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Kean throws his hat back in mayor's ring

After trying twice to take over the mayor's chair, former Aurora Councillor Nigel Kean says he has decided to seek the post again next year.

Mr. Kean says he was convinced he was doing the right thing by not running, but after being approached by many residents at different events in Aurora he decided he should run for the job.

He believes that his six years on Aurora Council and his 31 years in business will help him lead Aurora to a better level of politics.

But he's not opposed to giving up the race if someone, like former

mayor Tim Jones or provincial representative Frank Klees, decided to run.

"I'd give up the race to either of those two," he said, "and I'd run for council."

Although the race doesn't officially start until the first of January, Mr. Kean thought it best to test the water early.

The municipal election is slated for November, 2010.

"I also believe that by not being in politics during this term, I have learned what residents expect and what to do to improve the political atmosphere in Aurora," he said.

Mr. Kean served the last two terms on Aurora Council, and finished third in the race for the mayor, behind the winner Phyllis Morris and sitting Mayor Tim Jones in the last election.

Among other items, he believes a workable council doesn't require an Integrity Commissioner.

He also opposes slate voting.

"The best councillor is a councillor who can and will do what is best for the residents of Aurora," he said. "Money should not be wasted unnecessarily on outside legal representation."

Mr. Kean believes Aurora has lost too many key staff members and staff should not be micro-managed but

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NIGEL KEAN

Police continue investigation

York Regional Police are continuing an investigation into the reported assault of a 14-year-old Aurora girl recently.

According to police, the girl was assaulted in an area near Wellington Street West and Community Centre Lane by an unknown male. She was treated for minor injuries.

Sgt. Laurie Perks, YRP Corporate Communications, said police do not believe the attack was random.

"We believe that for whatever reason this young lady was targeted," said Sgt. Perks. "We don't feel there is a random person on the loose in Aurora who is targeting young women."

The suspect is described as a white male, 5'11", bald, with a medium build. He was wearing a black shirt, pants, and shoes.

Sgt. Perks said police believe the male chose this particular girl to assault and continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding that.

Police have asked that anyone who may have information to contact them. No arrests have been made.



Aurora Legionnaire Ken White, second from right, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Royal Canadian Legion's highest decoration, for his years of dedicated service by Dominion Command in Ottawa. In the photo are, left to right, Aurora Branch 385 President Rick Preston, Cheryl White, Ken White and Zone E2 Commander, Mike Giovanetti.

Town committee says no to senior license request

Aurora Town Council's general committee declined a proposal Tuesday night made by the Aurora Seniors Association asking the Town to apply for and hold a liquor licence for the Association and its Seniors' Centre.

Under its present agreement with the Town, the Association may apply for and hold a liquor licence on its own, or it may apply for special event permits.

The request would have required an amendment be made to the existing agreement.

The decision to reject the request was recommended to the general committee and presented primarily as a matter of both practicality

and liability.

"With regards to the decline of the proposal, the liability [for the licence] would then lie with the municipality; however we would not necessarily be in control of all the other activities at the Centre," Al Downey, Director of Leisure Services, said in explaining the report.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern agreed with the assessment.

She said it was clear to her that the Association made the request to shift the liability risk away from the Seniors' Centre, but said that responsibility should not be passed on to the community.

This sentiment was shared by Councillor Wendy Gaertner.

"You're talking to people who are elected to represent the people of the town and we cannot put those people in a position of liability," she said. "We think that this is a great Association and we appreciate all the hard work that you do, but we're elected to protect the interests of the town at large."

Mayor Phyllis Morris was keen to stress that this was not an "us vs. them" situation.

She said the issue was not about any personal feelings councillors have about supporting seniors, but it is about a licence for a town facility of which the association has use.

While she praised their events, saying she wanted the seniors to

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Photography, by Aurora's Rob Schuetze. will be on display for the month of November at the Skylight Gallery on the third floor of the Aurora Town Hall, during regular business hours. Prints range in size from 12" x 16" to 40" x 60".

York Highlands Chorus is an award-winning a cappella Sweet Adelines chorus, a group of women who gather Tuesday evenings at the Old Firehall, Newmarket, to sing, share in the harmony of friendship and learn the barbershop art form. York Highlands is always looking for new women who share the love of a cappella music. Call Karen at 905-726-2113 or Vikki at information@yorkhighlands.com.

The Optimist Club of Aurora meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Aurora Legion. New members are welcome. Call 905-727-5012 for more information.

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.

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 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

COMING EVENTS

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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It was an almost sold out house as a concert and launch of a new CD, called *Solstice*, brought throngs to the newly-renovated Aurora United Church recently to support the AIDS committee of York Region, who released the CD. In total, 11 groups performed for the audience including the Bogart Public School choir, above, directed by Jamie Miller. The CD also includes the voices and sounds of local choirs and school bands including the Aurora United Choir, Pickering College Jazz Band, and The Graced Notes Singers.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Tree lighting happens soon

The Town of Aurora plans to get lit next week.

And Aurora residents and visitors are invited.

Visitors get a chance to catch an early glimpse of Santa Claus and help decorate the tree at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The event will be held Wednesday, December 2 from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. in the courtyard at Aurora Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will also play host to the Salvation Army as they officially kick off the annual Christmas Kettle Drive Campaign, and for those in the mood to hear some festive songs, The Salvation Army Church Choir will lead visitors in traditional carols.

Everyone is invited to help trim the tree with an ornament from home or visitors can make their own on site.

Craft supplies will be avail-

able for the little tree trimmers.

To help those in need this season, Aurora officials are also asking visitors to bring a non-perishable food donation or an unwrapped toy.

Aurora Seniors Bridge

Monday, November 16: N/S - Ruth Rea and Sue Scott; Rose White and Gloria Smith; Mary Oglanby and Bernie O'Brien. E/W - Elaine Hunter and Peter Winders; Suzanne Nunn and Shirley Laurin; Joe Badali and Ed Werenich.

Blaze destroys garage

Fire crews were called to a home on Ridge Road last week, when a garage caught fire in the residential neighbourhood.

The fire broke out in the detached "lean-to" garage at the rear of the property at about 5 p.m., according to Central York Fire Services Deputy Chief Paul Leslie.

Three crews were immediately on the scene, Leslie said, quickly followed by a fourth.

The crews had the fire under control in 20 minutes.

The entire garage and its contents - including the family's two vehicles - were destroyed in the

blaze.

Authorities estimate the damage to be in the

region of \$200,000.

A cause has yet to be determined.

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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Where was house?

At the south end of Aurora is a park, known as High Tor. Controversial over the years, the park is currently owned by the Ontario Heritage Trust and just happens to be the highest point of land in York Region.

That's why my wife calls where we live "Wallace Mountain".

Because, from our location, we can walk to the park and enjoy one of the few green spaces left in Aurora.

Here's my problem;

Several years ago, Anne Bartley Smith owned the property. She died and left the land to the Heritage Trust, which, needless to say, has had many inquiries about the land from developers, who, I'm sure, would love to get their hands on it.

Back in the early 1970s, on a Monday afternoon, some kids got onto the property and did a mess of damage to the area...then set the house on fire.

This was shortly after the formation of the York Regional Police because I had a heckuva time convincing them that I was from a newspaper, there simply to take pictures.

The youngsters damaged the inside of the house, damaged the surrounding countryside, and, generally, made a mess of things.

Following Anne's death, it became clear the house had to be demolished, and that caused chaos once more.

At any rate, the house came down, and now, on constant visits to the property, I can't figure out where it once stood.

My wife, Patricia, and I, (did I mention we have been married one year this Saturday?) would enter the property from the end of Allenvale Drive, and try as I might, I can't figure out where the house once stood.

When I was responding to the fire call, oh so many years ago, I entered from Bathurst Street, just north of Bloomington Road, but you can't do that anymore because the Region of York has built a pumping station on the property and has fenced off the entrance.

So, my question is, well, one of them at least, where was the house before it was demolished?

And, just to keep you thinking: is there any truth to the statement that every plant that grows in Ontario, once grew on the property?

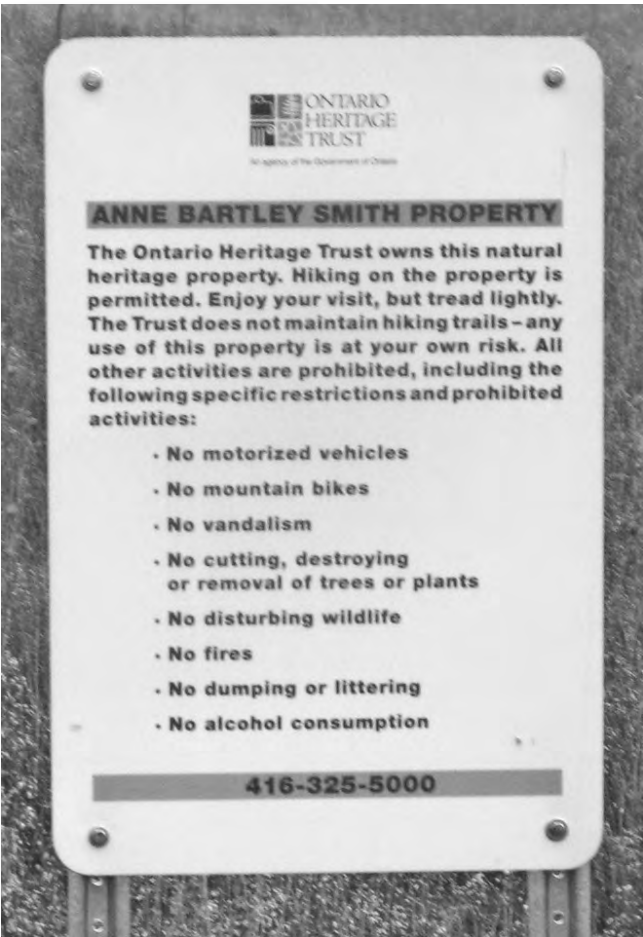
From the cul-de-sac on Allenvale, people who own dogs use the property to give the animals exercise.

While there are several trails throughout the property, it's impossible, for me, anyhow, to locate where the house once stood.

I have found the remnants of driveways (asphalt, etc.) and have noted broken light standards, but I can't find an area big enough to have been the site of a house.

Also, I don't know if the house had a basement or not. Seems if it did, that might be a clue to where it once was, but I can't find anything that would identify where a hole in the ground might have been located.

Anyone help?



Posted at the end of the Allenvale Drive cul-de-sac is this sign advising the Heritage Trust does not maintain the trails, and warning users to proceed at their own risk. Several residents use the park on a daily basis.



A former teacher in the Hartman Public School, Joan Copeland (nee Keeling) points to her class in the late 40s, which is the photo above. Arrow identifies the teacher who was fresh out of "normal school" when she was hired for the job. We'd like to know if you can identify anyone in the photo. Her first school, she believes, was located on the north-west corner of Wellington Street and Bayview Avenue, in an area known as Hartman Corners. The first school building in Hartman Corners is believed to be the building located next to Baldwin's Restaurant on Wellington Street, but no one seems to know how it wound up there. It is also believed to be the oldest schoolhouse in Ontario. Ms Copeland visited the new Hartman Public School last week. The modern building is located on River Ridge Road, just east of Bayview Avenue, north of Wellington Street. The whole story, written by Auroran reporter Brock Weir, appears this week on Page 9.

Auroran photo at right by Ron Wallace



Letter to the Editor

Show me how much I'm paying to hospitals

To the editor,

I am surprised I have not seen any comments in the paper about York Region taxing property for the Region's hospitals.

A few years ago, hospital officials suggested to local municipal councils to set up a tax system for hospitals.

Each council in York Region rejected taxing its constituents for hospitals.

In February, 2009, the Region of York agreed to help fund the region's hospitals.

The responsibility to fund hospitals belongs to the provincial government.

Local councils rejected taxation. The Region passes taxation. The Regional Council is made up of members from local councils.

Aurora's Mayor Phyllis Morris is our member on Regional Council.

Two Regional Council members voted against the taxation bill.

Regional Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Bill Fisch appeared at an Aurora Council meeting to tell members about the taxation bill.

Why did Mr. Fisch have to tell council about the taxation bill?

Does not our mayor sit on the Regional Council?

Maybe our mayor does not like to deliver bad news.

Mr. Fisch said the Region has donated money to its hospitals since the day the region was formed.

I guess we do not know what the Region does.

Our tax bill shows just numbers, not what the money was spent for.

Mr. Fisch and our mayor did not say when it would start the taxation.

I would like to see on my tax bill the amount of dollars I am paying for hospitals.

I have heard the heart centre and the cancer centre were not cleared by the province before the construction started.

In fact, it was only recently the provincial government sent money for the cancer centre.

The local fund-raising has raised \$70-80 million for the construction costs, which is very good.

Our current provincial government brought back OHIP fees, which went from zero to \$900 per year.

They just spent one billion dollars on E-health, and obtained nothing.

And now, they let the

region tax us for health dollars.

York Region does not receive its fair share of tax dollars from the provincial government.

Hopefully our tax bills will show our York Region hospi-

tal tax.

By the way, what happens to the \$18 million the Region sends to Toronto each year?

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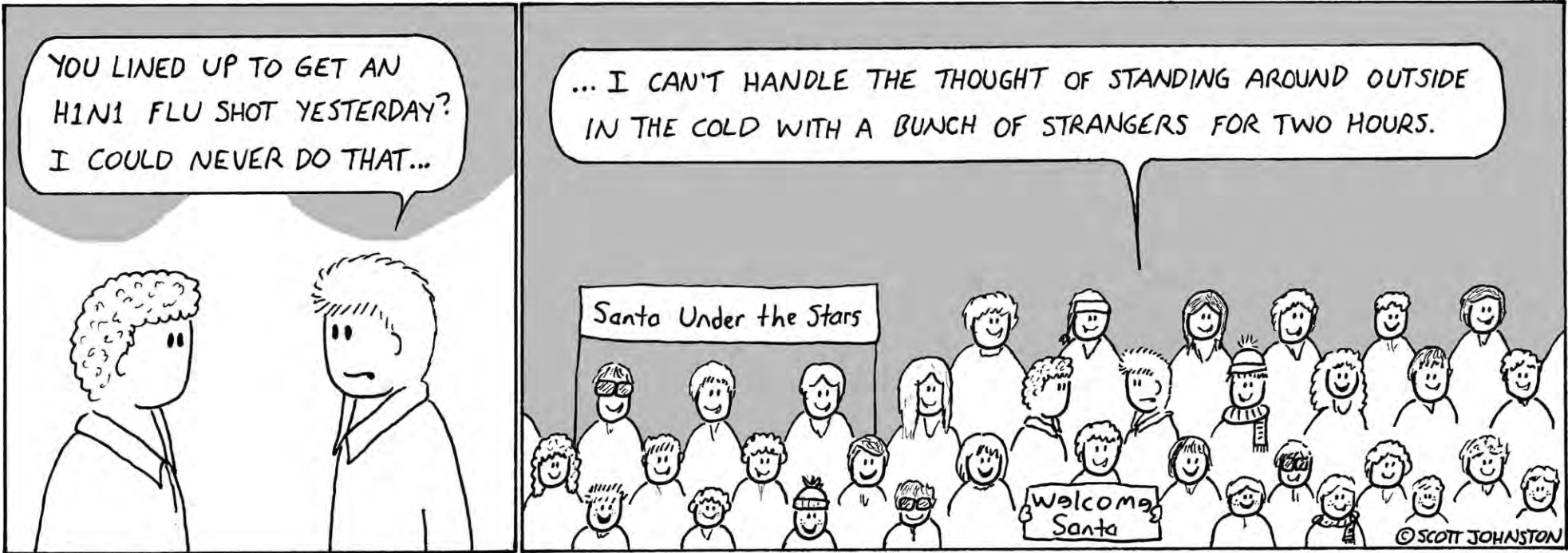
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Readers may recall the column I wrote two weeks back regarding the travails that my family endured in trying to get my five-year-old son the H1N1 flu shot.

The headline for that column was appropriately entitled, "Misery in the flu-shot line"; the headline explained the situation perfectly.

A quick re-cap is in order.

My wife and I had both read the large advertisement in a daily newspaper that stated "Flu shots will be made available first to health care workers, pregnant women, people under 65 years of age with chronic medical conditions, children six months to five years old, those living in remote and isolated communities, as well as people living with or caring for those at high risk who cannot be immunized".

As our son does not celebrate his sixth birthday until just after this Christmas, we therefore thought he qualified for the flu-shot.

In addition, a friend of ours who has a son who is six months younger than my son had received the flu shot the day before in Newmarket.

After just over three hours and 15 minutes in the flu-shot line a nurse came by and handed out a flyer to everyone in line and says that the "flu shot will only be given today to children who are under five years old."

This is at odds with what the newspaper advertisement said, although I did not have a copy of it with me at the time.

As you can imagine, neither my wife nor I were happy at all with this development, but there was nothing we could do, so we headed home.

My question at the time was straightforward: Why did we have to wait in line for more than three hours before someone of authority came and told us this?

If someone had told us after ten or 15 minutes in the line-up that our son was not eligible for the flu-shot we would not have had a problem at all.

I then wrote, "instead of any explanation, fixing the problem before we have to line up again in a few weeks would be a most welcome solution."

Fast forward to this week.

The group of people eligible for the flu shot in York Region was expanded to include school-age children, those three to 13-years-old.

My son had his shot Monday night and there was no line at all.

By Wednesday, the flu shot had been opened to the general public and I contemplated trying again. Based on my experience of two weeks ago, I was weary of going, but I proceeded back to the Ray Twinney Centre anyway.

What a difference two weeks make!

I arrived at 5.50 p.m. and this time there were no long line-ups around the building. In fact, I walked right into the arena. There were about 75 people in front of me.

There seemed to be more security personnel and

Flu-shot line revisited

York Region health care staff on hand this time. The line moved fairly quickly.

I was in the room where they do the inoculations within 40 minutes.

The staff and nurses were all very warm and friendly and the place seemed to work with bee-hive like efficiency.

From the time I walked into the building until the time I left was just under one hour.

I had planned to end this column with something pithy like, "I guess my column did the trick!" but that would not really be fair to the health care staff.

Standing in line those two days gave me lots of time to think.

I am wondering about our emergency preparedness capability.

Think back to the energy blackout a couple of summers ago, or the ice storm in eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Are our public authorities prepared for a number of different types of calamitous events or scenarios, like if an outbreak of some disease occurred?

Based on what I personally witnessed these past couple of weeks and what I saw on television and in the newspapers, I am not so sure.

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Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

Call me nostalgic, but I miss the old days of waste disposal, when our only options were garbage bags and blue bins.

Don't get me wrong; I am all for being green and keeping stuff out of landfills, but things have gotten way too complicated.

Originally, it was pretty clear-cut; newspapers, glass, cans, etc went out in the blue bins, and anything you may not have sent to the compost heap was garbage.

Okay, so occasionally you'd pick up your blue bin at the end of the day, and it would contain a lone yogurt container or something that the waste haulers had deemed unrecyclable.

But no problem; you'd just throw it back in again, and they'd cheerfully take it next time.

There was always something like this. One week it would be a bottle of some sort. The next week it would be a lid.

It became a game to guess the "taboo item of the week".

It was a game with no rules, mind you, but one you knew you'd eventually win, because the offending item would eventually be collected.

But the game changed with the arrival of the green bins.

The concept itself didn't seem too difficult; just

separate out all the wet, disgusting stuff that had previously gone into the compost, or garbage.

But the green bins didn't come alone. They were accompanied by "The List".

This explained what was acceptable to put in each of the bins, and what wasn't.

It seemed excessively long, and actually contained items like rolling pins, florist foam, and toaster ovens.

Unless you are Martha Stewart, these are probably not items you'd throw out every day.

But now I realize the list wasn't long enough.

I recently had to throw out an old hardened eraser. I was just about to toss it in the garbage, when I stopped myself.

Was rubber compostable? It was, after all, derived from a tree, wasn't it?

I couldn't find it in the list, and my days of organic chemistry were too far behind me to allow for proper analysis, so I deferred a decision by throwing it in a cardboard box in the garage.

Not long after that I was questioning the status of some old computer disks.

I knew they wouldn't go in the green bin, but are they garbage? Could they be recycled?

I checked, and they weren't on the list, either. But I wasn't sure they were trash, so into the box they went.

Separation anxiety

Then items that were actually on the list started to cause me anxiety.

I'm used to thinking of paper as a blue box item. But apparently shredded paper goes in the green bin.

So how is paper defined? Is it a size thing? How neat the edges are?

And just how many pieces does a sheet of paper have to be torn into before it's considered "shredded"?

So I played it safe, and started chucking more and more things in the cardboard box.

And to further complicate matters, plastic bags are garbage, but they've suggested folks put organic materials in plastic bags before they go into the green bins.

Soon I was second-guessing everything I was throwing out.

My original box of mystery disposables was overflowing, and before long turned into several.

Perhaps it would help if they came out with a new program - call it the "brown box" program - for all those questionable items.

Because by then, I expect I'll have a garage full of cardboard containers ready to go.

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Letters to the Editor

If you have enough, consider donations

To the editor,

This week, while in the car, I listened to a radio program on how people were reprogramming their lives as a result of the present downturn in their finances. Some have had to give up a home to buy smaller or rent; one had to sell two extra cars and a motorbike he had; others have "staycations" instead of vacations; less or no eating out; to hold onto the furniture, appliances or car that they had rather than upgrading, etc. It made me register what changes I had made. We are both retired, although I didn't realize how

busy you can be in retirement, we both have modest pensions that are reliable; neither of us have extravagant tastes; our second hand car cost \$6,000, plus \$1000 shipping, six years ago, bought from a friend in B.C. who buys and repairs cars from crashes. We're cheap on car washes as noticed by someone who wrote in the dust on the side of our car, "Clean Me, Flower Man"; we buy most of our clothes at Goodwill or Salvation Army; neither of us have huge appetites; our house is paid off as we bought it when mortgages were much more in line with a person's

income in those days and in spite of that we tried to pay it down more quickly as we hate debt. We have so much to be grateful for in terms of the peace, interest and security of our lives. For many years I kept saying, "I'm so lucky", but then told myself that's not enough - make it easier for others who are not so lucky and make that help on a regular basis. We have been working at the Food Bank once a month for about 14 years now and this is fertile ground to hear the stories of many people who struggle to keep their head above water in spite of working two jobs; day care costs one told me were \$650 a month; a single mother looking after children plus grandchildren due to a fatal accident to a family member; immigrants who are chosen to come to Canada because of great

qualifications and then are denied work in their field of expertise or because they have no Canadian experience; work injuries that make them unable to work but with no benefits; people who want to move up in job level but can't get into training programs. We both come away from the Food Bank tired and thirsty but exhilarated by the immediate help you can give and the contact with the people who come there for help that we have talked and laughed with. As we go on Saturdays we are able to take fresh food each time because there are days when there is no other fresh fruit or vegetables to be had there. It was delightful to hear of student Shelby Clark who felt too old to trick or treat anymore so she dressed up as the Food Angel and went round her neighbourhood with fliers to inform residents

that she planned to come back to collect food items for the Food Bank on Hallowe'en night. For the first two years she did it alone but this year friends helped out and broadened the range to 250 homes, collecting 26 boxes of food. We saw them come in with the boxes and carry them to the basement, radiant, to have helped people. If you have enough for your needs think of sharing some of the rest with one or

more who is in difficulty, not as a random act but as a monthly item food, cash - used to buy perishable food - clothes you have outgrown or never used to a charity shop. Give with imagination and generosity - a gift like that is never a one-way street. People can phone me if they need to know more about the Food Bank.

Dierdre Tomlinson
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Corporate donations paid for more nursing home beds: reader

To the editor,

The issue of political contributions made by developers, brings to mind York University political science professor Robert MacDermid's analysis of contributions from the long-term care sector to the Ontario government for CBC Marketplace, which aired on March 20, 2001. Even though the period studied for Marketplace was 1995 - 1999, it shows an interesting comparison to the present controversy about developers supporting politicians as reported in recent news articles. According to Marketplace, professor MacDermid's work suggests "a connection between private nursing home companies' contributions to (the government at that time) the Ontario Conservatives, and the government awarding of nursing home beds to those same companies." It went on to say, "MacDermid doesn't buy the argument that corporate donations are made to help sustain democracy. MacDermid says you have to look at who within the Conservative government is getting the money from the for-profit sector. About 80 per cent of the money goes to cabinet members and about 20 per cent goes to backbenchers and that, to me, is the pattern of influence. About 30 per cent of

the money that goes to cabinet members went to people who occupied the position of Minister of Health or Minister of Long-Term Care." Professor MacDermid told Marketplace, "The companies that received the most beds also seemed to be the companies that gave the most money." According to Marketplace, when the Ontario Conservative government announced they planned to spend \$1.2 billion on 20,000 new long-term care beds, "it meant a windfall for the industry because every nursing home bed that is built is heavily subsidized." For example, "if the government awards your private company 100 beds, that is worth almost \$80 million in subsidies over 20 years. Your company ends up with a valuable building and a nursing home licence, both of which can be sold. In the past, non-profit and for-profit organizations have had an equal number of beds. But over the past few years, two-thirds of the beds have gone to for-profit companies." Considering the continuance of scandals in the Liberal health ministry, a follow-up report to the 2001 study by professor MacDermid, for the period 2005 - 2009, would undoubtedly provide the public with interesting updated information.

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Aurora Optimist Club turning 25.....

The Optimist Club of Aurora started their 2009/2010 business year on October 1st, 2009. This year's President is long time Aurora resident and club member Ken Banks. This is our Silver Jubilee year where we officially turn 25 years old on Saturday June 12th. During these 25 years we have successfully enjoyed many partnerships with the Town of Aurora, York Regional Police, our community elementary and high schools and most youth sports programs as well as the Aurora Library.

Our motto is "Friend of Youth". Our club members volunteer many hours in order to support, teach or mentor the youth in Aurora through various programs that promote physical health, safety and self-esteem.

The current charter is the second club organized in Aurora. The first club disbanded in the mid 70's. It wasn't until January 1985 - Aurora resident Ash Sangani and Don McCallum met to discuss the possibility of starting a new Optimist Club in Aurora. Don McCallum was the Lt. Governor of Zone 7 of the Central Ontario District and a member of the Optimist Club of Newmarket. Don also contacted Marg Ansell who was member of the Aurora OptiMrs. Marg then referred Don to Alex Ansell. At that point the group started to meet in the boardroom at the Aurora Community Centre where Steve Hinder then came into the fold. Meetings moved from the ACC to the library where more potential members such as Ken McIsaac, Wally Muloin and Chris Tyson joined up. Numbers stagnated for a period of time but with perseverance to build the club, we finally organized by that June.

The organization meeting took place on June 12, 1985 and the Optimist Club of Aurora was born with 37 charter members. The Charter celebration took place at Hotel Aurora on September 21, 1985. Today, six of those charter members remain: - Ash Sangani, Alex Ansell, Steve Hinder, Ken McIsaac, Grant Perry, and Rob Whiting. All have been President of the Club at one time in the past 24 years. Currently we have 53 members in our club.

Over the next few months we will be sharing our plans for upcoming events, old and new. We also want to showcase a few of our members starting with:

OPTIMIST OF THE MONTH



KEN MCISAAC

Charter Member of the Optimist Club of Aurora (25 years)
President 1987-88 and 2003-04 and the driving force behind the Annual Book Sale now in its 23rd year.
Ken and the Book Sale Committee will be on hand at this year's Annual Book Sale to be held
at the Aurora Public Library Saturday, November 28th at 8 am and 29th at 10 am



Letters to the Editor

Should not have left chambers, she says

To the editor,

"The week that was" continued to be turbulent. The mayor circulated a copy of a section of rules of order that deals with disorder at a council meeting. The spectre of expulsion from council was raised. As supporting documentation, a copy of a memorandum of the occasion which the mayor loves to recall, when I myself was expelled from council. The mayor's recollection and understanding of the matter are substantially different from my own. Perhaps not surprisingly, I had no Blog at that time. I do now. It occurred early in the last term. First we had the pure and righteous argument the Town should not be spending taxpayers' money to go off site for a crash course orientation for new councillors. The public should be able to attend, they argued. I was not eager to go. But not for the same reason. The last orientation I attended, John West dragged us hundreds of miles deep into the boonies in the middle of winter to get the cheapest accommodation possible. I wasn't doing that again. There's careful management of town resources and there's just being plain tight-fisted and disrespectful. I am all for careful management and getting the most for the least but there's a limit. Either there's a legitimate reason for using town resources or there isn't. If there is, then it costs what it costs. After the first divide between the pure and righteous and the rest of us, came the motion to turn the Town Hall driveway into a municipal address. By 2004, John West had been elected consistently since the late seventies. He had held the office of councillor, mayor, school board trustee and two more terms as councillor. He never lost an election. He defeated Dick Illingworth and others for the office of mayor. Fourteen years earlier when the Town Hall was built, Council of the day honoured him by naming the road John West Way. If there was public opposition to that decision, it was never reflected in the several elections that followed. He was still seated at the council table. The motion was moved and seconded. No reason was offered to support it. Ms Morris was the seconder. There were five votes in favour. It was clear the supporters were confident a majority was in hand. I made the statement supporters of the motion were complicit in their objective. There was an objection to the word "complicit". I was directed by the mayor to retract it. I refused. With the support of the clerk, the mayor ruled I would either have to retract or leave the council table. I chose to leave. I said it, I meant it and I believed it. The exchange was quiet and deliberate; no shouts of rage, or violent behaviour; no disorder or disruption of any kind. A councillor was exercising authority to articulate how she perceived an event unfolding. A firmly held conviction expressed in language which accused no one of criminal or immoral behaviour. A simple contention certain members of council had agreed beforehand on a question they put forward...for which they offered no logic. Nor could they dispute that fact. They didn't have to provide an argument. They knew they had the votes. A strategy was employed and they were clearly complicit. By their action, against human decency and the rules of order, they collectively and publicly humiliated and denigrated a council colleague. I chose to name it the way I saw it. It was political discourse within the realm of rights and privilege. Choosing to leave the Council table that night, is a decision I regret. Damn the torpedoes, I should have stayed.

How can Town have an integrity commissioner without committee?

To the editor,

By approaching the process with a clear bias for a lawyer over an ethicist while excluding competition, Aurora Council's decision to push forward and hire an integrity commissioner lacks integrity itself and sets a clear example why a municipality should not be given the power to select their own Integrity commissioner. Meaford, Woodstock, Port Hope, Hamilton, Windsor, Kitchener, Vaughan and Toronto all have an Integrity Commissioner. They also all have an "Accountability and Transparency Committee". This was proposed to Aurora Council by Councillor Bob McRoberts but was shot down by mayor Phyllis Morris and Councillors Stephen Granger, John Gallo, Wendy Gaertner, Al Wilson and Evelina MacEachern. One wonders how one justifies proceeding with hiring an integrity commissioner while voting not to form an Accountability and Transparency committee. I have distilled down six basic questions in respect to Aurora Council's continued search for a replacement integrity commissioner, and look forward to hearing answers from all our elected officials.

1. Why does Aurora need an integrity commissioner?
2. Considering how the Town of Aurora botched the hiring of the previous I.C. why should the town be given any role to play in this decision moving forward?
3. Given that no citizens are involved in the process what ensures that the process by which the integrity commissioner is selected remains impartial?
4. What is to be gained by reforming the process so that it excludes job competition when no other municipality has chosen to do this?
5. Why have the desired qualifications for this position shifted away from ethics to law?
6. Why does Aurora not need an Accountability & Transparency committee?

While we wait for the wholly political rhetoric to pour in perhaps we should take a closer look at other municipalities and see what they are doing.

Many participated in Halloween march

To the editor,

I just wanted to give a huge thank you to all of the Aurora residents and business owners who took the time out of their busy lives to participate and support the final Wells Street Halloween Parade! Despite the rainy weather, students, teachers and many of the parents of Wells Street Public School gathered in costumes in front of their old historic school. The children had a group photo taken in front of the building before they made their final annual walk through the northern part of downtown Aurora. Special thanks to Dr. Russ Farquhar and Dr. Greg Vigneux of Orthodontic FX, Hestia Global, Casa Luna Furniture & Accessories, Reza of Vic's Shoe Repair and the Yellow Brick House.

These generous businesses and organizations handed out an assortment of treats and gifts to all of the Wells Street children. A heartfelt thank you to Vic, the former owner of Vic's Shoe Repair, who has always been a huge supporter of our annual Halloween Parade! Finally, thank you to Paddy Honey and the wonderful drivers at First Student Transportation for volunteering to transport our students to and from the school. We could not have done this without your support. We will truly miss this wonderful tradition, but thank all of you for being such a wonderful part of our children's lives for the past 37 years.

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Letters to the Editor

Positive thinking can change you: reader

To the editor,

More and more these days I am very happy to stay in the background, confident that the sun will come up each and every day.

The news broadcasts are so negative most of the time that I continually look for some positive news. People in groups everywhere or even within church life try to pull down other groups or

people with false and negative information, to advance their own positions.

It seems that negativity has taken over their lives and they want to make sure that others feel the same or drag them down with them.

If we look at Canada as a country there are politicians who continually bring up the negative positions rather than share the absolute posi-

tives we have in this country.

In my world there are always challenges ahead to be met or to overcome but they are all positive and encouraging.

There is a real need for positive thinking amongst us.

For example Canada is the envy of the world. Our flag is so well received and wanted around the world.

Our passport is the

most valuable document we all possess.

I also carry a Netherlands passport which I also appreciate, but the flag from there is nowhere as well received or wanted as the Canadian flag, as a symbol of freedom, peace and hope.

Canada has a strong social conscience and is united in a spirit of confidence and pride.

It is a country where

different languages and ethnic backgrounds work together.

Even with the struggles of separatism in Quebec, one feels the sense of positive reflections of what Canada truly means to the majority.

Canada has a strong economic base with low interest rates and continues to create more jobs in new modern sectors.

More than three million new technology intelligent jobs were created in the last ten years.

The country has strong values and shares those with other needing countries.

Recently the Economist Magazine declared Canada as a great leader and "cool" place to live and a country that most people from other countries wanted to live.

Yet, many Canadians complain and come from a negative base, not realizing the true reality in which they find themselves.

Positive thinking is required from all of us, which we must share with our children and grandchildren. When dealing with so many organizations as I have the public and the many years of mentoring one realizes that one must have a thick skin to get involved and to remain involved.

One must remain positive to maintain a feeling of achievement and satisfaction.

You hope after all that after such extra efforts in one's prime years, people will treat you right and that one remains positive right till the end.

The power of positive thinking has been around a long time.

It is just time in our history both in our own lives and within our country that we must take it far more seriously.

The results of positive thinking and moving forward are amazing with remarkable proven results.

You can be a positive influence within your family life, your work, organizations you belong to and church life.

We are all tired of those who think that they are the only ones who are okay and others are not.

We are fed up with those who continually make good situations and excellent results feel less worthy.

Changes will continue to be made but lets all do it in a positive manner and with a positive attitude. Be encouraging because changes can only succeed within a positive environment.

Change never gets improved results from a negative base or opinions.

One's positive influence is and can be huge, for you and others around you.

It changes lives.

Martin Mol
Aurora

To the editor,

On November 13, I and four other Aurorans had a meeting with Robb Ogilvie, the mediator Aurora's C.A.O., Neil Garbe contracted to deal with the conflict over the Mckenzie Wetlands.

I am compelled to share the below letter with the people of Aurora in order to hold Robb Ogilvie accountable to myself and the public because Ogilvie, Ogilvie & Company ignored our concerns for three months this summer. I cannot wait that long again.

Dear Rob,

May we all come to understand each other and respect every living thing.

Since learning of the proposal to put a boardwalk through the Mckenzie Wetlands, myself and many others (Hadley Grange residents included) have been opposed on numerous grounds as reported in local media.

It breaks my heart when I see how much of Aurora's beauty has been overrun and lost by development.

At the conclusion of our meeting, you said you would not go through with the boardwalk if "you give me a good reason".

Though I feel all our reasons are good reasons, I wasn't able to express the following personal reason at our meeting. Robb, my spirit is dying.

People like you are slowly killing me as well as countless other human beings as we continue to have to expend so much of our vital energies on fending off the "Corporate Bulldozer".

I'm (we're) stressed out and overwhelmed.

Do you have any idea what it does to a person to have their grave concerns about the children's future continually ignored and totally discounted because a few people don't agree.

It crushes you...you feel hopeless...especially if you're a senior.

Absolute power corrupts. It denies the people

of citizen participation in important decisions. The future of the Mckenzie is too important to be decided by a handfull of politicians, Town staff and yourself.

I know the reality of the New World Order. As I wonder can we ever stop it and heal its wounds, I am filled with anxiety yet have huge faith in mankind.

I am sick with worry as I feel the Mckenzie Wetlands area is too small and fragile to handle any more encroachment.

I read all over the world that wetlands are shrinking at an alarming rate.

At times I think "it's just a boardwalk, it's no big deal" but then I think "NO...this is meant to be a green belt and that means we must leave it alone".

I worry that if we permit this boardwalk now the 'government of the day' and the public in the future will forget this area is to be protected.

The Mckenzie Wetlands is Aurora's hidden treasure worthy of respectful beautification and preservation but absolutely no intru-

sion.

Robb, I (we) am exhausted from fighting for the people to have their say when faced with a corporate agenda.

So if you desire, Robb, to revive indirectly the spirit of my elder, Bernard Dick and millions of others on our planet and to revive my spirit, Barb's, Hugh's, Flo's and Gail's directly,

then as the mediator, myself and NAACSI, I ask if you will support us in bringing this issue to a public vote open for all citizens of Aurora and surrounding region.

We ask you provide your case for wanting it clearly to the public and give your explanation as to why are reasons do not count.

Please know, Robb, we suggest a vote as our position will not be swayed and we will fight this to the end.

So to ensure your time and public monies are not further wasted we believe a vote is the only solution.

The more you invest your energy into the idea of a boardwalk, the more

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biased and defensive you will become in ensuring your project is completed.

You then are no longer a mediator but become a corporate pawn. Hence, I (we) would like this process to begin immediately.

Robb can you let us know if you are open to our suggestion at your workshop Thursday November 26 at the Church Street School Cultural Centre from 6.30 to 9 p.m.

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Former Hartman teacher couldn't believe changes

By **BROCK WEIR**
Auroran Reporter

If she hadn't seen the signs coming up the 404, Joan Copeland would have had no idea she was back in Aurora.

In 1948, an 18-year-old Joan - then Joan Keeling - made the trip north from Toronto to begin her first teaching assignment at the school at Hartman's Corners.

She had just graduated from normal school - a precursor to today's Teachers' Colleges - but no teaching jobs were available in the city.

"I got an offer to come up here and I came up and had an interview with [chairman of the school board] Gordon Timber," she told The Auroran last week. "I was accepted and it was quite a change because the teacher before me had just retired, so they went from this very experienced teacher to this raw recruit that had just come out of normal school."

Ms Copeland returned to Aurora Tuesday with her husband to view a special exhibit at Hartman Public School charting the history

of the various schools that have shared that name.

The exhibit, assembled by Pat Hartman who currently resides in Niagara-On-The-Lake, includes photographs and other artifacts provided by Ms Copeland collected during her time teaching at what was then a one-room school house.

Ms Copeland says her return to Aurora has stirred many memories.

"I've never been back to Aurora to pay a memory visit, so it is a bit emotional," she said. "It's an incredible trip back in memory; not visually because nothing looks the same as it did 60 years ago, but I do know where the little red school house that I taught in was - I would say right across the road from the Toyota dealership."

Apart from memories of the school itself, Ms Copeland remembers her students and members of the community very well, particularly Gordon Timber and his family.

The Timbers, she explained, "adopted" her and kept an eye on her while she boarded in town with a Mrs. Glass.

When her father, who

was also a teacher, had a stroke six months into her tenure at Hartman School, Ms Copeland returned to Toronto, but commuted back every day by car.

After a year of teaching, however, she began to second-guess her career choice.

"I was it," she said. "I was the only teacher. There were eight grades and I had 32 pupils. In normal school, we were taught to make lesson plans of three or four sections for each subject in each grade. Pretty soon I found out you didn't have time for that. When I look back, I don't know how I did it. I figured the kids needed someone more mature. I don't regret that year at all, but I decided it wasn't for me."

It was only by chance, however, that she became involved with this exhibit.

Pat Hartman first heard of her through a mutual friend.

"My friends happened to come to the opening of the school where I was speaking in December, 2007," Ms Hartman said. "When they were talking to Joan, they mentioned that they had just been to Hartman School

and it went from there."

Although they have yet to meet in person, the two women have exchanged several e-mails and Ms Copeland provided photos for the project, which was already underway.

"I would never have known about this if it wasn't for Pat," Ms Copeland said.

Ms Copeland was given a tour of the school by teacher-librarian Patricia Allen.

Allen, Hartman Public School's teacher-librarian, said she enjoyed showing Ms Copeland the new school, located east off

Bayview Avenue on River Ridge Road.

"She was totally impressed with how the school has developed from beginning to end, remembering that she was [in just] one room," Ms Allen said. "She was astounded at the number of kindergarten students we have, the classrooms and the layout of the school."

Ms Allen said during the tour Ms Copeland shared many memories of her individual students, some of which reflect how dramatically Aurora has changed in 60 years.

"She had four students in Grade 8, and was pleased when two of them passed their test to go into high school, but two did not because they just wanted to go to the farm."

But she also found that despite the passage of time, some school dynamics remain the same.

"One thing we talked about was - with me being a librarian - I teach all of our students in a five-day cycle," Ms Allen said. "She had about 30 students ranging from Grade 1 to Grade 8 so our roles were very similar."

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Maple Soy Glaze

9oz Filet Mignon, Pont Neuf potatoes, Roasted Cauliflower, Mushroom Ragout

Lobster Tails, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Candy Cane Beets,

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Aurora Tigers down Huntsville

The Aurora Tigers' Provincial Junior A hockey team had to go out of town Sunday to pick up a victory last week, but they made sure of it Sunday afternoon, dumping the Huntsville Otters 10-4 in that northern community.

Friday night, before a mere 76 spectators, the Tigers dropped a 4-2 decision to Buffalo, when an empty net goal with only a second remaining in regulation time gave the Junior Sabres the victory.

It was the first period that became Aurora's undoing as Buffalo jumped into a 3-0 lead.

Aurora fought back with two goals in the second, but couldn't find the equalizer in the final 20 minutes of play.

Buffalo opened the scoring when a point shot deflected off a Tiger and found the net with just under seven minutes left in the period.

Penalties then became a

factor as the Tigers had two that resulted in Sabres goals to give Buffalo a 3-0 lead by the first intermission.

The Tigers came out with more focus in the second and outshot the Sabres 16-7, but it took most of the period before they could finally score.

On a powerplay, George Lovatsis charged into the Sabres end on his off wing and fired a shot past a surprised goalie.

The Tigers leveraged that goal and applied pressure even while on the penalty kill.

Lucas VanNatter and Captain David Morley combined on several chances before Morley scored his first of two shorthanded goals on the weekend.

Aurora came out hard in the third, trading chances throughout the period with the Sabres.

Several times they came close to tying the game.

Perhaps the best chance came when Morley found Alexi Pianosi in the slot and the latter rang a shot off the crossbar.

Kyle McLaughlin also rang the puck off the post, but that was the way the night went as they couldn't get the equalizer.

The Sabres put the final nail in the coffin on the night when they found the empty net for a 4-2 final.

Sunday, in Huntsville, Aurora wasn't about to give up a huge lead as they did in Aurora a few weeks ago against the same team.

In that match, Aurora led 5-0 before losing the game in overtime 6-5.

Sunday afternoon, Aurora led 9-1 before the Otters came back with three unanswered goals in the final 20 minutes of play, but Aurora had a big enough lead to hang on.

Lucas VanNatter, with a goal and five assists, moved into the Tiger scoring lead, a point ahead of Morley.

VanNatter has 15 goals and 28 assists for 43 points, one up on Morley who has 18 goals and 24 assists.

Morley scored two shorthanded goals but added no assists in the two games on the weekend.

Meanwhile, Mike Sardella is in third place with 11 goals and 16 assists, followed closely by George Lovatsis with 14 goals and 12 assists.

The one victory over the weekend kept Aurora in 9th place in the league standings, only two points behind Buffalo, Trenton and Vaughan.

Aurora has won 11 of 20 games so far this season.

Aurora travels to Kingston Thursday to face the Voyageurs, then returns home Friday, November 27th to host the Vaughan Vipers.

That game begins at the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.



The team that almost won all the marbles is shown here. In the back row, left to right are Eddy Zinner, assistant coach; Mike Shennan, trainer; Matt Coveart, assistant coach, and John Tyndall, coach. In the middle row, left to right, are Spencer White, Jack Bryant, Brendin Ramsay, Brian Suominen, Eric Shennan, Cameron Zinner, Jacob Hatton, Evan Cherubini, Matthew Liscio, Alistair Johnston, Bryan Manweiler, Mathew Tyndall, Ryan Coveart and Colin Kostin. Front row, left to right, are Louie Kirkos, Tristan Kuchar and Matthew Tanel.

Photo by team manager, Catherine Johnston

Local Minor Peewee A club advances to championship

The Aurora Tigers Minor Peewee A hockey club travelled to Woolwich recently to participate in the Woolwich Wildcat tournament.

The Aurora team demonstrated desire and teamwork, playing the maximum number of games possible but couldn't win all the marbles in the championship game against Waterloo.

The Aurora squad played a tough semi-final game against Centre Wellington the night before the final, battling back from a 1-0 deficit to take that game 2-1 in overtime.

Having a little more than 12 hours to recover from their bruises, the Tigers played hard in the championship game where the teams were tied heading into the third period.

Although Waterloo won the game in the end, Aurora should be proud of its effort.

To further prove the point, the team received an

e-mail from a Waterloo parent stating how impressed they were with their skill level and teamwork.

The coaching staff and

parents are proud of the players and the Tigers proved to themselves that with teamwork and effort they can have success.

Tigers and Town reach agreement

The Town will now have greater authority over advertising content and ad-generated revenue at the Aurora Community Centre, after approving minor changes to their existing agreement with the Aurora Tigers Provincial Junior A hockey team.

The new five-year agreement, based on amendments asked by the team, grants the town the right to refuse approval for and the right to remove any signage that conflicts with town services or product agreements.

The town will also assume from the Tigers the responsibility of installing and removing signs at the arena.

"We felt that since it was our boards and our equipment, we wanted to make sure that the signs were installed properly and removed properly without any damage to our equipment," said Al Downey, Director of Leisure Services. "We have placed that responsibility with us."

The shift will allow the Tigers to carry just fire and theft insurance.

Under the new agreement, the Town will also have more control over the revenue stream generated from the advertisements.

"Upon termination, the town has the right to remove signs of which we haven't received payment," Mr. Downey said. "If there happens to be a sign we haven't, through the agreement with the Tigers, received payment for we will remove that sign regardless if the Tigers have received payment."

The Tigers will now provide the Town with an annual audited statement by December 31 for each year of the contract.

The previous agreement between the Town and the Tigers had yet to be ratified with signatures.

"We had been operating outside of a signed agreement with the Tigers," said Mr. Downey. "We were doing business but not under the umbrella of a signed agreement."

Mayor Phyllis Morris said she was pleased the issue has been finally resolved.

Monday Night hockey results

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Rec Cycle N' Sports	6	1	2	35	23	14
Highland Chev-Cadillac Baldwin's	4	2	3	28	25	11
Law Insurance Brokers	5	4	0	31	31	10
Tom & Jerry's	4	4	1	26	32	9
Priestly Demolition	3	4	2	25	26	8
FPL Aggregates	3	5	1	29	28	7
Masterclean Contracting	3	5	1	23	26	7
	2	3	2	18	20	6

WEEKLY RESULTS

Tom & Jerry's	4	FPL Aggregates	4
Baldwin's	1	Masterclean	2
Priestly Demolition	4	Highland Chev	3
Law Insurance	1	Rec Sports	3



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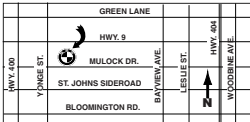
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House League

103 Toronto White Timbits 4 - Jake Piper 1G, Colby Jackson 1A, Christian Romas 1G, Gage Gonsalves 2G, Thomas Raeburn 1A. **105 St. Louis Blue Timbits 3** - Daniel Gaeta 1A, Jake Iwai 1G, Justin Just 2A, Curtis Manley 1G 1A, Carson Tidd 1G.

107 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Timbits 3 - Joe Badali 1G, Justin Hicks 1G 1A, Jace Jackson 1G 1A, Griffin Charnley 1A. **101 Florida Red Timbits 3** - Nicholas Giorgio 1G, Luca Capraro 1A, Dante D'Antonio 1G, Jonathan Gagnon 1G.

404 Los Angeles Purple Mastermind Toys 5 - Jacob Cowl 1G 1A, Justin Macciocchi 1G 1A, Owen Bourrie 2G, Shawn Mason 1G, Cameron End 1A. **406 Pittsburgh Black Compass Ins. Brokers 2** - Charles Peters 2G, Ryan Motazedian 1A, Paul Cotturo 1A.

403 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 7 - Jack Dion 3G, Gordon Scott 2G, Hayden Edwards 1G, Roberto Iervasi 1G 1A, Zane Zwicker 1A, Nicholas Sever 2A, Devon Mundy 1A. **407 Pittsburgh Powder Blue HS Financial 4** - Cameron Dyer 3G, Barrett Scott 1G, Matt LeClair 1A.

412 Dallas Kelly Green Aurora Lodge 148 1 - Troy Campbell 1A, David Tonelli 1G, Nicholas Huxley, shutout. **409 San Jose Teal North York Plumbing & Heating 0**.

408 Philly Orange Paragon Asset Management 7 - Jack Camplin 2G, Benjamin Pitre 1G, Nicholas Vamvakaris 2G 1A, Keaton Thompson 2G, Thomas Morra 1A, Raffaele Parente 1A. **402 Boston Gold Omar Shoes 2** - Liam DeSouza 1G, Ryan Cameron 1A, Connor DeVogel 1G.

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407 Pittsburgh Powder Blue HS Financial 5 - Cameron Dyer 3G 1A, Keegan Fisher 1G, Barrett Scott 1G, Matt LeClair 1A, Jacob Leblanc 1A, Noah Cepelak 1A, Pranav Rendalkar 1A. **412 Dallas Kelly Green Aurora Lodge 148 4** - Troy Campbell 1G 1A, Jeremy Russell 2G, David Tonelli 1G, Evan Knowles 1A, Brock Stewart 1A.

402 Boston Gold Omar Shoes 4 - Christian Ridd 2G, Noah Murphy-Sealy 1G 1A, Peter Leontis 1A, Ryan Cameron 1G. **406 Pittsburgh Black Compass Ins. Brokers 2** - Jeffrey Crowe 1G 1A, Christian Ramirez 1A, Charles Peters 1G.

403 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 8 - Gordon Scott 3G, Jack Dion 4G, Callum Gorrell 1G, Kyle Gillies 2A, Roberto Iervasi 2A, Vaughan Hewgill 2A, Zane Zwicker 1A, Stephen McNeil 1A. **405 St. Louis Blue Laurion Law Office 5** - Jayson Perkins 1G, Austin Hengy 1G, Sam Speranini 2A, Brayden Reid 1A, Adam Medeiros 3G.

409 San Jose Teal North York Plumbing & Heating 9 - Colin Boorn 1G 1A, Cameron Palmer 1G, Chris Walsh 2G 2A, Jake Polenz 1G, Niklas Seidel 2G 1A, Ben Godder 1G, Jack Chivers 1A, Aidan Burbank 1G 2A, Jack Hosmer 1A, Cole sheremeta 1A. **410 Los Angeles Grey McAlpine Ford 1** - Mackenzie Snelgrove 1G.

602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 4 - Chris Broughton 1G, Andre Cristillo 1G, Ryan Batten 1G 1A, Zachary Keller 1G, Rory Hamilton 1A, Riley Callaghan 2A, Ryan Batten 4A, Marc McCombe 1A, David Kangas Riley Callaghan 1A. **609 San Jose Teal Backyard Pool & Spa 2** - Greg Rutherford 1G, Mitchell Law-Heese 1G, N. Hatzitziolis 1A.

604 Los Angeles Purple 6 - William Stroud 3G, James Eydtt 1G, Tarek Koudmani 1G 1A, Max Bruckner 1G, Nick Baczynski 1A, Joshua Capodagli 1A, Bradley Snoutlin 1A, Tyler Jones 1A. **607 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Diamond Groundskeeping 4** - Hunter Jones 2G, Kyle Bryden 2G, Steven Modreano 2A, Cory Brear 1A, Nat Leonis 1A.

604 Los Angeles Purple 4 - Bradley Snoutton 2G 2A, Ryan Donovan 2G, Tarek Koudmani 1A, Max Bruckner 1A, Eric Cumiskey 1A, William Stroud 1A. **605 St. Louis Blue Rotary Club Of Aurora 3** - Aaron Rival 2G 1A, Evan Nichols 1G 1A, Ben Kissack 1A, Lucas Rusica 1A, Darren Tree 1A.

602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 3 - Paul Mason 1G, James Power 2G, Stewart Reid 1A, Andre Cristillo 2A. **607 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Diamond Groundskeeping 1** - Kyle Bryden 1G, Hunter Jones 1A, Nat Leonis 1A.

608 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 2 - Jacob Hagias 1G, Peter McKerracher 1G, Jack Hughes 1A, Nicholas Pearce 1A. **603 Toronto White Aurora Orthodoxontics 1** - Tyler Wilson 1G, Maxwell Jones 1A, Troy Foster 1A.

604 Los Angeles Purple 4 - Bradley Snoutton 2G 2A, Ryan Donovan 2G, Tarek Koudmani 1A, Max Bruckner 1A, Eric Cumiskey 1A, William Stroud 1A., **605 St. Louis Blue Rotary Club Of Aurora 3** - Aaron Rival 2G 1A, Evan Nichols 1G 1A, Ben Kissack 1A, Lucas Rusica 1A, Darren Tree 1A.,

606 Pittsburgh Black Rival Concepts 4 - William Ashton 2G, Parker Jackson 1G 1A, Justin Laird 1G, Jordan Elliott 1A, Connor Reilly 1A, Domenic Fiori 1A, James Kellett 1A, Giorgio Venosa 1A. **603 Toronto White Aurora Orthodoxontics 4** - Connor Tripp 1G, Daniel Cariou 1G, Jacob Fenchak 1A, Nicholas Scougall 1A, Nick Armour 1A, Daniel Robinson 1A, Maxwell Jones 1A, Connor Tripp 2G.

610 Los Angeles Grey AHPA 4 - Christian McGillvray 2G, Brenden Ruuskanen 1G, Johnny Sherwood 1G 1A, Jake McGann 1A, Alex Carter 1A, Michael Montesanti 1A. **601 Florida Red Rogers 2** - Austin Waite 1G, Michael Imseis 1G 1A, Patrick Bourrie 2A.

602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 4 - Ryan Batten 1G, Randy Sutton 1G, Stewart Reid 1G, Andre Cristillo 1G, Riley Callaghan 1A, Rory Hamilton 2A, David Kangas 1A, James Power 1A, Mitchell Albert 1A. **601 Florida Red Rogers 1** - Austin Waite 1G.

813 St Louis White 4 - Jimmy Brookes 2G, Dustin Partenan 1G 1A, Keith Jarvis 1A, Kienan Osborne 1A. **804 Los Angeles Purple Caruso & Company 2** - Jesse Borin 2G, Chris Downs 1A.

807 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 9. 810 Los Angeles Grey 3.

807 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 6 - Mitchell Palmer 2G, Chris Frappier 1G, Ethan Cullen 1G 1A, Matthew Sanita 2A,

Matthew Warner 2G, Matthew Reeves 1A, Brayden Babineau 1A. **808 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 4** - Russell Johnson 2G 1A, Scott Wheeler 1G, David Roberts 1G 1A, Graham Killby 1A.

802 Boston Gold Manhattan Trophies 3 - Carter Hammett, shutout, Nic Venosa 1G 1A, Kyle Nice 1G, Quinn McGowan 1G 1A. **801 Florida Red A.D.C Aluminum 0**.

811 Colorado Burgandy 3 - Dylan Indos 1G, Josh Lawlor 2G, Tyler Indos 3A. **806 Pittsburgh Black Continental Ingredients 1** - Brian Pedron 1G, Brendan Elliot 1A, Scott Dunlop 1A.

805 St. Louis Blue Orr & Associates 1 - Dylan Lyons 1G, Thomas Scougall 1A, Tyler Hindley 1A, Jonathan Read, shutout. **812 Dallas Kelly Green 0**.

808 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 3 - Scott Wheeler 1G, Graham Killby 1G, David Roberts 1G. **809 San Jose Teal 2** - Adam Darvay-Canavor 1G, Drew Davison 1G, Jamie Pountney 1A, Harris Riopelle 1A.

806 Pittsburgh Black Continental Ingredients 9 - Brian Pedron 1G 1A, Justin Stevens 2G 1A, Eric Bulloch 3G 1A, Trevor Stephens 1G, Brendan Elliot 1G 1A, Robert Ruscica 1G, Scott Taylor 2A. **809 San Jose Teal 3** - Drew Davison 1G 1A, Austin Boudreau 1G, Harris Riopelle 1G, Jamie Pountney 1A, Gavin Matheson 1A.

803 Toronto White AHPA 6 - Daniel Antoniel 2G, Jordan Stephenson 1G 1A, Bailey Miller 2G 1A, Matthew D'Allessandro 1G, Liam Devlin 1A, Christopher End 1A, Evan Sheridan 1A. **812 Dallas Kelly Green 4** - Cameron Staples 1G 2A, Andrew Foresi 1G, William He 1G, Matthew Roach 1G, Kyle DeSouza 1A, Tyler Delahey 1A.

810 Los Angeles Grey 2 - Collin Laird 2G, Carson Dupuis 1A. **805 St. Louis Blue Orr & Associates 2** - Joel Gouveia 1G, Cody Mulhern 1A, Thomas Scougall 1G.

811 Colorado Burgandy 5 - Dylan Indos 1G, Paul Ashbourne 1G 1A, Adam De roos 1G, Quinn Harris 1G, Josh Lawlor 1G 1A, Ryan Byerlay 1A, Lucas Brutto 1A, Tyler Indos 1A. **804 Los Angeles Purple Caruso & Company 1** - Luc Martineau 1G, Tyler Futterer 1A.

813 St Louis White 6 - Morgan Walker 3G 1A, Dustin Partenan 2G, Alex Harrison 1G 1A, Jason Glionna 3A, Jimmy Brookes 2A, Kevin Wood 1A, Scotty Barker 1A, Jason Mizuguchi 1A. **802 Boston Gold Manhattan Trophies 4** - Mac Cawfield 1G 1A, Kyle Nice 1G, Ryan Dowling 1G, Quinn McGowan 1G, Andrew Roche 1A, Corey Young 1A.

801 Florida Red A.D.C Aluminum 2 - Jake Arcangeli 1G, Andrew Walter 1G, Matthew Iamonaco 1A, Michael De Cesare 1A, Michael Tanel 1A. **813 St Louis White 2** - Jason Glionna 1G, Kienan Osborne 1G, Alex Harrison 1A, Keith Jarvis 1A.

903 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 5. 902 Boston Gold CW Coops 5.

906 Pittsburgh Black Ruff N Redi 2. 904 Los Angeles Purple 1.

901 Florida Red Aurora Chrysler 2. 905 St. Louis Blue 2.

905 St. Louis Blue 5. 903 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 2.

904 Los Angeles Purple 4. 901 Florida Red Aurora Chrysler 1.

902 Boston Gold CW Coops 3. 906 Pittsburgh Black Ruff N Redi 2.

1001 Florida Red 5 - Sean Takahashi 1G 1A, Scott Quagliarini 2G 1A, Michael Wood 1G, Brandon Connolly 1G, Kyle McCreedy 1A, Tyler Lamentia 2A, Michael Takahashi 1A. **1009 San Jose Teal 4** - Paul Keilty 1G, Dylan Skelton 1G, Cory Blom 1G, Ryan Jones 1G 1A, Andrew Mangialardi 1A, Razvan Vela 1A, Stephen Thompson 2A, Rosario Arcuri 1A.

1012 Dallas Kelly Green Envirocar 5 - Chris Tambos 1G 1A, Jamie Cherutti 2G, Curtis Stobo 1G, Tyler Cassack 1G, Jake Hindley 1A, Brett Allen 2A, Adam Stubbs 1A, Scott Cunningham 1A, Liam Martin 1A. **1006 Pittsburgh Black 3** - Hayden Sands 1G, Adam Gitto 1G, Matthew Pellegrini 1G 1A, Matthew Semeredy 1A, Robert Horton 1A, Dillon Cappell 1A.

1013 St. Louis White 7 - Chris O'Hara 1G, Jay Finch 5G, Nick Di Nallo 1G 1A, Spencer George 2A, Neil Gaston 1A, Kamran Karamchi 2A, Jamie Hawkins 2A. **1005 St. Louis Blue Sentia 3** - Andrew Osmond 1G, Colin Munn 1G, Craig Bennett 1G 1A, Robert Denault 2A, Caleb Gould 1A, David Naccarato 1A.

1010 Los Angeles Grey 4 - Ben Mulholland 2G 1A, Matthew Schmitt 1G 1A, Matthew Bishop 1G, Griffin Slimkowich 1A, Dylan Jolivet 1A, Mikhail Khamissa 1A. **1008 Philly Orange Aurora Home Hardware 3** - Tanner Brewer 1G 1A, Marlon Young 1G, Taran McGowan 1G 1A, Sheldon Rivard 1A.

1003 Toronto White CAA 5 - Ian Weston 2G 2A, Matthew Miller 2G, Spencer Palmer 1G, Eric Presacco 1A, Adam Reid 1A, Ryan Laird 1A, Brody Hunter 1A, Chris McGill 1A, Stephen Newby 1A, Spencer Palmer 1A. **1002 Boston Gold 3** - Kevin Wheeler 1G 1A, Mark Tanel 2G 1A, Michael Mourtanos 1A, Kevin Tree 1A, Brandon Rival 2A.

1011 Colorado Burgandy Graystones Restaurant 5 - Brandon Giniotis 2G, Josh Bentolilla 1G, Justin Killens 2G, Andrew Cosentino 1A. **1007 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 1** - Andrew Wilkins 1G, Steven Foss 1A, Logan Weber 1A.

1011 Colorado Burgandy Graystones Restaurant 10 - Lucas Cristillo 1G, Justin Killens 1G 5A, Ryan Antoniel 3G 3A, Matthew Mears 1G, Chase Riddell 1G, Brandon Giniotis 2G 1A, Andrew Cosentino 1G 1A, Chris Blumreisinger 2A, Josh Bentolilla 3A. **1005 St. Louis Blue Sentia 2** - Evan Casselden 1G, Craig Bennett 1G, Marcel Lamanna 2A, Andrew Osmond 1A.

1003 Toronto White CAA 6 - Adam Reid 1G, Kevin McCrudden 1G, Ian Weston 2G, Brody Hunter 1G 1A, Jaret Meron 1G, Matthew Miller 2A, Spencer Palmer 1A, Scott Sturges 1A. **1013 St. Louis White 2** - Jamie Hawkins 2G, Anthony Marsilio 1A, Neil Gaston 1A.

1001 Florida Red 8 - James Harkin 3G 2A, Kyle McCreedy 3G, Brandon Connolly 1G, Tyler Lamentia 1G 3A, Adam Clark 3A, Michael Bernier 1A, Ryan Bagshaw 1A, Scott Quagliarini 1A. **1008 Philly Orange Aurora Home Hardware 5** - Robert Revington 1G, Taran McGowan 3G 1A, Brett Richardson 1G, Sheldon Rivard 4A, Brandon Bortolin 1A,

Marlon Young 2A, Tanner Brewer 1A.

1010 Los Angeles Grey 8 - Ben Mulholland 1G 1A, Tristan Miller 4G 1A, Tyler Friars 2G, Dylan Jolivet 1G 2A, Ben Slimkowich 1G 2A, Nick Zebrowski 2A, Jake Boyle 1A, Eric Abel 2A, Matthew Schmitt 1A. **1006 Pittsburgh Black 4** - Matthew Semeredy 1G 3A, Jay Lamont 1G, Adam Gitto 1G, Hayden Sands 1G, Benjamin Pringle 1A.

1009 San Jose Teal 7 - Sean Maule 1G, Ryan Jones 1G 1A, Liam McGoldrick 2G, Michael Bar 1G, Dylan Skelton 1G 1A, Razvan Vela 1G 1A, Peter Axiotis 1A, Paul Keilty 1A, Cory Blom 1A, Rosario Arcuri 1A, Stephen Thompson 1A, Chris Tillsley 1A. **1007 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 2** - Andrew Wilkins 2G.

1012 Dallas Kelly Green Envirocar 5 - Michael Morson 2G, Chris Tambos 1G 1A, Michael Madigan 2G, Liam Martin 3A, Adrian Tobin 1A, Daniel Cervone 1A, Cody Benson 1A. **1004 Los Angeles Purple 1** - Cameron Meikle 1G, Sean Ellison 1A.

1010 Los Angeles Grey 2 - Tristan Miller 2G, Matthew Bishop 1A, Griffin Slimkowich 1A, Scott Parry 1A, Matthew Schmitt 1A. **1004 Los Angeles Purple 1** - Kyle Rojas 1G, Brendan Strachan 1A, Lucas Hargrave 1A.

1005 St. Louis Blue Sentia 5 - Louis Lamanna 2G 1A, Caleb Gould 1G 1A, Geoffrey Gianopoulos 2G, Keenan Vanrooyen 2A, Evan Casselden 1A, Craig Bennett 1A, Colin Munn 1A, Michael Orschel 1A. **1009 San Jose Teal 4** - Michael Bar 1G, Chris Tillsley 1G, Rosario Arcuri 1G, Andrew Mangialardi 1A, Cory Blom 3A, Stephen Thompson 1G 1A.

1001 Florida Red 7 - Scott Quagliarini 1G 2A, Kyle McCreedy 2G, Sean Takahashi 2A, James Harkin 1G, Conor Sheridan 1G, Michael Bernier 1A, Ryan Bagshaw 2A, Michael Takahashi 1A, Adam Clark 2G. **1007 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 1** - Charlie Still 1G, Cameron Annear 1A.

1003 Toronto White CAA 6 - Ian Weston 3G 1A, Matthew Miller 3A, Adam Reid 2A, Stephen Newby 1G, Kevin McCrudden 1G, Scott Sturges 1G, Chris Dynes 1A. **1011 Colorado Burgandy Graystones Restaurant 2** - Dylan Cross 1G, Chris Blumreisinger 1G, Scott Tonello 1A, Justin Killens 1A, Josh Bentolilla 1A.

1008 Philly Orange Aurora Home Hardware 8 - Taran McGowan 4G 1A, Brett Richardson 2G 1A, Robert Fiorini 1G, Tanner Brewer 1G 1A, Alexander Dunn 2A, Christian Davies 3A, Robert Revington 2A, Brandon Bortolin 1A, Nick Gundert 1A. **1006 Pittsburgh Black 2** - Benjamin Pringle 1G, Dillon Cappell 1A, Jesse Cappell 1G, Matthew Pellegrini 1A, Jordan Adams 1A.

1012 Dallas Kelly Green Envirocar 4 - Jonathan Alcock 2G, Chris Tambos 1G, Brett Allen 1G, Adrian Tobin 2A, Cody Benson 1A, Jamie Cherutti 1A, Jake Hindley 1A, Michael Morson 1A. **1002 Boston Gold 3** - Cameron Kearley 1G, Devin Scudds 1G, Anthony Decesare 1G, Nicholas Orsatti 1A, Wesley Seminara 1A.

1001 Florida Red 5 - Conor Sheridan 1G, James Harkin 2G 2A, Tyler Lamentia 2G, Brandon Connolly 1A, Michael Bernier 1A, Adam Clark 2A, Kyle McCreedy 1A, Scott Quagliarini 1A. **1006 Pittsburgh Black 5** - Dillon Cappell 2G, Jesse Cappell 1G, Matthew Pellegrini 1G, Matthew Semeredy 1G 1A, Robert Horton 2A, Adam Gitto 1A.

1013 St. Louis White 6 - Nick Di Nallo 2G, Kamran Karamchi 1G 1A, Spencer George 1G, Stephen Di Nallo 1G 2A, Jay Finch 1G, Johnathan Siery 2A, Anthony Marsilio 1A, Jamie Hawkins 1A. **1012 Dallas Kelly Green Envirocar 5** - Daniel Cervone 2G, Jonathan Alcock 1G 2A, Michael Morson 1G, Adam Stubbs 2A, Curtis Stobo 1A, Brett Allen 1G 1A.

1008 Philly Orange Aurora Home Hardware 3 - Taran McGowan 2G, Nick Gundert 1G, Robert Revington 2A, Braydon Dunn 1A, Egan Fennell 1A, Brett Richardson 1A. **1004 Los Angeles Purple 1** - Daniel Howie 1G, Zachary Andrews 1A.

1005 St. Louis Blue Sentia 9 - Colin Munn 1G 2A, Evan Casselden 2G, Evan Casselden 2G 1A, Garrett Lewis 1G, Craig Bennett 1G, Michael Orschel 1G, Caleb Gould 1G 1A, Robert Denault 4A, Andrew Osmond 1A, Michael Reilly 1A. **1007 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 5** - Andrew Wilkins 3G 1A, Madison Weber 1G, Adrian Clark 1G 1A, Charlie Still 2A, Ryan Taylor 1A, Cameron Annear 1A.

1003 Toronto White CAA 5 - Ian Weston 2G 2A, Matthew Miller 2G 2A, Stephen Newby 1G, Eric Roell 2A, Spencer Palmer 1A, Chris McGill 1A, Scott Sturges 1A. **1009 San Jose Teal 2** - Cory Blom 1G, Ryan Jones 1G, Robert Anderson 1A, Chris Tillsley 1A, Stephen Thompson 1A, Dylan Skelton 1A,

1010 Los Angeles Grey 4 - Matthew Schmitt 1G 1A, Matthew Bishop 2A, Ben Slimkowich 1G, Tristan Miller 1G, Mikhail Khamissa 1G, Dylan Jolivet 1A. **1002 Boston Gold 2** - Wesley Brown 1G, Christian Avolio 1G, Michael Mourtanos 2A.

Rep Games

Tyke Select A 2 - Jake Adams 1G, Ethan Cameron 1A, Anton Thompson 1G. **Georgina 1.**

East Gwillimbury Eagles 4. Novice A Tigers 0.

Orillia Terriers 5, Novice A Tigers 1 - Jack Campbell 1G, Craig Therklidsen 1A, Sam Ashton 1A.

Beeton: 5. Novice A Tigers 2 - Andrew Park 1G, Jeremy Gonsalves 1G 1A, Will Sherman 1A, Stefanie Baxter 1A, Jack Campbell 1A.

Novice AE Tigers 2 - Justin Harbaruk 2G, Harris Goan 2A, Ryan McCartney 1A, Owen Romano 1A. **Innisfil Winterhawks 1.**

Minor Peeewe AE Tigers 8 - Jeffrey McKay 1G, Michael DaCosta 1G, Jordi Severini 1G, Nicholas Sansalone 1G, Connor Downs 1G 1A, Zach Fletcher 1G, Tyler Williams 2G 1A, Thomas Sauer 2A, Cameron Anderson 1A, Cooper Hewgill 1A, Michael Jollimore 1A, Matthew MacDonald 1A. **East Gwillimbury Eagles 3.**

Novice AE Tigers 8 - Justin Harbaruk 3G 2A, Harris Goan 3G 2A, Evan Robertson 4A, Alex Sandras 1G, Anthony Iacovetta 1G, Owen Romano 1A, Colby Prymych 1A, Jessica Jollimore 1A, Rony Wahab 1A, Noah Johnson 1A, Luke Catania 1A. **Markham 1.**

East Gwillimbury Eagles 1. Novice AE Tigers 0.

Orillia Terriers 1. Novice AE Tigers 1 - Evan Robertson 1G, Justin Harbaruk 1A, Owen Romano 1A.

Minor Atom AE Tigers 5 - Carter Wilmsmeyer 1G,

Stephen Silverio 1G, Luke O'Keefe 1G, Fin Reeves 1G, Carson Yeomans 1G 1A, Jaedon Jackson 1A, Jason Langdon 1A, Trevor Smith, shutout. **Stouffville Clippers 0.**

Minor Atom AE Tigers 3 - Scott Rumble 1G, Jason Langdon 1G, Jaedon Jackson 1G, Luke O'Keefe 1A, Peter Chimienti 1A. **East Gwillimbury Eagles 2.**

Bradford 8. Minor Atom A Tigers 1 - Lucas Surace 1G, Andrew Cundari 1A, Jason Cox 1A.

Barrie Colts 6. Minor Atom AE Tigers 1 - Luke O'Keefe 1G, Peter Chimienti 1A, Braden Reid 1A.

Markham 1. Atom AA Tigers 0.

Markham 2. Atom AA Tigers 1 - Jack Liotta 1G, Philip Wolanski 1A.

TNT 3. Atom AA Tigers 1 - Jack Liotta 1G, Brady Futterer 1A.

Atom AA Tigers 1 - Brennan Young 1G, Andrew Sergejewich 1A, Brady Sarazin, shutout. **Barrie Colts 0.**

Atom AA Tigers 5 - Brennan Young 3G, Ben Langlois 1A, Mark Kalmisto 1G, Andrew Sergejewich 1A, Morgan Frost 1G, Ryan Thornhill 1A. **Newmarket 3.**

Atom A Tigers 6 - Kyle Rice 2G 1A, Reid Carpenter 1G 2A, Alexander Simardone 1G, Lucas Dane 1G, Colin McGoldrick 1G, Chris Pettit 1A, Eric McGhie 3A, Jordan Torres 1A, Alex Wyndham-West 1A. **Beeton 1.**

Bradford 3. Atom A Tigers 3 - Thomas Kostoff 1G 1A, Alex Wyndham-West 2A, Jennifer Steenhorst 1G, Jordan Torres 1G, Colin McGoldrick 1A, Clayton Allen 1A, Kyle Rice 1A.

TNT 3. Minor Peeewe AE Tigers 0.

Minor Peeewe AE Tigers 3 - Christian Arcuri 1G, Nicholas Sansalone 1G, Tyler Williams Thomas Sauer 1A, Zach Fletcher 1A. **Markham Waxers 1.**

Barrie Colts 4. Minor Peeewe AE Tigers 1 - Tyler Williams 1G, Connor Downs 1A, Christian Arcuri 1A, Hudson Yeomans 1G.

Minor Peeewe AE Tigers 8 - Jeffrey McKay 1G, Michael DaCosta 1G, Jordi Severini 1G, Nicholas Sansalone 1G, Connor Downs 1G 1A, Zach Fletcher 1G, Tyler Williams 2G 1A, Thomas Sauer 2A, Cameron Anderson 1A, Cooper Hewgill 1A, Michael Jollimore 1A, Matthew MacDonald 1A. **East Gwillimbury Eagles 3.**

Peeewe AA Tigers 1. Georgina 1.

Barrie Colts 1. Peeewe AA Tigers 0.

Minor Bantam AA Tigers 3 - John MacDonald 1G 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1G 1A, Spencer Green 1G, Brett Thiessen 1A, Liam Coll 1A, Konner McMillan 1A. **Markham Waxers 2.**

Barrie Colts 4. Minor Bantam AA Tigers 4 - Spencer Green 1G 1A, Brett Thiessen 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1G, Nick Scott 1G, John MacDonald 1A, Erik Balkovec 1A, Quentin Campbell 1A.

Barrie Colts 3. Minor Bantam AA Tigers 1 - Blake Wallace 1G, Brett Thiessen 1A, Erik Balkovec 1A.

Minor Bantam AA Tigers 4 - Spencer Green 2G, Shadoe Storm 1G, Konner McMillan 1G 1A, Josh Bell 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Erik Balkovec 1A, Matt Iwai 1A, Liam Coll 1A. **Newmarket 3.**

Minor Bantam AA Tigers 3 - Lucas Pozzebon 2G, Shadoe Storm 1G, Liam Coll 2A, Konner McMillan 2A, John MacDonald 1A. **Cumberland Jr Grads 1.**

Scarborough Young Bruins 3. Minor Bantam AA Tigers 0.

Minor Bantam AA Tigers 9 - Quentin Campbell 3G 2A, Konner McMillan 2G 1A, Josh Bell 1G 1A, Brett Thiessen 1G 2A, Shadoe Storm 1G, Spencer Green 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Matt Iwai 1A, Ryan Manson, shutout. **Lasalle Sabres 0.**

Minor Bantam AA Tigers 1 - Quentin Campbell 1G, Brett Thiessen 1A, Ryan Manson, shutout. **Stoney Creek Warriors 0.**

Minor Bantam AA Tigers 3 - Lucas Pozzebon 1G, Erik Balkovec 1G 1A, Quentin Campbell 1G, Brett Thiessen 2A. **Markham Islanders 2.**

Minor Bantam AA Tigers 2 - Lucas Pozzebon 2G, John MacDonald 1A, Shadoe Storm 1A, Matt Iwai 1A. **Scarborough Young Bruins 1.**

Minor Bantam A Tigers 7 - Austin Persaud 2G 1A, Liam Beresford 2G 1A, Paul Neophytou 1G 1A, Connor Cowl 1G, James Johnston 2A, Nathan Nealon 2A, Jake McKee 1A, Graham Robinson 1A, Jerryd Jensen 1A, Evan Jackson 1A, Jack Caldwell 1G 1A, Justin Pirie 1A, Marc Casullo, shutout. **Nobleking 0.**

Minor Bantam A Tigers 6 - Paul Neophytou 1G 3A, Liam Beresford 2G, Connor Cowl 2G, Graham Robinson 2A, Jack Caldwell 2A, Nathan Nealon 1A, Jake McKee 1A, Austin Persaud 1A, James Johnston 1G, 1A. **Nobleking 2.**

Minor Bantam AE Tigers 7 - Ryan McGolrick 1G, Harrison Smith 1A, Ian Dunlop 1G, Kyle Strachan 1A, Brayden Beswick 1G, Ben Goldman 1A, Nathan Sinclair 1G, Nicholas Steiner 1G, Brayden Beswick 1A, Alec Ground 1G, Victor Chadarov 1G 1A. **East Gwillimbury Eagles 1.**

Georgina 4. Minor Bantam AE Tigers 2 - Brayden Beswick 1G, Ben Ashton 1G, Mitch Arnwe 1A, Nelson Hossack 1A, Ryan McGolrick 1A.

Bantam A Tigers 8 - Andrew McDonald 4G, Quincy Ing 1G, Colton Lee 1G 1A, Matthew Pryse 1G, Eric Damecour 1G 1A, Vincent Ruscica 4A, Braden Casselden 2A, Eric Archibald 1A, Daniel Fiori 1A, Evan Romano 1A, Ryan Baskin 1A, Ethan Slimkowich, shutout. **Beeton 0.**

Barrie Colts 4. Bantam AE Tigers 2 - Sam Steenhorst 1G, Zach Ferry 1G, William Brogan 1A, Casey Severini 1A, Massimo Longhin 1A, Chris Cherubini 1A.

Bantam AE Tigers 7 - Paul Steiner 1G 1A, Sam Steenhorst 1G 1A, Zach Ferry 1G 1A, Chris Cherubini 1G, Peter Sandwell 1G 1A, Christopher Tsianos 1G, William Brogan 1A, Connor Moody 1A, Casey Severini 1G, Trevor George 1A, Sasha Dajia 1A, Andrew Stobbe, shutout. **Innisfil Winterhawks 0.**

Minor Midget A Tigers 7 - Marco Ghegin 1G, Cooper Riswick 3A, Dylan Woyslaw 2G 1A, Tyler White 1G 1A, Brett Wilson 1A, Matt Skoulikas 1G, Brendan Beresford 2G 1A, Alex Woodward 2A, Graham Loney 1A. **Orillia Terriers 4.**

Bradford 2. Minor Midget A Tigers 1 - Cooper Riswick 1G, Dylan Woyslaw 1A.

Nobleking 3. Minor Midget A Tigers 2 - Alex Woodward 1G 1A, Tyler White 1G 1A, Brendan Beresford 1A.



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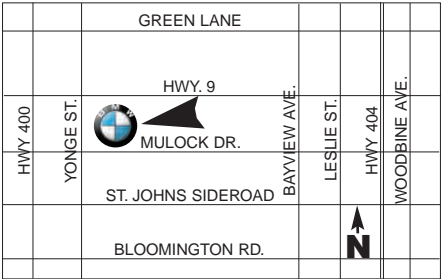
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Aurora resident Brian Herbinson and former Aurora resident Jim Elder, were honoured recently when they were inducted into the Canadian Equestrian Eventing Hall of Fame. The photo at left, above, show Herbinson, left, and Elder, centre, along with rider John Rumble of King Township being presented with the bronze medal for Canada



at the Olympic Equestrian Games in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1956. It marked the first equestrian medal ever won by Canada at the Olympics. In the photo at right, the threesome circled the arena with their medals. As a result of that victory, they put Canadian Eventing on a world stage level.

Aurora team defeats top club to win tourney

After losing their opening game 3-0 to the Scarborough Young Bruins, ranked first in Ontario, the Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AA team stormed back with five straight wins including an overtime victory in the semi-finals of the 26th Annual Stoney Creek Tournament of Champions recently.

Edging the Markham Islanders, the win allowed them to get revenge in the

finals against the Bruins. Two goals by Lucas Pozzebon, the first assisted by Shadoe Storm, were enough to defeat the strong Scarborough team, 2-1.

Good goaltending at both ends of the ice kept the game close, tied 1-1, until Pozzebon scored the game winner with 3.35 left on the clock when he finished off a pass from Johnny MacDonald from behind the net.

Matt Iwai was also credited with an assist on the goal.

From then on, great defense and outstanding goaltending by Ryan Manson, including a great breakaway save, sealed the victory.

"The boys rose to the occasion and played their best games of the season in this tournament," said head coach Darryl Iwai. "Their play has been steadily improving and

their hard work has started to pay off. The coaching staff and parents are very proud of the way they played and conducted themselves both on and off the ice. They represented their Town and Association admirably."

No more of a team effort was evident than in the semi-final overtime win against the Markham Islanders.

Led by the hits of Captain Quentin Campbell and Spencer Green, the Tigers held on to a 2-1 lead on goals by Lucas Pozzebon and Campbell until the Islanders tied the game 2-2 with a minute left to play.

Under tournament rules, overtime is to be played in one-minute intervals in a four on four format twice, three on three twice, then two on two to lead to an exciting one on one matchup.

After no team scored in the first five minutes, Konner McMillan was first to go one on one, ironically against his former teammate from last year's Triple A Richmond Hill squad.

There was clearly no sign of friendship as the two battled to near exhaustion, both being stoned on two breakaways each, but came up empty handed.

Next up was Pozzebon who once again demon-

strated his deft scoring touch as he took the puck from the opening faceoff to score on his own rebound, 12 seconds into the seventh overtime segment.

Goaltender Manson recorded two shutouts during the tourney.

Also playing goal was Zack Landry.

Other members of the team included defensemen Josh Bell, Nick

Delzotto, Iwai, Nick Scott, Blake Wallace, and forwards Erik Balkovec, Campbell, Liam Coll, Green, MacDonald, McMillan, Pozzebon, Storm, Brett Theissen, and Sean Foxwell.

Coaching staff included Ron Thiessen and Vince Green.

The trainer is John Pozzebon and the manager is Glenn Manson.

Skaters fare well in Keswick

Members of the Aurora Figure Skating Club fared well at an invitation skate held last week in Keswick at the Georgina Ice Palace.

Results are as follows:

Adrianna Benoit Meschino, Intro B Group 1, 4th.

Haven Moulds, Pre-Prelim Starskate Group 7, 3rd.

Jennifer Scott, Pre-Prelim Starskate Group 4, 3rd.

Alana Wise, Pre-Prelim Starskate Group 8, 9th.

Madisyn Lamoure, Pre-Prelim B Group 2, 3rd.

Anastasia Severinets, Pre-

Prelim B Group 3, 4th.

Cassandra Tremblay, Pre-Prelim Starskate Group 5, 3rd.

Sarah Kim, Prelim A Group 7, 7th.

Taylor Piotrowski, Prelim Starskate Group 2, 6th.

Matthew Warner, Prelim B Men, 2nd.

Erin Foster, Preliminary A Group 4, 8th.

Sabrina Brochu, Jr. Bronze A Group 2, 1st.

Nicole Marino, Jr. Br Starskate Group 3, 2nd.

Savannah Hendy, Jr. Br Starskate Group 6, 6th.

Marilena Perri, Jr. Br Starskate Group 4, 3rd.

MacKenzie Maunder, Jr. Bronze A Group 5, 1st.

Raquel Burgess, Sr. Bronze Starskate Group 4, 5th.

Kate Sutton, Sr. Bronze Group 3 Starskate, 7th.

Hailey Riggs, Jr. Silver Starskate 6th.

Elyse Glen, Jr. Silver Starskate Group 2, 3rd.

Sierra Chovanec, Sr. Silver Starskate Group 1, 4th.

Lauren Cooper. Gold Triathlon 1st.

School is site for this dinner

When Aurora and area families are hurting, the staff and students of Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School are there to help, and this year is no different.

To help ease the struggles many are experiencing at this time of the year, the school will

host the first festive dinner for those in need, this Thursday, December 17th at 6 p.m.

Seating will be limited to 100 people.

Reservations must be made ahead of time by contacting Lynn Gardner at 905-727-3131,

extension 157.

Grace Aquino at Aramark Canada has offered the use of the kitchen facilities at the school and will donate plates, cups, utensils, buns, butter, carrots, potatoes, and all of the chicken.

Kean declares

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rather be allowed to do the jobs they were trained for.

"Residents should have more input into what is happening in the Town where they live," he said.. "Businesses need to be asked what they need, to be successful in Aurora."

There are many questions that need to be answered and Mr. Kean said he is willing to listen and act with the approval of council.

The candidate said he and his family have lived in Aurora

for 21 years.

"By raising kids here I appreciate how great Aurora is and how my daughters benefited by growing up in Aurora," he said. "Aurora is a great Town and will continue to be".

Mayor Morris, contacted Monday by The Auroran, said, "I didn't think there were any candidacies declared yet. I didn't think we could do that until the New Year. It is not very productive of the Mayor's Office to speculate on next year's election at this time before anyone can declare their candidacy."

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Connecting Community and Business



“Veterans” from World War II, Korea, peacekeeping tours and Afghanistan participation, were honoured at the Aurora legion recently.

Town development is good for us

By CHRIS BALLARD

**Volunteer Co-Chair, Aurora Promenade Study
Volunteer Chair, Aurora Economic
Development Committee**

If the health of a community can be measured in part by the vibrancy of its downtown shopping and historic district, how well is Aurora doing?

Very well, as it turns out. Even in the midst of an economic downturn Aurora continues to attract new business to its Yonge and Wellington Street corridors, not to mention that the pace of commercial development throughout the Town is setting records.

(For residential taxpayers, this is good news - but that's a different story.)

It's nice to see a revitalized Aurora Shopping Centre and a new Shoppers' Drug Mart anchoring the south entrance to the Town, a new Longo's and CIBC to the east, and new development to the north.

It's great to see new restaurants and stores giving our town their vote of confidence by opening in the historic downtown core.

As the volunteer Chair of the Town's Economic Development Advisory Committee, I continually hear positive feedback from businesses about why they are locating in Aurora.

Aurora has the right demographics - the right type of customers, the right type of space, one of the best commercial tax rates in the GTA, and a welcoming Town Council and Staff.

It's simply the place they need to be to succeed.

However, we can always do more.

There are still too many empty storefronts, too many empty lots, and too many commercial developments along Yonge Street that are outdated, tired and in need of redevelopment.

Over the years Aurora has tried to tackle the decline in its historic downtown core.

While there was some success, the consensus was that more could be done.

As a business person and resident, I'm delighted that Mayor Phyllis Morris chose to proclaim 2009 the Year of Business Initiative and put a spotlight on Aurora business retention and expansion.

With the support of council, she launched a major initiative to revitalize Aurora's historic shopping areas and set the stage for what should be spectacular, people and business friendly areas.

This initiative, called The Aurora Promenade is turning out to be the single largest economic development opportunity in Aurora in decades.

Because of its scope and depth, it will certainly have a much greater and lasting impact than past business studies.

The study covers an area that takes in most of Yonge Street as well as Wellington Street.

In her opening remarks at an early public workshop, the mayor said the study will demonstrate Aurora's high standards and that she is confident Aurora has residents and business people who can, and want to, deliver the best. She's right.

The input from citizens and business people has been nothing short of amazing.

They have challenged all of us involved in the study to develop unique solutions to tough problems.

This study is distinct from past initiatives in that it is a planning study that will ultimately produce an enforceable planning bylaw for the Town.

That means, unlike other business studies, this one will have "teeth".

This secondary plan will guide future development and impact issues such as urban design, development permissions, traffic and transportation, parking, height and density standards.

The result will be a plan that impacts every development proposal within the Aurora Promenade area

and will create viable development and redevelopment opportunities for businesses and property owners.

As Yonge and Wellington Streets change under the direction of the new planning bylaw, what will emerge will be a unique area that draws people who want to shop, dine, visit, participate in arts and culture events, or simply stroll and enjoy the ambiance of the area.

The study will address the complexity of the Aurora Promenade area with policies that target four distinct character areas.

The character areas have been identified based on several considerations including natural and cultural heritage characteristics and built form.

The editor of this paper will recognize this concept because it's not new - it was suggested several years ago by him when he was a Town Councillor.

The idea was ahead of its time, but has now come of age.

The opportunities in Aurora's downtown are impressive. One highlight is the significant commercial space within the study area.

The more than 900,000 square feet of commercial space that exists along Yonge Street is almost double the total capacity of the Wellington St. and Highway 404 Smart Centres development (a.k.a. the Wal-mart Plaza).

This creates opportunities for redevelopment as well as eventually repositioning a huge area as a unique retail and special events centre of the town.

The area also provides exceptional exposure for businesses along one of Canada's busiest streets, and boasts strong transportation links and planned improvements to both VIVA bus rapid transit service and GO train service.

The study area purposefully included the GO station and surrounding area to ensure we can maximize the improved train service promised for the near future.

There is also significant existing public investment in the area including the Aurora Public Library, the Church Street School Cultural Centre and the Aurora Peace Park and Cenotaph.

All of these signal a commitment from the Town to support a strong and vibrant traditional shopping district.

There are also a number of intensification projects currently underway that will help to provide alternative forms of housing offering choice for first time buyers and those who want to downsize and will enhance the vibrancy of the area.

Significant private sector investment is evident in a number of mixed use and commercial developments, such as the new development at Yonge and Tyler Streets, and the previously mentioned façade improvements to the Aurora Shopping Centre, a new Shoppers Drug Mart and the redevelopment of the previous Aurora Toyota site.

This level of private sector investment is a testament to the coming opportunities in the Aurora Promenade.

For those of us lucky enough to be born in Aurora - or those smart enough to have moved here - we know

how important a vibrant downtown is to maintaining a positive town image and ensuring Aurora remains a great place to live, play, work - and do business in.

There will be more public consultation in the coming months so please watch for advertisements, or visit the Town's website for background information and to sign up for emailed announcements. You probably want to be involved in one of most exciting initiatives to hit Aurora in years.

For information about the study visit the Town's website at www.e-aurora.ca and find the study listed under the Quick Links at the bottom left of the home page.

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Verna Boys displays a chelsea bun at the recent St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church bake sale and lunch, held at the church.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Town rejects senior license

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"enjoy them to the full", she said the decision needed to be based on the legal advice the town has received.

"There is no in-between," she said. "It's a business decision based on the corporate hat that we wear."

Mr. Downey also made it clear that the Seniors' request simply did not fit into the Town's overall recreation program.

"We don't have licences at any of our other facilities," Mr. Downey said. "We feel that seniors are welcome to come to the Centre and that alcohol doesn't necessarily need to be part of that recreational program."

Councillor Bob McRoberts concurred with the view, but added that granting the

request could set a precedent and lead the way for other community groups to make similar requests.

"I think if we were to allow the seniors to hold the licence on their behalf we would be doing it for others, which I think would increase the liability to the Town even more," Councillor McRoberts said. "I understand the argument put forward by the seniors that the town could make some money, but the town is not in the bar business."

But, for other councillors, key pieces of information were missing from the report.

They were reluctant to accept staff's recommendation until the full picture could be presented.

Councillor Gaertner noted that Newmarket is the only

one of 15 communities that holds a liquor licence for its respective Seniors' Centre and that situation should be looked at further.

Councillor Stephen Granger said he also believed it would be beneficial in the interests of fairness to investigate further how other municipalities have handled similar requests.

Councillor McRoberts also noted that in the interest of fairness, staff should also look at the other side of the coin and examine why the Town of Markham rejected a similar request.

Council was expected to hear a delegation from the Aurora Seniors' Association present further arguments this week, but results were too late for The Auroran's deadlines.

Marquee brings another musical to local theatre

Just in time to kick off the Holiday season, Aurora's Marquee Theatrical Productions brings "BIG, the Musical" to life at the Newmarket Theatre from November 25 to 29.

Based on the popular Tom Hanks movie with the giant piano keyboard dance scene, Marquee's BIG will entertain both the young and young at heart with this humorous tale about a boy named Josh Baskin who is granted a wish to become big.

Now he looks like a 30-year-old guy but still behaves like a frustrated adolescent.

He gets a job in a toy company, and finds out that the responsibilities of the adult world and having a girlfriend are more than he bargained for.

However, his youthful exuberance and innocence endear him to other adults, especially store owner Mr. Macmillan, as Josh gives him a fresh, energetic take on life and the means to reconnect with his inner child.

This vibrant and touching musical comedy unfolds in a toy store where the fun never

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York Region audiences have big hearts, and Marquee is asking everyone attending the show to bring a new, unwrapped toy, game or book to donate to the Charity Toy Drive in the theatre lobby. After the run of the show, the toys will be collected and given to a local charity for distribution to families in need.

In his first Marquee show, 15-year-old Alan Aronshtam plays the role of young Josh.

Jacob Murad, who plays grown-up Josh, says his character doesn't really understand what it means to be grown up even though he's in a hurry to get there (like any other kid in their early teens).

By day David Moore is a school principal; by night, an actor who plays Macmillan, a toy store owner whose sales are plummeting.

He hires some young MBAs who don't understand what his young clientele want and need.

The role of Billy is played by 13-year-old Anthony Dionne who's already a veteran Marquee actor, having appeared in at least five pro-

ductions.

Director Martin Buote, music director Les Steward, choreographer Nancy Dinner, and costume designer Rachel Berthold all work their magic to make BIG a delightful fantasy and an unforgettable theatrical experience for the family.

BIG will be at the Newmarket Theatre Nov. 25 to 28 at 7.30 p.m. and Nov. 28 and 29 at 2 p.m.

For tickets, call 905-953-5122, or order online at www.newmarkettheatre.ca.

Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$22 for children (12 and under) and seniors (60+); and

\$20 per ticket for groups of 15 or more.

Marquee donates part of the proceeds from ticket sales to local charities and organizations.

For more information about BIG the Musical, upcoming Marquee shows, subscription packages, auditions, and volunteer, sponsorship and advertising opportunities, visit www.marqueeproductions.ca or contact Marquee Productions at info@marqueeproductions.ca. Marquee also provides Community Service Hours to high school students.

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Senior Scape



Christmas Eve is merely a month away, and the preparation for the celebrations is clearly occupying the attention of seniors.

It seems that no matter men's interest in Christmas and honest intentions and endeavours, that the main burden for Christmas festivities, includes the planning and arranging for whom is visiting who and when.

It is not by design that Christmas preparations fall mainly to women, but more a case of women naturally getting caught in the Christmas preparations totally and tending to involve each other, rather than that indifference on

the part of men is at fault.

Women have an excellence in family matters that cannot be denied and without doubt, if men had to accomplish catering to the Christmas family gatherings as women do naturally, things would not be the same.

The excitement for young children has not built up at this point in time, but Christmas preparations are obvious in the stores and the music of Christmas carols is played on radio and in stores constantly, reminding us that as days grow shorter, Santa looms closer.

In the Aurora Senior Association (ASA), the

woodworking shop is busy planning the Christmas float, and volunteers are invited to assist in building and manning it.

People bring reality to the spirit of the Christmas float, and the float would be missing the essence of Christmas without people. You can see it in the Santa Claus parade this Saturday evening.

Ron Coe is busy with his very popular pen program, which is attracting new people to the wood shop, where they purchase the working parts for a pen, and turn the barrel of the pen, usually from wood on a miniature lathe, and the assembled pen is hugely

popular.

This one small item keeps the small lathe used for this purpose very busy.

The wood shop, while not large in size, is equipped excellently, and is a huge attraction to men and women who see wood as a material that can be sawed, cut, shaved and sanded to whatever standards the piece requires.

Wood is also carved, with the carving performed mostly by women who love ornamentation they create with their own imagination guiding their hands; and their work is also to standards high enough to enable the artwork to be sold and it often is included in the Christmas bazaar.

ASA members who develop an interest in woodworking, often find they have developed an enduring interest, suggesting more projects as quickly as they complete one.

Judy Buchanan, who is a fine lady with a resolute manner and a determined approach to the interests that engage her mind, introduced the idea of seniors' developing a garden near the entrance to the Seniors' Centre.

Judy's garden concept worked well with many plants donated and others purchased with funds from the ASA.

The garden has

improved the entrance to the Seniors' Centre with many comments on the fine floral enhancements to the entrance.

Judy, together with a gardening committee, has begun planning for more garden beds designed to surround the centre.

The gardening committee is still working on costs but the proposal will be presented to the O&A committee in January for approval.

If this proposal is accepted it will be presented to the board for formal approval. The Town will then be approached for its approval.

It's hoped the process will proceed smoothly and positively and allow the gardening club to start putting their completed plans into action when the good weather arrives in the spring.

Judy also advises me that 35 children from Devins Drive Public School

will be entertaining at the Christmas dinner December 11th.

The children from Grades 4 through 8 will sing a variety of Christmas songs.

The ASA Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for this Saturday, beginning at 9.30 a.m. and continuing until 2 p.m.

This is always worth a visit even for the pleasure alone of walking among the tables filled with exciting and often truly different artifacts, gathered from all over the world.

I understand that members of the woodshop have built a Santa's Workshop as the central theme for this Christmas float and the float will have passengers as Santa's guests.

The Woodshop gets many requests for assistance with projects, and the success of the many completed projects adds lustre to the fine craftsmanship of these ASA members.

COMING EVENTS

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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.

NOVEMBER 26-28

Hamlet will be performed at St. Andrew's College each night at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased by calling 905-727-3178, ext. 260, or by e-mailing jane.bedard@sac.on.ca.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Annual Santa Claus parade begins at Orchard Heights Blvd. at 6 p.m.

At 2.30 and 7.30 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 484 Water St., Newmarket, you can enjoy the sounds of the season by the award-winning York Highlands Chorus. Tickets are \$12 with proceeds to benefit local Food Banks. Contact Karen at 905-726-2113 or click on www.yorkhighlands.com for further information.

NOVEMBER 28 AND 29

23rd Annual Optimists' Book Sale at the Aurora Library.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Tree lighting ceremony takes place in the Town Hall courtyard from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. with the official countdown for the tree lighting starting at 6.45 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

A holiday PA Day workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be held for children ages 8-12 who will participate in an assortment of hands-on crafts, heritage cooking and traditional games appropriate for the season at the Whitchurch-Stouffville museum on Woodbine Avenue, just south of the Aurora sideroad. Cost is \$40 per child (members' rate \$32) which includes all materials and snacks. Pre-registration is required and participants must bring their own nut-free lunch. For further information, call 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

From 1 to 4 p.m., Hillary House will be decorated by members of the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society. Fires will glow in the fireplace, the smell of mulled cider will fill the air and the sound of familiar carols will be heard. There will be games and crafts for children, home-made refreshments and maybe even a visit from Old St. Nick. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for accompanied children. Hillary House is located at 15372 Yonge Street, Aurora. All proceeds go to the care and restoration of Hillary House

National Historic Site. For more information, call the Aurora Historical Society at 905-727-8991.

Amnesty International - Newmarket/Aurora - hosts its annual Writeathon, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge St. Write cards of support to human rights defenders around the world. For more information, call 905-713-6713.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Hospice King-Aurora is offering an afternoon drop-in discussion for those who are having a tough time thinking about the holidays. Join them from 2 to 4 p.m. at 155 King Road, Oak Ridges. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Karen Simmonds, Bereavement Services Coordinator at 905-773-0155, extension 26 or email her at k.simmonds@hospicekingaurora.ca

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Aurora Seniors Association traditional Christmas dinner will be held at the centre beginning with happy hour at 5 p.m. followed by dinner 6 p.m. The price is \$22 for members and \$27 for non-members.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

At 7.30 p.m. the ballroom of Hillary House will come alive with a performance by local Auroran music group Sommerset. Refreshments will be served. Tickets to this event must be purchased in advance and are \$20 each, with Aurora Historical Society members receiving a discounted ticket price. For tickets and more information call the Aurora Historical Society at 905-727-8991. Space is limited.

A Candlelight Christmas will be held at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum on Woodbine Avenue, south of the Aurora sideroad and you can attend the tour at either 6.30 p.m. or 8 p.m. Due to limited space, advance ticket purchase is required. Adult tickets are \$15 and children are \$10. For further information, call 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Annual Christmas buffet at the Aurora Legion happens between 11.30 a.m., and 2 p.m. at the hall on Industrial Parkway North. Tickets, at \$15 each, are available at the Legion bar when you make reservations.

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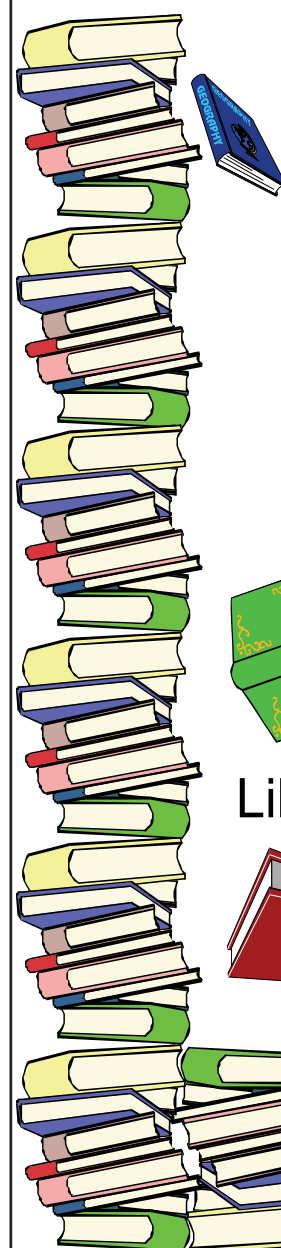
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