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Budget increase drops to 5.8%

Aurora taxpayers had the opportunity for public discussion and input into the town's 2003 budget last week but they were conspicuous by their absence.

There were fewer than 10 people in the audience and only two commented on the budget.

Council held an all day session late in November to review the first draft of the town's 2003 proposed budget of net operating expenditures of \$17.1 million; a 17.7 per cent increase over 2002.

The fiscal pressures driving the increases included improvements

for fire protection services, waste management collection and disposal, enhancements to municipal road and facility rehabilitation programs and service level improvements for the Aurora Library.

Then it was announced the region was assuming the cost of the garbage diversion and disposal, resulting in a saving of almost \$800,000 from local taxpayers bringing the town's projected increase to 9.3 per cent.

With additional fine-tuning of

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Someone looked around at the Aurora Council meeting last week and discovered five one-time Aurora mayors in the same room. It resulted in a picture for posterity. They are, with their terms of office, left to right, George Timpson - 1977-82; Tim Jones - 1995-present; Evelyn Buck - 1973-76; Dick Illingworth - 1969-73 and 1983-85; and John West - 1986-94. One other former mayor, Keith Nisbet - 1961-63, still lives in Aurora.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace



Following its successful "run" up Yonge Street from Oak Ridges, this massive bull (actually it weighs only 75 pounds) finds a new home atop a plaza in Aurora's north end. The anchor for Oak Ridge Meats, the bull becomes a beacon for the new store which opened Saturday with musical help from The Good Brothers. Mayor Tim Jones watches as the bull settles into its new home.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Safety Village gets a project manager

Come next Thursday night, the proposed Community Safety Village of York Region could be a city.

Village spokesman Steve Hinder,

of Aurora, said an invitation-only party scheduled for next Thursday will introduce a Markham construction company that will act as project manager and from that

announcement donations are expected that could see dozens of buildings being sponsored in the five-year-old project.

"It may be bigger than a village," he said.

Vanbots Construction Corporation of Markham has been named the project manager and will host the evening, scheduled for Dinardo's Mansion and Banquet Centre in Aurora.

Vanbots executives will then attempt to encourage their professional colleagues to support the project.

Several major players have already indicated their willingness to join the Village, and Tim Horton's has already financially committed to a building.

"We have four banks interested," Hinder said.

Construction of the Safety

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Arctic Adventure set for February 8

It's certainly cold enough for Aurora's annual Arctic Adventure to be a success, but if it's too cold, don't fret.

There will be two hot tubs set up to warm things up.

Slated for two parks, the event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8.

Activities will take place in Fleury and Machell Parks, located on either side of the Aurora Community Centre, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The hot tubs will be located in front of ACC #1.

Winter activities (the cold ones) include public skating, tobogganing, Siberian Husky dog sled rides, and snow sculpturing.

In addition, other attractions include face painting, a scavenger hunt, and a wildlife presentation by the staff members of the Bowmanville Zoological Park.

Activities are also planned in the ACC auditorium.



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Aurora United Church is looking for volunteers for its Out of the Cold homeless program. Call Bev at 905-841-8420. Training is mandatory for new volunteers and will be held Jan.30.

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During the month of January the Skylight Gallery in the Aurora Town Hall features the photographic artistry of the York Regional Camera Club. Regular viewing hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Also featured until Feb. 28, the works of Diane Styrmø, with reception Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Baseball registration, ACC2 Lobby - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays Jan. 25, Feb. 15, 22.

JANUARY 23

If you are a Yonge Street retailer you will be receiving an invitation from the town's Economic Development Advisory Committee to attend a breakfast meeting today at the Aurora Public Library.

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Join the Aurora Seniors for a Robbie Burns' Celebration in a Toronto banquet hall with all the pomp, tradition, humour, tasty food, including the famous haggis, and entertainment by a musical group playing historic instruments to Celtic and British Isle songs. The cost is \$61 for members and \$65 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

JANUARY 24

Theatre Aurora presents Ray Cooney's delightful comedy "Run For Your Wife", which opens at the Factory Theatre and continues January 25, January 29 to February 1 and February 5 to 8, 2003. Call 905-727-3669 for ticket information.

JANUARY 27

The Five Year Official Plan Review Committee has scheduled a public planning meeting to receive input at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall

JANUARY 29

A public meeting will be held at the Aurora Town Hall at 7 p.m. to consider a proposed zoning bylaw amendment to permit rear decks, fences and in-ground pools on certain lots on the south side of Kennedy Street, west of Murray Drive. The lots are in an environmental protection zone. Another application deals with an amendment to the official plan for a density change from medium-high to low-medium for a property on the north side of Wellington Street East, opposite the Magna lands.

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Start of a 10-week course for young people, 10 to 15 years of age, called Pots and Pins, an after-school cooking and sewing club offered at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 3.45 p.m. Cost for the 10 weeks is \$20. Course does not run during March Break.

FEBRUARY 2

Trinity Anglican Church will host a tea luncheon to support Leah Bryan and family today at the church, 79 Victoria Street. There will be two seatings, one 10.45 a.m. and one at 12.30 p.m. Tickets \$10. For more information, call 905-727-6101.

FEBRUARY 7

Prominent Canadian pianist, active recording artist and award winner, Andre LaPlante recital at St. Andrews College Chapel at 7 p.m. Laplante appears through the Piano Six project in which exceptional performers visit Canadian communities giving recitals, workshops and masterclasses. In the past decade, he has established himself as a romantic virtuoso. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$8 for children under 13, and \$30 for a family of four. For information call (905) 727-5727.

FEBRUARY 8

Annual Arctic Adventure. Machell and Fleury Parks - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Chamber begins luncheon season

The 2003 season of Aurora Chamber of Commerce luncheon meetings got underway Thursday at the St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club.

Guest speaker was Robert Boswell, associate lawyer with Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie, specializing in representing employers in workplace safety and insurance law issues, including appeals before the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal.

He told chamber members he had started his legal

career in the in-house legal department of General Motors, dealing with workers' compensation litigation and human rights complaints.

He related some of his experiences with workers appeals while at General Motors, including one worker who had been accidentally doused in solvent.

He started rubbing his eyes and shaking his head so violently that his artificial eye popped out and was destroyed by a passing cart.

Boswell explained that workplace regulations had been increased and while most employees are covered, there are some gaps and universal coverage is under consideration.

He told about a recent case in which a member of a real estate firm participated in a Christmas staff party, stopped at another bar on the way home and was involved in a car accident. She sued her employer in court successfully, which was later overturned on appeal.

Boswell said if the firm was registered with the Workers' Compensation Board, the case would have been handled by the Board, rather than the courts.

The Chamber's next luncheon meeting is scheduled for February 19 at Howard Johnson, Aurora, with guest speaker newly appointed York Regional Police Chief Armand Labarge.

For information about future Chamber activities and events call 905-727-7262.

Budget increase falls to 5.8%

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departmental budgets, the second draft of the budget presented last week called for total net expenditures of \$15.5 million or a 5.8 per cent increase over 2002 resulting in a \$49 increase in taxes for town purposes.

Aurora Treasurer Allan

Evelyn gave a detailed presentation of the 2003 budget at that time. He said the budget was based on a long-term business plan to continue existing service levels without placing a burden on residents of the future.

He noted that protection to

people and property takes 24.5 cents out of the tax dollar, followed by transportation at 20.6 cents, leisure services 18.7 cents, library operations and facility 13.6 cents, general government 9 cents and planning and mayor and council 2.6 cents each.

Former Aurora Mayor Evelyn Buck supported a library board request to reconsider council's action in not providing funds for the library to be open on Mondays.

However, after a lengthy debate, Mayor Tim Jones broke a 4-4 tie to keep the building closed on Mondays.

Councillors Evelina MacEachern, George Timpson, Betty Pedersen and John West agreed with him. Councillors Damir

Vrancic, Nigel Kean, Dave Griffith and Ron Wallace did not.

Council also rejected a request from the Economic Development Committee for an estimated \$120,000 for an entranceway at Highway 404 and Wellington Street East and \$45,000 for an additional staff member for the planning department.

Council members approved additional expenditures of \$45,000 for intersection pedestrian signals on Henderson Drive at a location still to be decided, and \$8,500 for the installation of concrete flower pots at the curve on Murray Drive, west of Yonge Street, as a safety measure.

The third draft of the budget will be presented in February.

Project manager

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Village, on property occupied by Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, on the Stouffville Sideroad in Whitchurch-Stouffville, is expected to begin this spring with complete occupancy by September.

Trades people, contractors and suppliers have been invited to Thursday's event, and they will be urged to join Vanbots and existing partners by buying a "piece" of the Village.

The evening will be emceed by Beverly Thomson of Global TV, and honorary chairman of the project Wendel Clark will be in attendance.

York Region is the only area in the GTA that does not have a Community Safety Village. The closest one currently is located in Whitby.

The Village is set up to provide a hands-on atmosphere for young and old alike to learn safety methods in all aspects of life. A classroom is part of the village, and schools will use the facility on a regular basis.

It was back in 1998 when a group of residents representing PACT (Police and Community Together) decided such a project was necessary, and in spite of several attempts to find land in Aurora and area, the group was forced to look farther afield and finally landed the conservation

area site.

Because of the area served, the site is almost perfect, since it sits practically in the geographical centre of York Region.

For Hinder, a former Toronto police officer and one-time Councillor for the Town of Aurora, the project has been a consuming passion.

"But, I will be happy when we finally cut the ribbon," he said.

The six-acre Village is expected to cost about \$3.5 million.

Signals working

Pedestrians and motorists using the Yonge/Wellington intersection can't help but notice the pedestrian countdown signals (PCS) located below the traffic lights that have been in operation for the past year.

They work.

The PCS provides pedestrians with a sense of time remaining to cross the roadway safely. However, it was observed that motorists also use the timing device to determine how much time is left before the signal turns red.

The Yonge/Wellington intersection was one of three selected by regional staff for a one-year test period.

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With nearly a foot of hair in her hand, eight-year-old Maggie Brims undergoes the final stages of her haircut last week. The lopped off hair will be used by children suffering from cancer. Inset, the job is finished and mother, Elizabeth, says Maggie "looks much older".

A foot of her hair will become a wig

Sometimes watching infomercials on television can be a good thing.

Eight-year-old Maggie Brims of Aurora was watching such a program recently, and when she saw children suffering from cancer, she asked her mother why they were bald.

When mom, Elizabeth, explained one side effect of the disease's treatment, and said people donate their own hair to make wigs for the children, Maggie knew exactly what she was going to do.

She would work on lengthening her own hair; hair she had been growing for as long as she could remember.

While her mother periodically trimmed the 11 and a half inches of hair trailing down Maggie's back, she had never actually cut it back.

That resulted in an appointment at Hairomatics Hair Salon on Yonge Street, and within minutes, the hair was off Maggie's head and in her hand.

The Grade 3 student at Lester B. Pearson Public School had no regrets.

She thought about how it would feel to go to school bald and decided someone could get a lot of use out of a foot of hair.

Her hair is now in the possession of a group called Wigs For Kids, a not-for-profit organization providing hair replacement solutions for children affected by hair

loss due to chemotherapy, alopecia, burns and other medical conditions.

"You look so much older," Elizabeth told her daughter when the job was done.

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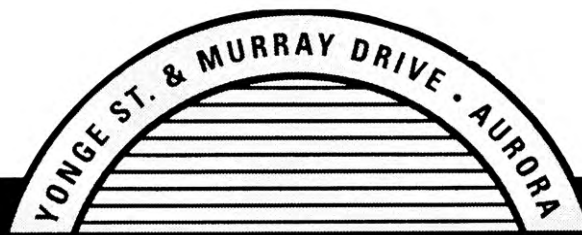
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Poor Richard

Lack of water will control development

*A tool may have been found,
The rapid growth to stop;
Council doesn't want to do it,
Lack of water will be the block!
-Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

The Town of Aurora's Strategic Plan sets the municipality's goals, and describes the actions necessary to achieve these goals. The most recent plan was approved by council in 1999 and includes six goals.

Two of these goals are; "to maintain a well managed and fiscally responsible municipality" and "to continue well planned growth".

Council members are well aware that with provincial changes in the Development Charges Act, growth no longer pays for growth.

Every time they approve a plan of subdivision, they are asking existing taxpayers to subsidize the new development.

The first draft of the 2003 operating budget indicated an increase of more than 17 per cent. There was great jubilee when this was reduced to just over eight per cent due to the region assuming all costs for garbage disposal and diversion.

It may make the local tax bill look better, but it's no saving for the taxpayer, as the cost of disposal and diversion still has to be paid, but out of the regional pocket.

The recent capital project budget of the Leisure Services Department provides a good indication of the cost of growth, so one has to wonder if the strategic plan is being followed with well managed finances and well planned growth.

Anyone driving up Bayview Avenue and seeing the residential development on the east side of the street must wonder what happened to good planning and gradual growth.

It may not be so hard on the tax bill if industrial and commercial development kept pace with residential development, so as to maintain an assessment balance, but that isn't happening.

Residential growth is rampant, industrial and commercial stagnant.

When questions are asked about slowing rapid residential growth, council members normally respond if they don't approve it an appeal will be launched with the Ontario Municipal Board.

This results in local planning decisions being taken out of council's hands and decided by an appointed body.

Unfortunately, that is true, but that shouldn't be the reason for council members abdicating good planning principles due to fear of an OMB decision.

After all, they did win one with the OMB decision on the original Elderberry Farm proposal for development, but it was a bittersweet victory, as it cost taxpayers about \$300,000.

If council members won't attempt to control residential development, maybe the region will do it for them, by other than planning controls.

There is such a thing as a water allocation and Aurora is getting very close to its assigned allocation.

Until such time as Lake Ontario water is pumped into the region through the York/Peel agreement in about two years time, Aurora has a water allocation for 52,000 persons.

Back in March, 2002, when the Elderberry development was being considered, staff advised council that the projected population for the town with development plans previously approved exceeded the regional allocation.

When the same plan came back for draft approval and water allocation staff reported that the water allocation chart had been revised and the projected population was for 51,513 persons, so there was water if allocated.

The town is running very close to the line and although allocation has been reserved for 200 infill units, a total of 277 have been proposed.

There is also the question if allocation is available if a large commercial or industrial development should come along.

It's long past time for council to sit down and take a good look at development over the next two to three years or a worse water shortage than was experienced last summer could result.

Stick to the Strategic Plan!



Sponsored by the Aurora volunteer fire brigade, this was the Smokeaters hockey team inside the old Aurora Arena. They are, left to right, Harry Jones (he was the fire chief), Howard Patrick, Loring Doolittle, Eugene Rose, ?, Bill Attridge, Eric Smith (why did they call him Mr. Sieve?), Don Holman, Bruce Rose, Mike Van Nostrand, Cliff Heath, Jim Cooke, Bert Lawson and Stew Patrick. It would be tough to hop over those boards.

Letters to the editor

Hodgson a mere babe during reassessment

To the editor,

Chris Hodgson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, has resigned his post.

It is noted in the media he will be missed, on account of his municipal background.

Chris Hodgson is 41 years old.

He has been a member of the legislature for nine years. Before that he was a reeve in Victoria-Haliburton. He would be in his late twenties.

Meaning no disrespect, just how much experience could he have of the complexity of municipal affairs in the province of Ontario?

When York Region went through the horrendous adjustment of market-value assessment in 1971, Chris Hodgson was nine years old.

It is quite a story.

York County, and one other municipality, undertook to re-assess without waiting for legislation.

After it was completed the results were apparently so horrific, it was decided the whole thing had to be re-done.

Don Wright, the man in charge, vowed he had followed the government manual. He was quietly moved someplace anyway. Stuff happens like that in the civil service.

Darcy McKeough was Minister of Municipal Affairs. He never hesitated to come out and meet with the people to explain what the government was doing and listen to their concerns.

Changes were made as a result of that dialogue.

Still, it was a very painful time for taxpayers.

One of the consequences was the shift of the burden

from commercial and industrial assessment to residential. The second was the shift from larger older homes to the ticky-tacky boxes of the subdivisions.

It was usual for the grand old homes on the tree-lined streets of the old town to be paying less tax than the new homes.

The new measurement of property values was not well received.

To further aggravate the situation many of the old homes were owned by elderly people.

In many instances the home was their only asset. The jump in taxes caused fear as well as outrage.

The government was all too aware of the difficulties.

They decided no municipality would be forced to undertake the mission.

Obviously they were hoping the basic unfairness of the outdated system would compel municipalities to do what was right.

And so they did...every municipality in the province that is, except Metro Toronto.

The boroughs were inclined - they were paying more than their share - but Toronto was the dog-in-the-manger.

Toronto with its millionaire mansions and people to match.

Decades went by - except for whining from people like Mel Lastman about industries leaving Toronto and his false accusations about the surrounding regions giving tax advantages - nothing changed.

Certainly industries were aware they were paying more than the proper share of taxes in Toronto.

They were also able to sell

property in Toronto for several times more money than it cost to buy several times more property outside Toronto.

We all watched to see how long the situation would continue.

The government changed several times. We had a Liberal government and an NDP government, then several conservative governments.

Finally, on January 1, 1998, Toronto undertook to re-assess at market value. It happened quietly. No great uproar, no blaring headlines.

Guess what else happened on January 1, 1998?

The surrounding Regions were required to collect millions of dollars from their taxpayers and send the money to Toronto to pay for their social programs and public housing.

Since then, York Region has paid \$435 million to Toronto and this year we will send another \$78 million to the city treasurer.

No Minister of the Crown has ever come out to explain to us why we should be paying for social services and housing which our citizens are not even eligible to receive.

No squeak of protest have we heard from our MPPs, both of whom are members of the government.

As noted, Chris Hodgson was nine years old when we went through our tax Armageddon.

In 1998 he was not the Minister when the government decided the taxpayers of the regions should fork out billions to protect their political posteriors.

In the past, tea by the ton was dumped in an ocean,

pikes and pitch forks were wielded on Yonge Street in Aurora against the injustice of taxation without representation.

And who was the enemy in the latter cause? The Family Compact; the high and mighty of Toronto.

I heard a quote used the other day from William Faulkner: "The past is not dead...it isn't even past".

**Evelyn Buck
Aurora**

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Letters to the editor

Tax increases must cease, reader says

To the editor,

Scott Johnston's column "Aurora in the year 2002" was most enlightening. Unfortunately, if some of the comments weren't so true, it would have been even funnier!

One could laugh at the first notation for Jan. 8th, 'anticipating a tax increase of 9%,

Aurora Council softens up taxpayers by hinting the increase will be 25%'. However it was the last comment for the year, 'anticipating a tax increase of 9%

Aurora Council softens up taxpayers by hinting the increase will be 25%' that for most of us, the laughing stopped!

It looks like, in fact, the final

increase for 2003 will end up at about 6%; it would have been likely 12% if it wasn't for a windfall of nearly one million dollars when the Region decided to assume the costs of waste disposal.

Of course, all that means is that instead of the increase coming from one of our pockets, it will come from another.

What is interesting, though, is that with the Regional assumption of waste disposal, the actual cost impact to Aurora for these disposal costs will go down.

Not that we should celebrate just yet, the Town is implementing an additional tax of \$1 per bag for collection when a residence is in excess of the allowable three bags per household.

This is positioned as a deterrent, however, it is still another tax, a reasonable one perhaps, if that can be said of any tax.

Our water and sewer rates have escalated as well during the past four years with an increase in surcharges and higher user fees for leisure services have also caused pain for local groups.

We have a beautiful new library, however, we can't afford to keep it open seven days a week!

As we slowly transfer the provision of services one by one, police, fire, waste, transportation to other governing bodies, the Town portion of taxes continues to increase, so far by approximately 30% in the last four

years.

The news gets worse, projected increases for the next two years, through to 2005 are to be an additional 8% or more each year for the Aurora portion alone.

And each time these increases are announced, they are supposedly minimized by suggesting the impact to the average taxpayer is only a few dollars.

This 'spin', as we find out the hard way, just distorts the facts and does nothing to ease the pain.

All this must be of great concern to the many who are on fixed incomes, families who have strict budgets and even estate property owners who see their bills skyrocketing.

Aurora is a community that we all treasure.

Moving out of town, as suggested by a veteran councillor during last year's 8% rate increase debate, is not an acceptable option.

Maybe the province will again step in and legislate tax rates as they did to school boards when they wildly raised taxes year after year; hopefully, that is not likely, as many towns, like nearby Richmond Hill, Markham and even Newmarket apparently can maintain existing levels with minor increases or even lower their tax rates.

We need strong local leadership that will create alternatives to ensure that this trend is stopped.

Al Wilson
Aurora

Letter intro confuses reader

To the editor,

I'm intrigued, what the heck is an "open letter"?

I noticed that there were two in last week's Auroran.

If this is not an open letter, then it must be a closed one!

If it's closed, how come you're reading it?

Peter Kelly,
Aurora

ED. NOTE: Gee, now we're confused. An open letter is a letter addressed to someone other than the editor that the author wants to share with everyone.



Mayor's Report
By Tim Jones

So, what have we done for you lately?

With everyone offering perspectives on 2002 and what lies ahead for 2003, I would take this opportunity to offer mine.

Aurora is no longer the town it was 10, 15 or 20 years ago.

Municipalities like Aurora have had to deal with mandatory growth expectations, economic upswings and down turns as well as shifts in responsibilities from Province to Region and municipal jurisdictions.

To bury our head in the sand and wish for yesterday by criticizing today has little legitimacy for me.

Looking back over the past two years, Aurora Council can be proud of a number of accomplishments, some which invite headlines and others that do not.

- We have designated our Seniors Centre to space in the old library and the Pine Tree Potters to space in the new Library with the balance of the Library Square space designation being developed.

- Aurora implemented, (not the Region), the merger of our Fire Service with Newmarket's and in doing so, are spending a little more today, which is easy to criticize, to save a lot more tomorrow. This future thinking action was recognized at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario with the Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation award.

- We initiated and completed a sewer infrastructure rehabilitation program which is being recognized by the American Public Works Association for their "Public Works Project of the Year, \$2-\$10 million dollar category."

- We applied for, received and have implemented an infrastructure grant for the rehabilitation of Church Street School in the downtown core

- We initiated and completed an urban design review for the heritage resource area of Aurora

- We completed and approved a 10-year road reconstruction plan

- We hired an Economic Development Officer.

- We have approved plans for Allied Credit (400 new jobs), a Torcan Chemical Plant expansion, Home Depot and welcomed many new small businesses in Town.

- We have worked with the Chamber of Commerce to constitute and redevelop their offices

- Aurora has become a Character Community

- We have approved plans for a new retirement and care facility on the old Highland Golf Club site.

- We have approved plans for new downtown core infill at Tyler and north of Aurora Heights.

As mentioned, times are also changing outside the scope and control of Aurora Council.

Council's duty is to examine the alternatives available to them to manage these changes, not simply to dispel any change on principle, especially at the Regional level.

At the Region, Aurora's needs are also being addressed.

- Almost every Regional road in Aurora within the past five years and up to the next seven years will experience improvement with Wellington the latest to be reconstructed - this also includes services out to the business lands at the 404 and Leslie.

The financial value of these improvements alone is in the 100's of millions of dollars for Aurora.

- Aurora received a third police shift which effectively increases policing in our town by 50 per cent.

- Aurora Transit was improved through the service amalgamation at the Region, ridership is up 26 per cent and we now have the benefit of cross border travel and script ride in the mobility transit area.

- Waste disposal was shifted off the Aurora tax bill and onto the Region's taxes where Aurora will actually benefit from what the cost was to what the cost will be for our Town in 2003.

With a year to go in the term, we have challenges to address.

- We need to finalize our Official Plan review and develop lands at the 404 from Wellington to St John's for business assessment

- We need to review our water, our hydro and our waste management strategies and determine ways to manage these service areas with and for our residents.

- We need to finalize our library space use and use of lands at the 404 that we own. We need to work these solutions into our short and long-term budgeting through vehicles like our Leisure Services Master Plan.


Your Council is working hard at meeting your needs with successes along the way.


Any resident with access to the internet can review Council's agendas and minutes on the Town's web site www.town.aurora.on.ca to see our progress for yourself and watch Council meetings on Aurora Cable to see how we conduct your business.


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


Bouquets & Brickbats


By DICK ILLINGWORTH


 **BOUQUETS** to Frank Scavello of A - F Hair Elite in the Aurora Shopping Centre for 40 years of service as a barber at the same location. The barbershop opened in 1960 and Frank joined in 1963. In 1969 he and fellow barber Angelo purchased the shop and A-F Elite was born.


 **BOUQUETS** to York Region Real Estate Board President Bill Porteous for arranging a \$3,000 donation, from the Ontario Real Estate Association Foundation, to the Yellow Brick House in Aurora.


 **BRICKBATS** to those at Town Hall for failing to come up with some decisions as to the future of the town-owned buildings in the library square when renovations are complete. The Aurora Museum doesn't know where its future home will be, nor do the seniors or the youth. The decisions should have been made first and then the appropriate group asked to assist in designing the renovations.


 **BOUQUETS** to 12-year-old James Preece of Aurora on attaining his black belt in karate, the youngest person to do so at the Brad Jones Karate-Do in 27 years. A Grade 7 student at Aurora Senior Public School, he's also active in other sports including track and field, archery, skiing and mountain biking.


 **BOUQUETS** to the doctors and staff at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket and Markham-Stouffville Hospital on receiving top marks in quality of hospital stay and almost top marks in outcome of care in a recent survey.


 **BRICKBATS** to the trustees of the York Region District School Board for authorizing an expenditure of up to \$4,500 to send Trustee Paul Higgins to Australia for three months to attend a conference. No conference lasts for three months, so it's obvious a personal visit with a conference thrown in, so taxpayers pick up the tab!

 **BRICKBATS** to Federal Heritage Minister Sheila Copps and other cabinet ministers for hiding behind a privacy rule to avoid submitting receipts for tens of thousands of dollars in travel, hospitality and other expenses. Just another scandal to add to the long list.

 **BOUQUETS** to Jim Jackson of Aurora for his letters to the Auroran. They are always interesting and informative letters, especially about educational issues. His last one asking where the Tories suddenly found the millions of dollars to pump into education hit the nail on the head.

 **BOUQUETS** to 17-year-old Kevin Jarmain of Aurora for his skating and scoring abilities, which have attracted the attention of NHL scouts. He's been listed on the NHL Players to Watch for the 2003 entry draft. He accumulated 57 points in 24 games.

 **BOUQUETS** to all Aurora residents who are going to buy a box of the new Girl Guide Cookies when a member of the Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders comes to the door. If you aren't home when they call but want to try a box phone 905-841-1170.

 **BOUQUETS** and a Warm Aurora Welcome to Peter Harrison for moving his butcher business and the giant bull standing in front of his Oak Ridges store north to Aurora. He will be located at Pristine Meats opposite the Howard Johnson Hotel.

Jubilee presentation stirs Dick's memories

ED. NOTE: Over the Christmas holidays, our Dick Illingworth was one of several people presented with a Queen's Jubilee medal. As usual, Dick's head flooded with memories. He relates a few of them here.

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

On Wednesday, December 18, I visited Rogers Cable TV studios in Newmarket to tape "Week in Review" with Jennifer Buchanan, a program we have taped every week for the past many years.

Normally we tape on a Friday but because of other commitments Jennifer asked if we could tape on the Wednesday.

I didn't have a problem with the change, but when I arrived at the studio I found there were three chairs on the set instead of the normal two.

I asked about the extra chair and was told it was for the next shooting and time was short for a set change.

Jennifer and I started into our normal unscripted dialogue about what was happening on the local, regional and provincial political scene.

After a few minutes of taping, Vaughan/King/Aurora MP Maurizio Bevilacqua sat down in the extra seat and started to ask me questions about my public and community service and he ending up presenting me with the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

All of this was done on air and needless to say I was caught completely off-guard and completely speechless. (Can't imagine - editor).

The presentation brought back many memories of visits by the Queen and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh to Ontario over the years.

During the period 1958 until 1980 I had the honour to serve as an honorary aide de camp to four Ontario Lieutenant Governors and had the pleasure of meeting the Queen on most of her visits during that period.

For the 1973 Royal Visit, I was associated with her tour on three separate occasions.

The first was the state dinner at the Royal York hosted by the Lieutenant Governor with about 1,300 in attendance. It was one of my duties to act as a semi-host for the Lieutenant Governor and greet guests on their arrival and direct them to the proper location.

Head table guests and Members of the Legislature were directed to the Ontario Room and the remainder of the guests to the Conference Hall. At 8 p.m. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by the Lieutenant Governor Ross MacDonald and Premier Bill Davis, arrived and headed to the Ontario Room.

My second occasion was the Civic Luncheon in London, Ontario. This time I was aide to the Honourable John White, treasurer of Ontario and MPP for London South who was the attending Minister.

Along with Mr. and Mrs. White and London Mayor Jane Bigelow, I had the pleasure of greeting the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh as they left the Royal Train.

We were part of the entourage that proceeded through the streets lined with enthusiastic Londoners waiting in the rain to greet their Queen.

Following the Royal Salute and inspection of the Royal Guard in front of the City Hall there was a Civic Luncheon hosted by the City.

Following the luncheon the Royal Party and entourage walked through Victoria Park with the Queen and Prince Philip greeting citizens on the way. I escorted the Marchioness of Abergavenny, Lady in Waiting to the Queen.

She said the Queen couldn't get over the enthusiastic reception that she had received in all parts of Ontario.

The third occasion was at Pearson Airport. Once again I was in attendance to the Lieutenant Governor. We arrived at Air Canada 747 Hangar in advance of the Royal Party so the Lieutenant Governor could be on hand for the Royal Couple before they left Toronto.

After brief farewells, they climbed the steps of the plane and were soon on their way to Charlottetown, P.E.I. It was the end of another Royal Visit and the presentation of the medal brought back many happy memories.

Letters to the editor

Al's name is "Aston"

To the editor,

I would first like to commend you on your publication.

I enjoy reading through my weekly editions of the

Auroran.

I especially like the Rumours & Rumblings section.

Being a native Auroran, I remember most, although not all of the snippets of

history here and look forward to what the next paper will bring to mind.

As much as I take pleasure in reading your paper I am also compelled to correct the following error

in your Jan. 14th edition.

In the article on page 15 entitled "Town once had Sr. lacrosse team" you alternated the spelling of Al Aston's name between Ashton and Aston.

This fine gentleman was my husband's father.

In his memory I would very much appreciate it if, in your next edition, you could publish a correction of his name. His full name was Alwin Aston.

Violet Aston
Aurora

ED. NOTE: Having worked with Al Aston when senior lacrosse came to Aurora oh, so many years ago, we apologize for the error. We know better. He never told us his first name was Alwin, though.

Kettle Drive big success - West

To the editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who made this year the best Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Drive ever!

Our community raised \$16,778.77 over the three weeks before Christmas.

The many people who

helped include Town of Aurora Mayor, Council and staff, the York Central Fire Services, Aurora detachment, and the businesses who gave permission to place the kettles in their stores.

Last, but not least, are the volunteers who staffed these kettles, and the kind generosity of the people who

donated their money.

Thank you to each and every one of you. I wish you all the best in the New Year.

John G. West
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RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

Unpaid taxes in Aurora cause problems

In January, 1983, delinquent taxpayers owed the town more than \$766,000 forcing the town to borrow \$500,000 from its reserve accounts to cover on-going expenses.

Outstanding taxes for 1982 totalled approximately \$600,000, plus a carry-over of \$131,985 from 1981 and \$29,795 for 1980.

Although the 1981 figures showed that about nine per cent of the levied taxes had not been paid, a provincial study revealed Aurora had the second best collection rate in the region.

At their last council meeting of December 1982 council increased the interest rate on overdue current year taxes by three per cent to 15 per cent per annum.

Interest on money owed from previous years remained at 18 per cent per annum.

AURORA HIGH'S RED AND GOLD SOCIETY

Back in January, 1983, there was no requirement for students to complete a mandatory 40 hours of volunteer community work to gain their diploma.

They volunteered because they wanted to.

The 65 members of Aurora High School's Red and Gold Society offered to shovel snow from driveways and sidewalks for elderly and handicapped townspeople or anyone who needed help.

The service is still needed.

COLLINS RESIDENTS SHOW SPIRIT

More than 40 residents and friends of Collins Crescent made a real hit at the 1984 July First Celebrations, and displayed the spirit and enthusiasm the July First committee was looking for.

Dressed in bright red Canada Birthday T-shirts they put their ideas together for their street float and won first prize in that category, and repeated the performance in 1985.

In 1983 the Collins Crescent squad won the citizen's waterball competition. They displayed the real Aurora spirit!

A COUGAR VISITS AURORA

It was in October, 1972, when six-year-old Trevor and seven-year-old Douglas Copley came to their Hillview Road home from George Street School and told their grandmother they'd been snarled at by a great big cat.

The grandmother thought they might be making up the story.

But the story was verified the next day when the big cat was spotted in Regency Acres and the Ontario Humane Society was called and after hearing the description decided it was a cougar on the loose.

Later that day a Humane Society warden who lived on Bathurst Street heard her dogs barking.

Usually the dogs would chase after whatever excited them, but this time they wouldn't budge from the house. and it was assumed it was the cougar.

All schools in town were alerted, but there were no further sightings of the elusive cougar.

TIGER DELAYS TIGER HOCKEY GAME

In September, 1972, the Aurora Tigers Hockey Club arranged for a real live Bengal Tiger to participate in the opening ceremonies at the community centre.

The 500-pound tiger liked the cool ice and laid down on the centre line and refused to get up in spite of the urging of its trainer, team co-owner Bruce Butterworth and timekeeper Peter Miller.

Finally after cooling off, the tiger got up and was led off the ice and the game got underway.

AURORA CHANGES BANKS

After about 100 years with the Bank of Montreal, the Town of Aurora switched to the Royal Bank in October, 1984, for a two-year term.

The town had invited all banks in Aurora to bid on the town's business in May, 1984, following an increase in service charges from the Bank of Montreal.

Proposals were received from several banks, but the choice was narrowed to the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Bank based on the services offered.

After meeting with representatives from both banks, the finance and administration committee recommended the two-year contract be awarded to the Royal Bank on the basis of cost.

COUNCIL WAS IN A CHRISTMAS MOOD

On the last meeting before Christmas in 1979, council approved the purchase of 1,000 town pins to give to local organizations and visiting dignitaries.

At the same time paperweights and other gifts, yet to be determined, commemorating the town would be ordered to give to visitors.

BALLROOM DANCE FEVER HITS AURORA

It was in April, 1985, when the dance fever hit Aurora with two programs at the Graystones Restaurant and the La Classica Banquet Ball (now the Tuscany).

At La Classica, Ken Booker was the instructor and at the Graystones it was the Jean Jeffrey Dance School.

The dance craze caught on and additional nights had to be arranged to handle all the dancers.

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Head of Rail anniversary

Aurora station survives years of progress

Just as railways helped make the nation, the railway station was the foundation of large and small communities from coast to coast.

Yet much of Canada's unique railway heritage has been lost to the wrecker's ball.

There wasn't much the province nor municipalities could do to preserve the railway stations, as the Railway Act and the British North America Act established that no province, its agencies or municipalities had any legal authority to control railway properties.

During the 1982 conference of the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees (LACAC) of Ontario, agreement was reached to petition the federal government to preserve Canada's remaining heritage railway stations.

On June 1, 1983, the Aurora Historical Society and LACAC petitioned York-Peel MP Sinclair Stevens to do whatever could be done to save the Aurora railway station.

It was pointed out that the significance of this site and the station go beyond the province and the municipality.

It was noted that the station was of national significance, as it represented the head of rail for the first train in the Dominion to carry passengers and freight in regular service. The group said the station had been plagued as a provincial historic site.

The first Aurora railway station dates back to the early 1850s along the Northern Railway Line, which was to run from Toronto to Collingwood. It was the first rail line in Ontario when it was built.

The existing station, currently used by hundreds of commuters to Toronto every day, was built at the turn of the century by the Grand Trunk Railway and in 1992 was fully renovated and restored by GO Transit.

Even its bright exterior colour of red, green and yellow is the same as when it was built. Part of the station's interior has also been restored.

It was also pointed out that the retention of the station as a heritage site should not be made strictly on cultural grounds, as the arguments are also economic and functional.

Aurora needed a commuter rail facility and communication centre. It was suggested the station be designated a National Historic Site.

In April, 1984, Stevens was advised that the town was considering a LACAC recommendation that the area of Wellington Street East from Yonge Street to just east of the CNR right-of-way be designated as a special planning area, as it was part of the historic core of the community.

As nothing had been heard from Stevens regarding the preservation of the station, other than a letter of acknowledgement, a follow-up letter was sent on October 15, 1985.

The letter repeated the offer to meet with CNR/VIA officials to discuss steps that might be taken so the station could be retained, enhanced, and continue to serve the needs of the community.

At the same time, members of LACAC made a presentation to council with the request that a copy of the LACAC statement of its interests and intent concerning the renewal of the station and adjacent railway lands should be forwarded to CNR/VIA officials.

The report also recommended the appointment of an ad hoc committee to prepare a work plan and as 1988 was Aurora's 125th anniversary, the project should be identified as a special anniversary undertaking of the town.

It was pointed out that the wood-frame station building, constructed in 1900 by the Grand Trunk Railway in elements of picturesque Gothic Revival and Classical Revival, Victorian architectural styles was fast disappearing.

Aurora Council endorsed the LACAC report and agreed to the appointment of the committee as requested. It was proposed that the station be the transportation centre for the town.

On February 15, 1988, the committee met with Stevens and representatives of CN Rail.

After a lengthy discussion it was recommended that a survey of the building take place with a report to give an indication of the general condition of the building with a cost estimate for restoration work.

Approval was given for an upset amount of \$5,000 to be allocated to a physical survey of inspection and that invitational tenders be received for this work. The tender was later awarded to Stephen McCassey and Associates.

At that time the station operated as a commuter facility as part of the GO Transit Bradford/Toronto line with one return trip daily. The ridership averaged 160 persons daily with 60 to 80 cars using the associated parking lot.

The January, 1989, report recommended immediate exterior remedial improvements estimated to cost \$208,250 with an additional \$54,000 for interior renovation.

Other recommendations included improved pedestrian access, lighting and paving of the parking area, with a long range landscaping plan and other improvements.

In June, 1989, the town made an offer to CN Rail to begin negotiations to purchase the station for a nominal amount. CN had expressed an interest in selling the station to the town with the remainder of the seven-acre property leased to GO Transit as a transportation centre.

By November, 1990, CN agreed to sell the station building for use as a station on its commuter line. GO Transit officials appeared before Aurora council to present plans for the rehabilitation of the station, including restoration to the original exterior and colour of the Grand Trunk Railway in the early 1990s.

The proposal, which was completed in early 1992, included ramps and washrooms for the handicapped, new foundations, paved parking lots, landscaping, improved lighting, lockers and a fully renovated waiting room.

An additional 100 parking spaces were added and a passenger kiss-and-ride drop off provided. The total project cost approximately \$800,000, which was paid for by GO Transit.

The newly renovated station was officially opened July 1, 1992, as part of Aurora's July First celebrations.

Since then there have been other improvements such as the addition of a second and third train, further expansion of the parking lot and landscaping.

Aurora, the head of rail in 1853, is still an important part of the rail network with a long rail history, and the Aurora station was among the first to be designated under Canada's Heritage Railway Protection Act.

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The Aurora railway station has been the scene of many activities over the years, including this visit by the Queen back in the 50s. Station has dodged numerous bullets over the years and remains as one of Aurora's many noted historic buildings. If all goes well, the station will be home base for a weekend of celebrations in May as Aurora celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Head of Rail. It was in May, 1853, when the first train ever to leave Toronto, headed north, and two hours later, arrived in what was then Machell's Corners. The train was hauled by a locomotive aptly named "Toronto". Assuming everything goes well, the celebration will occur May 9-11.

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Peter Harrison, owner of the new Oak Ridge Meats, left, who moved his bull and his business from Oak Ridges to Aurora Saturday, got Mayor Tim Jones to do something special to mark the opening. Instead of cutting a ribbon, the mayor cut a steak. Seemed appropriate. Popular singing group, the Good Brothers, entertained customers during the opening day.

LACAC objects to Wellington condo proposal

In a strongly worded resolution the Aurora Heritage Committee, or LACAC, was critical of council's action in approving a planning application on a heritage property without providing LACAC the opportunity to comment before council approval.

The resolution made a week ago pointed out that according to the Ontario Heritage Act, LACAC should have been consulted on the designation process of the historic house on the property prior to council's decision not to designate the house.

In addition, according to the town's official plan, LACAC should have been consulted and given the opportunity to comment on the proposed development prior to council's decision.

Concern was expressed about the massing, scale and footprint issues of the proposed development as being too intensive for the site.

In addition, concern was expressed on the impact of the proposed front yard parking will have on the streetscape.

"The proposed development is not compatible in the design, style and function with the existing surrounding buildings", stated the resolution.

At a public planning meeting held in December, council gave draft approval to permit a four-storey, 36-unit residential condominium to be integrated with the existing historical residence on Wellington Street East.

David Doan, a well-known local businessman of the day, built the house

in 1863.

It is recorded in the Town of Aurora List of Heritage Properties and the Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings had identified the house as worthy of recognition.

A representative for the developer told council members that the applicant was unwilling to designate the property, but would retain the historic building.

The proposed use of the

lands is for mixed-use development with office and residential on the ground floor, which is not in keeping with the official plan or zoning bylaw.

Last week, council adopted a LACAC recommendation that approval of an amendment to the official plan be subject to a review of the site plan submission and that the historic house be designated as part of approval.

Council rejects new logo recommendation

After nearly 140 years as a municipality, Aurora started a search for the design of a corporate logo to improve the town's identity.

It didn't find one. As the result of council failing to take action at last week's council meeting, the municipality will continue to be without a new corporate logo.

Last April council adopted a Communications Plan, which included improving its

corporate identity and image by developing and implementing a new corporate logo and identity guide. The town's Economic Development Committee supported the proposal.

Staff carried out a search for firms and individuals who would be interested in submitting a proposal.

Some 29 responses were received, which was later reduced to seven, including submissions from Larter

Creative and Dick Derhodge Designs, both of Aurora.

In November, council authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the design of a corporate logo. After evaluating all proposals the submission from Dick Derhodge Designs was selected at a cost of \$9,560 for the logo design and an additional \$9,680 for the development of a business system and standards manual for a total of \$19,240.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern led the attack against the proposal claiming that the town had used its crest as a logo and it was easily identifiable, so another logo was not needed. She received support from other members of council.

Councillor David Griffith recalled that in 1993, the then Business Development Committee had added the words "The Town of Aurora" over the crest, which had been used successfully and there was no need to change it.

Council received the staff report and took no action.

Tower location could become new town park

Now that the space is empty, what will happen to the area once occupied by Aurora's huge south end water tower?

It was in May, 1980, when York Region decided another park was to be created and it was to be in Aurora.

The region's engineering committee recommended to council that the one-acre site where the south water storage tank was located in Aurora should be parkland.

It was pointed out that a condominium housing project was located adjacent to the site and encroachment onto the regional property had forced the region to decide on a course of

action.

It was agreed that in order to protect the region's interest in the lands, it should either be fenced or an agreement made with the Town of Aurora to operate and maintain the area as a public park.

The committee recommended the lands be used as a park and regional council agreed.

But something happened, as the parkland was never developed and the property was fenced.

As the water tower was demolished earlier this month, it's time to resurrect the park concept, and if the powers that be can't think of a name, they might consider "Water Tower Park".

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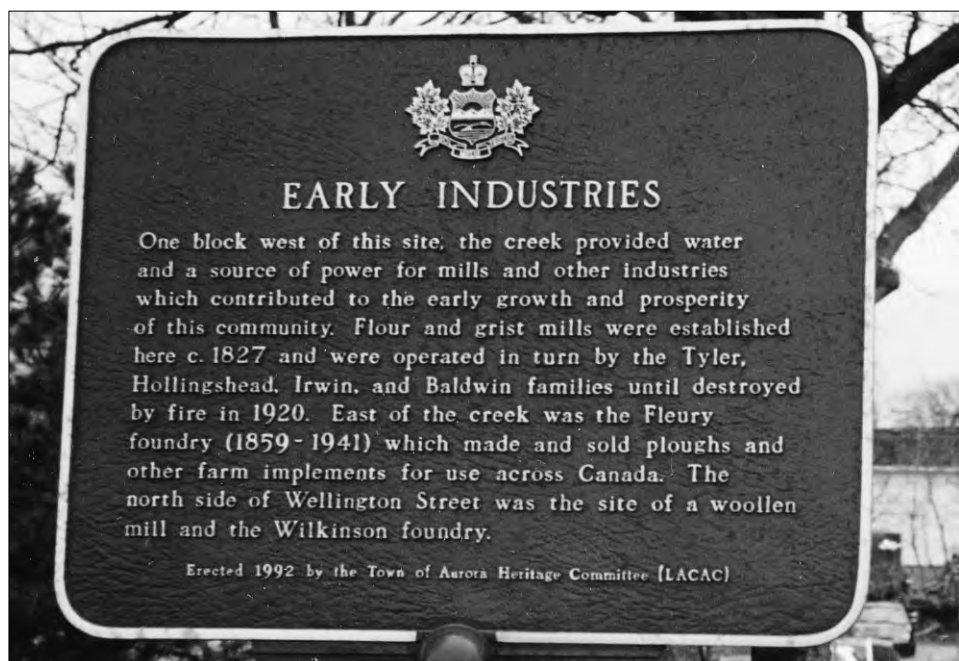
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Plaque recognizes town industries

Located in a little parkette at the southeast corner of Wellington Street West and Temperance Street is a historical plaque erected in 1992 by the Aurora Heritage Committee (LACAC) in recognition of some of Aurora's early industries.

A block west of the parkette, Tannery Creek provided water as a source of power for mills and other industries, which contributed to the early growth and prosperity of the community.

Flour and gristmills were established here in 1827 and were operated in turn by various families until, under the ownership of the Baldwin family, the mill was destroyed by fire in 1920. An apartment complex and a day care centre is now



located on the site.

The Baldwin family advertised their Aurora Belle flour as "Canada's Finest Pastry

Flour".

East of the creek was the Fleury Foundry (1859 - 1941), which made and

sold ploughs and other farm equipment for use across Canada. Bacon Basketware now uses the

old foundry as a warehouse.

Joseph Fleury learned his trade at his father's blacksmith shop in King Township and moved to Aurora with a partner, Thomas Pearson, in 1859.

When the partnership came to an end, his father joined him in making the business an immediate success.

It's hard to believe but in the early 1900s the average wage at the Fleury Foundry was about \$7 per week and the most useful piece of currency was the dime.

The north side of Wellington Street was the site of a woolen mill and the Wilkinson foundry. The York Region District School Board Education Centre is now located on the site.

A radial siding ran west from Yonge Street along Wellington Street as far as Mill Street, then south beside the creek to the Tannery on Tyler Street.

Just east of Yonge Street on the Vandorf Sideroad (now the Industrial Parkway) there was a trestle bridge, which carried the radial line over the Grand Trunk Railway (now CN and GO Transit).

Also at this location was an interchange so that freight cars could be shunted from the rail line to the radial line to service Aurora's early industries.

It was said the stench of the boxcars carrying vats of hides soaked in brine was overpowering.

As well as freight coming and going to the tannery there was delivery of coke for the Fleury Foundry, and wheat for the flour mill.

The Baldwin Mill was destroyed by fire in 1920. Due to the necessity of being located by a rail siding, William Baldwin, a former Mayor of Aurora, rebuilt the mill in 1921 on property he had purchased on Wellington Street East, just west of the railway tracks.

Although part of the building was destroyed by fire in June, 1955, the brick and concrete structure still stands and today is the site of Baldwin's Restaurant.

To learn a little about the history of Aurora's early industries, visit the little parkette, read the plaque and visualize what Wellington Street West looked like back in the 1800s.

Big Brothers Bowl February 22

Big Brothers of York needs funds to continue monitoring existing Big

Brother/Little Brother matches, to reach out to potential Big Brother vol-

unteers and to continue the agency's other program, like in-school men-

toring.

The agency does not receive any government funding, nor is it a United Way member.

It is entirely dependent on fundraising to carry out its work and Bowl for Kids Sake contributes about 50 per cent of that required funding.

Last year sponsors and bowlers raised a total of \$226,840 as more than 1,400 bowlers took to the lanes across the region for fun and a good time in support of Big Brothers.

The Aurora Community Day raised \$23,373.

The Optimist Club of Aurora won the York Region Service Club Award, McAlpine Ford Lincoln of Aurora won the Automotive Dealership Challenge and Jim McAlpine raised the most money by an individual.

This year Aurora community day will be held at

the Aurora Bowl on Edward Street Saturday, February 22 with games at 1, 3 and 5 p.m.

To enter, form a team of five or six people who enjoy having a good time. All team members get a pledge form and the team sets a goal to raise a minimum of \$350.

You may bowl five or 10 pin. Your team bowls two games or two hours, whichever comes first on the day of the event.

Register with Big Brothers by calling 905-727-1251.

Streets named after Magna race horses

Last September Aurora Council rejected a request from a developer to give California-style street names, such as Beverly Hills, Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica, to a subdivision to reflect a theme and assist in marketing.

At that time, council accepted a staff recommendation that the developer select more appropriate names reflecting the heritage element within the town, specifically those of historical reference listed in the name bank.

At last week's meeting, councillors adopted names for streets in a proposed condominium plan named after race horses owned by Magna Corporation without question.

The proposed names for

the private roads within the subdivision proposal include Red Bullet, Awesome Again, Macho Uno, Glorious Song and Adena Meadows.

The development is planned for the west side of Leslie Street, south of Wellington Street East.

Although no comments were made about the proposed names, Councillor Ron Wallace expressed concern about the design

and location of Adena Meadows, which was shown on one map as exiting on Wellington Street East but not on another map.

Staff advised the proposed location of the road went through the subdivision from Wellington Street to Leslie Street, with the remainder of roads designed as cul de sacs feeding into Adena Meadows.

Tabbies scoop 3 awards

Aurora Tigers' personnel took three of six awards last week at a general managers' meeting held in Georgetown.

Best Defenseman was Rob Godfrey; Coach of the Year was won by Marty

Williamson; and goaltender Chris Whitley was selected Most Valuable Player.

Stouffville Spirit won two awards and the sixth went to the Couchiching Terriers.

Aurora had been nominated for five of the six titles.

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Tigers Minor Peewee AA wins Silver Stick tourney

Local hockey history was made Sunday by the Aurora Tigers Minor Peewee AA team.

After three days of hard-hitting, nail-biting, hockey-from-the-heart, the 11-year-old boys won the prestigious International Silver Stick hockey tournament.

And they did it on Canadian ice.

While Newmarket has been hosting the minor competition for 17 years, neighbouring Aurora boys have never before captured the title on "home" ice.

"The boys were ecstatic," said Coach Scott Waites. "It's an honour they may not fully appreciate for some years to come."

Each of the 15-member team was awarded the coveted sterling silver stick pin, and their trophy and team name will be placed in Toronto's Hockey Hall of Fame for a year.

Naturally the boys thought their victory was "awesome", "sweet", "cool" and a very strong message to the American teams who needed to realize "it's a Canadian game!"

Last weekend's Newmarket tournament drew 48 teams, 12 of which were from the United States, including players from Florida, Texas and Michigan.

The tourney is strictly for Minor Atom, Peewee, and Bantam A and AA levels.

The Aurora Peewees won the Whitby Silver Stick tournament in December in order to advance.

Only one other Aurora team, Minor Atom AA, earned a spot in the Silver Stick, but did not advance to the semi finals.

The competition takes its name from the original trophy, a hand crafted sterling silver hockey stick.

That stick is housed in the Hockey Hall of Fame, but most host centres, including Newmarket, have had replicas made for their awards presentations.

After almost half a century, only three other Silver Stick banners hang in Aurora's Community Centre.

Twenty years ago, a Juvenile team won the honour in Mooretown, Ontario and two Peewee teams captured the title in the eighties in Port Huron, Michigan.

Tournament organizer Ken Smith pointed out that American teams were made to enter their traditionally competitive teams at the AA

level instead of the single A level this year.

The change was required to correct a past imbalance based on differing age categories.

"In fact,"said Aurora Minor Hockey President Dave Saunders, "Aurora's AA Peewee team was named the winner last year well after the Michigan tournament ended when it was revealed they came second to an American AAA team."

There was no such confusion this year; the Peewees soundly defeated Mississauga and two Michigan teams and tied Sault St. Marie, before shutting out Kanata in the final game 4-0.

"There is not a weak link in the hockey team," said coach Waites. "They are always a threat no matter what line is

out there".

"It's just a very special group of kids," said Trainer Dave Denault, "blessed with a lot of talent and perseverance."

The Aurora Minor Peewee AA team has won three Ontario Championships in as many years.

This year the team has a record of 31-0-1 in regular season play.

They have also won three Ontario tournaments and are currently heading into the playoffs.

Members of the team include David Roper, Johnny Borsellino, Ryan Carlisle, Alex Denault, Adrian DiRosa, Sean Fennell, Zachary Giusti, Tyler Hanlon, Jimmy Lyons, Connor McQueston, Matthew Mikhaili, Jake Sanita, Chris Stankiewicz, Marcus Tocchet and Brent Waites.

Stingers win tournament

"The Boys of '92" were at it again as the Aurora Stingers won the prestigious Ontario Soccer Association Christmas Tourney held every year.

Having lost in the semi-finals last year they had some unfinished business to attend to, and that's exactly what they did.

Reduced in numbers, the team was down to 11 players. Starting off slowly in league play, "The Boys" beat CS Azzurri 2-0 but lost their second game to the impressive North Mississauga A team 1-0.

The third and final game of league play saw "The Boys" hit their stride with a convincing 3-0 win over Stoney Creek-Saltfleet.

Two wins and a loss put them on top of their group and matched them in the semi-finals against CS Azzurri again.

This game was played with far more intensity than the first, however Aurora looked the better side and appeared to be well on their way to a place in the final against the winner of Brampton Blast/Brampton East Chiefs, when some very strange officiating provided CZ Azzurri a tying goal with only three minutes left to play.

After some serious discussion the game was finished under protest but the result stood and the two teams went into a penalty shoot out.

Now it was a test of nerves

Three points in two games

A win, a tie and a power failure made up the Aurora Tigers activities in the last week.

They opened things with a rare Wednesday night game in North York and battled to a 4-4 draw, before travelling to Orillia Friday only to have a major power failure shut down the game as well as all the lights.

Undaunted, they returned to St. Mike's Arena Sunday evening and defeated the Buzzers 6-4.

In the Sunday matchup, Aurora came out flying in the first period, completely dominating the flow of the game, but a goal mouth scramble gave the Buzzers an early 1-0 lead.

Jesse Olden got that back with a goal set up by brother Justin and Will Wellman, then wasted little time adding his second of the frame.

Tigers outshot the Buzzers 14-9 during the first 20 minutes of play.

Aurora continued to dominate in the second period, out shooting St. Mike's 13-3.

The only scoring in the period came on a goal by Scott Goheen, set up by Steve Mignardi and Kyle Aitken, which gave Aurora a 3-1 lead.

Although the Tigers outshot the Buzzers 10-3 in the third period, some lucky bounces and goal mouth

scrambles allowed St. Mike's to make a good game of it.

Two goals, including a power play marker by St. Mike's, enabled them to tie the game at 3-3 by the 12:35 mark of the period, but a power play goal by Kyle Aitken restored the lead for Aurora before St. Mike's tied the game once again.

Derek Doucette's shot from the point with under two minutes left in the game gave Aurora a 5-4 lead, and Jamie Minchella salted things away with an empty net goal to give the Tigers the 6-4 victory.

The Tigers played a rare Wednesday night game when they travelled to North York to take on the Rangers.

Coming off an impressive weekend against the Axemen and the Waxers, Aurora was looking to maintain its success with the South Division teams.

Although the shots on goal were only 6-4 in favour of Aurora, the score sheet in the first period belonged to the Tigers.

Scott Goheen opened the scoring with a goal set up

by Justin Olden and Sam Skwarchuk quickly followed that up on a goal set up by Rob Godfrey and Scott Goheen.

Tim Whitehouse made it 3-0 for the Tigers before North York managed to score a power play goal on starting netminder Chris Whitley late in the period to close the gap to 3-1.

The second period could likely be the biggest let down the Tigers have faced to date this season.

With both goaltenders facing a total of 10 shots, it was North York who took advantage by finding the back of the net on three different occasions.

By the time the period ended, Rangers led 4-3.

Lance King replaced Chris Whitley in the third to try and change the momentum.

King was solid, stopping all 17 shots he faced in the period.

Jeff Gilbert's power play goal early in the third tied the game at 4-4 and that's where it would end.

Aurora outshot North York 7-2 in the overtime period, but could not get the go ahead goal.

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J.J. Barron Realty	7	7	1	48	48	15
Law Insurance Brokers	4	5	6	55	46	14
Highland Chev-Olds-Geo-Cad	4	8	3	64	70	11
Masterclean Contracting	2	8	5	41	64	9

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Playoff Games
Minor Atom
DOMINION 4 (Robert Denault 1G Curtis Stobo 1G Gregory Lacroix 1G,1A Cameron Annear 1G Logan Weber 2A Colin Sandquist 1A) INTER-WORLD PAPER 1 (Daniel Whitley 1G Chase Riddell 1A)

MARY'S FLOWER SHOP 6 (Michael Vance 4G



Alexander Payne 1G Daniel Fusco 1G Jay McConnell 1A Brodie Royce 1A Mark Tanel 1A) DELPH & JENKINS LEVELERS 3 (Jarred Reid 3G)

OLBERT METALS 4 (Luca Battiston 1G Ryan Berube 2G Alex Dunn 1G Paul Andrews 2A) THE BACKYARD POOL & SPA COMPANY 4 (Stephen Newby 1G Brett Richardson 1G Brendan Strachan 1G Dylan Joliver 1G,1A Jake Hindley 1A Wes Seminara 1A)

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House League Standings
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Select Teams
Sponsors
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Minor Atom
Minor Bantam
Minor Peewee

League Games
Novice (4) vs Unionville (4)
Joshua Klinowski 2G,1A Daniel Delbello 1G Jesse Van Rooyen 1G Lukas Leslie 1A Tanner Thiessen 1A Cooper Riswick 1A Dennis Kim 1A

Novice (2) vs Richmond Hill (1)
Andrew Papousek 2G Jesse Van Rooyen 1A Graham Loney 1A Dylan Hussey 1A

Novice (6) vs Markham (3)
Andrew Papousek 3G,2A Josh Klinowski 2G Mackenzie Wooder 1G Nick Heintzman 1A Jesse VanRooyen 1A Dennis Kim 1A

Minor Peewee (3) vs Newmarket (2)
Emilio Nafarrate 1G,1A Curtis Hough 1G Andrew Mangialardi 1G Matthew Scrimas 1A

Rep Teams
Sponsors
Novice AA
Minor Atom A
Minor Atom AA
Bantam A
Bantam AE
Minor Midget A
Midget A
Midget AA

League Games
Minor Atom AA (10) vs Markham (0)
Chris Smith 2G,1A Barclay Goodrow 2G Kyle McCreedy 2G,1A Craig Johnson 2G,1A Dylan Kovacs 1G,2A RyanBailey 1G Taran McGowan 3A James Harkin 1A Gavin Forrest 4A Ben Hanlon 1A Matthew Burns SO

Minor Atom AA (4) vs Vaughan (3)
Chris Smith 1G,1A Gavin Forrest 1G,1A James Harkin 1G Kyle McCreedy 1G,1A Dylan Kovacs 1A Ryan Bailey 2A Taran McGowan 1A

Minor Atom AA (3) vs Vaughan (1)
Kyle McCreedy 2G Taran McGowan 1G Jamie Cherutti 1A James Harkin 1A Ryan Bailey 1A Dylan Kovacs 1A

Atom AA (5) vs Richmond Hill (3)
Shawn MacEachern 2G Jesse Cappell 1G,1A Dillon Cappell 1G Jordan Tripp 1G Sean Ellison 1A Kevin Zacharuk 1A Spencer Arkell 1A

Minor Bantam AA (4) vs Georgina (2)
Harrison Jones 1G Kevin Shetler 1G Michael Osuszek 1G,1A Chris Blom 1G Tyler Pettes 2A Connor O'Grady 1A

Minor Bantam AA (3) vs Markham (3)
Kevin Shetler 1G Connor O'Grady 1G Michael Pantalone 1G Michael Englehutt 1A Neil Kileeg 1A Tyler Virgoe 1A

Minor Bantam AA (4) vs Newmarket (1)
Michael Osuszek 2G Kevin Shetler 1G,1A Neil Kileeg 1G Tyler Pettes 1A Connor O'Grady 1A Chris Blom 1A

Minor Bantam AA (5) vs Whitby (0)
Kevin Shetler 2G,2A Ryan Fennell 1G,1A Michael Pantalone 1G,1A Neil Kileeg 1G Michael Osuszek 1A Connor O'Grady 1A Tyler Virgoe 1A Matt Boyd 1A Aaron Mansbridge 1A Jonathan Newby SO

Bantam AA (2) vs Barrie (4)s
Adam Hankins 1G,1A Michael White 1G Vincent Davenport 1A Peter McNeil 1A

Bantam AA (3) vs Newmarket (3)
Vincent Davenport 1G Peter McNeil 1G Patrick Bowie 1G Cal Simmonds 1A Taylor Campbell 1A Adam Hankins 1A Nolan Rundle 1A Andrew Welch 1A

Minor Midget AA (2) vs Richmond Hill (4)
Jordan Ofield 1G Clinton McCullough 1G David DelZotto 1A Nathan Rivard 1A



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Minor Midget AA (4) vs Newmarket (2)
Clinton McCullough 1G Kyle Robinson 1G Shawn Beer 1G Jordan Ofield 1G,1A Matt Cleverdon 1A Tommy Hurley 1A David DelZotto 1A Michael Osborne 1A Mike Jack 1A

Midget AA (4) vs Newmarket (4)
Mark Smith 1G Mark Oppedisano 1A Duncan Kluwak 1A Will Porteous 1G Joey Leo 2A Mike Keon 2G Ian Gabel 2A

Playoff Games
Atom A (1) vs Stouffville (2)
Louis Lamanna 1G Derrick Hamner 1A

Atom AA (5) vs Richmond Hill (0)
Jordan Tripp 2G Kevin Zacharuk 1G Shawn MacEachern 1G,1A JJ Lam 1G Max Lerner 2A Luke MacLeod 2A Spencer Arkell 1A Peter Abels SO

Atom AA (9) vs Richmond Hill (3)
Jordan Tripp 4G Max Lerner 1G,3A Luke MacLeod 1G,1A Spencer Arkell 1G,1A Dillon Cappell 1G Andrew Whitley 1G Kevin Zacharuk 2A

Midget A (2) vs TNT (1)
Mark Johnson 1G Ryan Angotti 1G in Overtime Chris

Amato 2A Sean McCartney 1A Gary Domanico 1A

Midget A (3) vs TNT (1)
Chris Amato 2G Sean McCartney 1G Ryan Angotti 2A Gary Domanico 1A Sam Battaglia 1A Julian Matamoros 1A

Midget A (2) vs TNT (3)
Overtime Loss - Chris Amato 1G Jason Lupo 1G Ryan Angotti 1A Gary Domanico 1A

Midget A (4) vs TNT (3)
Sean McCartney 1G,1A Sam Battaglia 1G,2A Mark Johnson 1G,1A James Morgan 1G Chris Sturges 1A Steve Black 1A Mark Jarman 1A. Aurora wins series 7 points to 3.

Midget AA (4) vs Georgina (5)
Joey Leo 2G Mike Keon 1G,1A Jared Pignataro 1A Scott Hurst 1G Will Porteous 1A

Tournaments
Minor Atom A (2) vs Brampton AA (0)
Stephen DeMarco 2G Spencer George 2A Daniel Howie SO

Minor Atom A (6) vs Bradford (1)
Stephen DeMarco 2G,1A Jamie Hawkins 1G, 2A Brandon Pedersen 1G Chris Piron 1G Steadman Dinning

1G Brett Matthews 2A Spencer George 2A Eleeza Cox 1A Tristan Miller 1A Matthew Mears 1A

Minor Atom A (10) vs Cedar Hill AA (2)
Eleeza Cox 3G,1A Stephen DeMarco 3G Matthew Mears 2G Brandon Pedersen 1G,3A Jamie Hawkins 1G Spencer George 2A Patrick Jones 1A Brett Matthews 1A Josh Beaton 1A Cody Weese 1A Tristan Miller 1A Blair Cuthbert 1A Jack Steffan 1A

Minor Atom A (4) vs Uxbridge AA (3)
Josh Beaton 1G Matthew Mears 1G,1A Steadman Dinning 1G,1A Jamie Hawkins 1G Eleeza Cox 1A Brandon Pedersen 1A Tristan Miller 1A Jack Steffan 1A Stephen DeMarco 1A

Minor Atom A (3) vs Newmarket AA (1)
Newmarket Atom Tournament Champions Matthew Mears 1G,2A Stephen DeMarco 1G Steadman Dinning 1G Tristan Miller 1A Daniel Howie MVP

Minor Peewee A (3) vs Humber Valley (1)
Ben Mulholland 2G Andrew McDonald 1G Lucas Boyd 2A Brett Dutchyshen 1A Tyler Rundle 1A Carter Hassard 1A

Minor Peewee A (7) vs Port Credit (2)
Andrew McDonald 1G,2A Anthony Ranieri 1G Ben Mulholland 2G Matthew Joynt 1G,1A Carter Hassard

1G,1A Michael Morson 1G,2A Cory Blom 3A Darrell Evans 2A Brett Dutchyshen 1A Lucas Boyd 1A

Minor Peewee A (4) vs Cooksville (1)
Brett Dutchyshen 1G Anthony Ranieri 1G,1A QuentonHunt 1G,1A Michael Morson 1G Ben Mulholland 1A Darrell Evans 1A Tyler Rundle 1A Matthew Joynt 1A Carter Hassard 1A Andrew McDonald 1A

Minor Peewee A (4) vs TNT (5)
Semi-Finals
Ben Mulholland 1G Carter Hassard 1G Michael Morson 1G Anthony Ranieri 1G Brett Dutchyshen 1A Trevor McCartney 1A Andrew McDonald 2A Matthew Joynt 1A Luca Ghegin 1A

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AMHA TV Auction

The Annual AMHA TV Auction will take place on 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.

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In February, 1970, with all the emphasis on tournament competition for minor hockey players, the Aurora Hockey Mothers were planning a special event for all the young hockey players who were often left out.

Betty Dewan, president of the newly organized Aurora Hockey Mothers, said the idea was to give the players of the 10 peewee and six bantam house league teams who never get a chance to play in a tournament a little something extra.

While the moms handled the organization, several men from the Aurora and District Minor Hockey Association helped out as officials, timekeepers and goal judges.

Two service clubs provided shield-type trophies for the champion teams and the finalists.

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have all the trimmings of an all-star tournament with identification cards for players, game cards and even a free ticket for a hot dog and a soft drink, just like the big guys.

The First Mothers House League Tournament was held at the Community Centre March 26 and 27, 1970.

The tournament got underway with a bit of a twist for the opening face-off.

Captain of the Kiwanis Peewee team Glen Middleton dropped the puck for Minor Hockey Association president Bob Blick and Mothers' Association president Betty Dewan.

In May, 1972, Dewan handed over the office of association president to Annette Robinson with the suggestion that for 1973 tournament the midget-juvenile house league be included.

In March, 1973, the Fourth

Annual House League Mothers Tournament was bigger and better than ever with the addition of the midget-juvenile teams.

With 26 teams and more than 400 boys participating the tournament was extended to three days.

The 1974 tournament produced a father-son coaching battle going right down to the championship game.

Father proved that he knew best when the Sisman Shoe team coached by Rod Smith downed the Norm Cook's Men's Wear team coached by son Derek Smith.

The 1975 tournament got underway with an exhibition game between a peewee team and the Mish Mash Mothers, coached by Pete Miller.

By this time the tournament had grown to 30 house league teams and 450 boys.

In 1976 the tournament

included 36 teams and more than 500 players with the inclusion of the atom teams. By this time the tournament covered four days.

In addition to organizing their own tournament, the Hockey Mothers assisted in organizing billeting for the 1977 Little NHL tournament held in Aurora.

By 1980, the annual tournament featured a special exhibition game between the hockey mothers and an atom team ending in a 6-6 tie. Fun was the theme of the tournament.

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