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It almost wasn't cold enough for the Siberian Huskies Saturday, as they were pressed into "taxi" service at Aurora's annual Arctic Adventure held in and around the Community Centre. The dogs, courtesy of Windrift Kennels, transported countless adults and children during the day-long event. More pictures on Page 7.

*Auroran photo by David Falconer*

## Complex price tag goes up

The proposed recreation complex on Wellington near Leslie is starting to get expensive. And it has councillors in a flap. With costs now estimated in the \$25 million neighbourhood, councillors are looking for ways to save some bucks but still provide some much needed recreation facilities. Uppermost in their minds is at least two ice surfaces and a

swimming pool. And, if everything goes according to Hoyle, the rinks should be available late next year. In spite of efforts by some members to approve an architect for the proposed complex last week, the majority voted to defer any action until after an information meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 12. Last week's general committee

meeting was another lengthy and often heated session as committee members expressed concern about the estimated cost, the lack of options on which they could make decisions and the general lack of input of the general public and council members. Reg Chappell of the Aurora Swim Club was back before the

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## Seniors' centre: build it or not?

Aurora councillors, meeting in an informal session Monday night, were expected to make a final decision regarding the fate of a proposed new senior citizens' building. Outcome of that meeting, however, was not known at the Auroran's press deadline. However, one week ago, at a meeting that led up to Monday's encounter, several seniors were disappointed when a final decision was not made. They were in attendance at a general committee meeting hoping the committee would recommend approval be given to the project, but they were doomed to disappointment. After almost three hours of presentations and questions by committee members, the only decision made was for the committee to have the free-wheeling discussion Monday. And a new wrinkle came into the issue when a representative of the Community Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS) program sought to rent part of the building for that organization. To add the group would mean to expand the size of the building, which is proposed to be built in the front yard of the town hall. Deborah Egan, executive director of CHATS told committee members that Aurora's 75 plus seniors population would grow to 2,400 by 2011 and research has shown a wellness centre for seniors and caregivers was needed. The wellness centre would provide increased support for caregivers, an expanded day program with more complete programs, more communication and coordi-

nation between formal and informal caregivers and more specialty services located together. She said the proposed seniors' centre offered an ideal location and opportunity to partner in the enhancement of services and resources for the growing population of senior residents and their caregivers. She sought an addition of 5,720 square feet for CHATS on a long term lease with full cost recovery. Charles Sequeira, of the seniors' building committee, told the meeting the proposed layout comes close to meeting the seniors' objective but noted the workshop had been deleted and asked that alternatives be considered as the workshop was desired and would be well utilized. He also noted the estimated cost had increased from \$2.8 million to just over \$3 million, which was within 10 per cent and not excessive. He said he hoped that the facility would come in on time and on budget. A workshop added to the project would increase the costs by an estimated \$100,000. He said the seniors had established a not for profit identity to assist in obtaining grants and donations to help defray

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**PETE MILLER**

## Served six terms on town council, Pete Miller dies

**By DICK ILLINGWORTH and RON WALLACE**

The name Pete Miller may not be too familiar with new residents of Aurora but old timers, especially those connected with local sports and politics, will remember him as a big man with an even bigger heart. Pete Miller, a pillar of the community in the 60s and 70s, died Friday after a battle with cancer. He was living in Queensville. Services are planned for Wednesday, Feb. 11, from Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church on Yonge Street in Aurora. The legacy he leaves is out-

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## The future of education

Grade 3 student Megan Underwood is doing what comes naturally, sitting in the hallway at Northern Lights Public School, working on her laptop computer. Grade 3? Yep, and she's not alone. See the whole story on Page 8.

*Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*



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Helping Hands: Gently used clothing for women and children, at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. For more information, call 905-727-6101.

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

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

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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.

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Friday and Saturday nights until February 14, the Queen Elizabeth Dinner Theatre at Howard Johnson Aurora presents the comedy "Suitehearts". Call 905-727-1312 to reserve.

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On four consecutive Fridays in March - 5, 12, 19, 26 - the 55-Alive Driving Refresher Course for Seniors will be held at the Aurora Public Library from 9.30 a.m. to noon. Call Kim Hinder 905-727-2816 for further information.

### 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. Preceded by a Chinese Valentine's Dinner at 6 p.m. Advance tickets \$10.

### FEBRUARY 15

Daytona 500 party, Royal Canadian Legion, Aurora. Noon.

### 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.

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Aurora Public Library in conjunction with Aurora Cable Internet presents a free seminar on Grissoft 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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Aurora Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting at the Tuscany Banquet Centre on Edward Street with Showcase Tables at 11:45 a.m. and luncheon at 12:30. Guest speaker is David Olive, columnist with the Toronto Star. Call 905-727-7262 to register.

### FEBRUARY 21

Big Brothers of York Region presents its annual bowl a thon "Bowl for Kids Sake" at the Aurora Bowl.

### FEBRUARY 21-22

All Season Tennis Centre First Annual Polar Bear Tennis outdoor fundraising event for Bounce the Ball, a program to introduce tennis to local primary schools. McMahon Park tennis courts. To register call 905-841-8914 or visit www.astc.ca

### FEBRUARY 23

First payment of the 2004 interim property tax is due. The two interim payments are based on 50 per cent of your 2003 property tax.

### FEBRUARY 24

Grand Dessert Night, presented by the Canadian Cancer Society, at the Tuscany Banquet Centre. Tickets \$25. Further info at 905 830-0447.

### FEBRUARY 26

142 St. Andrew's College Highland Cadet Corps presents "Cadets In Concert", a musical, Ketchum Auditorium, 8 p.m. Tickets \$15. Call SAC box office at 905-727-3178, ext. 434.

### FEBRUARY 28

Aurora Youth Soccer Club Registration, Aurora Canadian Tire, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### MARCH 5

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church World Day of Prayer service. 7.30 p.m. For further information, call 905-727-5011.

### MARCH 13-14

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### MARCH 10

Aurora Probus Club guest speaker is Dan Carriere, president and CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre. Meeting takes place at the Aurora Legion, 10 a.m.

### MARCH 17

Free seminar, presented jointly by the Aurora Library and Aurora Cable Internet, studies who has access to your computer, your files and your personal information. 7 p.m. To reserve, call the library at 905-727-9493 or register on line at www.aci.on.ca.

### MARCH 20

The Registered Music Teachers of North York/York Region are presenting their annual "Teachers In Recital" at Trinity Anglican Church in Aurora at 7.30 p.m. Tickets \$10, \$7.50, and a \$25 ticket covers two adults and three children. Call (905) 727-5727.

### MARCH 24

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking Dart Tournament at Charley FitzWhiskey's from 5.30 to

7.30 p.m. Register by calling the Chamber office at 905-727-7262.

### MARCH 28

Aurora Optimist Recreational Hockey registration - boys and girls born 1998, 1999 - 8 - 11 a.m. Aurora Leisure Complex lobby. For more information call Kim Downs 905-726-2906.

### MARCH 29

Aurora Rotary Club will host clubs in the 7070 district at a 'joint club' dinner meeting at DiNardo's - The Mansion, Industrial Pkwy S, Aurora, at 6 p.m. Open to the public.

### APRIL 18

Hartwell Runners Challenge.

### APRIL 23-25

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Home Show.

### JUNE 6

Ninth Annual World's Longest Street Festival. Call the Aurora Chamber of Commerce office at 905-727-7262 to book a spot.

### JUNE 25

Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic, Aurora Town Hall.

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### Chilly exercise

C'mon in, the water's fine. While the above may look like fun, it was serious business last week for members of the Central York Fire Services. In the photo at left, firefighters Brad Humfries, left, and Dave Knights check the Mustang Survival Suit and Fitzright Survival suit they're wearing for the train-

ing program. They are in a stormwater retention pond on Bayview Avenue, just north of Wellington Street. In the photo at right, firefighters use the "Rescue Alive Board" to study methods of getting people out of the water.

## Federal Tories select exec

One of the last federal Conservative Party of Canada riding associations to be formed has surfaced in the new riding of Newmarket-Aurora.

The group selected its 2004 executive at a meeting in Aurora last week.

Newmarket's Peter Seemann will head up the executive as president, while Kristine Miller, George Timpson, Stephen Somerville and Lindsay Mason will share vice president duties.

Stephen Hall has been selected as Registered Agent and Aurora's Ann

Peckover will serve as secretary.

Named as directors were David Austring, George Brown, Kelvin Brown, Lois Brown, Nick Charitsis, John Cole, Ron Doner, Dewald DuToit, Jon DuToit, David Gould, Jack Hurst, Joel Kearney, Bill Kukelewich, Janet MacDonald, John McLeary, Brian Patterson, Anthony Pullano, Bob Sherwood, Bob Telford, Chris VanLane, Joe Wamback, Al Wilson, and Bob Yaciuk.

Big ticket item on the agenda now is the nomination meeting, scheduled for the

Aurora High School, Sunday, March 9, with registration beginning at 6.15 p.m.

Being billed as the "David vs. Goliath" battle, the race, so far, includes two political neophytes, Lois Brown of Newmarket and Belinda Stronach of Aurora.

Stronach has made national headlines with her announcement that she wishes to be leader of the party, although she has never held a political office.

Brown, also a rookie to the world of politics, has some background by serving as a constituency assistant for MPP Frank Klees of Aurora.

Klees is currently MPP for the provincial riding of Oak Ridges.

The riding of Newmarket-Aurora is a new one, thanks to redistribution of boundaries last year that put the two communities back together again.

Some hostility arose when the boundaries were announced when one line split the town of Aurora right down the middle of Yonge

Street.

That has since been altered, and all of the Town of Aurora is within the bounds of the Newmarket-Aurora riding.

Meanwhile, according to Klees, there is no law that says the province needs to follow the same boundaries in the next provincial election which must be held before 2008.

It was assumed that election would see Ontario follow the federal boundaries, but Klees told the Auroran the province is not compelled to do so.

The provincial Liberal government, holding a comfortable 72 seats in the legislature, would be reluctant to suggest anything that might upset the current boundaries, Klees said.

Progressive Conservatives, the government ousted in the last provincial election, are the official opposition with only 24 seats.

"They would be in no hurry to change things, I think," Klees said.

## Rotarians return

Rotarians must like it here.

Representatives from 12 clubs in Rotary's 7070 district will be back in town March 29, for a joint club dinner to be held at DiNardo's Mansion on Industrial Parkway South.

Rotarians are expected from Alliston, Beeton, Bradford, Kleinberg, Markham, Newmarket, North York, Richmond Hill, Willowdale, Woodbridge

and York.

Guest speaker is Margaret MacMillan, author of the bestseller "Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed The World".

The event is open to the public and tickets will be available from Aurora's Rotarians.

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Friday the 13th, scary, scary

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Most people, whether they admit it or not, are superstitious.

They will go out of their way to avoid walking under a ladder or stepping in front of a black cat.

Breaking a mirror is bad luck, but a four-leaf clover or turning the money over in your pocket when the moon is new is good luck.

A superstition, according to Webster's dictionary, is a belief or notion not based on knowledge or rationality. The beliefs can run from quaint to the ridiculous.

Most are dismissed as old wives' tales.

Yet many people instinctively knock on wood, cross their fingers from time to time or throw salt over their left shoulder just to make sure ill fate will not befall them.

Or to ward off the lurking evil, they hang a horse-shoe, but make sure the points are pointing heaven-ward or rub a rabbit's foot.

Of all the superstitions, the number 13 is universally despised. Many tall buildings, especially hotels, avoid designating a 13th floor and the floor above the 12th is the 14th. Others avoid the number 13 on licence plates or other numbered devices.

The number 13 has long been feared. The tarot card of death is number 13. A coven is 12 witches and the devil and there were 13 at the Last Supper.

It is also said that it is bad luck to start a new job, to move or start any new endeavour on a Friday.

Masters of ships consider it unlucky to set sail on a Friday, especially if it fell on the 13th.

Sailors are said to be among the world's most superstitious people and often refuse to sail on a Friday.

The Cunard liner Aquitania was once delayed on its New York sailing, scheduled for Friday the 13th, due to protests from the crew and passengers. It set sail after midnight.

In the 19th century, Lloyds of London refused to insure any ship setting to sail on Friday the 13th.

In 1970, Apollo 13 blasted off at 13:13 Pacific Standard Time.

Two-thirds of the way to the moon, an explosion occurred aboard the spacecraft that forced the astronauts to abort the trip, on April 13.

Friday has been seen as a bad day from way back. Adam was tempted by Eve on a Friday, and Cain killed Abel. Noah launched the ark on a Friday, as the rains started to fall.

The Temple of Solomon fell on a Friday and Christ was crucified on a Friday.

People have also called Friday "Hangman's Day" as it was the day set aside for executions in centuries past.

The ancient Norsemen used 13 knots in their hangman's noose and there were 13 steps to the gallows and 13 feet for the guillotine blade to drop.

It can be readily seen that when Friday falls on the 13th, it's a double whammy.

Don't get conned by TGIF "Thank God It's Friday", which has become popular in more recent years as a means of celebrating that you survived the week. It's still a Friday.

There are many phobias that people fear such as agoraphobia, the fear of crowds; aerophobia, the fear of flying; claustrophobia, the fear of enclosed spaces; and gamophobia, the fear of marriage.

But one of the more common phobias is triskaidekaphobia, a morbid fear of the number 13, especially when it falls on a Friday, a day linked with superstitions.

And this Friday is February the 13th. If you are a triskaidekaphobe and you lived through the day without any major mishaps, you can breathe easy until August, when once again Friday falls on the 13th, when you will have to go through it all again.

But don't believe all this superstition nonsense, just keep you fingers crossed and rub a rabbit's foot or look for a four-leaf clover.



The photos in John McIntyre's book celebrating the Centennial of Aurora High School, now Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, in 1988, are just too good to ignore, so we've shamelessly lifted another one this week. You're looking at the school's track and field team in a photo taken around 1935. In the front row, left to right, are Paul Knowles, Harry Mount, Warren Barnard, Glen Dix and Joseph McGhee. Principal John H. Knowles (he served in that capacity from 1923 to 1958) is left in the middle row, beside Jim Cook, Ben Cox, Bell Jones, and Norman Johnson, the coach. In the back row, left to right, are Ben Case, Bill Kerr, Gordon McKenzie, Gordon Patton and Jesse Bryson.

Letters to the Editor

Five minutes before classes were to start, school empty

To the editor,

On Thursday, January 29, I took my children to Aurora Senior Public School approximately 10 minutes before school was to start.

I had an issue that I wished to address with the principal of the school, so I went into the school with the children.

To my surprise, the school office was not yet open.

I then proceeded to walk through the entire school to seek a teacher or any staff member, and despite the fact that many classrooms were unlocked; there was not a teacher in the school.

In fact the only staff member at the school was the custodian.

Meanwhile, there were many children in the hallway unsupervised. This

was now five minutes before school was to start.

If someone wanted to abduct your child, or help themselves to school supplies, or cause vandalism, they could easily have done this, as there was no one at the school to prevent them.

I would strongly urge parents dropping of their children to accompany them into the school and stay with them until they have assurance that there is staff at the school.

I have brought up the above serious issues with the school board, but have not, as of yet, received a response to my concerns, even though I was promised a response by no later than February 2nd.

As I found out later, the principal was not at the school that day, as he was on a trip to Quebec.

The vice principal was on a ski trip for the day.

The teacher designated to fill in if both were away was also absent from the school that day.

In fact, there were no structured classes at all at the school on that day, as so many of the students and teachers were away on various trips.

Even after Horseshoe Valley cancelled the ski trip due to weather conditions and the children were all bussed back to the school, there were no structured classes.

The children were told to watch movies, or play games in the gym. Many students left the school early that day, as they called home to say no work was being done.

I would strongly urge all parents to become more involved with what is going on at the schools.

Clearly, your children's safety and education are in jeopardy.

Berend Koopmans  
Aurora

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To the editor,

It is truly unfortunate that three councillors were not present for the offsite orientation meeting a couple of weeks ago. It would have benefitted them enormously. As well, I'm sure they would have had much to contribute.

It is equally disappointing that the councillors who were there had to change their agenda and watch what they said to

avoid running afoul of the law.

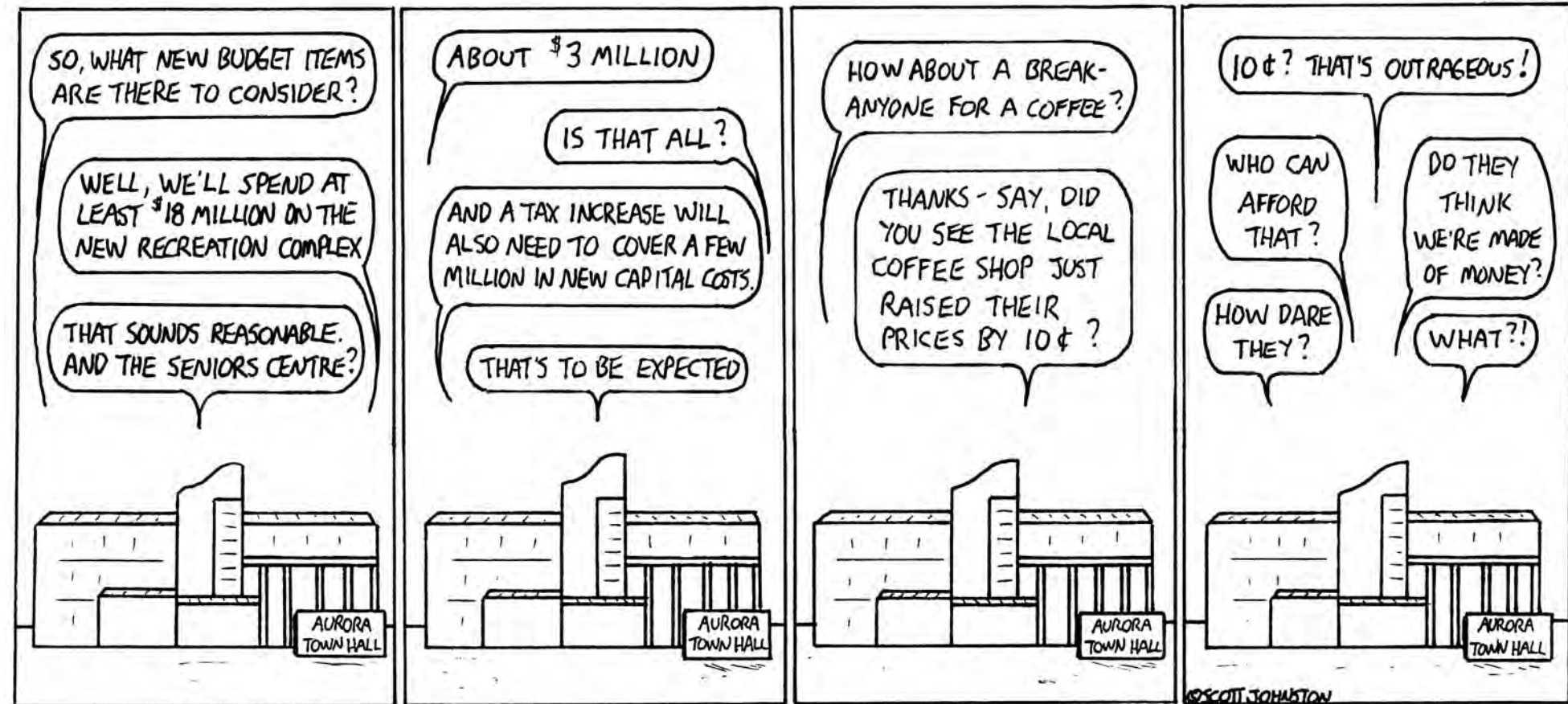
The better solution, I believe, would have been to move the meeting closer to home if at all possible.

Council would have been well within the law, they would not have had to watch their words, and they would have benefited from everyone's presence.

I would love to see council keep its business in

Aurora as much as possible, so here is my list of preferred venues the next time council wants to put on a road show. (Who knows, they could even learn something about our town): Howard Johnson Hotel; new library; Victoria Hall; Church Street School; old library; any one of numerous church halls.

Darryl Moore  
Aurora



## Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

# Who's in charge - staff or council?

A few weeks ago I caught a re-run of the Year in Review on Aurora Cable Internet moderated by Dick Illingworth who was accompanied by former Aurora Councillor Betty Pedersen and representatives of the local media.

One of the topics that caught my ear was an argument I have heard in respect to Aurora Council and staff but now being applied to the Regional Council and their staff.

Years ago, Dick quite bluntly accused the council of the day of letting staff run the show and council rubber stamping staff recommendations.

Back in the days when Dick was Mayor, the Town was a lot smaller, the budget was in pennies compared with the dollars of today and council agendas included everything from letters received from residents to complain about a service to reports from staff on infrastructure or recreation.

Council discussed each and every item and each item required a resolution from council to be addressed.

As the business of the Town grew, as the number of residents, businesses and others writing the Town increased and as the service issues and Town departments enlarged, it was apparent to the council with meetings going past midnight, it needed to refine its procedure to get things done.

The way to do that was to develop a "consent agenda".

This is where all items and issues that needed council direction would be directed to staff first for analysis and where they could be simply addressed, or where staff, because of their professional training and expertise could present options to council, they would do so, offering a preference as part of a recommendation as appropriate.

If council read the report, agreed with the analysis and recommendation - then it would not get pulled for discussion and be approved with other reports in the same way.

BUT, where there were questions to clarify recommendations or where members of council took issue for political reasons to the recommendation being put forward, any member has a right to pull the item for discussion and change.

The biggest difficulty I have experienced in my years of government comes when a member of council gets into the technical area of what we hire staff to do when challenging a report.

One of the principles of good governance that even Dick has referenced in a number of his columns, is that members of council should set the policies and staff should implement those policies.

Having served 25 years as a politician in Aurora and 30 years as a member of municipal staff in North York and Hampstead, in Montreal, I have aspired to this principle and lived by it having experienced both roles for a considerable amount of time.

Staff are trained in their respective fields and in the past 20 years, many of the staff areas of responsibility have become very technical and professionally regulated.

Senior staff are also recognized for this expertise with, in many cases, salaries at or over the \$100k mark.

When compared, members of council, in most cases, have no professional training in the service and technical areas they assume responsibility for, nor should they as their responsibility is to measure the value of the services for the cost to the ratepayer and to set the policy for the application of that service.

The confusion arises when staff members are directed to bring in a service at a defined cost, or to recommend the

best technical applications and expected costs to council, and council, who has the ability to read and comprehend the rational as put forward by staff, usually in the way of options, makes its pick, which, because of staff's knowledge usually aligns with the preference of council and that gets interpreted as staff telling council what to do.

Council and staff get to work fairly closely together so it is not surprising to me staff many times knows council well enough to be able to objectively put options together and have a feel for what council is looking for.

That is not staff telling council what to do.

It is worthy of note that no report gets through council

without council having the opportunity to read, review, ask questions of staff or pull it off an agenda in a public meeting for public discussion and decision making.

We are fortunate to have well qualified staff at both the local and regional levels as well as what appears to be more politicians that demand a full comprehension of the issues on the table.

If you see something in this column that you wish to respond to, I welcome your comments, either through the paper, to the Town Hall by mail - Box 1000, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6J1 or e-mail at [tjones@town.aurora.on.ca](mailto:tjones@town.aurora.on.ca)



## Cathy's Corner



# Valentine message...for Aurora boys

Early in the new year, a reader suggested that I "give the male perspective" in my Valentine's column. Auroran men would LOVE it, he said.

Huh? When it comes to romance, I don't have a "male perspective". When I told him that, he looked puzzled. "But, aren't you the perfect man?"

"Only when it suits me." I do the flip-flop thing. Unpredictable, unreliable, uncontrollable - very female.

I read somewhere that if two people always think alike, then one of them is redundant. Makes sense.

Besides, why would I compromise the one day a year when I officially get to be a goddess? Makes no sense.

Clearly, I can't give the male perspective. But maybe I can give the males a perspective...that might make some sense.

Call me old fashioned, but I think every man in Aurora should say things like: "Honey, put your bikini in your purse, we're having another honeymoon!"

I don't think I'm the only one who thinks this way. Try this perspective out on the love of your life - and if it doesn't sweep her off her feet, it might be time to talk to Ron about a personal ad.

But if you can't bear to leave Aurora to travel to romantic paradises with your sweetie, then "Sweetheart, I'm sorry I didn't book a cruise this Valentine's, but these diamonds were so dazzling (just like you), I simply couldn't resist" would make an excellent Aurora-based alternative.

Women have a saying: The only thing better than a really sexy, romantic man is a really sexy romantic man...with chocolate.

However, serious contenders will note that the first two criteria (sexy, romantic) must be fulfilled (all year long) before a man is licensed to handle chocolate.

The trick is to melt the lady's heart...without melting the chocolate.

Herein lies the key to the conflict between the male

and female perspectives.

Women talk about chocolates, flowers and diamonds...hint, hint, hint.

Men talk about chocolates, flowers and diamonds...hit, hit, hit. It's a vintage whine list!

To avoid being intoxicated by misguided ideas of romantic perfection, make your selection from a wine list, maybe a nice Chianti - the romantic kind with the straw around the bottle.

Pour a couple of glasses, light a few candles...pop the question.

Ask her if she really cares how tall you are, how big your ponch is, or how much hair you have on your back...or don't have on your head.

She might tell you that being sexy and romantic is NOT about what you see when you look in the mirror. It's about what you feel when you look at her. It shows.

If you still need proof, check out Cupid. Short, childish, bit of a ponch...not exactly Fabio now, is he? The guy even carries around a bag of sharp objects, okay?

Hey, maybe you could get to like this perspective?

I read a story about an old man who lost his wife. Overcome with grief, he kept repeating "Oh, how I loved her!" His family didn't know what to do to console him. Finally, someone tried to comfort him with understanding "We know you loved her, Grandpa".

He only cried louder and harder.

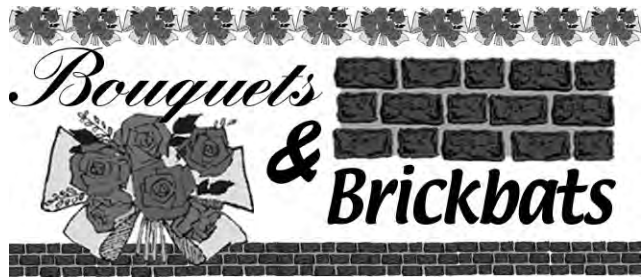
"No," he wailed, "you don't understand! SHE didn't know! I never told her!"

Tell her.

Say it with flowers, say it with chocolates, say it with diamonds - but SAY THE WORDS! It's the only part that really matters.

Happy Valentine's Day, Aurora!

Cathy LOVES e-mails at  
[laughingmatters@aci.on.ca](mailto:laughingmatters@aci.on.ca)



*Bouquets & Brickbats*

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Bob Demaline for writing to the Auroran and explaining the mystery of the ringing telephone bell when there isn't anyone at the calling end. Governments need to take strong action against telemarketers, especially those who use automatic dialers.

BRICKBATS to all those still involved in the ongoing controversy over the off-site council meeting, workshop, retreat, or whatever you want to call it. It was a majority decision of council approved at an open meeting and quite legal. If one believes in the democratic principle that majority rules, then all members of council should have supported it. Let's forget it and get on with the job!

BOUQUETS to Greg Foster, of Aurora's M & M Meat Shop, for creating a summer barbecue in the winter fundraising campaign and appearing in shorts when it was about 20 below. They raised \$460 for Crohn's and Colitis diseases.

BRICKBATS to the person or persons responsible for promoting Maple Syrup functions and celebrations at Sheppard's Bush in Aurora. The February 2004 issue of Harrowsmith Country Life carried a description of Maple Syrup festivities in Ontario and Quebec and Aurora was conspicuous by its absence.

BOUQUETS to the 23 young dancers between the ages of nine and 19 from the Jaymor School of Dancing in Aurora on being selected to perform on a weeklong Royal Caribbean cruise that set sail from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. It was part of Orlando's Stars at Sea competition and entries were received from all over North America.

Belated BRICKBATS to Prime Minister Paul Martin for being pictured like a giddy schoolgirl meeting her football hero when he met President George Bush in Mexico. Take the sweet talk about having won greater respect for Canada with a grain of salt. Actions speak louder than words!

BOUQUETS to Brooke Harrison of Aurora for preparing a second cookbook for publication to raise funds for leukemia research. If you have a favourite recipe, leave it at the Auroran for Brooke.

BRICKBATS to Premier Dalton McGuinty for spending \$7,000 to \$10,000 to fly a British politician to Ontario for a supper speech to cabinet ministers, when he keeps whining about a shortage of funds due to the Tories.

BOUQUETS to all the members of the Aurora Master Ducks Swimming Club for placing an incredible number of club members in the Ontario top 10 rankings. Twenty-two members gained a total of 88 top 10 spots.

BRICKBATS to whoever is responsible for the snowplowing and snow clearing of Yonge Street in downtown Aurora. Everything is being done to encourage people to shop locally but the mound of snow along the street is so high that it is almost impossible to climb over it, especially for seniors. They park their cars but can't get to the stores.

BOUQUETS to Patty McLaughlin for bringing Poor Richard to task for giving a BOUQUET to the person or persons unknown who vandalized a public traffic sign. It seemed innovative at the time, but, you're right, it was vandalism. The BOUQUET is hereby rescinded and Poor Richard gets a slap on the wrist.

BRICKBATS to those in the National Defence Department, who were responsible for buying the used submarines from Britain. The budget for spare parts and engineering support has almost tripled to \$241 million, with the total tab for buying, fixing and refitting pushing \$900 million. None of the subs has been fully operational more than three years after the first was delivered in October, 2000.

BOUQUETS to members of the York Municipalities Utility Coordination Group, which includes Aurora, for striving to obtain the cooperation of the various utilities in scheduling their work when a roadway is being reconstructed, or doing it at the same time as other utilities to prevent the roadway from being torn up time and time again.

Letters to the Editor

# Town needs to wake up

To the editor,

In reply to Mr. Paul Chapley's January 27th letter to the Auroran it seems there continues to be a controversy on the legality of the off-site conference, seminar, get-away, whatever, just don't call it a meeting.

It seems that the opinion of the two former mayors and lawyer on council was challenged by an independent, personally financed, point of view given to Ms. Morris by another lawyer.

This was the basis on which the three councillors, Ms. Morris, Mr. Kean and Ms. Gaerdner decided not to attend the session.

However, my concern

with this issue is not that anything of earth shattering importance transpired at this meeting, but the tone of Mr Chapley's letter.

I think from the total number of votes garnered in the past election for these candidates was significantly higher than those of the former mayors and to suggest that the relative newcomers go to them for advice is condescending.

It obviously escaped Mr. Chapley's notice that Mr. Kean was the first councillor to oppose the off-site location.

Therefore how was it possible for Ms. Morris to "pull any strings"?

Also when he describes

Ms. Morris' desire for "power which she does not have but craves" is in the least character assassinating bordering on libel.

I feel the low turnout in the last election was in part apathy but also disgust at the antics of the last term in office and the slim hope of the community that any change was possible.

As I watched the inaugural meeting of the new council in December it was again a circus of personal attacks, rude interruptions, petty nit-picking, and more importantly, perceived paranoia when the issue of ethics was again raised and tabled for six months.

What is the problem???

I also hope that the town wakes up but BEFORE the next three years.

We deserve straightforward, transparent, responsible municipal government which should be accountable to us, the lowly taxpayer.

Perhaps we should direct letters expressing concern not just to the local newspapers but to the individual councillors themselves to voice our opinions on their actions.

If we say and do nothing, nothing will change and we have only ourselves to blame.

**Judy Salmon**  
**Aurora**

# Chapley letter full of holes

To the editor,

It is not very often that I bother to question a writer from "Letters to the Editor" but Mr. Chapley's trash from Jan. 28 has more holes in it than Swiss cheese.

He begins by qualifying his beliefs, stating the attendance of two ex-mayors and a lawyer.

That certainly doesn't intimate any degree of correctness, in fact Mr. Rust' D eye, a respected high profile lawyer whom at

one time acted for the City of Toronto was also there.

It is my opinion he had Mr. Jones change the format from a meeting to an outing.

This makes sense to me because the mayor in his very next column in the other local paper corrected it publicly to an outing.

While he seems to have copious advice and criticism for all three of the dissenting councillors he was particularly harsh with Phyllis Morris.

He admonished her when not on council for being a part time writer, and the venom continued to roll off his tongue warning the Era-Banner not to recognize her good qualities even though some 6,000 other voters and I know better.

He goes on to call Nigel Kean and Wendy Gaertner "reprehensible".

In my books only a saint should have the power to defile others so unjustly.

A maven he is not and if he is the same Mr. Chapley

who held a seat on Vaughan Council before a restructuring of borders it is self-evident why he did not prevail,

Incidentally there are many other taxpayers in Aurora who would not miss his countenance and free advice.

The Legislation as it now stands allows for meetings at adjoining areas and not some 10 miles beyond.

**Ben Kestein**  
**Aurora**

# MPAC does municipalities a favour

To the editor,

As you know, property owners have received from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) the 2003 Current Value Assessment (CVA).

This value is used to calculate the property taxes for 2004.

They also should have received their interim prop-

erty tax, which usually is 50 per cent of taxes paid in 2003.

In our area the 2003 assessed values went up by an average of about 20 per cent over the 2002 values.

This would automatically generate a corresponding increase in this year's taxes if the tax rate would stay the same.

I am wondering why the region and municipalities are having such a hard time with their budget.

They could receive all the money they want and if there are complaints about the tax increase, they can then hide behind MPAC, as MPAC has made it very easy for them to set the property taxes for them.

I have followed the letters

to the editor in the Auroran and not once did I read a letter to the editor complaining about the increase of the CVA for 2003.

Therefore the residents of York Region must be agreeing to their new assessment, with the resulting increase in their property taxes.

Or could it be that we are so laid back that no attention is paid to the new assessment?

As for myself, I have followed up on their suggestion that if you do not agree with their assessment, which I don't, to fill in a Request for Reconsideration (RfR).

I wonder if this would have any effect, or is it true, "you can't fight City Hall?"

**Tom van den Elshout**  
**Aurora**

# It's an honour to have Harry Lumsden in town

To the editor,

Aurora has so much to boast about in having the honour of Harry Lumsden living here and sharing his passions with us.

He is a champion of many noted causes and has the humour to keep some serious work fun.

The Order of Canada is an outstanding acknowledgment of only some of

his efforts

You can show your respect for Harry Lumsden this year in a couple of ways.

You can join the Aurora Garden Tour and visit his garden and his swans.

Harry grows plant species from all over the world.

This strong interest led him to maintain a long-distance relationship with a fellow botanist east of Lake Baikal in Russia They

exchanged letters for years as well as seeds. Recently Harry actually went to Russia to meet this friend. What a rewarding life.

On the Garden Tour, there will also be a chance to contribute to this valuable

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Gentler weather conditions led to bigger crowds this year at the annual Aurora Arctic Adventure. Huge Belgians were used for the horse-drawn sleigh rides which drew large crowds of people, photo at left, and indoor activities were also popular. At right, Alina loussipova, already painted herself, puts the finishing touches on a flower pot, while four boys display their works of art. Below, Breanne Trotter, her face adorned with a green octopus, seems to have as much paint on her hands as on her face. At bottom left, Veronique Filion and mom Lucie Gregoire emerge after a trip down Avalanche Mountain. Activities took place in and around the Aurora Community Centre Saturday.

*Auroran photos  
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Hosted by the Aurora Aerials Parents Committee, the evening features a multi-course dinner, live music, silent and live auctions, prizes and an exciting evening of entertainment and fun. It's for adults only.

Costumes and masks are welcomed.

The evening begins around 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as guests get into the Marti Gras mood by sampling the treats of the hurricane bar and the oyster bar.

Browse through the shopping galleries of Bourbon Street and choose from a wide array of items for sale at the silent auction.

Or if you feel daring, have a masquerade mask painted on your face, be tattooed and have your fortune told.

During the multi-course dinner guests will be entertained by the vocal stylings of Ian Fitzgerald followed by a live auction featuring auctioneer Matthew Penstone.

Tickets are \$100 per person and proceeds will be used to help fund training, performances and travel for the Aurora Aerials and will also support the work of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

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# Keyboards replace school's chalkboards

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

It's a typical morning at Northern Lights Public School, but at this new building in northeast Aurora, typical is anything but.

In the Kindergarten pod, the kids are working with their Grade 7 "Tech Buddies," creating a digital storybook on an electronic storyboard at the head of the class.

The children will soon be roaming the school, digital cameras in hand, capturing images to tell a story.

Outside in the hall, a youngster sits reading, laptop computer on her knees.

And, upstairs in the Grade 8 pod, the students have just finished checking their math homework by opening up brand new Tablet PCs that go everywhere with them.

Quickly, the days of scratching your fingernails on the blackboard and driving people crazy with the noise are rapidly disappearing.

If what's happening at Northern Lights sounds futuristic, well, the future is now.

"About three years ago,

the York Region board began to evaluate the use of technology in the classroom," said Principal Jim Forbes. "In many cases, it was an add-on instead of an integrated learning tool. This school is part of the evolution of that process."

Northern Lights, which opened last September and is home to 460 students, also features "smart boards" in each pod, which are like electronic blackboards that teachers can integrate with classroom computers.

And this month, a six-month joint pilot project gets underway, equipping the Grade 8 students and their teachers with those amazing tablet computers.

Students use Microsoft XP Tablet PCs to take hand-written notes, read class material, create artwork and presentations.

The teachers, meanwhile, have wireless Acer Tablet PCs for recording classroom assessments, compiling marks, preparing lessons, and communicating with parents.

In addition, Aurora Cable Internet is providing internet access and wireless

home networking, so students and their teachers can access the school's network from home.

Afterwards, the Board will assess learning improvements, teachers' impressions of the impact on their teaching, students' level of engagement, and the degree of success in integrating the technology in the school's existing systems.

To do this, the students were tested at the beginning of the school year to provide a baseline by which teachers could compare progress throughout the year.

Principal Forbes says the new tablet PCs "open up new ways of collaboration between students and teachers, inside and outside the classroom".

"We're absolutely thrilled to be a part of this project and pave the way for other schools in Canada."

And that paving should be made easier, since all teachers at the school are on three, four or five year terms, ready to absorb and evaluate this exciting new way of educating before sharing their knowledge at other schools.

"We've learned that the best professional development is through practice and mentoring. That's what these teachers are getting and can, in turn, pass on," Principal Forbes said.

Back in the Grade 8 class, students Derek Lukachko and Jonathan

Seidl have their own impressions of the technology that has become an everyday part of learning for them.

"It's a lot easier carrying just my Tablet PC," says Derek. "And, it's made me way more organized."

Jonathan has an even more innovative observa-

tion. "Now, I can go home, flop on my bed, and everything I need for homework is right there with me," he said.

Now that is embracing technology.

The future is now and it's at Aurora's own Northern Lights Public School.

## Nominate someone

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Under construction is this computer driven robot, one of several being created in a Northern Lights Public School Grade 8 pod. Brian Martyn, 13, works on the project.

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This huge icicle, hanging on the east wall of Aurora Custom Mouldings, formerly Attridge Lumber, almost made it from the roof to the ground before employees chopped it down. A drastic change in temperature last week caused the monster to grow.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

# Nothing new about toll roads; district was once full of them

The old saying about the more things change the more they stay the same is coming true in the form of toll roads.

As Aurora and regional commuters have found out, the automobile is strangling highways and turning expressways into parking lots.

Yet more and more houses are being built and more and more cars are coming off the production lines.

What used to be a love affair with the car has become a nightmare.

Politicians' promises of more public transit to get vehicles off the road isn't working in the region as commuters depend on their cars to take them where they want to go, when they want and in their own way.

Developers and motorists want more and wider highways but run the risk of encouraging toll roads to pay for the highways as is the case with Highway 407.

But toll roads are nothing new for York Region and Ontario.

In 1830 it became obvious that the primitive

roads leading to and from York needed improvement and upkeep.

Yonge Street was almost impassible except for horseback riders.

As early as 1828 there was a stage coach operating on Yonge Street, the first one operated by George Playter, which travelled from York through Aurora and up to Newmarket.

Of course, in 1828, Aurora wasn't.

By 1850, the coaches ran as far as Holland Landing, where passengers connected with the Lake Simcoe steamers.

In 1865, Yonge Street was acquired by York County and six toll gates were kept in operation by the county, with the first being near what is now Bloor Street in what was then Yorkville.

Other gates on Yonge Street were located at the south end of Hogg's

Hollow and the remainder located at various places on Yonge Street.

The fifth toll gate was located about where the Aurora Cemetery is currently located and the sixth was at Cady's Corners, near what is now Davis Drive.

By 1890 typical toll booth rates for a two horse vehicle carrying a load were 10 cents and four cents for a horse and rider.

The county leased the road to the highest bidder and the toll collector made money, but the roads were not always

maintained, resulting in the government taking over the highway road system.

By 1896, the roads became free for all to use and most of the toll gates abandoned, although the one near Bradford remained in operation until 1917.

So toll gates were a way of life for the early settlers of the Aurora and York Region area, but they didn't have to fight the crowded conditions and the gridlock of modern day traffic and the aggressive attitude of motorists.



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## Some committees get members

Aurora Council approved that the terms of reference on the composition of the Aurora Library Board be amended to reflect the appointment of six citizen members and three members of council last week.

Citizens members appointed include Elizabeth Bishenden, Tom Conner, Geoffrey Dawe, Douglas Hubley, Jane Taylor and Kerry Lynn Thomason.

Council members were John West, Evelyn Buck and Bill Hogg.

Councillors Phyllis Morris, Ron Wallace and John West were appointed to represent Aurora on the Central York Fire Services Joint Council Committee although it was expected Morris would be replaced by Nigel Kean this week.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner was appointed to represent the town on the Nokiidaa Trail Committee. The town is also represented by Jim Tree, of the Parks Department and a citizen still to be appointed.

A bylaw was also prepared to appoint citizen members to the Committee of Adjustment, however Councillor Damir Vrancic said he was surprised to see the recommendation since at council's orien-

tation session it was agreed applicants would be interviewed.

He was successful in having the reading of the bylaw deferred until such time as staff can decide how to judge the applicants.

He pointed out that the committee was a semi-

judicial body whose decisions are binding, and some in the past had been questionable.

He also suggested staff prepare a training module for members prior to their appointment. Council members agreed and deferred reading of the bylaw.

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Wearing a 30-year-old Aurora Tiger jacket, Auroran editor Ron Wallace drops the puck to officially begin the first round of Provincial Junior A hockey playoffs in Aurora Friday night. Tigers met the Lindsay Muskies and dumped the visitors 5-1. Team captains, Jordan Brenner, left, and Jamie Plunkett take part in the ceremony. Immediately following, Wallace, photo at left, donated the jacket to the hockey team's planned museum. Accepting is team owner Gerry Nudds. Thirty years ago, the 1973-74 season, the Tigers got to the finals and the jacket was given to Wallace by then-coach George Storey.

Auroran photos by David Falconer

## Tigers quickly jump into two-game lead

At first, it looked like it might be a series.

Aurora Tigers, Team #1, opened its first round of playoffs Friday against the Lindsay Muskies, Team #9, at the Aurora Community Centre, and after 20 minutes of play, held a measly 1-0 lead thanks to a goal scored with just over two minutes remaining.

Lindsay, by far a smaller, and much younger team, seemed to be holding its own, and looked reasonably competent throughout the match, even though they finally lost it 5-1.

So, Aurora was taking nothing for granted.

Until they got to Lindsay the next night, and buried the Muskies 10-1.

So Tuesday's game (results not available at press time) and this Friday's encounter should see the end of this series, and Aurora can move another notch up the ladder.

A series that should provide some excitement would be between Aurora and Newmarket, as the Hurricanes were the only team to beat the Tigers during the regular season.

It remains to be seen if such a series will occur.

At Friday's game, fans from Lindsay were confident Aurora is the "chosen team" this year.

Last year, they said, Wellington was "chosen" and Wellington defeated Aurora, after Tigers saw their goaltender evicted for the series when he fired the puck over the glass.

The fans maintained the referees know which team is "chosen" and manage to

turn a blind eye when the chosen team commits a foul.

That was hard to believe Friday, when the referee single-handedly slowed down the game by handing out a total of 46 minor penalties and 11 misconducts, including three game misconducts.

Aurora took half the penalties, meaning the referee was only successful in slowing down the game and not favouring one team.

Muskies, meanwhile, have the ominous honour of being one of the top penalized teams in the league.

Aurora's Chris Whitley - he took one of the penalties, by the way - got the start in net for the opening game, and was there when he needed to be, handling 10 shots in the first period alone.

Francis Walker finally broke the goose egg late in the frame to send the teams to

the dressing room with Aurora clutching a slim one-goal lead.

In the second, Aurora broke the game open, and Lindsay's tough double overtime win earlier in the week (which got them the trip to Aurora) began to show.

Aurora fired 22 shots at the Lindsay cage and led 4-1 after 40 minutes.

They salted the game away with a single marker in the penalty-filled third period.

It was an entirely different story in Lindsay Saturday night.

Undisciplined play of the Muskies allowed Aurora to run roughshod over their opponents and they wasted little time piling up a 10-1 victory.

Muskies quickly put themselves behind the eight-ball playing two men short early in the first period.

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## Monday Night Hockey Standings, Feb. 2

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Highland Chev Olds Geo Cad	14	3	1	84	49	29
Law Insurance Brokers	11	6	1	71	62	23
Rec Cycle N' Sports	9	7	2	68	58	20
Tom & Jerry's	9	7	2	68	62	20
Priestly Demolition	9	8	1	68	87	19
J.J. Barron Realty	6	10	2	65	69	14
FPL Aggregates	5	12	1	29	49	11
Masterclean Contracting	4	14	0	50	77	8

## Results, Feb. 2

FPL Aggregates	4	Law Insurance	4
Barron Realty	1	Rec Sports	1
Priestly Demolition	7	Masterclean	6
Tom & Jerry's	5	Highland Chev	3



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# ASC wins Interclub

For the first time ever, the Aurora Skating Club has won the Midway East Interclub Cup following competitions recently in Sutton.  
Below is a breakdown of their results.

## INTERCLUB RESULTS

Pre-preliminary Ladies Solo Dance: Robin Kosmidis, FI.1, 3rd, Final 6th.  
Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance: Katie Sutton, FI.1. 2nd, Final 2nd; Taylor McDowall , FI.2 2nd, Final 4th.  
Preliminary Men Dance: Alex Woodward,1st; Caden Armstrong, 2nd.  
Jr. Bronze Ladies Solo Dance: Emma Slimkowich, FI.1, 2nd, Final 3rd; Jordana Goldman, FI.2, 2nd, Final 3rd.  
Sr. Bronze Ladies Solo Dance: Maya Goldman, FI.1,1st, Final 1st; Ariel Kwan, FI.2, 1st, Final 7th,  
Sr. Bronze Men's Dance: Tavish Armstrong, Exhibition.  
Junior Silver Solo Dance: Meaghan Jones, FI.1, 6th; Terra Ciolfe,FI.1, 1st, Final 3rd.  
Senior Silver Ladies Dance: Michelle Wong, 6th, Tori Ellis, 7th.  
Gold Ladies Solo Dance: Carolyn Armstrong, 3rd.  
Introductory Interpretive: Tori Ellis, FI 1, 3rd, Final 3rd; Jenna Porteous, FI 2, 6th.  
Pre-Preliminary Ladies Freeskate: Jordana Goldman, FI.2, 3rd, Final 7th; Emma Slimkowich, FI.1, 2nd, Final 3rd.  
Pre-Preliminary Men Freeskate: Alex Woodward, 1st.  
Preliminary Men Freeskate: Caden Armstrong, 1st.  
Preliminary Ladies Freeskate: Stephanie Fonceca, FI 1, 4th, Final 5th; Allie Sutton, FI.2, 7th.  
Pre-Juvenile B Ladies Competitive Freeskate: Maya Goldman, 1st.  
Jr. Br. Ladies Freeskate: Amy Thompson, FI 1, 1st, Final 2nd; Emma Hayzelden, FI 1, 2nd, Final 4th.  
Sr. Br. Ladies Free: Michelle Wong, 5th; Sarah Gray, 9th.  
Gold Ladies Freeskate: Brinlee Brown, 2nd.

# Meeting could decide format of new complex

**From page 1**  
committee to stress the need for an eight-lane pool for training and club events.  
He said the 200 club members couldn't be accommodated in a six-lane pool, and the club had to rent facilities at St. Andrew's College and in Stouffville.  
He also pointed out that with an eight-lane, deep-water pool, it could be used for water polo, as there was none in the area, and for synchronized swimming. He added with an eight-lane pool, Aurora could attract provincial swimming meets and tourist income from each event.  
But the costs of such a facility would increase drastically since the building proposed to house the planned six-lane pool would have to be bigger.  
In a detailed presentation, he listed the time required for an eight lane pool and the days of the week for the Aurora Swim

Club, plus the requirements of the Aurora Masters Swim Club, water polo and synchronized swimming.  
Project manager Gary Stanhope and associate architect Bob Goyeche made a presentation regarding the complex design and costing. Following public meetings and information gathering, a block plan and program was approved in principle by council last October.  
The presentation included a schematic design of the two ice pads, the aquatic centre, community space and the connecting link or street/lobby.  
The estimated cost of the facility was shown as \$21.5 million and when fees and furnishings were added in, the total was \$24.5 million.  
The draft 2004 capital budget estimated the cost of the facility at \$18.5 million.

The project was deemed to be affordable without affecting other capital projects with a 10 per cent increase in user fees, a tax rate increase of 2.5 per cent per year for 10 years to repay a needed debenture and increased development charges, based on the \$18.5 million figure.  
It was also pointed out that the net cost to the taxpayers for the aquatic centre after revenues were deducted would be \$338,000 per year and for the ice pads and community space \$95,000 per year.  
In response to a question as to the cost to the taxpayer it was said to be about 3.5 per cent a year to cover the projected annual deficit of \$432,000.  
If an eight-lane deep water pool was included, the capital cost would increase \$637,000 and the operating cost by \$100,000 per year.  
The project manager also listed the costs of other additions suggested by user groups, such as \$4

million for a third ice pad. He also pointed out that any delays would mean the arenas would not be available for use by September 2005 as planned.  
Concern was expressed about the cost of the facility and the ability of the taxpayer to pay. It was suggested the facility be constructed in phases to spread out the costs.  
Questions were asked about the inclusion of indoor soccer and tennis facilities as had been requested at public meetings. Considerable discussion took place regarding the community space and whether the seniors' centre could be incorporated to achieve economies of scale.  
It was suggested that the various user groups be required to fundraise to assist in paying for the facility.

It was also noted that the original concept approved by council was for two ice pads and a swimming pool, and questions were asked where all the other components came from.  
Concern was expressed that while the various user groups had been involved in the discussions the general public had not been included.  
There was also concern that with the rapid growth of Aurora all the developable land would be used up and development charges would no longer be available.  
There was little consensus except that council members want more information.  
The presentations and the discussion were referred to a special free-wheeling meeting Thursday, which will be open to the public, but no delegations will be heard.

# Carter's hockey team ends successful year

The Cardinal Carter Varsity Boys Celtics hockey team wrapped up regular season play with an impressive 7-1-1 record to finish first in their division of the York Region High School hockey league.  
They started the season with a 5-1 victory over St. Elizabeth and a 2-1 win over Huron Heights. Next they would tie Thornhill 6-6 before beating Westmount 3-1.  
The second half of regular season play started with Carter edging Mackenzie 4-3 in a hard fought battle.  
Jared Durand, Michael Osborne, Michael Bernardi and Daryl Osborne each scored singles as the Celtics outworked their opponents.  
Carter would suffer its only

regular season loss to Villa Nova as Daryl Osborne scored the lone Celtic goal in the 6-1 game.  
The next game would be different as Carter dominated opponents from Richmond Hill from the drop of the puck. Jared Pignataro found the net twice with singles going to Daryl Osborne, Michael Bernardi and Zach Bonomo.  
Goalie Shawn Gwilliam made some keys saves to ensure the shutout in the 5-0 victory.  
Denison would also be held scoreless in the next match while goals from Bernardi, Stephen Heikkila, Kevin Tomljanovic, Joshua Vriend, Kyle Robinson and Daryl Osborne ensured a 6-0 win.

Jared Durand chipped in with three assists.  
Goaltender Ryan Allen made some nice saves late in the game to earn the shutout as Carter dominated Denison 6-0.  
The final game of the season would be the roughest as the Celtics were up against Joan of Arc.  
This penalty-filled game saw special teams important as both teams scored short-handed and power play goals.  
In the end, Carter prevailed, outscoring Joan of Arc 5-3 to clinch a first place finish.  
Bernardi scored twice with singles from Heikkila, Robinson and Michael Osborne.

# Tigers lead series 2-0

**From page 10**  
Six of Aurora's 10 goals were scored on the power play.  
And Lindsay's only marker of the game - in the first period - was also scored on a power play as Aurora had two men in the box.  
With a huge lead, Aurora rested Chris Whitley and gave Luke Oshell some ice time in the cage.  
He kept Lindsay off the scoreboard for the rest of the game, which, in the third period, resembled more of a game of hockey.  
Barring any Lindsay miracles, this series should end in that town this Friday night.



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## House League League Games

### 208 DIAMOND GROUNDSKEEPING SERVICES

**4:** Christopher Tsianos 2G 1A, David Roberts 1G 1A, Jamie Putney 1G 1A. **201 AURORA CABLE INTERNET 2:** Mathew Roach 1G 1A, David Bunder 1G.

**204 NACORA INSURANCE 2:** Curtis Fordyce, shutout, Connor McDavid 2G. **207 ROTARY CLUB OF AURORA 0.**

**203 NORTH YORK PLUMBING & HEATING 7:** Matthew Reeves 4G, Scott Schmitt 2G 1A, Alexander Seto 4A. **205 DELPH & JENKINS SURVEYORS 2:** Ben Hankins 2G.

**301 TILEMASTER 1:** Eamon Reilly 1G, Brian Tree 1A, Jeremiah Diaz 1A. **305 JUNIOR TIGERS 1:** Andrew Curci 1G, Evan Foxwell 1A, Shawn Hubble 1A.

**303 SUPREME COLLISION CENTRE 8:** Vince Duggan 2G, Ryan Dalcin 2G 1A, Jeff Warner 1G, Brendan Kirasack 1G 1A, Andrew Buchanan 1G, Braedon MacKenzie 1G, Anthony Carleton 2A, Jack Angela 1A, Brandon Farr 2A. **304 McALPINE FORD LINCOLN 2:** Matt Hart 2G, David Peddigrew 1A, Matais Perez 1A.

**306 PHARMASAVE 5:** Kevin Lukezic 3G, Andrew Martin 1G, Royce Kirby 1G, Liam Judges 1A, Jordan Caruso 1A, Adam Kiroff 1A. **302 WWW.MASTER-MINDTOYS.COM 4:** Evan Collict 3G, Zack Cook 1G, Dylan Gaudet 1A, Kasey Piper 1A, Josh Ashfield 1A.

**608 SPITFIRES 6:** Eric Bailey 2G 1A, C.J. Melichercik 2G, Jordan Nolan 1G, Jamie Russell 1G, Eric Alcorn 2A, Dane Gregoris 2A, Nizaam Rehman 1A. **603 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 3:** Braun Hause 2G, Graeme Smart 1G, Mike Hay 2A, Daniel Kkorolnek 1A, Shelby Bastarache 1A.

**606 SKATERS FIRST 4:** Marshall McQuillan 2G, Michael Shoesmith 1G 1A, Shaun Kenyon 1G, Daniel Sacchetti 2A, Brock Baille 1A, Michael Renfer, shutout. **604 COLL AUDIO & ACCURATE ELECTRICAL 0.**

**605 FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES BOTTLED WATER 2:** Jonathan Comeau 1G, Derek Isodoro 1G, A.J. Ciccarelli 1A, Mike McGee 1A, Eric Bevridge 1A. **601 D-MAC FURNITURE 1:** Steven Foss 1G, Zach Roitner 1A.

**701 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 7:** Dylan Brennan 2G, Sam Caldwell 1G, Christian DiVincenzo 1G, Dan Creighton 1G, Ray Mullins 1G 1A, Chris Wong 1G 1A, Ben Promane 1A, Jordan Streigler 1A. **704 SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 3:** Mike Nealon 1G, Geoff Harrison 1G, Chris Ramsay 1G, Zack Ashfield 2A, James Floros 1A, Jake Deacon 1A, Sam Millette 1A.

**702 EDWARDS-MURPHY PAINTING & DECORATING 9:** Greg Haralampopoulos 4G 1A, Tyler Flanagan 2G 3A, Alistair Bogart 1G 2A, Garrett Kerkkamp 1G, Brad Juffs 1G, Chris MacDonald 2A, Drew Boorn 1A, Chad Pilkey 1A, Gabriel Venneri 1A, Alex Gitto, shutout. **705 I.O.O.F. AURORA LODGE 148 - FLT 0.**

**703 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 6:** Joe Doucher 3G, Dan Cress 1G, Anthony Pusateri 2G, Nick Campoli 1A, Cody Bastarache 2A, Scott Davis 1A, Ryan Rojas 1A. **706 AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 1:** J. Smith 1G, T. Miskolczy-Macdonald 1A.

**705 I.O.O.F. AURORA LODGE 148 - FLT 2:** Michael Sanita 1G, Alex Strapp 1G, Sean Kipfer 1A, Chris Porter 1A. **701 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 2:** Ray Mullins 1G, Sam Caldwell 1G, Dan Creighton 1A.

**703 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 7:** Joe Doucher 3G, Ryan Cain 3G, Cody Bastarache 1G, Charlie Teel 2A, Nick Campoli 1A, Taylor Tripp 1A. **704 SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 3:** Michael Nealon 1G, Jeffrey Kay 1G, Mohammed Akbar 1G, Zack Ashfield 1A, Taylor Jordan 1A.

**701 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 5:** Christian DiVincenzo 1G, Jordan Streigler 1G, Darron Giroux 1G, Dylan Brennan 2G 1A, David Hilchuk 1A, Dan Creighton 1A, Sam Caldwell 1A, Chris Wong, shutout. **706 AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 0.**

**705 I.O.O.F. AURORA LODGE148 - FLT 3:** Connor Ryeland 1G, Mike Sanita 1G, Mike Roberts 1G, Alex Strapp 1A, Dash Bylykbashi 1A, Sean Kipfer

# Aurora Minor Hockey Association

## Results to 9 AM Sunday, February 8th, 2004

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1A, Nick Epworth 1A. **704 SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 3:** Cameron Buchanan 1G, Derek Smith 1G, Michael Nealon 1G, Jared Pelletier 1A, Jeffrey Kay 1A, Zack Ashfield 1A.

**702 EDWARDS-MURPHY PAINTING & DECORATING 1:** D. Boorn 1G, G. Haralampopoulos 1A. **703 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 1:** Charlie Teel 1G, Joe DOucher 1A.

## House League Playoff Games

**108 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Maroon) 6:** Connor Graham 2G, Joshua Bell 1G 2A, Alexander Jonasson 1G 1A, Connor Cowl 1G, Kyle Strachan 1G, Joshua Wilson 1A, Alexander Gouthro 1A, Michael Liscio 1A. **101 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Green) 2:** Liam Coll 1G, Charles Sandler 1G, Harrison Smith 1A.

**109 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Orange) 4:** Branden Fennell 2G, Austin Lane 1G, Tyler Futterer 1G, Mitchell Arnold 2A, Jason Glionna 1A. **103 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Red) 1:** Jerryd Jensen 1G, Ryan Manson 1A, Zack Landry 1A.

**107 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Grey) 6:** Konner McMillan 6G, Alex Stewart 3A, Ian Reid 1A, John MacDonald 1A, Ian Coschi 1A. **110 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Teal) 5:** Brenden Lukezic 2G 1A, Alex Perez 1G 1A, Matthew Sanita 1G, Tyler George 1G, Christopher End 1A, Logan Blaser 1A, Annie Johnson 1A.

**102 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Black) 4:** Spencer Green 4G, Eric Middleton 1A, Matteo Campea 1A, Jake McKee 1A. **106 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Gold) 3:** Jordan Nanos 2G, Max Brown 1G, David Gonder 1A.

**104 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Royal) 5:** Quentin Campbell 2G 1A, Robin Creighton 1G 1A, Ryan McGolrick 1G, Paul Neophytou 1G, Tori Miller 1A, Nathan Nealon 1A, Kyle Bryden, shutout. **105 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (White) 0.**

**101 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Green) 7:** Jack Caldwell 3G, Liam Coll 2G 1A, Charles Sandler 2G, Thomas Finley 3A, Zack Kroll 2A, Derek Capone 2A, Ben Goldman 2A, Jonah Blaser 1A, Lucas Marek 1A. **109,TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Orange) 6:** Austin Lane 5G, Branden Fennell 1G, Alexander Harrison 1A, Mitchell Arnold 1A, Kevin Siery 1A.

**108 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Maroon) 5:** Connor Cowl 3G, Connor Graham 2G 1A, Alexander Gouthro 1A, Mitchell Srouji 1A, Keith Jarvis 1A, Matthew Walker 1A. **102 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Black) 3:** Spencer Green 2G, Kyle Locke 1G, James Johnston 2A, Morgan Walker 1A, Ryan Knight 1A.

**104 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Royal) 4:** Paul Neophytou 2G, Quentin Campbell 1G 1A, Alec Ground 1G 1A, Neil Duggan 1A, Cameron Richard 1A, Nathan Nealon 1A, Robin Creigton 1A. **107 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Grey) 2:** John MacDonald 1G, Konner McMillan 1G, Jake Anderson 1A, Matt Pelkola 1A, Adrian Ramirez 1A, Owen Nisbett 1A.

**110 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Teal) 10:** Brenden Lukezic 9G, Matthew Sanita 1G, Joel Gouveia 3A, Christopher Sanita 1A, Logan Blaser 1A, Connor Clark 1A. **105 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (White) 3:** Ian Dunlop 1G, Spencer Robb 1G, Brian Langdon 1G, Alex McDonald 1A.

**106 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Gold) 4:** Jordan Nanos 1G 1A, Max Brown 1G, Sean Foxwell 1G, Michael Arcuri 1A. **103 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Red) 1:** Matthew Iwai 1G, Jordan Stephenson 1A.

**204 NACORA INSURANCE 8:** Chance Rodin 1G, Sammy Fanone 1G 1A, Mitchel Waite 1A, Conor McDavid 2G 3A, Zach Ferry 3G, Liam Devlin 1A, Dan McDonnell 2A, Curtis Fordyce 1G. **205 DELPH & JENKINS SURVEYORS 3:** Stuart Matila 1G, Diego Nafarrate 1G 1A, Kentner Arkell 1G, Evan Sherida 1A, Steven Grandin 1A.

**201 AURORA CABLE INTERNET 8:** Hayden Trask 4G 1A, Luke Pizzuro 1G, Eric Bulluck 2G 1A, Scott Wheeler 1G, Dylan Sutton 1A, Daneil Bunder 2A, Hayley Black 2A, Mattew Roach 1A, Drew Bryan 1A. **206 CONTINENTAL CUSTOM INGREDIENTS 2:** Connor Moody 2G, Michael Perry 1A, Ryan MacMillan 1A, Justin Stevens 1A.

**208 DIAMOND GROUNDSKEEPING SERVICES 6:** Zachary Kercz 2G 1A, Christopher tsianos 1G, Quincy Ing 1G, Jamie Poutney 2G, Massimo Longin 1A, Jordan Stevenson 1A, Aidan Slind 1A, Cody

Mulhern 1A, Trevor Stephens 1A, Eliot Harkin, shutout. **202 DR. STEINER'S DRILLERS 0.**

**207 ROTARY CLUB OF AURORA 2:** Evan Romano 1G, Andrew Staples 1G 1A, Michael McCreesh 1A. **203 NORTH YORK PLUMBING & HEATING 1:** Ryan Baskin 1G, Garth McBride 1A, Gabriel Sampieri 1A.

**206 CONTINENTAL CUSTOM INGREDIENTS 3:** Connor Moody 1G, Matthew Pryce 2G, Calvin McIergh 1A, Matthew Iamonaco 1A. **205 DELPH & JENKINS SURVEYORS 2:** Ben Hankis 1G, Stuart Mattila 1G, Sasha Dajia 1A.

**204 NACORA INSURANCE 9:** Curtis Fordyce 3G, Conor McDavid 4G 2A, Luc Wise 1G, Austin Boudreau 1G, Zack Ferry 2A, Dan McDonnell 1A, Liam Devlin 1A. **203 NORTH YORK PLUMBING & HEATING 3:** Ryan Korosi 1G, Scott Schmitt 1G 1A, Ryan Baskin 1G, Garth McBride 1A. **201 AURORA CABLE INTERNET 7:** Eric Bulluck 3G, Hayden Trask 2G 1A, Scott Wheeler 1G 1A, Matthew Roach 1G, Daniel Bunder 2A, Hayley Black 1A. **202 DR. STEINER'S DRILLERS 2:** Eric Kimmerer 1G, Ryan Dowling 1G, Jesse Borin 1A.

**208 DIAMOND GROUNDSKEEPING SERVICES 5:** Zachary Kercs 2G 1A, David Roberts 1G 1A, Cody Mulhern 1G, Christopher Tsianos 1G, Quincy Ing 1A. **207 ROTARY CLUB OF AURORA 2:** Dylan Lyons 1G, G. Brennon 1G.

**405 McALPINE FORD LINCOLN 2:** Tanner Brewer 1G, Adrian Tobin 1G 1A, Robert Anderson 1A, Chase Riddell 1A, Robert Bradford, shutout. **404 A.D.C. ALUMINUM 0.**

**410 THE BACKYARD POOL & SPA CO. 8:** Dylan Jolivet 3G, Stephen Newby 3G 2A, Spencer Palmer 1G, Ryan Laird 1G, Ethan Morice 1A, Jaret Meron 1A, Ben Centre 1A, Rosaria Arcuri 1A. **407 REC CYCLE N' SPORTS 2:** Charlie Still 1G, Brent Lockhart 1G, Chase Witherspoon 1A, Brandon Bartolin 1A.

**409 OPTIMIST CLUB OF AURORA 3:** Christian Davies 3G, Colin East 1A, James Simpson 1A, Craig Lacroix 1A, Nick Zebrowski 1A. **403 SHOPPERS DRUG MART - AURORA 3:** Brett Richardson 1G, Jay McConnell 1G, Michael Campoli 1G, Liam Martin 1A, Joseph Lombardi 1A.

**401 MARY'S FLOWER SHOP 7:** Logan Weber 1G 2A, Tyler LaMantia 2G, Brandon Thompson 1G 1A, Jordan Gerace 3G, Eric MacPherson 1A, Joe Piovesen 1A. **408 AB COX PONTIAC BUICK GMC 3:** Andrew Smitten 1G, Daniel Howie, 1G, Curtis Stobo 1G.

**701 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 3:** Dylan Brennan 2G 1A, Darren Giroux 1G, Evan Benson 1A, Christian DiVincenzo 1A. **702 EDWARDS-MURPHY PAINTING & DECORATING 2:** Greg Haralampopoulos 1G, Adam Brutto 1G, Chad Pilkey 1A, Greg Marlow 1A.

**703 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 6:** Mark Horton 2G, Dan Cress 1G, Charlie Teel 1G, Ryan Cain 1G, Joe Doucher 1G, Cody Bastarache 2A, Anthony Pusateri 2A, Taylor Tripp 1A. **705 I.O.O.F. AURORA LODGE 148 - FLT 3:** Connor Ryeland 1G 1A, Mike Roberts 1G 1A, Stephen Logue 1G.

**706 AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 4:** Joe Smith 2G, James Adams 1G 1A, Ryan Van Winckle 1G. **704 SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 2:** Cameron Buchanan 1G, Geoffrey Harrison 1G, James Floros 1A.

## Select League Games

### Vaughan (Blue) Rangers 3 Tyke 2

Connor Graham 1G, Brenden Lukezic 1G, Jack Caldwell 1A, Branden Fennell 1A, Jerryd Jensen 1A.

### Tyke 4 Richmond Hill Gold 1

Liam Coll 1G 1A, Konner McMillan 3G, Quentin Campbell 1A, Sean O'Donnell 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A.

### Barrie 5 Tyke 4

Quentin Campbell 2G, Konner McMillan 2G, Shannon Murray 1A, Matthew Iwai 1A, Jordan Nanos 1A.

## Rep League Games

### Atom AE 6 Clarington 3

Mitchell Sziraky 2G, Quinn Tessarolo 1G, Luca Battiston 1G, Michael Vance 1G, Sean Halley 1G 2A, Chris Venditelli 2A Matthew Schmitt 2A, Scott Sturges 1A, Scott Kimmerer 1A, Brendan Strachan



1A.

### Atom AE 2 East Gwillimbury 1

Quinn Tessarolo 1G, Brendan Strachan 1G 1A, Scott Kimmerer 1A, Luca Battiston 1A, Chase 1A.

## Rep Playoff Games

### Novice AA 3 Newmarket 2

Eric Ludwig 1G, Eric Damecour 1G, Mac Lemmon 1G, Kiefer McIntosh 1A, Cam Nuttall 1A, Stefan Lazzar 1A, Quinn McGowan 1A.

### Novice AA 3 Newmarket 1

Graeme Allison 2A, Burke White 1G, Eric Damecour 1G, Kiefer McIntosh 1G, Trevor George 1A.

### Novice A 3 Stouffville 1

### Novice A 1 Richmond Hill 1

### Atom AE 5 East Gwillimbury 1

Brendan Strachan 1G, Sean Halley 1G 1A, Michael Nonnewitz 1G, Luca Battiston 1G 1A, Mitchell Sziraky 1G 2A, Michael Vance 1A, Scott Kimmerer 1A, Nicholas Silverio 1A, Scott Sturges 1A, Chase 1A.

### Atom A 2 East Gwillimbury 1

Josh Beaton 1G, Matthew Miller 1G, Tristan Miller 1A, Tyler Jensen 1A, Jonathan Poulakos 1A.

### Stouffville 3 Atom A 1

Josh Beaton 1G, Tyler Jensen 1A, Tristan Miller 1A.

### Atom AE 5 East Gwillimbury 0

Brendan Strachan 1G, Sean Halley 2G, Michael DiVincenzo 1G, Michael Nonnewitz 1A, Mitchell Sziraky 2A, Nicholas Silverio 1A, Quinn Tessarolo 1A, Dylan Skelton 2A, Zackary Henderson, shutout.

### Atom AE 3 East Gwillimbury 0

Brendan Strachan 2G, Sean Halley 1G, Quinn Tessarolo 1A, Scott Kimmerer 1A, Chris Venditelli 1A, Nick Skillins, shutout.

### Atom AE 6 East Gwillimbury 0

Sean Halley 1G 1A, Michael Nonnewitz 2G 1A, Nicholas Silverio 1G 1A, Scott Kimmerer 1G, Michael Di Vincenzo 3A, Dylan Skelton 2A,Michael Vance 1A, Matthew Schmitt 1A, Mitchell Sziraky 1A, Zackary Henderson, shutout.

### Minor Peewee AA 3 Georgina 2

Dillon Cappell 1G, Max Lerner 1G, John-Caleb Ross 1G, Louis Lamanna 1A, Joshua Herrington 1A, Luke MacLeod 1A, James Mildon 1A, Andrew Whitley 1A.

### Minor Peewee AA 3 Georgina 0

Max Lerner 2G 1A, Jordan Tripp 1G, John-Caleb Ross 2A, Kyle Murphy 1A.

### Minor Peewee A 5 Innisfil 4

Taylor Nuttall 3G 1A, Jeffrey Sanderson 1G 1A, Dylan Cross 1G 2A, Paul Keilty 1A, Aaron Beally 1A, Jake Boyle 1A.

### Minor Peewee AE 4 Ajax 3

Shawn Clark 2G, Conor Sheridan 1G, Andrew McKay 1G, Michael Delplavignano 3A, Oliver Boettcher 1A, Evan Jones 1A, Chris Tillsley 1A.

### Minor Midget AA 5 Georgina Blaze 2

Mike White 1G, Mike Parkhill 1G, Tom Keane 1G, Marc Quagliarini 1G, Adam Hankins 1G1A, Brandon Steffan 1A, Tyler Roffey 1A, Timi Sotoadeh 1A.

### Minor Midget A 8 Barrie 4

Peter McNeill 2G 2A, Brandon Polsinello 1G 1A, Zach Andrews 1G, Patrick Bowie 3G 2A, Mike Parkhill 1G 2A, Sean Fodey 1A, Mike Bentley 2A.

### Minor Midget A 6 Barrie 1

Scott Daly 1G, Matt Kerr 1G 1A, Corey Berube 1G, Brandon Polsinello 2G 1A, Sean Fodey 1G, Peter McNeill 3A, Brent Gallaugher 1A, Zach Andrews 2A.

### Minor Midget AE 7 Newmarket 2

Tim Gerrits 1G, Mike Smyth 1G, Graeme Fleming 1A, Justin Fabro 1A, Michael Couperthwaite 1A.

### Minor Midget AE 3 Newmarket 2

Graeme Fleming 2G, Carson Nimmo 1G, Tim Gerrits 2A, Stephen Facca 1A, Keon Karamchi 1A, Brad Finch 1A, Michael Couperthwaite 1A.

### Newmarket 2 Minor Midget AE 1

Sean Brennan 1G, Mike Smyth 1A, Justin Fabro 1A.

### Midget A 6 Bradford Bulldogs 4

Ryan Kines 2G 1A, Mark Johnson 2A, PJ Speciale-Plouffe 2A, Chris Statchuk 1G, Matt Cleverdon 1G, Marc Oppedisano 1G, Michael Jack 1G, Mark Jarman 1A.



## RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

# Reflecting the young woman of the day

Back in July, 1994, Jill Zelmanovits of Aurora was selected to become a member of the Young Women's Caucus of the Girl Guides of Canada.

The 21-year-old graduate of Aurora High School was attending McGill University in Montreal.

As well as leading her own troop of young girls, she was part of a group of students who maintained ties with the Girl Guides movement.

She was selected to serve on the caucus because she demonstrated the leadership qualities developed and matured in guiding and was active in furthering the values of guiding.

The caucus provided young adult input to the Girl Guides' national council, reflecting the needs, interests and attitudes of young women of the day.

### MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

In April, 1995, Aurora Councillor Herb McKenzie said York Region should mind its own business and leave Aurora alone.

He felt so strongly about it, he wanted Aurora to secede from the region.

It's still not a bad idea.

### LOCAL HEROES

In March, 1995, York Regional Police Constable Mark Baggett, a graduate of George Street Public School, Aurora Senior Public School and Aurora High School was named Crime Stoppers Police Officer of the Year.

He confronted a gun-toting man on a bus in Vaughan and subdued him even though the man was pointing a gun at Baggett.

In this tense showdown Baggett had his gun drawn, but put it away after the man's gun failed to fire, even though he pulled the trigger twice. He arrested the man without injury on either side.

Also honoured at annual York Regional Police Chief's dinner was 10-year-old Rhonda Jarrett, a Grade 5 student at Our Lady of Grace Separate School.

She was named Police Chief for a Day, after the essay she wrote about the police was selected as the winner.

She read her essay to the more than 1,000 people in attendance and received a standing ovation.

### A NOVEL WAY TO ATTRACT TOURISM

In October, 2002, Aurora couple Bruce and Eileen Miller were detained in Skowhegan, Maine, for doing nothing illegal and asked to remain overnight by the local police.

They were part of the community's "Arrest-A-Tourist" promotion, sponsored by the local chamber of commerce.

The Millers were on their way home from a vacation and another day didn't make much difference, so they agreed. They were escorted to the chamber of commerce office where they met their host couple.

They stayed in a motel overnight, had dinner at one restaurant, breakfast the next morning at another and lunch at a third restaurant. They saw a live performance at a local theatre and a tour of the municipality. On their arrival home in Aurora they received a plaque, which held the key to the city.

All part of the "Arrest-A-Tourist" promotion in Skowhegan. Would it work here?

### AURORA'S AWARD WINNERS

At the 15th annual Provincial Sports Awards Dinner in Toronto in May, 1982, eight Aurora area athletes were honoured with about 800 others from all over the province.

They were Cory Anquetil, Steve Crombie, Tim Haslam, Dennis Langley, Bruce Bicknell, Patti Balz, Graham Dodd and Karen Stemmler.

Thirteen-year-old tennis player Cory Anquetil won the boys under-12 division doubles championship the previous year in the Canadian Junior Nationals. He competed with Chris Crabb of Willowdale.

Fifty-year-old Graham Dodd, along with partner Dennis Langley, won the North American Championship in sailing in the C-16 class.

Twenty-one-year-old Tim Haslam was honoured for winning the 400-metre wheelchair event in the Canada

Games for the Disabled.

Nineteen-year-old Steve Crombie was a member of the Ontario Under-18 Select National Soccer Champions. He was in training for the 1984 Olympics in British Columbia.

Karen Stemmler was a member of the Ontario Alpine Ski Team and won a Gold medal at the Canadian Championships in the Junior Downhill Division, plus many other skiing awards.

Bruce Bicknell of St. Andrew's College was the winner of the Boys Under-16 Squash Competition at the Canadian Junior Championships and Patti Balz won the Ladies Team Foil in Fencing Championships.

### WHAT HAPPENED TO PUMIE?

Back in October 19, 1994, Les Freiday, of Aurora, started an Aurora-based company called Pumistone Products, which had exclusive distribution rights in Canada to a product called "Pumie".

Pumie was a hard water stain remover for porcelain, enamel, ceramic tile and other services and it worked like a charm.

It also worked in removing paint and fireplace soot from brickwork, concrete, etc. without scratching the surface.

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**Brake (breik) -n. v. a device used to decrease or stop the motion of a wheel or vehicle by pressing or scraping.** She had to brake fast to avoid hitting the car ahead.

**Gage Canadian Dictionary**

Willie the Groundhog saw his shadow and now we're in for more snow, ice, freezing rain, and whiteouts. What we've been experiencing for the past six weeks, - well expect more of the same for the next six. Therefore, in order to drive safely for the rest of the winter, proper braking is important.

**Threshold Braking:** braking as hard as you can without locking up or skidding the wheels. Press down on the brake pedal, trying to get as much braking power as possible. Then, if you feel any of the

wheels locking up, release the brake pressure slightly and re-apply. Don't pump the brakes. Continue braking this way until your vehicle is completely stopped.

**Anti-lock Brakes:** ABS brakes are designed to sense the speed of the wheels on a vehicle. An abnormal drop in wheel speed, which indicates potential wheel lock, causes the brake force to be reduced to that wheel. This prevents skids and accompanying loss of steering control, and improves vehicle safety during heavy brake use or when braking with poor traction. On clean and dry roads, you won't notice any difference between vehicles with anti-lock braking and those without. Vibration happens when braking hard in an emergency. Be sure to know what to expect so you can

react quickly and effectively.

**Skids:** skids happen when your wheels slide out of control on slippery icy surfaces, and it can involve the front, rear or all four wheels. Most skids result from driving too fast for road or traffic conditions, sudden hard braking, going too fast around corners or accelerating too quickly. Once in a skid, steer in the direction of the skid. To do this, look where you want your vehicle to go and steer towards that spot. Be careful not to oversteer. If you're on ice and skidding in a straight line, step on the clutch or shift to neutral.

**Stopping on wet and icy surfaces requires more distance, so increase your following distance, and focus your attention as far ahead as possible.**

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# Furnace company didn't do the job, they say

A copy of the following letter, sent to Direct Energy, has been forwarded to the Auroran. It has been edited slightly for space.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a receipt for a bill in the amount of \$187.25 which we paid to Ultra Home Products for the repair of our furnace on Tuesday, January 28, at 1 a.m. We expect reimbursement immediately.

These are the events that occurred on Monday, January 27.

I phoned Direct Energy at 10 a.m. because my furnace was not working. The pilot light would not stay on.

I was promised that a technician would come between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. that evening.

At 9:15 p.m. I phoned to see where the technician was and was told he would be here shortly.

My husband and I phoned at 15-minute intervals after that getting a different operator each time,

The canned voice "service and quality are very important to us" became increasingly ironic as the night wore on.

Each operator could not tell us either when or even if a repairman would show up that evening.

Two operators told us they would call back but did not.

We asked one operator

what would happen if our water pipes were to freeze and she told us to call our house insurance company!

Our last call to an operator was at 11.30 p.m.

She told us the technician could not come to our house until between noon and 4 p.m. the next day! (Tuesday January 28th).

We were not told why.

At this point I felt I could not be pushed around any longer and I insisted again on speaking to a manager.

This operator finally agreed to let us speak to one.

I explained the situation to a manager in Niagara Falls!

He was the only person who seemed at all apologetic and understanding.

He told me he would follow up and get back to me in five minutes, which he did.

He said the technician who was scheduled to come to our house had turned his microphone off and so it was unlikely he

was going to come that evening.

I asked the manager if Direct Energy would reimburse us if we called another company.

He said they have done so in the past but he had no authority to give permission.

Because the five of us in our home were freezing we called Ultra Home Products and got directly through to a real person who said a technician would be at our house to repair our furnace in half an hour, which he was.

The repairs took about 25 minutes.

I must say that dealing with your company has been an extremely frustrating experience.

In this so-called age of service, service is certainly lacking in your bureaucracy.

We expect to at least receive reimbursement; we definitely got neither service nor quality from your company.

Since we did pay you for a heating protection plan in case of furnace breakdowns we look forward to receiving your cheque in the mail within the next week.

Melody Irving  
Richard Irving  
Aurora

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cause of restoring the Trumpeter Swans to

our world.

Try to imagine the considerable expense of feeding these large birds and then

transporting them to the waterways where they'll be released. And the vet bills.

Calendars out - July 11 -

12:20 to 5 p.m. Tickets available at Caruso's. There are at least seven other gardens on this

local tour.

The Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society is making a donation to the Ontario Trumpeter Swan Restoration Program.

This in no small way can repay Harry for his years of service and all his contributions.

Check out some of Harry's work on the Internet at these addresses:

<http://www.venturenorth.com/trumpeterswans/2003Rel.html>

<http://www.venturenorth.com/trumpeterswans/Sighting.s.html>

And give generously.

Sheila Cording  
Aurora Garden  
& Horticultural Society

# Harry Lumsden's garden part of tour

# Seniors seeking new home in building near town hall

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operating costs.

Also speaking for the seniors, Glyn Jones said only 60 per cent of the seniors attending the CHATS day program at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church live in Aurora.

If the CHATS request should be approved, he expressed concern about parking and a common entrance.

There is potential for

delay," he said, "and the seniors are anxious to proceed to the next phase."

Councillor Evelyn Buck said the effect of the new facility on the Leisure Services operating budget was estimated to be \$62,444 in 2005 for a partial year and \$118,782 in 2006 and since seniors didn't pay rent, it was a burden on taxpayers.

Project manager Norm Grey-Noble reviewed the design concept and the

approval by council last year of the project plan and program, the community input meetings and the partnership concept.

He expressed concern about trying to meet the CHATS request into the design due to the limited soil conditions.

Cost estimate of the building was shown as \$2,625,000 or \$188.68 per square foot, but when fees and other allowances were added in, the total estimated cost was \$3,078,500.

Councillor Bill Hogg said he had requested a more informal discussion to explore all options, which led up to Monday's informal session.

Several questions were asked about soil conditions. Committee members claimed they had been assured there would be no problems as the site was suitable for development. It was also noted that funds were required for more testing.

Councillors also learned the Central York Fire Services required space as a emergency operation centre and some areas of

the building would be suitable as a reception centre for displaced persons in the event of an emergency.

There are also plans to use part of the building as a staff training centre.

However, after almost three hours it was agreed to discuss all the issue at the free-wheeling discussion Monday.

# Centre thanks LBP community

To the editor,

On behalf of Women's Centre of York Region, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Lester B. Pearson Public School community for their generous support of the Women's Centre this holiday season.

The Student Council elected to hold a food drive in support of the Centre and their donations will help us

create and distribute wonderful food hampers.

The holiday season can be a difficult time but with our community partners, like the Lester B. community, we can help to make it a Merry Christmas for families in Aurora and across York Region.

Karen Setter  
Executive Director  
Women's Centre  
of York Region

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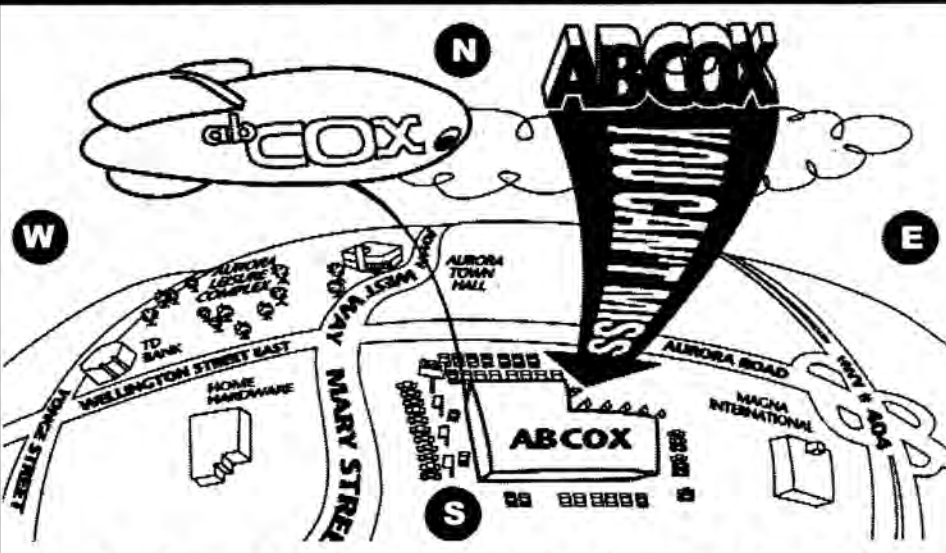
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# Sports and politics were Pete's favourites

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standing, but two major achievements shine above the rest.

He served two years as president of the Aurora Minor Hockey Association and, with other businessmen, founded the Aurora Tigers Junior C hockey team in 1965, and became its president following his stint with the AMHA.

He acted as coach, manager, referee and umpire for countless local sports, and one year raised \$5,000 to help the Aurora Bantam Girls Diggers baseball club finance a trip to Shawnee, Kansas.

Pete was born and educat-

ed in Toronto. He moved to Newmarket in 1955, to Glass Drive in Aurora in 1959, and was employed as an insurance advisor with the Prudential Insurance Company covering the Aurora/Newmarket area.

In 1975 he was presented with a Century Award by Prudential Insurance for his contribution to the development of amateur sport and sport facilities in the Aurora area.

The award included a \$500 contribution to a community organization of his choice and it went to the Canadian Cancer Society. He was one of four company employees to be recognized.

First elected to Aurora Council in 1966, he was re-elected for the next five terms as a councillor. He prided himself as taking a common sense approach and being a people person.

While on council he served on several committees including recreation for a number of years both as a member and as chairman and supported development of parks. He promoted a second ice surface for the town and was instrumental in obtaining lights for the ball diamonds in Fleury Park.

He also served on the winter carnival committee, worked on the Santa Claus

parade, the arts show committee and the July First celebrations.

He also served on the police committee when Aurora had its own police force.

Other committee work included the planning committee, the bylaws committee, works committee and the finance committee.

In 1978 he decided to challenge incumbent Mayor George Timpson in a three-way race with former Councillor and Mayor Evelyn Buck also nominated. He was unsuccessful and that ended his political career.

He was active in other

town activities including membership in the Aurora Jaycees, the Aurora Legion, and was a charter member of Aurora's first Optimist Club.

In 1968 he founded and became president of the Aurora Minor Football Association.

He leaves his wife Suzanne and six children, four sons, Steve, Mike, Gerry and Brian, and two daughters, Brenda and Susie.

Interment will be in the Aurora Cemetery.



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