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## Three swim clubs united in allocation

Everyone into the pool!  
That seems to be the consensus of the town's three competitive swim clubs, who now appear united in finding a solution to the ongoing pool allocation issue.  
At Tuesday's Aurora Council meeting representatives from Ducks Swimming, The Master

Ducks and the Aurora Selkies, were all scheduled to speak.  
Instead, David LeClair stood up in front of dozens of members on hand from each club.  
He told council he had met with Swim Ontario and representatives of each of the swim clubs. Speaking on their behalf,

he wanted to advise council that the groups were now working together to come to a mutual resolution to the issue.  
This was a far cry from the discussions to date on this subject, in which the Selkies, the newest swim club in town, have  
**Please see page 12**

## School agreement signed

Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris; members of the Church Street School Cultural Centre Board of Directors; Neil Garbe, Town CAO; and key staff members were on hand for the official signing of the Church Street School Cultural Centre service agreement and lease last week.  
The service agreement signed by the Town and the Board of Directors officially provides the Church Street School Cultural Centre Board with the authority to operate the Centre on behalf of the Town of Aurora.

While the Town remains property owner and will provide an annual operating budget through the provisions of the agreement, the Board, now an official not-for-profit corporate entity with charitable status, will be responsible for the full management and operation of the Centre.  
The newly formed Board of Directors will follow objectives developed by the Town and the Centre, as a means for fulfilling the Centre's primary purpose as set out in the agreement; "to provide guidance for the development and

provision of cultural activities and services to give recognition to the importance of cultural opportunities within the Town of Aurora and the contribution that culture makes to the quality of community life, and to provide a framework within which it can be achieved with order, consistency and consultation."  
First order of business for the new school will be the induction of the new Board of Directors of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.  
That event is slated for Thursday, June 25 at 5.30 p.m.



A lawn sale on the property of historic Hillary House on Yonge Street in Aurora, brought in more than \$600 Saturday. Participating in the event are, left to right, Kathy Mark, Evelyn Stickwood and Allison Petts.  
*Auroran photo by David Falconer*



Preparing for Aurora's annual Canada Day celebrations are Samantha McCormick, left and Nadia Grande. Several events are planned for the July First party, including a parade on Yonge Street at 10 a.m.  
*Auroran photo by David Falconer*

### Briefly

#### Opera serenade

Aurora Performing Arts Group presents Aurora's only candlelit summer opera serenade at the Wellington Gallery featuring the leading singers from the Aurora Opera Company.  
The event takes place at the Wellington Street gallery, just west of Yonge Street, on July 31st beginning at 8 p.m.  
To receive an invitation contact keepsinging@look.ca.  
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More than 150 people showed up Saturday night at the Aurora Legion to honor impersonator Randy Skelcher. During the evening, Skelcher, left photo, played drums for Newmarket band Jimmy Kincaid and the Smokin' Guns. Elvis impersonator, Dave Robinson, right photo, from Oak Ridges was one of the highlights of the event.

*Auroran photos by Ron Wallace*

## Town's committees need to have 50% elected members on them, councillor argues

Should the town's various advisory and ad hoc committees contain more citizens than elected members?

That ended up being the debate at Aurora Council last week, based on Councillor Evelyn Buck's motion that staff advise on bringing Aurora's committees in line with government regulations.

Her argument was that according to the section she quoted from the Municipal

Code at least 50 per cent of a committee's members must be from a council or local board.

Since many of Aurora's committees contained a greater proportion of unelected members, she therefore felt the town was not in compliance with the regulations.

However, the debate ended up being pretty one-sided, as most members accepted the advice of Town Solicitor Christopher Cooper.

He said that the Act didn't state that committees must have 50 per cent elected officials, just that when they do, certain sections of the Act would apply to them.

He noted that in his considered opinion, the municipality was in line with the Act.

Councillor Buck argued that the public elected politicians to make decisions on their behalf.

She was very much against giving non-elected people a greater share of authority, and strongly disagreed with Mr. Cooper's opinion.

But she was the lone member to argue this position, as many councillors took the opportunity to say

how important the town's volunteer committee members were, and how much they were appreciated.

As for any loss of elected authority, Councillor Al Wilson pointed out that council was not "surrendering its authority", which continued to "rest at this table".

Most of the rest of council must have agreed with this opinion, because the motion for staff to advise on this issue was soundly defeated.

As to whether Aurora's committees should have more citizen than elected representatives, that issue was left for another day.

## Bridge

**Monday, June 1st** - N/S: Mary Oglanby and Frank Lablans; Audrey Robertson and Ev Dickie; Isobel Garrett and Carole Bell. E/W: Pat and Al Blois; Don Newman and Murray Sinclair; Inger Kamel and Priscilla Hull.

**Monday, June 8th** - N/S: Eva Guttman and Sheldon Fast; Ada and Terry Robertson; Larry McGrath and Bernie O'Brien. E/W: Kay Hack and Gloria Smith; Inger Kamel and Mary Oglanby; Suzanne Nunn and Shirley Laurin.

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## Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

# Gas prices back to a buck again

As of Friday, a story on the internet noted that crude oil futures dropped below \$72 a barrel, erasing three days of gains, as the dollar rebounded.

Light, sweet crude oil for July delivery recently traded at \$1.30, or 1.8 per cent lower at \$71.38 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, sliding to an intra-day low of \$70.80.

Crude settled at \$72.68 Thursday, the highest level since Oct. 20.

Begs the question: how come gas topped the \$1 a litre mark at most Aurora pumps Friday?

Gas hasn't been that expensive since last October when it was up well over the buck mark.

Then it dropped way down, and suddenly, I could afford to drive a car again.

Hey, I remember when gas was 43 cents A GALLON!! True, that was a few years ago.

That would work out to about a dime a litre.

Now it's back to the buck mark.

Saturday, the price was \$1.01 a litre.

Some get on my case for using a car at all, but when they provide transit service from my dead end street to my office (five kilometres or three miles, so I ain't walking, either) then I'll consider that, as well.

However, buses use gas, too, don't they?

Someone is making a lot of money here, and it ain't me.

### THE BEAR

I was on my way to Ottawa when I got the phone call about a bear wandering around the streets of Aurora recently.

The Ottawa trip, by the way, got cancelled when I arrived in Port Perry. Thankfully, there's a casino there so I was able to get over it with little or no pain. But that's another story.

What amazed me, listening to the radio, was the amount of misinformation being thrown around by various radio stations.

One had the bear at the corner of Mark and Wellington.

Pretty tough, since both streets run in the same direction.

One kept saying how "dangerously" close the bear was to the GO Station. Not.

This urge to be first rather than right really bothers me, but we're not much better, I guess.

The Auroran said it was in a tree in the Wellington-Wells area, which was closer to the truth, but most reports I heard after that was the bear was in the Wellington-Larmont area, a block east of Wells Street.

Norm Weller and David Peirce, both residents of Larmont Street, reported seeing the bear cross the street before heading for the tree.

The 200-pound "youngster" has been named the "Wellington Bear" but I like the name "Yogi" better.

### SYMPATHIES

The Auroran staff joins with hundreds of others to offer sympathies to Wendy Browne, whose husband, Nick, died at home last week.

The shock of his death still reverberates through the community.

More than 300 people were on hand at the Aurora Legion Friday as a special service celebrated the life of the 53-year-old.

Led by Captain Brian Bishop and Ken White, the Legion provided a full dress uniform service for Nick, and attendees heard heart-felt words from friends Glen Haywood, James Warring and Steve Renaud.

### Letter to the Editor

## Stop fighting, resident asks Aurora Council

To the editor,

Message from a constituent.

I am always disgusted that politicians' entire platforms are spent attacking other politicians, and I hope others in the silent majority agree with me.

At the federal level, it runs rampant, even at non-election times, wasting my money.

I have a message for our past and present council:

I want to hear the good things that you have done, are doing, and are working to do.

Remember the old saying (well, maybe I just made it up): "What we don't know won't hurt you."

Bill Hack  
Aurora



The senior volleyball team from Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School looked like this in 1961. They are, front row, left to right, Heather Loblaw, Maureen Rubin, Katherine Richardson, Penny Parmenter, Val Patterson and Carolyn Carlton. In the back row, left to right, are Dawn Harrison, Ruth Agar, Mary Baldwin, Cathy Coon, Barb Bolsby (captain), Pam Ferguson and Marg Cook (manager).

### Letters to the Editor

# Volunteers are valuable

To the editor,

It is unfortunate when a disagreement is dragged into a public forum and begins to distract everyone from the essential service volunteers, whether it be the responsibilities of a councillor or the chair for a special event committee, perform in our community.

I would venture to say that most of us truly underestimate the impor-

tance of volunteers and their tireless dedication to tasks we can never afford to pay them to complete.

These are individuals who give of their time, energy and usually make many personal sacrifices to keep things moving smoothly.

Compound this with the current economic down swing and its repercussions on organizations both large and small.

More than ever we need to push aside these

differences, regroup and focus on what is truly important - the unselfish act of giving of one's time without pay or fanfare.

Personally, I would like to acknowledge our volunteers who are determined to make this year's DOVE 2009 (Determined to Oppose Violence Everywhere - laxdove.ca) campaign a huge success. Whether it is the volunteers assisting with the registration and co-ordination of those individuals who travelled from across the country to play in the 37-hour charity lacrosse game or those who have donated items for our silent auction or assisting with our family fun fair, our success is directly related to the community's support.

In fact, the Canadian

Centre for Abuse Awareness & Spirit of the Stick will be sending their own team of volunteers to lend a hand and to inform the public of their efforts to reach out to those in need.

We applaud those individuals who give of their time to make the world a better place!

It is our hope that with co-operation, tireless effort and understanding, the need to raise money to battle the effects of violence, abuse and hopelessness will some day not be required.

This day will not come soon enough for us!

James Zacher  
Aurora Masters  
Lacrosse President  
DOVE 2009 Executive  
Member

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To the editor,

I'm a huge believer in supporting the local businesses.

I always have been but this year it seems some of the local businesses (or maybe not so local) are taking their advertising practices a step too far.

To name just a couple, why would I support my local handyman when he advertises on a newly boarded up lot at Yonge and Tyler with a spray paint can?

Why would I support a roofing company that

hangs signs 12 feet up on all sorts of local hydro or light posts?

If you want to advertise your service or company, peg a sign on the lawn of your customers, use the newspapers or distribute flyers.

If your quality is there our word of mouth will keep you busy.

Don't leave eye pollution plastered all over our public domain.

I, for one, will not support you.

Ray Arcand  
Aurora

## Scholarship winner offers her thanks

To the editor,

My name is Nicole Leroux and I was the recipient of the TD Canada Trust Scholarship.

I just wanted to take the time to thank your newspaper for printing an article about the scholarship and the work that I had been doing in the community.

I very much appreciate the wonderful article you have written.

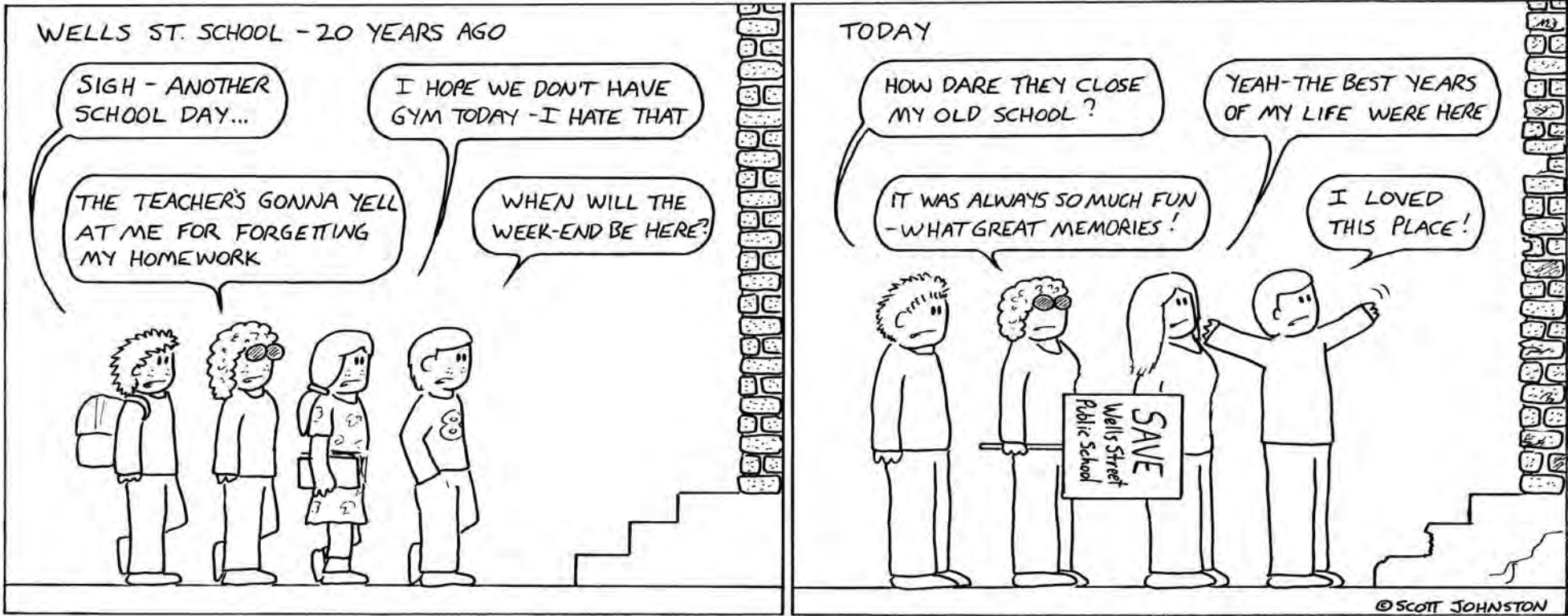
The initiative to raise funds to support the town of Las Tunas and provide them with

water would not have been possible without your coverage and support, the support of Robert Hart; the principal of Aurora High School, the students and staff of Aurora High School, Manuele Mizzi (A Little Night Music), and the support of the good people of Aurora.

I wanted to thank everyone for their support and contributing to making this initiative a reality.

Nicole Leroux  
Aurora





## Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Due to a recent Toronto Star article I am returning to a topic that I first wrote about more than two years ago.

Roy Romanow, former premier of Saskatchewan and former commissioner on the future of Health in Canada, is the founding chair of the Institute of Wellbeing.

A couple of years ago he began an ambitious project, called the Canadian Index of Wellbeing, or CIW.

The headline of the Star column at the time was "Measuring what counts to society" and the article was about "the need for a more holistic way to measure societal progress - one that accounts for more than just economic indicators such as the Gross Domestic Product and takes into account the full range of societal, environmental and economic concerns of citizens".

While we have a long established set of narrow economic indicators, the article pointed out, "we haven't had a clear, coherent and compelling alternative to balance the dominance of economic measures".

While still very much a work in progress, the CIW seeks to "chart and report on how our lives are getting better or worse - in areas that matter to us: health, standard of living, environmental quality, the way we use our time, education and skill levels, the vitality of our communities, participation in the democratic process, the state of our arts and culture".

I further wrote at the time that it is an interesting concept and one that I believe should be investigated further.

Well, two years have passed and Mr. Romanov has come out with his first report.

Some interesting findings as reported in the Star article: "For example, from 1981 to 2008, after-tax per capita income rose 28.8 per cent, but it rose much faster for the top income

earners than the rest of us. Over the same period, unemployment decreased slightly, but changes in Employment Insurance reduced the number of unemployed who qualified for benefits. Canadians are also getting fatter; in 1994, 12.7 per cent were obese, compared with 16 per cent in 2007.

"But there is also good news. The incidence of depression is down, somewhat. So is the national crime rate, which dropped by 30 per cent between 1991 and 2006.

"The goal is to inform and promote policy decisions that are based on solid evidence, and that will improve the quality of life for all people. The aim is not to replace GDP, but to offer a more holistic view of wellbeing."

Something similar to the CIW may be needed in Aurora.

What type of information or metrics should be included in such a document?

I suggest having performance measures in each of the following broad categories: financial, community health, individual wellness, and say, environmental sustainability.

The individual metrics under the above four categories could include things like: number of people using the food pantry, number of affordable rental housing units, percentage of children participating in community sports, percentage of voter turnout, percentage of high school kids not completing high school, number of people using the public leisure complex and public skating/public swimming, percentage of people who possess a library card and capacity utilization of the VIVA buses in Aurora.

The key is that the numbers and trends should provide us with a well-balanced view of how our community is doing.

The statistics alone certainly don't tell the whole story, but

## Measuring what counts

they are the basis upon which to begin any meaningful dialogue and real debate about whether we are meeting the priorities of this community or even if we have the right priorities in the first place.

If, for example, all the scorecard targets are met, then our community should be in good shape. However, in the event that all targets were met and the community did not seem any better off, this would signal that it's time to rethink the metrics being utilized.

The scorecard should be easy to read and to understand. It should have a number of charts and graphs, and not a lot of text.

The trends would also show how we compare against other similarly-sized communities. It should also include comparisons against Newmarket. Although Newmarket has a much larger population than Aurora, there is a commonality, based on proximity, community make-up and shared interests.

It would be nice if the folks at the Aurora Town Hall produced such a document. But it would be even better if our fellow citizens published this information. This committee could be comprised of 10 to 15 citizens, including representatives from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, various ratepayer associations, and volunteer organizations.

The Aurora Community Wellness Index (ACWI) could then be published quarterly in The Auroran.

Any measure that can be utilized to both further educate and interest our fellow citizens in improving our community should be explored.

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## Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

The Aurora councillor was just picking up his order at the local coffee shop, when he saw a colleague sitting at a table.

"Hi, Jill" (note: names changed to ensure anonymity).

"Hey, Larry." Motioning to the binder in front of her she asked, "you ready for this week's Council meeting?"

"Yeah," Larry said, taking a seat. "I haven't had a chance to look at the agenda, but let me tell you, I'm really glad the pool allocation policy has been deferred for three months. We would never have been able to make a decision that pleased everybody, and I don't think I could have handled another debate on that subject."

"Um...then I guess you really haven't read this week's agenda yet, have you?"

"No. Why? Wait," Larry said, slapping his forehead with his hand, "don't tell me the pool allocation policy is back?"

"Well, an allocation policy is back, but it's not for pools."

"What is it for? Hockey? Soccer? Baseball?"

"Teeter-totters."

Larry's eyes went wide. "Teeter-totters?! You mean like you see in playgrounds?"

"Yeah," Jill confirmed.

"You're kidding, right?" His fellow councillor shook her head in response.

"That's absurd!"

"No, apparently this is a real issue," she said, flipping to

page 253 of her binder. "You see, there's a playground that the kids in an adjacent school have been using for a long time. But a new daycare centre has opened nearby, and now those children want to play there."

"Well, why don't they both use them?"

"There are only two teeter-totters, and they're used most of the time. The two groups can't agree on sharing, so they want the town to come up with an equitable allocation policy."

"I don't think it's fair, myself," Jill continued. "Existing users shouldn't be pushed out just because a new group has come on the scene. Since the current facilities are limited, I think new users should use the off-peak hours."

"What constitutes off-peak hours in a playground?"

"According to studies done by the Parks Department," Jill replied, looking at her notes, "32 per cent of the time outside of lunch and recess is unutilized."

"The Parks Department has studied this?" asked Larry, in amazement.

"Well, they kind of had to because council asked for a report on it. I think you missed that meeting."

"Then why don't we just install some more teeter-totters?"

"They're not cheap," Jill replied, "and we have to be accountable to the taxpayers. It doesn't make economic sense to add new ones if the ones we have are not being

fully utilized."

"Maybe we could charge for peak hours, or approach the user groups to raise money to defray the costs of new ones?" Larry suggested, taking a sip from his coffee. "They could sell lemonade or something."

"Yeah, but there's no money for teeter-totters in this year's town budget, and we can't get the kids to fund the whole project. That wouldn't be fair."

"I was speaking to Councillor Hobbs," Jill continued, "and she said that we shouldn't be looking at these facilities in isolation, anyway. It's no good working on a teeter-totter allocation policy, for example, when what the town needs is something that covers all playground equipment: swings, slides, sandboxes...everything."

"A full Playground Equipment Allocation Policy, eh? That makes sense."

"I'm not sure that's the way to go, but I guess we'll discuss it at length, then send it off to staff and the Leisure Services Advisory Committee for review. But I do know one thing for sure."

"What's that?" asked Larry.

"Whatever we decide, we won't please everyone."

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Letters to the Editor

Staff shouldn't refute political decisions: reader

To the editor,

I've objected before but to no avail. The practice of inviting staff to refute points made in a political debate is fraught with potential for friction between elected and appointed officials.

Our new solicitor was invited to advise whether the Chief Administrative Officer is a statutory officer. I had made the statement in a "The Buzz Around Town" post that the job is not a statutory function. Mr. Cooper cited a regulatory clause he claims gives the CAO the status. I continue to contend it does not.

On Tuesday, during the debate on a resolution, he was asked to advise if town advisory committees conform to the intent of the Municipal Act. He said they do. I say they don't.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner referenced Mr. Cooper's nine years' experience as a municipal solicitor. I cited my 45 years' experience of practice in Town of Aurora affairs.

When the minutes of the May 12th meeting were challenged, Mr. Garbe stated he and Mr. Cooper had spent considerable time deliberating how the record should be reflected.

The Municipal Act cites

the role of the clerk to record decisions of Council "without note or comment".

Mr. Garbe and Mr. Cooper decided a "synopsis" of a non-resident's comments should replace the actual comments, despite a less than two-thirds majority vote of council directing the contrary.

Mr. Garbe and Mr. Cooper are not responsible for keeping the record. It is the statutory responsibility of the Clerk.

Mr. Cooper tried quietly to stop unsubstantiated and unfounded allegations from being presented in council in the first place. But when it suits her, the mayor is not inclined to hear anything that might deflect her from her path.

So, the situation does not improve.

On Tuesday, I presented two resolutions. Notice had been provided. The motions were in writing and circulated with the agenda in accordance with proper procedure. Everything was very orderly. That was a first. Almost as if an unseen hand was directing the play.

Except for one small issue:

The first motion dealt with make-up of advisory committees. The second was a request for a finan-

cial accounting for an annual event held for the second time at the Aurora Legion, and from the community's perspective, under the town's auspice.

I had read of a partnership, claimed by Sher St Kitts, between the July 1st Canada Day Parade and the Aurora Rotary Club.

It occurred to me, if town staff could not obtain an accounting for the event from the sub-committee, perhaps Aurora Rotary might be willing to share.

"People are asking questions," I said.

"People should come to council and ask their questions," said the mayor.

Then it was the treasurer's turn to be invited to contribute to the debate.

Mr. Elliott, sitting immediately to my right, gave a small derisory snort and responded.

"It's not my job to go knocking on the door of the Rotary Club and demand to see their accounts."

Mr. Elliot is our most recent addition to the town's almost entirely new administrative team.

Council was informed in closed session by Mr. Garbe, after having three months notice from our former treasurer, that he had made an appointment on an interim basis of a year without conducting the normal recruitment process to fill the position by competi-

tion.

Tuesday was interesting.

We had the report from the June 3rd "Emergency" meeting called by the Mayor to deal with the "The Buzz Around Town" post.

The disconnect between what actually happened on May 12th and how it appeared in Council Minutes was the subject.

Council has now decided to obtain legal advice from Baird and Werliss on how to deal with my Blog post.

John Mascarin, the lawyer who joined us at the council table to steer the debate the night the decision was made not to hold a by-election, is with that firm.

He was there also on another particularly repulsive event behind closed doors. Mr. Cooper informs us he has already been consulted by phone on this matter.

Leisure Services Director Al Downey was the last invited by the mayor to contribute to the debate and affirm his department has no connection whatsoever with the July 1st Parade sub-committee of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee.

Mr. Garbe has affirmed staff have no ability to require an accounting from the committee for proceeds derived from the July 1st Canada Day Awareness event held at the Legion in mid-March.

Mr. Elliott reported the only town funds involved were \$400 for four tickets for the mayor and three councillors to attend the event in 2008. And \$150 for six tickets for the mayor and five councillors to attend in 2009. He noted the cheque issued from the treasury for this year's tickets was returned, with direction the money be spent on flags for the parade.

Not noted was who the cheque was payable to,

who returned it and when.

The big problem now is \$10k of taxpayers' money was budgeted to pay for the July 1st Canada Day Parade after Sher St. Kitts informed council..."No money...no parade".

Ms St. Kitts is a voluntary parade organizer. With a number of other citizens, she serves on a sub-committee of the Town Leisure Services Advisory Committee, chaired by Councillor Evelina MacEachern.

The voluntary effort required for the parade, is raising sufficient funds to pay for it. With \$10k of taxpayers' money to finance it, the effort hardly qualifies as voluntary.

From what we heard on Tuesday from staff and Councillor MacEachern, (the mayor didn't say much), there is no require-

ment for that committee to obtain approval or account for any financial expenditure or tell anybody anything about the July 1st Parade.

Except come on out and PARTEEE....at your town's expense.

However, council has previously been assured, the town's procedures will be enforced to ensure expenditures are properly controlled.

For the life of me, I can't see how.

Considering complete disassociation, independence and unaccountability of that sub-committee with any part of the town's administration.

And Mr. Elliott's clear notion of what is his role and what isn't.

Evelyn Buck  
Aurora

Despicable display of ignorance, he says

To the editor,

I have never seen such a despicable display of ignorance as what happened to Councillor Evelyn Buck at a council meeting in early May.

Mayor Phyllis Morris displayed a total disregard of a town by-law and the proper procedure to file a complaint against an Aurora councillor by writing a letter with supporting evidence to the director of corporate services of the Town of Aurora.

I would not doubt someone if they told me this display was set up by the mayor and Sher St.

Kitts along with the group of five following orders.

If I were Councillor Buck I would sue Sher St. Kitts, the mayor, and the group of five for harassment and slander with the Town of Aurora paying for the legal fees.

The people who should be answering to the ethics commissioner are the mayor and the group of five.

Sher St Kitts is not living in Aurora. Good.

I would hope the mayor will be as open on the outcome of this ugly display as she was allowing a non-taxpayer of Aurora break all her rules.

A rogue council who

does what it wants regardless of the law led by the mayor.

I do not want any more dream teams in Aurora.

We have enough trouble with this council. Sher St. Kitts, go somewhere else.

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SHORTNIN BREAD		3 <sup>RD</sup> OVERALL TAP GROUP			
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Letter to the Editor

# Not the best way to support school

To the editor,

During the previous four weeks I have been approached on numerous occasions to support retention of Wells Street Public School.

On several of the occasions the proponent proceeded to attempt to castigate me for not supporting retention of the school.

That is not, in my opinion, the best method to garner support, and, in fact, detracts from what the proponent may wish to say.

Several of the proponents seem to think their opinion is the only one that matters, and I am not entitled to my opinion.

Fortunately such is not the case and although I am in strong favour of retaining historical buildings, I am not in favour of retaining nor restoring Wells Street Public School.

\* I have lived within a block of the school for more than 25 years and my wife for more than 50 years and thus we have every right to comment.

Neither my wife nor I nor any of our children attended Wells Street Public School, so I have no emotive rea-

sons for saving the school.

I have a brother-in-law who attended the school for three years, more than 50 years ago, but he has no interest in saving the school.

\* Several people have informed me the school is an historical site. Since such designation has not been passed by the Town of Aurora by way of a by-law, it could be a start to preserving at least the easterly facade which is the only architectural component of historical interest.

\* I am perturbed that a small cadre of ratepayers want to add \$10 million or so dollars to my taxes. This is of the same ilk as the "slalom" course constructed on Mark and Walton Streets for an interest group of which I am not a member, but I pay.

From all of the information printed and reported to the school board there is more than sufficient pupil spaces in Aurora, without using Wells Street Public School.

Even if no pupils are returned to Wells Street Public School opening the school for any Board of Education use, utilizes operational funds which impacts on all pupils in York Region

by lessening the amount available for other schools.

\* There is a secondary school co-op program in which students engage in military training for school credits and they gather at the Armouries every week leaving and returning, I assume from Camp Borden.

The Armouries is also an "historical site" but not the best useable facility for all the programs carried on in it.

However, if the School Board could see its way clear to sell the building to the Canadian Forces (or even donate it) it could be well used for Canadian Forces Administration; another 15 parking spaces could be obtained and quite a few more when the GO parking garage is completed; the adjacent streets and fields of the Armouries and Wells Street Public School could be utilized to better advantage.

The costs would be spread over the provincial and/or federal tax base to preserve an Aurora historical attraction, without just impacting on my educational taxes.

David Peirce  
Aurora



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Letters to the Editor

# Wells Street building needs to be a school

To the editor,

Save Wells Street Public School; not just the building, but the school, too!  
I am involved as a member of a group of concerned citizens known as CAWS

(Community Action for Wells Street), who are working hard to have Wells Street Public School remain open on its original site on Wells Street across from Town Park.  
My fellow CAWS mem-

bers and I have spoken to many people in the community, and at the CAWS booth at the Farmers' Market, who have expressed the sentiment that the school should not be torn down.  
While we couldn't agree

more, this isn't really the issue.  
Since Wells Street Public School is designated as a heritage property under the Ontario Heritage Act, it would be difficult to tear down.  
However, it is not enough that it remain standing. It needs to be used for its original purpose - as a school.

They have stated that they do not have any other plans in place for the building.  
If the school is in need of repair (and we don't dispute this) someone will be spending the money to repair it, no matter to what use it is put.  
It is hard to imagine a better use than as a public school that would continue to be a vital part of the downtown core of our town.  
How can you help support keeping Wells Street PS open?  
Drop by the CAWS booth at the Farmer's Market on any Saturday to find out more about the issues, sign our petition, and pick up one of the blue "Save Wells Street" signs that are all over town.  
You can also join the parade in support of Wells

Street PS on Monday, June 15th at 6 p.m. at Town Park.  
We'll be walking from the park to Dr. G W Williams SS, where the School Board will be holding the final public meeting regarding the fate of the school.  
Let's turn out in droves, and send the Board a message!

Duncan McGregor  
Aurora

## Mayor says thanks to rescuers of bear

An open letter to Police Chief La Le Barge; Fire Chief Molyneaux; York Region Chairman Fisch; Chairman YRPSB, Regional Councillor Wheeler, Commisioner Simmons, and Ms. Pella Kean:

On behalf of the Town of Aurora please accept my personal thanks for a job well done by everyone who attended to assist in the safe return of "Wellington the Bear", to a habitat more suited to his lifestyle (smile) away from an urban town.

Having seen first hand the

planning, co-operation and co-ordination that was undertaken to ensure everyone's safety (including the bear's) while he was visiting Aurora, I wanted to personally congratulate everyone.  
Understandably - the community was interested and intrigued in the chance of a rare sighting of a bear in town - and many arrived on the scene to see what was happening.  
Bystanders' interest did cause some minor traffic congestion and inconvenience to the local residents.

And some genuine concern was voiced that a "rescue" operation being undertaken with photographers, traffic, and onlookers all so close by, would jeopardize the bear's comfort level and safety.  
Thankfully, that did not end up being the case.  
Having spoken at the time with experts from BearWise and the Ministry of Natural Resources - other comments heard, once the bear was safely on the ground - was that the incident was approached and concluded in "text book" fashion.  
Our community is blessed to be able to call upon such well-trained Emergency Services Personnel not only on day to day matters but in highly unusual circumstances such as this one.  
Thank you all again.

## Lawyers must be upset with mayor's bear action

To the editor,

Bears: don't mess with Aurora

The video I saw had the mayor front and centre - I knew then we were in good hands and the bear had gone too far (south, that is).

The Town's website read "Mayor Phyllis Morris, Council and the Town wish to extend sincere thanks to Central York Fire Services, York Regional Police and the Ministry of Natural Resources for their swift and effective action in handling this unusual situation..."

I personally am just happy the mayor could venture outside herself away from her "usual" situation, i.e. hunkering down with the various lawyers she is squandering our money on.

Aird Berlis must be rubbing their hands (See minutes of Town of Aurora Council

## Street Festival nothing but fun

To the editor,

I spent Sunday a week ago walking the Aurora Street Festival and people responsible are to be commended for bringing such a brainchild into existence.

It was wonderfully delicious and such a great way to meet the community.

It was the first time Rogers was involved in the event and I look forward to working together with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce to be involved again next year.

It was nothing but fun!

Tina Murphy  
Community Relations Manager  
Simcoe-Grey, York and Durham Regions  
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Meeting of June 3rd - don't look for "open or transparent" details though).

Christopher Sorley  
Aurora

Mayor Phyllis Morris  
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# Aurora Major midget ball team sweeps St. Thomas tournament

Paced by the stellar pitching of Nick Cascone, Corey Jeffery, Tyler Clements, Spencer Johnstone, A.J. Brown and Justin Huckvale, the Aurora Jays Major Midget team swept all five games they played at the St. Thomas Midget baseball tournament held recently at Emslie Field in St. Thomas.

In the opening game, the Jays blanked the Clarington Orioles 8-0 with Nick Cascone getting the win after pitching five innings of shutout baseball.

Offensively the highlight was a two-run opposite field homer hit by Mike Renfer in the third inning which provided the Jays with as much offense as they needed to win the Battle of the Birds.

Kyle Paxton also pitched in with his bat going two for four with a run batted in.

The next morning, Spencer Johnstone pitched four innings against the North London Nationals, striking out five and giving up one run, to lead the Jays to a 9 -5 win.

A.J. Brown pitched the last

two innings of the game while chipping in at the bat with an RBI single. Leading the way offensively was Mike Renfer who kept his hot bat sizzling going three for four with a double.

In the nightcap that day against the London Tecumsehs, the Jays were led by Corey Jeffery's five-inning, one run, seven-strikeout pitching performance as they crushed the Tecumsehs 11-2.

Jack Goldberg went three for four with two RBIs and Jake Boyle had two hits in three at bats with an opposite field double and a RBI.

In the semi-final game the next day, the Jays pounded the Ajax Spartans 17-7 with Justin Huckvale and Nick Cascone sharing the pitching duties. Cascone picked up his second win of the tournament. Offensively, Marc Cascone led the way with his four for five, six RBI performance.

Michael Gray also contributed going two for three with a walk and a double.

Highlight of the Jay's offensive outburst was a two-run

bomb Tyler Clements hit approximately 340 feet over the left-field fence in the fourth inning.

In the championship game played against the host team, the St. Thomas Cardinals, lefty Tyler Clements pitched a complete-game masterpiece shutting out the Cards 6-0.

Clements threw only 71 pitches while dominating the Cardinals, giving up four hits while striking out six and walking none.

Third baseman, Jon Colford generated all the offense the Jays would need to bring home the title going two for three with a double and an RBI.

David Huckvale, the Jays field manager, indicated after the championship game that the excitement generated by Aurora's Town Council approving a new senior diamond a few days before the tournament carried into the tourney and contributed to his team's stellar performance.

Michael Gray, a catcher on the championship Jays Major Midget team, indicated that the

timing of the Town's approval of the new diamond was "wonderful" news as it would mean that there would now be enough field space so the Midget team could stay together in the future and play junior ball together instead of players having to move to other communities to find a team to join.

"This is great news for Aurora baseball," he said. "Once the new diamond is built there will be more game and practice time for everybody which will lead to more championships being brought home to Aurora."

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# Ducks capture 22 medals at swim meet

The Aurora Ducks made quite a splash in Buffalo, New York, last week.

Competing in the Star Swimming Invitational Swim Meet, the Aurora squad picked up 22 medals. The group was led by 12-year-old Victoria Wicks, who won three gold medals in her breaststroke events.

This is a meet the team looks forward to and trains exceptionally hard for.

In his first meet, eight-year-old Maxwell Jones won three bronze medals.

Gold medals were also won by Phoebe

Samuelson, Cassie Beach, Jennifer Ackerman, Mackenzie Moyer, Joey Delisi and Kevin Boehnke.

Following are the meet results:

## GIRLS

Leeann Yao, 11, 100 Free, third.

Phoebe Samuelson, 12, 200 Individual Medley, first; 200 Free, third; 50 Free, third.

Victoria Wicks, 12, 50 Breast, first; 100 Breast, first; 200 Breast, first.

Cassie Beach, 13, 100

Back, first. Jennifer Ackerman, 14, 200 Back, first; 200 IM, second; 100 Free, third.

Mackenzie Moyer, 14, 200 Fly, first.

Pallas Yao, 14, 100 Fly, second.

Sarah Gillis, 15, 200 Fly, third.

## BOYS

Maxwell Jones, 8, 50 Back, third; 50 Free, third; 100 Free, third.

Joey Delisi, 12, 100 Free, first; 100 Back, second; 50 Back, third.

Kevin Boehnke, 17, 100 Free, first; 200 Breast, second.

## Aurora's Supergym wins memorial award

Kids Supergym in Aurora wrapped up its competition season on a winning note by capturing the Nikolai Yankoff Memorial Award for achieving the top overall team score at an Alliston invitational meet earlier this month.

The Aurora squad earned a total of 85 medals and turned out eight champions.

They include Samantha Jones, Kayla Miranda, Michael Cherutti, Erin Rife, Melissa Cousins, Alexis DiPietro, Isabelle Quail and Lauren Michelberger.

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# Aurora Youth SOCCER RESULTS



### HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

**U8B Mon - May 25 - Argentina/Sky - Howard Johnsons Hotel Aurora** 3 (C. Franze 1, J. Franze 1, D. Amos 1) vs **Italy/Forest - Joia Ristorante** 2 (R. Funston Clarke 1, E. Krawczyk 1); **USA/Navy - Century 21 Martin Read** 10 (M. McConnell 3, A. Carson 3, C. Read 3, J. Campbell 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Primerica** 3 (L. Kirkhner 1, C. Therkildson 1, S. Morrisson 1); **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 3 (C. Honiball 2, Q. Bruckner 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 6 (J. Kupper 2, A. Crescenzi 2, G. Lervasi 2); **June 1 - Forest/Italy - Joia Ristorante** 6 (R. Funston Clarke 3, D. Prescott 1, E. Krawczyk 2) vs **Navy/USA - Century 21 Martin Read** 5 (C. Read 1, N. Smith 1, A. Rincon 3); **June 8 - Canada/Red - Soccer Nation** 3 (Q. Bruckner 2, C. Innes 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Primerica** 3 (C. Therkildsen 2, S. Morrison 1); **Navy/USA - Century 21 Martin Read** 5 (A. Rincon 3, M. McConnell 1, D. Onetto Bolefski 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Howard Johnsons Hotel Aurora** 3 (D. Amos 1, M. Gennaro 1, M. Mirzaei 1); **Forest/Italy - Joia Ristorante** 8 (O. Romano 2, R. Funston Clarke 2, J. Ioboni 1, M. Bruce 1, R. Brown 1, S. Azar 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 6 (g. Ierasi 2, A. Crescenzi 3, C. Midola 1); **U8G Tues - May 25 - Gold/Brazil - Primerica** 0 vs **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 0; **Navy/USA - Century 21 Martin Read** 1 (N. Forrester 1) vs **Forest/Italy - State Farm Insurance Allan Cruickshank** 1 (?); **Sky/Argentina - Ploder Collision** 4 (K. Henson 1, V. Filion 1, C. Zunker 1, S. Casey 1) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 0; **June 2 - Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 4 (M. Burke 2, A. Ianou 1, S. Rayner 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Primerica** 1 (N. Rice 1); **U8/9G T/Th - June 4 - Gold/Brazil - R & J Concepts Inc** 7 (B. MacFarlane 2, K. MacFarlane 1, L. Howell 2, H. Kenkel 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Kile Contracting Inc** 1 (J. Lunn 1); **Forest/Italy** 4 (K. Locke 1, N. Graham 1, E. Point 2) vs **Red/Canada - Kwik Kopy Printing** 4 (B. Fraser 1, M. O'Connor 1, L. Morrison 2); **U8/9G T/Th - No scores submitted as of yet.**  
**U8/9B M/W - May 25 - Forest/Italy - Port Royal Mills** 2 (E. Adams 2) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 1 (A. Mueller 1); **Gold/Brazil - Bank of Montreal** 3 (M. MacDougall 2, E. Brian 1) vs **Navy/USA - Longos** 8 (N. Hubbard 3, P. Charleson 3, N. Sever 2, B. Shennan 1, J. Stewart 1, P. Trajceski 1); **Red/Canada - Belairdirect Car Insurance** 2 (J. Levy 1, D. Kisleva 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 2 (C. Lang 2); **Royal/Greece - Belairdirect Car Insurance** 6 (N. Rountes 2, S. Colin 1, M. Ferry 2, M. McRae 1) vs **Silver/France** 2 (?); **U9B Mon - No scores submitted as of yet**  
**U9G Thurs - June 4 - Forest/Italy - Guaranteed Roofing** 1 (E. Ronis 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 3 (R. Meehan 1, T. Van Stiphout 1, A. Koller 1); **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 3 (C. Card 2, B. Ford 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Wellington Aurora Dental** 5 (J. Winter 3, C. Spector 1, S. MacLeod 1); **Sky/Argentina - Bank of Montreal** 2 (I. Pennington 1, S. Spagnuolo 1) vs **Navy/USA - Summers & Smith** 1 (L. Shaw 1); **U9B M/W - No scores submitted as of yet**  
**U10G T/Th - May 26 - Forest/Italy - HomeLife North Realty Inc** 4 (E. Butler 1, J. Psapia 1, N. Trozzo 1, J. Lewis 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Divisional Sponsor Upper Canada Mall** 2 (E. Haw 1, P. Solano 1); **Red/Canada** 5 (M. Coutts 2, L. Brock 2, A. J. Mosu 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Michelberger Orthodontics** 1 (B. Barberio 1); **Royal/Greece** 2 (K. Quinn 1, R. Van Holt 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 7 (J. Aben 1, M. Andrews 1, J. Hardy 1, M. Cantelope 2, J. Stel 2); **Fuschia/ Spain - Michelberger Orthodontics** 3 (H. Powers 1, J. Spicer 1, J. Ashton 1) vs **Navy/USA** 3 (S. Mai 1, J. Moody 2); **June 2 - Forest/Italy - HomeLife North Realty Inc** 2 (N. Trozzo 1, J. Lewis 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Divisional Sponsor Upper Canada Mall** 3 (E. Haw 2, P. Solano 1); **Red/Canada** 5 (A. Mosu 2, L. Brock 3) vs **Royal/Greece** 0; **Fuschia/Spain - Michelberger Orthodontics** 3 (S. Marelli 2, L. Harrison 1) vs **Navy/USA** 3 (?).

### U10G T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	2	0	1	7
Sky	2	1	0	6
Forest	2	1	0	6
Gold	2	1	0	6
Orange	1	2	0	3
Fuschia	0	0	3	3
Navy	0	1	2	2
Royal	0	3	0	0

**U10B T/Th- Division was sponsored by Shoeless Joes Aurora - Forest/Italy** 2 (J. Daoust 1, M. Vassos 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 5 (R. Cameron 1, C. Devogel 3, T. Macklin 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 7 (C. Peters 1, M. Carpenter 1, A. Dos Santos 1, R. Carpenter 1, K. Wulle 2, R. Crevelle 1) vs **Silver/France** 7 (B. Scott 1, T. Wilson 2, J. Samson 4); **Sky/Argentina** 4 (P. Faccia 1, I. Czajczyc 1, E. Turner 2) vs **Navy/USA** 7 (G. Logan 4, K. Thompson 3).

### U10B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	1	0	0	3
Gold	1	0	0	3
Orange	0	0	1	1
Silver	0	0	1	1
Royal	0	0	0	0
Red	0	0	0	0
Sky	0	1	0	0
Forest	0	1	0	0

**U11G T/Th - May 26 - Forest/Italy - En Ville Event Design & Catering Inc.** 0 vs **Royal/Greece - Dr. Weeden** 3 (R. Remedios 2, E. Velovic 1); **Gold/Brazil - Joia Ristorante** 2 (B. Howell 2) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 6 (M. Keller 1, F. Stewart 1, J. Petsinis 1, M. Bryan 2, E. Colin 1); **Navy/USA - Reflection Pools** 3 (B. VanDerValk 1, M. Olmstead 1, N. Iliadis 1) vs **Red/Canada - Michelberger Orthodontics** 2 (K. Dimatulac 2); **Sky/Argentina - Howard Johnsons Hotel Aurora** 1 (S. Boisseau 1) vs **Purple/Czech Republic - Canadian Vascular Labs** 2 (V. Petinarelis 1, S. Gupta 1); **June 2 - Sky/Argentina - Howard Johnsons Hotel Aurora** 1 (A. DeAngelis 1) vs **Forest/Italy - En Ville Design & Catering Inc** 4 (S. Linde 2, K. Palmer 1, E. Clarke 1); **Royal/Greece - Dr. Weeden** 5 (E. Scott 1, R. Remedios 1, E. Velovic 3) vs **Purple/Czech Republic - Canadian Vascular Labs** 0; **Gold/Brazil - Joia Ristorante** 7 (U. Kenkel 1, V. DiMichele 1, C. Tsioros 1, M. Helbin 1, B. Howell 2, S. Pietrolungo 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 6 (B. Nunn 1, M. Keller 4, F. Stewart 1); vs **Navy/USA - Reflection Pools** 0.

### U11G T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	3	0	0	9
Royal	3	0	0	9
Navy	2	1	0	6
Purple	2	1	0	6
Gold	1	2	0	3
Forest	1	2	0	3
Sky	0	3	0	0
Red	0	3	0	0

**U11B T/Th - No scores submitted as of yet**

### U11B T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Sky	1	0	0	3
Gold	1	0	0	3
Royal	0	0	0	0
Navy	0	0	0	0
Forest	0	0	0	0
Red	0	1	0	0

**U12G T/Th- June 4 - Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 1 (N. Bagshaw 1) vs **Forest/Italy** 0; **Red/Canada** 2 (R. Bell 1, F. Ing 1) vs **Navy/USA - JDS Financial Group** 2 (T. Bosch 2); **Sky/Argentina - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart** 6 (M. Baile 2, S. Brochu 2, T. Landry 1, K. Wood 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Century 21 Martin Read** 0.

### U12G T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Sky	1	0	0	3
Gold	1	0	0	3
Navy	0	0	1	1
Red	0	0	1	1

### Forest

Forest	0	1	0	0
Royal	0	1	0	0

**U12B M/W - May 25 - Red/Canada - Supreme Collision Centre** 4 (R. Zawanda 2, D. Franco 1, W. Stroud 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 3 (M. Galajda 2, G. James 1); **Navy/USA** 5 (G. Wood 1, J. Laird 3, N. Paponsek 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - AMG Metals** 2 (D. Durant 1, A. Rival 1); **Forest/Italy - Country Style** 6 (B. Bilotta 1, L. Camick 1, E. Missaghi 1, E. Biziotis 1, J. Sherwood 1, T. Simpson 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 2 (?); **June 1 - Gold/Brazil - AMG Metals** 4 (D. Speller-Drews 1, M. Bablanian 1, M. Caicco 1, A. Rival 1) vs **Red/Canada - Supreme Collision Centre** 3 (R. Zawanda 1, A. Brewda 1, S. Diaz 1); **Navy/USA** 1 (J. Ellison 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 1 (C. Ottman 1); **Forest/Italy - Country Style** 3 (B. Bilotta 2, J. Sherwood 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 2 (M. Galagda 1, P. Hubbard 1); **June 7 - Red/Canada - Supreme Collision Centre** 1 (R. Zawanda 1) vs **Forest/Italy - Country Style** 7 (B. Bilotta 1, L. Camick 1, A. Railton 2, J. Sherwood 1, N. Dacosta 1); **Sky/Argentina** 7 (E. Powell 2, C. Ottman 1, D. Middleton 2, C. Screech 1, M. Bellerby 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - AMG Metals** 1 (D. Pierson 1); **Royal/Greece** 4 (G. James 1, M. Galajda 1, I. Sapozhanikov 1, T. Foster 1) vs **Navy/USA** 0.

### U12B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	3	0	0	9
Sky	1	1	1	4
Navy	1	1	1	4
Royal	1	2	0	3
Red	1	2	0	3
Gold	1	2	0	3

**U13G M/W- June 1 - Navy/USA** 6 (K. Colin 1, C. Perma 1, D. Pletsas 3, H. Foss 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Remax Sarah Kavooosi** 2 (K. Dimatulac 1, J. MacDonald 1); **Forest/Italy** 2 (N. Dusome 2) vs **Royal/Greece** 2 (J. Hookey 1, S. Currie 1); **Red/Canada - Gringler, Iskov, Lerner** 2 (T. Miller 1, M. Blom 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Forever Young Hair Studio & Day Spa** 2 (C. Danziger 1, M. Cherutti 1).

### U13G M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	1	0	2	5
Red	1	1	1	4
Navy	1	1	0	3
Gold	0	0	3	3
Royal	0	0	2	2
Sky	0	1	2	2

**U13B M/W- June 3 - Royal/Greece** 4 (L. Pozzebon 2, L. Coll 1, A. Remedios 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Pizza Pizza** 2 (R. Smith 1, C. Forrest 1); **Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp** 4 (M. Tamil 1, G. Olohan 1, V. Chadrov 2) vs **Navy/USA** 2 (N. Pellarin 1, B. Wilson 1).

### U13B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	1	0	0	3
Red	1	0	0	3

**1.Gary Edgecombe/Chartered Yellow**  
0 0 0 0  
**2.Boston Pizza/Forest**  
0 0 0 0  
**3.Royal** 0 0 0 0  
**4.Canadian Tire/ White**  
0 0 0 0  
**6.Silver** 0 0 0 0  
**2.Boston Pizza /Forest**  
0 0 0 0  
**3.Royal** 0 0 0 0  
**4.Canadian Tire /White**  
0 0 0 0  
**5.Steel Tile Comp./ Red**  
0 0 0 0  
**6.Silver** 0 0 0 0  
**Navy** 0 1 0 0  
**Sky** 0 1 0 0

### U14/15B T/Th - No scores submitted as of yet

### U14/15B T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	1	0	0	3
Silver	1	0	0	3

### Gold

Gold	0	0	1	1
Orange	0	0	1	1
Navy	0	0	1	1
Red	0	0	1	1
Royal	0	1	0	0
Sky	0	1	0	0

**U14/15G M/W - No scores submitted as of yet**

### U14/15G M/WSTANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Purple	1	0	0	3
Gold	1	0	0	1
Silver	1	0	0	1
Red	1	0	0	1
Navy	0	0	0	0
Forest	0	0	0	0
Orange	0	1	0	0
Royal	0	1	0	0
Sky	0	1	0	0
Fuschia	0	1	0	0

**U16/18G Tues - No scores submitted as of yet**

### U16/18G TUES STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	2	0	1	7
Fuschia	2	0	1	7
Orange	1	1	1	4
Sky	1	1	0	3
Gold	1	2	0	3
Red	1	2	0	3
Forest	0	1	2	2
Navy	0	1	1	1

**U16/19B Wed - June 3 - Division sponsored by Upper Canada Mall - Gold/Brazil** 1 (R. MacFarlane 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 3 (J. Bletcher 1, S. Glaysheer 1, H. Kane 1); **Navy/USA** 3 (C. DiVincenzo 2, M. Khamissa 1) vs **NMKT/Royal** 1 (S. Villeneuve 1); **NMKT/Scarlet** 7 (G. D. 2, C. T. 2, A. L. 1, D. G. 1, J. G. 1) vs **Red/Canada** 2 (C. Hadley 1, G. Iaboni 1); **Sky/Argentina** 0 vs **NMKT/Silver** 5 (Giacommo 3, Chopra 1, Pilly 1).

### U16/19B WED STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
NMKT/ Scarlet	1	0	0	5
NMKT/Silver	1	0	0	5
Royal	1	0	0	2
Navy	1	0	0	2
Gold	0	1	0	0
NMKT/Royal	0	1	0	0
Red	0	1	0	0
Sky	0	1	0	0

**U19/25G Sun - May 31 - Royal/Greece - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 1 (H. McGinnis 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Sundance Signs & Billboards** 1 (E. Devin 1); **Red/Canada - Pizza Pizza** 0 vs **Forest/Italy - Aurora Celtic Supporters** 0; **June 7 - Red/Canada - Pizza Pizza** 1 (K. Hatley 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 4 (F. Massie 1, S. Madaleno 1, K. Brown 1, R. Abbott 1); **Sky/Argentina - Sundance Signs & Billboards** 2 (J. Williams 1, K. Keon 1) vs **Forest/Italy - Aurora Celtic Supporters** 3 (C. Carrigan 2, N. Trask 1);

### U19/25G SUN STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	1	0	1	3
Forest	1	0	1	1
Sky	0	1	1	-1
Red	0	1	1	-3

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Preparing for the annual Polo For Heart event this weekend is Aurora's Cliff Sifton. The 30th anniversary of the polo event will be held at the Gormley Polo Centre, located on Leslie Street, just south of the Bloomington Sideroad. The three-day party gets underway Friday, June 19, and continues through Sunday. Polo for Heart began in 1979 by Colonel Michael Sifton, a member of the Toronto Polo Club. The event has since grown in scope and size and attracts thousands of people each year. More than 100 volunteers work to present the three-day activity, which has raised more than \$4 million to date for heart and stroke related charities. Doors open daily at 11.30 a.m. and there are attractions both on and off the field.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

# Three swim clubs unite

From page 1  
argued that since the town currently has no formal pool allocation policy, they were being short-changed with respect to prime time practice hours.

At the same time, the two Ducks' clubs were concerned about losing their existing training time.

But cooperation among the groups seems to be the new theme, as Mr. LeClair requested on behalf of the clubs that council defer discussions on the allocation of permits for two weeks, and to hold off on voting on the proposed pool allocation policy for three months.

He noted that Swim Ontario had been providing guidance to the clubs in their discussions, and the members were confident that a collaborative long term solution for the allocation of pool time was within reach.

With the need to sign up members shortly for the 2009-10 season, it is in the clubs' best interests to come to a decision on permitted time quickly.

It was felt that by working with the town's Leisure Services Department, this could be accomplished within two weeks.

This would allow the clubs enough time to finalize their programs and literature based on the specific hours available to them, and get registration underway.

Discussions on the proposed pool allocation policy, and potential amendments agreeable to all parties, are expected to take a bit longer, hence the three-month window.

One other related follow-up item from the previous week's General Committee meeting was the issue of extending the pool hours at the Leisure Complex and Recreation Centre.

With all of the pools' prime time hours filled, staff members had been asked to see if the swim clubs would be interested in using time earlier or later than was currently available.

At the moment, the swim facilities open at 6 a.m. and close at 10 p.m.

Leisure Services Director Al Downey reported that after contacting the groups, there was little interest in straying outside the current facility hours.

Two of them had rejected the idea, with only one club noting that perhaps it may consider using later hours, if they were available.

The motion to defer a decision on both the permits and the allocation policy passed easily.

In wrapping up, Mayor Phyllis Morris echoed the sentiments of council in thanking the three swim club principals and their members for working to find a solution to this issue.

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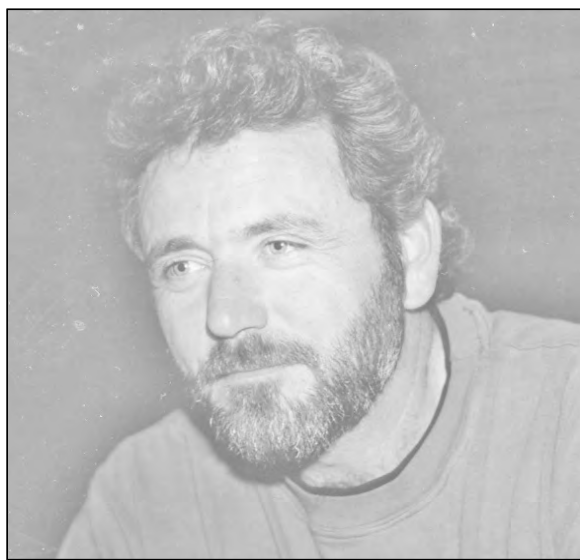




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## IN MEMORIAM



Browne, Robert Nicholas, "Nick" - It is with great shock and extreme sorrow that the Browne family announces the passing of Nick on Monday, June 8, 2009. With his warm and accepting ways, Nick had the ability to make everyone feel like his very best friend. All who were fortunate enough to know him will miss Nick's zest for life, his contagious laughter and his loving spirit. Next to his wife and soul-mate, Wendy (Ralph), their two sons, Wesley and Jeremy, and their daughter, Blair, Nick was also passionate about golf, fishing, baseball and strumming tunes with close friends. Son of Beryl Cooper and the late Ted Browne, Nick is also survived by his sister Edwina Ross and husband Keith, his nieces Jennifer, Meagan and Laura Ralph, Stacey Montegue, Vicky and Teresa Sheppard, Roxanne Warsaba; his nephews Adam Ross and Jason Sheppard; his dearest cousin Doug Copley and family, and cousin Trevor Copley; his step family David, Douglas and Pam Cooper. Nick is predeceased by his older sister Sue Sheppard. Sadly missed by his "outlaws" Dave, Annie and Susie Ralph, and his friends and business associates here, there and everywhere. Friends were welcomed at their home on Thursday, June 11th from 4 - 8 p.m. A memorial service and celebration of Nick's rich life was held on Friday, June 12th at 2 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 385, Industrial Parkway North, Aurora. For this occasion, friends were encouraged to bring musical instruments to jam and sing along in the true spirit of Nick. It was one of Nick's desires to continue to make improvements and renovations to Legion Branch 385; therefore, in lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be made at either of the gatherings to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 385. Arrangements were entrusted to Thompson Funeral Home, Aurora. 905-727-5421.



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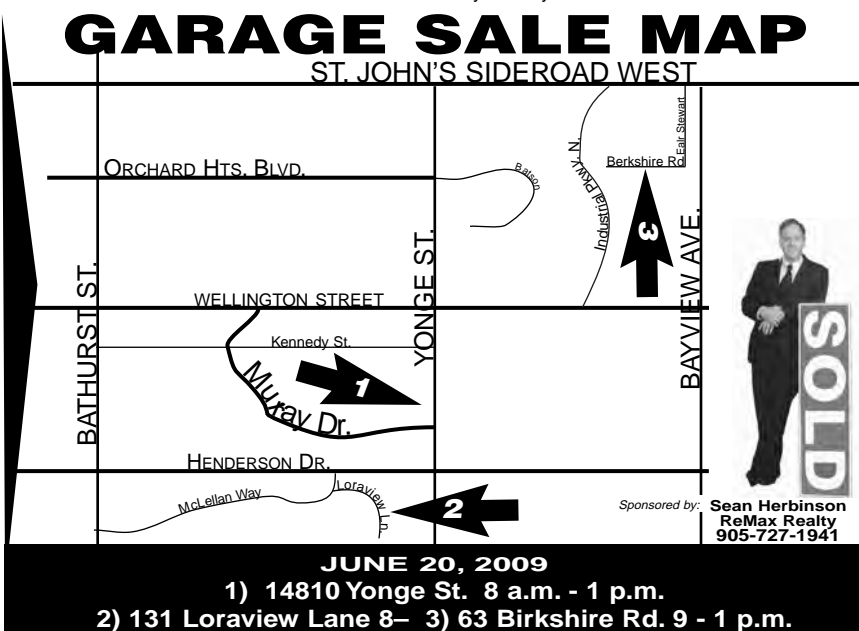


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## Senior Scape



## Street festival attracts Aurora's seniors

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Larger than life and rousing a sleepy Aurora on a cool Sunday in early June was the World's Longest Street Festival on the World's Longest Street.

The event, unchallenged in length and conception, offers an extraordinary display and variety of articles for sale, is magnificent in length, superb in organized set up and take down of booths, and offers an extravaganza of interesting tables to occupy any normal mind far longer than one day.

This sale stretching most of the length of Yonge Street through Aurora, and which is well promoted with marketing skills by enterprising merchants, continues to attract participation by seniors of the ASA who manned the same two spaces occupied for the past several years.

About 20 seniors manned the spaces through changing shifts during the day, while countless visitors many of them seniors, and many belonging to the ASA, visited the booths, constantly raising senior spirits.

The event appeared to be well staffed with vendors of character, bold and intrepid, who rose to the challenge of competent participation with an

amazing no nonsense set up and display of merchandise.

And if my words lack modesty, they do not lack support, which was underlined clearly by the throngs of Aurorans, and many more from places a long way out of town and from across the border, who agree.

From Wellington in the north to Murray Drive in the south, the mass of people, wended their way. Some paused occasionally to look more carefully at merchandise, while vendors and traders waited and watched, eager to recognize interest and cater to whims which could and did, translate swiftly to sales.

I am delighted to welcome Karie Papillon as the new Seniors Coordinator of the Aurora Seniors' Association, a responsible position to which she is thrilled and energized to devote her considerable talent and experience.

Karie was formerly employed by the Town of New Tecumseth as the Recreation Program Coordinator; her responsibilities included policy development, capital and operating budget forecasting and all recreational programming for the Town, including programs for pre-school chil-

dren, youths, adults, seniors, summer camps, special events and the operation of the museum.

Karie has additional experience, which together with the significant experience presented above, supports her appointment with the credentials of an experienced background.

This experience allows Karie to assume the challenging task of catering to seniors in Aurora, who have in the past few years become enlightened to the progressive life available to any seniors daring enough to engage in good society and fine activities.

Progressive ideas promoted by councillors past and present, have been incorporated into the affairs of seniors in Aurora, and Karie now grasps the torch that is the beacon drawing seniors to the safe haven and boundless opportunities present in the ASA.

A new Seniors Advisory Group (SAG) has been formed to share information regarding health, education, independence and safety for seniors in York Region. This grass roots group will act as a platform to all three levels of government.

The inaugural meeting will be held at the centre, across from the Aurora

town hall, Wednesday, June 24th, between 10 a.m. and noon and special guests and speakers will be Frank Klees MPP, Lois Brown MP and Senator Marjorie LeBreton.

The event will include an open forum.

Any avenues open to government should be of interest and well worthy of investigation, and initial support for this group may well propel it to an effective and useful method of making voices heard in

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