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Penny Stephens tries out the passenger seat that she will occupy in next week's July 1st parade. With her is Corvette owner Mike McGuire, who will drive the vehicle prior to the start of the parade. Penny was the winner of a competition to determine who would ride in the automobile.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

July 1st Parade ready to go

Only a week to go, and the famed Aurora July First Parade returns to Yonge Street.

The parade, expected to take more than a half-hour to pass any given spot, has been the number

one project of a small committee for months.

It was a year ago, when Snowball resident Sher St. Kitts became upset after learning there would be no July First Parade in Aurora last year, after it had been held annually since 1969.

She launched into action, and the results of her efforts, and those of the committee, will be seen beginning at 10 a.m., July 1.

Committee members also expressed their appreciation of the numerous residents, groups and businesses who have supported the parade's formation over the past few months.

While the parade itself will begin at Yonge and Orchard Heights Blvd. at 10 a.m., two things will happen prior to that.

At 9:50 a.m., you'll see up to 100 people running down Yonge Street, representing the Running Room.

That will be followed five minutes later by a Pace Car, a red Corvette, driven by owner Mike McGuire and carrying passenger Penny Stephens of Aurora, who won the trip in a draw held recent-

ly.

At 10 a.m., parade watchers will recognize Town Crier John Webster, who will officially announce the start of the parade.

Settle back for up to 50 entries, including the Governor General's Horse Guard.

The parade will end at the Aurora Cenotaph, south of Murray Drive, where trophies will be distributed to various winners.

While the parade will be a highlight of the festivities over the two days of June 30 and July 1, it won't be the only activity.

Monday night, June 30, the Dance in the Park returns to the Town Park after an absence of three years.

Members of the Aurora Rotary Club, a major sponsor of the July First Parade, will be on hand at the dance to serve up beverages.

Aurora, affectionately known as "Canada's Birthday Town", will have activities happening at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex and Lambert Willson Park all day long.

The day will conclude with a huge fireworks display.

and allow for the disposal of both garbage and recyclable materials.

A survey found that there were more than 30 bins on Yonge Street between Orchard Heights Blvd. and Henderson Drive, with a few more along the intersection at Wellington.

Staff members were recently directed to review the existing situation, and investigate options to provide new waste containers that would have a consistent look, heritage style,

Please see page B2

If you walk along Yonge Street in town you will find a variety of waste receptacles in varying degrees of repair.

Aurora Council wants to do something about it.

Some of these receptacles are owned either privately by

Canada, about 3 a.m.

The building was once part of the Aurora Toyota operation, which has since sold the land and moved to a new location at Wellington and Bayview.

A larger vacant building, south of the small structure, has been a target for vandals for several months.

Further details were not available at press time.

Building gutted

The building once used as Aurora's only Dairy Queen was gutted early Sunday morning after a suspicious fire broke out shortly after 3 a.m.

York Central Fire Services firefighters battled the Yonge Street blaze throughout the night.

Witnesses said people were spotted inside the structure, located next to Fitness World of

BRIEFLY

Toot, toot

Betcha didn't know there was a model train (and you can ride it, too) running around a forest just east of Aurora.

Well, there is and your chance to ride the train happens July 5 and 6.

The Richmond Hill Live Steamers, with members from Aurora, is a non-profit train club, which has built the train layout into the forest on McCowan Road (the seventh concession of Whitchurch-Stouffville), just north of the Aurora Sideroad (Wellington Street).

They're opening the display to the public on the two mentioned days from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Just park on the side of the road and walk in.

It's free, but, hey, they won't refuse donations.

Concerts in the Park

Starting in July, the Town of Aurora will host the 2008 Summer Concerts-in-the-Park series in the Town Park.

There will be seven weeks of concerts, including Kidz Kidding, The Fab Four, The Tartan Terrors, Groove Train, Aurora's "Last Night at the Proms", The Gypsy Kings Tribute and Elvis Is Back.

Concerts begin at 7 p.m. (weather permitting) each Wednesday in July and August.

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Thursday barbecue is back at the Aurora Seniors' Centre from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at \$4.50 per person which includes a burger, drink, dessert and coffee/tea. No reservations are required. The ever-popular bingo is being played Friday afternoons.

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.

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 jonathan.tuttle@gmail.com

A drop-in centre operates 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.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members are welcome. For further information call 905-841-1352.

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

Masonic Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at the Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7:30 p.m.

Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10:30 a.m.

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The Barton Retirement Residence, Park Place Manor and Aurora Resthaven hosted the region's second annual Chartwell Senior Star Competition last week. Winner, John Kell, in full costume, entertained the audience with "The Music of the Night", and is seen receiving his first place award from Kathleen Kennedy, director of the Barton Retirement Residence.

Photo by Ron Stevenson

Councillors still talking about snow removal

In March Aurora Council asked town staff to come back with options and costs for offering Aurora seniors a snow plow windrow removal program.

Similar programs are offered in other GTA municipalities, for seniors who are unable to clear the snow left by plows at the ends of their driveways.

Before the staff report was discussed last week at general committee, Charles Sequeira, President of the Aurora Seniors' Association, spoke.

He said that while there was initial interest in this concept, now that a more detailed proposal was in place, he would like to take it back to his members to make sure they understood and agreed with it.

While the staff report noted that windrow clearing would occur within 24 hours of snow plowing operations, Mr. Sequeira suggested consideration of a hotline number.

This would be used by seniors to seek more prompt clearing in urgent situations, such as when they had to get to a medical appointment.

A number of options for the program were presented by staff members, ranging from contracting out, to carrying out the service with town staff, with costs being paid through user fees, taxes, or a combination of both.

These options were developed based on a review of similar programs, as well as using feedback obtained from Aurora residents through surveys and an open house.

Councillor Stephen Granger put forward a motion that the service be contracted out, which is similar to the programs offered in other municipalities.

As for funding, the motion identified a blended model, which would involve recovering costs through a combination of user fees and taxes.

In addition, staff members were to consult with seniors, and bring back a proposal for council to adopt in time for the 2008-09 winter season.

This proposal was discussed at length, with a number of clarifications requested of staffers.

It was explained that a set annual fee would be charged to seniors who signed up for the program. This would cover as many clearings as would be required in a season.

It was noted that the town averages 10 clearing events each winter.

At a suggested user fee

of \$50 per season, and assuming 150 people signed up for the program, this would raise \$7,500 of the \$37,500 estimated to run the program in the first year.

After additional discussion, the Granger motion for staff to obtain feedback from the seniors, and to report back to council with a more specific proposal was carried unanimously, but needs to be ratified by council this week.

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Poor Richard

Listen for these words

*Two words not to be believed.
As Ontario taxpayers well know;
When Mike Harris pulled a fast one,
So to Stephane Dion say a big NO!
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

The two most unbelievable and dangerous words in the English language is when a politician wants to impose a new tax is the promise that it will be "revenue neutral".

Don't believe it!

Liberal Leader Stephane Dion was test driving this term along with "tax shifting" as he announced some form of carbon tax as an election promise for whenever the election is called.

After what Ontario Progressive Conservative Mike Harris did to the property taxpayer, the words should be a red flag.

While Dion hasn't outlined any details, he has suggested the carbon tax won't increase gas prices beyond market forces and his purpose is to shift taxes, not raise them, in order to cut carbon dioxide emissions and fight global warming.

Remember this is the same Liberal Party that in 1993 promised to scrap the GST which the previous Progressive Conservative government had created promising it would be revenue neutral.

Mike Harris had a way with words and one of his most famous promises was made in Fergus prior to the June 1995 provincial campaign.

He said there was no cost to a municipality to maintain its name and identity and he questioned why it was necessary to destroy a municipality's roots and pride and he was opposed to restructuring, because bigger wasn't better.

When elected he changed his tone and restructured several municipalities whether they wanted it or not.

Then, in June, 1998, he told the Legislature that property taxes across the province wouldn't increase because of anything the province was doing and should drop during his term of office. Many property taxpayers questioned his comments.

Then came the big one, when the Harris government decided to restructure the provincial/municipal relationship by downloading services to the municipalities.

At a conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario he told the municipal politicians it would be revenue neutral.

In fact, he made a "pinky-swear" as he had done with his boys when they were young and he promised to do something with them.

They linked their little fingers and that was a pinky-swear.

Provincial politicians called the change provincial-municipal restructuring, whereas the municipal politicians called it downloading.

Regardless of the term, it was bad news for property taxpayers.

As part of the restructuring, the taxing powers of school boards were transferred to the province. The legislation gave the province the power to levy school tax requirements on residential properties, but only paid about half the cost.

The legislation also allowed them to tell the municipalities how much money to raise from commercial and industrial properties for education purposes.

At the same time the province dumped several programs and services onto the municipal sector, such as the major share of social assistance, social housing and some highways, some of which required extensive maintenance plus the cost of policing.

In 2000, the downloading increased social service delivery costs in York Region of about \$2.5 million with an estimate of \$3.2 million annually with similar increases in other downloaded programs.

The provincial creative financing made the government look good as it was able to lower taxes but made municipalities look bad as property taxes had to increase and they are still increasing.

To add to the burden the Harris government introduced GTA pooling in which the regions contributed about \$250 million a year, of which York Region's share was around \$88 million to help pay for social services and housing in Toronto.

To make matters worse, the government was critical of municipalities for spending too much money and had to be merged to save taxpayer dollars.

That was the Harris brand of revenue-sharing or sleight-of-hand democracy.



It was more than six years ago, April 9, 2002 to be exact, when we ran the above photograph (along with two others) in The Auroran. At the time, we didn't know who most of these Sisman Shoe employees were. Now we do. In the photo, being honoured for 25 years or more service at Sisman, are, in the top row, Orlie Delahaye, Bill Cameron, Frank Hope, Orvil Heath, Bill McGuire, Allan Billings, Harold Bush, Norm Hope, Howard Dunn and Ernest Faires. Second row from the top, left to right, are Bill Hutchinson, Jack Hill, Norm Egan, Orville Judd, George Griffith, George Wilkinson, Eli Corbiere, Frank Griffith, Jim McGee and Charlie Dobson. Second row from the bottom are, left to right, Linda Holman, Myrtle Long, Rosie Bahen, Lib Mugford, Reba Hamilton, Bertha Napier, Della Griffith, Mary Hutchinson, Merrill Engledeew, Nellie Peterson and Fanny Bird. In the front row, left to right, are Jim Roaeside, Art Ryman, George Chadburn, Milt Graham, Ernie Eveleigh, Tart Fleury, John Holman, H.B. Foster and Rube Long. While some of the names will be recognized in Aurora today as streets, none is more controversial than Delahaye. The street is east of Bayview, and on all the maps it's spelled Delattaye, because someone confused an "h" with two "ts".

Letter to the Editor

The reason for my vote against Wellington lights

To the editor,

Some years ago when there was no Michael's Craft Store here I took a leisurely Sunday afternoon Drive to Barrie.

From the minute I exited Highway 400 onto Bayfield, I knew the trip was a fool's errand.

I crept towards the turn for Michael's. It took ages to make it.

In the parking lot I waited for a vacant spot and observed the foot traffic going to and from the store. I waited ten minutes before deciding a visit to Michael's at that moment in time was not what I had in mind when I set out.

There could be nothing in that store to entice me to visit under these circumstances.

Without getting out of the car, I headed back to Bayfield.

But not so fast. Getting out took longer than getting in.

My recollection of the visit is of mass driving chaos.

I remember thinking City Council must not have any traffic planners to advise them.

Furthermore I could see no possibility for improvement.

I never returned to Michael's but subsequent visits to a family satellite behind the Koslov Centre convinced me there was no hope for change.

That experience and others persuaded me a signalized intersection within feet of the Bayview-Wellington intersection was not how to welcome patrons to a new retail centre in Aurora.

Highway 404 draws from places north and south.

Aurora Sideroad or Wellington Street carries

traffic from east and west.

If congestion is such they never want to return to Aurora no benefit can be derived.

Since the Region was created, all direct access to and from Regional roads has been restricted. Roads have had to be built to provide access off Wellington Street.

Aurora Council was faced with a dilemma recently. And a few weeks before that. And a few weeks before that.

Twice the Rice Group, owners of the north-west corner site of Wellington Street and Bayview have come back to council with witnesses to argue a signalized intersection was essential for the success of their enterprise.

They offered to pay all costs of undoing hundreds of thousands of dollars of elegant infrastructure already forked out by taxpayers.

The third attempt to obtain a different decision was by letters indicating the signalized intersection is a condition of locating in Aurora.

Three times a majority vote has been cast to refuse the request.

There are arguments for both sides of the question.

New assessment, new retail jobs, an exceptional and proven quality of service versus abandoning a vision and careful planning, destruction of infrastructure, inconsistency in decision-making, traffic chaos and inconvenience to would-be patrons of local commerce and a hint of preferential consideration.

It was no contest.

There was irony in the situation.

During the last term, the Rice Group came to council

and asked for a change from Office Space to Retail Commercial.

Our planners recommended against the change.

The Town's Official Plan envisioned highest and best use of the site to be office space.

The Town's Economic Development Officer anticipated the need and endorsed the vision.

The Rice Group was cordially received.

Their request was granted with two councillors opposed; myself and Councillor Wendy Gaertner.

We supported the planners and the vision.

Taxpayers in Aurora and throughout York Region spend millions of dollars every year for planning and engineering expertise.

Hundreds of people toil conscientiously in their cubicles, poring over documents, examining minutiae of figures and drawings.

They work for months to do all things necessary to ensure every "I" is dotted and "T" crossed.

They prepare concise reports with endless details for political masters, only to have them summarily dismissed when private interest waves its magisterial arm.

I am constantly amazed by what I consider to be senseless squandering of public resources.

The process is redeemed only when common sense prevails. But not often enough.

Until now, the Region of York has been firm and consistent in exercising its authority over access and egress on Regional roads.

From "No Way Jose", they are now saying "We would prefer it not happen that way."

It is not a positive sign.

For the third time, Councillors McRoberts, MacEachern, Gaertner, and myself voted to refuse the request.

In the last vote, Councillor Collins-Mrakas voted against the refusal but in favour of two clauses that allowed the motion to pass. And so it has come to pass. Finally. Hopefully.

Yet it's odd how some

things, like the question of a by-election, can be off the table after a single vote in committee and others keep coming back to be rehashed repeatedly in the transparent hope of a different conclusion and despite Rules of Order intended to mitigate against precisely that eventuality.

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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Community involvement requirements

A lot has changed since I last darkened the halls of a high school in Mississauga nearly a quarter century ago.

For one thing, there is no Grade 13; it having been eliminated some time ago.

Something else has also changed which I believe is very beneficial to the long-term development of students.

It is the mandatory community involvement requirements in the high schools.

According to the guide put out by the York Region District School Board, "The Ministry of Education policy document, Ontario Secondary Schools, Grades 9 to 12: Program and Diploma Requirements, 1999, states that every student who begins secondary school during or after the 1999 - 2000 school year must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities as part of the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma."

The guide then goes on to note that, "We believe that the purpose of the community requirement is to encourage students to develop an understanding of civic responsibility and the role they can play in supporting and strengthening their communities."

Exactly!

Well said!

Students can complete these activities at any time prior to graduation.

And there are lots of activities that are deemed eligible. Some of these include: Charitable organizations, environmental projects, religious organizations, political organizations, health agencies, and senior citizens' groups, to name just a few.

As you see, the organizations run the gamut, offering students many different kinds of opportunities to broaden their horizons.

There are also a number of activities that, for various reasons, are not deemed acceptable by the ministry of education.

These include any activities that normally would be performed for a wage, take place in a factory, if the student is under 15 years of age, or involves a court-ordered program like a probationary program.

Students are given a form that they must submit annually to the school principal or the teacher designated by the principal.

This form outlines the activity and the organization that the student is doing the work for.

While the completion of the form is done on the "honour" system, it is handed in annually to catch those students who may like to procrastinate.

The four high schools in the area, Dr. G.W. Williams, Aurora High, St. Andrew's and Cardinal Carter have, among them, thousands of students who are out in our

community helping others.

All in all, a wonderful addition to the curriculum.

But this program should be carried a step or two further.

I believe that all students graduating from college or university or who are enrolled in an apprenticeship program should also need to acquire a certain amount of volunteer hours.

These hours would in addition to the requirements for even those involved in a paid internship or co-op program.

Here is something even bolder.

Why not mandate some type of selective service obligations for those young adults in the community at large?

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 22, who is not in school or enrolled in an apprenticeship program, would need to show to the Ministry of Transportation clerks a form showing that they have completed their ten hours of annual charity work to maintain a driver's license.

The ten hours per year is not much at all, when you consider how much television we, as a society, watch every week.

Hopefully, this mandated service obligation produces young adults who will make this community "giving" a part of their every day lives in the years ahead.

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Cathy's Corner

By Cathy Vrancic

Age of maintenance

After much soul searching, I have come to realize there is no way to glorify growing gray.

Not for me, anyways.

Yes, there are people out there who grow old with the grace of knowing that what they have lost in collagen they have gained in wisdom. God bless them!

Not me. I am growing old in the way that houses do: the older they get, the more maintenance they need.

There is a point in every woman's life when she realizes that wearing make-up is no longer necessary. Let's face it: we all started wearing make-up around the age of 13. Why did we do it? So we could look OLDER!

One day, I realized I could look older without any help, thanks.

I looked in the mirror and noticed that my foundation (which is essentially the dermatological equivalent of dry-wall compound) was doing a great job of filling the cracks and holes in my face...and an even better job of accentuating them.

So I gave up make-up right then and there. Cold turkey!

But do you think it cut down on the time and effort and number of pots and jars? No. The count went UP!

One bottle of liquid make-up was replaced by a jar of

anti-wrinkle day cream and a jar of anti-wrinkle night cream...a tube of anti-wrinkle eye cream, a vial of anti-wrinkle serum, a pot of anti-wrinkle throat cream...and let's not forget the "spot treatment", the "rejuvenating mask" and the "lip plumping ointment", which I don't use anymore since I discovered that it is an inflammatory substance that makes lips swell.

It's dangerous to drink red wine in public when your lips feel like the dentist just shot them up with novocaine.

So now, on my side of the bathroom counter there is barely enough space for my tooth brush and on Damir's side there is...a bottle of aftershave.

Or at least there was until I managed to sneak the Q-tips, hand soap and toothpaste onto his side of the counter. These are, after all, community property, no?

What's ours is yours, Honey!

In the shower there is exfoliating body scrub, moisturizing body wash, a puff, a brush, conditioner for damaged hair, deep conditioning treatment, after-colour conditioning treatment, special shampoo for blondes and a huge multi-tiered rack to keep it all on.

Damir has a bar of soap.

And then there's my hair stuff. Beside my blow dryer, there is a small round brush, a large round brush and a

paddle brush...then there's mousse and gel and wax and spray. I have an assortment of curling irons and a straightening iron.

Damir has a comb.

Hair is very important, folks. For most women, hair is a bigger value than financial security.

All you have to do is look at our annual expenditures on cutting, styling, dyeing, highlights and lowlights to know that!

To us girls, a good hairdresser is every bit as important as a good husband.

So while I am at the hair salon with foils sticking out of my head, Damir puts in a full day at the office, stops at an Aurora barber shop after work for a 15-minute haircut and comes home and starts dinner.

I roll in about an hour later - utterly exhausted!

So, after much soul searching it occurs to me that the older I get the more patch, paint and pluck it takes to maintain myself in a presentable condition.

And this, I think to myself with a woeful sigh, is the true meaning of "high maintenance".

Cathy Vrancic welcomes e-mail at:
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Bouquets & BRICKBATS

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS (Submitted) Recently, my neighbour, Wayne Kristiansen of Starr Crescent in Aurora saw a mother duck with three ducklings walking in circles around a sewer grate across from his home. He went to his house to get his camera to take some pictures. As he was taking pictures one of the ducklings fell into the sewer. He called the Town of Aurora for assistance. Five employees spent about two hours retrieving the duckling. It was time well spent as it turned out that seven more ducklings had fallen into the sewer. They saved all eight and brought them back down to the pond on Bayview. I think its great that Wayne and the employees of the Town of Aurora spent their precious time rescuing these animals. "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated": Mahatma Gandhi

BOUQUETS to The Auroran and the letter writers for expressing their thoughts about the Aurora council members. The Gang of Five should read the letters carefully as there is a strong movement around town expressing the same concerns and feelings. Also, it might be worthwhile to see yourself and how you behave on TV.

BRICKBATS to Aurora Council for dragging out a council meeting with only seven items on the agenda for more than three hours, with several deferrals when a normal council would have acted on municipal business in just over an hour.

BOUQUETS to Cosma International and Decoma International, two operating units of Magna International on receiving the General Motors 2007 Supplier of the Year Award for their significant contributions to GM's performance achievements.

BRICKBATS to the Peel police officer who parked his cruiser outside a Tim Horton shop in a clearly marked disabled parking space leaving a double-leg amputee with no place to park. As a picture was taken of the cruiser, it remains to be seen if the force will issue a ticket to one of their own.

BOUQUETS to the British Broadcast Committee of Advertising Practice for adopting a new policy to the effect that TV ads are not be excessively noisy or strident in an effort to ensure that the ads are no louder than the program. CRTC, please follow!

BRICKBATS to Interpol, the organization that polices the world, for being so hard up that they have offered a senior position to the RCMP's former defrocked commissioner, Giuliano Zaccardelli. He is to help fight crime in Africa, leaving the RCMP struggling to recover from the calamities on his watch.

BOUQUETS to Liberal MPP Kim Craitor for raising the question about the Ontario Health Minister deciding to have the taxpayers pick up the tab for sex change operations after a 10-year hiatus. What was the rationale for such a decision especially when hospitals have difficulty in treating sick people due to lack of funding?

BRICKBATS to the Saanich Police Department in B.C. for storming the wrong house resulting in a 52-year old mother of three lying facing down on the bathroom floor, handcuffed and in a pool of her own urine fearing that she would be killed by the armed police officers while her 20-year-old daughter and a 19-year old friend were arrested at gunpoint and released about two hours later in what police officials termed a case of mistaken identity!

BOUQUETS to the Canadian women skiers who are using all possible means including possible court action to change the International Olympic Committee's decision to exclude women ski jumpers from the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

BRICKBATS to Prime Minister Stephen Harper for not firing his Minister of Mistakes, Foreign Minister Maxime Bernier as he goes from one embarrassing incident to another. With his heavy expense accounts, he's a burden on taxpayers and heads should roll.

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Letters to the Editor

Simply no water for another golf course, reader maintains

To the editor,

I was most surprised to read in The Auroran, the edition of the week of June 17, under the heading "poor judgment is not restricted to big governments", by Dick Illingworth, where he reproached the local council for their position with respect to a proposed development on Leslie Street.

It is quite true, as Dick states, that the town's official plan does permit development, but that's not to say that an inappropriate development will be approved without a thorough assessment of its attributes.

This obviously includes the provision of a proper sewage system and sufficient water resources to fulfill the needs of the proposed development.

The Lebovic development plan for Leslie street was evolved some 20 years ago and over this time, as previous town councils have rejected each proposal due to lack of merit, the developer has submitted an adjusted plan and with new wrinkles in the hope of getting it passed.

Up to and into the current century, no proposal or adjusted proposal by the developer has been considered worthy of approval by any level of municipal or provincial authority.

The current proposal envisages 75 condominiums on twelve and one half acres of land together with another golf course.

This is in a rural area that has no sewer system and no water services.

With respect to the golf course there are already 17 golf courses within eight kilometres of the proposed site (as the ball or crow flies), five are within two kilometres and one is no more than 500 yards away.

In addition, because of the abundance of golf courses in the area, most of the private clubs are looking for members, some actually advertising in newspapers, on radio and TV, while the pay as you go courses are having trouble filling their starting time listings.

Another golf course is obviously unnecessary.

I presume this was a new inspiration designed to make the proposal more palatable to the several authorities.

Currently, homeowners in the area, even those with 25 acres of land are restricted from selling their land for building lots but the proposal under review calls for 75 units on an area one half the size of the 25-acre lot next door to the site.

The real bane, however is the water situation.

As Dick pointed out, this development is to be carried out on the Oak Ridges Moraine, and, of course, has been subjected to detailed reviews by a myriad of interested parties including the Ministry of the Environment.

On May 19, 2006, a meeting was held at the site attended by officials of the developer and officials of the Ministry of the Environment.

Minutes were kept of that meeting and I quote relevant passages from those minutes:

"MOE indicated that a PTTW from groundwater sources for irrigation is unlikely to be granted. The ORM (Oak Ridges Moraine) has significant pressure on water levels due to increasing municipal uses and an incremental allocation for recreation is not supported at this time".

"Given the relative high demand for ground water in the area, the MOE is unlikely to support the use of wells to supplement irrigation supply in dry years."

"Due to the intense competition for groundwater in this area, existing high capacity takers (i.e. municipal wells, golf courses) are under close scrutiny under the condition of their Permits with little if any remaining capacity to accommodate changes to their operations."

In other words, on May 19, 2006, MOE was taking a very logical and justifiable approach: namely, that groundwater in this area of Aurora is a limited resource, under pressure from multiple users, the Oak Ridges Moraine is in jeopardy and the taking of this limited and precious resource for recreational purposes (especially for a recreational use which is absolutely unnecessary) was ill-advised and inappropriate.

Moreover, the MOE has clearly stated, in no uncertain terms that they doubt that there is even enough water for current users, and

the likelihood of a PTTW being issued is highly unlikely.

And to even consider for a moment to add a village of 300 new residents, milking the fragile groundwater system for their everyday needs and the imposition of a thirsty storm water guzzling golf course would be, of course, completely out of the question.

Notwithstanding these clearly expressed views of the MOE, discussions are still taking place with the developer, the Regional Municipality of York, the MOE and the OMB to try to find some way to make the approval of the project possible.

On the other hand, the Aurora Town Council has recognized that the proposal is distressingly flawed and they made the right decision in the circumstances and turned down the proposal.

It would appear that not one of all those involved and assumedly interested in this proposed development seems to have paid any attention whatsoever to the MOE's diagnosis (other than, of course, the Aurora Town Council) with the unfortunate result that over the past two years (at least), an untold amount of unnecessary work and expense has been undertaken by the developer, a bevy of lawyers, a multitude of hydrogeological engineers and expert consultants, and,

(what we tax-paying citizens are most concerned about), many, many bureaucrats in many levels of municipal and provincial governments who have simply been spinning their wheels and adding untold costs to a proposal that cannot possibly come to fruition because, as the MOE has determined, there is simply no water available to be allocated for its needs.

And we must not forget the six weeks that have been set aside for a very expensive and time-consuming hearing scheduled to take place in the fall.

After an untold number of years, in study after study, revision after revision to the proposal, it is time for the those responsible to follow

the decision of the Town Council of Aurora and to say, "enough is enough" and put this fiasco to bed once and for all.

Ronald R. Lanthier
Aurora

Some may still remember Lorne

To the editor,

to his second wife, Conny.

He served on Aurora Council for three years in the 30's and then became the town solicitor.

He was a good golfer and played off for the handicap championship at Aurora Highlands.

In later years, when golf season opened he could be seen playing in a famous Highlands foursome - "Mac" McKenzie, Walter Milgate, Doc Williams and himself every weekend.

My father was a member of the Cummer line whose members named Irwin and Pease served on Aurora Town Council in the 1860's and 70's.

I believe that there was a member of the Cummer family who lived in Aurora and had a small museum of Cummer artifacts at his home.

I am sure there are still people who remember Lorne Lee!

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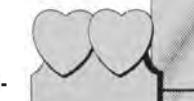
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Letters to the Editor

Is he a doctor, reader wonders

To the editor,

The title of Dr. in front of names should not be used if those individuals do not have a Ph.D., and most certainly not, if they still insist (or their publisher) in doing so, without further initials behind their name, i.e. DC, DPM, ND, OD, etc., thereby identifying their particular discipline.

Mr. Craig Dingman is a practitioner of chiropractic and should have, at the very least, the initials DC behind his name (when also having, incorrectly, DR in front of his name.)

In the writing of the week of June 10 there was no identification of his being a chiropractor, although the article included a number of references of MD's, conceivable thereby implying

(Dr) that he is also a MD. There is a possible misconception factor here.

A person who is an MD and uses Dr. in front of his or her name (without MD after the name) and writes about medical implications etc. can, somehow, be accepted.

A person who is not an MD, but also uses solely Dr. in front of the name, writing about medical implications, could be in violation his or her own discipline/profession.

I hope you get my point.

I want to make clear that I have nothing whatsoever against Mr. C. Dingman, DC, never met him (he may not have anything to do with the Dr. in front of his name) and for all intent and purposes may be doing a

useful service by his articles.

For the world, however, I cannot understand why a perfectly respectable community newspaper, such as The Auroran, does not appear to be prepared to identify individuals properly by their specific profession, thereby making it quite clear the particular discipline involved.

The correct line under his picture should be C. (or Craig) Dingman, DC.

That's how I feel about it anyways; have a good day. The very best of greetings!

**Alex Vander Veen
Aurora**

ED. NOTE: Because of the severity of the charge and because his column is paid advertising, we put the question to Craig Dingman. Following is his response:

The gentleman is absolutely wrong in his letter. There are five professionals in Ontario that fall under the same category here.

Chiropractors, along with medical doctors, dentists, psychologists,

and optometrists have the legislated right and obligation to communicate a diagnosis and to use the title doctor.

You can find this under the Ontario Chiropractic Association website, the Canadian Chiropractic Association website, and also under the government website (you can google the Regulate Health Professions Act, 1991, and check out section 33 - where it basically says that no one can use the title doctor unless they are one of the five above mentioned professionals).

For your convenience I refer to you this link: elaws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_91r18_e.htm.

However, it is generally understood that any doctor who is not a PhD will indicate his area of specialty, i.e., medicine, chiropractic, optometry, psychology, or dentistry.

It seems as though I have not done this as obviously as I should in some articles.

In future I will make sure I have my business name or something somewhere that says chiropractic within the column.

I am trying not to take offense to the fact that he refuses to call me "doctor" in the article. It reminds me of a commercial: "When you are this big they call you Mister!"



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With the support of these businesses as well as The Auroran, ACI, Our Lady of Grace Church and Town of Aurora, we were able to raise more than \$7,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

This event was held to raise funds to fight this dreadful disease which took the lives of my two sisters, Val McNulty and Nancy Shannon, both who were long-time employees

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Thank you to everyone who supported this great cause and helped to keep their memories alive.

**Sue Gwilliam
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Dr. Craig Dingman

Wet blankets and sheets in the morning, soaked, smelly pajamas, soggy, cold, and wet underwear, and a very uncomfortable, embarrassed and ashamed child - this is a picture of bed wetting (Nocturnal Enuresis) and loss of bladder control for children.

Enuresis, simply stated, is bed-wetting past the usual time a child is potty trained - whereas loss of bladder control applies to children during the school day. It can also apply to adults - have you heard of the new "Overactive Bladder Disease"? I just love marketing.

It is estimated that 1 out of 5 young children wets the bed regularly. This means that 20% of children under the age of ten wet their bed. Not Ok! Imagine what this does to a child's self-esteem. Over time, various reasons and "causes" have been proposed as the origin of bed-wetting; psychological, habitual, etc. Many methods have been used to "treat" this affliction; alarm systems in the bed, electric shocks, hypnosis, drugs, waking the child, psychotherapy, spankings, self-

blame, the "bad boy" syndrome, punishments, etc. None of these have had much of an affect. Not that many years ago, this was thought to be the fault of the child who was simply misbehaving. What bizarre beings we can be!

Bed-wetting or loss of bladder control occurs when there is improper function of the valve (sphincter), which controls the flow of urine from the bladder. Many people think of it as a faucet or a spigot - turning on the flow of urine from the bladder. So what controls this faucet? Good question. This valve is simply a ring of muscle which contracts, or relaxes, to control urine flow. So what controls this ring of muscle - this valve? You would be surprised to learn that this valve is under total control of the nervous system - that internal INTERNET that runs your program. This valve actually has two sets of nerves, which controls its function; one is under voluntary control, which means you go when you want to. The other is on "autopilot" or "automatic." In other words, the child has no voluntary control over this particular one. The function of these two sets of nerves is con-

trolled by the child's nervous system, which keeps both in check and balance. If the nervous system is allowed to function with no interference, there should be no problem with wetting the bed, or the pants, or the underwear, in school or at home. Period!

Beware of ads suggesting that it is OK for children to wet the bed because now there are school age diapers available. These ads seem to suggest that the bladder may not have developed properly and so a diaper is the answer. Nonsense! This is called marketing!

Have you noticed ads recently, mentioning a new "disease"? I have mentioned it earlier. The medical industry has developed a new disease. It is called the "Overactive Bladder Disease". And as you may have guessed, there is a drug to deal with this condition. Isn't it a wonderful service the pharmaceutical industry is providing?

Similar thinking holds true for school age or adult diapers. Instead of dealing with the reason

WHY the bladder is not functioning, it is much more profitable to put adults and school age children in "diapers". Marketing states that it is now socially acceptable to go shopping and do your business as you walk because you are wearing diapers. I'll let you draw your own conclusions.

Most chiropractors, like myself, who deal with children will tell you that kids who are bed wetters, and those afflicted with loss of bladder control, respond very well to chiropractic care. The reason for this is quite simple - we deal with removing any interference to the normal function of the nervous system. Applying this concept to a child (or adult) whose nervous system control of his or her bladder is lacking, the results can be quite amazing.

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Aurora Jays minor peewee team captures St. Thomas tournament

Recently, the Aurora Jays minor peewee (11-12 Year olds) baseball team traveled to St. Thomas Ontario for an eight-team tournament and came home winners.

The Jays opened the tournament with a convincing 11-5 win over London-Oakridge.

Graydon Gardner and Joel Gouveia shared the pitching duties while Brian Langdon, Adam Petit and Alex Stewart led the way offensively with big hits.

The next day the Jays went to 2-0 in the round robin with a lopsided 18-6 victory over Burlington. Alex Whiteside pitched four strong innings and Ross Benn came on in relief to close out the game. With a heads up play, Alex Jonasson threw out a batter at first base on a sharp line drive to right field.

The entire team got involved in the offence blowing open a close game with an 11-run fourth inning. The final round robin game was against arch rival and perennial Ontario champions Stratford. Andrew Quattrin and Johnathan Read made amazing plays in the first inning to set the tone for what was the strongest defensive effort of the season for the Jays.

The strong play in the field continued with Paul Neophytou making a run saving diving stop far to his left at second base for one of his many eye popping plays against the big team from Stratford. Jordan Clements frustrated the Stratford hitters with great catches in centre field.

What the Jays gave up in size they made up in heart and determination and entered the 7th inning

with a 5-1 lead.

Langdon, Adam Smith, Gouveia and Gardner took turns pitching and kept the boys from Stratford off balance all day.

The Jays got in trouble and gave up four in the top of the seventh to make it a 5-5 tie.

In the bottom of the seventh with one out Clements got to third after a daring stolen base but was stranded ending the game in a tie.

This pushed the Jays to second in their division and set up a semi-final match up with a 3-0 team from Delaware, Ontario.

The Sunday semi-final was 0-0 until the Jays broke it open with three in the third and nine more in the fourth for 12-1 victory.

Gouveia pitched five innings for the win sending the Jays to the final against Chatham who had taken care of Stratford in the other semi-final.

In the final the Jays started slowly and some nervous errors had Chatham up 5-0 after two innings. Then the Jays took over as starter Whiteside shut them out the rest of the way and the Jays bats got going for three in the third, five in the fifth and five more in the sixth.

Solid defense, great pitching and unbelievable hitting propelled the Jays to their first ever tournament win.

The Jays play in the Tier One (AAA) YSBA-TBA Minor Pee wee loop and are going to an invitational tournament in Cooperstown, New York, later this summer.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society presents "Beauty or Beast - Plants That Need Space" with speaker Anna Leggatt at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. 8 p.m. Guests \$2.

The Aurora Seniors visit the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto to see "Dirty Dancing". The trip includes transportation, lunch and orchestra seating at a cost of \$98 for members and \$105 for non-members.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Turn your trash into other's treasures at the next Great Curbside Giveaway. Take unwanted items to the curb and mark them free for others to pick up. To keep Aurora attractive, please remove leftovers by 6 p.m.

Red and White Strawberry Festival today at Aurora Farmers' Market, Wells Street between Mosley and Metcalfe Streets.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

The return of the July First parade. Parade starts at 10 a.m. from Yonge and Orchard Heights Blvd., and proceeds south to the Aurora Cenotaph.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Merlin's Hollow open house. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 181 Centre Crescent. Free.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

The Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society will hold its garden tour featuring seven Aurora gardens noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at R & R Revisited, 95 Edward Street; Caruso & Co., 15210 Yonge Street; Flowers by Terry, 14799 Yonge Street; and Pathways to Perennials in Pottageville. Call 905-727-5926 for more details.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Merlin's Hollow open house. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 181 Centre Crescent. Free.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Artists in the park today at the Aurora Farmers' Market, Wells Street, between Mosley and Metcalfe Streets. For further information, go to www.e-aurora.ca/farmersmarket.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

Christmas in July at the Gateway Cafe & Lanes, 210 Edward Street, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Bring a non-perishable food item and bowl for free. Food will be donated to the Aurora Food Pantry.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Turn your trash into other's treasures at the regular Great Curbside Giveaway. Take unwanted items to the curb today and mark them free for others to pick up. To keep Aurora attractive, please remove leftovers by 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

The Aurora Farmers' Market is part of the annual Aurora Doors Open Event. This event will include music in the park. For further information, go to www.e-aurora.ca/farmersmarket.

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Letters to the Editor

Another million in tax revenue lost

To the editor,**foresight.**

Most of these councillors ran on improving the residential/business tax base ratio yet they have just turned

down a windfall of more than \$1,000,000 from the Rice property, which would become a shopping centre at the northwest corner of

Bayview and Wellington.

Longo's Grocery, the planned anchor in the plaza, had asked for a left turn allowance for cars going east on Wellington into the plaza.

It would have meant a split in the boulevard on Wellington, a move that regional council had already approved.

The cost would have been paid for by the developer of the plaza so it would not burden the Aurora taxpayers.

Not much to ask considering that the residents of Aurora would benefit from an extra million dollars in taxes.

Not only that but there would have been at least 75 or 100 full time and part time jobs created.

Certain members of this council must feel that we are tax rich and that Aurora doesn't need the extra money.

Add this to the many still empty town owned buildings in library square, the hydro building and the Jack Woods property where there is no current tax benefits to the town, we are now looking at more than \$2,000,000 in lost revenue to the town.

Call your favourite councillor and ask how he or she intends to improve the tax base ratio if they continue to turn away business from coming to Aurora.

Nigel Kean
Aurora

Illingworths sorry they missed awards

An open letter to the citizens of Aurora:

Dick and I want to express our deep regrets and apologies for not attending the Civic Recognition Awards Ceremony June 4 when Dick was to be recognized for receiving a Senior Achievement Award at a previous ceremony at Queen's Park.

As the 2007-2008 Aurora Citizen of the Year, I

wanted to be there to congratulate Sue Walmer as Aurora's 2008-2009 Citizen of the Year.

Unfortunately, prior to the ceremony, Dick was admitted to Southlake Regional Health Centre for internal bleeding and was later operated on for colon cancer and after a three-week stay, is now recovering at home.

We want to thank our family members and everyone who was so helpful dur-

ing that period with get-well cards, to offers of rides to the hospital and back.

We want to thank Dierdre Tomlinson for her lovely letter in The Auroran as it sincerely expressed the big heartedness of all Aurora citizens and their pride in this growing community and its generosity.

**Dorothy & Dick
Illingworth
Aurora**

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NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING AND REVIEW UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

The Project

EPCOR Energy Centre (Ontario) LP (EPCOR) is planning to respond to a Request for Proposal from the Ontario Power Authority to construct a simple cycle gas-fired peaking electricity generation plant in East Gwillimbury, Ontario, referred to as the EPCOR York Region Energy Centre.

This power plant would be fired by natural gas and would be driven by combustion turbines to produce up to 400 MW generation capacity.

The proposed site is located between Yonge Street and 2nd Concession Road, north of Queensville Sideroad, and south of Holborn Road (please see map).

The Process

The project will follow the Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Screening Process for electricity projects. The environmental study will assess the potential impact of the proposed project on the bio-physical and socio-economic environment during its construction, operation, and decommissioning. Preliminary issues that have been identified include air, noise, and water.

Consultation

A Public Information Session will be held in July 2008 to provide interested parties with an opportunity to meet the Project Team, review the study scope, and provide input related to this project. Advertisements in the local newspapers will announce the date, time and location of the meeting.

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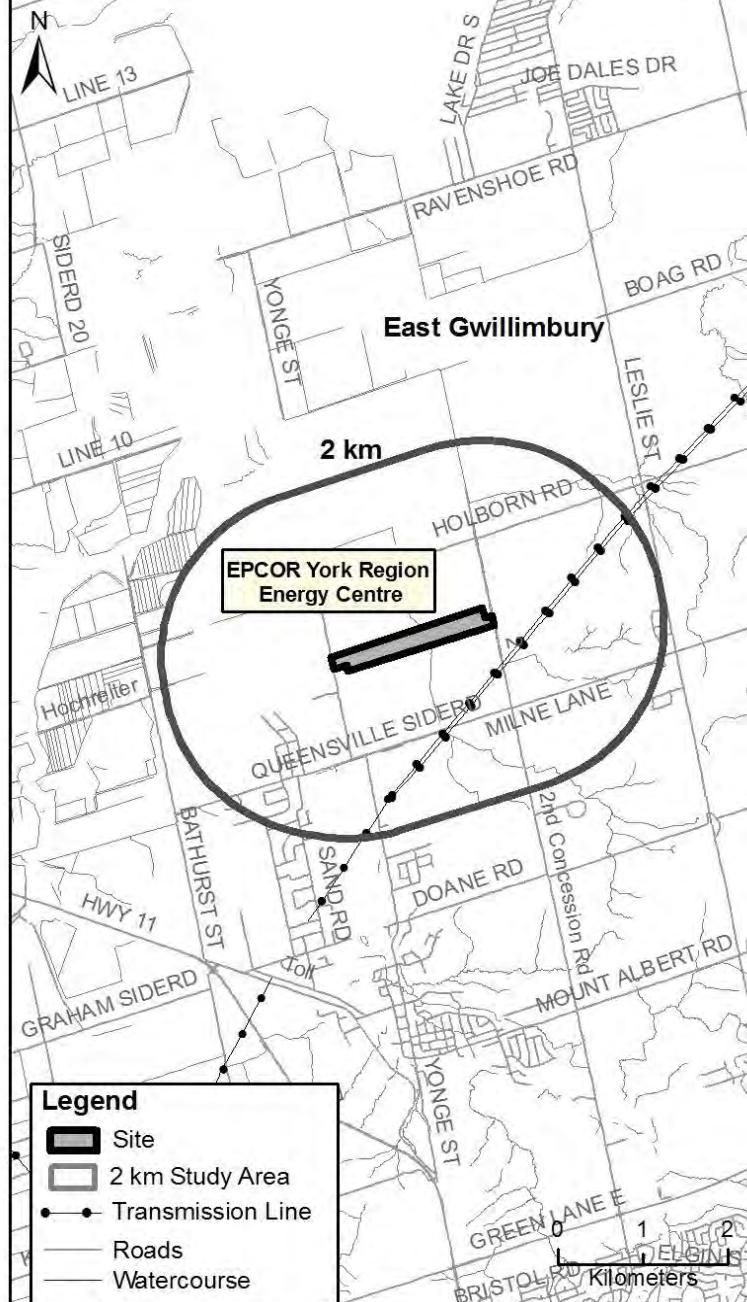
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Aurora Youth SOCCER RESULTS



HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

U8B Thurs - Divisional Sponsor - Butternut Hollow - June 5 - Forest/Portugal 6 (N. Vamvakaris 4, F. Reeves 2) vs Royal/Scotland 1 (L. McGunnigle 1); **Gold/Brazil** 7 vs Orange/Netherlands 2 (N. Robinson 1, H. Gardner 1); **Navy/Czech Republic** 3 (B. Stewart 1, T. Boisseau 1, R. Farewell 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 2 (J. Stewart 1, L. Ricario 1); **Red/Poland** 4 (A. Issaaris 1, J. Jackson 2, A. Capraro 1) vs **Silver/Austria** 8 (B. Keeler 1, B. Vaughan 3, J. Hosmer 2, D. Hasson 2);

U8B M/W - May 28 - Orange/Netherlands 3 (N. Keller 1, R. Rwskanen 1, A. Mueller 1) vs **Red/Poland - Priestly Demolition Inc** 5 (B. Burke 1, B. Spittle 2, T. Duffy 1, B. Joynt 1); **Sky/Argentina** 5 (M. MacDougall 2, C. Sands 1, J. Levy 1, D. Clark 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - AIM** 3 (W. Karabin 2, S. Giorgio 1); **Navy/Czech Republic - Laurion Law Office** 4 (J. Crispel 3, E. Bryan 1) vs **Gold/ Brazil** 2 (B. Shennan 1, M. Messina 1);

June 4 - Gold/Brazil 5 (P. Charleson 1, B. Shennan 1, M. Mitchell 1, N. Hubbard 1, F. Ciocca 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 1 (T. Pryce 1); **Sky/Argentina** 7 (M. MacDougall 4, C. Sands 1, L. Surace 1, P. Chimenti 1) vs **Red/Poland - Priestly Demolition Inc** 3 (B. Spittle 3); **Navy/Czech Republic - Laurion Law Office** 2 (E. Bryan 1, C. Tyndall 1) vs **Royal/ Scotland - AIM** 1 (D. Bilousov 1);

June 11 - Sky/Argentina 6 (M. MacDougall 3, D. Clark 1, L. Moen 1, L. Surace 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 1 (F. Ciocca 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 0 vs **Navy/Czech Republic - Laurion Law Office** 5 (C. Chiarienza 1, N. Dice 1, E. Bryan 2, C. Walsh 3);

U8G Tues - June 3 - Sky/Argentina - York Catholic Teachers 3 (V. Carriere 3) vs **Royal/Scotland - EMBA Inc** 2 (A. DaSilva 1, S. MacLeod 1); **Forest/Portugal** 3 (M. Bertola 2, M. Lamoure 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic - York Catholic Teachers** 3 (S. Wilson 1, K. Weller 1, E. Bellerby 1); **Gold/Brazil - Meridian Credit Union** 2 (S. Pecora 1, L. Niblock 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain - R & J Concepts Inc** 0; **Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 1 (T. Van Stiphout 1) vs **Red/Poland - Priestly Demolition Inc** 3 (K. Leibold 1, N. Manjarres 1, C. Bulmer 1);

June 10- Sky/Argentina - York Catholic Teachers 0 vs **Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 3 (S. Azzarelli 1, M. Heese 1, M. Jolly 1); **Fuschia/Spain - R & J Concepts Inc** 3 (S. Scanga 1, K. MacFarlane 2) vs **Forest/Portugal** 1 (R. Meehan 1); **Navy/Czech Republic - York Catholic Teachers** 0 vs **Gold/Brazil - Meridian Credit Union** 5 (Z. Hipel 4, O. Skinner 1); **Royal/Scotland - EMBA Inc** 1 (J. Kearney 1) vs **Red/Poland - SAC Summer Camps** 3 (N. Manjarres 1, K. Mannella 1, M. Tencinger 1);

U8/9G M/W - June 12 - Fuschia/Spain - Subway Sandwich Upper Canada Mall 2 (M. Hughes 1) vs **Red/Poland - SAC Summer Camps** 1 (A. Christakatos 1); **U8B M/W - No scores reported from coach/convenor**

U8B Thurs - Divisional Sponsor - Butternut Hollow -

U9/10G Tues - May 27 - Divisional Sponsor - Michaelberger Orthodontics - June 3 - Sky/Argentina 3 (L. Brock 1, B. Ferguson 1, F. Stewart 1) vs **Kelly/Russia** 0; **Forest/Portugal - Marwick Manufacturing Inc** 0 vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 6 (J. Stel 1, R. Thibodeau 1, C. Peck 1, N. Mete 1, S. Barnes 2); **Maroon/Japan** 3 (S. Low 1, C. Ruest 1, M. Tantalo 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain** 1 (H. Power 1); **Red/Poland - Aurora Landscaping Ltd** 2 (S. Howard 1, A. Walker 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 4 (H. Hoover 1, M. Shehata 1, J. Tiberio 1, I. Graham 1);

Orange/Netherlands 6 (J. Colwell 1, B. Gibbons 1, P. Bell 1, A. Dover 2, C. Visconti 1) vs **Royal/ Scotland** 3 (E. Funston-Clarke 1, H. Perlmutter 1, C. Wright 1);

June 10 - Royal/Scotland - Divisional Sponsor Michelberger Orthodontics 0 vs **Red/Poland - Aurora Landscape Ltd** 3 (N. Beauchemin 1, C. Daggett 1, N. Foster 1); **Orange/Netherlands - Divisional Sponsor Michelberger Orthodontics** 0 vs **Gold/Brazil - Michelberger Orthodontics** 3 (V. Petinarelis 2, H. Hoover 1); **Forest/Portugal - Marwick Manufacturing Inc** 0 vs **Sky/ Argentina Divisional Sponsor Michelberger Orthodontics** 5 (L. Brock 2, F. Stewart 1, K. Percival 2, S. Casey 1, B. Ferguson 2); **Fuschia/Spain - Divisional Sponsor Michelberger Orthodontics** 2 (C. Schembri 2) vs **Kelly/Russia - Divisional Sponsor Michelberger Orthodontics** 3 (D. Tavakozadeh 2, R. Al-Kas 1);

U9/10G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	0	0	0	0
Sky	0	0	0	0
Navy	0	0	0	0
Royal	0	0	0	0
Red	0	0	0	0
Gold	0	0	0	0
Forest	0	0	0	0
Fuschia	0	0	0	0
Kelly	0	0	0	0
Maroon	0	0	0	0

U9B Mon - June 2 - Gold/Brazil - Aurora Celtic Supporters 3 vs **Royal/Scotland - Industrial Alliance** 4 (A. Vanderkoff 1, C. McGoldrick 2, K. Wulle 1); **Red/Poland - SAC Summer Camps** 0 vs **Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 5 (J. Gonzales 1, R. Lewis 2, A. Rosales 2, R. Iervasi 2,

A. Corranza 2); **Navy/Czech Republic - Envirocar Paint & Collision** 2 (J. Coker 1, K. Manalang 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Clements Interiors** 6 (G. Belgue 1, K. Thompson 1, M. Carpenter 1, R. Crevel 1, T. Macklin 1, S. Gable 1); **June 9 - Sky/Argentina - Clements Interiors** 4 (G. Belgue 1, M. Carpenter 2, R. Carpenter 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - Industrial Alliance** 4 (K. Rice 1, C. McGoldrick 2, C. Allen 1); **Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 5 (J. Freil 1, J. Rodrigues 1, J. Gonzales 2, R. Lewis 1, A. Rosales 1, R. Iervasi 3, A. Corranza 1); **Red/Poland - SAC Summer Camps** 4 (P. Irwin 1, E. Paani 1, D. Alessi 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Aurora Celtic Supporters Club** 1 (R. Lidster 1, E. Pears 1);

U9BM STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	0	0	0	0
Sky	0	0	0	0
Navy	0	0	0	0
Royal	0	0	0	0
Red	0	0	0	0
Gold	0	0	0	0

U9B M/W - June 2 - Red/Poland - Supreme Collision Centre 5 (E. Turner 3, J. Samson 2, J. Perkins 2, M. May 1, G. Logan 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic - Envirocar Paint & Collision** 0; **Sky/Argentina - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 2 (J. Dingman 1, M. Valvasori 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 1 (T. Campbell 1); **Royal/Scotland - Open Road BMW** 7 (D. Tonelli 3, B. Scott 2, C. Devogel 2) vs **Gold/Brazil - York Catholic Teachers** 2; **June 9 - Royal/Scotland - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 4 (C. DeVogel 2, T. Sabbag 2) vs **Sky/Argentina - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 2 (M. Valvasori 1, D. Persaud 1); **Navy/Czech Republic - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 0 vs **Gold/Brazil - York Catholic Teachers** 5 (G. Gerrard 1, N. Yantsis 5, L. Lorgovits 1); **Red/Poland - Supreme Collision** 5 (G. Logan 1, J. Perkins 1, J. Samson 1, E. Turner 2) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 3 (J. Doust 3);

U9B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	0	0	0	0
Sky	0	0	0	0
Navy	0	0	0	0
Royal	0	0	0	0
Red	0	0	0	0
Gold	0	0	0	0

U10B M/W - June 4 - Forest/Portugal - Aurora Cable Internet 1 (C. Arcuri 1) vs **Austria/Silver** 5 (J. Grelet 1, A. Kostakis 1, M. Heese 1, J. Schachter 2); **Maroon/Japan** 0 vs **Kelly/Russia** 1 (J. Pickett 1); **Sky/Argentina** 2 (J. Morello 2) vs **Navy/Czech Republic - Core Micro Technology** 2 (E. Woodhead 2); **Orange/Netherlands** 4 (B. Kissack 2) vs **Royal/Scotland - Aurora Orthodontics** 5 (C. Dyer 3, E. Shennan 1, C. Pearce 1); **Red/Poland - HSBC Bank Canada** 5 (L. Verre 2, M. Dowling 1, W. Lentz 1, N. Campbell 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 1 (N. Hatzitolios 1);

U10B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	2	0	1	7
Orange	2	1	0	6
Silver	2	1	0	6
Kelly	2	1	0	6
Maroon	2	1	0	6
Royal	1	0	2	5
Sky	1	1	1	4
Navy	0	2	1	1
Forest	0	2	1	1
Gold	0	3	0	0

U10G - May 29 - Fuschia/Spain - WOWIT 1 (S. Carmosino 1) vs **Red/Poland - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 0; **Royal/Scotland - Wait's Bathroom Plus** 1 (A. Roy 1, L. Finlay 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 1 (K. Robb 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 8 (R. Cristofoli 2, K. Caporusso 1, N. Verstaten 2, S. Pietrolungo 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - AIM** 3 (S. Belleiby 1, M. Bryan 2);

June 5 - Royal/Scotland - Wait's Bathroom Plus 0 vs **Fuschia/Spain - WOWIT** 5 (R. Remedios 2, S. Nanos 1, S. Carmosino 1, C. Piccoli 1, K. Dimatulac 1, M. Colasimone 1); **Sky/Argentina - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 1 (K. Green 1, E. Devreis 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 1 (L. Sciberras 1); **Gold/Brazil - AIM** 4 (A. Bucciol 1, C. Gibson 2, M. Keller 1) vs **Red/Poland - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 3 (J. Petsinis 1, B. Howell 1, S. Corbett 1);

U10G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Fuschia	3	0	0	9
Orange	2	0	1	7
Sky	1	1	1	4
Red	1	2	0	3
Gold	1	2	0	3
Royal	0	3	0	0

U11B M/W - June 4 - Gold/Brazil 0 vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 5 (J. Capodagli 1, J. Ellision 2, B. Kublick 1, M. Galajda 1); **Red/Poland - Hollidge Family Dentistry** 2 (K. Green 1, E. Nichols 1) vs **Forest/Portugal - SSL Chartered Accountants** 0; **Silver/Austria - AMG Metals Inc** 4 (M. Bablanian 1, G. James 1, T. Boston 1, A. Railton 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 2 (P. McKerracher 1, A. Williamson 1);

June 12- Silver/Austria - AMG Metals Inc 3 (M. Bablanian 1, J. Stobo 1, M. Reid 1) vs **Forest/Portugal - SSL Chartered Accountants** 3 (J. Power 3); **Orange/Netherlands** 2 vs **Gold/Brazil** 5; **Royal/ Scotland - Splash Car Wash** 2 (D. Middleton 1, A. McManus 1) vs

U9B Mon - June 2 - Gold/Brazil - Aurora Celtic Supporters 3 vs **Royal/Scotland - Industrial Alliance** 4 (A. Vanderkoff 1, C. McGoldrick 2, K. Wulle 1); **Red/Poland - SAC Summer Camps** 0 vs **Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 5 (J. Gonzales 1, R. Lewis 2, A. Rosales 2, R. Iervasi 2,

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U11B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	3	0	0	9
Navy	2	0	1	7
Silver	2	0	1	7
Royal	1	2	0	3
Gold	1	2	0	3
Forest	0	1	2	2
Sky	0	2	1	1
Orange	0	2	1	1

U11G - June 2 - Navy/Czech Republic 0 vs **Forest/Portugal** 2 (K. Gram 2); **Gold/Brazil - Century 21 Martin Read** 2 (K. Walsh 1, O. Hallis 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart** 4 (A. Depiero 1, L. D'Andrade 1, C. Smith 1, C. Webb 1); **Red/Poland - Summers & Smith** 0 vs **Royal/Scotland - Dr. Weeden** 1 (M. Patterson 1); **June 9 - Red/Poland - Summers & Smith** 3 (J. Desa 1, R. Hatzitolios 1, A. Point 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 1 (M. Nisula 1);

U11G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts

Williams students win competition and trip to NYC

Recently, two teams from Aurora's Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School competed in the Canadian Junior Achievement Banks in Action Competition and won.

Grade 10 students Jessica Beakbane, Kim Andrews, Minnie Cheng,

Louis Lamanna, Marcel Lamanna and Randy Kim were tied at the end of the evening in first place.

They are guaranteed a spot in New York City Sunday to represent Canada in the North American Completion sponsored by Citi Bank and Junior Achievement.

In New York the students will face stiff competition over a two-day period.

The team's business teacher, Karen Stanton, invited Junior Achievement Vice President Karen Mourtos to the school to introduce the JA Banks in Action

program to all Grade 10 business students.

The program offers students the opportunity to manage a bank's funds and other operations.

By learning how bankers make decisions, the students had the opportunity to make similar decisions for their bank.

The most successful

bankers expand their bank's operations and profits. JA Banks in Action lets the students assume the role of bankers and make banking decisions.

Competition focused on the ability to attract deposits and loan these funds to borrow; set long-term and short term interest rates for loans and

deposits; decide how much to spend on marketing to attract saver and borrowers to the bank and decide how much to spend on

research and development to lower the cost of operations.

The students from Williams are thrilled to be representing Canada.

Magna plans arts, education building

Magna International has submitted an application to Aurora to build a three-storey Arts and Education Building to be located at the southwest corner of Stronach Blvd. on the south side of Magna Drive.

It would make up part of the existing Magna complex.

The application conforms to the provisions of the official plan and the zoning bylaw and is consistent with the policies of the provincial policy statement.

Open House gives you a say in pricing

If you want to have a say in the future of Aurora's parks and recreation facilities, including pricing policy, then mark June 26 on your calendar.

The town has retained two consultants to help establish future strategies around these services for the next five years.

Monteith Brown Planning Consultants are developing a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and IBI Group is putting together a Pricing Policy and Fee Schedule for Recreation Services.

The Master Plan will look at a number of areas, including trail development priorities, recreation facility and program needs, parkland and open space requirements, and how the Town delivers services.

The study teams have already obtained some public feedback through user group sessions, and surveys.

In order to obtain additional resident input for these studies, and to update anyone interested in these projects, a Public Open House will be held Thursday, June 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the West/Mackenzie Room of the Aurora Seniors' Centre.

The Seniors' Centre is located at 5 Municipal Drive, across from Town Hall.

Staff members have no objections in principle to the general layout of the proposed development but the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is currently reviewing the proposal to ensure the development does not impact the identified flood plain.

Staff members recommended the application be delegated to the Director of Planning to execute a site plan agreement between the owner and the town, subject to the resolution of outstanding technical issues.

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Doors Open returns for its third year

By MICHAEL SEAMAN
Community Planner

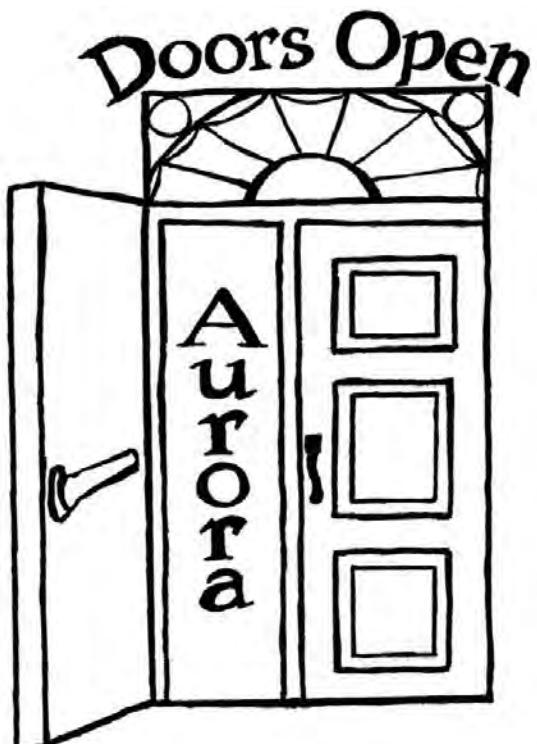
When making your plans for summertime in Aurora this year be sure to mark Saturday, August 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on your calendar.

That is the date when the Doors Open festival returns to Aurora for what is sure to be its third successful year.

Aurora opens the doors to a variety of sites of heritage, cultural and community interest and everyone is welcome to explore the town's most notable buildings and explore historic Old Aurora.

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This year's event should prove to be just as popular with 13 of the 20



sites currently confirmed for this year's tour being brand new for 2008.

Those that are returning will be sure to offer something new and interesting for visitors to see.

Many of the sites at Doors Open Aurora 2008 are concentrated in the historic southeast old Aurora neighbourhood and along Wellington Street within easy walking distance of one another.

Sites confirmed as participants this year include the Charles Henry Sheppard House, now the home of the Windfall Ecology Centre at 93 Industrial Parkway South, the Aurora Armoury at 89 Mosley Street, the Rising Sun Masonic Hall at 57 Mosley Street, The Carpenter's House at 69 Wellington Street, and the Morrison House at 74 Wellington Street.

Also included is Theatre Aurora at 150 Henderson Drive, and the Doan House, now the Sormeh Spa at 32 Wellington Street.

For those planning decoration or remodelling in the near future, this year's tour features three of Aurora's most interesting home décor shops at Jacrynn France at 89 Wellington Street East, Bluetiful Living at 15 Mosley Street and Pomegranates and Clementines at 15120 Yonge Street.

For those who like to garden, three of Aurora's most interesting gardens will be on display at Merlin's Hollow at 181 Centre Street, the Barnes Garden at 11 Catherine Avenue and the Pine's at 78 Wells Street, a garden containing a stand of Aurora's first designated heritage trees.

For children of all ages, and those who used to be children, a must see on this year's tour is the Aurora Lions Hall, located at 33 Mosley Street.

A special feature of this site will be the operating display of model railway trains from the collection of the Scarborough Model Railroaders.

The layout features a trip back in time to the late 1950's when steam was still king and is sure to bring back memories of days gone by in this historic railway town.

One of the most interesting sites on the Doors Open tour will be the Aurora-King-Whitchurch Cenotaph.

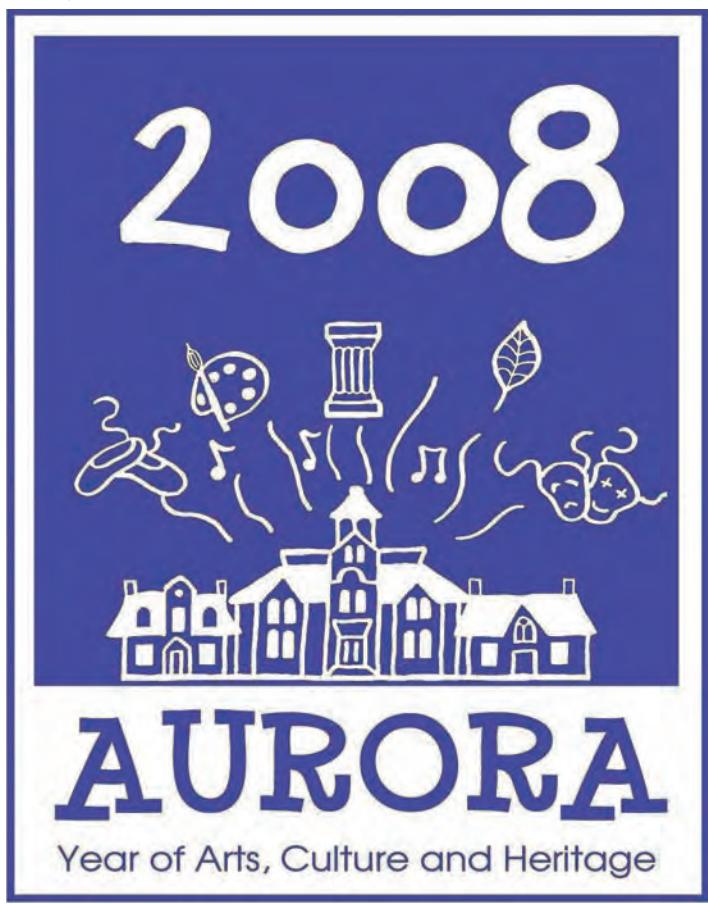
Here members of the local Royal Canadian Legion will tell the story of this landmark monument as well as the service and sacrifice of the brave local people that it commemorates.

In celebration of the Year of Arts, Culture and Heritage local artists will once again be painting en plein air (in the open air) giving Aurorans and visitors a chance to see local artists at work.

The art of pottery will also be on display as the Pine Tree Potters Guild, located in the Aurora Library, open their doors to their studio.

For those who enjoy walking Tours, Dr. W. John McIntyre will once again be telling the story of some of Aurora's most interesting historical sites on a walking tour of historic Wellington Street and southeast old Aurora.

For more information about Doors Open Aurora 2008, see the Doors Open Aurora web site at www.e-aurora.ca/doorsopenaurora or contact Shelley Ware, Special Event's Coordinator at 905-727-3123, ext. 4762.



"Brooklands", right, is the Charles Henry Sheppard House in Sheppard's Bush, which will once again be a highlight of the Doors Open Aurora tour. The Rising Sun Masonic Hall, above, is one of 13 new sites on the tour this year. August 16 is the date set for Aurora's third annual Doors Open event.





Business is booming at Aurora's Farmers' Market every Saturday morning on Wells Street between Mosley and Metcalfe.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Committee discusses receptacles

From page A1
local businesses, or by Viva, so the town cannot change them.

But many of the containers belong to the town, and are reaching the end of their useful life. And while there are a number of differing styles, most do not allow for separation of recyclable materials.

As directed by council earlier this year, the Public Works Department sent out a request for quotation to five companies for the supply of 15 new bins by July 1.

Technical requirements of the bid emphasized the importance of "heritage" styling, a smaller footprint, two stream collection, durability, security, availability, and low maintenance. A cigarette butt receptacle was also required as part of the system.

It was hoped the quotations would come in under \$10,000, which is the amount allocated to this project in the 2008 budget.

Two responses were received, and when this information was provided to Aurora's general committee last week, it generated considerable discussion.

Waste Wise Products proposed a unit consisting of one bin with two openings for garbage and recycling. Advantages included a smaller footprint, and a significantly lower cost. The quote for 15 bins was just under \$10,000.

The more expensive MidPoint International units consisted of two side-by-side bins - one for garbage and one for recycling.

These are manufactured in Aurora, have a greater capacity and more of a heritage look.

But at more than

\$23,000 for 15 bins, the quote was well over the proposed budget.

In response to questions about capacity, and whether long-term savings could be realized with the larger bins by having fewer pick-ups, staff members advised that one truck collected both garbage and recycling each week in the same trip.

The only exception to this was when the town had a special event, such as the street festival, in which case pick-up would be more frequent, and additional temporary containers may be used.

Waste Wise units' footprint of about 30 by 30 inches was smaller than the double-sized MidPoint International units, which were about 26 by 48 inches.

Although the intent of purchasing the new bins was in part to minimize the amount of space that trash receptacles were taking up on the sidewalks, staffers noted that most of the proposed locations for the new bins could accommodate the larger units.

Since any decision made at general committee would have to be approved at next week's council meeting before it could proceed, there were questions about timing.

The original July 1st deadline was established to try to have the bins in place for the town's Canada Day activities, including the parade.

While timing was growing tight, staff advised that the Waste Wise bins were pre-constructed and available on short notice.

The MidPoint units, on the other hand, would have to be built once the town's order was placed. While this might take

longer, it is possible that some units may be available in a week.

Councillors discussed the merits of colour, the look and practicality of the cigarette butt receptacles, and the overall appearance of the proposed containers.

Some members expressed disappointment that there were not more options available, as they were hoping to have more of a heritage look.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner was "adamantly opposed" to the proposed options, and said she would not vote for them.

Town staff advised that the cigarette butt receptacles were not a permanent part of the bins, and were easily removed. There was general agreement that these would not be purchased, as they could be

added later, if it was felt necessary.

After additional discussion the concept of a consistent style for the town's bins took a backseat when a motion was finally presented for staff to purchase a combination of 15 black bins from both companies.

The MidPoint units would be used in most locations, except where a smaller footprint was required, in which case Waste Wise containers would be installed.

This motion passed 7-1.

Since these units would be coming from two companies, and cannot be purchased until the motion is approved at council, it is not known whether any of the units will be delivered and installed in time for Canada Day.

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Downtown core studies continue

Aurora's Strategic Plan and Business Plan indicate that staff members review and update government program initiatives to revitalize private and public properties and buildings including the downtown core.

It also indicates that the Planning Department is to undertake a Secondary Plan for the downtown historic core that will include revitalization strategies,

Travel writer addresses Writers' Group

You must be a talented writer, but also lucky, to break into the travel writing business, according to Isobel Warren, a free-lance travel writer who is regularly published in the Toronto Star.

Ms Warren recently addressed a large audience of members of the Aurora Writers Group and the public and shared her experience and tips for those interested in this genre.

She recommends that anyone interested in travel writing should start small and write about locales, and attractions with which they are familiar.

Beginning travel writers are advised to target smaller publications with specific clientele while they accumulate by-lines and experience.

While you are unlikely to grow rich from travel writing, you can have a lot of fun and may be able to deduct some of your travel expenses, she suggested.

Ms Warren recommends avoiding publications that insist on seeing an entire article before deciding whether to publish it.

Your resume, by-lines, and excerpt of the proposed article ought to suffice, she said.

A talent for photography is an obvious asset in the travel writing business.

Articles accompanied by quality, professional images, will be a selling point with editors.

Isobel Warren's appearance was presented as a special event by the Aurora Writers Group for their members and the public at the Aurora Town Hall.

The Aurora Writers Group (AWG) is open to new members, 18 years and older, at any level of writing and in any genre.

Monthly meetings are held the third Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Leksand Room of the Aurora Town Hall.

For further information about the AWG, contact Malcolm Watts at 905-898-5484.

Aurora Seniors Duplicate Bridge

Monday, June 16: N/S - Sheldon Fast and Eva Guttman; Frank Lablans and Dennis McFadden; Irene Kubica and Dave Legallais. E/W - Greta Ogden and Marcella Lawless; Barbara Wittmer and Anne White; Rose White and Gloria Smith.

beautification initiatives and cultural opportunities.

In addition, the Planning Department was working with interested citizens to consider the initiation of a heritage conservation district study for the Southeast quadrant of Old Aurora.

Last May a staff report was presented to the general committee proposing a combined study of the Downtown Secondary Plan and Heritage Conservation District with the study for Southeast Old Aurora.

Based on comments received at the meeting, combining the two studies would create complications and may delay one or more components of the studies.

In a report to last week's general committee meeting, staff members pointed out that the success of the downtown revitalization would be largely dependent upon input from the residents, business owners and other stakeholders within the area.

As such, it was important to ensure that a vision for the area was developed in cooperation with the various interested parties.

That could be achieved through public open houses, workshops and formal public planning meetings.

It was also suggested that an ad hoc committee be established to guide the secondary plan process.

This was also recommended by the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

The secondary plan and related studies would be completed by the retained consultant(s) based on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee and Council.

The staff report included draft terms of reference for consideration and upon finalization may be utilized for the Request for Proposal process required to retain the consultant(s).

In order for the downtown secondary plan to be a success, the implementation component must be realistic over the short and long terms.

One aspect of this is to achieve quick fixes to jump start the revitalization through liaison with the Economic Development Advisory Committee pertaining to the disposition of the grant monies received from Whitwell Developments.

The town's 2008 capital budget includes funding in the amount of \$70,000 for the Downtown Secondary Plan and the total cost of the project will be determined through the Request for Proposal process.

Study components will include existing local and regional land use policies, review of other successful downtowns, vacant lands and buildings, commercial inventory, existing traffic/parking constraints, limits of the study area and review of incentive programs and grants and tax relief potential.

The general committee received the staff report as information and deferred it to a meeting in July.

It was back in May, 1973, when Norm Jolly, president of the Aurora Historical Society urged the designation of downtown Yonge Street as a heritage area due to the Society's concern over the increasing rate of the demolition of older buildings.

Then in 1981 a study "Characteristics and Treatment of Selected Sites within the Historic Business District" outlined strategies and guidelines for the redevelopment of Aurora's downtown.

In November, 1982, council received a "Downtown Planning Study" which had been commissioned. It reinforced the potential for gain from outside markets with a carriage trade of specialty shops and boutiques.

The study determined that Aurora's main problems in the downtown core area included parking and access, traffic flow,

streetscapes and aesthetics and the negative impact of peripheral plaza development.

In January, 1983, the Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee prepared a

report on planning considerations for the redevelopment of the Yonge Street corridor a result of a series of studies.

In June, 2003, the Heritage Advisory

Committee discussed in detail the approach that should be given with respect to establishing a heritage conservation district in the historic area of the downtown.



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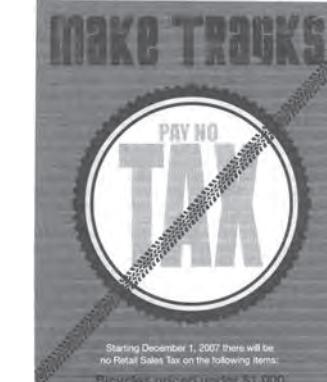
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By BRIAN WARBURTON

Seniors ready for July 1st

It is easy to look at programs of upcoming special events and declare this one or that one is the most important, but in truth, the ongoing everyday activities and programs provide the foundations, upon which is constructed the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) main plan of action, and I always keep my mind alert to that insight.

Consequently it is with pleasure that I report that Rozlin Laber and colleagues and the ladies who form the craft group, are an ever-active group, possessed of natural ability in crafting, reinforced by the knowledge, experience and help of their fellow crafters.

They employ their respective and collective talents in producing a variety of crafted goods both for personal use and for sale and for the ASA to employ as occasion demands.

This is an excellent group and always receptive to anybody who is interested in crafting and who enjoys each craft meeting, which is every Monday starting at 10 a.m.

Come on over if you have, or would like to develop a latent interest or skill.

Every day the card players are active in a variety of card games, which represent possibly the most widely practiced activity in the ASA.

Card games have been and still are played by every facet of society, from kings and queens and through all segments of society.

If card games hold an attraction for you, visit the ASA and make your enquiry at the reception desk and you will find information on one or more card games compatible with your requirements.

Pickle ball is a game similar to tennis but played indoors and not as robust as outdoor tennis.

It is popular and draws players from other seniors' centres, and is also featured in the 55 plus senior games.

Pickle ball is played Tuesdays starting at 1 p.m. and all ASA members are welcome to play.

And may I remind you that Thursday, June 26, Belinda's barbecue, hosted by Belinda Stronach, will be the main event during the lunchtime period, and you are welcome to attend.

Canada Day, July First festivities at Lambert Willson Park include:

1 p.m., Aurora Performing Arts Group presenting music from: My Fair Lady, Sound of Music, Kiss Me Kate, Phantom, Les Miserable, etc., followed by: Birds of Prey at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., followed by the Mary Lambert toddler show at 5:15 p.m.

At 6 p.m. the mayor will offer greetings and perform the Canada Day Cake Cutting ceremony followed immediately by Midsummer Celtic Music featuring Dave Kyle, Sarah Kyle and Joe Likuski with east coast music and traditional Celtic songs, and guest, Justine Turl, and at 7 p.m. Tianna Woods will perform.

The ASA float for the Canada Day Parade has the benefit of a competent team intent on employing all available talent and enthusiasm which is cresting nicely as the big Canada Day Parade approaches.

More than 30 decorated vehicles and floats plus marching bands, dancers and walkers with leaders twirling batons will parade on historic Yonge Street in the heart of Aurora.

The floats will be judged for their display of a Canada Day Theme of Arts, Culture and Heritage which adds recognition to the great effort invested in the parade.

The ASA float will have an imposing replica of the old post office clock tower on Yonge Street displayed on their float.

The tower was built by seniors, led by Ron Coe in the wood working shop, and will ride in the float along with a dozen seniors clad in the sartorial splendour circa 1914, which is the period in which the old post office was planned and built.

The float will be resplendent in flags, bunting, streamers, balloons and decorations.

Please note that the parade begins at 10 a.m. and the crowds are expected to be big and in a festive mood.



Married 60 years, former Minister of Education with the province of Ontario, Bette Stephenson, and her husband Allan Pengelly (known affectionately as Dr. P.) were honoured with a party at their home in Oak Ridges. Bette was born in Aurora and attended the Church Street School. Behind the couple was a display of a photograph taken at their wedding.

Gardens proposed for Sheppard's Bush

At the June meeting of Aurora's Heritage Advisory Committee, Klaus Wehrenberg proposed that a portion of the gardens on the Sheppard Estate (Bush) located immediately to the east of the Sheppard garage and house be used as community garden plots.

The plots, as described by Mr. Wehrenberg, could be of a more educational nature than traditional garden plots, in keeping with the Sheppard's interest in agriculture and gardens.

An additional and complimentary idea for the gardens would be to encourage local horticul-

tural groups to examine the potential of undertaking a study and partial restoration of the historic landscape plan established by Charles Sheppard in the early 1920s, he said.

The Heritage Advisory Committee received the presentation and decided that prior to any major disturbance of the grounds in the vicinity of the Sheppard House and outbuildings that consideration be given to undertaking an archaeological study of the Sheppard Estate Gardens to create a record of their historic configuration.



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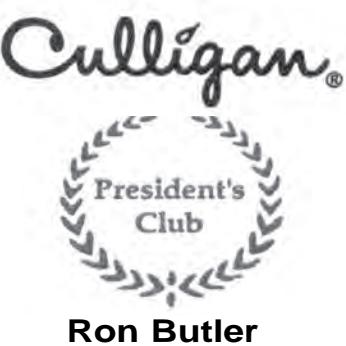
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Got something to sell or advertise? Give us a call - 905-727-7128, fax - 905-727-2620 or go to auroran.com then click classifieds to send your advertisement.

• The deadline for all classified advertising copy and Garage/lawn sales is Friday at 3 p.m. each week. More than 76,000 copies delivered to Aurorans each month!



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FOR RENT

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ADVERTISING DEADLINE CHANGES

We have changed our deadline for classified word and semi-display advertising to **FRIDAY AT 3 P.M.** for publication the following week. Thank you.

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YU HUA STUDIO
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www.yuhuastudio.com/schedule.html Call 905-713-3650

If you teach something let us know. You could be advertising in this spot.

DANCING**DANCE CLASSES**

Next series starts May 5th., through June 30th

Level 1 - Jive & Quick Step

Level 2 - Samba & Int. Foxtrot

No experience or partner required.
Taught by the host of the "Start Dancing" series on ACI Cable TV

DANCE PARTY

Friday July 25th

Aurora Legion Ballroom • 7 - Midnight

FREE

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thank U

Rachel

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Before U: 180 lbs
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Weight Loss: **40 lbs**

When I quit a very active job to work at a desk, I never realized how quickly I would gain weight. I gained 30 pounds in three months. I felt horrible about myself. None of my clothes fit and I was very self-conscious about the way I looked. I never wanted to do anything or go out anywhere anymore.

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- No Gimmicks
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DETOK & CLEANSE
professional quality

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Limited time offer. First Visit Only.

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HEALTHY

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Our comprehensive program was uniquely developed by combining the disciplines of science, physiology, and nutrition to deliver proven weight management solutions in the most affordable manner possible.



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— Dr Natasha Turner, B.Sc, ND