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Nine-year stint ends for White; Frisk new prez

For the first time in nine years, the name Ken White is missing from the top of the Aurora Legion's executive.

It has moved down a notch, and Ken did it himself.

White was named president of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 385, in 1994 and has held the position until this year.

When elections came around, he nominated Liz Frisk for the top job, a position she ultimately captured.

Ken automatically becomes Immediate Past President on the Legion executive.

Others making up this term are Marilyn Tolman, First Vice President; Ken Brewster, Second Vice President; Ed Crawford, Secretary; Carol Preston, Treasurer and Cheryl White, Manager.

Executive members include Don

Dempsey, Matt Young, Eleanor Thomson, Cliff Davies, Jim Rank, Blanche Kelly, Jocelyn Hutchison, Len Whines, Allie Fougere, Jack Rank and Winnie Fleet.

White's Legion career is legendary.

Since joining in 1977, he has served on dozens of committees at the branch, zone, district, and provincial levels.

He played a major role in the relocation of the Legion's Provincial Command headquarters from downtown Toronto to Aurora's Legion property on Industrial Parkway North.

In 1998, he was appointed as the provincial Parade Marshal and has looked after Ontario Command at the Provincial and Dominion Convention parades, as well as the Warriors Day Parade at the Canadian National Exhibition.



School within a school

New addition to St. Andrew's College, expected to be ready for the fall return-to-school crowds, is taking shape. The "school within a school" will house all middle school students this year and will feature a new gymnasium. Even though the St. Andrew's complex will be considerably larger, officials are not expecting to increase enrollment. Eastern Construction has the contract to build the addition, which was designed and planned by Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects. St. Andrew's College has been a jewel in Aurora's crown for decades, located on the west side of Yonge Street, just south of St. John's Sideroad.

Photo by Tatiana Mitchell



Mr. Cheese String attracted plenty of attention Saturday as the annual John Traganitis soccer tournament was held at Sheppard's Bush. Teams from the Aurora Youth Soccer Club participated in the weekend event.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Council sides with seniors to build brand new centre

Sometime in the future Aurora's seniors may enjoy a new 14,000 square foot centre to be located on John West Way, south of the Town Hall, at an estimated cost of \$2.8 million.

Charles Sequeira, representing the seniors' building steering committee, made a lengthy presentation to council members as to why the seniors preferred the new building over other options including renovations to the old library, already approved by council.

He said the seniors were willing to put up with the overcrowded conditions of their current facility in the old Aurora fire hall for the estimated two years before the new centre was ready.

Councillor John West recommended staff be authorized to engage a project manager to supervise a "design build" facility and report at the August meeting.

He said the project manager would work for the town and the seniors and see the project

through until completion. He noted that an advantage of the design build concept was a fixed price with no overruns.

He got the project manager, but lost the "design build" concept.

Treasurer Allan Evelyn said funds would be made available from the parks master plan reserve, devel-

opment charges for recreational facilities and cash-in-lieu of parkland. He said the \$1.2 million set aside to renovate the old library was also available.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern wondered what was going to happen to the former library and

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Factory is still home for Theatre Aurora

Theatre Aurora has a home in the Factory Theatre for the next 10 years at least, but during that time they must raise \$156,000 to add to a contribution of \$186,250 by the town to rehabilitate the old factory.

There is an option for an additional 10 years, if the work is completed.

Council made the decision last week.

Staff had recommended a five-year lease with a five-year option.

However, after listening to a well prepared brief by Anne Currie-O'Brien, president of Theatre Aurora, that a longer period was required to raise their share of the funds for the required building improvements, council agreed to the longer lease.

The staff report noted that the

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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

CONTINUING

Farmers' Market, Temperance Street parking lot, every Saturday through Thanksgiving weekend 8 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Contact Nigel Kean at 905-841-6776.

Summer public skating at the Leisure Complex every Friday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. until August 29. Cost is \$2.

Gamblers Anonymous, every Tuesday night, Trinity Anglican Church, Victoria Street, 7.30 p.m.

History camps at Hillary House for youngsters during the summer. Several week-long programs available. Call 905-727-8991 for details.

JULY 26

Polo at the Gormley Polo Centre, Leslie south of Bloomington, as the Toronto Polo Club hosts the M.C. Sifton Memorial Cup Charity to raise funds for York Central Hospital. Call 905-727-0535 for tickets and information.

Aurora Seniors Annual Garage Sale at the Seniors' Centre from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

JULY 27

Tea on the verandah at Hillary House. Tour the house and enjoy homemade refreshments. 2 to 4 p.m., 15372 Yonge Street, north of Wellington. For further information, call (905) 727-8991

JULY 30

Aurora Family Leisure Complex aquatics team's annual "Watergames" from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Theme is "Pirates of the Deep: The Search for Sunken Treasure". Proceeds donated to the Lifesaving Society and their "Drowning Prevention Campaign". Open to the public.

AUGUST 6

Children, ages six to nine, will make their own multi-coloured butterfly at the Aurora Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon.. Fee is \$6 per child.

AUGUST 7

Seniors trip to Port Colbourne and the Theatre-In-The-Round to watch "Ivanka Chews the Fats". Trip includes a driving tour of the Port, lunch at the theatre and following the performance a stop at the Old Country Market. Cost is \$66 for members and \$71 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

AUGUST 11

Sixth annual "A Bowl 4 The Soul" continues at R & S Ceramic Creations, Mary Street. Paint a bowl then donate it to Sunnybrook. Proceeds to Breast Cancer Research. Next painting date: Thursday, Sept. 11.

AUGUST 16

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Abbotsford Animal Hospital on Yonge Street in Aurora will hold its 7th Annual Charity Dog Wash, rain or shine, with proceeds to the Southlake Regional Health Centre. Call 905-727-7379 for further information.

Aurora Children's and Youth Fair in the Town Park with food, contests and games for children 13 and older. There will be a juried Art Show for young artists in graphics, photography, fine art and fabric art. For more information call Info Aurora at 905-727-8214.

AUGUST 22

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

The Canadian Blood Services will hold the Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic at the Aurora Town Hall from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

AUGUST 23

First "Lifeguards on the Beach" volleyball tournament will be held at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex beach courts. Teams of four may register. Support the Lifesaving Society's "Drowning Prevention Campaign". Registration

forms at the Leisure Complex. Further information call 905-727-3123 ext. 523.

SEPTEMBER 6

Aurora Historical Society annual tour of homes from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. Seven private homes, from the 1860s to the 1950s, will be on view. Tickets at \$15 per person are available until August 17, when the price goes up to \$20. All proceeds support Hillary House, Aurora's National Historic Site. Tickets may be purchased at Hillary House, 15372 Yonge Street, Wednesday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.. For more information, call (905) 727-8991.

SEPTEMBER 14

Aurora Terry Fox Run, Sheppard's Bush (Industrial Parkway South).

Registration 8:30 a.m. Run starts at 10 a.m. Course suitable for walkers, runners, inline skaters, bikers, wheelchairs, skateboarders, etc.

SEPTEMBER 17

Aurora Seniors visit Stratford Festival to see "The King and I", with lunch at the Walper Terrace Hotel. Cost is \$89 for members and \$94 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

SEPTEMBER 21

Aurora Rotary Club hosts annual Rotary Foundation Walk. 9 a.m. - noon. Walk covers 2.5 kilometres and is centred from the Town Park.

OCTOBER 25

Sterling Drug reunion, Aurora Legion, 7 p.m. Former employees invited. For tickets call 905-775-6761 or 905-775-6880. Also e-mail at sterling_reunion@hotmail.com.

OCTOBER 26

Girls Incorporated will hold their 24th annual Thrill on the Hill walk-a-thon fundraiser with a three kilometre hike and a five kilometre and 10 kilometre walk/run. Volunteers are needed to assist in organizing the event. Call 905-727-4897 for further information.

NOVEMBER 10

Municipal election day.

NOVEMBER 21

The Canadian Blood Services will hold the Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic in the Aurora Town Hall from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 22

Aurora Santa Claus Parade.

- With files from Info Aurora

Private hydro meeting lasts two hours

It was advertised as a public special council, annual shareholders meeting of Borealis Hydro Electric Holding Incorporated, formerly Aurora Hydro, at 4 p.m. July 15.

No one from the public showed up for the meeting, which was just as well as they would have sat on their hands for nearly two hours.

The first item on the agenda was to hold a private session to discuss legal and personnel matters subject to solicitor client privilege.

Councillor Ron Wallace asked if the private portion could be placed at the end of the meeting but was told results of the private session were required prior to the public session.

The private meeting lasted until 5:55 p.m. when the public session resumed, with a presentation by John Sanderson, President and CEO.

He reviewed the challenges facing the corporation during 2002 in preparing for the open market under hydro deregulation, updating the required changes in computer software and staff training for new market operations.

He noted that system outages had decreased from 190 in 1990 to 150 in 2002 due to effective maintenance programs.

He also noted that 2000 had marked the second successive year of zero lost time

incidents.

The introduction of a customer newsletter was also explained as a means of assisting customers to understand the many changes in reforming the electricity billing and to reduce the number of customer calls.

Sanderson explained the corporate restructuring, the appointment of an independent board of directors and the board committee structure.

Aurora Hydro was the first utility in the province to use infra-red technology to assist in locating marijuana growing operations.

The corporation participated with York Regional Police in Operation York Connected which led to the discovery of two grow-house operations in Aurora.

Council received a detailed report on the Aurora Hydro Strategic Action Plan without question or comment. The plan was a requirement of the provincial government under Bill 210.

Staff and members of the board of directors along with a consultant met at a retreat to develop a mission statement in meeting with the requirements of the shareholder in confirming the profit mode for operation.

After several questions for clarification by Councillor Evelina MacEachern, council received the consolidated

financial statement for 2002.

The net loss of \$64,000 was explained by the switchover from bimonthly to monthly billing, distribution and administrative changes brought about by deregulation and payments to the town and province.

Interest expenses of \$1.1 million were paid to the town as a partial return for its investment in the corporation.

The town sold the Aurora Hydro Electric Commission assets to the corporation for a purchase price to be paid partly in shares and partly in debt.

The corporation also made a payment to the province of \$40,000 for payment-in-lieu of taxes.

It was also noted that there was a net decrease of cash and cash equivalent of \$3.3 million in 2002 and further shortfalls are expected.

The board of directors governs the corporation and consists of seven directors appointed by the town.

Currently the board is comprised of the mayor, the president and CEO of the corporation and five citizen members with staggered appointment terms.

The terms of two directors expired concurrent with the annual meeting, those of Gordon Lytle, a long-time employee of the former Aurora Hydro, who has tendered his resignation, and Jane Murray.

The nominating committee of the board recommended the appointment of Allan Evelyn, the town treasurer, to the board to replace Lytle and the re-appointment of Murray for a three-year term.

Directors receive \$5,000 per annum and \$400 per meeting compensation from the board.

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Low Henderson bid higher than budget

Residents in the south end of Aurora in the vicinity of Henderson Drive expected that the badly needed road reconstruction of the roadway from Yonge Street to Lee Gate would be well underway by now.

But they may wait another year before anything happens.

The proposed project also included the installation of a 16-inch watermain to cross Yonge Street to hook up the west and east water pressure zones.

Following a series of public information meetings tenders were called.

When the tenders were opened it was found that the low bid of over \$1.3 million was more than \$352,000 more than the amount included in the 2003 capital budget.

Staff recommended the tender call be withdrawn and re-tendered as early as practicable in 2004 and the residents and businesses be so advised.

Steve Mitchell, president of the company that submitted the low bid, objected to the staff report recom-

mending re-tendering.

He said his company had submitted an aggressive bid and the integrity of the tendering process was at stake.

Councillor John West suggested the project be approved as submitted on the basis that the prices would not be any cheaper the following year. He suggested that the project be clawed back to meet the funds allocated.

Staff said that was contrary to the town's tendering policy. Other members of council agreed that it would be unfair to re-negotiate a reduced tender with the low bidder without consulting the other bidders.

There was also concern about where the extra money could be found, even though there was general agreement the work was necessary.

Staff advised there was no identifiable source of funding to pay for the overage, or that it would be necessary to delay another project if it was decided to proceed with the reconstruction of Henderson

Drive.

Councillor George Timpson said the project should proceed and the funds be obtained from some other source and repaid, as council owed it to the residents.

Other members of council said the town went out to tender too late in the season claiming it was after most construction companies were booked for the

season.

They supported an early tender call in 2004.

There was also concern about potential legal action if the town just negotiated with the low bidder.

After learning that the tender price held for 60 days, it was finally agreed to refer the issue back to staff for a report and recommendation to the August council meeting.

School guard will protect Stone Road

A public works staff report recommendation that the crossing guard at Wells Street and Wellington Street East be relocated to the Stone Road and Crow's Nest Gate won't happen. While a guard is required at the latter intersection, Aurora won't remove one from another location, council decided last week.

Previous crossing guard studies at the Stone Road intersection failed to meet the warrants, whereas a study carried out in June with

marginal results, showed a guard was warranted.

The staff report noted the intersection at Wells and Wellington is controlled by Intersection Pedestrian Signals and it was the opinion of staff the crossing guard was no longer required.

The Aurora Traffic Safety Board recommended a crossing guard be employed at the Stone Road intersection, but the crossing guard at the Wells Street intersection be retained, which council endorsed.

Popular Auroran Steve Hinder received yet another award last week during a brief ceremony at an Aurora Council meeting. Presented by Mayor Tim Jones, the Award of Excellence was given to Hinder for fighting crime. The award came from the Ontario Crime Control Commission. A retired Metropolitan Toronto police officer, Hinder is a founding member of P.A.C.T. (Police and Community Together) and has played a major role in the soon-to-be-opened Community Safety Village, now under construction at Bruce's Mill Conservation Authority in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

"Zero tolerance" policy sent back for new look

As a result of a minor incident at one of the town's Summer Camp programs last year, the Department of Leisure Services decided a policy addressing such issues as physical violence between participants would be beneficial.

In the spring, a preliminary "zero tolerance" policy was drafted using samples of existing policies from other municipalities. It was presented to the Leisure Services Advisory

Committee in June.

The committee recommended the policy be referred to the town's legal department, an appeal policy be included and the policy be approved by council.

Disruptive behaviour, according to the policy, is to be handled in a fair and consistent manner using progressive behaviour management strategies.

If the participant's behaviour escalates to the point where it is jeopardiz-

ing the physical safety and security of themselves, staff, and other participants, then it is appropriate for staff to intervene to prevent harm.

Under no circumstances will staff use physical coercion, verbal abuse, confinement, deprivation, humiliation, threats or sarcasm when working with children, the policy states.

Councillor Ron Wallace said it was an interesting concept, but slightly confusing as on one page it stated no staff intervention and on another it said it was okay for staff members to get involved. He asked for clarification.

Director of Leisure Services Allan Downey said it was a legal opinion not to become involved.

Councillor Nigel Kean expressed concern about staff standing by, while two kids were fighting, ending up with one getting hurt.

He suggested the town could be liable if that happened.

Downey said staff had the same concerns but were advised they could be held liable if they physically intervened.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said he could not agree to a policy of non-intervention as the town had a responsibility to the children's parents.

He gained council support to refer the issue back to staff with the suggestion that a second legal opinion be obtained.

Walls get new signs

Two applications were before council last week requesting variances to the sign bylaw and both were granted.

Tilemaster is moving from the Industrial Parkway South to larger facilities on Mary Street and requested new signage.

Staff reported the request was to install five wall signs in various locations plus a variance to install an additional sign at the front of the building.

Staff noted the total area of the signs was less than the permitted maximum if included in one sign based on the size of the wall.

The second request was from Home Depot on Bayview Avenue for three wall signs totalling approximately 40 square metres of sign area.

Staff members said the size exceeds the maximum permitted sign area of 19 square

metres but is well below the 20 per cent of the total wall area.

It was also pointed out that the requested variance is similar to that granted for Zellers, Canadian Tire and Aurora Shopping Centre to permit three signs.

A previous variance was granted in September 2002 to project the sign above the roofline.

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Poor Richard

Eaton catalogue demise a shock

*If you never saw the catalogue,
You don't know what it was.
It became the family bible,
And a visit from Santa Claus!*
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

A news story broke January 14, 1976, that shook most Canadians, especially those who lived in small urban or rural communities.

It wasn't the fall of the Ottawa government or an outbreak of hostilities, but the death of the Eaton catalogue.

The catalogue was a Canadian institution as hal- lowed as hockey, the Mounties and the beaver.

On lonely homesteads, the catalogue was often the only link to civilization. It was like a death in the fam- ily.

For many Canadians the catalogue was the only way they could do their Christmas shopping or pur- chase needed clothing and other articles during the year. For farmers it was a personal shopping centre.

For many children the catalogue presented a new world.

During the cold winter nights they would lie on the floor in front of the stove, slowly flipping the pages and looking at the wonders of the world, things the family couldn't afford.

With scissors, it became a cut out book and with crayons a colouring book. Young hockey players used the catalogue as shin pads in pick up hockey games on the neighbourhood pond.

The catalogue also provided young readers with information about the opposite sex, without asking their mother or father. All the kids had to do was look at the lingerie section for girls and the long john section for boys.

It was a big day in the life of the family when the new catalogue arrived, as the old, dog-eared copy was relegated to the outhouse to become toilet tis- sue. Nothing was wasted.

Earl Orser, president of Eatons, announced that the catalogue was being discontinued after 92 years of publication, affecting about 4,000 full-time employ- ees and a similar number of part-time employees.

Orser said it was costing too much to produce and the cost of shipping goods ordered through the cat- alogue had become prohibitive, and shopping pat- terns were changing with the introduction of shop- ping plazas.

In addition, inflation hit the catalogue business hard.

The books had to be planned more than a year ahead and prices were guaranteed for the life of the catalogue, mail-order customers often were able to buy items cheaper than customers in the store.

Orser said that although the catalogue produced about \$400 million in annual sales, the catalogue division was losing too much money over the past several years and in 1975 had lost \$17 million.

The news hit the headlines and papers ran full- page stories featuring old catalogue covers, how when rolled and tied, it became a Yule log and the illustrated toilet paper.

A look at early catalogues told more about the his- tory and lifestyles of the people than many history books.

In 1895 the catalogue offered a man's morning suit with Italian lining for \$8. You could order a good sofa for \$4.25 and furniture for two rooms for \$30.

A man's blue-serge suit could be bought for \$3, a hardwood chair for 35 cents, a brass bed for \$8.25, gramophone records for 50 cents or \$5 a dozen and a fine 100-piece French china dinner set for \$32.

The average catalogue had more than 800 pages, weighed three pounds, cost about \$2 each to pro- duce and was distributed to more than two million homes.

The catalogue evolved over the years. At first it sold items that were needed and later items it wanted you to think you needed.

It started to sell dreams, dreams of new dresses, clothes, a wristwatch and Christmas toys that kids just had to have.

Originally the catalogue was predominately rural in orientation but later became more citified and some- where in the transition, it lost its magic aura.

The influence of the catalogue can only be guessed at, but there are many Canadians with fond memo- ries of the Eaton's catalogue.



This is progress? Door to door milk delivery in Aurora was a routine event back in the 50s and the system advanced from the horse and buggy days to the horseless carriage days. In the photo at left, delivery by milk wagon and horse was handled by Cousins Dairy, located at Yonge and Mosley Streets (Trio Restaurant building). The milkman in the picture was named Bill Hope and his horse was Pearl. Bill was using a milk carrier at the time and likely taking milk into the Egan family residence (another older Aurora family) on the south side of Tyler Street. In the photo at right, taken in the early 1960s, is a milk truck, owned by Lowell McClenny, who was a franchise dealer with Cousins Dairy. The truck is a 1959 Divco stand up and drive truck which Lowell purchased new for \$9,000. The truck was manu- factured in Michigan, brought to Toronto where Elder Body (owned by Aurora's Jim Elder) installed the refrigeration unit. Lowell and the truck were responsible for delivering milk to the same customers who had been serviced by the horse and milk wagon a few years earlier. Life has progressed to a point where both services are extinct. Progress?



Letters to the Editor

Planning "by demand" in vogue, reader claims

To the editor,

The past two weeks of Aurorans - July 1st and July 8th - raise questions on how the town operates.

Evelyn Buck paints a picture of how past and present councillors have bowed to the wishes of the school boards - in committee.

Evelyn also commented on one councillor living in Newmarket and serving Aurora.

Dick Illingworth commented on Library Square planning and tax increases in recent years.

These comments leave one to wonder if there is any plan- ning.

The last two cartoons imply poor planning and where is the money for the new rinks?

From the commentary, plan- ning by demand is in vogue with the council.

A few presentations by pres- sure groups and, bang, everything happens.

Maybe because of November elections.

Everyone benefits

To the editor,

I must congratulate the Aurora Town Council for the foresight and courage to move ahead with new recreational facilities that were anticipated in the Recreation and Culture Master Plan.

I am sure that you will hear many naysayers who oppose your forward thinking.

Just remember one thing.

Whether one uses the facili- ties or not, the value of every property in town is enhanced by the quality of services offered. Everyone benefits.

Well done and Hi to all from Lake Temagami.

Peter Healy
Temagami

Suddenly a review of the culture and recreation master plan indicated a need for more recreation facilities.

I liked the quote by Larry Allison, "Recent demand analysis has resulted in determination by council that these facilities should be con- structed earlier than originally planned".

Demand analysis was demanded by pressure groups, not be planning. Does a budget for the year have any meaning?

Questions: when were facil- ities planned for expansion? Does borrowing from reserves solve all problems? Are reserves set up for spe- cific purposes or as a front for

Manager "sets record straight" on CT pricing

To the editor,

I am responding to recent letters in the Auroran about Canadian Tire automotive pricing in order to set the record straight.

Let me start by saying that Canadian Tire pricing is competitive with any other retailer in the market and that includes here in Aurora.

We have built our leader- ship position in automotive through service and price competitiveness.

To be clear on the facts, the price customers pay for any automotive part at any Canadian Tire store in the GTA, including Aurora, is the same.

In addition, the labour

covering money for poor planning? Does no one review facilities planning each year? What does the Aurora CAO do? What is next?

I wonder if a pressure group could be organized to control spending and bring taxes under control.

Planning has to be a way of life. Planning demands should flow from the council to department heads.

One could correct one of Evelyn Buck's beefs of out of town people serving on coun- cil and have a ward system selecting councillors.

Our population is large enough now.

Maybe the question of ward

voting should be put on the ballot in November.

Let Aurora voters state their preference. Do not leave it to politicians.

R.W. Hanes
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Letters to the Editor

Show Betty Pedersen respect she deserves

To the editor,

I just don't understand why I continue to see negative statements about the place of residence for Councillor Betty Pedersen. Mrs. Pedersen has owned property in Aurora for many years, and lived and raised her children in Aurora until she remarried

Councillor Pedersen is still a property owner, and a taxpayer in the Town of Aurora. She continues to volunteer in Aurora and still considers herself to be an Auroran just like the rest of us. We do not have a ward system in Aurora so most of us don't have our councillors living within our immediate neighbourhoods. I am stumped as to why it is so important that we know where Councillor

Pedersen sleeps. She attends council meetings, committee meetings and participates in debates with knowledge. She attends openings, closings, special events, and is often the cable TV hostess for our annual parades. Councillor Pedersen has not only an interest in what is good for the Town of Aurora, she is one of the most dedicated and committed individuals that I have come across. As a property owner and a taxpayer she is completely within her rights to run for council, and as long as she continues to show total commitment to her job as an Aurora councillor we should show her the respect and support that she deserves.

Marie Leone
Aurora

Machell's Corners



Ray's, Dan's: Whose café is it anyway?

To the editor,

You've done it again. Twice in the July 8th issue, you have located Ray's Café on the east side of Yonge Street (pages 6 and 15). Dan's Café became Moon Garden and Ray's Café

ended with the fire. It was a small café somewhere north of Thompson's and south of the two existing businesses at Yonge and Wellington. Enjoy receiving your paper and reading about AURORA and its citizens, which we don't get much of in other

papers. Look forward to each issue. Thank you.

Doris Pringle
Aurora

ED. NOTE - Seems we're both right. Ray's Cafe was on the west side of Yonge

when it was destroyed by fire in 1954. But when Moon Garden officially opened June 25, 1969, it did so in a renovated Ray's Cafe. Sometime, in those 15 years, Ray's moved to the east side. Jackie Stuart, museum curator, is working on nailing the dates.

His idea would locate three rinks at Burnett

To the Editor,

I am sitting here reminiscing my first term on council some 20 years ago in light of the headline in Rosemary's Auroran "2 Rinks +1 Pool = 2 Years". I can remember when the Leisure Complex started operations and the words "white elephant" popped up here and there around town. I can remember sitting at my desk and compiling a list of changes that should be tried to bring full life to the Complex. I can remember #24 as if it

was yesterday. That change included: "Shut down three rarely used volleyball courts, construct an elevated jogging track, and construct a new cushioned hardwood floor for a state-of-the-art fitness centre". When the fitness centre was completed, the Leisure Complex roared into operation better than I could ever have imagined. The fitness section actually generated a small profit. I would like to add suggestion #25 to my old list: "Build three rinks + one Olympic size pool in two

years at the new Community Complex. Pull the plug on the aging ice making compressors in the Leisure Complex that use thousands of gallons of water to make ice, and turn the Leisure Complex into a year round indoor sports and fitness centre using every available square foot including the large corridors that never have had any use". According to reports I have read, our country is in an obesity crisis with about two thirds of Canadians overweight.

The Leisure Complex could be designed for all ages and be Aurora's major contribution to help eliminate some of the obesity problems in our area. An added benefit would be to contribute to easing our ever increasing medical costs by getting a fitter community. A system of identification tags and closed circuit TV would free up our fitness experts to give individuals and groups ongoing valuable, friendly (and cheaper than other fitness centres) instructions.

A third ice surface would fit into the overall plan of the new Community Complex. A two tier maintenance and compressor area fully connected with an indoor road would make for economical operation of three rinks. All ice making employees and ice making equipment would be housed only at the Community Complex. This is far more economical than operating two of everything and two facilities one mile apart. The ground the Leisure Complex sits on is very unstable.

making equipment, that causes continuous reverberation in the ground and the changes in temperature when the ice is taken out and put in, would increase the life of the pad. Without change I believe the life of the pad, sitting on this quagmire, is uncertain. Supporting my concern is the many costly repairs and shut downs of the pool over the past years. Some day the pool may have to be filled in due to the lacking support of the ground. I hope a complete long term financial study of this radical approach will be made before the final decision is made. It would keep all fitness and sport minded groups happy for years and in the long run save the taxpayers money.

Cathy's Corner

For about 10 years, our family subscribed to special services from the Aurora Youth Soccer Club. I believe they are still available.

If you register three or more kids in House League, you get their bonus LET US PLAN YOUR SUMMER service.

If you register at the competitive level, it entitles you to the premium LET US PLAN YOUR SUMMER GET-ALWAYS service.

And if you volunteer to coach a team, you get the platinum service, better known as: LET US PLAN YOUR LIFE.

When we subscribed to the LET US PLAN YOUR SUMMER service, we were put on a diet and exercise program that is both cheap and effective.

The wear and tear on our barbeque was greatly reduced as the grocery list was trimmed down to watermelon and popsicles - a low fat alternative to steak and hamburgers.

In fact, we used the barbeque once, and the next time we dragged it out, the propane tank had expired.

Evidence that the program can stand the test of time.

The exercise component included two parents whisking three kids to three different fields in Aurora, four nights a week.

Who needs a gym membership?

We liked it so much that we upgraded to the premium service.

By registering two out of three kids on competitive teams, my husband and I each got our own customized tours of Southern Ontario.

His travel plan included Barrie, Woodbridge and Markham. I got to visit Whitby, Oshawa and Peterborough.

Because my husband had selected the coaching option

Soccer is life; rest just details

in year one, he had conquered Aurora by year five. In appreciation, they gave him a plaque and dressed him in a black, white and gold track suit with his name on it, just in case he totally lost touch with who he was and where he came from. The uniform came with orders to lead a small but skilled army of boys onto enemy turf and annex the territory for Aurora - an activity commonly referred to as "coaching Rep Soccer". When my husband and I would see each other again in September, we would sit, exhausted in the backyard and marvel at how much our grass had grown. We spent many a romantic candle-lit evening together in that brief period after the play offs and before Aurora Hydro restored electrical service to our house. Being a small town utility, they knew that if we hadn't picked up our mail since May, we weren't likely to notice that we left the TV set on until October. So they helped us out in July. But it all came to a tragic end this year. When the early registration forms arrived, I went out and bought a paper shredder. When the e-mail registration forms arrived, I learned how to use the "block sender" function. And when my husband asked me about it, I told him I took care of it. Now that our SOCCER IS LIFE days are over, we're bogged down with all the details. We have to plan our own vacations and do mundane summer things like boating and swimming. Most weeknights, we're stuck sipping pina colodas by the pool with other soccerless people. We even had to buy a new barbeque. And it's all because I caught the soccer fever, complete with the urge to reach out and kick someone.

Rumours of my death greatly exaggerated...

To the editor,


What a surprise to get so many phone calls yesterday. Unfortunately, they were calling with condolences. Let me explain. You ran a story on me in last week's paper. I didn't get the paper right away because I have moved into a new development in the north end of Aurora, but it did arrive Thursday. But, I digress. It will comfort you to know that your paper is indeed read by many of my friends. They were concerned about my health and indeed some were concerned by my absence of health after they read the headline "Remembering Aurora's Gerry Fostaty." Yikes! Truth is, I am in wonderful health and I still live in Aurora.


Norm Weller
Former Councillor
Aurora


I had coffee with Dick Illingworth 11(ish) years back when I was new to Aurora. We had just moved up from the screaming streets of Toronto to what we found was the perfect place to live. I was an actor then. Well, we have three kids now and a minivan, and I have a few more gray hairs, which I refer to as blonde, but Aurora is still a great place to live. I am not acting anymore. After having worked for 20 years on the boards it was time to move on. I'd like to have coffee with Dick again. But this time I'll do a story on him. He is terribly interesting and I know he would get a kick out of it.


Gerry Fostaty
Aurora


By Dick Illingworth


 **BOUQUETS** to former Councillors Norm Weller and Phyllis Morris and Councillor Evelina MacEachern for their ongoing struggle to obtain information about the financial status of Aurora Hydro. If taxpayers are the shareholders they are entitled to a financial statement and a shareholders' meeting.


 **BRICKBATS** to Aurora Council and the hydro board for calling a public shareholders meeting at 4 o'clock last week and immediately going into a private session that lasted until 5:55 p.m. The open session lasted from 5:55 to 6:20 p.m. and little information was gained except the utility had a net loss of \$64,000 in 2002.


 **BRICKBATS** to Aurora Hydro, or whatever they call themselves, and/or the company that does their monthly billing for mailing out duplicate bills for the June 13 meter reading, a few days apart. What a waste of money and effort, plus the inconvenience to consumers.


 **BOUQUETS** to the organizers, dedicated volunteers and contributors to the 2002 United Way of York Region fundraising campaign for raising a total of \$5.8 million, the most successful campaign in the agency's history.


 **BRICKBATS** to the Town of Aurora for the lack of information on the recent water and sewer bill. There was a charge of about one-fifth of the bill under the heading Miscellaneous. Just in case you wondered, it is a quarterly charge for storm sewers. If and when the town gets new billing equipment, you won't have to guess, as the bill will explain everything.


 **BOUQUETS** to the Town of Newmarket for holding a very successful Third Annual Rabies Clinic with 309 dogs and cats being vaccinated, up from 218 the previous year. Aurora Councillor Dave Griffith attempted to organize a similar clinic in Aurora in 2002 and 2003 but failed to gain support.

 **BRICKBATS** to those at the Town Hall responsible for changing the Concert-in-the-Park series from the traditional Sunday nights to Wednesday nights. It might be a very worthwhile move but council should have approved it in open council, which didn't happen. It's time the elected representatives started to make decisions, or why elect them?

 **BOUQUETS** to the Upper Canada Chordsmen for presenting a cheque for \$10,000 to the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation to furnish a room. They sing so that children may speak!

 **BRICKBATS** to the region's health committee for even considering asking regional taxpayers to subsidize the health department in selling nicotine replacement products, such as gum and patches, at a reduced price, with the taxpayer picking up the difference. Not only that but it puts the region in competition with taxpaying businesses. Forget it!

 **BOUQUETS** to R. W. Hanes for his recent thoughtful letter to the Auroran about the cost of renovations to the Church Street School and the need for taxpayers to contribute an extra \$50,000 and then \$75,000 to the approved price of \$694,500. Who prepared the specifications and why weren't they adequate?

 **BRICKBATS** to those at McDonald's Restaurant in Aurora for going to considerable expense to promote their new McGriddle breakfast sandwich, available only during breakfast hours and then forgetting to tell potential customers what the breakfast hours are. In case you are interested, McGriddles are not available after 11 a.m.

Letters to the Editor

Writer touches a few nerves for this reader

To the editor,

Applause. Applause.

First, to Michael Dickie for pointing out that Evelyn Buck took the opportunity of a friend's death to jump on the soapbox she so dearly covets for Evelyn.

I well know the Dickie and Barber families, being that both Brian Dickie and Doug Barber were officials at my wedding, and I at theirs.

Well done, Mike.

Secondly, to Jayne St. Anyon. Jayne, I have yet to have the privilege of meeting you but I look forward to that occasion.

I think that we share the same total fatigue of Ms. Buck.

Actually my wife tried to find your phone number to give you the high five, but couldn't. Nevertheless, we are in the book.

Jayne, I live around the corner from soapbox Buck and until now she was perhaps unaware of my proximity, although I have been in Aurora since 1960.

However, by submitting this letter, I have now given away my position of secrecy and will, no doubt, be her next target of some other rambling diatribe, but, if you

throw, be prepared to catch. Well done, Jayne.

To the Auroran and the editor (Ron, I know this is the stuff of great fun and controversy, not quite on the juicy side, but fun all the same) I submit that you should just get on with it and give Buck her own column, thus saving space for letters to the editor that might be of some interest and not just space takers.

Quite frankly, finding an artifact at the old Church Street School is much more appealing than the ramblings of a sour old politician.

To help you in this endeavour, I will ask that you remember that Buck once wrote a regular column in the Aurora Banner called "Buckshot", so you have a head start for Evelyn's column name...she can use the same initials (B.S.).

Perhaps your readers can help her with what the new column should be named. How about it, readers?

We need to have some more contributions from Lew Gloin. Always enjoyable.

Paul Tipton
Aurora

Kailey: we salute you

To the editor,

Re: Omission of Kailey Hayes from her yearbook.

The story of Kailey's omission from HER yearbook is an appalling tragedy especially in this

day and age where our society is trying to integrate those with personal challenges into everyday life.

Kailey's accomplishments should be celebrated rather than brushed off to the side, unseen and

unheard.

The fact that she was in a multi-handicapped class should not matter; she graduated.

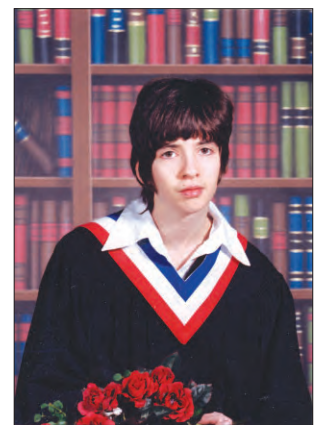
She will no longer step back in that school as a student, but she will always come back as a graduate.

Those responsible for the yearbook have taken that away from her forever, no one can turn the clock back and correct this horrific oversight.

Kailey does have feelings, and we all feel for her as well as her brother and parents.

Kailey, we salute your accomplishments, congratulations and all the best in the future.

Rhonda & John Lenchak
Aurora



Kailey Hayes

Family has grad gift for Kailey

To the editor,

School graduate Kailey Hayes (Auroran - July 15) was forgotten by her school, which did not include her multi-handicapped class photo, nor her graduation photo, in its yearbook.

Shame, for what hopefully was an oversight.

Kailey is not multi-handicapped - another disgusting label - she is multi-talented.

A lot of youngsters do not graduate.

Way to go, Kailey!

Enclosed is a \$50 graduation gift for you, or, perhaps it should go to the school to assist in rectifying the oversight?

The Storms family
Aurora

Reader wonders what the town will tax next

To the editor,

On Friday, July 18, my youngest daughter announced that a young man was approaching our front door.

Looking through the glass on our storm door, I saw someone with a clip board and pen who appeared to be collecting or canvassing for some worthy cause.

Upon arriving at my door, he told me he was from the Town of Aurora and was wondering if I had a cat or dog.

I responded that we have an indoor cat.

I was then told we required a license for our indoor cat and if I refused to license our cat I could be fined up to \$5,000.

Maybe I missed that part of the bylaw, however, I thought it was only issued for outside cats.

Let me say, I apologize to the young man for my platform views that I shared

with him.

But I am not sorry for saying that I believe this bylaw is only a money grab by the town.

I'm wondering what will they decide to license next...our two pet rats, my son's geckos, goldfish, pet rocks?

I know that this is not the end of the world and maybe I shouldn't waste my time even saying anything, but it does bother me.

Just to let you know, I don't even really like cats, it's my son's and he'll pay the license fee this year.

My biggest question is what will be added on next that we, as Aurorans, will have to pay for.

And just to let the town know that if they are going to canvass a street named Kitimat, of course, it will have cat owners on the street.

Myron Hoover
Aurora

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The Aurora Youth Soccer organization is using St. Andrew's College soccer fields to conduct a summer camp this year, and the camps are nearly filled to capacity. Activity through the camp days has been brisk.

Photo by Tatiana Mitchell

Confederation Park to receive a facelift

Tired, old Confederation Park is about to get a facelift.

Aurora's 2003 capital budget includes \$120,000 for the upgrade and retrofit of the park, including reconstruction of the existing basketball court, installing new pathways with night lighting, regrading of the park and resurfacing the parking lot.

The park improvement project is being conducted in concert with the site plan works at the adjacent two elementary schools.

In an effort to streamline the project and minimize duplication with the school board, the town included removal and reconstruction of the existing

twin basketball courts and repaving the town's parking lot.

The low bid for the school board works was submitted by Rutherford Contracting Limited. The town's share of the works was listed as \$102,800.

As some of the town's work is attributable to works associated with St. Joseph's School, the school board has agreed to assume \$29,000 of the town's portion.

Council approved entering into an agreement with the school board to spend up to \$80,000 for the redevelopment of the park.

The remainder of the work estimated at \$40,000 dealing with regrading and pathway

reconstruction will be completed in-house by parks staff.

Councillor Ron Wallace said that after he toured the park recently, he thought it looked "tired" and he questioned the need for a fence that cuts across the Oak Ridges Trail and separates a ball diamond from a shelter.

Staff replied the fence

was to be removed and the only fence would be around the parking lot.



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AURORA LIBRARY - Yonge & Church
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Diggers improve their league record

The Aurora Senior Diggers increased their record over the last two weeks to eight wins and two ties, with only three losses, in the 13 games played.

Last week in league play the team travelled to Cobourg only to lose a tough battle 6-5.

Cobourg went ahead in the first inning scoring two runs and before Chelsae Lumley shut them down with three strikeouts.

Aurora fought back and scored one in the second and added two more in the third to take the lead with Kaylee McDonald driving a double to score Chelsae, and Alyson Murphy driving in Kaylee to get the second Aurora run.

However, Cobourg returned the favour scoring two.

It was not until the 7th inning that Aurora fought

back by tying the game with two runs.

Jessica Murray started with a single that got a rally going and Jess and Amanda Piron scored the runs.

But, in the bottom of the 7th Cobourg scored the run they needed to win the game.

The next night, however, Cobourg came to Aurora and it was a different story.

Aurora scored early with five runs in the first inning and cruised to an 8-3 victory.

Offensively Jamie Doige led the Aurora bats going three for four at the plate and Jenn Kates and Amanda Piron added two hits each.

Defensively Kaylee McDonald pitched the win facing 21 batters over four innings. She struck out seven, gave up two walks and allowed only five hits.

Right after the Cobourg win, Aurora played Whitby D. The locals were on a roll as they breezed to a 6-0 shutout.

Chelsae Lumley pitched a three-hitter going five innings, with three strikeouts.

Kaylee McDonald came in to relieve the last two innings and faced nine batters. She had four strikeouts and held the opponents to only a single hit.

Chelsae Lumley led the

Aurora bats going two for two while Kathryn Cribbett, Amanda Piron, Larisa Weissberger and Hayley Davies all contributed hits.

Meanwhile, in a back-to-back series in Pickering for back to back games and the teams traded shutouts.

In the first game, Aurora triumphed 7-0, but Pickering downed the locals 5-0 in the second matchup.

Kaylee McDonald pitched the win in the first game going seven innings and allowing only two hits.

Aurora waited until the fifth before exploding for five runs.

Hayley Davies led the charge with two outs scoring first and Kaylee McDonald had a base clearing triple to score three.

Amanda Piron came up next and hit a home run to score two more runs.

Aurora added a pair in the seventh to complete the scoring.

Defensively Alyson Murphy had one of her best games at short stop. She caught three fly balls and put out another three runners to keep Pickering off the bases.

Jenn Kates at second base also contributed two outs in the winning effort.

Game two saw Pickering take the lead and hold it through seven innings.

Chelsae Lumley pitched the loss going seven innings with three strikeouts. She gave up two walks and allowed five hits in the 5-0 loss.

On Wednesday Aurora battled Whitby M to a 4-4 draw.

Aurora got off to a rough start by giving up unearned runs in the first and second and two more in the third.

It was not until the third inning that Aurora came alive.

Kathryn Cribbett got on base with a hit pitch and Amanda Piron brought her home.

In the fifth inning Aurora scored three to tie the game.

Mandy Ince started the inning with a walk that was followed by a triple by Alyson Murphy and Chelsae Lumley contributed a single while Amanda Piron hit a double that brought the runs in.

Amanda led the Aurora bats going three for four and Larisa Weissberger, Chelsae Lumley, Alyson Murphy and Kathryn Cribbett all contributed hits to the tie.

Chelsae Lumley pitched seven innings, had eight strikeouts, two walks and gave up three hits.

Aurora Minor Ball Results

SOFTBALL

5-Pitch (Mon/Wed)

July 14 - Dr. Steiner's Drillers 20	Aurora Canadian Tire 11
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Mite

July 8 - Novex Pharma (RH2) 12	Colt Creek Diving (A1) 11
XNO3 Design (RH5) 7	Toronto Star (OR1) 0 (forfeit)
Remington Medical (RH1) 17	Aurora Canadian Tire
(A2) 12	
Bero's Tire & Auto (OR2) 12	Little Caesars (RH4) 11
July 10-Greenham's (A3) vs.	Aurora Canadian Tire
	(A2) - Rained Out

Standings	GP	W	L	T	Points
XNO3 Design (RH5)	9	5	1	3	13
Bero's Tire & Auto (OR2)	8	6	2	0	12
York Paediatric (RH3)	9	6	3	0	12
Little Caesars (RH4)	8	5	2	1	11
Colt Creek Diving (A1)	9	5	4	0	10
Remington Medical (RH1)	10	4	5	1	9
Toronto Star (OR1)	9	3	5	1	7
Novex Pharma (RH2)	8	2	4	2	6
Greenham's Distinctive Clothier (A3)	8	1	6	1	3
Aurora Canadian Tire (A2)	8	0	7	1	1

Squirt

July 7 - Al's Home Renovation (RH3) 16	Aurora Home Hardware 6
July 10 -Richvale Lioness (RH2)	
vs Aurora Home Hardware - Rained Out	
Nolan's Transmission (OR) vs	LowePro (RH4) - Rained Out

Standings	GP	W	L	T	TP
Al's Home Renovations (RH3)	8	6	2	0	12
LowePro (RH4)	8	6	2	0	12
Powell Plumbing (RH5)	8	5	3	0	10
WWW.RHMB.A.CA (RH6)	7	3	2	2	8
Fabricland (RH1)	7	3	3	1	7
Richvale Lioness (RH2)	8	3	5	0	6
Aurora Home Hardware	8	1	6	1	3
Nolan' Transmission (OR)	6	1	5	0	2

BASEBALL

Rookie Ball

July 2 - Aurora Jays (A2) 1	La Prairie (N4) 0 (forfeit)
July 7 - Clearmeadow Camp (N2) 13	Aurora Jays (A2) 10
July 9 - Decorators Edge (B2) 7	Aurora Jays (A2) 3
July 14 - Newmarket Plaza Barbers (N6) 13	Aurora Jays (A2) 11
Casey Transport (A1) 25 vs	La Prairie (N4) 8
July 16 - Aurora Jays (A2) 19	Pet Paradise (N1) 16

Mosquito

July 14 - Dr. Orschel's Drillers (A1) 12	Kettle Chips (K1) 11
Aurora Cable Internet (A2) 8	Filebank (K2) 7
July 17 - Aurora Cable Internet (A2) 9	Dr. Orschel's Drillers (A1) 8

Bantam

July 13 - Keswick Marine (G2) 21	Aurora Home Hardware 9
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Midget/Juvenile/Junior

July 13 - Thornhill (T1) 9	Aurora Men's Slo-Pitch League 5
July 14 - Aurora Men's Slo-Pitch League 18	
	Braywood Services (N3) 1

REP BASEBALL

July 7 - Barrie 9 Minor Mosquito Jays 2

Barbs edge Ajax, but lose to visitors

In rugby league action Saturday, Aurora Barbarians defeated the Wanderers from Ajax 28-24 in a hard fought game at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School.

Aurora had four tries scored by Kevin Whelan, Matt Privou, James Holbert and Kyle Cresswell.

Cresswell was successful on all four of his conversions and ultimately provided the margin of victory in the game.

Aurora remains near the top of the Ontario Rugby Union Under 16 East Standings and could finish the week-end in first place pending other results.

Meanwhile, the Barbarians Under 16's finished up their three game series of international exhibition games with a 40-12 loss to Glyn Technology School from Ewell, Surrey, England Thursday.

Aurora held the home side to a 12-12 tie until half time but couldn't match the depth of substitutions in the second half as the visitors scored four unanswered converted tries.

Neil MacDonald and Tony DeVries scored

the tries and Kyle Cresswell had the conversion to account for the Barbs' points.

After the match Aurora hosted a party for their guests who had been staying with the local team since Tuesday while enjoying day trips to nearby tourist attractions.

Aurora gained valuable experience from the exhibition games and look focused to challenge for the ORU title at the end of the summer.

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HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

USB M/W- JUNE 2- Kelly- Kellogg's 4 (J. Wilcox 2, K. McIntosh 1, M. Longhin 1) vs **Champagne-** Kellogg's 3 (E. Ludwig 1, J. MacDonald 1, Z. Kercz 1);

JUNE 7- JUNE FESTIVAL- Kelly- Kellogg's 2 (J. Wilcox 2, K. McIntosh 1) vs **Ginger-** Kellogg's 1 (R. White 1); **GAME #2- Kelly-** Kellogg's 4 (J. Wilcox 1, K. McIntosh 2, K. Dawson 1, M. Longhin 1);

JUNE 9- Kelly- Kellogg's 5 (J. Wilcox, K. McIntosh 1, H. Sawyer 1) vs **White-** Highland Chev Olds Cadillac 1 (E. Staeuble 1);

JUNE 16- Royal- C.P.C. 4 (Ben Hankins 1, Andrew MacDonald 1, Jason Todd 2) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 2 (J. Wilcox 1, K. McIntosh 1);

JUNE 23- Kelly- Kellogg's 2 (Ian Mills 1, Michael Perryman 1) vs **Gold-** F.R Custom Metal 0;

JUNE 30- STINGER CUP- Kelly- Kellogg's 7 (Massimo Longlin 3, K. McIntosh 2, Ian Mills 1, Michael Perryman 1) vs **Red-** Dr. Steiner's Drillers 2 (Liam Killops 2);

JULY 7- Champagne- Kellogg's 5 (Eric Ludwig 2, Jack MacDonald 1, Zacary Kercz 1, Jason Lawlor 1) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 4 (Kiefer McIntosh 3, Michael Perryman 1);

JULY 14- Kelly- Kellogg's 6 (Kiefer McIntosh 3, Jamie Wilcox 2, Kevin Dawson 1) vs **White-** Highland Chev Olds Cadillac 3 (Dylan Sikura 2, Cameron Nuttall 1);

U8G T/TH- JULY 10- Orange- Karabin Kickers 3 (Kristina Galajda 1, Holly Cathers 1, Sarah Demarco 1) vs **Teal-** Mirconex Inc. 1 (Sara Leroy 1); **Navy-** Italdoor 2 (Kendall Mannella 1, Idanna Sortino 1) vs **Sky-** State Farm Insurance Legrow Agency 1 (Samantha Jones 1); **Forest-** Omar's Shoes 2 (Mari Mueller 1, Elizabeth Nerbas 1) vs **Lime-** Natalie Armstrong 1, Kate Dagher 1);

U9B M/W- JUNE 23- Gold- Kellogg's 4 (Adam Sottile 2, Taylor Chick 1, Lucas Varone 1) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 3 (Matthew Roy 2, Kevin Cook 1); **Red-** Kellogg's 7 (Jon Franken 2, Adam Balaban 2, Daniel Delbello 1, Alex Cackirovski 2) vs **Champagne-** Kellogg's 5 (Cooper Riswick 1, Liam Davis 1, Tanner Thiessen 2, Marshall McGaffrey 1); **Royal-** Kellogg's 5 (Ryan Hughes 3, Evan Collict 1) vs **White-** Kellogg's 1 (Spencer Allan 1);

JUNE 30- Red- Kellogg's 8 (Daniel Delbello 3, Kyle Spicer 3, Ethan Benson 1, Alez Cackirowski 1) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 3 (John DiNicolantonio 1, Adam Pitura 1, Thomas Kerr 1); **Gold-** Kellogg's 4 (Chris West 4) vs **Royal-** Kellogg's 3 (Mark 1, Joshua 1, Jason 1); **Champagne-** Kellogg's 6 (Evan Ciccarelli 3, Liam Davies 2, Andrew Papousek 1) vs **White-** Kellogg's 3 (Andrew Luck 1, Dennis Knaack 2); **JULY 7- Champagne-** Kellogg's 4 (Liam Davies 1, Marshall McGaffney 1, Andrew Papousek 1, Christopher Fafatios 1) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 3 (Mason Smith 1, Daniel DiLena 2); **Red-** Kellogg's 6 (Stefan Richardson 1, Adam Balaban 1, Kyle Spicer 1, Daniel Debello 1, John Brand 1, Alexander Lackirovski 1) vs **Royal-** Kellogg's 0; **Gold-** Kellogg's 1 (Joshua Klinouski 1) vs **White-** Kellogg's 1 (Dennis Knaack 1);

U9B T/THUR- JULY 10- Purple- Kellogg's 5 (Brett Wilson 2, Kyle Stewart 2, Dakota Reil 2) vs **Silver-** Kellogg's 4 (Nick Heintzman 1, Jake Langford 3); **Lime-** Kellogg's 5 (Stephen Cantarutti 1, Rory MacNiel 3, Adam Suleman 1) vs **Sky-** Onyx Marketing 2 (Kevin Lubezic 1, Joey Romano 1); **Sage-** Kellogg's 5 (Brandon Skippari 1, J.P. Hudon 1, Trevor Best 2, Mario Zuber 1) vs **Teal-** Dr. Weedon 1 (Christopher Oducayen 1); **Ginger-** Kellogg's 4 (Anthony Carleton 3, Jonathon Knowles 1) vs **Forest-** Honeywell 2 (Brendan Kirasack 1,

Zachary Gault 1); **U9G M/W- JULY 3- Gold-** Auto Camping 2 (Rachel Knetsch 1, Geynor McIlraith 1) vs **Champagne-** Kellogg's 2 (Kaitlyn Balikovec 1, Laura Janzen 1); **Red-** Kellogg's 3 (Samantha McCormick 2, Sierra Lerner 1) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 1 (Caleigh Kyle 1); **Royal-** Kellogg's 4 (Mandy Appleby 3, Stephanie Byron 1) vs **Orange-** H.S. Financial Services Inc.

U9G T/THUR- JULY 15- Sky- Kellogg's 4 (Samantha Minchella 2, Alexandra Nisbet 1, Sarah Chouinard 1) vs **Navy-** Kellogg's 0; **Teal-** Kellogg's 5 (Alex Moffat 1, Nadia Piccoli 1, Emily Harper 1, Christina Digiambattist 2) vs **Lime-** Kellogg's 3 (Brett Hagarty 2, Abigail Wood 1); **White-** K.P Bronze 7 (Lauren Rennie 1, Taylor Wooder 1, Justine Costa 2, Jennifer Goodale 2, Melissa Montanari 2) vs **Forest-** Kellogg's 0;

U10B- JUNE 23- White 4 (Dylan Kovacs 2, Rhys Gander 1, Tanner Brewer 1) vs **Orange** 1 (Sebastian Beaulieu-Bosnello 1); **Kelly-** C.P.C Healthcare 7 Adriano Bulfon 2, Julien Robertson, Eric Abel, Dakota Hendy) vs **Royal** 0; **Navy** 4 (Dylan Jolivet 1, Andrew Silaidis 1, Christopher Waller 2) vs **Red-** Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 2 (Michael Vance 2); **Champagne-** B.E.C Technologies 3 vs **Gold** 3;

JUNE 30- Kelly-C.P.C Healthcare 4 (Adrian Tobin 3, Adriano Bulfon 1) vs **Gold** 3 (Michael Bar 1, Tylor O'Brien 1, Dylan Skelton 1); **White** 3 (Dylan Kovacs 1, Greg Hunter 1, Tanner Brewer 1) vs **Red-** Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 2 (Michael DiVencenzo 1, Conor Elliot 1); **Champagne-** B.E.C Technologies 4 (Caleb Chatterton 1, Denis Casey 1, Lance Bonham 1, Ethan Morice 1) vs **Navy** 1;

JULY 7- White 9 (Rhys Gander 5, Dylan Kovacs 3, Justin Suffern 1) vs **Royal** 4 (Gregory Lacroix 1, Danny McConnell 2, James Philips 1); **Champagne-** B.E.C Technologies 4 (Colin East 1, Cody Weese 1, Denis Casey 1, Adam Scott 1) vs **Red-** Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 1; **Gold** 5 vs **Orange** 4; **Kelly-** C.P.C Healthcare 2 (Adriano Bulfon 1, Adrian Tobin 1) vs **Navy** 1 (Adrien St.Cyr 1);

U10B STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	
Kelly	5	0	1	16	
White	4	0	2	14	
Champagne	4	1	1	13	
Gold	2	2	2	8	
Navy	2	3	1	7	
Royal	1	4	1	4	
Orange	1	5	0	3	
Red	1	5	0	3	

U10G- JULY 15- Royal- The Packaging Group 4 (Laura Hicks 1, Morgan Nisbet 1, Denise Gottschald 2) vs **Gold-** Jane Murray P. Eng. 1 (Stephanie Romano 1); **U11B- JUNE 8- Kelly-** Priestly Demolition Inc 3 (Spencer Arkell 1, Paul Duggan 1, Sebastian Alzamora 1) vs **Navy-** Barb Blaser Remax York 2 (Alex Heintzman 1, Mitchell Yeatman 1); **Champagne** 7 (Jonathan Eggett 1, Bowman Webster 1, Brandon Rival 1, Michael D'Andrea 4) vs **Red-** Marilyn Redvers Royal LePage 4 (Thomas Cole 2, Kevin Shapiro 1, Connor Lynch 1); **White-** Wall Saver 8 (Colin Munn 3, Neil Gaston 2, Elio Panaccione 1, Giacomo Iaboni 1, Justin Killens 1) vs **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 4 (Wesley O'Beirne 2, Matthew Pellegrini 1, Mitchell Smith 1);

JULY 15- Kelly- Priestly Demolition Inc. 3 (Paul Duggan 1, Sebastian Alzamora 2) vs **Red-** Marilyn Redvers Royal LePage 2 (Dani Tzalis 1, Kevin Shapiro 1); **Gold-** Dial Tone Communications 6 (Dylan Teucher 1, Marcel Lamanna 1, Andrew McKay 1,

Cameron Flynn 3) vs **Royal-** Dr.Orschell's Drillers 4 (Connor McKinley 3, Kody Woods 1); **Champagne** 8 (Adam Colacitti 1, Jonathan Eggett 1, Haider Akbar 1, Michael D'Andrea 5) vs **White-** Wall Savers 2 (Elio Panaccione 1, Ian Stock 1);

U11B STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	
Gold	6	0	0	18	
Royal	4	2	0	12	
White	4	2	0	12	
Champagne	3	3	0	9	
Navy	2	4	0	6	
Kelly	2	4	0	6	
Red	0	6	0	0	

U11G- JULY 2- Royal- Smith, Sykes & Leeper Chartered Accountants 4 (Kira Volenecz 1, Kayly Henderson 1, Kristin Oakley 1, Danielle Bedard 1) vs **Orange-** Sundance Signs 0; **Champagne-** Summer's & Smith Cooling & Heating 2 (Leah West 2) vs **Navy-** Dial Tone Communications 2 (Shannon Williams 1, Amanda Bates 1); **Kelly-** Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc. 1 (Sarah DeAlmeida 1) vs **Gold-** Dr. Weaver's Drillers 1 (Sylvia Tenuta 1); **Sky** 1 (Caitlyn Smyth 1) vs **Red-** Aegis Engineering 1 (Stephanie Duncan 1); **JULY 9- Red-** Aegis Engineering 3 (Stephanie Dilena 2, 1 goal deflected off defender) vs **Champagne-** Summer's & Smith Cooling & Heating 1 (Paulina Saliba 1); **Gold-** Dr. Weaver's Drillers 4 (Camille Pagniello 1, Nicole Richmond 1, Sandra Legrotto 2) vs **Orange-** Sundance Signs 2 (Leah Boniface 1, Isobel Harrison 1); **Kelly-** Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc. 1 (Amalee Lavigne 1) vs **Navy-** Dial Tone Communications 0; **Sky** 3 (Alexandra Coulter 2, Kristina Pirri 1) vs **Royal-** Smith, Sykes & Leeper Chartered Accountants 1 (Heather Barker 1);

U11G STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	TPts		
Sky	3	0	3	9	
Gold	3	0	3	9	
Royal	3	2	1	7	
Kelly	2	1	2	6	
Red	2	1	2	6	
Champagne	1	2	2	4	
Navy	0	3	2	21	
Orange	0	4	1	1	

U12B- JULY 7- Red 5 (Michael Grande 3, Jeff Knack 1, Ryan Cathers 1) vs **Champagne-** Magna International Inc. 3 (C.J Melicherik 3); **Orange** 3 (Anthony Leutenegger 1, Joshua Bentolila 1, Michael Salna 1) vs **Gold-** B.M.P.S 0; **White-** Aurora Shopping Centre 3 (Andrew MacDonald 2, Damian Prezio 1) vs **Royal** 2 (Ryan Logan 2);

JULY 14- White- Aurora Shopping Centre 5 (Carmen Dalli 1, Michael Freedman 2, Andrew MacDonald 1, Damien Prezio 1) vs **Champagne-** Magna Intenational Inc. 4 (Omar Abel-Bader 1, C.J. Melichercik 3); **Royal** 6 (Simon Esposito 1, Emilio Nafarrate 1, Madison Weber 3, Matthew Joynt 1) vs **Gold-** B.M.P.S 3 (Adrian Clark 1, Jordan Fontin 1, Nizaam Rehman 1); **Red** 7 (Michael Grande 3, David Iwai 2, Derek Lockhart 1, Josh Olsen 1) vs **Kelly** 5 (Colin Moffat 4, Enrique Bonvelos 1);

U12B Standings				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	4	1	1	13
Gold	4	1	0	12
Red	2	1	2	8
Royal	1	1	3	6
Kelly	1	2	2	5
White	1	4	0	3
Champagne	0	3	2	2

U12G- JULY 2- Kelly- P.C Law 2 (Danica Nasato 1, Lauren Lostracco 1) vs **Gold-** Parmalat 0; **Orange** 5 vs **Royal-** Arrow Hedge Partners Inc. 2; **Navy-** Alcorn Enterprises 4 (Lianne Pitts 2, Cassandro Romano 1, Sabrina Zavarise 1) vs **Champagne** 0; **Red-** Kerrson Mechanical Ltd. 4 (Lauren Street 1, Olivia Avolio 1, Jamie Joslin 2) vs **Sky-** Hrd Kitchen Services 1 (Salimah Champs 1); **JULY 9- Kelly-** P.C Law 3 (Lauren Lostracco 1, Marla Horton 1, Toria Allison 1) vs **Navy-** Alcorn Enterprises 1 (Cassandra Romano 1); **Red-** Kerrson Mechanical Ltd. 3 (Lauren Street 1, Olivia Avolio 1, Caylin Butler 1) vs **Champagne** 0; **Gold-** Parmalat 5 (Michelle Richardson 1, Devon Emery 1, Jennifer Alcock 1, Jenna Williams 1, Valerie Frappier 1) vs **Orange** 1 (Lauren Rabindranath 1); **Sky-** Hrd Kitchen Services 5 (Leah Thiffault 1, Salmah Champs 3, Kirsten Perry 1) vs **Royal-** Arrow Hedge Partners Inc. 0; **JULY 16- Navy-** Alcorn Entrprises 1 (Lianne Pitts 1) vs **Orange** 1 (Lauren Rabindranath 1); **Gold-** Parmalat 7 (Allie Tonkin 1, Jenna Williams 1, Tanya Kizovski 1, Devon Emery 2, Alexis Silaidis 2) vs **Royal-** Arrow Hedge Partners Inc. 4 (Christine Puskar 2, Chantal Palmateer 2); **Red-** Kerrson Mechanical Ltd. 3 (Ashlyn Kerr 1, Kristie Callaghan 1, Jamie Joslin 1) vs **Kelly-** P.C Law 2 (Lauren Lostracco 1, Cayleigh Haywood 1); Champagne 0 vs **Sky-** Hrd Kitchens Services 0;

U12G STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	
Kelly	6	1	0	18	
Red	4	0	3	15	
Orange	3	2	2	11	
Gold	3	2	2	11	
Navy	2	3	2	8	
Sky	2	3	2	8	
Royal	2	5	0	6	
Champagne	0	6	1	1	

U13B- JULY 10- Red- Pizza Pizza 3 (Cameron Buchanan 1 Kevin Mockford 2) vs **Gold-** Pizza Pizza 1 (Connor Fraleigh 1); **Royal-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Taylor Jordan 2, D.J Roberts 1) vs **White-** Pizza Pizza 2 (Stephen Donches 1, Mitchel Sendel 1); **Kelly-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Ian Middleton 1, Damanian Ademirski 1, Mathew Paul 1) vs **Orange-** Pizza Pizza (David Sidea 1);

U13B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	4	0	1	13
Royal	4	1	0	12
Kelly	3	1	1	10
Orange	2	3	1	7
White	1	2	2	5
Gold	0	3	2	2
Navy	0	4	1	1

U13G- Orange 5 (Jennifer Montagano 2, Jennifer Pilkey 1, Leah Smith 1, Hailey Boonstra 1) vs **Sky** 3 (Alison McCarthy 1, Samantha Aird 1, Beth Hagarty 1); **Navy** 1 (Olivia Paitich 1) vs **Red-** Oak Ridges Home Hardware 0; **Kelly** 2 (Samantha Molson 2) vs **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 1 (Carina Orschel 1); **Gold** 1 (Jordan Williams 1) vs **Champagne** 1 (Lindsay Nunn 1);

U13G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Gold	6	0	1	13
Champagne	4	1	2	10
Navy	3	2	2	8
Kelly	3	2	2	8
Orange	1	2	4	6
Royal	2	4	1	5
Sky	2	4	1	5
Red	0	6	1	1

U14/15B- Not available at this time
U14G- JULY 10- STINGER CUP GAME- JUNE 17- Royal- Alutron

Modules Inc. 8 (Allison Tanner 1, Michelle Iwai 1, Suzanne Perdeaux 1, Kathleen Keon 2, Ashley Palmateer 3) vs **Navy** 1 (Sarah Pennacchio 1); **Red-** Sean Herbinson Remax York 5 (Kathleen Herbinson 3, Danielle DiGiacomi 1, Suzanne Puopolo 1) vs **White-** Hartwell Thayer Financial Services 3 (Michelle Bedard 2, Erin Devlin 1); **JULY 15- White-** Hartwell Thayer Financial Services 3 (Erin Devlin 2, Erin McNeil 1) vs **Navy** 3 (Sarah Pennacchio 1, Sara Friars 2); **Royal-** Alutron Modules Inc. 2 (Ashley Palmateer 2) vs **Champagne-** Pizza Pizza 2 (Heather McDonald 1, Krista Schilter 1); **Red-** Sean Herbinson Remax York 4 (Meaghan Annear 2, Kelli Smith 1, Danielle DiGiacomi 1) vs **Kelly** 2 (Meagan Hay 1, Erin Wotherspoon 1);

U15G- JUNE 23- Gold- Parmalat 2 (Lisa Searles 2) vs **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 2 (Christa Orschel 1, Jenny Vance 1); **Red-** Bruce Spragg Remax 2 vs **Champagne** 2; **JUNE 25- Kelly-** Rowan Hardwood Floors 2 (Jessica McDonald 1, Amanda Jamieson 1) vs **Orange-** Cinerari Hardwood Floors 1 (Julia DeZorzi 1); **JULY 2- Kelly-** Rowan Hardwood Floors 4 (Amanda Jamieson 2, Evelyn Leslie 2) vs **Orange-** Cinerari Hardwood Floors 3 (Amanda Ross 2, Julia DeZorzi 1); **JULY 7- Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 7 (Sarah Cohen 2, Erica Bergamin 1, Kristen Burrill 1, Jenny Vance 2, Alex Clarke 1) vs **Gold-** Parmalat 1 (Ashley Lupo 1); Kelly- Rowan hardwood Floors 2 (Amanda Jamieson 2) vs **Champagne** 0;

U15G STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	
Royal	3	0	2	11	
Kelly	3	3	0	9	
Champagne	2	1	1	7	
Red	2	0	1	7	
Gold	1	2	2	5	
Orange	0	4	0	0	

U19G- JULY 7- Silver- Aurora Shopping Centre 1 (Alison Healy 1) vs **Teal** 1 (Katie Faulkner 1); **JULY 9- Lime** 2 (Amy Cubitt 1, Kelly Gray 1) vs **Royal-** Pizza Pizza 1 (Nicole Dale 1); **Red-** Pizza Pizza 2 (Jacqueline Davis 1, Kelly Foss 1) vs **Navy-** Quality Integrators Corp. 1 (Amy Williamson 1); **Teal** 3 (Laura O'Meara 1, Jennifer Kryshka 1, Tally O'Direck 1) vs **Sky-** Laurion & Assoc. 2 (Melenie Cork 1, Mandy Orser 1); **Forest** 3 (Monique Deault 1, Stephanie Schuhmann 2) vs **Silver-** Aurora Shopping Centre 0;

U19G STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	
Teal	5	0	1	11	
Lime	5	1	0	10	
Forest	4	2	0	8	
Sky	3	2	1	7	
Red	2	3	1	5	
Royal	1	3	2	4	
Silver	0	3	3	3	
Navy	0	6	0	0	

U19B- Not available at this time
COMPETITIVE STINGERS
U10 GIRLS -Not available at this time
U12 GIRLS - JULY 10- Aurora Stingers 1 vs **Newmarket #2** 0. Two hit crossbars. One hit Post. One "Field Goal". One spectacular save was the difference in this game with Newmarket. Aurora's goal was scored by a beauty kick outside the 18 yrd box by Kayley Farrell. The shut out was earned by the aggressive goal keeping of Christina Aprile. Honorable mention to Madison Schuhmann and Lauren Ebenhardt for their strong defensive game.
U14 GIRLS- Not available at this time
U15 GIRLS PREMIERE- Not available at this time.



Aurora's Mallory Seager, 16, recently placed first in both the "model" and "acting" categories at the MAG national competition in Waterloo. A student at Cardinal Carter High School, Mallory enters Grade 12 in the fall. She is a member of the Flare Group Model and Talent Agency and instructs in the agency's child and pre-teen classes.

Auroran photos by David Falconer

Council sides with seniors to build brand new centre

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seniors centre and if the money to repair the old library was shifted to the new senior's facility.

Staff replied that as it had been council's direction for the seniors to move into the old library, no plans had been made for alternative uses.

Councillor Ron Wallace suggested to the seniors that a bird in the hand was worth more than "two in the front yard of the Town Hall".

He said they could be accommodated in the old library in a few months as money was in the budget for renovations and the old fire hall could be demolished to provide parking.

He said he was skeptical of the estimated two-year construction time schedule for the new facility and that by moving into the old library, council would have a breathing spell to plan a new facility a few years

down the road.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said it was obvious that a new building was the preferred choice of the majority, but he agreed with Wallace about the proposed time frame.

He also wanted assurances that the funding of the new facility was not going to take funds from other projects and impact the tax rate.

Staff replied that no other project would lose funding, but there would be a small impact on the tax bill for

extra staffing and maintenance.

Considerable concern was expressed for the West motion of a design build facility and after further debate West agreed to amend his motion to the engagement of a project manager who would review all the options and submit a report to council with a recommendation.

This was supported by a 7-2 recorded vote with Wallace and MacEachern in opposition, as they preferred a move to the old library.

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Theatre Aurora signs lease

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Leisure Services Advisory Committee had recommended the five year lease and option for exclusive use of the theatre at a nominal rent, on condition that Theatre Aurora secure grants or alternative funding to contribute towards the capital improvement works within 24 months.

The staff report also noted that a new Arts and Culture facility is projected in the cultural and recreation master plan for the year 2011, and Theatre Aurora believes Factory Theatre will continue to be required.

In her presentation, Currie-O'Brien said that after several meetings an amicable arrangement had been worked out except for the term of the lease.

She said Theatre Aurora was prepared to accept the large financial commitment to the building and then assume future needs as funding permits.

She added that a foundation committee and a fundraising committee had been formed and were pursuing grants from many sources including Trillium, and were also seeking charitable status in order to be able to give tax receipts for donations and sponsorships.

She also said that with the building

improvements, Theatre Aurora would be able to extend its theatrical season during the summer months, especially for its youth groups.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said he had some concerns with a 20-year lease fearing Theatre Aurora would outgrow the facility.

Currie-O'Brien replied she didn't see it as a problem and the theatrical group loved it there.

During the Open Forum part of the meeting, former Mayor Dick Illingworth spoke about how Theatre Aurora has provided excellent community theatre for citizens for close to 50 years, winning many awards and bringing honours to the town.

He recalled how members of Theatre Aurora had converted the dilapidated factory into a community theatre over the years with the purchase of curtains, seating, lighting and sound systems with little or no help from the town.

They supported youth groups, provided free nights for seniors and helped local charities.

He asked council members to be fair in considering the lease with Theatre Aurora in comparison with the Historical Society who are seeking to move into the Church Street School.

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RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

Singer could make things disappear

James Oppenauer was born in Aurora in 1963 and attended George Street and Wells Street Public Schools and Aurora High School.

He was interested in theatre but at that time the school did not have a theatre program.

While theatre was his goal, he wanted a trade to fall back on, if necessary.

He liked welding and attended the General Welding School in Toronto.

He worked at his trade during the day and became involved with Theatre Aurora in his spare time.

In 1983 he appeared in Theatre Aurora's Music Hall as Elvis Presley singing "One Last Kiss". He was also active with other neighbouring community theatre groups.

Theatre came naturally to him as he came from a multi-talented family of professional performers.

His father sang opera in his native Vienna, his grandmother played the violin and his grandfather had been an acrobat.

At age eight young James received a magic kit but when his family and friends laughed at his first attempts he gave up.

But in 1991 when he auditioned at Canada's Wonderland he won a part as a singer/dancer but ended up entertaining the audience as a magician in the show "It's Magic".

His act included levitation, raising a girl 10 feet in the air and making her disappear, putting a girl through solid glass, cutting a girl in half and much more, all done to music.

THE INFERNAL BELL HAS STOPPED RINGING

Back in 1965 on a hot summer day with windows wide open to catch any breeze that might be blowing, the incessant ringing of a bell disturbed many residents.

It was the ice cream salesman as he rode up and down the street on his bicycle cart, followed by several children.

Town council unanimously endorsed a proposal from Mrs. Evelyn Buck to withhold permits from the infernal bell.

She described the vendor as a nuisance and said one distraught neighbour had threatened to go after the ice cream man with a gun.

The infernal bell was no longer heard in Aurora. (ED. NOTE: Really? Try Cossar Drive)

TIMES NEVER CHANGE

The addition to the Resthaven Nursing Home on George Street is well underway after strong opposition from neighbours and an OMB hearing, but it wasn't the first time neighbours opposed an expansion to the nursing home.

Back in the summer of 1973 Francis Watson, owner and operator of the original Resthaven Nursing Home on Tyler Street, applied to the town for a permit to expand the home from 3,500 to 15,000 square feet.

Building Inspector Roy Harrington told council members that while the area was zoned institutional, the bylaw did not include the term nursing home. It was decided that it would be necessary to apply to the committee of adjustment for a variance to the bylaw.

A group of local citizens appeared at the committee of adjustment hearing to oppose the expansion.

In its decision to approve the variance the committee stated that while serious consideration was given to the objections raised by neighbours, the committee considered the value of the enlarged facility to the community outweighed the opposition and granted the variance.

NO ONE WOULD PAY FOR SIGN REMOVAL

In July, 1985, the town experienced trouble finding someone to pay a \$2,739 bill for the removal of a large billboard located on the roof of a Yonge Street building destroyed by fire in November, 1984.

The town ordered the removal of the sign as a safety precaution due to the damage to the building.

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The town then decided to seek legal advice as to who was responsible for payment, but it is not known if the money was ever collected.

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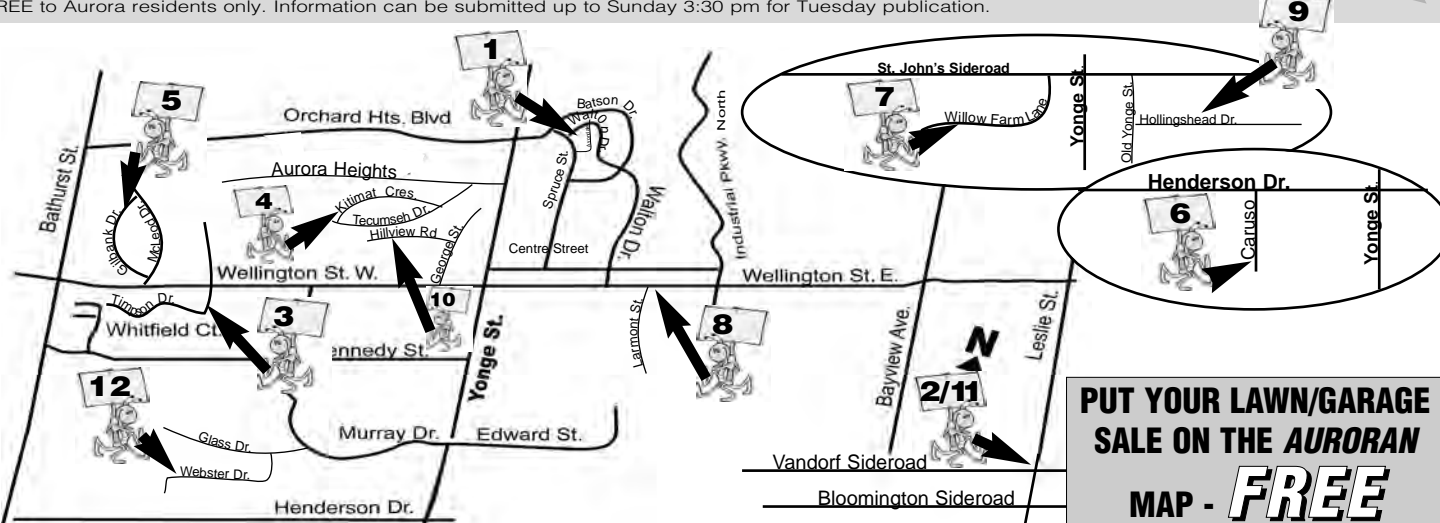
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