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## Councillors get a look at proposed budget

Aurora councillors got their first look at the town's 2004 budget Saturday and it's apparent the axes will come out for the second round.

Dealing with a budget that exceeds \$30 million, councillors listened to all town department heads and a spattering of residents during the nearly six-hour meeting.

While no recommendations were made at the meeting, the presentation gave council a pretty clear picture where some money might be saved, and it's expected at the next meeting, several department heads will find themselves with fewer dollars to spend.

Currently, the budget proposal shows a potential 8.5% increase in taxes as town staff predict an

increase of nearly \$1.4 million in tax revenue required.

Former Town Treasurer Al Evelyn, who served his final day with the Town of Aurora Friday, returned Saturday to field ques-

tions for council.

Evelyn, who has accepted a senior position with Seneca College, has been the town's treasurer for about three years.

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## Lois Brown tosses hat into federal ring

An Aurora high school graduate will seek the Conservative nomination for the new federal Aurora-Newmarket riding, going up against the high-profile Belinda Stronach.

Lois Brown, born in Kettleby, educated in Aurora, and a Newmarket resident for the past

24 years, told the Auroran Monday she would seek the nomination at the riding's founding meeting slated to be held in Aurora January 31.

Brown, a former assistant to MPP Frank Klees, said she was lined up for the Alliance Party before it joined forces with the Progressive Conservatives a couple of weeks ago.

Stronach, meanwhile, was expected to announce her candidacy in Aurora Tuesday which includes a run at the Conservative Party leadership.

Brown told the Auroran she would prefer to postpone the riding nomination until after the leadership race is decided in March.

### Briefly

#### Hit the street

And so it starts again.

The 9th annual World's Longest Street Festival on the World's Longest Street has already received a half dozen applications for booth space.

Slated this year for Sunday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the festival will likely attract upwards of 600 vendors and more than 30,000 people on Yonge Street between Wellington and Murray.

People reserving booths at this stage can't get what they want until the committee offers space to retailers and residents who live on the street where the festival is held. They are being notified this week.

Once that has been determined, vendors have a good chance of picking their location, at least for the next few weeks.

Call the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at 905-727-7262 to reserve or for further information.

#### Winner

She is 78 years old, doesn't drive, and has recently had a cataract operation, but Aurora's Mrs. Bernie Mullins has just won a brand new automobile.

She was the winner in the third annual Canadian Cancer Society lottery in Ontario, and will pick up her prize this week.

Mrs. Mullins has volunteered for the Canadian Cancer Society for the past 10 years as a door-to-door canvasser. Her daughter is a cancer survivor.

#### No winner

There were plenty of guesses about our editorial page picture last week, but no one pinpointed the location of Ida Mae Sisman's hat shop. Actually, she's standing in the middle of the Armata Chiropractic Clinic on the southwest corner of Yonge and Wellington.

Yes, it was a tough question.

Speaking of history, the reference to Fingle's general store in a letter from England last week, really was "Fingold's" General Store.



She's only five years old, but Aurora's Rachel Sanderson knew she had to do something with all that hair she owned. So a full 12 inches came off last week and it will find its way to a Vancouver wig company as part of a Canadian Cancer Society project. In the top photo, Rachel prepares to say goodbye to the hair which has been growing untouched since birth. Middle, hairdresser Anita De Furia-Caia of Curly & Company, makes quick work of the project, and bottom, Rachel holds the hair which will someday become someone's wig.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

## McLeod parking sent back

Last November the Aurora Traffic Safety Advisory Board (TSAB) recommended "no parking" restrictions be implemented on two of the curved sections of McLeod Drive, that residents be notified and York Regional Police be asked to increase enforcement of the speed limit.

The enacting bylaw was presented to council last week but after hearing from three delegations with contrary opinions, council sent the bylaw back to the TSAB, when appointed, for reconsideration.

Both Christine Frigo and Danny Cristillo appeared before council in support of the bylaw, plus an

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## COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

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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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Until April 15th winter on-street parking restrictions in effect to enable snow plowing crews to clear the roadways.  
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Marquee Theatrical Productions registration for ages 6-11 Snow White and 12 - 16 Acting and Production workshops. Program starts Feb. 21. For more information call 905-713-1040.

### JANUARY 22

Orientation and information sessions for the Women's Centre of York Region Enterprising Women program. Program, which supports women with viable business ideas, begins Feb. 3 at the Centre on Yonge Street in Aurora. For further information, call Elizabeth or Kirsten at 905-727-5837.

### JANUARY 23

Opening night for Theatre Aurora's production of the mystery/thriller "Communicating Doors" by Alan Ayckbourn. In 2014 a prostitute arrives at a hotel to meet an old man who wants to confess his part in the murder of his two wives. As the prostitute tries to escape this madness she goes through the hotel suites communicating doors and meets the two wives. The play is part science fiction, part mystery with a nifty twist at the end. Call 905-727-3669 for tickets.  
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## McLeod parking issue sent back

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amendment to increase the restrictions in the area of a shopping plaza at the corner of Aurora Heights Drive.

Frigo pointed out that with the curvature of McLeod Drive there was poor visibility when cars were parked, presenting a hazard for children.

She also said motorists did not use the plaza parking lot but parked on the street.

Cristillo agreed with Frogo's comments and added that motorists use McLeod Drive as a shortcut from Aurora Heights Drive to Wellington Street.

Barb Barber could not agree with the recommended 24-hour restriction of parking, as no parking would create a raceway and there was a need for on-street parking for visitors.

When asked if they had appeared before the TSAB, they replied they had had no notice of the November meeting.

Due to the difference of opinion, Councillor John West suggested the reading of the bylaw be withdrawn and the issue referred back to the TSAB for review.

Director of Public Works Wayne Jackson admitted there had been some confusion in notifying residents in the early stages of discussion and it might be wise to start over again, to which council agreed.

Later in the meeting, Councillor Damir Vrancic expressed concern about traffic safety conditions in the vicinity of the shopping plaza.

He was successful in ask-

ing works staff to report on temporary parking conditions in the vicinity of the plaza until the overall report was available.

Mayor's blood donor clinic. Town Hall lobby. 1 to 4 p.m.

### JANUARY 24

M & M Meats Summer Fun Barbeque in January. 15005 Yonge Street, just south of Kennedy. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds to battle Crohn's and Colitis diseases.

### JANUARY 24-25

Polar Bear tennis outdoor fundraising event for Bounce the Ball, a program to introduce tennis to primary schools. McMahon Park tennis courts. To register call 905-841-8914.

### JANUARY 25

Blood donor clinic, Aurora Legion, 2.30 to 8 p.m.

### JANUARY 27

Ratepayers of Aurora Yonge South (RAYS) annual general meeting, Timberlane Athletic Club, 6.30 to 9.30 p.m.

### JANUARY 30

For teenagers 14-18 Snowboard and Ski Trip to Mount St. Louis/Moonstone. Bus departs Leisure Complex at 8 a.m. arriving back about 6 p.m. As there are no rentals, participants must provide their own equipment. Cost is \$40. Register at the Leisure Complex.

### FEBRUARY 7

Valentine's Tea fundraiser presented by the Mobility Foundation of York Region, at Aurora United Church, 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets \$10 and seating is limited. For tickets, call 905-727-7274 or 905-713-0832.

### FEBRUARY 14

York Symphony Orchestra features "Orchestral Images" at 8 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church Aurora. Program includes works by Chabrier, Khachaturian, Elgar, Debussy and Respighi. Call 416-410-0860 for tickets.  
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At the Aurora Legion, karaoke, 8 p.m. Tribute artist is Ken Mann.

### FEBRUARY 18

Fizzical Fizzicks, a show on motion, will be presented by the Parents Without Partners Pine Ridge Chapter at Aurora High School at 7 p.m. For further information and tickets, call 1-800-419-7383. All seats \$9.  
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Aurora Public Library in conjunction with Aurora Cable Internet presents a free seminar on Grisoft AVG Anti-Virus Software. 7-8.30 p.m. in the Lebovic room. Call the APL at 905-727-9493 to reserve a seat.

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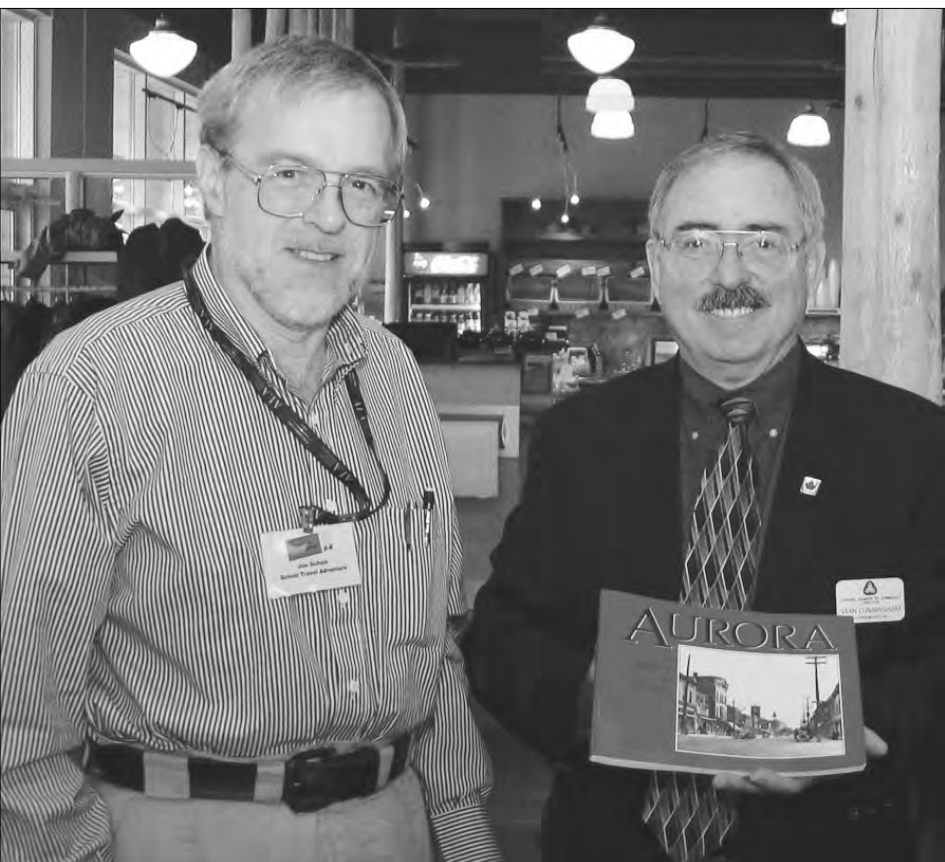
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Josef Scholz, of Scholz Adventure Travel, left, receives his copy of John McIntyre's book "Aurora: A History In Pictures", after winning a draw in last week's Aurora Chamber of Commerce "Trivia Breakfast" held at Chinook Restaurant. Making the presentation is Vern Cunningham of the Chamber's Networking Committee. The book, currently out of print, was signed by the author and donated by R & R Revisited. The first-time breakfast had more than 40 attendees broken into teams to answer historical questions about Aurora.

Photo by Rob Schuetze

# Sheppard's Bush agreement shows town contributes \$\$\$

It came as a shock to Councillor Evelyn Buck that Aurora had signed an agreement with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority requiring the town to pay \$2,000 and services-in-kind worth \$7,000 last year regarding Sheppard's Bush.

Town staff submitted a report to last week's council meeting seeking approval to execute a similar agreement for 2004 with an increase of \$50 in the cash payment, with similar increases for the period 2004 to 2007 valued at \$18,600.

Buck wanted to know why the town was paying the conservation authority any money when the town maintained the property

with little or no expenditure from the authority.

She pointed out that property owner, the late Reg Sheppard had wanted to donate the property to the town back in the early 1970s for the people of Aurora to enjoy, but as the town was unable to grant the tax concessions wanted by Sheppard, the property was left to the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

The foundation made an arrangement with the conservation authority to administer the bush lands while the town would use the flat lands for recreational purposes, but at the time there was no mention of payment to the authority.

Staff advised that in 1983 the town entered into an agreement with the authori-

ty to allow the town to facilitate additional opportunities for user groups with passive and active recreational programs.

Over the years the number of facilities increased and a request was received from the authority for the town to provide certain services making it necessary to revise the agreement

Staff pointed out that the new agreement meets the needs of both the town and the conservation authority and that Aurora is the main benefactor of the high profile urban park location.

Councillor John West, Aurora's representative on the conservation authority, supported the authority's action and gained council support to adopt the staff recommendation.

# Budget talks begin

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He walked councillors through each department's operating budget after each department head was allotted time to make a presentation.

Mayor Tim Jones and six councillors, Nigel Kean, Wendy Gaertner, Bill Hogg, John West, Evelyn Buck and Ron Wallace, attended the day-long session.

In the general government section, it was proposed that costs increase from \$3.398 million to \$3.793 million.

Transportation costs would go from \$3.234 million to \$3.731 million, and environmental services would rise from \$1.296 million to \$1.340 million.

The huge Leisure Services department proposed a first draft budget increase from \$2.944 million to \$3.368 million.

The Aurora Public Library is looking for an additional \$350,000, and that would include a proposal to open the building on Mondays.

Currently, the library opens six days a week, and is closed Sundays and Mondays during the summer.

In planning and development, Aurora's first draft shows an increase of more than \$180,000 from \$393,710 to \$575,471.

It's expected Round Two of the budget deliberations will take place in February. The budget could be ready for final approval in March.

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## Poor Richard

### This committee needs another look

*Aurora has two planning bodies,  
Council only has control of one;  
There had better be changes made,  
Before all the damage is done!*  
-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Before the new term of council gets too far along, there should be a frank discussion about the role and the mandate of the Committee of Adjustment, the method, length of appointment and experience of its members and what training is provided.

Planning of the municipality is the responsibility of council, with some not-too-helpful assistance by the non-elected members of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Hopefully this will change in the near future as the new Liberal government has promised to make radical changes to the OMB in order to make it more responsive in protecting the environment and urban sprawl.

The Liberals have made it clear that they will prevent builders from forcing unwanted municipal expansion by making it mandatory that development will have to be initiated by the municipality rather than the developer.

In addition, they are proposing to change the rules so that provincial land use planning policies can no longer be conveniently ignored, which the builders see as a long-term threat.

So it looks like there will be some controls placed on the developers and the non-elected members of the OMB, but that still leaves another non-elected body making planning decisions over which council has little or no control except an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

That body is the Aurora Committee of Adjustment appointed by Aurora Council.

The committee has no control over the official plan of the municipality, but it has considerable control over the zoning bylaw.

Once a zoning bylaw is in force, there are occasions where flexibility is needed such as the side yard of the property a couple of inches short of the bylaw, or the building lot is a few square feet less than the zoning requirement for the area.

Rather than having to amend the zoning bylaw to accommodate the building, the Committee of Adjustment holds a public hearing to which property owners within a certain distance of the subject site are notified and invited to make comments for or against the application.

Following the public session the committee decides whether to grant a minor variance or not. Depending on the decision, the applicant or the council or a citizen may appeal to the OMB.

One of the major problems never clarified by the province or the council is what constitutes a minor variance that falls within the jurisdiction of the Committee of Adjustment, and what should go through the normal planning process.

If a developer wants an amendment to a zoning bylaw, he can go through the normal planning process or apply to the Committee of Adjustment for a minor variance, which is a much easier route.

Last October, the Committee of Adjustment approved a minor variance application by St. John's Bay Company to permit a 15,000 square foot liquor store on a property designated as prestige industrial.

Council endorsed a staff recommendation to appeal the minor variance but suggested that staff meet with the applicant to discuss alternatives.

As a result the applicant stated an application for a zoning bylaw would be submitted and a public planning meeting is scheduled for January 28.

It's hard to believe that a 15,000 square foot store on a property zoned prestige industrial is a minor variance, but that's just one of the major planning decisions made by the committee under the guise of a minor variance.

But there are other cases in which the Committee of Adjustment grants a so-called minor variance to an application, which possibly should require a zoning amendment, a longer but more public-oriented and fairer process.

Council must take back control of planning and determine which applications go to the Committee of Adjustment, not the developer, and petition the province for legislation to this effect.

## Thanks to the Aurora Lions Club

To the editor,

I was amazed when I entered the Lions Hall Dec.20th to find it filled, end to end, with tables piled high with food and toy donations for the Lions' Christmas Basket project.

I can only imagine the

hours of work it took to organize, collect, sort, package and deliver the nourishing and festive basket.

I would like to thank the Aurora Lions Club for extending this wonderful helping hand and surely adding to the joy of the season!

## Letters to the Editor

# New approach by council is negative, reader believes

To the editor,

Confrontation or Aurora best interest?

The new year 2004 was not entered with a positive team approach within our present council.

Individualism or community interest needs to be revisited. As a documented expert in this subject and providing leadership and seminars for 30 years as well as being a resident of Aurora for 30 years, I have not seen more individualism than recently within council.

Many negative and skeptic people and within societies that always have an individualist view as well as opinions about other serving people and their judgment of community, has influenced our senses.

These at times have become totally out of line and our new civic leaders do not know how to cope.

Many times our senses have been influenced not of untrue legalities but flooded with individualism and viewpoints that have little bearing

on any community other than their own short failings and irrational opinions with little research or sincere investigation.

Their individualism and their own perspective view will rarely be compromised.

Each person wishes to be in their own comfort zone and not honestly take the time to understand the other person's feelings and views of community.

Just think "they could be wrong" or the true reality of community and their real needs are different.

Yet, the real journey of life and serving any community is lived in the full context of building real relationships with others.

Our real objective here is to never give up on people we were elected to work with for the full interest of the community we were elected to serve.

I know this has become a difficult concept for our politicians raised with a western mindset. It is not about you as a politician. It has become clear that in

Aurora the community within the political realm and other personal grouping influences has proved to be an unintentional experiment in individualism.

Perhaps no community is seeing the individual politician more clearly.

Have our laws and policies been written around the rights and importance of the individual only?

Are we superimposing our individual filter within our own viewpoints to meet our own needs?

Where did I notice in the recent meetings I attended or observed on ACI television, any capacity to have real relationships with each other as a team resolving real issues and factors facing us as citizens?

People were designed to live within a community. People were also designed to encourage others, to thank others and to give credit to all of those who work within the same political or society they find themselves in.

After all you chose to be a

politician and to work for the betterment of the society, constituents and municipality you serve.

Small acts of goodness and encouragement can make a difference on any team. My research tells me that 50 per cent of any group wishes to move forward and 50 per cent of any group finds it difficult and generally holds up the process.

I am not against the needs of individuals, but that is not what our politicians were elected for. Success in any group, team within politics, sports, church or neighbourhood understands that one needs to go beyond themselves and their own worldview, but keep building strong relationships that move forward and are supporting as well as serving the community as a whole.

I am hopeful that we can generate real value and meaning for our surroundings and our great town of Aurora.

My hope for council members as individuals will be that they begin to work and move forward with some sensitivity, patience, honesty, appreciation and encouragement and not look like displaced people unable to cope and understand the real needs of the community they serve, by their own choice.

Marten A. Mol  
Aurora

## Community responded to this family's plight

To the editor,

In early November, 2003, my husband and I learned about the plight of a Willow Beach family through my husband's work.

The mother of this family succumbed to meningitis on Hallowe'en, leaving two little daughters, aged three and five years, motherless.

Months before, their father had suffered a severe injury at work and was unable to bring in an income.

The father's aging parents have since become the sole providers of this family.

The children's paternal grandmother is attempting to raise her granddaughters and to try to replace her daughter-in-law as well as she can.

For months, the family was fighting for workers' compensation and welfare as both agencies pointed fingers at each other and both refused to help.

Finally, some compensation has been rendered over the last few weeks.

To add to their woes, neither of the grandparents is physically well.

The grandfather underwent

shoulder surgery fairly recently and his wife has throat cancer.

They've had to dip into their savings bigtime.

They are all nestled together in a cottage-type home supporting each other and working together.

However, this story brings with it an element of humanity that must be acknowledged.

My husband and I were so deeply touched by this family's suffering that we shared their story with a number of people.

Together, we all wanted to ensure that the family had a wonderful Christmas and that they knew people cared about them.

Firstly, we would like to thank Rosemary of R & R Revisited who generously gave us free rein to take whatever children's books we found appropriate.

My husband and I each walked out of her store with bulging armfuls of exciting and colourful children's books!

Donating massage time was a kind RMT, Rolland Heider, whose services would be most helpful in easing the father's work-related injury.

We would also like to thank other extremely generous people for all of your contributions: Chris, Teresa, Caroline, Marion and Jim and the agents at AIL, Toronto, who helped contribute to a copious amount of food from a local grocery store.

Thank you for opening your hearts and wallets to bright-

en the world for a beautiful family.

Margaret and Joel  
Sussmann  
Aurora

## Belinda's the one for the job

To the editor,

If Paul Martin wants to go down in history as a great prime minister, he should completely revamp the Young Offender's Act and give it some real teeth.

Instead, he's considering legalizing marijuana.

I guess he might as well, because Canada's going to pot anyway.

Moving on to Dalton McGuinty, that great breaker of promises, anything to get elected.

I only hope he can at least keep half a dozen promises before his tenure is up, since he made well over 200 of them.

It's time to get some new blood into the government.

Belinda Stronach, with a strong business background, is probably a good choice for the Conservatives.

If she can make it in politics like she has in business, then she's the one for the job.

Here's hoping, anyway.

N. Pemberton  
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Mayor's Report  
By Tim Jones

Notes from our off site workshop

A week ago, the majority of members of Aurora Council attended an off site workshop at the Nottawasaga Inn near Alliston.

These types of sessions are held by many councils at the start of each term to afford members time in a less formal setting to hear from experts in various municipal areas as well as from their own staff on background information regarding relevant topics that will better equip them to return to the formal council table to discuss, debate and ultimately make the decisions that are most appropriate for Aurora.

As well, these sessions are normally structured to allow time for members to gather together to informally get to know each other better, from which it is hoped that we can all understand each other and develop trust and a mutual respect for each other's opinions.

In commencing this term, the Chief Administrative Officer and I met a number of times to develop opportunities for members of council to become better back-grounded in areas of council issues.

On the morning of Saturday, Dec 6th, members of council spent four hours together at the Town Hall reviewing specific town related items, including the review of an orientation binder during which each Department head briefly outlined current structural and operational topics.

We had our first look at how we were going to approach the 2004 budget and we discussed our committee structure and the need for this off site gathering.

Then, on December 10th and 11th, our CAO coordinated two sessions in King Township with a number of other Region municipalities, with George Cuff, a well known and respected former politician, consultant, and author in the area of municipal governance.

I attended the first session and was truly amazed at how pertinent his presentation was on the realities of what we see and experience today, roles of staff and council, pitfalls and paths to success.

It was a valuable session for all those councillors from the municipalities who attended.

Sessions at our workshop from Jan 9th to 11th included an introduction/interpersonal exercise Friday night facilitated by Father Philip Poole amongst councillors and senior staff which helped to set the tone and create a better awareness of and among each of us as we shared our personal outlook to public life involvement.

On Saturday, Phil Daniels led us in the principles and options of Strategic Planning. I regard having a Strategic Plan a basic requirement for council and I have already indicated my desire to ask council to update our plan for the next three years.

Our next session involved the realities of growth in the GTA. Ray Simpson of Hemson Consulting facilitated.

Ray, an expert in this field, knows Ontario, the Region and the GTA.

We covered a lot of general information in areas of planning and growth realities in those three areas.

George Rust-D'Eye, a prominent municipal legal authority, facilitated a session on "Legal Landmines".

When asked the question about off sites such as this, he summarized his perspective by indicating that as long as issues are discussed at a high level and that we were not advancing the business of the Town (i.e. decision making), we were not in contravention of the Municipal Act.

This actually led us to drop the evening session on our agenda, "Council Priorities and Objectives" as we deemed this too close to the line.

Bob Panizza, the Director of Corporate Services, led a ses-

sion on Committee Structure options.

This was an overall review of options other councils have used in the area of committee structure.

Finally, in a session that went past 10 p.m. Saturday night, the six members of council in attendance were refreshed on the history of how we got to where we are today on the proposed major new recreational facilities including the rinks, pool and seniors' centre.

Council must make decisions to move forward with these projects in the next month or so, and by providing members old and new the opportunity to refresh themselves in the history of these projects, we will be better prepared to get specific at the council table.

It is important to note that as outlined in the Municipal Act, Councils are not allowed to go off site to hold a "meeting" and "make decisions".

The purpose of these sessions were purely educational and high level, very much like when councillors attend confer-

ences or training sessions sponsored by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities or the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

And, in addition, we can use the time around the sessions to get to know each other a little better.

Over the years, I am proud to say that the majority of councillors who have participated in such workshops have developed an increased trust and respect for each other in the process.

**ED. NOTE: A few days prior to the off-site event, the editor, who was in attendance, wrote a headline that included the word "meeting". It was brought to his attention after the Auran hit the streets. Sometimes, the editor can't see the forest for the trees, and agrees with the summary that the "off-site" may have been many things, but a meeting it was not. Humbly, he apologizes.**



Cathy's  
Corner

My happiness is  
under construction

"Your happiness is under construction" wrote my friend Nan, in an empathetic e-mail.

As I read it, the hammering, drilling and sawing in the background began to sound a little less like noise, and a little more like...a symphony.

By week six of renovation disorder, my coping skills were burning out. Simple things had become a source of suffering.

Like letting the dog out when 20 feet of wet cement lay between him and the door. Do you think you can hold it, Jake? How about a biscuit...for not going?

By week seven, I had to power wash the garage. Yup, in December. Thanks to all the cement mixing and tile cutting, there were no distinguishable "things" in the garage. Only ashy grey shapes. Look, honey, your golf clubs!

My son was my hero for getting the shovel and pushing the flash frozen cement slush down the driveway.

If not for him, we'd have the only cement skating rink in Aurora.

We found his golf clubs, too. In the slush at the end of the driveway.

"Mom, do we have an ice pick?"

By week eight, I needed a vacation...in a padded room. Your happiness is under construction. It became my mantra.

Suddenly, like a phoenix rising from the ashes, order began to emerge from the chaos.

I realized that they had stopped tearing things out and started putting things back.

Soon, I could walk on it, cook in it, wash in it...

Who would have thought that happiness could be a load of laundry?

The first load in my brand new machine was dirty drop sheets.

Kind of like getting baptized with sewer water, but it made me deliriously happy.

We're very lucky - especially Aurorans.

But we don't realize just how fortunate we are until we

are without the conveniences that we take for granted, even complain about and dream of upgrading as we pursue the trappings of success.

There were moments I missed my old, ratty kitchen. Just because it beat not having a kitchen by miles.

When the new kitchen was finally complete, I nearly fainted with joy and relief.

Being in a state of post inconvenience trauma, I looked at it the way my grandmother might have.

She lived her whole life in a tiny rural village in Macedonia. In all her life, she never enjoyed the luxury of indoor plumbing.

In 1982, she came to Canada with my grandfather for my wedding.

I found it frustrating that she just couldn't bring herself to do simple, everyday things like flushing the toilet, and using the kitchen sink.

She would put a bowl down on the floor, then, pour soup into it from a large pot.

Of course, she'd spill it all over the tiles.

When I'd run for the mop, she'd tell me not to trouble myself.

I tried to explain that my mother would kill me if I didn't trouble myself, but she said it was not a very good floor if it needed to be mopped. It didn't make sense.

Until now.

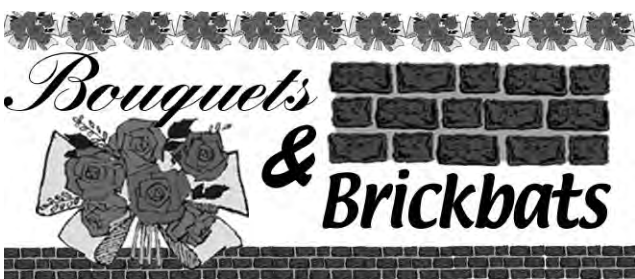
I realized that it was because my grandmother's kitchen had a dirt floor, and she was accustomed to it absorbing spills.

To her, that was about as luxurious and convenient as life ever got. When it was built, it was state of the art. Her happiness was under construction.


My grandmother died shortly after the birth of my first child - 19 years ago. But somehow she still keeps me humble, and balances my perspective.


And isn't that the definition of a successful life - to continue to enrich the lives of others long after you're gone?


E-mail Cathy at [laughingmatters@aci.on.ca](mailto:laughingmatters@aci.on.ca)




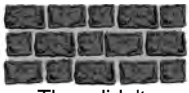
By DICK ILLINGWORTH


 BOUQUETS to the Town of Aurora staff who undertook this Christmas to collect toys for the Yellow Brick House. The committee collected five large boxes of toys, dolls, games, etc. that were delivered to appreciative representatives of the Aurora-based Yellow Brick House.


 BOUQUETS to the weatherman for bringing in the New Year with relatively mild weather and clear roads, ending a turbulent summer season with floods in some areas and dry weather and forest fires in others. A spring day in winter was most welcome, but then the real winter came with a vengeance, so welcome to Canada.


 BRICKBATS to Premier Dalton McGuinty for even considering the possibility that some programs, including seniors' drug benefits, could be discontinued. If he thinks he's had a rough time over his broken promises, he hasn't faced the strength of the seniors when they become annoyed.


 BOUQUETS to the Aurora animal lovers who added a sticker with the words "Eating Animals" printed under the word "STOP" on the stop signs at Reuben and Temperance Streets. The effort looks like a professional job!


 BRICKBATS to Councillors Nigel Kean, Phyllis Morris and Wendy Gaertner for failing to attend the council retreat, which, from all reports, was a learning experience with excellent speakers. They didn't save the taxpayers any money as their failure to show was too late to cancel their rooms.


 BOUQUETS to Mayor Tim Jones for his recent Mayor's Report in the Auroran comparing council to the Maple Leaf hockey team and the need for good team work to be a success. It was a most appropriate comparison, especially since the mayor is a Montreal fan. Go Council, Go!


 BRICKBATS to a justice system which permits a teenage young offender, described as a cold and remorseless killer, being jailed for just two years for killing another youth with a snow shovel, after being charged with manslaughter. Two years for a life!

 BOUQUETS to those in Ottawa responsible for the Canada Pension Plan as payments will rise in 2004 by 3.2 per cent, while Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement will increase by a modest 0.2 per cent during the first three months of 2004.

 But BRICKBATS to Canada Post for increasing postal rates for first class mail in Canada from 48 to 49 cents with much larger increases to the United States and overseas. A 65-cent letter to the States now costs a whopping 80 cents.

 BOUQUETS to Girls Incorporated of York Region for establishing the Bob Hartwell Memorial Scholarship. It's for young girls who are active members of Girls Incorporated and who demonstrate leadership high school skills in the community, is in her graduating year in and is planning to pursue a post-secondary education. Applications will be available in April.

 BRICKBATS to the Dalton McGuinty Liberals for failing to read the fine print in the agreements the Tories made with the developers on the Oak Ridges Moraine and with the consortium owning Highway 407, before they made their election promises. They knew, or should have known, the agreements were ironclad and they couldn't do much to change them.

 BOUQUETS to motorists who have had enough of the six rising toll rates and stop using the toll highway for a few weeks. The contract stipulates that if the use of the highway decreases, the rates come down. Worth a try!

## Letters to the Editor

# Price hike infuriates reader

To the editor,

Thank you so much for all your efforts on the "Auroran". I look forward to receiving it each week, especially learning the history and stories of Aurora.

May I submit a brickbat for Dick Illingworth's column? I was so upset today, and when your paper arrived I saw a way to vent

my feelings!

It is to "one of the managers" of the Esso station on Bathurst, just south of Aurora.

Today, after returning home from a trip to the city, with the temperature at -20, and my tank a quarter full, I was happy to see the Esso station posted gas price of 69.5 per litre.

I pulled in, and had to get

ready for my little job. Jacket on, hat and scarf on, gloves on, debit card ready.

I got out of my car, picked up the pump - gas was now 75.9!!! I looked at the sign; it did indeed now say that.

Looked around, I was the only car at the pumps.

With the temperature as it was, and wanting to get home to meet my daughter after school, I decided to fill

anyway.

When I went in to pay, I had decided to explain to the teller that I was pretty upset about "the policy" of putting up the price that way.

I asked if he would tell the manager - to which he quite smugly replied, "I am one of the managers."

With a really awful smile/smirk on his face, he said he is told by Esso when to put the price up, and so he does.

Now I was mad, as I realized that he had looked out, saw only one little lady out there, and up it went, before I got out of my car.

I once again told him that I felt a store policy of putting it up on the street, and allowing a grace period at the pumps would be fair.

With an obvious grin, he told me, "well, come back in two hours, you know it will go down again."

Must admit at this point, I lost my cool, and called him a name, starting with an "a". Totally out of character for me, for sure! So out I went, looked back and said, I shall never step foot in this station again!

I guess it could so easily have gone the other way, if he had some sort of empathy for me, a consumer on a REALLY cold day, like "How about a cup of coffee on me," or something like that. But his arrogant grin and attitude, I feel, really deserves a brickbat!

Dorothy Gummersall  
Aurora

JH  
"Filled...up to here"  
Aurora

To the editor,

Last year, in December, the Auroran published my letter concerning carbon monoxide leaking from a separated pipe on a hot water tank.

Never in my wildest dreams did I think it would happen again.

But it did, one year later, in December, 2003.

It was an old joint and not the one repaired a year earlier.

This time, I called Enbridge and the fire department.

I aired out the house and when they arrived they still found two parts per million.

The firefighters said that the government regulations allow five and under parts per million.

A firefighter tested the carbon monoxide detector which was working but did not go off. He said it wouldn't activate until it read 30 parts per million.

A similar event occurred in Toronto where six people nearly succumbed on a boat and the detector did not activate.

I think I would like to have the alarm go off sooner.

Does carbon monoxide accumulate more in our airtight houses?

It was by accident that I happened to find the broken pipe!

The detector is in the upstairs hall where I was told by the fire department to put it.

Now I am nervous and uneasy in the house with

# Councillors should pay for rooms

To the editor,

Regarding the three councillors who boycotted last weekend's council retreat.

Shame on Councillors Wendy Gaertner, Nigel Kean and Phyllis Morris. Others who did attend the event have voiced the opinion that the weekend would be and was, a great learning experience.

You should have been

there! Last time I looked, majority rules.

Then, after the town paid our hard-earned money booking rooms for your attendance, you three decided not to attend. How about doing the "ethical" thing and returning to the town your portion of our wasted taxdollars for your stupid decision.

Marilyn Munslow  
Aurora

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# Magna comes to Aurora - Part 2

During the latter part of 1992 and all of 1993 a stalemate developed between Magna International and the town regarding a development application for what was said to be the Magna world headquarters, associated buildings, plus a golf course and a residential complex on part of the Stronach farm.

The property was located on the south side of Wellington Street east of Bayview Avenue and was outside the town's urban boundary and contrary to the official plan.

While the town was willing to permit the construction of the head office for economic reasons, it was reluctant to approve the golf course and housing complex, but Magna wanted approval of the whole project and 1993 ended in a stalemate.

Early in January 1994, Frank Stronach, speaking as head of Magna and as a resident, challenged council to give him one valid reason why his proposal was not good for the town.

When he was questioned about the need for the golf course and the housing and stressed the need for site specific zoning to ensure the project was carried out, Stronach interrupted the meeting to say he was insulted. He left.

In order to provide time for the region, province and other agencies to comment on the proposal, council agreed to hold a public planning meeting in April that year.

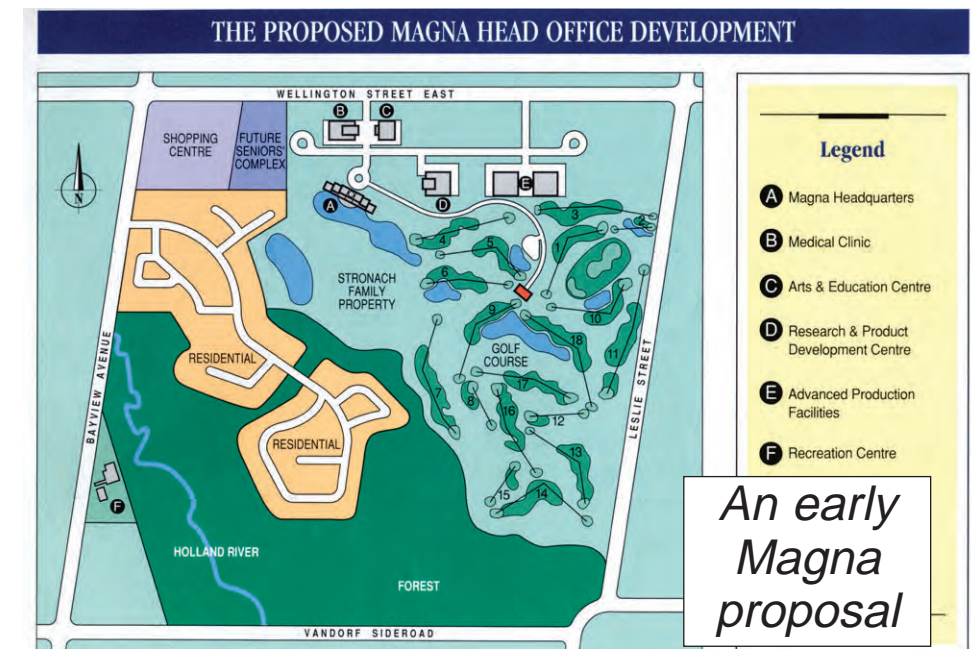
As the property was located on the Oak Ridges Moraine, special consideration had to be given.

About the same time, Barbara Wilson, a Newmarket resident who had started a letter-writing campaign in support of the Magna proposal during 1993, appealed to the federal government to promote the corporation's world headquarters plan in Aurora.

She planned to meet with federal Public Works Minister Art Eggleton to discuss the proposal and to be accompanied by Councillor George Timpson, a strong supporter of the project, but the meeting was cancelled, although she did get an acknowledgement from Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Meanwhile provincial officials indicated they were willing to fast-track the industrial component, but that consideration of the remainder would have to wait for the official plan review.

It was also noted that if the whole Magna proposal was accepted, it would be diffi-



An early Magna proposal

cult to stop other residential applications.

Later in January, 1994, MP Dennis Mills, parliamentary secretary for industry, asked the region to give quick approval to the Magna proposal.

Mills was later accused of having a conflict of interest as he owned 94 acres of land in close proximity to the Magna lands.

On February 9, 1994, Stronach agreed with the town's proposal to proceed with the industrial and golf course components and for the housing component to become part of a special study area. The public planning meeting was scheduled for March 28, 1994.

The regional planning committee expressed concerns about extending Aurora's urban boundary east of Bayview Avenue to accommodate the Magna proposal, as it was contrary to both the region's and the town's official plans and the provincial growth and settlement guidelines.

It was also pointed out that Aurora had 675 acres of vacant industrial/commercial lands available and Aurora had more than 1,000 lots in draft approval plans of subdivisions, 400 registered, unbuilt lots and 935 lots on current plans.

At the public planning meeting, the proposal was divided into three separate components; office commercial and industrial, golf course and special study area for the residential component.

The council chamber was packed as more than 40 citizens spoke to the three proposals estimated to be worth a total of \$200 million.

Council gave unanimous support to proceed with the new corporate headquarters and industrial component of the proposal; supported the golf course subject to environmental approvals, and to put the housing component on hold pending a growth

management study.

Following the four-hour meeting, Stronach said he was uncertain whether Magna would build in Aurora or not, depending on the time frame for studies and approvals.

Magna planners said it was necessary to have all approvals by the end of June for the first two stages of the proposal, the industrial complex and the golf course, due to an extremely tight Magna schedule.

Aurora Council approval was subject to Magna withdrawing an objection with the Ontario Municipal Board over the urban boundaries set out in the town's official plans.

Later in April council gave approval for staff to prepare the terms of reference for the growth management study, the engagement of consultants to assist in reviewing the Magna development applications and approval of a work schedule for the applications.

Then at a special council meeting in June council gave three readings to two zoning bylaws, which approved the construction of the industrial/office complex and the Magna golf course. As no appeals were submitted within the 21-day appeal period, the ministry approved the bylaws.

On June 29, 1994, at another special council meeting that lasted about 30 seconds, council gave site plan approval for the

Magna industrial/office complex and agreement to pre-service the industrial plan of subdivision.

This permitted Magna to proceed immediately to build the industrial plant, which Magna hoped to have in operation by November and a start on the head office within four months.

In spite of council's best efforts, Stronach remained bitter about the planning process. He was critical of council's reception of his \$200 million proposal.

Mayor John West defended the town's planning process and the town's original official plan setting the urban boundary at Bayview Avenue after a series of public meetings.

By November following the municipal election, the new council was faced with a problem. Although the Magna plant was proceeding on schedule, no start had been made on the corporate headquarters in accordance with the approved work plan and it was rumoured that it had been downgraded to a regional headquarters.

The controversial Magna development was back before council in December. The original agreement between Magna and the town was that construction of the headquarters would start within six months of signing the agreement or by December 2, 1994.

In a letter to council Magna requested an extension with

the promise that a site plan application would be submitted early in the new year. Council agreed to delay a start on the growth management study until Magna started construction on the headquarters and set a deadline of April 1, 1995.

When plans for headquarters were received at the end of January, 1995, the facility was much smaller than originally proposed, decreasing from 160,000 square feet to approximately 45,000 square feet, with substantial changes to the design concept.

News that Stronach had purchased a castle in his native Austria and had plans to build office facilities and a golf course on his lands there, and the Aurora facility had been downsized by about 75 per cent indicated Aurora being home to the Magna world headquarters appeared dead.

By June 1995 it appeared as if another deadline had been missed as a building

permit had not yet been issued for the headquarters or the promised research and development facility

Finally on October 2, 1995, with all the glamour of a Hollywood movie opening, Stronach and Magna hosted a luncheon and official groundbreaking ceremony with 400 guests for the new Magna headquarters with a completion date in December, 1996.

Much to the surprise of the luncheon guests, Stronach apologized to Aurora Mayor Tim Jones and the people of Aurora for bullying council to obtain approval for his project and said he had come down too hard at one council meeting, but all was forgiven.

The headquarters, regardless of whether it is World, Canadian or Regional, is open on Wellington Street East and in spite of all the trials and tribulations the Magna complex makes an attractive entrance to Aurora from the east.

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Cardinal Carter Varsity Hockey Team

## Aurora squad to finals in pair of tournaments

Aurora's Cardinal Carter Boys Varsity hockey team recently participated in the Carter Cup tournament in North Bay and the York University tournament and the Celtics advanced to the finals in both.

In the Carter Cup, Cardinal Carter went undefeated in round robin play, battling Fenelon Falls to a 3-3 tie and beating St. Charles from Sudbury and the host team Scollard Hall by scores of 3-2 and 5-3 respectively.

In the semi-finals, the Celtics dominated St. Mary's 4-1 to advance to the championship finals.

Carter knew it wouldn't be easy, as they were matched up against their rivals from Mount Carmel.

The Celtics took the lead 2-0 and unfortunately a bad bounce changed the pace in favour of Carmel. They added a couple of power play goals and went on the defeat Carter 4-2.

In the York University tournament, Cardinal Carter played well as a team, combining strong offense with overall strong defensive play.

Game One saw the Celtics matched up against Leaside.

Corey George led the way with a pair of goals and an assist as Carter edged their opponents 4-3.

Michael Bernardi added a

goal and an assist with Daryl Osborne popping the winner.

Ancaster was next, and although Ancaster came out hard, the game remained scoreless for the first while.

Then Carter took over and with goals by Steven Heikkila, Corey George, Jared Durand and Steven Petrongolo went up 4-0 midway through the match.

Ancaster fought back with in two but Jared Pignataro scored the insurance marker to ensure the 5-3 victory. Defenceman Scott Georgopoulos chipped in with two assists.

Game Three was Carter against Banting and although Banting found the net first, Kyle Robinson tied up the game then assisted on Michael Osborne's winner as the Celtics won 2-1.

Assists went to Trevor Williams, Kyle Johnson and Daryl Osborne.

Their final round robin game would be a match up with Centre Hastings.

The Celtics dominated from the drop of the puck going up 6-0.

Goal scorers were Bernardi, David Martyn, Joshua Vriend, Daryl Osborne, Pignataro, and Kyle Robinson.

Hastings scored two late power play goals while Daryl Osborne added his second of the game as the score ended 7-2.

Jared Durand and Michael Osborne each had two assists.

With a 4-0 record, Carter finished in first place in the round robin to advance to the championship finals.

Second place Markham would be the opponent and with both teams missing players and playing their third game of the day, the stronger team would likely be victorious.

The Celtics came out with Joshua Vriend opening the scoring from Durand and Bernardi.

Steven Heikkila, Kyle Robinson, Jared Pignataro and Jared Durand each added singles as the Celtics skated to a 5-1 championship victory. Durand, Bernardi and Vriend each added two more assists.

Roster for the Cardinal Carter Celtics Varsity hockey team includes Ryan Allen, Scott Georgopoulos, Trevor Williams, Jared Pignataro, Stephen Heikkila, Steven Petrongolo, Michael Bernardi, Michael Osborne, Kevin Tomljanovic, Kyle Robinson, Joshua Vriend, Daryl Osborne, Kyle Johnson, Daniel Naccarato, Corey George, Jared Durand, David Martyn, Zach Bonomo and Shawn Gwilliam.

The coaches are Peter Dajia, Joe Digiorgio, Chris Deighan, Adam Young and Dave Dewolfe.

## Tigers secure top of league

By TYLER NORWOOD

On Friday night the Aurora Tigers clinched the Canadian Provincial Junior A title with an 8-2 win in Collingwood, and in doing so, swept their series with the Blues.

The Tigers doubled the hometowners, outshooting them 39-20.

Francis Walker earned three points in the blowout and superseded Brent Varty of the Wellington Dukes as the Provincial Junior A's top scorer, while participating in three fewer games than his counterpart.

Luke Oshell, backup goaltender for Aurora, earned his fifth win as a Tiger. He has not lost a game so far this season.

Sam Skwarchuk, Sean Scully and Jesse Olden combined to give Aurora a 3-0 edge heading into the second.

A goal by Collingwood's Nathan McMahon cut the lead to two just three minutes into the second frame.

Two minutes later, a goal by team captain, Jordan Brenner, restored the three-goal lead.

Brenner scored again at 14:02 of the period and Olden scored his second, on the power-play, to give Aurora a 6-1 margin.

Walker scored two minutes into the third to stack up the lead while Rob Crittenden's goal a couple minutes later did little to stroke the Blues' ego.

Derek Joslin, a rookie defenceman, rounded out the scoring.

A night earlier, the Tigers travelled to Oshawa to take on the Legionaires on a cold, wintry night.

For Francis Walker, it would be "Home Sweet Home" as he collected six points and again assumed the lead in scoring as he led his team to

a 9-1 lopsided victory.

A poor showing by Oshawa allowed the Tigers to dominate as Aurora fired 67 shots at their beleaguered goaltender.

Francis Walker led the way as he fired a shot past the glove hand of Sean Atkinson. But fatigue had not yet set in as the score remained tied, 1-1, headed to the second.

By this time, the floodgates began to open.

Steve Mignardi, Walker, Jamie Minchella, and Brenner all scored goals in the to boost their team to a 5-1 lead.

A duplicate third period had the Tigers ahead by eight goals as holes in Atkinson's armour turned to craters.


The Tigers have finished their road schedule for the 2003-2004 regular season and will next play Couchiching at the Aurora Community Centre Friday night at 8 p.m.

## Monday Night Hockey Standings, Jan. 12

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Highland Chev Olds Geo Cad	12	2	1	66	40	25
Law Insurance Brokers	9	6	0	60	55	18
Rec Cycle N' Sports	8	5	2	62	46	18
Tom & Jerry's	8	6	1	58	51	17
Priestly Demolition	8	6	1	56	62	17
J.J. Barron Realty	5	8	2	51	58	12
FPL Aggregates	4	10	1	23	39	9
Masterclean Contracting	2	13	0	34	69	4

## Results, Jan. 12

Highland Chev Olds	4	Rec Sports	9
Barron Realty	1	Priestly Demolition	2
Law Insurance	2	Tom & Jerry's	5
FPL Aggregates	0	Masterclean	0



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## RUMOURS AND RUMBLINGS

# Staff waited a long time for police officer

It wouldn't happen today with the 911 emergency phone system, but back on April 24, 1972, at Doane Hall Pharmacy staff grabbed two shoplifting thieves and called York Regional Police.

They waited and waited, while holding the alleged thieves, and after a long 20 minutes a police officer finally arrived.

When Aurora Council requested an explanation about the delay after being promised a new system of patrols providing more efficient police protection than had previously been provided by the local police force, they were told that after investigation, the delay was considered acceptable.

It was later learned the police officer was on radar duty and it took him several minutes to dismantle and pack the equipment before responding to the call.

### THE OLD AURORA STANDPIPE

Many Aurora oldtimers will remember the water standpipe that marked the Aurora Yonge Street skyline just south of the old Aurora Arena site, where Park Place Manor is now located.

On February 2, 1972, Aurora Council advised York Region that as the new 1.5 million gallon reservoir on Orchard Heights Boulevard was in service, the old standpipe could be abandoned.

As the standpipe had become a regional facility, council requested permission to prepare specifications to dismantle the tank, including removal of the exposed concrete base and the necessary re-arrangement of piping.

Due to the deterioration of the base it had been necessary to reduce the water level to 25 feet. On July 4, 1972, regional council awarded the tender to Greenspoon Bros. in the amount of \$4,870, and another Aurora landmark disappeared.

However, there is still another significant touch of history on the site. The first ever set of outdoor Aurora Christmas lights was strung in a tree on the property, and the electrical equipment and wires are still there.

### A LEG UP FOR THE HEART FUND

You had to see this to believe it. In February, 1992, Mayor John West, School Trustee Ron Wallace and for-

mer Mayor Dick Illingworth were talked into wearing white pantyhose and traditional Greek costumes at a fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation at Jonathan's Fine Foods, called "It's All Greek to Me!"

More than 100 people saw the three parading around serving chicken souvlaki to the guests. It was quite a sight. In addition to the guest waiters, there was Greek music and dancing.

The evening was said to be a great success but the guest waiters had a hard time getting in and out of the pantyhose, and Illingworth became known as "Legs" Illingworth.

### MOON SURFACE AHEAD

Believe it or not but in June, 1983, someone posted a sign on Henderson Drive warning motorists "Caution, Simulated Moon Surface Ahead".

At one time, Henderson was a dirt road running along the southern perimeter of Regency Acres and was known as the Subway Sideroad.

It came to a dead end somewhere south of Regency Acres but was pushed through to Bathurst Street about 1982 when Bathurst Street was paved. This resulted in much heavier traffic on Henderson, which at that time was a gravel road full of dirt, dust and potholes.

Citizens were incensed about the dangerous condition of the roadway but council of the day decided not to spend the estimated \$750,000 to rebuild the road. With subdivisions pending, the roadway would be reconstructed at the developer's expense.

About the same time, in a traffic court in Bradford, a motorist obviously a little under the weather when he was charged with driving his motor vehicle along the railway tracks.

When asked by the Judge if the bumpy surface didn't alert him that something was wrong, he replied; "No, Your Honour, I thought I was driving on a road in Aurora. Not a rumour, it's the truth.

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In 1971, Bell Telephone told Aurora Council they planned to build a sophisticated electronic office worth \$3.6 million on Wellington Street West near the Senior Public School within five years. The trouble is they didn't say which five years and Aurora is still waiting.

### CONSIDER THIS

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