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With their children in attendance, residents hoping to save Wells Street Public School picketed the Aurora headquarters of the York Region District School Board on Wellington Street last week. Trustees will make their decision on the fate of the school at a regular board meeting this Monday night. There's a letter to the editor on Page 7 this week.

*Auroran photo by David Falconer*

## Code of Conduct complaint apparently won't disappear

"This has been a difficult term." These words from Councillor Evelina MacEachern at Tuesday's council meeting kicked off the latest round of discussions on the issue of council's formal Code of Conduct complaint and the former integrity commissioner's response.

Under discussion was a motion on the floor first presented

by Mayor Phyllis Morris at the previous week's general committee meeting.

It proposed that the statement prepared by the mayor regarding the former integrity commissioner's response be received and endorsed.

The gist of this statement was that council had legal advice that its Code of Conduct had been

breached on several matters, through a councillor's critical, disparaging and unfounded public remarks about town staff.

The motion also included that the mayor prepare and issue a further statement to be posted on the town's website and notice board to address specific community concerns that have been raised regarding this matter.

All of this stems from allegations that Councillor Evelyn Buck had delivered disparaging remarks about staff both verbally and in her blog.

## McRoberts' motion is a "reconsideration": mayor

A motion later in the evening by Councillor Bob McRoberts to have the complaint removed from the town's website, where it has been posted since late July, was also defeated.

Mayor Phyllis Morris ruled that this was a reconsideration of the original motion to post it, which was not allowed in the procedural bylaw.

However, Councillor McRoberts argued it was not a reconsideration, but a new motion, and that he

saw a difference between posting something, and taking it down.

One of his arguments in favour of doing this was for council to get on with the business of town, and quit focusing on negative things, a sentiment that all council members had expressed a desire for earlier in the evening.

Although the motion was defeated, the debate is not over, as the issue was referred for discussion at the next general committee meeting.

Councillor Buck has denied these claims.

Before his contract was terminated by the town, the former integrity commissioner had ruled that the statement of formal complaint was "ill-informed, incomplete, and inappropriate" and suggested that the way it was brought forward "may be seen to be wholly political".

Since his attempts to obtain clarity were unsuccessful, he

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## Chamber hires new executive director

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce has hired a new executive director. Judy Marshall, of Keswick, started her new position Monday.

For president Geoffrey Dawe, it's a weight off his shoulders.

The whole issue started earlier this year when executive director Carla Adams took a maternity leave, but then accepted another job and resigned her position at the chamber.

The chamber then hired Karen Addison who stayed for a few months, but because of the uncertainty of the future, resigned to take a full-time position.

That resulted in the chamber hiring 63-year-old Michael Keith, an Alliston area resident who is president of the Alliston Chamber of Commerce.

Keith, who did not apply for the full-time position, leaves shortly to head overseas.

"Ms. Marshall comes to the Chamber with a variety of experiences as a senior administrator in the not-for-profit sector including positions within community living, a professional member association, women and children services and the animal welfare sector," said Chamber president Geoffrey Dawe. "She received her university and college education in western Canada and York University and believes strongly in life-long learning."

The new Executive Director lives in York Region and has always had a "pas-



JUDY MARSHALL

### Briefly

#### Freelancer

Aurora's own freelancer Marcia Kaye will be the guest speaker Monday, September 28 when the Aurora Writers Group presents "Writing for magazines" at 7.30 p.m. at the Aurora Town Hall.

There is no charge to attend this event.

Organizers are looking for writers of all levels and genre, age 18 and older, to join AWG to share their material, receive constructive feedback, and possibly get published in the next anthology.

For further information, call Malcolm at 905-898-5484.

#### At the library

SOYRA (Society of York Region Artists) are to be the first community partner asked to exhibit in the Aurora Library's new gallery space.

Work will be hung beginning the first week of October and ending the first week of January.

There will be a special event on the evening of October 21st where the gallery will be highlighted.



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COMING EVENTS

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Until September 25, you can enjoy the work of Aurora's Josephine Antaya at the Skylight Gallery at the Aurora Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Every Thursday, Martha's Table serves home-made soup, sandwiches, and dessert in St. Andrew's Hall at the Presbyterian Church, corner of Mosley and Victoria Street. Cost is minimal, and the volunteer-run program enabled the church to give more than \$5,000 to local charities in 2008 alone. You can enjoy lunch, conversation, and a sense of community between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. weekly.

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

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

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Aurora Opera Company's Children's Chorus is a new treble voice choir dedicated to educating, nurturing and providing opportunities for children to express their musical abilities. The chorus is open to boys and girls in Grades 1 through 12 and consists of two choirs: Angel Choristers, a training choir for six and seven-year-olds and the Children Chorus, open to eight to 17-year-olds. To audition, contact general director Sarah Kyle at keepsinging@look.ca.

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

Every Tuesday from 9.30 to 11 a.m. it's Story and Playtime at Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South for tots (age 0-4 years) and their caregivers for coffee or tea. Call 905-841-8883 for further details.

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

Scottish Country Dancing on Tuesday evenings at 8.15 p.m. at the Aurora Heights Public School and on Friday mornings at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome.

\*\*\*\*

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members are welcome. For further information call 905-841-1352.

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

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

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

\*\*\*\*

Canadian Federation of University Women holds monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

\*\*\*\*

The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Choir practice in the West-McKenzie Hall of the Seniors' Centre, every Wednesday from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. under the direction of Enid Maize.

\*\*\*\*

Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps has openings for boys and girls ages 12 to 18. Membership is free. Aurora squadron meets every Friday evening from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 138 Larmont Street. For more information, call 905-726-8600.

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A Bereavement Support Group for adults experiencing the death of a loved one, is again being offered at the Aurora United Church for an eight-week session, from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Wednesday, October 7 and ending November 25. The program is non-denominational and is open for free to all in the community. To register or for more information, contact Mary at 905-727-6984 or kenmar.smith@rogers.com.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Blood donor clinic at the Aurora Legion Hall, 105 Industrial Parkway North, from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

\*\*\*\*

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting and Members' September Social will be held at Hollandview Trail Retirement Community, 200 John West Way, from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. The event is for members only and pre-registration is mandatory. The evening will feature assorted appetizers and refreshments. There will be a brief presentation of the Chamber financial statements for the year-ended June 30.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Breast cancer fundraiser will be held at the Aurora Legion beginning at 8 p.m., featuring Aurora's Randy Skelcher and guest appearance of Chicago Transit. Tickets in advance only at \$35. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For tickets call 905-836-7584 or 905-841-3861. All proceeds go to the Regional Cancer Program at Southlake District Health Centre in Newmarket.

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information, call Malcolm at 905-898-5484.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

A "Country Corral" is coming to Aurora with the toe-tapping tunes of five women playing 13 musical instruments. You don't have to dance - but you certainly can - during this evening that gets underway with a country supper and ends with hours of danceable music. Event begins at 6.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall at the Presbyterian Church, 32 Mosley Street. Tickets, at \$25 each, are limited. Call the church office at 905-727-5011.

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Fall concert at the Aurora Baptist Church, 33 Wellington Street East. Local talent plus guests from Peterborough and Winchester. 7 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

The Aurora Film Circuit presents "Burma VJ; Reporting from a Closed Country", a documentary at the Odeon Cineplex beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets, at \$10 each, are available at R&R Revisted, 95 Edward Street, and the Aurora Public Library.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Aurora United Church Rummage Sale. Individual sale held from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Church is located at 15186 Yonge Street at the corner of Tyler.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Aurora United Church Rummage Sale. Bag sale held from 9 a.m. to noon. Church is located at 15186 Yonge Street at the corner of Tyler.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

The York Regional Police Male Chorus will host their 17th Annual "In Harmony With the Community" fundraising concert at the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 17955 Leslie Street, Newmarket. Start time is 7.30 p.m. Performing this year will be the York Region Children's Chorus, the Ottawa Police Chorus, the Toronto Police Association Male Chorus and the York Regional Police Male Chorus. Tickets are \$10. For tickets or info please call 905-727-9676.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Trinity Anglican Church on Victoria Street will hold their Merry "Twinkling" Christmas bazaar, from 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with luncheon served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds go to ACW Outreach and Parish Needs. Call 905-727-6101 for further information.

  
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Belinda Stronach, left, offers congratulations to "Give Back" award winner Holly Nolson of Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket, during a barbecue held by Neighbourhood Network at Aurora's Magna headquarters Thursday evening. The barbecue, honouring the volunteers of the Network, attracted almost 300 people.

*Auroran photo by David Falconer*

## Belinda gives grants to groups

Neighbourhood Network founder Belinda Stronach gave away \$50,000 in funding to 10 local charities and community groups in Aurora Thursday night.

The donations were part of the Neighbourhood Network Community Funding program, which was established by Magna International in June in lieu of the annual hoedown, cancelled this year because of the economy.

The 10 local charities and community groups that received cheques at a Neighbourhood Network barbecue were: ABLE Network, the Aurora branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, Doane House Hospice, Inn

From the Cold, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Aurora's Safehaven Project for Community Living, the Women's Centre of York Region, the York North Basketball Association and the York Region Food Network.

Representatives of the groups were presented with their cheques at the second annual volunteer recognition barbecue.

Nearly 300 of the 350 volunteer members showed up.

Representatives of partner organizations also attended the event, which was held at the Magna head office in Aurora.

Guests also were entertained by The Coyotes.

# Bees have a field day around Aurora patios

If you're having a late summer picnic or drink on the patio, you may find you have more company than usual, as this year there has been a rise in the number of yellow jackets, our local wasp.

This increase has been attributed in part to the mild winter last year, which allowed more queens than usual to survive and start new colonies.

Although it's hard to say exactly how large an increase in numbers has occurred, the pest control companies contacted by The Auroran agree this has been a bumper year.

One told of a homeowner who had previously had only one nest on his house in 20 years. This year he's had four.

You may not have noticed more yellow jackets up until now, because through the spring and summer, they tend to avoid people, spending their time collecting insects to feed to the grubs of the colony.

But as Fall approaches, the queen stops rearing workers, and no longer produces the hormone that keeps wasps together in their nest.

With less mouths to feed, the workers can head out in search of the sugary

treats they like.

This is why as late summer arrives, they're more interested in your pop, ice cream, popsicles, fruit and similar sticky foods and drinks.

They can often be seen hanging out around garbage bins at fast food places, and are making their presence felt at Aurora's outdoor patios.

Paul Napoli, Manager at Baldwin's Restaurant near the GO station, notes that "this has been by far the worst year for wasps" on their outdoor patio.

He says they've tried bee traps, and other methods to discourage them, but they keep coming back. Fortunately, they haven't interfered with the patrons, and no one's been stung.

Over at Jonathan's Restaurant, owner Mary Georgopoulos says they haven't noticed too many wasps this year on their patio, but the weather until recently has been wetter than usual.

Unfortunately, unlike bees, yellow jackets do not have barbed stingers, so can sting more than once. When alarmed they can also release a chemical substance that attracts other wasps.

However, while slightly

more aggressive in the late summer, they won't sting unless provoked.

And despite their increased interest in your outdoor snacks, you can discourage yellow jackets by keeping food covered.

As well, you can avoid wearing perfumes, hair-spray, colognes, or brightly coloured clothing, all of which attract them.

If one does land on you or your food, it is recommended that gently blowing on it to shoo it away, is

better than swatting at it.

If you are stung, apply cold water or ice wrapped in a wet cloth to help reduce the swelling.

More serious allergic reactions can occur, but are rare.

Fortunately, with the cooler weather coming, the yellow jacket workers will start to die off, and the queens will go into hibernation, so any potential close encounters with Aurorans shouldn't be lasting much longer.



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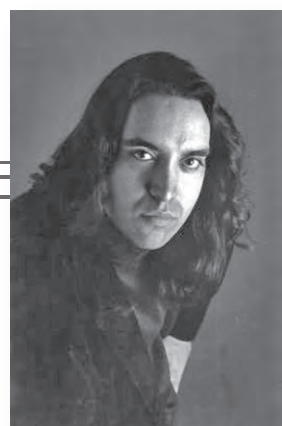
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## Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

# Hams, a story, and website changes

Perhaps you've never tasted an Aurora Rotary Christmas ham.

You don't, as they say, know what you're missing.

Of course, these hams - Aurora Rotary sells them as a fundraiser at Christmastime - aren't Rotary hams at all. They're made by Maple Leaf, and, boy, are they good.

Maybe they're only good because Christmas is the only time you can order them. Much like the smell of lilacs in the spring. Do they smell so good because they don't hang around all year?

Perhaps if I could eat this ham 12 months of the year I wouldn't await Christmas so eagerly, I dunno.

This year, the Aurora Rotary Club has decided to take orders on the internet.

So, if you want to order them, you can...online.

All you need to do is visit the Aurora Rotary Club website [www.rotaryaurora.com](http://www.rotaryaurora.com) and click on the ham.

Send the address to friends and business connections. But watch out...a website called [aurorarotary.com](http://aurorarotary.com) will take you to Colorado.

The hams, there are two kinds, are \$25 each, they make great Christmas presents and you'll help support worthwhile Rotary projects.

### WELLS STREET SCHOOL

Chuck Walker says the story is fiction, and I have no doubt about that.

Who is Chuck Walker, you ask?

Well, he's a former Auroran, who attended Wells Street Public School, the building very much in the news these days.

He has used the school as the anchor in a book called "Shadow In The Attic", starring Charlie Burnett, who anyone can tell is Chuck.

"It's totally fiction," said the man who now owns Band Factory Publishing in Surrey, British Columbia.

He was back in Aurora on holiday last week, and was visiting his old neighbourhood.

There's enough fact in the book to know he's talking about the historic building on Wells Street.

For example, Chuck once lived at 107 Edward Street, just south of The Auroran's offices, and he refers to the Aurora Cemetery, the school, Metcalfe Street, the old Yonge Street water tower, although he calls Aurora's Yonge Street, Main Street.

The story centres around the school, with principal Mr. Babcock, who I presume was Del Babcock, and teacher Mr. Griffith, who I presume was Ed Griffith, and he confirmed Sunday that he did, in fact, teach at Wells Street Public School.

Ed is now retired from the York Region Board of Education, known these days as the York Region District School Board.

The Shadow in the Attic is about a believed murder of a young girl and the attic at the school, but Chuck isn't sure there even is an attic in the school.

"There may be a small room," he said, "but I've never seen an attic."

Are there any more books about Aurora in his repertoire?

"Yes, I'm working on one about the old arena on Yonge Street that burned down," he said.

I'll let you know when it comes out.

In the meantime, if you want a copy of "Shadow In The Attic", go to his website [www.chuckwalker.net](http://www.chuckwalker.net) and order one.

### SPEAKING OF WEBSITES

Last week, we told you of the 100th anniversary of the Girl Guides of Canada and a province-wide campfire.

One such event will be held in Aurora later this year, and was apparently sold out.

At least, that's what the Ontario Girl Guide website said last week.

Interestingly enough, this week, the website says there is still space for 37 more people.

No matter, the party is private, so if you're connected to Guiding, you may want to check it out.

We got a phone call about it this week from a coordinator for the Girl Guides who said the event is not sold out and the time has not been determined yet.

The website says the event will happen at Light of Christ Catholic School, 290 McClelland Way, October 21, at 7 p.m., pretty much what we said last week.

Best to check it out yourself for the most up to date information.



This is the track and field team from the Aurora High School (Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School) in 1935. In the front row are Paul Knowles, Harry Mount, Warren Barnard, Glen Dix and Joseph McGhee. In the middle row is school principal J.H. Knowles, Jim Cook, Ben Cox, Bill Jones and Norman F. Johnson, the coach. In the top row are Ben Case, Bill Kerr, Gordon McKenzie, Gordon Patton and Jesse Bryson. Principal Knowles (he held that post from 1923 to 1958) was the grandfather of Bob McRoberts, an Aurora councillor, who retired as a teacher from that school last year. The photo came from a book compiled by Aurora historian John McIntyre to celebrate the school's 100th birthday in 1988.

## Letters to the Editor

# YRT schedules don't work for high schools, she says

**Ed. Note: The following letter was sent to Aurora-King school trustee, Gord Kerr, and a copy was sent to The Auroran.**

Dear Mr. Kerr,

Yesterday, I copied you on an e-mail discussion with York Regional Transit (YRT) with regards to my serious concerns about the bus routes that serve our Aurora High School students.

I do understand the need to cut costs and balance budgets in increasingly difficult economic times. However, it has become increasingly apparent that this decision was made without consultation or accurate review of the YRT bus routes that serve our school.

If you consider the number of students expected to take the three bus routes that serve

our school (as well as the other high schools in Aurora), within the framework of the school schedules and neighbourhoods where these students live, you would see that it is impossible for YRT to meet the needs of most of our students.

Secondly, you are asking parents to pay excessive amounts of transportation costs to YRT for bus tickets/passes for the privilege of inconveniencing and exhausting our children.

If we choose to not pay for this inconvenient and expensive transport, we are forced to take time away from work to drive our children to and from school on a daily basis, further causing traffic congestion and contributing to greenhouse gases in your school areas.

I also understand that the board does not feel that bussing makes a direct impact

in the classroom and is an easier "cut" to make.

On this second point, I strongly disagree.

Adding stress, confusion and at minimum an additional hour before and after school in transit time, will definitely impact on our students' ability to concentrate and learn in the classroom as well as their ability to focus on and complete homework assignments.

I am now asking the board to step up and work with parents, students and the York Regional Transit to find suitable transport for all students.

The board and schools must work with YRT to provide all information that is relevant to planning appropriate bus routes and scheduling.

**Heather Scher  
Aurora**

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# Reader wonders about election...

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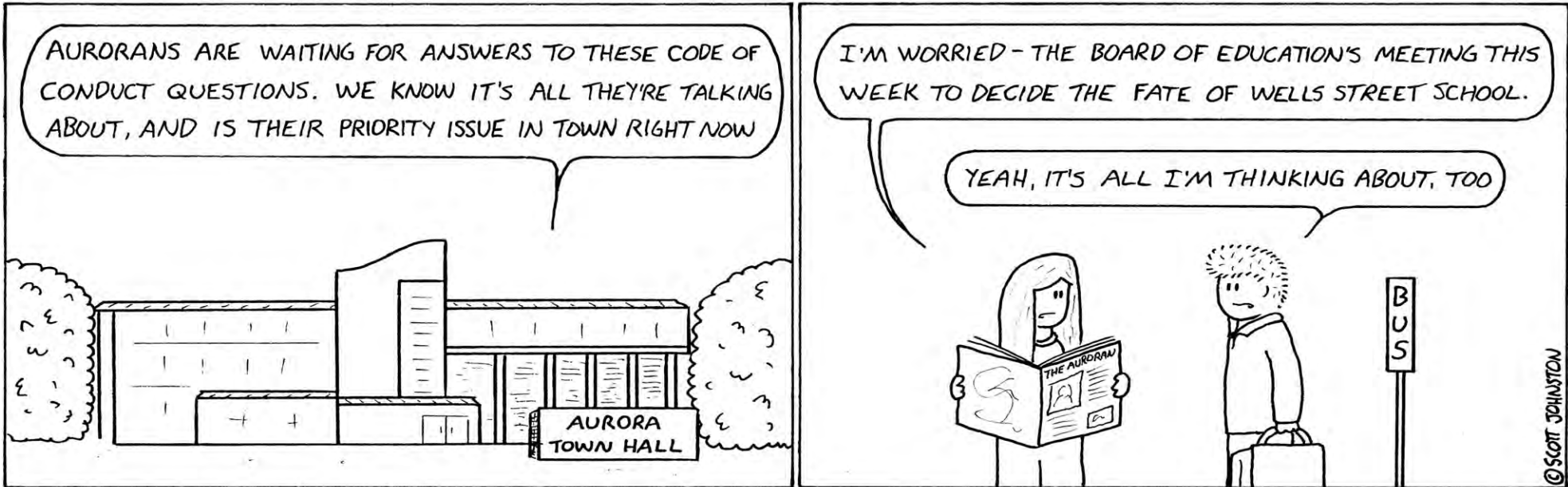
The council we got, continually fought,  
Professional staff left to Aurorans' regret...

Who can possibly save us,  
from tax money spent

On lawsuits still pending  
With seemingly no ending.

**Judy Salmon  
Aurora**





## Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

This is a follow-up to a column that I had written a couple of weeks back.

That column concerned the new Catholic high school - St. Maximilian Kolbe - that was recently opened in Aurora.

The school is named after the Saint who gave up his life for another prisoner at Aushwitz during the Second World War.

The school principal told me that "this past July a group of students and staff traveled to Poland to follow in the footsteps of St. Maximilian Kolbe".

"The group, prior to leaving, had visited the Holocaust Centre in North York and met Max Eisen - an Auschwitz survivor," the principal said. "Max told his sad story to the group and each member was given a letter to carry to Auschwitz from different survivors and to open the letter upon arrival at the concentration camp museum and memorial."

I met with three of the 14-year-old Grade 9 students and asked for their recollections of the trip:

**Samantha Franco:** Before I went on this trip, I thought I knew a lot about the holocaust, but really I knew very little. I didn't know about the ghettos, that it wasn't just Jewish people in the concentration camps, that the Nazis did experiments on the prisoners, about the "Final Solution", or that the Nazis' killed so many in just one day! For me, Auschwitz was the hardest part of the trip. To walk the place where St. Maximilian Kolbe died and to carry a letter from an actual survivor who had stood on that very selection platform was overwhelming. When it was time to read our letters I could-

n't wait, but I felt I had to be far away from the group so I sat apart from everyone to read it. The letter was brief, but the details that Amek A. Adler gave tore my heart. "The life expectancy at Auschwitz II- Birkenau was one hour and a half...One SS officer had the power of life and death and he made decisions for who would go to the left or to the right. "

"As a young boy to wave goodbye to my mother was the hardest moment in my life," is the quote that sticks out the most for me. To be honest, it's hard to really explain to someone what it was like being on this sacred ground because you don't really understand it until you've experienced it.

**Ryan Duffy:** During our journey, we did many different activities that helped us in our goal of following in the footsteps of St. Max. Kolbe. One of these great activities was when we visited the actual house that St Max was born in. We visited his house because we wanted a better understanding of how he lived as a small boy. A second place that we visited and stayed for a night was in the town of Niepokalanów - The City of the Immaculate. This is the city that St. Maximilian Kolbe created and founded and our group attended a mass there (it was in Polish) and we spent the night with the priests. The third big thing that we did was that we went to Auschwitz Concentration Camp, we saw the gas chambers and the shooting wall. The biggest emotional "speed bump" was when we opened the letters that had been written to us by holocaust survivors (after the trip we had the chance to meet the survivors who wrote our letters)

but one of the most important parts of our trip was when we collected ashes outside of block 11, the place where St. Maximilian Kolbe was murdered in the place of another man. We brought the ashes back to our school as a remembrance of what St. Maximilian Kolbe represents.

**Zachary Wheeler:** This trip was more than awesome - it was indescribable! If I had words for this trip, it would be 'emotional', 'exciting', 'cool', and 'scary'.The coolest part about this trip was when we visited the house where St. Maximillian was raised. You might be wondering how is this so cool? If you were me, standing in the very room of where a great Saint was raised, standing in the room he slept in, you would think it was cool, too. The heaviest and most emotional part of my trip was visiting the dreadful place of Auschwitz and Berkenau, the resting place of so many victims. Opening my letter on the railroad tracks that brought people to Auschwitz to be tortured, enslaved and killed was very sad. An exciting part of my trip was when we stayed in the community of Larch, at a home for disabled people. This facility helps the disabled get back on their own feet. The Larch community has homes all over the world, helping people. When my trip was over, after getting off the plane back in Toronto, I thought to myself, "My trip is far from over. My friend and I have to share what we've learned on this trip with others."

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### Letter to the Editor

# Town should support this artist's efforts

#### To the editor,

Life comes at us and we process life, in terms of similarities and differences.

On the one hand, we have similarities that can also be called associations, generalizations, abstractions.

On the other hand, we have differences or opposites that can also be called distinctions, polarities, paradoxes, dichotomies.

We cannot even define a word except in terms of referring to both its similar words and meanings and its different or opposite words and meanings. We call these 'synonyms' and 'antonyms'.

So it shouldn't surprise us that those amongst us who push hardest for peace are often if not usually those who have been hit the hardest by its opposite - war, aggression, and violence.

To want to compensate and evolve from the experiential horrors of past living nightmares is human, a normal part of the human thinking, feeling, and action process. Both personal and political.

In this regard, we come to Deborah Campo's latest artistic creation and project: the 'Peace Flame Tree'.

I have known Deborah for two or three years now. We met in a political circle in Newmarket, attending the meetings of this circle about once a month for close to a year or so.

However, in these meetings, we seemed to find a similar cause or essence if you will, even amongst some of our quite opposite characteristics.

I was more the political introvert, the hobby writer, more comfortable in front of a computer writing an editorial article on politics, philosophy, psychology, or some other aspect of man and culture.

In contrast, Deborah was, and is, much more the social and political extrovert and 'butterfly' talking to anybody and everybody in the room while I sit more comfortably on the sidelines watching her 'do her thing'.

Is there anyone in Aurora who doesn't know Deborah - and her know you?

Which brings us back to her

latest artistic creation and project - The Peace Flame Tree.

Deborah views her latest art piece, which I am sure many of you have seen already, as a continuation of her 'Petrified Forest' series.

I see things a little differently although maybe there is a connection here that I am just starting to grasp. Off the top of my head, I see Deborah's 'Peace Flame Tree' as a continuation and derivative of her 'Angel' series.

The connection being the theme of 'peace'.

Which brings us back to similarities and differences.

War and peace. Violence and peace.

And this brings us back to compensation.

Those of us, or perhaps paradoxically, those most special amongst us, who have, through their own unique but at the same time most unfortunate, even tragic and horrific, circumstances, been touched, or more appropriately, ravaged - even 'petrified' by the horrors of war and violence - are at the same time best suited to 'champion the cause of peace'

amongst the rest of us who may not have been hit quite, or nearly so hard by life's most brutal and violent side.

And here I come back to the unique combination in Deborah's character between her social and political activist side, her artistic-creative side - and her passionately caring about peace and people side.

Perhaps this is the uniting underlying force between Deborah's 'Angel' series, her 'Petrified Forest' series, and 'The Peace Flame Tree' - a calm and peaceful serenity and tranquility that seems to characterize and identify most of Deborah's artistic creations as contrasted against the stark brutality of the worst and most tragic forms of life's darkest moments - and man's darkest moments against each other as we continue to do horrific, violent things to each other in the name of truth, righteousness, freedom, ethics, revenge, personal power and pleasure, and/or even, God.

At the core of Deborah's character -- and her artistic work -- is a deep and personal caring about people, and

peace, and in this regard, a much more peaceful, serene, and tranquil version of the meaning of God and Religion.

Her 'Angels'. Her 'Petrified Forest'. Her dedicated community work both personally and politically as President of The Roman Catholic's Woman's Group. Her personal appearances in Aurora -- wherever and whenever -- tragedy has struck.

And now her Peace Flame Tree.

I do not know a lot about the political processes involved here. Nor do I really want to. It is not my cup of tea.

What I do know on the political front, is that Deborah's Peace Flame Tree has been endorsed on the municipal, the provincial, and the federal level.

Now it is up to you, my most caring citizen friends, the heart and soul of Aurora, to get on board this Peace Flame Tree Project, to support it, to help fund it as a large stainless steel sculpture version of this art work will hopefully be entrenched and unveiled in the most appropriate spot in

Aurora by Remembrance Day of this year - and to support the continuing artistic creations of Deborah Campo, to show her that you value and care for her work, just as she continues to show her care and value for you.

Because that is what the Peace Flame Tree is ultimately about - caring for people, helping each other in our darkest hours of need, supporting each other in all of our local community endeavours.

A Passion For Peace in the fine historical and cultural town of Aurora, which is much, so much more, than a 'bedroom community' for Toronto.

Indeed, it has a strong, passionate, pulsating, life-blood of its own.

Let us work together to unveil a large sculpture of the Peace Flame Tree.

By Remembrance Day of this year.

We all need to help to make this happen.

And to share in what it symbolically means.

David Gordon Bain  
Newmarket



Letters to the Editor

Old Farmers' Market was looking to expand

To the editor,

A note to Sher St. Kitts: I was not going to respond to your latest letter but could not resist when I found that you repeated that bilge about the new found social and cultural renaissance in Aurora.

Certain town politicians have caused the worst mess that I have witnessed in my

many years in Aurora.

How can you say that the mayor and Councillor Stephen Granger have provided a more vital, healthy community in a few short years?

We have had a vital, healthy, social and cultural community for many years before you and they arrived on the scene.

Three years ago you say

the Farmers' Market was in its death throws.

I am not familiar with that term.

Is it some kind of game where people stand in a circle and throw stones at death?

I am familiar with the term death throes.

If that is what you meant that the Farmers' Market was experiencing, why were

they looking for a site that would provide more room and more parking space for cars?

The old Market downtown was a very pleasant place on a Saturday morning.

I speak from experience as I tended the booth for the Aurora Seniors' Centre.

It was a meeting place where one could chat with friends, sit at picnic tables in

the large square in the centre, enjoy a cup of coffee and maybe one of Gabriel's treats, feeling totally relaxed and in warm communion with fellow citizens.

Then the Market moved to Wells Street where vendors faced each other up close and customers jostled each other in the narrow corridor in between.

It was only when the booths expanded into the Town park that there was more breathing space and

places to sit.

I have to admit, Sher, that the music from the bandstand adds to the enjoyment.

But please do not give the impression that we have a special new Aurora.

Councils come and go and this one has to go and if we are lucky, we may get a new one that works well together and gives top priority to serious issues.

Flo Murray  
Aurora

This author has facts wrong

To the editor,

Thank you, Ms St. Kitts, for your letter last week in The Auroran regarding the Farmers Market that I started seven years ago.

I would, however, wish you would get your facts straight.

The market was not floundering when Councillor Stephen Granger took over from me.

We had many neat Aurora merchants support the market including Hurst Bakery, Cooper's Farms, Van Hart

Organic Vegetable Farms and Howards Meats.

Also the many great volunteers at the Aurora Seniors' Centre.

They were and are the ones who helped get the market going and make it successful.

You, Sher St. Kitts, NEVER visited the Market during the first four and a half years so how would you know that the market was floundering if you never attended the start of the market?

You are a great cheerleader for Mayor Phyllis Morris and Councillor Granger, but please, get the facts straight before you write these long self-serving letters.

I am proud of the work and foresight that myself and my committee had to start the market and regardless of what you state you really are so far off base that you do not realize it.

I appreciate that you helped with the July 1st parade but please give some

credit to the volunteers who helped you and there were many.

You did get it going again and I thank you for that.

Thanks again to Councillor Granger for keeping the dream alive and thank you to all the vendors at the market.

That goes for the old and the new.

Is there a market in Snowball?

Nigel Kean  
Aurora

We don't need ward system: reader

To the editor,

I agree fully with Ron Wallace's take on the subject of a ward system. (Poor Ronnie, The Auroran, September 15th)

We definitely do not need one.

There are numerous reasons how this would be detrimental to our Town and perhaps I will expound

upon these in a later letter.

For now, suffice it to say, Aurora is just too small geographically for this electoral system.

One of the few things remaining that keep our Town unique is the concept of eight councillors at large serving everyone in town, not just an eighth or quarter of the people or however many wards are pro-

posed.

In his column, Stephen Somerville quotes former Mayor Tim Jones as stating "it is too hard to choose from 20 candidates."

It is a sad commentary on the voting public if we cannot, once every four years, take a couple of hours to read the literature of these candidates and meet them at the all-candi-

dates meetings in order to decide who will best represent us.

Mr. Somerville also quoted our mayor as stating, "it is too hard for first time candidates to get elected".

This did not seem to be a problem for Councillors Bob McRoberts who received more votes than any other candidate or Councillor Alison Collins-Mrakas who also did well in the voting.

Both were first time candidates.

Obviously it is in the best interest of councillors to seek a ward system; it makes their job a lot easier.

Not only do they have a much reduced area in which to campaign but also, if elected, they have far fewer people whom they must represent directly.

I urge the present council to vote to keep the status quo; however, if not, please let something this important to our democracy be decided by the voters.

Graham Wride  
Aurora

Smoking "disgusting" at RibFest, she says

To the editor,

Re: Aurora RibFest was great...but...

We live in the neighborhood of Machell Park and have attended the RibFest every year since it started.

By far, this year had the best weather and attendance yet and it was great to see all those people enjoying the event.

But, one thing ruined it for us. The smoking was disgusting.

I don't understand why, in a family-oriented environment, there couldn't have been some

designated smoking areas.

Instead, we had to move tables a number of times because people were smoking around us while we ate.

I'm sorry, but I think it's just rude and disrespectful to smoke where people are eating, especially when there are little kids around.

Also, I couldn't let my son play on the grass because there were cigarette butts everywhere.

Gross.

At one point, I even had a person blowing smoke in my face while we were lined up for

food.

Seriously smokers, have some respect for those around you!

I hope the Town is listening and makes some changes for next year.

Mary Anonymous  
Aurora

ED. NOTE: The Auroran is aware of the author.

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Letters to the Editor

# Reader copies Dick’s brickbats column

To the editor,

Sometimes you don't know you miss someone until you need them.  
This can't hold a stick to the original, and is done with the deepest respect...

**Concrete blocks** for a mayor who pushes for a code of conduct and the hiring of an integrity commissioner at taxpayers' expense, only to fire him when his report doesn't satisfy her agenda, breaking several moral and ethical codes in the process.  
**Concrete blocks** to five councillors who are not independent thinkers, and are not representing the people who put them there. We can only hope that some of them will come to their senses and motion for an early election to try to salvage the integrity of municipal government.

## CAWS thanks supporters

An Open Letter to Wells Street Public School Supporters:

CAWS - Community Action for Wells Street, once again sends its sincerest thanks to all supporters who joined us in our peaceful demonstration outside of the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) offices Monday September 14th.  
We would also like to thank and congratulate all delegates for delivering their thought-provoking presentatations to the trustees.  
While there are no more opportunities for the public to speak to the board or the trustees, we do hope that you will join us one last time for a peaceful demonstration in support of Wells Street PS this coming Thursday, September 24, from 6.30 to 8 p.m., outside the YRDSB offices - 60 Wellington Street West.  
Wear your blue and white, and be sure to bring

your children to show the youth of our community. The demonstration will take place prior to the very important board meeting in which the YRDSB trustees will vote on the fate of Wells Street Public School.  
Regardless of the trustee's decision, CAWS will be celebrating our community and all the Wells Street PS supporters Saturday September 26, at the Aurora Farmers' Market.  
Please join us for cake and allow us to thank you for all your efforts in helping us save our beloved school.  
We hope to see you all on September 24 outside the YRDSB offices for our final peaceful demonstration, and again at the Aurora Farmers' Market on September 26 to celebrate our community and our Wells Street PS supporters.

Beverly Norton  
Community Action  
for Wells Street

## Pay attention to public, reader advises mayor

To the editor,

The, not so, last word.  
Is it just me or does anyone else think our mayor seems to have deep rooted control issues?  
David Nitkin's report was very to the point:  
He concluded that the complaint was "ill-informed, incomplete, and inappropriate".  
This was the opportunity for council to have closure, to move on, and for the members that filed this complaint to grow up.  
Unwilling to let Nitkin have the last word, he is fired.  
The report is not released in a timely fashion to the public, nor those on council who had a right to it, without first including the addition of her own words.  
Our mayor has graciously extended us citizens the courtesy of filing an "addendum" to her report, which itself is an addendum on the Integrity commissioner's report.  
One that no one asked for, but she felt so necessary to

include.  
She said in council September 15th that everyone has the opportunity to write letters and blog (to which she accompanied a wave of the hands and roll of the eyes to dismiss such acts) to serve as an "addendum".  
How blatantly patronizing of her.  
Thank you your worship for your permission.  
You can cry all you want, take your ball and go running home to mommy but you cannot dismiss letters and blogs with a wave of the hand, nor do you get the satisfaction of having the last word on the subject.  
The last word is always owned by the public forum, not the council chambers.  
We will speak loudly November, 2010, so you may want to read those letters and blogs.  
If it's easier for you, you can read the last ones first.

Christopher Watts  
Aurora

**Concrete blocks** to our municipal system of government for not having a process in place to protect its citizens from situations like the current one Aurora is in.  
**Concrete blocks** to a mayor who is out of control and has the audacity to spin everything in her favour. If Aurora had its own police service and court system, Evelyn Buck would be serving a life sentence for treason against the crown.  
**Concrete blocks** to me for not being more educated about the people I elected. Our local government is a vital level of government and is one that affects our community directly. We all need to be more informed of our candidates' platforms and alliances before going to the polls.  
**Concrete blocks** to a mayor and five councillors who seem to think the best interest of its citizens is best served by their individual, personal interests and ambitions, and who allow bullying tactics to affect the outcome of their deci-

sions.  
**Concrete blocks** to Snowball for not having enough of a population to support its own town council, which would provide an opportunity for one of its own red hot citizens to promote their interests where they live.  
**Concrete blocks** to a councillor that is well-versed in his strength of morality and through leadership diversification, the appropriate citizens can all be happy of the eventuality to the following, that there will be a Farmers' Market.  
And finally:  
**Roses** to the inspiration for this format and the weekly contribution you made to our community newspaper. We miss your insight and were enlightened by your words, Dick Illingworth.  
  
Alan Scott  
Aurora

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This is the group responsible for the Aurora Tigers Novice AA’s winning all the marbles at an early bird hockey tournament in Richmond Hill last week. They are, back row, left to right, Paul Wolanski, Stuart Pringle, Paul Reid, Rich Liotta, Tod Dungey; middle row, left to right, Malcolm Johnston, Luke Jarvis, Cooper Judson, Evan Pringle, Wesley Reid, Russell Tanaka, Michael Orlandi; front row, left to right, Anthony Di Pietro, Noah Dempsey, Andrew Wolanski, Ryan Cuniam, Ben Liotta, Tyler Sawyer, Trevor Dungey and Cory Read. The goalie is Matteo Orlandi.

## Double A novice team wins early tournament

The Aurora Tigers Novice AA hockey team won the 10th Annual Richmond Hill Early Bird tournament recently. Coached by Paul Wolanski, the team won the title by beating the Markham Waxers 6-5 in overtime. Evan Pringle was the hero who scored the overtime goal. Despite trailing 4-1 early

in the third period, the Tigers fought back to tie the score and force the overtime period. The comeback was energized with Matteo Orlandi’s save on a Markham penalty shot midway through the period. Orlandi posted back to back shutouts during the tournament. The Tigers outscored

their opponents 33-8 in five games played. They took Game 1, defeating Richmond Hill 9 - 1, then shut out Whitby 5-0 in their second game. In Game 3, Aurora blanked Windsor 9-0 and in the semi-final match downed Vaughan 4-2. That set the stage for the championship game which Aurora won.

# Aurora Barbarians win over Ottawa

The Aurora Barbarians Rugby Football Club continued their journey to a fourth consecutive McCormick Cup final with a convincing win over the Ottawa Irish Rugby Club 37-12 at Twin Elm Rugby Park in Nepean Saturday. The Ottawa club was the dominant force in Ontario rugby in the 1980s and 90s and produced many players for Canada’s national team. But the Pool 1 match between historied Irish and the current league champion Aurora Barbs confirmed the changing times.

Disembarking from a long coach ride 90 minutes before kick-off, the Barbarians looked in disarray for the first 35 minutes of the game, mishandling passes, missing tackles and making poor tactical decisions. Five minutes before the half Aurora was down 12-3 and showed little interest in the game. A last minute try by full-back Jeremy Campbell closed the gap to 12-8 after 40 minutes. Coach Bart Hennessey at halftime challenged his veterans to raise their game and play the physical style that had characterized the club this season. The message got through and the Barbs poured in 29 points from four trys, three conversions and a penalty kick

while shutting out the Irish with solid defensive play. Flyhalf Andrew Ziricino led the charge with a try, scored all of the conversions and added a penalty goal. However, the Richmond Hill resident left the game with ten minutes to go with back spasms. The other Pool 1 game saw a 10-10 draw between Irish Canadians Rugby Club of Toronto and Oshawa Viking. The Barbs will host the

ICRC in their final pool match Saturday morning at Fletcher’s Fields while The Ottawa Irish will travel to Oshawa. The Barbs/ICRC contest is of particular interest as the Irish club is the defending McCormick Cup Champion. This match will be a “curtain-raiser” for Ontario versus the Atlantic Rock in the Americas Rugby Challenge also to be held at Fletcher’s at 3 p.m.

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# Tigers one and one for opener Friday

The Junior A Aurora Tigers hockey team was hoping to have a 2-0 record when they met their fans at a tail-gate party prior to the start of the first home game Friday night, but it wasn't to be.

The Oakville Blades handed Aurora its first loss of the season Sunday night, edging the Tigers 5-4 in a game that saw seven of the nine goals scored on the power play.

Tigers home opener is this Friday when they meet the Bramalea Blues at 7.30 p.m. at the Aurora Community Centre.

But before tha happens, there will be a tailgate party in the parking lot of the Centre which gets underway at 5.30 p.m.

Tigers were hoping to bring their perfect record home after they defeated Brampton 7-2 Saturday night.

Star of the game was newly-acquired George Lovatsis, signed by the Tigers the night before the game. He had a five-point night, then added another goal Sunday to lead the individual scoring race.

Also acquired Friday was Jamie Haines, who registered three points Saturday

## Novice AA team wins three games

The Aurora Novice AA hockey team - the Tigers - came up with three victories last week, two over the same team.

On September 16, the Tigers defeated the Barrie Colts 6-4, then four days later, dumped the same team 3-1.

In the first game, Malcolm Johnston led the way with three goals, while singles went to Ben Liotta, Ryan Cunniam and Evan Pringle.

In the rematch, Liotta scored once, as did Russell Tanaka and Cory Read.

A day before the second match, Aurora defeated Markham 3-1.

Pringle led the way with a pair of goals, while Read added a single.

and added another one Sunday.

Newly named captain David Morley showed his stuff scoring twice on Saturday and adding another Sunday night.

Aurora started off slowly Sunday and trailed by two before the team came to life in the second period.

However, by the end of the frame, Aurora was on the wrong end of a 4-1 score.

The club struck for three markers in the final 20 minutes, but it wasn't enough to force the game into overtime.

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#### First Period

B - Rob Mair (Dawe) 4.07  
A - George Lovatsis (Vanderlugt, Haines) 10.33

#### Second Period

A - David Morley (unasisted) 2.37  
A - Jeff Vanderlugt (Lovatsis, Haines) 4.02  
A - David Morley (Sardella, Pianosi) 11.43  
A - Mitch Kerr (Lovatsis) 12.59

#### Third Period

B - Chase Nieuwendyk (Cummings, Scuglia) .48  
A - George Lovatsis (Haines, Vanderlugt) 6.53  
A - Jeff Vanderlugt (Haines, Govatsis) 11.47

### OAKVILLE 5 AURORA 4

#### First Period

O - Dustin Alcock (Karius, Murphy) 8.09

#### Second Period

O - Mark Bennett (McGowan, Ingoldsby) PP 2.14  
A - George Lovatsis (Haines, Vanderlugt) PP 5.55  
O - Mark McGowan (Hickey) PP 8.12  
O - Kyle Lysaght (Guzzo, Badham) 12.49

#### Third Period

A - Alexi Pianosi (Morley, Sardella) PP 0.58  
A - David Morley (Sardella, VanNatter) PP

12.21

O - Mark Bennett (Ingoldsby) PP14.29

A - Derek Gregorack (McLaughlin, VanNatter) PP 17.52



## AURORA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION Results to Sunday, September 20



### Rep Games

**Georgina 2; Novice AA Tigers 1** - Malcolm Johnston 1G, Luke Jarvis 1A.

**Novice AA Tigers 9** - Evan Pringle 3G, Malcolm Johnston 3G, Andrew Wolanski 1G, Cory Read 1G, Anthony DiPietro 1G, Russell Tanaka 1A, Trevor Dungey 1A. **Richmond Hill Stars 1.**

**Novice AA Tigers 4** - Wesley Reid 1G 1A, Ben Liotta 1G, Cory Read 1G, Evan Pringle 1G, Anthony DiPietro 1A, Malcolm Johnston 1A. **Vaughan Rangers Red 2.**

**Novice AA Tigers 5** - Evan Pringle 3G, Malcolm Johnston 1G, Wesley Reid 1G, Ben Liotta 1A, Ryan Cunniam 1A. Matteo Orlandi, shutout. **Whitby 0.**

**Novice AA Tigers 6** - Evan Pringle 3G 1A, Malcolm Johnston 2G 1A, Michael Orlandi 1G, Wesley Reid 2A, Russell Tanaka 1A, Tyler Sawyer 1A, Anthony DiPietro 1A, Trevor Dungey 1A, Cory Read 1A. **Markham Waxers 5.**

**Novice AA Tigers 9** - Evan Pringle 4G 1A, Malcolm Johnston 1G 1A, Wesley Reid 1G 1A, Anthony DiPietro 1G 1A, Tyler Sawyer 1G, Noah Dempsey 1G, Ben Liotta 1A, Cory Read 1A, Ryan Cunniam 1A. **Windsor 0.**

**Novice AA Tigers 6** - Malcolm Johnston 3G, Evan Pringle 1G 1A, Ryan Cunniam 1G, Ben Liotta 1G, Russell Tanaka 2A, Tyler Sawyer 1A, Wesley Reid 1A, Anthony DiPietro 1A, Cory Read 3A. **Barrie Colts 4.**

**Novice AE Tigers 4** - Evan Robertson 1G 1A, Justin Harbaruk 3G, Evan Robertson 1G 1A. **Newmarket 3.**

**Schomberg 5, Novice AE Tigers 0.**

**Innisfil Winterhawks A/E 5, Novice AE Tigers 3** - Alex Sandras 1G, Owen Romano 1A, Kyle Fowler 1A, Justin Harbaruk 1G, Evan Robertson 1A, Thomas Childerhose 1A, Harris Goan 1G.

**Newmarket 8, Novice AE Tigers 1** - Anthony Iacovetta 1G, Jessica Jollimore 1A, Thomas Childerhose 1A.

**East Gwillimbury Eagles 5, Minor Atom A Tigers 1** - Lucas Surace 1G, Braeden Joynt 1A, Kyle Morning 1A.

**Atom A Tigers 5** - Thomas Kostoff 1G, Jordan Torres 1G, Reid Carpenter 1G, Kyle Rice 1G, Alexander Simardone 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1G. **Atom A Markham Islanders 2.**

**Newmarket 5, Minor Pee wee AA Tigers 2** - Patrick Servideo 1G, Daniel McConnell 1G, Jack Pecora 2A, Keegan Matthew 1A.

**Minor Pee wee AA Tigers 6** - Patrick Servideo 2G, Keegan Matthew 4G1A, Jared Reeves 1G, Adam Leader 1A, Cameron Morrison 1G5A, Daniel McConnell 2G1A, Shaun Broad 1G2A, Alec Magnante 1G1A, Jack Pecora 1G3A, Graham Sanford 2A, Jared Brown 3A, Taylor Kauffeldt 1G1A. **TBD 1.**

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**Minor Pee wee A Tigers 1** - Brendin Ramsay 1G, Bryan Manweiler 1A, Spencer White 1A. **Bradford 1.**

**Minor Pee wee AE Tigers 2, East Gwillimbury Eagles 0.**

**Minor Pee wee AE Tigers 4, Markham Waxers 1.**

**Minor Pee wee AE Tigers 3, Uxbridge Stars 0.**  
**Pee wee A Tigers 3, Markham Waxers 2.**

**Barrie Colts 5, Minor Bantam AA Tigers 1** - Quentin Campbell 1G, Brett Thiessen 1A.

**Minor Bantam AA Tigers 5** - Konner McMillan 2G, Brett Thiessen 1G 2A, Liam Coll 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1G 1A, Nic Delzotto 1A, Shadoc Storm 1A, Quentin Campbell 1A, John MacDonald 1A. **Vaughan Panthers 3.**

**Milton Winterhawks 4, Minor Bantam AA Tigers 2** - Quentin Campbell 1G, Konner McMillan 1G, Brett Thiessen 2A, Matt Iwai 1A.

**Minor Bantam A Tigers 5** - Paul Neophytou 3G 1A, Zac Cowl 1G 2A, Connor Cowl 1G, Liam Beresford 1A, Jack Caldwell 1A, Jake McKee 1A, Austin Persaud 1A. **Toronto Avalanche 4.**

**Ajax 3, Minor Bantam A Tigers 2** - James Johnston 1G, Jack Caldwell 1G, Liam Beresford 1A, Graham Robinson 1A, Zac Cowl 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A.

**Georgina 2, Minor Bantam AE Tigers 1.**

**Richmond Hill Stars 6, Minor Bantam AE Tigers 3** - Nelson Hossack 1G, Brayden Beswick 2G, Nathan Sinclair 1A, Scott Kostin 1A.

**Minor Bantam AE Tigers 5** - Scott Kostin 1G 1A, Nathan Sinclair 1G, Ben Ashton 1G, Mitch Arnew 1G, Alec Ground 1G 2A, Brayden Beswick 1A. **Stoney Creek 2.**

**Bantam A Tigers 4** - Hayden Trask 1G, Vincent Ruscica 3G, Ryan Baskin 2A, Andrew McDonald 2A, Daniel Fiori 1A. Taylor Coveart, shutout. **Schomberg 0.**

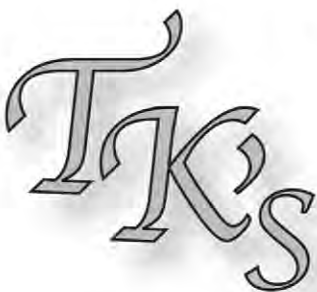
**Bantam A Tigers 6** - Matthew Pryse 2G, Colton Lee 1G, Jonathan McConnell 1G, Eric Damecour 1G, Andrew McDonald 1G, Quincy Ing 2A, Hayden Trask 2A, Kyle Fedec 3A, Ryan Baskin 1A, Daniel Jones 1A. **Nobleking 1.**

**Georgina 5, Bantam AE Tigers 3** - Connor Moody 1G, Casey Severini 2G, Peter Sandwell 2A, Sam Steenhorst 1A.

**Bantam AE Tigers 3** - Paul Louis Steiner 1G, Zachary Ferry 2G, Peter Sandwell 1A, Christopher Tsianos 1A. **Stouffville Clippers 3.**

**Bantam AE Tigers 4** - Paul Louis Steiner 1G, Christopher Tsianos 1G, Zachary Ferry 2G, Sasha Dajia 3A, Christopher Cherubini 1A, Peter Sandwell 1A, Casey Severini 2A, Connor Moody 1A. **Ajax 1.**

**Minor Midget AE Tigers 3** - Daniel Laflamme 1A, Anthony Selski 2G, Nick Heintzman 1G, Marshall McGaffey 1A, Taylor Butler 2A, Brian Puskar 2A. **TNT 2.**



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The event begins at 7 p.m.

This is one of the biggest nights for the Aurora Chamber and the business community as they honour

and recognize the nominees and winners that exemplify excellence and success.

To be a finalist is a great accomplishment.

"We have planned an exciting and different event this year for our celebration. Instead of a traditional sit-down dinner, we have a 'Marché' style atmosphere that will fill you up with tastes from restaurants around our town", said Chamber President Geoffrey Dawe.

There will be time to mix and mingle at a "Champagne Reception" in

the Atrium of the school where visitors can experience some of the local restaurant caterers providing their specialties.

Aw Shucks Seafood Bar & Bistro, Baldwins Steak House and Bar, Bijoy's Restaurant, ByPeterandPauls.com, Edward Street Market and Grill, Hurst Bakery, Joia Restaurant and Wine Bar, Maunders Food Shop, Scorpion Fine Food Boutique, The Roving Chef and Last Call Espresso and Cappuccino Service will pre-

pare their own specials.

"This 'Marché' style creates a great opportunity for the business community to meet the restaurants and caterers of Aurora," Dawe said.

After socializing and enjoying an evening with peers and friends, everyone will move into the theatre for the Awards Ceremony to present the nominees and winners.

Each nominated business will be highlighted and the winners will receive their awards with a spectacular and entertaining ceremony.

"We are very excited about acknowledging and celebrating local business achievement and I am always amazed at the calibre of our finalists and the businesses they represent," Dawe said. "Who will be named the 2009 Business Person of the Year? You should plan to attend to find out first hand."

Following the ceremony, there will be time to congratulate the winners and enjoy the rest of the evening as you treat yourself at the cappuccino bar along with a chocolate and cheese station serving Ontario and Québec artisanal cheese and fine Belgian chocolate, and an assortment of fruit, pastries and biscotti.

'Celebrating Local Excellence' in Aurora at the 2009 Business Achievement Awards will be a night to remember.

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# Former Aurora planner named to HCF Board

Aurora's former Heritage Planning Manager, Michael Seaman, was appointed to the Board of Governors of the Heritage Canada Foundation (HCF) recently.

Currently an employee of the Town of Oakville, Seaman, MCIP, RPP, once a resident of Aurora, now lives in Waterdown.

He will be Ontario's governor on the board.

It's understood the first person to hold the Ontario post was Pierre Berton.

Seaman is an urban planner with a Masters degree in Heritage Conservation who will bring to the board extensive knowledge, experience and enthusiasm for conserving heritage resources gained during his 19 years of progressive experience in the heritage planning field.

He has received national and provincial awards for his work with heritage and currently leads a team of heritage professionals as Manager of Heritage Planning for the Town of Oakville.

At one time, he was a senior heritage planner with the Town of Markham.

Seaman has been active in many heritage-related boards and societies, activities including past service as Chair of the Brampton Heritage Board, President of the Brampton Historical Society, Member of the Halifax Heritage Advisory Committee and Member of the Board of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals.

Since 2007, he has been an advisor to Heritage Canada on urban planning matters and was a contributor to the Heritage Canada study "Paving the Way: A Roadmap for Heritage and Development" which aimed to achieve more positive outcomes for heritage resources.

He has lectured across Canada and contributed numerous articles to national and provincial publications and is currently editor for heritage for Ontario Planning Journal.

He has hosted televi-

sion shows about heritage and coordinated heritage-related events including Doors Open in Aurora.

The HCF is governed by an elected volunteer Board composed of members from each territory and province.

No nominations were received from Prince Edward Island; therefore that position will remain vacant until further notice.

"Heritage Canada is the organization which awarded Aurora the Prince of Wales Prize last year in recognition of more than 50 years of sustained community commitment to heritage conservation in the Town," he said. "They are Canada's equivalent of the British National Trust and US National Trust for Historic Preservation and have the mandate to encourage the protection and promotion of the built, natural, historic, and scenic heritage of Canada."

Seaman will serve three years on his term "with the opportunity to serve up to six years on the board".

The term will start officially upon my being presented to members at HCF's Annual General Meeting in Toronto September 26.

"I'm pleased to be acclaimed as Heritage Canada's Ontario Governor, Seaman said. "It's going to allow me the opportunity to help make a positive difference in the conservation of heritage at the national level and to assist communities across Ontario in the conservation of their heritage. My past experience working in Aurora which has such a strong support for heritage conservation among its volunteers and property owners and the community as a whole will be a great asset in my new volunteer capacity."



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## Code complaint unresolved

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ruled that the complaint was unacceptable, and that no investigation or inquiry was warranted.

Some council members felt that based on this ruling, this should be the end of the matter, while others believed there was still merit to the original complaint.

The latter sentiment was voiced by Councillor Al Wilson when he stated that "the problem hasn't been the focus - the process has been the focus".

He went on to describe his support of town staff, and note that it was his duty to stand up for them, because they can't defend against what's been said about them.

While no one at the meeting was questioning the experience or qualifications of town staff or the work they do, that wasn't the issue, according to Councillor Alison Collins-Mrakas.

Asking "Who is the arbiter, members of this table, or a neutral third party?", she stated that it was the integrity commissioner's job to decide whether a complaint had merit, and said she wasn't elected to decide what people can or cannot say.

She also asked what "specific community concerns" the mayor's statement was to address, since to her knowledge, none had been documented.

"Who is deciding what the concerns are?" she asked.

Councillor Bob McRoberts agreed with these sentiments, adding

that efforts had been made by the Integrity Commissioner to rework the complaint with the complainant, but without success.

He also noted that the process outlined in the town's Code of Conduct had not been followed, including the requirement for secrecy associated with any internal review.

But, with Councillor Buck remaining silent on the issue, Councillors McRoberts and Collins-Mrakas were the lone voices arguing against the motion, as the remaining five councillors maintained their ongoing support of the mayor's stance.

One thing on which all members did agree, was that they wanted to put all of this behind them, and get on with the business of the town.

But that may be easier said than done.

One of the challenges of this whole matter identified by both the mayor and Councillor John Gallo was that council members can't communicate all of the facts to Aurora residents.

This is in part due to confidentiality reasons, and also because of legal papers recently served on various councillors and the mayor, that restrict their comments on the issue.

Therefore, it is unlikely that all of the details will surface, or all of the questions be answered, any time soon.

There is also the actual merit of the allegations against Councillor Buck,

which remain unresolved, and will continue to be so, at least until the next integrity commissioner is hired, possibly late this year.

The mayor wrapped up the evening's discussions on the topic by denying rumours that the province is keeping an eye on Aurora, that staff departures have increased this term, and that the town is awash in legal fees.

She then focused on a number of recent positive initiatives of which she said everyone should be proud, such as the Yonge Street revitalization study, increased business investment, and work on heritage

buildings and environmental conservation.

She reminded listeners that council needed to ensure the workplace is harassment-free for town staff, and that when a council member expresses him or herself, they do so by the rules.

Referring to her proposed statement on the Notice Board and town website, she concluded by asking council to "allow me the privilege of addressing the community".

Following the expected 6-3 vote in favour of the motion, she committed to having her remarks out as soon as possible.

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The "Let's Create Group" is characterized by members reusing, recycling, and restyling left-over or donated materials, or any fabric or bits and pieces of any materials that imaginative minds, geared to reprocessing, can remodel or restructure to something usable.

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New found style, generated by imagination applied to materials abandoned as worthless, impresses everybody greatly.

The fall season ahead offers "Let's Create" a variety of projects geared towards Christmas festivities, gifts and ornamentation with fun items.

Glass angels and

Christmas wreaths are projects that are often repeated at this time.

Other seasonal requests include handkerchief hanging angels and Christmas cards and are among an assortment of projects posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Any senior may join this band of talent and experience and will add to the immediate quality and character of the group, but if you are inexperienced but would like to express artistic feelings, do not hesitate to join and you will be made welcome.

Food is at times a necessity and always an attraction, and with the Budget Bistro program available once more on Wednesdays, senior passion for food is met by our own kitchen crew of volunteers.

The September menu consists of egg salad sandwich, potato salad, green salad, and dessert, all for \$4 per person.

The menu will change monthly as the weather changes and one caution to remember is that this offer applies only as supplies last.

Purchasing the meal ahead of time would indicate to the kitchen staff the quantity of supplies required, and would ensure greater satisfaction for everybody.

The Operations and Activities Committee (O & A) met in September with about 10 activities represented, which is good representation. The meeting was the first after a summer recess.

Among the reasons for the existence of the O&A committee is the opportunity to bring together members who otherwise would have little occasion to meet.

Meeting in this manner allows a structured presentation of positive or negative issues, and miscellaneous information to be circulated by each activity representative, which can be discussed

and attempts can be made to resolve issues arising or identified in the presentations.

Chairperson Jytte Gillies would like the O&A committee to meet monthly in the future and a date may be announced in the newsletter.

Joanne Keats reported Pickle Ball participation low during the good weather, but this is not surprising.

Joanne also said that Pickle Ball, which is somewhat like tennis, badminton, ping-pong and volleyball all rolled into one, is growing across Canada.

On April 25th, Pickleball Canada became an official national association with a web site at [www.pickleballcanada.org](http://www.pickleballcanada.org) and appears to have a healthy future among our members.

One positive response received to a request for input, was a request for more table tennis players; seemingly attendance was never great for table tennis but the

summer weather has thinned the ranks.

The players presently are mostly women who carry their years effortlessly and who are fit, alert, sprightly, competitive and playing for the enjoyment found among friends.

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The computer club committee is composed of a group of knowledgeable computer operators.

I have served on this committee for about seven

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The computer club will offer computer training through November and recess through December until the New Year.

If you need computer training, from complete beginner to a more specialized type of training, check the newsletter for October and a complete listing will be available.

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Sylvia Pivko, left, Executive Director and Troy Beretta, President, Board of Directors of Blue Hills Child and Family Centre offer congratulations on Blue Hills' 40th anniversary. The centre is located on the Bloomington Sideroad, just west of Yonge Street.

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