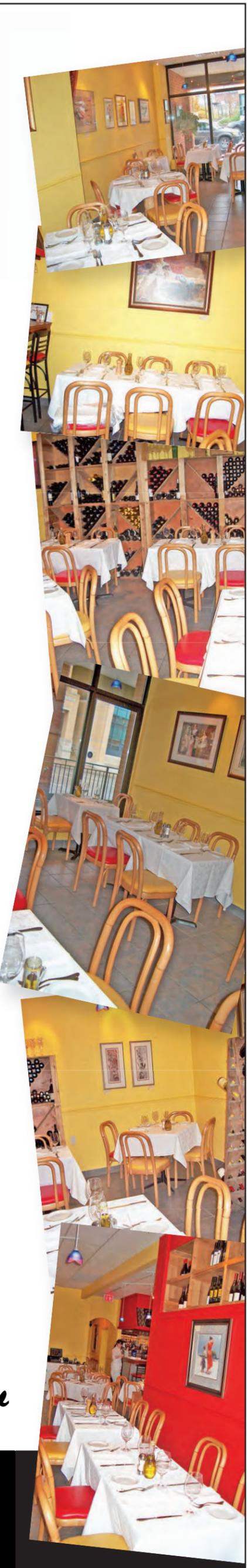
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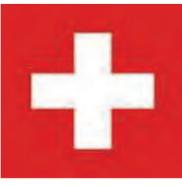
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### HOUSELEAGUE

**101 Timbits Red 7** - David Iacovetta 4G 2A, Bryan Cook 1G, Easton Irvine 1G, Cameron Boyd 1G, Stefano Basso 1A, Sebastian Santagato 1A, Zoe Carson 1A, Mark Moscone 1A, Ayden Whilby 1A. **106 Timbits Powder Blue 2** - Aidan Quinn 1G, Calum Ormond 1G 1A, Ryan Dunbar 1A, Nolan Rush 2A.

**107 Timbits Kelly Green 5** - Hunor Kristoff 1G 1A, Daniel Iwai 1G, Nicholas Pisapia 1G, Tyler Moore 1G, Adam Mollard 1G, Hussein Wahab 1A, Jacyl Keeler 1A, Liam Cohen 1A, Riley Pearl 1A, Chase Keeler 1A. **105 Timbits Black 0.**

**102 Timbits Gold 4** - Dylan Andersen 1G 2A, Jake McMillan 1G 1A, Liam Morassutti 1G, Jake Andersen 1G, Andrew Van Dalen 1A. **104 Timbits Blue 2** - Gavin Loria 1G, Jake Worthman 1A, Lucas DePalma 1G, Kai Silcox 1A.

**206 Caravan Kids Powder Blue 6** - Jack Nicholson 3G, Ian Hilgendorff 1G 1A, Justin Just 1G, Alexander Ko 1G 1A, Keevin O'Brien 1A, Joshua Anselmo 1A, Christopher Marton 1A. **203 Caravan Kids White 2** - Joshua Turriff 1G, Christian Romas 1A, Joey Livia 1G.

**205 Caravan Kids Black 12** - Ethan Joiner 5G, Kyle Rame 1G, Nathan Clark 1A, Gianluca Rotondi 1G 3A, Evan Lajoie 1G, Aaron Murphy-Sealy 2G 1A, Matthew Cowl 2A, Stefan Fazari 1G, Jackson Galbraith 1G 1A. **204 Caravan Kids Blue 2** - Logan Kidder 1G, Liam Graham 1G, Hunter Edwards 1A.

**403 Optimist Club Of Aurora White 9** - Chris Sands 4G 2A, Dylan Clark 2G 3A, Alexander Murgida 1G 2A, Ayrton Ochab 2G 1A. **404 Tilemaster Blue 8** - Dillon Varone 3G, Matthew Parkin 2G, Paul Cotturo 1G, Claudio Basso 1A, Benjamin Godber 2G, Aaron Preiano 2A, Liam Collins 1A.

**610 Swiss Chalet & Harveys Orange 5. 604 Orr & Associates Insurance Brks Ltd. Blue 2.**

**601 Municipal Engineering Solutions Red 4** - Troy Lane 3G, Owen Bourrie 1G, Anthony Livia 1A, Evan Knowles 1A, Matthew (Matt) Gionna 1A. **602 Wedi Corp. Waterproof Tile Solutions Gold 3** - Jordan Screech 1G, Connor Devogel 1G, Ted Baek 1G.

**901 Graystones Restaurant Red 5** - Andrew Martin 1G 1A, Kentner Arkell 1G, Mark Presacco 1G, Stephen Faiello 1G, Ethan Benson 1G, Ethan Cullen 1A, Andrew Staples 1A. **906 Ruff-N-Redi Powder Blue 1** - Dylan Sutton 1G, Mackenzie Macintosh 1A, Zachary Seto 1A.

**905 ATS Healthcare Black 4** - Peter Teti 1G 1A, Zachary Cook 2G, Austin Megit 1G, Duncan Eveleigh 2A, Vince Duggan 1A. **907 Wooder Food Safety Consulting Kelly Green 3** - Daniel Antoniel 1G, Mackenzie Wooder 1G 1A, Gabriel Bauset 1G, Matthew MacEachern 1A, Massimo Longhin 1A.

**903 Optimist Club of Aurora White 7** - Nicholas Bertrand 2G, Quinn McGowan 1G, Ryan Dowling 1G 1A, Evan Jones 1G, Kelly Hudson 2G, Kyle Coughlin 1A, Trevor Stephens 2A, Michael Perryman 1A. **909 North York Plumbing & Heating Teal 3** - Robert Bulgaretti 1G, T. Thiessen 1G, Scott Wheeler 1G 2A, R. McDonald 2G, Jason Mizuguchi 1A.

**904 St. Louis Blue 9** - Alex Woodward 1G 2A, JP Hudon 1G 2A, Josh Carducci 1G, Braeden Mackenzie 2G 1A, Nicholas Reinholdt 1G

Andrew Hall 1G, Jordon Caruso 1G 1A, Jim Tatum 1G, Cameron Greig 1A, Eric Saeuble 1A, Andrew Gibbs 2A, Matt Clarke 2A, David Roberts 1A, Matthew Warner 1A. **908 Crabby Joe's Grey 3** Tyler White 2G, Ryan Eberlin 1G, Ryan Dalcin 1A, Connor Weibe 1A, Quinn Harris 1A, Chris Beach 1A, Kevin Cress 1A, Patrick Tardif 1A.

**902 Boston Gold 5** - Dylan Indos 2G, William Allen 1G 1A, Tyler Indos 1G, Jesse Borin 1G, Taylor Brewda 1A, Trevor Rice 1A, Connor Flynn 1A. **910 Philly Orange 3** - Brian Pedron 1G 1A, Ryan St. Germain 1G, Jeremia Diaz 1G, Thomas Scougall 1A, Sam Steenhorst 1A.

### REP LEAGUE

**Tyke Select A - Aurora 5** - Nicholas Giorgio 1G, Ryan Bryden 1G, Charles Huxley 1G 1A, Thomas Hollett 1G 1A, Ryan Catania 1A, Owen Papulkas 1G, Owen Hollett 1A. **Newmarket 2.**

**Tyke Select A - Aurora 4** - Nicholas Giorgio Owen Papulkas 2G 1A, Owen Hollett 1G, Ryan Bryden 1G, Luca Capraro. **Newmarket 3.**

**Tyke Select A - Aurora 2** - Todd Cook 1A, Caden McHenry 1A, Ryan Catania 1G, Ryan Bryden 1G. **TNT 5.**

**Novice AA - Barrie 5. Aurora 1** - Evan Vierling 1G, Zachary Kolm 1A.

**Novice AA - TNT 4. Aurora 2** - Daniel Gaeta 1G, Dylan DaCosta 1G, Andrew Langlois 1A, Ethan Cameron 1A.

**Novice AA - Aurora 1** - Evan Vierling 1G, Ben Barber 1A, Daniel Gaeta 1A. **Markham 1.**

**Novice AA - Aurora 5** - Ethan Cameron 3G 1A, Samuel Morin 1G, Carter Beswick 1G, Zachary Kolm 3A, Jake Adams 1A. **Newmarket 2.**

**Novice AA - Aurora 6** - Dylan DaCosta 4G 1A, Ethan Cameron 1G 1A, Ben Barber 1G, Anton Thompson 1A, Carter Beswick 2A, Zachary Kolm 2A. **Newmarket 2.**

**Novice A - Aurora 6** - Justin Hicks 1G, Kazuki Negishi 2G, Jace Jackson 1G, Riley Klugerman 1G 1A, Liam Mahoney 1G, Carson Maybury 1A, Carson Maybury 1A. **Schomberg 1.**

**Novice A - Aurora 7** - Harrison Bennett 1A, Jake Piper 1G, Riley Klugerman 2A, Kazuki Negishi 1G 1A, Liam Mahoney 2G 1A, Carson Maybury 1A, Nolan Michelberger 1A, Justin Hicks 2G 1A, Jace Jackson 1G. **Newmarket 2.**

**Novice A - Aurora 4** - Jace Jackson 2G 1A, Carson Maybury 1G 1A, Brett Pearce 1G, Riley Klugerman 1A, Dereck Avery and Justin Lacroix shutouts. **Newmarket 0.**

**Minor Atom AA - Aurora 2** - Anthony DiPietro 1G, Wesley Reid 1A, Harris Goan 1G, Anthony Iacovetta 1A. **Newmarket 1.**

**Minor Atom AA - Aurora 2** - Tyler Sawyer 1G, Luke O'Keefe 1A, Andrew Park 1A, Wesley Reid 1G, Craig Therikildsen 1A, Trevor Dungey 1A. **Newmarket 2.**

**Minor Atom AA - Barrie 4. Aurora 1** - Anthony DiPietro 1G, Wesley Reid 1A, Andrew Wolanski 1A.

**Minor Atom AE - Newmarket 5. Aurora 0.**

**Minor Atom AE - Newmarket 3. Aurora 0.**

**Minor Atom AE - Aurora 7** - Luc Catania 2G, Thomas Childerhose 1G, Carson Williams 1G, Daniel Babcock 1G, Alex Sandras 2G 1A, Kyle Fowler 1A, Owen Romano 1A, Spencer Morrison 1A, Ryan McCartney 1A, Russel Tanaka 1A, Jessica Jollimore 1A, Warren Hill, shutout. **Richmond Hill 0.**

**Atom AA - Newmarket 8. Aurora 3.**

**Atom AA - Aurora 4. Newmarket 4.**

**Atom A - Aurora 8** - Carson Yeomans 3G, Jaedon Jackson 2G, Peter Chimienti 1G 1A, Cameron Tyndall 1A, Ryan Jamieson 1A, Andrew Buffa 1A, Ben Spittle 1G, Joseph Grassa 1A, Carson Venneri 1G. **Schomberg 6.**

**Atom A - Newmarket 5. Aurora 1** - Ben Spittle 1G, Joseph Grassa 1A.

**Atom A - Aurora 5** - Peter Chimienti 2G 1A, Andrew Cundari 1G, Carson Yeomans 1G, Jason Cox 1G, Andrew Buffa 2A, Anthony Capraro 1A, Ben Spittle 1A. **Newmarket 1.**

**Atom AE - Aurora 5** - Justin Evans 2G, Finn Reeves 1G 1A, Stephen Silverio 1G, Braeden Joynt 1G, Thomas Morra 1A, Francesco Scuglia 1A, Lucas Surace 1A, Jason Langdon 1A, Adam DePiero 1A. **Newmarket 0.**

**Atom AE - Orangeville 2. Aurora 1** - Stephen Silverio 1G, Lucas Surace 1A, Carter Wilmsmeyer 1A.

**Atom AE - Newmarket 3. Aurora 1** - Max Lombard 1G, Adam DePiero 1A.

**Minor Pee wee A - Aurora 4** - Reid Carpenter 1G 2A, Eric McGhie 2G, Colin McGoldrick 1G, Ryan Thornhill 2A, Alexander Simardone 1A, Mark Kalmisto 1A. **Newmarket 1.**

**Minor Pee wee A - Aurora 7** - Jordan Torres 2G, Eric McGhie 1G 1A, Stewart Gable 2G, Ryan Thornhill 1G 1A, Reid Carpenter 1G 1A, Mark Kalmisto 2A, Clayton Allen 2A, Colin McGoldrick 1A, Jack O'Keefe 1A, Thomas Kostoff 1A. **Newmarket 1.**

**Pee wee AA - Aurora 4** - Patrick Servideo 2G, Alec Magnante 2G, James Wyndham West 2A, Cameron Morrison 1A, Jared Brown 1A, Evan Woodhead 1A. **Newmarket 3.**

**Pee wee AA - Aurora 6** - Jack Pecora 1G, Cameron Morrison 2G 1A, Patrick Servideo 1G, James Wyndham West 1G, Graham Sanford 1G 1A, Tyler Williams 2A, Brian Suominen 1A, Jared Brown 2A, Austin Kiraly 1A, Taylor Kauffeldt 1A, Keegan Matthew. **Newmarket 4.**

**Pee wee AA - Tigers 6** - Jack Pecora 3G, Cameron Morrison 3G, Patrick Servideo 1A, Keegan Matthew 2A, Taylor Kauffeldt 2A, Tyler Williams 1A, Jared Reeves 1A James Wyndham West 1A, Alec Magnante 1A. **TNT 6.**

**Pee wee A - Aurora 4** - Mathew Tyndall 2G, Jack Bryant 1G, Cameron Zinner 1G 1A, Matthew Liscio 1A, Alistair Johnston 1A, Spencer White 1A, Matthew Tanel, shutout. **Newmarket 0.**

**Pee wee A - Newmarket 3. Aurora 2** - Matthew Liscio 2G, Daniel McConnell 2A, Evan Cherubini 1A, Ryan Coveart 1A.

**Pee wee AE - Newmarket 2. Aurora 1** - Christian Arcuri 1G, Zach Fletcher 1A.

**Pee wee AE - Beeton 2. Aurora 1** - Michael DaCosta 1G, Brendin Ramsay 1A, Charles

Bennett 1A.

**Pee wee AE - Aurora 5** - Connor Downs 3G, Michael DaCosta 1G, Brendin Ramsay 1G, Jeffrey McKay 1A, Cameron Anderson 1A, Nick Sansalony 1A, Louie Kirkos, shutout. **East Gwillimbury 0.**

**Pee wee AE - Aurora 4** - Christian Arcuri 1G 1A, Brendin Ramsay 1G 1A, Nick Pearce 1G, Jordi Severini 1G 1A, Michael DaCosta 1A. **Newmarket 1.**

**Pee wee AE - Aurora 4** - Nick Pearce 1G, Cameron Anderson 1G, Zach Fletcher 1G 1A, Brendin Ramsay 1G, 1A, Michael Jollimore 1A, Louie Kirkos, shutout. **Markham 0.**

**Minor Bantam AA - Georgina 2. Aurora 0.**

**Minor Bantam AA - Aurora 1** - Hudson Yeomans 1G, Lucas James 1A. **Barrie 1.**

**Minor Bantam AA - Aurora 4** - Eddie Duffy 2G 1A, Matthew Leroy 1G, Peter Andreaskos 1A, Adam Newell 1G 1A. **Newmarket 1.**

**Minor Bantam A - Newmarket 3. Aurora 1.**

**Minor Bantam A - Newmarket 5. Aurora 2.**

**Bantam AA - Aurora 2** - Quentin Campbell 1A, Austin Lane 1G 1A, Jake McKee 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1G, Ryan Manson, shutout. **Richmond Hill 0.**

**Bantam AA - Aurora 1** - Konner McMillan 1G, Austin Lane 1A. **Newmarket 1.**

**Bantam AA - Aurora 5** - Connor Cowl 2G, Lucas Pozzebon 1G 2A, Spencer Green 1G 1A, Konner McMillan 1G, Matt Iwai 2A, Quentin Campbell 1A, Jake McKee 1A, Tait Snedden 1A, John MacDonald 1A. **Newmarket 2.**

**Bantam AA - Aurora 3** - Connor Cowl 1G 1A, Jordan Nanos 1G, John MacDonald 1G, Konner McMillan 1A, Austin Lane 1A, Nick Scott 1A, Matt Iwai 1A. **Georgina 1.**

**Bantam A - Aurora 6** - Liam Beresford 3G, Paul Neophytou 2G, Kyle Nice 1G, Jack Caldwell 2A, Erik Balkovec 2A, Mitch Arnew 1A. **Newmarket 3.**

**Bantam A - Aurora 5** - Austin Persaud 1G 2A, Graham Robinson 1G, Liam Beresford 1G, Alec Ground 1G, Erik Balkovec 1G, Zac Cowl 1A, Shadoo Storm 1A, Jack Caldwell 1A, Robert Stokes 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A, Jordyn Thomson, shutout. **Newmarket 0.**

**Bantam A Richmond Hill 6. Aurora 1** - Austin Persaud 1G, Zac Cowl 1A, Jack Caldwell 1A.

**Minor Midget AE - Newmarket 5. Aurora 2** - Christopher Tsianos 1G, Peter Sandwell 1G, Casy Severini 1A, Collin Laird 1A, Chris Cherubini 1A, Connor Moody 1A.

**Minor Midget AE - Newmarket 3. Aurora 2** - Sasha Dajia 1G 1A, Casy Severini 1G 1A, Connor McQuillan 1A, Daniel Jones 1A, Collin Laird 1A.

**Minor Midget AE - Stouffville 1. Aurora 0.**

**Midget AA - Newmarket 4. Aurora 1.**

**Midget AA - Aurora 6. Newmarket 4.**

**Midget AA - Aurora 2. Barrie 2.**

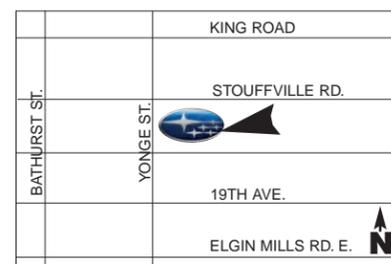
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# Tigers get 5 points in three games

The Battle of Yonge Street finally went to Aurora Friday at the Community Centre and the hero of the night was Daniel Lisi.

But Sunday afternoon, when they had a chance to do it again, victory went to the league-leading Markham Waxers, who won with the same 4-3 score thanks to an overtime goal.

The loss came after Aurora downed Collingwood 6-2 the night before, giving Aurora a total of five points in three games last week/

Lisi scored the opening goal for the Aurora Tigers in the Provincial Junior A Hockey League against the Newmarket Hurricanes, then was the only player after nine tries to score in a shootout that gave Aurora a 4-3 victory Friday night.

In two other meetings so far this season, Aurora has lost both games to their arch-rivals up Yonge Street.

Lisi was chosen as second star of the game, a match that saw all three stars come from Aurora. First star went to Aurora goalie Knick Dawe while Jordan Gidaro nailed down the third position.

A total of 185 people, many of them from Newmarket, watched the game.

Newmarket's 11-game winning streak came to an end in Aurora Friday night in a highly charged, entertaining affair at the Aurora Community Centre.

Despite outshooting the Tigers 12-6, the Canes were down 1-0 after 20 minutes with the Tigers scoring at 8.13 on the power play on a deflection that beat Newmarket netminder Matt Wintjes.

Newmarket upped its game in the second, outshooting Aurora 17-14 and outscoring the Tigers 3-2, evening things up with a pair of goals after being down by a 3-1 deficit.

The Tigers went up 2-0 at 2.35 on the only even-strength goal of the contest before Jamie Wise's power play marker at 5.01 put Newmarket on the board.

Aurora regained their two-goal margin at 8.19, only nine seconds into a two-man advantage.

Newmarket weathered the remainder of Aurora's power play and got back within one on a power play tally of their own, Daniel Leavens deflecting in a shot at 11.48.

The stage for a dramatic third period was set on Newmarket's game-tying shorthanded goal by the dynamic duo of Morgan Bonner and Bowman Webster.

Bonner fought off two Tiger defenders to throw a no-look backhand pass onto the tape of Webster, who was all alone in the Aurora slot.

Webster beat Aurora's Dawe with a brilliant backhand deke, roofing the shot at 13.54.

league-leading ninth short-handed goal for the season.

A fast-paced, end-to-end, action-filled third period (Canes outshot Aurora 13-11) and five-minute overtime (Aurora had an 8-3 shot edge) solved nothing.

Saturday night, Aurora met the Collingwood Blackhawks in that municipality and came home with a 6-2 win, but weren't as fortunate Sunday afternoon when they hosted the league-leading Markham Waxers.

Knick Dawe provided a stellar effort in goal, stopping 37 of 41 shots, good enough to win a second star.

First star in the game was Anthony Kimlin, while the third star went to Aurora's Jordan Gidaro, who scored once for the Tigers.

Other Tiger goals were scored by forward Brett Priestap and defenceman Eric Bouchard.

After handing Markham its first loss of the season, Aurora took the lead early in the game, only to have Markham fight back for the 3-3 draw which forced the overtime.

Aurora hosts the Buffalo Junior Sabres this Friday night at the Community Centre in a game which begins at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday Aurora travels to Burlington for a game at 7.30 p.m. then hosts Huntsville Sunday afternoon at the Community Centre in a game that begins at 2.30 p.m.

## AURORA 4 NEWMARKET 3

### First Period

A - Daniel Lisi (Reed, Gidaro) PP 8,13

### Second Period

A - Andrew Secco (Moody, Evely) 2.35

N - Jamie Wise (Dineen) PP 5.01

A - Jordan Gidaro (Moran) PP 8.19

N - Daniel Leavens (Czuczman, Dineen) PP 11.48

N - Bowman Webster (Bonner) SH 13.54

### Third Period

No scoring

### Overtime

No scoring

### Shootout

YES Daniel Lisi

## AURORA 6 COLLINGWOOD 2

### First Period

A - James Shannon (unassisted) -9.25

### Second Period

C - Branden Fehd (Ciampichini) 11.56

A - Patrick Moran (Shannon) 12.33

A - Patrick Moran

(Prinsen, Lisi) 12.59

A - EJ Faust (unassisted) 16.08

A - Andrew Secco (unassisted) 19.09

### Third Period

A - Ryan Johnson (Reed, Shannon) 12.31

C - Riley Brooks (Hiff, Garner) 15.02

## MARKHAM 4 AURORA 3

### First Period

A - Brett Priestap (Faust) 4.19

M - Doug Reid (Higley, Stuart) 9.41

### Second Period

M - David Iacono (Kosmachuk) 16.20

### Third Period

M - Tyler Liukkonen (LaRue, Shaw) 0.25

A - Jordan Gidaro (Prinsen) 4.01

A - Eric Bouchard (Gidaro, Reed) 13.49

### Overtime

M - Behn Robertson (Reid, Poldma) 4.36



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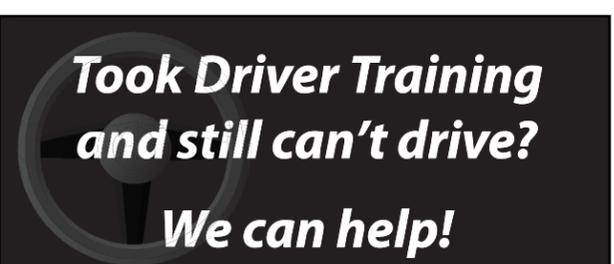


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# Monday night hockey results

Standings						
TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Copper Creek	3	1	1	22	15	7
FPL Aggregates	3	1	1	20	17	7
Highland Chev-Cadillac	3	2	0	17	16	6
Baldwin's	3	1	0	28	20	6
Masterclean Contracting	2	2	1	15	19	5
Rec Cycle N'Sports	1	2	2	16	22	4
Tom & Jerry's	1	3	1	18	22	3
Priestly Demolition	1	4	0	17	22	2

### WEEKLY RESULTS

FPL Aggregates	6	Copper Creek	5
Highlands Chev	4	Tom & Jerry's	3
Rec Sports	5	Masterclean	5
Priestly Demolition	3	Baldwins	4

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## Senior Scape



## Groups involved in tree decorating

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Perhaps I am talking Christmas tree too early in the season, but the Christmas tree of which I write is as special as handcrafted ornaments and decorations can discriminate between the good and better on one hand and the truly sophisticated on the other hand.

Aurora Home Hardware donated the tree, Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) including, the Sewing, Knitting, Wood Shop Carvers and Let's Create groups and other members handcrafted the decorations.

The tree is almost complete, and fresh handcrafted decorations continue to enhance what is a tree with value.

The tree is on show now in the Seniors' Centre lounge and will form the major prize in a raffle.

Proceeds will help fund the "Children's Wish Foundation".

The Let's Create group craft a variety of household decorations including clothing ornaments, from left over materials, which is an imaginative way of recycling miscellaneous items.

The ornaments and decorations that they produce have a captivating quality on the Christmas tree. Let's Create

fashion ornaments, including on this occasion, the angel adorning the top of the tree, created using antique linen and a Keepsake Angel.

The Sewing and Knitting groups have produced every imaginable article of clothing and useful household items over the years and continue to do so.

They produce a rare harvest employing needle and thread, knitting needles and sewing machines. These women also crochet and have an electronic sewing machine, and they have poured talent and innovation into their endeavours to provide beauty in their Christmas tree decorations.

The production of ornaments for the Christmas tree inspired the Sewing and Knitting groups, and their good intentions have been realized.

The Wood Carvers, and Wood Turners continue to produce handsome hand carved wooden ornaments, which added to the tree when ready, replete with the signature of the artist, become the focus of attention.

Carving an ornament by hand, lends a special quality to a creation, not present in mass

produced ornaments.

Every contributor to the tree has grown by the experience with pride of personal contribution, and they include wood carvers, Fred Ash, Marlene Ash, Derek Browning, Bill Pressmar, Don Zeccino, Barbara Browne, Inga Assmann, Dave Smith and Patricia March.

The genius of the Let's Create, Sewing and Knitting Groups plus the Wood Carvers, mostly women I believe, is founded on native ability reinforced by shared experience among the artists, and total freedom from social constraints.

These crafters and artists uncover ideas lying fallow and half-forgotten and bring them to the light of day.

Raffle tickets cost \$2 each or three for \$5, available now at the Seniors' Centre front desk with the draw scheduled for December 1st. This Christmas tree prize is remarkable for excellence!

The Fashion Show is scheduled for November 7th, and few tickets remain.

Check at the front desk or with Lydia Schuster for more information.

Installation of the new mailboxes in the ASA office is complete, and members are invited to communicate with whomever they wish to correspond.

If you have something to say, write it legibly and logically and deposit it to the appropriate mailbox, with a phone number or address if a reply is required.

A slot is available for Senior Scape, so if you feel neglected, or for any other reason, communicate and start a process, which may well rectify or improve the matter you wish addressed.

If the activity which interests you requires support or more participants, make known your concern.

The Board of Directors, the coordinator's office and the Seniors' Centre as a whole are always alert for new activities of interest; so please do not keep your ideas buried in silence.

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# Aurora boy named for slain Vietnam medic

By BROCK WEIR  
Auroran reporter

On June 20, 1966, American soldier Leland Cottin, a medic with the 327th Infantry Regiment, was killed in Trung Luong, a village in Vietnam.

According to fellow soldier Bruce Masters, "Doc" Cottin was one of at least three medics killed in this particular engagement, going out to tend to a wounded fellow soldier despite the attempts of their Commander to stop him.

While "Doc" Cottin never came back from Vietnam, a part of his legacy lives on in Aurora in a most unlikely way.

In September, 2007, Aurora resident Jo-Ann Babineau, husband Jared, and children Braydon and Madison, decided to take a trip down to Disney World and check out key sites along the way.

When they arrived in Washington D.C., they took



In the top photo, "Doc" Cottin - front row, sixth from right - is pictured with his unit. Below, Aurora's Leland Babineau, seen here on a recent trip to Washington D.C. is pictured with the section of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that inspired his mother to give him his unique name. Cottin's name can be found 10th from the top, just to the right of young Leland's left ear.

of years I found out I was pregnant again, and the minute I found out I was pregnant I had this need to know about this guy. I couldn't figure out why I had this desire, but I had to find out."

Heading to the internet, through various websites and discussion groups, Ms. Babineau was able to get in touch with some men that served with Leland.

"This gentleman emailed me back and he was sort of nervous asking why I wanted to know about him, so I figured I had to tell him the whole weird story," she says. "Then we found out we were having a boy. I thought I just had to name him Leland. There was no question."

Mr. Masters, along with Commander Tom Furgeson, corresponded with Ms. Babineau to fill in the gaps of "Doc" Cottin's life.

In addition to the ambush Mr. Masters described, Mr. Furgeson said he kept in touch for a time with Doc Cottin's family.

Leland was an only child and raised by a single mother, said Mr. Furgeson.

"As I became familiar with his background, I could not think of a better individual to name one of my sons after," he wrote to Ms. Babineau.

Although Ms. Babineau says she would love to get in touch with any family Doc Cottin may have left, she is

reluctant to do so in case it would cause any upset or offense.

In addition, although Mr. Furgeson lives close to the Canadian border near Buffalo, NY, she sensed from his letters it was "still a sore subject."

"His mother, if she is still alive, would be in her nineties by now," she said. "I don't know how they would feel about it. It is a very bizarre story."

Leland Babineau came into the world on September 11, 2009. He has already made a trip back to the wall

with his family to have his photo taken with the tribute to Doc Cottin that lent him his name.

When her youngest son is old enough to understand the history behind his name, Ms. Babineau said she hopes he will be proud.

"I hope he takes a lot of

pride in it," she said. "It is a bizarre name and people ask for it to be repeated, but as soon as I tell them the story [that changes]. This kind of stuff doesn't normally happen. I am proud of the name, I love the name, and every time I say it I gush with pride."

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Leland R. "Doc" Cottin

in the usual haunts - the Smithsonian Institute, memorials to various Presidents and notable Americans - but their visit to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall was to change their lives.

About a week before they left for the trip, Ms. Babineau suffered a miscarriage. Walking along the memorial wall and reading the nearly 60,000 names inscribed on it, she says she became reflective.

"I guess I was just having a bit of a moment, thinking 'how can I be so upset about my situation when all these people lost husbands, sons, and what have you,'" she says. "Then out of the corner of my eye, the way the sun was hitting this granite wall, I just caught this name."

It was Leland's. "I had this weird comfort feeling when I looked at it and I got chills."

She says she felt compelled to take a photo of it and just needed to know more about this Leland Cottin.

"Flash forward a couple



## Take Steps to Help Protect Your Retirement Income

Submitted by Michael P. Comeau  
Financial Advisor

If you contribute regularly to your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) and other retirement accounts, you might think you'll be in pretty good shape when you retire. Yet none of us can predict the future. And if you were faced with a critical illness, the financial burden could threaten your retirement savings — so it pays to protect yourself and your family.

Of course, we are fortunate to live in a country that provides good health care coverage — but the government doesn't pay for everything. If you were hit by a serious illness, you might incur huge expenses for items such as drugs, rehabilitation services and travel to testing and treatment centres. And while you're recuperating, you might not be able to work, so you'd also be coping with lost wages.

Unfortunately, most of your fellow citizens are not prepared for the financial impact of a major illness. Consider the following statistics:

54% of Canadians would use personal savings, investments and retirement funds to pay out-of-pocket costs related to a serious illness, according to a survey by Ipsos Reid, a marketing

research firm.

Just over 2% of the population has some type of critical illness insurance coverage through a group or private plan, according to the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association.

If you were forced to dip into your retirement savings to cover the expenses related to serious illness, the results could be costly — in more ways than one. For example, if you tap into your RRSP before you retire, you may have to pay withholding taxes, which can be heavy, in addition to the taxes on your earnings, which had been growing on a tax-deferred basis. Even more importantly, the money you take out of your RRSP is money you won't have available for retirement.

You may want to consider purchasing critical illness insurance, which can provide you with a tax-free lump-sum payment if you are diagnosed with an illness covered by the policy — with no restrictions on what you can do with the money.

Your critical illness insurance can be part of a complete protection package that can help you get the treatment you need while preserving your RRSP and other retirement income sources.

Other elements of your protection plan might include disability insurance, which can pay benefits if you are unable to work, and long-term care insurance, which can help cover the potentially enormous costs of a lengthy nursing home stay or visits from home health care professionals. And you'll need adequate life insurance to help your family, in your absence, pay the mortgage, higher education costs and other expenses.

Here's the bottom line: By purchasing an appropriate amount of critical illness insurance, along with long-term care and disability coverage, you can help keep your RRSP and other retirement accounts intact. If your retirement lasts two or even three decades, you may well need to draw on every source of retirement income you have available.

A financial advisor can evaluate your overall financial strategy and retirement income requirements to help you determine the amount and type of critical illness coverage you may need. Since many variables are involved, you'll want to shop around to find the right coverage. But don't wait too long. You'll want to act today to help avoid the uncertainties of tomorrow.

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# Council will decide on recount

### From page 1

were not returned at press time, Councillor-elect Pirri said "it is [Mr. Granger's] democratic right to make the recount."

It remains to be seen, however, if Councillors Granger or Wilson will declare a conflict or interest at Tuesday's meeting when the vote is called.

"That is entirely up to him," said Mr. Leach on Councillor Granger. "He has to seek his own legal advice in that regard and it is not up to the legal counsel for the Corporation to give direction in that regard."

Mayor Morris made the decision to call for a special meeting if councillors were in agreement Wednesday, rather than deal with it at the final council meeting on November 23.

"I'm going to call a special meeting if the request comes in for the simple reason I believe it is better, knowing what a stressful time that might be for people, better to get that done so we are not leaving things until the last minute," she said. "It wouldn't make sense to do that. Better to call it earlier and deal with it."

If there is any question on the integrity of the vote, "one errs on caution", she said.

"Nobody wants to be at the table with people questioning whether or not they had the right to be there. If there are any questions remaining afterwards, and if the margin is of sufficient closeness that people wish to question it, it will be up to council whether or not they direct a recount to take place."

For returning Councillor Evelyn Buck, she said the recount she experienced in the 2003 election simply "proved the efficiency of the machines".

"I would not support a motion to have a recount because of that experience," she said. "The cost of an election must be getting close to \$100,000 now. That is enough to spend. The people have decided. I look forward to having Councillor Pirri on the council. He brings a fresh perspective."

Fellow returning Councillor Wendy Gaertner, on the other hand, said she would support the motion.

"I would support anybody who wanted a recount," said Councillor Gaertner who came in sixth place, 67 votes ahead from seventh place finisher Chris Ballard. "We're talking about 21 votes and I think there

is then a difference of eight. There was a recount in my first period in council and the number of votes did change.

"I think that everybody works so hard to win an election that if there is a difference of 21 votes that if someone requests that I believe that it should be supported no matter who makes the request. It seems reasonable to me."

Although he won't have a vote on the matter Tuesday, incoming Councillor John Abel appeared to agree with this assessment.

"Any ballot that is so close I would automatically assume there would be a recount," he said. "I would support it because the counts are so close. I'm really glad to see Paul Pirri is in council, it is great to see him there, but I

fully understand why there should be a recount. I am pro-Paul Pirri, but I respect Mr. Granger's right to have a recount."

Outgoing Councillor Alison Collins-Mrakas said while she agreed any member of the community has the right to ask for a recount she said she didn't "see much point" in going through it, citing the cost - time and expense - and likelihood of finding a difference.

"Based on my understanding from other municipalities' experience will be at best a one or two vote difference if any," she said. "It seems clear that the results of the election will more than likely stand."

"I also can't help but note that this very same councillor did not support the calling of a by-election to fill a vacant

council seat citing the 'expense' as unnecessary and too costly. Yet, cost does not seem to be a factor when it serves Councillor Granger's personal interests."

Last Monday's final vote count for outgoing Mayor Phyllis Morris changed slightly before the votes were declared official by Mr. Leach last week.

Ms. Morris' count went up by one point to 2,806. The change happened while reviewing the ballots from mobile polls (polls in nursing homes, etc., with reduced hours). One ballot over-voted for the office of councillor but their votes for the other positions were deemed valid.

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