

MARCH 31, APRIL 2-3

Aurora Opera Company musical My Fair Lady stars Aurora residents Sarah Kyle as Eliza Doolittle; Joe Likuski as Professor Henry Higgins, and Dave Greig as Alfred P. Doolittle. Aurora Opera Company's 10th season production is at the Newmarket Theatre Thursday, March 31st at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 2nd at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 3rd 1 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

APRIL 2

Optimist Hockey League registration in the arena lobby at the Leisure Complex from 10 a.m. to noon for girls and boys born in 1999 and 2000. Games played Saturday and Sunday morning from September to April. Bring child's health card. Call Scott Sutherland for further information at 905-726-2998.

Registration for Aurora Minor Ball Association 2005 season takes place at the Aurora Community Centre from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. New reduced rates for TBall players. Registration form is on-line at www.auroraminorball.ca or call Gary Drodge at 905-727-8461.

APRIL 5

Aurora Public Library hosts PEN Canada benefit from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Magna Room. Guest is author Camilla Gibb. Admission is free with ticket, but advance registration is required. Call 905-727-9493, Option 4.

APRIL 6

The annual Bob Hartwell Runner's Challenge needs volunteers. A volunteer orientation session will be held at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. For more information call Chris Williams at 905-392-1977.

From 7 to 8.30 p.m. in the Magna Room at the Aurora Public Library in conjunction with Aurora Cable Internet, a general open forum will be held to answer computer-related questions. Pre-register at the library information desk, or on-line at www.aci.on.ca.

APRIL 9

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Aurora, is holding a silent auction in aid of Campaign Dignity for Toronto's Evangel Hall at 7 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served. Tickets cost \$5.

Yuk-Yuks, the best in stand-up comedy, returns to the Aurora Legion. Doors open at 6.30 p.m., the show is at 8.30 p.m. and a dance follows. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For further information, call 905-727-9932.

APRIL 9-10

Aurora Community Tennis Club registration Saturday at the Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge St., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday at Straightlines, 15483 Yonge St., from 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

APRIL 12

Aurora Public Library in partnership with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency offers no-cost income tax clinics with trained community volunteers. 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. in the Lebovic Room. Same clinic offered April 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lebovic Room. Clinics income-based (\$20,000 individual; \$25,000 family).

APRIL 15

Last day for entry forms for the Town of Aurora 43rd Annual Juried Art Show and Sale to be held April 29/30 and May 1.

APRIL 19

Heritage Fairs Program, a new community-based Fair program is being introduced in Aurora and Whitchurch-Stouffville this year. The Aurora event will be held at Aurora Legion Hall (105 Industrial Parkway North) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

APRIL 22-24

Aurora's Living in Style Home Show sponsored by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. For booth space call the Chamber office at 905-727-7262 to reserve.

APRIL 23

Big Bike for Stroke rides in Aurora today. Raise a minimum of \$50 in pledges to reserve your seat on the Big Bike by calling Bryce Wilson at 905-727-3123, extension 3104.

APRIL 27

Theatre Aurora invites 80 seniors to see their next production "Out of Order" at the Factory Theatre at 8 p.m. Sign up at the Seniors' Centre.

APRIL 29

Join the Aurora Seniors as they head to Woodbine for a day of racing and the slots. Cost is \$59 for members and \$64 for non-members. Call the centre to register at 905-727-2816.

APRIL 30

Mayor's Anti-Litter Day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a barbeque in the Town Park. Registration necessary. Call 905-727-8214.

Aurora Woman's Institute Euchre and Bridge at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, Victoria Street, at 12:30 p.m. Tickets \$5 per person available at the door. Portion of the proceeds goes towards the new Seniors' Centre.

MAY 4

Internet Seminar presented free by Aurora Cable Internet and the Aurora Public Library deals with Spyware and Pop-up. 7 p.m. in the library's Magna Room. Reserve by calling 905-727-9493 or visit www.aci.on.ca.

MAY 7

Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society annual plant sale at the Aurora Public Library, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

MAY 14

16th Annual Girls Incorporated auction. Tuscany Banquet Centre, Edward Street. Admission \$60 each or \$110 per couple includes entertainment, dancing, appetizers and door prizes. Reserve by calling 905-727-4897, extension 305.

Aurora Optimists present the FabFour at the Aurora Legion for a fundraising dance and to celebrate the club's 20th anniversary. Tickets on sale at Royal LePage, 14799 Yonge Street.

MAY 30

It's a Lake Scugog Cruise and Casino visit for the Aurora Seniors with the day beginning at the Great Blue Heron Casino in Port Perry to play the slots and have a buffet lunch. That's followed by a cruise on Lake Scugog. After the cruise, there will be time for shopping in Port Perry. Cost is \$69 for members and \$74 for non-members. Call the centre to register at 905-727-2816.

JUNE 4

Street dance on Yonge Street between Murray and Henderson, 7 p.m. to midnight.

JUNE 5

Tenth annual World's Longest Street Festival on the World's Longest Street. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Yonge Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from Wellington to Murray.

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Town workers ponder their next move following a watermain break on Wellington East last week. Before one was fixed, a second occurred. Traffic was diverted around the affected area.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Wellington becomes a pool after two watermain breaks

It was wet on Wellington last week.

And then, it got wetter.

A break in the Town's watermain and resultant pavement heave were sufficient to close Wellington Street East from Wells Street to Larmont Street.

Town staff quickly responded to the site and spent time directing traffic away from Wellington Street. Residents and businesses directly impacted were told of an impending water shut off.

Repairs were not fin-

ished in time for the evening rush period and traffic continued to be redirected into residential areas.

A day later, another break occurred, about 100 feet west of the original one.

Exhausted repair crews set up detours around the section of Wellington from Larmont to Wells and began repairs the next morning.

Public Works Director Wayne Jackson said the Town did not want to disturb residents two nights in a row.

The second break "is not

as bad as the first one but is related," he said. "The violence of escaping water causes vibration and any weak points are susceptible to failure.

"The original break was severe and this latest break results directly from the first break."

And while all that was going on, the repair crews were dealing with yet another watermain break, this one on Walton Drive.

Things began to dry up in time for the Easter weekend.

Councillors' remuneration released

The Municipal Act requires that the treasurer of every municipality must submit annually an itemized statement of the remuneration and expenses paid to each member of council in the preceding year.

Until the late 1960s it wasn't necessary for the treasurer to issue such a statement as remuneration for municipal councillors was determined by Queen's Park based on population of the municipality.

The Municipal Act at that time set the maximum salary for councillors at \$4,000 per year in municipalities with a population of more than 300,000 and a low of up to \$350 a year for municipalities with fewer than 5,000.

During the mid-1960s in

Aurora, school trustees served without compensation and members of council were paid an honorarium of \$250 annually with the mayor receiving twice that amount.

With the advent of county school boards and the coming of regional government, municipal politicians through their municipal associations objected to bureaucrats at Queen's Park setting their salaries.

Then Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough agreed municipal politicians could set their own salaries, on condition the municipal treasurer issued a public statement the following year listing salary and expenses for all members of council and appointed boards.

For 2004, Mayor Tim

Jones received remuneration of \$41,754.28 plus a travel allowance of \$7,200 and other expenses of \$2,430.06 for a total of \$51,384.34.

Members of Aurora Council received \$18,322.74 and \$1,000 in travel allowance per year.

In addition, Councillor Phyllis Morris received \$1,422.16 in other expenses, Councillor Wendy Gaertner received \$1,162.29, Councillor Damir Vrancic \$225 and Councillor Bill Hogg \$125.

The rest - Councillors Evelyn Buck, Nigel Kean, Ron Wallace and John West - did not claim expenses.

Complications snag Thompson planning

A long established Aurora funeral business plans to move to the northeast corner of Yonge Street and Industrial Parkway South but the plan has been fraught with complications.

Final approval was granted recently and the enabling bylaw adopted but not without controversy.

It was in 1922 when Preston M. Thompson founded Thompson's Fine Furniture on Yonge Street and the Thompson Funeral Home on Victoria Avenue.

He served as Aurora Mayor in 1929 and 1930.

The business was later managed by his son Bill Thompson and later by his grandson Jamie Thompson.

Although licensed as a funeral director, Jamie concentrated on the furniture business.

In 1988 the funeral business was sold although the name remained.

The new owners recently acquired the former Chapman property at the northeast corner of Yonge and Industrial and proposed a new funeral home.

A public planning meeting was held in May last year to consider an official plan and zoning amendment to permit the funeral parlour plus a professional office building on the 1.8 acre site.

No one opposed the application.

Council directed staff to prepare an official amendment containing a condition that prior to approval of the implementing zoning bylaw amendment, the owner would demonstrate compliance with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

The official plan amendment including the condition pertaining to the Plan was approved by council but it it

was recommended the amendments not be approved until a site plan had been considered.

Some concern was expressed about parking and staff replied that the number of parking spaces exceeded the parking spaces required by the zoning bylaw.

It was recommended that a traffic and parking study be carried out, as there was concern about high atten-


dance funerals.

Council approved the application subject to all the conditions being met.

Two buildings were proposed for the site with the one-storey funeral parlour to the west and the two-storey professional building to the east and if the application was approved, it was planned to apply to the Committee of Adjustment for a severance. There were no

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Poor Richard

Town Council will regret Hydro sale

*It was a frustrating evening,
As citizens sat and waited;
While council met in secret,
The future of Hydro debated.
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

It was advertised as a public meeting to discuss the possible merger or sale of Aurora Hydro, but of the five-and-a-half hour special council meeting last week, councillors spent more than four hours behind closed doors.

Meanwhile the public, including several staff members of Aurora Hydro, waited and waited to learn their fate if the utility was sold rather than merged with Newmarket Hydro.

Ever since the Mike Harris government deregulated Ontario Hydro, the province has been in a mess with four or five government agencies, all with their boards of directors and high-priced staff, in place of the former Ontario Hydro.

Not only that, all local hydro utilities were required to switch from a non-profit utility with elected commissioners to a for-profit utility with a board of directors, sell or merge with other hydro utilities.

Originally the Markham, Vaughan, Newmarket and Aurora utilities planned to merge.

It never came to fruition as after the deadline Vaughan decided it wanted to be the boss rather than a partner and the utilities were left as stand alone entities.

Later Vaughan and Markham jointly purchased the Richmond Hill utility to form one united utility.

Aurora Council dutifully appointed a board of directors and for some reason decided that the directors would be paid \$5,000 per year plus \$400 per meeting, whereas the former elected commissioners received approximately \$2,000 per annum, without a fee for meetings.

To take action to merge or sell after the provincial deadline required the municipalities to pay a 33 per cent transfer tax which was completely prohibitive.

Then two years ago the province granted a two-year tax holiday to encourage stand alone units to sell or merge.

Vaughan and Markham utilities merged along with their joint ownership of the Richmond Hill utility to create an electrical distribution company called PowerStream.

About a year ago the Aurora and Newmarket utilities started to explore the possibility of a merger. A consultant was hired and a negotiating committee was appointed.

Discussions have been in progress for the last six months.

All reports and both utilities supported a merger.

The night before the recent special Aurora Council meeting, Newmarket Council supported the merger and it was assumed Aurora Council would do the same.

But at the very last minute, PowerStream made a so-called unsolicited offer to purchase Aurora Hydro for an undisclosed sum but rumoured to be in the \$35 million range.

A special private meeting was called to hear presentations from PowerStream and Aurora Hydro, but neither was allowed to stay in the room for the other's presentation.

When Newmarket heard about the offer, they made a counter offer but the die was cast, the majority of council had made up its mind to sell to PowerStream rather than merge with Newmarket using the deadline as an excuse, even though they had spent thousands of dollars studying the merger.

They claim it was a business deal and that the sale wasn't for the money.

If that's the case then council should have no problem in dividing up the revenue from the sale among the residents and business as stakeholders, who contributed the money in the first place.

After about 10 hours of discussion, more than 90 per cent of it behind closed doors and without advice from local hydro officials, council members were dazzled by dollars to no doubt help pay down some outstanding debts for the Library, Seniors' Centre, Recreational Complex and new Fire Hall.

Regardless of the deadline, the acceptance of a single bid for an important asset with the complete loss of control is a disservice to the citizens of Aurora and is a decision that council and the citizens will live to regret.



This is a classic photograph showing many town leaders when they were very, very young. This hockey team, sponsored by the Aurora Lions Club, won the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship (what division?) in the 1945-46 season. In the back row, left to right, are Bill Holloway, coach; Del Babcock, coach; Earl Attridge; Charlie Copland, president; and Len Simmons, manager. In the next row are Keith Kyle, goalie; Jack Andrews, defence; John Atkinson, defence; Bill McGhee, right wing; and Bill Attridge, centre. In the next row, left to right, are Jim McDonald, defence; Walt Davis, left wing; Jim Cook, defence; Bruce Rose, right wing; John King, right wing; Bill Wilkinson, left wing; and Walt Tunney, left wing. Seated are Jerry Simmons and Ronnie Simmons, both centremen. Question: where was the photograph taken?

Letters to the Editor

Show your displeasure at election, he suggests

To the editor,

Some memories of my AURORA.

I remember the almost out of control Yonge Street fire and the members of the AURORA Salvation Army stepping over the mass of hoses and sloshing through water to serve coffee and sandwiches to our AURORA firefighters.

I remember Don Glass and Harry Seston chairing the campaign to raise funds to construct our now-demolished AURORA swimming pool.

I remember attending the early morning fire in snow over my fire boots that destroyed our AURORA arena.

I remember when the soil testing equipment was moved on site to test the soil for our AURORA

Community Centre.

I remember installing the #21 Winkler land plough made by the AURORA Fleury Foundry donated by former Citizen of the Year Jack Wood at the entrance of the new AURORA Fleury Park.

I remember Fred Bullen chairing the AURORA Lions Club house draw and donating part of the proceeds (\$20,000) to the AURORA Leisure Complex.

I remember when firefighters who protect our homes and loved ones answered calls from the AURORA Fire Department.

Now the memory of the special AURORA Council meeting to consider the sale of our AURORA Hydro utility.

Having a good idea of the outcome of the behind closed doors meeting, I was

so upset that I could hardly speak.

I was thinking of the Provincial Government that started this amalgamation mess, the massive debts created for the people of Ontario, and the consultants with all their grand ideas of the millions councils could realize from our hydro utilities.

To my surprise the citizens of Ontario never got mad or even slightly upset.

They waited until the next provincial election and showed their displeasure and turfed them out of office.

When the name AURORA Hydro is just a memory and you are paying interest charges to the new owners and your hydro bill escalates to a point it will be a luxury to switch on a light in your home, don't get mad or upset.

Show your displeasure at the next AURORA municipal election.

Norm Weller
Aurora

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Outdoor rink handlers "amazing", reader says

To the editor,

So often these letters are gripes of some kind so I thought I would take the time to say thanks to some unsung heroes.

As a mother of three active boys and always having a houseful of their friends, I want to thank the people who have worked hard all winter on the outdoor rinks.

They have been amazing this year!

The weather has cooperated which helped a little but they have done a superb job of keeping the rinks cleared and smooth.

We live in Regency Acres and although my kids have taken advantage of the other two rinks as well, they have spent many, many hours at our rink, and I am eternally grateful.

It has provided something they can do that I don't have to drive them to and doesn't constantly cost

me money every time they do it (except for the increased skate sharpening - but that's a small price to pay for the hours of fun and exercise they have been getting).

I know there are many others who join me in saying thank you so much for all the extra hours of work you have put in - it isn't going unappreciated!

Gail Teel
Aurora



Machell's Corners

by Scott Johnston



Letter to the Editor

There was a doctor in the house

To the editor,

In your paper last week you discussed the house on Yonge Street next to the old town hall where Dr. R. Stevenson used to live. Because mom went to him, my younger sister and I went to him as kids so I got to know him well. At that time doctors made house calls. I was in poor health for years so I got to know him. On one occasion in the late twenties I was sitting on the floor of the living room at 37 Victoria Street when he called. Twice in the same

minute he put his stethoscope to my chest to listen to my heart. He told my mother that he had forgotten to take the cap off the first time, so he couldn't hear my heart-beat, yet he could see me sitting there playing with a toy. I remember another occasion when mom and I went to see him at his house. I was on the lawn on my tricycle with a vanilla ice cream cone in my hand and he and mom were on the verandah talking. He died in 1935 and I went to Dr. J.L. Urquhart.

**William G. Willis
Aurora**

ED. NOTE: Ah, confusion reigns over the house on Yonge Street. Here's how Museum Curator Jackie Stuart explains it: "And that wonderful "Stephenson" house was, as others identified, on Yonge Street north of Mosley. But it was the long-time home of Dr. W.J. Stevenson. I have recently been in correspondence with one of his grandsons, who has been gathering (for the museum) photographs of the art work of "Mrs. Dr." (as they used to say) Stevenson. The Stephensons (Bette's family) and the Stevensons (the doctor) were not connected to my knowledge. It is possible the person who supplied that photo got mixed up (a) between the similar family names and (b) between the house in the photo and the house at 15040 Yonge Street (just north of Kennedy), which does have a Stephenson connection: Benjamin Stephenson (Bette's grandfather) owned that house between 1910 and 1916."

Q- Does the Town sell local street maps?
A- Yes. We sell a black and white version of our street map for \$2. The size is 24" x 36" and is updated monthly. We also have more popular maps on our web site at www.town.aurora.on.ca/maps. These can be opened with Acrobat Reader and downloaded for free. They include the street map, trail map, general area main street map, Oak Ridges Moraine, and recycling and waste pick-up map.

Q- Do you have any ice to rent?
A- No, other than a rare 6 a.m. during the week only or after midnight we are totally booked. The two new ice surfaces available in September should open this up.

Q-How big and how much are the rooms for rent at the Library?
A- There are two rooms available to rent for seminars, meetings etc. at the Library. The Magna room will accommodate up to 75 people theatre style which includes audio visual equipment required and set up.(\$31/hr including GST). The Lebovic Room will accommodate up to 50 people theatre style and comes with audio visual equipment except for the LED projector. (\$27/hr including GST).

Q- Why hasn't my garbage been picked up?
A- There is no specific time of day when garbage is picked up, however, if it is not picked up on the day of normal pick up, residents should call 905-727-3123 ext. 3447 and leave a message. Messages are retrieved every 20 minutes and will be handled accordingly.

Q- After a snowfall, when will the roads be cleared?
A- The Works Department has a goal of having all roads clear within 12 hours. Should there be a concern residents should call 905-727-3123 ext. 3444.

Q- How do I arrange for an old appliance to be picked up?
A- Residents are asked to call 1-800-465-5914 (Miller Waste) before Wednesday, at noon as pick ups are done on Thursdays. There is no fee for this service.

Q- Where do I get an Aurora Blue Box?
A- Blue Boxes can be obtained from Info Aurora at the Town Hall, main floor. For new residents, the first blue box is free and additional blue boxes cost \$6 each.

Q- When do I need a building permit?
A- For a homeowner, a building permit is required if anyone wants to build or renovate a structure which is larger than 10 square meters (108 square feet). This does not mean that you must get a permit to redecorate or replace old kitchen cabinets. This does mean you need a permit if you are building a shed, finishing your basement or adding interior walls.

Q- When do I need a pool permit?
A- A pool permit is required for any outdoor man-made pond, inflatable pool, hot tub, above or below ground pool that can hold more than 80 centimetres (30 inches) of water in depth.

I ended up with more questions than space for this column so I will continue at a later date.

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



Cathy's Corner



The chicken story

Once upon a time, there were millions and millions of chickens living in Aurora. They used to perch on street lamps, fence posts, and people's heads. Nobody minded because these were Aurora chickens. Now, if Newmarket chickens or Stouffville chickens or Richmond Hill chickens or King chickens tried to do that, they ended up in a fajita. Soon, word got out, and there was no more cross-border clucking. Things were peaceful for a while. Then one day, a cocky developer (let's call him the "D-man") came to town. Rumour has it the D-man was hen pecked. Nearly to death! The second he entered The Chicken Capital, he became a victim of fowl foul play! Did you know that the chicken is the closest living relative of the T-Rex? It was proven that day. When the chickens were done, the D-man had holes in his head! But the Aurora elders swear he had those before he came to Aurora, talking high density and all. The D-man was cooped up in the hospital for a while. When he got out, he had a bad case of alektorophobia (that's short for "fear of chickens"), so he called a meeting of his investors and told them the chicken story. It gave them goose bumps. The investors agreed: The T-Rex lives! Before any one of them would dare build in Aurora, the birds had to be cooped. Or barbequed - whichever was most cost effective. Well, it turned out that propane was cheaper than chicken wire in those days, so the investors started an ad campaign to convince people that chicken is delicious, nutritious and abundant in Aurora. Sadly, it was lunchtime, so the Aurora Council agreed to change the pecking order. They approved a facility at Yonge and Old Yonge. It was called "Choice Cut Up Chicken". That pretty much answers the age old question: Why did the chicken cross the road? Um...to get to the other side, maybe? Really, it doesn't take a lot of navel gazing to understand chicken migration. We're talking Newmarket, Stouffville, Richmond Hill, King...anywhere that doesn't

have a chicken chopping factory. As urban sprawl proceeded to make drumsticks out of rural squawk, millions and millions of chickens became roadrunners. But it was hopeless, since the D-man had made the roads 30 per cent wider. Needless to say, the chickens went to pieces. In desperation, some tried to fly the coop. One particularly alarmed chicken set a world record, flying 301-1/2 feet, the longest distance ever known to be flown by a T-Rex leftover. Unfortunately, she collided with a pylon and ended up, not in King, but a la king. Another hen became so distressed, she laid the world's biggest egg. It was nearly 12 ounces, measuring 12-1/4" around. Sadly, the D-man's crew poached it. Finally, and most tragically, it was discovered that chickens can travel at nine miles per hour, which, according to the D-man, qualifies them as "fast food". Fact is, most people back out of their driveways faster than that. And, there are a lot of driveways in Aurora, since the D-man made a habit of scrambling off to the OMB...stopping only to pick up a quarter chicken on the way. Miraculously, today, there are still more chickens in the world than any other domesticated bird. In fact, there is more than one chicken for every human on the face of the planet. Of course, if everybody ate one, there would be about six left. That was the plan that the D-man hatched while he lay in hospital. There is speculation that the D-man's real name was Colonel Sanders. There is scientific evidence to support this theory: if all the KFC chickens consumed worldwide were laid head to fingers, they would stretch 275,094 miles. That would circle the earth at the equator 11 times. Or, put another way, it would be enough to overshoot the moon by more than 50,000 miles. Or, put another way, there are no more chickens living happily ever after in Aurora. Just millions and millions of developers.

Cathy Vrancic welcomes e-mail at: laughingmatters@aci.on.ca

Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Mike and Chris Swarbrick, brother and son of Aurora's John Swarbrick, who are currently on their way to base camp at Mount Everest. Mike, an Ottawa resident, is in constant communication with his brother as the trek continues. Chris was educated in Aurora. When Mike asked Chris, he said, "want to go for a walk?" We'll keep you posted.

BOUQUETS to Judy Salmon for her very positive letter to The Auroran about life in Aurora, as in spite of the high taxes, it's a pretty darn good place to live. Council should have her letter framed and put on display.

BOUQUETS to Kim Hinder for her work as Seniors' Coordinator at the Aurora Seniors Centre over the past four years and best wishes in her new position with Chartwell Senior Housing working at Park Place Manor in Aurora.

BRICKBATS to the number of motorists who completely disregard stop signs in Aurora, putting themselves and other motorists at risk, as they drive through without even slowing down. It's likely frustration at all the unnecessary stop signs on Aurora streets installed to slow down speeders to satisfy local residents.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce for initiating a fundraising campaign with a target of \$7,000 to pay for the construction of a new school in Kenya as part of Free the Children, an organization run by children. Donations can be made by calling the Free the Children office at 416-925-5894.

BRICKBATS to the Royal Canadian Mint for even considering a \$5 coin in addition to the loonie and twonie. Have they no consideration of how much weight a man can keep in his pocket or the number of coin slots in a cash register. Say NO to the "fivey!"

But **BOUQUETS** to the same federal agency for producing a new loonie, to pay tribute to Terry Fox on the 25th anniversary of his Marathon of Hope. Will it become known as a "Terry?"

BRICKBATS to a justice system that permitted lawyer Simon Rosenfeld to be free on bail since his August, 2002, arrest on a charge of money laundering. That's almost three years and there was no explanation for the delay.

BOUQUETS to Commport Communications, the owners of the buildings on Ross Street at Wellington for merging two properties into one, joining the buildings and providing a new roofline between the two buildings. Nice job!

BRICKBATS to a justice system which sentenced a Mississauga man to 13 years in a federal prison for killing his former teenage girlfriend. Even though the Judge said that one can only imagine the stark terror and horror she experienced as she faced her killer, he sentenced her killer to an automatic life sentence with eligibility for parole in 13 years. Whatever happened to a life sentence for murder?

BOUQUETS to Grade 10 student Tyler Virgoe of Cardinal Carter Catholic High School for his excellent letter to The Auroran, about the behaviour of Aurora Council. The letter was a class project and if I was the teacher, he would get an A-plus.

BRICKBATS to those who arranged the trip to Israel to study security for 33 police chiefs and deputies including York Regional's Armand La Barge, former Toronto Chief Julian Fantino and Community Safety Minister Monte Kwinter. The reason may be worthwhile, but why send so many?

Letters to the Editor

French Immersion woes

To the editor,

An open letter to parents of French Immersion children in York Region

What a disappointing journey this "boundary change" for French Immersion has been.

Parents, do you know what the issues are?

Do you know any information aside from that which has been given to you by the Board?

Are you still duped into thinking that this is a town vs. town issue rather than a region-based fight to preserve York Region French Immersion programs as we know them?

Parents in Newmarket, do you know your children will no longer be bussed to French Immersion High School when the new program opens in 2007?

Will you continue in French Immersion when your children have to be driven daily or take Newmarket transit?

Is this increasing potential enrolment or decreasing it? Have you spoken to the parents in the new FI program at Poplar Bank PS recently?

Parents in Aurora, do you realize that it will actually be 2012 before the enrolment at Aurora High will recover?

Parents in Georgina, will

you bus your children for over an hour to Newmarket in 2007, or will you simply choose the English stream for your child, much closer to home?

Why did the Board assure us a few years ago that opening a high school in Keswick was the correct thing to do, only to now announce its closure?

Do you know the historical data that Canadian Parents for French have on Boards across Canada who have split existing programs, as this Board is proposing to do?

Do you know what those regions would advise us if they could?

Do you know the critical number of students needed for a viable FI high school program?

Do you think the Board or the teacher's union will allow for extremely small class size and high hiring ratio, if that is what's needed

to keep FI at the level it's at?

The vote that was taken at the Board meeting on March 8th, still has to be finalized on March 31st. If this makes you question any aspect, please, I beseech you, attempt to contact your trustee, speak to Canadian Parents for French, speak to your school council, question Board of Education members with educated questions.

Don't let our secondary school French Immersion program be led like an ignorant lamb to slaughter, as Keswick's has been.

All who have fought this decision welcome FI expansion in York Region, but the timing is wrong, and instead of expanding a program, we face the real likelihood of diminishing it.

Please, get informed and speak before March 31st.

Liz Rabinovitch
Aurora

Midnight freight train forces birth of group

To the editor,

Bravo to all those who have written letters about the intolerable midnight whistle from the CN train that blows through Aurora, Newmarket, Holland Landing and Bradford - waking up everyone in its path.

It's reassuring to know that my family and I are not alone, suffering through our all too frequent sleepless nights.

It is, however, time to stop complaining and take some action.

With a focused desire to end this annoyance, many of us affected in the Aurora area have formed an "Anti-Whistle" group.

We have attended council meetings, written letters and sent e-mails to the Town of Aurora and to CN, clearly stating our objective: we want the CN train to stop sounding its horn/whistle in the middle of the night.

With this understanding and with the co-operation of the Town of Aurora, CN and GO, we are working together to incorporate an "Anti-Whistle" bylaw, preventing trains from sounding their whistles when they pass through Aurora during the night.

To date, we have made some good progress.

The Town of Aurora gave

the go ahead to complete an audit of all rail crossings, assessing and documenting safety issues and deficiencies.

Although the audit at the St. John's Sideroad cannot take place until the road widening has been completed, all other crossings in Aurora are being addressed at this time.

One of the key features of this audit is to ensure that all rail crossings are equipped with an appropriate safety gate.

Once the audits are complete, and the necessary safety measures are in place, the Town can then move forward with the implementation of the Anti-Whistle bylaw.

While it might take some time to restore our community to silent nights, the co-operation from the residents, the Town of Aurora and all those involved has been tremendous.

If you are interested in receiving regular updates, or would like to assist the "Anti-Whistle" group, please call 905-727-7780 - ext. 174, and leave a message with your e-mail address so you can be put on our distribution list.

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Even though he's flat on his face, Sam Skwarchuk has already done the damage as the puck is nestled in the Newmarket net during Aurora's 5-0 division title victory last Tuesday night. Team mate Sean Thompson (16) expresses his delight. Tigers met the Georgetown Raiders Saturday and came away with a 3-2 win.

Tigers win North

What's with those Aurora Tigers?

This is not what fans expected.

The Provincial Junior A team, that lost all but three of its national title winning team from last year, was expected to perhaps play 50-50 hockey this year and begin another rebuilding program.

Coach Jerome Dupont didn't see it that way at all.

He assembled a group of youngsters that, last Tuesday, secured the league's North Division title for the fourth year in a row, then walked into the arena at Georgetown Saturday night and edged the Raiders 3-2 to take a 1-0 lead in the next playoff round.

One of the major factors in the Tiger success so far has been the goaltending abilities of Ryan Dickie.

He had two big games against Newmarket, including the series winning 5-0 victory on Newmarket ice last week, then backstopped the Tigers in Georgetown stopping 37 of 39 shots before a sold out house at the Gordon Alcott Arena.

"Getting the victory on the road in the opening game of any series is great but the players know that we can play a lot better than we did tonight," Dupont said.

Scoring for Aurora in the victory were Jeric Agosta, Sean Thompson and Daniel Michalsky.

Michalsky's goal was the ultimate game winner as he finished off a nice feed from Clay Costoff.

Tigers met the Raiders for the second game Monday night at the Aurora Community Centre, but results were not available at press time.

On Wednesday they're back in Georgetown returning to Aurora Friday night for

the fourth game at 8 p.m.

Dupont is looking for a tough series with Georgetown, but he has his eyes set on another goal.

"My dream series will be against St. Mikes," he said.

Meanwhile, last Tuesday night, in front of a Newmarket crowd, the Tigers eliminated the Hurricanes four games to

two with a convincing victory.

With Tuesday's victory, the Tigers accomplished just that and in doing so were crowned North Division Champions for the fourth year in a row.

Scoring for Aurora were Sam Skwarchuk, Doug Henderson, Craig Carlyle, Josh Diamond and Daniel Michalsky.

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New route is planned for Hartwell marathon

Runners entering the fourth annual Bob Hartwell Challenge are going to have some new scenery to look at this year.

Race organizers have chosen a new route which is safer for runners, less disruptive to motorists and showcases Aurora.

The 21.1-kilometre course starts and ends at Town Park and features some of the town's historic architecture and finest neighbourhoods.

The event, which includes a half marathon, a two-person half marathon relay, and the Optimist five-

kilometre race, will be held Sunday, April 10.

"Our volunteer committee is working diligently to make this a quality race for the athletes and an event the entire community can be proud of," said race director John Cappelletti. "This will be the fourth year of the race and we feel confident it will be the biggest and best yet."

With a good part of the route passing through residential areas, the race committee encourages Aurorans to be hometown proud, and cheer passing runners on race day.

New major sponsors have been added in an effort to expand the race beyond last year's 600 participants.

However, the continued success of the race ultimately depends on volunteers.

"If the past is any indication, our volunteers are second to none," said Cappelletti. "This year we estimate we'll need about 250 volunteers."

The Bob Hartwell

Runner's Challenge is becoming a highlighted event annually in Aurora.

The Hartwell Half, as it is known among runners, has donated more than \$47,000 to the Community Safety Village of York Region over the last three years.

Race organizers are encouraging Aurorans to get involved, through running, volunteering, sponsoring or as spectators.

Bob Hartwell, who was a well-known Aurora businessman, civic leader, and veteran marathon runner, died while running the Toronto International Marathon in October, 2001.

It had always been Bob's dream to organize an event in Aurora that would appeal to competitive and recreational runners alike.

His friends have joined together to make Bob's dream a reality and to honour his memory.

If you seek further information, or wish to get involved as a participant, a sponsor, or volunteer, visit www.hartwellchallenge.com.

Sendel bounces to fifth place tie

Samantha Sendel, 13, a Grade 8 student at Aurora's Lester B. Pearson Public School, has returned victorious from the Flower Cup in Aalsmeer, Netherlands, a suburb of Amsterdam.

In trampoline competitions she finished tied for fifth out of 63 Junior ladies.

Sendel is Canada's reigning National Youth Trampoline Champion.

After winning two of the Provincial Qualifiers this year she is the top seed going to the Ontario Championships.

She is looking ahead to this year's Nationals in May, and is eager to get back to the Netherlands this September to represent Canada at the World Age Group Championships.

Two years ago Samantha sprung onto the international scene grabbing a silver medal at the worlds.

This season has been a slower start after she

sprouted several inches last summer and struggled with some moves, but is now back with a vengeance.

Meanwhile, it was a big weekend in the Sendel household as Sammy's younger brother James, 11 (also a Lester B. Pearson student) took to the ice for his Markham Waxers Minor PeeWee AAA team.

They are up against the top team in their age group Quinte, with the winner earning a trip to the OMHA Championships at the end of the month.

Quinte has only lost one league game all season.

However, Markham won both games on the weekend, 5-3 and 8-1, to hold a 2-1 lead in the best of five series; and James showed the way with three goals and five assists.

He now has four goals and nine assists in seven playoff games to lead the team.

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The "fivey" may soon be coming

It's more than just a rumour, as the Royal Canadian Mint is again considering a \$5 coin and the big question is what to call it.

The federal coin-making agency conducts surveys of consumers and businesses every two to three years to determine the denominations and sizes of coins needed.

Mint officials claim that one suggestion that keeps coming up is a \$5 coin and it is now under consideration.

It was pointed out that speculation about a \$5 coin has regularly surfaced since the loonie was introduced in 1987.

While men may worry about the weight of change in their pockets, Europeans, now having more coins than bills, wear or carry purses.

STUDENTS MAKE MOVIE DEBUT

In November, 1979, students of Aurora's St. Andrew's College Pipe Band spent two days in Toronto as extras for the movie "The Kidnapping of the President".

Dressed in full Highland dress, they portrayed a military band which was to perform for the President of the United States during a speaking engagement in Toronto. The band performed the number "Hail to the Chief".

The college received \$1,000 a day for its part of the film, which was used to buy new uniforms for the cadets.

This was the same movie in which an old truck owned

by Frank Caruso of Mary's Fruits on Yonge Street in Aurora was transformed into a security truck and blown up in the movie.

REMEMBERING "MAW" AT ST. ANDREW'S

Old Boys from St. Andrew's College will remember Mrs. Frederick (Nellie) Rex, better known as "Maw", as she was in charge of the janitorial staff at the college for 20 years. She retired in 1970.

With her retirement, she completed a lifetime of being "in service" in the British tradition. She entered training for a ladies' maid position at the age of 14 and served in the British Land Army during the First World War.

She came to Canada in 1924 and met her husband in Saskatchewan, and the two served in numerous positions together as cook-housekeeper and groundsman-mechanic. He was a night watchman at the college.

WHEN GASOLINE WAS RATIONED

Today the main concern of many motorists is the high price of gasoline but back in the dark days of the Second World War the main concern was gasoline rationing.

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number on your plates, and then the motorist would receive four gallons of fuel.

Before rationing the government had tried voluntary restraints with billboards proclaiming "A Gallon a Day Keeps Hitler Away" or "Save Gas: Keep the Spitfires Flying", but it didn't work and gas rationing became necessary.

Farmers got extra rations for their machines and it wasn't long before city people with rural relatives drove to the country to fill up, resulting in the farm gas dyed and policemen with dipsticks stopping cars to check the gas colour.

YORK REGION PIRATES MAKE A SPLASH

In August, 1984, the York Region Pirates made a big splash at the CNE in the 1984 Castrol Oil Mayors Sesquicentennial Bath Tub Race. Of the 18 mayors participating, seven came from York Region.

The action was fast and furious with lots of thrills and spills. Newmarket's Ray Twinney showed off his seamanship by finishing third, while Richmond Hill's Al Duffy was fifth. Aurora's Dick Illingworth finished the course but capsized when he came in to dock.

The highlight of the race was Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson who turned her tub into an airplane, taking off and flying over King Mayor Clarence Jessop.

Fortunately the only thing that was hurt was the tub.



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103 Red/White TIM HORTON'S RED WINGS 3: Cole Thiessen 3G, Michael Boorn 1A, Will Thompson 1A. **105 Gold/Black TIM HORTON'S BRUINS 0.**

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102 Black/Gold TIM HORTON'S PENGUINS 4: Graydon Gardner 2G 1A, John Partland 1G, Adam Newell 1G 1A. **110 Teal/White TIM HORTON'S SHARKS 3:** Liam Gray 2G, Michael Ruggerio 1G 2A, Christian MacGillivray 1A, Matthew McGrath 1A.

107 Maroon/White TIM HORTON'S AVALANCHE 7: Tyler Boston 6G 1A, Colin Dunlop 1G, Dylan Pyziak 1A, Daniel Middleton 2A, Steven Tsianos 1A, Mike McLaughlin 1A. **109 Orange/Black TIM HORTON'S FLYERS 4:** David O'Connor 4G, Brendan Ruuskanen 3A, Eric Bortolotti 1A.

106 White/Royal TIM HORTON'S LEAFS 4: Jesse Weimer 4G, Peter Andreasko 1A, Christopher Sutherland 1A, Christopher Klinowski 1A, Taylor Lemmon, shutout. **108 Grey/Black TIM HORTON'S KINGS 0.**

503 AB COX PONTIAC BUICK GMC 4: Thomas Gans 1G, Troy Gouviea 1G 1A, Christopher Follett 1G 1A, Paul Tuck 1G 1A, TJ Ground 1A. **505 INFINITY TECHNOLOGIES 3:** Taran McGowan 2G 1A, Jake Hindley 1G, Chris Waller 1A, Kyle Rojas 1A, Christian Avolio 1A.

509 DOMINION 4: Stephen Newby 1G, Quinn Tessarolo 1G, Jaret Meron 1G, Brett Richardson 1G, 1A, Ryan Laird 1A. **507 COSENTINO PRODUCE 3:** Zachary Andrews 1G, Cameron

Annear 1G 1A, Logan Weber 1G, Andrew Cosentino 1A.

506 McALPINE FORD LINCOLN 3: Colin Sandquist 1G, Danny Malinas 1G, Christian Davies 1G. **508 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 1:** Brandon Bartolin 1G, Jordan Gerace 1A.

510 THE BACKYARD POOL & SPA COMPANY 3: Stephen Hosko 1G, Dylan Jolivet 1G 1A, Sean Halley 1G 2A, Jarrett Lennie 1A, Jay McConnell 1A, Mike Bernier 1A. **502 A.D.C. ALUMINUM 2:** Mark Tanel 2G, Curtis Stobo 1A, Andrew Smitten 1A.

501 MARY'S FLOWER SHOP 3: Alex Thompson 2G, Griffin Slimkowich 1G. **504 CAA CENTRAL ONTARIO 1:** David Scott 1G, Scott Sturges 1A.

803 SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 4: Brendan Murphy 1G, Geoffrey Harrison 1G 1A, Michael Nealon 1G, Cameron Buchanan 1G 1A. **801 Green/Gold PIZZA PIZZA 2:** Dylan Brennan 1G, Ray Mullins 1G, Eric Rosendale 1A, Niko Lee-Yow 1A, Sam Caldwell 1A.

805 Gold/Black PIZZA PIZZA 3: Nick Epworth 1G, Michael Sanita 1G, Connor Ryeland 1G, Keith Hannah 1A, Sean Kipfer 1A, Andrew Wilkins 1A, Ethan Collins 1A, Stefano Longhin, shutout. **802 Black/Gold PIZZA PIZZA 0.**

803 SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 8: Geoffrey Harrison 3G 2A, Jared Pelletier 3G 4A, Michael Nealon 1G 2A, Chris Ramsey 1G. **806 I.O.O.F. AURORA LODGE 148 F.L.T. 1:** J. Adams 1G, E. Davenport 1A.

801 Green/Gold PIZZA PIZZA 3: Pat O'Connor 1G 1A, Jordan Streigler 1G, Dylan Brennan 1G 1A, Darren Giroux 1A, Ray Mullins 1A. **804 HIGHLAND CHEVROLET CADILLAC 3:** Brandon Simon 1G, Anthony Pusateri 1G, Dan Cress 1G, Stephen Dixon 1A.

804 HIGHLAND CHEVROLET CADILLAC 0: Eric Meunier, shutout. **803 SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 0:** Zachary Davies, shutout.

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1005 AURORA OPTICAL 5: James Weber 1G 1A, Jason Brennan 1G 1A, Sean McCartney 2G, Keon Karamchi 1G, Ryan Cain 1A, Ryan Comerford 1A. **1010 CHEVALIER CHRYSLER 5:** Christopher Govan 1G 1A, Mike Smyth 1G 1A, Jordan Moffat 2G, Graeme Flemming 1G, Jacob Manson 1A, Mike Laprucino 1A, Tyler Hubbard 1A.

1005 AURORA OPTICAL 7: Sean McCartney 3G 2A, Terry McCourt 1G, Brendan McDermott 1G 1A, Cameron Walker 1G, Keon Karamchi 1G, Mike Sotoadeh 1A. **1002 IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 3:** Ian McCrone 1G, Adam Saunders 1G, Andrew Onorati 1G, Stephen Facca 1A, Curtis Sands 1A.

1006 White/Royal PIZZA PIZZA 4: Robert Juffs 2G, Kyle Wilton 1G 1A, Andrew McGee 1G 1A, Dennis Jarret 1A, Derek Amorim 1A. **1008 ASTECH SOLUTIONS 3:** #14 1G 1A, Rob Buchner 1G 1A, Nelson Weese 1G, Tanner Kinnavinen 1A, Mike Cooperthwaite 1A, Dan Henderson 1A, Jim Harrison 1A.

1006 White/Royal PIZZA PIZZA 3: Kyle Wilton 1G 1A, Robert Juffs 1G 1A, Tyler Fyfe 1G, Derek Amorim 1A, Graham Coote 1A, Mathew Wilkins, shutout. **1009 Orange/Black PIZZA PIZZA 0.**

1006 White/Royal PIZZA PIZZA 5: Kyle Wilton 3G, Agi Bova 1G, Robert Juffs 1G 3A, Graham Coote 3A, Sean Devlin 1A, Andrew McGee 1A, Stephen McGill 1A. **1005 AURORA OPTICAL 2:** Mike Sotoadeh 2G, Sean McCartney 1A, Jayde Woodruff 1A.

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Novice AA 3 Orangeville 2
Connor Graham 2G 1A, Sean Foxwell 1G 1A, Jordan Nanos 1A, Jack Caldwell 2A.

Novice AA 3 Orangeville 1

Quentin Campbell 1G, Konner McMillan 1G, Liam Coll 1G 1A, Austin Lane 1A.

Newmarket 2 Minor Atom AA 1
Kevin Casey 1A, Jody Nonnewitz 1G.

Newmarket 2 Minor Atom AA 1
Trevor George 1G, Burke White 1A, Mackenzie Lemmon 1A.

Uxbridge 5 Atom AA 2
Nicholas Heintzman 1G, Marco Ghegin 1G, Andrew Papousek 1A.

Atom A 9 TBD 3
Rory MacNeil 2G 4A, Kyle Spicer 1G 1A, Taylor Butler 2G 1A, Ryan St. Germain 1G 1A, Cooper Riswick 2G 2A, Mark Robertson 1G, A J Killens 2A, Cooper Catt 1A, Sean Nishimura 1A.

NobleKing 4 Atom A 3
Chris Youtoff 1G, Sean Nishimura 1G, Ryan St. Germain 1G, Jesse Bentolila 1A, Kyle Spicer 2A.

NobleKing 7 Atom A 5
Kyle Spicer 2G, Taylor Butler 2G, Josh Klinowski 1G, A J Killens 2A, Cooper Riswick 2A, Ryan St. Germain 2A, Rory MacNeil 1A, Jesse Bentolila 1A.

Whitby 4 Peewee AE 2
Tyler Tisdale 1G 1A, Matthew Pellegrini 1G 1A, Andrew McKay 1A, Evan Jones 1A.

Whitby 4 Peewee AE 1
Aaron Beally 1A, Michael McGorlick 1G.

Peewee AE 3 Whitby 0
Geoff Gianopoulos 1G, Tyler Tisdale 1G, Aaron Beally 1G, Matthew Semeredy 1A, Michael McGorlick 1A, Darcy Eveleigh 1A, Evan Jones 2A.

Bradford 4 Bantam A 2
Nick Crain 2G, Fraser Kegel 1A, Chris Finlay 1A, Eric King 1A, Darcy Pelosse 1A.

Bantam A 4 Bradford 1
Chris Finlay 2G, Jeremy Cohen 1G, Ross Pizzurro 1G, Fraser Kegel 2A, Jake Hurlburt 1A, Jesse Coote 1A, Josh Meron 1A.

Minor Midget A 2 Markham 1
Jonathan Adams 2G, Connor O'Grady 2A, Neil Kileeg 2A.

Midget AA 5 Pickering 3
Tom Keane 2G, Michael Osborne 1G, Sac Pietila 1G, Taylor Campbell 1G, Peter McNeil 2A, Kyle Robinson 2A, Adam Hankins 1A, Daryl Osborne 1A, Dave Martyn 1A, Vinnie Davenport 1A.

Funeral home moves ahead

From page 3
plans to include a cremation facility.

There was agreement to preserve the historic stone abutment located on the property dating back to the days of the radial railway.

At a recent general committee meeting staff reported all conditions had been met and recommended entering into a site plan agreement with the applicant.

As some committee members still expressed concern about parking, especially for large funerals which could cause an overflow onto Industrial Parkway, the issue was referred back to staff.

At the following council meeting Gary Templeton, a planner representing the applicant, addressed the parking concerns.

He pointed out that the zoning bylaw required one

parking space for every five seats in the chapel and with 120 seats, 24 spaces were required.

There were two sitting rooms bringing seating to a total of 170 or 34 spaces but 55 were being provided.

He added that a traffic study had been undertaken with a report that the spaces were more than adequate and town staff had carried out a survey of other municipalities and confirmed adequate parking.

If necessary, extra parking could be provided in one section of the property planned for landscaping.

This was confirmed by a staff memo. It was also noted that the existing facility on Victoria Street had only 37 spaces.

After further questioning by Councillor Wendy Gaertner, who had originally

raised the parking issue, the report was adopted.

When Councillor John West moved the adoption of the enacting bylaw, other councillors objected claiming it wasn't on the agenda and copies of the bylaw had not been circulated.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said it was difficult to understand all the delaying tactics being used, and quoted figures as to what the new facility would mean to the town in increased assessment and taxes.

She pointed out that for many years there had been very limited parking at the Victoria Street location until a neighbouring house had been demolished.

A sign now appears on the property announcing the new home for Thompson's, and with any luck construction should start soon.

Hydro

From page 1
Council agreed that a Special Shareholder Meeting of Borealis Hydro Electric Holding Inc. be held immediately following the council meeting to amend the Shareholder Declaration to provide for the removal of all powers of the current Board of Directors and vesting these powers with the Shareholder (Council).

The meeting of council as the shareholder of Borealis Hydro Electric Holdings Inc. was held following the special council meeting to appoint Deputy Mayor Phyllis Morris as the signing officer on behalf of the shareholder.

Documentation was gathered throughout the day, and the offer was in PowerStream's hands before the deadline, which had been advanced because of the Easter holiday weekend.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner voted against the proposed sale.

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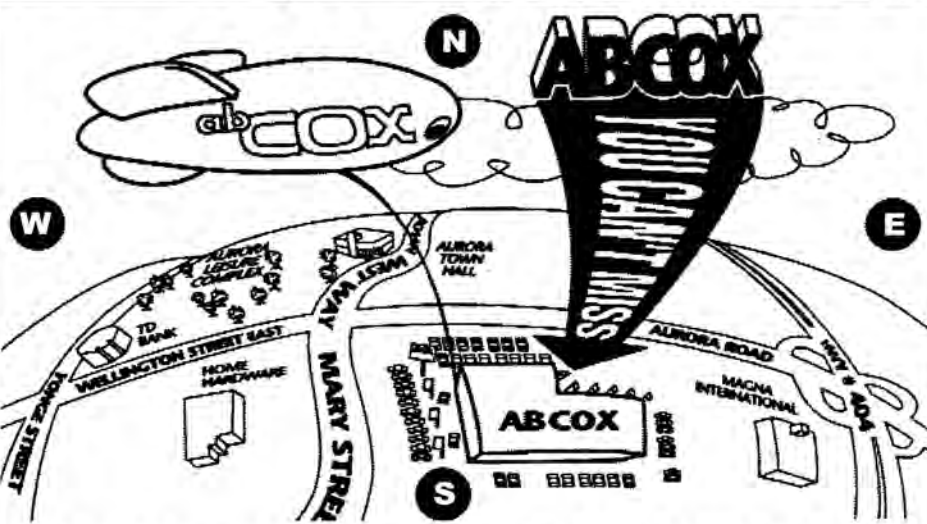
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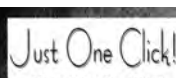
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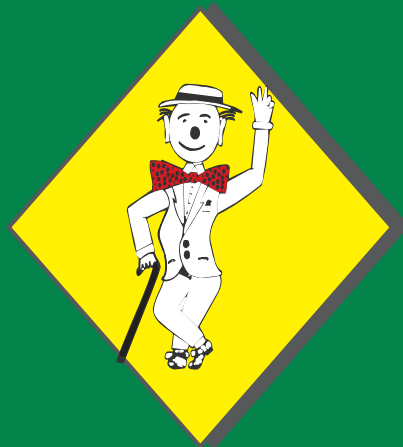
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