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The tradition continues. For the past 31 years, shoemaker Vic Paraninfo, right, has distributed goodies to school children on Hallowe'en. Hundreds of students from Wells Street Public School paraded past his Yonge Street shop Friday to receive their gifts. And for 19 years, members of York Regional Police have assisted Vic in his ritual.

*Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

## Existing projects escape resolution

As a result of action taken at special council meetings Oct. 21 and 22, town staff met to deal with a number of implementation issues.

One of the main reasons was to deal with the indirect implications of the council resolution.

The 5-4 vote on the Oak Ridges Moraine issue handcuffed several developments and it was pointed out nine such projects had been approved and were in the process of obtaining building permits.

Staff suggested that if it was council's intention not to constrain completion of the listed developments, that they be shown as an appendix to the zoning bylaw, as transitional, which would allow building permits to be issued.

It was also suggested that council send a clarification letter of the intent of the resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Meanwhile, Councillor John West expressed concern that during previous debate on the Moraine issue, council had included the provincial mapping of the key natural heritage and hydrological features.

He and staff had suggested mapping should not be included, as it was inaccurate.

He added that the incorrect mapping could affect people who may wish to make additions to their homes, such as a deck or a swimming pool.

He proposed the town advertise a warning to the affected residents of the potential impacts due to the incorrect mapping.

Planner Sue Seibert said the Ministry of Natural Resources had been asked to address the incorrect mapping and to deal with it as an administrative function.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern said the problem had been known for months and action should have been taken previously, not after the bylaw had been passed.

The issue was raised again when staff introduced a resolution suggesting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs be asked to advise and confirm the location of hydrological features and make modifications as early as possible.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said

**Please see page 23**

## Briefly

### Legion ceremonies

Prepare for parades and some road restrictions. Ceremonies surrounding the annual Remembrance Day observance will start this Saturday and continue through Tuesday, Nov. 11, the actual day of the ceremony. On Saturday, the Remembrance Day Dinner will take place at the Aurora Legion beginning at 7 p.m. Guest speaker is Legion Ontario Command President Earl Kish. Sunday at 10:30 a.m., the Remembrance Day Parade forms up on the Canada Law Book property on Edward Street at 10:30 a.m. and proceeds to the cenotaph for services at 11 a.m. On Tuesday, Nov 11, another Remembrance Day Service will take place at the cenotaph at 11 a.m.

### Plane down

Seems there's a remote controlled airplane out there with a mind of its own. Seven-year-old Cameron Lock was flying his brand new birthday present last week when it veered off course and disappeared into the wilderness. Mom Jackie believes the plane went down near Confederation Park in the Murray-Glass Drive area. She's asking residents in that area to check their back yards. If the plane is there, call her at 905-841-9015. If you find it, you'll make a very young pilot a very happy pilot.

### Election results

For up to the minute results of the Aurora Municipal election Monday Nov. 10, go to [www.auroraonline.com](http://www.auroraonline.com) after 8 p.m. Further details see the story page 3.

### Biggest ever

You're holding the biggest Auroran produced since its inception three years ago. The 24 page paper surpasses last week's record tying 20 page newspaper. For details see the story on page 11.



Damage was extensive early Sunday morning when this pickup truck slammed into the front of VandenBosche Jewellers at Yonge and Centre Streets. Witnesses said the vehicle approached from the north at a high rate of speed and spun out of control on the slippery pavement before backing into the front of the shop. It is believed the pickup was occupied by a man and a woman, who, apparently, were not seriously injured. Police investigations are continuing. Yonge Street was closed both ways for several hours.

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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.

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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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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.

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During the month of November the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall features the art work of Dorothy Byrne-Jones and John Little. Regular viewing hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

### 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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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.

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Remembrance Day Dinner and Dance at the Aurora Legion. Call 905-727-9932 for tickets.

### NOVEMBER 8/9

The historic Heintzman House Auxiliary Craft Show and Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Featured are two Aurora artists with the Celtic fine art and jewelry and paintings by Dorothy Clark McClure. Call 905-889-7980 for further information.

### NOVEMBER 9/11

Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph at 11 a.m.

### NOVEMBER 10

Municipal election day.

### NOVEMBER 13

Claude Haggerty magic show at the Aurora High School 7 p.m. sponsored by the Aurora Rotary Club. Climb into a cage with an exotic cat or have your picture taken with the animals. Tickets are \$12 and \$10 for children under 12, available from the Auroran and Highland Chev-Olds Cadillac.

### NOVEMBER 14

Opening night for Theatre Aurora's production of the hit

musical "Anything Goes". Continues on selected dates until Nov. 29. Call 905-727-3669 for tickets.

### 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 17

Aurora Historical Society general meeting at Hillary House at 8 p.m. Artist Thoreau MacDonald takes a look at life in rural Ontario.

### 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.

## Re-elect



**Damir Vrancic  
to  
Aurora Council**

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York Regional Police Constable Ryan Caines takes aim with his radar gun on Murray Drive last week as the Safe Streets, Nice Neighbourhood campaign shifted into high gear. It didn't take long for the officer to nab his first offender. In a 30-minute period, he handed out five tickets, issued four warning and counted an additional 14 vehicles making illegal turns into the Canadian Tire plaza. He also got four drivers for speeding, one who was travelling approximately 30 kilometres per hour over the posted speed limit.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

# Town's fastest postie, "Rocky" Boulter dies

They called him "Rocky". And you saw him everywhere.

Why not? Rocky was a postman and a familiar character of Aurora streets.

Donald George "Rocky" Boulter died at Southlake



The familiar "Rocky" Boulter, mail in hand, prepares for another delivery round in this undated photograph. Rocky died at the age of 69.

Regional Health Centre recently.

He was 69.

Rocky was retired from Canada Post but he continued to walk the streets, speaking to everyone, because, seemingly, everyone knew him, and he never hesitated to tell them what he thought.

His son, Brian, (known as Rocky, Jr.) confirmed that at Rocky's funeral at Thompson's Funeral Home last week.

"Dad would tell you exactly what he thought, whether it would be right or wrong," Brian said. "He could talk about anything from politics, to the weather, to sports, you name it."

Attendees at the funeral met for a reception at the Aurora Legion following the service.

For one resident in Regency Acres, Rocky reminded her of a Norman Rockwell drawing on a Saturday Evening Post cover.

Jane Bolton sent a letter to Canada Post back in 1989 asking they not transfer him to another part of town.

"We believe that he helps make this town a pleasurable place in which to live," she wrote.

"I always look at him and think of those Norman Rockwell paintings that he drew of ordinary people in a town environment."

Perhaps Rocky's route was too big or perhaps

there was just too much mail to deliver, but whatever it was, Brian said his father was the fastest walker in town.

"I believe if they had a contest for speed walking, Dad would win," he said. "I remember when I was small, Dad would be walking with me and I would be running to keep up."

Don Boulter is survived by his partner Eileen O'Callaghan, and children Brian, Ellen, Stephen, Lynda, and George.

Another son, Wayne, predeceased him.

There are four grandchildren.

# Candidate drops out

Your choice for council has dropped by one, but the name remains on the ballot.

Kam Qamar Sadiq, of Kennedy Street West, told chief elections returning officer Bob Panizza he would not pursue the council seat, but Panizza advised him it was too late to remove his name from the list of candidates.

Sadiq did not appear at last week's all-candidates' meeting at the Town Hall, nor at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Electionfest Thursday at Tuscany Banquet Hall.

The withdrawal now allows voters a choice of 15 candidates for the eight available council seats.

A two-way race for Aurora mayor and a two-way race for the Aurora-King seat of the York Region District School Board seat remain in effect.

Mr. Panizza told the Auroran Friday he had received a call from Mr. Sadiq advising of his intentions, and the returning officer told the potential candidate it was too late to have his name removed from the ballot.

Mr. Panizza also reminded voters that even though eight seats are available on council, it is not necessary to vote for eight candidates.

"You may vote for as many as you wish up to eight," he said.

Earlier, some candidates had attempted to have a computer message removed from a screen which advises voters who haven't selected eight candidates that they have "undervoted".

They felt it was misleading to the voter and was urging the voter to go back and select more candidates.

Meanwhile, the Auroran, caught in a deadline of having to produce the newspaper next week before final voting


results are available, has teamed up with a local website operator to bring readers up-to-the minute results.

Working with Rob Schuetze, designer of [www.auroraonline.com](http://www.auroraonline.com), the Auroran will provide information to the website on a regular basis election night, and final results, with photos and wrapup stories will be available on line as soon as the election is decided.

Those results and photos will also appear in the following edition of the Auroran, set for Nov. 18.

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# Go WEST for council



**Poor  
Richard**

# It is important to vote Nov. 10

*Use your vote or lose it,  
That should be the call;  
Unless citizens get involved,  
Local government will fall!*

-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

It's a sad commentary on local government elections when only about a third of eligible voters take time to go to the poll and cast a ballot.

That's just one out of every three voters!

Municipal government is a paradox.

On one hand local government controls everything from what can be built next door to you or on your street, to where you park, what you can put in your garbage, how much water you can use and how much it is going to tax you.

Local government is the most accessible form of government, but on the other hand it is the most ignored level of government.

It constitutes at one and the same time, the most important and the least important level of government in Canada.

This year the municipal election falls on Nov. 10 with the new council taking over Dec. 2.

Unfortunately, some citizens view municipal elections as a day when electors are supposed to vote for candidates they don't know, to do things they don't understand at a cost they can't afford.

For a level of government said to be the grass roots of democracy and the government closest to the people, the low voter turnout is a disgrace and difficult to understand.

Although not recognized in the Constitution as a level of government, it is the level of government that most affects the daily lives of its citizens.

The federal and provincial governments can cease to operate for months at a time, which they often do, and most citizens don't notice the difference.

But let local government forget to provide your water, pick up your garbage, plow your street, fail to provide recreational facilities or any other service or program and all hell breaks loose.

As a result of the lack of voter interest, the majority of the same people are re-elected over and over again by the few who turn up to vote because the names are known.

Newcomers have difficulty breaking this barrier, no matter how well qualified they may be.

Some non-voters claim the municipal election is too complex, with too many candidates and too many ballots.

With ballots for mayor, council members and school trustee, voting is more complex than federal or provincial elections with only one ballot and a few candidates running on a party platform.

It has been suggested from time to time over the years that party politics be introduced at the local level, as it has in some jurisdictions, but for the few extra votes that it might produce, is far outweighed by the pitfalls that could occur.

Municipal politicians are elected as independents and are not subject to party discipline.

They can debate and vote the way they believe, not the way the party tells them to.

Some voters claim they have difficulty voting for someone they don't know.

Local newspapers and cable TV stations spend considerable time and energy in presenting the candidates and the issues in an objective way so electors can make their own decision.

In addition, there are always one or more all-candidates nights, when the candidates have an opportunity to present their platform, and for citizens to ask questions.

A much better way is to attend a few council meetings and see your council in action.

In this way a voter can determine how members of council perform in discussing the issues and how they vote based on the available information.

The right to vote by secret ballot was won by our forefathers after centuries of struggle and is a privilege to be cherished, as it is denied to many people of the world.

So on Nov. 10 make a point of going out to vote and exercise your franchise.

If you don't, you have forfeited your right to complain.



For 30 years, the building in the photo above was home to Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church on Yonge Street. It was built in 1953, several years after the first Roman Catholic Mass was held at De La Salle College, now a provincial building at Bloomington and Yonge Street. In 1983, a growing parish forced the demolition of the old church. It was replaced by the building in the photo at left.

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## Letter to the Editor

# Chamber event big success

**To the editor,**

As many of you know, on Friday October 24, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce hosted its 4th Annual Business Achievement Awards Gala.

This year's event was certainly an entertaining one as we were very pleased to welcome former NHL player Dennis Hull as the evening's keynote speaker and have CHUM broadcaster, Gord James, return as our master of ceremonies.

The primary purpose of the evening was to celebrate business success in Aurora with the presentation of five awards.

Congratulations to all of our award winners and to each and every one of our nominees.

Special mention should also go to those who took the time to put forward the nominations. Your efforts are most appreciated.

I would also like to thank all of the many sponsors and contributors to this evening. Your generosity and support played an important role towards the success of this memorable gala.

As the chairperson for the committee I was asked on a few occasions why the Aurora Chamber of Commerce would hold its gala at the Kingbridge Centre in

neighbouring King City?

To respond, the Chamber is a member driven business organization and we look forward to the opportunity of hosting, and rotating, these events with our members.

Judging from the feedback we have received, all of the 220 people who were in attendance were impressed with the fine hospitality and excellent service.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

**Stephen Forsey  
Chairperson  
2003 Business  
Achievement  
Awards Committee**

# Cathy's Corner



## Of children and moraines

In 1923, Kahlil Gibran wrote:

*Your children are not your children.  
They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself.  
They come through you, but not from you.  
And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.*

Over the years, I consulted several authorities on the topic of child-rearing. I dog-eared Dr. Spock's book, flipping through whenever I had to deal with critical issues like diaper rash, sibling rivalry or thumb sucking.

Every one of my sources and gurus used words like "your child", "your baby" and "your children".

It's enough to turn you into a control freak.

But, this single passage courtesy of Mr. Gibran came to my attention before I had children. It saved my soul.

It has stayed with me, not as a cute little quote worth remembering, but as a philosophy to extrapolate from and live by.

It isn't just about raising children. It's about raising consciousness.

Your moraine is not your moraine.

It is an expression of life's longing for itself.

It comes through Aurora, but not from Aurora.

And though it is with you, yet it belongs not to you.

The moraine was here before the oldest of the old timers. It was here before anyone ever lived in Aurora...or died here.

Just as we are the caretakers of our children - charged with the responsibility for them but not vested with the rights of ownership - so has the Oak Ridges Moraine been entrusted to us.

This is the nature of our relationship with anything that has been created by God. Only a control freak would presume otherwise.

We like to call our town "Our Aurora", but the truth is, no matter how much land we own, no single person owns this town.

We live our lives on borrowed time, and we live them on borrowed land.

Just as our children are entrusted to our care, loaned to us for a period of time to grace our lives, so is all life that surrounds us.

The moraine is a living thing. It has a right to live in Aurora.

# What if...?

To the editor,

RE: Driver Test Centre, Aurora Village Plaza.

I am 83 years old, better able to walk than many my age, but with the years, my agility and adroitness have diminished.

I have to walk up the side of the plaza in order to get to the grocery store.

This part of the parking lot is invariably full of cars with learner drivers trying to back in and out of parking spaces, sometimes several times before the instructor is satisfied that the car is straight enough to please the examiner.

Hypothetical case - I am walking through this area, watching carefully for what the cars are going to do, and suddenly one car moves forward as I pass.

I manage to leap out of the way, so it doesn't hit me, but in doing so, I fall.

At my age, probably at least a broken hip.

Who is responsible?

Is it the learner driver, the instructor, the Driving Test Centre, the Town, or am I at fault because I cannot move as easily as I used to and shouldn't have been going to buy food anyway!

Perhaps you can answer

this question.

I have used myself as a hypothetical case, but there are numbers of seniors less able than I, there are mothers holding small children's hands, just trying to go about their usual business, now fraught with danger.

**W.M. Quinn**  
**Aurora**

## Students say thanks

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the neighbourhood of the Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School for their generous contributions to the Trick or Eat Food Drive on Halloween.

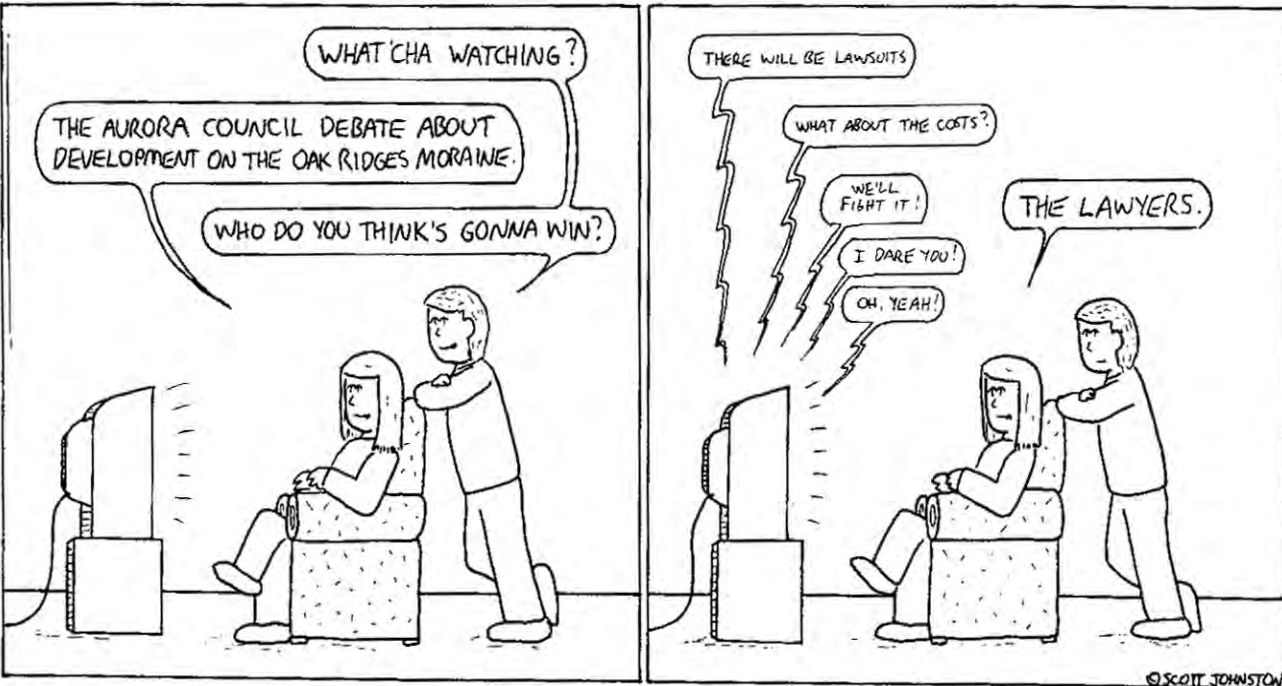
Our endeavour was a great success and all of your donations will directly benefit hunger in our community.

We received more than 1000 pounds in non-perishable items to address the growing needs of our neighbours.

As well, a big thanks to all the students and parents who volunteered their time to make this food drive a success.

**Amy Tipton**  
**Williams'**  
**Student Council**

## Machell's Corners



## Letters to the Editor

# Candidates answer Weller's questions

To the editor,

Were it not for previous commitments, I would be a candidate for our municipal election.

I have great concerns that the cost of electricity will get out of hand with the direction our council is taking.

Our Ontario Government clearly stated it did not want municipalities making large sums at ratepayer's expense.

Your council, after spending one million dollars on consultants, decided ratepayers were going to pay and turned your electric

bill into a second tax bill.

My letters in Rosemary's Auroran listed and pointed out your extra costs since council put in place the \$100,000/year board that operates behind closed doors.

You, the ratepayers, can make changes that will benefit you by electing a council that will support Not-for-Profit hydro.

Below is the questionnaire that I sent to each candidate for the November 10 election with a stamped return envelope:

The Government of Ontario gave Councils the

option to establish a not-for-profit electric corporation that would allow for "flow-through" costs of hydro and maximum benefit for ratepayers.

Would you support and vote for: A: not-for-profit hydro and B: o p e n reporting for the benefit of Aurora ratepayers?

The following candidates responded "yes" to parts A and B: Evelyn Buck, Wendy Gaertner, Dave Griffith, Keith Munro, George Timpson, Al Wilson.

Voting for these candidates will ensure all your concerns will be heard at the council

table and give you the knowledge needed to tell council you want changes.

The following candidates answered "yes" to part B (open reporting for your benefit): Bill Hogg, Tim Jones, Phyllis Morris, Ron Wallace.

The remaining eight candidates did not respond to the question.

I personally talked with the 10 listed candidates and urge you to do the same.

Most important, I urge you to vote on November 10.

**Norm Weller**  
**Aurora**

# Moraine land being developed should be allowed to continue

To the editor,

As a resident of the affected Oak Ridges Moraine area, I sincerely believe that we need some common sense injected into this discussion regarding the above development.

In fairness to all concerned one has to face the facts as they are at the moment.

The developers apparently went through all the appropriate authorities and conducted themselves in a responsible manner.

We have been told they addressed every aspect of the law in obtaining legal development rights to the properties in question.

I understand that the Harris government froze development of the moraine during his term in office.

After Eves took over as Premier this ruling by Harris was overturned and permission for development of the moraine was given to the developers.

Since the developers have now proceeded and have already poured millions of dollars into this area and have also started to put in place the very expensive sewer system, they are about to have the rug pulled from under them, as the saying goes.

Now the objectors have finally come out of the

woodwork and complained that it is illegal to develop the area. Why so little so late?

I agree the area should never have been touched by any developer but free enterprise and greed came into the picture and permission was obtained. It is stupid to assume it is not too late. It is too late.

For this property to get back to anything like normal - which is impossible - would take many, many years, a lifetime would be

more realistic.

I believe if sanity is to prevail, the area immediately affected should be allowed to continue to be developed.

A permanent freeze on all future lands involving the Moraine must be made law.

No premier or others would be allowed to change that policy ever.

While on the subject of developers the industry seriously requires a more rigid set of construction standards.

# Candidate donations should be revealed, reader believes

To the editor,

With the approach of Nov 10, I find it odd that Dick Illingworth finds it necessary to reminisce about historical matters in this week's edition.

Not that his column is uninteresting; he has the best writing style of all local journalists.

It may have been better closer to Remembrance Day, and to have devoted this week to local election matters.

My suggestion for topics is the matter of our candidates accepting

campaign donations from companies and individuals who are in the construction and development industries.

I went to the Town Hall this week to view the campaign donations and expense records from the previous election.

It is an enlightening experience.

Some candidates appear to finance their campaigns themselves or with small donations from the community at large while some at the other extreme gather significant sums mainly from the development

If the standards are in place, then more dedicated building inspectors are required.

Home buyers will live to regret buying many of these homes that are under construction today.

The writer of this article moved into the area just over two years ago and is appalled at what is being allowed and what has been allowed on earlier projects.

**I. Langston**  
**Aurora**

industry.

Others are somewhere between.

It is legal but does it bring us government in the broad interest of Aurora citizens?

I urge Mr Illingworth to enlighten us with an opinion based on his years of experience.

Perhaps the Auroran will provide a public service by publishing this information; not everyone can go to the Town Hall during business hours.

**Robert Cook**  
**Aurora**



# Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

**BOUQUETS** to Nick, Penny and Bill on the official opening of their restaurant called "Wellington's of Aurora Bar and Grill". Don't look for it on Wellington Street, as it is the former Trio Restaurant on Yonge Street, completely renovated.

**BRICKBATS** to members of Aurora Council for allowing the taxation balance to go to 87 per cent residential and 13 per cent industrial/commercial by giving in to residential developers. While provincial reassessment may be partially to blame, the standard is usually 65 per cent residential to 35 per cent non-residential. A long way to go.

**BOUQUETS** to Pat and Jim Patterson, long-time Aurora residents, on their 50th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated with family and friends Oct. 25.

**BOUQUETS** to Baldwins Steak House which held its 3rd Annual Kenny Invitational Golf Tournament recently for Big Brothers Big Sisters of York and raised \$2,570.

**BRICKBATS** to dog-owners who fail to keep their so-called pets under control and to politicians at the provincial and municipal level for not enacting and enforcing dog bylaws for vicious animals. The mauling of children has to stop!

**BOUQUETS** to the Aurora Public Library and Aurora Cable Internet for hosting and Dr. Wesley Cragg for moderating the well organized all candidates afternoon at the Town Hall recently. More **BOUQUETS** to all the concerned and interested citizens who attended the meeting, in spite of the inclement weather.

**BRICKBATS** to those at the Town Hall for what appears to be a complete SNAFU on the type of curb used for the reconstruction of Maple Street. Neither the residents nor council members got what they thought they were getting after months of meetings. It's costing taxpayers \$30,000 to correct, but who's responsible?

**BOUQUETS** to long-time Aurora resident and businessman Vic Priestly on being named Business Person of the Year at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce fourth annual Business Achievement Awards night.

**BOUQUETS** also to Featherlite Industries on receiving the Business of the Year Award, Betty's Treats winning the Small Business of the Year Award and Timberlane Athletic Club, winning the New Venture Award..

**BRICKBATS** to the producers of the CBC TV special "the Shattered City: The Halifax Explosion" for a poor quality production. It was dark and gloomy, the story line unclear and the audio poor. A very interesting bit of history ruined by a poor quality production.

**BOUQUETS** to Heather Williamson who is retiring from the TD Canada Trust Bank in Aurora after 28 years at the branch and more than 30 years with the bank. Heather has helped a lot of clients with their financial affairs and will be missed.

**BRICKBATS** to modern day politicians at all levels who believe that sleaze, negative comments and advertising, bribery and other dirty tricks will win elections. Let's get back to good, old-fashioned politics, where you vote for the person you know and trust.

**BOUQUETS** to Robert and Lyn MacMillan for donating their 120-acre farm near Dufferin Street and Major Mackenzie Drive to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to help protect the Oak Ridges Moraine. Too bad other landowners, politicians and developers aren't as altruistic.

**BOUQUETS** to all the Aurora Cable Internet subscribers who responded to a recent survey and put Treasure Hunt, Parade Coverage, Bulletin Board, Garden Shorts, First Local and Our Town as the most watched programs. Aurora Council was well down on the list.

## Letters to the Editor

# HighTor a gift to Aurora

### An open letter to the Residents of Aurora:

I am Richard Himel and I am the only son of Anne Bartley-Smith.

My interest in Aurora centres on my fight to preserve a 97-acre wooded retreat called HighTor.

It was my late mother's intention this land be preserved as a gift everlasting to Aurora.

Sadly, I have found it necessary to come to your council meetings on many occasions to do battle with your current Mayor Tim Jones and John West and Bill Hogg

(past councillor and current councillor candidate).

This group has been relentless in their determination to sell off my mother's land to developers and destroy the 97 wooded acres that my mother, in her legal Last Testament and Will, gifted to the residents of Aurora to enjoy for generations to come.

As many of you know, at the time of my mother's passing, the Town of Aurora was named in her will as recipient of the wooded estate, provided it agreed to keep and

dedicate it exclusively and forever as a public park.

You may know that the first-in-line recipient in my mother's will, the Ontario Heritage Foundation (OHF), did agree to accept the gift and the responsibility of supposedly protecting it.

But in recent years, against their mandate to "protect and preserve" the OHF has tried to sell off my mother's gift to you, at a huge profit to private developers.

Your Mayor Tim Jones and the aforementioned members of council, past

and present, have always stated that the sequence of events was that the OHF had initiated the proposal of selling off the 97 wooded acres that my mother gifted to you, Aurora.

The unbelievable part of the story, it turns out, is that your Mayor and the others were the ones who actually approached the OHF with the idea of selling of the land in a move that clearly and legally violates the wishes of the testator, my mother Anne Bartley-Smith.

At this time, I would respectfully ask the residents of Aurora to think long and hard as you head to the voting polls.

Richard Himel  
Toronto

## Don't vote for more than you want, reader advises

### To the editor,

On Nov. 10 we get the opportunity to have our say as to who will represent us and our concerns on Aurora Town Council.

Yet many of us are probably going to make a mistake that will result in us getting the exact opposite of what we really want.

According to the rules, we can vote for UP TO 8 candidates for council.

Many people assume they have to vote for eight and as a result, they hurt the chances of the candidates they really want elected.

For example, let's say there were only three people you really wanted to elect to council. So you vote for those three and then, thinking you need eight, you vote for another five (probably names you recognize).

But only the eight candidates with the most votes will be elected, and what you've just done is increased the numbers of votes for candidates who didn't really excite you or represent your viewpoints.

As a result, the candidates you really wanted to elect have just lost any advantage over the other five.

This mistake literally could cost your chosen candidates a spot on council.

It's our democratic right to vote for fewer than eight candidates for council.

So if you want to make sure you get what you really want on election day, consider voting for only the candidates you really want elected - and not one more.

Denis Poncelet  
Aurora

## Writer needs humour

### To the editor,

Re: the letter in the paper from the 32-year-old humourless person (no indication of the person's gender in the letter) regarding the "Legion ladies".

What he/she should concern himself/herself with is perhaps dedicating the time between now and his/her 40th birthday to finding or developing a sense of humour.

And on the political scene, it would be really nice if Mr. Homer Farsad would get

some of his facts right.

At one time he indicated that Tim Jones had been mayor for more than 20 years in Aurora.

By my count, I believe Tim Jones has been mayor for nine years and involved in the community for more than 20 years.

Is Mr. Farsad saying that an individual with an excellent track record of community involvement is a bad thing???? I hope not.

Heather Sinclair  
Oak Ridges

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Letters to the Editor

Council decisions baffle this reader

To the editor,

At last week's council meeting, there were two delegations. Well, there were more but for the purpose of this story we will talk about only these two.

The first was an aficionado of the Aurora Swim Club. He said we need two more lanes than proposed in the new pool.

Right away, with barely a ripple, a motion was made; there should be two more lanes. And it passed.

Then it was the turn of Steve Mills, a resident of the Spruce and Maple Street neighborhood. Their streets

are being re-constructed.

He said they had met with the consultant and had

accepted a particular curb design. Now that it was in place it did not look like what they expected. We don't like it. It makes our street look like a common subdivision. It is not in character.

At considerable expense to taxpayers, council hired consultants to meet with the residents of this neighborhood, to ensure that whatever was to be done would meet with their approval.

The residents made the choice of curb design.

Can it be changed, our works super was asked. Yes, he said.

What are the options, he was asked.

None that are safe, he said.

What would be the cost of

removing and replacing, they asked.

Thirty thousand, he said. It would be more expensive because of the lateness of the year, he said.

They asked the treasurer, do we have any money?

No, he said.

No matter. They directed the new curbs be broken up and removed and new ones constructed.

So, us poor schmucks, who live in those dreadful subdivisions, paid for professionals on our payroll to advise, expensive consultants to indulge, the designs, the construction, the breaking up and removing, and replacing with unsafe curbs with money the treasurer says we do not have.

I could not have done that if they had tied my hands behind my back, blindfolded me and made me walk the plank.

I've been watching stuff like that for more than a year. Writing letters to the editor has helped me to let off steam.

People said she must be running for council...I wasn't. Then they said, well you should...

Then, when I decided I would, other people said, Why on earth would you want to do that again, Evelyn, and I would wonder to myself...Why DO I want to do that again?

The fact is when a majority vote is cast in a council, the decision made is "the Town's" decision. No one

person is responsible. When it's a good thing, we all share the credit; when it's not, we all share the shame.

Also, council does not have unfettered power. It is hemmed in on every side by municipal laws and regulations that govern most of

what council does, particularly in planning and development.

If a candidate says "I will control development" and gets elected, he or she is due for a rude surprise.

Evelyn Buck  
Aurora

Business steady at market-Kean

To the editor,

I would like to thank the Auroran for the history of the past Farmers' Markets in Aurora.

As chair of the Downtown Yonge Street Committee, I was happy with the support that the residents showed and the fact that most of them were regular shoppers

at this year's Market.

We also had quite a few new shoppers each week.

The comments in last week's article quoted me as saying that I was disappoint-

ed with the Market's results.

I believe those comments were made during the last three or four weeks when the weather was wet and cold and not meant to be a reflection of the overall Market.

I would like to thank the regular vendors for their support each week.

Those were Hurst Bakery, Van Hart Organic Vegetables, Cooper Farms, the Bathers Street Fruit and Vegetable Stand, Absolutely Pure Honey (Brenda and John Snape), Don Howard and the Aurora Historical Society.

Hopefully next year the number of vendors will grow and include Arts and Crafts.

If anyone has any suggestions or would like to volunteer and set up a Farmers' Market Committee please send your information to me at the Town Hall.

Hope to see you at the 2004 Aurora's Farmers Market.

Nigel Kean  
Aurora

Time for younger blood on council

To the editor,

Timpson has had a new idea in 10 years.

Now he flip-flops on the Oak Ridges Moraine vote. Unbelievable.

If we keep building, there won't be a tree or an open space from Richmond Hill to Barrie.

Then there is Mr. West. I did not appreciate his comments a few months back when he said, "if you don't like the taxes in Aurora, then move".

I am a senior on a fixed

income. I moved to Aurora in 1959 and I would like the town to change the name of John West Way to John West Go Away.

Come on, seniors, we need some young, new, fresh ideas.

Give the young ones a chance.

Vote for the future, not the past.

C. Sherwood  
Aurora

You don't have to vote for all eight candidates

To the editor,

I'd like to remind all eligible voters in Aurora to get out and vote in the municipal election. I'd also like to say that you

don't have to vote for someone just to say that you have voted.

Vote for the candidates that you want, and only them.

You never know, that that

Things can only improve with new faces on council

To the editor,

Re: November 10 election. Amen to Paul Smith's letter in the October 21 issue of the Auroran.

Ms. MacEachern is right; it's time to give someone else a chance in this election.

It's time to get rid of the old boys, the status quo, the wrangling, the flip-flop of this administration, and the mayor's main function of ribbon cutting.

Everyone I have talked with wants to save the Oak Ridges Moraine, a view not held by the provincial Conservatives, George Timpson, Mayor Jones and another one of the old boys,

John West. I hope Ms. MacEachern will be back in the future.

We do have a choice of new people.

With this in mind, things can only get better.

Don Wylie  
Aurora

extra vote for councillor might just bump out one of the ones who you do want to get in.

You can vote for up to eight councillors but you don't have to vote for eight if you don't want to.

Same thing for mayor, if you don't like either of the candidates, then do not vote for one of them.

Vote for candidates you want, or maybe vote for what you perceive to be the lesser of the evils, but do be careful how you vote.

David Watson  
Aurora

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Official entrance to Aurora's Arboretum is on John West Way just south of the Town Hall.  
*Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

# Some Arboretum trees give way to new centre

The seven-year-old Aurora Arboretum, celebrating the third birthday of its gateway opening this week, will get a reverse birthday present in the near future.

As many as 30 trees, including one memorial tree, may have to be moved to accommodate the proposed senior citizens' building, which will be built on arboretum property.

Arboretum officials are confident the setback won't upset their plan to "re-establish the forest and meadows that were here a century ago".

The Arboretum's main entrance is off John West Way, just south of the Aurora Town Hall.

Visitors entering the site at that location will see dozens of trees freshly planted between the trail and the Town Hall parking lot.

But that future forest will, within the next two years, become a building, home for Aurora's senior citizens.

The \$2 million project will see a 14,000 square-foot building erected on the site which was part of the Arboretum's 60-hectare project.

Because the affected trees are so young, moving them to another location will not create a problem, says Leisure Services Director Al Downey.

"I just hope they haven't forgotten about us," said Arboretum members Evelyn Wilkinson and Doris Hilliard.

More than 175 trees have been planted on the site since it opened in 1995.

The six-phase project follows a course along the East Holland River from John West Way to the Aurora Leisure Complex and beyond.

Included will be more than 50 different types of trees, and the area will be home to about 30 species of birds.

Arboretum President and former Citizen of the Year Ken Smith is sending a letter to area organizations seeking support for the project.

"All of us in Aurora are stakeholders in this piece of public land," he said. "We are creating a long-term Master Plan for this area."

Arboretum officials are working with the Town of Aurora, Region of York and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to continue the project that will eventually encompass the whole Holland River Valley northward to the St. John's Sideroad.

"We are planning and planting for the current and future generations in Aurora," Smith said.

# Maple Street curb isn't as ordered

At a recent council meeting, a resident said new sidewalks and curbs constructed on Maple Street were not what was expected.

Council agreed and directed staff to replace the curbing similar to the low-profile curbing on Kennedy Street, at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

Friday, Director of Public Works Wayne Jackson submitted a detailed report with graphics of the various types of curbing.

He pointed out that the low-profile curbing did not provide the same safety protection to pedestrians and boulevards as the standard curbing, which had been installed.

Councillor John West said he was opposed to any changes for safety reasons and in response to a question was advised it was necessary to remove the recently poured sidewalk to replace the lower curbs.

Mayor Tim Jones agreed and said it was a lot of money to make the changes.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern pointed out that the town had spent a lot of money to engage consultants to recommend standards for the heritage area and this section was to set a precedent for other areas.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said it was obvious there had been a breakdown in communications or a misunderstanding and council and the citizens were not getting what they thought they would.

He added that for council

to change its position now, without the residents in attendance, would require a motion of reconsidera-

tion, resulting in council confirming their previous decision to reconstruct the sidewalk and curbing.



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# Seniors' building takes another step

Without discussion or comment council endorsed the schematic design for a new Seniors' Centre estimated at 14,000 square feet and for it to be further refined in consultation with the Seniors' Steering Committee.

Staff were directed to authorize the project manager to proceed with a request for proposal for architectural services for the preparation of the final design and tender documents.

In addition, council endorsed the strategy to host a public information night to update the community on the status of the project and to explore other community or joint use opportunities regarding the future operation of the building.

It was pointed out that one of the challenges for the design of the new facility would be the separation of the dedicated spaces of the seniors with the community spaces that will be shared by the

seniors with the broader community.

It is also planned to hold a fundraising and sponsorship campaign once the final budget is determined.

Proposed opening date is in April or May, 2005.



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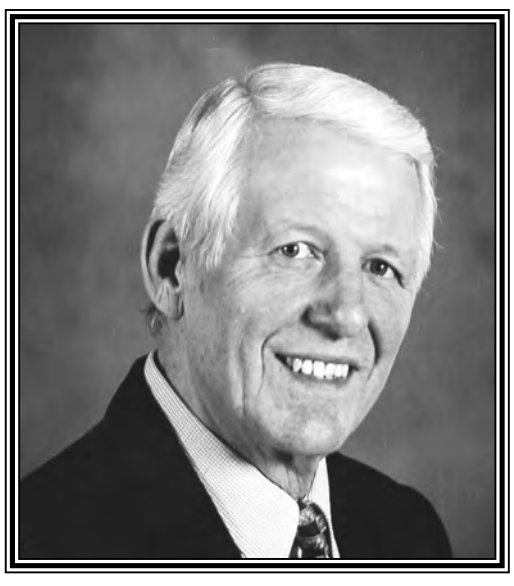
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Members of the Aurora Women's Institute have been busy creating fire-fighter and dalmation puppets for children who are injured in fires. Last week, they converged on Aurora's Edward Street fire station of the Central York Fire Services to present the puppets to firefighters. Some of the puppets were also donated to the pediatric ward at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

## Windmill becomes Yonge St. landmark

During the last days of the Ontario Progressive Conservative government an announcement was made about a green power standard defining what kinds of energy qualify for hooking up green power to the electricity grid.

The new Liberal government plans to call for even faster development of green and renewable energy sources, making Ontario one of the most attractive markets for wind project development in North America. But long before the government announced its plans, an Aurora veterinarian had his own wind power ideas.

During the early part of 2001, the Abbotsford Animal Hospital purchased the former Shell Oil service station property located at Yonge and Ransom Streets.

Dr. Marcus Cole opened the hospital in 1986 in a former residence at the corner of Kennedy and Yonge Streets and thanks to growth it became necessary to expand.

Since expansion was impossible in the existing location, a new hospital was planned.

Cole appeared before Aurora Council in September, 2001, and explained that in addition to retaining the existing building on the

property, he planned a new hospital with a windmill to assist in supplying energy.

Even though an existing bylaw permitted windmills, the town's planning department refused to approve the inclusion of the gadget in the site plan and he asked council to intercede.

Although windmills were included in town bylaws, there was a difference of opinion between staff and the applicant over the windmill, resulting in Cole's appearance before council to break the deadlock.

In response to questions, Cole said the proposed windmill would be 65 to 70 feet tall and would be very quiet, as it was one of the latest designs.

Council members were generally in support of the proposed plan with the windmill, believing it could be used as an example for other new construction projects, and the modern development would clear up the derelict appearance of the property.

It was approved by council Oct. 9, 2001.

Construction proceeded and the new animal hospital opened for business without the windmill causing residents to wonder if the

project had been abandoned.

Then earlier this month the windmill suddenly appeared atop a 110-foot high pole and began generating power.

It has also added another landmark to Aurora's historic Yonge Street.

## State Farm headquarters moves another step closer

The head office for State Farm Mutual Automotive Insurance Company moved a step closer to Aurora last week.

A site plan agreement with State Farm will be executed, subject to final approval of minor variances and payment of all fees and securities.

The State Farm property is located north of Wellington, just west of Highway 404.

State Farm hopes to begin construction of a 320,000 square foot office building housing some 1,000 employees next year.

The building, on nearly 37 acres of land, will include a north wing five floors high and a south wing three-stories high.

Council also approved an agreement to permit the servicing of lands subject to the necessary approvals from the Ministry of the Environment, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and York Region.

Beginning installation of municipal services this fall will assist the developer meet the goal of starting construction of the State Farm building in mid-2004.

Council also approved a site plan for a Loblaws supermarket at the southwest corner of Bayview

Avenue and the St. John's Sideroad, subject to the payment of all fees and securities.

Proposed is a supermarket of 125,227 square feet in total floor area with 592 parking spaces.

The proposed store in addition to groceries, frozen food, deli, fresh produce and floral products will also feature a smoke shop, photo studio, clothing and linens, home products, toys, home entertainment centre, a pharmacy and medical offices.

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Phyllis Morris

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"We have never been able to produce a 24-page newspaper," said Publisher Rosemary Schumaker. "I know next week's election has a lot to do with it, but our advertisers have been very supportive and this proves it."

This week's edition includes Letters to the Editor on five separate pages - 4 through 7 and page 13 - several historic features, and a page of election cartoons as seen through the eyes of popular Auroran cartoonist Scott Johnston.

"Letters to the Editor remain as the newspaper's most popular feature," Schumaker said. "We'll clear as many pages as necessary to bring the readers' views to other readers."

Some newspapers will have as many as five inserts in them...all related to next week's municipal election.



Carmela Cox, manager of the Aurora outlet of The Rosarium loads 19-year-old Rob Dyer with roses that he will use as a fundraiser to support his awesome plan of skateboarding from California to Ontario next year and fight cancer. Rob says the roses will sell at Aurora High School and Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School starting Nov. 14 for a dollar each. All flowers were donated by The Rosarium. Rob's skateboard plan should take about 250 days to complete. He expects to be in the Aurora area in early October, if everything goes according to plan for the 8,000 kilometre trek. Learn more about this at [www.skate4cancer.com](http://www.skate4cancer.com).

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

## Cash needed in financial outlook

Every year the town's treasury staff prepares a multi-year financial outlook estimating operating and capital budget requirements, as well as projected balances for reserve and reserve funds.

The report summarizes and projects the impacts of previous decisions made by council on the allocation of financial and human resources.

Recently at a general committee meeting, staff presented the multi-year financial outlook and operating and capital budget projections through to December 31, 2008.

With the sole exception of long-term debt financing proposed for the recreational facility on the Burnett lands, capital investment decisions were only proposed to the extent that sufficient funds, from a cash flow perspective, were available.

Where appropriate, staff members have identified opportunities to seek and pursue public/private partnerships for the delivery of municipal services and/or accessibility to federal and provincial grant programs.

In preparing the outlook, staff assumed service levels would remain consistent throughout the 2004-2008 period.

Capital projects to be financed by reserve

funds would only be proposed if the respective reserve fund maintained a positive balance by December 31, 2008.

During 2003, council considered acceleration of significant capital cost commitments, including the new multi-use recreation facility and senior's centre, which will have an immediate and direct impact on net tax levy requirements.

The operating budget for 2003 was \$15.5 million, an increase of 5.9 per cent over 2002.

The projected operating budget for 2004 is \$17.4 million, an increase of 9.2 per cent, and \$19.4 million in 2005 causing an additional increase of 8.2 per cent.

Also incorporated into the 2004-2008 operating, capital, reserve and reserve fund projections was the need to supplement contributions to reserves recognizing that the town had not previously established a provision in its operating estimates to

rehabilitate and maintain the Town Park's related amenities.

Although the town had demonstrated a commitment to maintain property taxation levels through the 1990s this strategy has resulted in adverse implications due primarily to changes in the Development Charges Act and provincial government downloading.

During the past few years, the town invested significant resources in hard area infrastructure in relationship to the development of the lands east of Bayview Ave. increasing the municipal population in accordance with the official plan.

With residential development underway, the town is required to ensure that the related supporting infrastructure is in place including parks, recreation facilities and fire and associated services.

The 2004-2008 financial outlook established the framework for strategic initiatives that will fund future financial

obligations through a balance of tax rate increases, innovative public/private partnership.

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- Has run for Council 4 times and Provincial Parliament 3 times
- Firefighter with Toronto Fire Service for 33 years
- Prior to amalgamation, on Budget Constitution and Law Committee, Benevolent Fund, Grievance Committee and Station Steward

### ISSUES

- Expansion of GO Train Service
- Improvement of Local Bus Service
- Protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine, Wet Lands such as the McKenzie Marsh and other Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Review Emergency Services—  
Is Aurora receiving adequate service??
- South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority—  
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## RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

# How the Aurora aircraft got its name

On July 21, 1976, Defence Minister James Richardson announced the purchase of 18 new Lockheed CP-140 "Aurora" long-range patrol aircraft and associated equipment at a cost of more than a billion dollars or \$21.2 million per plane to replace the antiquated Argus fleet.

When asked about the name "Aurora", the minister explained that in mythology, Aurora was the Goddess of the Dawn and is said to set out before the sun, so it was an appropriate name for an aircraft that patrols before the dawn, as well as in the daylight hours.

The Aurora Air Cadet Squadron was named 140 Aurora Squadron after the long-range patrol aircraft.

### STRANGE THEFTS

It was not a Christian way to get religion or a late Christmas gift.

Back in January, 1975, someone stole the bible from the Newmarket Provincial Courthouse, during Christmas week.

The Bible was used in court for the swearing-in of witnesses.

Then in January, 1982, a brass bell, part of a collection of 15 items on display at York County Hospital was stolen.

The bell, valued at \$300, was part of a touring exhibit sponsored by the Ontario Crafts Council to commemorate the International Year of the Disabled.

Ironically, the bell was a replacement for one stolen earlier in the tour.

### A COLLECTION OF POLICE BADGES

As a young member of the Aurora Police Department, Constable Lowell McClenny started a collection of police shoulder badges from different police forces.

By July, 1970, he had a collection of more than 200

badges.

In order to assist in his collection, Aurora Council agreed, after some debate, that the town would subsidize the collection by about \$30 to provide McClenny with 25 Aurora badges for trading purposes.

Some members of council objected to the expenditure on the basis it was a private collection and that council was becoming a benevolent organization.

Others said the collection benefitted the town, as the collection had been on display at a number of public shows.

By February, 1971, when McClenny displayed his collection at the Aurora Library, it had grown to more than 600 badges from police departments across North America and one from a German Police Department.

### MISSING COUNCIL FOR A MOVIE

Believe it or not but in October, 1969, then Mayor Dick Illingworth missed his first council meeting for a movie.

It wasn't just an ordinary movie but included having dinner with Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

As RCAF Aide de Camp to Lieutenant Governor Ross MacDonald, Illingworth was a member of the official party entertaining the Prince.

Following dinner, the party attended the world premiere of the movie "The Battle of Britain" in Toronto.

### WORLD JOURNALISTS VISIT AURORA

It was in September, 1989, when a group of world journalists visited Aurora.

They didn't come for a news story, but to play tennis in the 12th Annual World Tennis Championships for Journalists held at the Timberlane Tennis and Country Club.

Ken Sinclair, club owner, was chairman of the tournament and was responsible for bringing it to the recently

opened tennis club in Aurora.

Another reason was to try and get some good publicity for Toronto and area to boost Toronto's bid for the 1996 Olympics.

While the journalists were in the Toronto area, they visited Niagara Falls, the SkyDome, shown around the Toronto area and were treated to dinner by the Town of Markham and the federal government.

Leo Lohnerger, president of the Association of International Tennis Journalists, was quoted as saying that the players were impressed with what they saw of Metro Toronto and Aurora during the tournament.

### WORDS THAT COME TRUE

In 1967, York County Warden Floyd Perkins said at his inaugural; "This area, not many years ago, used to be a rural community with little red schoolhouses".

Today, he would likely say; "Now it is an urban community with schoolhouses in the red!"

### WE WANT OUR PEDOMETER BACK

The York Regional Police department was created January 1, 1971, with the merger of 14 municipal forces. The regional force assumed all equipment and property belonging to the former municipal forces, including a pedometer from Aurora.

Council maintained that it didn't belong to the Aurora Police Department, but was used by water and works personnel as well as the police, and council wanted it back.

The Aurora situation wasn't quite the same as Richmond Hill.

The police assumed ownership of a van, but Richmond Hill Council refused to turn over the ownership, so the police couldn't use it without breaking the law.

### Letters to the Editor

# Aurora is a single unit; former resident says

To the editor,

I feel I must write to you as a recipient of your fine newspaper by mail.

Having lived in Aurora for 36 years, it really feels like

home when I read the Auroran.

Thank you for taking the time to mail copies to me and to all the other former Aurorans who receive it.

I would like to comment

briefly on the question of the ward system. (I know I risk being told to mind my own business).

The town has evolved nicely as a single unit since the times when prior to the budg-

et Council took a Saturday to go round the town and check the roads, the arena (on Yonge Street), the parks (Town and Rotary) and the water pumping station. It has changed from com-

mittees of councillors and staff to staff reports.

Changing to wards could be a painful procedure.

When it is complete, the

cohesion of council could be broken.

Len Ostick  
Winnipeg

## Two terms hardly "true democracy"

To the editor,

I find it ironic that Ben Kestein (letters, Oct. 28) states limiting council members to two terms is "true democracy".

He obviously doesn't like the fact that the majority of Aurora voters keep returning incumbents that he doesn't like to office.

Mr. Kestein's idea of democracy is to have "big brother" legislate that we can't vote for who we want to.

He also states four members of council, I assume, Jones, West, Timpson and Pedersen, equals 100 years. This, obviously stated in a derogatory way.

I feel we are fortunate to

have this much experience on council.

It must really rankle Mr. Kestein that our democratic process could once again re-elect those above noted

council members who are seeking another term in office.

Jacquie Campbell  
Aurora

## Streetcar photo twigs memory

To the editor,

I saw the picture of the old streetcar in the station in Aurora in your last issue.

I don't remember much of it, but I know the track ran from the top of Hogg's Hollow up through Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Aurora to Armitage.

It then cut across to the old part of Newmarket and, from

there, went up toward Sutton.

There was a spur that went out from Yonge Street and the King Sideroad to Schomberg and another smaller one down Wellington Street West in Aurora to Mill Street and along to Collis Leather.

W.G. Willis  
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# On November 10th vote Bill Hogg for Aurora Council

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### 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.

*Bill*



Bill is committed to strong leadership with integrity and openness in the decision making process.

We face challenging times ahead. We are losing control of our natural resources and our ability to manage growth. Current residents and businesses are asked to bear the weight of increased taxes, to pay for growth due to development of new high density neighbourhoods, while service levels decrease.

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.*



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 Revuevation
- 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)
- Expand access to Library facilities (i.e. longer hours)

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## Mignardi welcomed back

# Tigers trounce Collingwood, Stouffville

By TYLER NORWOOD

The Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey club found yet another piece of the puzzle with the addition of forward Steve Mignardi.

Mignardi signed with the Tigers last week in time for the home game against Stouffville.

"He's a great penalty killer and he's got defensive prowess back there in our own end," Assistant Coach Thomas Milne said.

Mignardi, playing with the Salmon Arm Silverbacks of the British Columbia

Hockey League, recorded 45 points, including 14 goals, in 42 games with the Tigers last season.

Meanwhile, Tigers pounded the Collingwood Blues 11-1 in their Sunday afternoon encounter here and overcame a 1-1 first period tie Friday night to defeat the Stouffville Spirit 7-1.

With the two wins, Tigers extend their streak to 19 games and Chris Whitley becomes the top goaltender in the OHA with an amazing 1.50 goals against average.

"Our coach (Marty Williamson) really stresses

defense," Whitley said. "We've got a lot of veterans back there who help me out. That's definitely what the key is."

While Whitley stands as the top goaltender in the league, Francis Walker is on track to become the league's top scorer.

After recording five points Sunday, Walker has a league leading 49 points. He replaced Brent Varty of the Wellington Dukes at the top of the leader board.

Aurora's special teams were on fire on Sunday. Tigers managed three

shorthanded and three power play goals.

Jeff Gilbert got it all started as he fired a wrist shot, on the power play, past the glove of Amir Dautovic.

Michael Tonelli scored the first shorthanded goal as he stole the puck from the Blues defenceman deep in the offensive zone, skated alone across the goal, and shot the puck past Dautovic.

Joel Kitchen, Jordan Brenner, and Bahen added even strength goals to the total.

Walker led the assault with

two goals and three assists. Supporting him was Corey LeClair who scored four points; and Matt Bahen added another three.

Friday night, Tigers met up with conference rivals, the Stouffville Spirit.

Unfortunately for Stouffville, their spirit, along with their 1-1 tie, expired after Sam Skwarchuk scored his second of the night to take a 2-1 lead at the beginning of the second.

Steve Mignardi scored his first goal of the season only 56 seconds later. Assisting on the goal was fellow newcomer Alex LaLonde, along with Joel Kitchen.

Defenceman Kyle Aitken closed out the scoring with

his second of the season.

LaLonde and Mignardi would trade spots in the third as LaLonde recorded his first goal as a Tiger and Mignardi earned an assist. Shortly thereafter, LaLonde was ejected from the game after a fight with Grant Buckley of the Spirit.

Captain Jordan Brenner and Sean Scully sent the Spirit packing with their 13th and 17th goals, respectively.

Skwarchuk was named Player of the Game for his two goal, three point performance. Aitken, Mignardi, and LaLonde each scored a goal and an assist.

Aurora's next game is Friday at 8 p.m. when they host the Thornhill Islanders.

## At new pool

# Swim coach seeks more lanes

Reg Chappell, president of the Aurora Swim Club and representing the Aurora Masters Swim Club, Water Polo and Synchronized Swimming, appeared before council last week to lobby for a wider swimming pool at the proposed recreational complex.

He pointed out that plans call for a 25-metre pool with six lanes but swimming organizations require eight lanes, and a larger pool would be of benefit to all users.

He added that the Swim Club had grown since 1993 and with an excellent coaching staff was now recognized as being in the top 75 swimming clubs in Canada, with a long list of outstanding achievements

The swimming coach said he expected club membership would increase with the opening of the new pool and the proposed six lanes would not meet their needs.

Councillor David Griffith supported the need for eight lanes and suggested a sauna be included with the pool.

Councillor Nigel Kean wanted to know differences in costs and was advised a report would include the prices of both.

Councillor Damir Vrancic complained that the report before council was insufficient and it was difficult for councillors to make a decision without full information.

Councillor John West suggested the report be

adopted in principle, but the final decision should be left up to the incoming council.

Director of Leisure Services Al Downey said staff was looking for council endorsement including the schematic building program as prepared by the project manager to include a 25-metre six-lane pool, two pad ice surface, youth centre, community space including a canteen, pre-school area and office space.

Council was also asked to endorse the continued refinement of the schematic design through a public project planning seminar tentatively scheduled for Nov. 18 and that the project manager be authorized to proceed with the

request for proposals from architect firms for a report to council in January.

Vrancic said he didn't want user groups to receive false hope as council hadn't made any decisions on any of the component parts and it was necessary to get the user groups involved, so that council members could make intelligent decisions.

The amendment to consider eight lanes was approved subject to budget considerations.

After further discussion it was finally agreed staff recommendations be adopted subject to a further report to the incoming council in January.

The centre is scheduled to open in the fall of 2005.

## Skating results

Aurora skaters achieved the following results at Octoberfest Competition in Barrie last weekend.

Pre-juvenile Men A, Caden Armstrong - 5th.  
Pre-Novice Ladies Fl. 7, Cassandre Vanbakel - 2nd.  
Pre-Novice Ladies Fl. 1, Carolyn Armstrong - 6th.  
Novice Ladies Fl. 2, Taylor Jenkins - 4th.  
Pre-Juvenile Ladies B, Maya Goldman - 13th.

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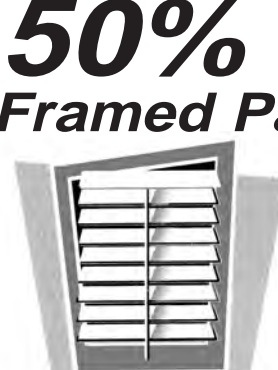
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**804, HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 4:** Steve Horan 1G 1A, Kevin Mayne 2G, Darby Piquette 1G 1A, Taylor Jeffery 1A, James Weber 2A. **805 RAEDAN FREIGHT SERVICES INC. 5:** Bill Spasopolous 1G, Chad Roberts 1G 1A, Nathan Taylor 2G, Courtney Lockhart 1G, Micheal Mariani 1A, Daniel Kupraty 1A, Jamie Fenyes 3A, Ryan Hall 1A, Keifer McBride 1A.

**801 ALL PRO SPORTS - NEWMARKET 0:** **806 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 2:** Harrison Brook 1G, Jamie Rundle-Sanderson 1G, Morgan Mittelstaedt 1A, Cameron Harris 1A.

**803 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 4:** Jacob Evelyn 1G 1A, Dan Coates 1G, Ryan Joynt 1G, Jesse Gattelerio 1G, Mitch Hamilton 1A, Maegan Bastarache 1A, Andrew Walsh 1A, Jon Byzok 1A. **802 IZZI POPAT - ROYAL LePAGE 5:** Sam Mulholland 1G, Eric Wakeman 1G, Jake Teel 1G 1A, Luke Muirhead 1G, Stephen Pitts 1G 2A, Torry Duckworth 3A, Anthony Partland 1A.



**110 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Teal) 12:** Brenden Lukezic 9G Joel Gouveia 1G, 1A Alex Perez 1G, Kristin Grasse 1G, Christopher Sanita 2A, Matthew Sanita 2A. **104, TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Royal) 6:** Ryan McGolrick 3G, Paul Neophytou 2G, Tori Miller 1G, Cameron Richard 1A, Luke Gregoris 1A.

**108,TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Maroon) 11:** Connor Graham 4G, 1A Stephen Mariani 3G, 1A Kyle Strachan 3G, 1A Joshua Bell 1G Nicholas Brown 1A, Connor Cowl 1A. **103 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Red) 3:** Erik Balkovec 1G, 1A Ryan Manson 1G, Zack Landry 1G.

**109 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Orange) 4:** Branden Fennell 2G, Austin Lane 1G, Ben Ashton 1G. **105 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (White) 2:** Spencer Robb 1G, Brian

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Langdon 1G, Ian Dunlop 1A, Sean O'Donnell 1A.

**106 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Gold) 8:** David Gonder 2G, Jordan Nanos 1G, 1A Graham Robinson 1G, 1A Adam de Roos 1G, Tait Sneddon 1G, Alex Remedios 1G, Brett Theissen 1G, Max Brown 2A, Nicholas Scott 1A. **101 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Green) 2:** Liam Coll 1G, Jack Caldwell 1G, Robert Stokes 1A.

**102 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Black) 5:** Dakota Stone 1G, Kyle Locke 1G, James Johnston 1G, Jake McKee 1G, Matthew Reynolds 1G, Eric Middleton 1A, Parker Baile 1A. **107 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Grey) 5:** Alexander Stewart 2G, Evan Jackson 1G, 1A Konner McMillan 1G, Blake Wallace 1G, John McDonald 1A.

**701 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 4:** Sam Caldwell 1G, Darre Giroux 1G, Dylan Brennan 2G, 1A Matt Fong 1A, Davis Hilchucn 1A, Chris Divincenzo 1A. **702 EDWARDS-MURPHY PAINTING & DECORATING 2:** Greg Haralampopoulos 1G, Amir Ahsan 1G, Gabe Venneri 1A, Bradley Juffs 1A.

**706 AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILD-ING CENTRE 1:** Robinson 1G. **704 SMIT-TY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 6:** Cameron Buchanan 1G, Derek Smith 3G, Michael Nealon 1G 1A, Tyler Pratt 1G 1A, Taylor Jordan 1A, Chris Ramsay 1A, Mohammed Akbar 2A, Jared Pelletier 1A, Sam Milette 1A, Jake Deacon 1A, James Floros 1A.

**804 HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 5:** Taylor Jeffery 1G, Andrew Rowan 2G 1A, James Weber 2G, Harrison Edwards 1A. **802 IZZI POPAT - ROYAL LePAGE 5:** Stephen Pitts 1G, Eric Wakeman 2G 1A, Paul Magliocchi 1G 1A, Kurtis Wilton 1G, Sam Mulholland 1A, Paul Magill 1A.

**801 ALL PRO SPORTS - NEWMARKET 4:** David Petrosovic 1G, Joel Stock 1G, James Seymore 1G 1A, Jesse Barker 1A, Ethan Lebovic 1A, Tom Horner 1A, Liam McNeely 1A, Eddie McLaughlin 1G. **803 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 1:** Brett Scott 1G, Maegan Bastarache 1A.

**805 RAEDAN FREIGHT SERVICES INC. 1:** Braden Bonner 1G. **806 ROYAL CANA-DIAN LEGION 1:** Micheal Rowe 1G, Harrison Brook 1A.

**803 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 2:** Dale McDonald 1G, Ryan Joynt 1G 1A. **805 RAEDAN FREIGHT SERVICES INC. 4:** Jamie Fenyes 2G, Bill Spasopolous 1G, Nick Verdugo 1G, Peter Walker 1A.

**804 HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 3:** Jon Aleksich 1G, Kevin Michie 1G, Andrew Rowen 1G, Landon Smith 1A, Stephen Horan 2A, James Weber 1A. **806 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 3:** Alex Ginther 1G, Morgan Mittelstaedt 1G 1A, Micheal Rowe 1G, Patrick Madden 1A, Jamie Rundle-Sanderson 1A, Harrison Brook 1A.

**902 ASTECH SOLUTIONS 4:** Kevin Moffatt 3G, Robert Buchner 1G, Michael Durst 2A, Luke Stinson 1A, Abbas Akbar 1A, Dan Bailey 1A, Matthew Paque 1A, Brendan McDermott 1a. **905 AURORA OPTICAL INC. 1:** Liam Bauer 1A, Matthew Reed 1A.



**Novuice AA 2 Tecumseh 3**  
Trevor George 1G, Mac Lemmon 1G 1A, Eric Damecour 1A.

**Novice AA 3 Mississauga/Lorne Park 4**  
Burke White 1A, Mac Lemmon 1G, Eric Ludwig 1G, Kiefer McIntosh 1G, Stefan Lazzer 1A, Liam Mackichan 1A.

**Novice AA 4 Oakville 0**  
Duncan Eveleigh Shutout, Burke White 2G 1A, Mac Lemmon, 1G 2A, Eric Ludwig 3A, Quinn McGowan 1G, Connor Fennell 1A, Kevin Casey 1A.

**Midget A 2 Lawfield Lions 0**  
SHUTOUT - Bryan Hillar. Mark Jarman 1G Matt Cleverdon 1G, Steven Black 1A, Chris Statchuk 1A, Mark Smith 1A .

**Midget A 3 Port Dover Sailors 1**  
Mark Johnson 2G, Mark Jarman 1G, Steven Black 1A, Matt Cleverdon 1A, Marc Oppedisano 1A, Ryan Kines 1A, Mark Smith 1A.

**Midget A 1 Petrolia Oil Kings 2**  
Matt Cleverdon 1G, Matt Cundari 1A, Michael Jack 1A.

**Midget A 4 Burford Bulldogs 0**  
SHUTOUT - Bryan Hillar, Michael Jack 2G, Mark Jarman 1G 1A, Ryan Kines 1G, Keith Mitchell 1A, Marc Oppedisano 1A, Matt Cleverdon 1A, Steven Black 1A.



**Novice AA 1 Georgina 1**  
Burke White 1G.

**Novice AA 0 Whitby 0**  
Duncan Eveleigh-Shutout.

**Minor Atom A 3 Stouffville 2**  
Tanner Thiessen 2G, Jesse Bentolila 1G, Andrew Papousek 2A, Taylor Butler 1A, Cooper Riswick 1A, Trevor Best 1A, Daniel Delbello 1A.

**Minor Atom A 4 Georgina 1**  
Jesse Bentolila 1G 1A, Andrew Papousek 2G, Dylan Woyslaw 1G, Trevor Best 1A, Ethan Benson 1A, Cooper Riswick 1A.

**Minor Atom AE 1 Ajax 1**  
David Venneri 1G, Josh Klinowski 1A.

**Minor Atom AE 4 East Gwillimbury 0**  
Jake Langford 2G, Josh Klinowski 1G, Anthony Selski 1G, Adam Balaban 2A, Daniel Laflamme 1A, Kelley Hudson/Stefan Richardson-Shutout.

**Atom AA 5 Georgina 0**  
Jamie Casey-shutout, Dylan Kovac 1G 1A, Chris Piron 1G, Cody Weese 1G, Taran McGowan 1G 1A, Jamie Hawkins 1G 1A, Stephen Demarco 1A, Brett Matthews 1A, Steadman Dinning 2A, Gavin Forrest 1A.

**Atom A 2 Markham 0**  
Evan Carlisle-shutout, Spencer George 2G.

**Atom A 3 Innisfil 3**  
Spencer George 1G, Jonathan Poulakos 1G, Tristan Miller 1G 1A, Josh Beaton 1A, Matthew Miller 1A, Daniel McConnell 1A, Cary Byron 1A.

**Atom A 2 Richmond Hill 4**  
Matthew Miller 1G, Tyler Jensen 1G, 1A Brandon Pedersen 1A, Michael Bar 1A.

**Atom A 3 Nobleking 2**  
Daniel McConnell 1G 1A, Tyler Jensen 1G, Jonathan Poulakos 1G 1A, Matthew Miller 1A, Denis Casey 1A, Josh Beaton 1A.

**Minor Peewee AA 3 Whitby 3**  
Louis Lamanna 1G, Max lerner 1G, Luke MacLeod 1G, Spencer Arkell 1A, Dillon Cappell 1A, Joshua Herrington 1A.

**Minor Peewee AA 3 Peterborough 1**  
Spencer Arkell 2G, Joshua Herrington 1G, Justin Brown 1A, Max Lerner 1A, Kyle Murphy 1A.

**Minor Peewee AA 2 Newmarket 0**  
Justin Brown 1G, Kevin Zacharuk 1G, Dillon Cappell 1A, Joshua Herrington 1A, Luke MacLeod 1A, Jordan Tripp 1A, Peter



Abels-shutout.

**Minor Peewee AA 5 Richmond Hill 3**  
Justin Brown 1G, Nathan Brown 1G, Dillon Cappell 1G, Louis Lamanna 1G, Jordan Tripp 1G, Max Lerner 2A, Spencer Arkell 1A, Jesse Cappell 1A, Kevin Zacharuk 1A.

**Minor Peewee AE 3 Richmond Hill 2**  
Andrew McKay 3G, Matthew Pellegrini 1A, Michael Delplavignano 1A, Chris Tillsley 1A.

**Minor Peewee AE 2 Ajax 0**  
Andrew McKay 2G, Michael Delplavignano 1A, Evan Jones 1A, Sean Agostino 1A, Shawn MacEachern 1A.

**Peewee AA 5 georgina 2**  
Adrian DiRosa 2G, Matthew Mikhaili 2G, Tyler Persaud 3A, Ryan Besse 2A.

**Peewee A 5 Georgina 3**  
Michael Morson 1G, Carter Hassard 2G, Matthew Joynt 1G, Quenton Hunt 1G, Andrew McDonald 1A, Ben Mulholland 2A, Ryan Finlay 1A, Darrell Evans 1A.

**Peewee A 5 Innisfil 1**  
Quenton Hunt 3G 1A, Michael Morson 1G 1A, Matthew Joynt 1G, Andrew McDonald 2A, Luca Ghegin 1A, Tyler Rundle 2A, Darrell Evans 1A.

**Peewee A 0 Beeton 2.**

**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 AE 8 Clarington 3**  
David Iwai 3G 1A, Matthew Scrimas 1G 2A, Curtis Hough 1G, Brandon Giniotis 2G, Andrew Mangialardi 1G, Ethan Shore 3A, Nick Di Nallo 1A, Chris Burns 1A.

**Minor Bantam AA 9 Uxbridge 3**  
Kevin Kryshka 3G 1A, Jeremy Cohen 2G, Karl Pelan 2G 2A, Ross Pizzurro 2G 1A, Ian Middleton 1A, Carter Durant 2A, Cody Offen 1A, Eric Sarracini 1A, Jordan Koen 1A.

**Minor Bantam AA 5 Ajax 2**  
Eric Sarracini 2G 1A, Jordan Koen 1G, Chris Hankey 1G, Daniel Curci 1G 1A, Karl Pelan 4A, Jeremy Ellison 1A, Jeremy Cohen 1A, Kevin Kryshka 1A.

**Minor Bantam AA 1 Georgina 4**  
Kevin Kryshka 1G.

**Minor Bantam AA 2 Georgina 6**  
Jordan Koen 1G, Ian Middleton 1G, Karl Pelan 1A, Jeremy Ellison 1A.

**Minor Midget AA 1 Markham 1**  
Taylor Campbell 1G, Sandy Craig 1A, Michael White 1A.

**Minor Midget AA 1 Barrie 5**  
Tom Keane 1G, Kelly McGowan 1A, Marco Quagliarini 1A.

**Minor Midget AE 3 Clarington 3**  
Derek Roldan 1G 1A, Graeme Fleming 1G 1A, Stephen Facca 1G, Tim Gerrits 2A, Justin Fabro 1A.

**Minor Midget AE 1 Oshawa II 4**  
Michael Di Nallo 1G, Carson Nimmo 1A.

**Midget A 4 Bradford Bulls 3**  
Michael Jack 2G 1A, Adam Chale 2A, Steven Black 1G, Chris Statchuk 1G, Peter Nykyforchyn 1A, Mark Smith 1A. Sunday, October 26, 2003

**Aurora Tigers Tyke Select (9) East Gwillimbury Eagles (2)**  
Brendan Lukezic 2G, Quentin Campbell 1G, Jerry Jensen 1G, Jack Caldwell 2G, Spencer Green 1G 1A, Connor Graham 1G, Konner McMillan 1G.





## Sparkling launch

Special guests at the launch of Big Brothers Big Sisters of York in Aurora last week included, left to right, Dave Barrow, chairman of the York Regional Police Services Board; Peter Goulet from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Armand La Barge, chief of York Regional Police and Aurora Mayor Tim Jones. Offices are located in Aurora's old library on Victoria Street.

*Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

# Sisters and Brothers become one group

Looking for a Big Sister? Visit Big Brothers.

The two groups merged into one last week and officially launched their new union in a ceremony at Aurora's old library on Victoria Street.

Officially known as Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, the organization will continue to work from offices held by Big Brothers in the rear of the old library.

Several dignitaries,

including York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge, attended the morning launch last week.

The event was hosted by CTV news anchor Dan Matheson.

Guests included Big Brothers' first executive director Glen Walterhouse and the group's first big brother Bill Ferguson.

Big Brothers in York became a reality in 1970, when the first board of directors met in the Aurora

Community Centre.

The Aurora Rotary Club was responsible for starting the organization and among the original board members were Ernie Batson and Joe Gaspar.

The late Aurora Councillor Norm Stewart was probably the most famous Big Brother of the day, as he took his Little Brother, Tony, to almost every event in town.

Moragh Wolfe, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big

Sisters of York, said she was delighted the Agency is able to respond to the wishes of the community, including many of the existing families who want Big Sisters for the siblings of Little Brothers.

"This way families will be dealing with one Agency, and as our programs and staff are already in place, it makes sense economically," she said. "We have also recently become a United Way Member Agency and the support provided by that organization will go a long way towards helping with this new initiative."

Big Brothers moved to their current location after renovations to the Church Street School forced them out of cramped quarters at that location.

# Liquor store application appealed by town council

Aurora wants to appeal a Committee of Adjustment decision.

At a late afternoon meeting Friday, Council took exception to a Committee of Adjustment minor variance application regarding the future of a liquor store in the town's north end.

Council felt the application should have proceeded through the normal public planning process.

St. John's Bay Land Company owns 2.7 acres of land on Earl Stewart Drive south of the previously approved future Loblaws supermarket.

The developer has been working with the LCBO to locate a store on the location.

The land in question is designated as prestige industrial in the official plan, which does not permit retail uses, and

the minor variance requested by the developer does not maintain the general intent and purpose of the official plan.

The solicitor representing the developer attended the meeting but was not allowed to speak.

Councillor David Griffith urged the delegate be heard, and although strongly opposed by Councillor Nigel Kean, won on a 4-3 vote.

However, Clerk Bob Panizza said there was no provision in the procedural bylaw to hear delegations at a special meeting and the bylaw would have to be waived.

Mayor Tim Jones said the delegate should be heard but refused to waive the bylaw.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern said the application should have

gone through the normal public planning process, rather than being dealt with in a closed meeting of council.

Councillor John West suggested staff meet with the applicant in an attempt to resolve the outstanding issues and to report to the November 25 meeting of council.

Staff pointed out that the period for an appeal was only 15 days and a decision was necessary.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said staff had made it clear that if the minor variance was allowed to stand it would set a dangerous precedent, and council must preserve its rights.

It was finally agreed to confirm the notice of appeal but at the same time for staff to work with the applicant in an attempt to resolve the outstanding issues.

# Aurora rejects special constables

Last year Aurora Council received a resolution from Markham seeking support for Special Municipal Constables to assist in speed control enforcement on residential streets.

Council deferred it pending a report from the province in June 2002.

However, the report has yet to materialize.

In March this year, City of Vaughan officials appeared before the Police Services Board to request that Vaughan bylaw enforcement officers be granted special constable status to enforce various Highway Traffic Act offences.

Unlike police officers that get authority from the Police Service Act, the powers of a special constable are conferred

by appointment by the province through the police services board.

Powers are restrictive and the appointment does not allow a special constable to do the work of a police officer.


York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge said Vaughan's request was not feasible at this time.

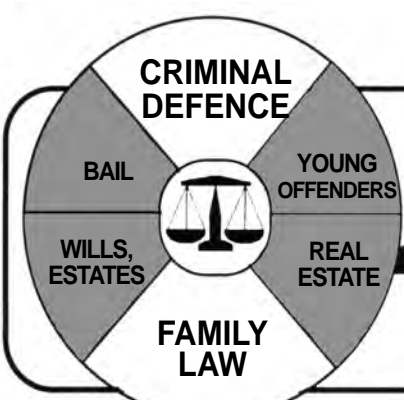
Councillor David Griffith said more police officers were required to protect citizens, but Councillor Damir Vrancic disagreed, saying added enforcement is all that is needed.

Council agreed to support the position of the Police Chief regarding special constables and staff was asked to investigate other traffic control options outlined in the chief's report.

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# Candidates meeting draws full house

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

In spite of the inclement weather, concerned citizens of Aurora filled the council chambers to capacity recently for an All-Candidates meeting sponsored by the Aurora Public Library and Aurora Cable Internet.

They heard five-minute presentations from the two candidates for mayor, while 14 of the 16 candidates for council and the two trustees for the York Region District School Board made three-minute presentations.

Council candidates Keith Munro and Kam Qamar Sadiq were absent. The speaking order was determined by lot.

(The Aurored has since learned Mr. Sadiq has withdrawn from the race although his name will still appear on the ballot).

Moderator for the meeting was Dr. Wesley Cragg.

Incumbent Mayor Tim Jones led off the long list of candidates with a review of his 25 years on council, the last nine as Mayor.

He pointed out that during the past three years he had worked hard to update the municipal official plan, the leisure services master plan and an economic development plan, as well as represent the municipality at the region.

He promised to work hard for safety on the streets, enhance business development initiatives, protect and enhance environmental features, ensure recreational facilities for all ages and manage growth.

Challenger Homer Forsad, a resident of Aurora since August, 1999, provided information about himself, his education, and his business experience including 14 years of managing people and projects, providing solutions for business challenges.

He said he has watched council meetings on cable and in 2000 voted for change and helped to get enough new caring blood on council and watched them get outvoted 5-4 on important issues.

He was critical of Jones who he claimed was using recycled promises of previous elections and little had been achieved.

Once elected he promised to make the Town Hall open

and friendly, hold self-serving councillors accountable, raise Aurora's profile in the business community to balance the tax base, freeze residential property taxes and not be beholden to developers.

Council candidates were then up to bat. This report follows the order in which they spoke.

Council challenger Paul Santoro, age 21, made no promises except to listen to the people and work with them to make Aurora a better place.

Incumbent Damir Vrancic, completing his first term, said it had been challenging but many positive changes had been made.

He stressed the need to balance growth with more industrial and commercial development, to protect the remaining green space in the municipality and to develop a vibrant downtown core.

Incumbent George Timpson said much had been accomplished during the last term, such as long term leases for Theatre Aurora and the Aurora Historical Society, the development of a traffic calming policy and the establishment of the Central York Fire Services.

He promised to work to attract industry, to implement plans for the new rec centre and senior centre.

Challenger Phyllis Morris is seeking a return to office after a three-year absence. She noted that all of the changes made were not good for the municipality and stressed the need to enhance the quality of life without overburdening the taxpayer.

Challenger Al Wilson, a former candidate for coun-

cil, said he had attended council meetings and was aware of the issues and the personality war on council.

He pointed out that taxes have increased 30 per cent during the past term and are estimated to increase 25 per cent in the next term and he wanted to attack taxes.

He also promised to plan growth that protected the environment, greater road safety and a council that worked together.

A former councillor and mayor, Evelyn Buck said she thought she was over politics but after attending council meetings became seriously concerned about what was taking place.

She listed the water service, taxes, need for a clear, transparent government and erosion of principles as her priorities. She promised to let the people hear her roar when elected.

Incumbent David Griffith expressed concerns for neighbourhood safety with speeding traffic and the need for more law enforcement.

He also stressed the need for a youth centre and the need for immediate action. He noted there were lots of programs for youngsters, but little for teenagers.

Challenger Bill Hogg was elected to council in 1997 and served for one term. He said he had a proven track record and promised a sound fiscal policy, to control residential growth and to be responsible for community needs, such as longer hours for the library.

Incumbent John West said he was first elected to council in 1977 and had worked hard to develop a leisure services master plan, the building of the Leisure

Complex, saving of the Church Street School and raising funds for charity.

He said he was involved in all aspects of the community and promised dedication and leadership during the next term.

Incumbent Ron Wallace had a show and tell presentation. He displayed a picture of the front page of the local paper with large headlines proclaiming that Aurora had reached a population of 10,000, whereas it was now 44,000 and was losing its small town atmosphere.

He pointed out that the growth had not brought lower taxes, and he stressed the need for balanced growth.

Challenger Wendy Gaertner said she would work towards making Aurora fiscally responsible, to protect the environment, bring a youth centre to downtown Aurora, to improve traffic safety, look to the future and take the town back from the OMB.

She also told about establishing the Hot Spot Club for young people in 1991, which is still active.

Challenger Stan Rycombel said he would push for road repairs in much needed areas, to protect the McKenzie Marsh, a ward system for Aurora and a referendum on specific

spending initiatives in order to give residents a greater say in how their tax dollars are spent.

He stressed it was time for a change with new ideas.

Challenger Vince Piron, a resident of Aurora since 1992, said he has been involved in the community through Aurora Family Connections and Our Lady of Grace Day Care and he cared about the community and wanted to make a difference on council.

Incumbent Nigel Kean, who is finishing his first term, said he had fulfilled his promises by serving on five committees and bringing the Farmer's Market to downtown Aurora. He promised to work towards the construction of the seniors' centre, finding a youth centre in the downtown area and protecting the Moraine and the wetlands.

He also stressed the need for a new Code of Ethics for

councillors and more open government.

There were two candidates for the Aurora/King trustee position on the York Region District School Board. They are challenger Christopher Pape and incumbent Susan Plamondon.

Elizabeth Crowe, incumbent trustee for the York Catholic District School Board received an acclamation.

Both Pape and Plamondon spoke about class size, sharing of textbooks, lack of teaching resources and the provincial funding model.

Pape asked voters to help him give students a quality education and to be their voice on the board.

Plamondon, a trustee for the past six years, stressed the need to have benchmark funding, strong teacher relationship, stability in the classrooms and the need to bring the older schools up to the same high

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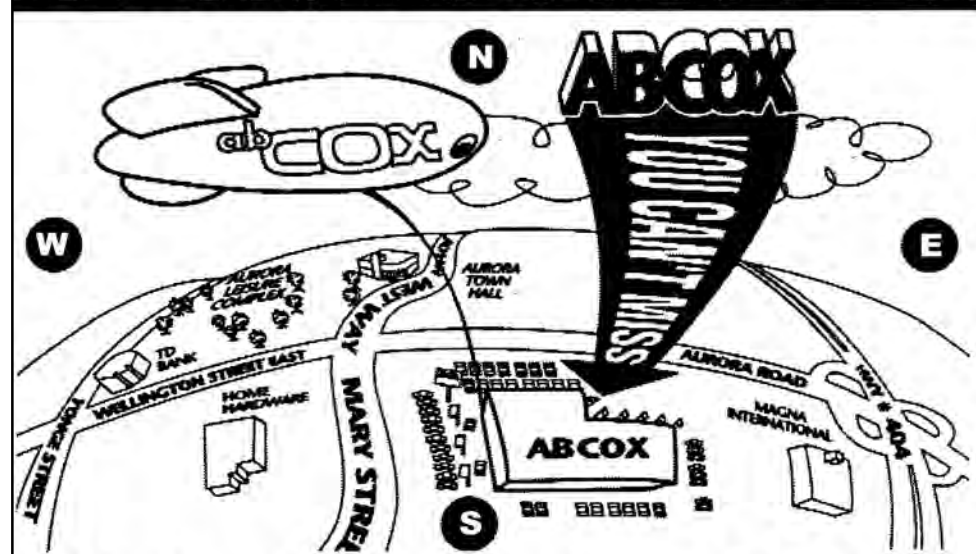
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# Committee okays traditional building

In spite of strong opposition from Councillor John West, members of Aurora's general committee, by a wide margin, voted to use the traditional methods of construction, rather than a design/build method.

Council endorsed the recommendation last week.

The decision was made following a joint presentation by Norm Grey-Noble, project manager for the construction of the new seniors centre and Gary Stanhope, project manager of the proposed recreation facility on Wellington near Leslie.

They listed advantages and disadvantages of each method of construction.

Following the presentation Councillor Evelina MacEachern asked the project managers for their recommendation for both projects.

Both favoured the traditional approach.

Councillor Nigel Kean asked about the difference in costs for both systems and was advised "design-build" may be cheaper but an inferior building might result.

Councillor West said that his major concern was cost and that it was quite normal for the traditional system to end up with an overrun of 20 per cent.

Grey-Noble disagreed and listed several projects built with the traditional system that were finished on time and within budget.

West said it was the project manager's responsibility to ensure a design-build structure was properly built and within budget.

Grey-Noble pointed out that once a design-build team had been

selected, the powers of the project manager were limited and it became a control problem.

Councillor Ron Wallace noted that the Town Hall was a design-build project and it already needed a new roof, which the town would have to pay for.

Last week, during a storm, rainwater cascaded onto the desk in front

of Mayor Tim Jones.

"Does the design-build deal have an umbrella included?" Councillor Wallace wondered.

Following the discussion committee member voted in favour of the traditional method of construction and directed staff to proceed with the documentation necessary to facilitate the construction of the projects.



**Aurora recipients of the Girl Guides Canada Cord received their award at a ceremony at Trinity Anglican Church last week. Representing the Maple Key Division of the Rolling Hills Area are, back row, left to right, Marie Ashbourne, Katelyn Bennett, Ria Finniear, Samantha Harvie and Heather Holme. Front row, left to right, are Amanda Jamieson, Mary McConnell and Tiffany Stephens. Absent were Katie Kennedy and Laura Towsley.**

*Auroran photo by David Falconer*

# Candidates' meet is well attended

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standards of the new schools.

During the question and answer period Ben Kestain asked three questions of all candidates; the need for a two-term limit on serving on council, protection of the Moraine and reining in the powers of the OMB.

On the question of a two-term limit, Santoro supported it saying it was good for newcomers. Wilson said while there was a need for new blood a balance was required between experienced councillors and newcomers.

Griffith said he was not in favor of a fixed term as it was up to the electors to decide. Rycombel was also opposed to a fixed term saying it was up to the electorate.

Santoro supported the protection of the Moraine. Buck also said the Moraine should be protected, but expressed concern about Aurora taxpayers paying legal costs to fight the battle when it was a provincial issue.

Gaertner said the Oak Ridges Moraine must be protected.

Timpson said the OMB should be abolished and planning powers returned to council. Morris also stressed the need for changes to the OMB, as it was terrifying for citizens to appear before the board. Wallace was opposed to the OMB's decision-making

powers.

Piron said the OMB was the bully on the block and something had to be done to control its powers.

Kean said he hoped the incoming council would send a strong message to the new government about the OMB and citizens could help by contacting provincial representatives.

Bob McRoberts asked candidates to give a "Yes" or "No" answer on a ward system for Aurora.

Vrancic replied he was opposed to a ward system as citizens had access to all members of council an one area wasn't pitted against another, but that could change in the future. Giffith said he was opposed to a ward system.

Timpson said a ward system would pit one area of the town against another and he was opposed to a ward system, as there was a need to look at the town as a whole. Wallace was also opposed to a ward system.

Morris replied that people like to call all members of council, but she would be interested in finding out what the people wanted. Gaertner was also opposed to a ward system claiming council had to consider the whole town.

A citizen asked Councillor Nigel Kean about the 5-4 split on council. Kean replied that it was normally a 4-4 vote with MacEachren, Vrancic, Wallace and himself on one side and the

Mayor usually broke the tie against them.

A citizen asked Jones why he had voted against protecting the Moraine. Jones replied that up to five years ago landowners were allowed to develop on the Moraine under strict guidelines, after going through the proper stages.

Council had received recommendations from both the planner and solicitor that the town was running a substantial financial risk if the landowners were not allowed to proceed.

Susan Walmer asked why the town engaged an external lawyer to advise the municipality about protecting the Moraine from the same law firm that had lawyers representing developers wanting to build on the Moraine.

Jones said he wasn't aware that there was a conflict and he was quite comfortable with the legal advice received, which was rejected by the majority of council members.

Charles Sequeira asked Forsad if he supported the proposed Seniors Centre. Forsad replied that it was a controversial issue as some of the seniors didn't agree with it. But as it was a done deal, he would ensure the money was spent properly.

Following the question and answer session citizens were invited to stay and ask questions of members of council who had agreed to remain.



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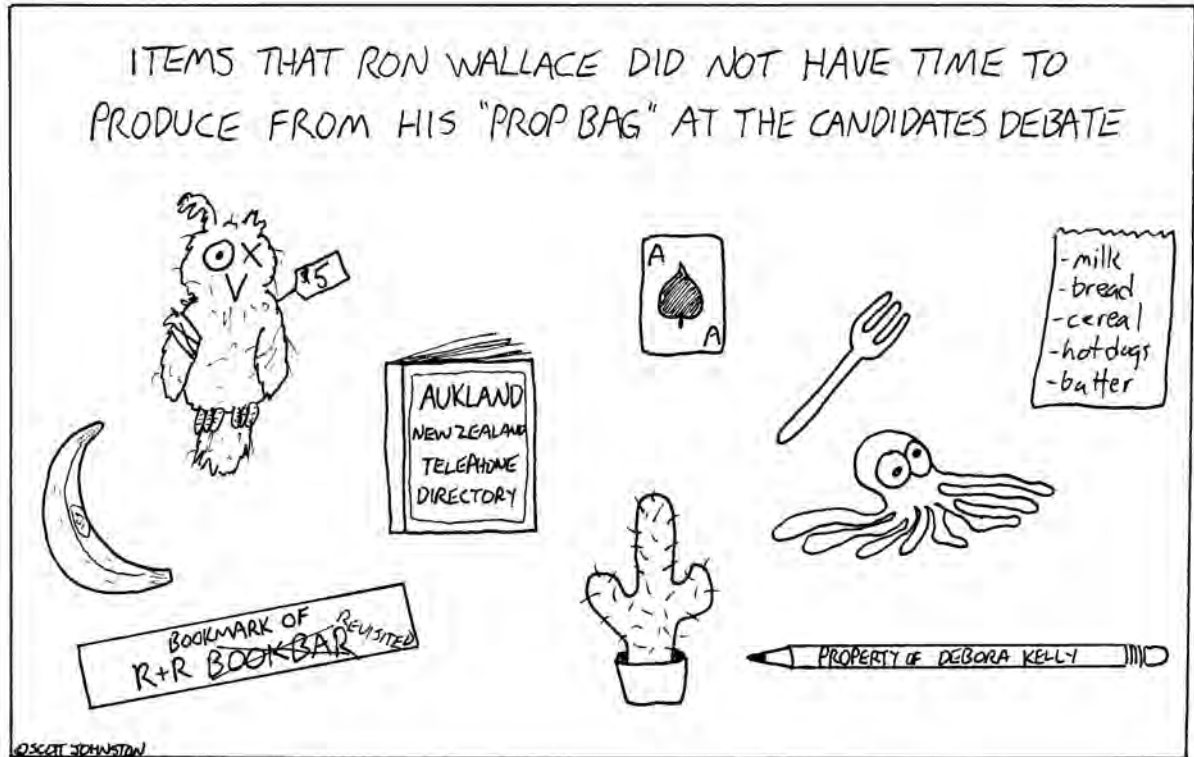
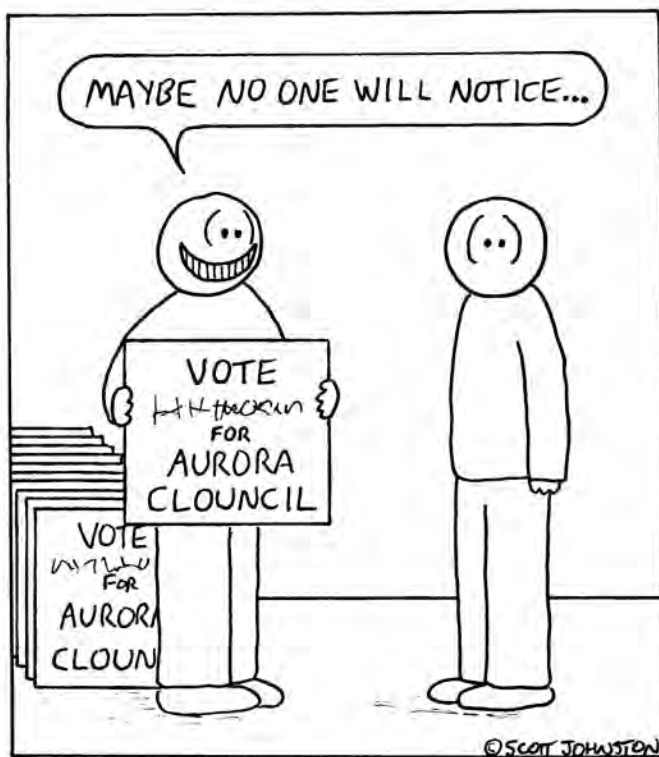
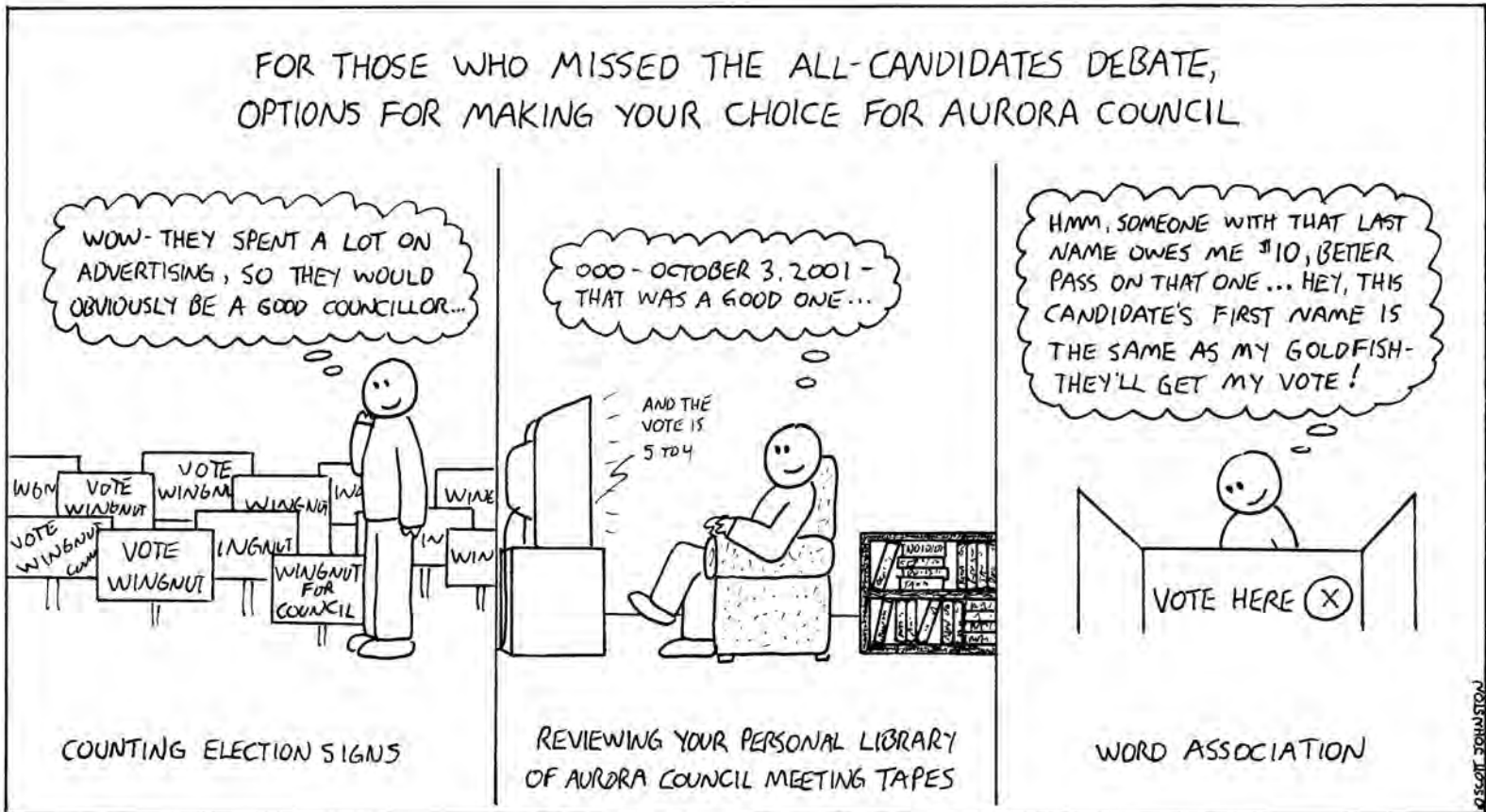
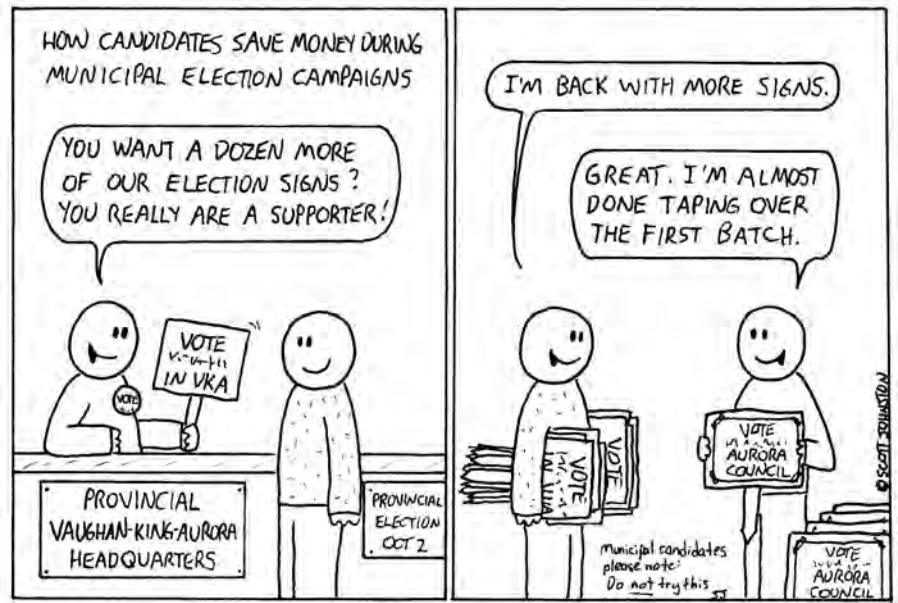
The Auroran's cartoonist, Scott Johnston, is graced with a wicked sense of humour...especially when it comes to politicians.

He couldn't produce municipal election cartoons fast enough.

"Here, use this one, no, wait, use this one, no, uh," he begged of the editor.

So, with the election less than a week away, there was a plethora of election cartoons hanging around, and to share his humour with the reader, we offer you what we could find in the "unused" file.

It should be noted, for the record, that the cartoon at the bottom of the page was drawn before the incumbent mayor had a challenger for the seat.



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# Nine projects get reprieve from council

**From page 1**  
the motion was too wide in its scope and wasn't necessary.  
He questioned the staff time and resources and it was pointed out that it would be up to the individual residents to carry out the study for their properties.  
Councillor West said resi-

dents should not have to bear the costs and the ministry should be told an error had been made in the mapping.  
He suggested it be referred back for a revision and a report to the Nov. 24 council meeting.  
A motion to defer the issue to the incoming council was

defeated and the referral to Nov. 24 adopted.  
At the same time, it was learned that the five councillors who voted in support of the protection of the Moraine had received a letter from a developer's solicitor threatening legal action against the town and individual councillors.

At a late afternoon meeting Friday, council approved the adoption of a bylaw to provide for the appointment of legal counsel and the indemnification of councillors.  
The Municipal Act permits council to protect its members from the costs of litigation and court awards when

they are named personally in a lawsuit.  
A staff report recommended Murray Davidson of the firm Paterson, MacDougall, assisted by Ian Lord of Weir Foulds, as appropriate counsel to represent the town.  
Councillor Evelina MacEachern objected to the

inclusion of Lord, pointing out he had represented the town in preparing the conformity official plan amendment, while at the same time, his law firm was representing a developer with property on the moraine.  
It was finally agreed to list Lord "or an alternative" and the bylaw was adopted.

# New assessment brightens forecast

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ship opportunities and continued implementation of technological advances.  
It is estimated that the land acquisition of the Burnett property and related construction costs for the recreation complex is \$24.5 million plus \$2.8 million for the seniors centre.  
The direct impact on the town's net tax levy requirements for 2004 results in an increase of approximately \$740,000 or 4.5 per cent to cover debt charges and operating costs.  
The preliminary operating forecasts within the 2004-2006 financial outlook indicate a need to increase the town's share of municipal property taxes by more than 25 per cent over the next three years, or about \$224 for the average taxpayer over the three-year period.  
However, additional assessment is beginning to balance existing pressures on tax rates resulting in a levelling off of the tax rate in 2006.  
The first draft of the 2004 operating and capital budget will be presented to the incoming council in December 2003.

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