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Larry Allison

CAO resigns

Larry Allison, Aurora's Chief Administrative Officer, resigned his position Thursday.

He will finish working with the Town of Aurora August 13 and take over as CAO of the Town of Innisfil later that month.

Staff and councillors alike were stunned by the sudden announcement from the man who has worked in various departments in Aurora for 22 years.

Allison, 42, however, views the change as "going home".

He was born in Bradford and was living in Innisfil before moving to Aurora in the 90s.

Council was expected to deal with a temporary replacement for the town's top job at a private meeting Tuesday night.

Mayor Tim Jones said it's unlikely the position would be permanently filled before November.

"This is a shock to me," he said, "and I'm sorry to see him go."

Speculation that a "dysfunctional" council led to the resignation was denied by Allison.

While he admitted it had been an "interesting six months" (the age of this edition of council), he said his decision was not based on that.

He will oversee a community that covers a much larger area than Aurora, and is constantly defending itself from next-door neighbour Barrie, the city which has already annexed some of Innisfil on two occasions.

Innisfil council consists of a mayor and eight councillors, similar to Aurora, but it has in place a ward system because of its size.

Five communities make up Innisfil, including Stroud, Lefroy, Gilford, Cookstown and Alcona.

Allison joined the Aurora staff in 1982 and was promoted to



LARRY ALLISON

deputy-clerk in 1986, when the Town shared office space with the York Region Board of Education on Wellington Street West.

He became Town Clerk in 1991, then Corporate Services Director in the mid-90s, before assuming the top spot in 1999.

At that time he took over as Acting CAO when the position became vacant after Marc Neeb accepted a position with Magna International.

Allison moved his family from Innisfil to Aurora in 1997.

"What I have enjoyed about this job," he said, "is the way Aurora has been able to control its growth.

"There is no uncontrolled development here, no sprawl," he said. "Aurora is a wonderful place to live; I hear that all the time."

Being a part of the town's development "has been incredible", he said.

Mayor Jones noted several major projects underway - among them a new recreational complex and a new seniors' centre - will continue in spite of the job change.

"I was asked to provide a reference for Larry," he said. "I didn't want to; I wanted to keep him, and that, in itself, is a reference."

A town reception is being planned in his honour August 13.



## Reminiscing

More than 300 were on hand Saturday night as the Aurora Soccer Club celebrated its 50th anniversary of operation in town. Benny Steenhorst, right, who has belonged to the club since 1958, shares old photos and stories with Angela and Peter Bowker of Aurora. Town of Aurora Mayor Tim Jones made a presentation to current president Jim Ritchie during the evening's activities to acknowledge the historical event, held at the clubhouse on Industrial Parkway South. In its half-century lifetime, the club has had only seven presidents.

*Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

# Raucous residents attack council

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

After two well attended public meetings in which several residents expressed their strong opposition and concerns to a proposed transmission line to Hydro One officials, it was Aurora Council's turn to face their wrath.

Last Tuesday night, the council chamber was jammed with concerned citizens who spoke during Open Forum and as delegations to oppose planned construction of a 235-kilovolt line on an existing hydro corridor.

The message was clear: no new power lines over people.

It was a noisy crowd with applause, interjections and shouting as people expressed their opinions and concerns, and at one point Mayor Tim Jones threatened to recess the meeting and eject the worst offenders unless order was restored.

Before the meeting started

Jones noted that council had prepared a resolution, which was available to the public, based on comments and concerns heard at earlier public meetings.

He said councillors were aware of concerns and requested the delegates to speak to the points covered in the resolution or introduce new information.

The speakers during Open Forum and the majority of delegations repeated much the same concerns as had been heard dur-

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## Annual hoedown ready to rock

At least two Aurora groups, and a project that was born in Aurora, will benefit from this year's annual "Wild, Wild West" Magna Hoedown.

The event is scheduled to take place Saturday, September 18, at the Magna Corral on Wellington Street East in Aurora.

Among the groups selected to receive proceeds are the Aurora Minor Hockey Association and the Aurora Skating Club.

The Community Safety Village of York Region, a soon-to-be completed project in Whitchurch-Stouffville, which was launched in Aurora a number of years ago, will also receive a share of the proceeds.

Also benefitting from the event will be the Bereaved Families of York Region; Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Region; Canadian Mental Health Association - York Region Branch; Community Home Assistance to Seniors; Newmarket Soccer Club; Pathways for Children; Youth and Families of York Region; and York Region Food for Learning.

The hoedown was created by Frank Stronach more than 16 years ago when it was introduced as "Frank's Fiesta" and has raised millions of dollars for local charities and not-for-profit organizations.

Hoedown tickets are \$60 each and will go on sale soon.

Back by popular demand is this year's Prospector's Raffle which features more than \$85,000 in prizes, including a 2005 Mercedes-Benz C230 Kompressor Coupe, vacation travel and six cash prizes.

Meanwhile, the extravaganza, that attracts more than 3,000 annually, has been granted an exemption to the noise bylaw.

Aurora Council agreed to their request last week.

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# COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

## CONTINUING

Probus Club of Aurora meets at 10 a.m., the second Wednesday of every month at the Aurora Legion, Industrial Parkway North. Guests are welcome.

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Aurora Farmers' Market, Temperance Street and Wellington, every Saturday morning until Thanksgiving, 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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Masons' Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at The Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7:30. For further information contact Bob Butler at h.butler@sympatico.ca or 905-713-3314.

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Entrepreneurs. Network marketing is available in Aurora. Aurora-Business.com meets Wednesdays at 7.15 a.m. Group meets at Timberlane on Vandorf Sideroad east of Yonge. Contact John Patterson at 905-727-1941.

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

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

## JULY 23

It's Youth Band Night for ages 14 to 18 years at the Aurora Community Centre Auditorium at 8 p.m. featuring several bands. For details call 905-726-4760.

## JULY 23/24/25

Aurora Diggers Girls' Softball are hosting the Novice Provincial Championships at Fleury and Town Parks. Game times on Friday from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday the Championship games will begin at 9 a.m. at Fleury Park.

## JULY 25

Help break a Guinness World Record and save lives by participating in a 100 metre swim at the Leisure Complex. Register, get pledges and go swimming. For details call 905-727-3123 extension 3123.

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Enjoy a Midsummer Celtic Night with Aurora entertainers Sarah Kyle, Joe Likuski and Elizabeth Penrice at the Wesley United Church located at Woodbine Avenue and Wellington Street East at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Music by Robbie Burns.

## JULY 27

Seniors visit the historic village of Port Perry, the Great Blue Heron Casino and then cruise Lake Scugog. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

## JULY 28

Concert In The Park: Dick Smith and Syncona. Town Park. 7-9 p.m. weather permitting.

## AUGUST 4

Concert In The Park: Erick Traplin, children's entertainer. Town Park 7-9 p.m. weather permitting.

## AUGUST 11

Lynn Philip Hodgson, Author. "Uncovering Secrets of Camp 'X' - The World War II Spy Training Camp on the Shores of Lake Ontario", speaks to Aurora Probus Club, 10 a.m. Aurora Legion.

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Concert In The Park: Bennie & The Jets. Town Park 7-9 p.m. weather permitting.

## AUGUST 16

Aurora Seniors visit Roy Thompson Hall for the 16th Annual Royal Bank Seniors' Jubilee Concert. Cost is \$64 for members, \$69 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to reserve.

## SEPTEMBER 8

Cameron Hastings, President, Magna Services Inc., "Fair Enterprise - The Magna Story", speaks to Aurora Probus Club, 10 a.m. Aurora Legion.

## SEPTEMBER 8-16

It's an East Coast Adventure for Aurora Seniors where they visit interesting sites in Halifax, Lunenburg, Peggy's Cove, Cabot Trail and the Bay of Fundy. Call the Seniors Centre for details at 905-727-2816.

## SEPTEMBER 11

From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. enjoy a Candlelight Tour of Homes to raise funds for Hillary House. Visit six pri-

vate homes of the 19th and early 20th centuries, plus the historic Hillary House. Stroll from house to house and enjoy music and light refreshments. Call 905-727-4015 for details.

## SEPTEMBER 18

Annual Magna Hoedown. 5 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 19

Terry Fox Run. Sheppard's Bush. Registration (8:30 a.m.) and start of Run (10 a.m.) at Sheppard's Bush Soccer Fields on Industrial Parkway South. Register online for the Aurora Run, Site 2, at www.terryfoxrun.org.

## OCTOBER 20

Aurora Seniors head to the Stratford Festival to see the Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes". Lunch at the Walper Terrace Hotel. Depart the Aurora Community Centre at 9 a.m. returning about 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$93 for members, \$98 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to reserve.

## OCTOBER 21

Plans are underway at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce for the "Celebrating Business Excellence in Aurora" Awards. Nominate the Business Person of the Year, Extraordinary Business Achievement,

Innovation, New Venture and Young Entrepreneur.

## NOVEMBER 13

Trinity Church holds its annual ACW Christmas Bazaar at the church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the theme "Sugar-n-Spice". For more information call Laurie McLeod at 905-727-7617.

## NOVEMBER 27

Santa Claus Parade, 6 p.m.

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# Rogers Video will replace Burger King

Residents of Aurora, especially students from Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, will remember the Burger King located at the corner of Dunning Avenue and Yonge Street for many years and its recent unexpected closing.

The now empty building is soon to have a new tenant.

Rogers Video will open there soon, and the company won approval from Aurora Council to make some sign changes to the exterior of the structure.



Cyclists, Rotarians and interested bystanders milled around Aurora's Rotary Park on Gurnett Street Saturday as a 200 Miles For 200 Smiles bike fundraiser came through town on its way to Lake Rousseau. One of the participants was Auroran Rotarian Colin McCreesh, (above, right) who was welcomed by Aurora Rotary president Frank Mete. Fund-raiser

allows children with cancer to attend summer camp.

Auroran photos by Ron Wallace

## Aurora Rotary boosts cyclists

It was a bit out of their way, and they were a bit late, but a bike parade from Toronto to Lake Rousseau found its way into Aurora Saturday afternoon.

And it was to the bikers' benefit.

The project, called 200 Miles For 200 Smiles, is aimed to raise funds to send children with cancer to Camp Oochigeas.

Aurora Rotary and Rotarian Vic Priestly put together enough money to send two youngsters to the summer camp.

The project was sponsored by the Brampton-Heart Lake Rotary Club and supported by more than 20 other clubs in the district, including Aurora.

About a dozen cyclists left the Hospital for Sick Children at 8 a.m. Saturday and met local Rotarians at Rotary Park on Gurnett Street shortly before 1 p.m.

They were joined by several local cyclists who picked up the tour and headed north.

Last year, when the project was inaugurated, more than \$62,000 was raised.

The adventure ended at the summer camp Sunday.

A number of Aurora Rotarians were on hand to greet the cyclists Saturday, including President Frank Mete, and Aurora Mayor Tim Jones.

Jones handed out Town of Aurora pins to the participants.

Camp Oochigeas, located near Rosseau, is a privately funded residential camp for children with cancer.

It celebrates its 21st year of operation this summer.

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Poor  
Richard

# Politician’s still in Dick

*Local politics is a funny game,  
As it developed over the years;  
It used to be an honour to serve,  
But now it brings just tears!  
-Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

On occasion some oldtimers ask why I didn't run for council during the last election, or if I miss being in public office.

It's nice to be remembered, but running for politics again is the furthest thing from my mind.

Oh, I must admit the old adrenalin starts to flow at election time or when I get furious about something done or left undone at Aurora or York Regional Councils, but then, thanks to The Auroran, I have my Bouquets and Brickbats.

Then, too, I remember the hard work in trying to serve the never-ending demands of the citizens, mostly newcomers, who left the big city for the quiet of the country, only to want the same services they left behind.

There was a big change in being Mayor of Aurora during the period 1969 - 1973 compared with my second term 1982-85.

During the first term I had a full-time job in the Department of Trade and Industry at Queen's Park and I was much younger. For the second term I was a full-time Mayor, having retired from Queen's Park.

While we had our problems in the early 70s period, the citizens were much more understanding and there was some pleasure in being able to serve.

As the Chief Magistrate for the municipality, the mayor was considered one of the leaders of the community.

The town was small enough then that on a Saturday I could do a complete tour of the town, meeting townspeople along the way and listening to their concerns, comments and suggestions.

I used to carry a little tape recorder and make notes for myself of what I had heard or what I observed so that I could take follow-up action.

At the time I was known as the "Memo Mayor".

Then you didn't go into local politics for the money as the annual honorarium was just a pittance to what councillors and the head of council now receive at both the local and regional levels.

The second term from 1982 to 1985 was much more difficult.

The town had grown considerably and Aurora had lost some of its small town feeling.

It was no longer possible to cover the town on a Saturday morning and meet the people in the same way.

Not only that but after my years at Queen's Park, I was thinking more like a bureaucrat rather than a politician.

Looking back over the years, I realize as mayor, I did everything wrong.

I never received a free trip anywhere, nor did I get invited to hockey games, dinner at a fine restaurant, or have developers knocking at my door with campaign expenses or any of the other perks that now seem to be taken for granted.

In fact, when I went to Sweden in 1984 with a friendship party to reconfirm the twinning of Aurora with Leksand, I paid my own way.

The only cost to the taxpayers was for a calf skin, donated by Collis Leather, but emblazoned with the town crest for presentation to the Leksand Council.

In general, I enjoyed my years as a school trustee, councillor, regional councillor and mayor and have no regrets, except that my mother, possibly the most political person I ever knew, never lived long enough to see me hold elected office.

Whatever love I have for politics I owe to her.

I was never interested in running for federal or provincial politics, although I had been approached on several occasions, as I loved the independence of municipal politics, and I couldn't see myself being tied down by party discipline.

I don't have to get elected now to attend local or regional council as I attend as a member of the press corps and try to convey the actions and decisions of council to the readers.

During some debates it can be very frustrating to sit and listen without being able to express an opinion, although at times, I understand they can hear my mumblings at the council table.

After more than 40 years as a participant and an observer, local politics is still a funny game and more power to those still active in it.



## Tennis, anyone?

These Aurora tennis players were members of the Aurora Tennis Club years ago, and it was located then, as it is now, at McMahon Park in downtown Aurora. We don't know when the photo was taken, but we know who's in it...with the exception of the lad, top row, left. Beside him are Tracy Barrager and Pat Davies. In the middle row, left to right, are Ted Marston, Sam King, Steve Mills, Ron Geddes and Gerry Howl. Ladies at the front, left to right, include Bev Smith, Mary Adams, Betty Holman and June Adams. By the way, thanks to the dozens of people who responded to the Sisman Shoes photo a couple of weeks ago. Several called and said, "hey, I'm in that picture". Perhaps we'll run it again and fill in a few of the names.

### Letters to the Editor

# Yet another megamall for car-crazed society

To the editor,

It is indeed unfortunate that only one person showed up to the public planning meeting to oppose the new shopping mall.

I was not available or else I would have been there also.

The Wal-Marts and Home Depots of the world take away a lot of jobs and bankrupt a lot of businesses from a very wide area around them, destroying old town cores, and they are very environmentally destructive.

Jobs and businesses die because in our car-crazed society we are more likely to get in our cars and drive 10 or even 50 kilometres to get to the nearest megamall, than to walk to the local merchant.

All the smaller businesses within that radius lose business as a result, often resulting in job losses, and sometimes even whole businesses.

Additionally the environment is damaged because of our car-crazed society.

I was in a local merchant shop on Yonge Street yesterday, and overheard the fellow talking to his banker. The conversation did not sound pleasant.

These mega-stores will slowly destroy downtown Aurora.

Ironically, they will destroy Aurora despite the rapid growth of this town because all the growth is in the outer areas and designed for our car-crazed society where we are more likely to get in our

cars and drive 10 or even 50 kilometres to get to the nearest megamall, than to go downtown.

There are three strategies to help save our downtown. In no particular order they are:

1) Resist the incursion of these mega stores. It can be done as demonstrated recently in Vancouver where a Wal-Mart was recently denied a building permit on these very grounds.

2) Increase the residential density of the downtown core. The merchants need more customers. With outlying people less willing to come into town in favour of the mega malls, we need to build in new residential within convenient walking distance. Increase height allowances on Yonge Street, and push for higher

density townhouses when redeveloping surrounding streets.

3) Get rid of Yonge Street traffic. If there were fewer cars to deal with, and if on-street parking were allowed all day on both sides of the street, the street would regain some of its old town feel. This can be done as I've said before, by trading Industrial Parkway to the Region, in return for the stretch of Yonge Street between Industrial Parkway in the south and St. Johns in the north.

Industrial Parkway can be widened and made more navigable, and Yonge Street can be made more pedestrian friendly.

Darryl Moore  
Aurora

## Seeks restrictions

To the editor,

When is Aurora Council going to start getting tough with retailers and customers around setting off fireworks?

I'd like to see retail sales banned and fireworks only at public displays overseen by the fire department.

This past holiday weekend there were fireworks being set off from Thursday right through to Sunday evening, often before it was even dark.

I walk a very high strung dog and I am try-

ing to walk her early enough to avoid noisy fireworks but when they are being set off from 6 p.m. onwards for days on end you can imagine we've had some very fraught walks over the Canada Day holiday.

I think sales should only be allowed to adults at best and only on the day of the display.

No sales to anyone under, say 19, like cigarettes, as hopefully by this age they are more responsible.

M. Hindle  
Aurora

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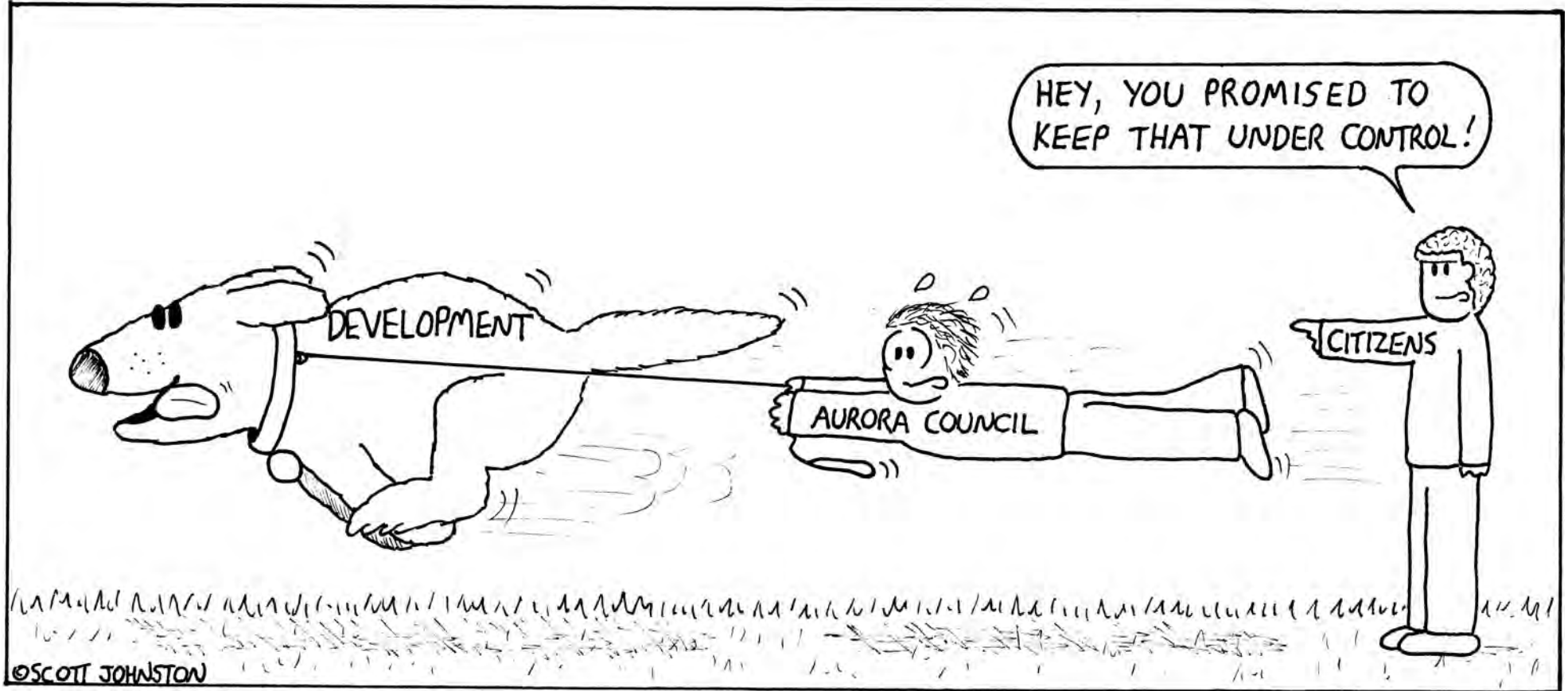
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### Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

## GTA mayors and chairs hold second meeting

On Tuesday, July 6th, in the morning, the second meeting of all the mayors of municipalities located in the Greater Toronto Area and chairs of the Regions in this area as well as the mayor of Hamilton, who has a specific interest in transportation issues, met to discuss a number of issues of common focus.

In a follow-up from our first meeting, we were advised that the Red Light camera and photo radar issue was still under review by the Province.

We also received a letter from the Premier of Ontario who indicated to us commitments on dedicating two cents of the existing gas tax to municipalities for public transit as well as increasing the provincial share of public health costs from 50 per cent to 75 per cent by 2007.

The Province is also reviewing the Municipal Act with the goal of ensuring that municipalities have greater autonomy and flexibility to meet our needs.

The Province has also committed to consult with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on legislation and regulations that affect municipalities.

We then heard an interesting presentation from the staff of the Region of Halton and the City of Toronto on the '311' phone service being petitioned by a number of municipalities across Canada for implementation.

This is a service to all residents to enable anyone to dial 311 for any municipal information that they need.

This concept is working in places like New York City and Chicago but it requires an extensive amount of telephone switching work and one of the issues is who will pay for this work.

It also requires a reorganization of how municipalities currently disseminate their information into a process that enables this system to function.

The use of cell phones also has to be understood in this process, for as it was realized during the 9/11 disaster, Canadians in New York who dialed 911 during this time reached Canadian emergency operators from where their phone systems were based and not New York emergency operators.

After this presentation, the mayors and chairs discussed a number of current issues including the impact of the recent Federal Election to which we were unanimous in encouraging the Federal Government to live up to the commitments of their "New Deal" which was an integral part of their campaign platform.

This included a five cents per gallon fuel tax share for infrastructure.

The mayors and chairs did not get into any debate on where these funds would go and how they would be distributed as it is anticipated there will be considerable debate on this issue of which there will not be unanimous agreement.

We also touched on the Provincial budget and their gas tax commitment as already mentioned.

We discussed the need for consultation on Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council, a Council that is striving for a voice on the management and policy on immigration and the need for businesses in the GTA to be able to recognize the

qualifications of immigrants and being able to hire them on their qualifications.

Finally the group discussed future meetings.

The next one will be held in York Region in September.

Each municipality was asked to contribute \$500 to enable the part-time services of an administrative staff support person to prepare notifications, agendas, minutes, and arrange meeting logistics. Other required meeting expenses would be covered as well.

It is anticipated that there would be six meetings per year.

In other business, the mayor of Oshawa asked that we discuss the creation for a GTA wide Anti-Littering strategy, in that many of us have already launched

anti-littering initiatives of our own.

Meetings such as these are tremendously beneficial in coordinating municipal efforts and initiatives that otherwise might go nowhere.

They are also very effective in getting the ear of both the Province and the Federal government.

We are asking that representatives of both the Province and the Federal GTA caucus sit with us in the future.

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



## Catch the caffeine excitement

There is a reason why Aurora has so many donut shops: Coffee.

Somewhere around 600 A.D., an Ethiopian goat herder noticed that his goats got excited after eating coffee berries.

You can see why someone came up with the idea of testing it on humans, huh?

The results were exciting enough to interfere with a churchgoer's ability to sit through Sunday Mass, so in Rome, coffee got a reputation as "devil's brew".

But all that changed when Pope Clement VIII asked for a cup of coffee.

He immediately blessed the coffee, rescuing caffeine craving Catholics from eternal damnation.

Given that coffee is cheap, widely available and legal, it's not surprising that 3,300 cups of coffee are consumed worldwide - each second! That makes coffee one of the world's largest industries - second only to oil.

But, please don't tell George Bush, or coffee-makers might make his list of weapons of mass destruction.

That would be tragic, because there is nothing like the aroma of fresh brewed coffee. Unfortunately, the fumes are harmless.

To catch the excitement, you have to do more than inhale.

Drinking one cup is...a good start, but consuming it in large quantities gives you superpowers.

You can put the car on the top shelf of the garage, dig your own well, and stay awake in the shower.

Some of us think superpowers are a good thing. Judging by the line-ups at every drive-thru in Aurora, make that most of us. We get as many as 45 hours extra sleep per year waiting in line for a fix.

Sure, there are people in Aurora who don't find it useful to be able to jump-start their cars with their teeth.

People like my mother, who drink concoctions like alfalfa tea, wheat grass juice and tofu puree.

In fact, my mother is the only person I know who buys a

fresh cup of coffee so that she can sniff it.

The rest of us cannot bring coffee that close to our lips without hearing voices.

We know what it's like to be so driven that we crunch spoonfuls of instant coffee on the way to the drive-thru.

That's how we manage to multi-task the laptop, the cell phone and the make-up bag, and still be first out of the box when the light turns green.

We don't sweat the small stuff, and we don't sweat the big stuff. We percolate our way through all of it.

We think sleep is a symptom of caffeine deprivation.

We own coffee mugs that should come with wheels, and bedside coffee makers with built-in alarm clocks...for the coffee.

They don't scream, buzz or play music, but they make waking up...possible.

We like walking as if we have a built-in pogo stick.

How can you get to work on time if you can't leap tall buildings in a single bound?

That's why the word "decaffeinated" strikes terror in the hearts of coffee lovers.

My mother-in-law speaks with a Croatian accent, so when she says "decaffeinated" it sounds like "de-coffee-nated". I think she's the only one who says it right.

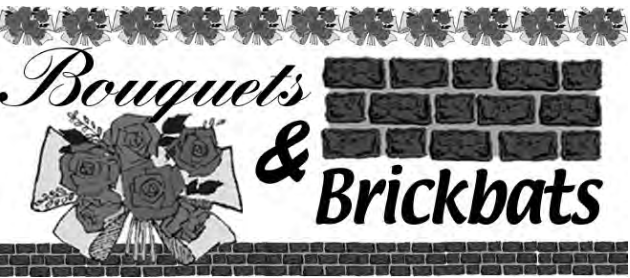
My mother-in-law makes the most "exciting" Turkish Coffee in the world.

For those who aren't familiar with Turkish Coffee, think Double Espresso laced with amphetamines. They banned it from the Olympics.

Apparently, the high-jumpers were landing in the wrong country, the skiers were breaking records going uphill, and the figure skaters were still spinning during the closing ceremonies.

They don't sell Turkish Coffee at any of the coffee shops in Aurora. Pity.

Cathy welcomes e-mail at:  
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By DICK ILLINGWORTH

**BOUQUETS** to the owners of the Aurora Shopping Centre at Yonge and Murray Drive for proudly flying a large number of bright new Canadian flags from the rooftop of the many stores in the centre. It's a colourful sight and shows their faith in Canada.

**BRICKBATS** to the history writer for another local newspaper who wrote about the Red House and stated the historic home remains a private residence, when it has been an upscale restaurant, the Oakland Hall Inn, for the past several months.

**BOUQUETS** to the 1974 town council who appointed a citizens' committee to investigate the feasibility of operating a community lottery to raise much needed funds for increased recreational facilities in Aurora. Maybe it's time to try it again!

**BRICKBATS** to those at the Town Hall for failing to realize the poor condition of the Vandorf Sideroad, especially with all the current growth in the area and increased traffic. Reconstruction is planned for 2005 if council approves the capital budget, so get after them.

**BOUQUETS** to Richard Galata on having a perfect cribbage hand in a game at the Aurora Seniors' Centre recently. The perfect hand, 29 points, is when you have a Jack and three fives and the top deck card is the fourth five which matches the Jack.

**BRICKBATS** to those at Queen's Park for allowing the Norm Gardner fiasco on the Toronto Police Services Board to continue, as it could be months before it's settled. In the meantime, the board has become completely dysfunctional resulting in the decision not to renew Police Chief Julian Fantino's contract on a 3-3 vote.

**BOUQUETS** to the Under 12 Aurora Stingers Soccer Team, or the Boys of 92, on their 16-day trip to England, that will take them to the grassroots of soccer. The trip has been in the planning stages for almost two years and will include many exhibition games and traditional sightseeing.

**BRICKBATS** to those at Town Hall for trying to squeeze a month's work into a single council meeting. For July and August council cancelled general committee meetings and scheduled only one council meeting, which lasted almost five hours and some items of business received little attention.

**BOUQUETS** to Aurora's John Wilson for participating in a 450-mile bicycle trek from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh in August to raise awareness of the value of trees and raise funds for tree research and education. He is riding to raise funds for the Canadian TREE (Tree Research and Education Endowment) Fund.

**BRICKBATS** to a justice system that allows a 6-foot-5, 270-pound person who had been convicted more than 60 times for crimes including rape, arson, forcible confinement and assault to be returned to society without our justice officials even asking for a dangerous offender hearing. He's back in jail for threatening to kill a reporter.

**BOUQUETS** to 18-year-old Aurora resident and Cardinal Carter Catholic High School graduate Catherine Maroszeky on being named the school's top female senior athlete in soccer and other sports and winning a scholarship to Kent State University in Ohio.

Letters to the Editor

# Enough Wal-Mart's in the area: reader

To the editor,

There is a Wal-Mart in Newmarket and one in Richmond Hill.

Do we really need one in Aurora?

Over a two-week period I dropped into 100 businesses leaving copies of a developer's application for rezoning at Highway 404 and Wellington.

This proposal calls for a mall with a retail store

(Wal-Mart) plus two other large (boxes) buildings, not identified, and a 10-screen theatre.

Comments from the people I met varied from anger and disbelief to extreme frustration with the town planning.

High density, rapid development and water rationing were some of the complaints.

Two people told me they were planning to

leave Aurora as they felt it was no longer the pretty, quiet town that had attracted them in the first place.

This past year, an applicant who wanted to build 28 single residences across from Magna was turned down. Why? Because the town wanted higher density in that area.

The subject lands at 404 and Wellington are designated "Business

Park" by Official Plan Amendment #30.

A large shopping mall is not what was intended in the official plan.

By adhering to the original designation the town would have the benefit of increased revenues and the creation of new jobs without killing main street, Aurora.

Betty Reid  
Aurora

## Reader wonders why we don't seem to care

To the editor,

Re: Wal-Mart coming to town? (Auroran, July 6)

Is it really possible that Aurora residents and busi-

ness owners just don't care, except for Mike Evans?

Seems strange to me this apparent lack of interest in strengthening consumer interest in Canadian-owned retailers of exclusively

Canadian-made goods and services - the most direct providers of government revenue.

That is if any such retailer can be found today.

Rather fitting the photo-

graph on Page 4 of a factory and many employees of the now defunct T. Sisman Shoe Company Limited.

But this is more than just a local problem.

It appears to have its roots in one of the following or a combination of all three: absence of competitive spirit; couldn't care less attitude; over-reliance on government.

Come on, Canadians. Wake up. Your present jobs may be next to go.

Ontarians especially.

## Kean takes exception to letter

To the editor,

I was highly amused when I read Mr. Brown's letter to The Auroran last week.

Mr. Brown seems to have me confused with current councillors who have streets named after them or perhaps those councillors who were defeated in the last election who also had streets named after them.

During the last term of council I chaired the Leisure Services Committee and managed to pass new guidelines for future street namings.

We, as a committee, decided that a councillor could only have a street named for him or her after serving on council for two terms.

During the debate I

informed everyone that if a street was ever going to be named after me please go to the Legion and look at the Veterans List and select, instead, the name of a person who fought and perhaps died to give us our freedom that we cherish today.

I also stated that there are many volunteers who have done so much for Aurora without asking for anything in return.

I have always maintained that councillors are paid for what they do and should not be self-gratifying by voting to name a street after themselves.

I am not sure of Mr. Brown's reasons for his letter as I have never considered myself as a self-glorifying councillor.

Perhaps he should check

his facts before writing such a meaningless letter of totally inaccurate facts.

Perhaps he could check the past term of council and it will back up my statements.

Nigel Kean  
Aurora

W. John Trusler  
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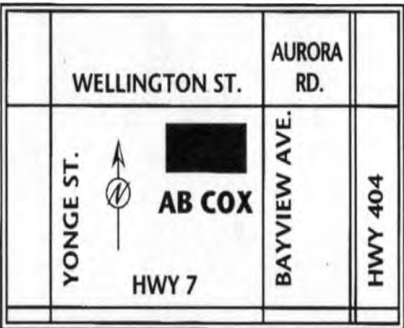
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Aurorans were beginning to think they had been mysteriously transferred to Peterborough Sunday when a brief, but violent, cloudburst rolled through Aurora and district. And as usual, the intersection of Wellington Street East and Industrial Parkway North became the new town swimming pool, albeit briefly. Drainage facilities at that corner simply cannot keep up with heavy rains and motorists don their water wings to get through the intersection. This driver was taking no chances as he churned up gallons of water heading up down Industrial Parkway. Peterborough, by the way, is still drying out from a deluge of rain a week ago that flooded much of the city.

Auroran photo by Rob Schuetze

## Letters to the Editor

# Meeting: "bombast, bluff and bluster"

To the editor,

If I had orchestrated last week's council meeting about the proposed hydro lines to prove the point I made on Betty Pedersen's Aurora Cable Internet talk show, I could not have done a more perfect job.

Delegations galore, a crowd determined to hear only what they wanted to hear...shouting, jeering, thunderous applause for every speaker, a carefully crafted staff recommendation set aside and another written on the run by a councillor...full of bombast, bluff and bluster.

It's unlikely to persuade anyone of the merits of the cause and one clause is completely and absolutely corrosive to the interests of the homeowners whose properties abut the hydro corridor.

Well, that's what they wanted and that's what they got.

But as a person elected to give support where needed and for best effect, I have no confidence the interests of people in the Bayview-Wellington neighborhood have been served. With a few small differences, the events of last Tuesday were a repeat of other performances.

On October 23rd, in the middle of an election campaign, a carefully crafted recommendation came to council to deal with a com-

plex problem created by a provincial edict on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Two opinions had been requested from outside legal consultants, at considerable expense, to guide the municipality through the complicated legalities.

It was recommended that "to save the town harmless." the matter be discussed in camera. That is not what happened.

The usual cast of characters were rallied to come to council as delegations. Ben Kestey, Al Wilson, Phyllis Morris, Homer Farsad and his son and others made passionate pleas for pure...the protection of the Moraine as opposed to the legal rights of property owners within the area.

Staff recommendations, legal opinions, common sense...all were swept aside...another resolution was written on the run and passed...supported by everyone except the mayor and Councillor John West.

Subsequently, the town has incurred legal bills of \$100,000, home owners wishing to build such items as decks and sheds and pools in their yards were required to make applications to the committee of adjustment, pay an excessive fee for a hearing...wait weeks for appointments and generally have rights which were theirs until that resolution passed just sim-

ply removed.

It was not the administration of the Town of Aurora that did that. It was the council.

In the election, two weeks later, Councillor George Timpson, featured in the media as a flip-flop artist, was defeated.

Homer Farsad who spewed spite throughout his bid for the mayor's chair, won thousands of votes...John West slid halfway down the ladder and the most vocal champions of "protection of the

moraine" won the highest vote.

The corrosive effects of this level of political calculation and manipulation continues.

Last week Larry Allison our Chief Administrative Officer submitted his resignation.

There can be no professional satisfaction in trying to steer a ship which is being repeatedly detonated from within.

**Evelyn Buck**  
Aurora

## Coverage impresses

To the editor,

The little paper that grew!

Please let me express my belated acknowledgment to the fine job of news reporting by The Auroran, who I am sure worked especially hard to produce a June 29th edition.

The reporting of the federal election results of our riding must have been a real challenge.

Watching and waiting for the results to come in was not only a 'nail biter' but the making of a bit of history for Aurora.

The national press had us in the spotlight, but our local media was not to be outdone, the coverage was

professional and first class and accurate.

While the results were not official until nearly Monday midnight, The Auroran's Tuesday edition front page hit the streets showing Belinda Stronach celebrating a well deserved victory.

My congratulations to Belinda Stronach, 'an Auroran', who will most certainly represent our new riding with passion, tenacity and conviction.

My congratulations to Ron Wallace and the staff at The Auroran; look out Toronto Star (but please don't ever make it as thick), the little paper isn't so little!

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# Sunrise finally opens model suites

The former Aurora Highlands Golf Clubhouse on Yonge Street and Golf Links Drive, once the social centre of Aurora, has long gone, and in its place a four-storey, 78-unit retirement home has risen.

Officials held a small ceremony last week opening several model suites for viewing.

But the existence of the building - a grandiose structure facing Yonge Street - did not come easily.

The retirement home has undergone an extensive and controversial approval process, including approvals

from the Ontario Municipal Board.

In November, 1997, ClubLink Corporation purchased the golf club property consisting of the clubhouse and two 18-hole courses at an auction sale for \$6.95 million, as the former club was in receivership.

In spite of considerable opposition, and an offer to sell the facility to the town for \$4.8 million, which the town rejected, the clubhouse was demolished in September, 1998.

A public meeting was held April 21, 1998, by

ClubLink to display plans for the reconstruction of the east course...the original Highlands.

After a long meeting in April, 1998, council referred the proposed reconstruction agreement to May 6 for further consultation.

The delay resulted in ClubLink officials announcing that reconstruction plans for the golf course had been abandoned and it would operate as a public course.

ClubLink submitted plans to build a seven-storey, 195-unit condominium and a fast food restaurant on the site of the clubhouse.

Council members expressed concern about the piecemeal planning of the area and potential traffic problems if the proposed development was allowed to proceed.

In February, 2001, ClubLink submitted a revised proposal for a seven-storey, 184-unit retirement home with the top two storeys to be terraced.

In addition a new golf clubhouse was planned for the western part of the ground floor.

A public planning meeting was held in October,

2001, to consider the revised proposal.

Neighbours expressed concerns about density, traffic problems, property devaluation of adjacent homes, buffering, loss of privacy and lack of parking facilities.

Staff was directed to work with the applicant and the residents to resolve the differences and report back to council, but staff was unable to contact the applicant and since a decision wasn't made within the 90-day limit, the applicant appealed directly to the Ontario Municipal Board.

An OMB pre-hearing conference, scheduled for April, 2002, was postponed until July as ClubLink submitted a revised application to the town.

The new application was for a four-storey, 78-unit retirement home to be operated by Sunrise Assisted

Living, a well-established operator of retirement homes.

It was proposed that the retirement home property should become a separate parcel, with the golf clubhouse a separate building.

A public information session was held May 29, 2002, and the proposal was well received by residents.

Council agreed to support the proposal at the September, 2002, OMB hearing, providing the board order be withheld until an agreeable site plan had been signed. The board ruled accordingly.

The final hurdle was cleared and last week's small ceremony marked the end of the controversy and the beginning of a new seniors' facility in Aurora.

Official opening of the structure is expected in October.



Sunrise of Aurora officials Sarah Lidstone, Director of Sales & Marketing, and Heather Eaton, Executive Director, protect themselves from the summer heat as they announce the opening of the Home's model suites, while a patient Aurora Mayor Tim Jones awaits with his scissors to perform the usual ribbon cutting. The 78-unit building for senior citizens is located on Golf Links Drive, just west of Yonge Street.

*Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

## Where it all started...

With the opening of the new Sunrise seniors' residence imminent, Aurora is well served with accommodation for that august group of citizens.

But the town wasn't always as well blessed.

In November, 1969, realizing the lack of such facilities, the Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) issued a proposal call for some senior citizen housing in Aurora.

The proposal called for 22 apartment units and 10 family units. It was to be the first of such units to be built in the municipality.

Aurora Council suggested it be built on the former works department site on Wellington Street West, where the York Region District School Board Education Centre is currently located.

Another possibility for the project came from a proposal by Islandia Development, as part of a residential subdivision for lands located south of

Regency Acres.

At the time, Reeve Evelyn Buck reported to council that if the plan was approved, it would pave the way for the OHC project, clear up the land, which had been the source of many citizen complaints, provide additional parkland and increase assessment.

Council approved the proposal in principle, subject to a formal subdivision proposal.

Finally in late November, 1969, after months of negotiations OHC issued a proposal call. It invited landowners and contractors to submit proposals on land held or optioned to OHC for consideration.

The closing date for the proposal call was December 18, 1969, and Wimpey Construction was the successful bidder for a site on Orchard Heights Boulevard at the north end of Machell Park.

Aurora's first senior citizens housing units, built under a tri-level plan of gov-

ernment assistance, was formally opened June 20, 1971, by Lieutenant Governor Ross Macdonald with representatives of the three levels of government in attendance.

MP John Roberts, MPP Bill Hodgson and Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth brought greetings from their respective levels of government.

The Rev. Fred Hall of Trinity Anglican Church and Father M. R. Lynett of Our Lady of Grace Church dedicated the building. Following the ceremony and traditional ribbon cutting, there was a tour of the building and a reception at the Aurora Highlands Golf Club, ironically the site of the latest seniors' development in Aurora.

While there had been problems trying to obtain a sufficient number of applications from seniors to warrant the construction of the 22-unit facility, once it was opened and seniors saw the facilities available,

applications poured in, resulting in another proposal call.

Once again Wimpey Construction was successful and in late 1971, OHC approved an application to build a six-storey, 60-unit senior citizens' rental unit.

It was to be built on Orchard Heights Boulevard and connected to the original 22-unit facility.

Nearby residents objected to the six-storey building as a high-rise. Objections were also raised about the utilitarian design of the building, but under strict OHC guidelines and financing, there was little leeway.

Finally the building was approved and constructed and over the years many Aurora senior citizens enjoyed the facilities, the convenience of the St. Andrew's Shopping Centre across the street and delightful park setting.

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Week of July 20, 2004



To say you could feel the excitement in the air would be an understatement for this group of youngsters as they prepared to leave for England Friday. The Under 12 Aurora Stingers will spend 16 days overseas playing a variety of exhibition soccer games and tournaments. The guy at the rear in the middle tried to sneak on the bus, but failed.

*Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

## Diggers tighten grip on 1st place

In North York Women's league play this week the Aurora Novice Senior Diggers added two more wins to their first place standing.

Tuesday the team travelled to Cobourg where they won 9-3.

Jamie Doige led the Aurora bats going three for

four and crossing the plate for two runs.

Chelsae Lumley went two for four and contributed one run to the winning effort.

Defensively Amanda Piron as catcher pegged out two runners attempting steals at second base and had three outs on pop flies

to the catcher.

The winning pitcher for Aurora was Lumley who went seven innings, faced 28 batters, had nine strikeouts, gave up five walks and allowed four hits.

A night later in Aurora Diggers met Oshawa and gave the visitors two leads

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Stingers U11B



Stingers U10B

# Aurora shines at tournament

The Aurora Youth Soccer Club has done it again.

Over a two-day period recently, Aurora hosted more than 30 soccer teams from across the province in the annual Can-Am Tournament.

And the hosts didn't do badly on the field either.

In all seven divisions, Aurora placed a team in the finals.

When the dust had settled, Aurora had captured five championship trophies and two finalist cups.

Here's how it finished:

Under 9 Boys: Aurora defeated Darlington on penalty shots.

Under 9 Girls - Ajax United defeated Aurora in the second overtime period.

Under 10 Boys - Aurora defeated Brampton 3-0.

Under 11 Boys - Aurora defeated York United Rangers.

Under 11 Girls - Brams

United defeated Aurora on penalty shots.

Under 13 Boys - Aurora defeated Bolton 2-1.

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## Diggers tighten grip

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before beginning their comeback in the fifth inning.

Oshawa led off with two runs and in the bottom of the first Aurora countered with a pair of its own, then Oshawa took an early lead in the second inning by scoring three more runs.

It wasn't until the bottom of the fifth inning that Aurora came back and scored five runs.

It was started with a hit from Larisa Weissberger and the next four batters all came up with hits to drive each other in.

Alyson Murphy and Jenn Kates led the Aurora bats with three hits each while Weissberger and Kaylee McDonald contributed two each.

Defensively McDonald pitched the win and after the second inning she shut down the Oshawa batters.

She faced 31 batters over seven innings, had 14 strikeouts, gave up two walks and allowed seven hits.

Jenn Kates at second base had three put outs and strong catching by Jessica Murray kept the Oshawa runners from scoring.

The Aurora Novice Diggers are hosting the Provincial Playdowns this weekend.

Aurora's first game is slated for Fleury Park at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

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## RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

If it happens today, it is not well publicized, but back in July, 1978, the illegal use of alcohol in the parks and other public places was a major problem for police, resulting in a major offensive against offenders.

Then Police Chief Bruce Crawford told the regional police commission that 122 liquor-related charges had been laid during the first five days of the campaign.

During a rock concert on June 23rd at the Aurora Community Centre, 11 people were charged with liquor-related offences.

The charges included drinking under age, drinking in a place other than a residence and having an open bottle of liquor in a car.

The chief said that at many functions, young people leave the event in the building to go out to their cars to get liquored up and then go back into the building and he vowed that the crackdown would continue in an effort to curb the illegal activities.

### BARGAINS GALORE

In April, 1987, the Aurora Rotary Club held its second annual auction at the Aurora Armouries, with hopes of raising \$12,000 to \$13,000 for community service projects.

The club raised \$9,000 at its first auction the year before.

Articles up for grabs included a 1983 Dodge Aries station wagon, furniture, a Tandy computer, gas barbecue, horse riding lessons, a radio and toys with auctioneer Pat Bruder volunteering his services.

### PRINCE, LADY DI INVITED TO AURORA

It was in August, 1991, when Aurora Council endorsed a recommendation by Mayor John West to extend an invitation to the Prince and Princess of Wales to officiate at the opening ceremonies of the new Town Hall during their visit to Ontario in late October.

The Royal Couple planned to visit Toronto, Kingston and Sudbury during their three-day visit to Ontario and West was hopeful they could squeeze the visit into their schedule.

Prince Charles and Lady Di made it to Ontario but not to Aurora.

### MOSS LAWSON

In February, 1992, Peter Taylor opened a branch of Moss Lawson and Company on Yonge Street in the building now occupied by the Housing Registry Office.

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### SPEED LIMITS OF THE PAST

At almost every council meeting there is a resident or a delegation requesting lower speeds on residential streets and more and more stop signs and speed humps to slow down the speeders, plus more police enforcement.

In May, 1903, speeds at which automobiles were allowed to travel on city streets caused a hot debate in the Municipal Committee of the Ontario Legislature.

It was proposed that the speed limit for automobiles be set at 10 miles an hour in cities, towns and villages and 15 miles an hour in the country.

Some members of the committee argued for a speed limit of six miles per hour, but others argued you might just as well ban automobiles.

As a compromise they settled on seven miles an hour in the cities, towns and villages.

By 1904 the speed limit was 10 mph and there were complaints about speeding motorists, even though it was pointed out any respectable horse could pass the auto.

By April, 1919, another bitter battle was fought in the Legislature with the motorists winning a victory by increasing the speed limit to 20 in cities, towns and villages and 25 in the country.

But as a concession to the anti-speed faction, the speed limit on curves and city corners was restricted to 10 miles per hour.

# Hydro issue riles residents

## From page 1

ing the public meetings - lack of adequate communication from Hydro One and the town, health hazards due to electric and magnetic fields (EMF) and loss of property values due to the proposed replacement of transmission lines.

Jenny Cooper of the Aurora branch of STOP (Stop Transmission Lines Over People) said the branch now had 1,400 registered members. She expressed concerns that Hydro One officials did not share the same concern about the potential risks of EMF as the residents.

She said she was appalled at the way the issue had been handled as it was necessary for citizens to take action as there appeared to be complete indifference on the part of council.

She added that she did not believe Hydro One was searching for alternatives but were merely going through the motions and she asked council to adopt a strong opposition like Markham, the region and school board and to appoint a representative to the Markham Task Force.

Bonnie Kraft said she had serious concerns about the transmission line and was glad council was taking the issue seriously, but the town's prepared resolution did not address the citizens' concerns with regard to EMF and property values and she asked that it be strengthened.

Sue Fusco, spokesperson for the Markham STOP group, criticized council for the five-minute time limit which would restrict her ability to speak and the requirement to provide new information.

She said Hydro One had given notice in March but there had been no information provided by council and it was necessary for the citizens to take action.

She repeated much of the same information provided at the two earlier meetings regarding health hazards and property values. When she was advised that her five minutes had elapsed and to conclude, she insisted she

had a right to speak and continued to the delight of the crowd.

It was at that point Jones stood up and called a recess until order had been restored. He once again pointed out that a town bylaw limited speakers to five minutes and that only council could waive those provisions.

Fusco started to direct questions to the audience but this was rejected by Jones telling her to confine her remarks to members of council. She got around his ruling by asking the audience to stand in support of the STOP position.

At that point Councillor Morris joined Fusco at the podium to show illustrations of the Hydro One proposal but council refused to give her permission to speak as a delegate and she returned to her seat.

The next delegate was Josie Toporoski who claimed that before purchasing her home 10 years ago she had phoned the town and had been told the towers were to be removed and the lines buried to make way for a trail system.

She added that several of her neighbours had been told the same thing or none of them would have purchased their homes.

In an attempt to find out which department had pro-

vided the information, Councillor Nigel Kean asked the speaker if she knew and she replied she assumed the switchboard had transferred her call to the appropriate department.

Councillors John West and Ron Wallace introduced the motion and Wallace failed to get an immediate vote when he attempted to "call the question".

Councillor Morris said the resolution should be stronger and follow the Markham position, and suggested several amendments.

Councillor Evelyn Buck objected claiming members of council had the opportunity to review the original resolution but had no opportunity to read proposed amendments.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said the citizens had done themselves a great disservice in attacking council members the way they had, as council had listened to them, and the citizens had prejudged them.

He added council had said it would do everything it could, not because of the comments, but because council cared.

He was supported by Councillor West who said that in his 25 years on council, this was the worst

meeting he had ever attended.

A revised resolution was reviewed item by item and endorsed by council members with the exception of Councillor Evelyn Buck.

Buck said the resolution was more sound than substance, as Hydro One was a government agency and the resolution would have no effect on their action.

The adopted resolution was to advise Hydro One that Aurora council adamantly opposed the current proposals to upgrade the electric power supply to York Region, and that in evaluating all alternatives, Hydro One ensure no increased EMF risks are imposed upon any existing or future residents of Aurora.

Earlier in the day, Hydro One spokesman Gary Schneider told The Auroran if the proposed line (230 KV) was not constructed in the existing corridor, the line already there would stay there.

"Corridors are too hard to obtain," he said, answering a question of whether Hydro One would sell the land to developers. "We might sell it, but it's more likely we'd leave that line (115 KV) there."

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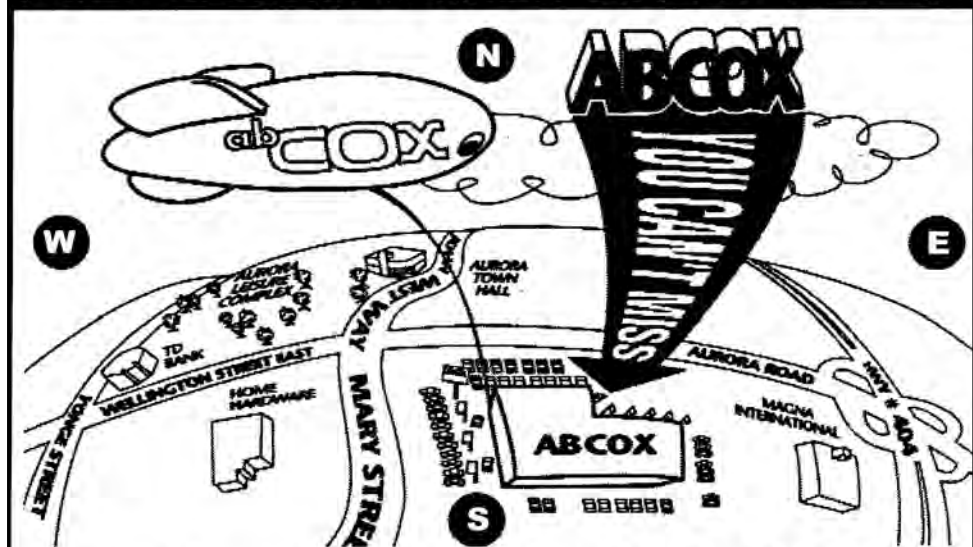
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## Scores and Standings

### HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

#### U8B M/W- TBA

**U8B T/TH- JULY 1- Sage** 6 (M. Cawfield 1, S. Green 2, M. Walker 2) vs **Forest** 2 (T. Abushinov 1, C. Gelev 1); **Teal** 6 (A. King 2, C. Roopnaringsingh 1, N. Hossack 1, G. Robinson 2) vs **Lime** 1 (K. Locke 1); **Silver** 2 (A. Cicchino 1, J. Bell 1) vs **Sky-** Barb Blaser-Remax York 1 (K. Siery);  
**JULY 8- Silver** 3 (A. Cicchino 1. L. Duffy 1, C. Richard 1) vs **Teal** 4 (G. Robinson 4); **Lime** 5 (K. Locke 2, A. Haines 1) vs **Forest** 6 ( J. Nanos 4, C. Gelev 1, J. Stel 1); **Sage** 1 (M. Walker 1) vs **Sky-** Barb Blaser- Remax York 0;  
**JULY 10-Newmarket Tournament- Aurora Stingers** 0 vs **North Mississauga Panthers** 4; **Aurora Stingers** 4 vs **Markham All Stars** 0; **Aurora Stingers** 1 vs **Toronto Eagles** 0; **Semi Finals- Aurora Stingers** 1 vs **Newmarket All Stars** 2; **Aurora Stingers** 0 vs **Moordale Lightening** 1;  
**U8G M/W- JULY 5- Red-** Laurion & Assoc. 1 (E. Bourne 1) vs **Royal** 2 (D. Skolud 1, C. Walker 1); **Kelly** 5 (E. Moseley 1, C. Frankel 1, M. Mincella 2, E. Baghel 1) vs **Gold** 0;  
**U8G T/TH- JULY 8- Navy-** Gringer Iskov Lerner 2 (S. Goodale 2) vs **Forest** 3 (K. Bletcher 2, S. Powell 1); **Sky** 3 (J. Gratmans 2, C. Danziger 1) vs **Yellow-** Rotary Club of Aurora 2 (J. Reyes 1, A. Roach 1);  
**JULY 12- Kelly-** Aurora Shopping Centre 2 (S. Blom 1, E. Baghel 1) vs **Royal** 2 (C. Walker 1, T. Miller 1); **Red** 2 (A. Racanelli 1, J. Farquharson 1) vs **Gold** 2 (E. Rife 2);  
**U9B M/W-JUNE 30- Champagne** 3 (B. Hankins 2, T. Stephens 1) vs **White-** Dr. Steiner's Drillers 3; **Kelly** 4 (S. Fanone 4) vs **Red-** CPC Healthcare 0; **Gold** 2 (Z. Ferry 2) vs **Royal-** Highland Chev Cadillac 2 (K. McIntosh 1, J. Todd 1);  
**U9B T/TH- TBA**  
**U9G M/W- JUNE 30- Gold** 4 (N. Armstrong 1, D. Tonelli 1, E. Topping 1, K. Black 1) vs **Royal** 3 (H. Burke 1, C. Debney 1, K. McMullen 1); **Red-** Priestly Demolition 4 (K. Kiraly 1, J. McNamee 2, A. Alberton 1) vs **Kelly** 1 (A. Iaboni 1); **Champagne** 1 (A. Akiki 1) vs **White-** Wallsavers 2 (L. Hunter 2);  
**U9G T/TH- JULY 6- Navy** 0 vs **Yellow-** Micronex Inc. 5 (K. Dagher 2, L. Downey 1, M. Issaris 1, R. Dias 1); **Orange** 1 (M. Kissack 1) vs **Sky-** Omar Shoes 2 (C. McKinley 2); **Yellow-** Mirconex Inc. 3 (M. Issaris 2, K. Miranda 1) vs **Sky-** Omar Shoes 2 (C. McKinley 1, E. Thomson 1);  
**JULY 13- Navy** 3 (J. Martin 1, S. Leroy 1, C. Coleman 1) vs **Orange** 2 (N. Staniewski 1, E. Scalise 1);  
**U10B- JUNE 7- White** 4 vs **Teal** 1; **Yellow** 6 (W. Tang 1, S. Granasky 2, M. Wood, D. Rei 2) vs **Kelly** 2 (Z. Seto 1, J. White 1); **Red- Aurora Shopping Centre** 6 (M. Munding 4, V. Duggan 1, J.P Hudon 1) vs **Gold** 2 (L. Driedger 2); **Forest** 3 (K. Cook 1, K. Lukesic 1, F. Vallecarsa 1) vs **Royal** 2 (P. Hilki 1, D. Germinario 1); **Sky** 6 (A. Cackirovski 3, R. Goessi 2, B. Abdel-Qader 1) vs **Champagne** 3 (J. Klinowski 1, B. Wilson 1, D. Peddigrew 1);  
**JUNE 28- Red-** Aurora Shopping Centre 5 (J.P Hudon 3, M. Munding 2) vs **Royal** 0; **Yellow** 4 (S. Grabovsky 2, A. Buchanan 1, L. Niblock 1) vs **Champagne** 2 (B. Wilson 1, A. Woodward 1); **White** 2 (N. Heintzman 1,T. Thiessen 1) vs **Forest** 0; **Gold** 5 (L. Driedger 3, D. Moriarity 1, D. Dilena 1) vs **Teal** 3 (J. Schweinberger 1, M. Tenuta 2); **Sky** 3 (M. Smith 1, D. Farrar 1, B. Abdel-Qader 1) vs **Kelly** 7 (C. Bamford 1, Z. Seto 1, J. White 4, E. Jones 1);  
**JULY 5- Sky** 4 (R. Goessi 3, A. Phipps 1) vs **Teal** 4 (D. Knaack 1, Mark Tenuta 2, E. Cristillo 1); **Yellow** 6 (S. Grabovsky 2, J. Imeno-Brand 1, J. VanRooyen 2, D. Reil 1) vs **Gold** 4 (L. Driedger 1, I. Frankel 1, D. Dilena 1, E. Foxwell 1); **Forest** 6 (M. Munding 2, J.P Hudon 1, T. Kerr 3) vs **Champagne** 2 (D. Lashbrook 2); **White** 8 (J. Bentolila 1, C. Rundle Sanderson 1, T. Butler 1, K. McConachie 1, B. Puskar 1, N. Heintzman 1, A. Papousek 1) vs **Purple** 0;

U10B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	5	0	0	15
Forest	4	1	0	12
Yellow	4	1	0	12
Red	3	2	0	9
Sky	1	2	2	5
Champagne	1	3	1	4
Teal	1	3	1	4
Gold	1	3	1	4
Kelly	1	3	1	4
Royal	0	3	2	2

**U10G-JUNE 29- Purple-** Dr, Mark Weeden 1 (L. Scott 1) vs **Red** 1 (G. McIraith 1) ; **Gold** 6 (J. Goldman 1, B. Cardelli 4, E. Manassis 1) vs **White** 4 (S. Kanen 1, H. Manson 1, C. Weatherhead 1, O. Pink 1); **Navy-** Dr. Weaver's Drillers 3 (D. Stewart 1, C. Macleod 1, S. Duncan 1) vs **Gold** 1 (B. Cardelli 1); **Royal** 3 (L. Vandervecht 2, N. Kovacs 1) vs **Orange** 2 (E. Harper 2); **Navy-** Dr. Weaver's Drillers 2 (C. Macleod 1, D. Sottile 1) vs **Silver** 1 (S. Seaward 1);  
**JUNE 6- Kelly** 0 vs **Orange** 0; **Navy-** Dr. Weaver's Drillers 5 (L. St. Germain 1, N. Weaver 1, S. Duncan 3) vs **White** 4 (M. Dias 1, S. Karen 2, A. Compillo 1); **Purple-** Dr. Mark Weeden 6 (R. Boettcher 3, L. Hayhow 1, V. Kuncans 1, C. DiCapo 1) vs **Gold** 2 (B. Cardelli 1, E. Zator 1); **Champagne** 4 (R. Knetch 3, S. Bilotta 1) vs **Red** 0; **Royal** 3 (N. Grande 3) vs **Silver** 0;

U10G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	5	0	1	16
Red	4	0	3	15
Champagne	3	2	2	11
Royal	3	2	1	10
White	3	4	0	9
Gold	3	4	0	9
Purple	2	3	2	8
Orange	2	3	2	8
Kelly	2	4	1	7
Silver	1	6	0	3

U11B -TBA U11B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	5	0	1	16
Gold	4	1	1	13
Kelly	3	1	2	11
Royal	2	4	0	6
Forest	1	5	0	3
Red	1	5	0	3

**U11G -JUNE 30- Forest** 4 (M. Hulbert 1, J. Arnew 3) vs **Red-** Magna International 1 (C. Layton 1); **Orange** 4 (A. Doucher 1, D. Gottschald 1, A. Gaudio 2) vs **Kelly-** BMPS 1 (M. Blom 1); **Champagne** 2 (V. Marshall 1, M. Spasopoulos 1) vs **Royal-** The Packaging Group 0;  
**JULY 14- Champagne** 1 (A. Green 1) vs **Orange** 0; **Kelly-**BMPS 3 (M. Blom 3) vs **Forest** 1 (S. Marshall 1); **Royal-** The Packaging Group 3 (L. Crowley 1, K. Maruno 1, C. Montgomery 1) vs **Red-** Magna International 0;

U11G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Champagne	3	1	1	10
Forest	3	2	0	9
Orange	3	2	0	9
Red	3	2	0	9
Kelly	1	3	1	4
Royal	1	4	0	3

**U12B-JUNE 21- Kelly-** Dial Tone Communications 3 (J. Sulton 1, B. Rivers 1, G. Iaboni 1) vs **Purple** 3 (G. marshall 2, M. Zawada 1); **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 2 (R. Bagshaw 1, P. DeLuca 1) vs **Orange-Wallsavers Ltd** 1 (M. Yeatman 1); **Red** 3 (J. Eggett 1, M. D'Andrea 1, G. Episcopo 1) vs **Gold** 3 (T. Coll 1, N. Fattore 1, K. Woods 1); **JUNE 28- Gold** 5 (J. Campbell 1, M. Smith 1, M. Tuck 3) vs **Purple** 6 (M. Dunlop 1, G. Marshall 2, S. Parry 3); **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 3 (A. Osmond 1, M. McGolrick 1, J. Chappel 1) vs **Kelly-** Dial Tone Communications 10 (K. Blaser 3, S. Alzamira 1, A. Heintzman 1, O. Boettcher 1, B. Rival 1, S. Van Dijk 2, G. Iaboni 1);

**JUNE 30- Purple** 3 (N. Jutha 2, M. Zawada 1) vs **Orange-** Wallsavers Ltd 4 (A. McKay 1, C. Munn 3); **Gold** 4 (N. Fattore 2, T. Sikura 1, T. Coll 1) vs **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 1 (M. McGolrick 1); **Kelly-** Dial Tone Communications 8 (B. Rivers 2, K. Blaser 5, B. Rival 1) vs **Red** 1 (G. Episcopo 1);  
**JUNE 5- Orange-** Wallsavers Ltd 1 (M. Santella 1) vs **Gold** 5 (T. Skiura 1, T. Coll 1, M. Tuck 2, N. Fattore 1); **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 2 (M. Van Bakel 1, P. DeLuca 1) vs **Kelly-** Dial Tone Communications 5 (K. Blaser 1, C. Flynn 2, A. Heintzman 1, O. Boettcher 1); **Red** 2 (M. D'Andrea 2) vs **Purple** 3 (M. Zawada 1, M. Lamanna 2);  
**JULY 12- Orange-** Wallsavers 7 (C. Munn 1, J. Lam 1, A. McKay 1, R. Bamford 3, C. Lynch 1) vs **Red** 4 (A. Colacutti 1, M. D'Andrea 3); **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 4 (P. Che 2, P. Deluca 2) vs **Purple** 2 (N. Jutha 1, G. Marshall 1); **Kelly-** Dial Tone Communications 4 (C. Flynn 1, O. Boettcher 1, B. Rivers 1, S. Van Dnk 1) vs **Gold** 2 (M. Tuck 1, S. Bailey 1);

U12B Standings				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	4	1	2	14
Gold	4	2	1	13
Royal	4	2	1	13
Orange	3	4	0	9
Purple	2	3	2	8
Red	0	5	2	2

**U12G- JULY 8- Sage** 5 (A. Coulter 5) vs **Royal-** Power Excellence Ltd. 3 (V. Blakeman 1, S. Richamond 1, J. Cammisuli 1);

U12G				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Maroon	3	1	2	11
Royal	3	2	1	10
Sage	3	2	0	9
Gold	2	0	2	8
Orange	2	1	1	7
Kelly	1	3	2	5
Champagne	1	3	0	
3Red	1	4	0	3

U13B- TBA U13B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	6	1	0	18
Royal	4	2	0	12
White	3	2	1	10
Forest	2	4	0	6
Gold	1	4	2	5
Red	1	4	1	4

**U13G-JULY 8- Red-** Kerrson Mechanical 4 (A. Kerr 1, T. Zona 2, C. Hobson 1) vs **Kelly** 2 (L. Pitts 1, C. Haywood 1); **Orange** 3 (N. Bailey 1, E. Hayzelden 1, A. Nichols 1) vs **Royal** 1 (M. Richardson 1); **Gold** 4 (S. Gamble 2, T. Allison 1, M. Staniewski 1) vs **Champagne** 2 (L. Street 1, K. Utez 1);

U13G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Gold	3	1	1	10
Orange	2	1	2	8
Kelly	2	2	1	7
Royal	1	1	3	6
Red	2	3	0	6
Champagne	1	3	1	4

**U14/15B- JUNE 28- Ginger** 5 (A. Cho 2, N. Whelan 1, J. Deacon 1, T. Nardi 1) vs **Gold** 4 (M. Kurktchi 1, J. Hansen 1, C. Horner 1, A. Munn 1); **Kelly** 6 (M. Tacchino 2, D. Kupraty 2, S. Herschorn 1, J. Bealy 1) vs **Champagne** 3 (D. Tanner 1, J. Koscimszko 1, B. Nelson 1);  
**JULY 5- Kelly** 6 (G. Pyke 1, D. Robert 1, S. Longhin 1, P. DeRoss 1, M. Dicosmo 1, J. Beally 1) vs **Red** 0; **Gold** 1 vs **Champagne** 1; **Ginger** 4 vs **Royal** 0;

U14/U15B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Ginger	6	0	0	18
Kelly	5	1	0	15
Gold	2	2	1	7
Champagne	1	4	1	4
Red	1	4	0	3
Royal	1	5	0	3

**U14G-JUNE 29- Ginger** 2 (A. Brewer 1, J. Fortune 1) vs **Red** 0; **Kelly** 0 vs **Gold** 1 (L. Kern 1); **Champagne** 4 (E. Dillon 1, E. Elliott 2, B. Montgomery 1) vs **Royal** 1 (J. Montagano 1);  
**JULY 6- Kelly** 0 vs **Ginger** 0; **Champagne** 3 (P. DiTolla 1, A. Murray 1, E. Elliott 1) vs **Red** 1 (V. Sjokin 1); **Gold** 4 (K. Punnett 1, J. Josselyn 1, L. Kern 1, H. Hiscox 1) vs **Royal** 0;  
**JULY 13- Gold** 3 (A. Usher 1, S. Cole 1, D. Gardner 1) vs **Ginger** 7 (S. McCann 2, A. Brewer 2, M. Keslick 2, S. Bolton 1); **Champagne** 5 (A. Shaw 2, K. Rizzi 1, K. Zachuruk 1, L. MacPherson 1); **Kelly** 2 (S. Aird 1, B. Flagerty 1); **Royal** 3 (C. Carrigan 3) vs **Red** 1 (O. Moultrely 1);

U14G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Gold	4	1	0	12
Ginger	3	2	1	10
Red	2	2	2	8
Kelly	2	3	3	7
Champagne	2	3	3	7
Royal	1	3	3	4

**U15/19G-JUNE 5- Silver** 6 (B. Greenwood 4, W. Dale 1, S. Campbell 1) vs **Orange** 1 (J. Davis 1); **Teal** 3 (L. Nicolo 2, K. Hamm 1) vs **Red-** Sean Herbinson Remax York Group 4 (S. D'Aguilar 1, T. O'Bireck 1, N. Bisogno 1, L. White 1) ;  
**Sage#2** 8 (S. Graham 1, A. Sackfield 1, A. Bertulli 1, E. Bergamin 5) vs **Champagne-** 5 Below 2 (E. Leslie 1, A. Ross 1); **Ginger** 2 (A. Liuni 1, K. Foss 1) vs **Sky** 4 (J. Kean 1, N. Murphy 1, L. Barry 2); **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 5 (A. Camilleri 2, M. Camilleri 1, A. Lupo 1, C. Cathers 1) vs **Purple-** Quality Integrators Corp 1 (S. Pennacchio 1); **Gold** 1 (A. Durant 1) vs **Sage#1** 0; **Kelly** 4 vs **Maroon** 4;

U15/U19G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Sage#2	5	0	0	15
Silver	5	0	0	15
Sky	4	1	0	12
Kelly	3	1	1	10
Red	3	2	0	9
Gold	2	2	1	7
Maroon	2	2	1	7
Teal	2	2	1	7
Royal	2	3	0	6
Orange	2	3	0	6
Sage#1	2	3	0	6
Purple	1	4	0	3
Ginger	0	5	0	0
Champagne	0	5	0	0

**U14G YRSL-** Another win for the team on July 6th in Bradford. Game result was 2 - 1 for Aurora with goals scored by H. Boonstra and C. Kanen. Great defense moves by C. Orschel!! Thanks to our guest players K. Smith and E. Dillon.  
**U16G CGSL Premiere- JUNE 30- Aurora Stingers** 4 vs **Bracebridge Storm** 1. Down one goal at the start of the game, the Stingers came back to win. Goals scored by M. Wiley, G. Landry, M. Vucko and D. King.  
**Ontario Cup Results** - By far the toughest pool of teams for this age group, we played well and came up with two wins and two losses. **Vaughan Azzurri** 3 vs **Aurora Stingers** 2 (M. Smith 1, G. Landry 1). Well played game against last year's "Ontario Cup Finalists". **Aurora Stingers** 4 (G. Landry 2, M. Smith 1, S. Lena 1) vs **Toronto York Jets** 0; **Aurora Stingers** 1 (M. Wiley 1) vs **Mississauga Dixie 88's** 5. It was the only goal scored on last year's "Ontario Cup Winners" and "National Champions" team in the entire tournament. Well played game. **Aurora Stingers** 7 (L. D'Aguanno 3, M. Goodrow 1, G. Landry 1, D. King 1, T. Van Bakel 1) vs **Mount Hamilton Avalanche** 0;  
**JULY 14- Aurora Stingers** 7 vs **East York** 0. Stinger goals by L. D'Aguanno 2, C. deWinter 1, D. King 1, G. Landry 1, S. Lena 1, M. Wiley 1. Shutout earned by A. Belanger.



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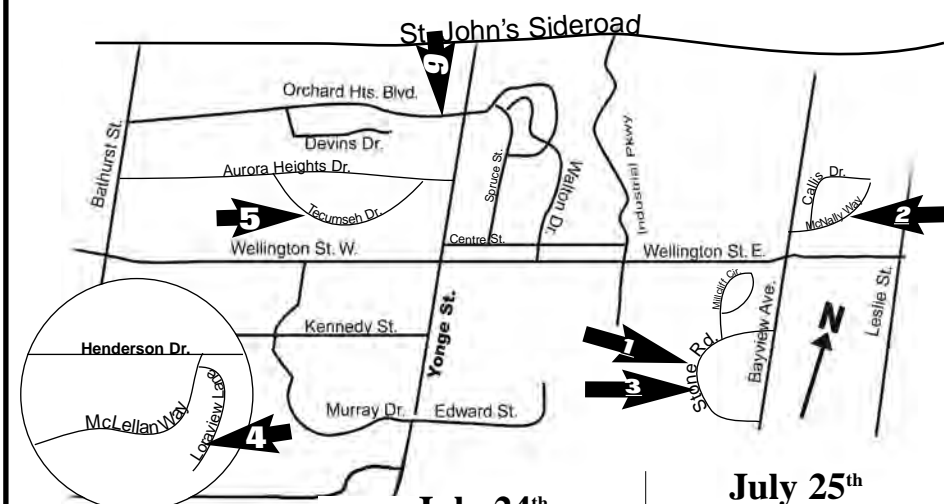
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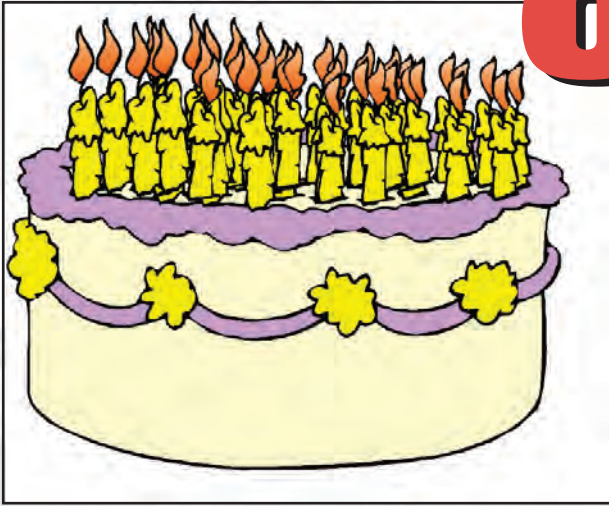
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