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Surrounded by Aurora residents, Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees, second from left, and his wife, Jaïne, joined up with Toronto Maple Leaf Tie Domi at a party at Woodbine Racetrack last Wednesday night. Seeking to win the leadership race for the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, Klees, who lives in Aurora, told more than 300 in attendance that he scheduled the event at Woodbine because people kept telling him he was the "dark horse" in the three-way race.

## Candles burn again at Aurora Cemetery

For the fourth year in a row, the Candlelight Vigil Committee of the Aurora Legion will again light up the Aurora Cemetery to honour veterans buried there.

The scene attracts hundreds during the night, as scores of candles burn on the graves of the people who served the country in wars and as peacekeepers.

Held over a two-day period, the vigil will begin Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 4 p.m. when a small Canadian flag and a lighted candle will be placed on each grave site.

The event will end with a tribute service at the cemetery Sunday, Sept. 19, at 2 p.m.

Candles will be placed by various Aurora youth organizations, assisted by members of the Aurora Legion.

The Candlelight Vigil originated in Holland on the 50th anniversary of VE Day when Dutch citizens held

special ceremonies to commemorate the liberation of their country by Canadian armed forces.

A year later, Aurora Legion introduced the ceremony at the Aurora Cemetery.

Chairman of the Committee, Jack DeGraaf, said the public is welcome to attend the ceremony Sunday.

"Remember, they were willing to risk their lives so that we may enjoy the type of life we live today and I'm sure most of us can spare an hour to attend the service and say 'thank you,'" he said. "We look forward to seeing you there as we know you will find it a touching and moving experience."

Candles, which burn inside red plastic containers, remain lit throughout the night, creating a startling scene for Yonge Street motorists.

## Severance application off to OMB

A decision to reject a lot severance by Aurora's Committee of Adjustment will be appealed to the Ontario

Municipal Board, The Auroran has learned.

The committee, locked in four 2-2 tie votes finally

defeated the request 3-1 to sever a residential parcel of land at 5 Cameron Avenue into two lots, after complaints from neighbours.

A bungalow on the property was demolished several weeks ago, and owner Peter Rankel, who plans to build his own home on the land, applied for the severance.

Monday, Rankel said he appealed the case to the OMB and said any reconstruction plans on the property would not begin until next April.

"It caused a hiccup in our plans," he said. "We have missed our opportunity this year."

When the application first appeared, the Committee of Adjustment reserved its decision, then two weeks ago, rejected the request.

Rankel, who currently lives in Newmarket, was living in the bungalow but because the structure had no basement, wanted a larger home on the property. His plan was to build it to the rear of the property, and sever the front at the corner as a future investment.

An earlier story appears on Page 13.

## Briefly

### Candlelight Tour

Tickets for the Aurora Historical Society's annual Candlelight Tour of Homes are rapidly depleting, according to members.

The event, scheduled this year for Saturday, Sept. 11, highlights six homes, as well as the incredible Hillary House, Aurora's designated National Historic Site.

Houses are on Centre, Catherine, Fleury and Yonge and are easily accessible on foot.

The tour begins at 6.30 p.m.

Visitors returning to Hillary House will be entertained by pianist Alannah Fotheringham, left.

Tickets, at \$20, may be purchased at Art of the Matter, St. Andrew's Shopping Centre; R & R Revisited, 75 Mary Street; or Hillary House on Yonge Street, Wednesday to Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.



Aurora Community Gardens, at the rear of the Jack Wood's farm at Edward and Allaura, welcomed an unusual guest last week when a pear tree was donated by Marilyn and Bruce Howe, right, and their daughter Megan, 6. On the receiving end were York Region Food Network executive director Elizabeth Brims, left, and Aurora Councillor Wendy Gaertner. Official presentation took place Thursday. Fruit harvested from the tree will be donated to the Aurora Food Pantry on Yonge Street. See the story, Page 13.



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## COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

### CONTINUING

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 p.m. 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 Aurora squadron meets every Friday. For more information call 905-726-8600, Tuesday evenings between 7 and 9 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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Probus Club of Aurora meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Aurora Legion. Club is for retired or soon to-be-retired business and professional people and guests are welcome.

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Women's Centre of York Region is offering a program called Enterprising Women, which helps women successfully start their own business. Orientation sessions will be held September 14, 16, 21 and 23, with classes starting on October 12. For more information and to register for an orientation session, call 905-727-5837.

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Towns of York Toastmasters meetings are free and open to the general public. The meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway N. Aurora. For more information see the club's web site at www.townsofyork.org or phone Roy Bannon at 905-853-0859.

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Meditation classes in Aurora Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. from Sept. 8 to Dec. 15. Above the Needles & Knits Wool Shop, 15040 Yonge St., just north of Kennedy St. Further information, 416-762-8033 or info@meditationin-toronto.org. No pre-registration required. Donations only.

### SEPTEMBER 3

The draw for artists to exhibit their work for a month in the Skylight Gallery of the Town Hall takes place at 4.30 p.m., if the artist has not exhibited in the past 12 months. Fifteen names will be selected for the 12 months with three on standby. For details call Julie Geering at 905-726-4762.

### SEPTEMBER 5

York Region Transit is adjusting and re-structuring bus

routes in the Aurora area. Route 31 Aurora North is one of the routes affected. Call 905-762-2100 for details.

### SEPTEMBER 8

John Volte of Habitat for Humanity speaks to the Aurora Probus Club about that organization at 10 a.m. at the Aurora Legion. Original speaker, Magna's Cameron Hastings has been rescheduled to October 13.

### 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, sponsored by the Aurora Historical Society. Visit six private homes of the 19th and early 20th centuries, plus the historic Hillary House. Call 905-727-4015 for details.

### SEPTEMBER 13

York Regional Police Male Chorus 12th annual Music For a September Evening fundraising concert. Crosslands Church, Millard Avenue, Newmarket. Berlin Police Chorus is special guest community choir. Proceeds to Big Brothers Big Sisters of York. For tickets call 905-727-1251, ex. 311, or e-mail at events@bbbsy.ca.

### SEPTEMBER 18-19

Fourth annual Candlelight Vigil at Aurora Cemetery. Late Saturday, lighting of candles. Sunday, 2 p.m., Tribute Service.

### SEPTEMBER 18

Magna Hoedown. A night of entertainment and food with proceeds to 11 local non-profit organizations. It starts at 5 p.m. and goes to 1 a.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.

### SEPTEMBER 20

Aurora Public Library, partnering with York Region Health Services, presents "Kids Have Stress, Too" in the library's Lebovic Room from 7-9 p.m. Pre-register at the adult information desk, or call 905-727-9493, Option 4.

### SEPTEMBER 25

It's the Aurora Children's and Youth Fair in the Town Park hosted by the Town and Aurora Family Connections. A Showcase of Community and Talent for Youth starting at 2 p.m. For further information call Info Aurora at 905-727-8214.

### SEPTEMBER 27

Aurora Public Library presents "Analyzing A Series Of Dreams" with Stephen Crowther, an Anglican minister and candidate-in-training at the Ontario Assn. of Jungian Analysts Training Program. Limited to 20 participants. 7-9 p.m. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493, Option 4.

### SEPTEMBER 28

Hospice King-Aurora hosts a trip to Stratford to attend the performance of King Henry VIII. Tickets, at \$150, available by calling 905-773-0155. Lunch is included.

### SEPTEMBER 30

Aurora Seniors visit St. Jacob's Market and visit the picturesque Village of Elora to view the falls and the gorge. Bus leaves Community Centre at 8.30 a.m. returning about 6.30

p.m. Cost is \$49 for members and \$54 for non-members. Call the Seniors' Centre at 905-727-2816 to register.

### OCTOBER 12

Seniors fall day trip to Ontario's famous Cranberry Harvest in Bala includes a scenic and informative wagon ride around the colourful marsh. Leave the Community Centre at 8.30 a.m. return around 6.30 p.m. Cost for members is \$57 and \$62 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

### OCTOBER 13

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

### 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.

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# Brother, sister still at it

The Harrison kids are still at it.

You may remember earlier articles in The Auroran about Aurora's Jordyn and Brooke Harrison.

Jordyn runs "Kids for Kids," which provides backpacks and personal care items to youngsters entering into foster care.

He was the recipient of last year's Queen's Golden Jubilee Award.

The latest agency to receive his help is the Jewish Children's Aid Society of Toronto. This is the 15th agency he has helped, meaning that nearly 3,000 kids have received his kits.

As for Brooke, she is near completion of her second cookbook in aid of leukemia research, this time with some celebrity help.

Shania Twain has donated a recipe and features a blurb about the charity effort on her web site (shania.com).

As well, "Cookin in Brooke's Kitchen II" will feature a recipe from song legend Anne Murray.

In addition, Brooke's story is featured in the new "Chicken Soup for the Pre-teen Soul II".

The segment tells the story of how Brooke came to create her cookbook and why she was determined to help leukemia research.

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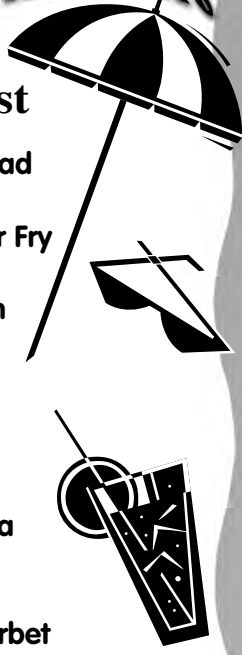
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# Exhibition opening stirs my memory

*It's Exhibition time again,  
The start of the fall season;  
Kids head back to school,  
Missing the Ex was treason!*

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Ever since the Canadian National Exhibition was founded in 1879 there has been a certain magic about going to the Ex for the Midway, the exhibits and just getting caught up in the excitement of the crowds and appetizing smell of the food stands.

I can't recall the year when I first went to the Ex but it must have been around 1924 when I was eight years old. Going to the Ex on Kid's Day was a major event.

It was the last great pleasure before going back to school.

Some of the gang from Lambton Park Public School, Orville and Bruce O'Brien, Winston Coutts, Fred Holly and Ed Turner and I would earn money picking berries or cad-dying at the golf course and off we'd go on the Dundas streetcar from Runnymede Road right to the Dufferin Gates.

Then in the early 1930s the big bands came to the CNE and played in a big tent somewhere around the bandshell.

It was still the guys who went to the Ex together, as going out with girls was sissy.

I can remember getting the autographs of Rudy Vallee and Stan Kenton.

Then in 1941, I lived in the CNE as the RCAF had taken over the Coliseum as #1 Manning Depot.

It was the last year of the CNE during the war years, as it was almost impossible to carry out drills with crowds milling around.

I was a Corporal Drill and PT instructor at the time and I was lining up a group of new recruits.

I saw, or thought I saw, two young lads step out of the line.

I bellowed at them to get back and they started to say, "but, but!"

They finally blurted out they had paid a quarter to get into the Ex.

They have no idea how close they came to becoming airmen.

After the war I was employed as a sales representative with the Imperial Cone Company and one of the prize contracts was to obtain the CNE business.

The late Paddy Conklin held most of the concession stands and ice cream was a big seller. He was a great man to deal with. His word was his bond.

During those years I visited the Ex every day to check their stock, place an order and make sure they didn't run out.

I got to know a lot of the people and some of the action behind the scenes and the hard work and long hours they put in.

I recall taking my young daughter, Suzanne, to the Ex one year.

She wanted to go on all the rides in the Midway and I felt dizzy on every one and she sometimes had to help me off.

I was a movie camera bug in those days and wanted to get some pictures from the top of the giant ferris wheel, but I didn't get any.

How do you take pictures when you're hanging on to the rail with both hands? There's a big difference between an airplane and a ferris wheel.

In the early 1950s, I joined the RCAF Auxiliary and participated in the Warriors' Day Parade and that was a major event.

Then later I was invited to join the Air Show Committee and that was a highlight before and during the Air Show itself.

In 1964 I attended the official opening of the CNE as Aide de Camp to the Honourable Earl Rowe, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and that was another highlight.

Then when I was with the provincial government I worked with the CNE directors to establish a Heritage Village near the Dufferin Gates with its Town Hall, municipal buildings for displays and a bandshell to showcase local talent.

Municipalities across Ontario were invited to take over Heritage Village for a day and several, including Aurora, accepted the invitation to display what they had to offer.

Then in 1984 I participated in the Castrol Oil Mayors' Sesquicentennial Bathtub Race on the waterfront of the CNE.

It was a bathtub on a flat sled with an outboard motor. It was fun but I almost drowned.

I haven't been to the Ex for a few years but when it opens every year it brings back many memories, as our lives have been entwined in so many ways.



Trees do grow up as is evidenced in these photos of Aurora's historic Victoria Hall, located at the corner of Victoria and Mosley Streets. We're not sure exactly when the top photo was taken, but the equivalent, taken last week, shows the tree in the front yard now towers above the building.

Bottom photo by Ron Wallace

## Letters to the Editor

# Pesticides ARE unhealthy: writer

To the editor,

**Re: Letter, Auroran, Aug. 17 "Lawn spray opponent confuses this reader"**

Dear "Confused",

Thank you so much for reading my article in the July 27th issue of The Auroran.

I also appreciate you defining "social pariahs" so effectively for the Aurora people (not that Aurorans really needed your help).

The number of people using pesticides for mass spraying are the minority and are frowned upon. Thank you so much for helping to make that point.

I am not some kind of "environmental freak" as you alluded to in your article, but a retired health care professional who worked for the public health department and has read numerous studies pertaining to the long term implications of persistent pesticide use.

Are you trying to convince the public that pesticides are healthy???

You relate pesticide signs to wet paint signs - what a strange comparison.

You also note that pesticides are legal.

Cigarettes are legal and are

a huge industry as well. Are they healthy?? How silly.

I also find it so fascinating that you complicated the point of my brief article by picking apart my reference to GTA and "spray"...I really thought that these simple references were familiar enough and wouldn't confuse the average Aurora resident.

Sorry that these simplified terms confused you. I was trying to keep my article short.

The point of my article was that pesticides are unhealthy.

If you feel that you can debate that fact like an adult then try.

I find it interesting that you instead chose to dissect an article that was straightforward. Did you ever miss the point. Nice try and better luck next time.

Anne Allen  
Aurora

# Kroon missed

To the editor,

Hugo T. Kroon's letter in The Auroran's August 17 issue is a marvel of baroque English.

While he writes in flawless grammar, his style calls to mind Olympian trampoline experts, dazzling viewers with elegant twists, turns and bounces yet never leaving a perimeter defined by a small canvas rectangle.

His opening paragraph, which is also a sentence, begins somewhat regally: "Actually, I must admit that I am not a reader of your publication, owing to the fact that I am not even a res-

ident of your town and as such was not even aware of the existence of said paper."

He goes on to write: "However as happenstance would, I found myself visiting friends who live in Aurora and I came across the July issue which contained a letter from one Anne Allen pertaining to lawns and the people who own them."

This elegant tirade, seemingly, was to counter a letter opposed to spraying lawns.

Unlike Hamlet, he did not score "A hit, a palpable hit."

Thomas Peter Davey  
Aurora

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# Life at AMO in Ottawa

Last week I travelled to Ottawa to attend the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference. This association boasts membership of more than 95 per cent of all municipalities in Ontario and as such addresses issues that are of concern to all of us at all levels of government.

After registering Monday morning at the Westin Hotel and Conference Centre, I did a quick tour of the Exhibit Hall where almost 100 exhibitors of municipal service providers and suppliers demonstrating their products and services were located.

I returned to this hall a number of times to ensure I did not miss a booth.

The conference opened with a brief annual general meeting followed by keynote speaker, TV personality and author of books on politics, Steve Paikin who spoke on "Renewing our Communities, What Lies Ahead".

I then attended a workshop on "Meeting the Diversion Challenge".

This session addressed the new provincial waste diversion target of 60 per cent and what that could mean to all of us in programs such as Blue Box, used tires, hazardous waste and other waste streams.

This was followed by a delegate lunch where Tom Parkinson, President and CEO of Hydro One spoke to us. Included in his remarks was a reference to the concerns Markham and Aurora have expressed with the hydro corridor upgrades.

I had the opportunity to speak to him briefly in regard to the hydro tower issue in Aurora.

I also was able to speak briefly to Greg Sorbara about the concerns we have in this regard. I can assure you we have their attention. This is a very difficult issue.

Following lunch, Premier Dalton McGuinty spoke to the convention on a number of areas that the Province was working with municipalities, the major highlights being the realization of the two cents per litre gas tax to start this Fall, to be channeled through AMO to all municipalities large and small.

He also spoke of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding which committed the Province to consult with AMO on proposed statutory and regulatory changes that have significant impact on municipal budgets.

Following that, I attended a presentation on "Understanding the Culture of Accountability" given by Janice Gross Stein, Director of the Munk Centre for International studies at the University of Toronto.

I found this to be an excellent presentation which focused on differences between councillors who micro manage as a form of trying to demonstrate accountability. This involves our ability to trust those around us.

I then visited with representatives of Waste Management where I took the opportunity to discuss some concerns brought to council's attention about fill on their closed dump site.

They committed to sending me a full accounting of what this entailed, simply ongoing maintenance required by the Ministry of the Environment. This was consistent with a discussion I had with the Ministry last week.

I spent the evening meeting other delegates and had a great dinner with the outgoing President of AMO, Mayor Ann Mulvale of Oakville, Chairman Bill Fisch of York Region and Mayor Sue Fennell of Brampton, among others.

Tuesday began with a plenary session on "Charging up for Conservation - Ontario's new Electricity Strategy" presented by Mark Roger and Linda Bertoldi of Borden Ladner Gervais.

The Town and Aurora Hydro have benefitted greatly from advice given by Mr Roger in the past.

Presenters from the Regions of Peel and York spoke to real applications we can use to address this initiative.

I then attended a session on "Collaboration, Coordination, Convenience and Citizens" which spoke to one-stop service centres for Federal, Provincial and Municipal services currently in operation in Lampton in co-operation with the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services.

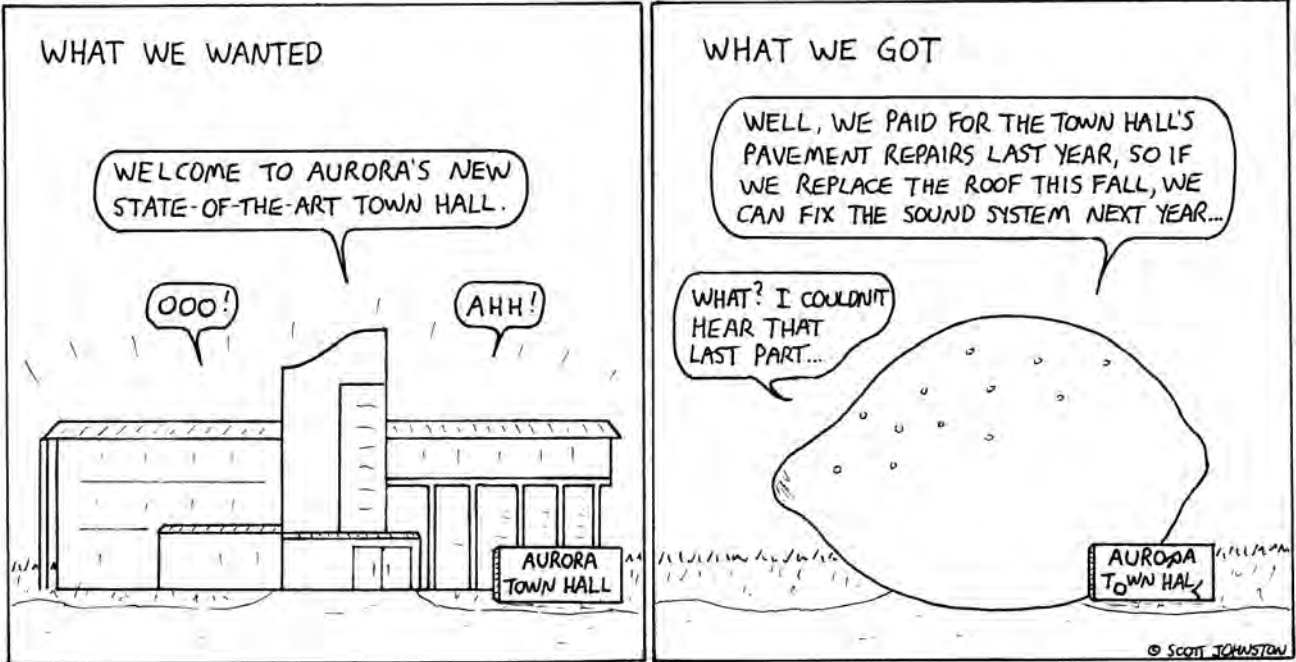
Following another visit to the exhibits, a session on "Sustainable Services" spoke to service reviews recently completed in Ottawa. Aurora is considering its own core services review and I found this session helpful.

One of the more popular sessions at this conference is the "Bear Pit" where 13 Ministers of the Province were available for questions from the floor by delegates. This was preceded by an address by John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

I will have more to say about these and other sessions I attended in future columns.

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)

## Machell's Corners



### Letter to the Editor

# Terry still inspires me, run's co-chair states

To the editor,

"Terry Fox ran 42 kilometres every day. How far will you go?"

This is the theme of the 24th Annual Terry Fox Run celebrating Terry's legendary cross-country Marathon of Hope to raise funds for cancer research.

How many of you remember Terry running up Yonge Street? I do.

It is a memory etched forever in my mind. If I walk 10 km. in a day, I feel very pleased with myself. Terry ran 42 km. with one leg. Wow!

He is still an inspiration.

Every year a group of dedicated Aurorans braves the elements to participate in the Aurora Terry Fox Run.

Last year they helped to raise \$26,788.58.

Wouldn't it be great if this year we were able to raise \$1 for every resident of Aurora?

The Run will be held Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Sheppard's Bush soccer fields on Industrial Parkway South. Registration opens at 8.30 a.m. with the Run starting at 10 a.m.

Many people like to purchase a T-shirt each year.

This year they are navy blue with the front saying "Terry ran 42 kilometres every day for cancer research" and the back saying "How far will you go?"

T-shirts are currently available at the Leisure Complex and will also be available on site Sept. 19.

Terry's Team Member for Aurora is once again Jerome Flanagan, a cancer survivor.

Those of you who participated last year will

remember Jerome's moving speech.

You can support Jerome and the Aurora run by making a pledge on-line at [www.terry-foxrun.org](http://www.terry-foxrun.org) in his name.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and many new faces at this year's Aurora Terry Fox Run.

Come out, sign the Memory Board, and have a fun morning for a great cause Sept. 19.

**Sylvia Gilchrist  
Co-Chair,  
Aurora Terry Fox Run**



## Cathy's Corner

# Adventures of Super-She-Dragon-Mom

Once upon a time, my identity was a secret. Everyone thinks it was because I married a councillor, but no.

The truth is: I am a superhero.

Yup. Cathy Vrancic ranks right up there with the likes of Peter Parker, Clark Kent and Buffy The Vampire Slayer.

Several times a week, I save Aurora from major scale annihilation.

Most of the time, the threat originates in my laundry room. It is a portal for demons. And bad smells.

The trouble with having more than one teenager in the house is: they interact. With each other. As if possessed.

They come through the laundry room. They leave signs. We're talking fumes from week-old soccer socks stuffed in week-old soccer shoes sealed in week-old soccer bags. How's that for a freshness guarantee?

When a male teenager releases the living dead onto delicate hand-washables that just got delicately hand-washed by a female teenager...then...this is a job for Super-She-Dragon-Mom!

Good thing I keep my Super-She costume in the laundry room. It comes with a gas mask attachment.

But two weeks ago, World War III almost broke out in the Seaton Drive area. Highly unusual.

It all started with a simple request: "Would you mind driving your brother to his guitar lesson, Jennifer?"

"Sure. No problem, mom."

So far, so good, right?

When it comes to teenagers, things always appear to be going well at first. But, nearly one hour after the guitar lesson has ended, the phone rings. Jennifer answers.

"Mom, there is an irate boy on the telephone who wants me to go and pick him up so that he can beat me over the head with his guitar. I'm not going."

"What? You...didn't...pick him up?"

"Hello? The guitar over the head thing? Besides, you asked me to drive him there. Nobody said anything about picking him up."

An intense burst of heat in the region of my nostrils suddenly causes my real face to explode into fire-breathing Super-She-Dragon-Mom.

Super-She knows that teenagers need guidance.

"GO! NOW!" she bellows in a fireball.

The teenager goes without question, without protest and without much left in the way of eyelashes. Such is the power of Super-She!

Normally, the world would be saved by now, but this is a tough mission. The phone rings again.

"Just so you know," says Super-She-Wannabe, "Tim will be walking home."

She goes on to describe a rabid boy with steam shooting from his nose, ears and the guitar strapped to his back, foaming at the mouth and jumping up and down like a Jack Russell terrier.

The trouble with your average 19-year-old is that she suspects that Super-She powers are genetic and she got some.

Super-She has no choice but to bring out her secret weapon: Prayer.

"I know you can work it out," she says confidently, before dropping to her knees helplessly.

Fortunately, a Higher Power brings the teenagers home safely. Unfortunately, they are speaking to each other. In technicolour.

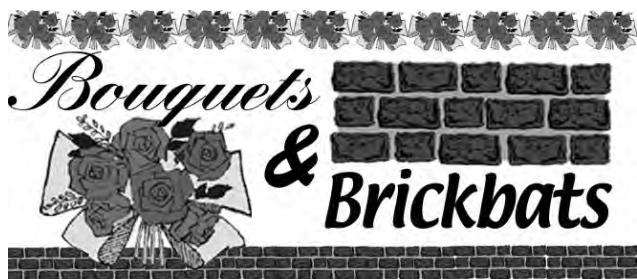
Ten minutes later, I realize that all I can hear is...silence. Did I regain consciousness? What year is it? I rush into the house to check for survivors.

Jennifer is standing at the door with her purse and car keys, but no suitcase. Tim is coming down the stairs with a smile, but no weapons.

"Tim and I are going out for ice cream, mom. Do you want some?"

Aurora is saved! Such is the power of Super-She!

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



**BOUQUETS** to the member of council who will ensure that the proper lighting and hanging arrangements are included in one of the rooms of the new Seniors' Centre to exhibit the artwork the town has purchased for its permanent collection from the Seniors' Annual Art Show.

**BRICKBATS** to Aurora Council for holding a private council meeting July 20 dealing with a personnel matter and releasing minutes of the meeting that don't say a thing about what was discussed. Even the bylaw that was adopted to implement what was decided was vague as to what action was taken. That's not the way public business is to be carried out. Obviously it had to do with the resignation of Larry Allison as CAO, but why the secrecy?

**BOUQUETS** to Aurora's Pat Plewman and Linda Doyle and King's Sandra Sillcox for their work with the Mobility Foundation of York Region, which got its start as an outreach program of the Aurora United Church. They have \$45,000 to hand out if they can find matching donations, preferably from corporations. Call 905-713-0832 for further information.

**BRICKBATS** to those at the Aurora Town Hall for failing to take action to improve the public address system in the council chambers, which has been a problem for the past several years with complaint after complaint. It's a disgrace and an insult to citizens attending council meetings. Money for everything else but none to improve communications!

**BOUQUETS** to those who were responsible for installing the gold and black seats in the Aurora Community Centre, as part of the facelift for the 36-year-old facility. The colourful seats give a fresh, new look to the building, as well as being painted in Aurora Tiger colours.

**BRICKBATS** to Premier Dalton McGuinty for spending taxpayers' dollars for his so-called good-will tour of the province to brag about the good job his government has done during its first nine months in office. He should sit in his office and read the letters to the editor of what people really think about his government and his broken promises.

**BOUQUETS** to Pam and Steve Smith on the opening of their "il fait beau" restaurant last April. Located in St. Andrew's Village in the former Villa Cesere location, it features French and continental cuisine prepared by Ken and served by Phil. Well worth a visit. Look for the mural in the bar area and have a guess as to what it is.

**BRICKBATS** to Canada Pension Plan officials for investing \$95 million in the stock of tobacco companies, when at the same time health ministries are spending money to advertise the dangers of smoking. Obviously, they don't speak to each other!

**BOUQUETS** to any research scientist who can develop an alternate renewable fuel supply for motorists at a reasonable price to get away from the on-going fuel crisis, gouging at the gas pumps and air pollution, such as a form of vegetable oil. Or do the major oil companies control such research?

**BRICKBATS** to the lack of control by the federal government over the expenses incurred by Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and the use of government jets to flit here and there. She came under fire in the last year for her ballooning budget and travel expenses but the cost to taxpayers continues. Since 1999 she made 37 trips on the Challenger at an estimated cost of \$425,000 including 10 trips to New York in the last two years.

## Letters to the Editor

# Meeting “disappointing”

To the editor,

I had a disappointing meeting with Hon. Greg Sorbara, MPP and Finance Minister of Ontario.

Over two months after my initial request to meet my MPP and Ontario's Finance Minister, Hon. Greg Sorbara, to discuss a serious issue in York Region concerning proposed Hydro One plans that could have a devastating effect on our community, I was granted a 45-minute meeting on August 19th.

At this meeting I was informed that my understanding of how democracy works differed from Mr. Sorbara's.

I was told by Mr. Sorbara that he does not represent me as my MPP, but rather "I elected him to exercise his

good judgement over the next four years".

After all, with so many opinions, how can he take sides on any issue?

And furthermore, he had a conflict of interest because the Government of Ontario owns Hydro One.

That logic was not the "good judgement" I would hope for, if, in fact, that was why I should have elected Mr. Sorbara.

I thought that both he and Hydro One had an obligation to taxpayers to take the time and energy (for lack of a better term) required to perform their roles in good faith, as public institutions and to actually respond to legitimate concerns raised by the community that they are mandated to serve.

As far as I could see, Mr. Sorbara did not read and did

not plan to read any of the material in the thick binder that I provided to him.

He was not apparently interested in the viable alternatives that could mitigate the health, environmental and economic risks of the proposed massive expansion of hydro towers in Markham and Aurora, which will go forward if Hydro has its way, despite resolutions from all of the towns in his riding in addition to the York Region Planning Committee, who ALL opposed Hydro's plans and encouraged the exploration of reasonable alternatives.

He did not agree to investigate provincially how he might assist us in finding a solution that addresses the concerns of thousands of his constituents.

Like we have heard so

often in this struggle...his view was essentially..."that is not his job".

The citizens of York Region should be aware that we are finding it difficult to find out whose job it is to protect our community from the many harmful effects of Hydro One's likely number one alternative.

Hydro has given a number of recent indications that they are going to recommend their initial proposal to expand (almost double) the size and frequency of towers through Markham and Aurora, despite the outpouring of public concern over the past three months.

Both Mr. Sorbara and Hydro One's total disregard for the concerns of residents and of the environmental process itself has demonstrated that we cannot have faith in our public institutions to protect our best interests.

We, as residents, need to stand up and take action, once again.

Time will tell if the health effects surrounding the massive hydro towers are of no concern as Mr. Sorbara contends.

Furthermore, if the towers are installed as planned, I will also find out how much of a selling feature 140-foot high towers spaced every 800 feet are to my home.

Concerned residents interested in becoming more informed should consult the web site [www.stop-emf.ca](http://www.stop-emf.ca) and consider attending the EMF workshop being held September 17 to 19 by Dr. Andrew Michrowski for a better understanding of the alternative scientific viewpoint to Hon. Mr. Sorbara's.

While the cost of the three-day workshop is expensive for the average citizen, the cost of not being informed could be much greater.

When I voted for Mr. Sorbara I thought that I was voting for change.

Obviously I did not understand his view of how democracy works, but when it comes time to vote the next time, I will be sure to ask the question (who knows he might change his mind as he did with regards to raising taxes to protect our health).

Once bitten, twice shy.

## We should try to fight

To the editor,

**RE: “Fight to battle Hydro One is “futile”, councillor says (Auroran, Aug. 24)**

Once again Councillor Buck tries to sway the public by writing The Auroran after a 7-1 vote in favour of the town giving \$25,000 to help the residents who care about the need to know the effect of Hydro One's proposal to put in higher

capacity hydro lines behind their properties.

While these residents did buy their homes when the lines were there they were not told that the higher capacity lines were going in.

We really have mixed and conflicting stories as to the effect that these lines can have on children and for that reason alone I feel that \$25,000 is not a lot of money if we can get the proper information and if it can save lives.

## Reader objects to hydro fighters

To the editor,

Several articles in the media of late have appeared to support the NIMBY desire to stop the proper use of Hydro One rights-of-way or power corridors.

It is quite amazing that a select few can locate in the expanding golden horseshoe and feel they have the right to ignore previous and continuing land use options.

Upgraded infrastructure is a requirement and result of expansion of towns and villages.

Hydro rights-of-way were not ever designed to be private green belts for a supposed select few.

As a taxpayer, I am incensed to think that coun-

cil would even consider to financially support the inane fight against the proposed upgrading of the power supply to our area.

I would suggest the following solution; stop growth, stop approving building permits.

Not likely. Let us all be realistic, if possible.

An expanding population does not allow us to continue to live our lives in a totally self-serving manner.

**Jim Wilson  
Aurora**

**ED. NOTE: If our stories on this subject “appear to support” this issue, then we have failed as objective news reporters.**

Perhaps the fact that Councillor Buck once was a consultant for a major developer tells the story why she does not want to protect one of Aurora's and the area's greatest treasures, the Oak Ridges Moraine.

At times it is confusing to me whether Councillor Buck wants to be a politician or a newspaper reporter.

**Nigel Kean  
Aurora**

**Richard Johnson  
Aurora**

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# Lawns survived without pesticides

**To the editor,**

This is a letter in regards to the lengthy response regarding lawn spraying by Hugo T. Kroon. In his letter, Hugo states that he is appalled by a reader who opposes lawn spraying and one gathers from his overall comments that he feels that pesticides are totally safe. One wonders if he is employed by a lawn care company. Pesticides are on their way out in Toronto and for good reason: they are a health risk. It scares me to see the sheer number of pesiticide users in Aurora.

I came here originally from a respected neighbourhood in Toronto (the cost of spraying was not an issue).

Everyone on my street agreed not to spray due to the large number of young children on the street.

Surprise! Our lawns survived the summer and looked great.

One of my neighbours was an environmental lawyer hired in the fight against the use of chemicals in lawn care and was well educated in the dangers these pose.

Needless to say, he does not think that spraying is good for anyone's health.

My advice to Hugo is to watch the news, read reports and educate yourself.

Being informed does not make people "wild-eyed environmental zealots".

**Denise Currie**  
**Aurora**

**Janet B.**  
**Aurora**

## Exuberant engineer causing the problem?

**To the editor,**

I read with interest the article in The Auroran concerning the trains.

We live on Attridge Drive backing onto the tracks just south of St John's

Sideroad.

It had never been a problem when the GO trains ran only during rush hours morning and evening.

Since the running of the CN trains at night, it has been quite disruptive to

Train whistle is only warning engineer has

**To the editor,**

I am wondering how these people who complain about train whistles would feel if their relatives or friends were either driving for work or coming home when the train whistle sounded at them.

The whistle is the engineer's only way of warning cars to stay clear of the

crossing when he approaches.

A train takes a mile to stop and can't swerve to avoid anyone.

Surely the number of collisions at level crossings in York Region is proof of the need for these whistles.

**W.G. Willis**  
**Aurora**

## Open House planned for Church St. School

**To the editor,**

On behalf of the Aurora Historical Society, I would like to thank the editor and photographer of The Auroran for their coverage of our work in Church Street School.

We also are amazed and thrilled at the treasures which the contractors have uncovered in their removal work.

And, before the next phase of our work to create an Aurora Heritage Centre gets underway, we would like to give all residents of Aurora the opportunity to appreciate the building as it was originally conceived.

The Society plans to hold an Open House for members of the public once the removal work is finished and the building is free of construction.

So, watch this paper, we will be announcing our Open House to take place later this fall - when you see the date, mark it on your calendar.

It will be a unique opportunity to explore this exceptional building and learn more of our plans for the Aurora Heritage Centre.

**Helen Roberts**  
**President,**  
**Aurora Historical Society**

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## Front-running Diggers head into the playoffs

The Aurora Diggers after winning five of their last six games placed first in the North York Women's League and are now positioned for the playoffs this weekend in Newmarket.

In Cobourg last week, Aurora won 5-2.

The winning pitcher was Kaylee McDonald going seven innings with 15 strikeouts. She gave up only two hits.

Kaylee also led the Aurora bats going four for four at the plate while Amanda Piron added two hits.

Kathryn Cribbett, Alyson Murphy, Larisa Weissberger and Jessica Suddes each contributed hits to the winning effort.

A night later Aurora took back-to-back games from Whitby.

In the first game, Chelsae Lumley pitched for Aurora going seven innings with six strikeouts, as her team posted a 1-0 victory.

The only run of the game came in the first inning when Jessica Suddes crossed home plate on a wild pitch.

In the nightcap, Aurora defeated Whitby 5-2.

McDonald pitched the win going seven innings, striking out 13, allowing one walk and giving up six hits.

Cribbett led the Aurora bats going with three hits while Mandy Ince, Jamie Doige, Jenn Kates and Hayley Davies all contributed singles.

Thursday night saw Aurora meet Cobourg again and Aurora won that one 6-1.

Winning pitcher was Lumley who went six innings with eight strikeouts and two walks.

In relief, McDonald took over in the seventh and faced four batters, striking out three and giving up one hit.

Later, Aurora played its last two league games,

losing 2-1 to Whitby and defeating Markham 9-6.

In the loss, Aurora's McDonald faced 28 batters over seven innings.

She registered 13 strikeouts, gave up a single walk, and allowed six hits.

The lone Aurora run was scored by Jenn Kates in the second inning who got on with a hit and scored on a wild pitch.

In the final league game, Aurora's Lumley led her squad to victory over Markham.

But it wasn't easy.

Markham took an early lead in the first inning scoring three runs and Aurora countered with four in the top of the second to take the lead.

Aurora solidified its lead in the fourth inning scoring five runs.

Lumley and Amanda Piron each contributed two hits while Kathryn Cribbett, Alyson Murphy, Kaylee McDonald, Jenn Kates, Jessica Suddes and Jamie Doige each came up with hits to score the Aurora runs.



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# Barefoot waterskier, Auroran wins gold

Aurora's Melissa National Barefoot Water  
Spence won gold medals Ski championships held  
in the girls' division at Parc Jean Drapeau in



Barefoot on the water

downtown Montreal last week.

Fifteen-year-old bare-footer Melissa captured the gold medal for slalom, tricks and overall in her first ever National championship.

She posted personal best scores in the slalom and trick events and qualified for the Open Women's slalom event on Sunday.

"I was a bit nervous going into the competition but I knew if I just skied like I do at my cottage I would do well," she said. "I have more to learn but I posted personal best scores and I received lots of support

from the other competitors."

Melissa is a Grade 10 student at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School and has lived in Aurora all her life.



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# Three Aurorans contribute to title

Aurora residents Tyler Cattapan, Alex Stewart, and Eric Wakeman helped the York-Simcoe Baseball Association Bantam All-Stars capture the gold medal at the Ontario Summer Games in London with a 5-3 victory over the Toronto Baseball Association recently. Cattapan, Stewart, and Wakeman, who played for the 2004 YSBA champion Newmarket Hawks, helped the YSBA to a 6-1-1 record at the 14-team tournament. Cattapan caught seven of the team's eight games, threw out three baserunners, and was a potent hitter throughout the tournament. Stewart pitched the

YSBA to an impressive victory over the powerful Central Ontario All-Stars, striking out five and yielding no earned runs. He also contributed defensively by playing errorless ball in right and centre field. Wakeman also compiled impressive stats at the plate, pitched brilliantly against Eastern Ontario - he left the game leading 5-1 - and played stellar defense at third base during the championship game. After a successful season with the Newmarket Hawks and the YSBA All-Stars, all three ballplayers have joined the Ontario Blue Jays for the Elite Provincial team's fall season.

Tyler Cattapan, Eric Wakeman, and Alex Stewart display their Gold Medals after winning the Bantam Baseball Championship as members of the York Simcoe Baseball Association All-Stars at the Ontario Summer Games in London.

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## HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

**U8B M/W- AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** Silver; **Finalists-** Navy;

**U8B T/TH- AUGUST 12-Teal** 8 (M. Walker 4, M. Jones 1, M. Palmer 1, S. Green 2) vs **Forest** 1 (B. Thiessen 1); **Sky-** Barb Blaser-Remax York 2 (L. Blaser 2) vs **Silver** 2 (B. Lukezic 2); **Lime** 3 (K. Locke 1, A. Haines 2) vs **Teal** 2 (C. Adams 1, G. Robinson 1); **AUGUST 19- Forest** 4 (J. Nanos 3, M. Arnew 1) vs **Lime** 2 (P. Baile 1, A. Prukner 1); **Sky-** Barb Blaser- Remax York 2 (L. Blaser 2) vs **Sage** 2 (M. Jones 1, S. Green 1); **Silver** 5 (D. Gonder 1, Z. Malone 1, B. Lukezic 3) vs **Teal** 1 (G. Robinson 1);

**U8G M/W- AUGUST 9- Kelly** 0 vs **Royal** 1 (S. Murray 1); **Red-** Laurion & Assoc. 1 (C. Kavanagh 1) vs **Gold** 4 (E. Rife 2, I. Palandra 1, A. Murray 1); **AUGUST 16- Royal** 1 (D. Skolud 1) vs **Gold** 7 (E. Rife 2, A. Raymond 2, T. Ranjbar 2, R. Stephens 1); **Red-** Laurion & Assoc. 0 vs **Kelly** 2 (E. Baghel 2);

**U8G T/TH- AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** Kelly; **Finalists-** Yellow Rotary Club of Aurora;

**U9B M/W- AUGUST 11- Champagne** 7 (R. Dowling 3, B. Hankins 2, S. Wheeler 1, T. Stephens 1) vs **White-** Dr. Stiener's Drillers 2 (J. Defina 2); **Gold** 8 (D. Bunder 1, R. White 1, C. Ridout 3, A. McDonald 3) vs **Royal-** Highlands Chev Olds 6 (K. McIntosh 3, L. Killops 1, J. Todd 2);

**AUGUST 18- Champagne** 4 (B. Tzonev 1, R. Dowling 1, B. Hankins 2) vs **Royal-** Highland Chev Cadillac 3 (K. McIntosh 1, C.J. Sifton 1, C. Mulhern 1); **White-** Dr. Steiner's Drillers 1 (J. Defina 1) vs **Kelly** 0; **Red-** CPC Healthcare 3 (J. Nonnewitz 2, J. Bouchard 1) vs **Gold** 9 (J. McConnel 1, R. White 1, Z. Ferry 1, C. Rideout 1, W. Brogan 2, A. McDonald 3);

**U9B T/TH- AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** Champagne; **Finalists-** Navy;

**U9G M/W- AUGUST 18- Champagne** 1 (S. Young 1) vs **Royal** 5 (M. Shapiro 2, A. Brunet 1, O. Biziotis 1, K. Fleming 1); **Kelly** 1 vs **White-** Wallsavers Ltd. 4 (Mari Mueller 1, A. Kiroff 1, S. Pacione 1); **Red-** Priestly Demolition 4 (A. Albertson 3, R. Hjelholt 1) vs **Gold** 2 (N. Armstrong 1, M. Churchill 1);

**AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** Yellow; **Finalists-** Royal; **U9G T/TH- Navy** 0 vs **Orange** 3 (S. Vogelhut 2, E. Scalise 1); **Yellow-** Mirconex Inc. Industrial & Trade Supplies 1 (K. Leivo 1) vs **Sky-** Omar's Shoes 4 (C. McKinney 2, H. Cathers 2); **AUGUST 17- Navy** 6 (S. Leroy 3, J. Martin 2, S. Mester 1) vs **Sky-** Omar's Shoes 2 (H. Cathers 1, C. McKinley 1); **Yellow-** Mirconex Inc. Industrial & Trade Supplies 3 (L. Downey 1, R. Gaudio 1, K. Leivo 1) vs **Orange** 1 (S. Vogelhut 1);

**U10B- AUGUST 16- White** 6 (N. Heintzman 2, A. Papousek 2, T. Thiessen 1, C. Rundle Sanderson 1) vs **Teal** 4 (M. Tenuta 1, D. Knaack 2, M. Hart 1); **Yellow** 5 vs **Kelly** 4; **Red-** Aurora Shopping Centre 5 (M. Mundinger 3, M. Mildon 1, V. Duggan 1) vs **Gold** 2 (L. Driedger 1, D. Dilena 1); **Forest** 4 (B. Krasack 2, M. Yacoub 1, J. Eberlin 1) vs **Royal** 5 (J. Langford 3, L. Beeson 2); **Chamapagne** 5 (B. Wilson 2, A. Pitura 1, K. Niece 1, D. Lashbrook 1) vs **Sky** 1 (B. Abdel- Qader 1);

**LEAGUE STANDINGS- Gold-** White; **Silver-** Yellow; **Bronze-** Red Aurora Shopping Centre; **AUGUST TOURNAMENMT RESULTS- Champions-** White; **Finalists-** Teal;

# Aurora Youth Soccer Club

## Scores and Standings



U10B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	10	1	0	30
Yellow	8	3	0	24
Red	8	3	0	24
Forest	6	2	3	21
Royal	4	5	2	14
Champagne	3	5	3	12
Gold	3	5	3	12
Teal	3	6	2	11
Sky	1	8	2	5
Kelly	1	9	1	4

**U10G- AUGUST 10- Gold** 3 (B. Cardelli 1, L. Rennie 1, N. Piccoli 1) vs **Navy-** Dr. Weaver's Drillers 0; **Orange** 3 (J. Costa 2, E. Harper 1) vs **Champagne** 3; **Royal** 1 (N. Kovacs 1) vs **Red** 3; **Purple-** Dr. Mark Weeden 3 (R. Boettcher 3) vs **Silver** 2; **AUGUST 17- Kelly** 2 (E. Wood 2) vs **Navy-** Dr. Weaver's Drillers 1 (C. Jacques 1); **White** 6 (S. Kanen 4, C. Weatherhead 1, H. Manson 1) vs **Royal** 0; **Purple-** Dr. Mark Weeden 0 vs **Champagne** 4 (L. Gaston 1, G. Tanaka 1, R. Knetsch 2); **Orange** 7 (J. Costa 4, E. Harper 1, K. Stantopoulos 1, K. Beveridge 1) vs **Gold** 0;

**LEAGUE STANDINGS- Gold-** Navy; **Silver-** Red Magna International; **Bronze-** Champagne;

**AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** Champagne; **Finalists-** Purple Dr. Mark Weeven;

U10G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	7	2	1	22
Red	6	1	3	21
Champagne	5	2	3	18
White	5	5	0	15
Gold	5	5	0	15
Purple	4	4	2	14
Royal	4	5	1	13
Orange	3	4	3	12
Kelly	3	6	1	10
Silver	1	9	0	3

**U11B - LEAGUE STANDINGS- Gold-** White; **Silver-** Gold F.R. Custom Metal; **Bronze-** Kelly;

**AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** White; **Finalists-** Kelly;

U11B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	8	1	2	26
Gold	7	1	3	24
Kelly	4	4	3	15
Red	3	7	1	10
Forest	2	6	3	9
Royal	3	8	0	9

**U11G - JULY 28- Champagne** 2 (B. Cackirovski 1, S. Malczyk 1) vs **Forest** 5 (M. Hulbert 1, K. Salibury 1, J. Arnew 1, A. James 2); **Royal-** The Packaging Group 4 (M. Scully 1, C. Montgomery 2, L. Crowley 1) vs **Orange** 2 (H. MacLean 1, A. Gaudio 1); **AUGUST 11- Forest** 3 (J. Arnew 1, A. Rulli 2) vs **Red-** Magna International 5 (C. Layton 1, K. MacEachern 1, J. Rattner 2, J. Sunstrom 1); **Orange** 0 vs **Kelly-** BMPS 3 (M. Blom 2, M. Tordy 1); **Champagne** 2 (M. Spasopoulos 1, N. Martineau 1) vs **Royal-** The Packaging Group 1 (L. Crowley 1); **AUGUST 18 - Orange** 3 (A. Gaudio 1, D. Gottschald 1, M. Pratt 1) vs **Forest** 4 (A. James 2, M. Hulbert 1, F. Persaud 1); **Champagne** 3 (N. Relke 1, K. Tanaka 1, M. Spasopoulos 1) vs **Red-** Magna International 0; **Kelly-** BMPS 2 (C. Dawe 1, M. Blom 1) vs **Royal-** The Packaging Group 3 (R. Kane 1, K. Montgomery 1, D. Cantarutti 1);

**LEAGUE STANDINGS- Gold-** Champagne; **Silver-** Forest; **Bronze-** Red Magna International;

**AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** Champagne; **Finalists-** Royal;

U11G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Champagne	7	2	1	22
Forest	5	4	1	16
Red	5	5	0	15
Royal	4	5	1	13
Orange	4	6	0	12
Kelly	3	6	1	10

**U12B- AUGUST 16- Orange-** Wallsavers Ltd. 4 (J. Killens 4) vs **Gold** 8 (T. Sklura 1, P. Haughtan 1, N. Fattore 2, M. Akbar 1, R. Akbar 1, M. Smith 1, D. Crowther 1); **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 3 (M. Orschel 1, A. Osmond 1, M. Vonbakel 1) vs **Kelly-** Dial Tone Communications 6 (C. Flynn 2, G. laboni 2, O. Boettcher 2); **Red** 3 (A. Colacitti 3) vs **Purple** 7 (N. Jutha 2, M. Lamanna 3, F. McIlrath 1, T. Peverill 1); **LEAGUE STANDINGS- Gold-** Kelly; **Silver-** Gold; **Bronze-** Royal Dr. Orschel's Drillers;

U12B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	8	1	2	26
Gold	8	2	1	25
Royal	6	4	1	19
Purple	4	5	2	14
Orange	3	8	0	9
Red	0	9	2	2

**U12G- JULY 22- Maroon** 4 (H. Barker 1, M. Nicolo 1, K. McDowell 2) vs **Sage** 0; **Red-** SSL Group 0 vs Gold- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group 0; **Champagne** 0 vs **Royal-** Power Excellence Ltd. 1 (I. Harrison 1); **Orange** 3 (E. Cook 1, A. Lavigne 2) vs **Kelly-** Aurora Cable Internet 0;

**JULY 29- Sage** 3 (A. Coulter 2, J. Ing 1) vs **Red-** SSL Group 1 (M. Murray 1); **Champagne** 0 vs **Maroon** 1 (J. McDougall 1); **Kelly-** Aurora Cable Internet 1 (J. Semkowich 1) vs **Gold-** Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group 2 (P. Sidea 1, A. Hardy 1); **Orange** 1 (M. Hart 1) vs **Royal-** Power Excellence Ltd. 1 ( S. Richmond 1);

**AUGUST 12- Royal-** Power Excellence Ltd. 1 (V. Blakeman 1) vs **Gold** 0; **Sage** 2 (A. Coulter 1, C. White 1) vs **Champagne** 0; **Red-** SSL Group 2 (K. Leeper 2) vs **Kelly** 1 (D. Jorge 1); **Orange** 1 (S. Williams 1) vs **Maroon** 1 (J. McDougall 1); **AUGUST 19- Kelly** 0 vs **Sage** 3 (A. Coulter 2, C. White 1); **Champagne** 0 vs **Orange** 1 (K. Panetta 1); **Red-** SSL Group 2 (M. Murray 2) vs **Royal-** Power Excellence Ltd. 2 (L. McMurray 1, V. Blakeman 1); **Maroon** 2 (M. Nicolo 1, C. Relke 1) vs **Gold** 0;

**LEAGUE STANDINGS- Gold-** Sage; **Silver-** Royal Power Excellence; **Bronze-** Maroon;

**AUGUST TOURNAMENT- Champions** Red- SSL Group; **Finalists** Champagne;

U12G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Sage	7	3	1	22
Maroon	6	2	3	21
Royal	6	2	3	21
Orange	5	2	4	19
Gold	4	2	5	17
Red	3	6	2	11
Kelly	2	7	2	8
Champagne	1	10	0	3

**U13B- LEAGUE STANDINGS- Gold-** Kelly; **Silver-** Royal Magna International; **Bronze-** Gold;

**AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** Kelly; **Finalists-** Royal Magna International;

U13B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	10	1	0	30
Royal	7	3	1	22
Gold	3	4	4	13
Forest	4	7	0	12
White	3	7	1	10
Red	2	7	2	8

**U13G- AUGUST 19- Kelly** 8 (L. Pitts 3, C. Haywood 1, J. Tome 1, S. Montanaro 1, M. Marcone 1, D. MacWilliam 1) vs **Red-** Kerrson Mechanical 3 (A. Kerr 1, J. Williams 2); **Orange** 2 (E. Hayzeldon 2) vs **Royal** 0; **Champagne** 0 vs **Gold** 2 (T. Allison 1, E. Baugard 1);

**LEAGUE STANDINGS- Gold-** Orange; **AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** Red Kerrson Mechanical; **Finalists-** Kelly;

U13G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	8	1	2	26
Kelly	6	4	1	19
Gold	6	4	1	19
Royal	3	4	4	13
Red	3	8	0	9
Champagne	2	6	2	8

**U14/15B- AUGUST 9- Ginger** 3 (A. Cho 1, M. Perotto 1, C. Divincenzo 1) vs **Gold** 2 (D. Hyun Kim 1, C. Cook 1); **Champagne-** Johnson Financial Group Inc. 4 (J. Smith 2, J. Tuck 1, M. Granger 1) vs **Kelly** 2 (DJ Roberts 1, D. Kupraty 1); **Red** 7 (D. White 2, C. O'Grady 2, N. Prescott 1, C. Lockhart 1) vs **Royal** 1 (J. Domanico 1);

**AUGUST 17- Red** 8 (C. Lockhart 4, N. Prescott 3, D. Moore 1) vs **Kelly** 5 (DJ Roberts 2, M. Tacchino 1, J. Bealy 2); **LEAGUE STANDINGS- Gold-** Ginger; **Silver-** Red; **Bronze-** Kelly; **AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** Gold; **Finalists-** Ginger;

U14/15B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Ginger	8	2	0	24
Kelly	6	4	0	18
Red	6	4	0	18
Gold	3	5	1	10
Royal	3	7	0	9
Champagne	2	6	1	7

**U14G-AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** Kelly; **Finalists-** Ginger;

U14G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Ginger	6	2	2	20
Gold	6	2	2	20
Kelly	3	4	3	12
Royal	3	5	2	11
Champagne	3	5	2	11
Red	2	5	3	9

**U15/19G-AUGUST 11- Champagne-** 5 Below 4 (C. Fauteux 1, N. Khamissa 1, A. Ross 1) vs **Red-** Sean Herbinson Remax York Group 4 (L. White 4); **Sky** 1 (A. Digiambattista 1) vs **Silver** 1 (S. Campbell 1); **Royal** 0 vs **Sage#2** 3 (A. Sackfield 1, E. Bergamin 1); **Kelly** 1 (L. Poulin 1) vs **Teal** 3 (H. Allison 1, J. Gentles 1, J. DeZorzi 1); **Gold** 0 vs **Orange** 2 (P. Horner 1, J. Martin 1); **Maroon** 1 (A. Lerner 1) vs **Sage#1** 3 (A. Cubitt 1); **Purple-** Quality Integrators Corp. 1 (L. Fulton 1) vs **Ginger** 1 (M. Annear 1); **AUGUST 18- Silver** 4 (A. Campbell 2, K. Gray 1, A. Lloyd 1) vs **Gold** 0; **Sage#1** 2 vs **Champagne-** 5 Below 2; **Ginger** 1 vs **Maroon** 3; **Teal** 1 (K. Hamm 1) vs **Purple-** Quality Integrators Corp. 2 (L. Fulton 2); **Red-** Sean Herbinson Remax York Group 1 (N. Bisogno 1) vs **Orange** 1 (J. Davis 1); **Sage#2** 2 (E. Bergamin 2) vs **Sky** 4 (A. Lupo 2, A. Camilleri 2); **LEAGUE STANDINGS- Gold-** Sage#2; **Silver-** Silver; **Bronze-** Sky; **AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS- Champions-** Kelly; **Finalists-** Sage#1;

U15/U19G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Sage#2	8	1	1	25
Silver	8	1	1	25
Sky	6	3	1	19
Red	5	3	2	17
Kelly	5	4	1	16
Orange	5	4	1	16
Sage#1	5	4	1	16
Maroon	5	4	1	16
Gold	4	5	1	13
Teal	3	5	2	11
Ginger	3	6	1	10
Royal	3	7	0	9
Purple	2	7	1	7
Champagne	0	8	2	2

**U16G CGSL Premiere- AUGUST 16- Woodbridge Strikers** vs **Aurora Stingers.** Aurora won 7 to 0. Stinger goals scored by L. D'Aguanno 3, S. Lena 2, M. Wiley and T. Van Bakel.

**AUGUST 25- Aurora Stingers** 0 vs **Woodbridge Strikers** 2. This game concludes a fabulous season; 10 wins and 2 losses capturing the league Championship for the Premiere U16 division! Congratulations girls! Thanks very much to Ermes Lena and Peter Landry for coaching this successful season. Thanks also to Andy Vucko, Janice Goodrow and Carol Smith for your contributions to the team effort. Good Luck girls in your cup games in September.





Wreckers spent a weekend recently removing the house from 5 Cameron Avenue much to the dismay of several neighbours. The house, without a basement, was demolished by its owner, who also applied for a severance of the property at the corner of Royal Road. Aurora's Committee of Adjustment denied the severance, and the issue has been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

# Adjustment Committee rejects land severance

Aurora's Committee of Adjustment received an application from the purchaser of a single residence on Cameron Avenue, in order to sever the property into two parcels in order to build two homes. And the neighbourhood reacted.

opposed the application and submitted a 19-name petition opposing the project due to the impact on the architectural landscape and culture, impact of construction and severance and neighbourhood safety. In its first look at the request, the Committee

reserved its decision for a month, then in a meeting last week, rejected the severance application. The home on the property has since been removed. However, neighbours, fearing the owner may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board, appeared at a council

meeting last week to enforce their opposition to the severance. The now-vacant property sits at the corner of Cameron Avenue and Royal Road. Susan Jenkins spoke for the neighbours. As a long time resident of Aurora, she expressed concern about what was being done to the older established areas and while the Committee of Adjustment had denied the application, she understood there could be an appeal to the OMB.

# Pear tree joins Garden

It has been a bit of a challenge moving Aurora's community gardens from a site in the north end of town to its current location, but that headache seems to be a thing of the past today. And now the site, located at the corner of Allaura Blvd. and Edward Street, is expanding to accommodate more than just garden plots. Thursday, it officially welcomed a pear tree.

Aurora Councillor Wendy Gaertner and Elizabeth Brim, executive director of the York Region Food Network, ceremoniously planted the tree along with Bruce and Marilyn Howe of Aurora, the donors. The new garden site is on the Jack Woods Farm property and the house is currently occupied by Crescentbrook Farms Daycare.

Established in 1996, the Aurora Community Garden was moved this year to its current location with the support of Aurora Council. The new location offers long term stability to the program. "The gardens are an essential part of community life," Councillor Gaertner said.

"I am delighted to represent the Town of Aurora at this tree planting event and extend my heartfelt thanks to our residents for their generous donation to the Aurora garden." The pear tree has been planted in the south-east corner of the garden and represents the start of the naturalization program for the Aurora Community Garden. Fruit harvested from the tree will be donated to the Aurora Food Pantry.

"Community gardens build relationships, provide food to local food banks, and make our community a home," Mrs. Howe said. "The Howe family is happy to support such a worthwhile program." Aurora resident Rebecca Beaton has also consented to donate two serviceberry trees to the gardens.

One will be planted alongside the pathway leading from the daycare centre to the Aurora Garden. The pathway, used by the pre-school children to access the gardens, represents a bridge between the Aurora Community Garden and its community partner, York Region Neighbourhood

Services, who manage Crescentbrook Farm Daycare. York Region Food Network spokesmen acknowledged the work of Chris Poole, proprietor of the Aurora based company, Yard Works 4 Life, who planted the pear tree. York Region Food Network is a growing not-for-profit organization that works to raise awareness of food security issues and promote action for change in York Region.

This is done through education and advocacy; encouraging the development of public policy that promotes increased food security; and demonstration of and support for community based initiatives aimed at increasing access to affordable nutritious food for all people in York Region.

York Region Food Network is involved in several community initiatives that are aimed at increasing access to affordable, nutritious food for all people in York Region. For more information about the Community Garden Programs in Aurora, contact Catherine Higham-Cook, Community Gardens Co-ordinator at 905-967-0428.

# Children end tank debate

## 1970

The sight of a tank roaring across the desert lands of Afghanistan or Iraq is a common sight on television these days as American troops and terrorists chase each other from stronghold to stronghold.

Back in the 1970s, the sight of a tank in Aurora nearly became a reality in Aurora as council held the Great Tank Debate. At the November 2, 1970, council meeting, Councillor Peter Miller told members he had learned from members of the Queen's York Rangers that a 45-ton Sherman tank was available.

He suggested it be acquired and brought to Aurora to be placed in one of the town parks for children to play on. His suggestion was received with mixed emotions.

Councillor Iltyd Harris said it was not the type of play equipment he would encourage in town parks. He was supported by Reeve Evelyn Buck. Councillors Walt Davis and Elmer "Doc" Henderson said they could see nothing wrong with the proposal.

Councillor Norm Stewart, a former member of the Queen's York Rangers, said that based on his 30 years of military association, soldiers would object to having an instrument of war used as a play toy. As is normal with most municipal councils, when a difficult decision has to be made it is referred to a committee.

In this case, an ad hoc committee of Councillors Miller, Davis and Ron Simmons was established to study the issue. Public reaction to the tank proposal was also mixed. Some citizens said a war tank located in a park represents a symbol of death in a peaceful, pastoral setting. Others said a tank was plain ugly.

Some citizens didn't object to the town acquiring the tank but said it should be placed in a military museum, not a public park.

Still others said people shouldn't bury their heads in the sand and forget that the war played a significant role in Canadian history.

A delegation from the Aurora Ministerial Association appeared before council urging councillors to reject the tank proposal.

In April, 1971, council rejected a committee recommendation to purchase the tank for \$500 and situate it on a concrete pad in a yet to be named park.

Instead, council decided to seek further public input and to investigate if the Aurora Legion or the Queen's York Rangers were interested in acquiring the tank.

But it was the young people of Aurora who were the deciding factor that brought the debate to an end. Zaid Khamissa, Mark Patterson, Bruce Poulin and Tom Southwood, all Grade 7 students at Aurora Senior Public School, started a petition opposing the purchase of the tank.

At the April 19, 1971, council meeting, Khamissa presented the petition signed by 820 students and the Great Tank Debate was over, for the time being.

It resurfaced again in June, 1986, when the Queen's York Rangers offered to provide a Sherman tank to the town. The town's heritage committee suggested the tank be located at the Cenotaph.

Mayor Evelyn Buck said at the time that the Cenotaph was not a memorial to wars, but a memorial to the young men who died in the wars.

Council agreed and the Great Tank Debate was over once again.

Rumblings of such a vehicle still being available are regularly heard at the Aurora Legion.

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# North York elections were always interesting

Believe it or not but Prime Minister MacKenzie King once represented the old federal riding of North York, which included most of York County.

He switched from being a bureaucrat to becoming a politician by winning his home riding of Waterloo North in 1908, but lost it in 1911.

Determined to remain in politics he turned to North York, the seat once held by his grandfather, William Lyon MacKenzie King.

Traditionally a Liberal riding, it went Conservative in 1911 and King believed he could win it back in the 1917 election.

But it was not to be.

World War I was raging and the conscription issue was raging.

He won the North York seat in 1921 but lost out to Aurora lawyer Herb Lennox in 1925 and King found a seat elsewhere.

## THE DAY THE RAINS CAME

It was August 4, 1946, when Aurora experienced the worst flood to that point in time of the town's history.

A series of thunderstorms caused creeks to rise rapidly, flooding streets and basements and marooning many residents.

Power was out for nearly eight hours.

Several small bridges were swept away and two feet of water covered Yonge and surrounding streets.

## WHEN DON CHERRY VISITED

In September, 1984, the Aurora Knights of Columbus sponsored the First Annual Sports Celebrity Dinner at the Our Lady of Grace Church Hall with Hockey Night in Canada's Don Cherry and Brian McFarlane as two of the guest celebrities.

Cherry was the guest speaker and McFarlane the MC.

Knights of Columbus member Jim Coleman, organizer of the event, had attended a Sports Celebrity Dinner in East Gwillimbury and decided if they could do it, Aurora could do it.

It worked and the proceeds went to the Aurora Minor Hockey Association.

## PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW

The question of open and closed council and committee meetings is an ongoing issue and although there is legislation outlining what can legally be discussed behind closed doors, the suspicion remains that council has something to hide.

Sometimes the issues discussed at a closed door meeting are leaked to the press and that can present other problems.

One example happened in November, 1965, when, following a closed door meeting with a developer, the local paper carried a story about a huge housing and commercial development being proposed for Aurora's north end.

At the following council meeting, it was confirmed that such a proposal had been made and the meeting exploded into a name-calling debate about leaks to the press resulting in a motion that all talks with developers would be in an open council meeting.

It was claimed that the premature release of the information was a move by Consolidated Building Corporation, builders of Regency Acres, to pressure members of council into approving their plan.

The property on Orchard Heights Boulevard was later developed by Wimpy Homes and the commercial area became St. Andrew's Shopping Centre.

Council also agreed that in future all meetings with developers would be in public.

## SPENDING A SURPLUS

Believe it or not, Aurora ended 1990 with a \$1.1 million surplus and council couldn't agree how to spend it.

After considerable discussion at a special council on June 3, 1991, it was referred to the June 26th council meeting.

Staff listed a number of suggestions to utilize the surplus including establishing a reserve fund for non-recurring capital expenditures such as an upgrade of the Municipal Information System or a reserve account for capital expenditures for firefighting equipment.

After further discussion the treasurer was directed to invest the surplus funds pending specific allocations by council.

## HAVING A BALL AT THE HALL

Back in the days when members of Aurora Council received a list of all monthly expenditures by departments as part of the public agenda, it came as a pleasant shock in October, 1968, to find out that the Fire Department had entertained 300 people at their Open House for \$19.84.

One council member suggested that at six cents a head, the town should turn all its entertainment over to the Fire Department.

## ONLY IN AURORA

Believe it or not but once upon a time in Aurora a mature tree was used as a post for a stop sign.

It happened back in 1987 and captured everyone's attention except for some motorists who claimed they didn't see it.

The stop sign was posted on a tree beside the north-

bound lane of Edward Street at the intersection with Harrison Avenue.

Although motorists claimed it was difficult to see, staff said the location, height and post met the requirements of the Highway Traffic Act.

The intersection has since been reconstructed and the tree removed, but the stop sign is still there.

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# Aurora teen has the acting bug

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

Deborah Lawrence is just 15, but she already knows that acting will always be a part of her life.

Having just finished the opportunity of working with a professional director and company in Resurgence Theatre's production of "The Book of Miracles" at Fairy Lake, Deborah has been bitten by the acting bug. "I can't see my life without acting. There's nothing else I'd rather do," the Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School student said.

Deborah began to act when she started high

school and came under the inspiration of Miss Fogelman, a drama teacher at the school.

Then, last spring, she saw a poster in the class, looking for students to join Resurgence's Summer Youth Theatre program. After lots of hard work, she found herself on

stage under the direction of Kyra Harper.

Acting under the summer skies has added an extra element of excitement and drama.

"One day it was raining, and I slipped and hurt myself pretty badly. The run from stage to offstage is pretty long - you have to be athletic!"

Deborah said.

Deborah hopes to attend a university that specializes in dramatic arts, such as the National Theatre School in Montreal or Toronto's Ryerson.



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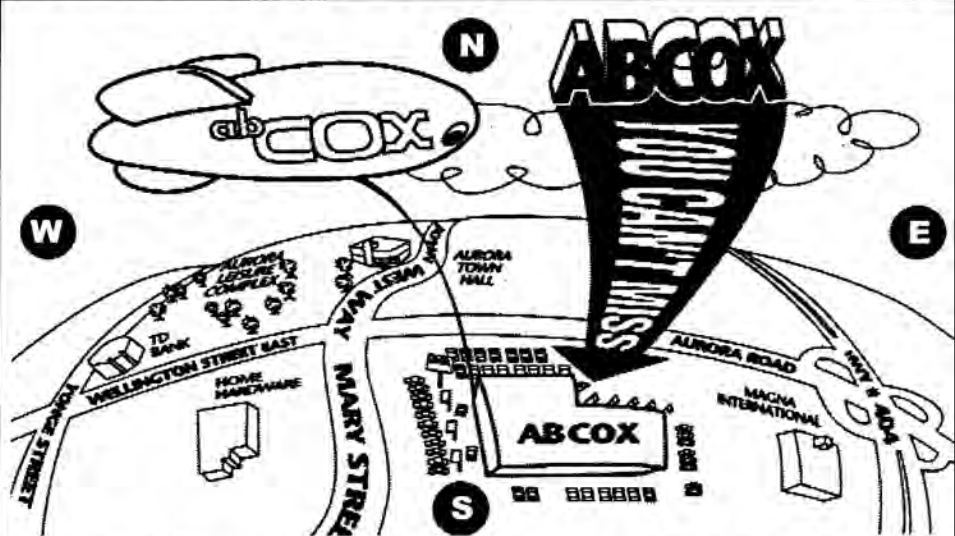
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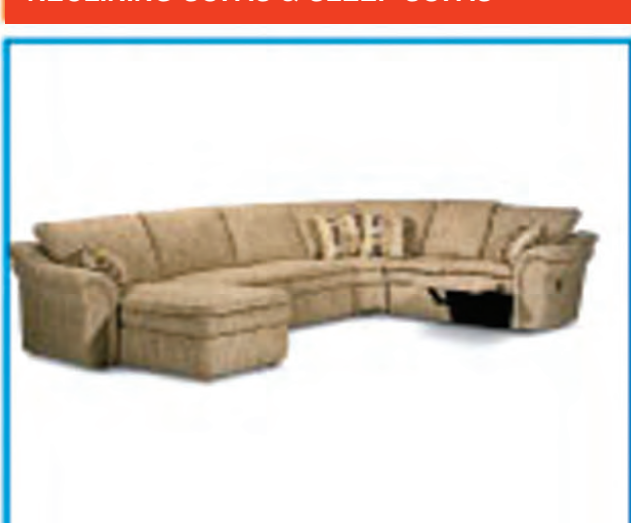
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