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## Aurora changes moraine rules

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

Unless Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty comes through with changes to legislation to stop growth on the Oak Ridges Moraine, as he promised prior to assuming office, taxpayers in Aurora could be on the hook for substantial court costs.

Current provincial legislation instructed the Town to bring its official plan and zoning bylaws into conformity with the Oak Ridges Moraine Protection Act by last Wednesday.

## Advance poll times

Advance polls for the Nov. 10 municipal election open Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Aurora Public Library.

You may vote that day between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Advance voting continues Sunday, Nov. 2 (noon to 6 p.m.) and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (4 to 8 p.m.)

The legislation includes a grandfather clause for planning applications decided prior to November 17, 2001, making them exempt from the Protection Act. They would be processed under the Planning Act.

At an earlier meeting, Planning Director Sue Seibert said official plan amendments #20 and #34 had been processed prior to the deadline.

Aurora Council also met its deadline, but went - according to some developers - a step too far.

On Tuesday night, council voted 7-2 to include the two planning amendment areas under the Protection Act, thereby freezing about 500 acres of land already approved for development.

When the two-part meeting continued the next night, two councillors - George Timpson and Betty Pedersen - changed their vote, but the motion still passed 5-4.

The province could still overrule Aurora's decision, but councillors who voted in favour of it don't believe that will happen, given McGuinty's stance on the Moraine.

Even before he was sworn in as premier, McGuinty said he would

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Posh was the order of the evening Friday as the Aurora Chamber of Commerce hosted its fourth annual business achievement awards night at King City's Kingbridge Centre. Above, guest speaker Dennis Hull, centre is flanked by, left to right, Damir Vrancic, Calvin White, Rosalyn Gonsalves and Mayor Tim Jones. Below, businessman of the year, Vic Priestly, right, receives his award from chamber president Brian North. Want to know who attended the gala? There are more than 100 photographs available for viewing at [www.auroraonline.com](http://www.auroraonline.com).

Photo by Rob Schuetze



## Priestly wins Chamber's Business Person award

The affable Vic Priestly, founder of Ontario's second largest demolition company, was named Business Person of the Year Friday as the Aurora Chamber of Commerce held its fourth annual Business Achievement Awards night.

Priestly, who opened a garden centre business with his brother, Dave, on Yonge Street, back in 1969, has operated Priestly Demolition since 1993.

The company has continued to grow, and recently won the contract to demolish Terminal One at Pearson International Airport.

At Friday's lavish event, Priestly won the award over two other Aurora nominees, Magna

Entertainment President Jim McAlpine and Peter Cellitte, owner of Giampierre's Beauty Salon.

"I was stunned and humbled by the honour," Priestly told the Auroran.

He was congratulated by last year's winner, Marilyn Redvers of Royal LePage Your Community Realty.

Business of the Year award went to Featherlite Industries Ltd., a ladder manufacturer on Engelhard Drive. That company won over Cookie It Up, Inc. and Quality Integrators Corporation.

Betty's Treats Inc., on Industrial Parkway, was the winner of the Small Business of the

Year Award, taking the honour over Gift Baskets & More (2000) Inc., and Romill Security Systems.

The New Venture Award was won by Timberlane Athletic Club, over Chinook Restaurant and Positive Changes Hypnosis.

The Chamber's selection of Young Entrepreneur was DS1 Design, over Yard Works 4 Life.

Aurora Mayor Tim Jones and Economic Development Advisory Committee Chairman Damir Vrancic teamed up to present four longevity awards to local businesses.

Celebrating 50 year anniversary

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What? Me worry? Frank Mete, vice president of the Aurora Rotary Club shares a cage with Shayla, a 440-pound tiger who will entertain at the Aurora High School Thursday, Nov. 13 during a live magic show, with host Claude Haggerty, who, above, is making sure Frank and Shayla remain friends. Haggerty previewed Shayla at Highland Chev Olds Cadillac Saturday morning in front of hundreds of delighted children. Kids will have a chance to crawl into the cage during the Nov. 13 show and have pictures taken. Tickets are available from Frank at Highland (905) 727-9444, ex. 239, or at the Auroran, 75 Mary Street, Unit 3, (905) 727-3300.

Auroran photo by Dave Falconer



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## COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

### CONTINUING

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

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Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps camping, canoeing, first aid, orienteering in two to six week camps for males & females 12 to 18. Call 905-726-8600.

\*\*\*\*\*

Co-Dependents Anonymous, every Tuesday, Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street, Aurora. 7.30 p.m.

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"Helping Hands" gently used clothing for women and children at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria St. every Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. For more info, call 905-727-6101.

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Until mid-December members of the Aurora Senior Art Group are exhibiting more than 20 paintings in the lobby of the Newmarket Theatre.

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Until the end of October the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall features the art of Elizabeth Gibson. Viewing hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

\*\*\*\*\*

Every Monday until December 1, it's Yard Waste Collection days. Place your yard waste in clear bags or open containers such as garbage cans or bushel baskets at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. If in doubt call Public Works at 905-727-1375 extension 547.

### OCTOBER 30

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Electionfest. Tuscany Banquet Centre, 7 p.m.

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A Golden Cabaret, music and comedy show, Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. 2 p.m. Call 905 953-3818 to reserve a seat and arrange transportation if necessary

### OCTOBER 31

Hallowe'en Dance at the Aurora Legion, 8 p.m. until midnight. Free to those in costume or \$3 per person if not.

### NOVEMBER 1

The Aurora Hockey Parents Auxiliary will hold a dinner dance at Howard Johnson Hotel. Tickets are \$30, which includes full buffet dinner, door prizes and spot dance giveaways. Call 905-727-1480 for ticket information.

### NOVEMBER 4

Blood donor clinic, Our Lady of Grace Church, 16 Catharine Avenue, 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 7

Splash Bash at the Leisure Complex Pool. First Friday of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission \$6 for an individual, \$10 for a family.

### NOVEMBER 8

Eleventh annual "In Harmony With The Community" music concert, hosted by The York Regional Police Male Chorus, at the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 17955 Leslie Street, Newmarket, at 7:30 p.m. Music by choruses from York, Halton, Ontario Provincial Police, Hamilton Police Ladies Choir, and the Harmony Chorale from Newmarket. Tickets \$10. Contact any member of the YRPMC or call (905) 727-9676.

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Upper Canada Chordsmen present "Another Op'nin Another Show" at Newmarket Theatre. 7.30 p.m. Tickets at the Auroran, 75 Mary Street, Unit 3, or

members of the Chordsmen.

\*\*\*\*\*

St. Andrew's Guild annual Christmas Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church Hall at Mosley and Victoria Streets. Hot luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults: \$5; Children under 10: \$2.

### NOVEMBER 10

Municipal election day.

### NOVEMBER 15

"Olde Tyme Christmas Bazaar" at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria St., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Further information 905-727-6101.

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Eighth Annual Christmas Fair & Artisans Craft Sale, Our Lady of Grace parish hall, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Further information 905-727-9390.

### NOVEMBER 19

Aurora Cable Internet and the Aurora Public Library present the seminar "Surfing and Searching" at 7

p.m. in the Library's Lebovic Room. Visit [www.aci.on.ca](http://www.aci.on.ca) to register or call the library at 905-727-9493.

### NOVEMBER 20-22

St. Andrew's College presentation of Shakespeare's Henry V. Tickets \$15. To reserve, call 905-727-3178, extension 434.

### NOVEMBER 21

The Canadian Blood Services Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic, Aurora Town Hall, 1 to 4 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 22

Aurora Santa Claus Parade.

### NOVEMBER 27-29

Pine Tree Potters Guild Winter Pottery Sale, St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, 368 St. John's Sideroad. Thurs. Nov. 27 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. Nov. 28 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 29 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- With files from Info Aurora

## Re-elect



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# Skateboarder plans two-country ride

If you think you like skateboarding, try this.

Nineteen-year-old Rob Dyer plans to skateboard from California to Newmarket next year to raise funds to fight cancer.

Aurora business and people plan to help.

His mother's death to cancer prompted Rob to embark on this mission, planned to begin March 3, 2004, in Los Angeles, California.

It's estimated it will take between 150 and 200 days to complete the trek.

Rob's determination has caused a tidal wave of enthusiasm among his peers who are anxiously volunteering to follow him in a bus and chronicle his journey.

Moreover, The Rosarium in Aurora has offered to donate an undetermined number of roses to Aurora area high schools in order to assist.

During the first two weeks of November, students will be able to purchase exquisite roses at \$1 each - thereby generating much needed funds to support Rob's 8,000 kilometre trek.

It's expected Rob will be heading north on Yonge Street through Aurora sometime between Oct. 8

and 10, 2004, if all goes according to plan.

You can assist Skate4Cancer in a variety of ways and are encouraged to visit the website at [www.skate4cancer.com](http://www.skate4cancer.com) "We really want to get the

message out there, particularly to the kids, that they should not be afraid to take action around their convictions," Rob said. "We are not powerless. We can make a difference in the world."

## Lawn bowling club grows

At the Ontario Lawn Bowling Association Annual General Assembly held in Brampton recently, the Aurora Lawn Bowling Club was presented with the award for the highest percentage of new members for the 2003 year.

Aurora had a whopping membership increase of 73 per cent.

The award was received by president, Alan Dean, and secretary, Judy Salmon.

The Club is hoping to continue a membership drive for 2004.



The ribbon falls as Aurora Mayor Tim Jones officially opens Tilemaster's new location on Mary Street, just south of Wellington East. In the background, Tilemaster founder Ton Holten, and his wife, Gerda, watch the ceremony. The mayor presented the Holtens with a "re-opening certificate".

*Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

# Tilemaster move shows its success

It was on April 11, 1981, when Aurora Mayor George Timpson cut the traditional ribbon to officially open Tilemaster, located on the Industrial Parkway South.

Ton Holten arrived in Canada from his native Holland the year before and to show his faith in his adopted country he started his own business, Tilemaster, a tile and bathroom fixture supply firm.

Working with a friend in York Region, he conducted a market survey of the area from Belleville to Windsor and concluded Newmarket was the best place to locate his business, but a suitable location couldn't be found.

A 7,000 square foot building on Industrial Parkway

South, adjacent to the GO Transit railway station, was located and Tilemaster was soon in business.

Holten was only 14 years old when he started working in an Italian tile factory. He later worked for a transport company but retained his contacts with the tile industry.

It was a good idea.

Last week, Holten, with the help of his wife, Gerda, and Mayor Tim Jones, officially opened his new location, 125 Mary Street, just south of Wellington East, and his showroom alone is almost as big as his entire former location,

Holten sells tiles both on a commercial and residential basis from the 45,000

square foot combined warehouse and store.

Prior to coming to Canada to live, on a business trip he learned that tiles were used on a limited basis here compared with their use in Europe.

Today, Tilemaster employs 10 employees.

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## Crackdown continues

York Regional Police in collaboration with the town's Transportation Advisory Committee continue their "Safe Streets" campaign in an effort to crack down on speeding and dangerous drivers in Aurora.

So far this month 133 speeding tickets have been issued to

motorists travelling Wellington Street and a further 32 cautions were issued.

According to police, the crackdown is working.

Only 10 tickets and two cautions were issued to drivers using Kennedy Street.

Police plan to continue the campaign.

## Re-elect



**Nigel Kean**  
**to**  
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**Poor  
Richard**

# Dick's suffering November blahs in late October

*Weather can affect the way you feel,  
Especially as one grows older;  
It starts with the November blahs,  
The sun disappears and it gets colder!*  
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

November may be a beautiful month in Australia and the southern areas with the hot sun belting down, but in northern areas, including Aurora, November is not a favourite month for most people, especially seniors.

Halloween, the night when the ghosts and goblins have their fling, introduces November.

Daylight Saving Time is over and the nights come dark and surly with at least five months of dreariness ahead facing you.

There's little wonder that Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the British Parliament on November 5, 1605, in the ill-fated Gunpowder Plot.

The First World War ended on November 11, 1918, when the tough German fighters couldn't face the Allied troops and another nasty November.

The month of November arrives with its gray, dirty days of gloom in which the sun seems to disappear from the universe.

It's a month of soaring fuel and light bills, the search for lost winter boots and getting the house ready for the winter.

It's a gray month, symbolized by Grey Cup Day.

It's also the time when many Canadians get a rotten cold, which lasts throughout the winter until the 24th of May when the sun and warmth returns to the northern climes and people start to feel human again.

November is also the time for Santa Claus parades and when Christmas advertising reaches its height coaxing people to use their credit cards to purchase gifts and not pay until later.

There may be some, like deer hunters, who are happy when November arrives, but with the deer population decreasing, they will soon have to suffer through the month like the rest of the people.

November is for the birds, but even the birds have enough sense to head south in October, before nasty, nefarious November arrives.

About 60 years ago, I was like the birds and flew south for the winter.

In those far off days I was an RCAF navigator attached to the RAF Transport Command and during the winter months was based in Bermuda to fly the South Atlantic route to Lagos in Nigeria, Africa, via Trinidad and Brazil.

During the summer months, we flew the North Atlantic, via Gander or Goose Bay to Prestwick, Scotland.

We flew a Coronado, a four-engine flying boat, which was supposed to be the American's answer to the British Sunderland.

But when it was fully loaded with gas, armament, etc. it had trouble taking off.

The armament and other equipment were removed and the RAF acquired six of them for transport work.

We flew high priority cargo, such as medical supplies, on the eastbound flights and carried about 50 returning aircrew who had made deliveries of badly needed planes on the westbound flight, much like a commercial airline.

On the south-about route we left Bermuda on a Monday morning for the 6½-hour flight to Miami to pick up the high priority freight.

Sometimes, it happened we had an oil leak or other mechanical problem and had to stay overnight in Miami, which was always a welcome break.

It was about an 11-hour overnight flight to Trinidad, time to refuel and an eight-hour flight to Belem, Brazil, at the mouth of the Amazon River.

Then it was a six-hour flight to Natal, Brazil.

Next came the long 13-hour overnight flight across the South Atlantic to Freetown in Africa, refuel and a seven-hour flight to our destination in Lagos, Nigeria, arriving about noon-hour on Thursday.

There was a three-day layover in Lagos before picking up returning aircrew for a Monday departure for the long flight back via the same route to Nassau to drop off the passengers and a return to base in Bermuda on the Thursday.

The following Monday we were off again for a repeat performance.

It wasn't easy but it beat the November blahs!



## Our changing town

Hard to believe the site of today's Mr. Sub and TC's Fish & Burgers, on the west side of Yonge Street, immediately north of the Aurora United Church, was once a railway station. Well, radial railway, to be exact. The top photo shows the station, built in 1906, complete with passengers, staff and a radial car. When the radial line closed in 1930, the building was turned around (literally) and used as a gas station. Top photo was taken from the book "Aurora: A History in Pictures by John McIntyre. Ron Wallace took the newer photograph about two years ago.

### Letters to the Editor

## Reader wonders about Poor Richard's motives

To the editor,

I don't often get excited or take umbrage with Dick Illingworth's articles but his recent Oct. 14 column (Poor Richard) is circumspect and bears watching.

From here it appears that he had some space to fill up.

Whether his reasoning was to sway voters or bolster the status quo is open to question.

It may not be against the Elections Act for columnists to add colour to certain candidates but it certainly is unethical.

We all know who the previous mayors or councillors are so other than giving them a leg up, why the special attention?

I am certain first time candidates are of a like mind.

Now that Dick Illingworth has spread his wings I can safely say I would like to see a shake up with new faces.

The Municipal Act should be changed to limit all members of council to two terms.

That is true democracy.

Four members of the present council equal 100 years.

In his Bouquets and Bickbats column Dick has a problem with the six foot sign people see going south on Yonge Street.

This sign directs traffic over the St. John's Sideroad wetlands.

He may not give cre-

dence to the fact the sign was erected just to swell traffic and justify increased lanes and widths in this green area, made possible by the Conservative eight years of terror.

Who knows?

I see frantic work going on now so maybe the new government will take a second look at its worth.

Incidentally, Mr. Illingworth knows where to turn and so do all Aurorans.

That is not the jist.

A total lack of mass transit is the goal we should seek to null.

I agree we do need a ward system now.

**Ben Kestein  
Aurora**

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## Cathy's Corner



# Too painful to dress up

When my kids were little, Halloween was my favourite time of year - the only special event that required everybody to park their broomsticks at their own house. Being the intense type, I went too far. Once, I even grew my own pumpkins - right here in Aurora.

One got big enough to enter into a contest, but that was before Aurora Home Hardware started selling the handy dandy household crane.

Of course I dressed up for the occasion. I wore my old black satin disco dress. Except I wore it as a cape, because witches don't do disco.

I put my best creative effort into my hat. I used a heavy duty industrial grade plastic sheet, rolled it into a cone, and covered it with black satin.

I made the brim extra wide to support a nest of rubber snakes. Wearing that hat, I was 10 feet tall. I mean really.

On the frightful eve, I dressed in the bathroom in front of the mirror. I smeared green goop all over my face and drew warts on my nose and my chin. Then, I painted my lips black, and smeared more black around my eyes.

Finally, I put on my hat over a wig of long wiry grey hair. I had achieved exceptional ugliness - probably enough to freak out my mother.

With a triumphant cackle, I turned to walk confidently out the door.

Two steps and all of a sudden, I was thrown back by an unexplained force.

The heavy duty plastic construction of my hat had insured that when it hit the top of the doorway, it would stay on my head even if my neck broke.

The fact that I'm skinny insured that when I hit the ceramic floor, there would not be enough padding to protect my tailbone. It was painful.

When I regained consciousness, my husband and children were standing over a partially decapitated witch sprawled on the bathroom floor.

"Daddy, is Mommy dead?"  
Not the presentation I had planned.  
"Help me up," I groaned to my husband. The hat weighed more than me. Rubber snakes...what was I thinking?

He helped me up, except my son was standing on my disco dress. Don't ever tie two things around your neck, okay?

"My hat..." I started to explain, but as I straightened up, I took out the light fixture.

"Don't move!" shouted my husband.

He removed the hat like he was handling a bomb. He parked me on the front porch and put the weapon of mass destruction back on my head.

I felt an intense longing for a neck brace, a donut pillow and a large bottle of Advil.

With a fatherly look, he said: "You have to take the hat off to go through the door, okay?"

No, really? I was planning to crawl.

My first customer arrived, regarding my ghoulish figure curiously. "Are you a real witch?" he asked. Are those Spiderman pajamas?

"Ask my husband," I answered, pointing to the life-sized skeleton hanging to my right. His eyes widened.

"Wait a minute!" He exclaimed. "I know you! You coached the Eagles! I was on the Hawks! We beat you!" My turn to do the protruding eyeballs thing.

Busted...again. Only in Aurora.

I don't dress up for Halloween any more. It's too painful.

Comments and suggestions for Cathy can be e-mailed to [laughingmatters@aci.on.ca](mailto:laughingmatters@aci.on.ca)

# What was point of Legion "girls", reader wonders

To the editor,

I realize I may be at an age where I have become out of touch with today's values and humour, but would be pleased if someone could give me some insight as to why men dressing up as women is supposed to be amusing?

I am referring to the Legion Calendar Girls photo that graced the cover of the Oct.

21 issue of the Auroran.

I am not picking on members of the Legion specifically as I tend to see this often and everywhere, and for some reason it is always just as funny and just as clever.

On the other hand if a man chooses to dress as a woman for personal reasons, we are to take it very seriously without the hint of a smile or look of reproach.

## Machell's Corners



## Letters to the Editor

# Moraine vote closer than story said

To the editor,

Re: article Oct 23, 2003, Aurora votes 7-2 to protect the Moraine.

Headlines in an area newspaper highlighted that day's tally on a sensitive moraine protection bylaw.

Citizens who attended the meeting were led to believe the vote was 7-2 in support of the motion and the time to debate was over.

Chalk one up for the moraine...

Not Quite!

When the meeting continued the next day, the room was packed again but this time with developers and their lawyers wishing to speak on this issue.

Wisely, they were refused delegation status.

But what happened in the 24-hour recess period to sway the votes of two councillors, Betty Pedersen and George Timpson?

Despite attempts to change the outcome, the motion to protect the Moraine was passed by a close vote of 5- 4 in favour.

Our special thanks goes to Councillor Evelina MacEachern for not only upholding her beliefs but in keeping "our" council accountable.

Doing the right thing is not always easy as is evidenced by Betty Pedersen and George Timpson with the last minute "change of

heart".

Several questions surrounding this matter need to be answered.

Why has the town staff sought and paid for a legal opinion on the interpretation of the Provincial Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan by the same law firm that also represents a major developer in Aurora?

Why was Town Council not informed of this conflict of interest prior to their

deliberations on this matter?

Why did our mayor, Tim Jones and our deputy mayor, John West vote against the ultimate protection of the provincial Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan?

They stated that they had concerns of the potential threat of legal suits and the OMB.

As Ratepayers of Aurora Yonge South we have been down this path many times

before, but with a united front and armed with the right ammunition of knowledge, we have been able to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine in Aurora South.

We must always remain vigilant in protecting the environment - things are rarely as they seem and no vote appears to ever be final.

**Board of RAYS (Ratepayers of Aurora Yonge South)**

# Centre upsets neighbour

An open letter to Mayor Tim Jones,

The fear factor has come to Aurora!

The challenge? Drive Test Centre. Dare, if you will, to venture into the Aurora Village Shopping Centre.

I'm sending you this letter to voice my concern over the above mentioned Drive Test Centre.

Who in their right mind would put a Drive Test Centre in a busy plaza? Were they not thinking?

I fear for the children who walk through that plaza to go to the variety store.

I fear for the elderly who walk through that plaza to do their shopping.

I myself have walked through that plaza only to

dodge the numerous people learning how to drive.

I have been told that two vehicles in the plaza, practising their driving skills, collided with each other.

I have heard (literally, I live directly behind the plaza) and witnessed the end result of a collision on Henderson Drive involving a "learner" coming out of the plaza without stopping.

Don't even get me started on increased insurance premiums should one of these "Learners" hit my car while coming in or out of that plaza. They make me very nervous

Something must be done to have this Test Centre relocated to an area where it is not as

busy and safe for all.

I am not the only person who feels this strongly about the Test Centre and I know I am not the only one who will shop elsewhere rather than go into that plaza.

**Sharon Riendeau Aurora**

# His wish

To the editor,

On November 11th, I do hope we will find ways of expressing our respect and our gratitude without making the mistake of glorifying war.

**Bill Trimble Aurora**

Am I the only one who finds this whole thing bizarre? What exactly is the point? Who are you making fun of?

Women? Transvestites? And why is this funny?

I am neither insulted nor amused, just a tad

bewildered.

I will chalk it up to old age, but at 32, I am dreading what will be considered

funny in the next 40 years of my life.

**R. Tudan Aurora**

# Doan house is remembered

To the editor,

I saw your picture of Doan Hall in the paper.

I really didn't pay much

attention to it when I was younger.

I do, however, remember the late Julie Smith having

a shoe repair shop where

the parking lot is now.


I have, however, shopped many times in the drug store that is there now.

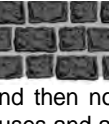
It is nice to see pictures


of some of the old buildings.


**W.G. Willis Aurora**


By DICK ILLINGWORTH


 **BOUQUETS** to former Aurora residents Al and Marj Dawson, now living in Barrie, on their recent 50th wedding anniversary. The Dawsons were very active in the town during the period they were residents.


 **BRICKBATS** to the trustees and staff of the York Region District School Board for making a mess of the student transportation system by charging students for bus transportation and then not providing adequate service with over crowded buses and a reported unreliable service.


 **BOUQUETS** to Aurora's Diane and Brian Harrison for their fundraising efforts to operate their Cheerful Hearts of Aurora and Operation Christmas Child program, better known as the "Shoebox Christmas" for needy children.


 **BRICKBATS** to Councillors George Timpson and Betty Pedersen for voting one way on the protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine when concerned residents were in attendance and then changing their vote the next night when the residents weren't in attendance. They should have asked that the issue be deferred until the residents had been notified the issue was being reconsidered.


 **BOUQUETS** to Councillor Nigel Kean for correctly pointing out that the external solicitor engaged by the town to provide advice on planning matters such as the protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine works for the same legal firm that provides legal advice to developers interested in developing on the Moraine. A conflict of interest!


 **BOUQUETS** to members of the 10th Aurora Sparks unit of the Girl Guides for assisting the Aurora Food Pantry to fill badly depleted shelves. The need is great and you can help by dropping off non-perishable food at the Fire Hall or deposit goods in the box by the door of most of the major food stores.


 **BRICKBATS** to Toronto Police Chief Julius Fantino for wanting police officers earning more than \$100,000 a year to be exempt from having their salaries published. Why should they be different from any other worker paid by public funds.

 **BOUQUETS** to Highland Chev-Olds Cadillac, Royal LePage, Winners and Aurora Home Hardware on becoming corporate sponsors with the town and being recognized at a recent council meeting.

 **BOUQUETS** to the Management of Bon L Canada Inc. and members of Local 7193 of the United Steelworkers of America for settling the labour conflict causing a week-long strike. Nobody wins in a long strike!

 **BRICKBATS** to the federal Liberals for planning a star-studded farewell bash for Prime Minister Jean Chretien featuring an exclusive performance by the world-famous Cirque du Soleil and other special performers at an estimated cost of \$500,000. But then, maybe it's worth that much to get rid of him!

 **BOUQUETS** to the Aurora Tigers for leading the league with their winning streak of more than 15 consecutive games. The defense has shut the door on all other teams in the league and the offense is having a field day. Excellent hockey but where are the hometown fans?

 **BOUQUETS** to Keith and Wendy Horsfall, former long-time residents of Aurora, for bringing the members of the McLaughlin Buick Club of Canada to Aurora for their annual Homecoming at the Howard Johnson Hotel. This is the second group of Buick owners the Horsfalls have brought to Aurora.

Letters to the Editor

# Candidate responds to reader's questions

To the editor,

Several weeks ago Darryl Moore asked municipal candidates to respond to a number of questions that will be important to the Aurora voters when they decide whom they will trust with the crucial job of taking care of our Town.

The following is my response.

**Water:** The quality, quantity and usage of Aurora's water is controlled by the Region of York. We need to work within this reality and do the very best we can to make our needs as a municipality clearly and strenuously known to the Region.

Within our own jurisdiction we must continue to educate our citizens and treat our environment as a precious friend.

Darryl, your suggestion of using recycled water in our water park is a good example. And do we really need any more golf courses or

any more businesses that are not water friendly?

**Development:** In my opinion, Aurora must protect its remaining green spaces, be environmentally responsible and create safe neighbourhoods.

We must insist that developers honour this and hold them accountable.

If the cost is hundreds of thousands of dollars to represent Aurora's interests when developers appeal Council's decisions of what is best for us, at the Ontario Municipal Board, we should hire an expert lawyer with a winning track record.

Let's show that Aurora is not a town to be taken lightly!

The OMB was created 100 years ago to uphold a provincial vision, before municipalities had their own planning departments.

We must join other frustrated municipalities to lobby the provincial government to change this out-

dated legislation that gives the OMB so much jurisdiction over decisions that we consider right!

**Ward system:** I am not in favor of a ward system for Aurora. I feel that it would divide our town and I believe we should do everything we can to promote our "small town" togetherness.

On several occasions I have spoken with many of the councillors to ask for

help or gain information from their different viewpoints.

As a citizen of Aurora I care about what happens in the whole town and I think it does affect all of us.

**Pesticides:** Human and environmental health is more important than healthy grass.

**Wendy Gaertner  
Aurora**

## Bilingual cards waste of money

To the editor,

I notice that the voting cards are bilingual.

They were bilingual for the last municipal election, but not as flashy.

Who is responsible for printing the voters' cards?

Is it Aurora or the provincial government?

Regardless of who printed the cards, they are a 95 per cent waste of money to be bilingual.

**R.W. Hanes  
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# Honour to work with councillor, he says

To the editor,

As a colleague of Evelina MacEachern for the past

three years I echo the sentiments of those writers who wrote the letters to the Auroran a couple of

weeks ago.

It has been a pleasure and honour to have been on the same council as Evelina.

She always fought hard to do what she felt was best for the residents of Aurora.

She not only knew her stuff

but, at times as a new councillor, seemed to be more informed than most others at the table.

This was due to the fact that she spent so much time researching the topics and knowing the Municipal Law inside out.

When I first met Evelina on council I had a feeling that she was a one issue councillor but she showed us all that she quickly learned about all of the issues and made her point known.

I also thank her for the great work especially during budget time when she found areas where we could save money.

I cannot speak for anyone else on council but I personally will miss her and wish her all the best in the future.

Nigel Kean  
Aurora

David Tomlinson  
Aurora

**ED. NOTE: To save our readers a trip to the dictionary, "secateurs" is a British term meaning a pair of pruning clippers.**

# Desperately need new councillors

To the editor,

I was saddened to read Evelina MacEachern's reasons for not seeking re-election to the Aurora Council.

We desperately need new councillors like her who do their homework and bring in new ideas.

I always thought it was imperative that established councilors should

encourage new council members, not vote in a block to stifle innovative policies.

As a gardener, I know of the importance of removing old wood to encourage

renewed vigour in plants.

It is a sad state of affairs when we have four previous mayors running for office.

They have had their chance to bloom and daz-

zle us with their brilliant policies.

So on November 10 when you go to vote - don't forget to take your secateurs.

# "Whiny" comment uncalled for: reader

To the Editor,

Melanie Russell should have resisted the urge to respond to Brent

Jackson's letter.

Calling him a "whiny little boy" was not called for.

He took the time to write a well thought out article

expressing his concerns.

How many other boys, girls, teenagers get involved in a positive way when they are concerned.

If they care at all, and most do, they say nothing. Why? Maybe because they are called boys, girls, children, whiny, they do not know anything.

In my day "children were seen, not heard".

How do they get their point across if not in a positive manner acceptable to society.

They rebel. Graffiti, vandalism, whatever it takes to be heard or feel they have some say or some power however misguided it may be.

Melanie, please write a letter to the editor with positive comments that would encourage all our citizens to be positive about dealing with issues and concerns.

You obviously care. You took the time to write in the first place.

And to the Editor, please stop publishing letters that attack people and not issues.

Aurora is better than that!

Greg Reid  
Aurora

**ED. NOTE: You want us to pick and choose what letters we print? Unless the letter is potentially libellous, that's not likely.**

# Bus safety a vital fact

To the editor,

In her diatribe against this student's bus woes (Auroran, Oct. 21), Ms. Russell appears to have missed a vital fact which should be of concern to anyone - the need for school bus safety for all students.

Classes for bus safety are a yearly priority in many local schools for elementary school students.

One major issue emphasized in these classes is that three people per seat is unsafe.

Students are also taught that even being slightly out of a sitting position in the seats of a moving bus,

much less in the aisle or in the stair entry, is extremely unsafe, too.

Why is the safety of teenagers travelling on the school bus not given the same consideration as the safety of our younger students?

Corey Jackson  
Aurora

# Impatient drivers risk at intersections

To the editor,

I agree with Elizabeth Saville's comments on the dangerous intersection of Yonge & Brookland (Auroran, Oct. 14).

I live on Brookland Ave. and have personally seen many cars speed through on lights turning red and what is even more dangerous...a totally red light!

The same thing happens at

Yonge and Kennedy.

I moved to Aurora from Toronto almost two years ago.

I was comforted to experience a slower pace on the roads and polite drivers, but over the past six months things have definitely changed.

There is more traffic and more impatient drivers.

If I had not been cautious on several occasions, I

would have been broadsided by cars going through intersections illegally.

Slow down, people!!

Is saving five minutes of driving time worth being involved in a horrendous accident, or worse yet, killing someone??

Think about it.

D. Hunt  
Aurora

**ED. NOTE: It has long been the wish of The Auroran that drivers coming north on Yonge Street would be greeted by a sign on the railway overpass that says "You're home...slow down".**

# Resident wants sidewalk

To the editor,

Commenting on the article in the Oct. 14 Auroran "Residents don't want sidewalks", Page 3.

I was pleased to see that Aurora is proposing to construct sidewalks in the south end on Nisbet, Stoddart and Glenview Drives.

My husband and I just recently moved to the area and noticed that Nisbet and Stoddart only have partial sidewalks on the streets.

I find this very odd and feel they should be completed fully.

I feel the streets are busy and the safety of small children and people walking their dogs is an issue.

I understand the issue of shorting someone's driveway and having cars parked on the road, but what is more important, safety of our children or parking on the road?

I find this partial sidewalk situation is forcing people to

walk on the streets that are busy and putting them at risk of being hit by an oncoming vehicle.

Carolyn Masi  
Aurora



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# Sterling Drug reunion

## The president would have agreed

It was appropriate.

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Their former president would have liked that.

The late Colonel Fred Tilston, Victoria Cross decorated veteran, headed up Sterling for several years, and has the Aurora Legion named after him.

Tilston, the man who refused to die, was a hero in two world wars, lost most of his limbs, but never gave up.

He ran Sterling the same way.

The huge pharmaceutical plant, located on 19 acres of land at the southwest corner of Yonge and Murray, moved to Aurora in 1958 with Tilston's blessing, and is almost single-handedly responsible for

the birth of Regency Acres subdivision.

When it closed in the early 90s, it employed some 800 people.

Saturday's reunion - the first of its kind - marked the 45th anniversary of the now defunct plant in Aurora.

They came from as far away as Bellingham, Washington.

There were people there from British Columbia,

Ottawa, and other locations throughout the country.

At least five couples who had met and married at Sterling were in attendance.

At the end of the evening, it was agreed: "we must do this again".

It was an evening of nostalgia as former employees met, laughed, wept and studied the countless display of pictures.

More than 30 local busi-

nesses donated door prizes to the event.

"It seems as if Sterling Drug Ltd. will not be forgotten," said former employee Marilyn Munslow of Aurora.

"At least not by this group."

And another employee Marilyn Bruzzese was delighted with the evening.

"Everyone had a great time as we remembered

one of the best places to work," she said.

Marilyn and Laurette Ayres spearheaded the committee that arranged the huge event.

To honour the colonel, the group held a 50/50 draw and donated \$217 to the Aurora Legion Poppy Fund.

It's a safe bet Fred Tilston was watching.



An evening of laughter, tears and memories made up Sterling Drug's reunion Saturday at the Aurora Legion. In the top photo, three members of the former purchasing department share old times. They are, left to right, Aldyth Reid, Sherri Burnett and Fran Chappell. Below, this foursome includes, left to right, Ken Robertson, Data Purchasing; Joe Kiefer, VP Corporate Relations; Bob Kennedy, Scheduling; and Ron Wood, Scheduling Manager. Below that, former employees scan the dozens of photographs that were on display. Down in the corner is the cake that marked the reunion.

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## Tigers lose Olden but win streak alive

By TYLER NORWOOD

The Junior A hockey Aurora Tigers lost one of their leading scorers last week as Jess Olden was sidelined with an upper body injury.

The hole in the Tiger armour was apparent Sunday afternoon, as Aurora struggled for a 4-3 victory over the Pickering Panthers at the Aurora Community Centre, to keep their 17-game winning streak alive.

In Collingwood Friday night, where Olden was hit, Tigers skated to a 12-2 slaughter.

Olden shares a line with Francis Walker and Sean Scully and the trio has combined for 91 points, including 31 goals this season.

Olden will be out of action for four to six weeks.

On a brighter note, Tigers signed 20-year-old Alex LaLonde Wednesday.

A former member of the Owen Sound Attack and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, LaLonde will help solidify Aurora's already formidable offense.

In his last season in Junior A with the Ajax Axemen, LaLonde managed 38 goals and 29 assists.

"He's brought an added dimension to our penalty kill. He fits in very well," Assistant Coach Thomas Milne, said. "He's a big, strong player."

Meanwhile, back to Sunday. The Tigers escaped with a narrow win, playing without six players due to suspensions and the injury to Olden.

The Panthers got on the scoreboard first a minute into the game, but Aurora responded with a power play goal from Walker, as he continues his bid to become the league's top scorer.

The Panthers added two more to take a 3-1 lead into the second period.

Justin Soryal, filling in for Lucas Schott, commented after the game, "We were all over them. We just couldn't score."

The second period marked a change in momentum. The Panthers opened the period with a power play but the Tigers' penalty kill stalled

them and changed the direction of the game.

Shortly after the midway point, Sean Scully scored a goal but the referee waived it off.

However, Scully was determined to keep the winning streak going and scored only 19 seconds later.

Matt Bahen added another near the end of the period to

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## House League Exhibition Games

**103 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS Red 6:** Erik Balkovec 3G 1A, Matthew Iwai 1G 3A, Ryan Manson 1G 1A, Andrew Kaszuba 1G. **102 TIM HORTON'S - TIM-BITS Black 1:** Kyle Locke 1G, Parker Baile 1A.

**109 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS Orange 10:** Jack Caldwell 4G, Michael Tanel 3G, Branden Fennell 2G, Liam Beresford 1G 1A. **104 TIM HORTON'S - TIM-BITS Royal 3:** Paul Neophytou 2G, Quentin Campbell 1G, Ryan McGolrick 1A, Jenna Rizzo 1A.

**108 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS Maroon 16:** Connor Graham 6G 3A, Kyle Strachan 3G 3A, Stephen Mariani 3G, Austin Persaud 2G 3A, Joshua Wilson 2G 1A, Mitchell Srouji 4A. **110 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS Teal 11:** Brenden Lukezic 7G 1A, Christopher Sanita 2G, Matthew Sanita 1G 1A, Joel Gouveia 1G, Tyler George 1A.

**105 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS White 10:** Adrian Haines 3G 1A, Brian Langdon 3G 1A, Ian Dunlop 2G 3A, Shannon Murray 2G, Sean O'Donnell 1A, Mitchell Lamantia 1A. **101 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS Green 4:** Liam Coll 2G, Robert Stokes 1G, Harrison Smith 1G.

**107 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS Grey 6:** Konner McMillan 3G, Nicholas Steiner 2G, Adrian Ramirez 1G, John McDonald 2A, Ian Reid 1A, Jake Anderson 1A. **106 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS Gold 6:** Jordan Nanos 2G, Graham Robinson 1G 1A, Brett Thiessen 1G 1A, David Gonder 1G, Adam de Roos 1G, Tait Sneddon 1A, Nicholas Scott 1A.

**601 D-MAC FURNITURE 6:** Steven Foss 2G, Adrian Clark 1G 1A, Zack Roitner 1G 1A, Taylor Bryce 1G, David Yates 1G, Jay Lamont 2A, Conor Dellar 1A, Jordan Brown 1A, Dan Williams 1A, John Rizzo, 1A. **605 FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES BOTTLED WATER.** 1: Jay Finch 1G, AJ Ciccarelli 1A.

**603 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 9:** Graeme Smart 4G 3A, Braun Hause 2G 1A, Derek Lockhart 1G 2A, Tayor Buxton 1G 1A, Nicholas Cascone 1G, Shelby bastarche 1A, Blake Rodger 1A. **601 D-MAC FURNITURE 3:** Zack Roitner 1G 1A, Taylor Bryce 1G, Conor Dellar 1G, Matthew Perdeaux 1A, David Yates 1A.

**605 FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES BOTTLED WATER 5:** Christian Hastings 1G 1A, Jonathan Comeau 1G 1A, Michael McGee 1G 1A, AJ Ciccarelli 1G, Brendan Herrington 1G, Ryan logue 2A, Derek Isidoro 1A, Eric Beveridge 1A. **607 PERMANENT PRESS PRINTING 4:** Blair Nimmo 1G 1A, John Cardella 1G 1A, Jonathan Anastasi 1G 1A, Michael Grande 1G.

**606 SKATERS FIRST 5:** Marshall McQuillan 2G 1A, Andrew Wilkins 1G 1A, Michael Shoesmith 2G, Spencer Freeland 1A, Bruce Phillips 1A, Jacob Peart 1A. **608 SPITFIRES 3:** Jamie Russell 1G 2A, Kevin Nandlall 1G, CJ Merichercik 1G, Connor Sands 1A.

**604 COLL AUDIO & ACCURATE ELECTRICAL 9:** Brendon Stenzel 2G 3A, David Staeuble 1G 1A, Jacob MacDonald 1G 1A, Trevor Spence 1G, Aaron MacDonald 1G 1A, Peter Durst 1G, Kyle Partanen 1G. **606 SKATERS FIRST 7:** Andrew Wilkins 3G 2A, Michael Shoesmith 2G, Marshall McQuillan 1G, John Merritt 1G, Devin O'Kelley 1A, Daniel Sacchetti 1A, Ian Hayzeldon 1A.

**603 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 6:** Braun Hause 3G 1A, Graeme Smart 2G 1A, Julian Sbrolla 1G, Shelby Bastarache 1A, Chris O'Hara 1A, Jason nadeau 1A. **608 SPITFIRES 6:** CJ Melichercik 3G, Neil Hastie 2G, Dane Gregoris 1G, Jamie Russell 2A, Kevin Nandlall 1A.

**607 PERMANENT PRESS PRINTING 5:** Michael Grande 1G 2A, Ryan Hart 1G, Scott Denotter 1G, John Cardella 1G, Blair Nimmo 1G, Evan Vizzacchero 1A, William Ginther 1A. **602 OMAR'S SHOES 3:** Madison Weber 2G 1A, Simon Espisito 1G 1A.

**605 FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES BOTTLED WATER 10:** Jay Finch 5G, Eric Beveridge 1G 1A, John Comeau 1G 1A, Derek isidoro 1G 1A, Christian Hastings 1G, Geoffrey Knaack 1G, Evan Williams 1A, AJ Ciccarelli 1A, Ryan Logue 1A. **608 SPITFIRES 6:** CJ Melichercik 3G 1A, Jamie Russell 1G 1A, Connor Sands 1G, Jordan Nolan 1G, Nizan Rehman 1A.

**606 SKATERS FIRST 5:** Daniel Sachetti 2G 1A, Michael Shoesmith 1G, Marshall McQuillan 1G 1A, Ian Hayzeldon 2A, John Merritt 1A, William Ballard 1A, Devin O'Kelley 1A. **607 PERMANENT PRESS PRINTING 2:** Ryan Hart 1G, Blair Nimmo 1G, Michael Grande 1A, Jonathan Anastasi 1A.

**603 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 5:** Braun Hause 1G 2A, Daniel Schep 1G, Shelby Bastarache 1G, Chris O'Hara 1G, Graeme Smart 1G, Jason Nareau 1A. **602 OMAR'S SHOES 4:** Madison Weber 1G 1A, Hunter Warden 2G, Daniel Filippi 1G, Simon Esposito 1A, Jayson Rutlidge 1A, Will Burke 1A.

## House League League Games

**901 CHEVERIE COMMUNICATIONS 2:** Eric Burrow 1G, Nelson Wesse 1G, David Malins 1A, Andrew Goss 1A. **902 ASTECH SOLUTIONS 6:** Andrew Ramsey 2G 1A, Michael Durst 2G 2A, Dan Bailey 1G 1A, Abbas Akbar 2A, Nicholas Hamilton 1A, Brendan McDermott 2A.

**906 OPTIMIST CLUB OF AURORA 2:** Kyle Kaminski

# Aurora Minor Hockey Association

## Results to 9 AM Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

### Website: [www.aci.on.ca/amha](http://www.aci.on.ca/amha)

2G, Corey McPherson 1A, Jim Harrison 2A,Jason Brennan 1A.

**905 AURORA OPTICAL INC. 2:** Christopher Govan 1G, Mike Bellamy 1G, Neil Irving 1A, Chris Wheeler 1A, Rob Juffs 1A.

**1003 SORENSON PAGE CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP 4:** Matt Bloom 2G, 1A Graham Gabel 1G, 1A Colin Murphy 1G, Chris Moore 1A, Jesse Collins 1A.

**1004 LAURION & ASSOCIATES 1:** Julian Laurion 1G Ryan Myers 1A Tim Tutton 1A.

## Rep Teams Exhibition Games

**Minor Atom AE 3 Newmarket 5**

Dylan Hussey 2G, David Venneri 1G, Matt Noseworthy 2A, Anthony Selski 1A, Marshall McGaffey 1A.

**Minor Atom AE 2 Ajax 2**

Matt Noseworthy 1G, Adam Balaban 1G, Josh klinowski, 1A, Daniel Laflamme 1A.

**Minor Atom AE 3 Newmarket 2**

Dylan Hussey 1G, Daniel Laflamme 1G, Matt Noseworthy 1G,1A, David Venneri 1A, Marshall McGaffey 1A.

## Rep Teams League Games

**Minor Atom AA 2 Markham Waxers 3**

Daniel Whitley 2G, Kyle Spicer 1A.

**Minor Atom A 5 Newmarket 3**

Jesse Bentolila 1G, Taylor Butler 1G 1A, Brian Puskar 1G, Andrew Papousek 1G 1A, Nick Heintzman 1G, Matthew Roy 1A, Devin Watson 1A, Graham Loney 1A.

**Minor Atom A 3 Nobleking 2**

Jesse Bentolila 2G, Andrew Papousek 1G, Taylor Butler 1A, Devin Watson 1A, Nick Heintzman 1A.

**Minor Atom A 4 Richmond Hill 1**

Nick Heintzman 1G, Trevor Best 1G 1A,Tanner Thiessen 1G, Jesse Bentolila 1G 1A, Brian Puskar 1A, Dylan Woylaw 1A, Taylor Butler 1A, Andrew Papousek 1A, Matthew Roy 1A.

**Atom AA 6 Whitby 5**

Eleeza Cox 2G, Taran McGowan 1G 2A, Steadman Dinning 1G 1A, Kyle McCreedy 1G, Dylan Kovacs 1G, Cody Weese 1A, Gavin Forrest 1A.

**Atom A 5 Bradford 1**

Kamran Karamchi 2G, Jonathan Poulakos 2G, Brandon Pedersen 1G, Denis Casey 2A, Josh Beaton 1A, Spencer George 1A, Daniel McConnell 1A, Michael Bar 1A, Blair Cuthbert 1A, Tristan Miller 1A, Tyler Jensen 2A.

**Minor Peewee AA 3 Georgina 4**

Joshua Herrington 1G, Louis Lamanna 1G, Max Lerner 1G, Spencer Arkell 2A, Nathan Brown 1A, Dillon Cappell 1A.

**Minor Peewee A 7 East Gwillimbury 4**

Aaron Beally 2G 1A, Geoff Gianopoulos 2G 2A, Jeffrey Sanderson 1G, Corey Jeffery 1G, Dylan Cross 1G, Derrick Hamner 2A, Jake Boyle 1A, Michael McGolrick 1A.

**Minor Peewee A 6 Orillia 6**

Jeffrey Sanderson 2G 3A, Taylor Nuttall 2G 2A, Derrick Hamner 1G 4A, Geoff Gianopoulos 1G, J.J. .Lamb 1A, Dylan Cross 1A.

**Minor Peewee A 4 Stouffville 3**

Derrick Hamner 2G, Taylor Nuttall 2G, Jeffrey Sanderson 2A, J.J. Lamb 1A, Michael McGolrick 1A.

**Minor Peewee A 7 Newmarket 1**

Derrick Hamner 2G 4A, Jeffrey Sanderson 2G, Michael McGolrick 1G, Corey Jeffrey 1G, Taylor Nuttall 1G, 1A Stephan Dinallo 1A, Evan Casselden 1G, Aaron Beally 1A.

**Minor Peewee A 8 Richmond Hill Stars 3**

Taylor Nuttal 2G 1A, Derrick Hamner 2G 1A, Paul Kiely 1G 1A, Aaron Beally 1G, Dylan Cross 1G, Jeffrey Sanderson 1G 3A, Evan Casselden 1A, Geoff Gianopoulos 2A, Michael McGolrick 1A.

**Minor Peewee A 4 Bradford 1**

Derrick Hamner 2G 1A, Dylan Cross 1G 1A, Michael McGolrick 1G, Aaron Beally 1G, Geoff Gianopoulos 1A, Jeffery Sanderson 1A, J.J. Lamb 1A.

**Minor Peewee A 4 Orillia 3**

Michael McGolrick 2G, Derrick Hamner 1G, Paul Kiely 1G, Dylan Cross 2A, Aaron Beally 1A, Jeffrey Sanderson 1A, Taylor Nuttall 1A.

**Minor Peewee A 1 TNT 3**

Dylan Cross 1G, Evan Casselden 1A, Paul Keilty 1A.

**Minor Peewee A 6 Markham 3**

Dylan Cross 1G 1A, Jeffrey Sanderson 1G, Derrick Hamner 1G, Evan Casselden 2G, Stephen Dinallo 1G, Taylor Nuttall 1A, Ryan Jones 2A, Geoff Gianopoulos 1A, Sean Ellison 1A.

**Minor Peewee AE 5 East Gwillimbury 1**

Sean Agostino 1G 2A, Conor Sheridan 2G, Tyler Tisdale 1G 1A, Matthew Semeredy 2A, Oliver Boettcher 1G, Shawn Clark 1A, Ryan Ceresino(W)

**Peewee AA 1 Peterborough 0**

Ryan Carlisle SO, Matthew Mikhaila 1G, Johnny Borsellino1A, Zachary Giusti 1A.

**Peewee AA 1 Whitby 2**

Johnny Borsellino 1 G, Jimmy Lyons 1A.

**Peewee A 3 Markham 1**

Quenton Hunt 1G, Andrew McDonald 1G, Brett Dutchyshen 1G, Luca Ghegin 1A, Carter Hassard 1A, Michael Morson 1A, Matthew Joynt 1A.

**Peewee A 1 Newmarket 9**

Tyler Rundle 1G, Brett Dutchyshen 1A, Cameron Flynn 1A.

**Peewee AE 13 Orillia 1**

Greg Buchner 1G 1A, Ethan Shore 1G 2A, Scott Quagliarini 1G 1A, David Iwai 4G, Nicholas Dinallo 1G 1A, Andrew Mangialardi 3G 1A, Chris Burns 1G 4A, Trevor McCartney 1G 1A, Matthew Scrimes 2A.

**Peewee AE 17 Innisfil 0**

Matthew Scrimes 2G 1A, David Iwai 1G 2A, Curtis Hough 2G 2A, Brandon Giniotis 3G 1A, Adam Bloom 3G 1A, Scott Quagliarini 1G 1A, Cory Blom 1G 2A, Chris Burns 1G 2A, Andrew Mangialardi 1G 3A, Nicholas Dinallo 1G 2A, Trevor McCartney 1G 1A, Ethan Shore 2A, Ryan Crockett 1A, Josh Bentolila Shutout.

**Minor Bantam AA 2 Newmarket 2**

Eric Sarracini 1G, Jeremy Cohen 1G, Chris Hankey 1A, Jeremy Ellison 1A, Kevin Kryshka 1A.

**Minor Bantam AA 4 Oshawa 3**

Chris Hankey 1G 1A, Eric Sarracini 1G 1A, Kevin Kryshka 1G, Cody Offen 1G, Jake Hurlbut 2A, Ian Middleton 1A.

**Bantam AA 1 Richmond Hill 3**

Jake MacDougall 1G, Aaron Mansbridge 1A.

**Bantam AA 5 Markham 0**

Michael Pantalone 1G 1A, Michael Osuszek 1G 1A, Matt Boyd 1G, Aaron Mansbridge 1G 1A, Michael Englehutt 1G, Tyler Pettes1A, Anthony D'Agostino 1A.

**Bantam AA 5 Peterborough 2**

Adam Lebar 1G, Michael Osuszek 1G, Anthony Simone 1G, Colin McCullough 1G 1A, Michael Pantalone 1G, Jake MacDougall 2A, Michael Englehutt 1A, Tyler Pettes 1A, Anthony D'Agostino 1A.

**Bantam AA 7 Pickering 0**

Jake MacDougall 1G 1A, Anthony Simone 1G, Michael Osuszek 3G, Tyler Pettes 1G, Neil Kileeg 1G 2A, Tyler Virgoe 2A, Anthony D'Agostino 1A, Aaron Mansbridge 1A, Michael Pantalone 1A, Adam Lebar 1A, Darren Gwilliam-shutout.

**Bantam AA 5 Whitby 3**

Jake MacDougall 1G, Anthony Simone 1G 1A, Michael Osuszek 1G 1A, Colin McCullough 1G 1A, Aaron Mansbridge 1G 1A, Tyler Virgoe 1A, Matt Boyd 1G, Neil Kileeg 1A, Adam Lebar 1A, Michael Pantalone 1A.

**Bantam AA 5 Markham 2**

Michael Osuszek 2G 1A, Neil Kileeg 1G 1A, Harrison Jones 1G, Aaron Mansbridge 1G 2A, Jake MacDougall 2A, Tyler Pettes 1A, Colin McCullough 1A.

**Bantam AA 4 Oshawa 1**

Michael Pantalone 2G 1A, Adam Lebar 1G, Matt Boyd 1G 1A, Anthony Simone 1A, Anthony D'Agostino 1A, Jake MacDougall 1A.

**Bantam AA 9 Georgina 0**

Michael Osuszek 2G, Tyler Pettes 1G, Matt Boyd 2G,



Tyler Virgoe 1G 1A, Michael Pantalone 2G 1A, Jake MacDougall 1G, Neil Kileeg 1A, Adam Lebar 2A, Harrison Jones 1A, Anthony Simone 2A, Darren Gwilliam-shutout.

**Bantam AA 5 Richmond Hill 2**

Michael Osuszek 2G, Michael Pantalone 1G 1A, Matt Boyd 1G, Jake MacDougall 1G, Tyler Pettes 2A, Sam Warden 1A, Aaron Mansbridge 1A.

**Bantam AA 6 Ajax 1**

Michael Pantalone 2G, Colin McCullough 2G, Aaron Mansbridge 1G, Matt Boyd 1G, Michael Osuszek 2A, Anthony Simone 1A, Adam Lebar 1A, Tyler Virgoe 1A.

**Minor Midget AA 3 Georgina 3**

Tom Keane 1G 1A, Sandy Craig 1G 1A, Adam Hankins 1G, Brandon Steffan 1A, Timi Sotoadeh 1A.

**Minor Midget AA 4 Ajax 5**

Cal Simmonds 3G, Adam Hankins 1G.

**Minor Midget AA 13 Peterborough 2**

Adam Hankins 4G 2A, Andrew Welch 1G 1A, Michael White 2G 1A, Sean Mulroy 1G, Taylor Campbell 1G 2A, Vincent Davenport 2G 1A, Marc Quagliarini 1G, Cal Simmonds 1G 2A, Sandy Craig 3A, Timi Sotoadeh 1A.

**Minor Midget AA 10 Richmond Hill 6**

Sandy Craig 2G 4A, Taylor Dinner 1G, Cal Simmonds 4G 4A, Andrew Welch 1G 1A, Michael White 2G 2A, Vincent Davenport 1A, Tom Keane 1A, Marc Quagliarini 2A, Timi Sotoadeh 2A.

**Minor Midget A 6 Barrie 5**

Corey Berube 2G, Mike Parkhill 1G 1A, Zach Andrews 2G 1A, Sean Fodey 1G 1A, Brent Gallagher 1A, Scott Daly 2A, Dean Hamann 1A, Matt Kerr 1A.

**Minor Midget A 6 East Gwillimbury 2**

Scott Daly 2G, Peter McNeill 2G, Patrick Bowie 1G, Brandon Polsinello 1G, Mike Bentley 1A, Brent Gallagher 1A.

**Minor Midget A 8 Georgina 2**

Patrick Bowie 2G, Brandon Polsinello 1G 1A, Peter McNeill 1G 1A, Corey Berube 1G 1A, Scott Daly 1G 1A, Mike Bentley 1G 2A, Brent Gallagher 1G 2A, Jordan Williams 1A, Kyle Fitkin 1A, Matt Kerr 1A.

**Minor Midget AE 1 Newmarket 1**

Stephen Facca 1G.

**Midget AE 0 Newmarket 6**

**Midget A 4 East Gwillimbury 5**

PJ Speciale-Plouffe 2G, Mark Johnson 2A, Matt Cleverdon 1G, Ryan Kines 1G, Mark Jarman 1A, Mark Smith 1A, Marc Oppedisano 1A, Steven Black 1A, Michael Jack 1A

**Midget A 3 NobleKing 4**

Mark Jarman 2G, Steven Black 2A, Matt Cundari 1G, Michael Jack 1A, Chris Statchuk 1A, Mark Smith 1A, Ryan Kines 1A.

**Midget A 4 Orillia 4**

Mark Johnson 1G 1A, Ryan Kines 1G 1A, Mark Smith 1G 1A, Michael Jack 2A, Steven Black 1G, Adam Chale 1A, Craig Waites 1A.

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# Aurora's downtown core - dead or alive?

Aurora's first farmers' market concluded last week after operating every Saturday morning in a parking lot on Temperance Street

Aurora Councillor Nigel Kean, most notably the father of the market, was visibly disappointed with its success...or lack of it.

"Vendors were hard to find," he said, "and very few people used it."

The Market was the latest in countless ideas dreamed up over the years to bring people back to Aurora's downtown.

It's still a concern that has not found a solution.

The problem of maintaining a vibrant business community in the downtown core of Aurora has been ongoing for decades.

In March, 1970, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce convened a meeting of Aurora merchants with more than 40 in attendance.

It was agreed a Retail Merchants Association be formed and a steering committee was established to discuss the feasibility of forming such an association.

During a public meeting on the municipal official plan in February, 1975, local merchants came under fire for their lack of initiative in downtown improvements.

Citizens pointed out the official plan states the central business district will be maintained as one of the main service, business and cultural centres by providing space for future growth needs by continued development and redevelopment, and by providing off-street parking.

It would also encourage a high level of civic design and a redevelopment scheme for the core area.

Citizens and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce suggested council was inconsistent by supporting the proposed Northern Lights shopping mall, in apparent conflict with the stated objective in the official plan of strengthening the core area.

It was also suggested the town use the same initiative in the core area as they had by purchasing industrial parks, by buying up Yonge Street properties and leasing them back after repairs and improvements.

Council members responded that they did not take the same pessimistic view, pointing out that two banks had recently constructed new buildings showing an indication of commercial confidence in the town.

There always seems to be a controversy about who's to blame for the decline in the downtown core. Some blame the politicians, while others point at the storeowners.

Others wistfully long for the good old days when the downtown was bustling with activity and hope those days will come back as it has in some municipalities like Unionville or Kleinburg.

In January, 1981, local merchants were showing interest and enthusiasm in revitalizing the downtown core area, according to Al Warren, president of the Downtown Business and Professional Association.

One of the association's objectives was to ask Aurora



**Farmers Market last day of the season**

Council to redefine the commercial core area, as the general impression was it was just the Yonge/Wellington area.

The association suggested it go south as far as Kennedy Street, east to Wells, north to Catherine and west to George Street.

In November, 1982, a community planning study grant of \$20,500 was obtained from the province to prepare a core area study to include a review of the current commercial policies in the official plan.

It would also make recommendations as to how these policies should be amended to enhance the core's continued viability.

The study was also to provide a framework for a main street revitalization program to strengthen the role of the core and provide a variety of commercial, institutional and residential uses.

In early 1983, an application was made to the province for a \$150,000 loan under the Ontario Main Street Revitalization Program,

The plan included using 75 per cent of the funds to improve parking lots at the rear of businesses on the east and west side of Yonge Street, south of Wellington Street and improve the street lighting.

In June, 1983, the town advertised for citizens to be nominated for appointment to the Commercial Development Advisory Committee.

The committee was to make recommendations to council for consideration in the implementation of the Downtown Planning Study.

The composition of the committee was established as the chairmen of council's planning committee and economic development committees; a representative of the public; representatives from the Chamber of Commerce; LACAC; the Businessmen's Improvement Association; and a representative of the Aurora Shopping Centre Merchants Association.

In June, 1993, a newly formed Downtown Revitalization Committee prepared an ambitious list of projects.

Led by restaurateur Rob Katzman, the group dis-

cussed various projects that would affect traffic, pedestrians, tourism and historical interests.

The committee also discussed parking on Yonge Street and the need for larger directional signs pointing to town parking lots, the installation of bicycle lockups and the addition of park benches to various downtown locations.

Aurora residents and downtown merchants have long complained about the lack of off-street parking on the east side of Yonge, south of Wellington, and brought their complaints to council.

Over the years, council tried

to bring the merchants together for a joint program, similar to that carried out on the west side without results.

In April, 1997, the town's Community Core Review Committee made another attempt.

If they were successful in bringing the 10 property owners of the 11 properties together, it would be possible to increase the number of parking spaces from 70 to 120 as a first step.

A draft letter of intent was circulated and when signed by the property owner would confirm agreement to the comprehensive parking plan.

When agreement was reached with all property owners, a standard short-term Town of Aurora lease would be executed.

The property owners would lease the back portion of their property to the town for 21 years at a cost of \$2 per year and in exchange the town would be responsible for grading, drainage, lighting, insurance and all maintenance costs including snowplowing.

The area would be designated a municipal parking lot with no charge for parking and 50 per cent of the lot, closest to the buildings, would be for short-term parking for customers.

But, despite the work of then-councillor Chris Sorley, the plan failed.

In September, 1997, Stephen Lauer from Heritage Canada made a presentation to the Community Core Review Committee, but with a pending municipal election,

no action was taken.

Following the election the council/citizen committee was re-established and the Lauer presentation was reviewed. It was agreed that a vision statement would be prepared for the downtown area.


The committee also agreed to recognize excellence and innovation in three categories; Window Decorating Themes, Renovations/Replacements/Architectural Features and Promotion of the Historic Core.

The Historic Core was defined as approximately Yonge Street between

Ransom Street on the south to Irwin Avenue on the north and Wellington Street from Machell Avenue to Wells Street.

It was also hoped construction of the new library at Yonge and Church Streets would bring more residents to the downtown core area.

In spite of all the efforts to restore the downtown core and the work of some merchants to regain Aurora's lost heritage, the core area is still not a people place as it was back in the 1950s and 60s, before the regional shopping centres.



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# Spooky Wells Street Fair

It was another successful Wells Street Public School fair, held in the school and on the schoolgrounds Saturday. Above left, Marsha Morassutti is under surveillance by a giant pumpkin as she handles duties in the silent auction. Above right, Jim Hubay, dressed in his 'Where's Waldo' outfit spins the cotton candy when Catherine Cook casts him the evil eye. Left, Cathy Kroll dares children to enter her haunted house.

Auroran photos by Dave Falconer

# Advance poll

# Computer message misleads the voters, councillors claim

During a recent demonstration of touch screen electronic equipment to be used at this year's advance polls, it was noted that a message highlighted in red advises voters if they had not selected enough people for the maximum eight councillor seats.

Some current councillors believe the light interferes with the voting process, since voters are not required to vote for all eight candidates unless they wish to do so.

It was suggested the notice be eliminated or the equipment not be used.

Town Clerk and Elections Officer Bob Panizza said he had checked with the company and was told it was not possible to eliminate the light as it was wired into the computer.

Efforts could be made to change it for the next election, he said.

It was finally agreed to use the equipment as originally planned but to attach a sign advising voters they may vote for up to eight candidates and to disregard the message.

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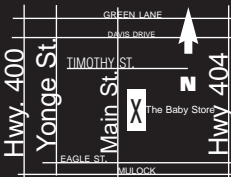
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# Council supports stand against firearms registry

Last week, Aurora Council's general committee endorsed a petition from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters asking the federal government to abolish the national firearms registry for long guns.

The request petitioned the government to redirect tax dollars being spent on the registry to programs supporting municipal infrastructure, health care, education and law enforcement.

It was pointed out that the government made a commitment to taxpayers that the National Firearms Registry for long guns would cost no more than \$2 million.

The Auditor General's report, however, determined the minimum cost of the registry would exceed \$1 billion and a recent administrative review by a consultant for the government verified that the registry would cost another \$541 million before being fully implemented and another \$1 billion to operate.

The committee recommendation was expected to be endorsed by Aurora Council this week.

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# New coverage should save the town money

Since the formation of the original Workman's Compensation Board, the town has participated in the program, which provides insurance coverage for employees who may be injured on the job.

The group is now known as the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.

Over the years Aurora, like many municipalities,

obtained its coverage under a schedule of the plan, which provided coverage to the employer for any injury claims that may be filed.

However premiums are determined on a formula based on the experience level of not only the employer but on the collective rate group.

In 2002 the town's pre-

mium was \$106,300 and the 2003 premium will be up by about eight per cent.

A second schedule, which is basically a self-insured plan for all claims filed by the employer, is now being offered to the town.

Last March council approved the engagement of a consultant to

investigate the merits of transferring schedules.

Last week, staff submitted a report including the consultant's review.

It was noted that since 1995 the town had paid the WSIB a total of \$848,511 under one schedule, whereas the premium would have been \$83,536 under the other.

Although the risk factor is higher under the second schedule, based on the town's claim experience over the past eight years, it was quite evident the claims were much less than the premiums paid to the WSIB.

A further issue that requires addressing is the potential exposure to a catastrophic financial loss to the employer. To safeguard against this loss two types of insurance coverage may be obtained.

These include Excess Indemnity insurance that covers costs of claims exceeding \$350,000 and Occupational Accident insurance for claims less than \$350,000. The cost of both policies is estimated to be about \$21,500 a year.

Employee related accidents would continue to be reported to the WSIB who would act as adjudicator and administer injury claims with costs

to be paid by the employer for a WSIB administration fee of approximately \$2,900 annually.

If approval is given to transfer schedules, there is a departure fee of about \$240,000 owing to the WSIB.

Councillor Ron Wallace supported the transfer as a means of saving money but questioned the statement by the consultant that he could offer the insurance policies at competitive prices.

Wallace said he

believed consultants should be objective and not promote their own companies.

He suggested and council agreed that if approval was given for the transfer the insurance policies should be tendered.

After considerable discussion, council agreed to proceed to endorse in principle the transfer effective January 1, 2004.

The final decision will be made by the incoming council in December.



It's that time of year again. The annual Apple Day fundraiser organized by Scouts and Cubs was in flourish Saturday in Aurora. David Gourlay, right, helps his son, Adam, 11, as he purchases an apple. Watching the transaction are leader, George Brown, Steven Hibben, 8, and Justin Vuong, 10. Adam is with the 2nd Aurora Scouts, while the other two are from the 1st Aurora Cubs.

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To ensure Aurora's interests are protected we must take a proactive, leadership role in identifying workable, made in Aurora, solutions.

Your Council must demonstrate leadership by advocating a public consultation process that actively solicits input, and then works with differing points of view to develop a clear community vision for our future, so the financial, physical, environmental and cultural well-being of our community is not jeopardized by Regional, Provincial or business interests.

Your Council must be Aurora's champion, and promote our vision to the Region, the Province and the business community, with a strong persuasive voice, so that our community vision becomes their vision for our community. Otherwise, those outside Aurora will make the decisions that will affect our community – forever.

There is no such thing as status quo. Old ideas and old solutions no longer fit. We need fresh new innovative ideas and solutions.

*The world around us is changing and Aurora must recognize these changes. We need Councillors with proven experience to lead Aurora forward – to protect our ability to influence and shape the decisions that affect our community.*

### A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE RESIDENTS OF AURORA

I initially chose to run for elected office because I wanted to make a contribution to our community. Together, I believe we did.

Six years ago I outlined my principles of commitment, and my record shows that I worked hard as your Councillor to fulfill those commitments.

I believe you know what to expect from Bill Hogg – direct answers to direct questions.

You expect a thorough review of the issues, a commitment to seek alternative solutions, the courage to make tough decisions that meet the broader needs of the community, and the ability to get things done.

This term, I again commit to you, and the community, that I'll abide by the principles I have outlined and work to help shape our future in a positive, collaborative and constructive way.

I am asking for your support. If you believe in these principles, if you believe that Aurora needs fresh innovative ideas and solutions, I'd appreciate your vote on November 10th.

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## RUMOURS AND RUMBLINGS

### WHEN THE TEACHERS MARCHED ON AURORA

The ongoing conflict between the former Ontario Progressive Conservative government and the schoolteachers is nothing new.

Back in November, 1995, the four area teachers' federations representing 7,500 members decided to protest provincial cutbacks in education in front of York Mackenzie Progressive Conservative MPP Frank Klees' Yonge Street constituency office in Aurora.

More than 1,000 teachers participated in the march up and down the east side of Yonge Street from Cousins Drive to Kennedy Street.

York Regional Police officers were out in numbers to monitor the situation but the march was without incident.

In anticipation of picket line violence resulting from dissatisfaction to recent government policies, the police services board authorized special police training and equipped the men with helmets and shields.

### PROTESTING GOVERNMENT CUTBACKS

Also in November, 1995, impact victims of Harris government social service cuts presented first-hand views of how they had been affected at a conference in the Holland Room of the Aurora Town Hall.

The newly formed York Region Coalition for Social Justice organized the meeting.

The organization was formed to serve as a resource to people who want to know how the government cuts would affect them and to provide information to those who required .it.

### PROVINCIAL DEBATING SEMINAR IN AURORA

In March, 1994, St. Andrew's College was host to the 23rd Ontario Provincial Debating Seminar with 85 students from all over Ontario, including 12 French-speaking and 13 Bilingual students representing more than 200 separate, public and independent schools.

The topic for the parliamentary debate was "Be it resolved that the Ontario government no longer use games of chance for revenue".

For the cross-examination debate the topic was "Is legalized gambling harmful to society?"

Prior to the debate, the participants visited the Aurora Town

Hall to hear Tibor Barsony, director of Canadian Foundation on Compulsive Gambling and a panel discussion with speakers from the Ontario government, private enterprise and the police.

### WHEN VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS USED GREEN

After two years of procrastination, the Ontario government made good its promise to allow volunteer firefighters to use green flashing lights on their personal vehicles to alert other motorists as they responded to a fire call.

Tory MPP Ted Arnett began his crusade in September, 1992, and introduced a Private Members Bill, and the Bill was finally given Royal Assent on December 9, 1994.

The legislation said a full-time or volunteer firefighter may carry on his or her vehicle, a lamp that produces intermittent flashes of green light and may operate the light if on the way to a fire or other emergency.

You won't likely see the flashing green in Aurora but you may see it in some rural areas still using volunteers.

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### SHE'S A MASTER AT TENNIS AND SQUASH

In November, 1994, Aurora's Joyce Jones returned triumphant from the World Masters Games in Australia.

With 23,000 athletes from around the world participating, 64-year-old Jones brought home the gold for her age group in single tennis and paired up with an Australian player to win the bronze in ladies' doubles.

She took a fourth place in ladies squash and also made it to the quarter-finals with Aurora's Blair Dawson in mixed-doubles.

She also took advantage of the brilliant sunshine and warm weather to go snorkling.

### REZONING BY INDIMIDATION

Aurora Council was upset when a Mann and Martel real estate firm from Toronto advertised land on Industry Street in Aurora as industrial or residential, when council had previously refused requests for residential zoning.

The real estate firm claimed the landowner had submitted the listing as industrial or residential, which the landowner denied.

The landowners' solicitor submitted to council the agreement with the real estate firm, which clearly listed the land as industrial, but the real estate firm refused to retract its claim or apologize.

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Bill has over 20 years of International business experience as a senior executive (Director of Creative Services, VP Group Account Director, VP Interactive Marketing) with major international marketing and advertising firms. He has compiled a track record of experience in relevant areas, and has shown himself to be a quick study on the key issues that face Aurora.

#### Political Accomplishments As Your Councillor

- Spearheaded long-term financial planning and analysis for the Town of Aurora resulting in numerous changes to the budgeting process, identification of significant impending tax increases while still making time to take corrective action to avoid huge tax increases
- Initiated a five year forecast of reserve funds against future plans, resulting in recognition of the need to adjust contributions or commitments
- Spearheaded Council decision to secure land and build our new state-of-the-art Library
- Established first ever Communications Committee for the Town
- Comprehensive Traffic Study and Traffic Safety Advisory Board as a result of 1997 campaign commitment
- Initiated the Council/Citizen Committee to deal with the OHF/HighTor lands
- Successfully negotiated numerous agreements between residents, land owners and developers outside the traditional planning process
- Initiated the Annual Aurora Zoo Day as a new fund raising initiative

*Bill's business experience benefits you and Aurora. He believes what you believe: that doing what's right for Aurora families is a serious business.*



Bill believes that earning a position of leadership is about establishing and abiding by a clearly identified set of principles that people can count on.

#### 1. Sound Financial Policies:

- Establish a year round Budget & Finance Committee
- Enhance long-term financial planning initiatives spearheaded during his last term
- Identify greater operating efficiencies to minimize impact of growth on taxation
- Realistically fund Reserve Funds to support planned future expenditures
- Identify and solicit private partners for future facilities to minimize tax impact

#### 2. Manage Growth & Development:

- Manage growth within the policies of Official Plan Amendments (#17 & #30), to avoid the OMB and retain control of the planning process
- Demand development does not overtake our ability to provide Services to current residents
- Investigate more innovative and proactive approaches to protect our natural environment
- Support Downtown Rejuvenation
- Attract "clean" Industrial/Commercial business, to broaden our tax base and create jobs

#### 3. Respond to Community Needs:

- Support initiatives to increase input from our community
- Make youth and seniors facilities a priority
- Continue efforts to ensure our streets are safe for people and automobiles through the Traffic Safety Advisory Board (TSAB)
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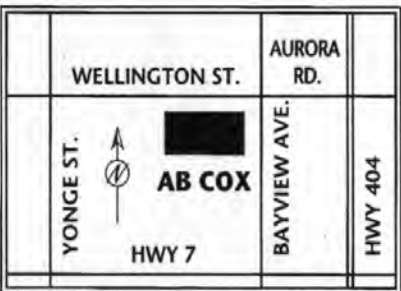


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# Aurora Council votes 5-4 to save OR moraine

**From page 1**  
stop a 6,600-home development, currently underway in Oak Ridges.  
Meanwhile at the Tuesday meeting, council listened to five residents speak in favour of protecting the Moraine.  
It was suggested that with the Liberal government taking over, it would be a new ball game and people expected council to act for them and defend their rights.  
Councillor Evelina

MacEachern threw the hand grenade that would tie up the two amendments. Councillor Dave Griffith backed her up.  
After a two-hour discussion with all members of council contributing to the debate, council decided, 7-2, to gamble on future court cases and adopt the amended bylaw as proposed by MacEachern.  
Councillor John West and Mayor Tim Jones voted against the amendment claiming it could cost the

town hundreds of thousands of dollars.  
In order to provide time to revise the enacting bylaw the meeting was recessed until the following night on condition there would be no further debate on the issue.  
Councillor West disregarded the reminder and launched into an attack claiming the motion passed 24 hours earlier was illegal.  
Mayor Jones noted that four additional items had been received, one requesting delegation status and

three from solicitors representing landowners opposing the action taken by council the previous evening.  
Councillor Nigel Kean suggested the delegation request be rejected, as this was a continuance of the council meeting. Council agreed 5-3.  
MacEachern recommended the revised bylaw be adopted, which prompted Councillors Timpson and Pedersen to explain why they changed their minds.  
Councillor Kean said he was shocked and disappointed with the reversal of the two councillors.  
Councillor Damir Vrancic said the motion had been adopted by council and could not be re-visited for

six months.  
Councillor Ron Wallace questioned the statement by Councillor West that the previous night's meeting was illegal and asked for an answer.  
Mayor Jones said council had approved the motion, implying it was legal.  
On a recorded vote

Dave Griffiths, Nigel Kean, MacEachern, Vrancic and Wallace supported the revised bylaw as presented with Jones, Timpson, Pedersen and West in opposition.  
Only time will tell if the decision made by council was in the best interests of Aurora.

# Tiger win streak alive

**From page 12**  
tie the game at three.  
With only five minutes remaining, Derek Joslin fired a shot from the left point that hit a Pickering stick and deflected into the net.  
"It felt...great," Joslin commented after the game. "It's going to be one I remember."  
With their goalie pulled and six skaters on the ice, the Panthers couldn't manage the equalizer.

Last Tuesday night, for a dreadful five minutes, the Tigers remained tied with Blues at one.  
After outscoring the opposition 24-3 in their three previous games, it seemed the Tigers had finally met their match. LeClair finally broke the tie with one minute left in the first period and the Tigers contingent in Collingwood began to relax.  
The flood doors opened in the second as Scully,

Salmon, and Brenner all scored unanswered goals in a hard-fought second period.  
In the last period, penalties mounted and tensions rose as the Blues fought hard. But all the Blues could do was watch as Walker scored the final goal of the game.  
Tigers next home game is against the Stouffville Spirit Friday night at 8 p.m. Sunday, Collingwood is in town for a game at 2.30 p.m.

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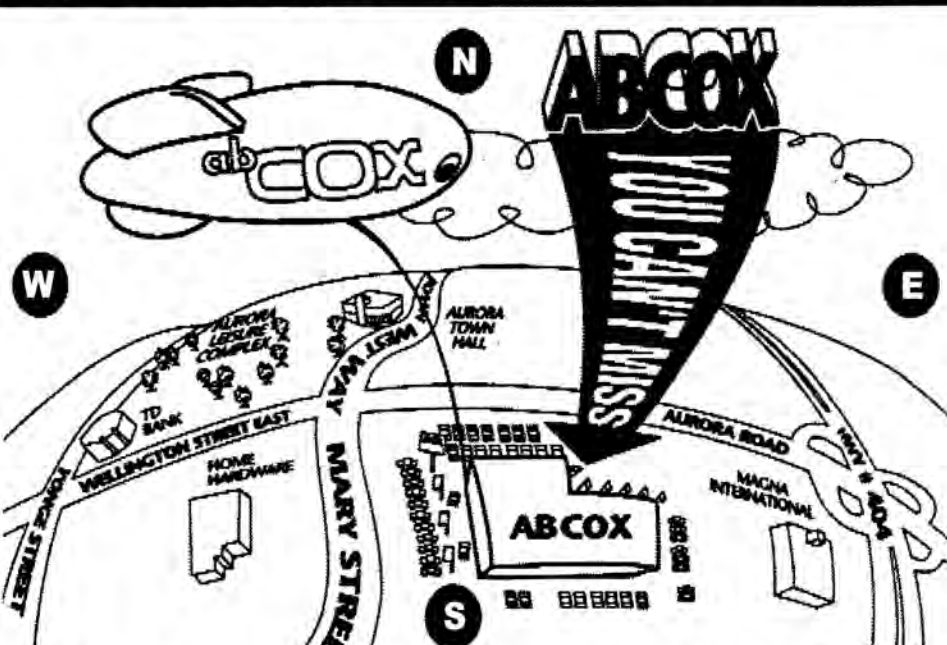


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