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12-year-old bit by pit bull

A 12-year-old Aurora boy was attacked by a pit bull last week in the second reported dog attack in Aurora this year.

According to Jason Ballantyne, Aurora's Manager of Corporate Communications, the boy was walking home from school when the nine-year-old dog jumped a fence and bit him on the back of each leg.

"He was taken to hospital and treated for minor physical injuries and released," he said. "No stitches were required."

The owner of the pit bull has agreed to the dog's destruction, he said, adding that dog is not licenced with the town.

An OSPCA officer was expected to meet with the dog owner Monday

evening to serve three notices for offences under the Town of Aurora Dog Licensing and Control By-law, said Mr. Ballantyne. These include a \$250 fine for "permitting a dog to run at large", \$500 for "permitting a dog to bite a person", and a further \$250 for "failing to license a dog for the current year."

"These fines will all increase with the provincial victim fine surcharge being applied and the total of the fines will be \$1,210," said Mr. Ballantyne. "There will be no trial in this matter unless the defendant requests one within 15 days of being served."

The Newmarket branch of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has taken possession of the dog, but no date was set at

press time for the dog's destruction.

While the OSPCA is generally closed while employees continue to address the ringworm outbreak from earlier this year, it has been allowed to continue to house dangerous and aggressive dogs in portable shelters, said Mr. Ballantyne.

The Town of Aurora will continue to do everything in its power to ensure the safety of residents, said CAO Neil Garbe in a statement.

"We need to continue sending the message to pet owners that they are responsible for ensuring their animals are not a danger to people or other animals," he said. "This means making sure they are leashed and under control when in public and that their shots are up to date."

The attack last Tuesday comes just over two months after the destruction of the dog that attacked Aurora resident Shelley Rose.



Frank Klees, Member of the Provincial Parliament for the riding of Aurora-Newmarket, places a wreath at the Aurora Cenotaph Sunday as part of the Aurora Legion's Remembrance Day ceremonies. Most events were repeated Thursday, Nov. 11, the official Remembrance Day.
Auroran photo by David Falconer

Scores attend remembrance ceremonies at Cenotaph

Scores of people of all ages filled the Aurora Cenotaph area Thursday morning to honour and remember fallen soldiers.

The silence, at the 11 a.m. hour, was punctuated only by the playing of the Last Post and a lament from bagpipes as Aurorans quietly paid tribute not just to the

soldiers whose names inscribed on the cenotaph and altar, but of the men and women currently serving overseas.

In the presence of several notables, including Mayor-elect Geoff Dawe and Councillor Wendy Gaertner, a wreath on behalf of the

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YouTube carries derogatory statements, Morris claims

The publication of "defamatory postings" on the Aurora Citizen blog has "encouraged others" to follow suit, alleged outgoing Mayor Phyllis Morris in a statement of claim served last Monday in her lawsuit against local bloggers.

The "unabated nature" of the posts Ms. Morris has alleged are defamatory has led to similar comments being made elsewhere, specifically on her YouTube Channel about her election campaign.

(Basically anyone can upload a video to YouTube. If you have videos uploaded, your registration automatically becomes your "channel" under

whatever user name you already had. So the mayor uploaded 20 campaign videos under the name "Mayor Phyllis Morris", her YouTube channel).

Ms. Morris' claim states that on November 5, a "currently anonymous person" posted a comment on her YouTube channel that was of a threatening nature.

"Just wanted to remind you that you are a waste of oxygen and skin," the statement of claim quotes the anonymous comment. "I hope you die in a fire while being forcibly penetrated by an elephant."

The claim goes on to say this comment was followed up by an email

which said, "I hope you...die in a fire".

The statement of claim went on to say that unless the defamatory behaviour is halted, similar "personal threatening attacks" will continue.

"It is my intention to determine the true identity of the anonymous poster referred to in paragraph 16 of the Claim," Ms. Morris told The Auroran in an email Monday.

"I am taking under consideration the best and most efficient method of obtaining the information. In addition, the threats against me have been reported to the police."

"Unless the defamatory behaviour

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Briefly

Happy birthday to us

The Auroran turned 10 years old last month, and we just wanted to let you know about it.

It was in October, 2000, when Aurora's only independent newspaper launched from a basement in the Aurora Shopping Centre.

It announced the four candidates seeking the mayor's job - Tim Jones, Bill Hogg, Phyllis Morris and Gary Sinjakewitsch (Jones was the winner) - was a whopping eight pages in size, and had no colour other than black and white.

Seniors' Centre "wet"

Aurora's senior citizens building on Municipal Drive will get a liquor license.

The vote, involving the seniors' membership, took place Friday evening.

Final count showed 68 for the license and 23 against.

Watch it live

The final council meeting, concluding four years of service for some to the Town of Aurora, will take place on Tuesday, November 23rd in the council chambers at 7 p.m.

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COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Aurora's Pine Tree Potters' Guild will host an "Empty Bowls" fund-raising event to benefit two York Region organizations. 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 are now sold out. For the price of a ticket, guests may choose from hundreds of handmade pottery bowls. Chefs from numerous Aurora restaurants will be on hand to serve their signature gourmet soups and artisan breads. For further information, click on www.pinetreepotters.ca. Please note, this event is Sold Out. Benefitting from this event are two local charitable organizations: York Region Food Network and the Aurora-based relief agency Welcoming Arms.

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.

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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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Kick-off party for the Aurora Christmas Dream 2010 takes place tonight at Johnathan's Restaurant beginning at 7 p.m. Feature performer is George St. Kitts. \$10 donation at the door and reservations are advised. Sponsorship will aid The Welcoming Arms Ministry, The Salvation Army and The Aurora

Food Pantry.

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.

Annual Santa Under the Stars parade takes place this evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Parade starts at Yonge and Orchard Heights Drive and heads south to Murray Drive.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

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Board hopes to streamline enrolment process at LBP

Parents of students enrolled - or waiting for enrolment - at Aurora's Lester B. Pearson Public School could experience a streamlined process when trying to register their kids in their coveted French Immersion programs, in a plan which is expected to be presented by the school board at a meeting this week.

Representatives of the school board were slated to attend the meeting of the Pearson School Council Tuesday night in their third floor library at 7.30 pm, where they fielded questions posed by parents and various stakeholders in attendance. The meeting was open to the public.

"The purpose of our visit to school council is to share information about a new registration program that the school board is going to be adopting for

Grade One French Immersion," said Ross Virgo, spokesperson for the York Region District School Board. "In the past we have had a process which honours first come, first served as a principle of who gets to go to the school. We have a few locations at our French immersion schools where demand exceeds capacity.

"Our approach is we will meet the requests of any family for French Immersion education for the Grade 1 student, but not necessarily at the school that is immediately in their neighbourhood or school of choice.

"We don't cap the total number of students coming [but] we have some flexibility around where a child will go to school."

Mr. Virgo said he recognized the "difficulty" experienced by some parents in the last round

of registration which saw parents lined up outside Lester B. Pearson for hours on end in advance of doors opening.

"This process has led not only to some inconveniences and discomfort for parents who had to wait, but also some confusion and disappointment from parents who, for one reason or another, felt left out of that opportunity."

The York Region School Board will propose an online registration process, which Mr. Virgo likens to a lottery, with a window of opportunity to register.

"Our purpose in coming is to introduce a new approach to registration for French Immersion and to receive comments from members of the school community through council."

One member of the school

community who attended the meeting was parent Kate Kurtz who has three daughters registered at Lester B. Pearson, the two eldest being in the French Immersion program.

Ms. Kurtz said she has been one of the parents camped out for hours outside the school waiting for a chance to register her children in the program.

"I had one child at the school, then the following year when I had to register her sister, I went to school at 6 a.m. on the day of registration and I waited outside with a cup of coffee until the doors opened at 9 a.m. because there was no way on earth I wanted my kids at different schools."

Looking ahead, however, having her youngest daughter - who is currently in junior kindergarten - forced to go to another school such as Newmarket's Mazo de la Roche Public School when she is eligible for Grade One registration is something that worries her.

"There is a very real chance that I will end up with my kids at different schools and the youngest one will have a 35-minute bus commute starting at 8 a.m. when she is five years old," she said. "I would like for there to be an outcome of siblings allowed to have priority enrolment."

Part of the importance of having her kids stay together at one school is the fact it will give Ms. Kurtz the time to devote a "maximum amount" of volunteer time to one school, not having to hire a nanny or retain daycare if juggling two school runs, and having her older daughters able to keep an eye on the younger ones.

"It is part of being a family, a community, together," she said. "It is a really great school. I understand why everybody wants to go there."

Mr. Virgo said he has "loudly" heard the concerns from parents wanting to keep their children together, but has not heard from many people in the position of registering their eldest or only children "and what that might mean in terms of fairness to them if priority was given to siblings."

He added the Board's intention Tuesday was to lay out the new process and receive comments back from the Lester B. Pearson community.

YouTube involved in lawsuit

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is halted, these types of personal threatening attacks will continue," continued the statement of claim.

At press time, the comment features have been disabled on two of the 20 campaign videos uploaded to Ms. Morris' channel.

The two videos in question are entitled "Supporting the Passions of the People" and "Improvements Are Visible Everywhere".

The video entitled "Our Veterans Serve and Serve Again" had one comment posted to it, but it appears to have been removed.

Bill Hogg said the inclusion of a comment made on Ms. Morris' YouTube channel as an example in the statement of claim is "as ridiculous as the rest of the claim."

"How could she possibly connect the Aurora Citizen or any of the three moderators on the Aurora Citizen with an alleged comment that showed up on her site?" he said. "The reality is there is nothing to prove that that comment was even made. I think she is just grasping at straws."

Jordan Goldblatt, the lawyer for named defendants Bill Hogg, Richard Johnson, and Elizabeth Bishenden, confirmed he received the revised statement of claim - which indeed now lists the plaintiff as "Phyllis Morris" rather than the previous "Phyllis Morris, in her capacity as Mayor of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora" - on Monday.

"There are more particulars in terms of the language complained of but that is really the only significant difference," said Mr. Goldblatt, comparing the latest statement of claim to the notice of action served to the defendants in October.

He added he is "not sure yet" if the more detailed particulars in the statement of claim will alter his approach in the matter.

Some of the particulars fleshed out in the statement of claim go into further details of the alleged involvement of Mr. Hogg, Ms. Bishenden, and Mr. Johnson with the Aurora Citizen blog.

The notice filed in October stated simply that the three had the power to "publish, republish,

encourage or delete postings made on the website" and that they "authorized and encouraged the publication and republication of the defamatory postings".

This month's statement, however, makes Ms. Morris' allegations against the three clearer.

On Mr. Hogg's part, Ms. Morris alleges he is a moderator of the blog and "authorized and encouraged the publication and republication" of the comments in question.

Ms. Bishenden, the claim reads, was a moderator of the website with the same authority.

Mr. Johnson is cited in the suit as a "frequent writer" on the website and was a moderator "at all material times."

"Mr. Johnson... has knowledge relating to the identity of the anonymous defendants," the statement goes on to claim.

Ms. Morris suit goes on to claim that the defendants, "jointly and severally" published "false and defamatory" statements on the blog "maliciously" and have done so since "its inception".

"The defamatory postings are not set out in this Statement of Claim so as to avoid an aggravation of the harm caused by the Defendants," said the statement.

Mr. Hogg said after reviewing the statement of claim that there is no further information contained in it "than just broad

allegations" regarding the defendants and the Aurora Citizen blog.

"There is an implication in the original notice of action that there were a lot of comments that were inappropriate and you can see that there are very few she's claiming were inappropriate and frankly I don't think there was anything that was inappropriate about any of them.

"They reflect people's opinions and I'm not going to be a person who is going to prevent people from expressing their opinions."

Mr. Hogg, Ms. Bishenden, and Mr. Johnson have repeatedly denied the allegations in the suit.

The lawsuit is expected to go before the courts in early January.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association, as The Auroran has previously reported, continues to have an interest in the case and they are reviewing documents in considering whether to try and intervene in the matter.

"As for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, we have heard nothing further from them since their first contact with my lawyers," said Ms. Morris in her email. "It is hard to image that such an Association would choose to align themselves with extreme anonymous language and personal threats against an individual."



Paul Henderson, the player who scored the winning goal in the Canada-Russia hockey series in 1972, was guest speaker last week at the second annual Aurora Mayor's Prayer Breakfast held in front of a sell-out audience at Aurora's DiNardo's - The Mansion. Henderson spoke for about half an hour, without notes, and told his audience he has been diagnosed with cancer.

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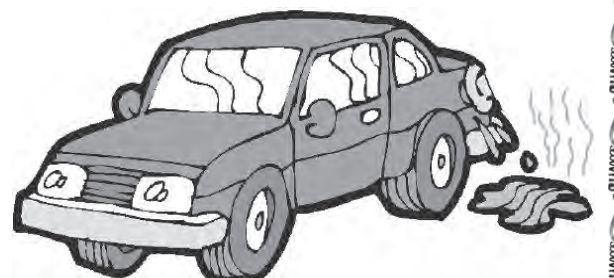
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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Breakfast with Paul Henderson my day's highlight

Had breakfast with Paul Henderson last week...literally. Henderson, the hockey player who scored the winning goal in the series of the century against the Russians, so long ago I don't even want to think about it, was the guest speaker at the second annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, and I was invited to join the table.

Little did I realize at the time that Paul, who told a sell-out audience at DiNardo's that he has been diagnosed with cancer, would be sitting beside me for breakfast.

I owe that to the organizer of the event, Aurora's Bob Callow, who invited me to the table.

Oh, how the memories flowed about that day.

It was September 22, 1972, and I had a whole bunch of people in my basement on Tecumseh Drive, the first home I ever owned in my life...thanks to the late Bob Montgomery.

I won't tell you how much it cost...

My daughter Aurora was three years old, and she was there.

When Henderson scored the goal, I called the Aurora Banner office - since that's who I worked for at the time - and told them to lock the doors and take the rest of the day off.

I had no right to do that, but it seemed like the thing to do at the time.

Henderson had scored the winning goal in the two games prior to this one, but they had been forgotten.

The photo below was taken the day of the winning game and goal. On my lap is my daughter, Aurora, who I said earlier, was three years old at the time.

There was a writer from a brewery magazine there, who wanted to do a story on my "beer-cap" wall, so he somehow managed to get that date to do the story.

His name escapes me at the moment, but he has written several books in the interim, and, if I recall correctly, he was from Richmond Hill. It was Dennis something...

At any rate, the picture wound up in his article which was pounced on by Gerald Donaldson and Gerald Lampert, who had it in their minds to produce a book called "The Great Canadian Beer Book" and they wanted permission to use the photo.

No problem, said I, and the book became a Canadian best-seller in 1975.

Probably because I bought so many copies and gave them as Christmas presents that year.

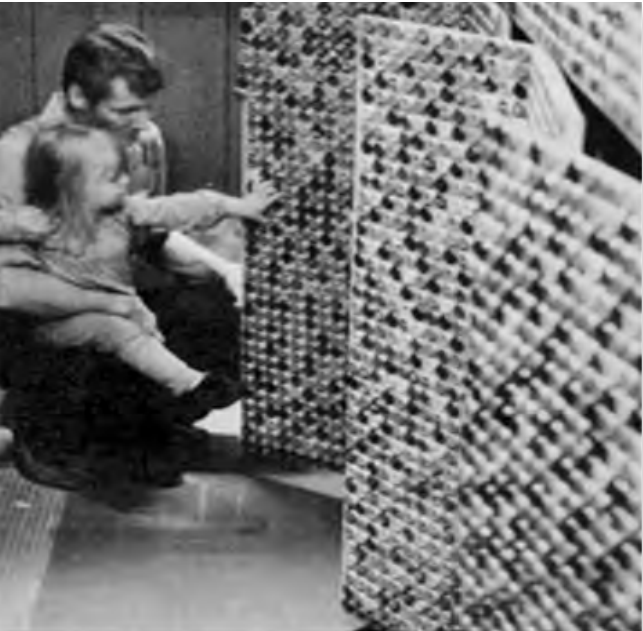
Well, then didn't Time Magazine (yeah, the real one) do a review of the book and they selected my beer cap wall as something crazy people do when they don't know what to do with all those left-over beer caps.

There were 5,774 beer caps on the wall when the picture was taken, representing 124 different brands of beer.

So my name appeared in Time. How many of you can say that?

At any rate, it was a privilege and an honour to join Paul Henderson for breakfast last week, and it was a pleasure listening to him talk about the goal that sent a nation into a frenzy.

I truly hope he survives his cancer problem.



A much-younger Ron Wallace, with his daughter, Aurora, on his lap, poses for a picture in front of his beer-cap wall in 1972 on Tecumseh Drive. Picture was taken the day Paul Henderson scored the winning goal to give Canada the hockey series over Russia.



With a little help from our friends, we have been able to identify all the people in the photograph, which is Aurora Council and staff taken in the early 60s. We were right on the four people we identified when we first ran this photo, two weeks ago, in the November 2 issue. In the front row are Councillor Jean Moffat, Reeve Clarence Davis, Mayor Keith Nisbet with Councillor William Stoddart. In the back row, left to right, are, Bill Johnson, town treasurer; George Sinclair, Tom Manning, Alf Child, Jack Williamson, Vic Jones and Town Clerk Al Wood. Thanks to all the people who helped fill in the blanks.

Letter to the Editor

Seniors' fashion show big success, she says

To the editor,

Good manners prescribe that one does not boast of one's achievements.

But we at the Aurora Seniors' Association would be remiss if we did not publicly share a self-congratulatory moment at the success of our sold-out "Dress to Impress" Fashion Show held November 7th, which as in most cases of successful outcomes, was achieved with the help of many who deserve our grateful thanks.

Our Fashion Show organizing committee commends and congratulates everyone involved: our appreciative audience; our elegant models - all A.S.A. members - who showed that age is no barrier, and indeed is an enhancement to well-crafted, attractive fashions; to our Fashion Commentator, Rozlin Laber and Master of Ceremonies Angus MacKenzie for their masterful and witty commentary; to our local merchants who generously contributed fashions and staff time: Creative Colours, The Oaks (Oakridge Outfitters), The One and Only, M. R. Wardrobe, Reitmans, and Laura (Upper Canada Mall); to Peter, Frank, Melissa and staff of Giampierre's Beauty

Centre who opened their salon on Sunday morning so our models could look their best; to our Food Services volunteers who prepared delicious tea sandwiches; to Sonia of Gastronomia Toscana for providing the delicious pastries; to the student volunteers from St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School who helped to serve refreshments, to our Operations Staff for their help with facilities set-up and their ready response to our every request, and finally our many other contributors of prizes and gifts.

Our "Dress to Impress" Fashion Show had a dual purpose: to provide an enjoyable afternoon for our community and to help support the Aurora Food Pantry.

We are pleased to have had their Director, Lorna Rummenie present to receive our cheque for \$1,000.

And one more noteworthy achievement for the Aurora Seniors' Association: November marks the fifth anniversary of our move to the new Aurora Seniors' Centre AND the discharge of our \$250,000. capital debt - our share of the cost of the centre, again accomplished with our members' and the community's support.

But back to our Fashion Show: A sincere

thank-you and congratulations to our members, our community and our volunteers for making our Fashion Show a success.

Lydia Schuster
Aurora Seniors' Association Fashion Show Committee

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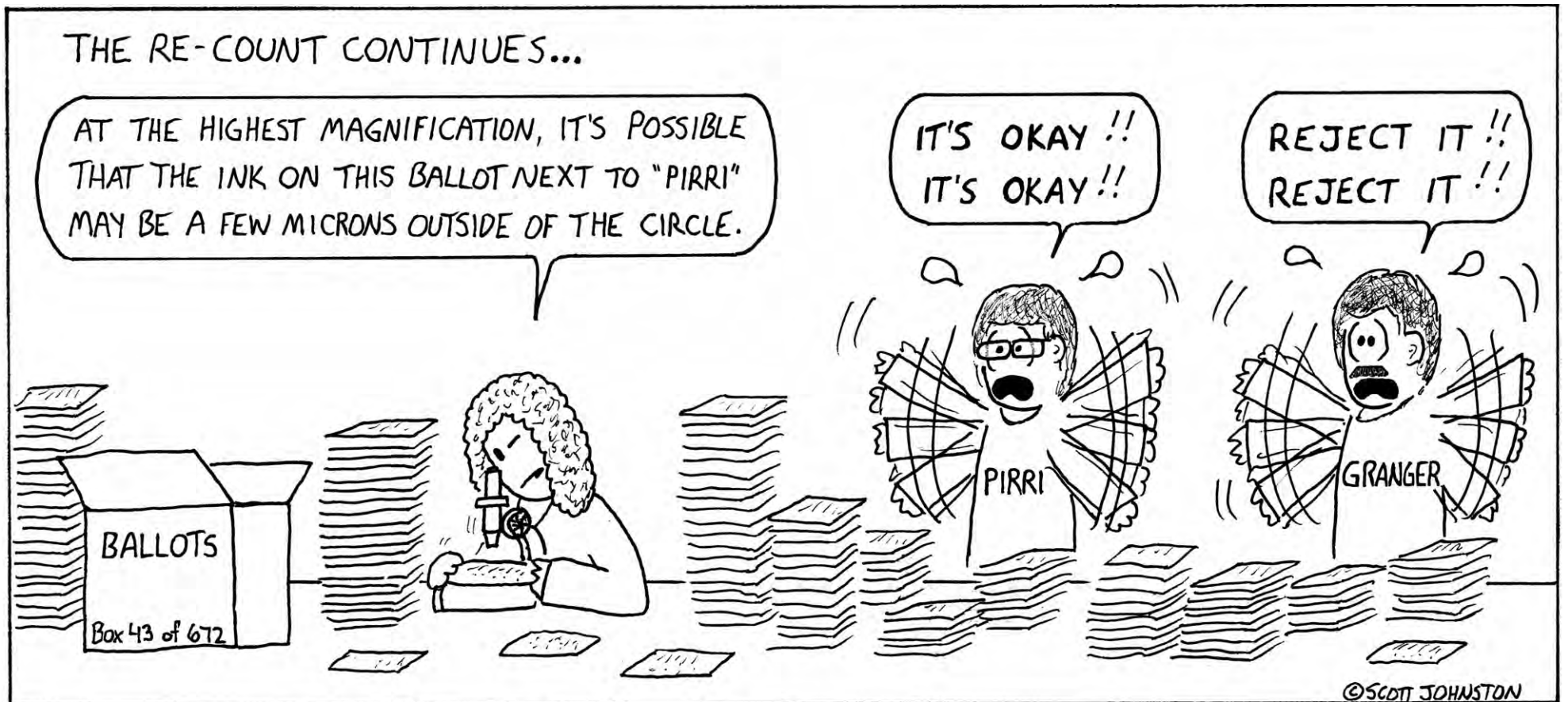
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Last weekend I came home from my weekly hockey game (minus four) and saw my wife and son filling a shoebox with various small toys, pencil crayons, a small ball and a pair of boys' socks.

I asked them what they were up to.

My son proudly explained they were making a gift box to send to a boy in another part of the world.

My wife then told me one of her friends at the gym had become part of a volunteer group, called Samaritan's Purse International Relief, which operates Operation Christmas Child.

I then looked at the brochure that had been given to Julie.

The title on the inside of the brochure says, "A simple gift opens doors".

The pamphlet goes on to state "a shoebox gift opens the door for Samaritan's Purse to demonstrate Jesus' love by offering communities emergency relief, safe drinking water, education, health care, and more."

The idea is simple enough. You get a shoebox.

You determine whether your gift will be for a boy or girl, and the child's age category; 2-4 years; 5-9 years' and 10-14 years.

You then use the guidelines provided to "ensure that the box is filled with a well-balanced variety of quality items that will bring joy to a child."

The gift ideas include: school supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or pencil crayons, writing pads; toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, yo-yos; hygiene items: toothbrush, mild bar

soap (in a plastic bag), comb; other: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches.

You are asked not to include things like toothpaste (due to customs regulations), food, or items that can scare or harm a child like knives, war-related toys, toy guns, etc.

Shoe boxes from Canada are distributed primarily in 12-20 countries in Central and South America, West Africa, and the Caribbean.

According to their website, "Operation Christmas Child is also sending shoe boxes to Haiti this year. The shoe boxes will be distributed as part of the larger commitment Samaritan's Purse has made to help the people of Haiti rebuild following a devastating earthquake in January of 2010. In Canada, Operation Christmas Child participants are being encouraged to pack an additional shoe box online and it will be sent to a child in Haiti."

You are also asked to donate seven dollars or more for each shoebox to help cover project costs - including shipping - and expand assistance to children and their communities.

2010 National Collection Week for this program is November 15 through the 2st.

The closest drop-off location is at Valley View Alliance Church at 800 Davis Drive in Newmarket. Their phone number is 905-830-4454.

You can also visit www.samaritanspursec.ca to download the pamphlet and learn more about this worthwhile program.

Samaritan's purse

The inside fold of the brochure said it best: "Open a door by touching a child's heart. Pack a shoebox".

On a different note, in the recent past our church started an interesting and worthwhile tradition; the pastor recognizes long time married couples by bringing them up to the front of the church and then he bestows a special blessing upon them and also provides them with a lovely certificate celebrating their long marriage.

Last year a couple was recognized by Father Tim for celebrating 65 years of matrimonial bliss.

Two weeks ago, my friends John and Marlene were similarly recognized for achieving 50 years of marriage.

With all the stories in the media about divorce and the tragedies of broken families, it was nice to see this.

When I got home from church I told my wife about this and mentioned that John seemed to be somewhat emotional during this brief ceremony.

Julie said that she too had a tear in her eye 11 years ago in the very same church when Father MacLean first announced us as husband and wife.

She told me her immediate thought at the time was "I wonder if I can make it through the two-week honeymoon with this guy?"

Ah well, ain't love grand!

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Letter to the Editor

November is sad month for reader

To the editor,

The moment the last trickertreater left the door, mom would start her, what I used to think was, totally irrational fear and loathing of November.

"Tomorrow is November, you know how I hate November. Your dad died in November, you know (like she would ever let me forget it)! Everything bad happens in November," mom would say. Without fail she would go into her dark place, uttering November

stories to the point that my sister and I would try, without success, to ignore her ramblings or make fun of the whole November thing. I deeply regret this now, but at the time – she drove me crazy.

Some of her trepidations were founded on reality. My father died in November.

I was five and my sister was 11 months old – I don't remember much about him except that I predicted his death – that's fodder for another time.

Also, my mothers' sec-

ond husband died in November as did my Father-in-Law (the same day many years later as my father – weird coincidence).

My soon to be ex-brother-in-law, had a serious accident in November.

Getting through November was a trying experience every year for Mom and until this year I was not very empathetic.

This weekend was the one I finally put away the summer deck furniture, cleared the eaves, got the doggloos (they are the

winter dog houses I put on the deck for Tess and Two, who generally ignore them and burrow in the snow, but I put them out anyway).

My sister had the job of closing the cottage.

There is a commercial about waiting to bring in the dock that really rings true this year.

I have been tearing-up at every Remembrance Day ad, commercial, poppy and stories that I read. My father, Doug's father and many uncles fought in WWII.

My uncle, who never

talked about his time in the army, was at Camp X – I really wished he had shared his experiences with me before he died.

I normally get a bit emotional but this year, so far, is becoming closer and closer to my mom's reaction.

The bare trees and the little bit of snow flurries are a reminder that winter

will soon be upon us – and quite frankly I am not looking forward to it at all.

The happy days of walking on crisp fallen snow, skating on the frozen pond, tobogganing

down "killer hill" (those from Willowdale will remember) have been replaced by the fear of skidding out on icy roads, endless shoveling of mounds of snow and the putting on layer upon layer of clothing. Even the thought of my favorite time (Christmas) can't seem to get me out of my funk.

As the eldest, I guess I inherited the "November" thingy.

Thanks, MOM!

Bonnie Tiffin
Oak Ridges

Letters to the Editor

Should I be afraid to speak out?

To the editor,

Should I be afraid to speak out in Aurora?

Should I be afraid to criticize the established municipal government if I do not agree with their actions?

Should I vote and then remain silent and cower under the threat of litigation from the very people that I may have voted to office.

If I speak out will I be silenced by our very government that is an integral part of our democracy, an institution of our rights and freedoms?

Should I be afraid to attach my name to this letter in fear of future repercussions having voiced my opinions?

As a citizen must I confer with a lawyer before I express my opinion in regards to governmental affairs?

Should I be fearful of my associations and friendships with the good people of Aurora?

It would appear so in Aurora, but this can not be allowed to stand.

I reference and call to attention the information at the Aurora Citizen website: auroracitizen.ca/2010/10/15/maybe-you-heard-about-the-lawsuit/ "Maybe You Heard About The Lawsuit" media statement on behalf of Richard Johnson, Bill Hogg and

Elizabeth Bishenden.

October 15, Richard Johnson, Bill Hogg, and Elizabeth Bishenden have served a motion today that seeks a dismissal of a \$6,000,000 lawsuit filed against them by Phyllis Morris, in her capacity as Mayor of the Town of Aurora.

The lawsuit names Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hogg and Ms. Bishenden as defendants.

The motion will be filed before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice when a date for the motion has been fixed by the Court.

Mr. Hogg is a former Councillor of the Town of Aurora.

Neither Mr. Johnson nor Ms Bishenden has ever held elected office.

None of the three ran in the 2010 Municipal Election.

The lawsuit alleges that the mayor was defamed by unnamed bloggers in comments posted on the Aurora Citizen blog (www.AuroraCitizen.ca) between August 24 and October 2.

Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hogg and Ms. Bishenden are not alleged to be the authors of the defamatory posts, but instead are allegedly moderators with the ability to "publish, republish, encourage or delete [the] postings."

The specific comments that

allegedly defame the mayor have not been particularized.

Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hogg and Ms. Bishenden have retained Jordan Goldblatt of Sack Goldblatt Mitchell LLP to respond to the lawsuit, which was served over Thanksgiving weekend.

Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hogg and Ms. Bishenden believe that comments about government are entitled to constitutional protection under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

A government (such as the Aurora Town Council or its mayor) is not permitted to sue citizens for defamation.

As the Ontario Superior Court of Justice has previously held, "everyone has a right to an opinion, whether sound or ill-advised, moderate or extreme, well-documented, or utterly baseless. And everyone has a right to voice an opinion, whether orally or in writing."

Town Council approved the lawsuit at 1.11 a.m. the morning of September 15.

Council confirmed a direction from a Closed Session regarding "a potential defamation action", and the Town Solicitor was directed to retain external legal counsel "to bring resolution to this matter". The \$6,000,000 lawsuit was the only action taken against Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hogg, and Ms. Bishenden.

At the September 28 council meeting, one councillor, Bob McRoberts, disavowed his approval of the motion.

On Rogers TV First Local News on October 14, Councillor McRoberts was quoted as saying, "The arguments presented by town staff and council members didn't match my understanding of the Municipal Act. I do not agree with the rationale provided. I do not agree that the matter is a matter for council."

Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hogg and Ms. Bishenden view the lawsuit as a tactic to silence critics of the Government in what is generally referred to as a Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation (SLAPP).

A SLAPP is a lawsuit that is intended to censor, intimidate and silence critics by burdening them with the cost of a legal defence until they abandon their criticism or opposition.

A SLAPP also acts as a warning to other potential critics. The effect of SLAPP suits is to discourage public debate.

The Ontario Courts have held that litigation by the government which stifles its critics cannot be permitted: "The government may not imprison, or fine, or sue, those who criticize it. The government may respond. This is fundamental. Litigation is a form of force, and the government must not silence its critics by force."

SLAPPs are currently under review by Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General in the form of an Anti-SLAPP Advisory Panel (http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/anti_slapp/).

Aurora is not a community

that I would continue to be proud of should the voice of the individual be choked under the hand of the local municipal government.

Mayor Morris' re-election website contains the following quote: "The New York Times wrote: "Aurora is exactly the kind of hip, upscale, well-educated town where conflicting values are put to the test."" With these current legal proceedings, in my opinion Aurora has shown itself to be neither hip, upscale nor well-educated and has in fact censored any conflicting values so as not to put them to the test.

I do not need to have a code of conduct, a legal background or advice from a lawyer to know

what the members of council did in voting for this action is wrong.

I applaud the actions and statement from Councillor Bob McRoberts.

I strongly support the actions of Bill Hogg, Richard Johnson and Elizabeth Bishenden in standing for all of our individual and collective rights for freedom of expression.

I hope that other Aurorans and Canadians will also show their support by not remaining silent and by not being afraid to express their opinions on our government.

**Paul Sesto
Aurora**

Buck closer than she thought to her "orchestration" charges

To the editor,

Councillor Evelyn Buck's comment about the topic at the last special meeting of council appearing orchestrated was more true than even she realized at the time.

Even her most critical critics have to credit her courage to address what was going on before our eyes, but then again, is this not why this woman got voted back in.

Hers is a voice for democracy or what little democracy is left.

She did help not let things pan out the way they were intended, as I was told give it a week or so because I would be seeing more in media.

Yes, the councillors questioning the form of the recount knew what was to be said in open forum, including the excused, because of conflict of interest, Councillor Stephen Granger.

They waived procedure to have open forum in a special meeting where one was not on the agenda. They needed a start button to set in motion a line for questions.

The main purpose was to try and put a big shadow of doubt on the election and discredit the Town Clerk, which, I was told, was their goal.

This is not hearsay so I don't expect to have a law suit filed against me.

I do, however, not expect to be told anything ever again by Councillor Wendy Gaertener's close friend and open forum speaker Rebecca Beaton.

I did not ask for this information.

I went there on my own and then was joined by Rebecca.

When you sit there and are told by someone that something is about to go down, how it is about to happen and who is involved, then it happens, well maybe Rebecca is just a mind reader.

No I was told who all knew what was going on.

It has sure enough all been denied. Where is the integrity in this?

The hot spot in Aurora now seems to On The Bean in St. Andrew's Plaza.

The same week of the special meeting, one day there's Councillor Gaertner

and outgoing Councillor Granger having coffee and a chit chat; the very next day there is Councillor Gaertner and Councillor John Gallo doing the same thing.

Nothing wrong with having coffee, I just hope it's not a sign of things to come.

I hope the surviving block members of the past council will not try and hinder the working of the new council even though we know that is a given in the beginning.

Let's hope they review all the obstacles, detach from the past, hold no grudges and identify their intentions honestly, verbally and in writing, then develop a deep yearning for it and maybe we'll get some honest politics in Aurora for all the people.

**John Sargent
Aurora**

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GEOFFREY DAWE

Councillor promises good “representation”

Since Michael Thompson came short of winning a place on council in the 2006 election, he reflected upon his experiences.

Four years later, coming in second to John Abel in the council race, Mr. Thompson said the lessons learned in that time came in useful this year.

"In all honesty, [2006] was probably more for the experience and experience proved invaluable to me as I went around this time because having had an opportunity to be a little more involved with the Town and the public and just getting a better sense of what is going on... it primes you, and you know that it

on a similar page, adding there was an "overwhelming message for change" when he went door to door.

"That sort of signified a level of dissatisfaction with what was going on," he says. "As much as I heard it, I really didn't know to what degree that would pan out come election day. I think when you look at the results, especially in the mayoral race, there certainly is a huge shift for change.

"Still, there were a lot of people that were very much involved in following what was happening in the Town of Aurora and I think the election made a lot of others who normally wouldn't have read up and done their homework to get involved and see what was going on."

Having been elected, Mr. Thompson says he is "honoured" by the voters' choice.

"I am honoured that they have chosen me to be their voice on council and I will continue to do what I promised to do, and that is to be a good representative for them."



MICHAEL THOMPSON

is just a matter of getting out and meeting with people," he said.

In the gap between his 2006 and 2010 bids, Mr. Thompson became involved with the Aurora Public Library Board and through the board and other endeavours, name recognition helped his candidacy.

With the date of the new Council inauguration set for December 7, Mr. Thompson says the feeling of excitement left over from election night is still with him but he is doing his homework.

He said he is reading up on rules of procedure and touching base with the returning councillors to get as much information as he can.

The Integrity Commissioner, Code of Conduct, and putting the brakes on outgoing Mayor Phyllis Morris' lawsuit against three local bloggers are three issues underscored by Mayor-Elect Geoff Dawe looking ahead to the early days of his council.

Mr. Thompson appears to be

Dawe eyes the future

With a very clear mandate from the people of Aurora, Mayor-Elect Geoff Dawe has his eyes set firmly on the future.

When The Auroran spoke to him following the election, he was already well underway in looking to bring the unity and morale he promised back to Town Hall.

"I have been talking to some people in terms of team building, things that we can do with staff," he said. "A couple of times during the campaign, the discussion of whether or not there was a morale problem at Town Hall came up and I think just by virtue the fact it kept coming up and that people had to say there wasn't a problem indicates there was an issue. If there wasn't an issue it never would have been discussed."

Mr. Dawe was multi-tasking the day of the interview, preparing a brief break with his wife to attend a wedding in Mexico, as well as touching base with the five new faces and three returning individuals that will be joining him as councillors and he looked forward to meeting with them on his return.

"From my understanding from what most of them were campaigning on, it was really to bring back the level of civility to Town Council," he said. "Pretty much everyone had an issue with the Integrity Commissioner and that whole process. I have already committed to addressing that."

Mr. Dawe said he remains committed to putting a moratorium on the Integrity Commissioner and bringing the Town's controversial Code of Conduct up for review to see if there is a sense at the table that it is needed.

"I feel that it needs to be reworked," he said. "It's not a well-written document. I don't have an issue with the Code of Conduct but the concept of a code of conduct. I am not sure it is needed because you do take an oath of office. If the will is we want a Code of Conduct, then that is obviously the will of council."

"Essentially the way it was written said that regardless of anything else that happens,

council will decide if there is an issue and will determine the penalty, if anything. They set themselves up as judge, jury, and executioner."

Following Mr. Dawe's decisive win over outgoing Mayor Phyllis Morris, Ms. Morris, when asked what she would say to the residents, said to watch for legislation regarding The Oak Ridges Moraine. This too is something Mr. Dawe said the Town and council needs to take "very seriously".

Throughout the course of the campaign he heard that word was spread that he was "pro-development and anti-environment", he said. In responding to similar comments from outgoing Councillor Evelina MacEachern, Mr. Dawe maintained that is not the case. "She has absolutely no basis in fact to make that statement," he said. "I am absolutely sensitive to the fact the Moraine is an incredibly important piece of land that we need to protect. That will be very much on our radar in terms of making sure that it is protected at a level it should be protected."

Budgeting for the future is also important to the Mayor-elect, he said, in looking at the Town's financial situation.

"There were six to eight years of zero increases and then it popped right up," he continued. "'You pay me now or you pay me later' is what it really comes down to. Zero tax increases are just as irresponsible as a 10 per cent tax increase. You need to be planning that out."

"If you plan that out in a five to 10-year cycle, then you can be much more consistent in the projects you want implemented in the Town and be much more confident that what you want to do is actually going to be funded to the level you need. The real impact is in the long-term operating costs of anything."

Forward planning is also a key for Mr. Dawe in looking ahead to initiating a new strategic plan, which he wants put in motion as soon as possible. He said it will help in terms of achieving goals set out by

council looking to the next five years.

"I had an interesting comment from a resident on the Promenade Study and that was, 'Where are the metrics in the study?'" he said. "If you don't have the metrics you can have all the studies in the world and they're not going to come to fruition."

Mr. Dawe maintains that those involved in building the Promenade Study still need to get out and talk to all the business people and building owners in the downtown area for it to be successful.

"Those are the ones who have to be an integral part of this, or it is not going to work," he said.

Mr. Dawe said he also hopes to engage stakeholders on the issue of traffic calming measures in the section of town just north of Wellington and east of Yonge. He said he has received input from residents "overwhelmingly against" traffic calming measures.

"I would like to see the traffic studies before and after the implementation and then

engage the residents in a discussion to move forward to a resolution," he said. "There is a lack of clarity on the initial proposed cost versus the final implementation, so this needs to be fully disclosed as well."

The cost of the controversial link in the Nokiidaa Trail, which is slated to go through part of the McKenzie Marsh is also something to be looked at as the Town has "seen [the] project balloon substantially in cost" and there is a "lack of agreement into how this should proceed".

"The residents do not feel that they have been involved fully in the process, so I want to investigate this further," he added.

Looking back on his election night victory, Mr. Dawe said the size of the vote is probably what caught him most by surprise.

"As I said to a few people, you go into this and expect to win," he said. "As we were going through we had every sense it was going to be a positive evening for us, but not to that level."



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This councillor is nobody's "puppet", she says

Sandra Humfries says she takes great pride in being her own person, having her own opinions, getting along with "almost everybody" and being an independent thinker, and she aims to show this to citizens when she takes her place at the council table December 7.

During the course of the election, Ms. Humfries weathered the observations and criticisms on various blogs which questioned her friendship with

outgoing Mayor Phyllis Morris and local organizer Sher St. Kitts.

The blogs and some people in the community questioned whether these relationships would make her a truly independent councillor.

Ms. Humfries, however, is quick to address these concerns.

"I want to serve the public and I will be looking at the blogs and I will be reading them



SANDRA HUMFRIES

because I want to get the feedback," she said. "I hope I can gain the trust and confidence of the bloggers to see that I am just doing what I think is [best] for the public.

"It has nothing to do with Sher or Phyllis or Geoff Dawe - we're friends, by the way, with Geoff Dawe, for over 34 years, but that is nowhere to be found. He is a Facebook friend of mine [as well]. It's one of those things where I don't know why they are

putting me in that sort of box, but I think it's sad because if people grasp onto that opinion of me already and get to know who I am they'll see that I am going to be a very strong advocate for them and their concerns.

"I hope they give me a chance to be me. That is all I am and you will see it. I am nobody's puppet."

Looking ahead to when she is sworn in as councillor, the first thing Ms. Humfries says she would like to do is get to know town staff personally, meet with the heads of each of the departments and get to know what is on their agendas for the next four years.

"Maybe there is a cost-savings moving forward and other ways we can utilize our money, but I will work with our new mayor and council and see together what we can understand and go from there.

"Relative to the lawsuit...it's about the tax dollars and is it really value to our residents? For that, obviously I will be working with Geoff and the councillors to understand all the details around that and make the right decisions moving forward."

Returning councillor now elected

For returning councillor John Gallo, the October 25 election was a testament to his service at the council table following the unusual way he got there in the first place.

Two-and-a-half years ago, Councillor Gallo was appointed following the resignation of duly-elected Councillor Grace Marsh.

Although Mr. Gallo came in ninth place in the 2006 election, his appointment was controversial with many people arguing for a by-election to fill Ms. Marsh's seat rather than an appointment.

"I like to look at it as it was a good decision back then, and my task was to prove I could be there, contribute, and do a good job and, by doing so, I could



JOHN GALLO

convince those who were for a by-election that it wasn't that bad of a decision," he said. "I think first I hope I did a good job on council for the past 2.5 years. I respected everyone that was on council and I think everyone respected me as well."

While Councillor Gallo said he made the conscious decision not to put the phrase "re-elect" on his campaign signs and literature, he said his previous campaign experience served him well this year as he had the statistics behind him.

"I know how I did in each poll and maybe areas I could focus a little more in and how people get to know me a little more, and where maybe I didn't do so well."

Like other new and returning councillors, Councillor Gallo said he is looking forward to getting to know the new faces at the table.

"I'm sure we're going to be spending a lot of time together in the next four years," he said.

After the new council is

expected to be sworn in December 7, Councillor Gallo said he is looking forward to tackling "hot items" like the Official Plan, Promenade Study, and the 2C Secondary Plan once they come back and see how they progress, as well as reducing items on the council pending list.

Three other issues that are likely to come up are getting rid of the Town's Integrity Commissioner, re-opening the Code of Conduct for review, and putting the brakes on outgoing Mayor Phyllis Morris' \$6 million lawsuit against three local bloggers.

These are issues that have been underscored by Mayor-Elect Geoff Dawe.

Although Councillor Gallo had expressed his support of these three items during his term, he said he is going to keep an open mind going in.

"I am open to hearing new perspectives, but I stand by my decisions based on what I had before me when I made them," he said. "I would never close a door to hearing other people's views and what they think [on] how the Town should move forward."

As for Ms. Morris' lawsuit, Mr. Gallo said the resolution he voted on was to have staff deal with the issue "as best they can" but more questions could have been asked in retrospect.

"We weren't privy to the lawsuit or what form that was going to take," he said. "I learned, like everyone else, probably from the paper what had taken place. Was it done too quick or too long? I don't know the intricate details of how that came about.

"One can always ask many more questions. At the time I made this decision I felt I had enough information to move forward with the motion we did. In retrospect I probably would have asked many more questions."

Abel could be deputy mayor

When the new council is inaugurated next month, if tradition is any indication, newcomer John Abel is likely to follow in the footsteps of outgoing Councillor Bob McRoberts as Aurora's new deputy mayor.

Councillor-elect Abel came in first in the October 25 election with 5,803 votes, 468 votes ahead of second place finisher Michael Thompson.

For Mr. Abel, the result seems to have taken him a bit by surprise.

"I am honoured just to be elected and that is really all I was hoping for," he said. "The fact I came in on top, I am overwhelmed by response."

When he started out, he received the advice that you want people to recognize your name and Mr. Abel said that Town recognition may have contributed to his success.

"Being involved in the community and networking through community leaders was probably what made my name [stand out] for people to see," he said.

When he takes his seat at the council table, Mr. Abel said he is confident this is going to be a Council that is going to be able to work together.

"You get to know these people through the campaign and



JOHN ABEL

you can tell that we're going to be a team," he said. "That is what I am really looking forward to. You just have a great feeling and hope that you get enough votes to be on that team, so I am looking forward to developing into a council.

"I think that is just going to be one of the nice things about this campaign is seeing the effort that everyone made. The make-up has a lot of new faces, but we do have experience and I think we're going to be a very productive council."

Looking ahead to the new term, Mr. Abel said some of the key issues he would like to tackle are transit and traffic, including traffic calming.

In addition, he would also like to examine matters related to sports and recreation, including

the possible creation and implementation of a Youth Centre, soccer fields, and gymnasiums.

"Those are the sorts of issues and municipal affairs that tend to take a little longer than they should," he said. "I know there was a lot said about council and that was one of the issues that was brought up [during the campaign]. The timing of some of the things that went on made that a major issue as well."

Right now, Mr. Abel is looking forward to getting orientated with the processes at Town Hall and examining areas of particular importance.

"The issues will, I think, prioritize once we start working together," he said.

Next week:
Councillors
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Evelyn Buck,
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Dr. Wilkes, after 44 years, retires

Probably one of the most popular Aurora doctors, Len Wilkes has retired.

Len had his practice at the corner of Yonge Street and Reubin Streets, in a building now owned by solicitor Chris Sorley.

He graduated in 1965 from the University of Toronto with his a degree in medicine, then he and his wife, Lorraine, moved to Aurora right after his residency in 1966 where he set up his practice with Dr. Bill Diamond and Dr. Bill Faudemer at what was formerly referred to as 110 Yonge Street South - a small house at



LEN WILKES

the time. In 1973, he and the other doctors built the building that now stands

at 15064 Yonge Street. He was the last of the three to close the door behind him.

The building was sold several years ago.

His has been a career of hard work, long hours and dedication to his patients.

Many patients have stayed with him from the first year he began practicing.

In that time, he delivered their children and their children's children.

Whole extended families in time became patients and were touched by his kindness and care.

Notes and messages

have been streaming in after he announced his retirement.

He will be remembered for his ability and willingness to listen to and counsel his patients on a personal and a medical front and the fact that he was willing to make house calls – especially for those who were elderly and infirm and who could not make it into the office to see him.

He was sincere and showed a keen interest in the person, his daughter, Tracey said.

Dr. Wilkes has been a cornerstone in the Aurora community for many years – a very private and humble man who will be missed more than he will ever know or appreciate.

"We wish him well in retirement, spending time with his three children, a daughter and two sons, and their families, including six grandchildren, the last born only a few weeks ago; gardening and enjoying time with his beloved Golden Retriever Remy," said Tracey "A well deserved rest for someone who has given so much to so many people for 44 years".

Ceremonies draw scores

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Government of Canada was laid by Lois Brown, Member of Parliament for Newmarket-Aurora, Stephen Somerville on behalf of the Province of Ontario, and by Mayor Phyllis Morris accompanied by CAO Neil Garbe on behalf of the Town of Aurora.

Wreaths were also laid on behalf of the Township of King; the Township of Whitchurch-Stouffville; the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, represented by Jean Anderson and Joyce Remy; the Salvation Army, represented

by Major Glenda Bishop; the Aurora Seniors Association, represented by Charles Sequeira; Trinity Anglican Church, represented by Rev. Canon Dawn Davis and Rev. Stephen Kern; and by Linda Henshaw and Lindsay Tanner, in memory of Harold Henshaw.

Representatives for St. Andrew's College, St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School, and the Returned and Services League of Australia (Mallacoota Sub-Branch) also presented wreaths at the Altar.

It was almost a repeat of Sunday's ceremonies,

staged by the Aurora Legion.

"We thank you for the peace we enjoy and the opportunity that is ours in building a better order of society in this Canada for generations still to come," said Major Brian Bishop in a prayer he lead following the wreath-laying ceremony.

"We remember with pride and gratitude those who fought on land and sea and skies to make this possible and we continue to pray that their memory of self-giving may inspire us to invest our energy, our strength, and our substance in building a world of peace."



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102 Timbits Gold 6 - Jordan Dimatulac 1G, Yi Yang 3A, Melanie Nicholson 3A, Andrew Van Dalen 1G, Jake Andersen 1A, Ben Charette 1G, Hunter Kolm 1G 1A, Liam Morassutti 1G, Dylan Andersen 1G 1A, Jake McMillan 2A, Dylan Duff 1A. **108 Timbits Grey 5** - Brent Watson 2G, Nathan Coates 1A, Nicholas Pisapia 2A, Jake Colman 2G 1A, Jacob McDonald 2A, Benjamin Legallais 1G, Adam Rame 1A.

106 Timbits Powder Blue 3 - Justine Chu 1A, Calum Ormond 1G. **104 Timbits Blue 3** - Jake Worthman 1G 1A, Gavin Loria 1A, Macisas Eveleigh 1G, Christopher Goncalves 1A, Glenn Steward 1G.

202 Caravan Kids Gold 8 - Giancarlo DeAppollonia 1G 1A, Jonathan Avgousti 1G 2A, Brennan Powell 3G, Tommy Green 1A, Ethan Medeiros 1A, Thomas Raeburn 2G, Daniel McKay 1A, Michael Pantalone 1G. **205 Caravan Kids Black 3** - Matthew Cowl 1G, Nathan Clark 1G 1A, Gianluca Rotondi 1A, Aaron Murphy-Sealy 1A, Kyle Rame 1G.

205 Caravan Kids Black 5 - Jackson Galbraith 1G, Matthew Cowl 1A, Ethan Joiner 3G, Stefan Fazari 1A, Rory Callaghan 4A, Kyle Rame 1G, Evan Lajoie 2A, Stefan Fazari 1A, David Ho 1A. **201 Caravan Kids Red 1**.

206 Caravan Kids Powder Blue 16 - Jack Nicholson 4G 5A, Alexander Ko 2G 4A, Keevin O'Brien 1A, Corson Haywood 3A, Mark Clutterbuck 3A, Matthew Pelan 3A, Joshua Anselmo 2A, Colby Jackson 1A, Griffin Charnley 3G 1A, Ian Hilgendorff 7G 8A. **204 Caravan Kids Blue 1**.

401 Chouinard Bros. Red 8 - Matthew Hastings 3G 2A, Colin Windle 1G 1A, Dylan McFee 4G 2A, Jessey van Soest 2A. **402 Omar's Shoes Gold 2** - Christopher Walsh 1G, Noah Dempsey 1G, A.J. Mackintosh 1A.

408 Crabby Joe's Grey 5 - Tristan Floyd 1G 1A, Wade Dane 1A, Jacob Cowl 2G, Gregory Gatzopoulos 1A, Lucas Alberico 1G, Callum Gorrell 1G 1A. **407 H.J. Pfaff Audi Kelly Green 1** - Christopher Siarkas 1G.

406 Mastermind Toys Powder Blue 4 - Carter Wilmsmeyer 2G, Andrew Ryman 1G, Jay Sieber 2A, Nicholas Sever 1A. **409 Pfaff VW Teal 4** - Liam Patterson 1G, Cristian Franze 1G, Evan Bryan 1G, John Dol 1G, Christian Fermo 1A, Christian Ridd 1A.

407 H.J. Pfaff Audi Kelly Green 6 - Shayne Colin 2G 1A, Christopher Siarkas 1G 1A, Nicholas Robinson 1G, Matthew Hastings 2G 1A, Nathan Smith 1A, Sean Kiah 1A, Jack Viney 1A, Dane Kerckamp 1A. **409 Pfaff VW Teal 5** - Liam Patterson 2G, Christian Ridd 3G, Michael De Blasis 1A, Evan Bryan 2A, Cristian Franze 1A, Riley Jackson 1A.

406 Mastermind Toys Powder Blue 6 - Andrew Ryman 2G, Nicholas Sever 1G 1A, Cody Fisher 1G, Carter Wilmsmeyer 2A, Carson Purcell 1G, Vaughn Hewgill 1G, Bryce Davison 1A. **410 HS Financial Orange 1** - Cameron Lang 1G.

406 Mastermind Toys Powder Blue 4 - Carter Wilmsmeyer 3G, Kyle Gillies 1G. **402 Omar's Shoes Gold 1** - Cole Sheremeta 1A, Michael Vivian 1G.

407 H.J. Pfaff Audi Kelly Green 7 - Matthew Hastings 5G, Nathan Smith 3A, Nicholas Robinson 1G, Jack Viney 1A, Sebastian Negalescu 1G 2A, Justin Carcone 1A, Matthew Romano 1A. **410 HS Financial Orange 2** - Kyle Kasak 1G, Cameron Lang 1A, Colby Harrison 1G 1A.

409 Pfaff VW Teal 8 - Christian Ridd 4G 2A, Evan Bryan 2G 3A, Riley Jackson 1G, Jack Campbell 1A, Jonathan Gianfocarò 1G. **408 Crabby Joe's Grey 3** - Jacob Cowl 2G, Callum Gorrell 1G, Wade Dane 1A, Robert Kniss 1A.

408 Crabby Joe's Grey 4 - Callum Gorrell 2G, Gregory Gatzopoulos 1G Jacob Cowl 1G, Matthew Matton 1A, Ryan Funston-Clarke 1A. **410 HS Financial Orange 3** - Colby Harrison 2G, Cameron Lang 1G, Mason Brown 1A.

402 Omar's Shoes Gold 7 - Noah Dempsey 2G, Jacob Turiff 1G 1A, Francesco DeBartolo 1G, Noah Johnson 1G, Michael Vivian 2G, Cole Sheremeta 1A, Jacob Yap 1A. **407 H.J. Pfaff Audi Kelly Green 7** - Shayne Colin 3G, Evan Kiah 1G, Jack Viney 1G 1A, Matthew Hastings 1G 3A, Nicholas Robinson 1G, JP Schnabel 1A, Sebastian Negalescu 1A.

401 Chouinard Bros. Red 9 - Dylan McFee 4G 1A, Jason Ioboni 1G, Colin Windle 1G 1A, Garrett Kohler 1G, Jessey van Soest 2A, Austin Martin 1G 2A, Nicholas Vamvakaris 1G 1A. **409 Pfaff VW Teal 1**.

406 Mastermind Toys Powder Blue 4 - Carter Wilmsmeyer 2G, Vaughn Hewgill 1G, Kyle Gillies 1G, Tony Davelman 1A. **403 Optimist Club Of Aurora White 3** - Chris Sands 1G, Dylan Clark 2G, Brandon Urman 1A, Adrian Brstilo 1A.

404 Tilemaster Blue 6 - William Reid 3G, Benjamin Godber 1G, Claudio Basso 1G, Matthew Parkin 1A, Jason Xue 1A, Giuliano Iervasi 1G. **405 Novintro Black 2** - Alexander Mueller 1G, Nicholas Huxley 1G, Matthew



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Results to Sunday, November 14



Winters 1A.

604 Orr & Associates Insurance Brks Ltd. Blue 3 - Ben Kissack 1G, Tyler Wilson 2G, Tarek Koudmani 1A.

609 IOOF Aurora Lodge #148 3 - James Eydt 1G, Joshua Fallavollitta 1G, Evan Lambert 1A, Michael Montesanti 1A, Trevor Barnett Nat Leonatis 1G.

607 Envirocar Kelly Green 5 - Shawn Mason 1G, Jacob Cann 2A, Jacob Fulford 1G, Ian Rucker 1G, Alex Sesto 2G, Matthew Vasos 1A, Jacob Fenchak 1A. **610 Swiss Chalet & Harveys Orange 4** - Max Bruckner 1G 1A, Robert Lervasi 1G, James Freel 1A, Alex Tashos 2G 1A.

609 IOOF Aurora Lodge #148 3 - Evan Lambert 1G, Santino Denuzzo 1G, Zachary Machell 1G, Marcello Denuzzo 1A, Calem Pollock 1A, Joshua Fallavollitta 1A.

607 Envirocar Kelly Green 2 - Alex Sesto 1G, Jacob Fenchak 1G, Cory Brear 1A, Jacob Fulford 1A, Jake Polenz 1A.

601 Municipal Engineering Solutions Red 4 - Nicolas Pearce 2G, Matt Glionna 1G, Anthony Livia 1G, Troy Lane 1A, Tyler Justice 1A. **604 Orr & Associates Insurance Brks Ltd. Blue 4** - Colin Read 1G, Braeden Wodehouse 2A, Ben Kissack 1G 1A, Tyler Wilson 1G, Matthew Rotman 1G, Jake Campoli 1A.

603 Diamond Groundskeeping Services White 2 - R. Callaghan 1G, T. McKechnie 1A, L. Bulmer 1A, J. Camplin 1G. **602 Wedi Corp.Com Waterproof Tile Solutions Gold 1**.

606 Aurora Chrysler Powder Blue 3 - Alex Carter 1G, Dylan Cowl 1A, Reese Crevelle 1A, Connor Reilly 1G, Jordan Elliott 1A, Matthew Barnett 1A, Will Ashton 1G, James Kellett 1A, Luke Viera 1A. **610 Swiss Chalet & Harveys Orange 2** - Alex Tashos 1G, Noah Sealey-Murphy 1G, David Tonelli 1A.

605 Lakeshore Valu Mart 3 - Jacob Hatton 3G, Jack Bishenden 1A, **611 Purple 1** - Aiden Woolsey 1G 1A.

609 IOOF Aurora Lodge #148 4 - Evan Lambert 1G 1A, Joshua Fallavollitta 2G, Mackenzie Snelgrove 1G, Nick Reid 1A, Nolan Roy 1A, Trevor Barnett 1A,Trystan Lebrun-Nagle, shutout. **610 Swiss Chalet & Harveys Orange 0**.

608 Crabby Joe's Grey 2 - Gordon Scott 1G, Devon Mundy 1G, Devon Hope 1A, Jack Dion 1A. **611 Purple 1** - William Morin 1G.

601 Municipal Engineering Solutions Red 3 - Nicolas Pearce 2 G, Troy Lane 1G, Anthony Livia 1A, Owen Bourrie 1A. **607 Envirocar Kelly Green 2** - Jacob Cann 1G, Jake Polenz 1G, Cory Brear 1A, Ian Rucker 1A.

606 Aurora Chrysler Powder Blue 2 - Will Ashton 1G 1A, Girogio Venosa 1G1A, Luke Viera 1A, Alex Carter 1A. **602 Wedi Corp.Com Waterproof Tile Solutions Gold 2** - Jordan Screech 1G, Ted Baek 1G, Sean MacKrell 2A, Colin Boorn 1A, Connor Devogel 1A.

603 Diamond Groundskeeping Services White 5 - A. Skelhorn 1G, A. Lamana 1G, L. Bulmer 2G, R. Callaghan 1G 1A, H. Lambrinos 3A, J. Samson 1A, B. Scott 2A, A. Mizuguchi 1A. **605 Lakeshore Valu Mart 1** - Jacob Hatton 1G.

812 Municipal Engineering Solutions Burgandy 7 - Nick Armour 2G, Joshua Bell 1G, Luc Martineau 1G, Tyler Futterer 2G, Derek Capone 1G, Patrick Bourrie 1A, Justin chalmers 3A, Ryan McMillan 2A, John Sherwood 2A, Sandy Rundle-Sanderson 1A. **807 Danny & Scotties Boys Kelly Green 3** - Ben Goldman 1G, Declan Johnston 2G, Brendon McDonald 2A, Greg Rutherford 2A, Alexander MacDonald 1A, Joseph Hodgson 1A.

805 Aurora Home Hardware Black 5 - Thomas Mason 1G 1A, Ben Ashton 1G, Harris Riopelle1G 1A, Michael Tanel 1G1A, Austin Waite 1G 1A, Lucas Marek 2A, Joseph Veneziano 1A. **811 Caruso&Company Purple 4** - Victor Chadarov 2G, Rory Hamilton 1G, Riley O'Brien 1G, Ryan Batten 2A, Matt Walker 2A, Austin Tanaka 1A.

812 Municipal Engineering Solutions Burgandy 4 - Derek Capone 1G, Joshua Bell 3G 1A, Ryan McMillan 2A, Nick Armour 2A, Patrick Bourrie 1A. **804 Frontline Fire & Safety Blue 1** - Jerrryd Jensen 1G.

802 Manhattan Trophies Gold 2 - James Power 1G, Cody Child 1G, Mitchell Arnold 1A, Ian Dunlop 1A. **803 Rotary Club Of Aurora White 2** - Matt Sanita 2G, Zac Landry 1A, Lockhart McMann 1A, Stuart Reid 1A.

801 Rogers Red 8 - Brady Wilson 1G, Brett Bond 3G 2A, James Johnston 1G1A, Alex Harrison 2G 1A, Christian MacGillivray 1G1A, Randy Sutton 1A, Owen Nisbet 1A. **808 Crabby Joe's Grey 3** -Tyler Futterer 2G, Michael Roell 1G, Brendon Ruskanen 1A, Carson Roell 2A

807 Danny & Scotties Boys Kelly Green 6 - Joseph Hodgson 2G 1A, Brendon McDonald 1G, Matthew Hall 1G 2A, Greg Rutherford 1G, Ben Goldman 1A, **809 AHPA Teal 3** - Bradley Smoulten 1G, Russell Johnson 2G, Michael Arcuri 1A, Jake Arcangeli 1A.

806 Laurion Law Office Power Blue 6 - Sean Foxwell 3G, Christopher Sutherland 2G, Emerson Cepelak 1G 1A, Christopher Ottman 2A, Matt D'Allessandro 1A. **810**

Pizza Pizza Orange 1 - Troy Foster 1G, Carson Elliott 1A.

905 ATS Healthcare Black 3 - Peter Teti 1G, Vince Duggan 1G, Michael McCreesh 1G. **908 Crabby Joe's Grey 1** - Tyler White 1G.

904 St. Louis Blue 4 - Eric Bulloch 1G, Jordon Caruso 1G, JP Hudon 1G1A, Jim Tatum 1G, Jim Tatum. **902 Boston Gold 1** - Trevor Rice 1G, Connor Flynn 1A.

906 Ruff-N-Redi Powder Blue 6 - Mathew Stewart 1G 1A, John Dinocolantino 1G, Alexander Seto 1G 2A, Chris Falfalios 1G1A, Josh Lawlor 1G, David Marsillo 1G, Andrew Seguin 1A, Nick Theorodopolous 1A, Dylan Sutton 1A, William Tang 1A. **909 North York Plumbing & Heating Teal 2** - Scott Wheeler 2G, Austin Boudreau 1A, C. Mulhern 1A.

903 Optimist Club of Aurora White 4 - Carter Hammett, shutout, Nicholas Bertrand 1G 1A, Kelly Hudson 2G, Quinn McGowan 1G, Trevor Stephens 2A, Scott Cosentino 1A, Nic Venosa 1A, Cole Roffey 1A. **901 Graystones Restaurant Red 0**.

907 Wooder Food Safety Consulting Kelly Green 5 - Mackenzie Wooder 1G, Cody Sandersun 2G 1A, Daniel Antoniel 1G 3A, Liam Devlin 1G.**908 Crabby Joe's Grey 2** - Chris Beach 1G, Jason Eberlin 1G 1A, Ryan Eberlin 2A.

910 Philly Orange 6 - Thomas Scougall 2G, Graeme Allison 1G, Sam Steenhorst 1G, Daniel LaFlamme 1G, Ryan St. Germain 1G 1A, Alexander Deblasis 1A, Stefan Richardson 1A, Ryan Rival 1A. **905 ATS Healthcare Black 4** - Michael McCreesh 3G 1A, Zachary Cook 1G 1A, Duncan Eveleigh 2A.

910 Philly Orange 5 - Thomas Scougall 2G, Ryan St. Germain 1G, Sam Steenhorst 1G 1A, Stefan Richardson 1G, Sajjad Akbar 2A, Daniel LaFlamme 2A, Ali Akbar 1A. **906 Ruff-N-Redi Powder Blue 2** - David Marsillo 1G, N Theorodopolous 1G, Will Miller 1A, Chris Falfalios 1A, William Tang 1A, Mackenzie Macintosh 1A.

908 Crabby Joe's Grey 8 - Chris Beach 1G, Eamon Reilly 2G 1A, Ryan Dalcin 2G, Tyler White 3G, Trevor George 3A, Jason Eberlin 1A, Ryan Eberlin 1A, Jamie Poutney 1A. **901 Graystones Restaurant Red 5** - Cody Unger 1G 1A, Matthew Hart 1G 1A, Kieran Cullen 1G, Andrew Staples 2G, Mark Presacco 2A, Brandon Plourde 1A, Cameron Staples 1A.

905 ATS Healthcare Black 0 - Seth Rodger, shutout. **902 Boston Gold 0** - Mitchell Royce, shutout.

904 St. Louis Blue 4 - Matthew Warner 1G 1A, Eric Bulloch 1G 2A, Jim Tatum 1G, Andrew Hall 1G, Braeden Mackenzie 1A, Dustin Partanen 1A. **903 Optimist Club of Aurora White 3** - Mitchell Waite 1G, Nicholas Bertrand 1G 1A, Kyle Coughlin 1G, Evan Jones 1A, Q McGowan 1A.

1006 BMO Bank of Montreal Powder Blue 4 - Michael Morson 3G, Adam Clark 1G, Brandon Pederson 1A, Brandon Connolly 1A, Nick Heintzman 1A, Michael Bernier 1A. **1008 McAlpine Ford Grey 1** - Spencer Palmer 1G, Matt Miller 1A, Brett Richardson 1A.

1009 Backyard Pool & Spa Teal 2 - Daniel Howie1G, Craig Bennett 1G, Chris Smith 1A. **1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 1** - Greg Lacroix 1G, Ryan Antionel 1A.

1001 Pizzaville Aurora Red 7 - Spencer George 3G 1A, Kamran Karamchi 1G, Nick Di Nallo 1G 2A, Aidan Morris 1G 1A, Jamie Hawkins 1G 2A, Josh Ashfield 2A, Johnathan Siery 1A, Adrian Tobin 1A, Cooper Riswick 1A, Victor Grabovsky 1A. **1004 Global Caffè Blue 2** - Michael Bar 1G, Jake Hindley 1G 1A, Lucas Poletto 2A, Christopher Waller 1A.

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Tyke Select - Aurora 3 - Charles Huxley 1G 1A, Owen Hollett 1G 2A, Owen Papulkas 1G 1A, Jacob Hoffrogge 1A. **Stouffville 3**.

Tyke Select - Barrie Minis 5. Aurora 2 - Todd Cook 1G, Nicholas Giorgio 1A, Anton Sopov 1G, Ryan Bryden 1A, Caden McHenry 1A.

Novice A - Aurora 9 - Brett Pearce 2G 1A, Harrison Bennett 2G 1A, Eddie Cobbold 1G 2A, Justin Hicks 1G 1A, Joshua Torres 1G, Jace Jackson 1G, Carson Maybury 1G, Jake Piper 1A, James Sproul 2A, Jonathan Gagnon 1A, Dereck Avery, shutout. Justin Lacroix, shutout. **Beeton 0**.

Novice A - Aurora 5 - Jace Jackson 1G 1A, Jonathan Gagnon 1G 1A, Riley Klugerman 1G, Liam Mahoney 1G, Justin Hicks 1G, Nolan Michelberger 1A, Jake Piper 1A, Dereck Avery, shutout. Justin Lacroix, shutout. **Orillia 0**.

Novice AE - Aurora 3. Georgina 0.

Novice AE -Tigers 5. Stouffville 1.

M Atom AA - Georgina 3. Aurora 1 - Anthony Dipietro 1G, Wesley Reid 1A, BLiotta 1A.

M Atom AA - Newmarket 2. Aurora 1 - Anthony DoPietro 1G, Wesley Reid 1A, Ben Liotta 1A.

M Atom A - Innisfil 4. Aurora 1 - Cory Read 1G,

Jason Gage 1A, Maeve O'Connor 1A.

M Atom AE - Barrie 5. Aurora 1 - Luc Catania 1G.

M Atom AE - Markham 5. Aurora 0.

Atom A - Nobleking 6. Aurora 2 - Carson Venneri 1G, Ryan Jamieson 1A, Anthony Capraro 1G, Peter Chimienti 1A.

Atom A - Aurora 5 - Jaedon Jackson 2G, Jamie Stewart 2G 1A, Anthony Capraro 1G 1A, Joseph Grassa 1A, Connor Iwai 1A, Ryan Jamieson 1A, Andrew Cundari 1A, Cameron Tyndall 2A. **Bradford 4**.

Atom A - Barrie 7. Aurora 4 - Peter Chimienti 1G, Anthony Caparo 1A, Andrew Cundari 1A, Carson Yeomans 1G, Andrew Buffa 1A, Carson Venneri 1G, Joseph Grassa 1G, Ryan Jamieson 1A, Jason Cox 1A.

Atom AE - Aurora 2 - Sebastian Giorgio 2G, Michael Fodero 1A. **Beeton 1**.

Atom AE - Aurora 3 - Finn Reeves 2G, Adam DePiero 1G 2A, Max Lombard 1A, Jason Langdon 1A, Thomas Morra 1A. **Orillia 3**.

M Pee wee A - Markham 3. Aurora 1 - Thomas Kostoff 1G, Jordan Torres 1A, Alexander Simardone 1A.

M Pee wee A - Aurora 3 - Colin McGoldrick 1G, Stewart Gable 1G, Eric McGhie 1G, Jordan Torres 1A, Thomas Kostoff 1A. **Barrie 1**.

M Pee wee A - Aurora 4 - Jordan Torres 2G, Stewart Gable 1G, Mark Kalmisto 1G, Thomas Kostoff 2A, Alexander Simardone 1A, Reid Carpenter 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1A. **Orillia 2**.

Pee wee A -Bradford 4. Aurora 1 -Tristan Kuchar 1G, Jack Bryant 1A.

Pee wee A -Stouffville 4. Aurora 2 -Cameron Zinner 1G, Tristan Kuchar 1G, Colin Kostin 1A, Alistair Johnston 1A.

Pee wee A - Barrie 5. Aurora 3 -Daniel McConnell 1G, Cameron Zinner 2G, Evan Cherubini 1A, Jack Bryant 1A, Colin Kostin 1A.

Pee wee AE - Aurora 3 -Brendin Ramsay 2G, Jeffrey McKay 1G, Nick Sansalone 1A, Nick Pearce 1A. **Stouffville 1**.

Pee wee AE - Markham 1. Aurora 0.

M Bantam AA - Aurora 4 - Eddie Duffy 1G, Nick Papousek 1G, Jack Ellison 1G, David O'Connor 1A, Andrew Klinowski 1A, Chris Klinowski 1G 1A. **Markham 1**.

Bantam AA - Aurora 2 - Ryan Manson, shutout, Konner McMillan 1G 1A, Spencer Green 1G, John MacDonald 2A, Connor Cowl 1A. **Burlington Eagles 0**.

Bantam AA - Aurora 2 - Braddock Baalerud, shutout, Lucas Pozzebon 1G, Nick Scott 1G, Jordan Nanos 1A, Brett Thiessen 1A, Nic Delzotto 1A, Spencer Green 1A. **Mississauga Ice Warriors 0**.

Bantam AA - Aurora 3 John MacDonald 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1G, Nic Delzotto 1G 2A, Konner McMillan 1A, Quentin Campbell 1A. **Buffalo Saints 2**.

Bantam AA - Aurora 4 - John MacDonald 2G, Spencer Green 1G 1A, Nick Scott 1G, Tait Snedden 1A. **Newmarket 4**.

Bantam A - Aurora 3 - Liam Beresford 1G 1A, Jack Caldwell 1G, Paul Neophytou 1G. **Innisfil 4**.

Bantam A - Aurora 9 - Austin Persaud 2G 1A, Zac Cowl 2G, Graham Robinson 1G 2A, Paul Neophytou 1G 1A, Shadoo Storm 1G, Robert Stokes 1G, Liam Beresford 1G, Alec Ground 2A, Harrison Smith 1A, Jack Caldwell 1A. **Markham 1**.

Bantam A - Aurora 3 - Graham Robinson 1G, Liam Coll 1G, Shadoo Storm 1G, Erik Balkovec 3A, Austin Persaud 1A. **Nobleking 3**.

Bantam AE - Beeton 4. Aurora 2 - Joel Gouveia 1G, Ryan McGolrick 1G, Scott Kostin 1A, Robert Doswell 1A.

M Midget A - Aurora 9 - Andrew McDonald 1G 2A, Eric Damecour 1G 2A Liam Killops 3G, Hayden Trask 1G 2A, Matthew Pryse 3G 1A, Conor Fennell 3A, Evan Romano 1A, Liam MacKichan 2A, Braden Casselden 1A, Conner Rowntree, shutout. **Richmond Hill 0**.

M Midget A - Aurora 6 - Hayden Trask 3G 1A, Matthew Pryse 1G 2A, Eric Archibald 1G, Quincy Ing 1G, Eric Damecour 3A, Ryan Baskin 1A, Colton Lee 1A, Liam MacKichan 1A, Ethan Slimkowich, shutout. **Markham 0**.

M Midget A - Aurora 4 - Quincy Ing 1G 1A, Hayden Trask 2G, Eric Archibald 1G 1A, Matthew Pryse 1A, Eric Damecour 1A, Ethan Slimkowich, shutout. **Toronto Penguins 0**.

Midget A - Kitchener 3. Aurora 2 - Liam Killops 1G, Hayden Trask 1G, Conor Fennell 1A, Andrew McDonald 1A.

M Midget A - London 1. Aurora 0.

M Midget A - Aurora 11 - Conor Fennell 3G 2A, Eric Archibald 1G, Liam Killops 2G 2A, Eric Damecour 1G 1A, Matthew Pryse 2G 2A, Quincy Ing 2G 1A, Evan Romano 1A, Andrew McDonald 3A, Liam MacKichan 1A, Conner Rowntree, shutout. **Innisfil 0**.

M Midget AE - Aurora 5 - Connor Moody 1G, Matthew Reeves 1G 1A, Daniel Jones 1G 1A, Kyle Fedec 1G, Collin Laird 1G 1A, Peter Sandwell 1A, Casey Severini 1A, Christopher Tsianos 1A, Taylor Coveart, shutout. **Pickering 0**.



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Tigers manage a point in two games

In two games played this week, the Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey team managed only a single point although they lost both games.

Last Thursday night in Stouffville, Tigers lost in overtime to the Spirit 7-6 then on Sunday went down to a 6-3 loss at the hands of the Orangeville Flyers.

Thursday, backed by two shorthanded goals and a strong offense, the Aurora Tigers led hometown Stouffville by a score of 6-3 after 40 minutes of play.

The story in the third period however was much different as the Spirit threw 21 shots on goal and managed to tie the score at six to force overtime.

With less than two minutes remaining in the extra frame, Tyler Ferry blasted home a shot to give the Spirit a 7-6 victory.

Jordan Gidaro was outstanding in leading the Aurora offence with three goals and two assists, while Sloan Stewart scored a pair.

Daniel Lisi notched a single and Jordan Reed pitched in with three assists.

Michael Mitchell stopped 44 of 51 shots - several from point blank range - and can take comfort in the fact that his effort helped Aurora

earn a point in the standings.

Sunday, before 127 fans, Aurora tried to make a comeback in the final 20 minutes of play, but it was a case of too little, too late.

By the time the third period got around, Aurora trailed Orangeville 6-1.

The results kept the Tigers in fifth place in the north division of the league, but Orangeville crept a little closer, being in sixth place.

Sunday's game was a chippy, physical contest and the two teams combined for a total of 104 minutes in penalties.

Scoring for the Tigers were Ryan Johnson, Sloan Stewart and Jarrett Fennell.

The two teams square off again next Saturday night in Orangeville, but first, Aurora will host the Stouffville Spirit Friday night at the Community Centre.

Game time is 7.30 p.m.

Next Tuesday, November 23rd, Aurora travels to Collingwood for a game against the Blackhawks.

In the scoring race, Jordan Gidaro still leads the pack, thanks to his five points in Stouffville Thursday, with 13 goals and 15 assists for 28 points, followed by Sloan Stewart who has 18

points. Tigers, to date, have nine wins and 10 losses.

STOUFFVILLE 7 AURORA 6

First period

S - Declan Gunovski (Stephenson, Caggiula) 7.18

S - Drake Caggiula (Savory) 9.47

A - Jordan Gidaro (Reed) 10.32

A - Jordan Gidaro (Lisi, Reed) 15.39

Second Period

A - Daniel Lisi (Gidaro, Priestap) PP 7.09

A - Sloan Stewart (Gidaro) SH 8.57

S - Kyle McLaughlin (Ferry, Porter) 15.53

A - Sloan Stewart (Secco, Moody) 17.46

A - Jordan Gidaro (Reed) SH 19.10

Third Period

S - Chris Porter (McLaughlin, Ferry) PP 1.57

S - Drake Caggiula (Finch, Stephenson) PP 6.20

S - Matt Neal (Doyle, Finch) 11.24

Overtime

S - Tyler Ferry (Caradonna, Geiger) 3.24

ORANGEVILLE 6 AURORA 3

First Period

O - Chris Draper (Beckett) 2.15

O - Nicholas Vassos (Yorke, Birkhoff) PP 5.48

A - Ryan Johnson

(MacPherson, Priestap) (Yorke, Sardella) SH 8.20

O - Zach Pilote (Britton)

O - Nicholas Vassos (Fasano) 0.56

O - Nicholas Vassos (Moody) 13.24

Second Period

O - Michael Sardella (Gidaro) 9.41

O - Nicholas Vassos (Moody) 13.24

Third Period

A - Sloan Stewart (Gidaro) 9.41

A - Jarrett Fennell (Moody) 13.24



Kim Downs, the chair of the Aurora Hockey Parents' Auxiliary, left, was on hand last week to help present a fundraising cheque in the amount of \$6,000 to assist Thalia Avgousti, 8, right, on Thalia's Journey overseas for an operation to help with a procedure in Germany known as stem cell therapy which may cure her cerebral palsy. The money was raised from a minor hockey Home and Home weekend against Newmarket. Also taking part in the presentation at the Aurora Community Centre were Thalia's mother, Flory, second from left, and Aurora Minor Hockey Association president Joe Bentolila.

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Master Ducks team offers cycle training

The Aurora Master Ducks Triathlon Team has joined forces with Aurora's DryICE Training Centre to offer cycling training.

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The Aurora Ducks team is a local triathlon club that started out by offering swim training to its members, but has expanded into run and bike programs.

With DryICE, the Ducks will host beginner, intermediate and advanced Indoor Cycling training programs with experienced coaches, focused on Triathlon and Endurance cycling.

"Tailspin" programs run from November through to the end of April.

For now, classes are available Saturday mornings, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Options of other days and times will be added as demand grows.

There will be an open

house this Saturday, November 20th from 11 a.m. until noon.

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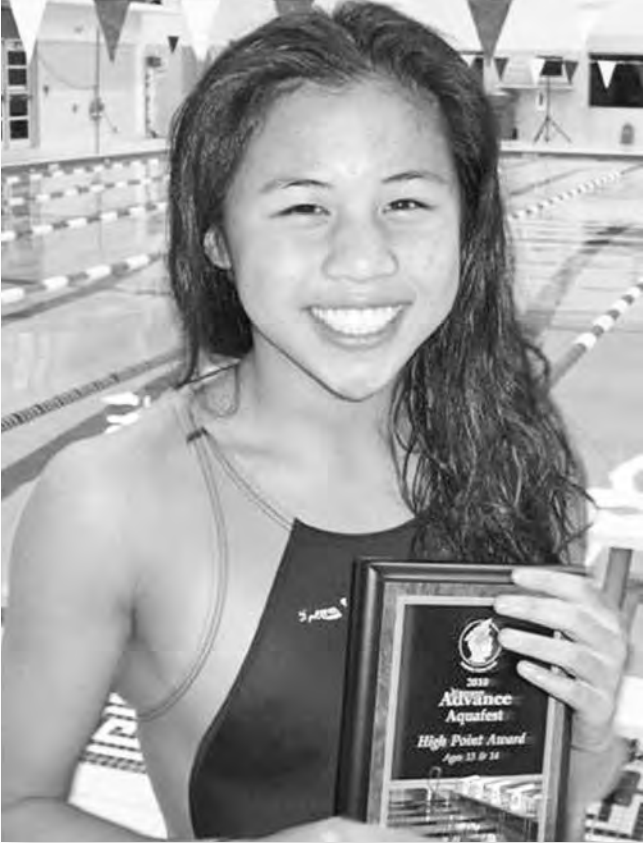
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Ducks finish second to host at swim meet

A total of 48 Ducks qualifiers voyaged north to Barrie recently and came home with a second place finish.

Ducks competed among 10 participating clubs and lost out only to the host Barrie team.

Erika Savage, 12, and Samantha Kaczor, 12, tied for high point honours and are sharing the plaque awarded.

Kimberly Phan, 14, also

won the high point award for her category.

Ducks won 26 events, were second in 19 events, and third in 18 events.

This was the team's first "Heats & Finals" meet of the year and all swimmers handled the format extremely well, with 207 "personal bests", out of 277 total swims.

Team support and enthusiasm grew throughout the meet and all seemed to

have fun along with swimming fast.

This is the second outstanding meet this season and coach Reg Chappell attributes the success to his coaching staff, Sam Montgomery, Nick Rottmann, Jana Brooke-Grey, Kelly Hughes, Andrea James and Christine Van Dalen.

According to Reg, the atmosphere developed by the coaches was outstand-

ing as the swimmers cheered and encouraged each other.

Some of the outstanding top performances included Maxwell Jones, one 3rd place; Grace Harris, one second place and two 3rd places; Noah Clarke, two 1st places, two 2nd places, one 3rd place; Erika Savage, three 1st places, four 2nd places, one 3rd place; Samantha Kaczor, four 1st places, one 2nd place, two third places; Nicholas Clarke, one 3rd place; Jack Dancy, one 2nd place; Victoria Wicks, two 1st places; Stephen Wang, two 1st places, two 2nd places; Kimberly Phan seven 1st places; Nicole Roberts, two 1st places, one 2nd place; Cassie Beach one 2nd place, three 3rd places; Sarah Shum, one 2nd place; Alexandra Krawczuk, one 3rd place; Elizabeth Clark, three 2nd places; Jennifer Ackerman one 3rd place; Paul Wong, two 1st places, one 2nd place, four 3rd places; Eric Lane, one 2nd place; and Summer Mortimer, two 1st places, one 3rd place.

Dean named to Disability Hall of Fame in Toronto

An Aurora man found himself in good company last week.

Alan Dean was inducted into the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame at a luncheon in Toronto Wednesday.

He joins well known athletes like Man In Motion Rick Hansen and swimmer Vicki Keith Munro.

Mr. Dean was one of four people inducted into the Hall of Fame last week.

The Hall of Fame is located on the ground floor of Metro Hall, 55 John Street in Toronto.

An avid soccer player, Mr. Dean was in his 30s, when he broke his leg during an Aurora soccer practice one Sunday afternoon.

He was eventually taken from Newmarket to a Toronto hospital, where the leg was set in a cast.

However, a laceration that was not tended to became

infected, and as a result, Mr. Dean lost his leg just below the knee.

Featured in the Fall Edition of the magazine "Why Not", Mr. Dean's photo appears on the cover with three others who were also inducted last week.

The event took place at the Royal York Hotel and was emceed by former Toronto mayor and chairperson of the Disability Hall of Fame David Crombie.

Polo for Heart raises record \$

Canada's largest charity polo tournament, PACE Polo For Heart raised a record \$240,000 in 2010 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario and Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation, The Auroran has learned.

Organizers, volunteers and sponsors gathered at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair recently to celebrate their success and to make the official cheque presentations.

The celebration included a highly publicized game of "Horse Hockey" involving PACE Polo For Heart riders and NHL legends Darryl Sittler, Rick Vaive, Brad Marsh and Mark Napier held as part of the Royal Horse Show.

Following the 7-7 tied game, which delighted the crowd, all four ex-NHLers joined 150 PACE Polo For Heart supporters for the cheque presentations.

CEO David Sculthorpe accepted \$120,000 on behalf of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation Director Gayani Weerasignhe accepted \$120,000 on behalf of Newmarket's Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation where the funds

will help purchase state-of-the-art equipment for the Regional Cardiac Care Centre.

Following the cheque presentations Mr. Sculthorpe presented Heart and Stroke's prestigious Heart & Soul Team Award for Volunteer Service.

Accepting the award were Cliff Sifton, Sheila Clark, Derek Watchorn, Karen White and Ellen Reeves.

The award is given to a volunteer team that has demonstrated loyalty and commitment to the Heart and Stroke Foundation and contributed to the success of the Foundation's community-based programs and activities.

PACE Polo For Heart is a three-day charity tournament and family festival.

World-class polo, traditional champagne divot stomps, tents and tables and best hat and picnic contests highlight the popular event held on the third weekend of June each year at the Gormley Polo Centre just south of Aurora.

Polo For Heart has raised more than \$5 million for heart and stroke related charities since 1978.

The 32nd annual PACE Polo For Heart takes place June 17, 18 and 19, 2011.

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Barbarians repeat as McCormick Cup champs

The Aurora Barbarians Rugby Club defeated the Oakville Crusaders 19-17 at Fletcher's Fields last week to repeat as the Ontario Senior Men's Cup Champions.

The competition, now in its 60th year, comprises clubs from across Ontario and is the province's most prestigious award in the

sport of rugby.

The clash was a reprise of the 2009 final where the Barbarians also prevailed over the Crusaders by a similarly close 12-11 score.

The game began with surprisingly good field conditions and the sun shone throughout the afternoon. The match featured two contrasting styles with

the Barbarians playing an expansive game that led to an opening try just three minutes in when wing Zach Pancer took a pass from centre Andrew Ziricino and sprinted to the end zone to score.

The failed conversion put the Barbs up 5-0.

The Crusaders playing a close forwards game were

able to maul themselves into position for a chip over and score by centre Dan West just seven minutes later.

That try was also not converted.

But ten minutes after that Barbarian full back Damon McLachlan returned a kick from 60 metres stepping around

three would be Crusader tacklers on his way to the end zone.

This conversion by Pancer was good and the Barbs led 12-5.

Despite strong pressure from Crusaders just before halftime, outstanding defence by the Barbs kept the score unchanged as the sides went into the change rooms to regroup.

In the second half the Barbs went quickly back into offense mode and at 12 minutes in centre and Ontario Blues representative Steve Shortly shrugged off two tacklers to put the ball down in the end zone for an easily converted try to stretch the lead to 19-5.

But the Crusaders were clearly not done and as they had the week before clawing back from a 24-7 deficit to Balmy Beach in the semi-final, they scored a converted try at the 55 minute mark and another unconverted try just five minutes later to make the game 19-17 with

20 minutes to play. Despite deteriorating field conditions that favoured the Crusader style of forwards play, the Barbarians returned to their stifling defence and ultimately ran out the clock.

The McCormick Cup was presented to Barbarians' Captain and St. Andrews College grad Robert Carter by Ontario Rugby Union president Allen Piggott who praised the club's organization for its fifth consecutive appearance in the grand finale and on winning in three of the last four years.

He also cited the appropriateness of the Barbs, an original six club dating back to 1950, winning in the 60th year of the Cup competition.

Barbarians' flanker Nolan Ott who returned to play this match after a four-week absence due to a shoulder injury was named Man-of-the-Match for his brilliant play both offensively and defensively.



Panthers win gold medal in Waterloo tournament

The Panthers Atom BB girl's hockey team won the gold medal recently at the Waterloo Ravens 2010 Fall Challenge.

The girls took to the ice and in the first round won two games and tied one putting them in first place going into the semi finals.

They then faced the Whitby Wolves for a second time and won 3-1.

The final game was a nail biter to the finish with the Panthers winning 1-0 in regulation time against the Waterloo Ravens.

Leading the scoring charge was Emily Gianias with three goals and an assist; Jessica Waddell, with two goals and an assist; and Vanessa Carriere and Kayla Law-Heese each with one goal and an assist.

Nicki Rice scored the winning goal in the final game.

Forwards Kennedy MacAlpine led with three assists followed by Serene Falzone and Katie Locke with one assist each.

Emma Barber assisted by staying tough on the boards winning battles to keep the puck in the offensive zone for scoring chances.

Teamwork prevailed with the girls and they continued to dig deep and keep up the pressure in all five low scoring games.

The defense pairs Emily Fletcher and Emily Brinovec; Nicole Staz and Hailey Albert; and Nikki Graham with Megan Schmitt played tirelessly in clearing the puck out of danger in Aurora's end.

The two goalies, Allison McLoughlin and Madison Oakes, played well making game changing saves and shutting out Whitby and Waterloo.

Madison Oakes won the MVP award.

Coaching the team are Paul Waddell, Greg Graham and Mark MacAlpine.

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By BRIAN WARBURTON

Bazaar is ready for November 20

The Seniors' Centre Bazaar takes place Saturday, November 20th, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., and as always, a big turnout of shoppers is expected.

More than 30 private vendors are expected to offer their unique and individual merchandise at the Bazaar, together with the offerings of the talented ASA crafters and artists.

The ASA group will offer sewing and knitting goods, the wood shop will offer carvings and other woodworkings and baked goods and lunchroom treats will be available.

The Budget Bistro is in full operation on each Wednesday between noon and 1 p.m.

The meal consists of soup and sandwich, coffee or tea and dessert for \$4.

A fashionably dressed, sell out audience was enchanted by the recent Dress to Impress Fashion Show at the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) when fellow seniors paraded the runway displaying fine fashions.

Members of the Seniors' Centre, attired fashionably by professionals, portrayed stylish apparel in the latest fall fashions.

Sashaying along the runway in the West/McKenzie Hall, the models attired in one garment after another, paraded a variety of beautiful arranged attire for men and women, to an appreciative audience.

The audience was comprised largely of members of the Seniors' Centre, and all paid close attention to the array of truly appealing fashions on display, leaving no doubt of their passionate interest in how seniors can appear, when dressed fashionably.

The performance of the models, all seniors from the ASA, was remarkable for coolness and well-prepared presentations.

They were required to walk the runway with a combination of class, elegance and confidence with short pauses to display garments, followed by a turn at the runway end, sometimes accompanied by removing an outer garment and casually draping it over a shoulder, making the sequence of events appear informal and relaxed.

All models executed the movements excellently, accompanied by commentary from Rozlin Laber whose gaiety of mood was

apparent in her voice.

Angus MacKenzie filled in short interludes with his wit, as dress preparation for models required extra time, and Angus caught off guard a tad, while claiming he had nothing to say filled the interludes brilliantly, while saying it.

The pleasing quality and style of the garments displayed would enhance the wardrobes of everyone present and served to make everybody feel good about beautiful clothing.

The models, both men and women, communicated wonderful poise and serenity modeling the finery of the season in the West McKenzie Hall to so many good friends, and created a good impression for fine fashions.

While ills afflict other parts of the world, the Aurora Seniors live in a wealthy society endowed with the additional good living that a spirited Seniors' Centre offers, and on this Sunday afternoon, the fashionable segment of a good life played out before senior eyes, firing imaginations capable of extravaganzas that would impress any age group.

The Fashion Show lifted everybody's spirit with as much capability as an incoming tide lifts all boats.

Models included Alma Durkin, Carol Hedenberg, Donna Chianelli, Dorothy Broad, Grace Rock, Kaye Morrison, Lorraine Worral, Lucelle Starkey, Mahi Akhavan, Marie Leone, Minoo Sedighi, Sylvia Neal, Virginia Bodnar, Charles Sequeira, Derek

Murray, Frank Leone, Jim Edwards and Joe Durkin.

Sponsors included Creative Colours, Gastromia Toscana Bakery, Giampierre's Beauty Centre, Oak Ridge Outfitters, Reitman's, The One & Only, and The Touch of Beauty all located in Aurora, M.R. Wardrobe in Newmarket and Laura, Upper Canada Mall.

ASA member, Larry Taylor, approached Carlos Veloso, manager of Home Depot, Aurora, about supplies and their business conversation resulted in a donation of a used kitchen display unit to the Seniors' Centre.

The unit now stands in the Centre facing the Front Counter, and fits into the surroundings neatly, where it will serve coffee, tea and light refreshments.

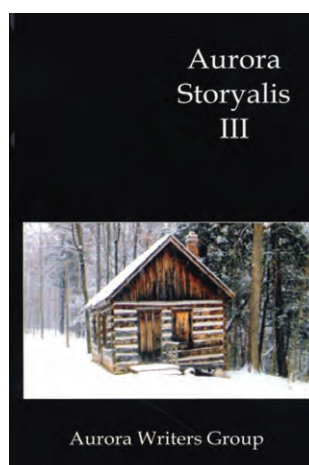
Carlos paid a visit to the Centre to look at the space available and determine first hand what was required, subsequently replacing the counter top, installing doors and shelves inside the cabinet on castors for mobility to other locations in the centre, as required.

Remembrance Day on November 11th commemorated the memory of all who fell in battle, with a service in the ASA lounge with about 50 members in attendance.

A march to the Cenotaph culminated with a ceremony attended by a large crowd, to honour warriors who fell in battle defending civilization around the world, honouring those who did not return home.

Review

Aurora Storyalis III - new voices rising up



By RICHARD TODD
Special to The Auroran

In the ever-evolving world of Canadian publishing, the number of unheard-of authors is vastly greater than the number of those represented in your local bookstore.

In my travels I have come across great writers that deserve to be recognized and congratulated on their painstaking efforts to express themselves on paper.

Such is the case with the Aurora Writers Group who, for the third time, has compiled the best of its members' work into a collection of short stories and poems called, appropriate-

ly enough, Aurora Storyalis III.

Fourteen local authors in total contributed one or more pieces to this edition of the Storyalis, each one a personal study in the human experience.

More than one story touched on the fragility of human life and the sorrow of loss but not in the obviously melancholic way one would expect.

Rather, sorrow is underscored by a subtle celebration of what was once held instead of what was lost.

The stories are written in digestible chunks featuring characters the reader learns to care about in the brief time allotted.

I was pleasantly surprised at the breadth of conflict the main protagonists faced.

Some found redemption in coming to terms with a lost love or lost innocence.

Others used the power of hope to conjure up their wishes into physical form.

Still others discovered healing through helping others less fortunate.

No matter the situation, all learned something

about themselves and the world around them, a lesson to take beyond the bounds of the story and into the lap of the reader.

The poetry pieces range from the absurdly humorous to the thoughtfully observant.

They are composed without pretension, but rather in an accessible manner that enhances the reader's enjoyment.

Best of all, there is a distinct Canadian feel to the overall collection.

The experience of overcoming adversity against all odds, which defines us as Canadians, is greatly represented in this volume.

In fact, that the three volumes of Aurora Storyalis even exist pays homage to that hard-nosed facet of what it takes to be Canadian.

When people work together, amazing things can happen.

The book is available in Aurora at Aurora Used Books, 95 Edward Street, 905-727-3300.

Richard Todd is a local author and novelist. Visit him online at www.richard-todd.com.



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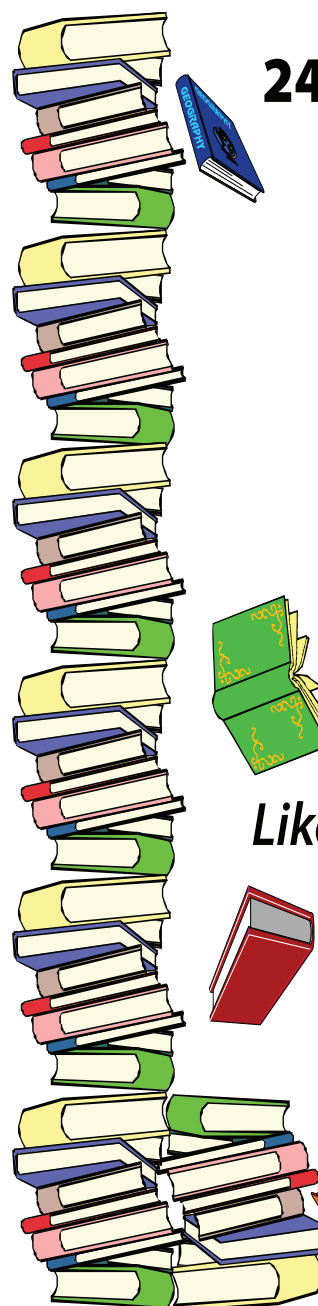
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COMING EVENTS

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DECEMBER 1 TO 5

The play "Annie" by Aurora's Marquee Theatrical Productions will take place at the Newmarket Theatre on the above dates. Tickets to the show make good holiday gifts for children, parents, grandparents, and friends. And you can also bring joy to a child in south or central York Region. Marquee is partnering with the Salvation Army this year so audience members will be able to drop off their new toy donation in either theatre lobby. Items for 12-to-16-year-olds are especially needed, but any gift is appreciated. The show may be seen Dec. 1 to 4 at 7.30 p.m. and Dec. 4 and 5 at 2 p.m. For tickets, call 905-953-5122, or order online at www.newtix.ca

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School holds its Winter Concert at the school.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Join the York Highlands Chorus for an A Cappella Holiday Experience 4 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 484 Water St., Newmarket, with shows at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and a portion of proceeds to will be donated to local food banks. For more information contact Karen at 905-726-2113 or by email at cheryl-aciuk@rogers.com

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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Come sing your favourite songs of the season at the Aurora Cultural Centre from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Building is wheelchair accessible at the north entrance. For further information call 905-713-1818 or email info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Aurora Seniors' Centre invites everyone to a Christmas dinner and theatre event, with doors opening at 5 p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m. Also on hand will be the Dickens Committee who will perform the CBC1 radio script of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for members, and \$30 for non-members. Reservations are available, and tickets are on sale until Monday November 22 at 4.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Aurora's famous Hillary House will be the scene of a Family Christmas. Hillary House will be decorated by members of the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society. The fires will glow in the fireplace, the smell of mulled cider will fill the air and the sound of familiar carols will be heard. There will be crafts for children, refreshments and maybe even a visit from Santa Claus. Hillary House is on the west side of Yonge Street, south of Aurora Heights Drive.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony takes place from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. at the Aurora Town Hall.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

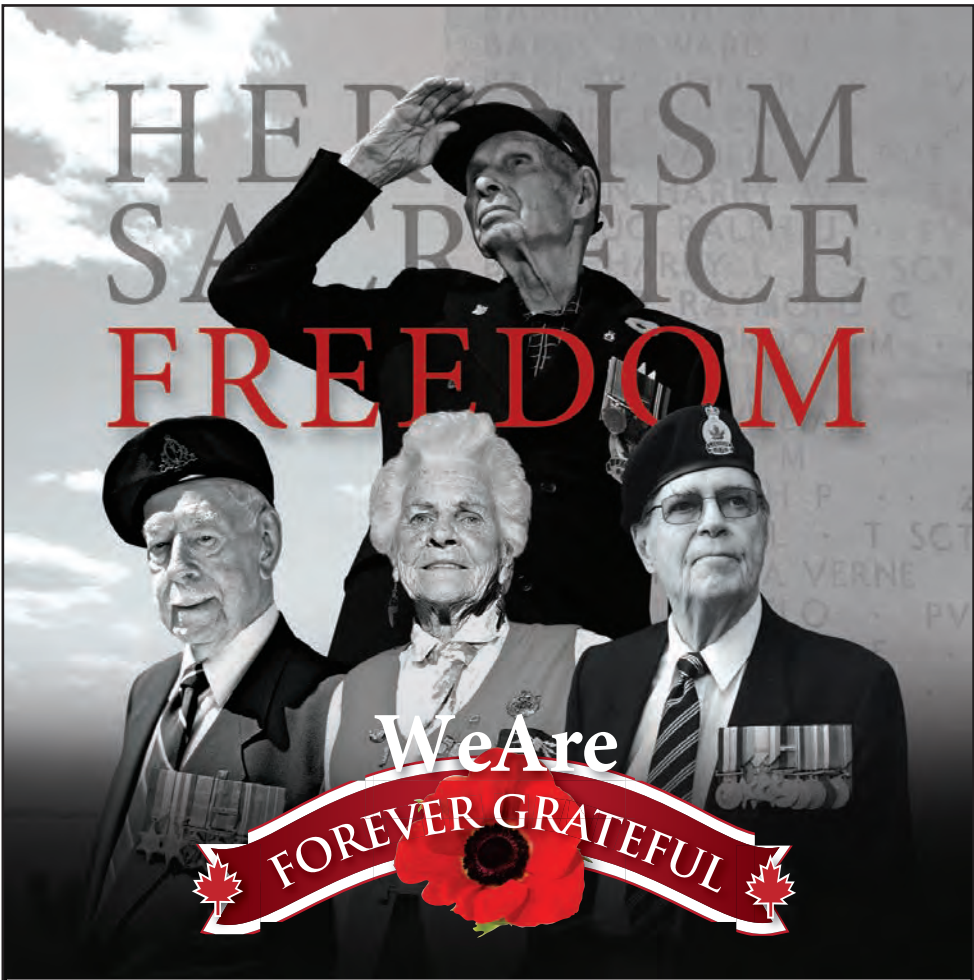
At 7.30 p.m. join the festivities at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, 5 Municipal Drive, as the Evergreen Choir, under the direction of Richard Heinzle, presents "A Joyous Sound". Tickets are adults \$5, children, 14 and under, free. Tickets are available at the Seniors' Centre or at the door. Refreshments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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

The Rotary Club of Aurora's holiday celebration and volunteer appreciation evening will be held tonight at the Wellington Gallery from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Robbie Burns night at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North, features a live celtic-rock band, Hadrian's Wall. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets, available from all members of the White Heather Pipes and Drums band or from the bar at the Legion starting Dec. 1, are \$40 per person.



HONOUR BOOK LAUNCH

Chartwell Seniors Housing is proud to launch "HONOUR", a new book commemorating Canada's WWII veterans and those who supported the war effort. With images taken by world-renowned photographer Yuri Dojc, this book captures the unique and compelling stories of approximately 35 quiet heroes living in Chartwell homes across Canada.

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