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Colours are marched into Trinity Anglican Church during ceremony last week that saw the church become the new home for two colours which had previously been with York Region Council.

Photo by Brenda Snape

## Colours find home at Trinity Anglican

The Queen's York Rangers, who, in one form or another, have had a military presence in Aurora since 1866, have a new home. In a church.

One day before Remembrance Day, Trinity Anglican Church on Victoria Street, became the repository for "any retired Regimental Colours or Guidons (pennants) of The Queen's York Rangers"

Rev. Philip Poole is delighted, and he went outside prior to the Sunday service to welcome the Rangers, and their colours, to the building.

"We have the honour, as Trinity

had in 1914, of laying up two of the colours of this storied regiment," he said. "They will be placed on the wall of the chapel.

"Also this morning we are entering into a friendly relationship with this group in which Trinity will become the church home to this regiment," he said.

The colours that arrived at the church were consecrated in 1932 and were in service until 1960.

They were the colours on parade that sent more than 2,000 Rangers overseas from Fort York, Aurora and Newmarket, and have been with York Region Council

since 1989.

"In Canada, colours have been laid up in churches and cathedrals prior to 1760," he said.

The members of the Queen's York Rangers, 1st American Regiment, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, who attended the service, were under the direction of Kevin Winiarski, commanding officer.

The group arrived at the church following a brief march from the Aurora Armouries, located adjacent to the Town Park on Larmont Street.

## Councillors hit a new low: Vrancic

Councillor Damir Vrancic said some councillors hit a new low last week when they attacked Councillor Nigel Kean's proposed motion to review the town's Code of Ethics.

Councillor Kean presented his resolution Tuesday, setting off a bitter debate.

While admitting council was already governed by a Code of Ethics, the Municipal Elections

Act, and the Municipal Act, Kean did not believe that was sufficient.

He said some firms who do business with the Town are allowed to donate money, goods and services to events that may be run by members of council or town staff, and that council and staff members are allowed to accept favours from them.

He recommended, with the backing of Councillor Evelina

MacEachern, the Code of Ethics committee be re-established to review and suggest changes to ban such practices and that staff and councillors refrain from those practices until the review is complete.

Councillor George Timpson said he was aware of the various Acts when he ran for office.

Timpson said he didn't know what Kean's motivation was but he

## Town's population expected to watch Santa's parade

You can expect the town to show up for Aurora's Santa Claus Parade this Saturday evening.

Organizers anticipate the crowd to watch the 40+ year old parade will be upwards of the town's entire population...more than 40,000.

"The Santa Claus Parade draws a total audience equal to the entire population of Aurora," said committee member Scott Withers.

Saturday's effort will mark the eighth annual "Under The Stars" parade, an extravaganza held at night.

Only a handful of Ontario communities risk the evening parade, but since it was introduced in Aurora it has been a dazzling spectacle of light and music.

Biggest complaint heard in town these days: "I can't find a generator."

Generators, to provide the light and sound to the floats, disappear early as dozens of groups scramble to rent the valuable equipment.

"The beauty of an early winter evening with brightly coloured lights on all the floats is really much more exciting for our children," Withers said. "After all, Santa always arrives after dark."

This year's event is expected to take 90 minutes to pass a single point.

More than 30 floats and half a dozen bands have already been confirmed, and several others are expected to join the massive line-up at the last minute.

"We hope to reach 50 or more floats," Withers added.

The parade will start at Yonge and Orchard Heights at 6 p.m.

Saturday and wend its way south on Yonge Street to Murray Drive, where it will disperse.

Spectators at the south end are advised it takes about half an hour for the parade to reach its destination.

Pray for light snow. It adds to the event.

## Street Fest adds an hour

A one-hour extension to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce annual Street Festival was approved by the committee last week.

The 7th annual festival, slated this year for Sunday, June 1, will open to the public at 11 a.m., giving the hundreds of vendors an extra hour of selling time.

Closing time of 5 p.m. will remain the same.

Vendors, meanwhile, will enjoy last year's rates when purchasing a booth in the event, which annually attracts more than 20,000 people.

The committee, this year headed by Alltrex China General Manager

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## Briefly

## Bleed Friday

Aurora Mayor Tim Jones and town staff literally became life-savers last week.

When a blood donor clinic, scheduled in another part of York Region was cancelled, the contingent jumped into action and agreed to hold the clinic here.

Therefore, Jones is hoping a good crowd will join him this Friday, Nov. 22, from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at the Town Hall on John West Way.

Bleeding takes place on the third floor, and not in the council chamber, where bleeding seems to occur on a weekly basis.

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# Coming Events In Aurora

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During the month of November the Skylight Gallery in the Aurora Town Hall will feature the artwork of June Hills. Viewing hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

## NOVEMBER 22

Blood donor clinic at the Town Hall, third floor, 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 22-23

Aurora United Church annual Fall Rummage Sale Friday 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Clothing, accessories, linens, toys and household items available. The Church is located at 15186 Yonge Street, south of Wellington.

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The Society of York Region Artists (SOYRA) will hold an annual Art Exhibit and Sale at the Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, with opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday.

## NOVEMBER 23

Hadley Grange Social Club Christmas Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 16105 Yonge St., (first driveway north of St. John's Sideroad). Crafts, white elephant tables, bake table and snack bar available.

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Santa Claus comes to Town as the annual Santa Claus Parade takes place. The parade begins at 6 p.m. at the corner of Orchard Heights Boulevard and Yonge Street. It will proceed south on Yonge Street to the Aurora Shopping Centre.

## NOVEMBER 23/24

Aurora artists Pauline Holancin and Jake Mol will hold their 2002 Exhibition and Sale of recent paintings at their Tamarack Studios, 150 Westview Drive (off Leslie Street, south of the Vandorf Road). Viewing times from 1 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Also on November 30th and December 1st. Call 905-841-1926 for further information.

## NOVEMBER 24

Grey Cup 2002 party at the Aurora Legion. Pre-game show 5 p.m., Kickoff, 6 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 28/29/30

The Pine Tree Potters will hold their Winter Pottery Sale at the St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club on the St. John's Sideroad, Aurora, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. More than 2,000 pots will be on exhibit and for sale.

## DECEMBER 7/8

Theatre Aurora sponsors the CBC dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' classic "Christmas Carol", with music, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newmarket December 7 at 8 p.m. and the Factory Theatre in Aurora December 8 at 2 p.m. Maureen Brosnahan, Mary Lawless, Ken Lloyd and Mayors Tim Jones and Tom Taylor are the readers. The Voices of Joy Community Choir and the Hill Top Bell Ringers will provide the music. Call 905-898-3000 for ticket information.

## DECEMBER 9

Aurora Seniors annual Christmas Tea and Gift Exchange at noon. There will be a variety of savory sandwiches, cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, pickle tray, variety of cookies, Christmas cake, hot apple cider and tea and coffee. Cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members.

## DECEMBER 12

Enjoy the Christmas displays of Aurora by joining the Aurora Seniors and tour the town starting at 7 p.m. Bus leaves from and returns to the community centre where cookies and hot cider will be waiting. Fee is \$2 and seating is limited. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

## DECEMBER 13

Join the Aurora Seniors to catch the Christmas spirit as they travel to Buffalo and the Chapel to enjoy the Living Singing Christmas Tree. Accompanied by 40 instruments, a cast of 400 will present the Christmas Story, including a display of 130,000 lights. Depart at 2 p.m. from the Community Centre returning around midnight. Cost for members \$68 and \$73 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

# Street Fest adds hour

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Regina Brown, met for the first time Thursday, and agreed to contact several groups whose presentations last year brought out record crowds.

Among them, a rock-climbing wall, a petting zoo, a classic car show, and a mini-passenger train.

Highlight this year will be upwards of 100 clowns, who will join the show as part of Clowns Canada's annual convention, which is booked that weekend in Aurora.

Spokesman Lorri Pearce - who is Buttercup when she's wearing her clown outfit - said the group, which held its convention in Aurora last year, would mingle with the crowds and do

face painting.

"It will be very colourful," she said.

The street festival began in 1996 as a tribute to Yonge Street's 200th birthday, but was so successful it became an annual event.

And, as usual, booth sales have already happened for the 2003 event.

Chamber spokesman Mary Lynn Stephenson said three booths have already been sold.

Before the show opens, the chamber expects to sell upwards of 500 booths, based on prices of \$25 for Chamber of Commerce members and \$30 for non-members.

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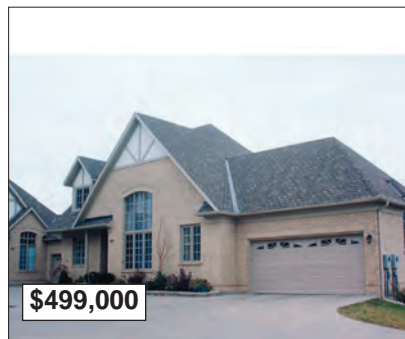


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# \$40,000 from golf tourney aids groups

Last summer Aurora Mayor Tim Jones held his annual Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament and raised \$40,000 to assist local organizations.

The lucky recipients were the Aurora Agricultural Society, Community Safety Village, CHATS, Safe Haven and the Seniors Centre.

Organization representatives were in attendance at council last week to receive their cheques from the mayor.

The Agricultural Society plans to use the funds to improve the Grand Prix,

which was brought back to the Aurora Horse Show last year after a lengthy absence.

The Safety Village will use the funds in preparing for construction with plans to turn the first sod next spring.

CHATS will use the funds for the Day Program held in Aurora and on Meals on Wheels.

The funds will allow Save Haven to install lifts to assist people with special needs to be more independent and the Seniors Centre will use the funds in preparing to move into new premises.



**Bob McGann, left, of Newmarket, and John Morning, King Township, point to themselves when they played for the Aurora Rotary Bantams back in the fifties. They were reunited Saturday after not seeing each other for "45 to 50" years. Strangely, they both worked at Aurora's Sterling Drug plant at the same time but never crossed paths.**

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

# Swimming pool will be built from scratch

The swimming pool in the Family Leisure Complex has pretty much hit bottom.

And before all is said and done, costs to repair it are expected to soar as high as \$300,000.

The pool was originally designed and constructed around 1986 as one of the components of the two-building complex. The original finish of the pool was a marbelite surface, an economical material used in the industry.

In 1994 the marbelite surface started to fail and a consultant was engaged to investigate the problem and recommend a solution.

During the investigation it was found that the waterproofing membrane below the existing marbelite surface required removal and reapplication.

In 1995 the marbelite surface was removed and layers of leveling/bonding material and the installation of pool tile, with the work having a five-year warranty.

Last month, staff reported the pool tile was again failing and council authorized staff to undertake emergency repairs of the pool tile at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

Additional problems, however, with the previous tiling project were found when the work commenced. Hollow spots in both the floor and wall areas indicated a loss of bond and moisture was found in the base below the tiles.

The contractor for the pool repair reported the only way to ensure a proper new installation with a 25-year warranty was to literally, build a new pool.

The work involved would require stripping the whole

pool, walls and floor back to the original concrete, level and repair as necessary, install a new waterproof membrane and reinstall new tiling.

The staff report to last week's council meeting sought authorization to continue with the emergency repairs at a revised limit of \$300,000 with a scheduled opening by January 1, 2003.

Councillor Nigel Kean questioned the cause of the problem, so future councils

wouldn't have to face the same problem. He also asked if staff maintenance, such as draining the pool, could have caused some of the problem.

Director of Leisure Services Allan Downey said the pool was drained according to standard procedures. He noted that part of the problem may have been the large tiles originally installed and smaller tiles are now planned.

Council also approved

refunds for the 1,500 members of the Family Leisure Complex, due to the loss of the use of the pool from October 5 to December 31.

The cost of refunds is estimated at \$175,000 and will be charged to the Insurance Reserve.

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## Poor Richard

### Volunteer service literally priceless

*Have you ever paused to wonder  
As you travel far and near;  
About the busy band of workers,  
The ones who volunteer!*

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Voluntary service is so valuable to its beneficiaries as to be literally priceless.

Who can ever count what it's worth to an emotionally disturbed child to be taught to swim, or to an elderly shut-in to have someone do the shopping and drop in for a chat once or twice a week?

In helping others, volunteers are helping the whole community and society to achieve a better lifestyle for all residents. A community could not survive without the work of dedicated volunteers.

At one time the traditional volunteer was a middle-class housewife with time on her hands and charity on her mind.

Back in the mid-to-late 1970s, this started to change and in her place came a wide range of volunteers.

The new breed of volunteers included senior citizens with time on their hands, the unemployed who help maintain their self-esteem by volunteering, teenagers to gain experience in their chosen field and those who want to give something back to their community.

It became the age of the volunteer.

As communities grow larger and larger, residents started to demand more and more services but they didn't want to pay higher property taxes.

That's when the volunteer came in and the service provided was just as valuable as that of the paid professional.

Not only that, but men started to volunteer in ever increasing numbers.

Our summer sports have wound down from a busy season and winter sports have started, and often there is a group of people who are often overlooked, the volunteers.

The volunteer coaches and managers of the many teams are the backbone to minor sports in any community. Often subject to verbal abuse, few receive the accolades they deserve.

There are also the mothers and the grandmothers who put on sales and sponsor other events to raise funds for sweaters and other extras.

Then there are the parents, who drive their youngsters to the arenas at early hours in the morning. Without these people minor sports programs wouldn't get off the ground.

But it isn't just sports that keeps volunteers busy in Our Town. They are active in every phase of our everyday life. So much so that we have a tendency to take the dedication and the work of the volunteer for granted.

Consider the many events that make Aurora special, such as the June Street Festival and Sale, July First Festivities, Terry Fox Run, Remembrance Day Parade and the Santa Claus Parade, just to name a few. None of these events would occur without dedicated volunteers.

Volunteers are the backbone of the many community and social agencies and organizations ranging from Big Brothers, Big Sisters and the Yellow Brick House, to CHATS, the volunteers at the hospital, the hospice movement, the Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation to name a few.

York Region publishes "York Link" which provides quick, comprehensive information about local family support groups, senior citizens' programs, child care centres and much more.

The community services directory lists more than 600 organizations and agencies within York Region that offer programs and services to assist regional residents in achieving a better lifestyle. Most of them are dependent on the work of the volunteer.

Many of these worthy agencies and organizations in the community would not be able to operate without the services of dedicated volunteers. They are essential and there are never enough of them.

Without volunteers, Aurora and the rest of the country would be lonelier, less human and sadly lacking in spirit and goodwill.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, there are many organizations able to use your services.

If you have trouble finding the agency or organization of your choice contact Information Aurora at the Town Hall at 905-727-1375.

A volunteer will be able to provide you a list of organizations needing volunteers.

So, three cheers for our volunteers.



**You're looking at the northwest corner of Mosley and Berczy Streets, as it appeared prior to 1950. Today, it's a parking lot. This building eventually became the home of Thomas Sisman (Sisman Shoes), when he purchased it from sawmiller and lumber dealer James Thomas Davis. Information regarding the people in the photo does not exist. Any ideas? Don't forget the woman on the porch. The building was demolished in 1950. Photograph was taken by R. Newbery.**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Downtown was "active" when I was growing up

To the editor,

I'm sure you know all about Aurora as it was in past years, but I was thinking about it myself and decided to write down my thoughts and send them to you.

Growing up in Aurora, I remember we had a very active downtown area.

We had Cousins and Aurora Dairy with home delivery from each.

There was Scanlon's and Spence Bakeries and we also had Canada Bread and Weston's bread making home deliveries around town.

There was Case's ice delivery and Jack Chapman's blacksmith shop.

We had several small grocery stores as well.

There was the Dominion on

the corner of Wellington, Whitelaws, Cameron Loblaw's, Mary's Fruit Store and Lacey's on the corner of Church Street.

There was the Morning, Willis and Hess Drug Stores and Ray's and Dan's Chinese restaurants.

We had Ardill's Department Store, Chet Osborne's Shoes and Clothing, Norm Cook's Men's Wear, Elmer's and O'Brien's Taxis, and Simpson's and Eaton's order offices.

The town hall and police station were on the corner of Mosley Street.

We had several gas stations and garages, such as Merv Taylor, Elwood Davis, Gilbert's and Ernie Holman's.

There was Bowser's Building Supplies, Yake's

Electric, the Banner office, and a pool room above the butcher shop.

On the corner of Wellington sat the Queen's Hotel, with Smith's Shoe Repair, Hand Law Laundry and Rubin's Grocery and Department Store, Knowles and Morris Butcher Shops to the east on Wellington Street.

Farther east we had the Davis and Stiver Coal Companies who delivered to the homes in loads carried in sacks.

To the west was the Collis Leather Works.

We once had a movie theatre as well and a telephone office.

Today all these small businesses have vanished and with them the jobs they created.

I enjoy your paper very much and look forward

to it each week.

**Ken Elmer  
Aurora**

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To the editor,

I guess I am one of those horrible "newcomers" to Aurora that the old-timers lament about.

For this, I apologize. I was considered an old-timer back in British Columbia. Life is a circle.

However, with newcomers come new perspectives.

Back in B.C., which I don't miss (the weather and people here are nicer), I paid \$1,700 per year in property and municipal taxes.

In Aurora, for the same services, and same

house value, I pay over \$3,400.

Perhaps the old timers can explain to me what I get for twice the price?

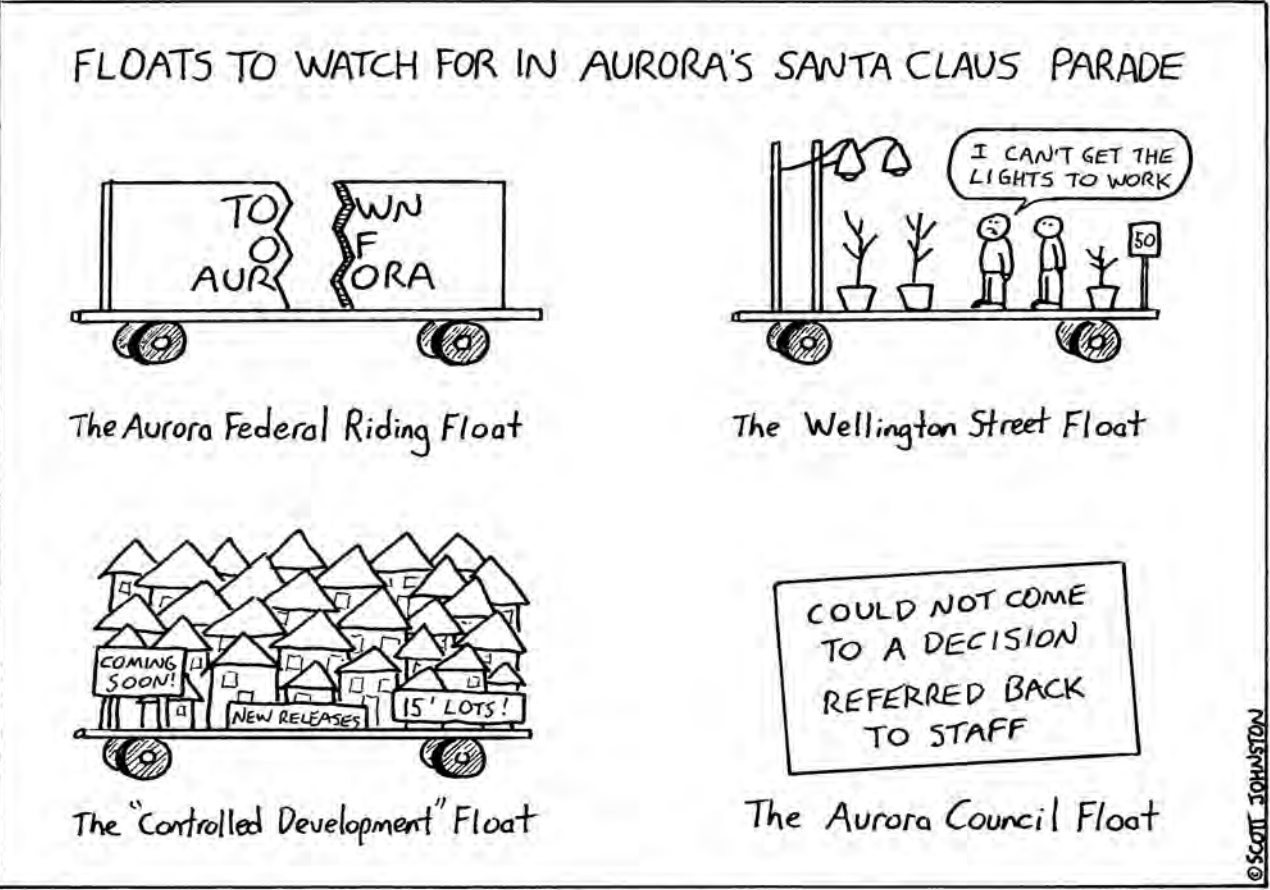
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**ED. NOTE: It's expensive in Utopia.**



by Scott Johnston

## Machell's Corners



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# I could not believe the prejudice: reader

To the editor,

I am writing in response to the letter from T.K. Miller ("Government has no backbone", November 5, 2002).

The author was writing to express agreement with an American columnist who told people of non-Christian backgrounds to stop whining or leave North America.

When I read the Miller letter I was in disbelief at the prejudice and narrow-mindedness pouring from my newspaper page.

It astounds me that someone can write "Only Christians should be allowed into our country, or if Canada does allow Islams or non-Christians, they should be forced to sign a contract stipulating that they will not interfere in our culture or traditions".

I am terribly sorry to encounter such a xenophobic, uninformed and unkind attitude in my community and I wonder if Miller understands what it means to be a Christian.

The attitude expressed is

certainly not a Christian one.

If it means that we should allow only immigrants who believe that Jesus Christ is their personal saviour, then I don't think we'll see too many new Canadians arriving.

If it means we should allow people who believe in a vague sort of supreme being who is satisfied when they go to church on Christmas and Easter, then we might have a few.

But there is absolutely no guarantee that those people will make Canada a cleaner, safer or friendlier place.

And what about the Christians from China or the Philippines or Brazil or Khazakistan?

I have a sneaking suspicion that Miller would not approve of these people either because, even if they are the most devout believers, they will still bring traditions that "interfere" with ours.

It is too bad that Miller sees people who are different as an interference, rather than potential friends or teachers.

Miller and the writer of the original letter refer to

"Christian heritage" and "Christian principles" as major elements in our society.

In the original letter, the writer states that "if God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture".

When I observe the Canadian population, media and government, though, I don't see a Christian society.

Without undermining the hundreds of strong, evangelical church communities, it is obvious that we live in a secular society.

But God really comes in handy when you meet someone you don't agree with, doesn't He?

To both writers I say please don't use an insincere reference to God to support your intolerance.

In God's eyes, Christian heritage doesn't mean anything: the only thing that will get you into heaven is the confession of your sinful nature and a relationship with Jesus.

If you must bring God into it, please think about what He said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind...[and] and love your neighbour as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39).

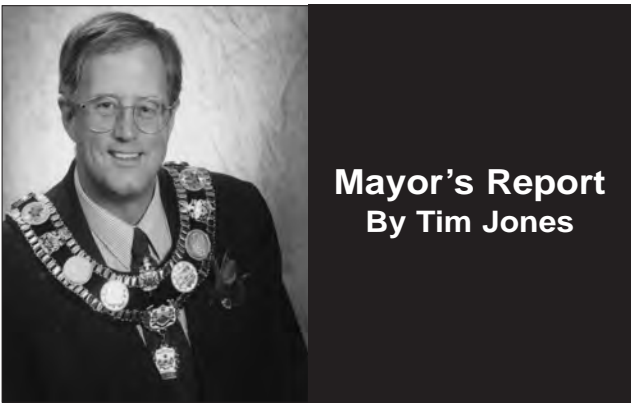
He didn't mean that you should just love your White Anglo-Saxon Protestant, middle class neighbour who has lived next door to you for 50 years.

You also need to love the people who are different from you, even those who drive you crazy, who hurt you and who don't love you back.

Miller will probably class me as an "idiot Liberal", and, having a fuzzy understanding of politics, I will be unable to agree or disagree.

I do have a clear understanding, though, of tolerance for my fellow humans and the need to respond to them intelligently and judiciously rather than writing them off as whiners and complainers.

Kate Wager  
Aurora



## The Youth Criminal Justice Act updated

At a recent council meeting, members considered a request to petition the Federal government through resolution to effect changes in the Young Offenders Act to lower the age of young offenders to 13, to stiffen sentences to a more meaningful term with the hope that the offenders would be more responsive to the law and to assure that youth would have to serve their full sentences.

We were also asked to consider stronger, more meaningful sentences for second and third offences and that parents be charged for the cost of damages caused by a young offender.

I advised council that The Young Offenders Act has been updated.

The Youth Criminal Justice Act was passed by the House of Commons Feb. 4, 2002, received Royal Assent Feb. 19, 2002, and is expected to be proclaimed in April, 2003.

The dominant underlying theme of the new Act is an enhanced emphasis on the rehabilitation of young persons within the community and with the community taking a far more active role.

This is primarily targeted at first offenders and less serious crimes.

Provisions are also made to treat more serious crimes more effectively by lowering the age from 16 to 14 where a youth could be treated as an adult with clearer methods to effectively deal with repeat offenders.

It is my understanding that repeat offenders will have much less tolerance in the courts and a higher likelihood of being treated as an adult based on the severity of their crime.

Conversely, for less serious crimes, the community is being focused on to assist in rehabilitating those deemed most likely to succeed.

One of the vehicles being used is what is known as a "Youth Justice Committee".

Eighteen of these committees are being set up around the Province, with one in our local area of Aurora and Newmarket.

Volunteers were advertised for and 60 are in the process of being trained to effectively deal with youth in trouble.

This process has already had some very successful results in Western Canada where young offenders appear as directed by either the police or a court in front of a Youth Justice Committee, and the victim and family as appropriate to review the crime and determine a method of community service that can assist to rehabilitate the offender.

I personally think that this is a much more efficient and effective way to deal with many of our youth offences, also knowing that the new act provides for tougher ways to deal with more serious offences.

It was suggested that instead of trying to change an Act that was in the process of change, that council request representation on the Youth Justice Reference Group to monitor the outcomes of the new Act so that if further improvements can be made, they could be implemented through this group.

Council approved this approach.

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

# They are stealing Christmas from me

To the editor,

I'm writing to you because I want to congratulate T.K. Miller for being the first Canadian who has the courage to complain about what is happening in Canada with Canadian heritage and culture.

Since I came to Canada, three years ago, I have been shocked by the way Canadians are tolerating what's happening in their own country.

When I was telling my Canadian friends that what is going on is not normal, they were always replying to me: "If you don't like it, then go back to your country!"

I thought that they don't realize the danger, but now I think they didn't have the courage to speak loud and fight for their rights.

I came from an ex-communist country, and for 45 years the communists were stealing Christmas from us,

because they didn't believe in God.

So, we were not allowed to celebrate Christmas, to mention the Santa Claus name, or to say Merry Christmas.

Now, for the second time in my life, when I thought nobody would ever steal Christmas again from me, it's happening again.

In Canada the non-Christians are stealing Christmas from me!

I feel very mad, frustrated

and I still can't believe it and hope it's only a bad dream!

Wherever I go, on the streets, at work, shopping malls, I don't see Merry Christmas signs but I see a "Winter Fest", or a "Magical Season", or a "Holiday Season".

At work the annual Christmas Party is now called "Winter Celebration".

At one of my friend's workplace, an Indian-born Canadian organizes the

Christmas party.

And what is he going to do? His decision is: This year Santa will not come anymore!

When I decided to immigrate I chose Canada, because of the Christian religion.

If I would have wanted to live in an Islamic country, I could have immigrated in Saudi Arabia, or if I wanted to live in an Asian community I could have gone to China!

What would Israelis people say if someone would tell them, "This year you are not going to celebrate Hanukkah, you're celebrating Winter Fest"?


Or what would Saudi Arabia people say if someone would tell them "This year you are not going to celebrate Ramadan, you're celebrating Magical Season"?


F. Stephenson  
Aurora





# Bouquets & Brickbats


By DICK ILLINGWORTH


 BOUQUETS and an Aurora Welcome to Peter Modir on the opening of his new Imperial Lighting home at 15150 Yonge Street, just south of Tyler. He brings 12 years of lighting experience to Aurora.


 BOUQUETS to parents and teachers at Aurora Heights Public School who made up the Naturalization Committee for developing an outdoor multi-purpose garden, as a play area and outdoor classroom to help keep the kids in touch with nature.


 BRICKBATS to members of Aurora Council who continually forget to activate their desk microphones so the audience and the media can hear their words of wisdom. Meeting after meeting the same members mutter at the table, or even if they activate the mike, they lean back in their chairs or move their head from side to side making hearing them difficult.


 BOUQUETS to the Ontario Securities Commission and the Aurora Public Library for sponsoring the seminar on Investment Scams and How to Protect Yourself. Aurora resident and former principal of Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, Tom Clark, made the presentation.


 BOUQUETS to Mary Lynn Stephenson and the Welcome Wagon gang for the excellent organization of the recent Plus Fifty Changing Lifestyles evening at the Aurora Legion. Excellent turnout of exhibitors and near-seniors.


 BRICKBATS to the Secondary School Teachers Federation for requesting teachers to boycott "Take Our Kids to Work Day". It's an excellent opportunity for students to have a look inside the business world and see where their parents work. Evidently the Federation has it in for IBM and other corporations and the kids have to suffer.

 BOUQUETS to all the foster parents in Aurora and York Region who take care of children caught in the middle of a family crisis and help them over the traumatic experience. They are special people who have a huge capacity to give to others. But more than 200 are needed. Call 1-877-567-KIDS.

 BOUQUETS to the members of the Aurora Legion for the planning and organization of the Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Aurora Cenotaph. In spite of inclement weather the turnout of marchers and civilians observers was excellent. The release of the white doves as a symbol of peace was a highlight.

 BOUQUETS to Hayley Turtle for the poem "Lest We Forget" that appeared in last week's edition of The Auroran. The poem captures the message that we should never forget those who died for freedom.

 BRICKBATS to Premier Ernie Eves for selecting a home in Mississauga to make the announcement regarding a cap on Hydro prices and a rebate for users due to the high prices over the summer. Queen's Park is the seat of government and government announcements should be made there, not a photo opportunity in a private home.

 BRICKBATS to the Ontario Tory government for taking another crack at local government. They adopted a regulation, effective January 1, 2003, supporting the CRTC in which a municipality does not have the right to impose a fee on a person owning or operating a telecom business in Ontario.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# We share the planet

To the editor,

Re: "Government has no backbone" (Auroran, week of Nov 5, page 5).

I am a visitor in Aurora this week, and had the opportunity to read through The Auroran. I was both amused and shocked to read the letter to the editor from a person who was, evidently, thanking God for discriminating against non-Christians and idiot politicians.

The tone of the letter was

filled with righteousness and the stuff that divides humanity and generates hatred, war, and misery.

The author's rhetoric could easily be used by the "righteous" of any religious or national group simply by changing the word "Christian" to some other religious or national identifier.

I wonder how such rhetoric serves us, whatever our nationality or personal ideology.

The author's expression of

his opinions might serve to increase the divisions and differences and tensions between us, and if this is what he intends, then it seems to be working. In this model of life, all of us would tell those who are different than we are to "go home", wherever that is.

My own personal opinion is that our differences strengthen us.

I am delighted and proud that our RCMP includes Sikhs who wear turbans. I welcome my Muslim neigh-

bors.

As in natural ecosystems, greater diversity facilitates healthier communities.

After all, we all share our lives on this planet. Like it or not, we are all one and the same.

Would that we all had the courage to state that "Ours is not a better way, ours is simply another way."

That concept might serve all of us towards creating a better planet.

**Jim Taylor  
Winnipeg**

# Police concert was a success

To the editor,

On Saturday, November 9th, the York Regional Police Male Chorus presented their 10th Annual "In Harmony With The Community" concert at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Church in Newmarket.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to The Auroran for providing the information related to the concert to the citizens of Aurora.

The concert, thanks to your help, was a complete success and by the

response shown by the 750 who attended, it was enjoyed by all.

On behalf of the 133 participating choristers, who represented their respective Police Services in Halton, Niagara, and York, as well as the Voices of Joy, a community choir from Newmarket, a special thank you to those in the audience for being so receptive and your show of appreciation throughout the entire evening.

This concert is presented each year to raise money for various non-profit organ-

izations within the Region of York, and to help cover expenses incurred in the operation of the York Regional Police Male Chorus.

This year, a cheque for \$5,000 was presented to the "Community Safety Village of York Region" which is presently being built to teach "hands on" traffic and fire safety to children who attend elementary schools within York Region.

Also, another \$300 will be donated to three categories within the Newmarket Voice Festival. This is our second

year of involvement with this growing festival.

In closing, thank you again to everyone for supporting our 10th concert.

We will be back again next year in our attempt to bring "your" police service closer to the communities it serves in York Region.

Watch for information in this paper for next year's concert!

**Lowell McClenny  
Superintendent (retired)  
Volunteer Supervisor  
York Regional Police  
Male Chorus**

# Never let die our principles

To the editor,

An enormous thank you to The Auroran for publishing, right up front, on the front page, of what Winners thinks of our vets.

I responded by returning my purchases and will not frequent their door again.

A few years ago, when the vets were still able to stand outside various stores with their boxes of poppies, I had a conversation with one.

He told me of how they were growing weary, that there were a lot of issues that our vets were too tired to fight for.

At that time it was the competition of a white poppy coming out for peace, but it never got off the ground.

But now, we have a more serious issue. Are we really going to allow a company in Aurora to snub our vets?

If we, the descendants, don't stand up for our Canadian heroes, then who will?

I say, if you have purchased Christmas gifts from Winners then return them. Show your support for our aging heroes. It's a small sacrifice for what they have endured, and are enduring, because they went over 'there' to keep us free over here.

Never let die our principles.

You can take a lot of our Canadian values away but you will never sever our ties to our history and our heroes.

If Winners does not salute our vets, then maybe Winners should find another town because Aurora will always stand up and be counted.

We may be small, but we can 'take the hill'.

Thank you, Auroran, we would never have known. You are definitely a watchdog for our community

**Marlene Parkinson  
Aurora**

To the editor,

Re: The objection and subsequent apology from the paper for insensitivity.

No offense should be taken because the report was about a man who hung himself in the back room.

This past tense suggests many possibilities, but never suicide.

Now, if he'd "hanged" himself, it would be a different story.

The past tense "hanged" may also be used in an exclamation, as in "I'll be hanged if I let this ubiquitous error slide."

Rachel Evans  
Aurora

**ED NOTE: Touche!**



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# RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

## Aurora land grab was a waste of time and money

Back in 1965, Aurora had designs on about 175 acres of Whitchurch Township's land to add to the southeast quadrant of the town.

At that time the Aurora War Memorial (Yonge Street between Murray and Henderson) was located in Whitchurch Township.

It was believed that agreement had been reached between the two councils but Aurora's planning consultant applied for more area than discussed resulting in the township objecting and an Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

The board awarded Aurora 100 acres.

The whole thing was a waste of time and money as with the creation of regional government in 1971 Aurora was awarded the whole area, plus much more.

### RESIDENT RECEIVES HIGH HONOUR

In June, 1985, an Aurora resident was one of 74 Canadians to be named to the Order of Canada.

Bruce Rankin, a resident of Steeplechase Avenue, was named an Officer of the Order by Governor General Jean Sauve.

He was cited for his distinguished diplomatic career, which was capped by his appointment as Ambassador to Japan from 1976 to 1981.

### ARE POLITICAL DECISIONS RISKY?

In July, 1985, Aurora Council wondered if it had placed itself in a sticky situation by disregarding professional advice.

At the request of residents, council approved a four-way stop for the west-end of Hill Drive and Orchard Heights Boulevard.

York Region traffic engineers were opposed to the four-way stop as the intersection was at the base of a relatively steep grade on Orchard Heights.

They expressed concern that in winter months a car could slide through the intersection plowing into traffic or school children on their way to school.

In spite of warnings from Councillor Evelyn Buck that council was risking liability by ignoring professional advice, council adopted the multi-stop.

Councillor Martin Paivio shrugged off the warning, saying that staff often disregarded professional

advice to make a political decision.

### WHY 2 A.M. TIME CHANGE?

Aurorans recently set their clocks back one hour to switch from Daylight Saving Time to Eastern Standard Time, but it's doubtful many stayed up until 2 a.m. to change their clocks.

If anyone wondered why the ungodly hour of 2 a.m. was set as the official time for the changeover, it's because the volume of traffic at railway stations and airports is at its lowest at that time.

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### AURORA IN 1966

It was the time of the Dutch Elm disease and Aurora Council agreed to replace all the Dutch Elm trees around the Cenotaph with a more hardy tree, as it was feared one good ice storm could wipe out all the elm trees in Aurora.

Council appointed Toronto lawyer Norman Matthews as its representative to the three-man board established to decide the salary and other issues between the town and its police force.

Betty Pedersen (now Councillor Pedersen) was selected as "Girl of the Year" by the Delta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi at the chapter's annual meeting.

### RADIO TOWERS AROUND AURORA

The radio towers have long gone but they are still in the memories of old time Aurorans.

What is now Bloomington Road was once called the CFRB Sideroad, as the transmission towers were located at the southwest corner of the road's intersection with Yonge Street.

They were visible for quite a distance as the site is a high point of land separating watersheds.

North of Bloomington the water flows to Lake Simcoe, south it flows to Lake Ontario.

Pre-400 Highway, Yonge Street was the major route to cottage country and the towers were familiar landmarks for motorists.

In February, 1979, Newmarket radio station CKAN received approval to erect its towers on the south-

east corner of the intersection, but they were set back from the road and almost hidden from sight.

The radio station went on the air in September, 1979. The towers have gone but the memories remain.



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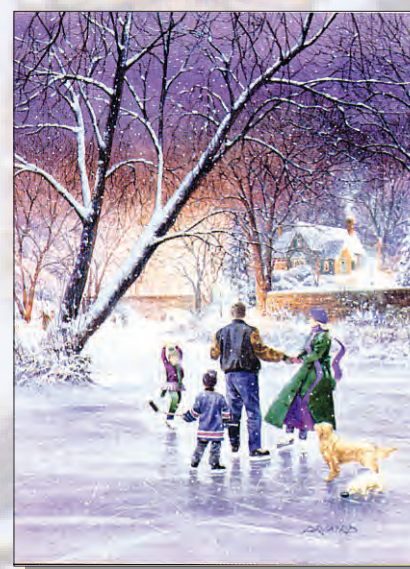
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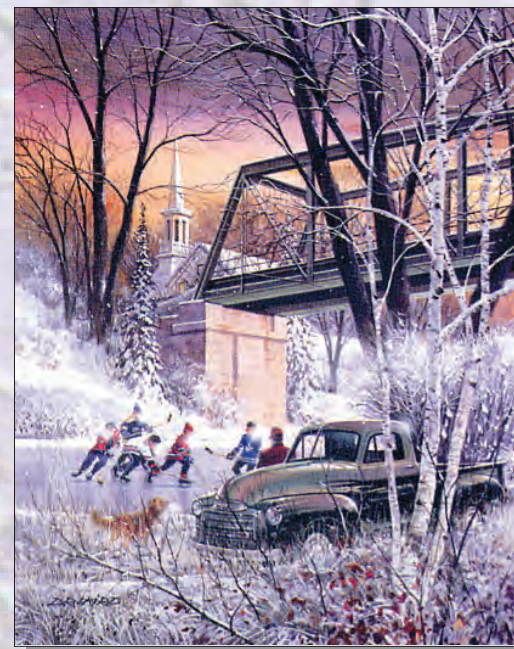
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Ike Earl, left, Audrey Angelson, Ruth McIntyre and Hazel Blackman, all of Aurora, enjoy the service provided by CHATS. Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

# CHATS: a lot like home

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

Olive MacGuiness has a joke to tell.

And, as the participants of CHATS' (Community Home Assistance To Seniors) Aurora Day Program gather in the bright meeting room at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on this chilly autumn morning, volunteer MacGuiness can't wait to share.

The joke, involving a "mature" couple planning their wedding and registering for gifts at a medical supply pharmacy, is a big hit.

The dozen or so seniors sit in a large circle on comfortable couches and chairs to begin another active day of crafts, topical discussions and nutritious food.

Director Joanne Cameron knows volunteers like MacGuiness are the keys to CHATS' success.

"Olive drives one of our seniors, 95-year-old Hazel Blackman, here every Tuesday. Then, she helps in our kitchen and comes back in the afternoon to take her home. She's been helping us for four years, since we started here."

Providing a break for caregivers, while allowing seniors a day of socializing,

mental stimulation and fun, is at the heart of the Day Program.

Hazel Blackman lives in Aurora with her daughter, granddaughter, grandson-in-law and great granddaughter.

The Day Program allows her daughter the chance to regroup and stay energized.

Most of the participants in the program have a similar story; they live with relatives and their visits here, up to three times a week, are as beneficial to their caregivers as they are to them.

The Aurora Day Program is one of the three service portfolios that CHATS provides to seniors and their families.

Rounding out the offerings are in-home volunteer services, such as Meals on Wheels, visiting, daily phone calls, shopping assistance, transportation to doctors' appointments and the popular Lunch Out program.

The third portfolio includes paid homemaking services, like personal care, caregiver relief and shopping.

According to Executive Director Deborah Egan, CHATS' mission statement is supported by them all: "Our mission is to assist seniors to maintain an individual lifestyle as long as

possible. All of these programs do just that."

Where does the money come from?

Along with the Ministry of Health and the Community Care Access Centre, which co-ordinates and determines government funding eligibility, funding comes from the United Way, fees charged for some services, and local fundraising, such as the Mayor's annual golf tournament, held recently.

But volunteers make things happen day to day, and Egan is eager to praise their efforts.

"We have amazing individuals who accompany seniors to downtown doctors' appointments, wait all day with them, and then bring them home. Others make daily phone calls, visit, take them to lunch and more."

In addition to individual volunteers from the community, there is a program by which businesses and corporations can support their employees' volunteering efforts by allowing them to take time from their work day to provide meal delivery, visits or calls.

"It's a great way for people to give back, while still leaving time for juggling family obligations and the like," says Egan.

It's also great for employee morale and raises the community profile of the corporation or business.

While regional companies, such as Enbridge Gas are involved, there are no Aurora-based businesses taking part in the program.

Back at the Day Program, Hazel Blackman and friends are about to begin another busy day.

A public health nurse is coming by to discuss flu shots, this being the beginning of cold and flu season.

Then it's time to get busy completing crafts for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar.

In the kitchen, the wonderful smells of lunch are starting to fill the air. It's a lot like home, and that's the whole idea.

## Imagine buying brand new home for under \$50,000

With the high prices of residential units on the market today, it's hard to believe that at one time in Aurora houses were designed for families making under \$20,000 per year.

The price range of the homes was from \$46,000 to \$50,000.

At an Aurora council meeting in January, 1975, Wimpey Homes spokesman Keith Hanson described the company's proposal to build the second phase of the Ashton Dene subdivision under the new Ontario Housing Action Program (OHAP).

He asked council to permit a reduced average floor area in the homes so that Wimpey could participate in the program.

OHAP was designed to put housing within reach of low and middle-income families, as well as stimulate a crash program of home construction in the province.

It provided preferred mortgage rates for builders and special grants to municipalities in return for participation in the program.

Hanson pointed out that OHAP subdivisions must have a minimum of 30 per cent of homes available for families making \$20,000 or less. He said all 58 proposed homes would be in that category.

The minimum down payment was to be \$2,300 with payments of about

\$400 per month on a 30-year mortgage.

Council members were unanimous in their belief that an average industrial worker would find an OHAP home beyond his reach.

Hanson asked council to amend the original subdivision agreement to allow smaller homes on the same number of lots originally proposed for the second phase.

The floor areas would vary from 1,050 to 1,339 square feet with an overall average of 1,240 square feet, 10 square feet fewer than the original agreement.

Council members had trouble envisioning a 1,000 square foot home, and accepted an invitation to visit a similar Wimpey subdivision in Ajax before making a decision.

If you're wondering if you live in the Ashton Dene subdivision, you do if you're near the Lester B. Pearson Public School.

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## Aurora selects new advisory committee

The Ontarians with Disabilities Act was proclaimed September 30 and the new law requires all municipalities with a population of more than 10,000, to make their facilities fully accessible.

Municipalities are required to establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee with half the members being people with some form of disability, members of the community, and a council member.

Following a short private session, councillors announced that Alan Dean,

Ivy Henriksen, Helen Kogan, John Lenchak, Kerry Lynne Thomason and

Carole Williams will make up the committee with Councillor John West.

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# Boundary changes get commission hearing

It was appropriate the hearing to decide federal and provincial riding boundaries was held in the Aurora Room of a York Region hotel last Tuesday.

Aurora is a community that, if proposals go unchanged, will be split down the middle with separate federal and provincial ridings on either side of Yonge Street.

The Honourable Justice Douglas Lissaman, chairman of the Electoral Boundaries Commission, chaired the hearing with members Professor Janet Hiebert and Professor Andrew Sancton on the panel.

Lissaman told the approximately 20 people in attendance that the boundaries were only proposals and subject to change after the comments received at the 16 hearings across the province had been reviewed and the ripple effect taken into consideration.

Federal law requires that representation of the provinces in the House of Commons be adjusted after each 10-year census to reflect changes in population. As a result the number of Ontario MPs will increase from 103 to 106 with two of the additional seats in York Region.

In addition the Ontario Representation Act 1996 provides that the number, name and boundaries of the provincial electoral districts be the same as the federal boundaries. Therefore, the proposed readjustments will determine the boundaries of both levels of government.

Under the proposed boundary changes, Aurora's western section would be combined with the proposed new riding of Newmarket/King/Aurora and the eastern section would be in the OakRidges/Markham riding.

Aurora Council and citizens were stunned by the proposal to divide Aurora into two different ridings.

Following a public meeting and a petition opposing the division signed by hundreds of

Aurora residents, council approved a strongly worded resolution which was presented at the Tuesday meeting.

Vaughan/King/Aurora MPP Greg Sorbara appeared before the hearing on behalf of Aurora and also as President of the Ontario Liberal Party, and that he had heard few complaints about the work of the commission from party members.

He stressed, however, that an error had been made in dividing Aurora down the middle into two ridings and described the size and nature of the community.

He pointed out that Yonge Street was "Main Street" for Aurora bringing the town together, whereas the commission proposal would divide the town.

He said the riding of Vaughan/King/Aurora was a community of interest, with friendly rivalry over the years between Aurora and Newmarket. He stressed the need to keep the town in one riding.

Aurora Mayor Tim Jones said he wanted to retain the integrity of his town and he was opposed to the split along Yonge Street.

He pointed out that if the proposal was accepted the municipality would have a total of four federal and provincial members, about half of council.

He told committee members about the results of the public meeting and tabled the petition along with letters of opposition from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and the Federal Progressive Conservative Association for the riding.

Jones said Aurora was one community and was a place that many residents were proud to call home.

Hiebert said that while the commission did not like splitting communities, it was necessary to maintain a population balance. Sancton said the commission would revisit the boundary, and asked if Jones would prefer having the whole town in Newmarket/King or rather in Oak Ridges/Markham.

Jones replied the town would prefer to be in Newmarket/King due to the community of interest but the main objective was to keep the town together.

Vaughan/King/Aurora  
MP Maurizio Bevilacqua  
stressed the need to  
keep Aurora as one

community.

He invited the commissioners to visit Aurora's Santa Claus Parade to catch a bit of the spirit of the community.

While he agreed the commission had a hard job, he said it was necessary to keep unique communities, such as

Aurora, together and that by doing so there would be little ripple effect.

He added that the commission's proposal was the worst scenario.

Hiebert replied that commission members had received the message and asked if there

was a better place to split the town than by Yonge Street and Bevilacqua replied there wasn't any.

Commission members said they would take all comments into consideration, but gave no indication as to what the final result might be.



**FRANK KLEES, M.P.P.**  
Oak Ridges

November 14, 2002

### Open Letter from M.P.P. Frank Klees:

Over the past number of weeks I have heard from many residents of Aurora on the issue of electricity prices. The situation has concerned me too, and I have done my utmost to advocate for an appropriate resolution.

As you are no doubt aware, Premier Ernie Eves announced a plan that, if passed by the legislature, would lower electricity prices to where they were on May 1, 2002 and will keep them there until at least 2006, refund everything you paid above that amount since May 1, and keep us on the road to increased supply, debt repayment, and reasonable prices for the future. Highlights of the action plan are as follows:

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- The 4.3¢ per kilowatt hour price of power will be retroactive to May 1 of this year. You will be refunded every penny of the difference between what you paid since May, and what you would have paid at a frozen price of 4.3¢ per kilowatt hour. This also includes customers who signed fixed priced contracts with energy retailers.
- A first instalment of the refund will be sent to you as soon as possible, in most cases before the end of this year. The remainder will be credited to you through your bill as soon as your local hydro company is able.
- In the meantime, effective immediately, and until March 31, no one will have power disconnected for failure to pay a hydro bill.
- The price consumers pay for delivery will be capped at current levels.

Also, the government will order an independent review of the so-called “other service charges” on your bill, so we can determine their reasonableness. A standard province-wide electricity bill will be created, which will be easy to read and understand. The debt of the old Ontario Hydro will continue to be paid down, and we’ll be fighting Ottawa’s outrageous scheme to apply the GST on your energy bill.

Many steps in this plan are immediate measures designed to address factors that have contributed to higher prices for consumers.

In addition, our sight remains fixed on the long-term goal of ensuring that Ontario has a sufficient supply of electricity at reasonable prices to meet future needs. That's why we have a long-term plan to stimulate new electricity supply, and a long-term plan to promote conservation, encourage alternative fuels and to support clean electricity production.

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# Tiger unbeaten streak hits 19 games

Perhaps no one is counting, but the Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey club is on one wicked unbeaten streak.

Thanks to three more victories last week over Newmarket, Stouffville and Huntsville, Aurora has now gone 19 games without a loss, and holds a solid nine-point lead in the North Division of the standings.

Last Thursday in Newmarket, the Tigers had to come from behind with a three-goal effort in the third period to defeat the Hurricanes 4-3 for the third consecutive time.

The win was particularly sweet since it extended the unbeaten streak to 17 games, a streak that Newmarket ended for Aurora after 16 games last year.

With three regulars out of the Tiger line up, along with the loss of two others throughout the evening, the Tigers deserve full credit for this comeback win.

Aurora opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by Corey Gault, but the Hurricanes tied the game late in the period, which saw Newmarket outshoot Aurora 10-7.

The Tigers came out flying

in the second period, firing 21 shots at the Newmarket goaltender.

A steady barrage of penalties for both teams kept the special teams on their toes throughout the period.

The floodgates seemed to open in the third with the Hurricanes taking a 3-1 lead early in the period.

After a strategic time out taken by head coach Marty Williamson, the Tigers slowly made their way back into the game.

Justin Olden led the way on a goal set up by his brother Jesse, to close the gap to 3-2.

Corey Gault followed with his second of the game on goal set up by Scott Goheen.

After an undisciplined major penalty taken after the Gault goal by a Newmarket player, Justin Olden scored on a power play (his second goal of the night), set up by Matt Christie and Steve Mignardi.

The goal gave the Tigers the come back win and the continuation of their 17-game winning streak.

The Tigers returned home Friday night to play host to the Stouffville Spirit.

With both teams coming

off big wins a night earlier, Friday's game was sure to be a challenge for both squads.

Aurora welcomed newcomer Kyle Aitken to the line up. He was picked up from the Georgetown Raiders and was sure to add some strength to an already strong Tiger defence.

The first period was extremely tight checking with Aurora edging the Spirit 8-7 in shots.

Aurora opened the scoring near the half way mark of the second on an incredibly hard shot by Justin Olden.

Stouffville tied the game a little over a minute later before Sam Skwarchuk added a nice tipped in power play goal to end the scoring.

The third period seemed to belong to Stouffville who managed to fire 11 shots at Tiger netminder Chris Whitley, but solid goaltending and defensive play kept the Spirit off the score sheet.

The Tigers played their third game in four days Sunday afternoon against the Huntsville Wildcats and it was no contest.

Coming off two close wins

against the Newmarket Hurricanes and Stouffville Spirit, the Tigers were looking for a solid effort against last place Huntsville.

Lance King got the start for Aurora and played a solid game facing a total of 15 shots.

Aurora opened the scoring in the first period on a power play goal by Derek Doucette.

Derek's goal was set up the Olden brothers, Jesse and Justin.

Matt Bahen gave Aurora a 2-0 lead and the Tigers outshot the Wildcats 15-7 during the first 20 minutes of play.

Huntsville scored their only goal of the game early in the second period, but it was all Aurora after that.

Skwarchuk's tipped in another power play goal that started a three-goal outburst for the Tigers in the second period.

Steve Mignardi and Scott Goheen added the other two.

Aurora overwhelmed Huntsville 24-5 in the shots on goal department.

Tigers dominated the third period firing a total of 19 shots at the Huntsville goaltender.

Matt Christie pocketed a

power play goal which was quickly followed by Scott Goheen scoring his second of the game.

Jordan Brenner scored the Tigers eighth goal of the game and Derek Doucette put the cap on the

scoring, his second of the afternoon and sixth point of the game.

Tigers return to the Aurora Community Centre Friday night to play host to the North York Rangers. Game time is 8 p.m.

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# Aurora soccer squad settles for a 2-2 tie

Playing their first game of the season, it took "The Boys of '92" a little time to get used to the indoor soccer conditions.

In an evenly played first half the boys came in a goal down due to a quickly taken free kick that left them flat footed.

After a quick chat at half time, the intensity of the Aurora squad picked up as they forced North York into many passing errors.

They tied the game with a deflected shot from Louis Lamanna and eventually went ahead with a nice passing play up the field that was finished by a hard rising shot from Dylan Huntley.

Two goal posts, one cross bar and numerous efforts across the goal but an insurance goal couldn't be found.

A long kick-in in the final phase of the game slipped through goalkeeper Keegan Powell's grip and tied the game 2-2.

However in the dying sec-

onds of the game Powell came to the rescue to avoid a defeat with an excellent save as North York had one of their very few chances of

the second half.

A very good start for Josh Davis up from the 2nd team and newcomer Michael Hanton also settled in well.

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# Everywhere you looked there was an Auroran

In February, 1970, the Aurora (Ontario) Soccer Club received an invitation from the Aurora (Illinois) Soccer Club to play an exhibition soccer game.

Aurora's representative, the late John Traganitis and his committee arranged with the American Club to come to Aurora and play the game during the July First Celebrations.

The Town of Aurora donated a trophy for the "International Tournament of the Auroras".

The Aurora (Illinois) club, known as the Kickers, was one of the strongest soccer teams in the state.

Two of the players were on the American National Team when they played the Canadian Team at Toronto's Varsity Stadium in 1969 for the World Cup elimination match.

A reception was arranged for the visiting team with Commissioner "Ace" Wyeth representing Mayor Albert McCoy. At the dinner, the soccer teams exchanged plaques.

Mayor Dick Illingworth presented Wyeth with a set of town cuff-links and a July First beer mug to take back to Mayor McCoy. In return Wyeth presented the Aurora mayor with a flag of the City of Aurora.

The following day, the City flag was flown alongside the Canadian and American flags.

The Kickers won the game 4-2 and took the trophy back with them.

Agreement was reached

for the Aurora (Ontario) team to visit Aurora, Illinois, the following year to bring the trophy back home.

In July 1971 the Aurora (Ontario) Soccer Club travelled to Aurora, Illinois, accompanied by Mayor Illingworth.

The team bus was met by State and City Police outside the city limits and escorted into the city with sirens wailing and lights flashing.

Mayor McCoy, Commissioner Wyeth, city officials and soccer personalities welcomed the visitors at the city limits.

Following the ceremony the police escorted the team to the Holiday Inn, where a huge banner "Welcome Aurora Soccer Club" was displayed.

It was a disappointing trip for the Ontario club as they lost the game 3-1 before about 750 fans.

It was agreed that the Kickers would return to Ontario the following year to renew the tournament and to invite a soccer tea, from Aurora, Colorado.

The Colorado team didn't participate in 1972 but in July, 1973, the Aurora (Ontario) team flew to Colorado to continue the international tournament.

Governor John Love, Mayor Paul Beck and Dr. G. K. Guennel, president of the Colorado State Soccer Association, met the Ontario team on arrival. From all reports it was a successful weekend.

There are municipalities of

Aurora in Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and West Virginia.

Pushing it a bit, there is East Aurora, near Buffalo, New York.

It had been hoped to involve some of the Auroras in the International Trophy of the Auroras, but as players changed and contacts lost, the tournament faded away and the Town of Aurora (Ontario) tournament trophy remains somewhere in one of the Auroras.

Former Mayor Illingworth received a letter from the secretary to former Aurora (Illinois) Commissioner Ace Wyeth announcing in a polite way his defeat at the polls.

The letter said in part: "After a strong and vigorous campaign, as of April 1973, the Commissioner will be taking a different role in life, due to a lack of votes".

This story is particularly timely as several Aurora residents are currently hosting a women's hockey team from Queenstown, New Zealand.



Queenstown, New Zealand, Ranger Ros Giller, left, faces off against Canadian Moose player Jenni Spense of Aurora in one of several exhibition hockey games played in the area last week. Down Under team left Canada Tuesday after a whirlwind adventure that was highlighted by meeting several Toronto Maple Leafs after a practise. Team also added to the economy of the several local sporting goods stores. A Canadian team will visit New Zealand in June.

Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

# International visits nothing new for us

The arrival of the Queenstown Rangers, a woman's hockey team from New Zealand, to play games in the Aurora/Newmarket area continues the long tradition of international hockey in Aurora.

The girls' visit is at the invitation of the Canadian Moose men and women's teams with hockey players from the local area, who make annual visits to New Zealand.

It was in June, 1971, when the Aurora Minor Hockey Association approved a recommendation from its past president Jack Macfarlane that he be authorized to study the feasibility of sending a hockey team to Scandinavia.

The association made it quite clear that it would not get financially involved in the project and the money raised would have to be outside minor hockey circles.

Macfarlane based his recommendation on the success of a Tykes hockey team, which went overseas in 1970.

It was the first Canadian team to do so and the trip caused considerable controversy in hockey circles, as it was not approved by the national amateur hockey association.

Macfarlane planned to build the visiting team on the nucleus of a Peewee team, which had won the Ontario Championship in the 1968/69 season. He speculated the Aurora team would go to Finland or Sweden.

His first task was to approach parents to determine how they felt about the proposed trip, and to find a sponsor who would be willing to contribute about \$4,000 for expenses.

In June, 1971, Aurora's drive to send a midget hockey team to Sweden in November that year went into high gear with a commitment from Aurora resident John Dewan, a Toronto Toyota dealer, who guaranteed \$6,000 to sponsor the team.

It was agreed the team would be named the Aurora Toyotas and players would wear white sweaters with red trim, which were the Toyota colours.

The team was to be coached by Bob Hookings, assisted by Bill Dinsmore.

In August, 1971, Canadian Motor Industries, Canada's Toyota distributor, agreed to take over the sponsorship on behalf of all Toronto Toyota dealers.

By September, the final piece fell in place when the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association gave its blessing for the trip.

The approval from the national body cleared the way for the Aurora midgets to become the first OMHA-sanctioned club ever to officially travel overseas.

CTV Sports Director Johnny Esaw said the network would send a cameraman and announcer Fergie Olver along with the team to provide film footage for Wide World of Sports as well as CFTO sports.

On Friday November 5, 1971, the team stopped at Queen's Park for an official sendoff by Swedish Consul N. F. Kallin, Labour Minister Gordon Carton representing the province and Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth on their way by bus to Montreal for the overseas flight.

Councillor Norm Stewart

who accompanied the team along with about 60 parents and friends reported that the Swedes gave the Aurora visitors a royal reception with Swedish kids hounding the Aurora players and adults for autographs.

During their stay in Stockholm and Leksand, the team played five games, winning some and losing others, but everywhere they played they were welcomed and made to feel at home with hundreds of Swedish kids yelling "Go Canada Go". The Canadian flag was flying everywhere.

As Aurora's official representative, although he went at his own expense, Councillor Stewart invited a minor hockey team from Sweden to visit Aurora in November, 1972, which was accepted.

This started a series of friendship visits by hockey teams between the two countries, which later resulted in the official twinning of Aurora with Leksand, Sweden.

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#### Bantam

AURORA OPTICAL 2 (Mike Smyth 1G Blair Plewman 1G Jason Lower 1A) CHEVERIE COMMUNICATIONS 1 (Kyle Kaminski 1G Kyle Riendeau 1A)

IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 1 (Michael Fong 1G Michael Panetta 1A Jesse Kenyon SO) ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - AURORA 0

ASTECH 6 (Robert Buchner 1G,1A Richard Comeau 2G Dan Abram 1G Craig Cook 1G Mike Bellamy 1G,1A Dennis Jarrett 1A Ryan Rozalowsky 1A Michael Parravano 1A Liam Bauer 1A) TWIST MARKETING 6 (David Zavarese 1G 2A Ryan Thiffault 1G, 1A Spencer Robinson 1G Brad Finch 3G Andrew Goss 2A Matt Hall 1A Augustino Bova 2A)

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - AURORA 4 (Hegarty 2G Roth 1G,1A McCrone 1G,1A Turner 1G) IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 3 (Panetta 1G Devlin 1G,1A Smeriglio 1G,1A)

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - AURORA 3 (Luke Roth 2G Jonathan Turner 1G Ian Mccrone1A Dan Rae SO) CHEVERIE COMMUNICATIONS 0

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - AURORA 5 (Michael Hegarty 2G,1A Luke Roth 1G Michael Durst 1G,2A Jonathan Turner 1G Luke Stinson 1A) AURORA OPTICAL 2

#### Midget

LOCKLEY STAINLESS 7 (Sean Perry 1G Lenny Richardson 1G,1A Kevin Parry 1G Michael Bishop 2G,1A Adam Shetler 2G,3A Jesse Kerwin 2A

Candace Webb 1A Chris Hartley 1A) MAGNA STAINLESS 5 (Steve Pendergast 4G, Ian Harvie 1G, 1A, Darryl Gallagher 1AAAndrew McCrone 1A Matt Tobin 1A Sean Roszell 1A Mike Gordon 1A Blak Shaw 1A Mike Falcioni 2A)

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## Select Teams

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#### Minor Atom (3) vs Oshawa (0)

Jonathan Poulakos 1G Michael DiVincenzo 1G,1A Tyler Jensen 1G Adam Reid 2A Michael Bar 1A Scott Sturges 1A Ryan Antoniel 1A Myles Blaser SO

#### League Games

##### Novice (5) vs Whitby (7)

Nick Heintzman 1G Andrew Papousek 2G,1A Josh Klinowski 1G Daniel Delbello 1G,1A Tanner Thiessen 1A Jesse Van Rooyen 2A Cooper Riswick 1A

##### Novice (3) vs Ajax (2)

Nick Heintzman 1G Andrew Papousek 1G Dennis Kim 1G Tanner Thiessen 1A

#### Minor Atom (11) vs Markham (2)

Mitchell Sziraky 1G,1A Tyler Jensen 3G,1A Kamran Karamchi 1G Jonathan Poulakos 3G Michael Nonnewitz 2G,2A Scott Sturges 1A Ryan Antoniel 1A Michael Bar 2A Nicholas Silverio 1A Daniel McConnell 1G,3A Michael



DiVincenzo 1A Adam Reid 1A

#### Minor Bantam (5) vs Unionville (0)

Sam Warden 1G,1A Drew Jenkins 1G,1A Steven Horan 1G,1A Torrey Duckworth 1G,1A Andrew Rowan 1G Jimmy Lee Hastings 1A Mike Curci 1A Bryan Turco 1A Alex Ginther 1A Chad Roberts 1A Kevin Mayne 1A Phil Saunders SO

#### Minor Bantam (4) vs East Gwillimbury (0)

Steven Horan 1G,2A Drew Jenkins 1G,1A Cameron Harris 1G Jimmy Lee Hastings 1G Anthony D'Antonio 1A Sam Warden 1A Darby Piquette SO

#### Minor Bantam (5) vs Pickering (5)

Memo Nafarrate 2G Anthony D'Antonio 1G,1A Drew Jenkins 2G Jimmy Lee Hastings 2A Alex Ginther 1A Torrey Duckworth 1A Steven Horan 1A Bryan Turco 1A Cameron Harris 1A Sam Warden 1A

#### Minor Bantam (3) vs Vaughan (2)

Sam Warden 1G,1A Torrey Duckworth 1G,1A Drew Jenkins 1G,1A Bryan Turco 1A Kevin Mayne 1A Mike Curci 1A

## Rep Teams

Sponsors	
<b>Novice AA</b>	Dymin Steel Dave Wood Mazda
<b>Minor Atom A</b>	Mike & Ike, Aurora Bowl
<b>Minor Atom AA</b>	Cosma International Masterclean Contracting & Cleaning
<b>Bantam AE</b>	Gallagher Contracting Viking Fire
<b>Midget A</b>	B&M Produce Dome Interiors
<b>Midget AA</b>	RBC Summer's & Smith

### League Games

#### Novice A (1) vs Vaughan (7)

Graeme Allison 1G Brian Puskar 1A Ethan Benson 1A

#### Novice A (3) vs Orillia (7)

Brian Puskar 1G William Reid 1G,1A Devin Watson 1G,1A Matthew Roy 2A

#### Novice AA (1) vs Pickering (3)

Taylor Chick 1G, Dylan Sikura 1A, Brett Wilson 1A

#### Novice AA (3) vs Ajax (5)

Brett Wilson 2G Taylor Chick 1G,2A Dylan Sikura 2A

#### Novice AA (3) vs Richmond Hill (2)

Brett Wilson 1G Ryan St. Germain 1G Taylor Chick 1G, 1A Dylan Sikura 1A Trevor Best 1A Chris Youtoff 1A Sean Nishimura 1A

#### Minor Atom A (9) vs Richmond Hill (1)

Jamie Hawkins 2G,3A Spencer George 2G,1A Brandon Pedersen 1G,1A Blair Cuthbert 1G,1A Josh Beaton 1G,1A Matthew Mears 1G,1A Tristan Miller 1G,1A Eleeza Cox 3A Cody Weese 2A Chris Piron 1A Stephen DeMarco 1A

#### Minor Atom A (5) vs Georgina (0)

Matthew Mears 1G,2A Spencer George 2G Josh Beaton 1G Jamie Hawkins 1G Chris Piron 1A Eleeza Cox 1A Jamie Casey SO

#### Minor Atom AA (5) vs Georgina (2)

Kyle McCreedy 3G,1A James Harkin 1G,1A Gavin Forrest 1G,1A Jamie Cherutti 1A Dylan Kovacs 1A Taran McGowan 1G Justin Nice 1A

#### Atom AE (8) vs Stouffville (1)

Andrew McKay 2G,1A Tyler Tisdale 1G,2A Matthew Pellegrini 1G,1A Sean Agostino 1G Oliver Boettcher 1G Patrick Lee 1G Johnny Haralampopoulos 1G Michael McGolrick 2A Conor Sheridan 1A

#### Atom AE (5) vs Stouffville (0)

Oliver Boettcher 2G Tyler Tisdale 1G,1A Michael McGolrick 1G Matthew Pelligrini 1G Miles Curtis 2A Chris Tillsley 1A Evan Jones 1A Andrew McKay 1A

#### Atom A (1) vs Stouffville (1)

Derrick Hamner 1G

#### Atom A (1) vs Bradford (4)

Michael Delplavignano 1G Louis Lamanna 1A

#### Atom A (1) vs TNT (2)

Louis Lamanna 1G

#### Atom AA (3) vs Markham (1)

Dillon Cappell 1G,1A Shawn MacEachern 1G Spencer Arkell 1G James Mildon 1A Taylor Nuttall 1A JJ Lam 1A

#### Atom AA (1) vs Ajax (2)

Max Lerner 1G JJ Lam 1A

#### Atom AA (2) vs Barrie (5)

Spencer Arkell 1G,1A Kevin Zacharuk 1G Luke MacLeod 1A

#### Atom AA (2) vs Whitby (4)

Taylor Nuttall 1G Spencer Arkell 1G Kevin Zacharuk 1A Dillon Cappell 1A

#### Peewee A (5) vs Richmond Hill (0)

Chris Finlay 2G Jeremy Cohen 1G Ryan Finlay 1G Josh Meron 1G Colton Horner 2A Jesse Coote 1A David Cigana 1A Ryan Campbell 1A Curtis Robinson 1A Mitchell Greene SO



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**Minor Bantam A (2) vs East Gwillimbury (7)**  
Jonathan Adams 1G Anthony Simone 1G Ryan Jones 1A

**Minor Bantam A (10) vs Richmond Hill (1)**  
Damian McGovern 2G 2A, Jamie Seymour 1G 4A, Sam Mulholland 1G,2A Robert Cote 1G,2A Alex Fodey 1G,2A Ryan Jones 2G Colin McCullough 1G,1A Jonathan Byczok 1G Anthony Simone 3A Jonathan Adams 3A Bradley Wilkins 1A Ryan Kesteris 1A

**Minor Bantam AA (3) vs Barrie (0)**  
Jake MacDougall 1G Aaron Mansbridge 1G Connor O'Grady 1G Matt Boyd 1A Michael Englehutt 1A Michael Osuszek 1A Darren Gwilliam SO

**Bantam AA (2) vs Richmond Hill (1)**  
Patrick Bowie 1G Taylor Campbell 1G Vincent Davenport1A Peter McNeil 1A Cal Simmonds 2A

**Bantam AA (2) vs Markham (2)**  
Cal Simmonds 2G Scott Daly 2A Derek Meyers 1A Adam Hankins 1A

**Bantam AA (3) vs Markham (1)**  
Sean Mulroy 1G Peter McNeil 1G Adam Hankins 1G,1A Andrew Welch 1A Patrick Bowie 1A

**Minor Midget AA (5) vs Georgina (3)**  
Mike Jack 2G,1A Shawn Beer 2G Michael Osborne 1G Sak Pietila 2A Matt Cleverdon 1A Clinton McCullough 2A

David DelZotto 1A  
**Minor Midget AA (1) vs Whitby (2)**  
David DelZotto 1G Jordan Ofield 1A David Kennedy

**Minor Midget AA (6) vs Ajax (8)**  
Matt Cleverdon 1G Daryl Osborne 1G,1A Shawn Beer 2G Michael Osborne 1G,1A David DelZotto 1G Nathan Rivard 1A Ryan Bryce 1A Jordan Ofield 1A Kyle Robinson 1A

**Midget A (2) vs Orillia (2)**  
Mark Johnson 2G, Steve Black 1A, Mark Jarman 1A

**Midget AA (4) vs Georgina (6)**  
Mark Scriver 1G Justin Ffrench 1A Duncan Kluwak 1A Jared Pignataro 2G Mike Keon 1A Mark Oppedisano 1A Brian Rae 1A Joey Leo 1G Ian Gabel 1A

**Midget AA (2) vs Newmarket (3)**  
Mark Scriver 1G Jared Pignataro 1G Chris Amato 2A

**Tournaments**  
**Minor Pee wee A (5) vs Georgetown (0)**  
Cory Blom 1G Andrew McDonald 1G,1A Anthony Ranieri 1G,1A Brett Dutchyshen 1G Quenton Hunt 1G,1A Ben Mulholland 1A Darrell Evans 2A Michael Morson 1A Matthew Joynt 1A Ryan Constable SO

**Minor Pee wee A (5) vs Ottawa (1)**  
Matthew Joynt 1G Ben Mulholland 1G,1A Darrell Evans 1G,1A Anthony Ranieri 1G,1A Michael Morson

1G Brett Dutchyshen 1A Andrew McDonald 1A Carter Hassard 1A Lucas Boyd 1A Quenton Hunt 1A  
**Minor Pee wee A (6) vs Stouffville (2)**  
Anthony Ranieri 3G Darrell Evans 1G Michael Morson 2G Quenton Hunt 2A Tyler Rundle 1A Brett Dutchyshen 1A Ben Mulholland 1A Carter Hassard 2A Andrew McDonald 1A David Bar 1A Luca Ghegin 1A

**Minor Pee wee A (3) vs Cambridge (4) Semi-Final**  
Quenton Hunt 1G,1A Anthony Ranieri 1G Darrell Evans 1G,1A Tyler Rundle 1A Ben Mulholland 1A

**Pee wee A (3) vs Southpoint (2)**  
Steven Keane 1G Chris Finlay 2G Ethan Davenport 1A Ryan Finlay 1A Jeremy Cohen 1A Ross Pizzurro 1A Keegan O'Leary 1A

**Pee wee A (1) vs Tillsonburg (4) Finals**  
Steven Keane 1G Josh Meron 1A Travis Hooper 1A

**Pee wee AA (12) vs Brantford (1)**  
Jeremy Cohen 2G,1A Josh Meron 2G Chris Finlay 3G,1A Travis Hooper 1G Ryan Campbell 1G,2A David Cigana 1G,1A Steven Keane 1G,2A Ryan Finlay 1G Jesse Coote 3A Ross Pizzurro 3A Ethan Davenport 2A Colton Horner 1A Keegan O'Leary 1A

**Bantam AE (1) vs Orillia (2)**  
Mike Parkhill 1G Scott Daly 1A

**Bantam AE (5) vs Trenton (1)**  
Mike Bentley 2G Sean Fodey 1G Jordan Williams 1G Brandon Polsinello 1A Mike Parkhill 1G Corey Berube 1A Mark Short 1A Tyler Fye 1A

**Bantam AE (1) vs Peterborough (2)**  
Jordan Williams 1G

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AMHA TV Auction

The Annual AMHA TV Auction will take place Saturday February 22, 2003 on Cable 10. Each team is asked to donate a minimum of 3 items for the Auction. The team whose items raise the most money during the Auction will receive \$100 towards the cost of a Team Party. Please drop off your items at the AMHA Office. If you are willing to work for a minimum of 2 hours during the Auction please contact the AMHA Office at 905-727-1480. There will be a meeting of volunteers for the AMHA TV Auction on Tuesday Nov 26 from 7:30PM to 9:00 PM in the ACC1 Meeting Room. Anyone interested in helping with this important fund raiser is asked to attend.

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# Code of ethics proposal causes bitter council debate

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have prohibited such an event as developers and local businesses were involved. He said he saw nothing wrong with having lunch with businesspeople, as he had raised funds for the Leisure Complex, Big Brothers of York and other organizations over lunches. Councillor Evelina MacEachern took the other side of the argument and wondered why councillors were so sensitive, as the Kean resolution hadn't insulted anyone. She said the Code of Ethics should be reviewed as times and people have changed and the comments made towards Kean were inappropriate and unfair. Councillor Ron Wallace noted that five local organizations shared \$40,000 from the Mayor's Golf

Tournament earlier in the meeting and wondered if those funds would have been available if the resolution had been in effect. Councillor Dave Griffith said that he, too, found the resolution insulting as most councillors had given more to the town than they had taken. He said councillors could make their personal decisions based on the provisions of provincial legislation, and the resolution could deter people thinking about running of office. Councillor Betty Pedersen said the resolution was unnecessary and expressed concern about the staff implications. Councillor Vrancic referred to the debate as the lowest point he had experienced during the two years he has served on council. He expressed concern about the attack on the messenger rather than the

message and called the debate shameful. As it was to be a recorded vote, Mayor Tim Jones entered the debate. He called the resolution the most offensive he had experienced during his 25 years on council. He said the motion indicated a lack of trust and allegations of wrongdoing on the part of staff and members of council and was a slap in the face. He said if the motion were in effect there wouldn't be fireworks at New Year's, or floats in the Santa Claus or July First Parades as they were supplied by local businesses. Kean defended his resolution by claiming it was not intended to insult anyone and there were no corrupt practices by council members or staff of which he was aware. He said he was not trying to stop golf tournaments or

other events. He added that he was a big boy and could handle the insults and as he realized his motion would be defeat-


ed he withdrew it and substituted a second motion calling for just a review of the Code of Ethics. That motion lost on a 6-3 recorded vote

with Mayor Jones and Councillors Griffith, Pedersen, Timpson, Wallace and West in opposition.


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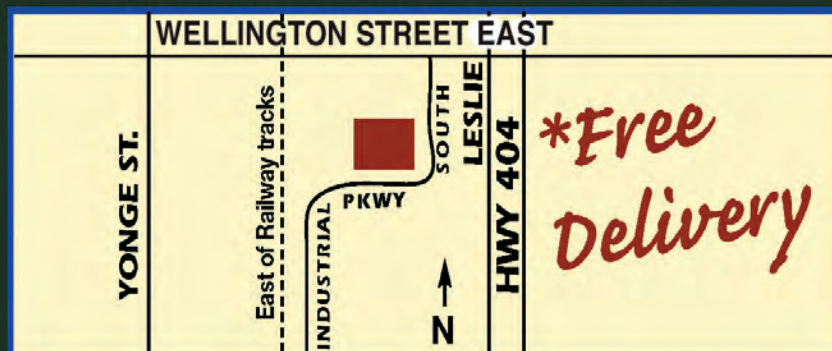


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