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St. John's to close for construction

"Where will all the cars go?" Councillor Ron Wallace asked last week when he learned a section of St. John's Sideroad

between Old Yonge Street and the Industrial Parkway will be completely closed during the reconstruction of the roadway

scheduled for this summer.

He expressed concerns that motorists accustomed to using the roadway would be forced to find alternative routes through residential areas.

Director of Public Works Wayne Jackson replied that the new roadway will require the placement of up to three metres of fill and due to the narrow roadway construction equipment will take up both lanes, forcing the closure.

He said the closure would be well signed and motorists from the north would be encouraged to use Green Lane or Mulock Drive in Newmarket during the construction period.

"If we can do that then, why don't we do that now?" Wallace mused.

Councillor John West wanted to know why the town was engaging a consultant for the design of certain works at a cost of \$70,000 when it was a regional road.

Jackson replied that the town was piggy backing on the regional contract to carry out town projects.

These included installing a watermain, street lighting, sidewalks and an elevated boardwalk with a lookout over the marsh on the north side of the roadway.



Three legs up

At the end of a million dollar evening, these three were all smiles as they stood beside one of the miniature vehicles to be used in the new Children's Safety Village, destined to open at Bruce's Mill later this year. Optimist Club member Steve Hinder, left, Village's honorary chairman Wendel Clark, and Aurora Mayor Tim Jones, joined hundreds of others Thursday night at DiNardo's in Aurora for an incredible fundraiser that saw money flying around the room all night. Who gave what? See Page 6.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Frank Klees on board

Plane's windshield explodes

For Aurora's Frank Klees, he was watching the impossible...but he lived to tell about it.

Ontario's newest Minister of Tourism and Recreation was on a tour which had carried him successfully to Thunder Bay last week.

The Auroran learned that he, and a staff of seven, had just completed tourism strategy consultations in the city at the head of Lake Superior and were in a chartered commuter plane, heading for Toronto.

"It wasn't a big plane," Klees said, when asked about the flight, "and I was looking over the pilot's shoulder through the front windshield."

And while he watched, two of the

three layers of windshield exploded.

The pilot, flying 25,000 feet over Lake Superior, immediately started a descent back into Thunder Bay warning the tower of the emergency.

"It was 50 below zero outside the plane," Klees told the Auroran. "We were finished if that third layer let

go."

With emergency vehicles lined along both sides of the runway, the plane landed safely, the windshield stayed in place, and the plane's 10 occupants were unhurt.

The incident didn't stop Klees.

He left Friday - by plane - for Sault Ste. Marie to announce a tourism marketing strategy.



Aurora Chamber of Commerce officials may have been thinking their new digs weren't big enough as hundreds of Chamber members attended the official grand opening of the new building at Yonge and Industrial. Here general manager Rosalyn Gonsalves gets help from building committee chairman Ian Johnson as they officially mark residency in the new structure.

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

Theatre Aurora presents Ray Cooney's delightful comedy "Run For Your Wife", at the Factory Theatre. It continues to February 8. A man with two wives in two neighbouring towns is involved in a traffic accident. He gives conflicting stories to the police and medical officials who contact his wives. Call 905-727-3669 for ticket information.

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.

Dinner theatre continues at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre at the Howard Johnson Hotel with the comedy "Below the Belt". It continues every Friday and Saturday night until February 28. Hot and cold buffet starting at 7 p.m. and show time at 8:30 p.m. Call 905-727-1312 to reserve.

FEBRUARY 7/9

The Aurora Opera Company presents "The Wizard of Oz" at the Newmarket Theatre, featuring Courtney Palmateer and Kara Dymond alternating as Dorothy, D. J. Demille as the scarecrow, Manuele Mizzi as the lion and Alan Ribero as the tin man. Call 905-953-5122 for ticket information.

FEBRUARY 8

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

FEBRUARY 9

Jazz Vespers, Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. Featuring John Gittens, Don Thompson and Terry Clark. 7.30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 11

Join the Aurora Seniors at the Briar's Resort at Jackson's Point. Cost is \$56 for members and \$61 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to reserve.

Aurora Council meets in General Committee at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Aurora Town Hall. Open to the public.

FEBRUARY 14

Red and White Gala at Tuscany Banquet Hall on Edward Street with proceeds to support the Palliative Care Services of York Region. Tickets \$60 per person which includes dinner, two bottles of wine per table, dancing, door prizes, silent and life auction and a raffle. Call 905-895-3628 extension 270 for tickets.

FEBRUARY 15

The York Symphony Orchestra presents an Opera Spectacular at Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora at 8 p.m. Call 416-410-0860 for ticket information.

FEBRUARY 18

The Optimist Club of Aurora presents the 7th Annual

York Regional Youth Chess Competition, with the Aurora Tournament taking place at the Legion.

FEBRUARY 19

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce holds their regular luncheon meeting at Howard Johnson Aurora. Guest speaker is newly appointed York Regional Police Chief Armand Labarge. Call 905-727-7262 to reserve

The Aurora Seniors are on the move again with a trip to Toronto to see the production of the "Lion King" at the Princess of Wales Theatre. Cost is \$105 for members and \$110 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to reserve.

FEBRUARY 22

It's Bowl for Kids Sake time for Big Brothers of York at the Aurora Bowl with starting times at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Call 905-727-1251 to register and get a starting time.

Aurora Youth Soccer Club Registration takes place at the Canadian Tire store, Yonge Street at Murray Drive, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

York Strings Plus concert, Trinity Anglican Church, 7.30 p.m. Tickets \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children.

FEBRUARY 24

First installment of the Town of Aurora's interim tax levy is now due, with the second installment due April 25. The levy will be 50 per cent of the 2002 taxes

FEBRUARY 25

Travelling in Eastern Russia with Aurora's Harry Lumsden. Slide presentation of volcanoes, eagles and a wide variety of plants will be shown from 7 to 8 p.m. in Public Meeting Room #1, at the Aurora Library. Admission is free. Register at the Adult Information Desk, or phone 905-727-9493.

FEBRUARY 28

The Big Band Sound is coming to the Aurora Legion with the Toronto All Star Big Band, sponsored by Operation Catch-Up, Tutors and Mentors to raise funds for the group's youth programs in the region. There's also a silent auction, light buffet supper and dancing.

Blood donor clinic. Aurora United Church, 3.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

MARCH 8

Free one-hour adult "fast defense" course at Watson's Karate. 2 to 3 p.m. Call to reserve 905-727-7144.

MARCH 24/APRIL 4

Guided tours of Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area. Includes a wagon ride. Call Nadine Partridge at 905-895-1281, Ex. 241 for further information or visit www.lsrca.on.ca

JUNE 1

It may be a long way in the future but if you want to reserve a booth for the Eighth Annual Aurora Street Festival you had better take action now, as they are going fast. Activities will open to the public at 11 a.m. and continue to 5 p.m. Call the Chamber office at 905-727-7262 to book a booth.



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Grant cash is divided

Back in 1989 council appointed a Grants Review Ad Hoc Committee to come up with a grant policy and procedures for administering grants, and community groups would be made aware of the policy.

Grant funding was approved annually and began to increase substantially from \$25,000 in 1989 to \$90,586 in 1995, resulting in a review of the policy, which was adopted in December, 1995, for implementation in the 1997 fiscal year.

The revised policy identifies three major goals: temporary start-up assistance for new community based programs, programs that are a joint community service group/departmental centres and programs that have no other municipal funding assistance but are recognized as a recreational community program.

Each year council considers requests from various organizations for funding assistance. In addition, assistance is also considered for town operated spe-

cial events.

In a report to council it was noted that only three submissions were received, which complied with the policy.

The organizations requesting funding were groups that work closely with town departments in providing joint community events and programs.

Council approved grants for 2003 totalling \$77,534 upon approval of the 2003 budget.

Under Community Grants the Queen's York Rangers Cadet Corps will receive \$468, 140 Aurora Air Cadet Squadron \$414, and the Optimists Club of Aurora \$600.

Special Events Grants included Community Recognition Awards \$1,500, Canada Day \$17,000, Santa Claus Parade \$5,000, Arctic Adventure \$2,000 and First Night \$1,500.

Education Awards total \$3,600 and a grant of \$45,452 is made to the Aurora Museum, of which \$13,650 is returned as rental income by the Aurora Historical Society.




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All heart

Staffers at Abbotsford Animal Hospital in Aurora are determined to double the money raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation last year, and they've called on Heartley, the mascot, to help. Sheila St. Hilaire, left, and Whitney Gardner, right, join Rachel Laurence of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and Heartley, to kick off the campaign that ends February 14. They hope to raise \$600 selling the \$2 hearts that are appearing in shop windows throughout Aurora as part of the Foundation's "Painting The Town Red" campaign. York Region's goal is \$37,000.

Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

New Orleans event in Aurora Feb. 22

If you are fed up with the long days of winter, snow and cold and can't arrange a visit to warmer climes, take heart as New Orleans is coming to Aurora this month with Mardi Gras 2003.

Hosted by the Aurora Aerials Parents Committee it is planned to become an annual event.

Mardi Gras will be held at

DiNardo's Mansion on Industrial Parkway South Feb. 22, starting at 5:30 p.m. and ending in the wee hours of Sunday morning.

The Aurora Aerials is a competitive dance team and they will provide a brief performance after dinner.

Part of the proceeds will be used to support special training, performances and travel for the dance team,

with the balance of the proceeds going to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Mardi Gras 2003 includes a multi-course southern-style dinner accompanied by the vocal stylings of Ian FitzGerald.

There will be silent and live auctions, a live band for dancing and much more.

Originally Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) was just one day, the day before Ash Wednesday, but later came to denote the entire carnival season of feasting, parading and drinking that precedes Lent.

Organizer John O'Bireck has been working with the Mardi Gras Societies and Chambers of Commerce in New Orleans and Mobile to ensure Aurora's Mardi Gras will be as authentic as possible.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Call 905-727-5494 for information.

Consultant - yes; new road - maybe

A consultant does not necessarily mean a new street, residents of Ridge Road were told last week.

Councillor John West warned residents not to build up their hopes for the reconstruction of the roadway just because council had approved hiring a consultant for the design of the proposed reconstruction.

He noted that funds for the reconstruction had not been included in the 10-year capital road reconstruction program.

Last November, as a result of concerns expressed by residents about the condition of the road, council directed that staff complete the design for the proposed reconstruction this year and funding sources be considered during 2004 budget deliberations.

The consultant firm of Totten Sims Hubicki Associates has been engaged to carry out the design work at a cost not to exceed \$32,241.

Ridge Road runs west off Yonge Street, south of Industrial Parkway.

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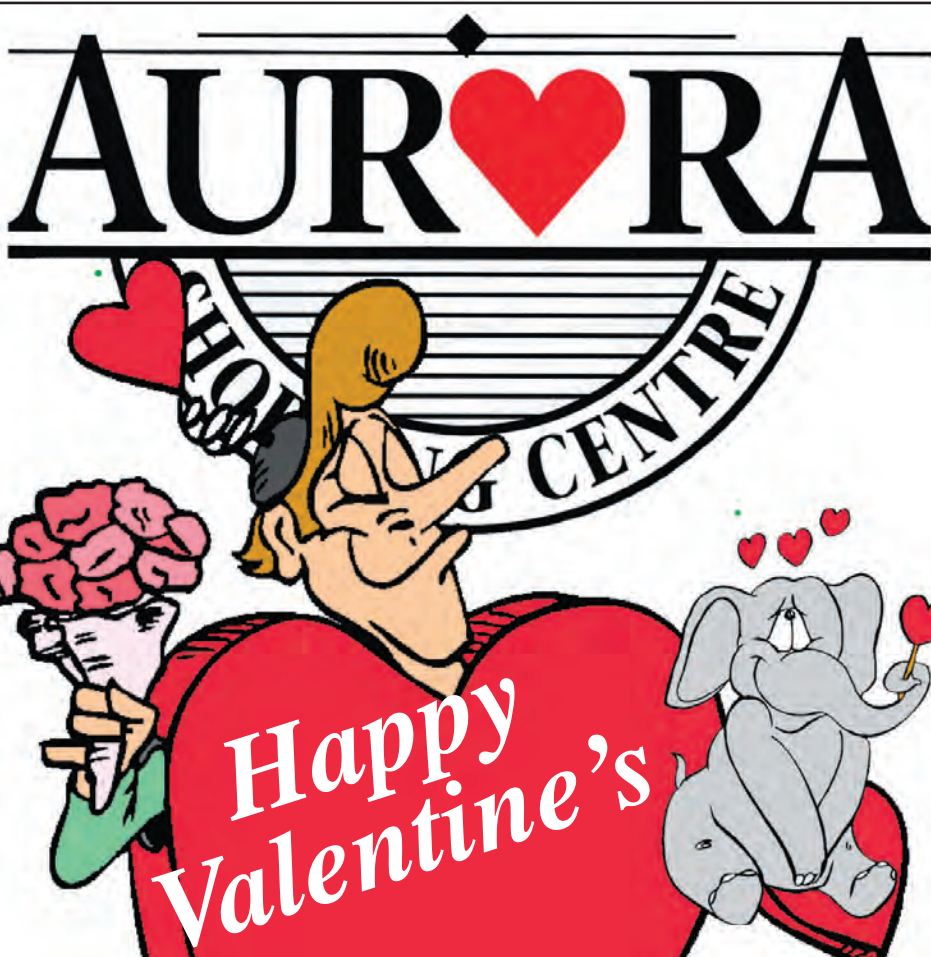
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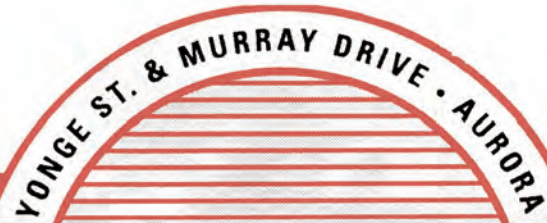
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**Poor
Richard**

Municipal Act may have holes

*There may be pitfalls and problems,
With the new Municipal Act;
Councils will have to be watchful,
Not believe everything as fact!*
-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

In a Speech from the Throne, the Progressive Conservative government clearly stated its intention to introduce a new Municipal Act. It was a promise that municipalities had heard from various Ontario governments over the years.

A discussion paper on the proposed Municipal Act was released March 10, 1997.

It appeared to give new powers to local government in the way they could conduct the affairs of the municipality without extensive provincial restrictions.

Following a review of the discussion paper, on May 22, 1997, York Regional council expressed some concerns with the draft proposals, as it was believed they were unduly restrictive and not in keeping with the stated intent of granting local government greater flexibility and autonomy.

In the spring of 1998 the government published a draft of the new Municipal Act, which it claimed would provide municipalities with greater flexibility.

A quick review indicated that few municipal concerns had been included in the draft.

In an address to the annual conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in August 2000, Municipal Affairs Minister Tony Clement said the government planned to revise the Municipal Act, not only to provide more local autonomy, but also to make councils more accountable to their citizens.

About the same time the Ontario Chamber of Commerce stated that while the draft legislation accommodated many of the members' concerns, there were some areas of concern, primarily business licensing and user fees.

Council members and municipal staff should also be concerned about the section of the legislation dealing with business licensing, but maybe for different reasons than Chamber members.

It appears the new licensing provisions are more restricted and limited than the previous legislation, in spite of the government's commitment to provide a statute that was less prescriptive and more empowering of municipalities.

With few exceptions, the Act also provides new challenges for municipalities.

It removes the concept of using licensing fees as a source of revenue.

It will add to the municipality's cost of administering licensing bylaws, and it opens the way for more legal challenges.

Over the years the courts have recognized the licensing of businesses by municipalities, as a means for raising revenue and as a basic form of consumer protection.

Prior to 1996, the provisions to license were limited in some cases, and were scattered through the Municipal Act and other legislation.

All this changed with the adoption of the Saving and Restructuring Act, 1996, which removed limitations on the amount of fees payable and expanded the activities a municipality could licence.

The new Act requires that the licensing power be used only for health and safety, nuisance control and consumer protection.

Another new requirement is that there be a public meeting with proper notice prior to the enactment of the licensing bylaw.

Another big question mark in the legislation is the ability of the Minister of Municipal Affairs to issue regulations, and what the regulations will include, as they have not yet been released.

It is understood the Minister has the authority under the legislation to issue anywhere between 80 and 100 regulations.

Until such time as they are released, it's just wait and see.

There's no doubt the new licensing provisions represent a significant reduction in municipal authority and autonomy from that provided in the 1996 legislation.

The business community subject to the licensing bylaws, is the big winner and the municipalities are, once again, low men on the totem pole.

The Tory government hasn't changed, it still caters to the business community.



The staff

This was the staff of the Aurora Public School in the 1943-44 school year. They are, front row, left to right, Marion van Nostrand, Marian Jefferson, Hazel McBride, Olive Bostwick, Elsie Legge, Isabel Hayes; top row, left to right, Kay Bartlett, Inspector McKillop (anyone know his first name?) Principal John G. McDonald, Don Webster, Del Babcock and Genevieve Robinson. Home base, of course, was the historic Church Street School, now undergoing extensive renovations. This photograph was supplied by Olive Bostwick, now Olive Kumar, of Gormley.

Letters to the editor

Resident thinks Doan house will be altered

To the editor,

I had noticed with a certain amount of incredulity, the almost magical appearance of the proposed usage sign in front of the property on Wellington by the post office.

My neighbour, and past member of LACAC, had mentioned in passing that the proposed usage would not, apparently, alter the facade of the Doan house.

I find that a little hard to believe.

I am sure that people were saying the same about preserving the facade for the Scanlon bakery.

What I find even more unacceptable is that the

other two homes will fall to the wreckers (Priestly) ball.

As a not so long resident (seven years) of Wellington St. East, I take great pride in my neighbourhood and those who reside in it.

To tear down the memories of those who were born and bore and raised generations in those houses shows that there is an elemental disrespect for the past and especially the future of the inhabitants of this town, not to mention the flagrant disregard for protocol.

When I built my garage I did not mind being directed by the town to LACAC for approval of my plan.

As a person responsible

to my neighbours and the past inhabitants of my historic house, I felt duty bound to comply.

My desire was to enhance my neighbourhood with a design that would be historically acceptable.

I even had to pay a sizable sum to the minor variances committee to have them accept the vary design considerations that they imposed.

I don't propose to understand who talks to who and who knows someone else, but I will say and indeed even charge the town with enacting a different standard for those who feel they deserve it.

If this goes down with out following proper proce-

dure, then mark my words it will come back to bite someone.

I for one will argue this case when I come to sell my home, one of the oldest in Aurora, to be demolished for a donut shop.

**Mark Warburton
Aurora**

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Student wants to visit Ottawa

To the editor,

Forum for Young Canadians, an organization which brings students from all parts of Canada to Ottawa each year to discover how government works, announced that I will be one of some 605 students participating in Forum 2003.

Students selected for the Forum program take part in a number of interesting activities in the Nation's Capital, including sitting in the Commons and Senate chambers, talking to parliamentarians and senior

public servants, and visiting the Supreme Court of Canada.

They will also participate in a mock Cabinet discussion of immigration policy, and take part in a staged debate on federal-provincial relations.

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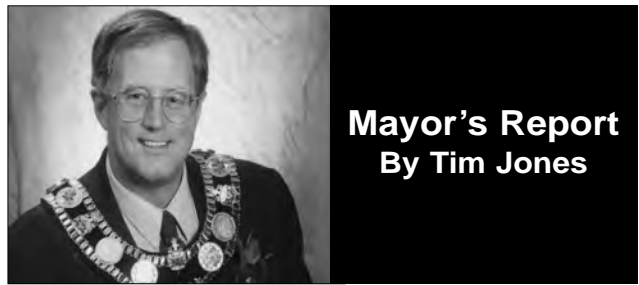
As well, and equally important, they will have acquired a better understanding of their fellow

Canadians from across the land.

Students rely on the support of local organizations to assist in paying their fees which cover tuition, room, board and transportation costs not covered by Exchanges Canada, a youth exchange program of the Department of Canadian Heritage.

For more information please call me at 905-841-4189, or e-mail MJTrevis@aol.com

**Matthew Trevisan
Aurora**



2003 York Region budget estimated at \$1.4 billion

At the January Finance and Administration Committee meeting I had the pleasure of being re-elected the chair of this committee for 2003.

Among numerous administrative and financial responsibilities, this committee quarterbackes the budgets of each Regional standing committee and associated department and it is hoped that we will have finalized our 2003 operating and capital budgets by the end of February.

The Regional budget is estimated to be at \$1.4 billion for 2003.

The Regional budget dollar is broken down to the following components: Police Services, \$0.27; GTA Pooling, \$0.17; Regional Roads, \$0.10; Transit, \$0.08; Social Housing, \$0.08; Social Assistance, \$0.07; Emergency Medical Services, \$0.04; Solid Waste, \$0.03; Public Health, \$0.03; Family & Children's Services, \$0.02; Long Term Care, \$0.01; Planning & Development, \$0.01; Emergency Services/911, \$0.01; Boards & Authorities, \$0.05; Court Services, \$0.01; Administrative Support, \$0.02.

The most significant budget pressures within the figures represented above that Regional Council must consider in this year's deliberations include:

Police Services - at the time of writing this column, this budget had not yet been presented for the review of the Administration and Finance committee, however, it is anticipated that through known annualization, growth and enhancement requirements, we can expect a \$10 to \$14 million increase in this area over 2002.

Solid Waste - this is a new cost to the Region as this responsibility has just been transferred from the municipalities to the Regional level. Conversely, this should show as a reduction in the municipal budgets. This is a \$14.2 million transfer.

Transit - This is the continuation of a number of initiatives across the Region including several new routes as well as service delivery options in areas of conventional transit, specialized transit and an aggressive new rapid program. These specific pressures are in addition to maintaining existing levels in all other service delivery areas as identified in the above summary. Major capital investments must be considered as well in our transportation and roads, water and waste water and other infrastructure components.

The \$1.4 billion required to address the 2003 budget is derived from the following areas: Net tax levy to municipalities, 34%; Development Charges and Reserves, 22%; Debt Financing, 21%; Subsidy and Grants, 12%; User Fees and other, \$ 11%.

These funds are specifically allocated as follows: Regional capital programs, \$676.3m; Police, \$130.0m; Pooling, \$78.8m; Administrative Support, \$61.5m; Boards & Authorities, \$24.8m; Court, \$5.2m; Emergency Services, \$2.0m; Non Program Items, \$4.5m; Regional Operating Programs, \$437.7m.

Specific benefits to the Town of Aurora that are delivered through the Region will be the topic of a future column.

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

"Old bank" revealed

To the editor,

On Page 4 of last week's Auroran, you show a picture of Town Council meeting in the old Bank of Commerce building in the 1940s.

This would have been in the back, possibly on the second floor.

This is the building just south of the alleyway leading to the parking lot in the middle of the block bordered by Yonge, Victoria, Wellington and Mosley Streets.

The reason for meeting there was that there was no room in the old town building at Mosley and Yonge.

All of the space there was taken up by the town office,

fire hall and library.

**W.G. Willis
Aurora**

ED. NOTE: Later on, the town took over that building and all council meetings were held at the back of it, on the first floor. Interestingly, we had several phone calls about who was in the photo. Most people said the mayor was Dr. Crawford Rose, some said it was Ross Linton, and one believed it was Elmer "Doc" Henderson. We think it's Dr. Rose. Councillors included Tom Swindle, Don Glass, Asa Cook, Charlie Davies and Vic Jones.

HEY, EVERYONE. THE GROUNDHOG DIDN'T GO BACK UNDERGROUND. IT'S GOING TO BE AN EARLY SPRING!



Letters to the editor

"Monster homes" infiltrate historic neighbourhoods

To the editor,

I am writing to express concern about the issue of new "monster" homes being built in older neighbourhoods.

Through my research on this topic, I realize this is a problem affecting most cities throughout Canada and the United States.

The issue of families wishing to live in established communities, with lots of mature trees, and yet not wanting to forego the luxuries afforded by new homes, specifically: two car garages (or in some cases three), en suite master bathrooms, family rooms, etc.

This has led to what amounts to, in some cities, an epidemic of developers buying up older post-war homes to tear down and build "monster homes".

Naturally, this type of building severely compromises the integrity of the existing neighbourhood, usually means that mature trees are torn down, and aesthetically the new homes look completely out of place.

Furthermore, a movement in this direction can conversely affect the real estate value in a neighbourhood by causing the remaining homes to be viewed at from only a "tear down" perspective, and this forces home prices to "cap out".

I live on Tyler Street in Aurora, and while we have already had two "monster" homes built in our neighbourhood, I fear there are

more coming.

Specifically 108 Tyler Street and its corresponding lot, and 97 Tyler Street.

I am aware that an application for the demolition of 108 Tyler has already been provided to the Town and was reviewed by LACAC.

While the Committee recommended the unique house on this property not be torn down due to its somewhat historical significance to the town, the Committee had no recourse to stop the demolition application.

I am a realist, and I understand that change happens. I am not writing to oppose the building that is obviously going to be approved for the lots around my home.

However, I would ask that the Town Council give some serious consideration to putting policy in place to protect the integrity of our historical core.

Aurora is still a small town with a small town attitude, and I love living here for that

reason.

I do not wish to see our older sections become carbon copies of several areas of Scarborough and Toronto, specifically the Bathurst and Eglinton area.

I understand that the Official Plan is currently being reviewed, and I would like to know exactly what policies will be put in place to protect our downtown historical core and surrounding neighbourhood.

I would like to know what, if anything, has been done to ensure proper clauses are included that will stand up at Ontario Municipal Board appeals to prevent what recently happened in our neighbourhood with respect to Aurora Resthaven, and what appears to be happening with respect to the "monster homes".

It saddens me to see the recent coverage in both the Era-Banner and the Auroran newspaper with respect to the properties on Kennedy

Street West and the issue of Doan House on Wellington Street in Aurora.

I worry that this council does not see the importance of our historical homes, nor does it support maintaining the integrity of our older neighbourhoods.

The constant development of new homes in Aurora is another sign of council's support of the developer, rather than the existing homeowner.

I will be contacting the Mayor and each councillor by telephone in the next week. If you wish to take a proactive stance to this letter, please telephone me at 905-713-3821.

I look forward to speaking to you regarding this issue, and am hopeful that we can look ahead to putting some policy in place to protect the older neighbourhoods and maintain their aesthetic quality.

**Stacey Franchetto
Aurora**



Demolition permit is being sought for this unusual historic house on Tyler Street. Reader fears Aurora's historic buildings are rapidly disappearing and being replaced with "monster homes".
Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Bouquet
&
Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

We're hoping Dick Illingworth won't mind us confiscating his column this week, but we think some pretty heavy duty bouquets are in order here.

Thursday night at Dinardo's Mansion and Banquet Hall in Aurora, hundreds of people gathered to give a huge boost to the proposed Children's Safety Village, scheduled to be built at the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, southeast of Aurora, later this year.

This project has been years in the making, but it all started in Aurora. It has since grown to a huge endeavour that has won the support of the following bouquet winners.

When the last of the hors-d'ouvres had disappeared, cheques totalling more than \$499,000 had appeared and Vanbots Construction Corporation, the volunteer project manager of the Village, had collected building commitments worth \$540,000, upping the take to more than one million dollars.

And that didn't even count the silent auction. Nor the \$2,400 put up for former Toronto Maple Leaf Captain Wendel Clark's jersey. (Wendel is the honorary chairman of the project).

So, here are the bouquets:

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Letters to the editor



GO Station attendant Cliff Soltau of Aurora offers coffee to Patricia Herbsteit during a small reception to acknowledge his retirement Friday morning at the Aurora station. After 11 years with GO, Cliff became known as "the voice" to the many commuters. One of them explains in the letter below.
Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Aurora's GO Train voice quietly retires

To the editor,

"Good Morning! Your first train to Toronto Union will be arriving shortly, have a good day and thank you for travelling by GO."

Friday was the last day the daily train commuters at the Aurora GO station platform heard that pleasant voice.

Not all of us know his name, but we know he retired January 31st after 11 years at GO.

The voice and the train station will be quiet.

Since moving to Aurora and taking the morning commute by train, I assumed GO always had someone announcing the train arrivals at every station and reminding everyone about the monthly passes, finding lost articles, car headlights still on or just wishing us to have a good day.

I didn't realize that the Aurora train station was special.

Waiting at the station platform half asleep or lost in their own thoughts, most of the commuters would wake and smile at each other when our 'voice' would come on.

Sometimes we would comment 'how could someone be so pleasant so early in the morning!' but all the same we would wait for his voice to wish us our compulsory 'have a pleasant day' before each train arrival.

As a farewell, there was a small reception at the train station Friday morning during the morning commute, for the commuters to wish our 'voice' all the best for a happy retirement.

We hope his successor will continue his legacy.

Living in Aurora, the 'voice' will find some hobbies to keep himself busy and said he will probably still listen every morning as each train whistles its arrival

into Aurora. retirement and 'have a pleasant day!'

To the 'voice' of the Aurora GO Station, all Rita Benz the very best on your Aurora

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Letters to the editor

I'm not a candidate but I can suggest someone, Ev says

To the editor,

I write because I like it. If there are people who are interested in reading what I write, I like it even more.

Other than that and providing information that might be of use to residents, I have no other motive.

However, I do enjoy the speculation about whether or not I might be a candidate in the next municipal election. It is a delightful thought to contemplate; good for my ego.

There are a number of practical reasons why it is not a likely proposition.

When I mention it to my children, they look hard at me to ensure I am not seriously thinking about it.

Family members always suffer more from the slings and arrows of the hurly burly.

There is the question of resources. In the last election the mayoralty candidates spent in excess of \$10,000.

Councillors spent less but

still a substantial amount.

Election results invariably point to the efficiency of a campaign organization as the major reason for a favourable vote.

I do not suffer from false modesty; I know that I can make a contribution.

But I do not have those kinds of resources...particularly money.

Furthermore, the people in my circle don't have it either, so I do not ask for money to promote what appears to be a personal agenda.

There are other things that people should know about me.

If I don't tell it someone else surely will: Bob Buchanan once called me "the ebullient Mrs. Buck." It was not flattering, but, I had to accept that was maybe how I came across.

I ran for office because I thought I could do as well as any of the then current incumbents.

I had a slogan: "I'm as good as the best and better

than the rest."

I am not a do-gooder in the commonly understood sense of the expression. I am not a joiner nor a fundraiser.

I'm not even a good bet for social occasions. I am quite likely to say something that offends somebody without even being aware of it.

I don't like to be told how I should vote. I'm a good listener and if there is a sound argument, it will help me make a decision.

But I do not react well to any form of coercion or intimidation. There are always people who believe they have a right to use both those forms of persuasion.

One evening, Dick Thompson, the town's solicitor, came to advise council on some matter.

We went to Moon Gardens for a meal. On our way back to our new administrative office we stood at the south-east corner of Wellington and Yonge and looked down at the chaos and con-

fusion of the reconstruction of Wellington Street West.

"There's a lot going on, Evelyn," he said.

"It will likely cost me the mayor's chair," I answered.

"Well," he said, "If you want a career in politics you would be wise to do nothing. If you want to accomplish something for the good, you will not have a career in politics."

I was defeated in the next election. There were theories; Dick Illingworth said I had gone too far too fast. Someone else said I was arrogant. I didn't think there was much of a mystery.

The reconstruction of Wellington Street was highly unpopular with the people who lived there, but it had to be done and there were consequences.

Being drummed out of office is a very painful and public experience anyone who says differently is lying through their teeth.

All the same, it never occurred to me not to run that year and I have no

memory of regretting any of the things we did together as a council and an administration.

I did get re-elected, but not to the mayor's office.

Now, click fast forward.

There is a young woman who lives on my street. Her name is Rebecca Beaton. She has lived here all of her life.

For some time now she has been quietly burrowing into the town's affairs, with a particular interest in our own neighbourhood. She has been taking full advantage of the opportunity to address council on various matters.

She insists she has no interest in being elected. I think she should be a candidate. She brings me documents and reports and asks me to come to meetings.

As long as I am not paying attention to what is going on at council, I can be as complacent as the next person.

But when I am there and I've been reading reports and the mayor asks if any member of the public has anything they want to bring to the attention of council, chances are I will be doing just that.

Last week it was about using 100,000 gallons of potable water a day to create ice during July and August.

We pay for that water; we pay for it to be treated; we are urged to conserve water; and now there's a \$175,000 budget proposal to use that water for a

splash pad and irrigation system in the flood plain where Lambert Willson Park is located.

It has obviously occurred to someone, it is an outrageous waste of water. We do not even recover the cost from fees for the use of the ice.

So now you know from a political perspective there are obvious flaws in my strategy.

While I play with the delightful, but unlikely, prospect of once again occupying a position of power and influence in our lowly scheme of things, the odds are not in favour. No doubt my enemies still abound and I am unrepentant.

As a change of subject, I want to share a piece of sweet innocence. My youngest grand-daughter is a girl with an attitude. At Christmas she wasn't feeling well at all; everything and everybody was "disgusting". Hayley is three years old.

This week she started in a new day care program. Last Friday they went for a preview of the centre. On Saturday and Sunday she vowed she would not play with anyone in the school.

On Sunday evening, having given the matter considerable thought, she told Mum that she would play with "the chocolate girl with the pretty hair".

**Evelyn Buck
Aurora**

"You are very lucky," furnace repairman said

To the editor,

Around Christmas the furnace was off. It was a cold morning.

Enbridge could not come until late afternoon or so.

In the evening, I finally got T.H. Oliver Heating & Air Conditioning on Wellington

Street West to send a repairman.

As he was fixing the furnace, he looked up and saw that the exhaust pipe elbow had separated from the exterior pipe on the hot water heater.

"How long has that been like that?" he asked.

Stunned, I said, "I don't really know."

"How do you feel?" he wanted to know.

"Well, fine, except I feel better when I go outside."

I thought it was psychological - cabin fever, since it was winter.

"You are very lucky," he

said. "Do you have a carbon monoxide detector?"

"No."

I do now.

It is in the upstairs hallway, and the fire department has suggested another one.

Such a detector is very important, and yearly inspections of furnaces and hot water heaters are mandatory.

I was indeed lucky, since, in retrospect, there had been toxic air in my house since Thanksgiving.

**Dorothy Gummersall
Aurora**

Fence gets heave-ho

At a recent general committee meeting, Steve Brockstein of Tribute Communities requested council consider entering an encroachment agreement for the residents at 36 Hollidge Boulevard to retain an existing wooden fence on town property.

A staff report didn't agree.

Staff felt if council entered such an agreement, it could set a precedent for other properties.

It was pointed out that in addition to the wooden fence along Luxton Avenue there was a chain link fence and a hedge.

During the course of the discussion the committee directed staff to contact the owners of the property regarding the removal

of the wooden fence and to report to last week's council meeting.

No objection came

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Laughter delays performance of TA's "Run For Your Wife"

If you think you have problems with the cold weather, high energy costs and escalating gasoline prices, your problems are nothing compared with those of John Smith, a taxi driver and a husband, with two wives.

His exploits are portrayed in the comedy "Run For Your Wife" at the Factory Theatre presented by Theatre Aurora.

Directed by Jeff Burke, with a very strong cast, it is one of the best comedies ever presented by Theatre Aurora and there have been many over the years.

The opening night audience recently was very receptive.

At the dress rehearsal earlier in the week when Aurora seniors were in attendance, the cast had to wait on several occasions for the loud laughter to die down before they could go on with their lines.

"Run For Your Wife" continues to February 8th with curtain at 8:15 p.m.

If you want to see this

hilarious comedy by Ray Cooney, call the theatre box office at 905-727-3669 for tickets.

Smith, with two wives living four-and-a-half minutes apart by taxi, is involved in an accident.

He sustains a head injury trying to rescue an old lady from muggers and is hit over the head with the old lady's handbag, as she thinks he is one of the muggers.

At the hospital he gives two separate addresses as his place of residence.

Meanwhile both wives, Barbara Smith and Mary Smith, become worried about his absence and phone the police in their respective areas to report him missing.

It seems John maintains a very rigid schedule, with a series of codes, so he can be with the right wife at the right time.

After the accident, the police take him home to Mary in Wimbledon, when according to his schedule

he should be with Barbara in Streatham.

As the police from the two jurisdictions start to investigate the confusion by visiting both apartments, Smith tries to keep his hectic double lives a secret from his wives and the police.

Stanley Gardner, an upstairs neighbour in Wimbledon, becomes involved in an attempt to help Smith put things right, which adds to the mayhem and the laughter.

The more lies Smith tells, the more the plot becomes involved until you wonder what possibly could happen next

The set is the living room of both apartments with two separate entrances and two phones at either end of the chesterfield.

Timing is essential as both wives enter the set at the same time, pick up the phone and repeat the same words as they report their missing husband.

Martin Buote has the challenging role of John Smith

and his double life and carries it off to perfection. It is a very heavy role as he is on stage most of the time with numerous lines.

Tammie Van Dyk is Mary Smith, wife number one, and is excellent in the role. The scene in which she throws a tantrum because of all the confusion is a highlight.

Amanda Cook is Barbara Smith, the wife-stealer, a passenger in Smith's cab, when she entices him to her apartment resulting in an affair ending in marriage.

One of the many hilarious scenes occurs when Smith introduces her as Lofty, a transvestite.

A highlight of the production is the performance of Ric Knight as Stanley Gardner, who has a flair for comedy and his facial expressions and actions are beyond description. He's a newcomer to Theatre Aurora but has lots of stage experience.

Richard Lee is Det. Sgt. Troughton from the Wimbledon police station and Kevin Kane is Det. Sgt. Porterhouse of the Streatham station. They add to the hilarity with the

attempted investigation of two John Smith's.

Last but by no means least is J. C. Paquet who appears briefly as the news photographer, and later in the play as the effeminate upstairs neighbour at the

Streatham apartment.

Burke has assembled a strong cast, who work well as a team and present a performance that shouldn't be missed. You'll laugh so much you'll forget your problems.

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It opened recently and continues every Friday and Saturday until February 28.

It is an absurd farce satirizing the corporate world and employees trying to climb the ladder, but it smacks of the truth.

It's like most anybody's office workplace, but the things they do with each other are extreme examples of things people actually do to each other in real life like making secret alliances behind peoples' back, or bosses lying to employees to get them to do something for them.

In Richard Dresser's "Below the Belt" there are three characters, Dobbit, the fresh-faced new boy, Hanrahan, the bitter veteran, and Merkin, their manipulative and suspicious superior.

They're lowly checkers working in an industrial compound for an unnamed corporation, producing an unspecified product in the desert of an unknown country.

They labour all day, but also work at trying to turn one against the other. They

are isolated from the other workers and worked at a job they despised but drudged along for the security.

Billie Mintz plays the irritable and insecure Hanrahan. He is a veteran of Toronto theatre and films as a writer, producer, director and performer.

James Shannon Nelligan is the fresh-faced new guy anxious to make an impression, as he runs between Hanrahan and Merkin with his never absent briefcase and checking board. He also has considerable stage experience.

New to Ontario theatre after a long career in Newfoundland and other areas, Lawrence Barry plays Merkin, the suspicious and insecure boss who swings

back and forth trying to make a decision.

He also directed the play.

With the stage and film experience of the talented three performers, the acting maintains a high standard as they move from crisis to crisis, adding light spots like the dance sequence and the party scene along the way.

Even if you aren't involved in the corporate world, you'll be able to identify with the characters, as they live out their day-to-day routine.

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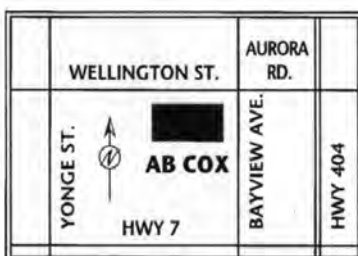
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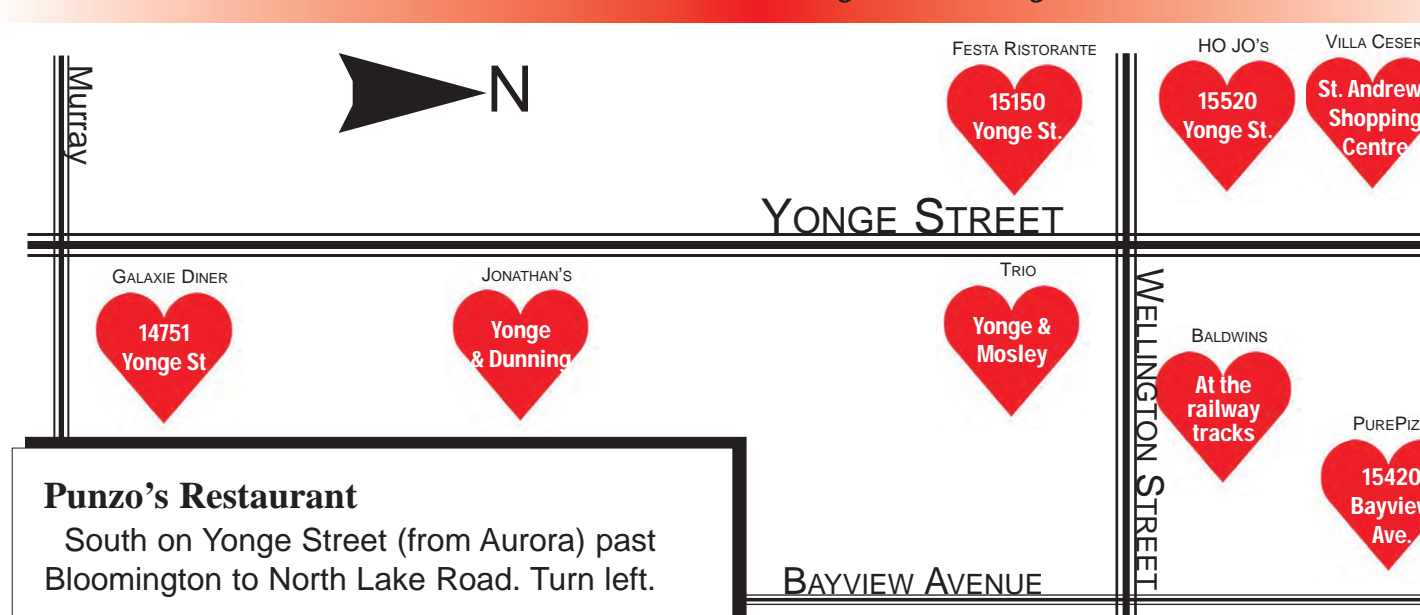
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WALKED ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD

Today some secondary school students from Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School wander across Yonge Street and Dunning Avenue with what appears to be complete disregard for traffic signals or motorists. It's hard to believe that in 1971 an Aurora student was found guilty of walking on the wrong side of the road, as the result of a charge laid by the newly created York Regional Police. Maybe one of the cruisers should park close to the Yonge/Dunning intersection during the noon hour and the officers would make their quota for the month. By 1973 Police Chief Bruce Crawford denied there was a quota system in the region.

IT HAPPENED IN AURORA

Several years back when Aurora had its own police force, a call was received that a stolen car was heading south to Aurora. The police sergeant assigned the call to a rookie, and ordered him to shoot a warning shot in hopes of stopping the car-jacker.

Unfortunately, the rookie got a little too excited and forgot to roll down his window before firing. He blew out the windshield of the police car, ran off the road and hit a pole. Then there was the story of Aurora's infamous loitering bylaw, which turned into a national news story. Due to citizen complaints about teenagers and young men hanging around in front of a Yonge Street restaurant, Aurora council passed a bylaw prohibiting loitering. Shortly afterwards there was a major fire on Yonge Street and a large crowd gathered to watch. The very first person arrested for disobeying the bylaw was the mayor's wife.

LIVING IS AGELESS

Living is Ageless was the theme of the Second Annual Senior Citizens week in June, 1972. The Aurora Parks and Recreation Committee met with some of the seniors to see what kind of a week they wanted. Their first request was for a picnic in Orillia. The town chartered three buses for the 107 participants and provided a picnic lunch. Their second request was for their annual tea at the Aurora Library and their third request was for the Legion to arrange a Music Hall concert. All three requests were granted. It was later learned that Aurora was one of a very few municipalities in the area that even bothered to plan a program for the week.

HELLO AURORA

Newmarket's first telephone call was

made in 1884, just eight years after Alexander Graham Bell made the first ever call in 1878. The first Newmarket calls never went any farther than Aurora, as that's how far the lines went. GOLFING IN AURORA PARKS A NO-NO It was in June, 1966, when Aurora Council took action to stop golf enthusiasts practicing their drives in town parks, especially the Town Park. Complaints had been received from residents about possible injury to children playing in the parks. Signs were posted. Obviously the signs didn't do much good

as in May, 1971, there were more complaints and a policy was approved to ban golfing in all town parks. Still the problem continued. Residents continued to complain to council and by 1976 started to complain to York Regional Police. The police said they were powerless to ban the golfers from the parks, as the town had never enacted a bylaw prohibiting the practice. Council members argued that town had enacted a policy, which was known to the police and they should be able to enforce the policy without the need of a bylaw. Finally, a bylaw received third and final reading in July, 1976.

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Tigers steal Stouffville's spirit, whip Wildcats

Bring on the playoffs

The Junior A Aurora Tigers hockey team played their final home game of the regular season Friday blanking the Stouffville Spirit 5-0, then wound up the campaign whipping the Wildcats in Huntsville 9-1 the next night.

Fans will recall Stouffville was the team that ended Aurora's 31-game undefeated streak in early January.

So the theme of Friday's game was redemption. Tiger forward Mike Fiume agreed.

"Yeah, there's always some type of payback, but we weren't too concerned, we know we have a good club."

Spirit came out of the gates playing with confidence and seeming well prepared for a battle. The Tigers matched that intensity.

Stouffville's defense worked hard to deny any Aurora scoring chances, but on the other end, the Spirit offense produced nothing.

Even fans showed their

toughness. A woman took a flying puck to her face early in the first period, but after a few sore moments, she received some ice and laughed off the pain.

Tigers' offense never stopped battling and finally was rewarded with the game's first goal.

With just under eight minutes left in the period, forward Jamie Minchella fought off two Spirit defenders and put a wicked wrist shot by the Spirit goalie.

That first goal seemed to break Stouffville's spirit. With three minutes left, Mike Fiume deposited a cross-ice pass from Matt Christie, giving the Tigers a 2-0 lead.

Fiume just recently returned to the ice after being out with an injury.

"It feels great (being back), it was a little frustrating watching the games and just trying to lend your support, but I feel great".

The Tigers added some insurance with 22 seconds to go in the first

period.

Defenceman Jeff Gilbert unleashed a shot from the point that was partially stopped by the goaltender but still made its way into the Stouffville net.

The second frame was more evenly matched. Aurora and Stouffville had just about the same amount of shots on net.

The only goal of the period came with 32 seconds left as Brent Franklin's slap shot beat everyone giving the Tigers a 4-0 stranglehold.

Although Stouffville out-shot Aurora in the third period 13-7, they could not get anything past Chris Whitley, including some point blank shots that he snared with his glove.

A tipped shot from the point by Travis Clock, set up by Brent Franklin and Jordan Brenner finished the scoring for Aurora and gave them the convincing 5-0 victory and sweet revenge over the loss last month.

The Tigers head into the playoffs looking strong

and ready.

"We're about 99 per cent there, there's always a few things we gotta work on, we just gotta focus on playing as a unit," said Fiume.

The following night, Tigers wrapped it up with a 9-1 win in Huntsville.

Not only did Aurora complete the 49-game season with 43 wins, a number that ties General Manager and Head Coach Marty Williamson's record for the most wins in one season, it looks like the goaltending tandem of Chris Whitley and Lance King will win the North Division for the best goals against average.

Tigers finished with most points in the North Division and it appears Scott Goheen will win the North Division for the most points by a player.

Saturday's game featured a natural hat trick by Sam Skwarchuk and solid goaltending by Aurora's Lance King.

At press time, it appeared Tigers would meet the Bramalea Bulls in the opening round of the playoffs.

First game is scheduled for the Aurora Community Centre Friday night beginning at 8 p.m.

GAME SUMMARY

**TIGERS 5
SPIRIT 0**

1st Period

AUR: Minchella (Christie, Poole) 12.12

AUR: Fiume (Christie, Skwarchuk) 17.04

AUR: Gilbert 19.38
2nd Period

AUR: Franklin (Clock, Olden) 19.28

3rd Period

AUR: Clock (Franklin, Brenner) 12.46

**TIGERS 9
WILDCATS 1**

1st Period

AUR: Christie (Poole) 9.54

2nd Period

AUR: Minchella (Doucette, Fiume) 5.11

AUR: Bahen (Martel) 6.41
AUR: Skwarchuk (Goheen) 7.31

AUR: Skwarchuk (Mignardi, Franklin) 9.30
HUNT: Mayer 11.20

AUR: Skwarchuk (Mignardi) 13.56

AUR: Wellman (Clock, Gault) 15.11

3rd Period

AUR: Aitken (Martel, Brenner) 13.51

AUR: Gault (Clock, Wellman) 15.50

**With files
from Mike
McClymont and
Kevin Collins**



Members of the Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam Select Team are shown here following their capture of the Agincourt Lions Hockey Tournament last week. They secured the title with a 3-2 overtime win over Unionville, as Sam Warden was the hero scoring the winner with 17 seconds left in the OT period.



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RESULTS MONDAY, JAN 27

Law Insurance 7	Rec Sports 1
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Highland Chev 4	Masterclean 2

Aurora Skating Club's test days

At recent test days, Aurora Skating Club members achieved the following:

Preliminary Freeskate Pt. 2: Lauren Bellefeuille.
Jr. Bronze Freeskate Pt. 2: Jacqueline Miklovich, Terra Cioffe, Amanda Jamieson.
Jr. Silver Freeskate Pt.1: Carolyn Armstrong.
Junior Bronze Skill: Maya Goldman, Emma Slimkowich, Avery Gagnon, Mackensie Jordan.
Sr. Silver Skill: Michelle MacMartin.
Gold Skill: Valerie Crisp.
Dutch Waltz: Olive Collins, Emma Shellingerhoud, Melanie Althouse.
Canasta: Lisa Marples, Melanie Althouse.
Baby Blues: Taylor McDowall, Hugh Babb, Jacqueline Relke.
Swing: Emily Jerome, Alanna Fabbicino, Haley Riggs.
Fiesta: Megan Gunning, Amanda MacAskill, Christina Relke, Emma Laverty, Emma Dillon.
Willow: Emma Warburton, Sara DeViney, Alysa Nichol, Jordana Goldman, Cierra Snell, Emma Slimkowich, Jennie Brunton, Alana Kelly.
Fourteenstep: Megan Hay.
European: Amber Bowman, Maya Goldman, Ruby Lee, Ariel Kwan.
Harris Tango: Meaghan Jones, Amanda Jamieson.
Paso: Valerie Crisp.
Westminster: Carolyn Armstrong.
Quickstep: Amanda Saunders.

Quad medal performance for Samantha

Aurora's Samantha Sendel, the youngest competitor at the National Novice Trampoline level, continues to show the way. Competing in all four trampoline disciplines for the first time, Samantha bounced up to the podium each time at the Second Ontario Cup. There are four Ontario Cup qualifiers used to select Ontario athletes who will continue onto National Championships in May in Saskatoon. She struck for gold in Individual and Same-sex Synchro and earned a bronze in one.

double-mini tramp, a mere 0.10 off of the gold medal. Finally, Samantha and her partner moved up to the National Youth category and earned a silver in Mixed-pair Synchro, only 0.20 from the gold. Having earned qualifying scores in all disciplines, Samantha will definitely be going to Saskatoon. The only remaining challenge is to hold onto a top three ranking so that she will receive Provincial funding. Currently, she is ranked number

Novice Selects cruise to tournament victory

The Aurora Tigers Novice Selects went undefeated at the Stoney Creek Winterfest Select Tournament recently. They played teams from Ingersol, Milton and host Stoney Creek and outscored their opponents 39-11. After winning the first three games in the preliminary round they met Ingersol in the semi-finals and defeated them 6-1. In the finals they faced the Stoney Creek Bruins, fell behind early in the first period 2-0 but battled back to tie the game, only to give up the lead with 21 seconds left in the period. The second period was a seesaw battle, leaving the Tigers with a 5-4 lead going into the final frame. Stoney Creek then tied the score with a goal at the 7:46 mark but Aurora answered back with a decisive marker 24 seconds later. The Tigers then scored two more goals putting the game out of reach and icing the win. All players were involved in the scoring and both goaltenders recorded shutouts during the tournament. The team was also awarded the distinction of being the "Most Sportsmanlike Team" in the entire tournament which included Novice right through to Midget.

Back in the 70s

Not all that long ago, dogs were killing sheep in Aurora

Today the news stories are about dogs, usually pit bulls, bull mastiffs or rottweilers, attacking people, especially young children, and other pets. Very seldom is there a story about dogs attacking sheep, but it was quite common just 30 years ago. In November, 1973, the Aurora council chambers took on the air of a courtroom as a public inquiry was held into the death of two sheep a month earlier. According to the affidavit filed by the sheep's owner, the two sheep were attacked by a dog or dogs on his 11-acre farm north of Wellington Street, near Bathurst Street. A neighbour heard the barking and identified a golden Labrador retriever and a white Samoyed in the sheep pen. One sheep was killed, the other injured. Council listened to five witnesses including the farmer, the neighbour, representatives from the Ontario Humane Society, then located in Aurora, and the dog's owner. The dog's owner told council members that the Labrador was a stray and was running with his dog. He said the Samoyed had been tethered to a chain but had slipped its collar. He added the dog did not have a record of violent behaviour. After hearing all the evidence and holding a private meeting, council ruled against the dog owner and found him responsible for \$60 damages to the two sheep, plus any subsequent loss, which might come before council. According to provincial legislation, the municipality was required to pay the farmer for the assessed damages, and recover the amount from the dog's owner.

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For more information please contact: Graeme Davis, LSRCA Co-ordinator, Forestry and Stewardship Programs by calling 905-895-1281 ext. 244 or e-mailing: g.davis@lsrca.on.ca

Aurora woman's invention will help disabled children

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

Have you ever wished for a job that gave you the opportunity to change people's lives for the better - to really make a difference?

Aurora's Louise Kublick, who is the Aquatics Director at the Bloorview MacMillan Children's Centre, has done just that.

Ms. Kublick has designed a wet suit that allows disabled children, many of whom have limited movement and tight muscles, to swim in their local community pools, away from the specially warmed, 92 degree F pool at the Bloorview MacMillan Centre in Toronto.

During the past few years, Ms. Kublick had observed that swim times for disabled kids at the Centre had become very limited.

The Centre's pool is open to the general community and the blending of disabled and non-disabled kids fostered a sense of integration and acceptance.

However, with so many kids travelling from as far away as Barrie and Ajax, and on waiting lists to use the pool, something needed to be done.

To allow disabled children better choices for swimming, three obstacles needed to be conquered.

"The first issue is designing accessible pools. That's up to government," she said. "The second deals with programs and

training, and that's my job. I do a lot of outreach programs in other communities. But the third obstacle, water temperature, was something that nobody could overcome."

Until now. The specially designed wet suit features a two-piece construction (to fit a range of heights) and a series of zippers to allow caregivers, therapists and parents to dress the child more easily.

"If you've ever worn a wet suit, you know how difficult it is to squeeze into it. Well, for a disabled child, until now, it was practically impossible," Ms. Kublick said.

A prototype was produced and now, a well-known California based company, Sprint Aquatics, will manu-

facture and distribute the suit.

It will be available for purchase this month.

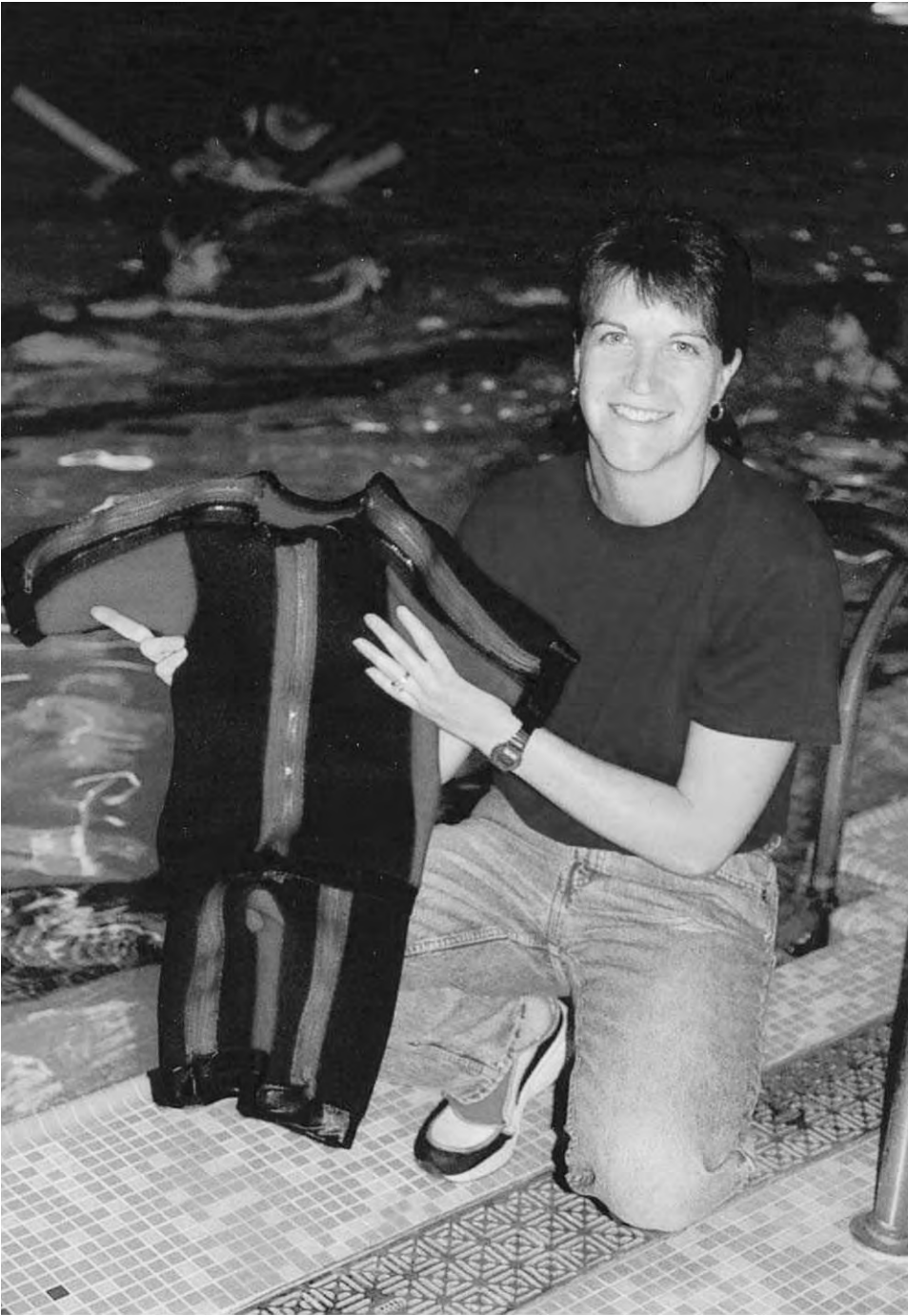
But even before its release, Ms. Kublick has been flooded with enquiries.

"I've heard from Paediatric Therapists from all over Canada and the U.S. It's pretty exciting."

Aside from the obvious convenience of allowing children to swim close to home, the suit also allows these kids the chance to socialize and play with local kids, or enjoy a day at the lake with their families.

"It's a real equalizer and that's the biggest benefit," added Ms. Kublick.

And, for Aurora's Louise Kublick, it's an opportunity to change lives for the better.



Wetsuit invention

Aurora's Louise Kublick, Aquatics Director at the Bloorview MacMillan Children's Centre, shows off the new wetsuit she has designed that allows disabled children to swim in their local community pools, away from the 92 degree F pool at the Bloorview MacMillan Centre in Toronto.

Neighbourhood planting marks McMahon Park's 30th birthday

By MICHAEL McCLYMONT

Late last year, a neighbourhood group and members from the Town of Aurora got together to celebrate the 30th anniversary of McMahon Park.

The two groups began planting at the park three years ago, and to celebrate the Park's birthday, they continued the project.

During that time, the participants mulched and naturalized the park's land and gardens.

Aurora's Klaus Wehrenberg was the coordinator of the re-naturalization project.

The "ecology minded man", as he put it, moved from Germany to Canada when he was 21 and has lived next to McMahon Park for the last 30 years.

On his rare days off, Wehrenberg is very involved with the park; he does his part by "minding the park. I clean up (the garbage) and keep an eye on it" said Wehrenberg.

Wehrenberg added that McMahon Park's re-naturalization ties in with the

Oak Ridges Moraine efforts.

"They try to create ecological corridors. Having parks that provide habitat for animals broadens the intense efforts to preserve nature," he said.

To conclude the "birthday ceremony", Wehrenberg helped plant a Kentucky coffee tree directly behind his home.

The coffee tree is very rare in Canada but can be found in Southwest Ontario.

"(The plan to plant the tree) was in conjunction with Jim Tree's Parks and Recreation department," Wehrenberg said.

Though it is a coffee tree, the seeds aren't to be used for coffee.

According to R.C. Hosie's book "Native Trees of Canada", "seeds cannot be recommended as a substitute for coffee. The name refers to appearance of the seed rather than to its taste which is bitter and unpleasant".

The coffee tree "may reach 80 feet and approximately two feet in diameter," according to the

Peterson Field Guide "Trees and Shrubs".

McMahon Park is not quite like other Aurora parks, "it is a very valuable space," said Wehrenberg, "it enhances the neighbourhood, it's not as organized (as other parks), it leaves the imagination to those who use it".

While today, McMahon Park may be buried under a layer of snow, when it's active, it is home for the Aurora Tennis Club and the Aurora Lawn Bowling Club.

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The newest member of the Town of Aurora's quarter-century club is Brad Schonauer. Making a presentation to him at last week's council meeting were Director of Public Works, Wayne Jackson, left, and Mayor Tim Jones.

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Conflict of interest - who has one?

Over the years members of Aurora Council have experienced conflict of interest allegations, some real, some imagined.

When to declare a conflict is often a difficult decision and the best possible course is if a council member believes he has a conflict, it should be declared.

In January, 1973, Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth resigned his office shortly after receiving an acclamation for a third term and being sworn into office.

At the time of his nomination, he was employed with the Ontario government as the executive assistant to Minister of Industry and Tourism John White. It presented no conflict with his municipal office.

However, the Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs resigned, which started a chain reaction.

White was subsequently appointed to the vacant position and asked Illingworth to move over with him.

That put the mayor into a difficult position as the government had adopted new legislation, which was proclaimed two days after Illingworth had accepted the new position.

The legislation included his position with the minister as a designated position within the legislation, so that he had no option but to resign as mayor and regional councillor, or quit his government job.

At the time, the citizens of the community who had decided no one else

should run the town by giving Illingworth an acclamation, were annoyed their selected mayor was being taken away from them.

The next incident over conflict of interest occurred in March, 1978, when Councillor Pete Miller questioned whether Mayor George Timpson and Councillor Kel Tonner, both employees of the York Region Board of Education, had a conflict in discussing Aurora's contribution to the board budget.

Although it was admitted that neither member was in actual conflict, both declared a conflict and refrained from any discussion and did not vote on the issue.

Then in September, 1978, Councillor Earl Stewart alleged a conflict took place when Councillor Bill Ferguson, as a member of the town's recreation committee, took part in the interviewing of applicants, when his wife, Pat, was employed as recreation coordinator.

Stewart added that Ferguson had another conflict in that he was a part owner of the Aurora Tigers and they were in the process of negotiating a lease for the use of the community centre.

Ferguson took exception to Stewart's allegations and said that he had obtained legal advice that he would be in conflict only on financial matters affecting him or his wife.

He pointed out that Stewart was a member of

the Lions Club and they rented space at the community centre and Councillor Richard Isaacson was a member of the Church Dodgers hockey team and they also rented ice at the centre.

In April, 1980, there were allegations that Councillor Kel Tonner and two citizen members of the parks and recreation committee were in a conflict situation regarding a tennis clubhouse proposal. The club proposed to use public funds to build the clubhouse.

In April, 1981, Councillor Evelyn Buck attempted to have fellow Councillor Earl Stewart barred from debate or discussion pertaining to Hotel Aurora on the basis that he had a personal interest in the project going beyond what was appropriate for an elected official.

She cited work carried out by Stewart, a real estate broker, on behalf of Frank Orsi, the developer building the hotel. She added that actions must not only be right, they must also appear to be right.

Stewart replied that he had never made a secret of the fact he was a registered real estate broker and admitted he handled the land purchase by Orsi back in 1968, prior to his election to council, for which he had received a commission, but that was it.

The conflict of interest furor in Aurora broke out again in January, 1990, over a low-rise rehabilita-

tion program introduced by the province.

Councillor Gail McIntyre was critical of council members because no Aurora resident had received a grant under the program in the three years the program had been established.

At the time, McIntyre was seeking a grant to renovate her Machell Avenue home and was the only homeowner in Aurora to have applied for the grant.

She claimed council had not done enough to promote the program.

But it was not up to the council to determine if a member has a conflict of interest.

Only a judge can rule a municipal councillor has committed a conflict and it is up to an eligible elector in the municipality to go to the district court judge and file an originating notice of motion.

The essential principle of the municipal Conflict of Interest Act is that a council member must disclose any pecuniary interest he, or she, has in a matter before council or local board and abstain from the decision-making process on the matter.

A major shortfall of the legislation was that whoever instigates the conflict charges must originally foot the legal bills.

If the member of council is found guilty, the judge can order him or her to refund the money.

A rule of thumb is that if you think you may have a conflict, you probably have.

Leslie land use subject of meet

The town owns land on Leslie Street. What should the town do with it?

In March, 2000, Aurora Council authorized the purchase of 89 acres of land from Leslie Street to Highway 404 at a cost of \$4.2 million.

Initial plans had the land pegged for an industrial park, a new fire hall, indoor swimming pool and an ice rink.

At the time Treasurer Barb Cribbitt warned council the town didn't have the funds for such projects.

She said it would be necessary to raise taxes two per cent each year for 10 years to cover the estimated

\$5.3 million cost of implementing the recreation master plan.

In June council received a consultant's proposed concept plan for the development of the lands. After considerable discussion it was agreed to receive the plan as a starting proposal.

It was referred back to the consultant and staff to further refine the proposal and submit a report including a financial summary.

Last week, council agreed to hold a working session later this month to review with the consultant the progress made respecting the refinement of the concept plan.



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Long, colourful history for this local cadet corps

The former Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School Cadet Corps was disbanded in 1965 and was reactivated in 1966 as the Queen's York Rangers Cadet Corps with the Queen's York Rangers as its sponsor.

With strong leadership from Major Wilf Bridgeford, a former British Army officer, and active and interested cadets, the corps soon became an important part of the Aurora and district community during the latter part of the 1960s and built an excellent base for future activities.

The year 1970 was a very successful one for the cadets as they brought back several honours from various army camps, with four cadets rising to national prominence.

Cadet Lieutenant Kevin McKenna won the Hutton Trophy at Camp Ipperwash. The trophy was awarded to the cadet demonstrating outstanding qualities of leadership achievement and devotion to duty. McKenna won the award over 1,300 other cadets at the camp.

He also received a plaque for achieving the highest mark, 94 per cent, on the driver radio course, and

another plaque for being the best cadet in his company.

At Base Borden, Cadet Lieutenant Bill Clegg was selected to join a team of 12 cadets to participate in a gymnastic demonstration at the Canadian National Exhibition. The team was selected from 152 cadets from across the country.

Cadet Major Dave Walton was selected the fourth best cadet out of 1,200 attending summer camp in Vernon, British Columbia.

Cadet John Butler won three second-place awards in the National Sporting Rifle matches in Winnipeg and as the eighth best shooter in Canada qualified for the 1971 Bisley team.

Meanwhile, at home, Cadet Lance Corporal John Jones received the Summit Trophy for the most improved cadet in the corps and received the award at the June annual inspection from the reviewing officer, Brigadier J. F. Westhead.

On January 1, 1972, by a unanimous vote, members of the Aurora Legion agreed to assume sponsorship of the Queen's York Rangers Cadet Corps.

In May, 1972, the cadet corps won the Strathcona

Trophy. It was awarded for the overall efficiency of the corps during 1971, in competition with all the Army cadet corps in Canada.

Shortly afterwards Major Bridgeford retired and was replaced by Captain Bert Jacques.

The cadets continued to win awards in 1974 as a team of eight Aurora sharpshooters placed second in the 1973-74 Small-Bore Rifle Match in Ottawa in competition with cadet corps from across Canada.

With the growth of the corps and the need to share the armouries with the militia regiment, plans were made to build a new facility for cadet use, which never came to fruition.

By January, 1975, as some cadets were becoming bored with just army drill and training exercises, Captain Jacques introduced several new programs including a swimming and life-saving program, which later became recognized by the military.

He also introduced judo and soccer.

By this time the strength of the corps was 78 from a one-time high of 100.

The number was bolstered by the addition of female cadets.

Female cadets had been able to serve as band members since 1973, but it was only in January, 1975, when they were allowed to join the ranks.

The 1975 annual inspection was held for the first

time on the parking lot behind the Aurora Legion and was well attended, including the reception following the parade.

The training and the award-winning ways continued over the years and by March, 1978, there were 125 cadets including 30 girls

The Aurora cadets took advantage of the many courses available, earning trips to various bases. Ken White, an officer cadet, earned a trip to the Barbados.

Lt. Paul Betts went to Victoria, B.C., and was selected for the national team. In June, 1978, while in England for the annual shooting matches at Bisley, he had the opportunity to meet Queen Elizabeth.

At the annual inspection in June, 1978, Major Bert Jacques stunned the cadets and guests when he announced his upcoming retirement as commanding officer with a hand-over parade in September, 1978.

Former Aurora Mayor Wing Commander Dick Illingworth was the inspecting officer for the annual parade at the Aurora Legion. He presented the top cadet trophy to Cadet Warrant Officer William Nicholson.

In June, 1979, the cadet corps had another first as Karen Homes was installed as the first female Commanding Officer.

The cadets continued to win awards at army bases

across the country.

Cadet Bill Nicholson qualified in Edmonton for his parachutist's wings and Cadet Steve Rank was a top sharpshooter qualifying for the national team to compete at Bisley.

Cadet Fraser McConkey was one of the top cadets at Camp Ipperwash excelling in outdoor living skills and competitive sports, and Cadet Bill Mabey scored the second highest point total at a training camp in Banff.

In November, 1979, for the second time in more than a decade of service, officers and cadets of the Queen's York Rangers Cadet Corps celebrated the dedication of new corps flags.

The new corps flag, presented by Aurora Mayor George Timpson, incorporated some changes from the original flag.

The Union Jack was replaced in the upper left corner by the Canadian flag

and the York Region crest was replaced with the Town of Aurora crest, as home base of the corps.

Bruce Heise, president of the Aurora Legion, presented the Canadian flag and George Fisher, president of the Sutton Legion presented the Provincial flag. The former flags were marched away to be retired in a display case.

By this time, Major Lloyd Sainsbury was Commanding Officer of the corps. He had served with Queen's York Rangers Cadet Corps since it was formed in 1966 as a cadet and later as Cadet Commanding Officer.

The cadet movement in Aurora continued to build on its strong foundation and since its formation in 1966 more than 10,000 had passed through its ranks in its 13-year history.

During the 1970s the cadets continued to serve the community, just as they continue to do.

Public school board had cash in the bank

It couldn't happen today with the province taking over part of the cost of education and with district school boards, but back in 1968, prior to the formation of the York County Board of Education, the former Aurora Public School Board had a surplus of some \$100,000.

The surplus was a bone of contention at that time involving Aurora Council, the school board and the Department of Education, today the Ministry of Education.

After many petitions, finally resulting in a change of legislation, part of the surplus was returned to the taxpayers of Aurora.

The arbitrated surplus was reduced to \$79,067 for the public schools and \$1,791 for the secondary school by 1971.

Local school boards with deficits at the time of the changeover were fortunate. All the local council had to do was pick up 15 per cent of the deficit, with the province picking up the balance.

In May, 1971, all members of local and regional councils were invited to the board for an explanation of the equalization factor used by the board in setting the education levy for local municipalities, which had been determined by the province.

The turnout of councillors was disappointing.

There was also a briefing of the board's 1971 budget. At that time the board was responsible for 87 elementary

schools, 14 secondary schools and three schools for the trainable retarded.

Enrollment included 28,492 elementary students, up 108 students from 1970, and 14,633 secondary school students, up 948 over the previous year.

The total budget for 1971 was shown as \$36,884,611, up \$2,703,768 from 1970, with the provincial grant increasing from \$15,960,979 to \$18,672,499, which more than took care of the budget increase, resulting in a decrease in the property tax rate.

But it wasn't all good news for municipalities. An amendment to the Boards of Education Act in December, 1969, had an adverse financial effect on many localities.


Bill 204 required municipalities to pay school boards the money raised for school purposes four times a year. Interest was charged for late payments.

In order for Aurora to pay the first installment of its education levy, it would be necessary to set the town budget and have tax bills distributed by March 15 at the latest.

This was impossible, as the town did not receive the school board levy until April, resulting in interest charges through no fault of the town.

It wasn't necessary for the government to create a crisis in education, it has been there all along.

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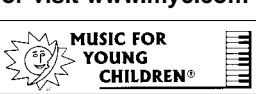
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EUROPEAN STEEL 3 (Johnathan Comeau 1G Nathan Miller 1G Jamie Russell 1G 1A Braun Hause 1A) PERMANENT PRESS PRINTING 2 (Christopher Burns 1G 1A Andrew Wilkins 1G Ryan Logue 1A Devin O'Kelly 1A)

COLL AUDIO & ACCURATE ELECTRICAL 4 (Jay Finch 2G 1A Brendon Harrington 2G Marshall McQuillan 1A Michael Shoesmith 1A) SHOPPERS DRUG MART - AURORA 2 (Michael Grande 1G Blair Nimmo 1G Nick Cascone 1A)

AURORA CANADIAN TIRE 5 (Tom Gibson 3G David Yates 1G Robert Revington 1G Sean Deakin 1A Michael Hay 1A William Ginther 1A) OMAR'S SHOES 2 (Daniel Sacchetti 1G Madison Weber 1G Stuart Marsh 1A John Cardella 1A)

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ASTECH 8 (Michael Paravano 1G,2A Liam Bauer 1G Mike Bellamy 3G,1A Richard Comeau 1G Dan Abram 1G,1A Robert Buchner 1G,1A Craig Cook 1A) TWIST MARKETING 4 (Nathan VanDerwielen 1G Alex Kane 1G Nicholas Mikhaili 1G Bradley Finch 1GSean Brennan 1A Augustino Bova 1A Justin Dart 1A)

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Playoff Games

Minor Atom

LANGDON'S COACH LINES 2 (Brandon Thompson 1G Tyler La Mantia 1G Ryan Laird 1A Gianluca Sampieri 1A L. McGoldrick 1A) REC CYCLE N' SPORTS 1 (Jordan Gerace 1G)

DOMINION 6 (Logan Weber 2G,1A Gregory Lacroix 2G Cameron Annear 1G,1A Curtis Stobo 1G Colin Sandquist 1A Kevin Tree 1A) TRIO RESTAURANT 3 (Griffin Slimkowich 1G Scott Tonello 1G Andrew Smitten 1G James Phillips 1A Jeremy Fitkin 1A Quinn Tessarolo 1A)

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MANHATTAN TROPHIES 5 (Michael Takahashi 4G Egan Fennell 1G,1A Joel Piovesan 1A Michael Wood 1A Eric Abel 1A) OLBERT METALS 1 (Luca Battiston 1G Brett Lockhart 1A)

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Exhibition Games

Novice (9) vs Richmond Hill (2)

Andrew Papousek 3G 1A Nicholas Heintzman 1G Dennis Kim 1A Christopher Bull 1G Dylan Hussey 2G,2A Anthony Selski 1G Lukas Leslie 1G 1A Mackenzie Wooder 1A Matt Noseworthy 1ACooper Riswick 1A Taylor Cooke1A Taylor Butler 1A Tanner Thiessen 1A Graham Loney 1A Jesse Van Rooyen 1A Daniel Delbello 1A

League Games

Novice (5) vs Uxbridge (2)

Andrew Papousek 3G Nicholas Heintzman 1G Dennis Kim 1G Christopher Bull 1A Joshua Klinowski 1A Graham Loney 1A

Minor Peewee (5) vs Ajax (1)

Greg Buchner 2G,1A Ryan Crockett 1G,1A Graeme Smart 1G,1A Curtis Hough 1G Chris Burns 1A

Minor Peewee (3) vs Vaughan (1)

Ethan Shore 1G,1A Brandon Giniotis 2A Emilio Nafarrate 1G Nicholas Dinallo 1G Andrew Mangialardi 1A Jonathan Anastasi 1A

Minor Peewee (7) vs Richmond Hill (0)

Graeme Smart 2G,1A Greg Buchner 3A Brandon Galante 1G,1A Andrew Mangialardi 1G,1A Adam Bloom 1G,1A Matthew Hillar 2A Ryan Crockett 1G Scott Quaglarini 1GNicholas Dinallo 1A Ethan Shore 1A Brandon Giniotis 1ACurtis Hough 1A Emilio Nafarrate 1A Josh Bentolila SO

Minor Bantam (1) vs East Gwillumbury (1)

Drew Jenkins 1G

Minor Bantam (2) vs Uxbridge (4)

Torrey Duckworth 1G Chad Roberts 1G Sam Warden 1A Anthony D'Antonio 1A Bryen Turco 1A

Minor Bantam (1) vs Ajax (5)

Mike Curci 1G Memo Nafarrate 1A Anthony D'Antonio

Minor Bantam (7) vs Markham (2)

Memo Nafarrate 1G, 1A Jimmy Hastings 2G, 1A Drew Jenkins 1G Mike Curci 1G, 1A Steve Horan 1G Sam Warden 1G Anthony D'Antonio 2A Cam Harris 1A Chad Roberts 1A

Tournaments

Novice (16) vs Milton (2)

Cooper Riswick 3G 1A Joshua Klinowski 2G 1A Jesse Van Rooyen 2G 1A Andrew Papousek 1G,3A Tanner Thiessen 1G,1A Christopher Bull 1G Dylan Hussey 1G Matt Noseworthy 1G,1A Anthony Selski 1G,3A Lukas Leslie 2G Taylor Butler 1G Daniel Delbello 2A Graham Loney 1A Dennis Kim 1A

Novice (5) vs Ingersol (3)

Jesse Van Rooyen 1A Andrew Papousek 2G,1A Anthony Selski 1G Daniel Delbello 1G Dennis Kim 1G Nick Heintzman 1A Christopher Bull 1A

Novice (4) vs Stoney Creek (0)

Taylor Cooke and Stefan Richardson SO Andrew Papousek 1G 1A Anthony Selski 2G Jesse Van Rooyen 1G,1A Joshua Klinowski 1A

Novice (6) vs Ingersol (1)

Semi-Final Game

Daniel Delbello 2G Andrew Papousek 2G Anthony Selski1G Jesse Van Rooyen 1A Joshua Klinowski 1G Tanner Thiessen 1A Nicholas Heintzman 1A Stefan Richardson 1A Taylor Cooke 1A

Novice (8) vs Stoney Creek (5)

Championship Game

Jesse Van Rooyen 2G,2A Andrew Papousek 3G Anthony Selski 1G,2A Joshua Klinowski 1G,1A Matt Noseworthy 1G,1A Dennis Kim 1A Dylan Hussey 2A Nick Heintzman 2A Mackenzie Wooder 1A

Minor Bantam (2) vs Brampton (1)

Memo Nafarrate 1G Steven Horan 1G Torrey Duckworth 1A Chad Roberts 1A Andrew Rowen 1A Kevin Mayne 1A

Minor Bantam (4) vs Hillcrest (0)

Chad Roberts 1G Drew Jenkins 1G Jimmy Hastings 1G Cam Harris 1G, 1A Kevin Mayne 2A Anthony D'Antonio 2A Bryen Turco 1A Eddie McLaughlin 1A Darby Piquette SO

Minor Bantam (3) vs Brampton (1)

Steven Horan 1G Cam Harris 1G Torrey Duckworth 1G, 1A Chad Roberts 1A Drew Jenkins 1A Sam Warden 1A Jimmy Hastings 1A Andrew Rowen 1A

Minor Bantam (3) vs Unionville (2)

Agincourt Tournament Champions in OT Sam Warden 1G, 1A Mike Curci 1G Torrey Duckworth 1G Drew Jenkins 1A

Rep Teams	
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Bantam AE	Gallaugher Contracting Viking Fire
Minor Midget A	Law Insurance Brokers Scotia Capital
Midget A	B&M Produce Dome Interiors
Midget AA	RBC Summer's & Smith

League Games

Minor Peewee AA (5) vs Barrie (1)

Matthew Mikhaili 2G Brent Waites 1G,2A David



Roper 1G Alex Denault 1G Johnny Borsellino 1A Adrian DiRosa 1A Marcus Tocchet 1A

Minor Peewee AA (5) vs Richmond Hill (4)

Johnny Borsellino 1G,1A Marcus Tocchet 1G,1A Brent Waites 1G,1A Jimmy Lyons 1G,1A Sean Fennell 3A Connor McQuestion 1A

Minor Peewee AA (3) vs Markham (0)

David Roper 1G Sean Fennell 1G Johnny Borsellino 1G Quenton Hunt 2A Brent Waites 2A Adrian DiRosa 1A Jake Sanita SO

Minor Peewee AA (6) vs Barrie (1)

David Roper 3G,1A Brent Waites 1G,2A Andrew McDonald 1G Sean Fennell 1G Christian Stankiewicz 2A Zachary Guisti 2A Connor McQuestion 2A Quenton Hunt 1A Marcus Tocchet 1A

Minor Peewee AA (4) vs Georgina (0)

Johnny Borsellino 2G Brent Waites 1G,1A Connor McQuestion 1G,1A Zachary Guisti 1A Matthew Mikhaili 2A Alex Denault 1A Matthew Joynt 1A

Minor Peewee AA (4) vs Richmond Hill (4)

Johnny Borsellino 2G Connor McQuestion1G Jimmy Lyons 1G,1A Brent Waites 1A Sean Fennell 1A Christian Stankiewicz 1A Matthew Mikhaili 1A

Minor Peewee AA (4) vs Newmarket (1)

Brent Waites 2G Marcus Tocchet 1G David Roper 1G Johnny Borsellino 3AAdrian DiRosa 1A Connor McQuestion 1A Matthew Mikhaili 1A

Minor Peewee AA (5) vs Markham (1)

Brent Waites 1G,1A David Roper 1G,1A Matthew Mikhaili 1G,1A Marcus Tocchet 1G,1A Tyler Hanlon 1G,1A Christian Stankiewicz 1A

Playoff Games

Minor Nmidget A (7) vs Richmond Hill (1)

Craig Murphy 2G,1A Jason Zemanovich 1G,1A Reed Neagle 1G,1A Corey Hopkins-Straker 1G,1A Ryan Murphy 1G Matt Cundari 1G Chris Statchuk 3A Ryan Kines 2A PJ Speciale-Plouffe 2A Jeff Thom 1A Adam White 1A

Novice AA (0) vs Barrie (3)

Novice AA (1) vs Barrie (4)

Taylor Chick 1G Dylan Sikura 1A

Novice AA (3) vs Barrie (9)

Taylor Chick 1G Sean Nishimura 1G Chris Youtoff 1G Brett Wilson 1A Jesse Bentolila 1A Dylan Sikura 1A

Minor Atom A (7) vs Nobleking (0)

Matthew Mears 3G Chris Piron 1G,1A Brandon Pedersen 1G,1A Stephen DeMarco 1G,1A Jamie Hawkins 1G Tristan Miller 3A Patrick Jones 2A Eleeza Cox 1A Spencer George 1A Steadman Dinning 1A Daniel Howie SO

Atom AE (4) vs Bradford (1)

Michael McGolrick 1G,1A Matthew Pellegrini 1G,1A Andrew McKay 1A Johhny Haralampopoulos 1A

Atom AE (4) vs Bradford (2)

Michael McGolrick 2G,2A Andrew McKay 1G,1A Matthew Semeredy 1G Miles Curtis 1A Tyler Tisdale 1A

Atom A (1) vs Innisfil (1)

Geoff Gianopoulos 1G Dylan Cross 1A

Atom AA (1) vs Georgina (1)

Stephen Arkell 1G

Minor Peewee A (3) vs Bradford (2)

Second Round OMHA Playoff 3rd game-Carter Hassard 1G Andrew McDonald 1G Darrell Evans 1G Michael Morson 1A Luca Ghegin 1A Lucas Boyd 1A Quenton Hunt 1A David Bar 1A

Bantam AE (4) vs Newmarket (3)

Corey Berube 2G Matt Kerr 1G,1A Scott Daly 1G ,1A Kyle Fitkin 2A Mike Parkhill 1A Mike Bentley 1A Brent Gallaugher 1ATimi Sotoadeh 1A

Bantam A (3) vs Markham (1)

Tom Keane 2G Sandy Craig 1G,1A Derek Roldan 1A Kelly McGowan 1A Tyler Roffey 1A Justin Fabro 1A Graeme Fleming 1A

Bantam AA (0) vs Richmond Hill (1)

Bantam AA (7) vs Richmond Hill (1)

Cal Simmonds 6G Peter McNeil 1G,2A Taylor Campbell 4A Vincent Davenport 4A Michael White 1A Taylor Dinner 1A Tyler Roffey 1A

Bantam AA (2) vs Richmond Hill (1)

Patrick Bowie 1G Cal Simmonds 1G Andrew Welch 1A Sean Mulroy 1A Cal Simmonds 1A Vincent Davenport 1A

Bantam AA (3) vs Richmond Hill (1)

Peter McNeil 1G Patrick Bowie 1G Taylor Campbell 1G Adam Hankins 1A Andrew Welch 1A Brandon Steffan 1A Vincent Davenport 1A

Minor Midget A (2) vs East Gwillumbury (4)



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Andrew Jamieson 2A Craig Murphy 1G PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1G Matt Cundari 1A Reed Nragle 1A

Minor Midget A (2) vs East Gwillumbury (4)
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Minor Midget A (2) vs East Gwillumbury (3)
PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1G Reed Neagle 1G Ryan Kines 2A Bryan Osuszek 1A

Midget A (2) vs Innisfil (6)
Gary Domanico 1G Chris Amato 1A Trevor Williams 1A Sean McCartney 1G

Midget A (2) vs Innisfil (1)
Mark Jarman 1 G Chris Amato 1G Mark Johnson 1A

Midget A (4) vs Innisfil (5)
Chris Amato 2G Sean McCartney 1G James Morgan 1G Mark Johnson 1A Ryan Angotti 1A Trevor Williams 1A Gary Domanico 1A

Midget AA (1) vs Newmarket (5)
Stephen Heikkila 1G Scott Hurst 1A Jared Pignataro 1A

Tournaments
Minor Atom A (5) vs London (2)
Eleeza Cox 1G,1A Josh Beaton 1G,1A Steadman Dinning 1G Stephen DeMarco 1G,1A Spencer George 1G,1A Jack Steffan 1A Brett Matthews 1A

Matthew Mears 1A

Minor Atom A (6) vs Waterloo (2)
Steadman Dinning 2G Eleeza Cox 2G Josh Beaton 1G,1A Spencer George 1G Jamie Hawkins 1A Brandon Pedersen 1A Matthew Mears 1A

Minor Atom A (6) vs Cambridge (3)
Josh Beaton 1G Jamie Hawkins 2G,1A Spencer George 2G,1A Matthew Mears 1G Eleeza Cox 1A Cody Weese 1A Brandon Pedersen 2A Chris Piron 1A Stephen DeMarco 1A

Minor Atom A (5) vs Hamilton (4)
Semi Finals Won In OT
Spencer George 1G Matthew Mears 2G,1A Tristan Miller 2G Jamie Hawkins 1A Steadman Dinning 3AStephen DeMarco 2A Eleeza Cox 1A

Minor Atom A (1) vs North London (2)
Championship Game
Stephen DeMarco 1G Spencer George 1A Jamie Hawkins 1A

Atom AA (4) vs Hespeler (0)
Spencer Arkell 2G,1A Max Lerner 1G Dillon Cappell 1G Kevin Zacharuk 1A Shawn MacEachern 1A Andrew Whitley 1A Taylor Nuttall 1A James Mildon 1A Peter Abels SO

Atom AA (4) vs Waterloo (0)
Jordan Tripp 1G,1A Luke MacLeod 1G Kevin Zacharuk 1G Jesse Cappell 1G James Mildon 1A Max Lerner 1A Taylor Nuttall 1A Dillon Cappell 1A Scott Smyth SO

Atom AA (4) vs Oakridge London (1)
Luke MacLeod 1G,1A Max Lerner 1G,1A Kevin Zacharuk 1G Dillon Cappell 1G Jordan Tripp 2A Jesse Cappell 1A

Atom AA (3) vs Vaughan (2)
Jordan Tripp 1G,1A Max Lerner 1G Shawn MacEachern 1G Stephen Dinallo 1A Kyle Murphy 1A.

Atom AA (3) vs Kanata (2)
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Jordan Tripp 1G Spencer Arkell 1G Dillon Cappell 1G (in double overtime!) Max Lerner 1A Luke MacLeod 1A
Minor Pee wee AA (3) vs North Central (2)
Brent Waites 2G Sean Fennell 1G,1A Connor McQuestion 1A Ryan Finlay 1A Quenton Hunt 1A Zachary Guisti 1A Jimmy Lyons 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (4) vs Windsor (4)
Brent Waites 2G,1A David Roper 1G,1A Connor McQuestion 1G Ryan Finlay 1A Quenton Hunt 1A Matthew Mikhaili 1A Adrian DiRosa 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (0) vs Jr Canadians (5)

Minor Pee wee AA (6) vs Mississauga (3)
Brent Waites 1G,2A Matthew Mikhaili 2G,1A Sean Fennell 1G,1A Adrian DiRosa 1G,1A David Roper 1G Tyler Hanlon 1A Christian Stankiewicz 1A Jimmy Lyons 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (5) vs Sault Ste Marie (5)

Matthew Mikhaili 2G,1A Tyler Hanlon 1G,2A Marcus Tocchet 1G Connor McQuestion 1G Johnny Borsellino 3A Jimmy Lyons 1A Zachary Guisti 1A Sean Fennell 1A David Roper 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (5) vs Lansing, Mich (0)
Matthew Mikhaili 1G,1A Tyler Hanlon 1G,1A Johnny Borsellino 1G,1A Brent Waites 1G,1A Marcus Tocchet 1G Christian Stankiewicz 1A Jake Sanita SO

Minor Pee wee AA (2) vs Grosse Pointe, Mich (1)
Adrian DiRosa 2G Sean Fennell 1A Johnny Borsellino 1A Connor McQuestion 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (4) vs Kanata (0)
Silverstick International Tournament Champions
Matthew Mikhaili 2G Brent Waites 1G Johnny Borsellino 1G Jimmy Lyons 2A David Roper 1A Adrian DiRosa 1A

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Bob Cressman, Director of Education for the York Region Board of Education, had his contract extended for another five years, in spite of calls for his resignation by irate parents.

Liberal Leader David Peterson dropped in on a massive rally at the Aurora Community Centre for York North candidate Greg Sorbara, and led a rousing rendi-

tion of "Bo Didley" with Rompin Ronnie Hawkins.

Bruce Rankin, a Steeplechase Road resident of Aurora, was one of only 74 Canadians named to the Order of Canada. Governor General Jean Sauve bestowed the award for a distinguished diplomatic career.

Aurora's Citizen of the Year Award went to Bill Coleman for almost 60 volunteer years of service to the community, including the Friendship Circle of Senior Citizens and Trinity Anglican Church.

Sheryl Thomas was selected as Miss Aurora

in the annual pageant organized by Sue Meacock.

Councillor John West ended Dick Illingworth's political career by defeating the incumbent mayor, launching him on a newspaper and broadcasting career.

Conversely, Ron

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Just a few of Aurora residents making headlines during 1985.

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