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# Our next fledgling is on-line

When The Auroran began publishing late in the year 2000, it produced some fledgling products. It scrambled to find enough advertisers and material to justify an eight-page paper. Those days are behind us now, so we thought it was time to get another fledgling product going. That newcomer may be found at [www.auroran.com](http://www.auroran.com), our brand new website. Being created through the wizardry of photographer Rob Schuetze, the website, we thought, should honour its creator so the first thing to appear there are his pictures. Therefore, every photo he took Saturday night at the Santa Claus Parade is posted there. Soon you'll be able to use the website to order advertising, speak to our staff, and read every newspaper that we have produced since Week 1, in addition to other conveniences. But that's in the future. First we have to grow out of the fledgling stage.



The big guy himself arrived in Aurora Saturday night amid the glitter of thousands of lights as the Aurora Santa Claus Parade marked its 10th anniversary of nighttime parades. Thousands lined the route, and while the temperatures were low the rain stayed away and the parade went off without a hitch. Some 100 units took part in the activity, which took more than an hour to pass a single spot. For more pictures, see Page 9, and for even more pictures, visit our brand new website at [www.auroran.com](http://www.auroran.com).  
*Auroran photo by Rob Schuetze*

## Address change latest Town Hall controversy

Last April on a 5-4 vote Aurora Council approved a change in the address of the Town Hall from 100 John West Way to 1 Municipal Drive,

effective January 1.

For some time Councillor Nigel Kean had objected to the Town Hall being on a street named after a sitting member

of council.

With the addition of the new seniors' centre, he proposed both facilities be located on a new street, leaving John West Way as it is.

Councillors Evelyn Buck, Bill Hogg, John West and Mayor Tim Jones voted against the recommendation to change the address.

The town's procedural bylaw clearly states that after a resolution has been enacted, council may not reconsider or rescind it for a period of six months.

The Code of Ethics also states members of council will accurately and adequately adhere to the attitudes and decisions of Aurora Council, even if they disagree with a majority decision of council so that there is respect for the decision-making processes, but the controversy continued.

Last October Graham Wride,

a long-time resident of Aurora and a friend of Councillor West, requested reconsideration of council's decision to change the address of the Town Hall.

In his presentation, Wride said he had written several letters to members of council

seeking an answer regarding costs and benefits of making the change and he had not received a reply.

He said the action to change the address was not only confusing and a waste of taxpayer

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## Thompson Funeral Home avoids OMB

The final hurdle for the move of the Thompson Funeral Home from Victoria Street to the northeast corner of Yonge Street and Industrial Parkway South appears to have been jumped.

A public planning meeting in May produced no opposition to the application.

In August Aurora Council approved the official plan amendment and the implementing zoning bylaw was adopted in September.

However, an appeal was launched with the Ontario Municipal Board over the height of the proposed professional building.

Council was advised that the applicant was attempting to negotiate with the objector.

Last week, council was advised that following negotiations, the appeal was dropped and the bylaw is now in force permitting construction to proceed.



Aurora's senior citizens and Aurora politicians got together Saturday morning for the official ground-breaking ceremony to mark beginning of construction of a new seniors' centre in Aurora. Located just west of the Town Hall, the building is expected to be ready sometime next summer.

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\*\*\*\*

Independent Order of Odd Fellow Lodge #148 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at 15216 Yonge Street (south of Wellington). For more information, call 905-830-0205.

\*\*\*\*

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.

\*\*\*\*

Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10.30 a.m. Coffee club at 9 a.m., lunch at noon. Contact 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080.

\*\*\*\*

Helping Hand: Gently used clothing for women and children, at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. Wednesdays 5.30 - 7 p.m. For more information, call 905-727-6101.

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

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..

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

Overnight parking restrictions in effect until April 15th from 2 to 8 a.m. on all town streets.

\*\*\*\*

Towns of York Toastmasters meetings are free and open to the general public. 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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Progressive Euchre every Thursday night. Aurora Legion. 7.30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

\*\*\*\*

Operation Catch-Up presents free "Tutoring and Homework Help" for ages 10 to 18 years every Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. during the regular school year at the old Victoria Street library building. Call 905-773-7024 for details.

## DECEMBER 2

Calling all Britons. If you ever worked in the UK your pension has been frozen. An information meeting will be held at the Aurora Legion on the Industrial Parkway North from 2 to 4 p.m. Representatives of the Canadian Alliance of British Pensioners will be in attendance.

## DECEMBER 4

York Chamber Ensemble, with the Festival Chorus, presents "Christmas Rhythms" at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, at 7.30 p.m. Concert offerings include J. S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, parts I and III; Corelli's Christmas Concerto; Suk's Meditation on an Old Bohemian Carol; and the English melody "Greensleeves." Tickets \$15 and \$10.

\*\*\*\*

African Jewelry Sale at 45 Archerhill Court with proceeds to finishing a dormitory for orphaned street children in Africa. Noon to 5 p.m. Archerhill is near the northwest corner of Bayview and Vondorf.

\*\*\*\*

Wellington Gallery, 32 Wellington Street West, opens a new exhibition "A Few of My Favourite Things" featuring the works of 20 artists including Aurora artist Dorothy Clark McClure. Reception from 2-4 p.m. Exhibition continues to January 15. Call 905-751-0066.

\*\*\*\*

Dinner and a Movie for all 11 to 14-year-olds at the Aurora Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m. to see "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" with Johnny Depp. Cost \$3 per person.

\*\*\*\*

Free Christmas Dinner and Concert at Community Bible Church, Bathurst and Henderson. 5.30 p.m. RSVP to Alexis Mayo, 905-727-4985. Seating limited.

## DECEMBER 4/5

Theatre Aurora will hold a two-day professional lighting workshop using "Wait Until Dark" to lead participants through the design process with Theatre Aurora's new state-of-the-art equipment. Sessions start on both days at 10 a.m. Call Ken Lloyd at 905-727-5474 to register.

## DECEMBER 5

Celebrate Christmas at Hillary House. Drop in from 2 to 4 p.m. Adults \$5 and children 12 and under \$3.

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Christmas concert by the Bernard Pears Choral, First Baptist Church, 33 Wellington Street East, corner of Victoria, 7 p.m. Tickets available at the door, \$10. For further information, call 905-727-4531. Refreshments.

## DECEMBER 10/17/18

Queen Elizabeth Dinner Theatre at Howard Johnson Aurora presents "Greetings", a Christmas play with a difference. Call 905-727-1312 to reserve.

## DECEMBER 11

Hillary House Players perform at 7 p.m. \$10 per person. Call 905-727-8991 to reserve.

## DECEMBER 12

From 1 to 4 p.m. Aurora's Marquee Productions will audition children for the upcoming production of "The Sound of Music" at the studio, 73 Industrial Parkway North. Adults wishing to audition may do so

December 16 and 17 from 7 to 10.30 p.m. Call 905-713-1040 to book a time.

## DECEMBER 13

Aurora Writers Group monthly meeting. Aurora Town Hall, 100 John West Way, 7.30 p.m. Writers of all genres and levels welcome. Malcolm Watts will discuss the self-publishing process and his novel "Reflections from Shadow."

\*\*\*\*

Mid-winter Christmas Night at Wesley United Church. Aurora Opera Company members sing "old fashioned" Christmas songs from Wales, England, Scotland and traditional carols. 7.30 p.m. Church is located at the corner of Aurora Sideroad (Wellington East) and Woodbine. Tickets \$15 at the door. For more information, call 905-841-0414.

## DECEMBER 14

Aurora Council meets at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Town Hall. Council will consider an amendment to the Licensing Bylaw and amendments to the Sign Bylaw. Copies of the proposed amendments are available at the Clerk's office or the town web site.

## DECEMBER 18

Children's Christmas workshop at Hillary House, 10 a.m. to noon. Make an old-fashioned gift and an ornament. For ages six through ten. Fee: \$5. Pre-registration necessary. Call the Aurora Museum at 905-727-8991.

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# Men's big chance to Christmas shop

The opportunity of a lifetime for men to do some Christmas shopping happens this Saturday.

And by doing so, shoppers will be assisting a passionate woman who has devoted herself to rescuing homeless children in Africa. Janine Maxwell, who lives on Archerhill Court, near Bayview and Vandorf in the southeast end of Aurora, will open her house to any shopper who is looking for authentic African jewelry, greeting cards and handmade afghans.

Part of a group known as the Hopes & Dreams Team, Janine held such a sale a couple of weeks ago, inviting only women, and raised more than \$6,000.

Saturday, she hopes to raise more than ten grand.

In the first sale, some 100 women shopped in

Janine's huge dining room from a board table that came from her office when she was involved in the frantic commercial world downtown.

"I'm sure people would want to know how close we came to raising enough money to finish building a dorm for 100 more children at the Mully Children's Family in Kenya," she said.

Because of the overwhelming response to that "shop 'til you drop" event, Janine has organized a second spree for this Saturday.

"And the men are invited," she said. "We have tons of new product coming here in the next few days so there will be lots of new inventory including camel bone earrings, semi-precious stone earrings, camel bone/teak salad spoons, customized African necklaces made of

bone and beads, necklaces, bracelets and earrings made from genuine African porcupine quills; all African jewelry that is truly stunning."

The sale takes place from noon to 5 p.m. at 45 Archerhill Court. That's the first street north off Vandorf, west of Bayview. The house is the fifth one on your right as you drive in, and if you get to the cul-de-sac you've gone too far.

The Hopes and Dreams Team focuses on working with abandoned or orphaned children in third world countries.

The Mully Children's Family, a non-profit organization helping orphaned, abandoned and abused children in Kenya, Africa, is the first Hopes & Dreams project.

Janine is the founder of the Hopes & Dreams Team.

After a life changing trip to Zambia and Kenya in 2003 she knew that her experience in marketing, coupled with her impact and influence in the business world, could help save the lives of young, abandoned children in Africa.

Since then Janine has closed her business so that she can focus on working with HIV/AIDS orphans in Africa - the innocent ones who have been forgotten and abandoned.

The next trips to Kenya with the Hopes & Dreams Team are planned in April and July.

To learn more about the organization check the website at [www.hopesand-dreamsteam.ca](http://www.hopesand-dreamsteam.ca).

And do some serious shopping Saturday.



Janine Maxwell arranges items up for sale in Saturday afternoon's "shop 'til you drop" spree planned for her home on Archerhill Court. Five-hour sale begins at noon. Janine hopes the sale will raise more than \$10,000.

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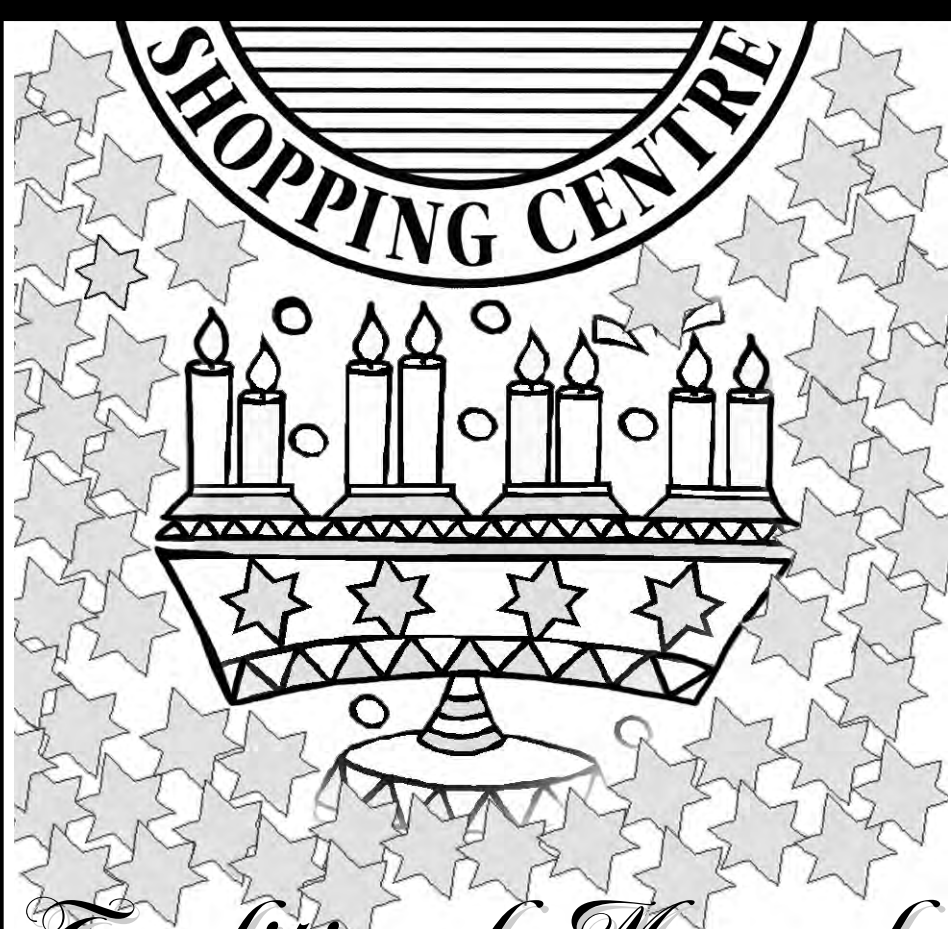
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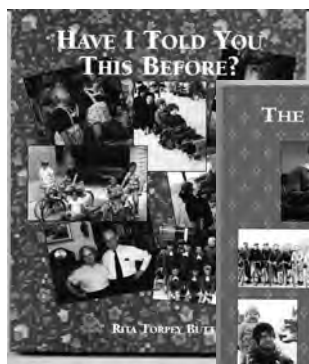
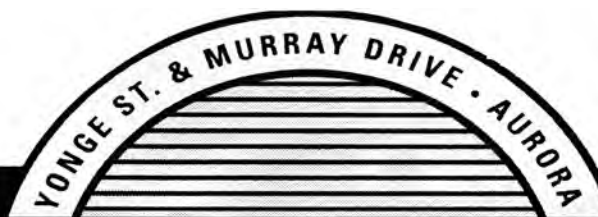
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**Thursday, December 9 - 5 p.m.**  
**Friday, December 10 - 3 p.m.**  
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## Poor Richard

# Exciting trip, but once was enough

*Memories come flitting back,  
Of days and events so long ago;  
Any opportunity to repeat them,  
Would get a resounding "No!"*  
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

It was December 4, 1943.

The morning was dark and snowy in Montreal as I struggled the two blocks from the hotel to catch the 5 a.m. bus to Dorval Airport.

It may have been the early morning, or the rapid pace of change over the past couple of weeks, but it wasn't until I was on the bus that I fully realized I was starting out on my first flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

After graduating from #1 Air Observer School at Malton, I was posted to #45 Atlantic Transport Group of the RAF, commonly referred to as Ferry Command, a couple of weeks earlier.

Two weeks were spent at Navigation School learning about long range navigation over water and completing a plotting exercise of a trial run across the Atlantic.

Following the plotting exercise, I was supposed to be checked out in the air on a long range flight.

On November 29, 1943, I was assigned as navigator to S/L Fitzgibbon, chief flying instructor, in Liberator BZ 748 for a flight to Debert, Nova Scotia and return.

This was to be my check out flight. I might as well have stayed home.

The aircraft was used to check out pilots for landings and take-offs and most of the navigation equipment had been removed.

When I brought this to the pilot's attention, he told me not to worry, just follow the St. Lawrence River there and back, so my check-out was a six-hour flight along the river.

On December 1, 1943, I was posted to Crew Assignments and my name was listed at the bottom of a long list of navigators waiting to be assigned to a delivery flight.

When your name reached the top you were crewed with the pilot and radio operator who had also reached the top of the list.

That was the normal procedure.

Our instructions were to phone Crew Assignments every day around 4 o'clock in the event you were to attend briefing the next morning for take-off the following day.

It so happened I was out at the airport on December 2nd and visited Crew Assignments.

That was a mistake as they were looking for a navigator and I was told to report in the morning for take-off.

I didn't sleep much that night as I spent most of the time drawing lines on maps, checking and rechecking equipment and had all the maps, charts, etc. that I would need.

I had to pack clothing to take with me as I had no idea how long I would be gone.

I also had to pack the remainder of my clothing for storage at the hotel, until my return. It was quite a night.

The morning wasn't much better. I arrived at the operations room to meet my pilot, a Polish officer, F/L Mark Rusiecki and a Polish radio operator who didn't speak English.

The crew had been originally all-Polish, but the navigator had reported sick.

The weather on December 3rd wasn't very good.

We sat around the ops room until about noon when the flight was cancelled.

I was grateful for the delay as it gave me time to catch my breath and get myself in a more positive frame of mind.

We took off about 9 a.m. December 4 for the four-hour and 40-minute flight to Goose Bay.

All our pre-flight training was for a flight across the ocean and nobody told me how to get to Goose Bay.

It called for dead reckoning navigation which was a real test for a navigator used to flying around southern Ontario with an Esso road map.

After a search for a missing aircraft at Goose Bay, we made it to Bluie West in Greenland, Meeks Field in Iceland and to Prestwick, Scotland, arriving there December 20th after 26 hours and 40 minutes in the air.

After a couple of days in Prestwick we were loaded on the Aquitania for the voyage home to spend Christmas Day at sea and New Year's Eve on the train from New York to Montreal.

I don't regret it but it's not a trip I would care to repeat today.



Miss Love's Grade 5 class got together on Sept. 11, 1929, for this shot outside Church Street School, or the Aurora Public School as it was known then. Aurora's Al White dropped off the photo and has come up with some identification. Top row, left to right, Florence Cary, Rosie Caruso, Violet Baker, Vivian Wilcox, Vern Calhoun, Edna Jackson, Hazel McBride, Irene Rose, ?, ?, Evelyn Boakes. Third row, left to right, Dorothy Buckendale, Kathleen Watson, Doris Dodds, Elsie Judd, Anne Dunning, ?, Vivian Quinn, ?, Ruth Rose, Noreen Griffith, Kitty Bone. Second row, left to right, Stan Hart, ?, ?, Alfred Cooper, Lindsey Trent, Earl Heizey, ?, Herb Watson, Jack Cliff, Jack Atkinson. Front row, left to right, Alex Stewart, Charlie Frey, John Polly, Harold Foster, Allan White, ?, ?, Bert Long, ?, Arthur White.

## Letters to the Editor

# Meaningful message from Councillor Kean

To the editor,

Councillor Nigel Kean can count on my vote next time around.

My husband and I somehow found ourselves watching the November 23rd town council meeting on Aurora Cable in lieu of Coronation Street and it did prove to be very entertaining.

To be honest, we were most interested in the hydro issue given that it could adversely affect our community for the foreseeable future.

That issue however was dealt with (or not!) promptly enough and before we knew it council was onto more important things such as the naming of a square after a councillor that already has the adjoining street named after him.

Onwards and upwards, as the saying goes.

As we continued to watch democracy unfold before our eyes, something very meaningful happened; we were moved by a speech made by Councillor Kean in which he stated eloquently that he felt no need for public officials to name streets, squares, parks or parking lots after themselves.

He reminded us of the greater sacrifices made by many other deserving people who lost their lives in the great wars or who founded our community so many generations ago.

These are the people streets should be named after.

Councillor Kean put into words what so many people feel.

It has become abundant-

ly clear that our council continues to spend a disproportionate amount of time with self serving agendas and not the town's true business of serving the community.

Let's stop the infighting and childish behaviour and start considering the public good.

To be clear here, I take no exception to Councillor John West or his contribution to our community.

While some councillors actually try to have meaningful dialogue on important issues, the mayor continues to shut them down in the interest of time.

Thank goodness he did not shut down Councillor Kean from making his point on this night.

**Donna Cree Johnson**  
Aurora

# 9th bazaar gets raves

To the editor,

The Catholic Women's League would like to extend their appreciation to The Auroran and to the other forms of media communication for the excellent coverage of their 9th Annual Christmas Fair & Artisans Craft Sale on Saturday, Nov. 13.

It is gratifying to know that our efforts are so widely recognized and supported.

In view of the fact that there were several other bazaars being held on the same day, we felt that our fair was well attended and enjoyed by all the communi-

ty and deservedly enjoys the apt description of "the very best Christmas Show in Aurora".

There are always many people to thank for their support and willing volunteerism in preparing and displaying this large event.

Among them are the merchants of Aurora who kindly donated many wonderful prizes which were won by very happy citizens.

Santa Claus and his elves were thoroughly welcomed by enthusiastic children who also caught some "fishy prizes" at our popular fish pond.

Our craft vendors exhibited their varied and beautiful

assortment of pleasing and festive wares and the delicious lunch offered by the CWL Ladies Group received many raves.

Not to be outdone, were the amusing and artistically painted faces of children and adults who couldn't resist a bargain at "Belinda's Tacky Treasures" White Elephant tables.

All in all, a terrific day to start off the holiday season.

To all our much appreciated and loyal community participants and the citizens of Aurora, we thank you very sincerely for your patronage.

**Sheelagh Reynolds**  
CWL President

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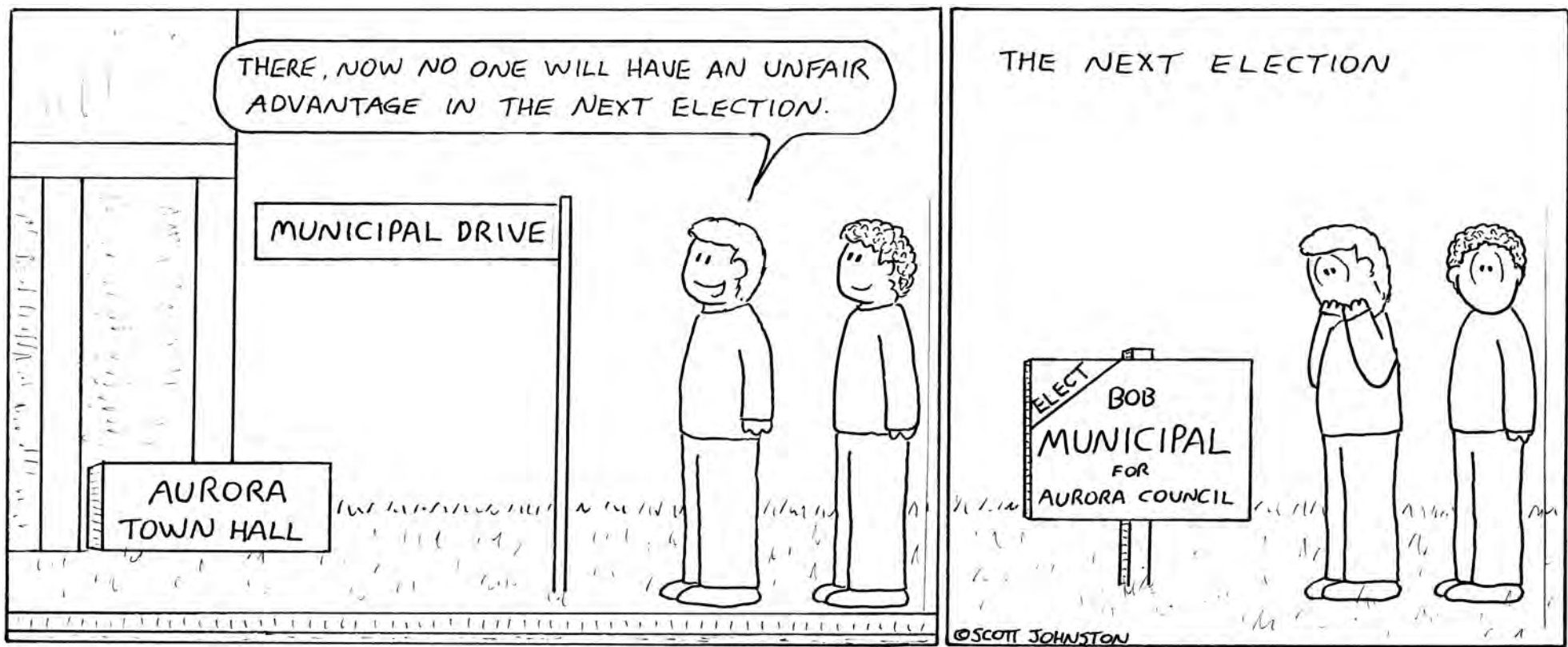
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## Mayor's Report

By Tim Jones

# The meeting vs. assembly debate

Recently, Aurora Council dealt with numerous issues in its procedural bylaw including reviewing and approving how it wished to set its own procedures on closed assemblies.

'Assemblies' differ from 'meetings' as discussion in assemblies involves discussion on matters that are educational in nature, i.e. orientation or of interest to how we might function together as a group, but not anything that could be construed as furthering the business of the Town.

In a close vote, council approved our ability to assemble behind closed doors to discuss these types of matters only.

Past experience over the last 19 years (seven terms of council) demonstrates that this has only occurred once every three years, away from Aurora for a new council's orientation, and maybe once or twice a term, in town, for inter-personal development - not Town business.

That is, if you discount the days when Council used to 'assemble' after meetings around Herb McKenzie's swimming pool!

The definitions in the Municipal Act are not clear and can be interpreted, as some councillors have, as restricting this type of session.

Legal opinion sought by council has stated this is permissive as long as business is not conducted or concluded.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), have both prepared positions on these types of meetings as being something that the Province should clarify.

AMO's position states, "that a municipal council be granted the discretion to determine when and for what purpose council or a committee may hold a closed meeting", and the AMCTO position is "that municipal council be granted the discretion to determine when and for what purpose council or a committee may hold a closed meeting".

These recommendations are found in AMO's document "AMO's Principles for Achieving a Mature Relationship" and the AMCTO's response, "An Early Review of the Municipal Act 2004", sent to the Province on the Province's 2004 Review of the Municipal Act.

Background statements include:

"There is no forum or opportunity for municipal councils or their committees to meet in closed session to develop a strategic planning process for the community, undertake an educational program or just have an opportunity to ask 'dumb' questions of staff or other members of council. There is no opportunity for a caucus meeting".

Mr. Justice Lacourciere of the Ontario Court of Appeal in a dissenting opinion in the case of Southam Inc. v Hamilton-Wentworth (Regional Municipality) Economic Development Committee (1988), 54 D.L.R. (4th) 131, Ont. C.A.), is quoted concerning the importance of council being able to meet in a closed meeting:

"The present issue, however, concerns gatherings of commissioners when no business is transacted; when, rather, they confer together and with each other; and when they collaborate in doing what may be called their 'home-work'. It is important that they do so freely and without restraint. Like all of us who have the responsibility of making important decisions, they need an opportunity to express, exchange and test ideas, to deliberate freely, off the record, and without the restraint of outside influence. Freedom of discussion and the exchange of ideas is essential to an understanding of a problem. It cannot be satisfactorily accomplished under a spotlight or before a microphone."

It is further pointed out that there is a different standard

when it comes to closed meetings provincially.

While provincial legislation is enacted in a public forum, namely the legislature, regulations and other policy development is not open to the public.

Cabinet is a closed body that makes decisions in closed session.

I always find this discussion fascinating.

Every three years the electorate puts their trust into members of council by electing them to lead their municipality and yet, almost immediately after they are inaugurated, some immediately communicate to them they don't trust them by complaining about them going into private session.

And, I personally find it frustrating when those of us who are elected, handcuff ourselves and bicker amongst each other about being able to trust each other by holding closed meetings to orientate and educate ourselves on the issues, to work at how we can work together.

Three years is not a long time, and I am a firm believer that our actions, decisions and accomplishments for the Town will demonstrate our ability to lead, to which the people will evaluate with their vote.

We need to trust each other and concentrate on the Town's best interests, on budget, strategic planning, hydro issues, new facility implementation and overall financial planning as opposed to using our general committees and council meetings to challenge ourselves on procedural and ethical process.

Going forward together with trust and confidence on Town priorities could make our procedural issues redundant.

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

# Chocolate does it for me

At first, I'm like a kid in a candy store. Then it gets better.

The giddiness wears off and I become a woman in love...possessed, obsessed, feeling blessed. Then it gets better.

Soon, I am overwhelmed. By an urge to lick my plate.

But I really shouldn't because my husband is already embarrassed...mortified, even.

We are out in public, after all. People know him in Aurora.

And the poor man has already had to sit through the kind of obscene scene that women typically make when indulging in a chocolate fantasy in public. It isn't fair.

Research into the chocolate phenomenon indicates that men don't suffer the way women do. They don't pine, ache or promise their first born.

And they don't commonly suffer the emotionally scarring experience of getting caught resorting to theft in a moment of desperation.

Trust me, this is not something you live down easily. Particularly if the people who catch you are your children...and it's their chocolate you're melting.

Get caught with sticky fingers and a decapitated Easter bunny dripping down your chin and you won't be making the rules or grounding anybody for decades!

Nobody will take you seriously - not even a three-year-old.

"I'm not listening to you," they'll say. "You ate my bunny." Your self-esteem will plummet.

You won't be able to find the words that can make things right again, and even if you can, you won't be able to say them. Coherently.

You will have achieved the status of a dog that has gotten into the peanut butter; all bite and no bark.

It's really hard to bark at anybody with a hunk of chocolate stuck to the roof of your mouth. Trust me,

I'm an authority.

"Go to bed!" comes out sounding like "I ate the head!"

But it doesn't really matter anyhow. With enough chocolate in your blood stream, you won't feel like barking at anyone.

You'll feel like moaning and sighing and whimpering and making other cute little (bunny?) sounds that you don't necessarily want all of Aurora to hear.

Especially in a restaurant. According to my husband, that's the worst.

I wouldn't know. I'm too rapt in ecstasy to note such inconsequential peripheral trivia.

"Cathy, please!" he hisses. "People are looking!"

I don't like people looking at my chocolate mousse cake, especially if they're holding a fork. It's too dangerous. So I heed the warning and tone down the appreciation.

But it doesn't really work.

I look at the cake: chocolate on the bottom, chocolate in the middle and chocolate on top. I'm powerless. Ohhhh...I'm like a kid in a candy store. Does it get any better?

I close my eyes to concentrate fully on the richness of the forkful of heavenly chocolate, and I am a woman in love - possessed, obsessed, feeling blessed. Ahhhh...this is paradise!

By the time I'm done licking my plate, I'm feeling finer than a Swiss truffle. Nothing can upset me. Not even my husband's abrupt departure. Oops...

Men just don't understand.

But before I run after him, ummm...excuse me, could I get another big hunk of chocolate mousse cake...to go? And how about a plastic fork?

And then it gets better.

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

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

**BOUQUETS** to Tamara Estabrooks on being named "Mrs. Aurora". She will represent the municipality at the Mrs. Canada International Pageant in March 2005. We wish her well, but how did she get appointed?

**BRICKBATS** to Ontario Finance Minister Greg Sorbara for even considering changes to the provincial prescription drug plan as it applies to seniors, disabled people and welfare recipients, to reduce expenditures. Take away their pills and they end up in the hospital at greater expense.

More **BRICKBATS** to the McGuinty government for failing to take action to eliminate or reduce York Region's share of pooling that goes to Toronto for social assistance and social housing. The region has sent \$515 million over the past six years when the region has about 500 homeless every night.

**BOUQUETS** to Stephanie Smith, a Grade 9 student at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School on capturing a Bronze Medal at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association finals in Guelph recently in the 5,000 metre cross-country course. She competed against 243 entrants.

**BRICKBATS** to Hydro One for being negligent in reading meters resulting in an overcharge to Toronto Hydro of \$37.8 million and being fined \$50,000 by the Independent Electricity Market Operator (IMO). As a result of the overcharge all other electric utilities were undercharged resulting in a surcharge of 2.3 cents per kilowatt hour delivered in July, 2004.

**BOUQUETS** to 9-year-old Clara Reeves of Aurora on being presented with a Person of Character Award by Mayor Tim Jones for an essay she wrote in a competition for students to express their thoughts about the meaning of character. Clara wrote about the need to help the Stephen Lewis Foundation in combating AIDS in children and how she had raised more than \$1,400.


**BRICKBATS** to Defence Minister Bill Graham for expressing a strange lesson in democracy. He says MPs will be permitted to debate and vote on the controversial missile defence system only after a deal has been struck with the U.S. That's outrageous and makes a mockery of democracy!

**BOUQUETS** to the town's Department of Corporate Services for the excellent report of council's unfinished business list, which has been published for the first time as part of the agenda. Now if members of council could start following up on some of the items, the list would be worthwhile.


**BRICKBATS** to Transport Canada for even considering regulations which would allow truckers to be on the road for as long as 18 hours at a stretch. It's being pushed by the Canadian Truck Alliance who claim the 18-hour day would promote safety because the trucker would get a break while his truck was being unloaded or loaded.

**BOUQUETS** to the province for giving the dysfunctional Toronto District School Board \$400,000, to hire a consultant so that they can learn to play nicely together and prepare a Code of Ethics. Aurora Council has a Code of Ethics but still can't play nicely together. A consultant might help!

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## Letters to the Editor

# Councillors break address silence

To the editor,

I attended the council meeting of November 23 and spoke to the facts and perceptions surrounding the Town Hall change of address.

I was overwhelmed by the number of citizens of every age who were present to voice their outrage at this nonsensical, money and time-wasting motion.

I would like to thank

Councillor Ron Wallace for putting forth a motion that would have potentially resolved this matter; that being to name the property on which the town hall and future seniors' building sit, John West Square.

Although the motion was defeated 6-2, it did illustrate that Councillor Wallace appreciated that the result, if not the intent, of the address change is an insult and is contrary to the wish-

es of the majority of Aurora citizens.

What did result from this motion is that after seven and a half months of repeatedly requesting, demanding and pleading for a reason behind their decision to re-address the town hall, Councillors Damir Vrancic and Nigel Kean finally broke their self-imposed silence and stated the only reason for their vote was, indeed, personal.

It was their personal view that our new town hall shouldn't have been addressed 100 John West Way.

I don't think the town is interested in what their personal view is regarding something that occurred 15 years ago.

What we do care about is what you and your views are doing for the taxpayers of Aurora in 2004.

It appears extremely little.

Councillor Vrancic made much of the fact that this council should have ultimate control over the naming rights of the new seniors' building.

Does he not see his own hypocrisy and arrogance?

He wants the naming rights yet he doesn't respect that the 1990 council had naming rights for the new town hall.

It's not even that this previous council named the building after anybody, they named the address 100 John West Way simply because that's where the building was and is located.

Please rescind this motion and get on with your rightful legitimate mandate of addressing current issues.

Norm Weller  
Aurora

Graham Wride  
Aurora

To the editor,

A chance meeting with an old friend led to an interesting question.

"Norm, what's wrong with our new library? You place a pencil on a desk and it rolls off onto the floor."

On my way home my thoughts turned back 40 some years ago, when I stopped to chat with a gentleman operating a soil testing machine at the corner of Yonge and Church streets.

"What's going to be built here?", I asked.

"Nothing I hope. It's an absolute swamp down there."

My thoughts then turned

to the old library on Victoria Street.

Due to poor soil conditions a lower level could not be built.

Carefully excavating about four feet staying above the poor soil, a pad of compacted sand was placed to build the library building above the poor soil, not in it.

Then I remembered a letter I wrote to Rosemary's Auroran about the Leisure Complex ice pad sitting on hundreds of 65-foot columns of concrete to keep the surface from sinking.

My suggestion at that time was to build a third ice pad at the new arena site.

My concern was the

vibration from the compressors was causing the swimming pool to crack and slide toward the creek.

I remembered my daily walks around the construction site of our new library and observing the day-to-day operations.

The construction workers were wallowing in the swamp-like conditions and pumps were roaring trying to lower the water level to install footings.

Is it possible vibrations from heavy trucks and buses a few meters from the front door are causing our beautiful new \$16 million library to sink?

# Get street names from the cenotaph

To the editor,

I am a resident of Aurora who has been properly served by the councillors who voted for the change of street name upon which the municipal office building sits.

My opinion is, in no way, meant to dishonour Mr. West.

This street name can reflect citizens of Aurora - past, present and future - who live in, and give of themselves to the good town that it is.

Municipal Way is only one such designation; Town Hall is another.

A second reason, already expressed by others, is to clearly identify the location of the town offices.

Residents, especially new people, will know where these offices are by virtue of the street name and its accessibility.

I am not in favour of naming Aurora streets after members of council for work done in their capacity as members

of council.

It is inherently their obligation to the people of Aurora to do a darn good job as a council member.

In rare instances, a councillor or mayor who has done exemplary work and given of themselves in a selfless manner would - or could - have a street (or the like) named for them.

To do this too often only serves to diminish the gratitude shown to those who were exceptional.

I do not support any mayor or council member using The Auroran as a free, public, and convenient forum to chastise another.

I wish more new street names were taken from the individuals whose names are inscribed on the cenotaph - of which there are many - or who are living veterans - of which there are few.

Mary Swan  
Aurora

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Joan Patterson handles the interior while John McIntyre (inset) takes care of the exterior of Hillary House, as the famous building is readied for the Christmas season. Visitors will have a chance to view a number of rooms depicting different ages of Christmas. Hillary House is located on Yonge Street, north of Wellington, south of Aurora Heights.

Auroran photos by David Falconer

# 142 years of Christmas at Aurora's Hillary House

On Sunday afternoon, December 5, Aurora's historic Hillary House opens its doors between 2 and 4 p.m. for its 142nd Christmas celebration. Visitors are invited to drop in to see its rooms decked for the holidays, enjoy complimentary refreshments in the ballroom, and shop at the museum's unique gift shop and bazaar. For the children, there will be the opportunity to make an old-fashioned ornament to take home. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

All proceeds help the Aurora Historical Society in its work to operate and maintain this National Historic Site. Visitors will see rooms which reflect different times in the house's history. They include the ballroom, restored to 1872; the study which reflects family life just before World War I; and the drawing room which maintains its 1950s appearance. Members of the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society have decked the halls with garlands of cedar and pine.

At Christmas, the house is decorated according to the changing tastes of several different periods. The ballroom, with its grand piano and a table laden with homemade cookies and cakes, proudly displays its four-branch kerosene fixture decked with evergreens and ribbon in a manner befitting Mr. Fezziwig's ballroom in A Christmas Carol. In the study, visitors will find Christmas preparations from a century ago, including a tree decked with candles, glass ornaments and cornucopia. In the drawing room will be a more modern setting-Christmas in the 1950s, with a tree featuring lots of "icicles" and "series" lights. Hillary House is located at 15372 Yonge Street, just north of Wellington and south of Aurora Heights Drive. Further information is available at 905-727-4015.

# Plaque to mark Hartman House

Aurora Toyota is hoping to move from its current Yonge Street location to the southwest corner of Bayview Avenue and Wellington Street East where the Hartman House is currently located. The Aurora Heritage Committee was advised that the house has undergone extensive renovations and remodeling over the years on both the inside and outside and no longer resembles the original home. The committee was also advised that relocation of the house within the proposed plan of development was not feasible. Moving the house to another location was investigated and hopeful owner John Chapman said he would give the house away if someone wanted to move it. The committee said it had no objections to the proposed commercial development of the property including the removal of the existing house. The potential owner of the property was asked to erect a plaque which would give a brief history and heritage of the property and that the design of the plaque be submitted to the committee for approval prior to installation.

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# Town, CUPE reach accord

Agreement has been reached between the Town of Aurora and CUPE Local 905 for a three-year contract ensuring labour peace in Aurora for the next three years at least. Last January negotiations got underway between the town and the local in order to arrive at a new collective agreement. The local represents 33 full-time and 10 seasonal outside workers with the works and parks departments. Unable to reach an agreement, the workers have been in a legal strike position since May 24th. The union was seeking a 10.5 per cent increase over three years, but according to union officials the Aurora policy dictated that outside workers earn at least 10 per cent less than the average salary of other municipal workers in the region. The Aurora workers claim they are paid between \$16 and \$19.21 per hour, which is between 11 and 20 per cent below the municipal average. Strike action did not take place in May as both

parties agreed to continue negotiations. However, the workers, strengthened by CUPE members from other municipalities, set up picket lines in front of the Town Hall. Last week, councillors were advised the union had ratified the agreement a day before. Main items of discussion were primarily salary and benefits. The contract contains a 10.5 per cent increase over a three-year period, which was consistent with settle-

ments in other municipalities. In addition, a six per cent supplementary catch-up adjustment was included over the period of the agreement to recognize the disparity that exists between the compensation paid by the town and staff in other municipalities. Financial implications of the agreement equate to \$62,508 in 2004, \$72,044 in 2005, \$70,838 in 2006 and \$17,922 in 2007 for a total impact of \$223,312 over the term.

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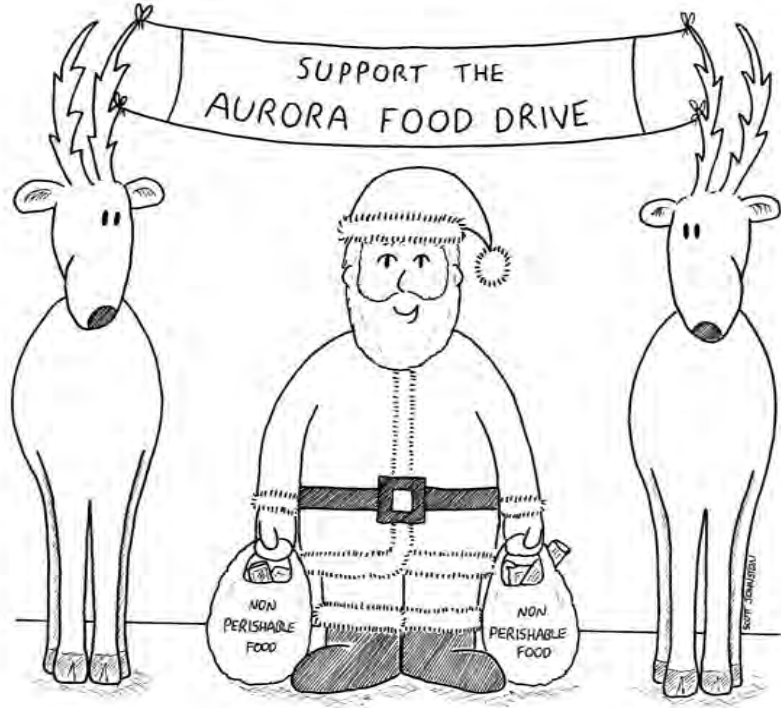
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## Tigers blank Stouffville 4-0

# Four-game winning streak as Aurora adds two more

The Aurora Tigers Junior A Hockey contingent appears to be on a roll.

Sunday they extended their winning streak to four games after dumping Couchiching 5-2 on enemy ground.

Aurora opened a 3-0 first period lead, then traded goals with the competition to secure the victory.

Friday night, before 500 enthusiastic fans, Aurora blanked the spirited Stouffville Spirit 4-0.

Coming off a weak effort the last time the Tigers met Stouffville, Aurora avenged the loss with the big goose-egg win.

Leading the charge was goaltender Ryan Dickie who was very solid in net making 19 saves for the shutout.

He was also chosen Player of the Game.

Former Spirit player



JERIC AGOSTA  
Two goals

Cale Tanaka scored a goal and added an assist, while

other singles came from Daniel Michalski, Doug Henderson and Josh

Diamond.

Sunday afternoon, Tigers were led by Jeric Agosta, who scored two of the five goals. while singles

came from Craig Carlyle, Sean Thompson and Mike Tuomi.

Jeremie Dupont recorded the victory in goal for Aurora.

Tigers, setting the pace in their division, now boast a record of 19 wins and 10 losses, and have still lost only one game at home.

They are 7-3 in their last 10 games.

Tigers next home game is this Friday at the Aurora Community Centre when they meet the improved and well coached Huntsville-Muskoka Otters.

Sunday afternoon, Couchiching returns the favour and visits Aurora for a 2.30 p.m. encounter.

Monday night, Aurora travels to Vaughan for a game at 7.15 p.m.

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# Skating results

Following are Aurora Skating Club results from the Keswick Invitational Skating Competition held recently.

Introductory Ladies A Freeskate Flight 1: Sabrina Brochu -2nd; Marilena Perri - 4th.

Introductory Ladies A Freeskate Flight 2: Alessia Chiovitti - 3rd.

Introductory Ladies A Freeskate Flight 3: Savannah Hendy - 7th.

Introductory Ladies B Freeskate Flight 2: Molly Oulahen - 5th.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies I B Freeskate Flight 1: Samantha Galati - 5th.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies I B Freeskate Flight 5: Tayler Sim - 4th.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies I B Freeskate Flight 6: Julia Chiovitti - 7th.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies I B Freeskate Flight 10: Hailey Riggs - 2nd.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies II A Freeskate Flight 2: Kate Sutton - 6th.

Preliminary Ladies I B Freeskate Flight 1: Cierra Snell - 4th.

Preliminary Ladies II A Freeskate Flight 1: Lauren Bellefeuille - 3rd.

Preliminary Ladies II A Freeskate Flight 3: Emma Slimkowich - 2nd.

Preliminary Ladies II B Freeskate Flight 1: Allie Sutton - 4th.

Preliminary Ladies II B Freeskate Flight 1: Alysa Nichols - 3rd.

Jr. Bronze Ladies A Freeskate Flight 6: Julia Ranson - 2nd.

Sr. Bronze Interpretive Flight 2: Janet deVries - 2nd.

Sr. Bronze Ladies Freeskate Flight 4: Meaghan Jones - 7th.

Jr. Silver Ladies Freeskate Flight 1: Michelle Wong - 2nd.

Jr. Silver Ladies Freeskate Flight 2: Sarah Gray - 2nd.

Pre-Juvenile Competitive Ladies Freeskate Flight 1: Jordana Goldman - 4th.

Juvenile Competitive Ladies Freeskate Flight 1: Maya Goldman - 3rd.

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# Soon to be five Aurora ice pads always controversial

Shovels are in the ground for two new ice surfaces to be available next September as part of the new recreational complex on Wellington Street East.

This will provide Aurora with five ice pads.

The second ice pad - at the Aurora Leisure Complex - had as much controversy as the two new ones.

The Community Centre opened in 1967 and replaced the Aurora Memorial Arena, which burned in 1965. At that time it was the only artificial ice surface in town.

The estimated cost of the Community Centre was \$450,000, excluding the town-owned lands valued at about \$80,000. Recovery from the arena was expected to be \$70,000 plus \$50,000 for the sale of the property leaving about \$350,000 to be raised by debentures and grants.

In March, 1968, Councillor Peter Miller proposed an additional artificial ice sheet outside the Community Centre. He suggested the sheet should be in operation for the coming winter due to the heavy demand for ice time. He added that a Quonset-type roof could be used to protect the ice surface. That didn't happen.

It was in July, 1971, when the Aurora Minor Hockey Association petitioned Aurora Council for a second ice surface. The group offered to assist in fundraising efforts to help finance the project.

Council was also asked to review the ice allocation time in the Community Centre to allow Aurora groups to obtain prime ice time.

In May, 1972, Recreation Administrator Ernie Batson reported that the town had a need for 38 more hours of prime ice time.

At the time, council was negotiating with the Aurora Lions Club, who had offered to build an ice surface, primarily for non-hockey use in the Town Park.

But representatives of various hockey groups stressed the need for a second arena. It was pointed out that Aurora Minor Hockey and the Aurora Tigers Junior Team had to rent ice out of town.

Other groups complained about the lack of available meeting rooms at the Community Centre and the lack of facilities for ballroom dancing and symphony concerts.

A month later, the Lions Club rejected a request that it join the town and St. Andrew's College to build a \$250,000 arena on the college land.

Club officials said they preferred to proceed with their original proposal of installing an open-air ice surface in front of the band shell in the Town Park.

By November, 1973, council agreed to establish a special committee to investigate the construction of another ice surface. The funding for such a proposal was discussed in a closed session.

In May, 1974, council dismissed a subdivision proposal, which would have given the town almost \$1 million in recreational facilities.

The proposal to build approximately 600 single family/semi-detached homes and townhouse clusters included an offer to build and give to the town a year-round ice arena, a swimming pool and tennis courts.

The location was in the northwest sector of town, west of St. Andrew's Collage. Council deemed the proposal premature as any construction depended

## 1967

on services and road patterns, as sewage allocation wasn't available. The offer to build a recreational complex was deemed a carrot by council.

In order to finance a new arena, it was suggested a municipal lottery be held and staff was directed to investigate how such a lottery could be carried out. A public meeting was held in November 1974 to discuss the possibility of a lottery.

That proved fruitless when the town learned it could not run a lottery.

Meanwhile, the special council committee, with service club representatives, tried to channel several ideas into a fundraising strategy. There was general agreement for more recreational facilities, but there were widely different views on how to raise the funds.

Faced with a severe shortage of ice time, in September, 1975, Aurora Council once again considered the construction of a second arena.

It was suggested developers be forced to pay the major part of the cost in cash in lieu of normal parkland dedication required for new subdivisions.

In October, 1975, Don Glass, a member of the Aurora Lions Club, agreed to serve as chairman of a committee to investigate the feasibility of building a sports complex to include a new arena, pool and tennis courts.

By February, 1976, the committee and the town were negotiating with developer Frank

Orsi for a possible site on Industry Street. In June, 1976, an agreement had been reached with Orsi for the donation of 10 acres in lieu of parkland for a subdivision to the east of the sports complex.

As there were objections to the proposed subdivision resulting in an Ontario Municipal Board hearing, the Glass committee reported a delay in acquiring the promised 10 acres for the complex.

Because of the delay, the possibility of creating a second ice surface and making other renovations by twinning the Community Centre was discussed in December, 1978.

In June, 1981, another feasibility study was car-

ried out for the Industry Street sports complex. The study was presented in May, 1984, with a proposal that the complex include an ice surface, swimming pool, racquet courts and a fitness centre estimated to cost \$5.4 million.

The ice pad in the Family Leisure Complex was opened to the public in October, 1987, and the remainder of the complex in January, 1988, at a cost of \$6.5 million.

Later with the aid of a Canada/Ontario infrastructure program grant, a second ice surface was added to the Community Centre in 1995 at a cost of \$5.2 million giving the municipality three ice surfaces.

With the continuing growth of the municipality a fourth and fifth ice pad will be added in September, 2005 with the opening of the new facility on Wellington Street East.

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**1005 AURORA OPTICAL 4:** Kyle Kaminski 1G, Ryan Gennaro 1G, Mike Sotoadeh 1G 1A, Sean McCartney 1G, Andrew MacDermid 1A, Nicholas Hamilton 1A. **1006 White/Royal PIZZA PIZZA 1:** Kyle Wilton 1G.

## Rep Results

### Novice AA 4 Pickering 0

Connor Graham 1G, John MacDonald 1G, Konner McMillan 1G, Branden Fennell 1G, Jordan Nanos 1A, Sean Foxwell 1A, Liam Coll 1A, Ian Dunlop 1A.

### Novice AA 10 Barrie Colts 2

Quentin Campbell 1G 2A, Jordan Nanos 2G 2A, Branden Fennell 1G, John MacDonald 2G 3A, Connor Graham 1G 1A, Spencer Green 1G 2A, Sean Foxwell 1G 1A, Jack Caldwell 1G 1A.

### Novice AA 2 Ajax Knights 1

Jordan Nanos 1G, Quentin Campbell 1G, Spencer Green 1A, Austin Lane 1A.

### Novice AA 5 Applewood Novice Gold 0

Quentin Campbell 2G, Konner McMillan 1A, Connor Graham 2G, Liam Coll 1G, Sean Foxwell 2A, Jordan Nanos 2A, John MacDonald 2A, Jack Caldwell 1A.

### Orillia 5 Novice A 2

Erik Balkovec 1G, Connor Cowl 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1G.

### Novice A 2 Barrie Colts 2

Erik Balkovec 1G, Logan Blaser 1G, Connor Cowl 1A, Scott Kostin 1A.

### Novice A 3 Newmarket 3

Paul Neophytou 1G, Evan Jackson 1G, Connor Cowl 1G, Liam Beresford 1A, Austin Persaud 1A, Scott Kostin 1A, Nathan Nealon 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Brian Langdon 1A.

### Newmarket 3 Novice AE 2

Josh Bell 1G, Alex Perez 1A, Eric Middleton 1G, Graham Robinson 1A, Nicholas Papousek 1A.

### Minor Atom AA 2 Georgina 1

Jody Nonnewitz 1G 1A, Trevor George 1G, Eric Ludwig 1A.

### Minor Atom AA 6 Peterborough 1

Eric Ludwig 1G, Graeme Allison 1G, Mackenzie Lemmon 2G 1A, Burke White 1G 1A, Jody Nonnewitz 1G 3A, Collin Laird 1A.

### Mississauga North Stars 3 Minor Atom AA 2

Jody Nonnewitz 1G, Trevor George 2A, Cameron Nuttall 1G, Brooke Webster 1A.

### Minor Atom AA 3 Georgina 1

Jody Nonnewitz 1G, Burke White 1A, Cameron Nuttall 2G, Trevor George 1A.

### Stouffville 4 Minor Atom A 1

Eric Damecour 1G, Eric Bulloch 1A, Eric Archibald 1A.

### Minor Atom A 3 Orillia 1

Conor Fennell 2G, Eric Damecour 1A, Eric Bulloch 1G, Eric Archibald 1A, Andrew McDonald 1A.

### Minor Atom AE 8 Markham 1

Matthew Pryse 3G 1A, Vincent Ruscica 2G, Ben Hankins 1G 2A, Conner Moody 1A, Jeffery Lam 1A, Colton Lee 1A, Ryan Baskin 2G 1A, Bailey Miller 1A, Zach Ferry 1A.

### Minor Atom AE 8 Pickering Panthers 3

Conner Moody 2A, Erik Kimmerer 2A, Sam Steenhorst 1A, Liam Devlin 1G, Zach Ferry 1A, Ben Hankins 3G 1A, Jimmy Brookes 1G, Matthew Pryse 2G, Bailey Miller 1G 2A, Ryan Baskin 3A, Colton Lee 1A, Vincent Ruscica 2A.

### Newmarket 4 Atom A 2

A J Killens 1A, Jesse Bentolila 1G, Taylor Butler 1G 1A, Rory MacNeil 1A.

### Bradford 2 Atom AE 1

Daniel Laflamme 1G, Ty Brochu 1A.

### Atom AE 8 Markham 1

Tyler White 1A, Mackenzie Wooder 1A, Lukas Leslie 1G 2A, Jason Lockhart 1A, Marshall McGaffey 1A, Daniel Laflamme 1G 2A, Dylan Hussey 2G, Jake Langford 1G 1A, Kevin Lukezec 1G 1A, Brett Wilson 1G, Daniel Whitley 1G 1A.

### Minor Peewee AA 1 TBD 2

Cody Weese 1G, Steadman Dinning 1A, Eleeza Cox 1A.

### Minor Peewee AA 1 Richmond Hill 1

Chris Piron 1G, Matthew Mears 1A, Kamran Karamchi 1A.

### Minor Peewee AA 2 York Toros 0

Eleeza Cox 1G 1A, Matthew Mears 2A, Cody Weese 1A, Brandon Pedersen 1G.

### Brampton 5 Minor Peewee AA 1

Eleeza Cox 1G, Blair Cuthbert 1A.

### Minor Peewee A 3 Barrie Colts 0

Kyle McCreedy 2G, Stephen Demarco 1G, Ryan Bailey 1A, Michael Vance 1A, Tyler Jensen 1A, Michael Nonnewitz 1A.

### Minor Peewee AE 2 Clarington 2

Dylan Skelton 1G, Daniel Howie 1G, Scott Kimmerer 1A, Jamie Hawkins 1A, Brendan Strachan 1A.

### Minor Peewee AE 7 Orillia 0

Dylan Skelton 2G 1A, Daniel Howie 2G, Jamie Hawkins 1G 2A, Michael Divincenzo 1G 1A, Josh Beaton 1G, Scott Kimmerer 1A, Matthew Schmitt 1A, Brandon Thompson 2A.

### Peewee AA 4 Goulding Park 1

Jesse Cappell 1G, Tyler Sikura 1A, Luke Macleod 1G, Kevin Zacharuk 1A, Matthew Tuck 2G.

### Peewee AA 2 Vaughan Panthers 1

Matthew Tuck 1G 1A, Kevin Zacharuk 1A, Jesse Cappell 1A, Jordan Tripp 1G, Luke Macleod 1A.

### Peewee AA 11 Markham 3

Matthew Tuck 4G 1A, Jordan Tripp 1G, Luke Macleod 1G 2A, Tyler Smilsky 3A, Kevin Zacharuk 2G 2A, Tyler Sikura 2A, Max Lerner 4A, Dillon Cappell 2G 4A, Louis Lamanna 1G 1A.

### Peewee AE 2 Whitby 2

Tyler Tisdale 1G, Jakub Sykora 1G, Aaron Beally 1A, Patrick Lee 1A.

### Minor Bantam AA 4 Barrie Colts 1

Brandon Galante 1G, Ryan Besse 1A, David Roper 1A, Tyler Hanlon 2G, Matthew Mikhaili 2A, Adrian Dirosa 2A, Ryan Findlay 1G, Christian Stankiewicz 1A, Alex Denault 1A.

### Minor Bantam AA 6 Markham Waxers 3

Marcus Tochetti 1G, Emilio Nafarrate 1G, Ryan Findlay 1A, Adrian Dirosa 2G 2A, Tyler Hanlon 1G 2A, Ryan Besse 1G, David Roper 1A.

### Minor Bantam AA 6 Ajax 1

Matthew Mikhaili 2G, Emilio Nafarrate 1A, Tyler Hanlon 1G 3A, Adrian Dirosa 2G, Ryan Findlay 1A, Lucas Boyd 1A, Marcus Tochetti 1G 1A, Connor McQuestion 1A, Brandon Galante 1A, Ryan Besse 1A .

### Minor Bantam AA 3 Humberview 2

Connor McQuestion 1G 1A, Christian Stankiewicz 2A, Adrian Dirosa 1A, Marcus Tochetti 1G, Tyler Hanlon 1G, Alex Denault 1A, Lucas Boyd 1A.

### Whitby 6 Minor Bantam AE 1

Cory Blom 1G.

### Whitby 4 Minor Bantam AE 1

Chris Burns 1G, Andrew Mangialardi 1A, Braun Hause 1A.

### Bantam AA 2 Georgina 1

Kevin Kryshka 1G, Taylor Postill 1G, Eric Sarracini 2A, Karl Pelan 2A.

### Bantam AA 4 Whitby 2

Karl Pelan 1G 1A, Eric Sarracini 1A, Kevin Kryshka 1G, Taylor Postill 1A, Nick Yeatman 1G, Steven Donches 1A, Kyle Scott 1G, Jordan Koen 1A.

### Midget AA 4 Ajax 2

Brandon Steffan 1G 1A, Adam Hankins 1G, Michael Jack 1G 2A, Peter McNeil 1G, Dave Martyn 2A, Nathan Rivard 1A.

### Newmarket 8 Midget AA 3

Michael Jack 1G 1A, Dave Martyn 1G, Peter McNeil 1G 1A, Nathan Rivard 1A, Michael Osborne 1A, Adam Hankins 1A.

### Midget A 2 Schomberg 2

Andrew Welch 1A, Jordan Ofeild 1A, Marc Quagliarini 1G 1A, Chris Statchuk 1G 1A.

### Midget A 7 Newmarket 2

Craig Waites 2A, Jordan Ofeild 1G, Brent Gallagher 2G, Scott Daly 1G, Matt Cleverdon 2G 1A, Matt Cundari 1A, Ryan Kines 1G 2A, Mike Parkhill 1A, Justin Fabro 1A, Dylan McKinnon 1A.



# Gurnett parking is reconsidered

Parking on Gurnett Street has been a problem for some time due to the lack of off-street parking in the vicinity of Kennedy and Yonge.

Last June the Traffic Safety Advisory Board (TSAB) recommended a multi-way stop be installed at Kennedy Street and Gurnett, and is now in place.

In spite of residents' objections, it was also recommended that parking be prohibited on the east side of Gurnett Street, from Connaught to a point 40 metres north.

Later the TSAB recommended parking be prohibited on the west side of Gurnett from a point 15 metres south of Kennedy to Cousins, and on the east side from a point 15 metres north of Kennedy to a point 15 metres south of

Connaught from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The enacting bylaw was given two readings recently and third reading was postponed at the request of Councillor Ron Wallace who pointed out there was a need for citizen input due to the dissatisfaction of some residents.

When the bylaw came up for third and final reading last week, Wallace said there was still considerable difference of opinion on the parking issue by residents.

With assurance from Director of Public Works Wayne Jackson that a delay in the adoption of the bylaw would not have a serious impact, Wallace was successful in having council refer the issue back to the TSAB for further review.



A few tense moments last week when the new Aurora United Church sign arrived but thanks to this group, everything worked out well. Group was expecting a tailgate hoist on the truck, but when that didn't materialize, the sign, with only inches of clearance, had to be suspended in mid-air until it had been completely removed from the truck. Henry Tutt at the wheel of the truck and all available manpower at the other end, got the job done. In the photo are, left, Lloyd Kerswill, chairman of the sign committee, Henry Tutt, Dave Snelgrove, Roy Eveleigh, under the sign, on the right Al Routledge, and John Boore, far right.

# Alpen House lands cause controversy

In November, 2001, the province introduced legislation to establish an overall Oak Ridges Moraine Plan.

Six months later it adopted regulations including the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, which required all municipal official plans to be brought into conformity within 18 months.

Aurora Council adopted an official plan amendment October 22, 2003. In February the Ministry provided the town with a list of modifications proposed by ministry staff.

Council agreed with several of the modifications but disagreed with some and directed staff to work with ministry staff to final-

ize the details of the proposed modifications.

Last October the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing approved the official plan amendment with modifications.

The approval covers all lands on the Oak Ridges Moraine except for a portion of the Magna Alpen House lands. The Minister did not make a decision on the lands and referred such a decision to a hearing officer.

The nature of the referral is that a portion of the Alpen House lands is Countryside Area and the developer has indicated the lands should be in the Settlement Area.

Staff recommended a

new consolidated official plan be prepared to incorporate the approved official plan amendment. Councillor Wendy Gaertner suggested an amendment as modified, except for the Alpen House lands, which she claimed should retain the Countryside Area designation.

Director of Planning Sue Seibert indicated they were separate issues and it wasn't necessary to amend the report. Councillor Phyllis Morris said she had no problem with the Gaertner amendment.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said she preferred to accept the staff report, Mayor Tim Jones said going against the staff report could get the munic-

ipality into hot water.

Morris replied that she wasn't going against the staff report but was trying to make it clear and that it would send a stronger message to the province.

The Gaertner amendment was lost on a tie 4-4 vote with Councillors Buck, Bill Hogg, Ron Wallace and Mayor Jones in opposition.

A Morris amendment to request the Minister to protect the lands was added and the report was adopted as amended.



Two-year-old Thea Gagnier took advantage of the Aurora Optimist Club's 18th annual book sale Saturday to catch up on her reading. Sale, held at the Aurora Library, attracted hundreds of buyers and officials said thousands of books were sold.

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# Town Hall has long list of controversial issues

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ers' money and staff time, it was also an insult to Councillor West without any apparent benefit to the town.

His presentation was received without question or comment, but later in the meeting, Councillor Evelyn Buck gave Notice of Motion that at a future meeting she would introduce a motion asking council to rescind the motion authorizing the change of address.

At the following meeting, Buck alleged the five members of council had agreed outside the council chamber to vote together to change the address of the Town Hall.

That charge got her expelled from the chambers when she refused to withdraw it.

Her motion to change the address was defeated 5-2 with Buck and Hogg absent for the vote.

Meanwhile the controversy over the change of address continued with other presentations to council, correspondence and letters to the editor of the local media.

In an effort to reach a compromise, Councillor Ron Wallace recommended last week that the Town Hall and future Seniors' Centre be situated on a plot of land to be known as John West Square.

He referred to the Toronto City Hall address of 100 Queen Street West but the building is situated on Nathan Phillips Square.

He said it was his belief the Town Hall should have a generic address.

Buck said while the motion was well intended, it didn't solve the issue as it was just naming the parking lot as a square and would not undo the harm that had been done.

Both Councillors Vrancic and Kean said the councillors shouldn't have streets named after them, but the issue wasn't about West, it was about an address for the Town Hall and Seniors' Centre.

Kean suggested that names on the Aurora Cenotaph should be used for naming streets.

(In September, 1992, Aurora Council approved adding the names of all Aurora veterans whose names were listed on the cenotaph to the street name bank. The region approved 33 names as not being duplicated in other municipalities. In addition to naming the streets, the street sign was to be identified with a poppy emblem after the name).

After further discussion, the vote was called and on a vote of 6-2 the Wallace motion was defeated.

In spite of the controversy the motion to change the address of the Town Hall still stands as adopted by a 5-4 vote last April.

Normally any controversy involving a Town

Hall has to do with what happens in the building, but with the Aurora Town Hall both council and the 13-year-old building are controversial.

It started in December, 1987, when an architect was engaged to review potential locations and recommend a spot for the new civic complex, from the 14 sites selected by the town.

After review, none of the sites was selected and the town acquired the property where the building is currently located.

Council was accused of making a bad deal for the town in 1987 when it sold the Wellington Street West municipal offices to the York Region Board of Education for \$1.5 million, resulting in the town having to lease space until the Town Hall was built.

In December, 1990, council approved a design/build stipulated price contract with Buttcon Limited for \$8.6 million with a completion date scheduled for 1991.

At the first council meeting the microphones in the council chambers

didn't work properly, a problem that still exists and in spite of complaints from council members and citizens, no corrective action has been authorized.

In April, 2002, just 10 years after opening, taxpayers were required to shell out \$500,000 to give the grounds around the Town Hall a face lift including replacement of the interlocking brick and concrete steps around the building.

Three months ago, the 13-year-old building needed a new roof at a cost of more than \$170,000.

The previous fall council had engaged a consultant to investigate the source of numerous leaks and to make recommendations resulting in calling tenders for a new roof.

The Aurora Town Hall was built on controversy and the controversy continues.



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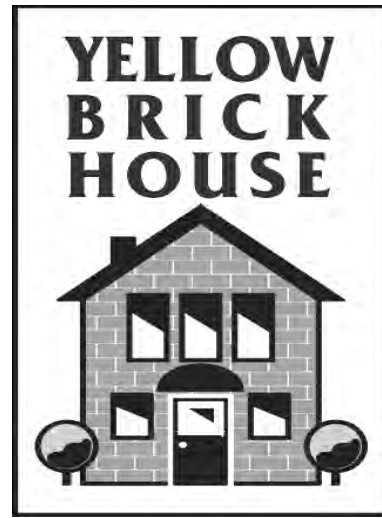
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## RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

# Tractor went to Board for undisclosed sum

In February, 2002, Aurora Council was advised that the Leisure Services department had a 1980 International tractor with a front-end loader attachment and suggested it be declared surplus and sold with the delivery of a replacement.

The Aurora Cemetery Board, a non-profit organization, asked that the surplus tractor be transferred to the Board for \$1,000 but staff advised that if the tractor was auctioned the town would net \$2,000 to \$4,000 and requested direction.

In spite of the best efforts of Councillor Ron Wallace to have the tractor sold to the Board for \$1,000, council adopted a motion by Councillor Damir Vrancic that the tractor be offered to the Board for \$3,000 or auctioned off.

When no report had been received by council, in June, 2002, Vrancic asked what had happened to the tractor and was advised that it had been sold to the board but no price was disclosed.

And no one asked.

### AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME

In 1988, Ontario boasted the highest average family income in Canada at \$48,967 according to Statistics Canada.

This was up 1.3 per cent from the 1987 average of \$43,604 and was the third straight annual improvement.

Families headed by a single woman averaged \$18,945 while Canadians 65 and over had an average annual income of \$14,182.

Families headed by a university graduate averaged \$63,608.

Statistics Canada defined a low income family as any family or individual spending 58.5 per cent or more on food, shelter and clothing.

Across Canada, 14.1 per cent of the families were classed as low income in 1987 compared with 14.5 per cent in 1986 and 15.6 per cent in 1985.

In actual numbers 3,535,000 Canadians were classified as low income in 1987, down 59,000 from the previous year.

Among families headed by a single female 56.6 per cent were classified as low income, along with 27 per cent of children, and 17.3 per cent of the elderly.

### CAMP ENTERPRISE

In March, 1996, the Aurora Rotary Club interviewed 14 students in a participant selection process to select six students from Aurora's three high schools; Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, Aurora High School and Cardinal Carter Secondary School.

Each student was asked six questions

and rated on the answers.

The questions ranged from why he or she would like to attend Camp Enterprise, career goals, favourite school subjects, extra curricular activities and any previous job experience.

Students Daria Rapai, Lisa Lue-Shing, Justin Verity, Andrew Gerth, Alexi Gaidatsis and Jennifer Norwood were selected to attend the 3½ day Camp Enterprise experience, with 56 students from 13 other Rotary Clubs.

The 64 students were involved in an intensive program on business with topics including public relations, business ethics and business financing.

### WHEN COUNCIL WAS HOMELESS

In March, 1989, Aurora Council was homeless.

They didn't have a place of their own to hold committee or council meetings and staff were accommodated on the second floor of an industrial building on Industrial Parkway North.

Arrangements were made with the York Region Board of Education to hold committee, council and public planning meetings in what used to be the council/board room of the joint Civic Centre on Wellington Street West.

The board had purchased the building outright from the town.

With the growth of the town and the region, it was necessary for both the town and the school board to expand.

In order to keep the school board in Aurora, as every other municipality in the region tried to attract it, the town decided to sell its share of the building and build a new town hall.

The town re-purchased the former Jack Wood farmhouse and about five acres of land for the proposed town hall. It was not a popular decision as citizens objected to the location as it was not downtown.

Then council decided to build the new town hall near Bayview Avenue and Wellington Street East but they forgot to tell the property owner.

He was in Florida when he heard the town was going to expropriate his 15-acre property.

He said he was willing to sell five or six acres for the municipal building, but he objected to the town taking more property than it required.

At the same time several other sites had been suggested and investigated.

As all meetings were held in private it can only be assumed that mutually agreeable negotiations were carried out and the town hall was built and council and staff had a home of their own after two years of rented space.

### WHERE IS TETRA PAK?

Today the push is on to get rid of junk foods in the elementary schools.

Twelve years ago, it was Tetra Pak drinking boxes that created the controversy.

Although the company had spent millions making its product recyclable, many schools still tried to keep them out of children's lunches.

With Tetra Pak long gone from the local scene, along with a lot of jobs, it would be nice to have them back in Aurora, even if the school boards had a problem.

# Rezoning proposal accepted on Yonge

A public planning meeting to consider rezoning a Yonge Street property was short and sweet Wednesday night.

An application by Dr. Brian Moore, operator of the Moore Chiropractic Group, to rezone a property on the west side of Yonge Street between Ransom and Kennedy Streets was unanimously accepted by six members of council.

Currently the Timothy Parker Boland law office occupies the site and the applicant proposes to utilize the property for business and professional offices, including medical.

The lands are currently zoned as Special Mixed Density Residential, which does not include business and professional offices, including medical, as a permitted use. The law office is considered to have legal non-conforming status.

Moore proposes to use the existing structure with an addition to the front to accommodate a client reception area. The proposed addition was discussed with the Aurora Heritage Committee and was acceptable.

Although the site is not specifically designated as a heritage resource site, the property is included in the Heritage Resource Area.

Planning staff believe the application is in keeping with town policies and conforms to the official plan.

The application was circulated internally and externally and there were no objections in principle received. Technical concerns are to be addressed through the site plan process.

Jim Barron, a neighbouring real estate agent, questioned the proposed parking, especially if medical offices were permitted. He suggested that the medical proposal be rejected and that no further additions

be permitted.

Richard Harrison, the planner for the applicant, pointed out that the number of available parking spaces met the required criteria and they were not asking for any relief from the parking requirement.

With assurance from staff that there was sufficient parking, council quickly approved the application, subject to any outstanding issues to be resolved at the site plan stage.

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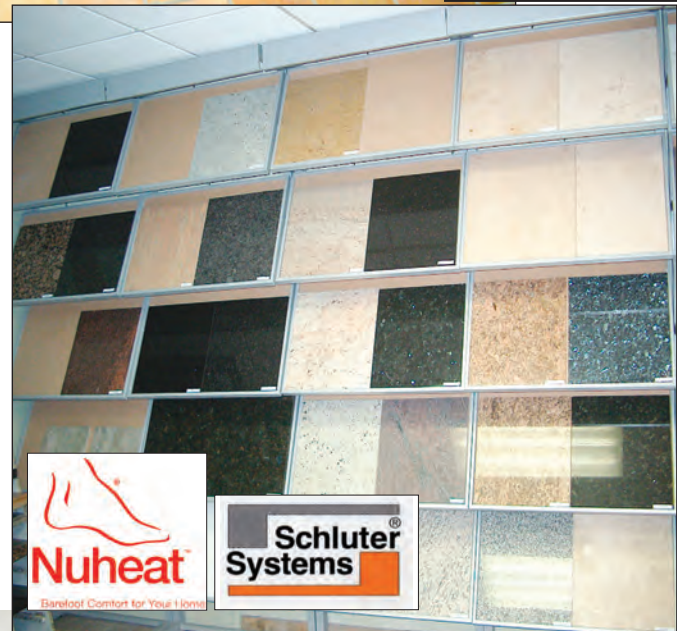
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