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Colour Yonge red and white

Probably never in the 213-year history of Yonge Street, has the historic road seen so much red and white as it did last Tuesday.

For almost an hour at any given point, Aurora's newly renovated Canada Day parade flashed the colours of the country.

Watched by an estimated 10,000 people, the Canada Day Parade – after an absence of one year – returned to the main street of Aurora with a vengeance.

It proved that a parade was a necessary part of Aurora's July First celebrations, a two-day party that started here in 1969, and gave Aurora the new title of "Canada's Birthday Town".

Included in the lengthy parade were more than 50 entries, from floats to horses to clowns.

After the parade was cancelled last year, Snowball resident (Snowball is on Wellington Street West at Dufferin Street in King Township) Sher St. Kitts decided the parade was a necessary part of the Canada Day festivities.

She convinced the Town of Aurora to advertise for committee members, and before long, the Canada Day Parade Sub-Committee was formed.

It met on a weekly basis, putting together a show that won't soon be forgotten in Aurora.

Besides the parade, the committee organized a show at the Aurora Cenotaph, and arranged to have small Canadian flags placed in front of several Aurora homes.

"We would have done the whole community," Sher said, "but the federal government only sent us 5,000 flags when we had ordered 10,000."

In addition to the return of the parade, the dance held a night earlier, came back to the Town

Park after an absence of three years, and it, too, was attended by thousands of people.

It had been moved from the Park to the Recreation Complex in 2005, and attendance there left something to be desired.

Originally, the pre-holiday dance was held at the Aurora Community Centre, and a huge cake was brought in for those attending.

The first party, in 1969, had the late Bobby Gimby in attendance. He sang his number one hit "Ca-na-da", which led to the birth of Aurora's motto.

That year, and several after, the parade formed up in the parking lot of Sterling Drug at Yonge and Murray and headed north to the Community Centre where activities, including a huge beer garden, took place for the rest of the day.

Fireworks were set off in nearby parks, announcing the end of festivities for another year.

The fireworks show still attracts thousands of people, and this year was no exception.

Held near the Leisure Complex, the event caused the usual traffic jam when it ended.

This year's parade marshal, Ron Wallace, hopes that next year, the Canada Day Parade will go from south to north along Yonge Street.

"If we can convince the town to move some of its festivities back to the Community Centre, there will be good reason to have the parade go in that direction," he said. "Once the parade gets to its end, participants will be able to enjoy other activities instead of having the get in their cars and driving to other events."

The Auroran had several photographers out to capture the events of the holiday, and some of their results may be seen on Pages 8 and 9 of this week's edition.



Two highlights of Aurora's Canada Day Parade Tuesday morning included Brianne Pelrine, top, representing Jaymore School of Dancing in Aurora, and a colourful dragon from Villari's Martial Arts Centre. Lengthy parade drew about 10,000 spectators. More photos on Pages 8 and 9.

Auroran photos by David Falconer

BizPal may become an Aurora reality

At a recent meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, the Economic Development Officer provided an audio-visual overview of the BizPal Business Permits and Licences Interactive software package which is currently being researched as a new service to be offered by the town.

BizPal is a Canada-wide permit and licensing web-based online access system run by Industry Canada in partnership with provincial governments and territories, regional and municipal governments.

It is designed to assist any interested party wishing to start a business, by helping them access and complete necessary forms, permits, requirements and approvals to get started.

The software also provides ongoing assistance and resources to the client throughout the start-up process as well as additional follow-up support

within the first year of operation.

The committee was advised that funding for the project would be provided by higher levels of government and start-up time for the project would be about eight to 10 weeks.

A series of questions regarding their business guides entrepreneurs through the business permit and licence process and provides a list of all licences and permits showing requirements from each level of government.

Implementation of BizPal in York Region will serve mainly as a portal to the nine municipalities as most licensing needs are through municipal governments.

York Regional Council has approved the implementation of the BizPal online permit and licensing information system and a copy of the regional report has been circulated to local Economic Development Offices for their use and analysis in relation to the program.

BRIEFLY

Back to its roots

Hot Spot Youth Club, the organization founded for kids, started life on Friday, the 13th.

It was created 17 years ago and officially opened at the Aurora Community Centre on Friday the 13th, 1991.

This Friday, it returns to its roots.

It has survived all these years because of dedicated volunteers, senior youth staff, oldest being 29, and all who used to come to Hot Spot.

The Temple Family, who have been involved for 15 years, have also played a major role in the group's success, said organizer Wendy Gaertner.

The Town, the Optimists and Opti-Mrs. Clubs supported the idea of a pre- and young teen drop-in and provided seed money and an initial operating grant.

It provides supervised leisure time for anyone in Grades 6, 7 and 8, with those going into Grade 6 welcomed as of July. The children have a great time socializing, listening to music, playing non-electronic games, participating in contests and sometimes even dancing.

When the organization needed to find a regular weekly location for the children, the Lions Club stepped in to host and the group has used the Lions facility for the last 11 years.

Admission was originally \$2 and has been \$5 for the last five years. It will increase to \$6 in the Fall.

Sisters moved

The Mortgage Sisters & Company, representing Northwood Mortgage Ltd., forced from their location adjacent to Park Place Manor, have moved.

Kelly Malehmir, one of the sisters, told The Auroran, the business is now located on Yonge Street near the intersection of Aurora Heights Drive.

The business had been operating from a trailer on Yonge Street but was apparently not zoned to do so.

A sign, advertising the business, was covered and the operation was forced to move to a new site.

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COMING EVENTS

CONTINUING

Every Saturday until Doors Open Aurora is held Saturday, August 16, Dave Heard will lead a walking tour through old Aurora starting from the Farmers' Market at 10 a.m.

Aurora Opera Company Children's Chorus (AOCCC) is a new treble voice choir dedicated to educating, nurturing and providing opportunities for children to express their musical abilities. It offers professional opportunities to sing with beauty, artistry, and joy. The AOCCC is open to boys and girls in Grades 1 through 12, and is made up of two choirs: Angel Choristers (a training choir for 6 and 7 year olds) and Aurora Opera Company Children's Chorus (open to 8-17 year olds.), To audition, contact general director Sarah Kyle at keepsinging@look.ca.

Take a tour of Hillary House to relive the history and the families who lived there. From the old furnishings to the 19th century medical equipment, visitors will get a first hand look at the life of a doctor and some of the equipment used to cure common ailments in Aurora during that time period. Hillary House is open daily through August from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Call 905-727-8991 for details.

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.

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

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 jonathanturtle@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. Coffee Club at 9 a.m. and lunch at noon. Call 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080.

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

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

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

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.

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 11 a.m. at Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South. Call 905-841-8883 for further information.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

Creative and inspirational artist Raine Davis will teach young adults

how to wire wrap as they create their own wind chimes using seashells, beach glass, beads and other recycled items at the Aurora Public Library, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per registrant and classes are restricted to people nine to 15 years of age.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

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

TUESDAY, JULY 15

Aurora Council meets at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Town Hall for the only council or general committee meeting during July. Aurora Cable Internet, now Rogers Cable, will telecast the meeting at 6.30 p.m. the following night and at noon the following Saturday and Sunday.

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/farmers market.

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

It's Aurora Chamber of Commerce Night at the Red Barn Summer Theatre to see Bernard Slade's romantic comedy "Same Time, Next Year". Tickets are available through the Chamber office at \$21. Contact the office for details.

AUGUST 12-15

Step into the world of watercolour with artist and teacher Alana Biasi, designed to teach the beginner and advanced painter the possibilities of watercolour painting. Course is for students Grade 5 to 11, and runs from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library. Fee is \$40 per registrant.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

It's the RBC Seniors Jubilee at Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto. The Aurora Seniors are selling tickets and they are selling fast. Trip includes school bus transportation, lunch at a downtown restaurant and the performance. Cost is \$68 for members and \$73 for non-members,

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/farmers market.

Third Annual Doors Open Aurora featuring a variety of heritage sites, cultural and community interest.

Local author and historian John McIntyre will guide residents on a walking tour of historic Wellington Street and southwest Old Aurora. The tour leaves from the Farmer's Market at 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Aurora's Probus Club resumes meetings after the summer break at 10 a.m. at the Aurora Legion, Industrial Parkway North.

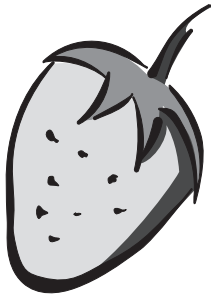
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Guest speaker Ivan Harris, Curator for the CBC's Broadcast Museum, returns to the Aurora Historical Society at 8 p.m. at Hillary House. He will speak about the changing technology up to early 1900s, the different uses for light bulbs and lead discussions on the spectrum showing the infrared lamp to the ultra-violet.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Aurora Chamber of Commerce presents the 2008 Business Achievement Awards at Carrying Place in King Township. The event will feature a "Roaring Twenties" theme.

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Wellington sign issue finally being approved

The long outstanding issue of the gateway signage at Wellington Street East and Highway 404 has finally been approved by council for one gateway sign to be located within the loop on the northbound lane of Highway 404 at Wellington Street East.

The sign will be lit with a standard electrical hookup at an estimated cost of \$77,099. Aurora Council has had a problem deciding what to do with the \$80,000 offered by Whitwell Developments in May, 2005, for a gateway feature at the intersection.

Wellington Street was considered as a

primary gateway to the municipality, and in March, 2001, the Economic Development Advisory Committee was asked to prepare cost estimates and details for the gateway feature with funds to be provided in the 2002 budget.

In December, 2002, council endorsed a recommendation from the Advisory Committee and for funds to be included in the 2003 budget, but nothing happened.

Then in May, 2005, the Whitwell offer was received and the issue was referred back to the Economic Development Advisory Committee

and staff to prepare the design of the feature, the cost and other details including installation.

In March, 2007, the Advisory Committee washed their hands of the issue and referred it back to council as the cost estimates were in excess of the \$80,000 with the recommendation that council make a decision pertaining to the additional funds required.

Councillors expressed concern about the proposed cost and the requirement for additional funding and suggested that alternatives be considered.

In June, 2007, council appointed Mayor Phyllis Morris and Councillors Al Wilson and Stephen Granger to an Ad Hoc Committee with a mandate to develop some alternative recommendations regarding gateway signage to bring closure to the long outstanding issue.

At a recent general committee meeting, the

report of the Ad Hoc Committee was adopted without question or comment recommending the gateway feature be two signs with the town logo, but without the tag line as it was decided it would be too difficult to read at high speed.

One sign will be for southbound traffic on Highway 404 and the other for northbound traffic and a consultant will be engaged to prepare the plans and site specifications as required by the Ministry of Transportation.

When approval has been received from the Ministry, three Requests for Proposals will be issued, for the sign, the solar lighting and landscaping and once contractors have been selected, work will begin with the entire project not to exceed the \$80,000 donated by Whitwell Developments.

Due to revised cost estimates, council has now given approval for one sign as identified in the staff report.

Panizza to retire

According to an advertisement in the Toronto media, Aurora is searching for a new Director of Corporate Services or Town Clerk, although no announcement has yet to be made at an open council meeting.

It was in May, 1999, when Bob Panizza, a resident of Aurora with more than 25 years experience in municipal work, was appointed Director of Corporate Services and Town Clerk effective June 21, 1999.

He came to Aurora from a similar position in Markham and formerly held positions of deputy clerk and tax collector in Richmond Hill, town clerk in Vaughan, and chief administrative officer in Whitchurch-Stouffville before assuming the Markham position.

He replaced Larry Allison, who was appointed Chief Administrative Officer for Aurora replacing Marc Neeb.

The ad notes that due to the pending retirement of the current incumbent, the

town is seeking a "dynamic individual" to fill the position of Director of Corporate Services.

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Poor Richard

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

Council handled town's affairs back in 1971

*Modern-day municipal politics is hectic,
As councillors meet for hours and hours;
It was quite different in the old days,
Work was done with time to smell the flowers.*
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

While the town was much smaller in the old days, there were still problems facing members of council with the rapid growth during the early 1960s as the construction of Regency Acres and Aurora Heights subdivisions took place.

Council then had no professional planning staff to advise them.

Aurora Heights was the town's first subdivision, while Regency became a reality after Sterling Drug - manufacturers of Aspirin - moved its operation from Windsor to Aurora, and opened a huge manufacturing plant at the southwest corner of Yonge and Murray Drive.

But the work got done without the necessity of the long and numerous meetings of the current council as council members had to make all the decisions.

They didn't have the staff to refer issues to but they still had time to travel around the town and meet the people.

One of the most puzzling parts of any tour of the town was the difference in population as shown on the highway signs at the different entrances to the town.

Over the years nothing much has changed.

In October, 1971, according to the population sign on Wellington Street, Aurora had 12,500 people, but if you entered the town via Yonge Street the population was only 11,000.

Today, signs at Aurora's entrances suggest population anywhere between 40,000 and 50,000.

Our journey begins in 1971.

As we travel east on Wellington Street from Bathurst, there are some large homes set back from the roadway on the south side and on the north is the pretty Lutheran Church.

A side trip up Hilldale Road into a small subdivision. The subdivision was originally arranged by King Township and was assumed by the town as a result of regional government.

The town had just received a copy of the subdivision agreement from King Township and it was being reviewed by town staff to determine Aurora's responsibilities in completing the project.

There was a small park in the subdivision but no decision had been made at that time as to what would be done with it

Proceeding north on MacDonald Drive we visit the Whitestrip subdivision which is another nice area with neat homes and uncluttered streetscape giving a feeling of open space.

The town was having some problems with the developer in fixing up some of the sidewalks and the issue could end up in the courts as there was no way the town could accept the services in their present condition.

Back on Wellington Street we stop at the Gateway Plaza, at the corner of Haida Drive.

The plaza had just been purchased by John Kaptyn and improvements were planned.

Bell Telephone had been carrying out considerable work on Wellington Street laying underground cables and the roadway, sidewalks and grass were left in poor condition.

York Region and Aurora were putting on the pressure to get the area cleaned up.

A left turn on Macell Avenue brought us to the end of the street where the Pollution Control Centre was located. We visited with Carl Quantz, who was on duty.

Back along Macell for a stop at the apartment building under construction/

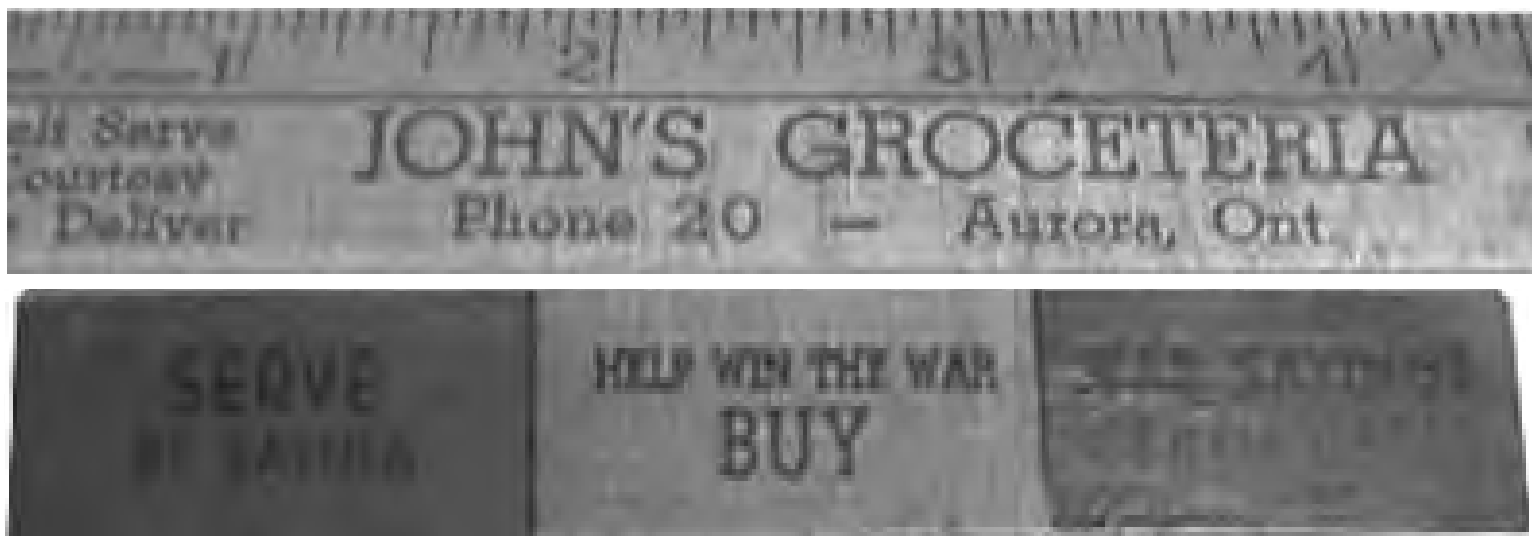
Council tried to stop its development as the basement apartment was in the flood plain with a potential danger of flooding. The developer took the town to court and he was granted a writ of mandamus and the town had to issue the building permit.

Some of the residents on the west side of Macell were having a tough time with flooding as every time there was a heavy rain, the rain water rushed from the IGA, now an empty store parking lot onto their property.

The Toronto Dominion property at Yonge and Wellington looked like a bombed-out area with the demolition of the Queen's Hotel for the construction of a bank.

The owners of the adjacent properties contacted T-D officials to propose a joint commercial complex for the corner, which never materialized but the construction of the bank was delayed pending the negotiations.

That was a brief picture of what Aurora looked like back in October, 1971.



These two views of a six-inch ruler from John's Groceteria came from e-Bay, and when we liberated them, the bid was \$6 for the item. So, where was John's Groceteria located. What was John's last name? What happened to him? Anyone know?

Letter to the Editor

Bicycling across the country brings Aurora woman success

To the editor,

A few final thoughts...on the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride.

It's awfully hard to come down from this ride and go back to life before the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride....before I got that phone call at the end of November last year inviting me to be a national rider.

Every single day since then was focused on fundraising, training, and planning for the ride across Canada.

As many of my fellow national riders have expressed, it will take some time still for each of us to process our thoughts and emotions about all that we experienced during those incredible 19 days...truly a life changing experience for everyone involved.

Did I really cycle all the way across Canada? Did I actually manage

to raise almost \$16,000? It doesn't seem enough. I wish I could do more...

The physical challenge of each team member cycling more than 3,000 kilometres was for me, manageable...thankfully no days off due to fatigue or injuries to keep me off the road.

The longest day's ride was 281 kilometres.

The biggest climbing challenge we encountered was not in the Rockies or in northern Ontario, but surprisingly in New Brunswick, where we encountered grades of 19 and 20 per cent in two days of ascending almost 2,000 metres.

The emotional challenges we faced on the ride, however, were difficult, and often, overwhelming. We met children and their families at children's hospitals and Sears locations every day whose stories ripped at our hearts.



Prior to her cross-country bike ride, Lee Andrews was guest speaker at an Aurora Rotary Club meeting. Following her talk, then Rotary President Greg Foster, received a brochure outlining the event. After 19 days and cycling more than 3,000 kilometres, Lee and several other bikers accomplished the feat of crossing the country and many are looking forward to doing it again next year.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Brave little soldiers of this dreaded disease called cancer, that robs them every day of the innocence of their childhood.

They cheered and smiled...and posed for pictures and thanked us, the cyclists, for being strong and courageous to undertake to cycle across Canada.

But they are the courageous ones, the children and their families, who live each day with such strength and hope...and who are the incredible inspiration for us who rode.

The President and CEO of Sears Canada, Dene Rogers, who is not a cyclist, trained for months and cycled 100 kilometres with us from Hamilton to Toronto.

Within days of that ride he announced to us that Sears has committed to doubling its financial contribution for next year's ride!

And so the Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation met its goal of this, the inaugural Sears National Kids Cancer Ride.

We brought children's cancer to the attention of Canadians from coast to coast. We let the children and families who suffer from cancer know that we hear their suffering, and we care, and we raised a heck of a lot of money to be shared amongst the 17 pediatric oncology centres across Canada, for programs and research.

Our goal was to raise \$1.5 million...and when the final tally is done, I have a feeling we will have more than surpassed that amount!

I would like to thank everyone who supported my efforts in this ride, by making donations, hosting and participating in fundraising events,

accompanying me on training rides, assisting me with some personal expenses, and encouraging me with their kind words and prayers.

This fight is not over...

So what can we do now? How can we help? Please continue to support the Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation...and I'll continue to ride my bike to support their events and raise money for

children suffering with cancer.

Next stop...The Tour for Kids ride August 14-17 to raise funds for Camp Trillium, Camp Quality, and Camp Oochegeas in Ontario.

Donations to the national ride may still be made online on my personal page at www.searsnationalkidscancerride.com.

Lee Andrews
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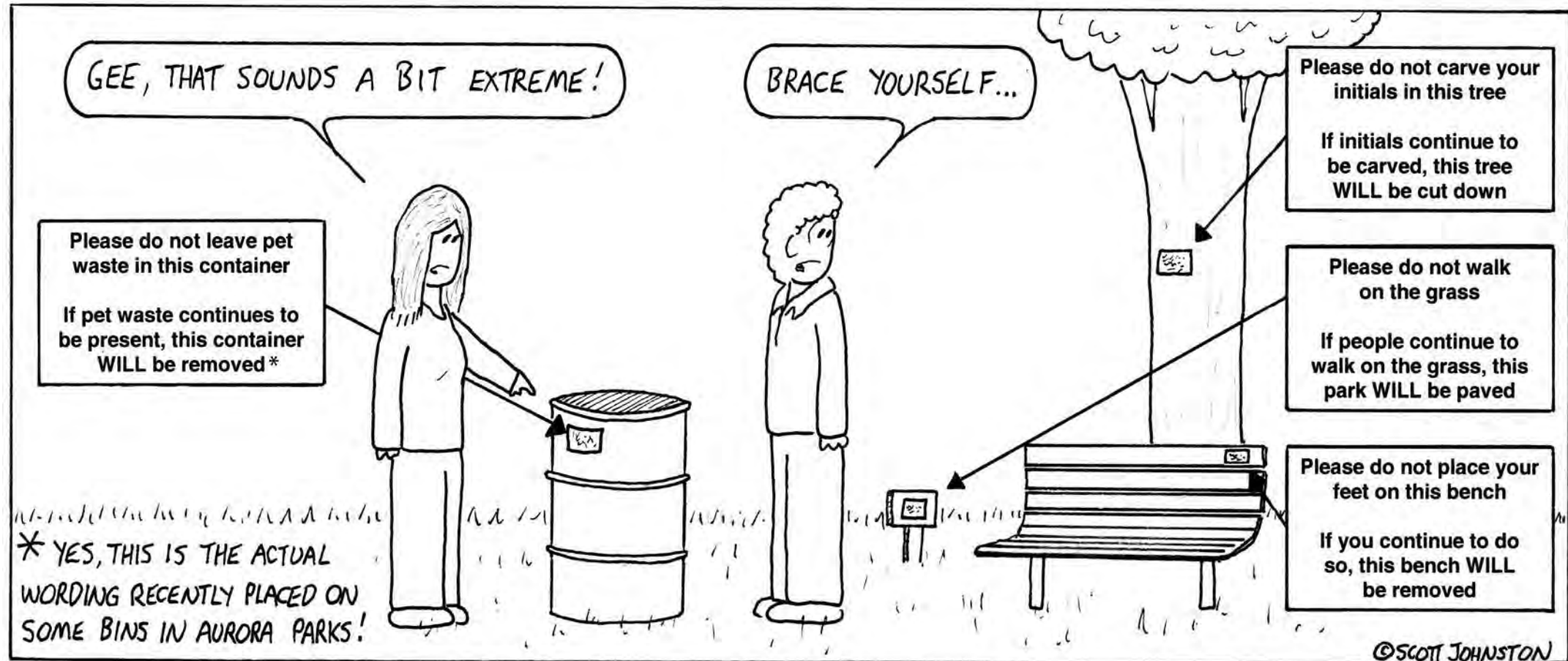
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

As I wrote last week, I attended the provincial Progressive Conservative policy town hall meeting at the St. George campus of the University of Toronto a little while ago.

More than 220 people attended, and Aurora was well represented by a good-sized contingent, led by MPP, Frank Klees.

I was in attendance, in my capacity as first vice president (responsible for policy and fundraising) of the local riding association.

This policy conference was for the GTA East and GTA West riding associations and it was the first of five such regional policy gatherings that will be held during the year.

We spent that Saturday identifying what we believe are the key issues within each of the portfolios. No suggestions were offered as the party leadership, at this point, simply wants to determine what individual party volunteers feel is important and to identify policy priority areas.

Over the next three years party members will be shaping and developing policy resolutions on a wide range of issues so that by the time the 2011 election rolls around, the party will have a policy platform that has been debated, and vetted by the ordinary volunteer members.

The policy discussions were split up into two sessions during the day. In the morning, delegates could pick from energy, or the environment, to name a few, while in the afternoon, people could choose to attend the sessions on health, economic development, or rural affairs.

I chose to attend the energy forum in the morning and then the health session in the afternoon.

There were about 25 people in the health care session, and they represented quite a cross section. We had a doctor, a couple of nurses, a pharmacist, some health care administrators, and a management consultant who works in the industry.

The gentlemen chairing the session went around the room and asked each of us to identify ourselves and the key issues as we saw them.

When it came to my turn, I said something to the effect that, "Unlike many of you, I don't have any expertise in this area, but my interest is based on two things: First, a column in the Globe and Mail some time back by Jeffrey Simpson about the sustainability of health care given that this portfolio continues to eat up so much of the spending envelope and second, as someone who has had to interface with the health care system on behalf of a number of family members, I am worried about the quality and delivery of those services."

I then sat back and listened for most of the next two hours or so, only offering one or two inconsequential remarks.

Without breaking the confidentiality of these discussions, I came out of this session with a couple of things to think about.

First, the enormity of this ministry. Health care is by far the largest budget item that we have. The total annual Ontario budget is close to \$100 billion and health care spending is about 40 per cent of this.

Second, the annual, year over year, spending increase in this envelope is not sustainable.

Health care spending (seven per cent-plus per year) is increasing at a rate faster than government revenue growth.

Health care

Third, we need to (in my opinion at least) reframe the arguments surrounding health care.

The system developed in the early 1960's was put in place to do a different job.

It was basically for insulin, antibiotics and x-rays, while today, it is for hip replacements, MRIs and new drugs, which costs more every year.

Fourth, a reasoned and rational debate is needed on this issue.

It is not good enough today to say that medicare is a "sacred trust" that must be preserved and protected.

We can't let these simple bromides represent our full thinking on health care; this file is too important for that.

But while I am convinced that as a country and province that we need to have this debate, I am worried that it won't happen because any kind of discussion will quickly deteriorate into a taxonomy of the right vs. left.

Remember when local MPP Frank Klees simply mused about charging \$5 per person each time they used a hospital.

Everyone was quick to condemn him, even though the provincial government introduced the \$900 per family health levy a couple of years ago.

All in all it was an interesting session that left me with many questions.

I hope to explore some of these in the coming weeks.

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Cathy's Corner

By Cathy Vrancic

The wedding is still more than a year away but the Engagement Party (a.k.a. The "Pre-Wedding" Wedding of Nadia and James) is less than a week away.

The cake, the Fraktals and the chocolate fountain have been ordered.

Appointments for hair, make-up and nails have been made.

The tent, the caterer, the DJ and the photographer have been confirmed. Aurora is about to be invaded...

Yes, I did say "tent". Yes, it IS an outdoor event and NO...I have no idea WHAT I was thinking!

I feel like I am enrolled in a course entitled: HOW TO COMPLICATE YOUR LIFE 101.

You see, it isn't enough to order a tent.

Tents have poles and nobody wants the poles of the tent to look like the poles of a tent!

They have to be draped, dressed and decorated so that they look like a bunch of tall, thin bridesmaids adorned with fuchsia orchids and dripping ivy.

And then there's the ceiling of the tent.

Nobody wants the ceiling of the tent to look like the ceiling of a tent!

So they have liners and chandeliers to make it look like the ceiling of a ballroom.

The only trouble is that it costs more than buying a ballroom.

I'm dragging out the icicle lights and hoping nobody looks up.

And how about the floor? Everybody knows that tents don't have floors - you have to order them separately.

It's a no-brainer - half the guests are Macedonian! We're the folks who dance in circles waving fancy sequined handkerchiefs. We call them "horos" and a floor is a must.

And let's not forget why the tent was ordered in the first place!

This is an "Engagement Party", not a "Shower", but try explaining this to Mother Nature.

She's as moody as a peri-menopausal woman this summer, alternating between hot flashes, cold shoulders and stormy outbursts.

In fact, a lot of things are coming out of the blue.

"We need portable restrooms," my mother says after noticing the guest count.

If I had eaten breakfast that day the vision of a bunch of blue and yellow "Johnny On The Spot" contraptions as centerpieces would have made me lose it.

I went online to see if these things come in fuchsia. They don't.

But you can get an upgraded version - hardwood floors and doors, big mirrors and brass faucets. I'm on a waiting list because they're sold out.

Apparently nobody wants a portable toilet that looks like a portable toilet - even if it costs the same as building an addition to your house!

I feel like I'm enrolled in a course entitled: HOW TO COMPLICATE YOUR LIFE - MACEDONIAN STYLE.

You see, it isn't enough to hire a caterer. No way! Not with parents who are Macedonian!

In case you don't know what this means let me fill you in: No matter how much food I order from the caterer, my parents will supplement the menu.

Macedonians don't do "cocktail parties". What was I thinking?

The pre-wedding wedding

My father will be proudly roasting lambs and pigs according to custom and he will be serving pieces of meat that are bigger than the plates I have ordered.

My mother has already made more "gooba" and "pogacha" than there is in all of Macedonia! "Gooba" is a traditional Macedonian cheese pie made with flaky phyllo-like pastry that comes in six-foot slices and "pogacha" is traditional bread that comes in two ton and five ton blocks.

"Cathy, did you order enough plates?"

Gulp! "Of course not, Mom! I'll get right on it!"

Luckily, I have the company on speed-dial and they told me I can keep adding and modifying my order until two days before.

"Hello," I pant. "You know those 10 inch plates I ordered? Do they come in 14 inches? My mother made gooba!"

Honestly, I fear for my sanity.

But in the background of my insanity, I get to breathe in the joy and excitement of celebrating this very special event...and sigh contentedly knowing that my parents are not just helping me plan a party but passing on a legacy.

And I think to myself, this is why we Macedonians risk health and mental health to make these festivities.

Because what is life without heritage staples like "gooba" and "pogacha" and roast lamb and roast pig and supplying the DJ with a collection of Macedonian music?

No, it was never an option.

We are definitely having a Big Fat Macedonian Pre-Wedding Wedding!

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Bouquets & BRICKBATS

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

 **BOUQUETS** to the member of Aurora Council who will request a report from York Regional Police as to what happens to requests from Aurora Council for an increased presence on certain streets and area as a result of citizen complaints. Also ask what happened to the police Safe Streets, Nice Neighbourhood policy? A quarterly report would be useful!

 **BRICKBATS** to the town's bylaw enforcement officers for failing to be pro-active in requiring merchants to remove their sandwich board signs from the boulevards in front of strip plazas which effectively block approaching cars in the curb lane. It shouldn't be too difficult a task while driving around or do you still only act on a complaint basis?

 **BOUQUETS** to Joanne and George Spitzer on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary which they celebrated recently at the Graystones with family and their many friends in attendance. Both are very active in community activities.

 **BRICKBATS** to members of Aurora Council if they should impose a surcharge on seniors and the physically disabled of whatever amount it might be for clearing the snow at the end of their driveway after the town plow has filled it in. They have paid taxes all their lives and deserve some benefits.

 **BOUQUETS** to the member of regional council who will ask for a complete report on the extra charges imposed by consultants on regional projects after quoting a tender price, especially the reported \$47 million overrun on the Southeast Quadrant Project including 16th Avenue, especially when one of the consultants is now the region's Commissioner of Environmental Services. It could be interesting!

 **BRICKBATS** to the federal MPs, mainly Conservative, for spending \$7.6 million in an unprecedented abuse of tax-funded parliamentary services and free mailings by sending out black and white flyers produced by the Commons printers and bulk mailed to their ridings on a monthly basis where they end up in recycling. What garbage!

 **BOUQUETS** to York Region on receiving the Gold Safety Award from the American Public Transit Association for its safety programs on York Region Transit and Viva buses, as the transit system had one preventable accident every 266,500 kilometres a 136 per cent improvement over the past two years.

 **BOUQUETS** to York Region on being qualified by the Government Finance Officers Association for the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting for the region's 2006 financial report.

 **BRICKBATS** to the City of Toronto and the collection agencies who have been hounding furrier Paul Madger for the past 15 years for city fines amounting to about \$500,000 which he is unable to afford. He was forced into bankruptcy after years of championing Sunday shopping, which everyone takes for granted today.

 **BOUQUETS** to 15-year-old Maya Goldman of Aurora on becoming the first four Gold Star Member of the Aurora Skating Club including an artistic program, dance, skills and free skate.

 **BRICKBATS** to the Harper federal government for their \$2 million lavish ad campaign aimed at promoting Canada student loans which the Coalition for Student Loan Fairness claims is a waste of money.

 **BOUQUETS** to Susan Gwilliam for hosting a charity BBQ for the past several years to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society in the parking lot of Shoppers Drug Mart at Yonge and Aurora Heights and raising \$7,000.

 **BOUQUETS** to Frank Stronach's filly Ginger Brew on winning the \$500,000 Woodbine Oaks at Woodbine Racetrack recently with Jockey Javier Castellano in the saddle.



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Letters to the Editor

This mayor supporter takes blush off the rose: reader

To the editor,

What a surprise when I read Richard Johnson's letter criticizing Aurora Council for their recent decision about hydro power (Aurora snookers itself on power supply issue, The Auroran, June 24). Wasn't he one of the most vocal supporters of Mayor Phyllis Morris when she ran

for election? Wasn't one of her most lauded accomplishments during the campaign her close work with the hydro special interest group STOP? It seems the blush is off the rose even with one of her most ardent supporters.

Now that the time has come to fulfill all those election promises, it turns out delivering promises is much

harder than just making promises.

Taking the publicly popular position may be easier and will often win you votes in the short term, however, it often results in losing your ability to influence the outcome in the longer term. Experienced political watchers have seen this often with the Ontario Municipal Board

and now we are seeing it with the Ontario Power Authority (OPA).

Councillors Alison Collins-Mrakas and Evelyn Buck expressed concern about this very issue during the debate.

Back in 2005, Mayor Morris and her supporters were vocal opponents to an expanded new hydro corridor

at its existing location -- with no room for discussion.

They were out-manoeuvred when the government said -- fine, if we can't work together towards a solution we'll just wait until it becomes a more pressing issue.

Well, the issue is more pressing and the mayor and her team is again going with the Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY) approach.

Oh - and another surprise - Councillor Evelina MacEachern just happened to have a pre-prepared motion to put forward -- we've never seen that before.

I guess their decision was made even before the presentation, let alone waiting to get more information at the Open House the next night.

Most of us understand that the government won't be making any great changes to their plans just because Aurora doesn't want to participate in the debate.

In business it is often said that a good compromise is when everyone has to give a little.

Even Mr. Johnson, one of the most vocal opponents in 2005, recognizes the best solution is a negotiated one.

When will the mayor and her troops figure out the facts of political life?

Viewers loved Aurora parade

To the editor,

My wife and I want to express our gratitude to the Parade Committee that organized the Canada Day Parade.

We greatly enjoyed the

bands, the costumed performers and the floats going by in brilliant arrays of colour.

We looked down Yonge Street from Orchard Heights to see a sea of red and white t-shirts and

hats. Babies in carriages with Canada Day hats were around us.

A mix of young, middle-aged and young at heart surrounded our parade perch.

The sentiment I heard

Dead truck didn't deter group

To the editor,

I'm sure that I can speak for most when I say what great success this Canada Day Parade was.

I personally had an eventful parade experience with 36 people involved in full costume - when our truck wouldn't start in the garage.

All I could think about was those poor little kids standing in these hot costumes and NOT complaining because they were so excited about the entire event as well.

What troupers they were.

In the end we arrived a few floats farther back than scheduled but it was just fantastic and indeed

a very fun time!

A story to tell that's for sure.

Thank you, Sher, for your leadership on this great journey.

I've been told many times that people don't know where I get my energy from but, my dear friend, you sure top me, I must say!

Thanks to ALL for your part in a fantastic day.

All your efforts to make this a success is very much appreciated by the Marquee group.

He objects to title of Aurora's parade

To the editor,

Ron, Ron, Ron! Your front page article in the June 24th issue talks about the upcoming parade (on Canada Day), as the July First Parade.

Nowhere is the proper name "Canada Day" mentioned but there are four references to the "July First Parade".

Are you attempting to Americanize our national holiday?

Our holiday on July 1 is called Canada Day and the advertisements in The Auroran all refer to the associated parade as The Aurora Canada Day Parade, so why do you insist on calling it the July First Parade?

Let's show some respect for our national holiday and call it by its proper name.

What's next? The December 25th Parade?

Dick: this faux pas qualifies for brickbat in your column.

Frank Fries
Aurora

ED. NOTE: For 14 weeks leading up to the parade, The Auroran ran, on Page 1, a note advising how many weeks remained until the "Canada Day" parade would be held. No one wrote to comment on getting the name "right". When this event started in 1969, and Aurora officially became known as "Canada's Birthday Town", the two days of events were known as July First in Aurora. Some habits are hard to break.

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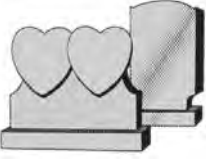
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Letters to the Editor

Reader disagrees with Councillor Buck's views

To the editor,

I would like to start with the following statements:

#1. I am a big supporter of all reasonable recycling programs. I would like to congratulate the town on the Green Bin implementation. The amount of

garbage in my household was reduced significantly.

#2. I love our parks and trails and I would like to see them stay clean.

#3. I have a dog.

After combining all three together, you will understand my concern with Evelyn Buck's letter (The Auroran, June 24)

about pet owners accepting responsibility for their pet waste.

Let's just imagine, per Evelyn's definition of a responsible pet owner, the young mother of two walking in the park with kids and family dog.

The young one is asking for a cookie, the oldest one nibbling on an

apple and mother dutifully clutching in her hands a bag filled with doggy poo.

Is that a picture we would like to see in our parks?

The result of this action is clear. Pet owners will stop picking up after their dogs.

A couple months ago,

I heard a conversation on this subject on CBC radio.

Listeners phoning in were sharing their experience on the doggy waste subject.

The simplest solution proposed, was one implemented in Seattle.

Parks have special waste containers for

doggy poo.

If we are okay with doggy waste in green bins, why should we not have a couple of green bins in the park?

If we follow Evelyn Buck's logic, we should remove all garbage bins from our parks and force residents to take their garbage back home as well.

In the conclusion, I would like to mention, I voted for Evelyn Buck, but after reading her letter to the editor, I will not repeat this mistake.

It seems like making life better for everybody is not one of her priorities.

Maria Fedorenko
Aurora

Reader is opposed to having to pay regional hospital tax

To the editor,

Re: Proposed three per cent property tax increase to help fund York Region hospitals.

I am most definitely opposed to this possible increase.

My main reason is that the York Region hospitals are not only used by York Region taxpayers, but by many

patients from outlying areas; i.e., Huntsville, Gravenhurst, Barrie, Collingwood, Wasaga, Orangeville, Lindsay, North York, etc., since Southlake Regional Health Centre is considered a "regional centre" for many specialties such as cardiac care, cancer care, neonatology, and adolescent mental health.

This said, the facility

is certainly excellent and should be available to everyone, but not at the expense of York Regional taxpayers only.

This is just not fair.

As a former bookkeeper, I believe the Heath Care Tax imposed by Premier Dalton McGuinty (\$900 per family per year) should have been segregated and regulated

and not put into "other income", a.k.a. "Slush Fund".

No accountability, which is totally unacceptable in the business world.

People on fixed

incomes just do not have the extra money to keep giving.

We are taxed far too much already.

Joyce Jackman
Aurora

Canada Day Parade awesome, she says

To the editor,

Wow!
This was the best parade ever! Congratulations to the organizer of this event and to everyone who participated.

It's so nice to see the spirit back in town.

Everything was fabulous! Great job!

Karin Cartmill
Aurora

Construction bad for parade

To the editor,

It was great to see Aurora's Canada's Day Parade.

Lots of music, lots of kids and great weather!

Too bad the owners of the 14799 Yonge Street plaza, just north of Murray Drive, decided

the morning of July 1st was the day to do work on their parking lot.

Noisy construction as a backdrop to the parade!! Nice eh!!

D. Hunt
Aurora

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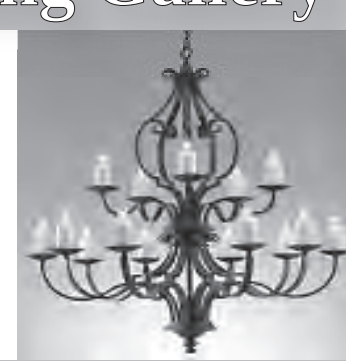


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Dr. Craig Dingman



One of the most devastating problems facing many couples today is not being able to have a child - infertility. I see this in many patients that I have had the good fortune to meet. For many, the anguish is nothing short of heart-breaking. Many such couples have been everywhere - fertility clinics, have had fertility enhancing drugs, vitamin injections, counseling, etc. - all to no avail.

In my own experience, I have found most cases of fertility to be fairly one-sided. In other words, I have found that it is usually women that seem to be at fault and unable to achieve pregnancy. Now, do not get me wrong, I am not blaming women for this difficulty in any way, and this is not a sexist remark, but the problem, I have observed, seems to be more with women than with men. Let me explain.

Women are much more familiar with this function whereas most men are not. For you who are not all that aware of exactly how this all takes place, let's look at the following. When a woman ovulates, the egg goes down one fallopian tube

one month and then down the other fallopian tube the next month. In other words, it tends to alternate to give one or the other a break. The egg starts at one end of the fallopian tube and ends up at the uterus or womb at the other. The egg does not swim or have any flippers, arms, or legs, and so it is carried along by what we call passive transport. In other words, it is simply a bystander going for a ride; much like a ride in a convoluted water tube of a water park. The reason this takes place is because of a very exact function of the different muscles that make up the walls of the Fallopian tubes. They literally "squeeze" the egg from one end of the tube to the other. The purpose of this function is to meet the sperm at the other end so that fertilization can take place and a baby starts to develop. In other words, the egg starts at one end of the fallopian tube and the muscles of the tube gently squeeze it from one end to the other. This process is called peristalsis and is very similar to swallowing while you eat; the muscles in your esophagus, the tube which you swallow food through, literally guide what you have just swallowed, all the way down into your stomach. The

same goes with the Fallopian tube.

Let's look at this from the perspective of a couple not being able to achieve pregnancy:

In most couples who are labeled "INFERTILE" (and you know how much I detest labels) it seems that the egg is not able to make it through the Fallopian tube to meet the sperm. Unless that union is allowed to take place, there is no pregnancy, hence no baby. Not a good thing.

Let's look at this even closer for a moment:

As I mentioned, the function of the muscles of the fallopian tubes is to propel the egg from one end to the other, in order to meet the sperm. In some cases of infertility, however, this does not take place. Why would the muscles that are designed and programmed to perform that very special function every month, decide suddenly that they simply won't do it? Well, the answer is quite simple - it is not their decision. The muscles

of your body do not decide, on their own, what to do. They are literally ordered or not ordered to do their job. In cases of infertility, I have found that the muscles are simply not able to take the egg from one end of the Fallopian tube to the other. In most cases, it is the fault of the nervous system which controls that very function. I have found that the culprit is often a vertebral subluxation, generally in the lower part of the spine, which interferes with the manner in which the Fallopian tubes would normally function. By correcting the subluxation, and allowing the nervous system to be able to control the function of those Fallopian tubes normally, couples, in many cases, can achieve pregnancy.

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Church St. Culture Centre close to reality

At the May 2008 meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee a presentation was made by Ariana Moscote Freire of Novita Interpares Limited regarding the Aurora Arts and Culture Centre Strategic Plan and Business Planning Study.

In a report to a recent general committee meeting, the Advisory Committee noted that members held a lengthy work session and discussed both documents on a page-by-page basis.

Ms Freire advised that she will prepare the Implementation Plan as the next step in the process taking into account the changes and amendments as agreed upon and will highlight the changes in the final Implementation Plan document.

The Advisory Committee received the report and approved it in principle for the purpose of moving forward to the Implementation Plan for the project.

The general committee received the Advisory Committee report and requested that a presentation be made to council.

In providing an overview the consultants recommended that for the identity of the facility, the new arts and cultural centre be named the Church Street School Cultural Centre based on the scope of activities to occur within it.

The Business Plan describes the recommended relationship to be established between the town and the Church Street Cultural Centre, which will be a separately incorporated organization with close ties to the town.

An Occupancy Agreement will allow the Cultural Centre to operate within the town-owned Church Street School property.

A Services Provision Agreement between the

two corporations whereby the Centre agrees to offer services on the town's behalf will outline the responsibilities of each party in the relationship.

Core funding from the town will provide stability to the Centre and guarantee its ability to run programs.

This core funding will be provided in exchange for services offered to town residents.

An Asset Management Agreement will also be struck through which the town will take responsibility for base facility management costs such as heating, lighting and insurance.

By allowing a separately incorporated organization to run the Centre, the ability is provided for the Cultural Centre Corporation to generate revenues which would not be available to the town were it to run through a town department.

The strength of this model is that it will allow the Centre a measure of flexibility and the advantages of independence

while the close ties with the town will ensure accountability of the project to the residents of Aurora.

The Strategic Plan was based on a review of the documentation relating to the physical building, review of the past history of the project and a review of town strategies and policies relevant to the project.

The goals for the project were set out in the application which was made by the town to the Cultural Spaces Canada program.

They include providing a space for artistic creativity and innovation, providing a central venue for cultural expression, multi-disciplinary activities and increased and improved access to performing arts, visual arts, media arts, museum collections, heritage displays and exhibitions.

Although the Arts and Cultural Centre already has its building in the Church Street School it is otherwise an entirely new venture and the consultant has listed 15 strategies which need to be mobilized as work

proceeds toward the public launch of the Arts and Cultural Centre.

The Business Plan part of the report provides a framework for the operation of the Cultural Centre and includes 18 items and even though there may be pressure to get the program up and running sooner, the consultant recommended that the sequence of organizational development be followed.

The key goal of the business plan is to create the organization which will fund and deliver programming.

The Strategic and Business Plan makes 11 overall recommendations including the various agreements, base funding and for the town to ensure the Cultural Centre has the highest level of leadership asset out in the plan.

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The Pines Unique Aurora gardens featured at Doors Open

By **MICHAEL SEAMAN**
Community Planner

The third article in the Doors Open series features some of Aurora's unique private gardens that can be seen at this year's event which takes place Saturday, August 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Merlin's Hollow

New to Doors Open Aurora this year is Aurora's most famous garden, Merlin's Hollow, located at 181 Centre Crescent.

Owners of the property, David and Dierdre Tomlinson, have generously offered to open the doors to their three quarter-acre English flower garden, which is sure to be an inspiration to anyone with an interest in gardening.

Designed and started in 1981 by David Tomlinson, a landscape architect, the layout of the garden is based on traditional English Flower Gardens and follows the philosophy of Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932).

Gertrude Jekyll was an influential British garden designer, writer, and artist. She created more than 400 gardens in the UK, Europe and the USA.

Jekyll was one of the first of her profession to take into account the colour, texture, and experience of gardens as the prominent authorities in her designs, and she was a life-long fan of plants of all genres.

Her theory of how to design with colour was influenced by painter JMW Turner and by Impressionism.

Merlin's Hollow is not one but a series of gardens within a garden.

Enclosed by high cedar hedges, each garden has its own distinct character and a series of arches invite the visitor from one garden to the next.

Features within the garden include woodland beds, a fern walk alpine garden, bog beds and a frog pond.

The garden now contains more than 2,500 different plants, including many rare ones.

Although Merlin's Hollow is open to the public by the Tomlinsons a few weekends each year, often in support of local charitable causes, visitors typically only see the garden from May to the beginning of July.

Doors Open Aurora 2008 provides gardening enthusi-

asts with a rare - mid-August glimpse of what is surely one of York Region's most beautiful spaces, and the colours that are on show at that time of year.

The Pines

Another new Aurora garden on this year's tour is one known as "The Pines", located at 78 Wells Street, across from the Town Park.

The distinctive feature of the Pines is the large stand of pine trees, some of which are thought to date as far back as the 1820s.

The property was historically part of the garden of the 19th Century house located to the north, but after the Second World War a lot was created at the corner of Wells and Mosley and a new house built among the majestic pine trees.

The owners of the house for the past 24 years have been Robert Leonard and Susan Morton-Leonard and family.

They have dedicated much of their time to preserving the historic pine trees and building one of Aurora's most beautiful gardens among them.

Because of their status as some of Aurora's oldest trees and the visual landmark that they have provided for generations in old Aurora, The Pines became the first trees in Aurora to be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act earlier this year.

Robert and Susan will be on hand to describe some of the landscape works that they have undertaken, and how they maintain the legacy of these historic pine trees, some of which date from the days of the earliest settlement in Aurora.

The Barnes Garden

One of the most popular sites of Doors Open Aurora 2007, and a welcome return for 2008, is the Barnes Garden, located at 11 Catherine Avenue.

The Barnes Garden is

located in the rear yard of the beautiful Victorian era home of Gordon and Marie Barnes, in Aurora's first heritage conservation district.

A unique and interesting space, the garden is a reflection of the creativity and innovation of Gordon and Marie.

Passing through the garden gate and along the paths that cross the garden, visitors will find not a flower garden, though there are beautiful flowers to be seen.

Instead they will find something far more interesting, for the Barnes Garden is a virtual living museum of rare and historic plants, particularly vegetables that over the decades have vanished from farms and grocery stores by the standardized world.

Gordon and Marie began to create their garden in 1993.

Since then the Barnes' have grown an incredible variety of rare plants and vegetables.

Not content with simply growing the vegetables for their own use, the Barnes' are active participants in a seed heritage program that saves and shares the heirloom seeds forming a living legacy that can be passed down through the generations.

Another way the Barnes use their garden to contribute to the community is through hosting their annual Tomato Tasting fundraiser at the end of August in aid of the Aurora Arbouritum.

The late August event is not to be missed, but Gordon and Marie plan to have a pre-view for visitors on Doors Open Day when they plan to have a tasting of their many varieties of tomato preserves which they produce in their garden each year.

Tour these attractive and interesting gardens of Aurora and many other interesting places and spaces in Aurora on Doors Open Day, Saturday, August 16th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



**Gordon and Marie Barnes
in their garden**



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U8B M/W - June 18 - Red/Poland - Priestly Demolition Inc 2 (T. Duffy 1, B. Burke 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 2 (J. Grassa 1, P. Klein 1); **Sky/Argentina** 2 (M. MacDougall 1, L. Surace 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic - Laurion Law Office** 1 (E. Bryan 1);

U8G Tues - June 17 - Forest/Portugal 4 (R. Meehan 1, M. Lamoure 1, K. Topping 2) vs **Orange/Netherlands - Divisional Sponsor Pizza Pizza** 1 (K. Locke 1); **Fuschia/Spain - R & J Concepts Inc** 2 (K. MacFarlane 2) vs **Sky/Argentina - Divisional Sponsor York Catholic Teachers** 2 (A. Sandiford 1, V. Brochu 1); **Navy/Czech Republic - Divisional Sponsor York Catholic Teachers** 3 (E. Bellerby 3) vs **Red/Poland - Priestly Demolition** 3 (K. Mannella 2, N. Manjarres 1); **Royal/Scotland - EMBA Inc** 2 (A. Restivo 1, J. Kearney 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Meridian Credit Union** 0;

June 21 - June Festival - Navy/Czech Republic - York Catholic Teachers 5 (E. Bellerby 5) vs **Red/Poland - Priestly Demolition** 3 (N. Manjarres 3); **Forest/Portugal** 4 (M. Bertola 1, K. Topping 2, M. Lamoure 1) vs **Sky/ Argentina - York Catholic Teachers** 7 (V. Carriere 4, J. Winter 1, A. Sandiford 1, R. Wood 1); **Royal/Scotland - EMBA Inc** 3 (S. MacLeod 2, A. Restivo 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain - R & J Concepts** 0; **Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 4 (C. Finlay 2, K. Locke 1, A. McGregor 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Meridian Credit Union** 2 (Z. Hipel 1, K. Beswick 1);

Red/Poland - Priestly Demolition Inc 1 (C. Bulmer 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 3 (M. Heese 1, L. Hemburrow 1, R. Cluney 1); **Sky/Argentina - York Catholic Teachers** 5 (N. Modreanu 2, V. Brochu 1, S. Clifford 1, V. Carriere 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - EMBA Inc** 5 (S. MacLeod 2, A. Devogel 2, K. Bulgaretti 1); **Fuschia/Spain - R & J Concepts** 3 (S. Scanga 1, K. MacFarlane 2) vs **Navy/Czech Republic - York Catholic Teachers** 2 (L. Shaw 1, E. Bellerby 1); **Gold/Brazil - Meridian Credit Union** 4 (Z. Hipel 1, N. Sir 1, S. Pecora 1, K. Tsironikos 1) vs **Forest/Portugal** 2 (K. Topping 1, R. Meehan 1);

U8/9G M/W - June 21 - June Festival - Sky/Argentina - AIIM 0 vs **Fuschia/Spain - Subway Sandwich Upper Canada Mall** 1 (C. Rutherford 1); **Royal/Scotland - Homelife Cimerman Realty Brokerage** 0 vs **Red/Poland - SAC Summer Camps** 1 (A. Kristakakos 1); 3 (M. Cantelope 1, E. Haw 1, C. Kilburn 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 1 (P. Boston 1); **Sky/Argentina - AIIM** 0 vs **Forest/Portugal - Nantucket Woodworking Ltd** 5 (M. Cantelope 1, E. Haw 1, J. Manjunath 1, S. Murphy 1, A. Appleton 2);

June 23 - Sky/Argentina - AIIM 4 (C. Rutherford 2, J. Moody 1, K. Yates 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 0; **Fuschia/Spain - Subway Sandwich Upper Canada Mall** 1 (V. Jonasson 1) vs **Forest/Portugal - Nantucket Woodworking Ltd** 5 (M. Cantelope 1, E. Haw 1, S. Murphy 3);

U8B M/W - June 22 - June Festival Navy/Czech Republic - Laurion Law Office 2 vs **Royal/Scotland - AIIM** 0; **Orange/Netherlands** 3 (M. MacDougall 1, C. Sands 1, D. Clark 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 4 (B. Shennan 1, N. Hubbard 2, D. Kislev 1); **Sky/Argentina** 3 (M. MacDougall 1, Chris Sands 1, D. Clark 1) vs **Red/Poland - Priestly Demolition** 2;

Game 2- Gold/Brazil 0 vs **Sky/Argentina** 3 (M. MacDougall 2, L. Surace 1); **Royal/Scotland - AIIM** 8 (W. Karabin 5, D. Bilousov 2, C. Gorrell 1, N. Rountes 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 3 (M. Ferry 2, R. Ruuskanen 1);

June 25 - Orange/Netherlands 1 vs **Sky/Argentina** 4 (M. MacDougall 1, D. Clark 1, C. Ridd 1, L. Surace 1); **Navy/Czech Republic - Laurion Law Office** 3 (J. Crispel 2, E. Bryan 1) vs **Red/Poland - Priestly Demolition** 2 (M. Sarmast 1, B. Joynt 1); **Gold/Brazil** 3 (N. Hubbard 2, D. Kislev 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - AIIM** 3;

U8B Thurs - Divisional Sponsor - Butternut Hollow - June 12- Royal/Scotland 3 (L. McGunnigle 1, J. Williamson 1, A. D'Andrade 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 1 (L. Beauchamp 1); **Red/Poland** 3 (C. Stoikos 1, A. Capraro 2) vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 4 (T. Boisseau 1, R. Jamieson 2, T. Morra 1); **Silver/Austria** 6 (B. Keeler 2, B. Vaughan 8, J. Hosmer 2, C. Venneri 2) vs **Sky/Argentina** 1 (M. Parkin 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 2 (B. Fleischaker 2) vs **Forest/Portugal** 4 (L. Greco 1, F. Reeves 1, N. Vamvakaris 2);

U9/10G Tues - Divisional Sponsor -

Michaelberger Orthodontics - Gold/Brazil 3 (V. Petinarelis 2, C. Trembley 1) vs **Royal/Scotland** 2 (E. Clarke 1, S. Zwicker 1); **Kelly/Russia** 1 (R. Kas 1) vs **Maroon/Japan** 1 (S. Steels 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 8 (B. Gibbons 3, M. Jakubas 2, P. Bell 2, C. Bonanno 1) vs **Forest/Portugal - Marwick Manufacturing Inc** 3 (G. Dasilva 3); **Sky/Argentina** 1 (L. Brock 1) vs **Red/Poland - Aurora Landscape Ltd** 0; **Fuschia/Spain - Divisional Sponsor Michelberger Orthodontics** 4 (S. Varela 4) vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 4 (K. Belgue 1, R. Thibodeau 1, D. Bova 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 16 - Navy/Czech Republic - Envirocar Paint & Collision 3 (T. Mckay 1, J. Coker 1, J. Conte 1) vs **Red/Poland - Sac Summer Camps** 5 (S. Royes 1, C. Loria 3, N. Enaizo 1); **Royal/Scotland - Industrial Alliance** 5 (C. McGoldrick 2, K. Rice 2, M. Nitsopoulos 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 5;

June 23 - Navy/Czech Republic - Envirocar Paint & Collision 1 (N. Keizer 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Aurora Celtic Supporters Club** 6 (R. Kueper 1, E. Pears 4, L. Vierra 1); **Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 3 (R. Iervasi 3) vs **Sky/Argentina - Clements Interiors** 3 (G. Belgue 1, R. Carpenter 1, T. Marklin 2); **Red/Poland - SAC Summer Camps** 1 (M. Stone 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - Divisonal Sponsor Open Road BMW** 3 (T. Kostoff 2, C. McGoldrick 1);

U9BM STANDINGS

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

U9B M/W - June 16 - Royal/Scotland Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW 3 (J. Fallavollita 1, R. Cameron 1, B. Scott 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 0; **Orange/Netherlands** 2 (J. Arcuri 1, T. Campbell 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Divisional Sponsor York Catholic Teachers** 2 (G. West 1, N. Yantsis 1); **Red/Poland - Supreme Collision** 6 (E. Turner 2, A. Sault 1, J. Perkins 1, J. Samson 1, J. Rugar 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 4 (M. Valvasori 1, D. Persaud 1, M. Brenzel 1, T. Isiantis 1);

June 23 - Royal/Scotland - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW 2 (C. Devogel 2) vs **Red/Poland - Supreme Collision Centre** 2 (E. Turner 2); **Sky/Argentina - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 3 (M. Valvasori 1, D. Persaud 1, T. Isiantis 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - York Catholic Teachers** 0; **Navy/Czech Republic - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 3 (A. Zori 2, A. Bhimani 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 3 (T. Campbell 3);

U9B M/W STANDINGS

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

U10B M/W - June 11- Kelly/Russia 7 (M. Gardiner 1, E. Faber 1, Z. Razak 1, R. Callaghan 2, J. Picket 2) vs **Forest/Portugal - Aurora Cable Internet** 2 (M. Montesanti 1, L. Russica 1); **Gold/Brazil** 1 vs **Orange/Netherlands** 6 (B. Kissack 5); **Red/Poland - HSBC Bank Canada** 4 (N. Campbell 2, M. Tyndall 1, C. Trip 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - Aurora Orthodontics** 4 (R. Simmons 1, C. Dyer 1, R. Elder 1, C. Pearce 1); **Silver/Austria** 5 (R. Prater 3, M. Heese 2) vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 4 (R. Walsh 1, J. Loyt 2, C. McCabe 1); **Maroon/Japan** 5 (J. Sangha 3, D. McConnell 1, C. Hewgill 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 3 (B. Sudminon 1, V. Nguyen 1, A. Caicco 1);

June 18 - Kelly/Russia 2 (Z. Razak 1, M. Gardiner 1) vs **Silver/Austria** 3 (A. Kostakis 1, M. Heese 1, J. Bristow 1); **Royal/Scotland - Aurora Orthodontics** 2 (C. Zinner 1, C. Pearle 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 3 (M. Stamatopoulos 2, N. Hatzitollios 1); **Red/Poland - HSBC Bank Canada** 5 vs **Maroon/Japan** 2; **Navy/Czech Republic - Core Micro Technology** 5 (M. Tanel 3, E. Woodhead 1, C. Eby 1) vs **Forest/Portugal - Aurora Cable Internet** 4; **Sky/Argentina** 6 (D. Mettel 3, J. Morello 2, B. Suominen 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 4 (B. Kissack 2, G. Adams 1, S. Broad 1);

June 22 - June Festival - Kelly/Russia 4 (J. Screech 1, Z. Zakak 1, E. Faber 1) vs **Silver/Austrial** 2 (J. Schachter 1, J. Jenicek 1);

Royal/Scotland - Aurora Orthodontics 3 (E. Shennan 1, R. Elder 1, N. Pearce 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 1 (M. Colucci 1); **Red/Poland - HSBC Bank Canada** 3 (L. Verre 1, M. Tyndall 1, N. Campbell 1) vs **Maroon/Japan** 0; **Navy/Czech Republic - Core Micro Technology** 5 vs **Forest/Portugal - Aurora Cable Internet** 2; **Sky/Argentina** 6 (D. Mettel 3, J. Morello 2, B. Suominen 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 4 (B. Kissack 2, G. Adams 1, S. Broad 1);

June 25 - Maroon/Japan 8 (B. Russell 1, D. McConnell 2, J. Sangha 1, C. Hewgill 1, G. Dynes 1, N. Rosati 1, J. McKay 1, E. Altermann 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic - Core Micro Technology** 3 (C. Eby 1, E. Woodhead 1); **Red/Poland - HSBC Bank Canada** 5 (L. Verre 1, M. Tyndale 1, W. Lentz 2, N. Campbell 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 2 (B. Suominen 1, J. Morello 1); **Silver/Austria** 6 (K. Mullerchen 1, J. Schachter 1, C. D'Arrigo 1, D. Taylor 1, J. Salma-Frankes 2) vs **Royal/Scotland - Aurora Orthodontics** 3 (C. Dyer 1, R. Elder 1, C. Pearce 1); **Kelly/Russia** 5 (Z. Razak 3, J. Pickett 2) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 2 (B. Kissack 1, G. Adams 1); **Gold/Brazil** 4 (M. Stamatopoulos 1, D. Villanova 2, M. Colucci 1) vs **Forest/Portugal - Aurora Cable Internet** 4 (M. Montesanti 1, C. Arcuri 1, M. Wielowieyski 1, J. Reeves 1);

U10B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	5	0	1	16
Kelly	4	2	0	12
Orange	4	3	0	12
Silver	4	3	0	12
Maroon	4	3	0	12
Sky	3	3	1	10
Royal	2	2	3	9
Forest	1	3	3	6
Navy	1	5	1	4
Gold	1	5	1	4

U10G - June 12 - Royal/Scotland - Wait's Bathroom Plus 1 (M. Ferry 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands Canadian Vascular Labs** 3 (E. Colin 1, B. Nunn 2); **Fuschia/Spain - WOWIT** 6 (R. Remedios 3, S. Nanos 1, S. Carmosino 1, K. Dimatulac 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - AIIM** 3 (C. Gibson 1, N. Mageuri 1, A. Kramer 1); **Sky/Argentina - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 1 vs **Red/Poland - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 2 (E. Velovic 2);

June 19 - Orange/Netherlands - Canadian Vascular Labs 2 (R. Cristofoli 1, N. Iliadis 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain - WOWIT** 1 (N. El.Dassouki 1); **Gold/Brazil - AIIM** 4 (S. Bellerby 2, M. Keller 1, A. Lawrie 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 1 (R. Campbell 1); **Red/Poland - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 2 (U. Kenkel 1, E. Velovic 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - Wait's Bathroom Plus** 1 (K. Robb 1);

June 21 - Orange/Netherlands - Canadian Vascular Labs 6 (R. Cristofoli 1, N. Iliadis 1, L. Sciberras 1, B. Nunn 1, S. Gupta 1, S. Nip 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 4 (M. Brenzel 1, H. Pryce 1, L. Bondarewski 1, K. Devries 1); **Fuschia/Spain - WOWIT** 0 vs **Royal/Scotland - Wait's Bathroom Plus** 1 (S. McGee 1); **Red/Poland - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 2 (E. Velovic 1, U. Kenkel 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - AIIM** 2 (N. Mageri 1, A. Kramer 1); **Orange/Netherlands - Canadian Vascular Labs** 2 (B. Nunn 1, R. Cristofoli 1) vs **Red/Poland - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 2 (B. Hallam 1, J. Petsinis 1); **Fuschia/Spain - WOWIT** 0 vs **Sky/Argentina - Divisional Sponsor Open Road BMW** 0; **Gold/Brazil - AIIM** 2 (C. Gibson 1, S. Boisseau1) vs **Royal/Scotland - Wait's Bathroom Plus** 2 (K. Robb 1, K. Panozzo 1);

U10G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	4	1	2	14
Fuschia	4	2	1	13
Red	3	2	2	11
Gold	2	2	3	9
Sky	1	4	2	5
Royal	1	4	2	5

U11B M/W - June 18 - Silver/Austria - AMG Metals 5 (P. McKerracher 3, A. Klinowski 1, S. Hudson 1, I. Reid 1, Z. Keller 1, M. Neudorf 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 0; **Red/Poland - Hollidge Family Dentistry** 5 (C. Screech 1, K. Green 1, C. Campbell 1, T. Runco 1, D. Gnon 1, E. Nichols 1, A. Movrin 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 0; **Navy/Czech Republic** 4 (M. Bellerby 2, B. Kublick 1, M. Galajda 1) vs **Forest/Portugal - SSL Chartered Accountants** 3 (J. Power 3); **Royal/Scotland Splash Car Wash** 3 vs **Silver/Austria - AMG Metals** 2;

June 22 - June Festival - Silver/Austria - AMG Metals Inc 3 (S. Daoust 2, A. Raitlon 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - Splash Car Wash** 1 (J. Laird 1); **Silver/Austria - AMG Metals Inc** 3 (T. Boston 2, S. Daoust 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 0; **Sky/Argentina** 3 (C. Klinowski 1, S. Hudson 1, I. Reid 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 1 (L. Camick 1); **Red/Poland - Hollidge Family Dentistry** 3 (C. Screech 1, K. Green 1, E. Nichols 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 1 (A. Bernier 1); **Red/Poland - Hollidge Family Dentistry** 1 vs

Gold/Brazil 3; **Sky/Argentina** 2 (A. Popa 1, I. Reid 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 0; **Navy/Czech Republic** 3 (M. Leone 1, T. Foster 1, M. Galajda 1) vs **Forest/Portugal - SSL Chartered Accountants** 0; **Forest/Portugal - SSL Chartered Accountants** 3 (G. Beck 1, G. Wood 1, D. Speller-Drews 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - Splash Car Wash** 1 (D. Durant 1);

June 25 - Silver/Austria - AMG Metals Inc 3 (B. Burbank 1, A. Raitlon 1, G. James 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 2 (B. Bilotta 1, R Zawada 1); **Gold/Brazil** 2 (D. Finlay 1, M. Caicco 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 2 (P. McKerruch 1, I. Reid 1); **Royal/Scotland - Splash Car Wash** 1 (D. Middleton 1) vs **Forest/Portugal - SSL Chartered Accountants** 5 (J. Power 1, G. Wood 4); **Navy/Czech Republic** 1 (M. Galajda 1) vs **Red/Poland - Hollidge Family Dentistry** 1 (R. Ouwroules 1);

U11B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	5	1	1	16
Silver	5	1	1	16
Navy	4	1	2	14
Sky	3	2	2	11
Forest	2	3	2	8
Gold	2	4	1	7
Royal	2	5	0	6
Orange	0	6	1	1

U11G - June 17 - Gold/Brazil - Century 21 Martin Read 1 (J. Devries 1) vs **Red/Poland - Summers & Smith** 0;

June 16 - Forest/Portugal 4 (R. Bell 2, S. Wang 1, V. Debartolo 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - Dr. Weeden** 0; **Navy/Czech Republic** 0 vs **Fushcia/Spain - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart** 1 (F. Logue 1); **Gold/Brazil - Century 21 Martin Read** 1 (J. Devries 1) vs **Red/Poland - Summers & Smith** 0;

June 21 - June Festival - Red/Poland - Summers & Smith 1 (S. Fusco 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 0; **Royal/Scotland - Dr. Weeden** 3 (M. Patterson 1, A. Pietrolungo 2) vs **Gold/Brazil - Century 21 Martin Read** 1 (K. Walsh 1); **Fuschia/Spain - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart** 2 (A. DePeiro 2) vs **Forest/Portugal** 0; **Gold/Brazil - Century 21 Martin Read** 0 vs **Red/Poland - Summers & Smith** 3 (C. Gallant 1, K. Long 1, T. Bosch 1); **Navy/Czech Republic** 1 (H. Park 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart** 1 (C. Smith 1); **Forest/Portugal** 0 vs **Royal/Scotland - Dr. Weeden** 0;

June 23 - Gold/Brazil - Century 21 Martin Read 0 vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 0; **Red/Poland - Summers & Smith** 0 vs **Forest/Portugal** 3 (T. Issaris 1, R. Loveless 1, S. Franken 1); **Royal/Scotland - Dr. Weeden** 1 (C. Dusome 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart** 2 (F. Logue 1, M. Baile 1);

U11G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	4	1	1	13
Fuschia	4	2	1	13
Red	4	3	0	12
Royal	3	3	1	10
Navy	1	4	2	5
Gold	1	4	1	4

U12B T/Th - June 17 - Gold/Brazil - HSBC Bank Canada 3 (L. Fiedeldey 1, B. Orsci 1, K. Strachen 1) vs **Red/Poland - Wikoff Color Corp Canada Inc** 1 (B. Wilson 1); **Navy/Czech Republic - CIBC** 3 (L. Koll 1, C. Robson 1, M. Nealon 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - Barb Blaser Remax** 2 (L. Blaser 2); **Sky/Argentina** 4 (M. Piccola 3, H. Akbar 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands - Dr. Steiner's Drillers** 1 (T. Pare 1);

June 24 - Gold/Brazil - HSBC Bank Canada 2 (L. Fredeldey 1, K. Strachen 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic - CIBC** 1 (C. Graham 1); **Sky/Argentina** 0 vs **Red/Poland - Wikoff Color Corp - Canada Inc** 2 (R. O'Brien 1, B. Wilson 1); **Royal/Scotland - Barb Blaser Remax** 5 (M. Slack 1, I. Moen 1, L. Blaser 1, C. Child 1, C. Belza 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands - Dr. Steiner's Drillers** 2 (A. Marsland 1, C. Bondarawski 1);

U12B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Gold	5	1	2	17
Royal	5	2	1	16
Navy	5	2	1	16
Red	3	5	0	9
Sky	2	6	0	6
Orange	1	5	2	5

U12G T/Th - June 10 - Navy/Czech Republic - Gringler, Iskov, Lerner 4 (M. Duguay 3, C. Walker 1) vs **Red/Poland - Scotia Bank** 2 (A. Cortese 2); **Orange/Netherlands - Forever Young Hair Studio** 2 (M. Quadrini 2) vs **Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 2 (A. Calvert 1, D. Pletsas 1); **Royal/Scotland - Innovative Fire Systems Inc** 2 (E. Fisher 1, H. Alcorn 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - White Pine Renovations** 2 (K. Manalang 1, M. Wong 1);

June 21 - Navy/Czech Republic - Gringler, Iskov, Lerner 1 (T. Lerner 1) vs **Red/Poland - Scotia Bank** 1 (J. Hookey 1); **Red/Poland - Scotia Bank** 0 vs **Orange/Netherlands - Forever Young Hair Studio** 4 (M. Beltran 2, A. Di Giacomi 1, M. Szwec 1); **Orange/Netherlands -**



Frankly Speaking

By Frank Klees

When I learned this past week that an Ontario Cabinet Minister had made a formal request to the federal government to amend the criminal code to allow Ontario's casinos to take bets on sporting events, I was once again struck by the misplaced priorities of the McGuinty government.

Just a few weeks ago, this same government refused to support my resolution calling on the federal government to legislate mandatory minimum jail sentences for death caused by street racing.

And the same government refused numerous requests in the closing days of the parliamentary session to legislate mandatory reporting by school officials of student on student assaults.

Yet expanding gambling was apparently more important, and merits a special appeal to the federal cabinet.

The justification for

transforming Ontario into Vegas North is that Ontario's casino revenues are down and the tourism sector is suffering.

Expanding gaming will attract more gambling activity, especially at border locations, saving jobs and enhancing tourism.

What you won't hear from Mr. McGuinty or his ministers, is that their government confers are experiencing withdrawal from gambling revenues and they need their fix.

(And they also won't admit that they'll be skimming much of this additional take from people who can least afford it).

An observer of the legislature over this past session would be aware that the government rejected repeated proposals by the Official Opposition that would have stimulated Ontario's tourism sector with a meaningful economic plan.

Instead, we are faced with yet another

quick fix attempt at solving one problem without regard for the collateral damage.

Rather than expanding gambling, the government should be launching a comprehensive review of the effects of the current gambling policies on individuals and families.

Rather than ignoring reports of illegal activities by organized crime in our casinos they should be vigorously persued.

And rather than pretending the personal tragedies resulting from problem gambling don't exist, the government should be assuming its responsibilities and ensure the proper safeguards and support programs are in place.

While for many, Ontario's casinos are seen as a places of fun and entertainment, but for too many they have come to represent personal ruin.

While we can't legislate responsibility, we ARE responsible for

what we legislate.

To that end, I will oppose the McGuinty government's proposal to expand gambling and I welcome your comments and opinions on

this or any other issue of importance to you.

Please feel free to send me an email at frank@frankklees.com or call me on my direct line at 416-509-8999.

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Aurora Youth SOCCER RESULTS



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Forever Young Hair Studio 2 (J. Bever 1, M. Beltran 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Service Group** 2 (L. Sehinara 1, D. Pletsas 1); **Navy/Czech Republic - Gringler, Iskov, Lerner** 0 vs **Sky/Argentina - White Pine Renovations** 0; **Royal/Scotland - Innovative Fire Systems Inc** 1 vs **Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Service Group** 0;

June 24 - Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Service Group 1 (E. McDiarmid 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic - Gringler, Iskov, Lerner** 1 (M. Duguay 1); **Sky/Argentina - White Pine Renovations** 2 (K. Park 1, M. Wong 1) vs **Red/Poland - Scotia Bank** 1 (J. Hookey 1); **Royal/Scotland - Innovative Fire Systems Inc** 0 vs **Orange/Netherlands - Forever Young Hair Studio** 4 (M. Jose 1, B. Tran 2, H. Foss 1, V. Johnson 1);

U12G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	3	0	4	13
Navy	3	2	2	11
Sky	2	1	4	10
Royal	1	2	4	7
Red	1	2	4	7
Gold	1	4	2	5

U13B- No scores reported from the coach or convenor

U13B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	5	0	2	17
Sky	5	1	1	16
Navy	3	3	0	9
Gold	2	4	1	7
Orange	2	4	0	6
Red	1	6	0	3

U13G M/W - June 11 - Royal/Scotland 5 (L. Ballantyne 1, S. Mester 2, C. Bate 2) vs **Forest/Portugal** 1 (S. Lavine 1); **Fuschia/Spain** 2 vs **Red/Poland - Canadian Rite Rate** 5 (S. Volgelhut 1, I. Sortino 1, S. Pacione 1, N. Hutchinson 1, H. O'Hara 1); **Navy/Czech Republic** 3 (M. Sykula 2, A. Iaboni 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 1 (S. Marsden 1); **Sky/Argentina** 2 (K. Brock 1, R. Razak 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Omars Shoes** 1 (H. Black 1);

June 18 - Sky/Argentina 0 vs **Forest/Portugal** 0; **Navy/Czech Republic** 5 (M. Sykula 1, O. Zaoski 1, M. Kissack 1, M. Churchill 1, A. Iaboni 2) vs **Fuschia/Spain** 0; **Orange/Netherlands** 0 vs **Red/Poland - Canadian Rite Rate** 3 (I. Sortino 1, S. Pacione 1, N. Hutchinson 1); **Royal/Scotland** 6 (C. Stupart 4, L. Ballantyne 3, E. Topping 2) vs **Gold/Brazil - Omars Shoes** 1 (L. McKerracher 1);

U13G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	5	1	1	16
Sky	4	0	3	15
Royal	3	1	3	12
Navy	3	2	1	10
Forest	2	2	3	9
Orange	1	4	1	4
Gold	0	4	3	3
Fuschia	0	4	1	1

U14/15B T/Th - Divisional Sponsor Upper Canada Mall - June 17 - Sky/Argentina 5 (R. MacFarlane 2, M. Tenuta 3, E. Cristillo 2) vs **Red/Poland** 0; **Orange/Netherlands** 2 (B. Tjoe-A-Long 2) vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 5 (A. Oliveria 2, G. Morihovitis 1, B. Strachan 1, A. Partridge 1); **Forest/Portugal** 1 (S. Dinning 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 3 (C. Boyce 1, R. Hughes 1, D. Perryman 1); **Royal/Scotland** 2 (J. Custodio 2) vs **Silver/Austria** 5 (A. Kerezsi 1, E. Abel 1, D. Collier 1, T. Brewer 2);

Sky/Argentina 4 (R. MacFarlane 3, K. Ozols 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 4 (J. Caruso 3, C. Boyce 1); **Navy/Czech Republic** 4 (A. Oliveria 2, C. Annear 2) vs **Silver/Austria** 2 (D. Collier 1, R. Wilson 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 2 (T. White 2) vs **Royal/Scotland** 2 (S. Bromley 1, A. Akbar 1); **Forest/Portugal** 7 (C. Hadley 4, S. Dinning 1, A. Woodward 1, M. Hart 1) vs **Red/Poland** 4 (L. Morra 3, T. Nelson 1);

June 22 - June Festival - Divisional Sponsor Upper Canada Mall - Sky/Argentina 0 vs **Gold/Brazil** 0; **Orange/Netherlands** 0 vs **Royal/Scotland** 3 (J. Bletcher 2, D. Kovacs 1); **Forest/Portugal** 3 (C. Hadley 2, M. Skouliskas 1) vs **Red/Poland** 2 (D. Riel 1, D. Dilena 1); **Navy/Czech Republic** 6 (C. Annear 2, B. Strachan 1, D. Melo 2, W. Seminara 1) vs **Silver/Austria** 1 (A. Kerezsi 1);

Game 2 - Sky/Argentina 4 (R. MacFarlane 3, A. Sud 1) vs **Forest/Portugal** 3 (C. Hadley 2, B. Puskar 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 0 vs **Silver/Austria** 4 (A. Kerezsi 1, R. Rival 1, T. Brewer 1, R. Wilson 1); **Red/Poland** 2 (D. Riel 2) vs **Royal/Scotland** 3 (D. Scott 2, D. Kovacs 1); **Gold/Brazil** 1 (A. Cackirovski 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 2 (G. Bresani 1, G. Morihovitis 1);

U14/15B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	7	0	0	21
Silver	4	3	0	12
Gold	3	2	2	11
Sky	3	2	2	11
Royal	3	3	1	10
Forest	3	4	0	9
Orange	2	4	1	7
Red	0	7	0	0

U14/15G T/Th - June 12 - Red/Poland- Chevlrier 1 (G. McIlraith 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 1 (M. Scully 1); **Fuschia/Spain - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 2 (R. Skolud 1, J. Kisowski 1) vs **Kelly/Russia** 2 (J. Sunstrum 1, C. Layton 1); **Forest/Portugal** 1 (M. Phibbs 1) vs **Maroon/Japan** 1 (S. Baczynski 1); **Royal/Scotland - K.P. Bronze** 5 (J. Costa 1, B. Barton 1, E. Herschorn 1, N. Grande 2) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 1 (R. Knetsh 1); **Gold/Brazil - Alutron Modules Inc** 1 (A. Moffat 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 4 (J. Dobson 1, S. Bilotta 1, C. Campbell 1, E. Wahab 1);

June 19 - Sky/Argentina 2 (K. Maruno 1, J. Kramer 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 2 (R. Knetsh 1); **Maroon/Japan** 2 (J. Staver 2) vs **Red/Poland - Chevlrier** 2 (G. McIlraith 1, G. Loeppky 1); **Forest/Portugal** 2 (S. Lerner 1, V. Partland 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - K.P. Bronze** 2 (K. Barnes 1, D. Oomen 1); **Kelly/Russia** 3 (J. Sunstrum 1, C. Layton 1, J. MnNamee 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 5 (A. Rulli 3, H. Manson 1, C. Masci 1); **Fuschia/Spain - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 3 (C. Madigan 2, R. Funston 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Alutron Modules Inc** 1 (K. Matheson 1);

June 21 - June Festival - Sky/Argentina 2 (M. Scully 1, K. Maruno 1) vs **Forest/Portugal** 1 (V. Partland 1); **Gold/Brazil - Alutron Modules Inc** 1 (J. Arnew 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - K.P. Bronze** 3 (C. Marshall 1, A. Edwards 1, N. Grande 1); **Navy/Czech Republic** 1 (S. Bilotta 1) vs **Red/Poland - Chevlrier** 1 (D. Cantarutti 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 2 (R. Knetsh 1, K. Swain 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 1 (E. Danziger 1); **Kelly/Russia** 1 (J. Sunstrum 1) vs **Maroon/Japan** 2 (K. McGrath 1, E. Gauthier 1);

Game 2 - Argentina/Sky - 1 (V. Cheung 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 1 (N. Weaver 1); **Maroon/Japan** 1 (A. Rice 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic** 1 (M. Bloom 1); **Forest/Portugal** 1 (T. Axiotis 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Alutron Modules Inc** 3 (J. Arnew 1, S. Klein 1, T. Askew 1); **Kelly/Russia** 2 (C. Layton 1, J. Bever 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - K.P. Bronze** 0;

U14/15G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Maroon	3	0	3	12
Navy	3	1	2	11
Fuschia	3	1	2	11
Kelly	3	2	1	10
Sky	2	1	3	9
Royal	2	3	1	7
Gold	2	4	0	6
Forest	1	3	2	5
Orange	1	2	1	4
Red	0	2	3	3

U16/18B Mon - June 9 - Orange/Netherlands 2

(J. Domanico 1, C. Wong 1) vs **Gold/Bazil** 3 (J. Bentolila 1, K. Nyithrai 1, T. Sikura 1); **Red/Poland - Port Royal Mills** 3 (J. Ross 1, J. Sperduti 1, M. Tocchet 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 4 (K. Boettcher 2, K. Town 2); **Royal/Scotland - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 3 (F. Lenuzza 2, G. Marshall 1) vs **Navy/Czech Republic - Freshwave Chiropractic** 3 (D. Eveleigh 1, R. Joynt 1, C. Lawrie 1);

June 16 - Sky/Argentina 2 (T. Friars 1, J. Gonzalez 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 1 (M. Mikhaili 1); **Gold/Brazil - Port Royal Mills** 4 (J. Bentolila 1, M. Medeiros 1, J. Russell 1, N. Whelan 1) vs **Royal/Scotland - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 6 (A. Cantarutti 1, B. Cody 1, F. Lenuzza 2, G. Marshall 1, R. Pizzurro 1); **Navy/Czech Republic - Freshwave Chiropractic** 4 (D. Bisogno 1, M. Lerner 1, D. White 1, M. Yeatman 1) vs **Red/Poland - Port Royal Mills** 3 (M. Khamissa 1, A. Munn 1, J. Yeung 1);

U16/18B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	5	1	2	17
Navy	4	0	4	16
Gold	3	3	2	11
Orange	3	4	1	10
Sky	2	4	2	8
Red	1	6	1	4

U16/18G -Divisional Sponsor Upper Canada Mall- No scored reported from coach or convenor

U16/18G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	5	2	0	15
Orange	4	1	2	14
Sky	4	2	1	13
Red	4	2	1	13
Fuschia	4	3	0	12
Navy	4	3	0	12
Forest	1	6	0	3
Gold	0	7	0	0

U19/25G - No scores reported from coach or convenor

U19/25G T/TH STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	6	0	0	18
Red	4	2	0	12
Royal	2	3	1	7
Navy	2	4	1	7
Gold	1	3	2	5
Sky	1	4	2	5

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By BRIAN WARBURTON

I mentioned recently several Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) medal winners at the York Region 55 plus games, and I understand now that the winners should read as:

Gold: Joan Best, 5-Pin Bowling; Joanne Keates, Pickle Ball.

Silver: Audrey Robertson, Contract Bridge; Lucille Sequeira, Contract Bridge; Ivan Lakoseljac, Golf.

Bronze: Ronald Googh, Golf; Jeff Walker, Carpet Bowling; Don Zecchinio, Carpet Bowling. Excellent results and congratulations to everybody.

I would like to introduce and extend a warm welcome to Angie Roylance who will be the Aurora Seniors Programmer for the summer of 2008.

Congratulations also to Ann McKenny, who has received the Province of Ontario Senior of the year Volunteer award for the Town of Aurora, and I add that Ann is a wonderful person and a wonderful choice!

The activities on Tuesday nights are growing in popularity and the game of darts in the Pool Room could use more players, starting at 6.30 p.m.

The Annual Picnic and Barbecue is planned for Thursday, July 17, starting at 11.30 a.m. Please sign up at the front desk.

The hilarious show "Wingfield on Ice" at Collingwood, July 31st - including transportation - still has a few tickets left. Please enquire at the front desk.

Breathtakingly audacious describes the Canada Day Parade which exceeded our expectations in every category imaginable in which a parade can be measured.

The parade was bathed in bright sunshine from start to finish and surely was the year's finest offering of good weather so far.

The multitudes of people lining the sidewalks were passionately enthusiastic in recognizing Canada Day and their pride showed fervently.

There could be no misinterpretation of the crowd's approval for what was parading before their eyes, proudly, sedately and merrily down through the heart of Aurora and the great historical Canadian highway of Yonge Street.

All this commendation is the reward, the greatly deserved recognition for the organizers of the parade, and also for the float builders, the supportive businesses and for those who rode in the floats.

Adding greatly to the overall atmosphere and quality of the occasion were the throngs of walkers, marchers, clowns, dancers and musicians.

Even the horses which were on parade were splendid examples of their kind.

The ASA float carried an authentic replica of the old post office clock tower and 11 members of the ASA dressed in period costumes.

This was a gratifying and deeply enriching experience for the participants who had devoted months of planning and attentive, dedicated preparation for this great Canada Day Parade.

And for those lining the sidewalks from beginning to end of the parade, it was an event setting a new standard of parade excellence in Aurora,

Canada Day Parade great

and an appealingly emotional and fervent display of national pride.

For this writer, precariously perched on the Aurora Seniors Float, and dressed in 1914 Canadian period costume, the day was a powerful spectacle of our proper sense of our national value.

All attention was on the cherished value of our country, drawn to the spectacular phenomenon of parade and spectators all sharing and expressing the powerful emotion of Canadian pride.

These emotions filled the glorious day of celebratory procession to the Cenotaph, where the Canadian War Memorial was visited and our Canada Day Parade ceremonies completed.

Mayor of Aurora, Phyllis Morris, Member of Provincial Parliament, Frank Klees, and Member of Parliament, Belinda Stronach, joined in this extraordinary and marvelous demonstration of unity of purpose in celebrating our country Canada.

They each addressed the huge audience before the Cenotaph and in gallant words praised the wonderful Canada Day Parade.

Dwarfed by the splendid parade and continuing procession of celebratory events, but noteworthy nonetheless, is the recognition won by the Aurora Seniors Float for the "Best Demonstration of Theme Float".

The costumed seniors lending life and authenticity to this excellent float included: Judy Buchanan, Donna Chianelli, Jim Edwards, Rozlin Laber, Heinz Munsch, Neil Pemberton, Patricia Pemberton, Leena Pereira, Grace Rock, Brian Warburton and Lorraine Worrall.

The replica of the clock tower was constructed by Ron Coe, Bob Collard and Doug Jarvie, and other strong contributions were made by Charles Sequeira, Elfriede Greupner, Bob Collard and Bill Lewis.

Returning to the Parade with its great, proud and unhurried dignity, fun and merriment, clown filled and delightfully mischievous hilarity, plus the no-nonsense symmetrical march of men and women in uniform, was at least a score of members of the ASA scattered along the sidewalks.

They were waving and shouting "Happy Canada Day" and other words to that effect, and many, many more were hidden in the multitude lining the sidewalks.

Mind tingling was the wonderfully expressive reaction of the animated crowds of onlookers dressed brightly, with red and white very prominent.

They emerged as a robust element, bright and merry, smiling and laughing, and encouraging vocally all in turn along the length of the parade and who generated energy to the parade all of their own making.

My perception of these crowd scenes is that they provided the foundation, the pillars on which the judgment of this excellent day rested.

Thank you, people of Aurora and everybody in attendance, you not only made us proud to be Canadians but you took our sense of personal satisfaction, of who and what we are, to a new level!



Members of the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) worked long and hard to construct this replica of the clock tower located in downtown Aurora. Eleven members rode the float during the Canada Day parade July First. Efforts paid off as the float won one of several awards during the parade.

Former Pearson site seeks new fence

The residence at 39 Catherine Avenue located within the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District was at one time the home of former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson

The current owner has requested heritage approval to build a fence and was requested by the town's Building Department that the fence be relocated to the property line.

Town staff members advised the Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee that the proposed fence appeared to be compatible with the character of the building and district and recommended approval.

Lester Pearson was a young boy when he lived in Aurora.

He attended classes at the Church Street School, then known as the Aurora Public School.



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In a letter to Aurora Council recently the Ontario Medical Association pointed out that this presented a marked departure from the government's long standing commitment to collaborative, integrated primary care models that serve the best interests of patients.

The OMA requested council as the representative voice of the community to continue to promote collaborative care models so that the provincial government takes whatever steps

necessary to ensure that all citizens have ready access to the care that only a family physician can provide.

With the implementation of the pilot nurse practitioner clinic in Sudbury, Ontario's doctors raised concerns with the Ministry of Health that a nurse-only approach was inconsis-

tent with the goal of integrating health providers.

The OMA has been clear in their concern that before the province embarks on an approach that divides providers and lacks any evidence of success, that the pilot project must be evaluated to ensure patients are receiving seamless,

integrated care.

Aurora Council received the correspondence as information.



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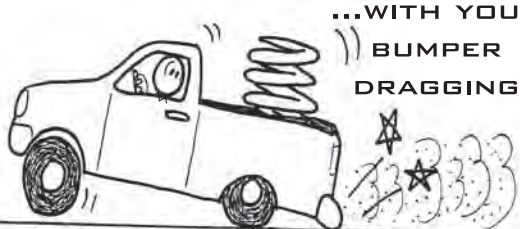
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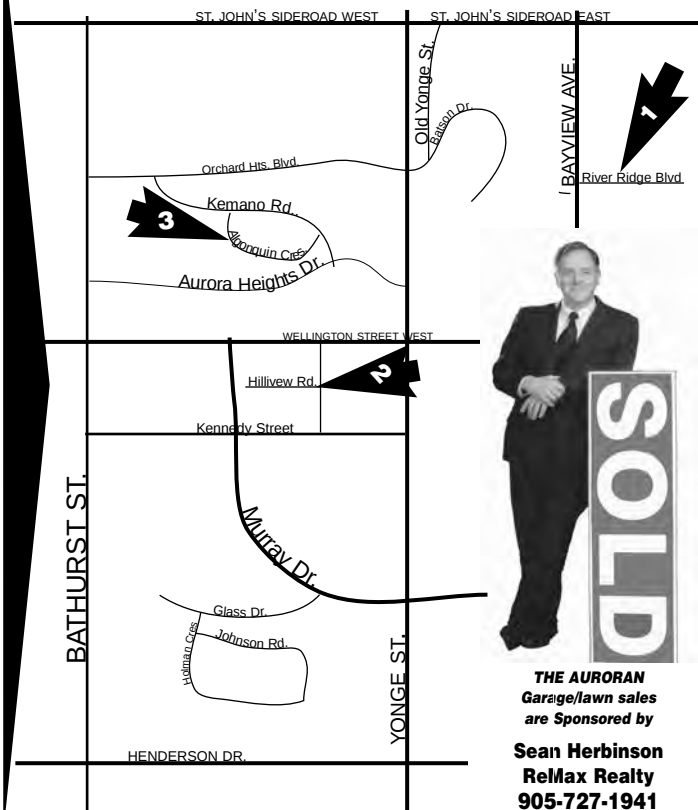
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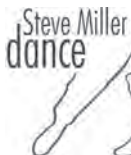
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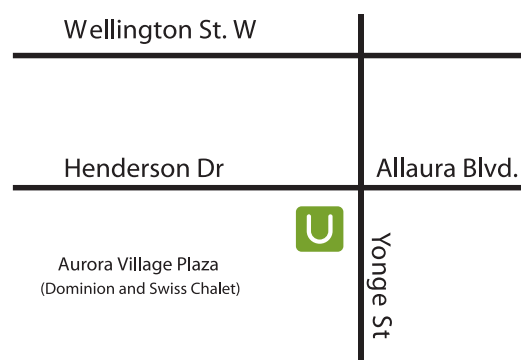
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