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They come from far and wide to taste the delicious Aurora Lions Club pancakes at Sheppard's Bush each spring. Booker Sam Tomlinson, 4, made his way to Aurora from Toronto, and got some help from grandmother Deirdre Tomlinson, of Aurora, in gobbling down the tasty breakfast. Event continues for another two weekends. Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Report shows future is bright

Every year town departments compile statistics related to their operations and a summary of their accomplishments and initiatives. The material received from each department is compiled into the annual report.

This review advises council and the public of the performance highlights of the town, sets out goals for the current year, and is provided with the budget.

A highlight last year was the merger of the Aurora and Newmarket fire departments into the Central York Fire Services.

The town was awarded the Peter J. Marshall Award at the annual

convention of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the completion of the sanitary sewer lateral rehabilitation/replacement program.

For the second year the town participated in the Municipal Performance Measurement Program, which is a municipal report to the province on measures reflecting efficiency and effectiveness of core municipal service areas.

Completion of the Master Transportation Study for future traffic operational improvements to the municipal road system, the Urban Design Review of Streets in

the Heritage Area, and completion of a major section of the town's trail system in the Holland River Valley, made up part of the report.

Continued hosting of successful annual events, which encourage town-wide business and resident participation such as the Santa Claus Parade, July First Celebrations, First Night, Arctic Adventure, World's Longest Street Festival, Music in the Park and Civic Awards as well as numerous other programs and activities, were highlighted.

This year, a municipal election year, and its associated chal-

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New Zealand minor hockey teams play here

Minor hockey players from New Zealand will make a brief stop in Aurora April 6 as they head to a tournament in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The group is made up of "under 16" aged players and they will play two exhibition games at the Aurora Leisure Complex, Sunday, April 6, beginning at 6 p.m.

A total of 33 people will be here from New Zealand.

Sponsored by the Auroran, the games are free to anyone who wishes to attend.

Minor hockey players from Aurora and Newmarket will form the competition with an Aurora girls' team playing the first game.

Once their Canadian leg of the

tour is complete, the visitors will head to the states to participate in a world-wide "Friendship Tournament".

Links between this area and New Zealand are growing, following a visit late last year by a group of adult hockey players who spent time here and played several exhibition games.

The annual trip by the Canadian Moose hockey organization, led by Newmarket's Hockey Hall of Famer Mark Sadgrove, is now being arranged.

Filled with many players from the Aurora area, the men's and ladies' team will leave on an 18-day tour of New Zealand and Australia June 23.

Briefly

Dry land cruise

The captain and crew of this cruise ship promise no one will get seasick.

That's because they're keeping the ship on dry land.

The Love Boat sets sail from the Legion on Industrial Parkway North at 7 p.m. this Saturday evening with a Captain's Dinner. Twelve bucks gets you a ticket.

When the ship docks, you'll still be at the Legion.

Ahoy, matey.

Tiger Schedule

Tied at a game apiece in their series with the Georgetown Raiders, the Aurora Tigers Provincial Junior A hockey team continues the series in Aurora Thursday night, March 27 at 8 p.m.

The fourth game is slated for Georgetown Saturday, and the fifth will be played here Sunday night, at 7.30.

Sixth and seventh games, if necessary, are scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday in Georgetown, first, and Aurora at 8 p.m.

Read Mike McClymont's account of the first two games on page 10.

First rate Second City

The Second City National Touring Company makes you giggle just thinking about it. Second City alumni are among the funniest people in the country.

Aurorans will get a chance to meet some of these people when "The Ice Cream Man Cometh" - a Second City production - plays this Saturday only at the Howard Johnson.

A dinner and show are available beginning at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 8.30 p.m. Call 905-727-1312 for details.

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Coming Events In Aurora

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Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps offers camping, canoeing, target shooting, first aid, orienteering, in two, three and six week summer camps. Open to males and females 12 to 18. Call 905-726-8600 for further information.

The Skylight Gallery in the Aurora Town Hall features the watercolour, mixed media and silk painting of Deb Tucker. The gallery is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Guided tours of Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area, which includes a wagon ride. Call Nadine Partridge at 905-895-1281 extension 241 for further information.

MARCH 28

Dr. Joel Wallach, creator of "Dead Doctors Don't Lie", lectures at the Aurora Public Library, 7.30 to 10 p.m. You must call to reserve a seat, 905-727-2199. Question and answer period follows the lecture.

MARCH 28/29

The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Grace Parish annual church Rummage Sale from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday in Lynett Hall on Catherine Ave. Proceeds to be used for parish endeavours

MARCH 29

Fourth annual Loveboat at the Legion. Cocktails 6 p.m., Captain's Dinner at 7. Tickets are \$12 each.

Teachers In Recital, 7.30 p.m. Trinity Anglican Church, presented by the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association. Further information 905-727-5727.

MARCH 29/30

Maplefest at Sheppard's Bush. Aurora Lions Club cooking pancakes, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MARCH 30

Registration for Aurora Optimist Recreational Hockey 2003-2004 season at the Aurora Leisure Complex. 9-11 a.m. Boys and girls born in 1997 and 1998.

Visit Trinity Anglican Aurora at 7 p.m. to hear the 75-voice Tri-City Gospel Chorus as they present an evening of inspirational gospel music.

APRIL 2

Aurora Ladies Recreational Softball League registration night. Aurora Community Centre, 7-9 p.m. Further information 416-937-3037.

APRIL 5

Silent auction and family fun day, Light of Christ School, McClellan Way, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Help the Aurora/Newmarket and District Learning Disabilities Association by buying Krispy Kreme doughnuts and hanging flower baskets at the Aurora LCBO store. To place an order for Mother's Day on May 11th call 905-836-6542.

Daylight Saving Time starts. Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour. It's also a good time to check the battery in your smoke detector.

APRIL 5/6

Maplefest at Sheppard's Bush. Aurora Lions Club cooking pancakes 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

APRIL 6

International minor hockey. Aurora Leisure Complex. Aurora and Newmarket teams (aged 12-13) will play exhibition games against teams from New Zealand. 6-8 p.m. Admission is free.

APRIL 13

Second Annual Bob Hartwell Runner's Challenge Half Marathon, Half Marathon Relay and 5K Race.

APRIL 19

Easter Egg Hunt. Crafts between noon and 1 p.m., Easter Egg Hunt starts at 1 p.m., Leisure Complex baseball diamonds on the north end of the property. Cost \$3 per child. Call 905-727-7765 for further information.

APRIL 21

Aurora Writers' Group meeting, Holland Room,

Aurora Town Hall, 7.30 p.m. Anyone interested in writing - published or unpublished - is welcome.

APRIL 25-27

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce 2003 Aurora Home and Lifestyle Show featuring food and wine at the Aurora Community Centre.

APRIL 26

Get a team together for the Heart and Stroke Foundation Big Bike Ride for Stroke in Aurora. It's a fundraising event where teams of 29 get together to ride the 30-seater bike (a driver is provided) along Yonge Street. Call Rachel at 905-853-6355 for information.

MAY 1

York Region Transit open house at the Aurora Public Library from 6 to 9 p.m.

MAY 3

Fourteenth annual auction and casino, presented by Girls Incorporated of York Region (formerly Big Sisters). Auction at 7 p.m., casino at 8 p.m. at Tuscany Banquet Centre, Edward Street. Tickets \$50 each. Further information at 905-727-4897,

extension 305.

MAY 10/11

Go back in time 150 years when the first steam train, the Toronto, chugged its way from Toronto to what was then Machell's Corners making the little hamlet the Head of Rail. All kinds of activities around the station as an Aurora Historical Society committee is planning a celebration to mark the anniversary.

JUNE 1

More than 300 booths have been sold for the Eighth Annual Aurora Street Festival. If you plan to rent booth space, you should know the festival is already 60 per cent sold out. Activities will open to the public at 11 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Call the Chamber office at 905-727-7262 to book a booth.

AUGUST 22

Cardinal Carter Pioneer Class of 1993 Reunion. Pioneer students and faculty invited. For ticket information, call Joanna Jannetta 905-773-6717.



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Other GREAT HOMES



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Colin McCreesh, left, receives Rotary's Paul Harris Award from Past President Charlie Flynn, during a brief ceremony at an Aurora Rotary Club meeting recently. The award is the highest the club can present. Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Season playbill released by TA

Theatre Aurora has announced its playbill for the 2003/2004 theatre season, which includes two comedies, a musical and a part-science fiction and part mystery production.

The season starts with the comedy "The Housekeeper" by James Prideaux. The cast of two includes a strong male and female performer.

Manley needs to hire a housekeeper after the death of his mother. Anne appears and takes the job. The outcome is fairly obvious but the conflicting personalities make for snappy dialogue and a great comedic vehicle for the two performers.

The musical is "Anything Goes" with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The entire action takes place aboard the S.S. American with lots of singing and dancing with a cast of eight females, 10 males and a chorus.

The part sci-fi, part mystery, with a nifty twist at the end is "Communicating Doors" by Alan Ayckbourn with a cast of three males and three females.

In 2014, a prostitute arrives at a hotel suite to meet an old man who wants to confess his part in the murder of his two wives. As the prostitute tries to

escape this madness, she goes through the hotel suite's communicating door and finds herself meeting wife number two, who in turn goes through the next door and meets the first wife.

To close the season is Ken Ludwig's comedy/farce "Moon over Buffalo". A husband and wife are fading stars of a repertory theatre company in 1950's Buffalo who have lost their first chance at stardom.

An agent is smitten with the wife and the company's ingenue is pregnant by the husband. Add to the mix an almost deaf grandmother/costume mistress, a forgetful weatherman/fiance and a daughter and her ex-boyfriend and the plot thickens. Full of misunderstandings, misplaced affections and missing persons.

Performance dates have not yet been scheduled. For further information call the theatre at 905-727-3669.

Conversion agreement confuses tenants' rights

Back in 1997, the town entered into a condominium conversion agreement with Torresdale Construction regarding the proposed conversion of 200 residential rental row house dwelling units on Murray Drive across from the Aurora High School.

The agreement obligated the owner to undertake certain repairs and upgrades to the units and to provide existing tenants with an option to extend their tenancy for up to five years, as well as an option to purchase their units at a reasonable price, said to be in the \$140,000 range.

The agreement was approved by council in February, 2001, and the condominium registered. Following registration the owners decided not to market the units, rather maintain the units as rental.

In January this year, the owners requested a discharge of the conversion agreement from the title of the property with the possibility of a bulk sale to a third party.

Currently there are 27 tenants occupying units who were there at the time of the conversion who could still benefit from the agreement.

Staff recommended that in order to protect the rights of the 27 tenants, the town enter into a new replacement agreement and consent to release the agreement from title of the property as requested.

Members of council found the staff report confusing, as it recommended a new agreement to provide for a bulk sale

and at the same time provide protection to the 27 tenants who could exercise their rights to purchase their unit.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said that by approving the report they were in effect waiving the rights of the 27 tenants and that he couldn't agree with it. He said the 27 should be contacted and let them decide.

Councillor George Timpson took the opposite view. He said council was protecting the rights of the tenants by signing the agreement.

David Tang, acting town solicitor, said the bulk sale would not take away their rights and under the Tenant Protection Act they couldn't be evicted.

He said the current owner was under no obligation to sell to the tenants. He suggested an open council meeting was not the proper forum for debate.

After a private 15-minute meeting, councillors adopted a motion to defer the issue for three weeks to permit staff time to contact the 27 tenants.

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Poor Richard

Developers dictate new subdivisions

*Planning is the job of council,
But developers do most of it.
There is the fear of the OMB,
Making councillors have a fit.
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

Planning used to be so simple. Prior to the late 1950s in Aurora there were no large subdivisions.

Local builders were used to building new homes, usually one at a time.

At that time, Aurora was a town of primarily large single lots with a density of four or five homes to the acre.

The boundaries of the town were much smaller than the Aurora of 1971 when regional government increased the town's size to more than 12,000 acres.

Zoning bylaws and amendments to the bylaw and official plan are commonplace in Aurora today, but it wasn't always that way.

Over the years several councils considered a zoning bylaw and it was June, 1970, when the Ontario Municipal Board finally approved bylaw 1863.

One of the municipality's earliest zoning bylaws was adopted in 1969. It was later amended by two bylaws.

Due to possible confusion with the three bylaws, the OMB ruled that they be consolidated into one bylaw, which was 1863.

At that time the town did not have a planner on staff but had a planning board consisting of both citizen and council members.

The first major planning challenge to face council was in the late 1950s when Consolidated Building Corporation proposed a subdivision of about 700 homes in the south part of the municipality on land previously in King Township, known as Regency Acres.

The area had been annexed to the town to accommodate Sterling Drug, who moved to Aurora from Windsor with the official opening of the plant on June 3, 1959.

About the same time another developer approached the town with plans for a subdivision on the north fringe of the town, known as Aurora Heights. The population of the town almost doubled overnight.

Council made many errors in approving the plans of subdivisions due to lack of planning and engineering advice, especially in Regency Acres.

Houses were built too close to streams and were damaged due to creek bank erosion.

Sewer connections to the homes were very deep and in the case of semi-detached homes were Y shaped with one pipe leading off to the trunk sewer and branching off to serve both residential units, which created problems for homeowners and future councils.

Council of the day placed too much trust in the hands of developers, who promised this and that as being in the best interests of the municipality, but were really in the best interests of the developer.

With the formation of the region, a planning department was established.

As few of the area municipalities had planners on staff, the region's planning department created the Area Services Branch, which provided planners on a fee for service basis.

Later some of the area municipalities established their own planning departments.

Aurora was the last to do so and hired Sue Seibert, the last planner from the Area Services Branch, who is still with the town.

Council members took a more active role in negotiating the terms of subdivision agreements then than they do now.

Developers often objected to the demands of council and threatened to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

They very seldom did so, due to an interval of 12 to 18 months for a hearing to be scheduled, and they wanted to start building and selling the units.

It's much different today. Staff members carry out the negotiations and report to council, who normally rubber-stamp their recommendations.

In many cases, the developer sets the rules to which council abides, fearing a costly OMB hearing.

The planning of a community should not be left in the hands of the developers, lawyers and planners.

Elected representatives have the right to make changes for the good of the community and should do so. Planning is council's job, without fear of the OMB.



Welcome to the Aurora Minor Ball Association's 1965 edition of the Mosquito/Peewee baseball team, which was sponsored by the Aurora Police Association. We know most of the people shown here, but there are a couple of question marks. Top row, left to right, Dwayne Lougheed (his daughter Debbie Drodge supplied the picture); Charlie McIntaggart and Don Lewis, all from the police department. Middle row, left to right, Craig Coulter, David Dalglish, Dale Lewis, Steve Caruso, Kevin Andrews, ?, and Mike Caruso. Front row, left to right, Wayne Smith, Scotty Coulter, Marc Blouin, Rick Blouin, Billy Dewan, ?, and Bruce Johnstone.

Letters to the editor

Not all rain barrels are created equal

To the editor,

In response to the March 11 letter to the editor from Wendy Gaertner re: "Rain barrels are breeding grounds for mosquitoes".

While I would agree with Ms. Gaertner that some rain barrels are breeding grounds for mosquitoes, not all rain barrels are created equal.

The rain barrels to which Ms. Gaertner is referring to would be the old-fashioned, open-topped barrels.

Not only are these a potential and likely place for mosquitoes to breed, they are also a hazard for small children and small creatures who can climb in and drown in the water.

There are, however, new and improved rain barrels on the market that have taken these factors into consideration.

I personally have devised a rain barrel with a lid that is locked in place by the handles so it cannot be knocked off.

The rain barrel attaches directly to the downspout on the house.

The downspout is fitted snugly into the lid, therefore there is no open top for mosquitoes to be attracted to, or for children or animals to climb into.

This rain barrel has a threaded spigot so a hose can be attached to the rain barrel, or it can be easily used by a watering can.

The rain barrel also has an over-flow pipe, so excess water can be directed where needed.

"One thousand square feet of roof will collect 600 gallons of water for every inch of rain that falls" according to This Old House magazine July/Aug

2002.

The last three summers in Toronto have been record-breaking years of drought with each year breaking the previous year's record.

Combine that with the ever-increasing population in York Region and it becomes obvious that we cannot afford to waste any water.

Aurora often has the need, and rightly so, to restrict our water uses each summer.

With a rain barrel, you can bypass the restrictions and water your garden as needed.

Combine a rain barrel with perennial and native plantings and your garden can be a paradise this summer!

If you would like more information about my rain barrel design, which I will custom install to fit your specific location, you can contact me

directly at (905) 726-3096.

**Carolyn Grandin
Aurora**

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To the editor,

Reference the letter from Wendy Gaertner, Auroran, March 11.

Modern rain barrels are completely enclosed and are not a breeding

ground for mosquitoes, so you don't have to worry on that score.

The only opening in the lid contains a filter basket and this is where the downspout empties into.

We have eight barrels and have had no problem, only a lot of grateful vegetables and flowers.

**Margaret Shearman
Aurora**

Modern barrels safe, this reader maintains



A few more facts about where we live

Part of the job of being mayor is reading reports that are produced to support recommendations, to advance positions and to inform in general.

Recently I reviewed a report published by York Region entitled "York Region Health Status Report 2002 - A Measure of Health".

This report was prepared under the direction of Dr. Helena Jaczek, Commissioner of Health Services and Medical Officer of Health for the Region.

You can view the report in its entirety on the Regional web site at www.region.york.on.ca

Here are only a few of the many interesting statistics that are highlighted in this report - figures are based on 2001 unless otherwise indicated:

" The population of York Region has grown 27 per cent or 168,936 people from 1996 to 2001

" Between 1996 and 2001, Vaughan grew by 44 per cent, and Richmond Hill grew by 32.9 per cent. Aurora grew by 18 per cent, or approximately 3.6 per cent per year.

" York Region is the fastest growing in the province, and the population includes a higher than average proportion of immigrants to Canada compared with other parts of the province. (Nearly 40 per cent of the population immigrated to Canada - Ontario's average is 26.8 per cent). Aurora has an 18.1 per cent immigrant population.

" The average household income in Aurora is between \$79,339 - \$93,007.

" In 1995, 15,600 residents were on social assistance in York Region. In 2001, 9,000 residents received assistance.

" In York Region, 5,000 households are on the waiting list for social housing.

" York Region owns and manages 1,695 housing units and administers 6,131 affordable housing units.

" Major causes of death in York Region are from heart attacks and strokes followed by cancer, respiratory diseases, injuries and poisonings, and endocrine diseases.

" Deaths by age group indicate injuries for those 1-34 years, cancer for 35-69 years and cardiovascular for 70 years and up.

" York Region has developed a contingency plan with the municipalities to address the West Nile virus. No birds found in Aurora have proven positive to date. Any dead crows should be reported to the York Region Health Department or the Town.

" In 2001, there were no confirmed reports of illness related to the ingestion of water from York Region drinking water systems

" York Region adult (ages 20 and over) in patient hospitalization rates from all causes were the lowest in the Province (1997-2001)

" York Region residents have the longest life expectancy in the Province (81.8 years)

" York Region's average household income is higher than the average for the GTA.

" In 2000/2001, 23 per cent of York Region's surveyed population 12 years of age and older reported being current smokers

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

Ken remembers car dealers here

To the editor,

Over the years Aurora has seen many automobile dealers come and go.

I thought it might be a memory jogger to some of your readers to see a few of them as I remember them.

Most of the dealers who sold Ford products were located on the west side of Yonge Street, north of Aurora Heights Drive.

The General Motors dealers were located around Yonge Street and Dunning

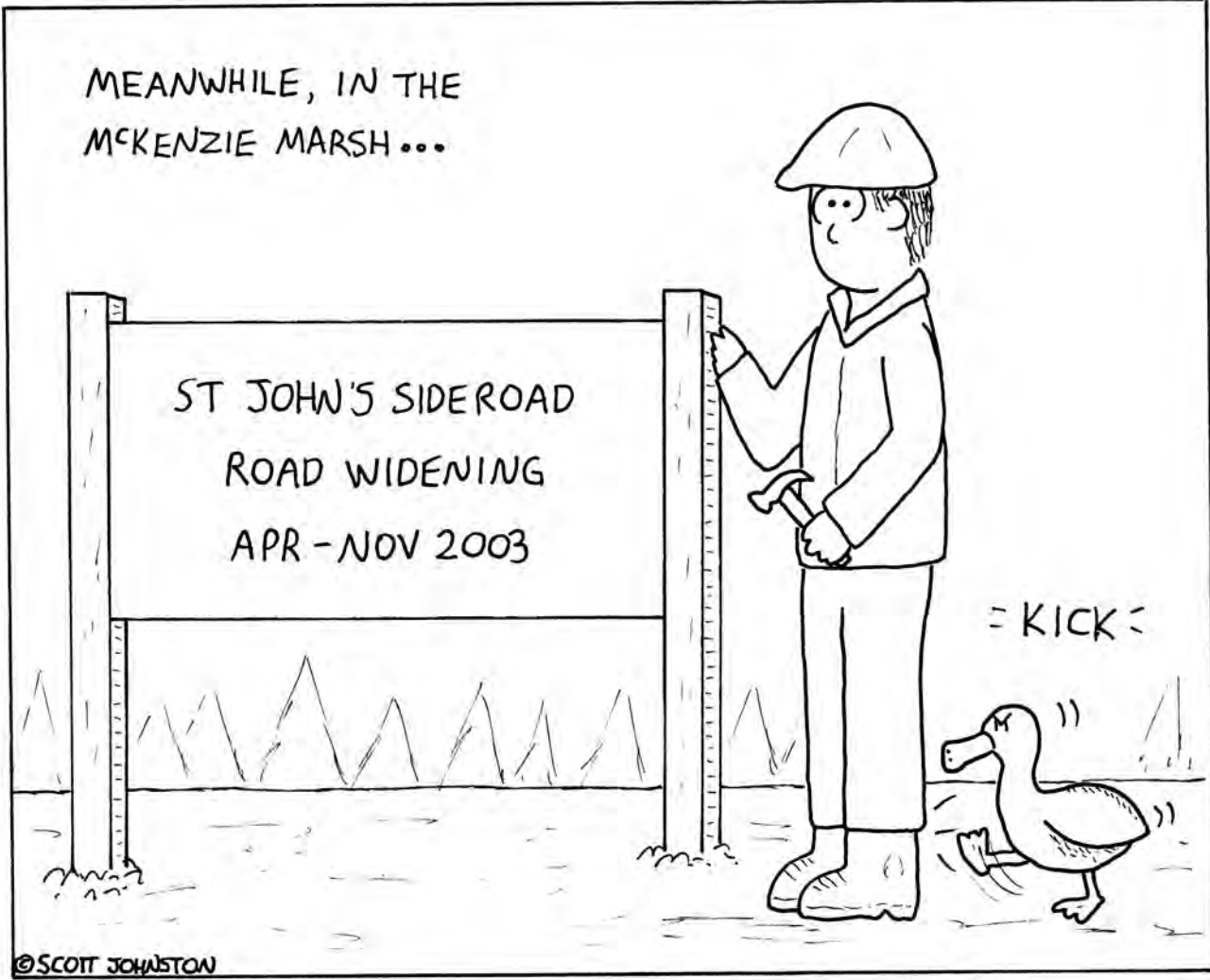
Avenue or farther south.

Chrysler, Vanguard and International were also to the south.

Here are a few of them: McLean's of Aurora, B.D. Gilbert, M.S. MacPherson, Delahay Motors, Stout Motors, Aurora Chrysler, North Yonge Ford, J.E. Tulloch Ltd., Lorimer Motor Sales, Williams Motor Sales, Lawton Brothers Used Cars, and Joyce Motors.

**Ken Elmer
Aurora**

Machell's Corners



Letters to the editor

Recalling Aurora visit to Leksand, Sweden

To the editor,

I went to Sweden once. St. Andrew's College band was going during the March break, for three weeks, on an exchange visit to Leksand, our twin in Sweden.

Norm Stewart, a town councillor and the dietician at St. Andrew's was making the travel arrangements and there was a need for a few warm bodies to make up the count for a group deal.

We had quite a few exchange visits going on and friendships had been formed.

The program was organized by teachers and it was extensive.

We were in Leksand and Stockholm for a week and Copenhagen on one overnight stay.

We learned, first, it was a long trip including a change of airport in New York and Stockholm and a four hour bus trip to Leksand.

We arrived at a school that looked more like a mansion. There was a hot meal ready for us, cooked and served by students, in a small dining room. There were flowers and tablemats woven by students...English was spoken.

In another huge bright room in the building, teenage boys and girls were designing and sewing clothes. There was drafting equipment and huge cutting tables; every tool needed for the task at hand. Another room held weaving looms-full size-several of them.

Another school we were in had a cafeteria, serving hot and healthful meals cooked on the premises.

If the kids had to pay anything it was a token amount. They had a fantastic swimming pool in that school. We

were there to be picked up by the bus for another excursion.

One day, I sat on the bus with the teacher who had organized the entire program. He taught music. He told me teachers had recently taken a cut in pay.

The economy was in a slowdown...government revenues were down. The teachers thought nothing of the reduction. They considered themselves privileged to be teachers.

We had a visit to a private home of a teacher whose wife was a dentist. She told me people had to make a choice; they could have a fine home with nice furnishings or they could travel to other countries for vacations. They could not do both.

We went to visit the places where seniors lived. They were pretty little row house units ...where they could enjoy privacy and independence and there was a central place to get together for company, meals and entertainment. We have nothing like it in Ontario.

One Saturday we spent in the Leksand courthouse. We learned how farms were passed on from one generation to another.

The farm would be split up amongst the various inheritors. That's why they were such small units with the farm building occupying almost all the space and all painted the same terra cotta colour. It was tradition.

But most interesting...the thing that made the greatest impression ...was how the Swedes choose their judges.

At the time of graduation, a law student chooses which branch of law she wants to practice. Being a judge is a branch of the law. Imagine such a thing...but

wait...there's more.

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In Sweden, the judge on the bench occupies a position in the centre of a panel of citizens.

She brings her knowledge to bear on the decision to be made and her peers...her fellow citizens each contribute their input on the basis of their individual life experience. It would be interesting to know what percentage of the population is in jail in Sweden.

It is twenty-odd years since I made this trip. Every day was filled with new experiences and I am writing this from memory. A person with any sense would have kept a journal. I never even thought about it.

There was another teacher we met who was in the process of writing a history and creating a museum of artifacts of people who had emigrated from Sweden throughout history.

Geographically Sweden is a small country.

The population in years gone by was literally too large to feed. People had to leave because there was not enough food.

The farewell was a ritual. Family and friends would gather, a wreath would be placed around the neck of the person leaving, a wooden box painted with folk art and symbols would carry their possessions and the things they needed for their

new life, and they would not be expected ever to see their families again.

Margaret was in the process of going everywhere that Swedes had gone to collect the things that were still available and telling the stories of those who had left.

One evening we had a meal in a cabin...I don't remember the name...it was a family dwelling several hundred years old. The meal was explained to us, the ingredients and such, and it was totally familiar to me. It was the food that nourished me in my Scottish childhood.

Just before we arrived, stringent new laws were introduced to deal with drunk driving. Immediate confiscation of the car was one penalty...but the thing I remember most was the complete support there was for the government action. Public disgrace was also a factor.

We saw parks designed as facilities for extended walking and cycling trips, with little shelters built for a traveller to crawl into a sleeping bag under a roof. Skiing facilities were publicly owned and if not free certainly within the reach of everyone.

At that time, more than half a person's income went to the government to pay for all these services, excellent opportunities for young people to reach their full potential, seniors treated with ungrudging respect and generosity. Justice could not be more even-handed; recreation facilities for everyone; and it seemed it all came about from a serious-minded and conscientious society.

**Evelyn Buck
Aurora**

Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to the member groups of the Community Public Awareness Committee for reactivating the Cothesline Project for the recent Women's Day, which provided an opportunity for women to depict personal experience of violence and to celebrate their transformation from victim to survivor.

BOUQUETS to the 16 swimmers from the Aurora Swim Club for putting on such a great performance and picking up a total of 52 medals at the recent Port Hope invitational.

BRICKBATS to the hockey players who hi-jack the outdoor ice surfaces at the Town, Machell and Confederation Parks for a pick up game of hockey and force pleasure skaters off the rink.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Intermediate AA Tax Save Panthers on winning the Gold Medal at the recent Silver Stick tournament held in Aurora. A total of 12 intermediate teams from all over Ontario competed. This is the third tournament win for the team this year.

BOUQUETS to Michael McClymont of Aurora High School for his excellent letter to the Auroran giving a testimonial for the benefits of the co-op educational system. It's the best hands-on training program in the schools today and more businesses and students should get involved.

BRICKBATS to the Ontario Tory government for launching a series of so-called public service advertisements at taxpayers' expense patting themselves on the back to create the image they care about public health care and education in Ontario, when the ads are really campaign ads for the coming election. The Tories should remember a pat on the back is just six inches above a kick in the fanny!

BOUQUETS to Aurora-based PermaGLO Lighting, for developing the Wayfinder illuminated address number, which comes on with a soft amber glow automatically from dusk to dawn with an emergency mode in which the illuminated number flashes red.

BOUQUETS to Alison Gittens of Aurora who played on the Bronze winning Ontario Wheelchair Basketball Team at the Canada Winter Games in New Brunswick. The Grade 12 Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School student was then off to Birmingham, Alabama, where Team Ontario posted a 2-2 record to finish seventh among 16 entries.

BRICKBATS to those at the Aurora Town Hall who authorized the hiring of a professional trapper to trap a beaver under the ice of the East Holland River south of Wellington Street and when did council authorize it?

BOUQUETS to 13-year-old Jordyn Harrison, Andy MacPherson and Ben Kestein on being presented with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and joining other Aurorans, who also received the Medal. Jordyn received his for his project "Kids for Kids, Andy is president of the Aurora Agricultural Society and Ben for his work in saving the environment.

BRICKBATS to those at the region or whoever was responsible for putting the red brick inserts across the pedestrian lanes at Wellington Street East and John West Way. They look good but several of the bricks are already broken or caved in. Shades of the brickwork around the Town Hall that had to be replaced.

Letters to the editor



Students are keen to visit the new Lester B. Pearson public school website after it was built by Collett Designs. Ready to go on line are, left to right, Rebecca Lalonde, Mohamed Saddy, Joshua Smith, Dahlia Catt, Kevin Green, Jordan Collett, Aly Usher, and Mandy Ince. See the letter below. Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

Collett designs new site for Lester B. Pearson PS

To the editor,

On behalf of the Building Futures Committee of Lester B. Pearson Public School, I would like to thank Greg Collett of Collett Designs for his generous support in redesigning the school's web site.

The school's existing web

site required an overhaul due to the changing needs of the school community.

In order to be more effective for our French Immersion students and parents, the school wanted to include online resource tools such as an English/French dictionary, monthly events calendar,

teacher web pages, educational links as well as additional information about the school's curriculum and its Code of Behaviour policy.

Greg Collett was happy to help us. His web site development team met with us, listened to what we wanted to include and came back with a new site that exceeded our expectations.

He even volunteered his assistance with a computer club in the school.

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ners have valuable resources that enrich the daily learning environment for our students.

Thanks to Collett Design's volunteer efforts, our new web site was launched on March 21st. Come see why we are so proud and visit our school web site at www.lesterbpearson.com.

Thanks Greg.

Karen Warner
Parent Volunteer
Aurora

Just start thinking and stop spraying

To the editor,

Over the past few years I have come to admire the homeowner who is not ashamed to exhibit dandelions on his lawn!

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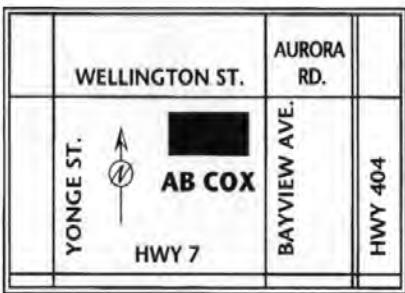
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Swim Meet

Ready to compete, Mary Haberer of Aurora, is all smiles prior to her participation in the Ontario Special Olympics swim meet held Saturday at St. Andrew's College. She had another reason to celebrate; the event was held on her birthday. At right, Mary waits for the starting whistle in the 25-metre backstroke competition. Teams came from as far away as Midland, Barrie and Orillia. Auroran photos by Ron Wallace



Minor changes needed for planned hair salon near Aurora library

A 6,442 square foot three-unit, two-storey building will be constructed on the former Petro Canada gasoline station site at the corner of Yonge and George Streets, across from the new library. Primarily, the building will be used for a hair salon and spa. At a public meeting held last June, no member of the public either supported or opposed the proposal. Both the building and public works departments had some concerns with the proposed parking configuration and as the site was located in the historic core community, special consideration to the height and the façade of the proposed building was required. Last week, staff members said the issues had been addressed. With respect to building placement, they said it would be desirable if the building was closer to the street to be consistent with other buildings, but

the placement was dictated by the floodplain, which covers the front portion of the property. Meanwhile, LACAC and the town's urban design consultant were asked to comment on the proposal. LACAC approved the proposed building but the consultant had several comments regarding roof form, window treatment, decorative brick and other enhancements. LACAC later amended its position to include some decorative brick. Staff pointed out that if council was satisfied with the plans as approved by LACAC, no changes would be required to the

proposed building's elevations, but if council preferred the suggestions made by the design consultant, revised plans would be required. Representing the developer, planner Robert Johnston told committee members his client supported the LACAC recommendation and was willing to accept the window treatment as suggested by the design consultant, with details to be worked out in the site plan agreement. Committee members concurred and directed staff to prepare the enacting bylaw for presentation at a future council meeting.

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Restoration program

A disappointing year for Trumpeter Swans

Aurora resident Harry Lumsden, a former official with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, is still working to preserve the Trumpeter Swan population in Ontario. His Trumpeter Swan restoration program has been operating for 21 years. The objective is to restore the species to its former range in Ontario. Lumsden says when the production of wild Trumpeters reaching breeding age of three to four years exceeds annual mortality, the population will be self-sustaining. To achieve this goal the rate of annual mortality must be reduced. Lumsden says there is a disturbing increase in the number of swans that have been shot. He can provide examples of where swans have been shot and left on the riverbank. There were 23 breeding pairs in the hands of dedicated cooperators in 2002. It was disappointing that six of these pairs did not nest. One of the reasons might be that they were moved to a strange pond in 2001. In another case, a female laid one egg but was killed by a coyote. The restoration program lost six breeders during the year, four females and two males, so that 2003 started with fewer captive breeders than in the past. In 2002, 16 pairs incubated 98 eggs from

which 71 or 72 per cent hatched and 46 or 65 per cent survived to September 1. The hatch at 72 per cent was well above the five-year average of 65 per cent. Lumsden says that the poor survival of cygnets made 2002 a disappointing year. In 2001, 10 of 14, or 71 per cent, broods contained five or six cygnets but in 2002 only 50 per cent were as large. Lumsden also reports on the losses of wild

Trumpeter swans. In 2001 it was estimated there were 366 swans. Since September 2, 2001, 31 marked swans disappeared, five died accidental deaths, five were lead poisoned, two were found dead, and one was shot and injured and taken into captivity. If you are interested in helping Lumsden in his campaign to save the Trumpeter Swan he can be contacted at 905-727-6492.

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Just a few of the people who took part in the official opening of the Oriental Diner in Aurora are pictured here. Diner is located on Wellington Street West at the corner of Haida. Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

Some historic notes on sweet-smelling horticultural society

Members of the Aurora Horticultural Society members are hard-working volunteers, who help to keep Aurora streetscapes beautiful, but who are not always recognized for their efforts.

The society was established April 16, 1918, with the objective of beautifying the town through public plantings and educating new members and the public about gardening and its positive effects on the environment.

Members learn from first-hand experience of guest speakers on a variety of topics including planting and pruning techniques, perennials, herbs and wildflowers, organic gardening, composting and cutting, preserving and arranging flowers.

Public planting projects include the Family Leisure Complex, Library, York Region Board of Education and planters on Yonge and Wellington Streets. Other projects include planting gardens at Hillary House and decorating Hillary House and the Museum for Christmas.

One of the featured events every year is their annual banquet and presentation of awards. There was always a guest speaker who brought a message about what was happening in the world of horticulture.

In 1966 a dinner was held at St. Andrews Presbyterian hall and the guest speaker was Dr. Raymond Ives, president of the Ontario Horticultural Society.

Leslie Laking, superintendent of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, was the guest speaker in October, 1968, at the First Baptist Church. Tables were decorated with snapdragons and roses. Mrs. Gordon Duckworth won the Eaton trophy for the highest number of points in shows during the year.

In 1969 council approved a committee proposal that the Horticultural Society be asked to supply flowers for the Yonge Street planter boxes, as they had done in 1963 during Aurora's Centennial Year. The Aurora Chamber of Commerce cost-shared the planter boxes with the town.

During 1970 budget preparations, council invited the Society to increase their request for grant money. Council said that as the Society had worked so hard to improve the streetscape of Yonge Street the annual grant of \$200 should be increased.

At the annual banquet held in October, 1970, it was announced that a Junior Society had been organized with 10 members. The town agreed to provide a trophy for junior competition.

In February, 1972, town beautification was the topic for discussion of the Society. One area under consideration was the development of a small parkette on the Billings Well property on Yonge Street and another in

the north part of the town.

It was also proposed that the Society add a floral decoration to the historical plaque at the railway station in honour of the arrival of the first steam train in 1853, and add hanging baskets on Yonge Street as well as the planter boxes.

During the 1970s and 80s the Society continued with their various flower, hobby and demonstration shows and the annual banquet and awards presentation with a guest speaker.

All things were bright and beautiful at Our Lady of Grace Church in October, 1989, as the Society celebrated its first Flower Festival. The altar, pews and entrance of the church were ablaze with colour. The festival theme was from the hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful".

The Aurora Geranium was adopted as the society's logo in 1991. Grown in Costa Rica and Mexico, the plants are available from various local nurseries.

In 1992, the name was changed to the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society and membership increased to 181 adults and 25 active juniors ranging in age from 6 to 12 years.

While the faces change over the years the green thumb remains.

Cobblestones gets another public meet

Cobblestones Lodge will undergo yet another public hearing.

On Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Holland Room of the Town Hall an informal public meeting will be held in which staff and the owner will answer questions and listen to concerns expressed.

Last June, council received an application from the new owner of Cobblestone Lodge, located at Kennedy and Yonge Streets, seeking an exception zone to the bylaw to permit a boarding or rooming house, or group home in the building.

The previous use of the building was a retirement residence, which existed as a legal, non-conforming basis, as the property was officially zoned as an apartment site.

At that planning meeting staff and the public expressed concern about the term "boarding house" as it appeared too open-ended.

Staff was directed to work with the applicant in an attempt to resolve the issues raised and to provide a clear definition of proposed uses to present to a future public meeting.

Because council failed to reach a decision within 90 days as required by the Planning Act, the applicant appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board in September.

The OMB pre-hearing conference was held two weeks ago.

Several citizens attended and requested participant status. As part of the process the applicant provided the town and the public with a draft zoning bylaw setting out the additional uses for the property.

These included continued use as a retirement home, respite care, assisted living and special needs such as providing room and board for persons with mental illness, schizophrenia or persons who were developmentally delayed.

The OMB hearing officer said the applicant and the town should try to settle or narrow the issues.

He also said council should take a position on the issue as soon as possible and the applicant should provide residents with as much information as possible about the opera-

tion.

In order to provide the public with further information the informal public meeting April 7 has been arranged with a report expected to go

to council by May 13.

The OMB hearing is set for May 26, 27 and 28.

Committee members endorsed the meeting schedule as presented.

Wellington proposal gets green light

The David Doan dilemma has been resolved.

Last November an application was received to rezone two properties on Wellington Street East and one property on Centre Street to build a four-storey, 36-unit residential condominium integrated with the historic home of David W. Doan, a prominent Aurora businessman and postmaster, built in 1864.

The house is listed in the Town of Aurora Heritage Properties and the Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings and has been identified as being worthy of recognition.

At a December public planning meeting council gave draft approval to the application even though it was not in conformity with town policy and without receiving comments from Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC).

Council agreed that the implementing bylaw should be given first and second reading and that the third and final reading

be given in conjunction with the approval of the site plan.

At a January council meeting a strongly worded resolution was received from LACAC expressing concern about the massing and scale of the proposed development, front yard parking and the lack of designation as an historic site.

Following discussions with LACAC the applicant agreed to designate the home under the Ontario Heritage Act after the construction of the new building.

As the mature cedar hedge on Centre Street cannot be saved due to site design and as the remaining trees will be difficult to save, the applicant has agreed to plant trees along the appropriate areas of Centre Street, as compensation for the loss of the hedge and trees.

Committee members directed staff to schedule the enactment of the implementing bylaw at a future council meeting.

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Aurora bus service an oxymoron?

The Region of York can claim increased percentage ridership on the new regional bus system in Aurora, but two times nothing is still nothing.

Buses - both of them - still ply the streets, carrying one or two people, on what some consider is the best tour of Aurora money can buy.

Some call Aurora's bus service an oxymoron.

Driving sporadically through the subdivisions, bus drivers must certainly have one of the loneliest jobs in town.

Before the region took over the system, Aurora operated its own service and lost money doing so.

Preparing the annual transit budget was always a challenge for members of council, as Aurora Transit struggled to survive in competition with the personal motor vehicle.

Now that York Region has assumed responsibility of public transit, local councillors don't have to make tough decisions about providing a transit service that had to be heavily subsidized.

In 1963, Shirley White started a bus line in Aurora which soon became an important part of the local scene, especially for homeowners in the newly built south and north part of the town.

By 1967, Ronald Farquharson was operating the Aurora Bus Service covering three routes, Aurora Heights, Regency Acres and Yonge East with fares

costing 15 cents for each route.

In October, 1968, after a lean summer and operating the one-vehicle service, it collapsed when town council declined his suggestion the service be subsidized.

After a 10-day retirement, Farquharson put his bus back on the road again with a new schedule, which took him through Aurora every half-hour.

Until August, 1970, the Aurora Bus Lines operated under an informal agreement with the town but did not have an official franchise.

Farquharson made application to council to formalize his arrangement with the town.

With the coming of regional government the application was to protect the business he had built up over the past three years, and was not for the purpose of seeking a subsidy, he said. At that time Farquharson had four buses and he employed four people.

No action was taken on his request until April, 1971, due to the creation of regional government. After a further meeting with Farquharson, it was agreed a draft bylaw would be prepared.

The agreement was that the town would operate the service in accordance with the Municipal Act and contract the actual operation to Farquharson.

A new five-year agreement was signed in March, 1972, in which the town took over the service and paid



York Regional Transit's Aurora North bus awaits riders at central bus stop across from the old library on Victoria Street. Ridership has increased, according to YRT officials, but many buses still ply the streets without passengers. YRT plans an Aurora open house soon to outline its future.

Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

Farquharson 65 cents a mile to operate it.

The town retained all fares collected, and split any deficit 50/50 with the provincial government. The agreement became effective July 1, 1972.

During its first six months of operation, the service lost more than \$15,000 causing council to review

its operation, and agreement was reached to change from a 15-minute to a 30-minute service due to low usage.

In August, 1973, council adopted a new bus schedule to assist in reducing the operating annual deficit of approximately \$35,000 shared between the municipality and the province.

The new schedule was expected to reduce the deficit to \$20,000.

Neither Farquharson nor many of the regular bus riders liked the new schedule, which changed the former 20-minute round trip to 45 minutes, causing many passengers to make other travel arrangements.

It wasn't long before complaints reached council members and in November, 1973, a petition with more than 300 names was delivered to council.

Aurora was threatened

with its first bus strike in July, 1974, when the company's three drivers asked for a pay increase from \$3.25 to \$3.60 per hour, with Farquharson agreeing to their demands.

He attempted to re-negotiate his agreement with the town from 65 cents a mile to \$12 per hour due to higher operating costs. Council agreed to increase the 65 cents a mile to 70 cents.

In June, 1975, Travelways, operators of municipal, school and charter bus services throughout southern Ontario purchased Aurora Bus Lines from Farquharson.

In 1977, a new contract was signed with Travelways, including new routes, a fare increase, exact bus fares and an experimental Saturday night run to be effective September 13d that year.

Council agreed to purchase a new bus, which would be operated by Travelways, because there was a provincial grant for capital expenditures.

Only one tender was received - \$62,920 - of which the town's share was \$16,000, about \$3,000 more than estimated.

The bus scene was stable during the next few years until 1982 when route changes were considered to accommodate workers in Aurora's industrial park and an increase in bus fares was proposed to 50 cents from 40 cents.

Ridership on the local service was still a problem.

In 1983, it cost \$130,877 to operate the service and total revenue was only

\$29,102.

A provincial grant of \$36,701 helped ease the blow, but taxpayers had to contribute \$65,803. The net loss in 1984 was more than \$50,000 causing council to request a study as to the viability of the system.

Based on the results of the study, council inaugurated a new service in 1986 for a trial period and citizens were advised to use it or lose it.

Aurora transit suffered an operating loss of \$91,641 in 1986 with total expenses of \$159,917, revenue from fares of \$28,275 and a \$40,000 provincial subsidy.

It was a losing battle and despite ridership surveys and route and schedule changes most Aurora residents were wedded to their cars.

Council was caught between a rock and a hard place as seniors, students and a few regulars depended on the system.

In 1997, the average week-day number of passenger trips was 209, more than half of which were students.

In 1998, the average daily passenger trips dropped to 181 or a net cost per passenger trip of \$4.05, with a cash fare of \$1.60. Consideration was given to switching to a dial-a-bus system.

Later, Aurora Transit merged with Newmarket Transit, and now it is the responsibility of York Region Transit, and Aurora council members are thankful.

The Region now deals with the loneliest person in town...an Aurora bus driver.

Aurora's annual report shows good times ahead

Challenges include continued implementation of the new Municipal Act, introduction of new election technology, proceeding with the redevelopment of the Library Square and providing accommodation for Aurora's seniors.

The year will also see the completion of renovations to the Church Street School including reallocation of space within the facility, the

completion of the Cultural and Recreation Master Plan Review and the completion of the five-year review of the official plan.

Other initiatives include the development of a traffic calming policy, an updated environmental spill response and storm outfall monitoring project and an identification of a proactive preventive maintenance program targeted to reduce

ongoing street lighting repairs and the repair or replacement of underground infrastructure.

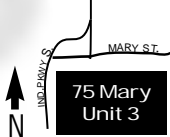
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House League

Exhibition Games
Atom
AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 5 (Kyle Blaser 1G,3A Ryan Peddигrew 2A Julian Biasoni 1G Reza Akbar 1G,1A) STUBBS INVESTMENTS INC. 3 (Daniel Crowther 2G Colin Bennett 1G Caleb Gould 1G Matthew Raponi 1A Scott Parry 1A)

DIAL TONE COMMUNICATIONS 6 (Kyle Landry 3G Christopher Blumreisinger 1G Adam Gitto 2G Rhys Williams 1A Andrew O'Hara 1A Brett Weeks 1A) ORR & FORSTER INSURANCE BROKERS 4 (Marco Santella 3G Gianni Episcopo 1G Peter Carleton 2A)

Playoff Games
Novice
TIM HORTON'S/timbíts 201 5 (Cooper Riswick 4G Brendan Kirasack 1G Andrew Luck 2A Cody Cassells 2A Evan Jones 1A Kurtis Lidner 1A Vincent Duggan 1A) TIM HORTON'S/timbíts 207 4 (William Tang 1G Jonathan White 2G Ryan DalCin 1G Taylor Butler 1A Jack Straw 2A Michael David 1A)

TIM HORTON'S/timbíts 205 3 (Dan Delbello 1G Ryan Peace 1G David Peddигrew 1G Shane Laverty 1A Joshua Klinowski 1A Kevin Lukezic 1A Dan Moriarity 1A Connor Peace 1A) DBSA CONSULTING INC. 202 2 (Nicholas Heintzman 2G)

TIM HORTON'S/timbíts 208 6 (Graeme Ralph 1G,1A Nick Reinholdt 1G,1A Nicholas Theodoropolous 2G Andrew Martin 1G,1A Zachary Pyle 1G 1A Jordan Cattapan 1A) TIM HORTON'S/timbíts 204 2 (Lukas Leslie 1G Martin Wood 1G Matthew MacEachern 1A Andrew Seguin 2A)

TIM HORTON'S/timbíts 203 5 (Andrew Papousek 3G,1A Kyle Coughlin 1G,1A Jesse Van Rooyen 1G,1A MadisonSchaefer 1A) TIM HORTON'S/timbíts 206 4 (Matt Noseworthy 1G Drew Marshall 1G Braedon MacKenzie 2G Matthew Stewart 2A)

Minor Atom
MARY'S FLOWER SHOP 3 (Michael Vance 3G Brett De Fields 1A Ben McConnell 1A) REC CYCLE N' SPORTS 2 (Sean Maule 1G Jordan Gerace 1G,1A Christian Avolio 1A)

INTER-WORLD PAPER 1 (Daniel Whitley 1G Chase Riddell 1A Robert Ziedenberг 1A) REC CYCLE N' SPORTS 1 (Jordan Gerace 1G Rosario Arcuri 1A Lucas Hargrave 1A)

MANHATTAN TROPHIES 3 (Micheal Takahashi 1G Joshua Frey 1G Branden Bortolin 1G Micheal Wood 1A Troy Gouevia 1A) DOMINION 2 (Logan weber 1G Cutis Stobo 1G Gregory Lacroix 1A Peter Collins 1A)

THE BACKYARD POOL & SPA COMPANY 5 (Dylan Jolivet 1G Brandan Strachan 2G,1A Jaret Meron 1G Wesley Semirana 1G Spencer Plamer 1A Aaron Nusbaum 1A Brett Richardson 1A) MARY'S FLOWER SHOP 3 (Micheal Vance 2G Mark Tanel 1G)

OLBERT METALS 7 (Brent Lockhart 3G Luca Battisiton 2G,2A Zac Armstrong 1G,1A Alex Dunn1G,1A) LANG-DON'S COACH LINES 2 (Austin Haines 1G Ryan Laird 1G Tyler La mantia 1A Matthew Mahon 1A)

DELPH & JENKINS LEVELERS 8 (Scott Kimmerer 1G,2A Jarred Reid 4G,1A Andrew Bolton 2G Klye Rojas 1G Geoffrey Ash 1A Cutis Johnston 1A) TRIO RESTAURANT 5 (Griffin Slimkowich 1G James Phillips 2G Chris Venditelli 2G Quin Tessarolo 3A Ryan Hastie1A Scott Tonello 2A Andrew Smitten1A)

Atom
AURORA CABLE INTERNET 5 (Sheldon Rivard 1G Colin Munn 3G,1A Nicholas Orsatti 1G Paul Duggan 1A Adam Colacitti 1A Brendan Beatty 2A) NORTH YORK PLUMBING & HEATING 4 (Shawn Clark 1G Neil Gaston 1G Scott Ashbourne 1G,1A Max Jasniewski 1G Justin Killens 1A Zach Langford 1A Johnny Marazita 1A)

AURORA CABLE INTERNET 3 (Aaron Bentley 1G Colin Munn 1G Paul Duggan 1A Brendan Beatty 1A) ORR & FORSTER INSURANCE BROKERS 2 (Dexter Speller-Drews 1G Graham Cormack 1G Marco Santella 1A)

AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 4 (Christopher McGill 2G Ryan Peddигrew 1G Scott Cunningham 1G Johnathan Siery 2A) NORTH YORK PLUMBING & HEATING 0

NORTH YORK PLUMBING & HEATING 6 (Shawn Clark 1G Max Jasniewski 1G,1A Neil Gaston 4G,1A Justin Killens 1A Evan Jones 1A Mike Moody 1A) ORR & FORSTER INSURANCE BROKERS 0

Peewee
AURORA CABLE INTERNET 10 (Mike Sanita 5G Fraser Kegel 2G,2A Patrick McMurray 3G Alex Hosko 1A Adam Brutto 1A Connor Ryeland 3A David Crisp 1A) CHEVALIER CHRYSLER 2 (Scott Gray 1G Daniel Cress 1G Tyler Flanagan 1A Daniel Puopolo 1A)

ATLAS SPECIALTY STEELS 6 (D. Hilchuk 1G C. Porter 1G J. Smith 2G,2A D. Brennan 1G S. Logue 1G,1A J. Streigler 1A) JUNIOR TIGERS 3 (Mike Roberts 2G Alistair Bogart 1G Alex Munn 1A Josh Finlayson 1A)

AURORA CABLE INTERNET 2 (David Crisp 1G Fraser Kegel 1G Joe Doucher 1A Connor Ryeland 1A Patrick McMurray 2A) D-MAC FURNITURE 1 (Nick Whelan 1G Ryan Van Winckle 1A)

ATLAS SPECIALTY STEELS 7 (Dylan Brennan 4G,1A David Hilchuk 1G,2A Joseph Smith 2G,2A Chris Porter 1A Jorden Streigler 1A) EDWARDS-MURPHY PAINTING & DECORATING 2 (Brice Roffey 1G Christopher McDonald 1G Cameron Buchanan 1A, Christian Di Vincenzo 1A Michael Damecour 1A)

SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 8 (Alex Strapp 1G,1A Greg Haralampopoulos 2G,2A Chris Ramsay 2G Derek Smith 2G,3A Geoff Harrison 1G,1A Dane Colligan 1A Johnny Guizetti 1A Brooke Dickie 2A) CHEVALIER CHRYSLER 2 (Tyler Flanagan 2G, Ryan Rojas 2A)

SLATER STEELS - STAINLESS 2 (Mike Davis 1G Charlie Teel 1G Darren Giroux 1A Drew Bourn 1A) JUNIOR TIGERS 2 (Josh Finlayson 1G Alex Pagnotta 1G Mike Nealon 1A)

D-MAC FURNITURE 6 (James Floros 1G Ryan Van Winckle 2G,1A Ray Mullins 1G,1A Matthew Holland 1G,2A David Cananzi 1G Luke Leddy 1A Tyler Miskolczy-Macdonald 1A) EDWARDS-MURPHY PAINTING & DECORATING 1 (Christian Di Vincenzo 1G Garrett Kerkamp 1A)

AURORA CABLE INTERNET 9 (Connor Ryeland 1G Fraser Kegel 2G,3A Patrick McMurray 4G Joe Doucher 1G David Crisp 1G Mike Sanita 1A) ATLAS SPECIALTY STEELS 4 (David Hilchuk 2G Dylan Brennan 2G,1A Joseph Smith 1A Taylor Jordan 1A)

Minor Bantam
LOCKLEY STAINLESS 1 (Bill Spasopolous 1G Eric Wakeman 1A) AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 1 (Jesse Gattellaro 1G Ryan Hall 1A Patrick O'Doherty 1A)

IZZÍ POPAT - ROYAL LE PAGE 1 (Tom Horner 1G, Nathan Taylor 1A, Jeremy Weeks 1A) JUNIOR TIGERS 1 (Andrew Kines 1G, Paul Magill 1A, Erin Devlin 1A)

PHILADELPHIA STAINLESS 4 (Ryan Smyth 1G,1A Jamie Fenyes 1G,1A Paul Maggliocchi 2G,1A Evan Magill 1A) HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 2 (Jesse Barker 1G, Jon Aleksich 1G, Kevin Michie 2A)

AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 10 (Joel Stock 3G 1A, Justin Torma 1G, Keith Bradford 3G 2A, James Weber 2G, Jesse Gattellaro 1G 1A, Ryan Hall 2A, Patrick Madden 2A, Taylor Jeffery 1A, Steven Pitts 1A) JUNIOR TIGERS 1 (Andrew Kines 1G, Kiefer McBride 1A, Jake Teel 1A)

PHILADELPHIA STAINLESS 6 (Ryan Smyth 1G Liam McNeely 1G,1A Tyler McGhee 2G Evan Magill 2G,2A Jamie Fenyes 2A Daniel Hunter 1A) LOCKLEY STAINLESS 4 (lam Mulhern 2G,1A Bryan Dunkjo 2G Mitch Brown 1A Rob Ruuskanaen 1A)

HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 7 (Maegan Bastarache 1A Micheal Rowe 1G,3A Jesse Barker 1G Daniel Lewis 1G,1A Morgan Mittelstaedt 1G Brent McClenny 1G Kevi Michie 1G Jon Aleksich 1G Danial Coates 1A) IZZÍ POPAT - ROYAL LE PAGE 3 (Braden Bonner 2G Nathan Taylor 1G Tyler Cattapan 1A Alex Disera 1A Mathew Preston 1A Jason Tuck 1A)

Bantam
ASTECH 5 (Liam Bauer 1G,1A Mike Bellamy 2G Dennis Jarrett 1G,1A Richard Comeau 1G Craig Cook 1A Spencer Phillips 2A Dan Abram 2A) IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 1 (Sean Devlin 1G Matt Robertson 1A Michael Panetta 1A)

ASTECH 7 (Robbie Buchner 1G Jason Brennan 1G Spencer Phillips 2G Ryan Rozalowsky 1G 1A Richard Comeau 1G Mike Paravano 1G Dan Abram 3A Liam Bauer 1A Patrick Haggarty 1A) CHEVERIE COMMUNICATIONS 3 (Marc Quagliarini 2G,1A Nelson Weese 1G Tyler Hubbard 1A Lawrence Cheverie 1A Tanner Kinnarinen 1A)

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - AURORA 2 (Andrew Leo 1G Luke Roth 1G Matt Paque 2A Andrew Ramsey 1A) AURORA OPTICAL 2 (Mike Smyth 1G Chris Wheeler 1G Jesse Eikelund 1A Rob Juffs 1A)

IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 2 (Mike Panetta 2G Matt Robertson 1A) AURORA OPTICAL 2 (Andrew Rizzi 1G Rob Juffs 1G,1A Jason Lower 1A Blair Plewman 1A)

IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 5 (Matt Robertson 2G Michael Fong 3G,1A Michael Fancie 2A Evan Bonnell 2A Sean Devlin 1A) CHEVERIE COMMUNICATIONS 4 (Marc Quagliarini 4G James Harrison 2A Shane Fleming 1A David Malins 1A)

IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 4 (Corey McPherson 1G Michael Fancie 1G Evan Bonnell 1G,1A Michael Panetta 1G Matt Robertson 3A Rocco Smeriglio 1A) ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - AURORA 3 (Luke Stinson 1G Ian McCrone 2G,1A Andrew Leo 1A)

House League Playoff Standings
The House League Standings to date are available on the AMHA web site.

Tournaments
Bantam
OAKVILLE 4 AURORA OPTICAL 2 4 (Chris Wheeler 1G Mike Smyth 1G Spencer Perry 1A Blair Plewman 1A)

Rep Teams	
Sponsors	
Novice AA	Dymin Steel Dave Wood Mazda
Minor Atom A	Charley FitzWhiskey's Mike & Ike
Minor Atom AA	Cosma International Masterclean Contracting & Cleaning
Minor Peewee AA	Jade Acoustics Craig Proctor
Bantam A	Highland Transport
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

Exhibition Games
Minor Peewee A (5) vs Nobleking (3)
Brett Dutchyshen 2G Ben Mulholland 1G Carter Hassard 1G Matthew Joynt 1G Anthony Ranieri 1A Darrell Evans 1A David Bar 1A Michael Morson 1A

Playoff Games
Novice A (0) vs Newmarket (1)

Novice A (5) vs Newmarket (1)
Eric Perrin 2G,1A Jody Nonnewitz 1G Brian Puskar 1G,1A Marshall McGaffey 1G,1A Eric Ludwig 1A Matthew Roy 2A William Ried 1A Ethan Benson 1A Ryan Hughes 1A

Novice A (2) vs Newmarket (1)
Brian Puskar 1G,1A Jody Nonnewitz 1G Eric Perrin 1A

Novice A (1) vs Newmarket (0)
Eric Ludwig 1G Eric Perrin 1A Jason Barron SO

Novice A (2) vs Richmond Hill (3)
Eric Perrin 1G Brian Puskar 1A Ryan Hughes 1G Jody Nonnewitz 1A

Novice A (2) vs Richmond Hill (4)
Jody Nonnewitz 1G Eric Perrin 1G,1A Brian Puskar 2A

Minor Bantam AA (3) vs Oshawa (4)
Jake MacDougall 1G Kevin Shetler 2G Aaron Mansbridge 1A Chris Blom 1A Anthony D'Agostino 1A Connor O'Grady 1A Ryan Fennell 1A Neil Kileeg 1A

Minor Bantam AA (1) vs Oshawa (0)
Mike Pantalone 1G Anthony D'Agostino 1A Jake MacDougall 1A Darren Gwilliam SO

Minor Bantam AA (5) vs Peterborough (4)
Chris Blom 1G Kevin Shetler 1G,2A Mike Pantalone 1G Michael Osuszek 1G Matt Boyd 1G,1A Anthony D'Agostino 1A Connor O'Grady 2A Adam Lebar 1A

Minor Bantam AA (5) vs Peterborough (0)
Mike Pantalone 2G,1A Jake MacDougall 1G Chris Blom 1G Kevin Shetler 1G,1A Connor O'Grady 2A Harrison Jones 1A Aaron Mansbridge 1A Matt Boyd 1A Anthony D'Agostino 1A Darren Gwilliam 1A,SO

Minor Bantam AA (3) vs Peterborough (5)
Chris Blom 1G Mike Pantalone 2G Michael Osuszek 1A Connor O'Grady 2A Jake MacDougall 1A

Minor Bantam AA (3) vs Peterborough (2)
Michael Osuszek 1G Adam Lebar 1G Aaron Mansbridge 1G Neil Kileeg 2A Matt Boyd 1A Jake MacDougall 1A Kevin Shetler 1A. Aurora wins series 3-1 and advances to York Simcoe Finals

Minor Midget A (5) vs Stouffville (3)
Ryan Kines 2G,1A PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1G,1A Reed Neagle 1G Chris Statchuk 1G Matt Cundari 2A Jamie Marton 2A Bryan Osuszek 1A Jason Zemanovich 1A Craig Waites 1A. The Tigers win the York Simcoe Semi Finals over Stouffville 3 games to 1.

Tournaments
Novice A (2) vs Innisfil (0)
Ethan Benson 1G Eric Perrin 1G,1A Jody Nonnewitz 1A Devin Watson 1A Brian Puskar 1A Kelley Hudson SO

Novice A (1) vs Penetang (2)
Dylan Woyslaw 1G

Novice A (1) vs Penetang (4)
Championship Game
Brian Puskar 1G Jason Lockhart 1A Dylan Woyslaw 1A

Bantam AA (2) vs Caledon (5)
Adam Hankins 1G Peter McNeil 1G,1A Adam Hankins - MVP

Bantam AA (3) vs Georgetown (1)
Adam Hankins 2G Patrick Bowie 1G Vincent Davenport 1A Peter McNeil 1A Andrew Welch 1A

Bantam AA (2) vs Guelph (6)
Sean Mulroy 1G1A Vincent Davenport 1G,1A Brandon Steffan 2A Andrew Welch - MVP

Minor Midget A (8) vs Pennsylvania (1)
Reed Neagle 3G,2A Matt Cundari 1G,4A Chris Statchuk 2G,2A Jamie Marton 1G Jason Zemanovich 1G Craig Waites 2A Andrew Jamieson 1G Jeff Thom 1A Ryan Murphy 1A PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1A

Minor Midget A (3) vs Lehigh Valley, Penn (2)
Matt Cundari 1G,1A Jamie Marton 1G PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1G Reed Neagle 2A Chris Statchuk 2A Keith Mitchell 1A Kari Paivio 1A

Minor Midget A (2) vs SWS Massachusetts (5)
Matt Cundari 1G,1A Reed Neagle 1G,1A Jamie Marton 1A Chris Statchuk 1A

Minor Midget A (2) vs Capital City, Pa (1)
Chris Statchuk 1G,1A Reed Neagle 1G Craig Murphy 1A Jason Zemanovich 1A Matt Cundari 1A

Minor Midget A (2) vs SWS Massachusetts (3)
Kari Paivio 1G Reed Neagle 1G Ryan Murphy 2A Jason Zemanovich 1A Jamie Marton 1A. The Tigers lose in the 4th overtime period, taking home the Silver Medal in the Can Am Tournament

AMHA Information

Annual General Meeting
The AMHA Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:30PM on Tuesday May 6, 2003 at the Aurora Community Centre Auditorium. AMHA members will be asked to vote on a motion to change the year end of the AMHA from April 30th to March 31st.

Board of Directors
A number of key positions on the AMHA Board of Directors need to be filled for the 2003/04 season. These positions will be voted upon at the AGM. Please see the AMHA web site for further details.

2003/04 Registration
Registration for current members of the AMHA, YSE or Opti for the 2003/04 AMHA season will take place on Sunday April 6, Monday April 7 and Sunday April 13. See the AMHA web site for details.

Coming Events	
House League Banquet	Mar 29/30, 2003
Rep Banquets	Apr 26, 2003
Annual General Meeting	Tues May 6, 2003

House League Final Weekend
The House League Schedule for the final weekend is now available on the AMHA web site.

AHPA Used Hockey Equipment Sale
The annual AHPA Used Hockey Equipment Sale will be held from 8:30AM to Noon on Saturday September 13, 2003 in the ACC1 Auditorium. Equipment drop off dates are 7PM to 9PM on Thursday Sept 11 and Friday Sept 12 in the lobby of ACC1.

2003/04 Rep AA Team Tryouts					
Day	Date	Start	End	Team	Year of Birth
Saturday	10-May-03	03:00 PM	04:30 PM	Novice	1995
Monday	12-May-03	06:00 PM	07:30 PM	Novice	
Thursday	22-May-03	06:00 PM	08:00 PM	Novice	
Sunday	11-May-03	01:00 PM	02:30 PM	Minor Atom	1994
Tuesday	13-May-03	05:30 PM	07:30 PM	Minor Atom	
Wednesday	21-May-03	06:00 PM	07:30 PM	Minor Atom	
Saturday	10-May-03	04:30 PM	06:00 PM	Atom	1993
Thursday	15-May-03	06:00 PM	07:30 PM	Atom	
Tuesday	20-May-03	06:00 PM	07:30 PM	Atom	
Sunday	11-May-03	02:30 PM	04:00 PM	Minor Peewee	1992
Wednesday	14-May-03	06:00 PM	08:00 PM	Minor Peewee	
Thursday	22-May-03	08:00 PM	09:30 PM	Minor Peewee	
Saturday	10-May-03	06:00 PM	07:30 PM	Peewee	1991
Wednesday	14-May-03	08:00 PM	09:30 PM	Peewee	
Wednesday	21-May-03	07:30 PM	09:30 PM	Peewee	
Sunday	11-May-03	04:00 PM	05:30 PM	Minor Bantam	1990
Tuesday	13-May-03	07:30 PM	09:30 PM	Minor Bantam	
Tuesday	20-May-03	07:30 PM	09:00 PM	Minor Bantam	
Saturday	10-May-03	07:30 PM	09:00 PM	Bantam	1989
Monday	12-May-03	07:30 PM	09:00 PM	Bantam	
Thursday	15-May-03	07:30 PM	09:30 PM	Bantam	
Sunday	11-May-03	05:30 PM	07:00 PM	Minor Midget	1988
Tuesday	13-May-03	09:30 PM	11:00 PM	Minor Midget	
Tuesday	20-May-03	09:00 PM	11:00 PM	Minor Midget	
Monday	12-May-03	09:00 PM	11:00 PM	Midget	1986/87
Thursday	15-May-03	09:30 PM	11:00 PM	Midget	
Thursday	22-May-03	09:30 PM	11:00 PM	Midget	
Tryout fees will be \$12 for a 1.5 hour tryout and \$15 for a 2 hour tryout. All the above sessions are at the Aurora Leisure Complex. These tryouts are for the AA teams for the 2003-04 season. Tryouts for the second or A rep teams will take place during September 2003					

