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# THE AURORAN

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Traditional Irish Stew was the order of the day at the Aurora Seniors' Centre last Wednesday, as several members gathered for lunch. Don Stevenson, left, and Lucas Hilts, helped volunteers serve up the luncheon to an appreciative audience.

*Auroran photo by David Falconer*

## Rebecca's Run will happen in Aurora

The annual Rebecca Run For SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy) that has raised close to a million dollars for SMA research presents Rebecca's Bunny Hop For SMA Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at the new Running Room/Walking Room at Unit 1, 25 First Commerce Drive in Aurora.

Rebecca, who is eight years old, was diagnosed with SMA seven years ago. At that time there was no cure, no treatment and no hope.

Rebecca's parents were told that 50 per cent of children diagnosed before the age of two would die before their second birthday.

With each passing day, she would be painfully robbed of her ability to crawl, hold her head up, swallow and breathe.

In June last year researchers revealed a treatment for SMA could be within grasp.

Officials are looking for participants to run or walk Wednesday night.

Rebecca's Bunny Hop For SMA will be a fun, meaningful pre-Easter fundraising event for the whole family.

Participants should bring a basket to collect Easter treats along the course.

The event is suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

Dress to walk or run outdoors.

Registration is \$10 online at [www.events.runningroom.com](http://www.events.runningroom.com) or at the Aurora Running Room Wednesday.

All of the fee will be donated to the Families of SMA Canada, a volunteer-based charity that allots

more than 95 per cent of its donations to research.

For more information about the event call the Aurora Running Room at 905-726-1600 and for more information about the Rebecca Run For SMA go to [www.rebeccarun.com](http://www.rebeccarun.com).

### BRIEFLY

#### Popular doctor dies

Long-time Aurora doctor, Bill Diamond 71, died Monday afternoon at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket.

The family had been on vacation when Dr. Diamond took ill and was brought back to Aurora.

Dr. Diamond, whose office was located at the corner of Yonge and Reuben Streets, was a coroner for York Region.

At one time, he played hockey for a group of old-timers, and was affectionately known as "Billy Bandaid".

Details will be available on The Auroran's website - [www.auroran.com](http://www.auroran.com) - as soon as they become available.

#### Volunteers needed

CHATS, which stands for Community Home Assistance to Seniors is looking for volunteers for its Lunch Out programs at the Aurora Legion and Hadley Grange.

If anyone has a few hours a month to assist local seniors as they gather for activities, light exercise, great food and great company, they should call Christine at 905-713-3373, ext. 6051.

And Christine will also help if you wish to join a new volunteer team at CHATS.

Friendly to Seniors volunteers are specially trained senior aged volunteers who are working together to assess local businesses, develop action plans, and provide training to local businesses who are seeking Friendly to Senior certification.

Call Christine for more information.

#### Dick's home

Since The Auroran reported last week that Dick Illingworth was in hospital, cards and letters have flooded in.

Dick was released from hospital last week and is now recovering at his Cousins Drive home.

"Give me a couple of weeks, and I'll be back in the harness," the 91-year-old said.

Uh huh!

## Imposters help to move cars

More than 80 people braved the weather last week to watch four men impersonate female stars at the Aurora Legion, but it seems the Imposters had most of the fun.

Faced with a huge dump of snow, more than a foot at last count, the Legion went ahead with

its plans to present the Imposters to what they believed would be an empty hall.

However, many did show up for the performance, parking their cars in the lots surrounding the building.

It was in the wee hours of the

morning when the Imposters left Aurora, after helping spectators push their snow-locked cars from the parking lots.

Legion spokespeople said it would be the intention to bring the Imposters back to Aurora, preferably in the summer.

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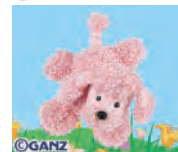


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# COMING EVENTS

## CONTINUING

Every Tuesday from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. it's Story and Playtime at Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South. Call 905-841-8883 for further details.

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Every Second Friday, students in Grade 5 to 8 can gather at Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 905-841-8883 or email jonathanturtle@gmail.com

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Continuing until April 15 from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. Winter parking restrictions will be in effect.

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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. It's open to all parents, grandparents and caregivers. For more information e-mail Judy Hoffmann at jhoffmann@sympatico.ca.

\*\*\*\*\*

Scottish Country Dancing every Friday morning at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome.

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Meet at Martha's Table, now in its third season. Every Thursday from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. comfort food and a sense of community will be available at the hall at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Aurora. Any funds raised are directed to other community outreach projects.

\*\*\*\*\*

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.

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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.

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Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10:30 a.m. Coffee Club at 9 a.m. and lunch at noon. Call 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080.

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Gamblers Anonymous meets every Tuesday night at Trinity Anglican Church, Victoria Street at 7:30 p.m.

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Progressive Euchre every Thursday night at the Aurora Legion at 7:30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

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Canadian Federation of University Women holds monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. There is also a selection of interest groups. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

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The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Choir practice in the West-McKenzie Hall of the

Seniors' Centre, every Wednesday from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. under the direction of Tom Rainsford and Enid Maize. For more information, call 905-841-9706.

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Tots (age 0-4 years) bring your caregivers for coffee or tea while you enjoy story and playtime every Tuesday from 9.30 a.m. to 11a.m. at Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South. Call 905-841-8883 for further information.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

A hands-on workshop to learn how to use the Aurora Public Library's electronic research resources will be held at 6.45 p.m. at the library. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk or phone 905-727-9493. Seating is limited.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 20

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

## FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Blood donor clinic at the Aurora Legion. This is a special Good Friday clinic. Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Aurora Public Library, in partnership with Canada Revenue Agency, hosts no-cost income tax clinics with trained community volunteers. 6.30 p.m. in the Lebovic Room.

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Lunch & Learn at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce office at noon. Topic is "Commercial Insurance Reality Check", with speaker Steve Sobel of Insurance Intelligence. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for guests.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Start of an eight-week Bereavement Support Group session at Aurora United Church for adults suffering the loss of a loved one. Meetings start at 7 p.m. There is no fee for this program. For more information and registration, call Mary Smith at 905-727-6984.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Amnesty International meets at 7.30 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. All welcome. For further information, call 905-713-6713.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 4

First ever kick-off Canada Day Parade party. Aurora Legion. 6 p.m. For further information, call 905-841-6489. Evening features the music of George St. Kitts, a silent auction and door prizes.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5

The Cancer Killers team of Aurora citizens will hold a casino night at the Aurora Legion to help raise funds for their entry into The Ride to Conquer Cancer in June.

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Aurora Skating Club 2008 Ice Show "Hooray for Hollywood" at the Aurora Community Centre at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. will feature Canadian Men's National Champion Patrick Chan. For further information, call 289-221-3774.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Birdbox Placement: Place birdboxes around town. Meet at the Seniors' Centre parking lot, 5 Municipal Dr. at 10 a.m. No registration necessary.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Aurora Chamber of Commerce complimentary networking breakfast at St. Andrew's College, 15800 Yonge Street, from 7.30 a.m. to 8.45 a.m. There will be a

sit-down, hot buffet breakfast, a campus tour, prizes and a bagpiper for entertainment.

## MONDAY, APRIL 14

Aurora Film Circuit presents "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" at the Cineplex Odeon Aurora Cinemas, 15460 Bayview Avenue. Tickets, at \$10, will be available March 4 at the Aurora Public Library and R & R Revisited, 95 Edward Street. Doors open at 6.15 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Aurora Community Heritage Fair at St. Andrews College from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Public is invited to attend.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Second installment of interim tax payment due.

## APRIL 25-26

Aurora United Church annual Spring Rummage Sale takes place at the church, 15186 Yonge Street at Tyler, on Friday from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Anti-litter Day in Aurora: Begins at 10 a.m. followed by a barbecue for participants at noon in the Town Park. Register at Info Aurora, 905-727-8214, or through infoaurora@e-aurora.ca.

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Great Curbside Giveaway in Aurora: Take unwanted items to the curb today for others to scavenge. Then go troll for things you might need. To keep Aurora attractive remove leftovers by 6 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Tree planting in Lions Park between 9 a.m. and noon by students from George Street and Aurora Senior Public Schools.

## MONDAY, MAY 12

Aurora Film Circuit presents "The Band's Visit" at the Cineplex Odeon Aurora Cinemas, 15460 Bayview Avenue. Tickets, at \$10, will be available April 15 at the Aurora Public Library and R & R Revisited, 95 Edward Street. Doors open at 6.15 p.m.

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 6 & 7

Canadian Cancer Society 2008 Relay for Life at Lambert Willson Park and the Leisure Complex. Call 905-830-0447 for further information and to register a team.

## TUESDAY, JULY 1

The return of the July First parade. If you would like to enter a float, or simply be in the parade, call Sher St. Kitts at 905-841-6489 or 905-841-6893. Parade starts at 10 a.m.

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# Stronach expands car assembly business

Aurora-based Magna International, the only auto-parts company to assemble cars, will build Aston Martin's Rapide luxury sports sedan in Austria as the British automaker's U.K. production facilities nears capacity.

Aston Martin is outsourcing the Rapide's assembly as demand for its other models pushes annual production at its Gaydon, England, headquarters towards its limit of 8,000 cars.

The order is a boost for

## Party seats going fast

Corporate tables for the upcoming pre-Canada Day Parade party are selling quickly. There are a few still available plus room for individuals to attend, The Auroran has learned.

The party, planned for April 4 at the Aurora Legion, is expected to sell out.

Parade committee member Patricia Stade said 12 of the 20 available tables have been sold mostly to Aurora corporations, but "there is still room for individuals to attend if they wish".

Purpose of the party, said committee chairperson Sher St. Kitts, is to raise funds to cover the cost of the July First parade, which returns to the Canada Day festivities after a year absence.

The parade, set for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July First, will begin in the neighbourhood of Yonge and Orchard Heights Blvd., and head south on Yonge Street to the Murray Drive area.

Tickets for the Legion event are \$100 each and the price includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a sit-down multi-course meal, entertainment by musician George St. Kitts and the Motown Revue, and a silent auction.

Dancing will conclude the event.

The party gets started at 6 p.m.

To order tickets or sponsor an eight-seat table, call 905-727-7239 or e-mail aurorapara-de@live.com.

Recently, Aurora Council endorsed a recommendation from its Leisure Services committee that the parade be returned to the list of July First events, and that a dance, held the night before, be moved from Lambert Willson Park back to the Town Park, where it had been held for years.

July First activities first got underway in Aurora in 1969, when the town officially became known as "Aurora: Canada's Birthday Town".

Magna after a production slowdown for BMW's X3 sports utility vehicle at the Austrian plant in Graz, as BMW plans to build the SUV in the United States to offset the rising value of the Euro.

Magna officials announced that work will begin to create a dedicated production line at the Graz plant with production of vehicles scheduled for 2009, with an annual output of 2,000 vehicles.

It was in May, 1997, when Frank Stronach, head of Magna International, was the guest speaker at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Trade Show.

He said he had been trained as a tool and die maker in Austria and immigrated to Canada when he was 21. He found it tough at first and ended up working in a Kitchener-Waterloo hospital as a dishwasher.

He later found a job in a small firm as a tool and die maker and with experience moved on to other companies.

In 1957 he rented a garage in Toronto and went into business for himself.

He started to get contracts and by the end of the first year had 10 employees which grew to 20 by the end of the second year.

By May, 1997, Magna International employed 32,000 people and was still growing.

In March, 2005, it was reported that Magna International had jumped past two rival firms to become the fourth largest auto parts company in the world with an increase of 35 per cent in sales to \$20.7 billion (U.S.)

The company had 81,000 employees at 219 plants and 49 research and development centres around the world.

In February, 2006, based on the momentum of strong sales in 2005, Magna International was eyeing vehicle production.

Meanwhile, Magna Entertainment, the race-track and gambling component of the Magna empire, was in financial difficulties and in February, officials said the company needed more money as it couldn't sell off assets fast enough to pay down a smothering debt load.

At the time Magna Entertainment owed about \$247 million to lenders including \$150 million in short term loans to Magna Developments, its parent company which come due in May.

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# Aurora Tigers need support

For the sixth time in seven tries, the Aurora Tigers Provincial Junior A hockey team has captured the North Division title in playoff action.

They did it at home Friday night edging the Stouffville Spirit 3-2 in overtime.

Fewer than 300 people saw it happen.

Twice, the team has gone all the way to win the Royal Bank Cup, defeating teams from across the country.

This is good hockey. These are kids who want to get to the big leagues and they're doing everything in their power to make it happen.

So, where's the crowd to cheer them on?

Attendance at these Junior A hockey games in Aurora is good if it tops 300.

The Aurora Community Centre, one of the finest arenas in the land, will seat more than 1,000 people.

Rarely is it full.

Why?

Several people argue there aren't enough Aurora kids on the team, so why cheer for a bunch of strangers.

When was the last time a Toronto Maple Leaf was born in Toronto?

Other arguments involve commuters...people who live here but work in the big city.

Many say by the time they get home at night, the last thing they want to do is go out again to watch a hockey game.

When it was apparent Aurora was going to meeting neighbouring Stouffville in a playoff round - even though the team from Huntsville was the pick of the pundits - it was felt the crowds would grow.

The final game played in Stouffville Thursday night, drew more than 700 fans, but back in Aurora Friday night, fewer than 300 showed up.

Even the series against the Newmarket Hurricanes failed to generate much interest at the box office.

Now, as Aurora heads toward another country-wide title, it needs fan support.

And, with the Dudley Hewitt Cup being played in Newmarket this year, there's a good chance the Aurora Tigers will be one of the teams involved.

But they won't get there without a little cheering from Aurorans.

Oakville Blades, a first-place finisher in the West Division of the Provincial Junior A league, will be no push-over for Aurora.

Oakville gets home ice advantage in this round, so Aurora will need all the help it can get.

More warm bums in the spectator seats will help.

Go, Tigers, go.

## Roads are open, driveways aren't

Granted, the excuse for a thaw over the weekend helped, but Aurora has really been inundated this year with snow.

Proably more snow has fallen than most long-time residents have seen around here in quite some time.

What we have noticed most about this long, hard winter (please say it's over) has been the efforts of the Aurora Public Works department.

Their ability to move the snow off the roads following major snowstorms has been exemplary.

Even after last week's foot of new snow on a Saturday night, most roads in Aurora were cleared and operative by the next day.

And, before the thaw hit, pavement was visible on most of them.

That may have been more obvious because of the high snow-banks along many roads, but the streets, themselves, were quite clear and passable.

Question: is there any money left in the winter works budget?

Probably not, since the equipment seems to be pressed to its limit almost every day.

Now, the employees are working on getting the snow removed from the sides of the roads, no mean feat that, considering the constant traffic on Yonge Street.

We acknowledge, too, the citizens who, after struggling to clean out their driveways, turn the air blue when a plow goes by and fills the driveway in again.

Not much anyone can do about that, since it's important to keep the roads open.

There was talk several years ago, about installing a "wing" on the plows that would allow driveways to remain open, but the time involved in raising and lowering it made the idea impractical.

We noted a plan in The Auroran's senior citizens' column last week by Mayor Phyllis Morris and Councillor Stephen Granger to deal with the issue, but details were sparse.

We're not sure there's an easy answer to this problem, but in the meantime, thank you, Aurora Public Works, for keeping the roads open and, please, let this winter be over!!



Above is a photo of the Aurora Community Centre, taken in 1967, shortly after it was opened. The community centre, one of the great rinks in Ontario, was built following a fire that destroyed the old arena on Yonge Street, between Church and Kennedy Streets. Since this photo was taken, a second ice surface has been added to the building, still considered one of the finest arenas in the province. By the way, the two unidentified girls in the photo that appeared in this spot two weeks ago have been named. They are Sandra Graves, Miss Cousin's Dairy, and Jean Morris, Miss Sy's Snack Service. They flanked Lynne Hillary, who was Miss Aurora, selected during the town's huge Centennial celebrations in 1963. We still don't know where Sy's Snack Service was located. Does anyone?

### Letters to the Editor

## Here's what she really said...

#### To the editor,

Following a recent council meeting, the other newspaper reported I voted in favour of the Westhill Development proposal.

In the interest of keeping the facts straight, here is what I had to say about the matter:

"My experience goes back a long way, since before there was a Planning Act - from when politicians were wine and dined and treated to private box hospitality at hockey and football games, in order to curry favour when applications were made for development.

"It was as a result of ongoing scandalous implications, the Planning Act was created. Then everyone would know the rules and that they were being treated accordingly.

"The Planning Act sets out steps municipalities

are compelled to follow. No ifs, ands, or buts. There are statutory procedures. We have followed those procedures. I support and understand the concerns of the residents and I'm glad they have the resources to go before the OMB to plead their case.

"The OMB has come under a lot of criticism of late because they made decisions not always in accordance with those the politicians might wish to make, but they have prevailed and I believe they have served our community well.

"Considering all the technical expertise we have listened to, I am very glad there is another body that has the responsibility to listen to the arguments and measure the substance, both legal and technical.

"This decision will not be made by this council.

"I accept the reports

from our staff that the application/proposal is in accordance with the Official Plan.

"I also accept the concerns about serious outstanding issues that have to be resolved as part of a site plan approval process.

"I am not going to vote in favour of this motion because I believe we should not be giving weight to one or another.

"The instruments are available to ensure an impartial decision which is where I would like to see it rest.

"I believe the resolution to support the request of Mr. Northey has the potential of incurring costs for the taxpayers of Aurora and I will be voting against the resolution."

**Evelyn Buck  
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#### To the editor,

Did anyone else see the irony of The Auroran's choice of cover photo last week?

Failed Liberal leadership candidate Michael Ignatieff, with failed Liberal provincial candidate Christina Bisanz, with failed mayoral candidate Tim Jones.

On the other hand, it was nice to see however that Aurora is still important enough to attract the "powers that be" in the person of Federal Minister of Public Safety, Stockwell Day, pictured on the inset. Did anyone report how

Mr. Day was in town to discuss landmark crime legislation to keep criminals off the streets, which has now passed?

**Greg Rider  
Aurora**

**ED. NOTE: With all due respect, there are five "losers" in the two photographs. Lois Brown was defeated in the last federal election by Belinda Stronach, and in the March, 2002, Canadian Alliance leadership election, Stockwell Day was defeated by Stephen Harper on the first ballot.**



## Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

There are a lot of issues out there right now for our council to consider.

To wit, the Town Budget and the state of Aurora's reserves, the continuing seesaw battle of development versus preserving our open space, and whether or not Aurora wants to be the home of a potential gas peaking power plant, to name just a few.

But there are also a couple of things on the municipal front that have remained below the radar for some time, although we may hear more about them later this year.

As loyal readers may recall, back in early December I wrote a column about Aurora potentially asking for an additional York Region Council seat.

Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Whitchurch-Stouffville and King each have one seat, while Georgina and Newmarket have two seats, Richmond Hill three, Vaughan, four, and Markham gets five.

Aurora, based upon the fact that its current population is greater than Georgina, should have two regional seats.

The mayor told me at the time that she was "currently gathering information in preparation for a detailed motion that she will be putting forth - on behalf of Aurora Council - to York Region Council early in the New Year."

I then asked the mayor, "Assuming we do get a second seat, are you in favour of having a direct election for a regional councillor, like in Newmarket, or would you rather see the person with the second most votes - the deputy mayor - as the representative?"

The Mayor did not want to answer this question at that point in time, as she wanted to first discuss it with her council colleagues and get their views.

I will be writing a follow up to that column shortly.

Another issue that at least deserves some deliberation is the introduction of a ward system.

When asked, during an Aurora Chamber of Commerce municipal campaign event in the fall of 2006, all three of the mayoralty candidates stated they supported the use of a ward system.

Mayor (at the time) Tim Jones said that he was never in favour of it until the current term and that he thought there should now be four wards in Aurora, with two councillors elected per ward. He added that, "it is too hard to choose from 20 candidates."

Then challenger (now mayor) Phyllis Morris stated "there are 18,000 doors to knock on in Aurora" and that it "is too hard for first time candidates to get elected".

Challenger Nigel Kean was also in favour of a ward system. Generally speaking the options would be limited to one of two systems.

Either have Aurora divided up into eight electoral precincts and have one councillor represent each ward or you could go with, say, four larger wards and then have four "at-large" councillors.

Having an extra regional seat could dovetail quite nicely with the introduction of a ward system in Aurora.

If the additional representative is directly elected by us town folk, he or she would also sit on Aurora Council as an "at large" councillor.

I will be asking the mayor in the not-too-distant-future if this will be on the council calendar for this year for discussion. Stay tuned.

In addition to a discussion on the implementation of a ward system, I would like to see a debate regarding the adoption of term limits.

## Other issues to watch for

I propose that a councillor should be limited to serving two terms, while mayors should also be limited to two terms.

Finally, there is another issue out there that - to the best of my knowledge - has not been broached by the mayor or any councillor, and that is the question of increasing the salaries of council members or having some of our municipal representatives elected to serve on a full-time basis.

According to a column in another local paper in early February, it looks like members of Newmarket Council will get a pay hike.

They agreed to a \$5,000 raise - "most of that raise will come in the form of a sharp increase to their car allowance, which will rise from the current \$2,000 annual allowance to \$4,800 a year...there is also an \$855-a-year cost-of-living increase.

Councillors also voted in favour of a new severance package that will see elected officials earn one month pay for every year of service."

Council salaries vary widely across Ontario.

"While East Gwillimbury has a population of fewer than 24,000, its councillors earn \$36,836.

By comparison, Newmarket has a population of about 80,000 and councillors currently earn \$30,145 and in Aurora, a town of 50,000 people, councillors are paid \$23,719."

All the above really could be grouped under the umbrella of "governance".

And as these issues are interwoven, I believe a special public debate on this would be appropriate.

Next Week: York Region Transit Bus Route 34

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## Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

I was picking up a few things at the grocery store the other day, and as I was coming out of the produce section, I saw someone I hadn't expected to see.

The Easter Bunny.

At least, I thought it was the Easter Bunny. This fellow looked in rough shape. His ears were drooping. His eyes had dark circles under them, and his fur was unkempt and blotched with multicoloured patches.

He pushed his cart towards the egg section, and started loading it up with Large Canada Grade As.

It was the Easter Bunny, all right.

"Hey, what are you doing here?" I asked. "Easter's not til this weekend."

He looked at me through bloodshot eyes that hinted of late nights, and frayed sanity. I'd seen the same look on attendees at Aurora council meetings.

He slumped down heavily on a case of water.

"Normally, I'd be done well before now," he explained, checking the expiration date on a carton of eggs. "But do you know how many eggs I have to prepare this year?"

Before I could even hazard a guess, he spread his arms wide to emphasize his next words.

"14,000. 14,000!"

"Well, that is a lot, but you're the Easter Bunny. There must be thousands of children expecting you all over the

world."

"That's not for the world. That's just for Aurora!" he exclaimed, as I sat down next to him.

"It's the town's Easter Egg Hunt," he sighed. "Every year it gets more popular, and every year we need more eggs."

"Do you know how much time it takes to hard boil and colour 14,000 eggs?"

"Well, no, but ..."

"Forever - that's how long."

"I haven't had a decent night's sleep in weeks," he continued, his eyes taking on a faraway look. "And when I do sleep, all I dream about is...eggs."

"And my poor fur. I don't think I'm ever going to get all this colouring off of me," he said, rubbing at a bright yellow patch on his elbow.

"I'm buying so much hair dye to cover it up, I'm getting a bulk discount."

"Don't you mean 'hare' dye?" I joked, trying to lighten the mood.

But I'd obviously hit a sore spot, as he shot me a look that made me realize I'd better change the subject, or I'd be receiving the Easter equivalent of coal in my stocking. I didn't want to think what that would be.

"But can't you just use chocolate, or some other form of 'pre-fab' eggs?" I suggested. "Then you wouldn't have to do

all that extra work."

"Well, sure," he sighed. "I can do that sometimes. But you can't hide chocolate eggs outside the Leisure Complex. I tried that one year, and Stephen Somerville found most of them before the kids could show up."

"How about getting some assistance? Perhaps a few of your friends could help out?"

"No, we've tried that, but it never works. One year Santa was helping the Tooth Fairy, and, well ..." he shuddered, "... I think that kid's still in counselling."

"Then why don't you just take a break this year?"

"What?!" he replied, aghast. "I can't do that to the kids of Aurora. They've been so good!"

"No," he sighed, standing up, his joints making audible pops. "It's up to me."

I gave him a hand clearing the remaining cartons off the shelf, and watched him disappear towards the front of the store, the pyramid of eggs balanced precariously in his cart.

He didn't have much of a spring in his step, and there was a lot of work ahead of him before the weekend, but I knew he'd pull it off.

After all, he'd never let the children of Aurora down, yet.

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**Bryan Moir**

## Why can't hi-tech and Aurora get along?

Recently, I was hired by a hi-technology company to help them progress to the next stage of their development.

With the R&D done, patents applied for, and various regulatory hurdles jumped, the building of the business end of the company became the priority.

However, like that age-old question, "Where is Waldo?" the firm wanted to locate to a more suitable hi-tech address than afforded by the "entertainment" district of downtown Toronto.

Having commuted to the "Great Satan" for so many years, and getting stuck in the conga-line earlier and earlier in my commute as I headed down the 404 (the line now starts at the Stouffville Sideroad) to say I was motivated to find a place within Aurora was an understatement.

For those of you who have worked in the hi-tech industry, it will not come as any surprise to you that once a firm establishes itself in a community, it tends to stay put.

Markham has IBM, Brampton has Nortel, Ottawa has Biovail, and Aurora has Magna.

However, there were no suitable places to be found for this company in Aurora!

One of the most important factors in attracting and holding firms is ensuring that there is a variety of industrial and office space that accommodates them at their various growth stages.

This encourages them to stay put and not vacate the town to other pastures.

Aurora has done a tremendous job in ensuring a mix of housing for people at various stages of family formation, incomes and car widths. But it has dropped the ball when it comes to attracting industrial growth.

Lack of foresight, poor planning and bad rezoning decisions, changing the land use from industrial to residential (like most of the Bayview/Wellington area) by previous councils are coming back to haunt us now.

These decisions reduced the amount of industrial/commercial-zoned land available, which, in turn, has limited the type and variety of accommodations that industrial developers are likely or willing to build.

Therefore, it has reduced the attractiveness, especially for emerging technology-based firms, to locate in Aurora.

Companies in the early stages of development are looking for flexible pace that allows them to start small and grow. In most cases, this means high density, multi-storey buildings.

By comparison, Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan have plenty of that type of space.

But, would you not rather live, work and play here in Aurora?

The tax base would certainly be welcomed to help pay for the services and infrastructure we have all come to enjoy, rather than the residential taxpayer bearing the full brunt of yet another property tax increase.

To accomplish a level of success in industrial and commercial growth similar to what the Town has achieved in attracting residential developers, it has to put in place more innovative and creative policies to encourage industrial developers to build the type of buildings hi-tech firms are seeking.

Nothing short of a complete review of the zoning requirements, property tax, and permit fees is required.

In one instance it took more than two years for a builder of industrial units to get the necessary approvals from the town. This is hardly the way to encourage industrial investment.

Thankfully, the new council expedited the matter and the buildings are underway. But we need more!

We also have to provide more resources towards economic development.

Currently this area is under-funded and under-staffed, despite the hiring of an experienced new economic development officer. As a group they have worked wonders with what little they have.

Currently only 13 per cent of our tax revenue comes from the industrial/commercial sector.

The residential property owner shoulders the other 87 per cent.

To move this to even an 80:20 ratio would require a doubling of the existing industrial-commercial base.

If you look around and see that Aurora has some very large firms, such as Magna, Hallmark, Van Rob, Quebec Corp., you have to ask where is the needed growth going to come from.

We have to grow it. It's as simple as that.

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## Letters to the Editor

# Reader wants to build a parade to remember

**To the editor:**

If you build it...

How do you build a parade? Good question...this being my first ever, I'm learning more about it every day.

A parade can only be successful and meaningful if it contains LOTS of people - both viewing and being "paraders"!

How do we get the people? We advertise and do promotions - lots of them - raise parade awareness.

This is especially true in a case where the people have lost trust in their parade being a great parade.

Aurora's demographics have changed quickly and now we need to catch up and embrace our new citizens and engage them in

our wonderful Town Parade for Canada!

If we get lots of people out to the parade, how do we keep them coming annually?

We have to build a parade that is so spectacular and popular that we will all 'flock' to it.

It must truly become a major Town Event! Something you don't want to miss. Something that gets noted on everyone's calendar. Something we proudly prepare for annually. We have to build an event we all wish be part of...and we can!

This involves public and private partnerships. Everyone working in harmony towards a common goal creating this dream parade in Aurora.

This is a community building exercise that will become

special for not only the Town, but for our families and children, our businesses and each of us. Everybody wins!

Look around at other communities who enjoy a successful, fun-filled Canada Day parade. We want Aurora to continue to be known as Canada's Birthday Town and our parade is the icing on the cake.

It takes some seed money to get it started. The Town of Aurora has graciously granted us enough support to get the 'basics' done.

While that is great, it doesn't make a great parade. A great parade has to be entertaining, engaging and full of wonderful ideas, visually stimulating characters, colours and floats.

With a mind to create a Great Parade on Canada Day for years to come, the Aurora Dream Team together with the Aurora Rotary Club invites you to a new annual event: the Canada Day Parade Kick-Off Party!

Together we will raise parade awareness and funds to revive this community building event.

So, let's band together, raise some funds and do as much as we can.

If we build it - they will come! So let's build it, Aurora. Let's make our new parade beautiful, large, fun and lasting!

We have a wonderful opportunity to make history together! We can create a magnificent parade that will live on long after we've gone! We can collectively be remembered as the citizens who revived the Parade! Join us!

We would love to hear from the citizens of Aurora: what do you think it would take to make a Great Canadian Parade here? Give us your vision. It's the only way it will happen...so the Canada Day Parade Kick-Off Party is an event to get it started and you are invited!

That happens at the Aurora Legion April 4, beginning at 6 p.m.

Come one, come all. We appreciate your support to make this dream come true. Contact us with your involvement, sponsorships, help, volunteer and love of Aurora.

**Ellen Watson  
Aurora**

**Sher St. Kitts  
Aurora**

**To the editor,**

The childish show-and-tell episode by the health minister regarding incontinence products in nursing homes took the focus away from the failings of government to properly hold long-term facilities accountable for the sub-human treatment and deplorable conditions that many institutionalized residents endure.

The abuse and neglect of nursing home residents in this province has been going on for decades. By no means is this disturbing situation a new phenomenon to elected officials.

The government has an obligation to protect residents and to issue sanctions to those facilities which repeatedly fail to meet provincial legislation, standards, regulations and policies that apply to nursing homes.

There can no longer be any excuse for ministry personnel to pander to facilities through an ineffective compliance management model.

Considering the number of newspaper articles written recently regarding the campaign demanding increased funding for long-term facilities, the matter of accounting to the public for the billions of dollars which facilities have received from the Ministry over the past

several years has been overlooked.

In the 2002 Provincial Auditor's report regarding Long-Term Care Facilities Activity, and the follow-up report of 2004, serious concerns were expressed about lack of financial accountability for funding. According to these reports, long-term facilities received approximately \$1.6 billion in 2001/02 and approximately \$2.1 billion in the 2003/04 fiscal year.

The accommodation charges received from residents during this same time was reported to be approximately \$793 million and \$986 million.

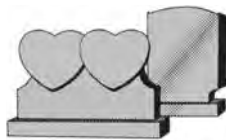
The total government investment announced for 2006/07 was reported to be more than \$2.8 billion. On March 11, a Toronto newspaper reported the province spends \$3 billion a year on the homes.

Ontarians should question why all nursing home residents are not receiving proper levels of care when, significant government funding is provided to long-term facilities; websites for various nursing home chains claim they provide quality care and services to residents; news reports indicate substantial profits are being made in the for-profit nursing home sector.

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# Day care centres originated in Aurora

Today having a day care in the schools is a common occurrence and fills a need, but it wasn't always that way.

Back in June, 1973, Aurora mother Marilyn Berthiaume, suggested that York Region consider establishing day care centres in school buildings.

York Region's Commissioner of Heath and Social Services, Dr. Owen Slingerland supported the idea.

She strengthened her proposal by quoting from a recent statement by York County Board of Education Director of Education Sam Chapman in which he said the board might think in terms of having day care centres in or adjacent to schools.

She listed several benefits including reduced school costs through rental of space and adequate play and exercise areas.

Dr. Slingerland supported the proposal but proposed child care be in a separate building adjacent to the school.

Obviously, no one was listening as no action was taken at the time.

Then in February, 1987, a group of teachers from Markham District High School proposed the establishment of the Learning Tree Child Care Centre in three modified portable classrooms on school grounds.

The idea of a day care centre originated from a former Progressive Conservative government that funding was available for daycare at the place of work.

Trustees were cautious on the grounds it would set a precedent and all other schools would want daycare centres, but approval was finally granted.

The new non-profit centre opened in September, 1987, accommodating up to 48 children with board employees having first space opportunity. Extra spaces were made available to the public.

The York Region Separate School Board announced a childcare centre would open in two empty classrooms in Our Lady of Grace elementary

school in Aurora.

By July, 1987, the government announced that space for day care centres would be included in building plans for all new elementary and secondary schools and \$11 million was made available for the project.

Trustees of the York County Board of Education adopted a resolution by a 7-6 vote objecting to the government's proposal, based on supplying the space and providing additional parking facilities.

By August, 1987, the trustees had changed their minds and supported the proposal for four schools in the planning stage.

The about-face was as a result of information from the Ministry of Education that the board could only opt out if they could prove that day care spaces were not required.

At the time York Region had a waiting list of 609, but trustees were still concerned about how they could explain to parents about overcrowded classrooms when day care facilities were available on the same site.

In May, 1994, while provincial legislation did not make before or after school care mandatory, trustees of the York Region Separate School Board's business affairs committee were considering such

a program as a valuable and necessary support to many families.

It was realized that if implemented, the program could affect the traditional operation of a school and discussions would be necessary with the school principal and staff.

Trustees expressed concern about the proposal as to whether the program was licensed or unlicensed and the board's liability for unlicensed programs.

It was agreed to carry out further review and negotiations with school principals and a further report for trustees.

In August, 2005, MPP Frank Klees warned that the Liberal's much-heralded new daycare plan could translate into more portables for York Region schools.

The previous month the government announced 25,000 new daycare spots in Ontario would mean about \$20 million for new spaces in the region over the next three years.

The province's Best Start program announced the previous fall, called for most of those spaces to be located in schools so junior and senior kindergarten students didn't have to be transferred to another daycare facility once they'd completed their half-day

classes.

Klees said that school boards in York as a result of government capping of class sizes already have a challenge finding enough rooms just for classrooms, which could result in portables to meet the need.

And the concept of having child care centres in schools started right here in Aurora.



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## Birth Trauma – Part I

This is a very disturbing topic and one which most parents are very unfamiliar with. Traumatic Birth Syndrome, (TBS), estimated to be the 6th leading cause of infant death, is mostly under reported and misdiagnosed. Birth is a very normal biological process. It does not require "management" as a disease, yet it is treated in the manner of a sickness. Both pregnancy and birth have special significance to a pediatric chiropractor as often a pregnant mom and child are exposed to harmful routine practices which are poorly researched and effects not well documented. Most parents simply trust

their doctor and that's it. This blind, simplistic view can be life-threatening to an infant.

My concern, when dealing with pregnancy, is the status of mom's spine and nervous system so that she can maintain a healthy pregnancy, have an uneventful delivery, and have a healthy baby. In a nutshell; often Vertebral Subluxations affect the mother's spine, changing the physiology of pregnancy, and affecting the baby in-utero. How, you ask? Interference in the function of mom's nervous system will affect the manner in which the baby rotates and turns in the womb for an

example. It will also affect baby's nutrition and hence growth. These factors can lead to what is called **In-Utero Constraint**. This is a situation where, in the last trimester of pregnancy, the baby is trapped in a precarious position from which it is unable to free itself. This can lead to serious consequences during birth. I feel very strongly that all pregnant moms should have a check-up with a pediatric chiropractor to help them and their babies through pregnancy and delivery.

I have mentioned alcohol consumption by mom and its effect on the development of the baby's nervous system in a previous column. I did not mention smoking. Although a pregnant mom may not smoke, she and her baby may be exposed to the toxic effects of second-hand smoke at work, home, etc. The fetus can be affected by second hand smoke and evidence suggests low birth weight and body malformations may be the result.

As well, many women take over-the-counter medications and do not question their safety. The feeling seems to be that if it is not prescribed then it is "safe". Let me be emphatic here. **All drugs affect your baby!** Most effects have not been researched yet. The safety of prescribed medications on the fetus has not been well researched but the risks are documented in the adult population.

Another concern is the use of routine procedures which can be life-threatening for the unborn child. **Amniocentesis** and **Chorionic Villi Sampling**, for example, can lead to spontaneous fetal abortion in 0.5-1.5% of cases. Be careful out there!

I'll continue in two weeks.

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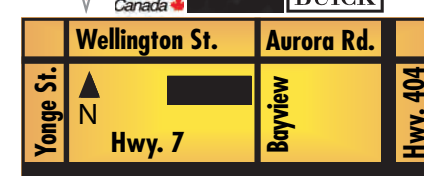
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# Tigers advance with overtime win

Next up for the Aurora Tigers: the Oakville Blades.

The Tigers won yet another North Division title in Provincial Junior A hockey Friday night, edging the Stouffille Spirit 3-2 in overtime to win that playoff series four games to one.

Jeff Vanderlugt, thrown into action when Mike McLaughlin was injured, was the game's hero when he scored in the first minute of overtime to win the game for Aurora.

This is the sixth time in the last seven years that Aurora has won the North Division title.

The next round is for the North/West Conference title.

"It's great to see Jeff score such an important goal; he was asked to fill some big shoes and couldn't have done any better," said Tiger coach Jerome Dupont. "We wouldn't have been in this situation though if it wasn't for Aaron Barton, who kept us in the game."

Goaltender Barton stopped 43 of 45 shots and was without a doubt the game's first star.

Matt Thomson and David Morley scored singles for the winners, while Jordan Watts contributed two assists.

The next series opens Saturday night with a game in Oakville.

Played at the Joshua Creek Arenas, the game starts at 7.30 p.m.

The following night, the two teams are back in Aurora for the second game of the series, beginning also at 7.30 p.m.

Tigers captured the series after heading into Stouffville Thursday night and coming out with a 5-2 victory in front of a near sell-out crowd.

The Tabbies scored three unanswered goals in the final 20 minutes of play to secure

the victory.

In playoff action so far this season, Aurora has won 11 games and lost only two.

Oakville, on the other hand, won a bye into their playoff round, then eliminated two teams, each in five games.

## AURORA 3 STOUFFVILLE 2

**First Period**  
 A: Matt Thomson (unassisted) 6.02  
 A: Mark Thorburn (McLaughlin, Thomson) PP15.43

**Second Period**  
 S: Randy Johnston (Trivino, McEachen) PP 4.08

**Third Period**  
 S: Jonathan Cristini (Spivak, McEachen) PP 1.36  
 A: Mark Mayea (McGarry, Dupont) 10.42

## AURORA 5 STOUFFVILLE 2

**First Period**  
 A: Mike McLaughlin (unassisted) 12.52

**Second Period**  
 S: Tyler Gubb (Archibald, Cristini) 6.47  
 S: James McIntosh (unassisted) 9.45  
 A: Jeff Harbach (Dupont, Thorburn) 14.14

**Third Period**  
 A: Jeff Harbach (Thorburn, Novak) 5.50  
 A: Mark Mayea (unassisted) 6.09  
 A: Connor McGarry (Thomson, McLaughlin) PP 9.57

## AURORA 3 STOUFFVILLE 2

**First Period**  
 A: David Morley (Watts) SH 9.50

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S: Corey Trivino (Werek, Archibald) 17.51

**Third Period**  
 No scoring

**Second Period**  
 A: Matt Thomson (Harbach, Watts) PP 8.41  
 S: Darren Archibald

**Overtime**  
 A: Jeff Vanderlugt (Evans) 1.10

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|      |      | G    | W  | L  | T | GF | GA | Pts |
| TYKE | #106 | 15   | 10 | 4  | 1 | 79 | 63 | 21  |
| TYKE | #101 | 15   | 8  | 5  | 2 | 82 | 61 | 18  |
| TYKE | #105 | 15   | 8  | 5  | 2 | 68 | 65 | 18  |
| TYKE | #104 | 15   | 6  | 4  | 5 | 65 | 63 | 17  |
| TYKE | #102 | 15   | 7  | 6  | 2 | 78 | 69 | 16  |
| TYKE | #107 | 15   | 6  | 7  | 2 | 91 | 83 | 14  |
| TYKE | #103 | 15   | 4  | 9  | 2 | 68 | 78 | 10  |
| TYKE | #108 | 15   | 3  | 12 | 0 | 50 | 99 | 6   |

|        |      | Novice |    |    |   |    |    |     |
|--------|------|--------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
|        |      | G      | W  | L  | T | GF | GA | Pts |
| NOVICE | #201 | 13     | 11 | 0  | 2 | 71 | 29 | 24  |
| NOVICE | #205 | 13     | 7  | 5  | 1 | 67 | 45 | 15  |
| NOVICE | #204 | 14     | 7  | 7  | 0 | 64 | 54 | 14  |
| NOVICE | #203 | 13     | 4  | 5  | 4 | 45 | 65 | 12  |
| NOVICE | #206 | 13     | 4  | 8  | 1 | 35 | 57 | 9   |
| NOVICE | #202 | 14     | 2  | 10 | 2 | 35 | 67 | 6   |

|            |      | Minor Atom |    |    |   |    |    |     |
|------------|------|------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
|            |      | G          | W  | L  | T | GF | GA | Pts |
| MINOR ATOM | #302 | 15         | 11 | 3  | 1 | 63 | 36 | 23  |
| MINOR ATOM | #301 | 15         | 10 | 5  | 0 | 66 | 42 | 20  |
| MINOR ATOM | #304 | 15         | 8  | 6  | 1 | 63 | 51 | 17  |
| MINOR ATOM | #303 | 15         | 7  | 7  | 1 | 63 | 75 | 15  |
| MINOR ATOM | #306 | 15         | 6  | 8  | 1 | 51 | 51 | 13  |
| MINOR ATOM | #305 | 15         | 1  | 14 | 0 | 35 | 86 | 2   |

|      |      | Atom |   |    |   |    |    |     |
|------|------|------|---|----|---|----|----|-----|
|      |      | G    | W | L  | T | GF | GA | Pts |
| ATOM | #402 | 15   | 9 | 2  | 4 | 78 | 42 | 22  |
| ATOM | #401 | 15   | 7 | 3  | 5 | 54 | 37 | 19  |
| ATOM | #406 | 15   | 8 | 4  | 3 | 53 | 47 | 19  |
| ATOM | #404 | 15   | 6 | 6  | 3 | 55 | 55 | 15  |
| ATOM | #405 | 14   | 4 | 7  | 3 | 41 | 53 | 11  |
| ATOM | #403 | 14   | 0 | 12 | 2 | 31 | 78 | 2   |

|              |      | Minor Peewee |    |   |   |    |    |     |
|--------------|------|--------------|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
|              |      | G            | W  | L | T | GF | GA | Pts |
| MINOR PEEWEE | #505 | 14           | 11 | 1 | 2 | 53 | 25 | 24  |
| MINOR PEEWEE | #508 | 14           | 9  | 1 | 4 | 58 | 35 | 22  |
| MINOR PEEWEE | #502 | 14           | 7  | 4 | 3 | 50 | 41 | 17  |
| MINOR PEEWEE | #503 | 14           | 7  | 5 | 2 | 55 | 49 | 16  |
| MINOR PEEWEE | #506 | 14           | 4  | 8 | 2 | 37 | 51 | 10  |
| MINOR PEEWEE | #507 | 14           | 3  | 8 | 3 | 33 | 50 | 9   |
| MINOR PEEWEE | #504 | 14           | 1  | 8 | 5 | 29 | 42 | 7   |
| MINOR PEEWEE | #501 | 14           | 2  | 9 | 3 | 39 | 61 | 7   |

|        |      | Peewee |    |    |   |    |    |     |
|--------|------|--------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
|        |      | G      | W  | L  | T | GF | GA | Pts |
| PEEWEE | #606 | 15     | 13 | 2  | 0 | 59 | 33 | 26  |
| PEEWEE | #603 | 15     | 8  | 7  | 0 | 58 | 60 | 16  |
| PEEWEE | #605 | 15     | 7  | 7  | 1 | 52 | 47 | 15  |
| PEEWEE | #604 | 13     | 5  | 5  | 3 | 44 | 38 | 13  |
| PEEWEE | #601 | 14     | 3  | 6  | 5 | 31 | 41 | 11  |
| PEEWEE | #602 | 14     | 1  | 10 | 3 | 34 | 59 | 5   |

|              |      | Minor Bantam |    |    |   |    |    |     |
|--------------|------|--------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
|              |      | G            | W  | L  | T | GF | GA | Pts |
| MINOR BANTAM | #708 | 23           | 13 | 2  | 8 | 69 | 46 | 34  |
| MINOR BANTAM | #701 | 24           | 11 | 6  | 7 | 64 | 49 | 29  |
| MINOR BANTAM | #702 | 24           | 8  | 8  | 8 | 59 | 50 | 24  |
| MINOR BANTAM | #707 | 23           | 8  | 10 | 5 | 56 | 59 | 21  |
| MINOR BANTAM | #706 | 21           | 8  | 9  | 4 | 45 | 51 | 20  |
| MINOR BANTAM | #703 | 22           | 8  | 12 | 2 | 44 | 54 | 18  |
| MINOR BANTAM | #705 | 23           | 5  | 14 | 4 | 42 | 70 | 14  |

|        |      | Bantam |    |    |   |    |    |     |
|--------|------|--------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
|        |      | G      | W  | L  | T | GF | GA | Pts |
| BANTAM | #805 | 20     | 10 | 6  | 4 | 50 | 39 | 24  |
| BANTAM | #801 | 20     | 10 | 8  | 2 | 58 | 48 | 22  |
| BANTAM | #806 | 20     | 9  | 7  | 4 | 60 | 54 | 22  |
| BANTAM | #808 | 20     | 8  | 7  | 5 | 68 | 61 | 21  |
| BANTAM | #802 | 20     | 6  | 7  | 7 | 57 | 52 | 19  |
| BANTAM | #804 | 20     | 9  | 10 | 1 | 64 | 72 | 19  |
| BANTAM | #807 | 20     | 7  | 10 | 3 | 64 | 73 | 17  |
| BANTAM | #803 | 20     | 6  | 10 | 4 | 52 | 74 | 16  |

|              |      | Minor Midget |    |    |   |    |     |     |
|--------------|------|--------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|
|              |      | G            | W  | L  | T | GF | GA  | Pts |
| MINOR MIDGET | #903 | 31           | 16 | 7  | 8 | 81 | 60  | 40  |
| MINOR MIDGET | #906 | 30           | 17 | 9  | 4 | 85 | 62  | 38  |
| MINOR MIDGET | #904 | 31           | 15 | 9  | 7 | 75 | 67  | 37  |
| MINOR MIDGET | #901 | 31           | 16 | 13 | 2 | 88 | 75  | 34  |
| MINOR MIDGET | #905 | 31           | 10 | 14 | 7 | 76 | 75  | 27  |
| MINOR MIDGET | #902 | 30           | 3  | 25 | 2 | 52 | 118 | 8   |

|        |       | Midget |    |    |   |     |     |     |
|--------|-------|--------|----|----|---|-----|-----|-----|
|        |       | G      | W  | L  | T | GF  | GA  | Pts |
| MIDGET | #1008 | 27     | 16 | 7  | 4 | 97  | 81  | 36  |
| MIDGET | #1012 | 27     | 17 | 9  | 1 | 107 | 80  | 35  |
| MIDGET | #1009 | 27     | 14 | 11 | 2 | 118 | 107 | 30  |
| MIDGET | #1005 | 27     | 13 | 11 | 3 | 104 | 75  | 29  |
| MIDGET | #1007 | 26     | 13 | 9  | 4 | 85  | 69  | 29  |
| MIDGET | #1003 | 27     | 12 | 12 | 3 | 92  | 81  | 27  |
| MIDGET | #1010 | 26     | 12 | 12 | 2 | 118 | 112 | 26  |
| MIDGET | #1002 | 26     | 11 | 11 | 4 | 94  | 99  | 26  |
| MIDGET | #1004 | 26     | 7  | 13 | 6 | 53  | 78  | 20  |
| MIDGET | #1011 | 26     | 8  | 14 | 4 | 90  | 116 | 20  |
| MIDGET | #1006 | 26     | 9  | 16 | 1 | 69  | 108 | 19  |
| MIDGET | #1001 | 27     | 9  | 16 | 2 | 84  | 105 | 17  |

# Skating results

The following members of the Aurora Skating Club successfully passed tests earlier this month.

## PRELIMINARY DANCE

Dutch Waltz - Lily Biasi, Celine Yau, Victoria Wilce, Charlotte Pearson, Marina Sotirkos.

Canasta Tango - Caroline Kewley, Max Goldman, Jennifer Scott, Amanda Roy, Gaenor Laverty, Erin Curtis, Annabelle Alberton.

Baby Blues - Megan Bailey, Brianna Gibbons.

## JUNIOR BRONZE DANCE

Swing Dance - Nicole Marino, Sarah Kim.

Fiesta Tango - Eliana Neophitou, Megan Howe, Marianne Irish, Sarah Kim, Jessica Jamieson, Alana Wise.

Willow Waltz - Jessica Jamieson, Rachel Glynn, Alexandra Johnston,

## SENIOR BRONZE DANCE

Ten-Fox - Stephanie Morawetz, Nicole McCausland, Taylor Piotrowski, Erin Forster, Rebecca Cunha.

Fourteen Step - Jasmine Biasi, Alicia Alberton, Courtney McGrath, Stephanie Morawetz.

## JUNIOR SILVER DANCE

Keats Foxtrot - Savannah Hendy, Katherine Morawetz, Courtney Tidona, Austin Bushell, Molly Oulahen.

American Waltz - Shauna O'Connor, Carley Steiner.

Harris Tango - Marilena Perri, Courtney Tidona.

Rocker Foxtrot - Samantha Duncan, Teja Rom-Colthoff.

## SENIOR SILVER DANCE

Paso Doble - Kendall Mennella.

Starlight Waltz - Alessia and Julia Chiovitti.

Blues - Elyse Glen.

Kilian - Jacqueline Relke.

## GOLD DANCE

Viennese Waltz - Janet DeVries.

Westminster Waltz - Jordana Goldman.

Jr. Silver Skills - Amber Ciolfe.

Preliminary Freeskate - Part 2 - Emma Smith, Marianne Irish.

Junior Bronze Freeskate - Part 1 - Kailee O'Connor.

Junior Bronze Freeskate - Part 2 - Carley Steiner, Malysa Tidona, Christina Kubiw Kalashnik.

Junoir Silver Freeskate - Sierra Chovanec, Elyse Glen.

Introductory Interpretive - Maya Goldman.

Bronze Interpretive - Maya Goldman.

Silver Interpretive - Emma Slimkowich, Jordana Goldman.



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## Tyke

**Team 104 Tim Hortons Penguins 8** - Brandon Vaughan 4G, Nicholas Rountes 1G, Jack Hosmer 2G, Claudio Basso 1A, Taliegh McGrath 1A, Scott Rumble 1A, Jacob Yap 1A.  
**Team 108 Tim Hortons Wild 1** - Will Fisher 1G, Ryan Jamieson 1A, Callum Gorrell 1A.

**Team 103 Tim Hortons Senators 6** - Cameron Harbaruk 3G 1A, Jason Langdon 1G 1A, Fraser Olge 1G, Braden Reid 1G, Benjamin Godber 4A, Ben Liotta 1A, Jack Campbell 1A, Beckham Georgiou 1A, Nicholas Huxley 1A, Jack Chivers 1A. **Team 105 Tim Hortons Avalanche 2** - Braedon Joynt 2G, Peter Chimienti 2A, Finlay Reeves 1A.

**Team 101 Tim Hortons Flames 5** - Parker Boland 5G, Jake Carson 4A, Connor Iwai 2A, Max Lombard 2A, Mathew Winters 1A. **Team 107 Tim Hortons Sharks 5** - Andrew Jorgenson 4G 1A, Dillon Varone 1G, Julia Russo 1A.

**Team 102 Tim Hortons Leafs 7** - Michael Thibeault 3G 1A, Ben Spittle 3G, Quinn Bruckner 1G, Nate Legros 2A, William Reid 1A, Chris Sands 1A. **Team 106 Tim Hortons Bruins 4** - Lucas Surace 2G, Taylor Tuck 1G 1A, Jacob Cowl 1G, Michael Fodero 2A, Kyle Kasak 1A, Antony Capraro 1A, Nicholas Robinson 1A.

## Minor Peewee

**Team 502 North York Plumbing & Heating 2** - Tyler Futterer 1G, Brayden Beswick 1G. **Team 501 Highland Chev Olds 1** - Alec Ground 1G. Michael Liscio 1A,

**Team 508 Aurora Hockey Parents Auxiliary 4** - Graham Killby 1G, Isaac Hambrock 1G, Russell Johnson 1G 1A, Mitchell Carter 1G, Owen Woodcock 1A, Joey Stel 1A. **Team 505 ADC Aluminum 2** - Jake Arcangeli 1G, Joseph Veneziano 1G, Brendan Elliot 1A, Landon Kirby 1A.

**Team 504 Mastermind Toys 5** - Matthew D'Alessandro 1G, Max Brown 2G, Andrew Walter 2G, Spencer Robb 1A. **Team 506 Dr. Steiner's Drillers 2** - Matthew Walker 1G, Nicholas Steiner 1G, Andrew Foresi 1A, Matthew Reynolds 1A.

**Team 503 Greenpoint Laser Products 4** - Morgan Walker 2G 1A, Corey Young 1G 2A, Andrew Kaszuba 1G.

**Team 507 Perfect Moves 3** - Hunter Jones 1G, Kevin Spiering 1G 1A, Justin Chalmers 1G, Terrance Lepore 1A, Kevin Siery 1A.

## Bantam

**Team 808 3** - Matthew Bishop 2G, Kenton Gamble 1G. **Team 804 Danny's Boys 2** - Taran McGowan 1G, Brett Richardson 1G.

**Team 801 I.O.O.F 4** - Egan Fennell 2G, John Zorzit 1G, SeanTakahashi 1G, Michael Wood 1A, Kyle Rojas 1A. **Team 807 Backyard Pool & Spa 2** - Christian Davies 1G, Michael Reilly 1G, Eamon Reilly 2A, Joel Piovesan 1A.

**Team 806 Cosentino Produce 4** - Lucas Cristillo 1G, Jonathon Boehmer 2G, Anthony Selski 1G, Nick Divincenzo 1A. **Team 802 Wait's Bathroom Plus 3** - Paul Tuck 1G, Benjamin Pringle 1G, Mario Rotundo 1G, Mark Tanel 1A, Christian Avolio 1A.

**Team 805 CAA 4** - Kevin McCrudden 1G, Scott Sturges 1G, Stephen Newby 1G, Ryan Laird 1G, Gianni Albano 1A, Justin Dickerman 1A. **Team 803 Pizzaville 1** - Braden Drummond 1G, Christopher Morin 1A, Nicky Zebrowski 1A.

**Team 807 Backyard Pool & Spa 4** - Christian Davies 1G, Michael Reilly 2G, Christopher Follett 1G, Eamon Reilly 1A, Rosario Arcuri 1A. **Team 803 Pizzaville 3** - Braden Drummond 1G 1A, Christopher Morin 1G 1A, Greg Lacroix 1G 1A, Jordan Fera 1A, Nicky Zebrowski 1A.

**Team 804 Danny's Boys 3** - Matthew Burns 1G, Taran McGowan 1G, Brett Richardson 1G, Jordan Gerace 1A. **Team 806 Cosentino Produce 3** - Jonathan Alcock 3G, Alex Payne 1A, Jonathon Boehmer 1A, Lucas Cristillo 1A .

**Team 802 Wait's Bathroom Plus 6** - Mark Tanel 1G, Wesley Seminara 1G 2A, Christian Avolio 2G, Benjamin Pringle 1G, Jack Doty 1G 1A, Paul Tuck 1A, Adam Clark 1A, Dakota Hendy 1A,

Mario Rotundo 2A, David Melanson 1A. **Team 801 I.O.O.F 3** - Michael Wood 1G, Liam Martin 1G, Griffon Slimkowich 1G, Brandon Connolly 1A, Kyle Rojas 1A, Andrew Smitten 1A.

**Team 808 2** - Tanner Brewer 1G 1A, Kenton Gamble 1G, David Scott 1A. **Team 805 CAA 0.**

# RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

## What happened to first boot camp?

It was in July, 1997, when Ontario opened its first Boot Camp for young offenders, known as Camp Turnaround and operated by a private sector firm. Formerly a low security facility for adults serving time for white collar crimes, Camp Hillsdale was mothballed by the NDP government to save about \$1 million a year. The 32 inmates were cadets in grey wool dress pants, white shirts with gold epaulets, caps, windbreakers and track outfits. A typical day started early as they were up at 6 a.m. for an hour of calisthenics, and then breakfast before starting classes at 8 a.m. In the afternoon and evening the cadets participated in military drills, vocational workshops, therapy or chores. Most of the cadets were repeat offenders, some violent and the first inmates of the Boot Camp were to be matched with another group of young offenders in traditional facilities so the province could evaluate. Is Camp Hillsdale still operating as a Boot Camp and what happened to the provincial evaluation?.

### AURORA IS NOT ALONE

For some time now Aurora Council has been grappling with how best to handle the mountains of dung left by man's best friend at the leash-free park on Industrial Parkway North. The town's policy is for dog owners to take home their dog's droppings for disposal, but it hasn't worked that way. Filled plastic bags have been tied to the fence and a green bin container was even brought to the park by a dog owner. The newly appointed volunteer citizen's sub-committee to oversee the operation of the park and disposal can sympathize with the problems Toronto is experiencing as a year after the city reported some 2,500 tons of dog waste were fouling the garbage cans at parks, officials are still trying to figure out best method to handle the situation. The issue has been deferred to another meeting. If the Aurora committee can't solve the problem and dog owners refuse to obey, close the park!

### LIVING WATER FAITH FELLOWSHIP

It was back in January, 1988, when the Rev. Kees Tegnagel, pastor of the Living Water Faith Fellowship, was successful in convincing Aurora Council to reverse its decision refusing the church a property tax exemption. In November, council rejected the church's request for relief from property taxes on the Yonge Street South commercial property and was being used seven days a week for the purposes of the church, on the basis that provincial law that specifies when a church rents commercial property the property is still assessable for taxes. According to the pastor, the Fellowship was a relatively new non-denominational Christian Church and presented several letters of support, including one from Hotel Aurora where the church held services for almost two years prior to moving to the commercial property. Council agreed to award the church a grant equal to the town's portion of the property tax estimated to be \$3,000 to \$3,500.



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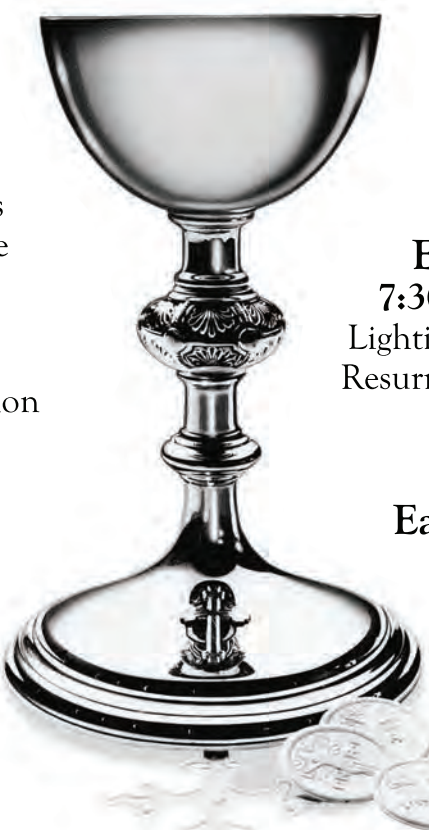
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**Tuesday**  
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**Wednesday**  
10:30 am Eucharist  
7:30 pm Tenebrae

**Maundy Thursday**  
7:30 pm  
Celebrating the Last Supper

**Easter Sunday, March 23**  
6 am Sunrise Holy Eucharist, followed by breakfast.  
8 am Holy Eucharist  
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They will present products of quality and talk about their wares and services providing any additional information as requested.

To indulge you on this evening, a short fashion show will be presented and a presentation from an image consultant will be given.

And to really pamper you, chair massages will be given and hot wax hand treatments will be administered.

All ages are welcome and there is no charge for admission!

The busiest day in the week is often Tuesday and hence The Aurora Seniors’ Association (ASA) makes available a full schedule of interesting activities and town programs.

Tuesday, the centre is open in the evening until 9 p.m. and usually provides a movie with refreshments.

Carpet bowling is available as is the chess club and usually ballroom dancing.

Tuesday daytime features painting and sketching and new enthusiasts are always welcome. An introduction to a French course is available as is a fitness class.

The computer club conducts a user friendly general meeting providing a diversity of programs and computer related topics.

The meeting, which lasts about one hour, welcomes all members regardless of experience who are interested in computing.

Other Tuesday activities include scrabble, bid euchre and pickle ball.

It is always advisable to check the back page of the monthly ASA Newsletter, the reception desk or the ASA website to confirm that all activities have been scheduled because changes do occur.

I would like also to draw attention to the excellent Flash e-mail advisories which the ASA provides frequently to many members.

Any member, who would like to take advantage of this free service, can leave an e-mail address for Barbara at the reception desk.

In this time of volatile stock markets, a little information wisely applied goes a long way.

Note there will be a financial seminar Tuesday, March 22, at 2 p.m., which is free but you must sign up for it at the reception desk.

If you have financial questions, think them out clearly and address them with any relevant information to the seminar presenter.

You will get an answer immediately if the information is available, or it will be provided later.

The chess tournament announced earlier began last week and was a success. We had eight players entered and all were very interested in the chess, the tournament and the ability of each other.

The tournament will continue for several more Tuesdays to completion and at the same time an effort will be made to accommodate those members who were unfortunately not able to enter this tournament, but who would like to be part of the chess scene.



Recently, Aurora gardener, Janice Witty, left, won the door prize at the “Grow Wild” seminar held at the Aurora Seniors’ Centre. The session explained the advantages of growing native plants. Ruth Zaugg from the North American Native Plant Society, centre, and Aileen Barclay from York Region Water for Tomorrow, illustrated their discussions with pictures of native flowers and grasses. Folks attending this second free seminar of 2008 organized by the Environmental Advisory Committee also got conservation steps such as using rain barrels and using worms to make fertilizer.

## Proposed incinerator nowhere near Aurora

Last November Aurora Council sought an update on the status of the location for a proposed thermal waste incineration plant. Five sites were being considered including one in East Gwillimbury.

York Regional residents can now breathe easier knowing the preferred site is on the shore of Lake Ontario in Clarington in Durham Region, adjacent to the Darlington Nuclear Plant.

The report was received by council as information without comment or discussion recently.

In order to develop Terms of Reference for the study, both York and Durham held a series of workshops to receive comments from the public.

Attendance at the workshops was low which was expected as the public normally doesn’t get involved until specific sites have been identified.

In 2005 an advertisement invited the public to attend one of three workshops scheduled to assist in selecting a preferred site for the facility.

In 2007 regional council approved the issuance of a Request for Qualifications by Durham Region for vendors of thermal waste treatment technologies using the principles for complete submission requirements and anti-lobbying.

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