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Bitterly cold winds kept the crowds down Saturday as the second annual Arctic Adventure got underway, but the weather was right to the liking of this sled dog team, above. The three passengers, bundled up to keep warm, are Ryan Fink-Keniry, Ariel Laruzko and Irene Fink-Keniry. The "handler" or "musher" of the sled is Jason Doolittle. Meanwhile, at right, this wolf seems to be smacking his chops as he eyes a raven at the Bowmanville Zoo demonstration. While the sun shone brightly, it was so cold no one even ventured near the hot tubs set up in front of the Aurora Community Centre. Activities took place all day long in both Machell and Fleury Parks. Special Events Co-ordinator Julie Geering said weather plays a huge factor in attendance. Last year, the event was nearly wiped out because cold weather didn't arrive until the last minute. Mayor Tim Jones and MPP Greg Sorbara both put in appearances at the event. Aurora photos by Naomi Tobin



## Deficiencies cited in troubled condo

The controversial condominium building located at the northwest corner of Wellington Street East and the Industrial Parkway is still controversial.

Although occupancies have taken place in much of the building, it is not yet registered as a condominium.

The building has a long history. On January 14, 1993, York Regional Council approved an official plan amendment for the Town of Aurora, which led to the construction of the building.

The amendment re-designated the 1.43 acre site from Industrial to Commercial (Specific) to permit

the use of the lands for a mixed-use residential/commercial development.

The development was limited to a maximum building height of five storeys with retail space on the ground floor and 70 co-operative/non-profit apartments above.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs identified the proposal as an affordable housing project.

A parkette with a children's playground and an outdoor terrace area were to be included to provide open space and outdoor amenities but they were later eliminated.

In view of the location of the site

at the entrance to the historic core, the amendment required that the site plan ensure high standards in the design of the building.

Aurora Council granted site plan approval for the building in October, 1999.

The proposed building had originally been intended as a non-profit housing project to be funded by the province. The funding was eliminated as the project was changed to one that would ultimately be registered as a condominium.

Original purchasers bought as far back as 1998 with a closing date

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## Lind proposal "conditional" on 72 items

In one of the longest and most confusing debates in a long time, council's general committee finally agreed to give draft approval to the proposed plan of condominium for a property at the corner of Kennedy Street and Murray Drive.

The approval, however, has 72 conditions attached. Council was expected to endorse the ruling this week.

Committee members also confirmed the position taken by council at a December meeting for staff to attend an Ontario Municipal Board hearing "on consent for the approval of the draft zoning bylaw amendment".

The property in dispute is located at 240 Kennedy Street West and is approximately five acres in size with an existing single detached building at the north end of the property.

The eastern part of the property is designated as flood prone due to its proximity to Tannery Creek.

The proposal is to add four single family dwellings, all served by a private road adjacent to the west property line.

The proposal was submitted to council last month by realtor Lenard Lind, who lives on the property.

Last April at a public planning meeting several residents expressed concerns about the proposal and council denied it.

Lind appealed the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board. A hearing has been slated for April.

In July, Lind filed a revised proposal for a draft plan of condominium. The application was similar to the original application, except the two-storey buildings were changed to bungalows.

Some councillors suggested another public meeting on the new application. But since the appeal was before the OMB, it was out of council's hands. It was pointed out that citizens could attend the OMB hearing.

On a 5-3 vote with Councillors Evelina MacEachern, Damir Vrancic and Nigel Kean in opposition, council approved the rezoning application and directed staff to go forward on consent to the April OMB hearing.

Last week staff presented 71 conditions for draft approval.

Brad Rogers, a planning consultant, appeared before the committee representing his client, Sam Nardi, who owns the property immediately west of the Lind proposal.

He referred to several meetings with the applicant and his consulting team and staff and proposed two or three homes fronting on Kennedy Street, as an alternative.

He suggested committee members not support the proposed development, due to compatibility issues as well as engineering and geotechnical related issues regarding fill being illegally dumped onto the property in 1979.

Nardi, a resident for 24 years, also addressed committee members and described the negative impact the proposed development would have on his family and property.

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# Coming Events

## FEBRUARY 14

Hot Spot Youth Club Valentine's Prize Party. Grade 6 to 8 students welcome. Aurora Lions Hall. 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission \$5. Further information 905-713-2880.

## 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 Historical Society holds its annual general meeting and election of directors at Hillary House starting at 8 p. m. Following the business part of the meeting, John McIntyre will guide members and guests through events and dates for the society's past 40 years. Call 905-727-8991 for further information.

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

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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.

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

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Baseball registration, ACC2 Lobby - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Aurora Youth Soccer Registration, Canadian Tire Store, Yonge Street and Murray Drive, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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It's Mardi Gras in Aurora as the parents of the Aerials Competitive Dance Team sponsor the event at DiNardo's Mansion, Industrial Parkway South, at 5:30 p. m. Call John O'Bireck at 905-841-4150 for details.

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Patient Appreciation Day at Freshwave Family Chiropractic. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Proceeds to Yellow Brick House.

## 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 26

Aurora Council will hold a working session at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall to review the concept plan for the 89 acres of

town-owned land on Leslie Street. Open to the public.

## 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.

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

## MARCH 7

World Day of Prayer Service at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. 7.30 p.m.

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Children from the Aurora United Church Sunday School class pose in front of their street sign now hanging across Yonge Street near Orchard Heights Drive. Under the leadership of Debbie Clark, the students designed the banner with the "Think Love" message, which is expected to remain in place another week.

## Sunday School students create "Love" banner

Have you seen it? It's a bright red banner spanning Yonge Street near Orchard Heights Drive and it says "THINK LOVE".

The students at the Aurora United Church Sunday School are responsible.

They designed it to be bright and bold so it would catch the eye and get people thinking.

Sunday School Director, Debbie Clark, said the project developed out of the Sunday School lessons for this season.

"The children have been exploring the fact that the gift of love lives within all of us," she said. "They have also been discussing ways they can use that gift in their everyday lives. These conversations led us to wonder how we could encourage the whole town to think more about showing love to one another. Before we knew it, we had a banner."

Every week the students

will leave Sunday School with a torn heart, which is to remind them of their homework - to return the next Sunday with one example of how they shared their gift of love that week, she said.

"It may have been through sharing, forgiving or helping. Whatever the case, the

kids have found they have the power to make a positive difference in someone's life. And they want us to follow them," the teacher added. "All you have to do, they say, is "Think Love."

The sign is expected to remain in place for another week.

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**Poor  
Richard**

# These things still bug me

*Little things are sent to try us,  
In time they grow too massive;  
We can't do much about it,  
Most people are too passive.*

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

As the first month of the New Year comes to an end, there are many things from last year that continue to bug me.

One is the lack of recognition of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald.

He was born on January 11, 1815, but that day has never been officially recognized.

It is doubtful if many of today's school children know about Sir John A., or what he did for the country, or even know about his birthday.

Yet another Scot, Robbie Burns, Scotland's national poet, who was born on January 25, 1759, is well remembered with an annual dinner in his honour.

Another beef has been the lack of intestinal fortitude of many of our Ontario Liberal MPs, who failed to stand up to Prime Minister Jean Chretien's arrogant and dictatorial ways and vote like trained sheep.

Thank heavens some of them, in the interests of saving the country and the Liberal Party, have found their courage and are taking the place of the opposition.

But more is needed to make King Jean abdicate, as he is no longer wanted.

I wish that politicians at all levels would stop making election promises they know they can't keep, and that electors would become more involved in issues of the day and help keep elected and appointed officials on the straight and narrow.

Democracy is much more than just voting in the election.

I'd like to see politicians at all levels of government regain control of government, as in many cases they have abdicated their responsibility to the bureaucrats.

Politicians are elected to set policy and staff appointed to carry it out.

Even in regional and local governments there is a tendency to rubber stamp staff recommendations with little or no thought or debate by the people's elected representatives.

It's long past time for the Ontario Progressive Conservative government to review the role and the power of the Ontario Municipal Board.

At one time board members were appointed for life and were completely independent.

Now they are appointed for a three-year term, subject to re-appointment.

If members want to be re-appointed, they give up their independence and become an arm of the government in power.

This results in many decisions made in favour of the big developers, who are the most generous contributors to the Tory party election campaign fund.

In addition, the government must get rid of the 90-day rule, which allows developers to appeal directly to the Ontario Municipal Board if they have not received an answer to their development proposal from the municipality within 90 days.

I'd like to see some sanity return to our justice and parole system, so that both the police and courts receive the public trust and respect they so rightfully deserve.

A Toronto judge sentenced a man to a 15-month conditional out-of-custody sentence after a road-rage incident, in which he knocked a man over, then backed up and clubbed his victim unconscious.

A former convict with a record of 10 convictions, the use of handguns and knives and shooting an Ottawa police officer, while out on parole, was released recently on parole, even though the parole board raised concerns about his past record.

He was released to a halfway house in Kingston, walked away and is now on the run with a Canada-wide arrest warrant.

My wish list for the New Year could go on and on.

It's not like making resolutions that you are expected to keep, but a wish list for action by other people, the people we put in power to represent us.

The wishes may never come to fruition, but it's nice to dream.



## What's going on here?

It's April 1, 1978, and while this may look like an April Fool's joke, it's not. This is serious business. The two hockey players (?) are Carilyn McClenny, handing the goalie stick to well equipped Pat Page. What was going on here? First correct answer after noon, Friday, Feb. 14, gets a dinner voucher for two to the Trio Restaurant. Thank you, Lowell McClenny, for the photograph.

## Letters to the editor

# Monster home would violate neighbourhood

### **Open letter to Aurora Council:**

Last fall a number of homes in my neighbourhood were violated by break-ins.

While this is clearly illegal, we were comforted by the police and their efforts to assist our community in keeping the 'bad guys' away.

They heard our concerns, acted quickly, and respected the voices of the community with compassion and action.

I have lived my whole life (less a couple of years, for university and work) in Aurora and most of it on Harriman Road.

It now feels like our neighbourhood is being violated again and this time government officials and officers of the court are assisting the perpetrator(s). What I am referring to is:

"The plans to destroy a

wonderful landmark home at 108 Tyler Street

"The replacement of this character building with a monster house, is unsuited to the surroundings

"Clear endangerment of the neighbouring dwellings, in their land value, conservation concerns, increased flooding, and aesthetics

"The development of an adjacent lot that for 50 (plus) years has been treated by its previous owners and neighbours as one property. This lot, while legally divided from 108 Tyler, is of neither a size nor shape in accordance to adjacent properties. The west boundary of this so-called lot (that closest to Harriman Road) has four feet of E.P. (environmental protection) designation. The development of this land would be a further assault to our established community.

While I understand a com-

munity needs to change and grow, I also recognize the importance for stability and respect for existing dwellings and heritage integrity.

I am saddened that an individual's demand/request takes priority or is of more importance than the area's current residents and taxpayers.

We are not discussing a large tract of undeveloped land but that of an area in a well-established community and a landmark, unique, and significant home.

I welcome contact from Aurora's council members regarding this issue.

My hope is that you will respect your constituents and reassess the decision to allow the complete demolition of this home and I encourage you not to accept the monster house plans or future plans for the development of the adjacent lot.

I do not speak alone in my concerns: I am unaware of any of my neighbours who favour these development plans.

**Cyndy Skillins  
Aurora**

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# Service set for March 7

### **To the editor,**

The World Day of Prayer Service for this year will be held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 15347 Yonge Street, Aurora, Friday, March 7 at 7.30 p.m.

The participating churches of Aurora invite everyone to attend this inter-denominational prayer service.

Refreshments will be served following the service.

The program for 2003 has been written and prepared by the women of Lebanon.

The theme of the service is Holy Spirit: Fill Us.

Our speaker is Rev. Boulus Saleth, Pastor of St. Gregory's Toronto. He was born in Nazareth and lived in Lebanon.

The organist is Sheila

McLean of Our Lady of Grace and the Liturgical Dancers are from Trinity Anglican, Aurora.

Participating churches include Aurora United, Christ Lutheran, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, First Baptist, Trinity Anglican, and Our Lady of Grace.

**Betty Innes  
Aurora**



# Regional money is invested in Aurora

Last week I gave an overview of the Region of York budget. This week I will describe some of the capital high-lights as they directly affect Aurora.

One of the most tangible areas where we can experience the benefits of our Regional taxes is in the area of road reconstruction.

The following represents a list of capital projects specific to Aurora in this area and other specific project areas: (The number on the left designates the year from 2003 to 2011 that these projects are planned to be completed)

### Road Reconstruction

03-Wellington. Leslie-CN	14,075,000
04-St John's. Yonge-Bayview	7,735,000
05-Bathurst. King-Wellington	10,725,000
05-Bayview.Wellington-Mulock	10,126,000
06-Bathurst. Wellington-Mulock	6,732,000
07-Bloomington. Bayview-404	5,742,000
07-Bloomington. Yonge-Bayview	6,123,000
09-St John's. Bayview-Woodbine	5,301,000
10-Bayview.Bloomington-Wellington	10,948,000
10-Bloomington. Yonge-Bathurst	4,529,000
11-Leslie. Wellington to 500m north	528,000
sub total	82,564,000

### Water

03-Aurora East Pumping Station	2,989,000
05-Aurora Well 7	1,953,000
06-Wellington Reservoir	3,341,000
08-Aurora Heights Pumping Station	2,355,000
09-Aurora East Water Storage	2,621,000
10-Aurora Well 8	1,570,000

### Water Transmission

03-Bloomington-Ridge Rd	2,532,000
03-Berzy-Bayview	3,400,000
03-Well 6-Brooker Ridge	2,222,000
04-Berzy-Orchard Heights	8,194,000
05-Wellington-Leslie-Bayview	2,200,000
06-Orchard Heights to Nwkt	2,555,000
06-Wellington Reservoir connection	428,000
08-Bloomington Water main	2,888,000
10-Leslie. Aurora East-Wellington	1,855,000
sub total	26,274,000

### Wastewater

09-Aurora Sewage Equalization	7,135,000
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### Long Term Care

03-Hadley Grange	400,000
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These projects, with the understanding that in a few instances, the boundaries of some projects contain overlap into Newmarket or King, are Aurora specific and total \$116,373,000 capital dollars invested into Aurora in a seven-year time frame.

There are many other service delivery considerations that Aurora receives through the Region including the continuance of a 3rd police District in town that effectively doubles our police presence from the past.

Our transit routes are under constant review with the results of a study which will hopefully enhance transit to our business and industrial sector for their employees.

Script ride for residents who require accessible transit has been added to Aurora's transit options.

Improved traffic signal lights and special countdown pedestrian counter signals have proven successful and will continue.

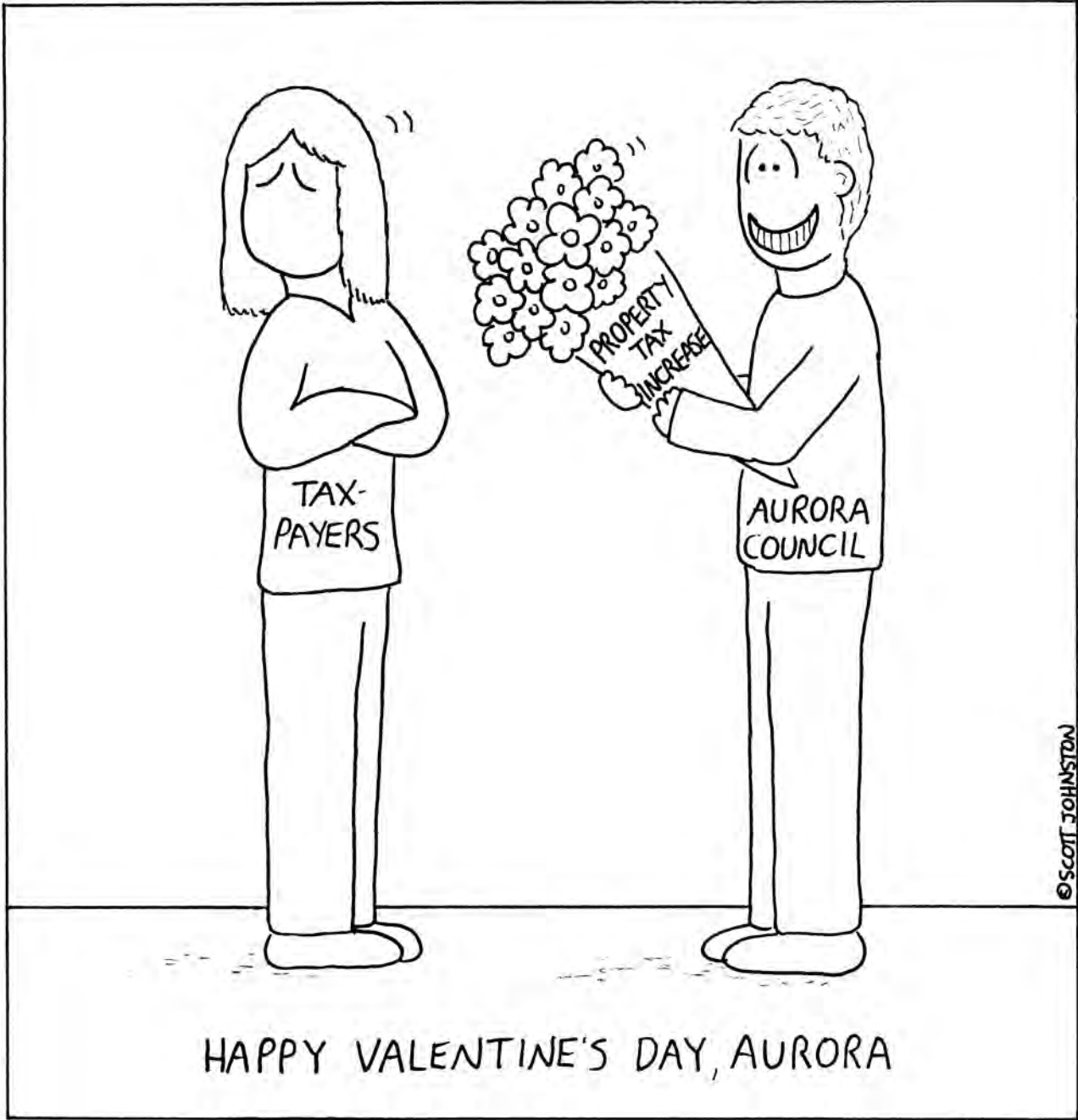
A refined brine based snow and ice mix for Regional road maintenance has effectively reduced the amount of salt being used on our roads which is better for our environment.

And, our Health, Social Services, Water and Waste Water, Emergency Services continue to operate at increased levels to meet our growing needs.

Aurora continues to receive value for its tax dollar at the Regional level.

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.

## Machell's Corners



## Letter to the editor

# Auroran - "a reading frenzy"

To the editor,

As former Aurora residents, I want to tell you how much Al and I both enjoy reading the Auroran.

Your paper gives so much pleasure, especially to the older residents.

We still have many friends in Aurora whom we visit fairly often.

When your paper arrives, they are on the phone to each other - especially when there's an old photo.

It's such fun for them to try and identify the ones with the question marks.

I still get together with three other retirees from the Town of Aurora staff - Colleen Gowan, Janice Rodgers and Dianne Gould - and also Michele Davis, who is still employed there.

We meet at the Trio the last Wednesday of each month - or as many as can be there.

The people at the Trio are so obliging and let us extend our lunch time, and

never rush us.

I have been retired since 1994, so you can understand what a pleasure it is for us to get together.

Colleen saves her copies of your paper and brings them to me.

When I arrive home, Al and I both have a reading frenzy.

As for the picture in the January 28 issue of the council and staff at the "old bank", I'm sure you have had many calls, etc., to tell you it was the Bank of

Commerce - before the merger with the Imperial Bank - now CIBC.

Thank you for many hours of pleasurable reading.

Marj Dawson  
Barrie

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By DICK ILLINGWORTH


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 BOUQUETS to Vince Midolo on his appointment as General Manager of Howard Johnson Aurora. He replaces retiring innkeeper Tom Fisher. Vince moves up from Food and Beverage manager, a position filled by Garry Hook.


 BRICKBATS to those at the Aurora Town Hall for being unable to find the Rotary Club Yonge Street banners left with the town for safe keeping.


 BOUQUETS and a Warm Aurora Welcome to John Breen and his Pride of Dublin pub, which was officially opened recently at the north end of the Arch Plaza on Yonge Street, just north of Howard Johnson Aurora.


 BOUQUETS to Councillor Nigel Kean and members of the Yonge Street Commercial Downtown Committee for getting a group of Yonge Street retailers together for a breakfast meeting to meet town staff and get to know each other.


 BRICKBATS to Aurora council members for inconsistent decisions. Council insisted the Red House be designated prior to rezoning the property, but refused to take the same action regarding the designation of the Doan house on Wellington Street East.


 BOUQUETS to 9-year-old Jordon and his brother 12-year-old Andrew Cristillo of Aurora for their progress in tackwondo at the Weston Warriors Tackwondo Martial Arts Centre in Aurora. They received their black belts last November.


 BOUQUETS to Aurora's Courtney Palmateer on being selected to play the lead role of Dorothy in the Aurora Opera Company production of The Wizard of Oz, performed at the Newmarket Theatre last week.

 BRICKBATS to Poor Richard for forgetting a motion adopted by Aurora Council on December 11, 2001. It was that the terms of reference for the consultant to be engaged to make recommendations for community user groups for the facilities within the Library Square not include the main floor and the upper floor of the old library, which was to be designated as the Seniors Centre. The consultant was never hired, but the motion still stands. (Horrors, Poor Richard actually forgot something??!! - editor)

 BOUQUETS to Emily Van Nostrand, an 11-year-old equestrian from Aurora, who competed in a series of divisional events last summer and when all the points were tallied, she was named overall Champion for 2002 in York Region. Next, the Olympics!

 BOUQUETS to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce on the official opening of their new quarters in the same location at the corner of the Industrial Parkway and Yonge Street. After 17 years in an old, cramped and musty trailer with rodents, they are now in their new home - free of the little critters.

 BRICKBATS to members of Aurora Council who continually forget to activate their desk microphones when speaking their pearls of wisdom. It's bad enough in the council chambers but much worse for the TV audience who see their lips moving but nothing coming out. On second thought, perhaps that's normal.

 BOUQUETS to those at the Aurora Seniors Centre for their monthly newsletter, which keeps Aurora seniors advised of all the programs and events available through the centre. Call the centre at 905-727-2816 for details.



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## A STUNNING SEASON FOR A STUNNING TEAM

By **MIKE McCLYMONT**

Unfortunately, soon enough, all good things must come to an end.

But for the Junior A Aurora Tigers, this end is just a beginning.

The first round well underway, the Tigers are entrenched in the playoffs, a season unto itself which coaches, players and fans hope will continue for some time to come.

When the new playoff season began Friday night, it marked the end of a magical regular season, one that saw numerous awards won and records broken.

Head Coach and General Manager Marty Williamson tied a personal record of 43 wins in 49 games.

Along with winning divisional MVP honours, star goaltender Chris Whitley worked together with capable back-up Lance King

to have the division's best goals against average.

Rob Godfrey was awarded the "Best Defenseman" trophy and was also named to the OPJHL All-Star game.

Forward Scott Goheen was also selected to the All-Star game, and he won the division's "Most points by a player" title.

With all the individual accolades, what contributed most to the Tigers' success was its team mentality.

Coach Williamson stressed the importance of playing as a team and the players demonstrated it on and off the ice.

Even during post-game interviews, each player showed that no individual success was more important than the team's play.

As a team, the Aurora Tigers won 43 games and lost three, a record second only to the Wellington Dukes.

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Perhaps the most impressive stat of the Tigers season was their 31-game undefeated streak.

For four months straight, Aurora was unbeatable.

From September 29th to January 9th, the Tigers played every game without defeat. In those 31 games, 30 were victories, one was a tie.

And even with all that, Aurora wants more.

As the playoffs roll on, the Tigers inch closer to a championship, the jewel in the crown of a spectacular season.

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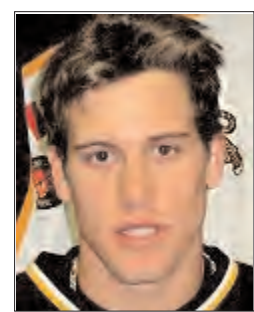
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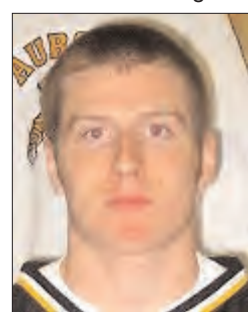
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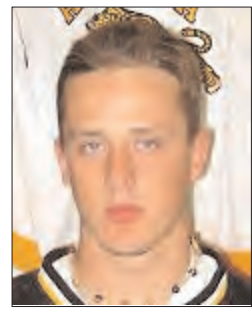
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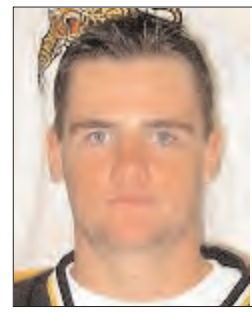
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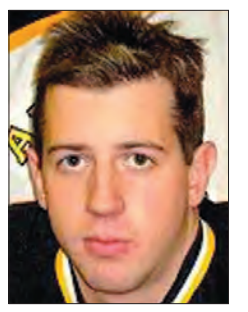
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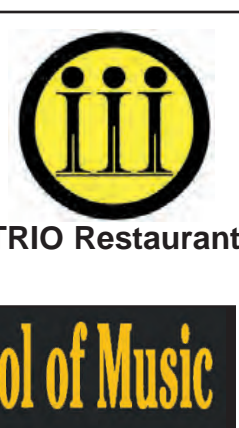
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# Auroran Sports

## Tigers two up on Bramalea - quickly

By **MIKE McCLYMONT**

A new hockey season began Friday night in Aurora, continued Sunday afternoon, and when the ice chips had settled, the Junior A Aurora Tigers were up two games and had outscored the Bramalea Blues 18-6.

It's hardly a fair fight.

Aurora ran away with the Northern Division title, while Bramalea ranked ninth in the West Division.

In the first game, Aurora won 8-3, then unloaded all their cannons in a 10-3 victory Sunday afternoon.

After a very rewarding regular season, are the Tigers happy with what they've achieved, or would anything less than a championship be a disappointment?

"Definitely a disappointment," said Tiger Centre Jamie Minchella. "We didn't work hard all season to go out in the second or third round. We should be able to look to the guy next to you and be able to trust him."

The Blues started game one of the seven-game series frantically in search of an upset.

Bramalea's fast start caught Aurora a little off-guard and they settled for a 1-1 draw after 20 minutes of play.

After having a two-on-one breakaway stopped by the Blues monstrous 6'6" goaltender Matt Tanel, Aurora's offensive attack came back.

The Tigers struck first seven minutes into the game. A power play goal by Steve Mignardi came courtesy of Sam Skwarchuk.

The Blues deflated, and though the Tigers halted Bramalea's up-tempo play, the Blues managed to get one by Tiger star goalie Chris Whitley.

The Tigers controlled the second frame. Though the

Blues delivered some hard hits, Aurora's defense would allow only five shots the whole period; including an impressive shutdown while shorthanded two men.

Forty-eight seconds into the period, Player of the Game Jamie Minchella surprised the Blues netminder with a quick wristshot, giving Aurora the lead.

Halfway through the period, Tiger players and fans were becoming restless, believing the referees were scared to call penalties against Bramalea.

Matt Bahen calmed the Tiger faithful with a short-handed goal from Scott Goheen on a two-on-one rush.

Aurora struck again with two and a half minutes left.

Minchella added his second goal of the night with a slick wraparound from behind the net.

Kevin Martel slapped one by the Blues goalie 18 seconds later, causing Bramalea to change goalies.

The period ended with Aurora comfortably ahead 5-1.

With the game seemingly out of reach, Bramalea's frustrations surfaced with two 10-minute misconduct calls against them in the final period.

Sam Skwarchuk, Justin Olden and Minchella scored in the third, and for Minchella, after holding the puck in front of the net for a good five seconds and finding an opening, the marker gave him a "Hat-Trick".

Though the Tigers held the Blues to another five shot period, they managed to score on two of those occasions.

"We have to be prepared for every game whether it's a day or night game," added Minchella. "We can't under-

estimate a team, even if they aren't first or second in their division. We learned that tonight and it won't happen again."

Game 2 Sunday provided some of the same Tiger dominance as they beat Bramalea 10-3, to take a 2-0 series lead.

Aurora realizes how much it would help their cause if they finished this series as early as possible.

"We want to go a long way, so our goal is to finish each series in four games," said Player of the Game Matt Bahen.

The game got off to a slow start. Plenty of stoppages in play gave no chance for either team to gain momentum.

Both squads had chances with two-men advantages. The Tiger defense fought off their penalties but Jesse Olden received a pass from brother Justin and gave Aurora the early lead with that power play goal.

The Tigers capitalized on a chance with an extra man two minutes later when Jamie Minchella and Mike Fiume assisted on Matt Christie's power play goal.

Though the Blues seemed more concerned about fighting than winning, they did have some scoring opportunities; each shot down by Chris Whitley's great saves.

Aurora took their 2-0 lead into the second period where the hitting and up-tempo pace continued.

"They're not very hard hitting, they play the body but it's not very effective," Bahen observed.

The undisciplined Blues continued to shoot themselves in the foot with costly penalties.

They also helped Aurora on the scoreboard as a Blues player put the puck in

his own net. The Tigers greatly appreciated the assistance and Kevin Martel was awarded the goal.

With three minutes left in the period, both teams combined for three goals in one minute. First, Rob Godfrey found Steve Mignardi cutting towards the net for a one-timer goal. The Blues responded with a goal 18 seconds later and Matt Bahen responded to that 35 seconds after, giving Aurora a 5-1 cushion.

The final 20 minutes produced seven goals.

Bahen started it off getting his second of the game.

Bramalea would cut the lead to four but another costly penalty led to a "penalty shot" for Tiger Jordan Brenner and he made no mistake.

Mike Fiume would later force Bramalea to change goaltenders as he single-handedly fought off a defender, avoided the

goalie's poke check and scored.

Bramalea scored their third goal and Kyle Aitken ended it all with Aurora's tenth and final goal.

Aurora tried not to change much from Friday night's game.

"We just concentrated more on defense because our offense comes all the

time. We worked more on the transition game," said Bahen.

The venue changed for game three which was played Tuesday night in Bramalea.

Results were not available at press time.

Game four will also be played in Bramalea Friday night, Feb. 14.

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## Play ball

Rob Seguin takes a break with players from the Rookie Ball division, boys age 8 and 9 who are participating in winter practices. Rob helps coach the practices and as the league's Director of Player Development is always looking to find ways to improve the players.

# Ball players are training; can spring be far away?

It may be winter but minor ball in Aurora is gearing up for the 2003 season.

Ball players are currently practicing indoors in preparation for spring, and registration continues this week and next for the Aurora Minor Ball Association.

The association offers teams for ages 5 to 21. If a player prefers baseball, new this year in house league is Rookie Ball.

Boys and girls are also welcome to try out for rep ball.

The Association is devoted to developing skills, fostering good sportsmanship,

## Skating results

Aurora Skating Club members recently achieved the following successes at Uxbridge Invitational Competition:

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Jr. Bronze Ladies Freeskat B, fl. 4: Emma Hayzelden, 4th.

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Jr. Bronze Ladies Freeskat C, fl. 5: Michelle Wong, 2nd.

Sr. Bronze Ladies Freeskat B: Lauren Cooper, 1st.

Sr. Bronze Ladies Freeskat, Fl 6: Carolyn Armstrong, 1st.

and above all, having fun. Regular season begins in May and continues until the final weekend tournament in September.

The AMBA is excited about the addition of Rookie Ball to House League. Rookie Ball has been developed for youngsters ages 8 and 9.

The major difference between 5 Pitch and Rookie Ball is that instead of the coach pitching the ball, a pitching machine is used.

Right now players are practicing indoors. Dedicated volunteers like Rob Seguin donate their time fostering youth talents.

Rob has been involved in organized baseball most of his life.

What began as a summer of fun in the town of Chalk River, playing on the same team as his brother, took him to the Jr. AA level with the Ottawa Napean Canadians. After that, until the age of 30, he played Senior Men's Ball.

Rob began coaching when he was 22 and just out of university. He inherited a team that had lost its coach that year, developed a love of coaching, and he has been at it ever since.

Rob was a key figure in the resurrection of Rep ball in Aurora. When he discovered his son would have to play outside Aurora to get on a Rep team he formed the Aurora Jays team.

Leo Spagnuolo, Director of Rep Baseball, has also contributed to the growth of

Aurora Rep ball in several age groups this year.

As the Director of Player Development, Rob's role is to track the performance of players to see how teams can be improved.

The AMBA does more than run leagues. It provides summer umpiring jobs to youth and adults. Umpire clinics are held in early spring at no cost. Umpires enjoy the rare privilege of having the last word and working outdoors all summer.

The AMBA provides community volunteer hours for teenagers in high school.

Interested students can choose such things as: assistant coach, helping out at tournaments, fundraising, parades, and manning booths at events.

The AMBA is organised by volunteers and counts on the community's support. Each year the executive is grateful to the many parents who become involved as coaches.

Coaches can participate in the 3M National Coaching program to upgrade their skills.

Players should sign up now to take advantage of the indoor training. Registration forms are available on the group's web site [www.auroraminorball.ca](http://www.auroraminorball.ca).

The AMBA executive will be on hand on this Saturday and next, February 15 and 22, at the Aurora Community Centre from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for registration.

# Proposal includes 72 conditions

## From page 1

He asked committee members to withdraw support of the application and join with the residents in fighting the application at the OMB.

Resident Bob Sherwood advised committee members that residents of the area had established the Kennedy Street West and Area Ratepayers Association to present one voice to council.

He presented a petition with more than 200 signatures objecting to the application. He expressed concern that approval would set a precedent for other similar development proposals.

Chris Barnett, a solicitor representing Lind, reviewed the application since it was first submitted and advised committee members that the illegal dumping of fill was not an issue as the Conservation Authority was satisfied with the application.

During the lengthy discussion by committee members, Councillor Nigel Kean said the staff report did not address public concerns.

Councillor Ron Wallace repeated his opposition to having a window in the second floor of what was said to be a bungalow, as it could be converted into a loft. He was successful in gaining support to eliminate the window and lower the roofline as the 72nd condition.

In presenting his motion, Councillor George Timpson said staff would be in a difficult position if it had to defend council's position at the OMB, if council withdrew support for the

application.

He added that if the OMB rejected the rezoning appeal, it was over, but if they approved it, staff would be able to present the 72 conditions as part of the approval.

In spite of strong oppo-

sition from Councillors Evelina MacEachern and Nigel Kean, committee members endorsed the Timpson resolution for staff to support the rezoning application with the 72 conditions attached.

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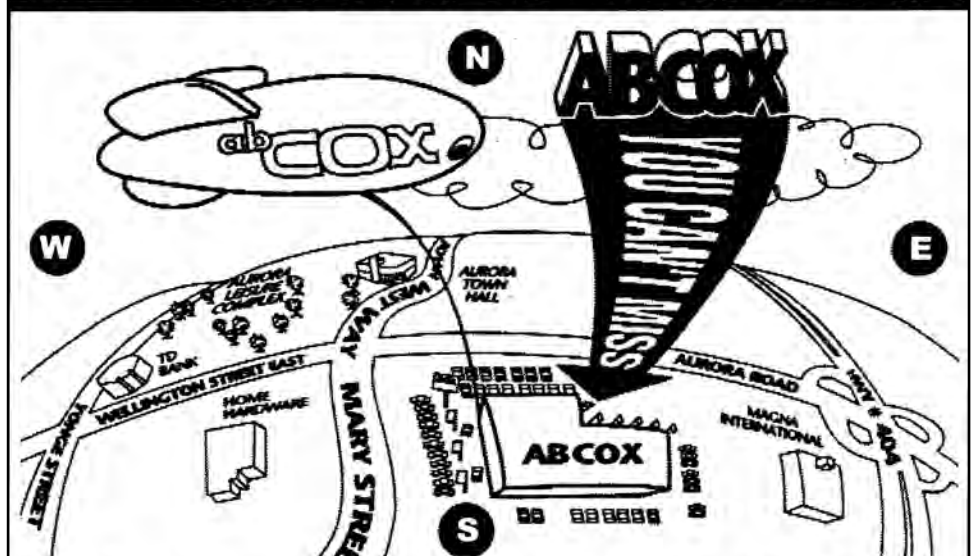
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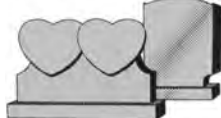
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## RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

## Who would have believed they could make it?

Believe it or not, this really happened.

Back on October 13, 1973, a much younger Ron Wallace and newspaper competitor John Lott accepted a challenge to enter the Aurora-Newmarket Family Life Centre 15-mile Walkathon.

They astounded the multitudes and forced their sponsors to dig a little deeper than expected.

Neither expected to finish, but one wanted to beat the other, as they had been competing on the Aurora news beat for about four years.

Councillor George Timpson set the pace for the two newsmen.

It seems the organizers of the walkathon were looking for "well-known people" to challenge each other, and Wallace challenged Lott.

After four-and-a-half hours they surprised everyone by crossing the finish line and raiing more than \$200 for the organization.

Wallace , who said he should have removed a stone in his shoe instead of walking on it, admits he was not in good shape for the walkathon as he had, the night before, travelled to North Bay with the Aurora Tigers hockey team, entertained a host of people at his place, and had problems finding the Family Life Centre the next morning.

### REMEMBERING XAVIERA HOLLANDER

Very few modern bookworms will remember author Xaviera Hollander, who wrote "The Happy Hooker" and "Xaviera", which were very popular back in the early 1970s.

Several Aurora stores carried the two pocketbooks on their shelves.

In March, 1973, the Metro Toronto News Company, the book distributor, advised local book dealers to remove the two autobiographies from their shelves and return them.

It seems police morality officers considered the two books obscene.

Some of the store operators said at the time that the books were selling and it was obvious people were enjoying them. They pointed out that other books were much worse.

Then came the rumour that she would appear at the Aurora Highlands one Friday night. We understand some people are still waiting, even though the Highlands was demolished years ago.

### THE FIRST IGA STORE IN CANADA

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Prior to Rubin taking over the building, the general store was owned and operated by the Fingold family as a combination grocery and dry goods store with a huge opening in the wall

between the two businesses.

### THE OLD DAYS OF TRAFFIC BYLAWS

Today with all the bylaws being rushed through with a single reading at the same council meeting, it's hard to believe that back in 1970, the Ontario Department of Transportation had to approve all municipal traffic bylaws, before they could be implemented.

Bureaucrats at Queen's Park checked the bylaw to ensure that all the "Is" were dotted and all the "Ts" crossed before it could become a legal document.

This power was transferred to York Region in 1971 but was soon abolished except for bylaws affecting traffic within so many metres of a regional road.

After months of discussion, Bill 1867, Aurora's Traffic Regulation bylaw received first and second reading.

It had been found from experience that it was good policy to send the bylaw to DOT after second reading so that any corrections could be made ensuring rapid approval after third reading.

### IT REALLY HAPPENED

It was in March, 1973, when former Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth made national headlines. As executive assistant to the Treasurer of Ontario, he sorted the minister's mail. On a very busy Friday he didn't have time and stuffed all the mail in a brief case and brought it home to Aurora.

The first letter he opened on Saturday morning was from federal Finance Minister John Turner and it enclosed a cheque for \$24.3 million. All Illingworth could think about was security over the weekend and the loss of interest if the cheque had been deposited on the Friday.

A week or so later the Treasurer told the Legislature about the way the federal government handled transfer payments, the national press carried the story about how a minister's aide had taken a \$24.3 million cheque home.

### AURORA DEFIES THE PROVINCE

It was in May, 1970, when Aurora defied the provincial government and refused to pay nearly \$100,000 of its 1970 educational tax levy. Councillors claimed the school boards owed the town the money from overpayment of levies to the school boards in 1968.

In spite of a warning from the town solicitor that the town could be hit with interest charges for delinquent payment, he added that legal action by the county school board was unlikely, council agreed to withhold the money.

After the vote was taken, Reeve Evelyn Buck quipped "That'll teach Willie Davis!" (Minister of Education Bill Davis).

It was a directive from the Ministry of Education, which prohibited the school board from crediting Aurora for the surplus funding.



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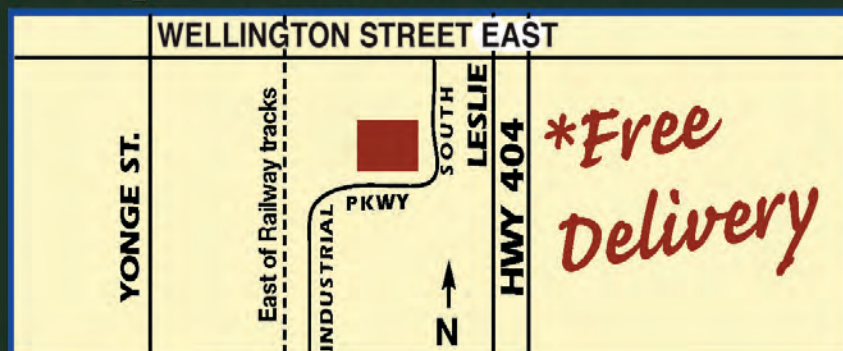


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