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Newmarket-Aurora: together again

By **RON WALLACE**

Who says distant boards and commissions don't listen to the grass roots?

And while it's a long way from being finalized, the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission will recommend that a federal riding be formed called Newmarket-Aurora.

The recommendation, released last week, followed an uprising of Aurora citizens who objected to a proposal that would have sliced the community in half, with one riding west of Yonge Street, another east.

In hearings several months ago, local politicians of all stripes presented case after case to the Commission objecting to the proposal.

Most passionate was Vaughan-King-Aurora Member of

Parliament Maurizio Bevilacqua who fought for a single Aurora riding, and will likely, if this is approved, no longer be a representative of Aurora.

The MP could not be reached for comment.

In its recommendation, the Commission noted: "Most of the opposition...focused on the Town of Aurora, which the Commission had proposed to split. The Commission has taken account of this opposition by combining all of Aurora and the Town of Newmarket to create the electoral district of Newmarket-Aurora."

As a result of the new proposal, the proposed riding of Oak Ridges - Markham spreads from Highway 48 in Whitchurch-Stouffville, to west of Highway 27 in King Township.

Richmond Hill gets its own riding up to Elgin Mills and the

Gamble Sideroad, and three other ridings in the area include Vaughan, Thornhill and Markham-Unionville.

Aurora Mayor Tim Jones, who was notified of the changes when he received the Commission's recommendations in the mail, said he was ecstatic with the news.

"I'm not sure why they wouldn't have phoned to tell us," he said. "but after seeing the results, it doesn't matter."

Mayor Jones was one of several speakers who appeared at the hearing to fight to keep all of Aurora in one riding.

"We were hoping they might have moved the boundary line one way or the other off Yonge Street," he said. "We had no idea we'd wind up with a riding like this."

Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees, who last held the provin-

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Troubled Tigers

By **RON WALLACE**

On the ice, they're invincible.

At the box office, they're broke.

The Aurora Tigers hockey team is on the brink of losing its roar.

The four owners are losing big bucks and the future of the team is at stake.

They say the Provincial Junior A Tigers, (they won yet another title Sunday night) are losing as much as \$150,000 a year, and owners agree "this cannot keep going on forever".

The team, Northern Division winners for two years in a row and North/West Conference champions after they eliminated the Georgetown Raiders in five games Sunday, attracts about 300 people on average to home games, which makes the 1,344-seat Aurora Community Centre look pretty sparse.

"Quite frankly, we are close to admitting that junior hockey cannot survive in Aurora due to a lack of fan and corporate support,"

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Community Village: idea becomes reality

The Aurora-born idea for a Community Safety Village in York Region becomes a reality Monday.

Former Toronto Maple Leaf, and honorary chairman of the project, Wendel Clark, will trade a hockey stick for a more dangerous piece of equipment to officially break ground for construction of the project.

All that will happen at the site of the village - Bruce's Mill Conservation Area - on the Stouffville Sideroad, at 10 a.m. Monday, April 7.

According to Project Co-ordinator Steve Hinder of Aurora, the Village should be operative in September.

The Safety Village - an idea that came from the Aurora group called PACT (Police and Community Together) - offers hands on instruction dealing with safety in the community.

For years, the safety village com-

mittee attempted to find a site in Aurora to build the village, but numerous options failed to materialize.

The Conservation Area, with its large site and pond, proved to be ideal.

Several sponsors have donated money to allow the construction of the village, and Vanbots Construction of Markham spearheaded a drive that saw numerous contractors donate hours of work to build the project.

Early estimates of \$3 million to complete the project were shaved when the committee did not have to purchase land.

Most of the money needed materialized at a recent fund-raiser held in Aurora, but Hinder notes continuous cash flow will be necessary to keep the village operational.

Bruce's Mill is located on the south side of the Stouffville Sideroad, east of the 404.



In a preliminary event, prior to next weekend's Second Annual Bob Hartwell Run, organizers put the Stinky Sneaker Award up for grabs again. And a team led by Aurora Optimist Ken Banks grabbed it away from Mayor Tim Jones' defending champion team. One of the reasons the mayor lost was this pasta-eating contest and it appears the mayor, right, just doesn't want to look at any more food. Competitor Mark Heese, left, and his accomplice Nancy Donnaperna, listen as referee Christine Gardner announces the winners. At left, the winning twosome in action. More pictures on Page 9. Auroran photos by Naomi Tobin



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APRIL 4

Opening night of "The Odd Couple" at the Queen Elizabeth Dinner Theatre at Howard Johnson Aurora and continuing every Friday and Saturday evening during April. Hot and cold buffet at 7 p.m. with Showtime at 8:30 p.m. Call the hotel at 905-727-1312 to reserve.

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.

The Aurora Swim Club, Ducks Swimming, parent volunteer group has organized a social/dance/fundraiser to support the team's involvement in Ontario Division III Championships in Sudbury, fun meets for the beginners and a Buffalo swim meet. The event will be held at the Aurora Legion.

Donated services offered at HERS will support the Newmarket Hospice. Services available from 1 p.m., St. Andrew's Village, Unit 26. \$10 per person.

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 7

A public meeting will be held in the Holland Room of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. to hear an update on the application of Cobblestone Lodge to include the classification as a rooming house or group home in the building.

APRIL 13

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

APRIL 16

Aurora Chamber of Commerce regular monthly luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. at the King's Riding Golf Club on Bathurst Street with guest speaker Ken Kostick, host of What's for Dinner? Call the Chamber at 905-727-7262 to reserve.

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 25-26

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

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.

Last Night of the Prom with the York Symphony Orchestra at Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora at 8 p.m. Call 416-410-0860 for ticket information.

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 65 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

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Tenants are protected in condo conversation

Early last month, Aurora Council received a request from Torrendale Construction to discharge a conversion agreement from the title of the property of the 200 residential row house dwellings on Murray Drive across from the Aurora High School.

Currently there are 27 tenants occupying units within the development who were there at the time of the conversion who could still benefit from the conversion agreement by offering to buy their unit.

At the March meeting town staff recommended that in order to protect the rights of the 27 existing tenants, the

town should enter into a new replacement agreement and consent to release the condominium conversion agreement from title as requested in order that a bulk sale of the property could take place.

Members of staff found the staff report confusing, as it recommended a new agreement for a bulk sale and at the same time provided protection for the 27 tenants.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said at the time that by approving the report they were in effect waiving the rights of the 27 tenants. He suggested that 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. Due to the difference of opinions, David Tang, a solicitor representing the town, was asked to clarify the issue.

He 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.

Last week, staff members reported that the town's solicitors confirmed that the option to purchase provisions are still valid and should be preserved through a new agreement.

A new agreement was proposed, which council adopted without comment or debate.



Patricia Rose Barber

Popular artist dies

Patricia (Pat) Rose Barber, a long-time Aurora artist and community worker, with a heart as good as gold, died peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre last week after a valiant fight against cancer.

Her brush and camera captured many scenes around Aurora, Muskoka, Quebec and included half a dozen trips to Europe.

In 1995 she travelled to Nova Scotia to paint with long-time friend Dorothy Clark McClure.

She loved to paint old Aurora and sometimes found herself one step ahead of the wrecker.

She was a regular contributor to the annual Aurora Art Show, especially in the Preserve Aurora in Paint category, and was the winner of several awards.

In 1997 the town purchased her painting of "The Way We Were", depicting several old buildings in Aurora. It hangs in the town's permanent collection.

In 2000 she painted "Memories Soon To Be Lost", a painting of the buildings at Church and Yonge Streets, which were demolished to make way for the new library.

The town selected this painting for its permanent collection, but a representative of the art show sponsor, Investors Group, selected the same painting to hang in the new library, resulting in the town making another selection.

She started drawing as a child, but liked sculpture. She studied with Dora de Pedery Hunt, a well-known Toronto sculpture of miniature coins.

She was a commercial art graduate from Toronto's Central Technical School, took a course in life drawing at the Ontario College of Art, and has participated in numerous workshops with Canadian and American instructors.

She was employed by Redstone Studios in Toronto,

where she sculpted in plaster and paper mache, for trade shows, window dressing and TV studio stage sets.

The Barber family moved to Aurora in 1960 and she left her artistic endeavours for a while to raise two children.

Later she returned to painting and opened her "Cellar Studio" in the basement of her home, where she held an annual exhibition and sale.

In May, 2002, she was recognized by the Town of Aurora in appreciation of the 40 years she had participated in the Aurora Art Show.

In addition to her artwork, she was a long-time member of the Opti-Mrs Club and assisted in raising funds for various groups, including the purchase of playground equipment for Aurora parks.

Using her artistic talents, she created paper mache figures for the Opti-Mrs float in Aurora parades.

For Halloween, Christmas and other special occasions, she created various figures to decorate her home on Holman Crescent.

She enjoyed having lunch with her artist friends, Dorothy Eplett, Isabella Van Zant and Dorothy Clark McClure. The last occasion was a Christmas lunch at Jonathan's in December.

Mrs. Barber was the wife of the late Stan Barber and leaves her two children Cathy and her husband George Bragg of Scarborough and Doug Barber and his wife Kathy of Newmarket. There are five grandchildren.

Aurora sends \$\$ to Badger, Nfld.

On February 15 this year, more than 1,000 residents of Badger, Newfoundland, were forced to evacuate their homes when a massive ice jam caused major flooding from three rivers.

A quick freeze left the town rapidly encased in ice and water.

The Red Cross was immediately called to provide for the needs of the displaced people, many who escaped with only the clothes on their backs.

An appeal for \$3 million was launched, resulting in the Aurora staff committee TOAST (Town of Aurora Staff Together) making a donation of \$500 to the fund and suggesting the

town match the funding.

Councillor John West moved that the town meet TOAST's suggestion and quipped that the funds could come from the mayor's expense account.

Council agreed and asked staff where the money could be found.

Council also threw out a challenge to other municipalities to do the same.



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Poor Richard

Income tax was "temporary" when introduced in 1917

*A taxing time is coming,
So better get ready to file;
Governments want your money,
To add to their big pile!*
-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Benjamin Franklin once said that in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes. Part of his words are coming true, because if you have an income from any source you are no doubt receiving little T4 slips in the mail, as a subtle hint that April 30th is not too far away.

Why wait until the last minute to file, especially if you expect a tax refund?

The majority of Canadians, about two-thirds according to one study, have a strange perception of income tax refunds.

Most treat them as a gift from the government, whereas in reality, they are just getting back what they overpaid, without interest.

A minority of Canadians, the ones who know they have underpaid, wait until the last minute to file, as they are the ones who benefit from the system.

By not paying, or not having the proper amount deducted, they get to use the money, just like an interest-free loan.

No matter how or when you pay your income tax, it's hard to believe that it was originally intended as a temporary tax.

Sir Thomas White, the federal Finance Minister in Sir Robert Borden's government, started the whole thing during the darkest days of World War I.

By the time the conflict had entered its third year, the government was faced with a mountain of bills, estimated at \$600 million due to the war effort.

On January 18, 1917, White introduced the Dominion Income Tax, which required single men and widowers without children to pay a four per cent tax on annual income exceeding \$2,000.

All others paid a similar percentage on income exceeding \$3,000.

A bachelor earning \$4,000 would pay \$80 in tax, while a married man would pay half that amount.

There was also a graduated tax on incomes over \$6,000.

The tax legislation was to be reviewed at the end of the war, but it didn't state which war, as the temporary tax became permanent.

Personal income taxes supply the governments with their largest source of revenue, almost half of total requirements.

Over the years the tax system expanded into a bewildering labyrinth of laws and regulations that confound even tax professionals.

But the person said to have invented income tax is William Pitt, the Prime Minister of England in 1799 at the time of the Napoleonic wars.

There was strong opposition, not so much against the idea of the tax as against the idea of invading people's privacy.

The tax was so unpopular it was dropped three years later.

But the tax was found to be important to the government's revenues so it was revived the following year.

It was repealed again in 1816 when the war was over but brought back in 1842 when the government ran short of money and has been in effect ever since.

U.S. President Abe Lincoln introduced Americans to income tax during the Civil War.

The tax was repealed after the war and when an attempt was made to reintroduce it in 1884, it was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

It taxed States according to their wealth, rather than the population as required by the constitution.

The constitution was amended in 1913 before the first federal income tax could be officially imposed.

British Columbia was the first province to impose an income tax in 1876. It was during the Depression in the 1930s when most of the other provinces imposed their income tax.

In 1961, the average Canadian family earned \$5,000 and paid out 33.5 per cent in taxes.

By 1990 the average family income had risen to \$49,500 of which 49.6 per cent went to pay all taxes.

Not much has changed over the years, as April 30th comes closer and closer.

There have been some tax cuts, but with an increase in user fees, an indirect form of taxation, and downloading from the provincial government causing property taxes to increase, the poor downtrodden taxpayer is no further ahead.

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Aurora, June 13, 1867

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Memo to Aurora's Building Department: Here's an idea to attract industry to town; give the land away. That's what they were doing in 1867 if you happened to be a "capitalist" and were willing to build a flour mill or a "woolen, cotton, linen or other factory". We must check with the Aurora Historical Society to determine the location of Seal and Thomas Streets, neither of which exists today.

Letters to the editor

What's a "good corporate citizen"?

To the editor,

It was with a great gasp and much disbelief that I read in a recent edition of your fabulous paper a statement I believe made by Councillor Nigel Kean with regards to the new Home Depot coming to Aurora.

In the article, the councillor stated that he believes that Home Depot would be a wonderful corporate citizen and addition to Aurora.

Since I am relatively new to this beautiful town, having moved here three years ago and never having met Councillor Kean, I cannot speak to what his interpretation is that makes a good corporate citizen.

However, I do recall a personal conversation I had with the manager of the Home

Depot in Newmarket a year ago who told me very proudly that Home Depot does NOT allow even Boy Scouts and/or Girl Guides to promote their apple and cookie days on their property.

Now I realize in this day of lawsuits galore, companies must protect themselves and their shareholders from frivolous suits.

But is this what constitutes being a "good corporate citi-

zen"?

If it is, then God help us! I'll still do my shopping at Home Hardware, etc.

Ross Sturge
Aurora

Region or town, I still pay for inadequate bus service

To the editor,

I was reading your great paper, and in particular, the story about the Aurora bus service being an oxymoron. You can say that again.

Shifting responsibility from the Town to the Region really doesn't matter, it still

comes from my pocket!

The cost of operating a business as a loss.

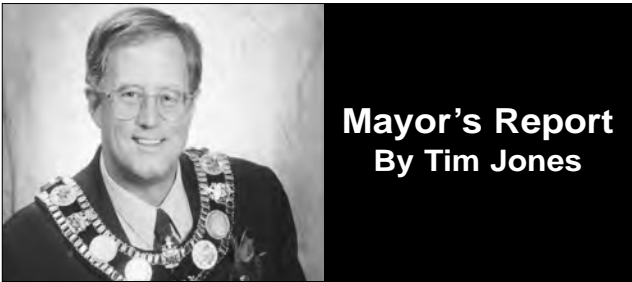
If this service was operated by a proper corporation it would be shut down!

I know, some people need the service. I say if we offer taxi service like the buses, ridership will triple.

The worst thing is the Region wants to purchase more new buses.

Why not purchase mini school buses or vans...just like Casino Rama.

Ray Nicolini
Aurora



Litter makes mess of our community

A few months ago, I was quoted in the media as saying I didn't think Aurora had a litter problem.

This was said in the context of Aurora compared with the City of Toronto, and with the knowledge that in Aurora, we have numerous volunteer groups who assume the responsibility of travelling roadsides and scouring woodlots to pick up refuse and litter accumulated during the winter months to keep our Town and our parks clean.

Community groups and businesses also actively participate in our Adopt a Park program which enhances our Town.

No sooner was ink from the quote dry and the paper on the streets when I received a communication from a resident who took exception to my observation and brought a number of litter concerns to my attention.

At the same time of year coincidentally, the City of Mississauga sent out a notice to promote a "Don't be a Litterbug" campaign, and invited representatives from all GTA municipalities to a meeting to discuss ways to curb littering.

Instead of each municipality reinventing the wheel, Mississauga invited all GTA municipalities to join them in a similar program to address littering throughout.

As penance for being quoted as I was, I chose to attend this meeting to find out more about this program.

I was the only mayor in attendance, however, there were more than half the GTA municipalities represented.

The initiative prepared by Mississauga was quite impressive with literature already prepared, a mascot identified and suggested methods to address littering put forward, all of which could be modified to fit Aurora.

The community even has a web site, <http://www.mississauga.ca/litterbug>.

On Tuesday, March 25, Aurora Council approved a report authorizing staff to participate in this GTA Anti-Litter campaign.

As indicated on the referenced web site, this campaign is designed to change attitudes and create a "litter consciousness".

To quote from one of my favourite Mayors, Hazel McCallion, "Nowadays, with quick-service, drive-through restaurants proliferating our cities and a society that spends, eats, conducts business, and socializes in our vehicles, litter is becoming more and more prevalent at highway off-ramps and plaza parking lots. With building and development racing at high-pitch levels, materials are blown from construction sites into neighbouring communities."

Does that sound familiar? One only has to drive off the 404 at Wellington or Bloomington to see the litter that accumulates there, not to mention the construction litter along Bayview.

To their credit, in Mississauga, many fast food establishments have offered to assist with product marketing of the "litterbug" and funds to support this initiative.

In Mississauga, anyone charged and found guilty of littering is liable to a set fine of \$350 plus costs, up to a maximum fine of \$5,000.

Rather than be charged with littering this program promotes the many ways we all can get involved to prevent littering in the first place.

Some of those ways include:

- Always put your trash in a proper container. If one is not available, hold on to your garbage until you find one
- Use returnable, reusable or refillable drink containers or bring your own cup
- Use a litterbag in your vehicle.
- Reduce and reuse as much as you can before you recycle.
- Put your garbage out for collection as close to pickup time as possible and secure items in your recycling boxes.
- Support community cleanups, recycling programs, legislation and other efforts to reduce litter
- Get the support of your neighbourhood. Successful litter control must be a continuous, ongoing effort which involves the entire community - from youth to seniors, business, community groups and the media. Organize a committee to develop a plan of action.
- Set a good example. Don't be a Litterbug and inform others about the detriments of littering.

Hopefully, the marketing campaign to create awareness in all of us not to litter is the better way to go.

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



Letter to the editor

My views of the Iraq war

To the editor,

It is clear that the British government has a different view than the Canadian government as to the war position in Iraq.

The British have officially come out in word and deed in support of the U.S. position and in Canada we are in support of fighting terrorism only and not the war.

No war is a win situation for the fighting forces or the people that endure that fighting. Power and control including humanitarian requirements by all decent people continue to be the struggle for many nations controlled by one man or regime.

Some have clearly taken the position that it is all about oil. For me 75 billion U.S. dollars of costs fighting a war for six months, can buy a lot of oil in peace time.

Stability within the terrorist regimes around the world is clearly difficult to obtain and the flow of such oil to me has never been a concern as even Iraq needs to sell goods for income to operate and oil is their key commodity they have to do so.

When we all realize that in the Arab states the general GNP of their economies is very small.

In fact less than even a single city like Toronto Canada or even Amsterdam in The Netherlands which produces more than most middle east states except for Israel.

Within Israel the economic picture changes rapidly to a very large GNP as well as a highly active innovative generated work force with good research and development for the size and popu-

lation of the country.

This makes a strong imbalance for the economic picture within the middle east. Different views also continue on many fronts including religion, policy and the power of control not only economically but in terms of real human values and understanding the value of all human life.

Women in some states have less value than their animals including the value of the power to kill to save face for many instincts, or so called biblical passages.

This is not new as it has been going on for generations of time. However with the new avenues of communication and news penetration we all see the perceived story live "as it happens".

In my view this has its benefits and many difficulties. The massive live in your face coverage by CNN of the war and so many other television stations, brings with it the high level of propaganda and actual psychological manipulation of your and my mind including the actual various slants by individual reporters and their own news media viewpoints they represent.

History tells us that freedom always comes at a very high personal and corporate price. Peace that everyone wants, prays for and demonstrates for, clearly is a desire, within a society that generally respects human values at least with in their own land.

My view remains in support for human hearts that have great hope, individual freedom on many fronts including religion, family values and life itself.

You could say that I am a strong peace supporter yet understanding the requirement to fight for the values of freedom and allowing all people to live life without fear of any kind.

War unfortunately is only one avenue to meet that end and hopefully to be considered as a last resort.

Confrontation seems always the route we all take far too often and frequently.

We all around the world and locally really have to begin to understand how to negotiate much better and understanding the tremendous differences that will remain for generations to come yet also knowing how to negotiate and live in peace while understanding the others' needs.

I understand that there will always be tremendous differences of opinion as well as individuals who will take advantage of others and their own kind.

This not only happens in the middle east but also within our own countries, communities, groups or even families.

The gift of understanding without sacrificing the real needs of people around us and knowing that there will continue to be differences of viewpoints must be dealt with up front.

New modern interactive communication human tools and communication gifts and abilities through negotiations is as highly needed as the new technology we have achieved with weapons and equipment.

Occasionally we get a regime and an individual who has power that is beyond normal and a real threat to human kind and

real freedom.

It is then that we all need to stand up and be accountable for our own actions as well as theirs and fight as well as support those rights that we all want and deserve in a caring and free society.

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Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BRICKBATS to Mayor Tim Jones and members of Aurora Council for forgetting to hold Open Forum prior to the March 25th council meeting after advertising that a change in fees and a landfill application were on the agenda.

BOUQUETS to the Central York Girls LaPrairie Sharks on bringing home a Gold Medal in the Pee wee House League division of the 15th Annual Burlington Girls Hockey Spring Break Tournament. The exciting championship game against Kitchener went into double overtime before Lauren Renaud scored to win the game 1-0.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Tigers on defeating the Stouffville Spirits 4 games to 2, and winning the Northern Division for the second consecutive year. Stouffville took an early lead in the series, but the Tabbies came roaring back to win the right to go on to the semi-finals for the provincial title.

BRICKBATS to those at the Town Hall who are responsible for ensuring that council's directions are carried out. At the general committee meeting held January 21 the committee endorsed a staff report that the wooden fence at the corner of Hollidge Boulevard and Luxton Avenue be removed as it encroached on town property. Nobody bothered to set a date and two months later the fence is still there!

More **BRICKBATS** to the same people for failing to take action to correct the drainage problem of link houses with only one drainpipe brought to council's attention by Councillor John West. The garden with the drainpipe is flooded, the adjoining properties are dry. Go take a look and do something!

BOUQUETS to Aurora's 11-year-old Haley Kirk, who will represent her hometown and the Irish Dance Studio in the World Championship, which take place in Ireland in April. She has been dancing competitively for more than 5 years and has been to the National championships.

BOUQUETS to Aurora's Brooke Harrison, who celebrated her 9th birthday on March 18th, on the publication of her cookbook "Cookin' in Brooke's Kitchen" to raise funds for the Leukemia Fund of Canada. She contacted family members and friends for their favourite recipes. A little entrepreneur!

BRICKBATS to Canada Customs and Revenue Agency for leading Poor Richard astray. He received a very official letter from the agency telling him he had overpaid his personal income tax and a refund would be issued shortly. He watched the mails for his jackpot to arrive. Finally it arrived - a cheque for \$10.21. At least, it was better than having to pay.

BOUQUETS to Fiona Stephenson for her excellent letter to the Auroran about who, if anybody, is listening to the complaints and concerns of the people. You won't get an answer but you will have an opportunity to have a say in the provincial election, whenever it is called, and the municipal election on November 10, 2003.

BOUQUETS to Venture Fine Foods for their donation of 1,500 eggs to the Pathfinders and Junior Leaders of the Girl Guides of Canada Aurora South District for the April 19th Easter Egg Hunt on the ball diamonds by the Leisure Complex. The Guiders have ordered 9,000 eggs so they don't plan on running out this year.

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Teacher Aynsley Maxwell displays items that have been received from around the world as a result of her travelling bears program. Top photo shows world map at Wells Street Public School locating destinations of the bears. Great learning program, says reader, below.
Auroran photos by Naomi Tobin

These travelling bears provide good education

To the editor,

There is a classroom full of Grade 1 and 2 students at Wells Street Public School who are receiving the best education regarding our world that I have ever seen.

Mrs. Aynsley Maxwell and her students have sent teddy bears travelling around the world and the bears are writing back to tell the students of their travels.

This wonderful program started with one mom donating small teddy bears to the classroom,

another mom sewed them each a travel bag and Mrs. Maxwell and the students have taken care of the rest.

Each bear has a personal passport which encourages anyone who finds or receives a bear to record some information on their location and asks them to send e-mails back to the class.

The students each took

one bear home, named their bear and now these bears have touched every continent!

Some of the bears were taken to Lester B. Pearson International Airport and put in the hands of pursers who then passed the bears along to passengers and some were sent off by families to relatives.

One bear was given to Aurora Mayor Tim Jones to

send off to other mayors.

There have been e-mails back from the travellers from France, Europe, Australia and one bear has made its way to Antarctica on an expedition.

Mrs. Maxwell has certainly found a way to show the children the world from right here in Aurora.

**Suzanne Scott
Aurora**

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Letters to the editor

Northern youth get hockey stuff from Aurora

ED. NOTE: When the Aurora Hockey Parent's Auxiliary held its used hockey equipment sale last September, many families donated equipment to kids in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. So much stuff was donated, it spilled over to kids in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak, two communities east of Cambridge Bay. The Mayor of Cambridge Bay was delighted and sent the following letter to the AMHA. The Association, in turn, shared it with us.

On behalf of the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, especially our youth, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of hockey equipment to our minor hockey program. There are approximately 36 kids who participate in the minor hockey program and the equipment came in

very handy for this year's participation. Especially appreciated was the goalie equipment. Not only did the kids in Cambridge Bay benefit from this donation, but also 11 bags of equipment were

sent to Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak. Your efforts to gather, package and arrange for pick-up are also appreciated. The RCMP have volunteered their time this year to run the minor hockey program. They are pleased to say that the program numbers are up and youth crime is

on a downward trend. As a result of contributions such as this, youth are provided with healthy alternatives in the community. Once again thank you for your donation. We look forward to a continued partnership in this regard. Keith Peterson Mayor Cambridge Bay



Northern models

You're looking at the entire hockey program of Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. Fewer than 40 youngsters are involved, and they took full advantage of donations of hockey equipment from Aurora parents at the start of the season. Handled by the RCMP, the program is responsible for a dramatic decrease in youth crime in the district. Young hockey players from two other communities also benefitted from the Aurora donations.

Resident says thanks to council

It's seldom a resident comes to council to thank council members for adopting a parking bylaw amendment, but it happened last week. Paul Cook of Metcalfe Street said he fully supported the bylaw on the agenda restricting parking on the south side of Metcalfe Street from Berczy Street to Edward Street to a maximum period of two hours. He told council members that although GO Transit enlarged the parking lot for commuters, some still park their cars on the street creating traffic problems for residents and Attridge Lumber across the street, especially in winter months. He said the bylaw will assist the residents.

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Commission recommends Newmarket-Aurora riding

From page 1
cial seat when Aurora and Newmarket shared the riding of York Mackenzie, was not surprised by the news.

Tenders let for Collins, Ottawa

Two north end Aurora streets will undergo reconstruction this summer now that the tender has been let.

Rebuilding Collins Crescent and Ottawa Court will be handled by Direct Underground Inc., for \$473,389.43, the lowest of 16 bidders.

Wayne Bando, a resident of Collins Crescent and a former engineer with York Region, appeared before Aurora Council last week to object to the proposed design.

He claimed the change to the crescent creates an unsafe condition for residents exiting from their driveways.

He pointed out that three driveways are required to exit at the 90-degree bend, which creates poor sight lines. In addition, the change in design also has a negative impact on the homeowners due to the increased length of driveways and the pinching of curb frontages.

He told council members that while he was pleased the street was being reconstructed, he hoped they would make the design more user friendly. He also

"This makes a great deal more sense than what was proposed originally," he said.

Klees, currently the

pointed out how the streetscape would be changed.

Bando has appeared before council previously to suggest changes in the road design of Jasper Drive and Tecumseh Drive due to turning conflicts at the intersection.

Director of Public Works Wayne Jackson agreed there would be a change of streetscape with more green space and less asphalt. He said it was standard design and he believed it was the better design.

Jackson said no other comments had been received from residents.

The road width is 28 feet, which provides parking on one side.

Minister of Transportation in the provincial Progressive Conservative government, moved to the Oak Ridges riding when boundaries changed and Aurora shared a riding with the City of Vaughan.

That move allowed the late Al Palladini to continue to run in his home district of Vaughan, and by winning the riding, Palladini became Aurora's provincial representative.

While a provincial election is imminent, there is no chance the boundary changes will occur prior to it.

And, since it is a federal proposal, the province will be asked to follow the same boundary lines. It's unlikely the province would reject the recommendations.

By the next provincial election, however, Klees, an Aurora resident, would be able to return to a "home" riding.

Meanwhile, Vaughan-King-Aurora MPP Greg

Sorbara had not heard the news when approached by the Auroran Sunday afternoon.

"I'm really happy," he said. "I think the people who made presentations did a good job. I think our arguments were sound, and I'm glad to hear that now and again, people listen."

"What they were proposing wasn't right," he said.

Liberal contender Dr. Helena Jaczek, a former Aurora resident, had heard

of the restructuring.

"The size of each of the ridings is far more appropriate," she said. "Canvasing in the current Oak Ridges riding is overwhelming."

She is running against Klees in the riding in the upcoming election, and officially opened her riding office in Richmond Hill Sunday.

At one time she and Klees lived on the same Aurora street.

"Currently, I'm homeless," she said. "My husband and I were building a new house near Newmarket and it burned to the ground before we were able to occupy it. Right now we're living at the cottage in Simcoe County."

Dr. Jaczek lived in Aurora for 14 years.

Next step in the Commission's recommendations is comments from federal members of parliament. They have until April 24 to make presentations.



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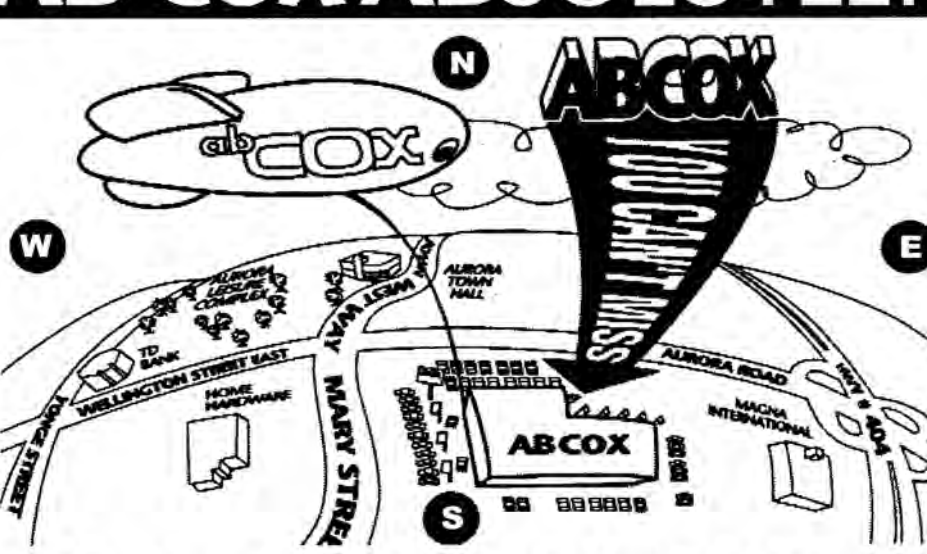
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"Be a good neighbour - join Neighbourhood Watch"



The stinky sneaker award went to a new team Friday in advance of next weekend's Bob Hartwell Run. Competing at Timberlane, this four-some unseated Mayor Tim Jones' team after several strenuous events and was presented with the trophy. They are, left to right, Ken Banks, Nancy Donnaperna, Mark Heese and Rick Vanderlinde. Barb Hartwell, right, passed out shirts to the winners. Second annual Hartwell Run is slated for Sunday, April 13, beginning at the town park. Auroran photos by Naomi Tobin



Council reveals its salary and expenses

According to provincial legislation, the treasurer of every municipality is required to submit an annual report of the remuneration and expenses of each member of council for the preceding year.

Mayor Tim Jones gets paid \$38,613.65 plus \$7,200 travel allowance and he recorded \$2,047.26 in expenses for a total of \$47,860.91.

Members of council received remuneration of \$16,240.39 plus \$1,000 in travel allowance.

In addition, Councillor Nigel Kean spent \$25 on other expenses; Councillor Evelina MacEachern, \$69.83; Councillor Betty Pedersen, \$714.11; Councillor George Timpson, \$1,854.92; and Councillor Damir Vrancic \$23.68.

Three councillors, Dave Griffith, John West and Ron Wallace recorded no expenses for the year.

Meanwhile, a Citizens' Advisory Committee on council remuneration presented a report in June, 2000, that contained several recommendations that were adopted by council.

One of them proposed that a similar advisory committee be established prior to the end of the term of the next council in order to review the compensation for future councillors.

The mandate of the committee provided a thorough review of not only comparative levels of salary with other municipal councils, but also benefits, mileage allowance and expense allowances.

The resulting recommendations provided a moderate salary adjustment, which moved councillors' compensation from the lowest paid in the region to the medium level.

The report also contained a provision that would ensure councillors' salaries would maintain a reasonable pace with other comparable sized municipalities through an annual adjustment equal to that offered to non-union staff.

Staff recently conducted a survey with comparable municipalities and it became evident that salary levels in Aurora had not maintained the balance, and in fact, was the second lowest in York

Region.

Councillor John West recommended that council appoint a new citizens' advisory committee to make recommendations on compensation levels for the incoming council, which was adopted by council.

In response to a question on timing, Director of Corporate Services Bob Panizza replied that the process would begin immediately with an advertisement for applications for citizen committee members with a report to council in the fall prior to the election, so that candidates would have the information.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern said she would support the resolution if it just pertained to remuneration, but not if it included size of council.

With that assurance, the vote to support was unanimous.

Anti-litter campaign gets Aurora approval

The City of Mississauga has taken the lead in the development of an Anti-Litter Campaign and will share elements of the campaign with other GTA municipalities so a consistent anti-litter message goes across the GTA.

Aurora is interested. The litter reduction campaign includes advertisements to bring the issue to the attention of the public, the involvement of community groups, enforcement, and municipal participation.

While council approved the concept, members had some interesting observations.

Councillor Ron Wallace, a former school trustee, said students of Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School should have no problem with putting in their 40 hours of community service to graduate.

All they had to do was pick up the litter on Dunning Avenue built up over the winter and hidden by the snow. He said the area was a disaster.

Councillor Nigel Kean said there was garbage and litter on a number of streets and some of it was the result of the recycling program as bottles, cans, and especially newspapers were not

weighted down and overflowed onto the streets.

He added that sometimes the blue box collectors spilled the boxes and didn't always pick up what was dropped.

Councillor Damir Vrancic referred to the many newspapers, flyers and leaflets that were thrown onto the driveway or the porch of a house and left to blow around. He said he had introduced the issue some time ago and nothing had been done to

improve the situation.

He suggested that before spending money to promote a new program, the town enforce the bylaws it has on the books to control littering.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern added that the proposal was a waste of money.

Councillor David Griffith said that more enforcement was necessary and parents should be made responsible for actions of their children.

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Now the series gets interesting

Tigers win Conference title

By **MIKE McCLYMONT**

The Junior A Aurora Tigers hockey team claimed the North/West Conference Championship title at home Sunday night, eliminating the Georgetown Raiders in five games.

Playing before about 750 fans, the local hockey team now has four rounds of playoffs nicely tucked away and will prepare for the big one (the Provincial title) starting this weekend.

The competition will be the Wellington Dukes, the only team ranked better than the Tigers all season.

Expect the Community Centre to be packed to the rafters for the home opener, but that will be partly due to three busloads of fans expected from the community located south of Trenton and Belleville in Prince Edward County.

Meanwhile, on Sunday, Aurora beat the Georgetown Raiders decisively 5-1 to advance to the Provincial championship.

Last year, the Tigers made it as far as the Conference Championship round but were swept away by Brampton.

This year, Aurora won three games in a row to earn the chance to play the Dukes.

Game Five Sunday began slowly as both teams were afraid to make a mistake.

The first team to score would be able to control the game, and the first goal came from Aurora when a Rob Godfrey shot hit a Raider skate and went directly into the Raider net.

With that goal, Aurora changed their defensive mindset and played more aggressively.

The Tigers got on the board again with 3:35 left in the first, when Steve Mignardi scored on a wrap around.

Even with a two-goal lead, the Tigers played careful hockey. Georgetown came out hard in the second period but the irreplaceable Chris Whitley made his usual amount of highlight saves.

With 13 minutes to play in the second, Kyle Aitken split through two defenders and made a soft pass to Jordan Brenner who deked around the Raider goalie for the third Tiger goal. Penalties consumed the

rest of the period, but Georgetown did score a power play goal, cutting the Tiger lead to 3-1.

With victory in sight, Aurora kept the pressure on in the third. Matt Bahen scored on a wrist shot with 11 minutes left to up the score to 4-1.

There was a scary sight when an off-balance Corey Gault was run into the boards with just under 10 minutes left. Gault had just finished taking a shot and was checked hard but legally.

Gault immediately started rolling around on the ice. After a solemn couple of minutes, he was helped off the ice.

The Tigers iced the game a minute later. Justin Olden jammed the puck between the post and the Raider goalie and that goal gave Aurora their ticket to Wellington.

"It feels good. We got further than we did last year, this is what we wanted, to

face Wellington in the final," said Tiger Centre Jesse Olden. "It should go to seven games, it's what everybody's wanted, Aurora against Wellington, so let's get it started."

The Tigers regained the Round Four best-of-seven series lead by defeating the Georgetown Raiders, again 5-1, in Aurora Thursday night.

There was a four-day break between Games Two and Three and so both teams had to shake off the rust in Game Three.

Neither club controlled the tempo nor outplayed the other but Aurora got the first goal when Jeff Gilbert's slap shot was partially saved but still found the net.

In the second, a Sam Skwarchuk shot went from teammate Justin Olden's chest to the back of the Raider net for the second goal.

At the five minute mark, Kyle Aitken dropped the puck back for Steve

Mignardi, whose point shot slid into the cage.

Aurora took their 3-0 lead into the third and continued the attack. After having a goal waved off and another shot hit the post, the Tigers took a penalty and still scored a shorthanded goal.

Sam Skwarchuk received a pass from Scott Goheen and banked the puck off a Raider stick into the net.

Skwarchuk scored again less than two minutes later on a Steve Mignardi rebound for a power play goal.

Georgetown eventually got on the scoreboard but it was too little, too late.

The Tigers followed up their success in Game Three with an impressive 2-1 win in Georgetown Saturday night.

Game Four was said to be a must win in most Tiger corners and the victory gave Aurora a 3-1 stranglehold on the series heading into Sunday's game in Aurora.

The Tigers put the pressure on the Raiders immediately. Aurora threw plenty of early shots at the Georgetown net but they couldn't get any by Raider goalie Daniel Bellissimo.

The first goal of the game may have been the most difficult, but the Tigers hustle gave Aurora the early advantage.

Both Jordan Brenner and Sam Skwarchuk battled hard behind the Raider net and got the puck in front to Matt Bahen.

Bahen backhanded it by three Raider defenders and the goalie with seven minutes left in the frame.

Aurora outworked Georgetown in the first but only had the one goal to show for their efforts.

The Tigers couldn't afford to be comfortable with a one-goal lead and were reminded of that a minute into the second frame. A Georgetown goal was called off because a Raider player kicked the puck into the Tiger net.

Aurora learned their lesson and responded 27 seconds later with a power play goal. Derek Doucette's initial shot was stopped but the juicy rebound gave

Jordan Brenner an open net.

The combination of the close Georgetown goal and the Tiger response turned up both teams' level of play. Aurora continued their attack and had plenty of opportunities for goal number three but it was Georgetown scoring next, closing the gap to 2-1.

That score would remain into an on-the-edge-of-your-seat third and final period. Knowing it could be their final home game of the year, Georgetown came out of the gates firing.

For the first few minutes, the Raiders controlled the puck and the momentum, but Aurora's defense eventually quieted Georgetown's energy.

Like a submission move, Aurora gradually silenced the arena and began causing turnovers. Defense was the key as the Tigers fought for more than 28 minutes to preserve their one goal lead.

"We were fine as long as we kept them out of our zone. We dumped the puck a lot. Our (defense) played great, I think we held them to like 20 shots," said Tiger goalie Chris Whitley.

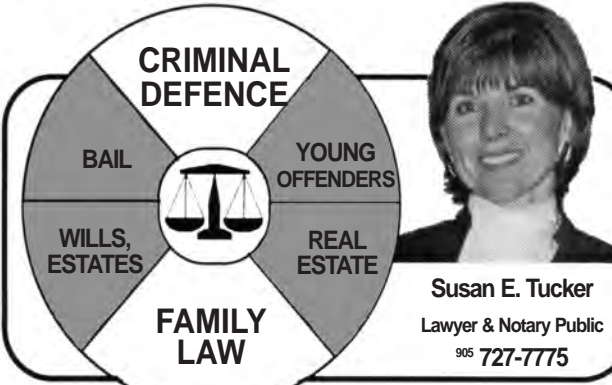
Wellington schedule

Want to go to Wellington Friday night? No problem. The Aurora Tigers will have a "Fan Bus" going to all away games. Cost is \$20 per person plus the cost of the ticket at Wellington. Seats will be sold on a first come first served basis by calling the Tiger office at (905) 841-3627.

Following is the complete series schedule.

- Game One - Aurora at Wellington - Friday April 4th - 7:30 pm
- Game Two - Wellington at Aurora - Sunday April 6th - 7:00 pm
- Game Three - Aurora at Wellington - Tuesday April 8th - 7:30 pm
- Game Four - Wellington at Aurora - Thursday April 10th - 7:30 pm
- Game Five (if nec.) - Aurora at Wellington - Sunday April 13th - 2:00 pm
- Game Six (if nec.) - Wellington at Aurora - Tuesday April 15th - 7:30 pm
- Game Seven (if nec.) - Aurora at Wellington - Thursday April 17th - 7:30 pm

Final question: where is Wellington, anyway? Well, it's east on the 401, then south of Trenton and Belleville in Prince Edward County.



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York Simcoe minor atoms host tourney

The York Simcoe Express AAA Minor Atom hockey team, of the Eastern AAA Association, will be this year's hosts for the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, Tournament of Champions, to be played at the Aurora Community Centre this weekend.

The tournament will consist of five teams, three from the Eastern Triple AAA Association, and two from the South Central Triple AAA Association competing for the coveted O.M.H.A. Mission Cup.

In their first season of Minor Novice AAA hockey, 2001-2002, York Simcoe placed first overall in the regular season, and after going undefeated in two rounds of playoffs travelled to Welland for the Champions' Tournament.

Preliminary rounds of action saw York Simcoe play the St. Catharines Sabres, Burlington Eagles, Welland Tigers, and Richmond Hill Stars, for the right to qualify for the championship game.

The final was played

against St. Catharines, and after a hard fought game York Simcoe captured the gold medal and the Mission Cup.

That victory gave them the privilege of playing host to the 2002-2003 tournament.

This year's coaching staff, led by Maurice Catenacci, and assisted by Pat Dinallo, Steve Rumble, Brock Neuman, and Team Manager Mark Murphy,

hope the team can repeat the success of last season.

"It is always very difficult to repeat a championship, so it will take a lot of effort and a great deal of heart to

repeat," Catenacci said.

Team players include Jeffrey Dinallo, Daniel Catenacci, Eric Hoey, Richard Occhipinti, Ryan Rumble, Cameron McKee, David Iacono, John Livingston, Ryan Murphy, Jeffrey Stewart, Chanelle Hassard, Alex Leader, Christian Weidauer, Hayden Neuman and Jason Pucciarelli.

Opening ceremonies get underway this Friday at 6 p.m.. with host/announcer Andy Frost and other special guests.

All games will be played in ACC1.

OMHA Tournament of Champions Weekend Schedule

This is the game schedule for York Simcoe Express in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's Tournament of Champions slated for Aurora this weekend.

Friday April 4th: YS vs. Richmond Hill Stars 2 p.m.
Friday April 4th: YS vs. Oakville Rangers 7:30 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday April 5th: YS vs. Clarington Toros noon
Saturday April 5th: YS vs. Halton Hurricanes 6 p.m.
Sunday April 6th: BRONZE MEDAL GAME 10 a.m.
Sunday April 6th: GOLD MEDAL GAME 1 p.m. (MISSION CUP)

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This was the scene throughout most of the Aurora-Georgetown series, as the Junior A Tigers romped to victory in five games and secured the North/West Conference title. Aurora wrapped up the series at home Sunday night with a 5-1 victory. Next on their plate is Wellington, the only team that had a better record during the season. Series opens in Wellington Friday night, with the second game in Aurora Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

AuroraTigers need 500 ticket sales to survive

From page 1

owners said in a flyer that appears in today's issue of the Auroran.

The flyer is offering season's tickets for next year, and owners feel they need to sell 500 of them in order for the team to stay alive.

But one owner, Mark Stubbs, told the Auroran Sunday night, the Tigers will be around for at least one more year regardless.

"We will ice a team next year, but if we don't get the fan support, it likely won't be a contender," he said.

Stubbs said the owners believed that if Aurora iced a top-notch hockey team, the fans would follow.

To date, that has not been the case.

"This weekend, when Wellington comes to town, the place will be packed," he said. "But the Wellington Dukes will bring three bus-

loads of fans."

Tigers' next round pits them against the only team that had a better season record. Insiders speculate the series will go the full seven games.

Sunday night, as the Tigers eliminated the Raiders, the Community Centre hosted about 800 people, many of them from out of town.

"All we ask is that people come out and watch a couple of hockey games," he said. "It's great entertainment and I'm sure they will enjoy it."

Stubbs suggested if the games don't entertain people, "then we're not a hockey town anymore."

"All we want to do is break even," he said, "but that won't happen without fan and corporate support."

Few clubs at this level actually make money, and Stubbs suggested the

Newmarket Hurricanes come close to even because fans do support the club.

"But they have a lot more people to draw from," he said.

Stubbs admitted there is no lineup of people waiting to buy the hockey team, and said it would survive only one more year if fan support fails to materialize.

"There has been junior hockey in Aurora for decades," he said. "It would be a shame for it to end."

Local personnel has always been an issue for Aurora hockey fans, since the days of the Bears, when most players actually lived here.

Only one Tiger - goaltender Lance King - lives in Aurora, but many live nearby, Stubbs said.

"Only three are billeted by residents."

Stubbs wondered why the affiliation with the Aurora Minor Hockey Association isn't bringing more people into the rink.

"These kids aspire to become Tigers," he said. "If there's no junior hockey here, they will have to go elsewhere."

"Aurora Tiger hockey is the best kept secret in town," he said.

The insert in today's paper explains how people can go about purchasing season's tickets for next year.

But the way Tigers are playing this year, the season might still be underway next year.

The other three Tiger owners are Dr. Lu Barbuto, Gerry Nudds and Ward Seymour.

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Squads named to meet teams from down under

The teams that will meet minor hockey players from New Zealand on Sunday have been announced.

Two minor squads - a girls' and a boys' contingent - will tangle with the "down under" visitors at Aurora's Leisure Complex beginning at 6 p.m.

The girls' team, sponsored by ASCI Sales Ltd., consists of Alison Andrews, Stephanie Bolton, Victoria Curci, Katherine Daly, Jaclyn Dawson, Alona Fortini, Hannah Hallsworth, Jade Herrington, Nadine Holland, Natasha Kustec, Nicole Leroux, Hilary Loughed, Jessica Murray and Carolyn Neufeld.

Coach is Steve Bolton, assisted by Bob Dawson. Anne Leroux is the trainer and manager.

Making up the boys' squad, sponsored by Brad Jones, are Alex Al-Jbouri, Adam Bates, Michael Berdine, Nathan Boyd, Mark Douris, Jake Everatt, Peter Holdsworth, Mathew Jelley,

Mitchell Lamont, Kevin May, Connor Regan, Paul Russo, Michael Sheppard, Shawn Smith and Kyle Whitney.

Coaches are John Regan and Peter Jelley.

The visitors from New Zealand are on their way to participate in a world-wide "Friendship Hockey Tournament" in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sunday's games are free to anyone who wishes to attend.

Skaters shine

Three skaters represented the Aurora Skating Club at the 2003 Ontario Star Skate Championships last weekend.

Following is a list of results:

Amy Thompson, Pre-preliminary Ladies Freeskate - First.

Lauren Cooper, Senior Bronze Ladies Freeskate - Second.

Caden Armstrong, Pre-preliminary Men's Freeskate - Fourth.

Yonge Street radial line - slightly ahead of its time

In addition to rail service which arrived in Aurora, then Machell's Corners, in 1853, stage coach service along Yonge Street provided transportation to weary travellers from Toronto, then York, to Lake Simcoe steamers at Holland Landing starting about 1828.

In Toronto at the time, transportation was provided by horse drawn cars, similar to a streetcar. As going north on Yonge Street was quite hilly, the horses sometimes stopped part way up.

If the driver wasn't quick enough in applying the brake, the car rolled backward dragging the horses after it, resulting in frequent accidents.

When the management of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company heard about the St. Catharines/Port Dalhousie Street Railway becoming electrified in 1887, they were very interested and in 1889 applied for permission to electrify its line.

The company put up trolley wires and built a powerhouse near where the TTC Davisville subway shops are now located.

By 1881 the electric trolley cars were operating.

In 1883 the Metropolitan received permission from the Legislature to extend their tracks in all directions. They had plans to extend their lines to Newmarket, Markham and Schomberg, but due to the cost they settled on a line to Richmond Hill.

Even this was too much and the company was sold to the Toronto Railway Company. Plans were made to build lines east, west and north from Toronto and from this the word "radial" evolved.

By 1896 the extension reached Richmond Hill. The power for the extension was provided from the Davisville powerhouse, which was not satisfactory.

So a big steam powerhouse was built at Bond Lake with a new sub-station at Hogg's Hollow, as the hill out of the hollow was the steepest radial line grade in Canada.

The Bond Lake site was selected because in those days generating stations required a lot of water for cooling and condensing the steam and Bond Lake was a ready-made reservoir.

In addition, the company bought 200 acres beside the lake in 1899 and created the Bond Lake Park.

This became one of the most popular recreation areas in the county and people arrived by radial from all over to spend a day in the park.

The park was closed down in 1929 when it was thought

the days of family picnics were over.

The Bond Lake powerhouse produced more power than was required for the radial cars so power was sold to the neighbouring towns of Aurora, Richmond Hill and Newmarket. The powerhouse was later taken over by Ontario Hydro.

Once the Richmond Hill line was open the route was extended northward and reached Aurora and Newmarket in 1899.

In 1904 under a new corporate name, the big, green cars of the Toronto and York Radial Railway rumbled into Jackson's Point on Lake Simcoe by 1907 with an extension to Sutton two years later. The trip from Sutton to Toronto was just over a dollar.

There was also an Oak Ridges branch to Schomberg. The line ran on what today is known as the Schomberg Road.

Grand Trunk Railways originally operated it as a steam line. It was taken over by Toronto and York and electrified in 1916, creating a unique situation, with freight cars transferred from a steam line to an electrified line.

A junction was constructed in the south end of Aurora in the vicinity of what is now the Industrial Parkway South to switch the steam traffic to the electrified line. A siding was also constructed to the Fleury Iron Works and Collis Leather.

It was not uncommon to see a boxcar being shunted up Yonge Street.

The radial was used by industry to transport goods as well as farmers to ship milk and eggs, plus the Lake Simcoe Ice Company to ship blocks of ice south. The radial was also partially responsible for the fierce hockey rivalry between communities along the line.

In 1905, the property south of what was then Banbury's Livery, now the Laurentian Bank, had been bought for a station, where Mr. Sub and TC Fish and Burgers are now located. The old station building was replaced by an Esso gas station around 1955.

From passenger traffic of 350,000 in 1900, it grew to 2,240,00 in 1905 and by 1921 to a peak of 11,689,000.

The City of Toronto acquired the line from the Toronto and York Radial Railway Company in 1920.

By the end of World War I, the Toronto to Sutton line was becoming unprofitable because of the advent of the car, better roads, trucks and buses.

In 1920 the TTC was formed to operate the city streetcar lines and Ontario Hydro managed the electric



In order for the radial car in the top photo to get to downtown Aurora, it had to cross the railway tracks at Industrial Parkway. The pillar, lower photo, is all that remains of the bridge that carried the radial over the railway. Rails were the same gauge, allowing freight on Yonge Street.

lines north of the city.

It was a lose-lose situation. Passenger and freight loads were falling, which meant less revenue, less revenue meant less service, which meant fewer passengers and on and on.

In 1927 the TTC took over the Lake Simcoe line and closed it north of Newmarket. The Oak Ridges to Schomberg line was also closed. On March 15, 1930, the whole line was closed down.

The municipalities of North York, Markham Township, Vaughan Township and Richmond Hill formed an agreement to operate the line from Hogg's Hollow to Richmond Hill and in July, 1930, the North Yonge Railway was operational.

The line was abandoned permanently on October 9, 1948. In 1954, the Yonge subway opened to Eglinton Avenue and extended to Finch Avenue by 1974 to provide commuters with rapid transit, which had been available previously, but possibly prematurely.

Traces of the old system are still visible today. One of the more prominent features is the huge concrete "Radial Arch" over the Holland River near Queen Street in Newmarket and part of a concrete pillar that carried the radial over the railroad on the north side of Industrial Parkway just east of Yonge Street in Aurora.

Frankly, they should put the streetcar line back. It was way ahead of its time.

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RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

Aurora Library sponsored many travelling exhibitions

At one time the Aurora Library, in addition to lending books and the many services it provides to citizens, used to bring travelling art and other exhibitions to Aurora, usually arranged by the Art Gallery of Ontario.

In November, 1990, a small collection of Victorian wood engravings from the collection of Alan Garrow and several pages of illustrated magazines of the period were exhibited.

Other exhibitions included Cape Dorset Inuit Art featuring the wildlife of the Arctic in bone, ivory, antler and stone.

Also on display were prints showing the exaggerated and fanciful renditions of birds.

MOUNT PISGAH UNITED CHURCH

Not many Aurorans will remember the Mount Pisgah United Church, which was located on the west side of Leslie Street just north of Bloomington Road.

The site is now in Aurora but prior to regional government it was located in Whitchurch Township.

The little, rural church was built in 1870 and located on a height of land leading the founding fathers to name the church for Mount Pisgah, the high ground from which the Children of Israel first saw the Promised Land.

It closed its doors in 1965 and sat vacant until May 29, 1971, when it went on the auction block. Pews sold for between \$25 and \$40. The piano went for \$50 and a foot-pumped organ \$60. Items such as the Bible, Alter Cloths and Communion Plates were placed in the Whitchurch Museum for safekeeping.

The church building sold for \$110 and the property for \$3,500. One of the conditions of sale was that the church be demolished within 60 days as the trustees did not want the building used for any other purpose.

The auctioneer's gavel sounded the last Amen for the little church.

BIG BUCKS IN FORGOTTEN BANK ACCOUNTS

It's hard to believe that people and organizations can forget bank accounts with hundreds or thousands of dollars in them, but it happens quite frequently, even here in Aurora.

In 1985, the Scotiabank advised the town that the bank was carrying an account in the name of the long-forgotten Town Band, which had been inactive since February, 1974.

No member of the former band could be located and as the account was under \$500 it was transferred to the federal government's general revenue fund and spent by our federal politicians.

It's hard to believe, but during the 40-year period 1944 to 1984 there were more than 760,000 forgotten bank accounts across Canada contributing approximately \$41 million to the Bank of Canada.

The bank holds amounts of more than \$500 indefinitely, but for accounts under \$500 after 10 years the funds are transferred to the government.

BYLAW STILL NEEDED

Every so often council receives complaints about trucks being parked on residential streets. Neighbouring residents have expressed concern about the safety of children and also the lowering of property values by the unsightly appearance.

There were so many complaints in June, 1966, that council decided to do something about it. The bylaw before council would prohibit the parking of any commercial vehicle over one-ton capacity in any residential area.

The bylaw was primarily designed for overnight parking in a driveway or adjoining empty lot.

Commercial vehicles parked while servicing or delivering at a residence were not covered by the bylaw.

Some complaints were received from truck owners who operated a business from their home resulting in an amendment prior to third reading of the bylaw to exempt anyone who was paying a business tax for a business operated from a residence.

AURORA WAS A SWINGING TOWN

In September, 1984, Des Hetherington started the Aurora Swingers Square Dance Club at Devins Drive Public School and very soon Aurora dancers were swinging to the music and following the calls as Des was the caller and instructor.

A minimum of 10 couples was required to form a club and very soon Aurora had several small clubs in operation with members from 18 to 78.

In addition, the Swingers formed a Once-A-Month Square Dance Club at Victoria Hall on Saturday nights for those who couldn't get out to one of the clubs during the week.

The Saturday night dance was open to everyone regardless of previous experience.

The Aurora Swingers are no longer a group but once a square dancer always a square dancer, as the Happy Hoppers know.

No concern over berm

In May, 2001, council adopted a bylaw to control the dumping of fill and alteration of grades, which included a number of environmental concerns.

The bylaw includes a provision that if the fill is beyond certain limits, the applicant must enter into an agreement with the town.

Council received a request from the owner of 1 Cowie Court to extend the berm con-

structed at 5 Cowie Court along the rear property line of 1 Cowie Court to provide privacy and cut noise from traffic along Bloomington Road.

Under new provincial legislation, the public has the opportunity to comment on the application prior to council approval.

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Dr. Peter Jensen

Speaker entertains big chamber crowd

Dr. Peter Jensen, CEO of Performance Coaching Inc., was the guest speaker at last week's meeting of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce held at the King's Riding Golf Club on Bathurst Street.

He's a dynamic and entertaining speaker with a doctorate in Sports Psychology. Over the years he has worked with and helped many athletes win Olympic medals and World championships.

He has become a world leader in bringing sports coaching and mental fitness skills to the corporate sector.

He has trained thousands of people in leading organizations across Canada and the United States on how to support and develop optimal performance in others, as well as themselves.

He stresses the need to work on the inside of the body, as people are never at their best when they are anxious, upset or nervous.

It's necessary, he says, to work on the inside to get the best outside, and this doesn't just apply to athletes.

It is necessary to eliminate the stress or modify the environment, to build and maintain physical resilience, and build and maintain inner strength and flexibility to succeed, either as an athlete, a top execu-

tive or a leading edge professional.

Some of his keys to successful performance are active awareness, optimism, energy management, imagery and mental preparedness.

Jensen says there is a high correlation between an opportunistic mind set and success.

He also points out that a person can't do things unless they can use imagination. By formulating images that take the desired stand, a person can create the thoughts, actions and strategy in the inner world that is needed for successful outer performance.

Jensen concluded by saying mental preparation brings together all the elements into a personalized and systematic mental training program. High performers make mental preparation a habit.

An interested member of the audience was Lanny Mann, a 25-year-old from Calgary, who won three gold medals in the recent Canada Cup Games in track and field events, including the 1,500 and 5,000 metre and the steeplechase and is looking forward to the next Olympics.

The Chamber luncheon was one of the largest held recently with approximately 150 in attendance.

Colour me a winner

Twelve Aurora youngsters have a fistful of gift certificates to spend at the Aurora Shopping Centre today, thanks to a recent colouring contest.

Three winners were chosen in four categories following the contest which drew hundreds of entries.

Winners include:
5 and under: Eagan DeMedeiros, Tessa Vierling, Julia Lyubarsky.

6 & 7: Courtenay Field, Joannathan Rankel, Jaclyn Munslow-MacNeil.

8-10: Michael Pelkola, Olivia Hanson, Adina Ellis.

11-12: Katie Graham, Rachael Russell, Stephanie Bolton.

Aurora Shopping Centre promotions director Marjorie Saunders said judges had a difficult time selecting winners from the entries received.



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Playoff Games

Tyke (3) vs Richmond Hill (4)

Quinn McGowan 2G,1A Kiefer McIntosh 1G Trevor George 1A Jerryd Jensen 1A Collin Laird 1A Jeffrey Lam 1A

Tyke (4) vs Richmond Hill (3)

Kevin Casey 1G Quinn McGowan 1G Daniel Jones 1G Liam Killops 1G Stefan Lazzer 1A Eric Archibald 1A Jerryd Jensen 1A Kiefer McIntosh 1A Kyle Zacharuk 1A Trevor George 1A

Minor Atom (3) vs Whitby (3)

Mitchell Sziraky 1G Jonathon Poulakos 1G 1A Danny McConnell 1G Matthew Miller 1A Kamran Karamchi 1A

Tournaments

Tyke (3) vs West London (8)

Daniel Jones 1G Quinn McGowan 1G Burke White 1G Stefan Lazzer 1A Liam Killops 1A

Tyke (1) vs Pickering (2)

Burke White 1G Kiefer McIntosh 1A Kevein Casey 1A

Tyke (1) vs Agincourt (5)

Burke White 1G

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Bantam AE	Viking Fire
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	B&M Produce
Midget A	Dome Interiors
	RBC
Midget AA	Summer's & Smith

Playoff Games

Minor Atom AA (4) vs Caledon (2)

Barclay Goodrow 1G,2A Christopher Smith 2G,1A Craig Johnson 1G Jamie Hawkins (AP) 3A

Minor Atom AA (2) vs Caledon (4)

Christopher Smith 1G Kyle McCreedy 1G Gavin Forrest 1A

Minor Atom AA (5) vs Caledon (2)

James Harkin 1G,1A Dylan Kovacs 3G Kyle McCreedy 1G Jamie Cherutti 1A Craig Johnson 2A Barclay Goodrow 1A Taran McGowan 1A Gavin Forrest 1A

Minor Atom AA (7) vs Caledon (2)

OMHA Champions!!

Christopher Smith 2G,2A Dylan Kovacs 2G,2A Kyle McCreedy 1G Craig Johnson 1G,1A Taran McGowan 1G Jamie Cherutti 1A Barclay Goodrow 3A Ryan Bailey 1A Justin Nice 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (4) vs Markham (4)

Tyler Hanlon 2G,2A Matthew Mikhaili 1G,2A Zachary Guisti 1G Jimmy Lyons 3A Johnny Borsellino 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (2) vs Markham (3)

Connor McQuestion 1G Jimmy Lyons 1G Tyler Hanlon 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (5) vs Richmond Hill (1)

Tyler Hanlon 1G,1A Sean Fennell 1G,1A Johnny Borsellino 1G Connor McQuestion 1G Brent Waites 1G Marcus Tocchet 1A David Roper 1A Matthew Mikhaili 1A Alex Denault 1A Chris Stankiewicz 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (4) vs Markham (3)

Johnny Borsellino 1G,1A Adrian DiRosa 1G,1A Matthew Mikhaili 1G Tyler Hanlon 1G Connor McQuestion 1A Alex Denault 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (1) vs Richmond Hill (1)

David Roper 1G Tyler Hanlon 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (5) vs Richmond Hill (2)

Brent Waites 2G,3A Tyler Hanlon 1G Matthew Mikhaili 1G Sean Fennell 1G Marcus Tocchet 2A Johnny Borsellino 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (4) vs Whitby (1)

Brent Waites 1G,1A David Roper 1G Tyler Hanlon 1G Sean Fennell 1G Connor McQuestion 1A Johnny Borsellino 1A Chris Stankiewicz 1A



Minor Pee wee AA (3) vs Whitby (2)

Marcus Tocchet 1G Matthew Mikhaili 1G Chris Stankiewicz 1G Brent Waites 2A Jimmy Lyons 1A Tyler Hanlon 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (2) vs Richmond Hill (3)

Brent Waites 1G,1A Johnny Borsellino 1G Quenton Hunt1A Adrian DiRosa 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (4) vs Whitby (2)

Sean Fennell 1G,1A Tyler Hanlon 1G Matthew Mikhaili 1G Brent Waites 1G Marcus Tocchet 1A Jimmy Lyons

Minor Pee wee AA (8) vs Richmond Hill (2)

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

Minor Pee wee AA (3) vs Brampton (4)

Matthew Mikhaili 2G Marcus Tocchet 1G Tyler Hanlon 2A Chris Stankiewicz 1A Alex Denault 1A Ryan Carlisle 1A

Minor Pee wee AA (6) vs Markham (5)

Tyler Hanlon 2G,1A Brent Waites 2G,1A Matthew Mikhaili1G,2A David Roper 1G Johnny Borsellino 3A JimmyLyons 1A Alex Denault 1A Connor McQuestion 1A

Tournaments

Minor Atom A (6) vs North Oshawa (0)

Eleeza Cox 2G Matthew Mears 1G,1A Tristan Miller 1G,1A Cody Weese 1G Josh Beaton 1G Steadman Dinning 1A Danile Howie 1A Blair Cutherbert 1A Daniel Howie MVP

Minor Atom A (7) vs Pickering (2)

Danile Howie 1G,1A Steadman Dinning 2G Eleeza Cox 2G,1A Tristan Miller 1G,1A Cody Weese 1G,1A Josh Beaton 2A Spencer George 2A Tristan Miller MVP

Minor Atom A (6) vs Hespeler (1)

Cody Weese 2G,1A Stephen DeMarco 1G,2A Matthew Mears 2G Eleeza Cox 1GSteadman Dinning 1A Brett Matthews 1A Josh Beaton 1A Spencer George 1A Patrick Jones 1A Tristan Miller 1A Chris Piron 1A Brandon Pederrsenn 1A Cody Weese MVP

Minor Atom A (2) vs Trenton (3)

Semi Final Lost in Overtime Eleeza Cox 1G Matthew Mears 1G Stedamna Dinning 1A Josh Beaton 1A Jamie Casey MVP

Minor Pee wee A (3) vs Buffalo Regals (0)

Mark Suominen SO Ben Mulholland 1G Quenton Hunt 1G,1A Cory Blom 1G Brett Dutchyshen 2A Carter Hassard 1A

Minor Pee wee A (1) vs Monroe Eagles (1)

Quenton Hunt 1G Luca Ghegin 1A

Minor Pee wee A (5) vs Perinton Blades (1)

Matthew Joynt 1G,1A Michael Morson 1G,1A Darrell Evans 1G Carter Hassard 1G Andrew McDonald 1G,2A Tyler Rundle 1A Cory Blom 1A

Minor Pee wee A (2) vs Perinton Blades (1)

Semi-Finals

Ben Mulholland 1G Matthew Joynt 1G,1A Andrew McDonald 1A Michael Morson 1A

Minor Pee wee A (3) vs Buffalo Regals (0)

Rochester Rumble Tournament Champions

Mark Suominen SO Matthew Joynt 1G Darrell Evans 1G,1ALucas Boyd 1G Michael Morson 1A Carter Hassard 1A

AMHA Information

Final Results Page

The final version of this page will appear the week of April 7th. Please submit all outstanding results by Wednesday April 2nd.

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.

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	
Tuesday	13-May-03	05:30 PM	07:30 PM	Minor Atom	1994
Wednesday	21-May-03	06:00 PM	07:30 PM	Minor Atom	
Saturday	10-May-03	04:30 PM	06:00 PM	Atom	
Thursday	15-May-03	06:00 PM	07:30 PM	Atom	
Tuesday	20-May-03	06:00 PM	07:30 PM	Atom	1992
Sunday	11-May-03	02:30 PM	04:00 PM	Minor Pee wee	
Wednesday	14-May-03	06:00 PM	08:00 PM	Minor Pee wee	
Thursday	22-May-03	08:00 PM	09:30 PM	Minor Pee wee	
Saturday	10-May-03	06:00 PM	07:30 PM	Pee wee	1991
Wednesday	14-May-03	08:00 PM	09:30 PM	Pee wee	
Wednesday	21-May-03	07:30 PM	09:30 PM	Pee wee	
Sunday	11-May-03	04:00 PM	05:30 PM	Minor Bantam	
Tuesday	13-May-03	07:30 PM	09:30 PM	Minor Bantam	1990
Tuesday	20-May-03	07:30 PM	09:00 PM	Minor Bantam	
Saturday	10-May-03	07:30 PM	09:00 PM	Bantam	
Monday	12-May-03	07:30 PM	09:00 PM	Bantam	
Thursday	15-May-03	07:30 PM	09:30 PM	Bantam	1988
Sunday	11-May-03	05:30 PM	07:00 PM	Minor Midget	
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	

Torch arrives in Aurora

1987

It was December 22, 1987, when Aurora citizens had the opportunity to play a small part of the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.

The Olympic Torch Relay passed through Aurora on an 88-day, 18,000-kilometre trek across Canada prior to the February 13 opening ceremonies.

A year earlier Aurora Council had been contacted by the Olympic organizing committee to plan for the flame's passage through the town.

Council approved the appointment of George Timpson as chairman of the Olympic Torch Relay committee.

The town also ordered 1,000 Olympic Torch Relay buttons to be sold, and 2,500 Olympic ribbons to be distributed as souvenirs. Also available were commemorative candles for lighting after the town ceremony.

After arriving by plane from Greece, the flame began its Canadian odyssey in November, 1987.

Runners were picked from applications submitted. Two Aurora residents were selected to take part in the relay, but not here.

Carrying the torch were 12-year-old Steven Lofkrantz, a Grade 7 student at Aurora Senior Public School and 34-year-old Anne Marie Goodwin. She ran a kilometre in Mississauga, while

Lofkrantz ran in Toronto.

Another Auroran also took part in the relay but not as a runner. Ken Lytwyn drove the lead car of the entourage from Oshawa to Fort Erie.

December 22 was "Red and White Day" in Aurora, as all residents were invited by the town's organizing committee to wear something red and/or white for the arrival of the torch.

Hundreds of Aurora residents braved the cold to attend the ceremonies at the community centre parking lot.

Finally the ceremony got underway with the presentation of the Canada Celebration 88 certificates and medals.

Medals were presented to six residents and 24 received certificates.

Peter White, a student at George Street School, spoke about what the

Olympic spirit meant to him followed by Aurora's Brian Stemmler, Canada's 1987 men's downhill skiing champion and a member of Canada's team at the Calgary Olympics.

As the torch left on its way to Richmond Hill, a fireworks display took place to send it on its way. Mayor John West described the relay run "as a joyous nationwide journey".

Swim pool to reopen April 16

In response to a question from Aurora Councillor David Griffith, Leisure Services Director Allan Downey advised that the swimming pool in the Leisure Complex was scheduled to reopen Wednesday, April 16.

It has been closed for several months for repairs and renovations.



Jack Patterson of the Aurora Historical Society, left, presents Derek Boles with a gift following Boles' speech about area railroad history to an AHS monthly meeting. Site of the event was moved to the Seniors' Centre and the place was packed. AHS is temporarily without a home as the Church Street School is undergoing extensive renovations. Executive members felt the Hillary House would be too small to host such an evening and they were right. Boles is the president of the Toronto Historical Railway Society and is working with a local group to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Head of Rail in May.

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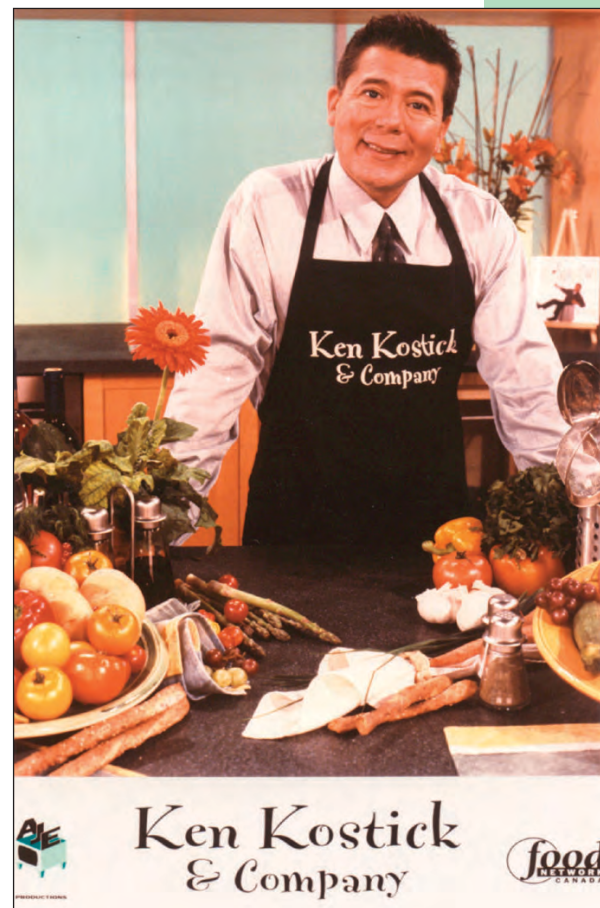


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