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Briefly

Aurora Day



Led by guitar playing, sweet singing Patti McLaughlin, left, Aurora put on a show to end all shows last week at Ontario Place. Several booths were set up to display Aurora's wares and talents, and a contest was held for youngsters. To read and view winners' entries, and for a look at a few of the highlights of Aurora Day, please turn to Pages 18 and 19.

Novel food drive repeated

Couple of years ago, the people at Molly Maid came up with a novel idea for a food drive by leaving pink bags in clients' homes for donations.

They're doing it again.

The "Christmas in July" food drive requires customers to fill the bag with non-perishables for pick up next month.

The last time they did this, they collected more than 2,000 pounds of food for The Aurora Food Pantry and they hope to exceed that this year.

Hockey fundraiser in doubt

Aurora's Shawn Burt is getting a tad nervous.

His 3rd annual hockey tournament fundraiser to help Camp Oochigeas has fallen on hard times and there are, at this stage of the game, not enough hockey players to pull off the day-long event.

Set for the Aurora Community Centre Saturday, August 13, beginning at 10 a.m. the fundraiser sees hockey players of any age and ability playing a marathon game to raise funds for the camp.

Last year, the group came up with \$22,000 in raised dollars, but this year, Shawn is having trouble coming up with hockey players.

It will cost you \$65 to enter but that gets you a plethora of deals, including a sweater, post game reception and the ice time.

Shawn needs to know if you're interested. Send a cheque to him at 1 Birch Court in Aurora, L4G 3K1 or give him a call at 416-804-2122 for further information.

And there's another bonus...it's cool in the building in the middle of August.

Figure this out

There's an ad on Page 3 this week for Aurora's Sparkle Pharmacy. They're having a sale. So what, you say? What does that have to do with Page 1?

Well, we thought we might make a contest out of it...they don't know we're doing this.

They're having a Canada Day sale and several items are advertised. If you buy one at the regular price, you get a similar one for \$1.38.

So, the question is: why \$1.38?

If you know the answer, be the first to call us after noon, Thursday, June 30, tell us the correct reason, and we'll spring for a non-alcoholic dinner for two at the Grand Table Catering Company at Timberlane.

Thursday band Wednesday

Imagine a band called Thursday Night Jam playing on a Wednesday night.

This 14-member, all for charity, band will play in the Town Park bandshell Wednesday, July 6th, beginning at 7 p.m.

Primarily you will hear rhythm and blues and Motown numbers.

There will be a free-will collection in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Whistle tooting is closer to demise

A year ago, Aurora Councillor Nigel Kean expressed concern about train whistles from a small freight that travelled through Aurora in the middle of the night and he asked staff to investigate.

Two months later, council authorized staff to formerly initiate the procedure to ask CNR to eliminate train whistling at the Engelhard Drive and Centre Street crossings.

In addition, the region was asked to eliminate the noise at the Wellington Street East and St. John's Sideroad crossings.

Funds were authorized for safety audits at the crossings and staff was asked to report when results were available.

In March, an Anti-Whistle group of citizens had been formed to support the ban.

It wasn't the first time citizens had called for the elimination of train whistles at night.

In 1990, citizens complained as they had been doing for several years before about the long, strident blasts of the whistle.

Engineers follow a detailed set of instructions, approved by Transport Canada, as to when a whistle must be sounded and the whistling sequence to be used.

The Canadian Rail Operating Rules specify that all trains must sound their whistle one quarter of a mile before all public crossings, regardless of the type of crossing warning system in place and the whistle must be sounded until the train has fully occupied the crossing.

After passing a bylaw to eliminate whistling by the municipality, the railway authority requires Transport Canada to approve the request.

Last week, staff reported on the results of the safety audit, which identified a number of trespass locations, especially in the location of the Engelhard Drive crossing.

GO Transit is especially concerned about trails across its

Please see page 13



Virginia Johnson, a member of a residents' group on Aurora's Falconwood Hollow, was successful in getting the Town to delay plans to remove two huge maple trees from the Vandorf Sideroad last week. The trees were destined to come down as part of reconstruction work on the sideroad, and would have made way for a sidewalk and bicycle path. Town officials agreed to have another look to see if reconstruction plans could be carried out without removal of the trees. Several large trees have already been cut as Vandorf is being upgraded from Industrial Parkway South to Bayview Avenue. The trees are located on the southeast corner of Vandorf and Jarvis Avenue, and the 30-member residents' group represents a small subdivision just east of the site. Ms Johnson, who believes the trees are more than 100 years old, says she thinks the trees would live another 50 years and "are a significant part of our community's character". She pointed to a sidewalk on Henderson Drive that skirts a large tree saying the "precedent for preserving historic trees in Aurora" has already been set.

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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

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Aurora Farmers' Market continues every Saturday in the Temperance Street parking lot until Thanksgiving. Event opens at 8 a.m.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members welcome. For further information, call 905-841-1352.

Merlin's Hollow English garden open houses have been set for the summer. Garden will open Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 10, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Garden is located at 181 Centre Crescent.

The Wellington Gallery, Wellington at Machell, features local painter Josie Schwarzli and wood sculptor Bob Staley in an exhibit titled "Hidden Beauty" until July 10. Hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with other times by appointment. Call 905-751-0066.

York Region Food Network invites you to join the Aurora Community Garden. Vegetable plots (10' x 20') are available at no charge. Call Catherine Cook, Community Garden Coordinator, at (905) 967-0428 or e-mail at cgcyrfn@bellnet.ca.

On the first Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon, a satellite constituency office for Vaughan/King/Aurora MPP Greg Sorbara will be open in the councillors' lounge at the Town Hall. Call 1-877-880-6770 for information.

Every Friday night from 8.15 to 10.15 p.m. at the Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School gym there will be a basketball and volleyball drop-in for ages 14 to 18. Call 905-726-4760 for further information.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows 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 905-830-9205.

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@sympati-co.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. Call 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.

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.townsofyourk.org or phone Roy Bannon at 905-853-0859.

Progressive Euchre every Thursday night. Aurora Legion. 7.30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora/Newmarket welcomes new members throughout the year for monthly meetings and special interest groups. Contact Barb at 905-713-3587. Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora.

JULY & AUGUST

Beginning July 5 and continuing until August 25, register your child in a York Catholic District School Board school at the admissions office of the Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. On Saturday, August 27, register from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JUNE 30

July First activities begin with a party in Town Park this evening.

Deadline for applications for the Aurora Arts and Culture Fund. Open to individuals and groups for the promotion of cultural and artistic activities in Aurora. Application should be in the form of a letter outlining the nature and general activities and the specific use to be made of the grant. Send applications to the mayor at the Town Hall.

JULY 1

Various Canada Day activities, including parade, beer garden, horseshoe tournament and fireworks display occur all day. Most events at the Leisure Complex.

JULY 4

Baseball summer camp starts at the Aurora Leisure Complex and offers a full-day camp experience for kids aged 5 to 14 until August 26. Campers will be divided into five age groups and will receive baseball skills training as well as the chance to play in a game each day.

Blood Donor Clinic, Our Lady of Grace Parish, 2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

JULY 10

Garden tour hosted by the Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society, noon to 5 p.m. Tour eight gardens. Tickets, at \$10 each, are available at Mary's Flower Shop, Flowers By Terry and R & R Revisited.

JULY 13

Concert in the Park. Children's entertainment, Kidz Kidding. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society's monthly meeting and

rose flower show at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway. 8 p.m. Guests are welcome. \$2 per person.

JULY 20

Concert in the Park. Cindy Thompson, old time fiddle music. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

JULY 27

Concert in the Park. Hot Rocks and Robert Wotherspoon - Rolling Stones Tribute Band. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

AUGUST 3

Concert in the Park. Huggican Big Band. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

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Aurora Fair, Horse Show has a new ambassador

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

Sixteen-year-old Omid Salari has been waiting two years to compete for the title of Ambassador of the Aurora Fair and Horse Show.

"I wasn't old enough when I first got involved as a volunteer," he explained.

This was his year, however, and the Aurora teen was given the title earlier this month.

Omid moved to Aurora two years ago and is a Grade 11 student at Richmond Hill Secondary School (site of the region's gifted program).

He has just been named president of his school's Student Council and plays on its football and lacrosse teams.

The Ambassador program is fairly new to the 83-year-old Fair.

"We started three years ago, following the lead of many of Ontario's agricultural fairs" said Fair Director Linda Schneiderit.

And, after a modest beginning (the first year only one candidate came forward), the Ambassador program is taking off.

Each candidate delivered a speech and then took impromptu questions from the judges.

Omid was asked, if he was given \$1 million to give to charity, where would he direct it.

He chose AIDS/HIV as his cause and explained the broad ranging benefits of helping to eradicate the disease worldwide.

As Ambassador, Omid will promote the Fair at various events around town, including a Tiger's hockey game this winter and the upcoming Canada Day festivities.

Omid, along with Aurora Idol winner Joey Clark, will be featured in the Parade.

He will also attend the



Omid Salari



Ontario Agricultural convention next year at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. There, Ambassadors from across the province will share experiences and get pointers on public speaking and appearances.

For Omid, who has plans to study law, this is another opportunity to grow and learn.

"I look forward to practising my public speaking and I think this title will be a nice addition to my application for university," he said.

But, aside from ambition, there's a more fun-loving reason he's always wanted the title.

"For me, this makes the Fair last all year long," he said.

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Poor Richard

Can't blame Dog Days for politicians' behaviour

*Mad dogs and Englishmen,
Go out in the midday sun;
The world is a little crazy,
With politicians on the run.
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

The dog days of summer were usually found between the period of July 3 and August 11 when Sirius, the Dog Star, rose with the sun as defined by the ancient Greeks and Romans.

The conjunction of the rising of the Dog Star with the sun was held responsible for the dry, hot and sultry weather of midsummer, but today dog days are not applied to a specific period, but rather to about 40 days of the hottest season.

It may not be the weather or the dog days of summer, but there are a lot of things wrong with the world and its politicians and there doesn't seem to be much the average person can do about it

The Fraser Institute proclaimed Tax Freedom Day as June 26th so you worked for all levels of government until last Sunday just to pay taxes.

Back in 1961 Tax Freedom Day fell on May 3rd, so you have some indication of how your taxes have grown over the years.

Jean Baptiste Colbert, a 17th century French Finance Minister observed that "the art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest amount of feathers with the least amount of hissing".

With the steady increase of taxes at all levels, especially property taxes, it's time for taxpayers to start hissing.

Throughout this session of Parliament now ending, Prime Minister Paul Martin and Finance Minister Ralph Goodale have proclaimed themselves responsible guardians of the public purse.

Remember Martin's celebrated deal to buy 19 NDP votes for \$4.6 billion worth of manipulated numbers in the 2005 budget after the budget had been prepared and fully discussed in the Liberal caucus.

He also used the same sleight of hand in his side deals with the Provinces of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Ontario.

His creative financing should bother taxpayers as it takes the tax contributions of approximately 50,000 people to produce a billion dollar pot.

In Ontario, Premier Dalton McGuinty became the poster boy for political cynicism and broken promises.

He made 231 election promises and has been breaking them one by one since the election.

One broken promise that few taxpayers will forget is the pledge McGuinty took before the election not to increase taxes.

He made a real photo op of signing the pledge with the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

Then in the very first budget, the Liberals imposed the health care premium or tax increase, creating problems for individuals, especially those on a fixed income, corporations and unions.

Corporations are required to take the premium off pay cheques as part of the provincial income tax, not as a separate premium as for the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

Who pays the premium is an issue between unions and corporations in labour negotiations.

Not only are Ontarians paying more for health care, they are getting less with the delisting of services such as physiotherapy and chiropractic treatments.

It was a broken vow budget that won't be soon forgotten.

With the decrease in provincial grants and the downloading of provincial programs and services to the local level of government, plus GTA pooling, there are property tax increases at both the regional and local level.

Aurora taxpayers were hit with a 7.9 per cent increase or about \$65 on the average assessed home.

At the regional level the tax increase was a 5.2 per cent increase or about \$83 on the average assessed home in the region.

Former Premier Mike Harris gave municipal leaders a solemn promise that the downloading would be revenue neutral, but that was another broken promise.

Granted there is some wasteful spending at the local level of government but it pales in significance with the other levels of government.

A final hiss is for regional councillors who receive more than \$40,000 a year plus benefits in addition to what they receive at the local level, for attending one council and two or three committee meetings or about 20 hours a month.



Above is the last Grade 12 class to graduate from the original Aurora High School, now the Wells Street Public School. This photo was taken in 1950, and the new high school opened as Aurora District High School on April 21, 1952. Currently the school is known as Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School. In this photo are, front row, left to right, Dianne Easterbrook, Bill Bennett, Don Munshaw, David Bachly, Bill MacGirr, ?; middle row, left to right, J.H. Knowles, the principal, ?, Shirley Liversidge, Florrie Beynon, ?, ?, ?, Virginia Bunt; back row, left to right, Ken Carson, ?, ?, Marilyn Thompson, Eldene Ellis, Lorraine Blackburn, ?, Don Busby. This photograph is owned by Ken Carson of Newmarket and was submitted by his sister-in-law Wanda (Ellis) Eveleigh of Cookstown.

From the Editor

Thirty-eight years later, the photo changes hands

From the editor,

I cannot tell a lie; I held hands with Belinda Stronach last week.

And, it was worth it.

This yarn dates back 38 years to a time when I was a lowly reporter toiling for the Sudbury Star in 1967. Belinda would have been about a year old at the time.

Paul Martin, Senior, then a major player for position of Prime Minister of Canada, came to Sudbury, probably to campaign.

You know what happened...some upstart named Trudeau swept the nation.

Frankly, I don't remember why Martin was there; all I know is that I got the assignment to interview him in a

hotel room in New Sudbury, early one morning.

A Sudbury Star photographer captured the moment and later presented me with an 8 x 10 glossy black and white photo of Martin and me sitting on a sofa chatting.

In those days, a big black and white glossy was something to behold.

I kept the picture, and kept it and kept it.

I kept it for 38 years.

Fast forward to a week ago Friday and Paul Martin, Junior, now the Prime Minister of Canada, comes to Richmond Hill to make an announcement.

Belinda, through her office, invited all the local politicians, so I showed up.

So did about 300 others

and I knew I would never get close enough to Paul Martin to present him with the photo of his dad and me.

Belinda passed by and I stopped her.

"Perhaps if you're talking to Mr. Martin, you could give this to him for me," I said.

She took one look at the photo, grabbed my hand (that's the hand-holding part, folks) and led me through the crowd like a little boy badly in need of a wash-room.

Suddenly, I was face to face with the prime minister and introductions were taking place.

"I've had this picture long enough," I said. "Now it's your turn."

He was visibly moved by the gesture and

guess what?

No one took a picture of the moment.

And, by the way, I did not get a diplomatic posting, either.

Ron Wallace
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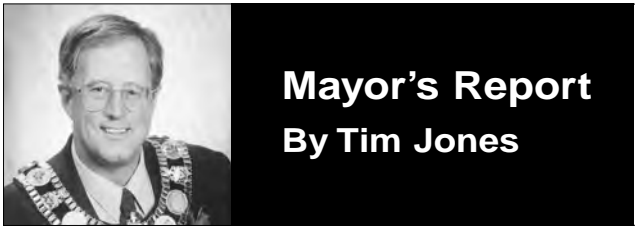
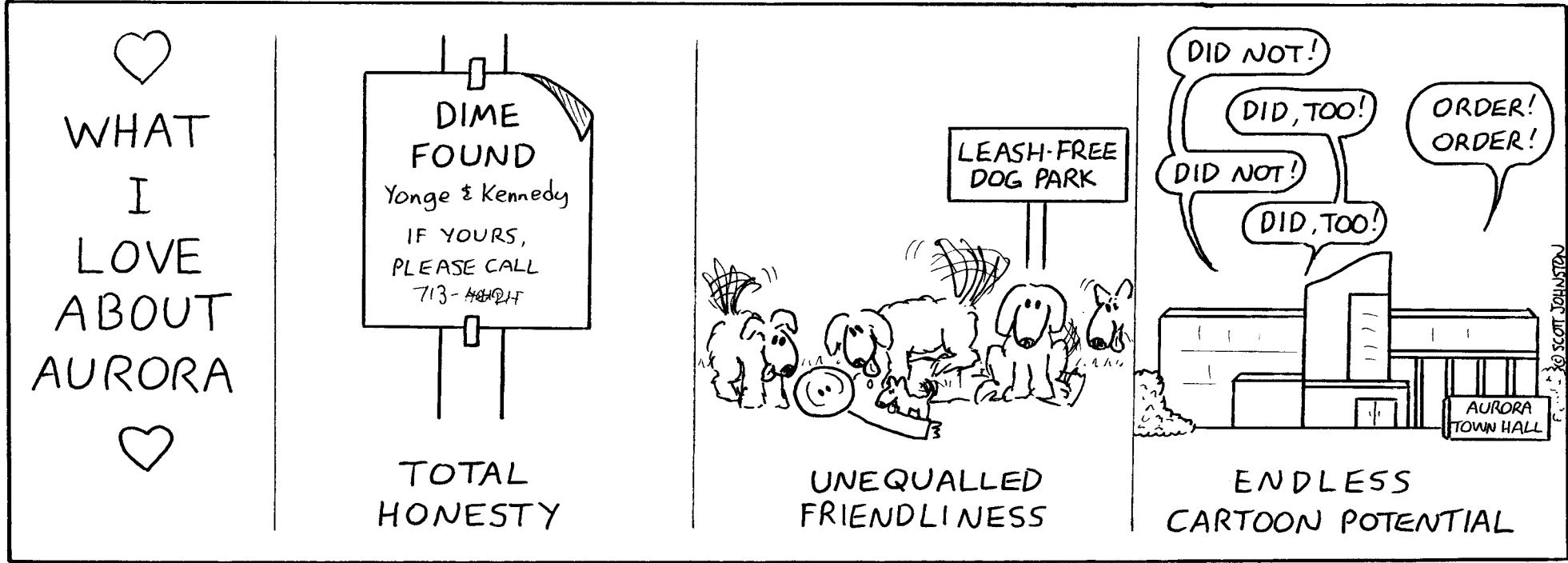
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Paul Martin, Senior, gives an interview to 23-year-old Sudbury Star reporter Ron Wallace in 1967. Wallace has had this photo in his possession for 38 years and presented it to Martin's son, the Prime Minister of Canada, recently.



Mayor's Report
By Tim Jones

Over the past week I have received a few inquiries relating to water regulations.

Aurora imposes a bylaw between May 15th and Sept. 30th of each year that regulates the use of water at all times.

Simply put it reads: *No person shall use the municipal water of the Town of Aurora from a hose, pipe, sprinkler or permanent irrigation system for the purpose of watering any lawn, garden, or washing of vehicles, sidewalks, driveways, patios, decks and windows or the filling of swimming pools except as follows:*

- a) An even numbered address may use water outdoors only on even numbered days of the month.
- b) An odd numbered address may use water outdoors only on odd numbered days of the month.
- c) Outdoor water use will only be permitted between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

For the most part, residents understand and abide by these regulations. However, these regulations change in extreme natural water deficiencies and the following applies not just in Aurora but also includes Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Markham, Keswick and Sutton.

Water restrictions come about when water storage levels in reservoirs cannot be maintained at 75 per cent (stage 1) or 50 per cent (stage 2) or severe draught conditions which is determined by the Region's low water response team in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The Stage 1 Outdoor Water Use Advisory requests all persons refrain from using municipal water from a hose, pipe, sprinkler or permanent irrigation system for the purposes of watering lawns or gardens, washing vehicles, sidewalks or driveways, and filling or topping up swimming pools. Residents may still water with a watering can.

The Stage 2 Outdoor Water Use Ban states no person shall use municipal water from a hose, pipe, sprinkler or permanent irrigation system for the purposes of watering lawns or gardens, washing vehicles, sidewalks or driveways, and filling or topping up swimming pools. Watering can use is still okay.

Stage 3 is applied in the event of an extreme low water supply situation. The York Region Low Water Response Team will prepare a list of non-essential water users within each area municipality.

Each non-essential water user will be advised and asked to prepare a Water Use Reduction Plan for use in the event of a Stage 3 condition.

Regional Exemptions to Outdoor Water Use Advisory and Ban apply to persons who own, operate or carry on the following operations or activities that rely on a steady supply and use of water:

- * Nurseries.
- * Commercial or industrial facilities utilizing timed irrigation systems will be permitted to operate between 12 a.m. and 6 p.m. on a once per week basis.
- * All-weather playing fields if failure to water will result in a permanent loss of plant material or public safety.
- * Washing exterior building surfaces, including windows, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks prior to application of a product such as paint, preservative, stucco, or preparation of a surface prior to paving or re-pointing of bricks, or if required by law to comply with health and safety regulations.
- * Commercial car washes or car dealerships.
- * During a Stage 1 Outdoor Water Use Advisory and a Stage 2 Outdoor Water Use Ban, public sector entities may operate public water play areas between the hours of 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are a gardener, like me, I strongly suggest that you log onto the Region's web site at www.region.york.on.ca/Publications/News/Water+Restrictions.

Water regulations

htm for further information on water restrictions.

Consider planting hardy plants in your garden and for those plants and water boxes you need to water be prepared to fill a watering can several times and spot water as required. This is permitted.

Plants don't need a lot of water, simply enough at the right time and in the right spot during these restricting times.

You can also buy a water barrel to catch and save

water from your down spouts.

Recently I had a call from someone who wished to hold a charity car wash.

In checking with our bylaw staff, although sympathetic to the intent of this function, our water regulations must still apply.

I would encourage everyone to be sensitive to their water use at this time and I thank everyone for co-operation during these times.



Cathy's Corner



It's a Canadian thing

With Canada Day less than a week away, Aurorans all over Canada are grieving at our national situation.

But we're going to do the Canadian thing and raise a glass in spite of it all, because we know that to make a fine whine, you need good gripes.

We've got lots of those. Canadians have gripes at other nations for using our national word, "eh".

It's a vintage Canadian thing. We invented it, developed a Canadian accent to go with it, and learned how to spell it.

We even have cigarettes called "Cravin', Eh?" It's ours, okay?

"Eh" reflects who we are (Arctic Amazons, eh), what we do (shovel snow, eh), and how we do it (with a shovel, eh).

Sure, it's surprising that such a big country would settle for such a small word, but most of Canada is frozen solid most of the time and it's really hard to enunciate big words when you're afraid your tongue will freeze to the roof of your mouth if you let it flap too long.

Which reminds me, we Canadians have gripes about keeping our mouths shut.

From now on, we're going to rant and rave, scream and shout, bicker and bite, snap and complain...but only when the CCRA office is closed.

We don't want them to hear because we're afraid our taxes will go up in pocket lining, a.k.a. sponsorship scandal.

And that's a sour gripe. Canadians pay too much tax already. Never mind the U.S. dollar, GST and PST make the Canadian dollar worth 85 cents Canadian!

Then there's gas tax, and extra gas tax on cars that use gas, and gas price jumps that make us hopping mad. Then there's license renewal, plates renewal and emissions testing (but only on brand new cars).

Of course, that's after we're done paying income tax, property tax, health tax, capital gains tax, airport tax, customs and excise tax, and associated tax hikes, tax grabs and hidden taxes.

Oh, and liquor and tobacco tax. We're all having tax attacks while the government tacks a tax on everything!

And, speaking of tobacco, who was the creative genius who put those gruesome pictures on the cigarette packages?

I didn't vote for you! What's next? Liposuction on our cream puffs?

It seems that in Canada, you get what you didn't vote for.

We didn't vote for Paul Martin, and look what happened. He got elected!

We didn't vote for George Bush, and look what happened. He got elected!

We didn't vote in Iraq, and look what happened. They had an election without us!

And to perplex us some more, Newmarket-Aurora voted Conservative and elected a Liberal.

We're not sure how this voting thing works anymore, so we're just going to stay home and pray next time.

Or maybe we'll write letters. It's the Canadian thing to do.

From now on, we're going to write letters to the Premier, the Prime Minister, and the editor of the Auroran.

Yes, we have always done this, but this is different. We're going to import pens that say: "Made in Canada" on them.

We the Canadian people have gripes about other nations making fun of the maple leaf. And the Maple Leafs. And our national rodent.

We could have chosen the polar bear, but some eager beaver was in charge that July.

I don't know who it was because I didn't vote for him and he got elected anyway.

We, the Canadian people, have gripes about loonies and that goes double for twoonies.

We all jingle when we walk, and our pants keep falling down. We want our money back!

We, the Canadian people, have gripes about apologizing. We're sorry about that, but it's just the way it has to be from now on.

We, the Canadian people, have gripes about being called apathetic.

We're not apathetic, we're merely afraid to vote.

We, the Canadian people, have gripes about being called sissies for not going to war.

We do go to war. Province against Province, mostly. And occasionally at the drive-thru at Yonge and Golf Links.

Clearly, Canadians have the best gripes to make the finest whines, so let's all raise a glass and sing: "Woe Canada!"

Hey, it's better than raising a shovel. Happy Canada Day, Aurora!

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

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to both York Region school boards for ranking first and second among English boards in the GTA in the Fraser Institute's 2005 Report Card on Ontario Elementary Schools and ranking second and fourth in Ontario with the York Catholic Board leading the way with an overall ranking of 7.4 with the York Public Board at 7.2.

BRICKBATS to the proofreader responsible for preparing the Public Notice printed on the town page regarding Outdoor Water Use on June 14, 2005. According to the bylaw the hours of use are from 6 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. but according to the Public Notice, it is between "6 a.m. and 10 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 10 p.m."

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Major Mosquito Blue Jays for offering a new atmosphere for their Wednesday night games at the Leisure Complex with Wayne Jones DJ Services providing the music for all home games. The players get their choice of songs when coming up to bat, just like the big leaguers.

BRICKBATS to Aurora Council and staff for continuing to carry out public business in secret. Last April Councillor Ron Wallace complained about over zealous bylaw enforcement officers ticketing cars parked on the grass at the Community Centre during the weekend of the Home Show with no signs posted and staff was requested to report. Instead of a report to council a memo was circulated internally to the mayor and members of council. What are they hiding?

BOUQUETS to Georgina resident Dr. Robert Elgie on being appointed Chairman of the Ontario Greenbelt Council, whose nine appointed volunteer members will advise the province on administering the greenbelt legislation. He served as a cabinet minister in the Bill Davis government in the 1970s.

BRICKBATS to a federal government fiscal control system that permitted the write-off of \$2.4 billion in unpaid taxes, the largest in Canadian tax history, almost a billion dollars higher than last year. It's strange how the debts can escalate when the Revenue Police harass the poor downtown taxpayer into coughing up the last cent!

MORE BRICKBATS to the same government for appealing a tribunal ruling that the government had mishandled the awarding of a \$154 million contract to Royal LePage Relocation to move soldiers and public services. Isn't anybody in charge in Ottawa?

BOUQUETS to Bill Perkins and Pilot Insurance for using the Pilot Insurance Hot Air Balloon Program to provide thrills to participants at Aurora's annual Street Festival and raising \$500 for the Yellow Brick House.

BRICKBATS to members of Aurora Council for failing to send a representative to the closing luncheon of the Region Senior Games held at the Seniors' Centre in Newmarket. Aurora Seniors were there but a council representative was conspicuous by absence as Aurora was the only municipality not represented.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Youth Soccer Club for implementing a program that encourages children between the ages of six and 16 with special needs to get out and kick the ball around.

BRICKBATS to Stephen Harper and the federal Tories for trying to reach a bargain on the passage of legislation, by agreeing to approve the federal budget before the summer break, only if the same-sex marriage bill was delayed. Debate the issues, don't play games!

BOUQUETS to the Keynote Senior Choir from Newmarket for donating an organ to the Aurora Seniors for the new Seniors' Centre when it opens this fall.

Letters to the Editor

Don't call me names, Mr. Kestein

To the editor,

I must answer you, Mr. Kestein, because you called me a name: "the Reform Conservative author".

I did not say I had any political flag. Nor did I call you a Liberal.

I have voted for all three parties at times.

I voted NDP to rid Ontario of Mr. Peterson, a Liberal. A bad decision.

My comments were facts, Mr. Kestein.

Fact One: Mr. King, if you read my comment, stopped conscription because Quebec did not want conscription. I did not mention rescinding the conscription act to placate Quebec, you did, and you gave the answer why he stopped conscription.

Mr. King was not interested in keeping Canada united, he was interested in staying in power.

I am not bitter, Mr. Kestein, I am sad about the condition in Canada where some politicians will sell their mothers to stay in power.

Fact Two: I am surprised you have never heard the word "Zombie". All the troops that passed through the Debert Camp in Nova Scotia for overseas knew the word which meant serving in Canada only.

Did you not have a little patch on your uniform saying you were an active volunteer?

I never said all Quebecers were Zombies. If you read, I said a few units from Quebec did serve overseas in 1914-1918.

Fact Three: I do not understand where you see the word "unjust" in my comments. I expect it was because I said the Liberals ran Canada because Quebec always voted Liberal.

Now with the Bloc, Quebec is no longer the backbone of the Liberal Party. Ontario is.

Ontario's federal members of parliament controlled Mr. Chretien's party, but did nothing for Ontario for 12 years.

Not one of the federal Liberals who represented

you and me stood up for Mr. McGuinty, the Ontario Liberal premier.

You think the current Liberals in Ottawa would help Mr. Harris, a Tory, if they would not help Mr. McGuinty? Who has their head in the sand?

The imbalance in immigration has been going on since 1991 and all through Mr. Chretien's reign when Ontario Liberals could have corrected the imbalance if they had any fortitude to do so.

Representation in Ottawa means nothing with a dictator at the helm.

Fact Four: Mr. Martin spent \$4.5 billion - our money - to stay in power, not because of any feeling for child care or education.

Mr. Martin is the one who killed health care by cutting the transfer payments.

Mr. Martin could have had his budget passed in February, but waited (Mr. Dithers) and almost lost.

So the NDP helped Mr. Martin to survive by spending our money.

In closing, you amaze

me, Mr. Kestein.

Do I believe that Canadians, by and large, know the difference between justice and working towards an enlightened society? Where did you get this sentence? These are all weasel words and mean nothing.

My answer is no, people do not know.

When only 50 per cent vote it indicates 50 per cent do not care.

There will be no enlightened society until people are aware of what is going on around them.

It is said that people are aware about 10 minutes a day and if you do not get them at that time, forget it.

So, Mr. Kestein, if you want a corrupt government, vote Liberal.

If you want to be controlled by Quebec, vote Liberal.

If you want a government that does not keep its promises, vote Liberal.

But do not call people names, Mr. Kestein.

R.W. Hanes
Aurora

Reader is upset with title dispute

To the editor,

To Mayor Jones and five councillors:

What's with these five councillors voting Phyllis Morris down to part time deputy mayor?

I have lived in Aurora for 45 years and in all this time, we've always had a full-time deputy mayor.

Ms Morris has been very busy going above and beyond to do her job.

She's doing what Mayor Jones should be doing but he's too busy cutting ribbons and writing that stupid column in the paper which has no bearing on town business.

I'm sick of his picture grinning - I guess he's happy he's making so much money.

He gave himself and

council a big, fat raise.

Our taxes are the highest in York Region while we, as citizens, struggle to pay for your wasting of our money which doesn't grow on trees. It's from our pockets.

It's too bad we have to wait another year to vote you all out.

I'd love to see Ms Morris run for mayor. She'd beat you hands down.

Meantime, she's still full-time deputy mayor to me.

Rose Rank
Aurora

ED. NOTE: There are no full-time positions on council, mayor included, and council was awarded a raise in pay by a citizens' committee.



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Letters to the Editor

Youngsters' attitude means Aurora's in for a great trip

To the editor,

It is easy to understand why the youngsters of our town had no problem writing about why they love Aurora.

After all, we have a great town.

The positive attitude shown in their "What I Love About Aurora" contest shows great hope for the future.

It is only with a positive attitude that we're able to acquire good things, maintain them and even improve them.

If these youngsters decide to remain in this town, they will want to hang on to what we have here now and with their positive attitude Aurora will be in for a great trip.

But for the moment it is up to us, the adults, to make sure this positive attitude is helped along and we can do that by setting a positive example. By getting involved.

Our organization, SOYRA (Society Of York Region Artists), has received and enjoyed the co-operation of the Town of Aurora for many years and this co-operation is still improving.

During the last few months we have been very active.

There was "Art Aurora", a yearly event, which brought artists from all over Ontario to Aurora and presented a wonderful exhibition of three floors of art work in our Town Hall.

Hard work by Melody McKay, Carrie Eastwood, Barb Cotton and others from the Town of Aurora, together

Support for VOJ

To the editor,

The VOJ Voices of Joy Community Choir would like to thank The Auroran for their coverage of our concert with the Good Brothers.

We would also like to thank the Good Brothers; our sponsors, Trinity Anglican Church, Flowers By Terry, Blossoms and Bows Flowers, Theatre Aurora, The Co-operators, Paul Riley, Newmarket School of Fine Arts, Community Living Newmarket/Aurora district; our ticket outlets Rococo Designer Outlet (Aurora), Artistic Revival (Newmarket), Newmarket Farmers' Market, ACI, and the many volunteers who gave unselfishly of their time.

These gracious gestures of support enabled us to raise approximately \$3,000 for VOJ Voices of Joy Community Choir.

This will enable us to buy music, instruments, singing lessons, etc., for people with an intellectual disability.

Jo-anne Spitzer,
Producer
VOJ Voices of Joy
in concert with
The Good Brothers
Aurora

with members of SOYRA, turned this event into a winner again.

A month later the Library Art Show and Sale took place, organized by SOYRA as a fund raiser for the Aurora Public Library.

The cooperation received from Bill Hawke, Hani Othman, Matt Young, Brian Pigeon, Judy Sherin and Greg McClenny was out of this world.

It was a great pleasure to work with these people.

I hope Town Hall realizes they have a fantastic staff, every one of them is out to accommodate, making it all worthwhile. Thanks to every one of you. We're grateful.

And next we had a first for our town.

On June 18 it was "Aurora Day" at Ontario Place.

Kristen Yemm and Carrie Eastwood threw themselves at this new challenge. They worked hard and long to make this project a go.

Great advertisement, promotions such as the "Two for one" coupons should have brought a lot more people from Aurora to this event.

For those who stayed in Aurora that day, you got rained on.

Those who went somewhere else to seek entertainment or to relax, you should have come to Ontario Place, where we stayed dry, enjoyed entertainment by an award-winning local brass band, Scottish dancing, karate demonstrations and the great talent from Patti McLaughlin.

Local artists and artisans showed their unique pieces.

Potters were at work, so were the crafters in stained glass, jewelry and the members of Aurora's Creative

Connections kept children busy with "make and take" as well as had their "one of a kind" giftware for sale. Aurora youngsters, winners of the "What I Love About Aurora" contest received their awards and generous gifts from our mayor.

We, the people of Aurora, should be grateful for being so lucky having a local government employing staff, who put their heart and soul in offering our town this quality of life.

We travel all over the country and globe to get ourselves entertained and that is great.

But remember, just outside our doorsteps we find people, right here in Aurora, who work hard to give you the opportunity to enjoy the great town we live in.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank artists Marilyn Gargarella, Oksana Baczynski, Stan Sandbacka and Carol Beaver for assisting me in transporting the art work to and from Ontario Place and setting up and taking down the exhibit.

Thanks also go to the other Aurora artists who provided work for this exhibit: Dorothy Clarke McClure, Christine Valentini, Gwen Sheppard, Jackie Lonthier, Corrinne McConnell, Dorothy Wintle, Herb Pryke, Elaine Morton, Linda Harti and Joyce Hewitt.

Last but not least I would like to thank the staff of The Auroran.

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Keeping customers happy at Aurora Dry Cleaners

"If my customers are happy, I'm happy."

So says Chamroeum Ngeth, owner of Aurora Dry Cleaners. And, since it was customer demand that convinced him to buy the dry cleaning business in the first place, it seems that both Ngeth and his customers have reason to be happy.

The businessman and his wife, Virak Vuthy Ros, were running the European Deli Delight next door in the Aurora Shopping Centre when their customers - impressed by their level of service - suggested they purchase the dry cleaners as well. The business wasn't for sale, but Ngeth made the offer anyway. "The customers relate to each other - they come, they do laundry, they go to the restaurant," Ngeth says. "It's more convenient for them."

For three years, the couple ran both businesses, mounting a surveillance camera at the dry cleaners' door to monitor it from the deli. After Ros was hurt in a recent car accident, though, she was no longer able to take on the double workload, forcing the pair to sell the deli in April. "Because of her health, it was not wise," Ngeth says.

Now, the pair runs only the dry cleaners, giving them the opportunity to spend more time with their two children. It's a far cry from the lives they would have led if they'd stayed in their native Cambodia, though. Ngeth left the country 27 years ago, escaping the dangerous political climate to try to find a better life here. He met Ros - also of Cambodian descent - in Montreal, where they both worked together before getting married and moving to Toronto.

Now, the couple devotes their energy to trying to make their customers happy - which is the most important thing in business, Ngeth says, quoting one of his favourite sayings. "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."



Backyard battered but not yet beaten

To the editor,

Re: Auroran, June 7, Rumours & Ramblings, nature rules, etc.

Yes, our backyard is still

here and still full of birds.

It is battered by all the construction, but not yet beaten.

Some species of birds, e.g., chickadees and

house finches, have gone, but they suffered other perils such as West Nile and eye disease for the finches.

In daylight hours the

air is filled with the sound of bird families.

Starlings are busy teaching their young ones to work the lawn grass looking for insects.

Red winged black-birds, robins, house sparrows and mourning doves abound, with grackles, the odd crow or two, song sparrows and occasional white crowned sparrows.

Last summer we had a duck that used to come every evening, accompanied by her faithful drake, who would watch out for danger all the time that she was foraging around the grass under the bird feeders.

This year, because of the draining of the stormwater pond behind us during construction,

the ducks are not there and we have been limited to one visit by two geese.

In the winter the tree sparrows come, one or two blue jays and a Coopers hawk or two, a sharp-shinned hawk and, of course, the rock doves.

The coyotes that used to pass by have gone, and it is quite a while since the fox paid a visit.

There have been several baby rabbits this summer, as well as mum, and many chipmunks.

There have been some deaths in the flower and vegetable garden due to their help, but at least we're still learning which plants or trees survive the best.

A wildflower garden

was added in 2002, but had to be adjusted a bit this year because of the widening of Bayview.

A slightly larger pond was added two years ago and another small bog garden.

Damsel flies love this area and sometimes dragonflies.

Swallows love to fly around the garden and through the trees, gobbling up the insects as they fly.

Garter snakes are out on patrol.

There is room for all and the freezer still manages to get full of fresh vegetables by fall.

We are so blessed.

**Margaret Shearman
Aurora**

Councillor is incensed with attack on Chamber

To the editor,

Again the poisonous pen of Councillor Buck strikes.

This time at the association that helps all business in Aurora, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber and the Town are partners in creating and maintaining a dialogue between business and the Town.

Mayor Jones is the Town's representative on the Chamber.

In any partnership there is give and take and to me this has always happened in the case of the Chamber and Aurora.

Councillor Buck, as far as I know, has never attended a meeting or

function at the Chamber yet, as usual, she is an expert.

The Chamber has flourished with its agreement with the Town but the Town in return has flourished with the help of the Chamber and the many events.

The Home Show has helped all of the following: local merchants; residents who are looking for an idea or service to improve their homes; the Town to showcase what is happening and informing the residents about the services that the Town offers; and the Chamber.

As for the Street Festival it was a great success thanks to the Town staff and the

Chamber members who did most of the work in setting up and taking down the items needed to hold such a great event.

The street dance was held on a Regional Road, Yonge Street, so did not involve any town facility. Staff did erect barriers in front of the Cenotaph to protect it from possible vandalism.

All of the other barriers were erected and dismantled by Chamber volunteers.

As for the \$15 admission at the gate, someone has to pay for the table and chair rentals, the band, the permits plus many other costs.

There actually was a \$10 cost if the tickets were prepaid. The tickets also saved money for the purchaser at many local stores and restaurants in Aurora who are Chamber members.

The Chamber also donated more than \$2,000 to the Aurora Rotary Club.

Other than Councillor Buck who did not attend the Dance or Street Festival I am sure that most of Aurora is proud of how well these events went.

I for one, will always try to thank the Chamber and the partnership with the Town to make Aurora a greater place to live, work and play.

A dilemma for Morris

To the editor,

If there is one thing that gets my nanny goat, it's infinite wisdom and, after all, when we are discussing a question of what constitutes a full time deputy mayor it can only be answered by infinite wisdom.

Hence, recently our full time deputy mayor became a part time deputy mayor.

In reality, I suppose some people don't have a problem with that but on closer scrutiny, think of the possibilities.

Imagine that Phyllis Morris, the party in question, orders calling cards and tailors them to read part time deputy mayor.

All her associates, friends and constituents will phone to ask how so?

Or she addresses an audience and they introduce her as the deputy mayor. How should she prevail? It is not hard to see where we are going.

We now have a situation of our own making.

Stupid.

How should she sign important documents?

When the mayor is away she goes to bat for him, but when the mayor is in council, he becomes the bearer of her chagrin.

If the mayor did not break the tie vote, Ms Morris would be a full time deputy mayor.

I think the solution will come in 2006 when we get some new blood with a positive direction and, as in the case with the City of Toronto, we have a full time deputy mayor.

**B. Kestein
Aurora**

**Nigel Kean
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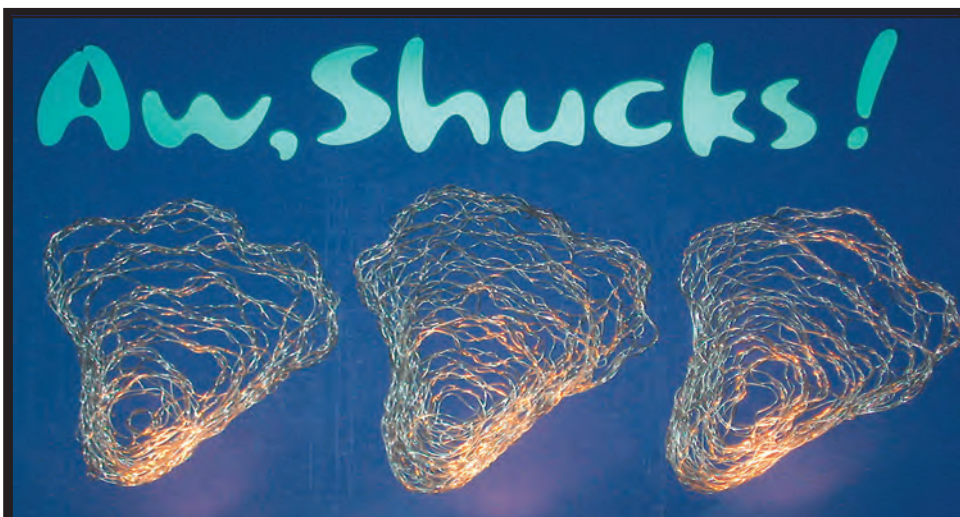


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St. Andrew's Village: ahead of its time

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

The name St. Andrew's Village, Aurora, is well-known to most residents of town and further afield as a quaint, old-fashioned English-type shopping mall.

Some, on the other hand, aren't sure what it is.

Sitting on the corner of Yonge and Orchard Heights, the project was probably decades ahead of its time.

The name of the man who had the dream of a new concept for a shopping mall may not be as well known.

While his dream became a reality, he went broke making it happen.

He was Steve Otto, Liberal MP for York East from 1962 to 1972.

He was a lawyer and a developer.

One of his many business ventures was St. Andrew's Village, a \$5 million retail and residential development, which went into receivership long before the mall officially opened May 25, 1985.

Otto had a vision of a theme mall of specialty shops with each self-contained unit consisting of three components: the retail operation on the main floor, living quarters above and a workshop in the basement.

He proposed selling the units to the merchants rather than charging rent.

It was planned for artists and artisans who would create and sell their works in their own shop and feature merchandise that would not normally be found in ordinary malls.

It was February, 1980, when Otto excited members of Aurora Council with his

proposal for a high quality theme mall at Orchard Heights Boulevard and Yonge Street, the site of the ill-fated Northern Lights Mall.

His plan called for 40 specialty shops and restaurants in the atmosphere of a century-old English village.

The proposed mall would use five acres of the 15-acre property with the remainder to be residential as the second phase of the project.

As the property had been zoned commercial with site-specific uses for the Northern Lights proposal, a rezoning was required.

A month later, Otto had received blessings from the town's planning committee. He advised committee members that financing was in place and he hoped to start construction by spring, with the mall as the first phase.

A month later after receiving a staff planning report, the planning committee recommended council reconsider the Otto proposal before rezoning was approved, while a frustrated Otto listened helplessly.

The planning report noted that the 15-acre parcel was the town's last available site for a major shopping mall.

By August, council had given two readings to an official plan amendment to change the designation for the five-acre site from commercial to commercial/residential.

Third and final reading was scheduled after a public meeting.

Finally in April, 1981, council gave third reading to the official plan amendment



Clock tower at St. Andrew's Plaza has been a landmark since the development opened decades ago. It sits atop a restaurant at the southeast corner of the plaza.

for the long-discussed and somewhat altered proposal.

This was over the opposition of Councillor Evelyn Buck who supported a major mall and threatened to appeal council's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Construction got underway in August and plans were made for an official opening in the spring of 1982.

But things didn't go as

planned.

In spite of reports in January, 1982, that 26 of the units had been sold, by December only five sales had been confirmed, and the project was in financial trouble.

Coopers and Lybrand, chartered accountants, took over as trustee, but as nothing was being done to improve exterior lighting and the parking lot, the town stepped in to complete the

work, using the security bond for payment.

Isobel Edward was the first occupant of the mall.

Her Collector's Collectables was officially opened in November, 1982, along with a second unit featuring Merle Norman Cosmetics.

A year later in December, with improved economic conditions and the luck of the Irish, the Irish Rovers took over the two corner units, under the clock tower, for their Unicorn Pub (later Pals and now Shoeless Joe's), which was supposed to open March 17, 1984.

By July, 1984, Coopers and Lybrand decided to rent rather than sell the units, which placed current tenants in jeopardy and put the Unicorn Pub on hold.

The decision to rent the units was so the mall could be sold. By this time only four of the units were occupied.

Leased stores included a W.H. Smith bookstore, a Golden Griddle restaurant, a Kiddie Kobbler store, Peggy's Fashions, plus a pet shop and other clothing stores.

Other than Peggy's Fashions, none of the original stores still operates.

The units were turned over to a rental agency and by April, 1985, 80 per cent of the units were leased and an official opening was scheduled for May 25, 1985.

The Irish Rovers signed a long-term lease and the Unicorn opened for business on March 17, 1985.

Strolling minstrels, a pipe band and 5,000 balloons

provided the excitement on opening day.

People in Victorian dress, clowns, a mime artist, a magician, and a vocal quartet added to the entertainment and excitement.

In August, 1986, York Region approved an application to permit medium density residential development on the western portion of the shopping centre property as a transitional use between the shopping centre and the residential development to the west.

In 1988, the plaza was sold to Coscan Development Company.

The town was advised the new owners no longer proposed to register a plan of condominium relating to the existing shopping centre, resulting in the file being closed.

Coscan submitted a plan of development for the western section of the property with townhouses to buffer the addition of a major food store and other retail outlets, which was later constructed much as it is today.

Several of the retail outlets were rented to financial institutions and other service providers.

The man who started it all, Steve Otto, went missing off the coast of Cuba on January 16, 1989.

He was sailing with a friend from Jamaica en route to Florida to sell his 46-foot two-mast yacht.

His friend made it to safety and it is assumed that Otto went down with the boat.

But, St. Andrew's, 20 years later, continues to function.



For several years the ponds and watercourses through St. Andrew's were dry, but this year plaza management has filled the waterway that highlights the interior features of the plaza.



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Access will improve into new rec complex

As part of the development review process for the new Recreation Complex a traffic study was completed for the site. As a result of the projected use of the complex,

York Region requires modifications to Wellington Street East to permit a left turn lane into the property between Bayview and Leslie to improve access to the facility.

Tenders were called and seven bids received from a low of \$137,201 to a high of \$173,901. The left turn lane was contemplated as part of the budget approval process

with the work estimated to cost \$110,000 leaving a shortfall of \$27,201. Staff recommended that the shortfall be funded by the Project Contingency Fund and noted that suffi-

cient funds remained in the contingency to cover the additional costs required. Councillor Wendy Gaertner enquired about the shortfall and asked how it was underestimated.

Staff replied the main reason for the increase was the cost of fuel, which is used in the

making of asphalt. Councillor Gaertner asked about the amount of money approved for the contingency fund and a list of other expenditures and was promised a report providing the information. The contract was awarded to K.J. Beamish Construction, the low bidder.

Soccer team heading to Italy

Only days remain before the Aurora Youth Soccer Club's U15 boys' rep team heads out for a two-week tour of Italy. Led by coaches George Watt and Sante Cigana, the team will participate in the Atri Cup

Soccer Tournament. Atri is located in the Abruzzo Region close to the City of Pescara. The group of 38, which includes players and parents, leaves Thursday, June 30. Tournament dates have

been set from Sunday, July 3, to Saturday, July 9. Teams from Argentina, Croatia, France, Poland and Italy will compete in the event. During the tour, the Aurora contingent will spend a full day in Rome

and also visit Sulmona and Pescara. Following the tournament, the team will travel to Roseto and spend three days enjoying the beach on the Adriatic Sea. They will then move on to the Tuscany Region and end the trip with visits to Florence, Siena and Perugia.

Applications sought for complex

Completion of the first phase of construction of the new recreation complex is scheduled for September this year, including space for a pro shop. Town staff would like to proceed with a Request for Proposal and Pro Shop Agreement in order to have pro shop services available for patrons in September when the arenas begin operation.

In a report to a general committee meeting last week it was suggested the Request for Proposal and Pro Shop Agreement include a five-year term until August 31, 2010, a flat rental of \$2,400 annually including all utilities and liability insurance. The tenant would be responsible for all equipment and any upgrades. Councillor Nigel Kean said he had some concerns with the proposal and referred to council's experience with the new

Aurora Library. He asked if staff had investigated what other municipalities are receiving in rent for similar operations. Staff replied that no investigation had been carried out with other municipalities and the proposal had been prepared based on the town's experience at the community centre. Councillor Kean said it was necessary to obtain the

best and questioned the flat rate and said committee members should know what other municipalities were doing before making a decision. There was also discussion as to whether the town should set a flat rate or ask the applicants to make an offer. Eventually the report was referred back to staff for more information.

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Train whistle report imminent

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tracks and has asked the co-operation of the town in making the public aware of the danger.

York Region is not entirely comfortable with the elimination of whistling at the Wellington Street crossing and further discussion is required.

As the Wellington Street and the Centre Street crossings are treated as one, whatever is done for Wellington could be applied to Centre Street.

The determination of

legal liability is still under investigation and a report will be submitted when the investigation is complete.

Short arm gates across St. John's Sideroad will be installed as part of the construction project and it is expected that short arm gates will be installed at Centre Street and Engelhard Drive by GO Transit later this year.

Although GO Transit will pay for the initial installation of the gates, the agreement between GO and the town calls for

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The report was received as information

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Kavooosi 1) vs **Orange** 0; **Red- Summit Mechanical** 2 (O. Angelski 2) vs **Yellow- Rotary Club of Aurora** 2 (D. Skolud 1); **Sky** 3 (C. Walker 2, A. Roach 1) vs **Maroon** 4 (C. Carmosino 3, S. Wolpert 1); **White** 2 (S. Currie 1) vs **Forest- Gringler Iskov Lerner** 1 (T. Lerner 1); **JUNE 14- Forest - Gringler Iskov Lerner** 3 (S. Hendy, L. Seminaca 2) vs **Orange** 1 (M. Szwec 1); **Sky** 2 (H. Shapira 2) vs **Yellow- Rotary Club of Aurora** 2 (S. Lambert 1, S. Goodale 1); **Red- Summit Mechanical** 6 (A. Johnson 2, M. Chick 1, O. Angelski 1, C. Cheung 1, M. Stewart 1) vs **White** 1; **U10B- May 31-Sky** 8 (G. Plukov 3, V. Ruscica 2, T. Branstein 2, M. Longhin 1) vs **Teal** 6 (D. Sikura 3, K. Fedec 2, A. McDonald 1); **Yellow** 9 (W. Reid 1, M. Warner 1, N. Farquahrson 1, J. Todd 1, J. Nonnewitz 5) vs **Orange** 1 (M. Hudon 1); **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd** 5 vs **Purple** 6; **Red- Dr. Mark Weeden** 1 (L. Nych 1) vs **Forest- Dr. Paul Steiner Family Dentist** 2 (P. Steiner 1, C. Tatham 1); **White** 3 vs **Royal- Highland Chev Cadillac** 1; **JUNE 7- Red- Dr. Mark Weeden** 1 (L. Nych 1) vs **Yellow** 1 (J. Todd 1); **Orange** 6 (Z. Kercz 3, A.

Manassis 1, M. Hudon 1, Z. Ferry 1) vs **Sky** 2 (G. Plukov 1, T. Braunstein 1); **White** 2 (A. Merali 1, F. DeBono 1) vs **Forest- Dr. Paul Steiner Family Dentist** 6 (R. Dowling 2, J. Huyna 1, D. Oliveira 1, P. Steiner 1, C. Tatham 1); **Purple** 4 (T. Scougall 2; J. Samide 1, R. White 1) vs **Royal- Highland Chev Cadillac** 3 (J. McDonald 3); **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 3 (K. McIntosh 2, A. Clark 1) vs **Teal** 3 (K. Fedec 2, D. Clark 1); **JUNE 14- Red- Dr. Mark Weeden** 2 (B. Haskins 2) vs **White** 2 (J. Wicks 1, F. DeBuono 1); **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 3 (J. Genioli 1, A. Clark 1, L. Killops 1) vs **Orange** 0; **Yellow** 3 vs **Sky** 3; **Royal- Highland Chev Cadillac** 5 (J. McDonald 3, A. Collings 1, A. Piceca-Fargher 1) vs **Teal** 0; **Purple** 2 (J. Samide 1, R. White 1) vs **Forest- Dr. Paul Steiner Family Dentist** 5 (P. Steiner 1, R. Dowling 1, J. Poutney 1, J. Huynh 1, T. Rice 1);

U10B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	3	0	0	9
Yellow	1	0	2	5
Teal	1	1	1	4
Kelly	1	1	1	4
Sky	1	1	1	4
White	1	1	1	4
Purple	1	2	0	3
Royal	1	2	0	3
Orange	1	2	0	3
Red	0	1	2	2

U10G- MAY 30- Sky 3 (S. O'Connor 1, J. Maxwell 1, S. Master 1) vs **Royal- CIBC** 6 (M. Manning 1, M. Luker 2, L. McKerrocher 1, E. Ciccone 1, K. Maguezra 1); **Red- Wall Savers Ltd.** 8 (C. McKinley 1, J. Brown 1, H. Cathers 3, A. Brunet 2, T. Hunter 1) vs **Teal- Omar's Shoes** 2 (B. Hallam 1, E. Sanz 1); **White- Canadian Riterate Energy Corp.** 5 (M. Ancrum 1, A. Cambridge 2, L. Hunter 1, E. Nerbas 1) vs **Navy** 10; **Champagne** 8 (T. Menillo 2, S. Eydt 2, J. Martin 2, C. Denault 2) vs **Kelly- Continental Granite** 1 (R. Razak 1); **Yellow** 6 (M. Privitera 3, A. Iaboni 1, A. Rogers 1, S. Patterson 1) vs **Forest- Aurora Cable Internet** 5 (M. Churchill 2, K. Dagher 1, B. BiTondo 1, R. Gaudio 1); **STINGER CUP GAME- JUNE 8- Forest- Aurora Cable Internet** 5 vs **Teal- Omar's Shoes** 2; **Sky** 1 vs **Kelly- Continental Granite** 2;

U10G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Champag3	3	0	0	9
Yellow	3	0	0	9
Navy	2	1	0	6
Red	2	1	0	6
Royal	2	1	0	6
White	1	1	1	4
Sky	1	2	0	3
Kelly	0	2	1	1
Forest	0	3	0	0
Teal	0	3	0	0

U11B -MAY 31- Yellow- Lukezic Inc. 4 (R. St. Germain 1, K. Lukezic 2, A. Pitusa 1) vs **Royal** 1 (C. Riswick 1); **White** 3 (D. Moriarity 1, A. Beeson 1, M. Rodriguez 1) vs **Forest** 1 (A. Phipps 1); **JUNE 7- Yellow- Lukezic Inc.** 4 (R. St. Germain 1, J. Romano 1, K. Lukezic 2) vs **White** 2 (D. Melo 1, J.J. White 1); **Teal** 1 (L. Varone 1) vs **Forest** 0; **Royal** 1 (J. Eberlin 1) vs **Red- Worldwide Drain Corp.** 2 (E. Jones 1, D. Lashbrou 1); **JUNE 14- White** 5 (J.P. Hudon 2, J.J. White 3) vs **Teal** 0; **Yellow- Lukezic Inc.** 1 (J. Romano 1) vs **Red- Worldwide Drain Corp.** 1 (M. Wooder 1); **STINGER CUP GAME- Yellow- Lukezic Inc.** 3 (J. Romano 3) vs **Royal** 1 (C. Riswick 1); **Forest** 4 (D. Knaack 2, A. Phipps 1, S. Stevens 1) vs **Red- Worldwide Drain Corp.** 1 (D. Reil 1);

U11B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Yellow	2	0	1	7
Red	2	0	1	7
White	2	1	0	6
Teal	1	2	0	3
Forest	0	2	1	1
Royal	0	2	1	1

U11G - JUNE 2- Red- Sleep Comfort Superstore 1 (S. Duncun 1) vs **Yellow** 0; **Kelly** 4 (K. Adams 2, S. Seaward 1, S. Kanon 1) vs **Royal** 2 (L. St. Germain 1, S. Baczynski 1); **Forest- Bayer** 5 (B. Cardelli 3, J. Costa 2) vs **Sky** 0; **White- Auto Camping Ltd.** 1 (H. Manson 1) vs **Teal** 1 (E. Danziger 1); **JUNE 8-Teal** 0 vs **Royal** 2 (A. Rustico 1, E. Wood 1); **White- Auto Camping Ltd.** 4 (J. Seidel 1, S. Tate 1, S. Fowles 1, N. Mahon 1) vs **Red- Sleep Comfort Superstore** 1 (C. Masci 1); **Yellow** 3 (E. Martin 1, N. Leibowitz 1, E. MacDonald 1) vs **Sky** 0; **Forest- Bayer** 2 (R. Boettcher 2) vs **Kelly** 4 (S. Kanen 3, S. Seward 1); **JUNE 8-Teal** 0 vs **Royal** 2 (A. Rustico 1, E. Wood 1); **White- Auto Camping Ltd.** 4 (J. Seidel 1, S. Tate 1, S. Fowles 1, N. Mahon 1) vs **Red- Sleep Comfort Superstore** 1 (C. Masci 1); **Yellow** 3 (E. Martin 1, N. Leibowitz 1, E. MacDonald 1) vs **Sky** 0; **Forest- Bayer** 2 (R. Boettcher 2) vs **Kelly** 4 (S. Kanen 3, S. Seward 1);

U11G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	2	0	0	6
White	1	0	1	4
Forest	1	1	0	3
Red	1	1	0	3
Royal	1	1	0	3
Yellow	1	1	0	3
Teal	0	1	1	1
Sky	0	2	0	0

U12G- JUNE 2- Sky- The Packaging Group 1 (J. Kizovski 1) vs **Yellow- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 1 (R. Kane 1); **White- BMPS** 1 (K. Brown 1) vs **Royal- Magna International** 0; **Red- Excellon Resources Inc.** 2 (N. Martineau 2) vs **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 2 (C. Nasato 1, C. Layton 1); **STINGER CUP GAME-JUNE 7- Royal- Magna International** 0 vs **Red- Excellon Resources Inc.** 0; **White-BMPS** 2 (L. Yoon 1, S. Marshall 1) vs **Yellow- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 2 (N. Dagher 1, S. Woock 1); **JUNE 9- White-BMPS** 3 (L. Yoon 1, K. Brown 1, M. Nisbet 1) vs **Red- Excellon Resources Inc.** 1 (D. Cantarutti 1); **Royal- Magna International** 1 (D. Doner 1) vs **Sky- The Packaging Group** 2 (V. Marshall 1, J. DiCosmo 1); **Yellow- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 1 (C. Montgomery 1) vs **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 1 (M. Hulbert 1);

U12G

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	2	1	0	6
Kelly	1	0	2	5
Sky	1	0	2	5
Royal	1	2	0	3
Yellow	0	1	2	2
Red	0	1	2	2

U13B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	1	0	0	3
White	0	0	1	1
Yellow	0	0	1	1
Forest	0	1	1	1

U13G- JUNE 2- Forest- Nantucket Woodworking Ltd. 0 vs **White- Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 1 (J. Semkowich 1); **Royal- Strategic Technologies Consulting** 1 (A. Coulter 1) vs **Yellow** 1 (R. Hylton 1); **Teal- Aegis Engineering** 3 (S. Duncan 1, T. Manson 1, O. Chappel 1) vs **Red- SSL Group** 1 (C. White 1); **JUNE 9- Yellow** 3 (S. Kastanis 2, C. Dunec 1) vs **White- Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 1 (J. Semkowich 1); **Forest- Nantucket Woodworking Ltd** 1 (S. Dilena 1) vs **Teal- Aegis Engineering** 1 (S. Losier 1); **Royal- Strategic Technologies Consulting** 4 (A. Coulter 3, J. Ludwig 1) vs **Red- SSL Group** 1 (A. Reid 1);

U13G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	1	0	1	4
Teal	1	0	1	4
Yellow	1	0	1	4
White	1	1	0	3
Forest	0	1	1	1
Red	0	2	0	0

U14/15B- MAY 30- Forest- Magna International 8 (C. Moffat 2, J. Bentolilla 1, B. Hause 4, D. Prezio 1) vs **Royal-The Embroidery Studio** 1 (L. Duffy 1); **White** 5 (C. Thompson 2, B. Galante 1, M. Sala 1, D. Giroux 1) vs **Teal** 4 (N. Whelan 3, C. Divincenzo 1);

U14/U15B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Teal	4	1	0	12
Red	4	1	0	12
White	3	1	0	9
Yellow	1	3	0	3
Forest	1	4	0	3
Royal	1	4	0	3

U14G- JUNE 1- Forest- Pizza Pizza 4 (C. Haywood 3, S. Knowles 1) vs **White- Pizza Pizza** 1 (N. Bailey 1); **Teal- Pizza Pizza** 2 (A. Kerr 1) vs **Red- Pizza Pizza** 5 (K. MacDonald 2, T. Kizovski 1, L. Medeiros 2); **Royal- Pizza Pizza** 2 (V. Auciello 2) vs **Yellow- Pizza Pizza** 3 (C. Romano 1, E. Hayzelden 1, D. Nasato 1); **JUNE 8- Red- Pizza Pizza** 0 vs **Royal- Pizza Pizza** 0; **Teal- Pizza Pizza** 6 (K. Johnstone 2, J. Alcock 2, J. Williams 1, S. Deacon 1) vs **Forest- Pizza Pizza** 2 (**L. Jacobs** 1, C. Haywood 1); **White- Pizza Pizza** 5 (E. Lamont 2, D. MacWilliam 1, E. Boccia 1, K. Burke 1) vs **Yellow- Pizza Pizza** 0; **JUNE 15-Teal- Pizza Pizza** 2 (D. Emery 1, A. Kerr 1) vs **White- Pizza Pizza** 1 (E. Lamont 1); **Forest- Pizza Pizza** 3 (S. Knowles 1, S. Champs 1, S. Bolak 1) vs **Royal- Pizza Pizza** 5 (A. Tonkin 1, C. Hobson 2, J. Davies 2); **Red- Pizza Pizza** 7 (M. Staniewski 1, K. MacDonald 1, S. Letourneau 1, T. Kizovski 2, M. Richardson 1, A. Malone 1) vs **Yellow- Pizza Pizza** 2 (D. Nasata 1, C. Romano 1);

U14 GIRLS STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	2	0	1	7
Teal	2	1	0	6
Royal	1	1	1	4
Forest	1	2	0	3
Yellow	1	2	0	3
White	1	2	0	3

U15/19G- M/W- JUNE 1- Royal- Dr.Orschel's Drillers 4 (N. Dale 1, A. Paul 1, A. Durant 1, J. Williams 1) vs **Yellow** 4 (A. Tanner 1, A. DiGiambattista 2, J. Dezorzi 1); **Teal** 7 (M. Druzina 2, S. D'Aguiar 2, J. Davis 2, K. Hamm 1) vs **Red- Quality Intergrators Corp.** 0; **White- Sean Herbinson Remax York Group** 2 (M. Coll 1, J. Callaghan 1) vs **Forest- Forever Young Hair Studio** 1 (S. Phibbs 1); **STINGER CUP GAME- JUNE 6- White- Sean Herbinson Remax York Group** 2 (J. Callaghan 2) vs **Royal- Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 1 (N. Dale 1); **Forest- Forever Young Hair Studio** 4 (C. Cianfarinna 1, K. Sequin 1, M. Annear 1, A. Lerner 1) vs **Red- Quality**

Integrators Corp. 1 (J. Collitz 1); **JUNE 8 - Royal- Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 3 (J. Williams 2, N. Dale 1) vs **Red- Quality Intergrators Corp.** 1 (C. Burdt 1); **Teal** 2 (K. Hamm 2) vs **Forest- Forever Young Hair Studio** 1 (K. Sequin 1); **White- Sean Herbinson Remax York Group** 4 (J. Callaghan 1, A. Fata 2, M.Coll 1) vs **Yellow** 0; **JULY 15- Yellow** 5 (A. DiGiambattista 4, J. DeZorzi 1) vs **Red- Quality Intergrators Corp.** 3 (E. Bergamin 2, J. Collitz 1); **Royal- Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 3 (N. Dale 1, J. Kean 1, J. Martin 1) vs **Forest- Forever Young Hair Studio** 1 (K. Sequin 1); **White- Sean Herbinson Remax York Group** 2 (J. Spingolo 1, J. Callaghan 1) vs **Teal** 2 (K. Hamm 1, J. Davis 1); **STINGER CUP GAME- JUNE 6- White- Sean Herbinson Remax York Group** 2 vs **Royal- Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 1; **Forest- Forever Young Hair Studio** 4 vs **Red- Quality Intergrators Corp.** 1;

U15/U19G M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	3	0	1	10
Teal	2	0	1	7
Royal	2	1	1	7
Yellow	1	1	1	4
Forest	1	3	0	3
Red	0	4	0	0

COMPETITIVE STINGERS RESULTS - U9 BOYS T1- MAY 26- Unionville Milliken 6 at Aurora 1 scored by B. Lukezic.

JUNE 3- Aurora 1 goal scored by Z. Landry lost against **Glen Shields Sun Devils Black** 8.

U9 BOYST2- MAY 27- Aurora Supreme Collision 3 vs **East Gwillimbury** 5. Great effort for the team's first game. Goals by A. Capone, T. Snedden and T. Weatherhead.

JUNE 2- Aurora-The Royal Wood Shop 4 vs **East Gwillimbury** 4. A good effort by the whole team. Goals by A. Capone and M. Slack.

JUNE 9- Aurora Supreme Collision 1 vs **Glen Shields Sun Devils** 5. Aurora goal scored by G. Robinson.

U9 GIRLS- JUNE 11-12- Unionville-Milliken Challenge Cup- Glen Shield-Red 1, **Aurora Rave** 6 (goals scored by S. Sottile, T. Morning, S. Schouten, A. Raymond, J. Reyes 2). **Game 2- Aurora Rave** 3 vs **Ajax Hornets** 0. (Goals scored by E. Rife, S. Schouten and T. Morning). **Semi-Final-Toronto Nitros** 1 vs **Aurora Rave** 1, penalty shoot-out Aurora Rave 3. Goals scored by S. Sottile, J. Reyes, A. Raymond. Final Game- **Aurora Rave** 0 vs **Glen Shields Devil's** 2.

U13 BOYS- JUNE 2- The game played at Ballantrae A ended in a 2-2 draw. Goal scorers for WSSC were W. Copp and J. McKendrick. Goal scorer for **Aurora Forest** with 2 was F. Mcraith.

U15 GIRLS T2- First league game for the U15 Girls Team 2 resulted in a tremendous win against **Scarborough Blizzards** 8-2. Aurora goals scored by O. Paitech 2, H. Boonstra 2, K. Sukhraj 1, L. Richardson 1, A. Hoben 1 and E. Dillon 1. Great start to our 2005 outdoor season!

MAY 31- A great effort demonstrated by all players at our second CGSL game in Oshawa. Game win for Oshawa 4-0. Heartfelt wishes to our goalkeeper, C. Kanen, who was taken from the game by ambulance - suffered a concussion and will be sorely missed by the team for the next month.

JUNE 6- Excellent soccer skills displayed by the whole team in the tied game 0-0 in Cookstown. We'll get them next time, girls!

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Aurora opens its heart to widow and children

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

Just like the people who inhabit it, a town shows its true colours when life gets tough.

When Tom Berube, an Auroran for 18 years, was killed in a motorcycle accident in May, Tom's wife, Sue, found out what Aurora is made of. "People have been incredible," she said. "I can't walk down the street without someone offering help and support."

Friends and neighbours have dropped off food for Sue and her four children, Shawn, Corey, Ryan and Stephanie.

Others have sent cards, made charitable donations, or have taken the kids to their many activities and lessons.

"I just want to thank everyone for what they have done, but it's impossible to do it individually, she said. "It has been overwhelming."

Friends even came over and stained the family deck, a job Tom had planned for this summer.

And, while Aurora may seem bustling and growing every year, Sue has



Tom Berube

observed the small town aspect and appreciates it.

"Feeling all the support has made it much easier for my kids," she noted.

Tom was very involved in his kids' sports lives.

He, along with Sue, managed the Aurora Tigers Rep Hockey teams his son Corey has played on through the years.

As well, he coached rep

baseball for Ryan's Aurora Jays teams.

He also played in an over-50 hockey league on a team called the Bookends.

That all adds up to many friends and countless acquaintances.

When the accident happened in Muskoka, Tom and Sue were at an annual Ride for Kids, which raises money for children with retinal

disease.

The organizers, Forever Yonge, have arranged a memorial ride for Tom July 16.

The riders will pass the Berube home as a tribute to Tom.

All proceeds will go to Sue and her children.

For more information, email foreveryongerun@rogers.com.

Historic conservation area proposed for central Aurora

The Heritage Act allows municipalities to designate areas in the community as heritage conservation areas.

For more than 30 years members of the Aurora Historical Society and the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee have been attempting to have a heritage district recognized within parts of Aurora.

Back in May, 1973, Norm Jolly then president of the Historical Society, urged the designation of downtown Yonge Street as a heritage district.

He expressed concern about the increasing rate of destruction of older buildings.

At that time the proposed area of designation included Hillary House, Horton Place, the Fleury home and Castle Doan.

Both the Fleury Home and Castle Doan were demolished to make way for Our Lady of Grace Church.

During the summer of 1979, a LACAC paper "Heritage Conservation Districts" was prepared listing five basic districts for heritage conservation.

In April, 2002, council considered a request from LACAC that a consultant carrying out the five-year review of the official plan be instructed to include a component dealing with heritage districts.

In May, 2003, council considered a report from LACAC recommending the heritage conservation district include the area between Maple Street and Centre Street from Yonge Street to the CN

tracks.

It was noted that once a bylaw had been passed designating a heritage conservation district, the bylaw had the effect of prohibiting the homeowner from removal of any part of the structure or alteration of external parts of the building without a permit from the municipality.

This resulted in council deferring any action regarding a heritage conservation district until a public meeting was held and the public informed about the implications of designation.

The concept of a heritage district for Northeast Old Aurora was initiated by residents of the area in 2003 and since that time the Heritage Advisory Committee, formerly LACAC, has been meeting with the residents of the area and a public meeting was held in April with positive results.

That resulted in a request from the residents, through

the Olde Aurora Ratepayers Association, for the town to proceed with the heritage district study at an estimated cost of \$45,000.

The proposed terms of reference included two phases, the first phase to determine the boundaries, which will include two open houses and a report to council recommending the boundary for the proposed heritage conservation district.

The Heritage Conservation District Plan will be included as part of the second phase, with two more public meetings.

When the report was tabled last week, Councillor Evelyn Buck opposed the procedures being followed and claimed the residents of the proposed area should pay for the study as they would if it was a Local Improvement project.

She also wanted to know if all the residents were fully aware of the restrictions that

would be placed on their homes if the area was designated.

Staff pointed out there had been three public meetings and the process included more public meetings to provide residents to comment on the proposal.

It was also noted that the official plan included heritage conservation districts and council had approved funds in the budget for the study.

After further discussion the general committee approved the terms of reference and authorized staff to proceed with the selection of a consultant.

Council was expected to ratify the decision this week.

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Hundreds responded to the contest “What I Love About Aurora”. Following are the winners of the written submission categories:

0-5 Year Category

**By Andrew Sutherland
Age 5**

I like seeing insects around us and I like watching people build houses.
I like watching birds fly.
I like watching trees and flowers grow.
I like playing with my friends in the backyard.
I like playing soccer and hockey.
I love the world.

6-8 Year Category

**By Mitchell Cadenhead
Age 7**

I Love Aurora because I was born there.
I Love Aurora because most people keep it clean.
I Love Aurora because its beautiful parks are clean and fun to play in.
I Love Aurora because I'm learning to swim at the Aurora Leisure Complex.
I Love Aurora because of my brand new school called Northern Light Public School.
I Love Aurora because of a restaurant called the Purple Pig, because they serve some mighty good food there.
I Love Aurora because I have awesome parents.
I Love Aurora because I have lots of friends.
I Love Aurora because it's nice and quiet and I can sleep good at night.
I Love Aurora because I have fresh clean air to breathe.
I Love Aurora because there's very little traffic compared to the city.
I Love Aurora because our family shops each week at Sobeys and me and my sister get free cookies from the baker.
I Love Aurora because I get to watch Santa's parade each year.
I Love Aurora because each Canada Day the Town of Aurora has the coolest fireworks ever.
I Love Aurora because almost every Saturday my mom takes me to the Aurora library. I get to pick out books and movies to take home!
I Love Aurora because when I grow up I'm going to be a York policeman and Aurora's best mayor.
I Love Aurora because Mayor Jones is a pretty good guy.
I Love Aurora because the World's Longest Street Sale is so much sun. I get to walk on Yonge St. where the cars usually drive.
P.S. I love you Aurora! Xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxox

9-11 Year Category

**By Felicia Lamanna
Age 10**

There are so many things that I love about Aurora.
What I love about Aurora are not the little events that stay for a couple of days.
It is the big things that are always around us, and hopefully will always stay.
I love the way I can walk to and from school knowing I will always be safe.
What I love about Aurora is that everyone in the community joins together to become one, to keep our community safe and clean.
What I love about Aurora is when I look up and see beautiful green trees surrounding me.
What I love about Aurora is the clean air I breathe every day.
You might not realize, but not everywhere there's clean air to breathe.
What I love about Aurora is that I have grown up in Aurora my whole life, in the same house. There has never been any reason to move.
Our town Aurora has always been a sweet, friendly town, with kind people all around.
What I love about Aurora is that our small friendly little town is not so little any more.
People from all different towns are always moving to Aurora knowing that their child will have a safe and happy childhood.
What I love about Aurora is that everyone feels welcome in our town. If it is family, friends, yourself or anyone. I love the way the animals even feel welcome here.
Everywhere I turn, I see nature all around myself. Like the animals that live in the forest behind my school, the animals that live in the little pond in the forest, and the little

squirrels scampering outside, or across the playground.

I love watching the mommy bird hatch her eggs and raise her babies in the tree outside my bedroom window.

What I love about Aurora is...EVERYTHING

I entered this contest writing an essay about what I love about Aurora. The truth is there is no way I can write about everything I love about Aurora.

If I did, the mailman would refuse to take it because it would be so big!

I love Aurora as much as a million wishes. What I love about Aurora is that when I grow up, I want my children to grow up in Aurora as well.

I LOVE AURORA AND THAT IS ALL THERE IS TO IT!

12-14 Year Category

**By Ellen Lever
Age 13**

Imagine. Just imagine. Imagine yourself slipping down the slick yellow slide in Machell Park, as you hear the fading melody of the ice cream truck, and getting a little shock as you go over the well loved tiny crease in the scratched plastic.

You hear a "thud" as your sand-filled sneakers hit the ground, and see your little brother with a wide smile on his face, as your dad pushes him on the swing, and look over to your mom holding your ice cream on the bench.

You go over to her and take hold of your ice cream, just as a chocolate drip falls slowly down your hand. So, there is nothing to do, other than lick it up with your tongue.

The sun is high in the sky, and there isn't a cloud to be seen. This is summer in Aurora.

Now imagine yourself half a year later, in that same park, but this time you've got your skates on. These are the slightly worn in skates that you got from Vic's last weekend.

These are the skates you were just recently lacing up on the snow, right over there.

These are the skates that will bring you so much joy over the winter.

You love to see the white marks that the blades make on the ice you've just skated on.

This is what happiness feels like, and it wouldn't be possible without our town. Without Aurora.

Aurora is the best town in the world.

No question.

All of these memories stitched carefully into a quilt of people, places and activities, held fast by the very thread that makes up Aurora.

We know that when we grow older, and have children of our own, they will think so well of Aurora too.

Even if we leave this place, our hearts will not, and our memories certainly never will.

No matter how far away we roam, and even when we're gone, Aurora won't be.

Aurora will live forever.

15-18 Year Category

**By Andrew Fogliato
Age 17**

Aurora, I have spent the past 16 years of my life living here.

This town has been my home, and I am proud to call it just that.

Wherever I go, I am Auroran, nothing will change that.

I love this place, this town that I and 40,000 others call home.

Whether you have lived here your whole life, just recently moved, or simply visiting, there is no denying the beauty you see all over town, the clean streets, the well maintained parks and the Canadian themed mural at Yonge and Wellington Streets.

Then there's the part that anyone in Aurora should be proud of, our walking paths, they stretch all over and go throughout our 500 acres of picturesque forests.

Not many places have as long a history as Aurora, from the time it was known simply as Machell's Corners, it has evolved into a town where you can raise a family, run a successful business and enjoy all that nature has to offer only a short distance from the city.

All of this pales in comparison to the one thing that I love the most about our town, the sense of belonging that we all feel here.

Wherever I go in this town I feel like this is where I belong, this is where I should be, this is where I want to spend my life.

Nowhere else can offer what Aurora offers, we are unique and we should all be very proud of our town.



Winners

Most of the winners were on hand last week to receive prizes for their entries in the “What I Love About Aurora” contest. Included are, left to right, Andrew Sutherland, Felicia Lamanna, Markus Dietz, Andrew Fogliato, Julia Peacock, Alex Hamilton, Peter Collins, and Mitchell Cadenhead. All received awards and prizes from Aurora Mayor Tim Jones and Aurora Councillor Evelyn Buck. Absent from the photo were Ellen Lever and Lea Bougadis.

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love-in for numerous youngsters



Markus Dietz

0-5 Years
category



Julia Peacock

6-8 Years
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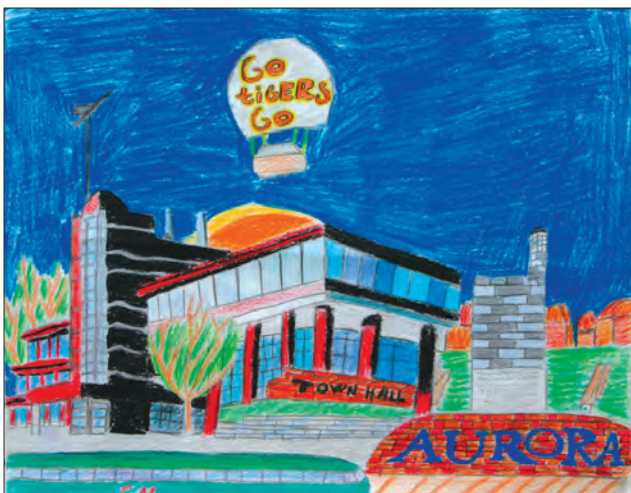
Peter Collins

9-11 Years
category



Lea Bougadis

12-14 Years
category



Alex Hamilton

15-18 Years
category



In addition to the winning written entries to the contest "What I Love About Aurora", organizers of Aurora Day also added a category for visual presentations. To the left are the five winning entries in various categories that were available. Both written and visual winning entries were on display when Aurora held an Aurora Day at Ontario Place. On hand to present prizes to the winners were Aurora Mayor Tim Jones and Aurora Councillor Evelyn Buck. Several local groups took advantage of the Day to display their wares and talents to the thousands of people who visit Ontario Place on a regular basis. Below, the Town of Aurora showed artists' drawings of the new recreation complex and seniors' centre, both projects currently underway; SOYRA had a big display of paintings done by local artists; and Aurora's Creative Connection displayed various crafts created by Aurorans. Organizers termed the day a huge success. All photos at Ontario Place were taken by David Falconer.



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