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Renaming policy sacked by council in a recorded vote

The controversial Public Facilities Renaming Policy prepared by the Leisure Services Advisory Committee was back before Aurora Council last week but this time it was defeated on a 4-3 recorded vote.

Two councillors who had indicated earlier support of the proposal were absent when the vote was taken.

The issue was brought about some time ago when a request was received to change the name of Willow Creek Park to Elizabeth Hader Park, as a tribute to a young Aurora girl who lost her life in a horseback riding tragedy.

Her death brought about changes in legislation requiring stricter controls for riding stables in hopes that such action would prevent similar-type accidents.

In response to the request, council agreed to rename the park, as it was a place where the young girl played.

At the time some members of council believed the name change was based on emotion, rather than reason, and the issue of renaming public parks and facilities was referred to the Leisure Services Advisory Committee to develop a policy.

At a committee meeting in June, the final revisions were made and

on July 11 the committee approved the draft policy and it was presented to council for adoption.

A week later, the issue was deferred to the September 17 general committee meeting and staff were directed to obtain public opinion regarding the draft policy.

Eight replies were received from citizens with the majority opposed to a renaming policy.

There was a controversial debate at the September 17th general committee meeting and a motion by Councillor John West to, in effect, leave things alone was defeated.

A follow-up motion by Councillor Evelina MacEachern and seconded by Councillor David Griffith (the two absent from last week's meeting) that the draft policy be adopted, subject to a revision to the wording at the beginning of the policy.

The proposed amendment read: "In principle the renaming of Public Facilities/Parks/Green Spaces and trails should be avoided. In the instance of a family or individual name that was assigned to a given facility or park, the name will not be changed".

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Birthday contest

Guess what? Your Auroran is two years old this week. Who'da thunk it? The upstart little paper that began in October, 2000, wasn't given much of a chance to get past its first year by people who are supposed to know these things. But we're still here, and to celebrate, we're going to have a contest. Tell us where the above photograph was taken, and tell us what's on the property now. Mail or drop off your answer to The Auroran, 75 Mary Street, Unit 3, L4G 1G3, or e-mail your answer to auroran@neptune.on.ca and we'll do the draw on Saturday, October 26, at the newspaper office. Drop around that day and we'll spring for a piece of birthday cake. Winner will receive an alcohol-free dinner for two at the Trio Restaurant. Oh yeah, you can't enter if you work for the paper or you're a member of the Aurora Historical Society.

Briefly

Simply put - it's sold out

The plea from the museum curator was simple - yes, we're sold out and please make the phone stop ringing.

Aurora Historical Society decided to hold a murder mystery evening - it had never been done before - at the famed Hillary House, and The Auroran thought it was front page news.

So when the paper came out last week, with the story - and a number to call - on Page 1, Jackie Stuart's phone started ringing.

The Auroran had been on the streets less than a day and all 30 spots were gone.

It's a pretty safe bet the AHS will do this again.

School tender awarded

Renovations and an addition to the Church Street School are being funded through the Canadian-Ontario infrastructure program and last week, Aurora Council selected the company to do the job.

The seven bids were opened October 3 with prices ranging from \$508,000 to \$741,054.

The low bid of Newgen Construction in the amount of \$508,000 was accepted.

Work is expected to continue throughout the winter.

The building's second floor will be served by an elevator attached to the north wall of the classic structure.

Hazel's 48th anniversary

Hurricane turns Aurora and district into a lake

It was earlier this week, 48 years ago, when the skies opened, the winds howled, and people died.

The day was a Friday...it was October 15, 1954, the start of another weekend in what was then York County. Aurora, one of 14 municipalities in that county, was a whole lot smaller than it is today.

It was a weekend never to be forgotten by those who experienced it.

Hurricane Hazel had arrived.

It struck the county, almost

1954

demolished the Holland Marsh, killed dozens of people and flooded everything.

Hazel was born near Granada in the Caribbean on October 4, 1954, and took about 500 lives as it swept across Haiti and the East Coast of the United States before toning itself down

Experts believed it would pose no further threat, except for heavy rain.

But, like most hurricanes, Hazel couldn't be taken for granted...even though she was.

Crossing Lake Ontario, Hazel joined up with another storm, gathered her strength and smashed into Toronto and York County with a vengeance.

The Toronto area was unprepared.

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Blue Hills Child & Family Services was the recipient of two turkeys donated by the Aurora Shopping Centre last week, as part of the plaza's annual Thanksgiving turkey draw. Resident supervisor Ken Stinson accepts the birds from Marjorie Saunders, the plaza's public relations officer. Eight others also had a very meaty Thanksgiving thanks to the plaza. Turkey winners included Loretta Roffey, Beverley Collins, Paul Sherman, Elizabeth Johnson, Lisa Wilkins, Melodie Krieger, Barbara Sutton and Crispin Daniels, all of Aurora.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Rinkboard contract goes to Sambrook

Sambrook Media gets the arena sign business in Aurora, council decided last week.

The decision follows weeks of debate between two major companies bidding for the lucrative rinkboard business around Aurora's three indoor ice surfaces.

In July, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was distributed to three advertising companies requesting a bid for advertising in the town's recreational facilities.

A report was submitted to a September council meeting recommending the town sign a three-year contract with Boardview Advertising.

Town staff noted that although the proposal from Sambrook Media appeared more attractive due to its larger guaranteed amount to the town, Boardview was recommended due its listed base of municipal customers and advertising clients.

That brought Sambrook president Barry Sambrook to council to question the staff report.

He said his firm had guaranteed the town \$13,125 each year of the three-year deal and noted Boardview had guaranteed only \$2,000.

At that time Councillor John West asked Sambrook if he would back up the guarantee with a letter of credit in the guaranteed amount and Sambrook said yes.

As a result, council referred the issue back to staff for reconsideration.

At the October general committee meeting, both Sambrook and Jory Sigismund, president of Boardview, appeared before the committee to highlight their proposals.

After listening to both

presentations, committee members agreed to recommend to council that the Sambrook proposal be accepted. His motion was adopted without comment or debate.

A week later, Sigismund was back before council to re-present his proposal. He claimed the Sambrook guarantee of \$13,125 was not viable, as there was only room for a maximum of 24 rink board signs.

He outlined rate cards, production costs and liability insurance and promised to bring in more money to the municipality, but did not increase his \$2,000 guarantee.

He also pointed out that Sambrook's former company had gone bankrupt and had been unable to meet its commitments to the town

Councillor George Timpson repeated his motion that the contract be signed with Sambrook due its much higher guarantee.

Councillor Ron Wallace disagreed. He expressed concern about Sambrook's ability to make a profit with the current rates for advertising.

He added that staff had gone to considerable trouble to research the proposal and had recommended Boardview, as being in the town's best interests.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said he agreed with Wallace, as he was concerned about the past history of the town with facility advertising. He suggested council forget the guaranteed amount and look at the overall picture.

Councillor West pointed out that based on the guaranteed amounts in the proposals the town was \$11,000 a year better off by using the Sambrook offer.

He added that even if Sambrook lasted only one year, the town was still up \$13,000 compared with \$6,000 over the three years from Boardview.

He suggested Sambrook be asked for a letter of credit to cover the last two years of the contract and was supported by Timpson and Councillors Nigel Kean and Betty Pedersen.

When the vote was taken council endorsed the Sambrook proposal with Wallace opposed.

This new facility means new road

Well, well.

Aurora town staff advised council last week that regional officials had contacted them regarding the investigation of facilities covering four Aurora wells.

The existing facility, located adjacent to the Community Centre parking lot, is outdated and the region engaged a consultant to report on alternate sites.

In the final analysis, council rejected the region's suggestion of a site fronting on Fleury Park and suggested the existing defunct wastewater treatment plant be the site of the new facility.

The region agreed with the town's choice and also agreed to construct a road to the site along the east side of Tannery Creek from Aurora Heights Drive.

That would stop some of the existing traffic on Machell Avenue, currently the only access road to the site..

Area residents were notified by mail of the proposal and a public meeting was held in September to present the plans and receive comments.

Councillor Ron Wallace said he had not received a copy of the Anderson letter

nor could he find a copy in the councillors' room.

He knew nothing about the public meeting, he said. "Did anyone go?"

Officials said no one from the Town of Aurora attended the meeting.

Councillor John West wondered why the report had been prepared by the Director of Leisure Services and not by the Director of Public Works.

He was advised Leisure Services had become involved because the consultant's preferred location involved a park, but Public Works had been part of the discussions.

Mayor Tim Jones and Councillor Wallace are also investigating the feasibility of adding a driveway to the new road that would lead to the parking lot for Hillary House.

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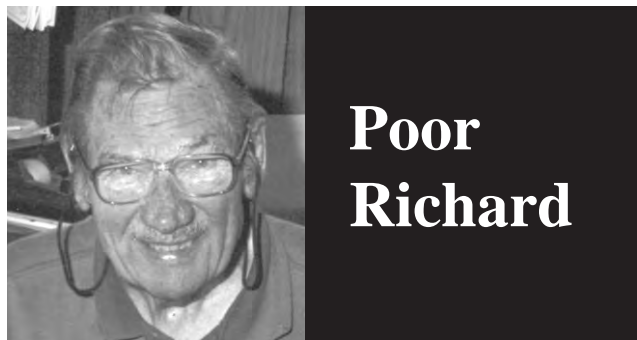
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Addressed to the Ontario Treasurer,
It's a story that is hard to believe!
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

In January, 1973, about three weeks after receiving my first acclamation at the polls for the office of Aurora mayor in December, 1972, I resigned as mayor and York regional councillor to prevent a potential conflict of interest.

Prior to the election I had been appointed executive assistant to John White, then Minister of Trade and Development in the Ontario Government. At that time there was no possibility of a conflict of interest.

It is very unusual for a career civil servant to be appointed to the personal staff of a minister. White had made up his mind that he would not run in the next provincial election, whenever it as called, and decided to have someone from the ministry, rather than hire a contract person.

I had been with the trade section of the ministry for about 10 years as a "people hunter". Any Ontario employer, who couldn't find the professional or skilled help they needed in Ontario, it was our job to find them somewhere and get them to Ontario.

When I was selected by the deputy minister to be on the minister's personal staff, I saw it as an opportunity to learn something about the tourism section of the ministry and improve my opportunity for a better appointment when White retired.

It was the opportunity of a lifetime so I jumped at the chance, not realizing that future events would have a dramatic effect on my municipal political career and lifestyle.

Shortly after my appointment, just as I was beginning to learn the ropes, Charles MacNaughton resigned as Ontario Treasurer and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, including Municipal Affairs, and White was appointed minister.

He asked me to move over with him because of my interest and knowledge in municipal affairs. It was a most interesting and challenging move and one I have never regretted.

I attended most functions and meetings with the minister to make sure that he was where he was supposed to be, in the right place at the right time and that he had been properly briefed.

I soon learned that the minister seldom carried much money with him and he frequently asked for a loan of a hundred of dollars or so, and it wasn't long before I became known as "Banker to the Treasurer of Ontario".

But nothing will compare with the experience I had in April, 1973.

It was a busy Friday at Queen's Park and I didn't have time to go through the minister's mail, as I normally did, to sort it out for a staff response or a more personal response from the minister, which I normally had to draft.

So I put all the mail in my briefcase and brought it home to Aurora.

When I started to go through it at home Saturday morning, I opened a letter delivered by ordinary mail from the federal government, signed by Finance Minister John Turner.

He had enclosed a cheque for \$24,378,000. I had never seen a cheque amount with two commas in it.

All I could think about was the bank interest the province was losing because the cheque had not been deposited on Friday.

I had hoped the whole issue would be kept quiet but it was not to be.

Later in the month the minister brought the issue up at the Legislature's public accounts committee, as an example of how the federal government handled its finances.

As a result the story hit the national press and all Canada knew how a minister's executive assistant took home a cheque for more than 24 million dollars.

White joked afterwards that he wished to had known about the cheque.

On the Saturday night he found himself a little short of cash and would have loved to have gone to the night clerk at the Westbury Hotel, where he stayed while in Toronto, and asked him to cash the cheque.

Serving on the minister's personal staff was never dull but sometimes a little unorthodox for a career civil servant.



Wooden sidewalks and a single lane dirt road highlight the top photo, showing the east side of Wells Street, looking south from Wellington. Today, bottom photo, the trees are grown, and the business of painter S.C. Taylor is long gone. That house burned down, possibly in 1948. No one knows when the top photo was taken. The bottom one's easy...it was snapped Sunday morning.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Habitat project an excellent idea

To the editor,

My name is Kara McLachlan. I have some input on the Habitat for Humanity project.

I think this idea is excellent. I have seen many projects like this presented on TV by Habitat for Humanity and the Angel Network owned by Harpo Inc., in the states.

I always wondered why these projects didn't take place in our area. We have many needy families. I see them all the time at the food bank.

This company has proposed a home in our area, and all the residents and local government can do is oppose the project.

Well, I have a few words for you. I think that the people who oppose this project aren't looking at

the big picture.

There are many poor, homeless families who live with next to nothing, and are unable to afford housing costs, which today are astronomical.

Really, to give up such a small piece of land for someone who is less fortunate than ourselves should only be a small price.

I also think the Town of Aurora officials should give it high priority.

Don't you think that life is the most precious gift that was ever placed before us?

For someone who had no permanent home, such a great gift would make them eternally thankful.

I don't think that the residents of Murray Drive have the right to refuse a homeless person a place

to live.

Here's a hypothetical scenario. Say you lost your home, all your possessions, and your job.

You were bankrupt. The bank refuses you a loan because you have no steady income.

Then someone says to you, "you get a job, we'll build you a home."

I think that this project, and many others like it, will help improve the quality of living for many less fortunate families.

It is only the beginning to making the world a better place to live.

Let Habitat for Humanity have a chance to prove themselves and to give a family a great and priceless gift.

**Kara McLachlan
Aurora**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Why did town listen to do-gooders who do no good?

To the editor,

This is an open letter to Mayor Tim Jones and the Aurora Council.

Shame on you, Aurora, where has your humanity gone?

I live in Aurora, and two years ago I was approached by phone by a friend who asked if I would volunteer my services to help build a Habitat House

in Owen Sound.

I immediately said yes. We built the house in five days.

The first day on the build, 130 volunteers showed up. Many skilled tradesmen such as electricians, plumbers, heating and framers donated their time. They came after their regular job to work in the evening. They wanted to do their share on the site. I

travelled many miles to be there everyday. It was awesome to see the happy friendly people I met everyday on the site.

This was truly a caring community in action. The love that floated in the air around this house was electric.

Two months later I received a hand written letter from the recipient of this beautiful house.

The mother of three young girls and her husband, with emphysema and unable to work, thanked me sincerely for helping them get a home.

She said it was no longer just a house but a home filled with love. Her girls were doing well in school and are proud to finally have a place they can call home. I knew then that it was all worth it.

To the people of Aurora, I say, "We are our brother's keeper."

A good community has caring, compassion, and concern for its poor and needy. We are supposed to have a mayor who is mayor of all the people. We are supposed to have a council who represents all the people.

Why did they listen to a few do-gooders who do no good?

Why did they change their mind after a few people showed up pretending they were very concerned about it being in a park when it wasn't a park?

The Director of Planning for Aurora said a house was suitable in that location.

Why did our esteemed mayor not listen to her, the one who was knowledgeable about the site?

What are we paying these people for if the mayor and council ignore their advice?

My advice to our esteemed mayor and council is to not run in the next election.

When they approach my door, they will get the same cold shoulder they gave to Aurora's poor and needy. Their actions gave them away.

I don't want to live in a community without love and compassion for the rest of our humanity who are living on the edge of poverty.

If our mayor does not care, I, for one, do not care for this mayor.

Only one councillor, Ron Wallace, deserves our praise for saying yes to the needy. The rest can go home to their warm house, relax in their nice family room, and pretend all is well in Aurora.

If this house were built, I would guarantee that at least 100 caring people in Aurora would show up the first day of its construction.

It's too bad we have a mayor and council of all the people, who bend like weeds in the wind, the moment anyone complains about anything.

Have we elected a bunch of wimps? You cannot please all of the people all of the time.

I believe firmly that most of us in this community have compassion for humanity. Do we want to leave our poor crying in the wilderness? Do we as a society not care anymore?

Are the fat cats who live in the nice houses going to control all of us? If so, I don't want to live in Aurora anymore. I don't want to live in an Aurora without love.

Our mayor and council had a chance to do something right here, and they blew it. They changed their mind, went against their better judgement and chose a bitter judgement because of a bitter, nose, and noisy few. These people with hearts of stone only have myopic eyes with pupils made of dollar signs.

Was this democracy in action?

No, certainly not if a few can get together, go to a council meeting and overrule the many who are supposed to be represented by our mayor and council.



Mayor's Report
By Tim Jones

Many advantages to joining C of C

On Monday, October 28, representatives of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce will be calling businesses in Aurora that are not currently members of that organization to encourage them to join.

I have sat with the Board of Directors for eight years and I can tell you first hand about the benefits of being a Chamber member.

If your business does business with other businesses, the Chamber offers numerous networking opportunities.

There are monthly "Networking Breakfasts", as well as "Business After Five" opportunities and they're free. You can also host and profile your business at one of these opportunities.

Luncheon Meetings are held normally the third Wednesday of each month featuring high profile and timely speakers.

For a nominal fee you can also reserve a showcase table to promote your business services or products.

The Chamber offices are soon to be located at the southern entrance to Town at Yonge and Industrial in a brand new office building located on the southeast corner.

Staff at these offices will respond to daily visitor and consumer requests and referrals, provide certification of export documents (nominal fee), offer members the opportunity to display their business cards and brochures (free), and make available many government directories, periodicals, maps and Ministry of Tourism brochures.

For members, the Chamber offers an annual business directory with advertising opportunities, and they produce a monthly newsletter, "The Advance" which includes the introduction of new members, a calendar of upcoming events, as well as special events of interest to business.

The Chamber also produces a Town of Aurora street map which is sent to all residents of the Town.

Group Insurance is available to the independent business owner which is cost effective and includes extensive employee benefits. Special features include dental care, hospital and drug coverage as well as life and disability insurance.

The Chamber also is involved in numerous social events

throughout the year.

The Business Achievement Awards, being held next Wednesday, Oct 23, at the Tuscany Banquet Hall will honour the Chamber's best.

Also popular are the Annual Golf Tournament, Family B.B.Q., Ski Day and Holiday Open House.

The best Home Show in the Region, The Aurora Chamber Spring Home Show is held every April and this year will feature more than 150 exhibit opportunities, along with a Food and Wine Theme - I'm hoping to be asked back to assist with the cooking again this year!

And then there is the World's Longest Street Festival in June where everyone has an opportunity to participate with up to 30,000 people attending.

As Mayor, I appreciate what the Chamber does in our Community.

At each of our entrances the Chamber maintains Community Service Welcome Signs.

The Chamber awards annual high school scholarships and encourages and participates in business and education partnerships as well as a student and youth venture program.

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce has one of the largest percentage of members for the area it serves in Ontario, if not the country.

For the cost, the benefits are incredible, the people are amazing.

If you are called October 28, I would encourage you to respond favourably.

Of further benefit, the initiation fee of \$50 is being waived on that date.

But if you are interested, why wait - call Rosalyn, Mary Lynn or Kathy at 905-727-7262 now!

Mention that you read it in this column and you will qualify to have the initiation fee waived between October 21 and October 28.

If you see something in this column that you wish to respond to, I welcome your comments, either through the paper, to the Town Hall by mail - Box 1000, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6J1 or e-mail at tjones@town.aurora.on.ca

Hugh Allen
Aurora

ED. NOTE: In fairness to the mayor, the vote was not recorded, therefore the mayor, if a majority vote is shown by his council, is not required to vote. This unrecorded vote was 6-1 against the home by the seven councillors in attendance. Fact is, no one, except the mayor, knows how he would have voted.

Bouquets & Brickbats

By **DICK ILLINGWORTH**

BOUQUETS to the members of STORM, a group instrumental in pressing the government to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine, on being honoured with a national award. The group received a gold prize in the Sustainable Living category at the Canadian Environmental Awards.

BOUQUETS to Aurora's Jim Elder, a 69-year-old Olympic Gold Medal equestrian winner, for still going strong after five decades of riding. He's still beating much younger riders in jumping competitions. Way to go, Jim!

BRICKBATS to the persons responsible for the installation of road signs on Bayview Avenue. As truckers drive north on Bayview approaching the St. John's Sideroad there is a sign indicating the name of the road plus a sign which reads "Truck route to Yonge Street" with an arrow pointing north. At a quick glance it can be interpreted that St. John's is the route. Why not separate the signs?

BOUQUETS to Doug Andrew on his recent election as president of the Probus Club of Aurora. The club is for retired or semi-retired professional (PRO) and Business (BUS) people and is intended to provide fellowship through programs, social events and regular meetings. Call 905-952-0505 for information.

BOUQUETS to Auroran cartoonist Scott Johnston on capturing the thoughts of many citizens in their letters to the editor and the silliness of council's proposed park renaming policy by changing the name of the Murray Drive property from "Site of future Habitat for Humanity Home" to "NIMBY Park".

BOUQUETS to Mayor Tim Jones and Councillors John West, Ron Wallace and Betty Petersen for voting to defeat the proposed renaming policy on a 4-3 recorded vote with Councillors Evelina MacEachern and David Griffith absent. When will some members of council learn that policies are set for the guidance of staff in their day-to-day work, and cannot bind a future council?

BRICKBATS to the vandals who torched the playground equipment in Tamarac Park recently and prior to that the park equipment in Highview Park, which was Aurora's first integrated park.

BOUQUETS for Councillor Nigel Kean for his notice of motion to petition the federal government to toughen the Young Offenders Act as a result of these senseless acts of vandalism.

BOUQUETS to members of the Aurora Tigers for giving hockey fans exciting Junior A hockey in Our Town. They defeated the Thornhill Rattlers 9-1, their arch-rivals the Newmarket Hurricanes 3-1 and Ajax 5-1 recently.

BOUQUETS to Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School straight-A student Alex Schwartz on being able to combine sports and academics successfully. After four years of pumping iron, he transformed himself from a skinny 130 pounds to a 255-pounder.

BRICKBATS to all the avid hockey fans who forced CBC to renew Ron MacLean's contract for four years at a salary of more than \$500,000. Why isn't it possible to obtain the same reaction in a fight to save the Oak Ridges Moraine, the wetlands and environmental pollution affecting the health of people?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Kean is looking forward to bigger market in 2003

To the editor,

The 2002 Aurora Farmers Market has come and gone.

As Chair of the Yonge Street Commercial Area Sub-committee, I would like to thank all of those people who have made this market a great success and an event that should be carried on in the future.

I want to thank the committee members: Mike Evans, Barb Downey, Kristen Eastwood, Brian Bylybashi, Douglas Hubley, Pat Sinclair, Margaret Brevik, Mike Hindle, Lisa Cruickshank and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce as well as the great vendors who showed up: Van Hart Organic Produce, Miller's Fruit Stand, Hurst Bakery, Mountainview Orchards, Cooper Farms and Absolutely Pure Honey.

I believe that next year will be even greater with more vendors and hopefully an opportunity for local Aurora groups to raise money for charities and sports teams.

I would also love to see a booth with the great crafts and goods that the Aurora Senior Centre produce at the market.

There are so many good things that this market can do for Aurora and its residents and retailers.

I would love to hear from residents what they would like to see happen next year.

Please forward E-mails to nigelkean@aol.com with suggestions or write me c/o the Aurora Town Hall.

These in turn will be presented to the Yonge Street Commercial Committee.

Thank you all again.

**Nigel Kean
Aurora**

Name new parks: reader

To the editor,

"Poor Richard" has hit the nail on the head with his column October 1.

I myself fail to understand how renaming of town parks can benefit taxpayers.

Obviously, Town Council has run out of priorities and is now down to the ridiculous.

With the building of new subdivisions almost on a yearly basis, surely new

parks will be included.

Why not take these new names and give them to these as yet unnamed areas?

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Two days after the fire, a hastily-formed "action" committee began planning a new arena.

Hockey teams and other skaters scrambled throughout the region

looking for any available ice.

The Aurora Tigers battled a Lindsay hockey team for a playoff spot wearing Markham sweaters as most of the team's equipment was destroyed in the fire. Bradford offered its arena for the remaining Tiger home games.

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Minor Bantam Blue Jays get to provincial playoffs

The Aurora Minor Bantam Blue Jays used Tottenham to get to the Provincial Baseball finals, but that's when they hit a brick wall.

The team, which had been up and down all season, defeated Tottenham in two straight in a best of three

series to advance to the provincials.

Things were looking good at that level when they defeated Belleville in the first game of the playdowns, but that's as far as it would go.

They hit the wall when they

met Georgetown, then put up a valiant fight against Ajax, but lost both encounters and were eliminated from further activity.

Team coaches agreed getting to the provincial level was a high point of the squad's season.

Town sidewalks will be repaired

If you are a pedestrian in Aurora and find walking on the sidewalks dangerous, be of good cheer, as improvements are coming.

At last week's council meeting, the bid of Aloia Concrete Contractors in the amount of \$104,962.50 was accepted to remove and replace

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The sidewalk sections designated for replacement have been identified as being hazardous.

A total of \$130,000 was budgeted for sidewalk repairs, leaving \$26,120 in the kitty.

As the sidewalk survey is now five months old, further sidewalk repairs may be identified during the course of the contract.

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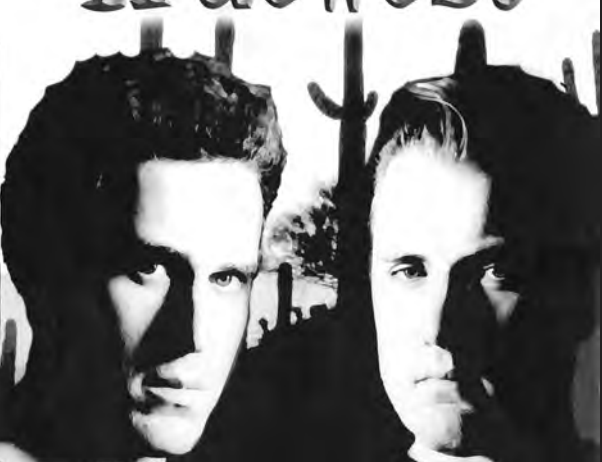
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Tigers rumble over Wexford

By MICHAEL McCLYMONT

The Aurora Tigers Junior "A" hockey team has been on a tremendous roll lately. They've continued a huge winning streak and coming into Friday night's game against the Wexford Raiders, it was doubtful anyone could stop them.

Though Wexford gave the Tigers an early scare, Aurora still came out of the game with an 8-3 victory.

Chris Whitley started in goal and had a great performance.

He was pretty busy at the beginning of the game as Wexford used their size to start off aggressively.

The first period ended with the Tigers up 5-2 but the game was closer than the score indicated.

Aurora struck first four minutes into the game when Sam Skwarchuk put in a backhand shot, assisted by Scott Goheen.

Wexford had two big opportunities to score on breakaways but were stopped by Whitley, but they eventually tied the game 1-1.

The tempo was very "tug of war" like as one team would seem to have the momentum then the opposition would take it away.

With six minutes left in the period; with a man advancing, a Tiger player fell into the crease behind the Raider goalie.

Jordan Brenner scored while every other player seemed to have stopped playing, expecting a penalty.

Then Aurora went on the power play again and Skwarchuk scored when he buried a rebound. That gave the Tigers a 3-1 edge.

Wexford scored on a power play of their own but Jamie Minchella answered right back with a goal assisted by Matt Christie and Justin Olden.

Aurora ended the period with a power play goal by Scott Goheen with 13 seconds left.

Though the Tigers have been short players on defense this year, it is still one of the team's strongest points.

Chris Whitley explained why. "We have great leadership and a good group of veterans so we were able to rebound."

The second period started off slower than the first. The lone goal of the period came five minutes in with a Jesse Olden goal. That made the score 6-2 and it also caused Wexford to change goaltenders.

Aurora seemed to deflate the Wexford attack when the Tigers killed off two penalties in a row as the Raiders failed to muster any offense.

The tempo of the final period was also slower than the first.

It turned out to be Matt Christie's period. He scored a goal three minutes in and added his third assist of the night, making him Player of the Game.

The Tigers are going to have to do a couple of things to stay atop the standings.

"Keep battling, it's tough having to play teams like Huntsville and St. Mike's and then come home and play the Newmarkets and the Wexfords, so we have to stay tough mentally," said Whitley. "It's good that we have a lot of offense."

Twenty years of Sportsbeat - The four commentators who have made up Aurora Cable TV's program Sportsbeat for the past 20 years came together as a group recently. They are, left to right, Colin Graham, Gerry Jennings, Doug Judson and Lowell McClenny. Graham and McClenny continue to share the show's duties.

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Emergency repairs required for pool at leisure centre

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COLL AUDIO & ACCURATE ELECTRICAL 4 (Marshallan McQuillan 1G Eric Shoesmith 1G Michael Shoesmith 1G Conor Johnston1G Brendan Harrington 1A Steven Foss 1A Christian Hastings 1A Dylan Dusome 1A)
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AURORA CANADIAN TIRE 3 (Cody Benson 1G Tom Gibson 2G,1A)
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SHOPPERS DRUG MART - AURORA 5 (Michael Grande 2G Simon Esposito 1G 1A Eric Beveridge 1G Michael Renfer 1G Blair Nimmo 1A)
SKATERS FIRST 4 (Zack Roitner 3G Eric Bailey 1G Matthew Perdeaux 1A)

Minor Bantam

AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 8 (Keith Bradford 4G Jesse Gattellerro 1G,2A Andrew Kines 1G Jason Baran 1G Patrick Madden 1A Liam McNeely 1A Taylor Jeffery 1G,2A Jamie Rundle-Sanderson 2A)
PHILADELPHIA STAINLESS 1 (Evan Magill 1G Tyler McGhee 1A)

IZZI POPAT - ROYAL LE PAGE 2 (Tom Horner 1G Tyler Cattapan 1G Kurtis Wilton 1A Tyler Cappell 1A) LOCKLEY STAINLESS 1 (Eric Wakeman 1G Robert Kaptn 1A)

HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 5 (Jacob Evelyn 1G,1A Paul Jenkins 1G Jon Aleksich 1G Jesse Barker 1G Morgan Mittelstaedt 1G Dan Lewis 2A Brandon Fitzgerald 1A Kevin Michie 1A Brent McClenny 1A)
JUNIOR TIGERS 4 (Ryan Joynt 1G Kevin McCreedy 1G,1A Erin Devlin 1G Steven Pitts 1G,1A Paul Magill 1A Derek Hurst 1A Brett Scott 1A)

PHILADELPHIA STAINLESS 2 (Tyler McGhee 1G Jamie Fenyes 1G Matthew Tacchino 1A Jeremy Weeks 1A Bryan Dunjko 1A)
IZZI POPAT - ROYAL LE PAGE 2 (Tyler Cappell 1G,1A Nathan Taylor 1G Bradley Lewis 1A Tyler Cattapan 1A)

HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 3 (Jon Aleksich 1G,1A Daniel Coates 1G,1A Micheal Rowe 1G)
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LOCKLEY STAINLESS 4 (Mich Brown 1G Doug Bainbridge 1G,1A Eric Wakeman 2G,1A Peter Walker 1A)

Bantam

CHEVERIE COMMUNICATIONS 3 (Zack Andrews 1G,1A Alex Hunter 1G Lawrence Cheverie 1G Peter Smith 1A James Hardwick 1A)
IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 1 (Bobby Haskins 1G Tanner Kinnarinen 1A David Johnson 1A)

TWIST MARKETING 5 (Andrew Goss 1G David Zavarise 1G Spencer Robinson 1G Nicolas Mikhaili 1G Sean Brennan 1G,1A Brad Finch 3A Dan Baillie 1A Ryan Thiffault 1A Justin Dart 1A)
AURORA OPTICAL 5 (Spencer Perry 1G,1A Jesse Eichard 1G,1A Chris Wheeler 2G Mike Smith 1G Dean Hammond 2A Murray Kay 1A Ian Clark 1A)

TWIST MARKETING 4 (Agostino Bova 2G,1A Spencer Robinson 1G Troy Johnston 1G,1A Alex Kane 1A Nathan Vandeweiden 1A Nicolas Mikhailie 1A)
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Midget

LOCKLEY STAINLESS 6 (Ken McArdell 3G Candace Webb 1G,1A Michael Burns 1G,1A Adam Shetler 1G Mark Neufield 1A Brett Goodridge 1A Sean Perry 1A Mark Mckay 1A David Carlson 1A Paul Aihoshi 1A)
FIDELITY STAINLESS 3 (Cam Flemming 1G Jesse Teel 1G Michael King 1G,1A Ryan Myers 1A David McKay 1A)

MAGNA STAINLESS 8 (Steve Pendergast 2G,1A Mike Falcioni 3G Blake Shaw 1G,2A Mike Granato 1G,1A Mike Gordon 1G, Andrew McCrone 1A Daryl Gallagher 1A Matt Tobin 2A Trevor McNeely 1A John Parkhill 1A)
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AMERICAN STAINLESS 5 (Darren Hutz 1G Andrew Younes 1G Chris Bromley 2G Adam Saunders 1G Steve MacLean 1A Kyle Steves 3A)
LOCKLEY STAINLESS 4 (Kevin Parry 1G,1A Jesse Kervin 1G Michael Bishop 1G David Carlson 1G Mike Johnson 1A Brett Goodridge 2A Lenny Richardson 1A Ken McArdle 1A)

SELECT TEAMS

Exhibition Game
Minor Peewee (5) vs East Gwillimbury (3)
Matthew Scrimas 1G,2A Graeme Smart 2G Brandon Giniotis 1G,1A Curtis Hough 1G,1A David Iwai 1A Brandon Galante 1A Greg Buchner 1A Ryan Crockett 1A

League Games

Minor Peewee (5) vs Oshawa (2)
Greg Buchner 3G David Iwai 1G,1A Graeme Smart 2A Brandon Giniotis 1G Matthew Scrimas 1A

Minor Peewee (6) vs Richmond Hill (0)
Matthew Scrimas 2G,1A Adam Bloom 2G Brandon Giniotis 1G David Iwai 1G Matthew Hillar 1A Andrew Mangialardi 1A Jonathan Anastasi SO

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League Games

Novice A (4) vs East Gwillimbury (3)
Dylan Woyslaw 2G Ethan Benson 1G Matthew Roy 1G Graeme Allison 1A Marshall McGaffey 1A Devin Watson 1A

Novice AA (2) vs Richmond Hill (2)
Kyle Spicer 1G Mitchell Harris 1G Jesse Bentolila 1A Dylan Sikura 1A Taylor Chick 1A Brett Wilson 1A

Novice AA (3) vs Barrie (0)
Mitchell Harris 1G,1A Taylor Chick 1G,1A Jesse Bentolila 1G Brett Wilson 1A Copper Catt 1A Kyle Spicer 1A Ryan Kaszuba SO

Minor Atom A (11) vs Newmarket (0)
Steadman Dinning 5G Matthew Mears 1G,4A Josh Beaton 1G,2A Tristan Miller 1G,2A Spencer George 1G,1A Jamie Hawkins 1G Eleeza Cox 1G Chris Piron 2A Stephen DeMarco 1A Jack Steffan 1A Blair Cuthbert 1A Jamie Casey SO

Minor Atom A (8) vs Stouffville (0)
Matthew Mears 2G,2A Tristan Miller 2G,2A Blair Cuthbert 1G Josh Beaton 1G Stephen DeMarco 1G Chris Piron 1G Brandon Pedersen 1A Steadman Dinning 1A Brett Matthews 1A Daniel Howie SO

Minor Atom A (6) vs Innisfil (2)
Tristan Miller 2G Matthew Mears 2G Steadman Dinning 1G,2A Josh Beaton 1G Stephen DeMarco 2A Eleeza Cox 2A Blair Cuthbert 1A Brandon Pedersen 1A Cody Weese 1A

Minor Atom A (4) vs TNT (6)

Spencer George 2G Matthew Mears 1G,1A Jamie Hawkins 1G Brandon Pedersen 2A Patrick Jones 1A Jack Steffan 1A Steadman Dinning 1A

Minor Atom AA (3) vs Newmarket (4)
Barclay Goodrow 1G Justin Nice 1G Chris Smith 1G,1A Taran McGowan 1A Ben Hanlon 1A

Minor Atom AA (3) vs Barrie (2)
Kyle McCreedy 1G,1A Justin Nice 1G James Harkin 1G Chris Smith 2A

Atom AE (2) vs East Gwillimbury (0)
Andrew McKay 1G,1A Michael McGolrick 1G,1A Tyler Tisdale 1A

Atom AE (3) vs Bradford (1)
Michael McGolrick 2G,1A Matthew Pellegrini 1G,1A Sean Agostino 1A Darcy Eveleigh 1A Miles Curtis 1A

Atom AE (2) vs Beeton (5)
Matthew Pellegrini 1G Johnny Haralampopoulos 1G Darcy Eveleigh 1A Miles Curtis 1A Patrick Lee 1A Tyler Tisdale 1A

Atom AE (8) vs Orillia (1)
Johnny Haralampopoulos 2G Oliver Boettcher 2G Andrew McKay 1G,1A Darcy Eveleigh 1G,1A Tyler Tisdale 1G Patrick Lee 2A Conor Sheridan 1A Marcez Lamanna 1A Matthew Semerdy 2A Matthew Pelegrini 2A

Atom AE (7) vs Bradford (1)
Michael McGolrick 3G Matthew Pelligrini 1G,3A Oliver Boettcher 3G Tyler Tisdale 2A Sean Agostino 1A Evan Jones 1A

Atom A (1) vs TNT (5)
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Atom AA (4) vs Barrie (2)
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Andrew McDonald 1G,2A Darrell Evans 1G Anthony Ranieri 3G,1A Carter Hassard 1G Matthew Joynt 1G Michael Morson 3A Quenton Hunt 1A Luca Ghegin 2A

Minor Peewee A (2) vs Stouffville (1)
Darrell Evans 1G Andrew McDonald 1G Quenton Hunt 1A Carter Hassard 1A Michael Morson 1A Anthony Ranieri 1A

Minor Peewee A (6) vs Bradford (0)
Quenton Hunt 2G Anthony Ranieri 1G,3A Andrew McDonald 2G Cory Blom 1G Darrell Evans 1A Trevor McCartney 1A Michael Morson 1A Mark Suominen SO

Bantam AE (11) vs Stouffville (1)
Kyle Fitkin 2G,Scott Daly 2G,1A Corey Berube 1G,2A Brandon Polsinello 1G Matt Kerr 1G,1A

Brent Gallagher 1G,3A Sean Fodey 1G,1A Mike Bentley 1G,2A Mike Parkhill 1G,2A Timi Stoadeh 1A Jordan Williams 1A Mark Short 1A Derek Lynham 2A

Bantam AE (7) vs Oak Ridges (4)
Core Berube 2G,1A Kyle Fitkin 2G,1A Matt Kerr 1G,2A Brandon Polsinello 1G,1A Brent Gallagher 1G,2A Scott Daly 1A Mike Bentley 1A Jordan Williams 1A Mark Whiting 1A

Bantam AE (2) vs Newmarket (4)
Zach Andrews 1G Brent Gallagher 1G Kyle Fitkin 1A Tyler Fyfe 1A Mike Bentley 1A

Bantam AA (3) vs Peterborough (1)
Cal Simmonds 1G Adam Hankins 1G Peter McNeil 1G,1A Patrick Bowie 1A Brandon Steffan 1A Sean Mulroy 1A Vincent Davenport 1A

Bantam AA (1) vs Pickering (5)
Vincent Davenport 1G Taylor Campbell 1A

Bantam AA (3) vs Oshawa (4)
Taylor Campbell 1G Nolan Rundle 1G Cal Simmonds 1G Patrick Bowie 1A Adam Hankins 1A Sean Mulroy 1A

Minor Midget A (4) vs Barrie (3)
Ryan Kines 2G Reed Neagle 1G,1A Matt Cundari 2A Ryan Murphy 1G Jamie Marton 1A Jason Zemanovich 1A

Minor Midget A (4) vs Markham (3)
Corey Hopkins-Straker 1G,1A Craig Waites 1G Ryan Murphy 1G Reed Neagle 1G Jason Zemanovich 1A Andrew Jamieson 1A Matt Cundari 1A Keith Mitchell 1A

Minor Midget A (2) vs Barrie (2)
Keith Mitchell 1G Andrew Jamieson 1G Ryan Murphy 1A Ryan Kines 1A Bryan Osuszek 1A Chris Statchuk 1A

Minor Midget A (3) vs Nobleking (1)
Kari Paivio 1G Andrew Jamieson 1G Jamie Marton 1G Jeff Thom 1A Ryan Kines 1A Jason Zemanovich 1A

Midget A (2) vs East Gwillimbury (3)
Mark Johnson 1G Ryan Angotti 1G Adam Chale 1A Gary Domanico 1A

Midget AA (0) vs Newmarket (3)

AMHA Information

AMHA Office Hours

The AMHA Office is located in ACC1. Office hours are:

7 to 9PM	Wednesdays
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AMHA Dinner and Dance

The AMHA is holding a Dinner and Dance at the Tuscany Banquet Centre from 6 PM to 1 AM on Saturday November 2, 2002. Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner, dancing and wine. Group table reservations for groups of 8 and 10 are available upon request. Tickets are now available from Janine Gabel (905-726-3580), Andrea Bentolilla (905-841-8610) or the AMHA Office (905-727-1480).

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RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

Where is the Straight Image group today?

Back in January, 1985, three Aurora lads formed a band called Straight Image, with Adam Simson on acoustic guitar, Terry MacGirr on drums and Toby Wagener on bass guitar.

They knew that if they wanted to get anywhere in the music business they had to have a record, so they decided to produce their own. The record was a lot of hard work and cost about \$3,500 in cash.

The record was "She's My Girl" with a strong reggae beat.

On the flip side was "Little Angel", a rock tune. The record was available at the Record Rack in Aurora. Whatever happened to Straight Image?

POPULAR KIDS' GAME BANNED

Do you remember the popular "Dungeons and Dragons" fantasy role playing game played by thousands of youngsters and adults back in the early 1980s?

The York Region of Education banned the playing of the game in schools in June, 1985.

According to Education Director Bob Cressman, there were suspicions that a boy actively involved in the game was responsible for the murder of two youngsters in Orangeville.

The same thought held true for three murders at the University of Texas.

A group of high school students appeared before the board to object to the banning claiming Dungeons and Dragons was a challenging game, which stimulated the imagination and promoted human interaction.

BANK MANAGER'S IMAGE GOES "BELLY-UP!"

The staid image of bank managers went "belly-up" at the Aurora Toronto Dominion Bank in October, 1981, when

La Barge gets nod for top police post

In two months, York Regional Deputy Police Chief Armand La Barge, 49, will take over as Chief of the 1,290 member York Regional Police force for at least a five-year term.

York Regional Police officers have served Aurora since the amalgamation of nine police districts more than 30 years ago.

He will replace Chief Robert Middaugh who retires in February after 30 years in police work, the last three as chief of the regional force.

La Barge joined the force as a cadet 28 years ago and worked his way up from a cop on the beat.

He was promoted to deputy chief in 1999.

The York Region Police Services Board decided to hold an internal competition for the chief's position and invited the two deputy

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As the dancing girls' veils came off one by one and landed in Dave's lap, the female staff stood back wiping away their tears of laughter, as they watched the changing expressions on Dave's face.

PEEPING TOMS IN AURORA

In July, 1981, Aurora Council received complaints of vandalism and "peeping toms" from residents of Dunham Crescent, which backs on town parkland on Wellington Street West, just west of the York Region Public School Board Education Centre.

Council requested a report from staff for the ramifications of building a high fence along the rear of the Dunham Street properties as requested by the residents.

Residents complained about late-night parties in the park and empty beer bottles and refuse littering the park area and their properties.

This resulted in some families installing spotlights at the rear of their properties to discourage partygoers but that had limited success.

JUST HOW AVERAGE WERE YOU?

Is there an average Ontario Citizen? If there is, the characteristics will likely change from year to year.

Back in July, 1981, the average family income was \$32,170, which dropped from the highest paid in Canada in 1970 to the third highest in 1981 trailing Alberta and British Columbia.

Average house prices in 1981 were \$78,218 again the

third highest after B. C. and Alberta.

In 1981 women outnumbered men 4,378,320 to 4,246,785. The largest age category for both sexes in Ontario was the 25-34 category, with 61 per cent women and 58 per cent men.

English was the mother tongue of 77 per cent of Ontarians, 5.5 per cent French as their first language and 17 per cent speaking other languages.

More than half of all Ontarians were British descendants and 52 per cent belonged to Protestant religions.

The typical Ontario male adult was 5 foot 9 inches tall and weighed 165 pounds, while his female counterpart was 5 foot 3 inches and 135 pounds.

As for accommodation, 63 per cent of Ontario houses were owned by the occupants and 57 per cent of them were single detached containing one family with an average of 2.9 people.

Just how average were you in 1981?

HOW TEASDALE COURT WAS NAMED

In April, 1980, council of the day received a letter from Emily Rankin of Mississauga requesting that a street be named after her parents, Elsie and Frank Teasdale.

In her letter she pointed out that her father had operated a grocery store on Wellington Street for many years.

After her father died, her mother was a resident at Resthaven Nursing Home for several years.

On her visits to Aurora to see her mother, she noted that streets had been named after many people she knew and grew up with.

Council agreed to keep the name in mind for a future street and Teasdale Court was the result.

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Renaming policy narrowly defeated

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adopted by the committee and showed up last week for endorsement.

Many of the same arguments were repeated with West stressing that a renaming policy was not required, as it was the wrong way to go.

"If it isn't broke, don't fix it," he said.

Councillor Damir Vrancic, noting the absence of Councillors MacEachern and Griffith, asked that the item be deferred for two weeks until a full council was in attendance, but the request was denied.

Councillor Nigel Kean referred to the work of the advisory committee over

the past seven months and the amount of research that had been carried out. He said the policy purpose was to maintain history, not to destroy it.

He said without a renaming policy any park or facility could be renamed, but with the policy a name couldn't be changed.

Councillor George Timpson agreed saying the policy provided some protection.

He asked the committee to prepare a list of parks and facilities so that names of historical significance could be protected with a bylaw.

Councillor Betty Pedersen pointed out that any future council could change the name if it desired to do so.

The debate raged on between those who supported the policy as a protection to name changes by a future council and those who stressed that it isn't possible to bind the hands of a future council and that it was a decision for a sitting council.

Councillor Ron Wallace pointed out that with the growth of the town and the development of new parks and facilities there would be plenty of opportunities to recognize worthy citizens.

In a recorded vote to adopt the policy, Mayor Jones and Councillors Petersen, Wallace and West said no, while Councillors Kean, Timpson and Vrancic supported it.



Flag raising

Hospice King Aurora representatives Jean Gillett, Anita Ozwald, Susan Deschamps and Philomena Duley assist Mayor Tim Jones during flag raising ceremony at the Town Hall last week. Photo by M. McCluskey

Freak hurricane slams into the Aurora district

From page 1

This was an area where hurricanes never occurred. It was a path unheard of for a hurricane.

Local weather forecasters mentioned the possibility of a hurricane but in such a casual manner that few were concerned.

Rain from the far-off storm started falling October 13.

The winds came up during the afternoon of October 15 and by evening the area was hit with the full force of the storm.

Aurora and the county had experienced several weeks of wet weather and the ground was saturated, so that when Hazel struck with its 55 mile per hour winds, gusting to 72, the heavy rain was propelled into the ground like bullets.

Roads throughout the county were inundated and creeks overflowed their banks. Rivers were like fast moving freight trains and Holland Marsh became a lake.

For some reason, Aurora was spared the full fury of Hazel.

The water rose to a level of seven feet in the former water works building on Yonge Street, where Park Place Manor now stands.

The nearby arena, later destroyed by fire, was flooded and suffered severe damage to its new floor.

The small creek that normally trickles under Yonge Street near St. Andrew's College became an angry river, and eventually a lake, with the water flowing across Yonge Street.

There were many flooded areas in Aurora but compared with other districts the municipality was most fortunate with no loss of

life and limited property damage.

Those who remember Hurricane Hazel will also remember the morning of Saturday, October 16,

1954, was bright and sunny without a cloud in the sky and only a whisper of a wind.

It was hard to believe one night earlier Hazel kicked the daylights out of Aurora and York County.

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