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Ada Johnson, the person who has lived in Aurora longer than anyone else, almost didn't make it to her own party Sunday. She was taken to hospital Saturday, but returned in time to greet well-wishers at her 102nd birthday celebration held at her current home, Park Place Manor. Ada has lived in Aurora for 97 years, many of those years in the same house on Connaught Avenue.

Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

Briefly

Special guest

The Probus Club of Aurora will welcome a special guest speaker at its August meeting.

Eva Olsson, survivor of Auschwitz Death Camp, has spoken on the Holocaust at 250 schools, dozens of adult groups and the United Nations General Assembly, and will speak to the group.

The meeting is slated for Wednesday, August 10th.

The Probus Club of Aurora is for retired and semi-retired professional and business people and provides fellowship through programs, social and regular meetings.

Currently there are 96 members in the Aurora club.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday every month from 10 a.m. until noon at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Industrial Parkway North.

Learning the hard way

Aurora Councillor Nigel Kean learned a new trick thieves are using to steal things.

In Montreal on business last week, Kean left a briefcase and laptop computer in a locked car, and returned to the vehicle to find the windows smashed and his property gone.

Montreal police told him thieves use a form of "scanner" that will tell them if there is electronic equipment in any vehicle.

The councillor lost numerous personal and business documents as well as his passport and keys to his own car which was parked at Toronto International Airport.

Shopping Centre anchor store wants to expand

David Merkur Holdings, owner and operator of the Aurora Shopping Centre at Yonge and Murray Drive, wants to enlarge the No Frills store, but Aurora Council isn't convinced.

The plan is to add about 8,000 square feet to the anchor store on

the south side and modify the existing parking configuration.

Its proposal calls for the elimination of the roadway that currently splits the main parking lot in half.

Town staff members were concerned about the impact of forcing traffic to travel directly in front of

retail stores as a result of eliminating the middle lane.

The proposed addition would force traffic to make a sharp turn at the bottom of the western ramp off Murray Drive, and that concerns Councillor Nigel Kean.

He also asked if neighbouring residents had been advised of the proposal, and expressed concern about the location of garbage bins.

Councillor Ron Wallace, who supported the proposal, said he believed the parking lot could be reconfigured to accommodate the middle driveway.

Staff members believe the noted concerns could be addressed through the evaluation of a traffic report.

Staff recommended that subject to the resolution of all internal/external traffic, parking and vehicle manoeuvring space concerns, council authorize the Director of Planning to enter into a site plan agreement with the applicant.

As an option the report noted that the site plan could come back to council for approval.

This wasn't the first application for an expansion to the store.

In June, 1966, the anchor then occupied by Loblaws, applied to expand to the south, but the expansion never took place.

It was finally agreed that when all the concerns had been resolved the proposal be brought back to council for approval of the site plan agreement.

Council won't send three reps to China

A report recommending council endorse a visit to Hancunhe, China, by Mayor Tim Jones, Councillor Phyllis Morris, the town's Economic Development Officer and Aurora business members was shot down by council last week.

The group planned to make the trip in November.

The attack was led by Councillor Nigel Kean who said the estimated cost to the town of \$14,000 wouldn't cover the cost of the trip as costs in China were very high.

He pointed out that Aurora had a limited supply of developable land and the money

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Most of the lease gets council okay

Two years ago Aurora Council approved an agreement with the Aurora Historical Society making the Society the sole tenant of the Church Street School for a period of 10 years with the option of two additional five year terms.

The unsigned document has been fraught with problems ever since.

But last week, with the exception of two clauses, the lease was approved by council.

The lease included funding arrangements and provided the Society with the right to rent space with the consent of the Town and the Management Committee provided 50 per cent of any revenue generated was contributed to the Building Capital Fund.

The composition of the Management Committee at that time included society members, councillors and

staff reporting to the Leisure Services Advisory Committee.

The society wanted to rename the Management Committee the Historical Society Capital Works

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The Town of Aurora's first Concert in the Park was held Wednesday night at the Town Park and the place was full of kids. Why not, they were being entertained by Kidz Kidding. Concerts continue weekly throughout the summer. See The Auroran's Coming Events for a list of entertainers.

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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.

During the month of July the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall will feature the artwork of Rosie Schroder. Regular viewing hours are 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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.

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@sympatico.ca or 905-713-3314.

Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10.30 a.m. Coffee club at 9 a.m., lunch at noon. 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.

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

Primary school registrations continue until August 25, at the admissions office of the York Catholic District School Board, 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.

JULY 20

Concert in the Town Park continues from 7 to 9 p.m. featuring old time fiddle music with Cindy Thompson.

Afternoon tea on the verandah at Hillary House between 2 and 4 p.m. Just drop in as reservations are not required. Price per person for tea and tour is \$5. Historic Hillary House is located at 15372 Yonge Street, north of Wellington, south of Aurora Heights Drive on the west side. For more information call 905-727-4015.

JULY 21

Aurora's Sarah Kyle and Joe Likiski of the Aurora Opera Company will be featured during a candle-lit evening of songs from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales during the 2nd annual Midsummer Celtic Night at Wesley United Church at Woodbine and Aurora Sideroad at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.

JULY 27

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

Afternoon tea on the verandah at Hillary House between 2 and 4 p.m. Just drop in! Price per person for tea and a tour is \$5. Hillary House is at 15372 Yonge Street. For more information call 905-727-4015.

JULY 28

Blood Donor Clinic, 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North.

AUGUST 3

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

AUGUST 10

Probus Club of Aurora guest speaker is Eva Olsson, survivor of Auschwitz Death Camp. Meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Industrial Parkway North.

Concert in the Park. Blackboard Blues Band. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

Oak Ridges Trail Association trail hike from King Township's 16th Sideroad to Bayview Avenue. Twelve kilometres. Meet at Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area. For further information call Harold Sellers at 905-853-3518.

AUGUST 15

North Aurora Parks trail hike along the elevated roadway over Mackenzie Wetland and Nokiidaa Trail. Presented by the Oak Ridges Trail Association, hikers should meet at the Aurora Leisure Centre, southeast entrance, Industrial Parkway North. For further information call Stan Butcher 905-773-3960.

AUGUST 16

Aurora Council meets at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Town Hall. This is the only council or committee meeting to be held during the month of August.

AUGUST 17

Concert in the Park. Hotel California, Eagles Tribute Band. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

Afternoon tea on the verandah at Hillary House between 2 and 4 p.m. Just drop in! Price per person for tea and a tour is \$5. Hillary House is at 15372 Yonge Street. For more information call 905-727-4015.

AUGUST 24

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SEPTEMBER 10

Mark this date for the annual Candlelight Tour of Homes sponsored by the Aurora Historic Society with all proceeds going towards the restoration of historic Hillary House. For more information call 905-727-8991.

Attendance report is deferred again

Councillor John West's request to generate a debate on council minutes regarding attendance was deferred once again due to the absence of Councillor Bill Hogg last week.

He hopes to introduce it at the September council meeting if all members are in attendance.

In February Councillor West referred to a previous council meeting when his motion was defeated on a tie vote.

He noted that during the discussion some members of council indi-

cated the item should be deferred until Councillor Hogg was in attendance.

It all started at a meeting when Councillor Evelyn Buck suggested minutes should record not only members present or absent, but the time of arrival for those arriving late or time of departure if members left early.

No discussion or decision was taken at that time.

In presenting his motion, Councillor West asked members to support a report of members in attendance after

the meeting had been called to order as "present" or "absent", that arrival and departure times should be recorded and that all committees minutes be recorded in the same way.

He pointed out that until 1978, minutes of council noted when councillors were absent with a reason why.

He said that in 1979 an incident occurred in a municipality where a councillor's home was entered as it had been learned from the minutes that the councillor was on vacation.

As a result municipal-

ities, including Aurora, changed the way that attendance was recorded in the minutes.

He pointed out many committee minutes record the time when members arrive and leave and council should do the same.

Councillor Nigel Kean said he had problems with the proposal as it appeared like a witch hunt.

He added that both he and Councillor Hogg had jobs that required them to miss council or committee meetings.

He said they attended when they could and

such a motion was like being in a kindergarten class.

Councillor West continued to interrupt claiming it was not a witch hunt until he was ruled out of order by Mayor Tim Jones.

Councillor Buck said the purpose was not about attendance but maintaining accurate records. She stressed the need to record the time when members of council arrived or left early so that the vote numbers would tally with the number of council members in attendance.

She added that under

the Municipal Act, it was the responsibility of the clerk to record what happened at the meeting without comment.

An amendment to show the reason a member was absent was defeated 4-4.

The West motion to include the times of arrival and departure was also defeated 4-4.

Councillor Bill Hogg was absent from the meeting.

The motion is back again and if all members are in attendance at the September council meeting a decision will likely be made.



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For Irene Vernon, centre, of Aurora, it was all a shock, but she was, indeed, a winner. Someone, she's not sure who, applied her name to a ballot at the Society Of York Region Artists (SOYRA) fall art show, and it was pulled as a winner. She was allowed to select her favourite photograph, and artist Anthony Palmer, right, would paint it. She chose the cottage and garden of Anne Hathaway - a place she has visited - and Anthony went to work transferring the photograph to canvas. The presentation was made at Irene's Hadley Grange home Friday. Looking on is SOYRA president Bill van Oorschot, left. Funds from the draw will be used to support the new cancer centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Developer offers \$130,000 to help downtown merchants

Christmas came early for Aurora Council last week as Whitwell Developments lived up to its promise to donate money to the municipality to assist in the revitalization of the downtown core.

In total, the development group will come up with \$130,000.

A letter was received by council providing details of the gift which starts off with \$50,000 at the time of the issuance of the building permit for the first big-box store and a further \$50,000 when the store opens.

The big-box store, it has been determined, will be Wal-Mart.

In addition, a further \$15,000 will be contributed on the first anniversary of that store and another \$15,000 on the second anniversary of the store.

In addition to the listed contributions, the development company also gave the town \$80,000 towards a Town of Aurora Gateway Feature to be located at Highway 404 and Wellington Street East.

At a general committee meeting in May, Mike Evans, owner of the TruValue Hardware store on Yonge Street, expressed his opposition to the development due to its potential adverse impact on the downtown core where several stores were vacant.

He made similar comments at a public planning meeting when he pointed out that there was no need for new commercial development as long as there were empty stores in the downtown core.


During the May discussion committee members asked if Whitwell would be willing to make a contribution to assist the downtown core to which Don Larke, the Whitwell representative, agreed.

It was pointed out that

another box store had Civic Park, on John West agreed to contribute \$35,000 Way, after meeting with toward the development of adjacent residents.

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Council still fighting itself

*The list of beefs grows longer,
It grows longer every day;
As politicians take no action,
For what the people have to say.
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

Every since the current council was elected in November, 2003, there has been dissension among council members.

It all started immediately after the election when three members of council refused to participate in the traditional out-of-town retreat to set a vision for the new council and the confrontation has continued ever since.

Then there is friction between older members of council and more recent elected councillors.

The older councillors sometimes brag about their years of experience on council and forget that all members were elected and are equals when sitting at the council table.

In former days the more experienced members of council guided the new members and there was a team spirit, which is completely lacking today.

Although the procedural bylaw has been discussed time after time and some amendments made, there appears to be a complete lack of understanding of its provisions as it is rarely enforced.

One issue that requires immediate attention in the bylaw is the section called "Other Business".

This was normally the time when members of council could bring up issues not included on the meeting agenda, make comments or ask questions.

But time after time the chairman of the meeting rules the comment or question as "Out of Order", leaving members of council no place to ask questions or make comments.

It must be clarified!

Granted some of the questions dealing with a specific department issue could be handled by calling the department head or a member of the department prior to the council meeting and not wasting the time of council or committee, which is a common occurrence.

This is especially noticeable at council meetings when the TV cameras are rolling as some members of council play to the TV audience as if they were entertainers instead of elected politicians.

Members of council who regularly miss committee meetings question the decision made by a majority of council members who take their job seriously, so they can be seen on camera.

Another issue that requires clarification in the procedural bylaw is the purpose of "Open Forum".

It was designed as a method for citizens to express opinions, make comments or ask questions without going through the formality of being listed as a delegation.

Although "Open Forum" is listed as part of the council meeting, the comments and questions are not listed in the minutes and unless a member of council is allowed to introduce the issue during "Other Business", no official record is kept so for many citizens it's a waste of time and effort. This needs clarification!

Then there is the issue of members of council writing letters to the media on issues that should be discussed at council.

Even the mayor is guilty of this by expressing his personal opinions in his weekly report in The Auroran on other than town issues.

His recent column supporting Belinda Stronach's move to cross the floor to join the Liberal Party and receive a cabinet post was a no-no!

He is elected to represent all the people of Aurora, which he failed to do by writing that column.

Another beef is the secrecy of the current council. Issues are brought up in public session and referred to staff or a private meeting for a report.

Invariably, staff has responded to the issue internally by a memo to the mayor and members of council or an e-mail, which never reaches the public.

If it's brought up in public it should be responded to in public.

Too many decisions, classified as personnel or legal, are decided in private meetings without a report coming to council.

It's time for a change and that time is November, 2006.



This photo shows a Grade 6 class at the Aurora Public School, better known today as the Church Street School. It was taken in 1951. In the picture are, front row, left to right, Paul Farren, Jack Murby, Donnie Collins, Danny Patrick, Teddy Collett, Bruce Eveleigh, Robert ?; second row, Norm Ireland, Doreen Miller, Sandra Heany, Gwendolyn Fitchette, Yvonne Yake, Karen Taylor, June Rowling, Helen Higgins, Elva Bunn, Charlie Varana, Paul Rose; third row, Nancy Besley, Lorraine Downey, Joanne Burling, Gayle Davis, Brian Starkey, Peter Osborne, Robert Noble, Harold Bunn, Ronnie Egan, Lowell McClenny, Hugh Hammond, Paul Hope, Elsie Legge (teacher); back row, Paul Filotos, Ian Henderson, Donnie Zimmerman, Billy Calhoun, John Morning, Donnie Glass, Lorraine Fortier, R. VanNostrand, Fran Hill and Richard Blair. The picture was submitted by Lowell McClenny.

Letters to the Editor

Committee members weren't briefed: Hogg

To the editor,

It is not my practice to participate in the sometimes petty chirping that some members of council seem to feel is their due.

Nor do I respond to members of the public who disagree with my comments/actions – it is their right to comment on the actions of any elected member of municipal council and I encourage people to let their "personal opinions" be

known – whether I like them or not.

However, the latest rant by Councillor Evelyn Buck cannot go unanswered.

How ironic that it should appear beside Dick Illingworth's Brickbat to the very point.

To be clear, I will not respond to her accusations about myself or the operations of the Finance Committee – in spite of the numerous inaccuracies.

These I will suffer in

silence because I know it will just give her another excuse to vent.

However, I must stand in defence of her completely inappropriate comments directed towards volunteer citizen members.

To suggest that they had been briefed is absolutely false.

Much like her criticism of Dick Illingworth – she wasn't there, so where does her accusation come from? Pure fiction.

Her assertion that the response from a citizen member was "boorish, rude, and insulting and quite impolite" and quite unexpected is startling in its complete lack of reality.

Their response was far more factual and measured than was deserved - a reflection of the character and professionalism of the citizen.

When an elected official accuses a member of the public in the manner she did without provocation, how can she be surprised they would respond?

The real surprise was that she attacked a volunteer in the first place – not that they were deservedly insulted.

On one fact we do agree; Councillor Buck did bring the matter forward to council – threatening to resign if they didn't comply with her demands (ask to see the letter which she indicates is a public document).

Council did not agree to these bullying tactics - yet not only did she not resign, but now continues her rhetoric in the press since she didn't get her way.

I'd encourage her to stick to her guns on this issue if she expects people to take

her seriously.

Councillor Buck may yet learn that just because she says it, doesn't make it so. Thankfully the public in Aurora knows this already.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Too soon the kids will be back at school and the winter will be upon us.

Bill Hogg
Councillor

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Oversized Pets Put Pressure
on Leash-free Park

Owners are having trouble keeping up with waste generated by their dragons and other big pets at Cerberus Common park.

Whomping Willow Cut Down
on Vandorf Sideroad

The expansion of the Vandorf Sideroad necessitated the removal of the mysterious whomping willow. Several staff were whomped in the process, as the tree defended itself vigorously before it was felled.

Owl Shortage Delays Delivery
of The Auroran

A shortage of mail-carrying owls (photo below) resulted in a delay in the delivery of The Auroran to some residents last week. If your paper was late, we're sorry. Blame it on the owls.



Residents Irked By Late Night
Hogwarts Express Train Whistles

If you are hearing train whistles in the middle of the night, you're not alone.

The town has received a number of noise complaints from residents on the east side of town.

Apparently, it is protocol for the Hogwarts Express to sound its whistle at all level crossings. This includes three crossings in Aurora.

Representatives from Hogwarts school were sympathetic to the situation, but noted that the train was the only way that most children could get to the school.

The situation is expected to worsen later this summer when the school year begins, and the frequency of train trips increases.

Concerned residents recently met with town staff and presented them with a lengthy petition.

Alternatives are currently being explored, and it is hoped that a solution can be found that will soon have local residents sleeping soundly again.

New Recreation Complex to
Include Quidditch Pitch

A last-minute addition was unveiled last week for the new Recreation Complex.

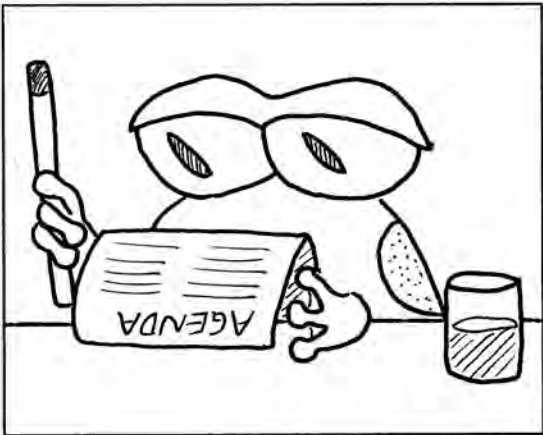
A quidditch pitch will now be located in the northeast corner of the property. This replaces the controversial Quidditch Bubble, that had been proposed for Sheppard's Bush.

Plans for the site include stadium seating, and a concession stand.

Construction is now underway, and the facility is expected to be ready for the Tigers' season opener later this year.

A representative for the team said they were delighted with the decision, as their current facilities, including the lighting, were no longer

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Aurora Council was hopping last night as a heated debate lead to a flurry of finger, and wand, pointing.

Councillors Turn Each Other
into Frogs at Lively Meeting

Last night's council meeting was full of surprises - and amphibians.

Although known for its heated debates, even seasoned veterans of council were caught off guard when the meeting degenerated from a show of

hands to a show of wands.

A Point of Order ended up with one councillor, then another, being turned into frogs. Soon, the council chamber was hopping.

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Mayor's Report
By Tim Jones

Annual Report

Highlights of Aurora's 2004 annual report include the following:

- Construction commenced on the new Recreation Complex with a pool and two ice pads;
- Construction also commenced on the new Seniors' Centre;
- Plans were finalized for a new fire hall on Wellington Street East near the new Recreation Complex;
- Aurora confirmed plans for a new movie theatre with Cineplex Odeon to be located on Bayview Avenue, north of Wellington East;
- The State Farm head office site plan was finalized and construction started which when complete in 2006 will see 1,000 jobs move to Aurora;
- Aurora's first leash-free park was opened;
- Work continued on our financial system updating;
- We received new scanning equipment to enable more material to be available on the Town's web site;
- The Town negotiated a new three-year collective bargaining agreement with our unionized staff;
- All traffic signals were retrofitted with LED bulbs to improve visibility and reduce costs;
- Reconstruction of the Kennedy Street West/Deerhorn Crescent storm water management facility which received an award from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority;
- Produced the inaugural issue of "Aurora Business Bright-lights" highlighting local business news;
- Received a delegation from Hancunhe, China to view our education, business and government processes - (recently council voted to decline a return visit to investigate areas for future partnership);
- Planted more than 400 trees near various roads and in parks;
- The Oak Ridges Moraine mapping was consolidated into the Town's Official Plan;
- Capital repairs were completed at Church Street School and Factory Theatre;
- The Aurora Seniors' Art Group celebrated its 10th Anniversary with 17 pieces sold during the two-day event;

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Cathy's
Corner



The joy of computers

Last night, I had a dream about Little Bunny Fru-Fru. He had floppy ears.

The night before, I had written a wonderful column - all about the joy of being married to the same man, non-stop for 23 years.

Hey, my anniversary is coming up...train of thought, you know?

It was a beauty - sentimental, romantic, delusional...perfect. It's gone.

I'll sleep on it, I thought. I'll polish the rough edges (just like I did with my husband) and send it to Ron in the morning. Bad idea.

In the morning, I woke up to disaster.

My laptop passed away in the night.

If that's computer lingo for "Happy Anniversary", I wish I hadn't told it.

Right at the end of a deadline, it just...died.

Right in the middle of an anxiety attack, it just...surrendered.

Right at the beginning of a nervous breakdown, it just...broke down.

Now, that mega bites!

Never underestimate the capacity of computers to make your life a "virtual" nightmare.

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers," said Thomas Watson, Chairman of IBM, back in 1943.

Hah! It's 2005, buddy. We're outnumbered - that's the problem.

Like any typical Auroran household, we've got more than five computers in the closet - some sick, some wounded, some obsolete, but all of them exhibiting symptoms of cyber-psy-chosis.

Today, that's elementary, my dear Mr. Watson!

The one I've resorted to right now has a serious case of nar-colepsy. "Going to sleep", it says, right before it blinks out in the middle of a sentence.

Sometimes, it even snores.

"But what...is it good for?"

This question from an engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM 25 years later.

He was referring to the microchip.

Fast forward 37 years, and I'm asking the same question!

We're talking IBM (Incredibly Big Machine) with Intel peanut-

brain, here. If it didn't work for the dinosaurs, what makes us think it won't drive us to extinction?

I'm halfway there! If I don't meet my deadline...this is bad.

Whatever happened to that myth we were seduced into believing - you know, the one about computers doing all our work for us so we could have shorter workweeks, lighter workloads, and longer life expectancies?

Here I was, having found just the right words, having arranged them in just the right order, having said it all without saying too much (so I can stay married)...having agonized over grammar (so Ron doesn't get complaints), having insured that my word count doesn't exceed my weekly allotment (so Ron doesn't complain), and having argued with spell-check - darned thing keeps telling me "Auroran" is not a word, can you believe it?

"I am Auroran!" I roar...as if computers listen. Ha!

They don't listen. You tell your computer: "Write"...and it says: "Wrong!"

"Escape" will NOT "save" your soul. There is no escape.

Your computer is digital - which basically means it can and will give you the finger when you least expect it.

"Backup" is what you do when you realize that your beloved laptop is a serial killer - deleting, destroying and corrupting your life works until the expensive laptop sighs and dies - or until you can't even prove that you were born...whichever causes the most damage first.

And they're sneaky.

Just before you crash on the information highway, they offer you cookies! Cookies? Oh, grow up!

I don't fall for cookies.

I've been blind-sided by my optical mouse, hung by my cord-less keyboard, and terminated by illegal operations. Right before a deadline! Cookies are not going to make me feel better!

Computers with a hard drive...are driving us hard.

Isn't it ironic that the only thing that could have saved me is...a floppy?


Oh...now I get it.


Little bunny Fru-Fru...


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laughingmatters@aci.on.ca


NOT SHOOT LIONS


By DICK ILLINGWORTH


 **BOUQUETS** to the town's planning staff for working with the residents of Centre Street and the planning consultant for Andrew Weber and Neal Santin for the conversion of the historic Morrison House on Wellington Street East into offices. At the public meeting last September the chambers were jammed with opponents, but at the recent meeting when the site plan was authorized not a sound was heard from the public or council members.


 **BRICKBATS** to the six members of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee who failed to show up for the June committee meeting, leaving the other three members and staff twiddling their thumbs for half an hour before cancelling the meeting due to lack of a quorum. What happened to telephones?


 **BOUQUETS** to the Heritage Advisory Committee for appointing Councillors Nigel Kean and Ron Wallace to represent the committee for discussions with council and other community groups to determine the feasibility of hosting a "Doors Open Event" in 2006. Other municipalities do it, why not Aurora?


 **BRICKBATS** to the person or persons unknown responsible for dumping garbage and debris behind Factory Theatre, which volunteer members of Theatre Aurora had to clean up. A contractor was working on the exterior of the building and York Regional Police are investigating the theft of equipment that occurred about the same time. Maybe better exterior lighting might help!


 **BRICKBATS** to the noisy and thoughtless youths who concentrate in the trees behind the IGA store in St. Andrew's Village and in the Village generally to the annoyance of neighbouring residents and apartment dwellers in the Centre. The plaza management should provide security which they refuse to do, the police should make routine checks and the Town should provide a youth centre which has been discussed since the mid-1960s.


 **BOUQUETS** to Grade 4 student Elena Sheldrake on winning the Anti-Litter Poster Contest and to finalists Courtney McLaren, Victoria Schweighardt, Matthew Roach, Mitchell Waite, Glenda Willcock, Neil Bender, Natalie Prsa and Victoria Morton.

 **BRICKBATS** to members of council who lift an agenda item for debate and then waste everyone's time as they shuffle through their papers trying to find the item they want to discuss. A simple tag system would help!

 **BOUQUETS** to members of Aurora Council for insisting that a condition be written in to the agreement with the developers of the property at Yonge and Centre Streets that garbage collection must be carried out during daylight hours. It should be part of the Noise Bylaw as the sound of a truck backing in the early morning hours is not a good way to start the day!

 **BRICKBATS** to Aurora Council for failing to take action to improve the sound system in the Aurora council chambers which has been brought to their attention several times, even by members of council. While you're at it, put a sound system in the committee rooms or move all meetings to the council chambers.

 **BOUQUETS** to the Aurora Youth Soccer Club's U15's boy's rep team on arranging their two-week tour of Italy and their participation in Atri Cup Soccer Tournament. In former days the team would be going to Leksand, Sweden, Aurora's twin community.

 **BRICKBATS** to the 194 MPs including Newmarket/Aurora MP Belinda Stronach for voting against Bill C-275, known as Carley's Law, which would have stiffened penalties for drivers who flee the scene of an accident where the victim is injured or killed and eliminate plea bargaining for such offences. The Bill was introduced by Conservative MP Randy White following the hit and run death of 19-year-old Carley Regan who was left to die in 2003 by a man prohibited from driving.

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Letters to the Editor

Mayor could have used tree cutting as “photo-op”

To the editor,

The Great Chain Saw Massacre on Vandorf. I am surprised that our mayor did not take the opportunity for a photo-op to be published on the front page

of The Auroran when approximately 30 mature trees were recently cut down on the south side of Vandorf east of Industrial Parkway for road expansion, including the addition of a pedestrian sidewalk and a bicycle path.

We see pictures of our mayor appearing in The Auroran attending basically "every hotdog stand opening" in our community. Would have made a great picture. Our mayor swinging a

chain saw simulating the cutting of trees on our "protected" moraine. We, the citizens of Aurora, need a town permit for everything especially if it affects the protected area.

What adds insult to our injury is that the town "saved" hydro poles on Bayview north of Wellington by winding the bicycle path around the poles.

Obviously this was not an option for Vandorf.

Town staff must have made the assumption for Vandorf that cyclists prefer travelling in a straight line.

I fully agree with the mayor that we have to pay a higher salary to our town staff to attract more qualified people since I question the wisdom of the decision by staff to proceed with the destruction of a beautiful row of mature trees.

There was hope that some of the trees would be saved after The Auroran published a photograph of a concerned citizen in front of mature trees stating that the town will take another look as to what could be done.

Unfortunately, two days later, the last remaining trees were axed.

Reader from the old school

To the editor,

Very much enjoyed reading your gripping chapters on long-gone printing technologies (From the editor, Auroran, July 12) hot lead, flat-bed presses, etc.

We had similar problems, recently, but like The Auroran and the US Cavalry, we got our magazine out just on time.

Ironically and co-incidentally,

my latest editorial also mentions hot type cast in lead then formatted in foundry-like conditions.

Even some mature journalists have never heard of hot type, nor do they know how photos were etched on zinc plates with images from 100 dots per square inch which printed out surprisingly well. Primitive, I know, but you could not lose an entire newspaper by a hydro

blip in those days.

When I worked for a newspaper group in Australia, the newsroom was directly above the huge press room with linotype machines, with skilled operators who could 'justify' columns by sight and touch...unlike present computers which do it all for us.

After typesetting, compositors, big hefty guys, 'composed' pages in lead and finally a lead 'pour' into the large rotary press cylinders before the presses rolled...shaking the building.

I was always worried about potential spelling mistakes until the presses stopped.

Another sign of our years...all reporters had to be proficient in shorthand.

Thomas Davey
Aurora

Sig Schrattnr
Aurora

Plaza has become garbage dump: reader

An open letter to Dick Illingworth.

Hi, Mr. Illingworth, recently in your "Bouquets & Brickbats" column you spoke of how nice it was at the Aurora Shopping Centre now that they have security there.

Well, over at the Orchard Heights plaza next door to us (St. Andrew's Village) we have the opposite problem.

The plaza has turned into a total garbage dump and hangout for dope smokers and trouble makers.

I think some media attention to this problem may be the only way to convince the property management to hire security, which they have so far refused all requests to do.

I hope I can generate some interest in this concern and help speed a solution.

Thanks for your time.

Mike Dickie
Aurora

Reader enjoyed column

To the editor,

Re: Cathy's Corner
“The thought of graduation”, Auroran, July 5.

What a touching thought on graduation...!

I have enjoyed reading your article. More power to you!! Your article deals with the reality of daily lives with substance.

Jane Eigo
Aurora

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School buses once moving billboards

In order to increase revenue the York Catholic District School Board

Tree loss questioned

It wasn't an agenda item but the loss of numerous trees due to the reconstruction of the Vandorf Sideroad was questioned at council last week.

Councillor Ron Wallace said he couldn't recall any staff report or any indication of the number of trees to be destroyed, or he never would have voted in favour of the reconstruction.

It was noted that at a June meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee, Director of Public Works Wayne Jackson assured committee members the process had been diligently followed for the trees to be cut down and adequate public consultation sessions took place.

CAO John Rogers told council an environmental assessment had been carried out five years ago and during the public consultation sessions the trees to be cut down had been identified.

Councillor Phyllis Morris, chairperson of the Environmental Advisory Committee, pointed out the committee wasn't in existence at that time.

approved a controversial pilot project in October, 1996, to allow advertising on school buses.

The York Region District School Board followed suit.

The one-year pilot, in which advertising space would be sold outside and inside school buses, was the first of its kind in the province.

A joint consortium, a collection of trustees and staff from each board, developed the plan.

Aurora Francophone Separate School Board trustee Michel Fortin tried to have the project deferred until the public could be consulted.

He argued the mandate of the consortium was to find effective and affordable ways to save money and amalgamate services, not come up with revenue-generating schemes.

He added that school boards were in the business of educating kids, not the advertising business, that schools were being used as a vehicle for corporations to capitalize on the school population, which Fortin termed "unethical".

The bus ads were to be created by a Thornhill company.

An ad on the outside of a bus for three months was listed as \$23,000 and \$14,600 for inside.

Based on 1,000 buses, the two boards and the bus

operators could expect to split about \$1.3 million in profits.

Fortin continued his opposition to advertising on school buses at the December board meeting.

He claimed trustees only considered the proposal from a fiscal point of view, rather than the impact of the advertising on students.

He asked that a position paper be prepared on the benefits of school bus advertising and the impact, both negative and positive, of having children exposed to such advertising.

Staff advised that the Joint Board Consortium were preparing a set of standards for bus advertising. On an 8-5 vote it was agreed to defer the proposal until the January meeting when the standards could be reviewed.

Fortin's battle was in vain as on January 13, 1997, the first rolling billboards took to the streets for a one-year pilot project.

The project was phased in gradually with a minimal number of buses up to 20 internal and 12 external ads, and gradually extended to cover the whole fleet of approximately 800 buses.

Trustees of both boards agreed that the ads were not to cover the entire surface of the bus nor obliterate the chrome yellow and black identification of a school vehicle.

It was also agreed that a committee be established to prescreen ads in accordance with the advertising standards established by the joint consortium and approved by trustees of both boards.

Buses were not to carry ads for alcohol, tobacco, or any product that couldn't be sold to children.

The project was to be evaluated after the first six months to determine its continuance.

The evaluation was to focus on safety, financial viability and community support.

While some advertisers adopted a wait and see policy, early advertisers included Adidas, Allan Candy and Bridlewood Heating and Air Conditioning.

Whether the evaluation was favourable or otherwise, the program didn't work and Fortin finally won his battle, although he's no longer a trustee to enjoy it.

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The event was a success due to the hard work of the Aurora Day Committee and the invaluable participation of our vendors, exhibitors and entertainers.

Thanks to the Society of York Region Artists, Pine Tree Potters, Aurora Stained Glass Works, Creative Connections, Carrie's Creations, the Aurora Historical Society, Deb's Dips and Splendor in the Bath for showing off your unique wares and sharing your love of Aurora!

A very special thanks, to Patty and Gary McLaughlin, the Aurora High Jazz Band, The Aurora Scottish Ladies' Dancers, and Watson's Karate, who gave up their own time to come down to Ontario Place and dazzle the crowds! Each and every performer put on an incredible show and made us all feel very proud to be Aurorans.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the generous support from our corporate sponsors and partners. Without you, this event would not have been possible.

We would like to thank Ontario Place and their wonderful staff that made this event a reality. Ontario Place generously offered space at their premier attraction, staff assistance and a fabulous discount offer for our residents, so that we could celebrate and showcase Aurora to all Ontario Place visitors!

Last ... but not least ... Congratulations to all the participants and the winners in the "What I Love About Aurora" Contest. Each and every submission was creative, original and inspirational. Every participant should be very proud of their work! CONTEST PARTICIPANTS should watch their mailbox throughout the next week for their \$5 OFF Coupon for Topper's Pizza!



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Action was fast and furious Saturday afternoon as local soccer buffs battled through the annual Charity soccer match for players 35 and older. This is the second year the match - between England and Scotland - has been held in Aurora. Here, Kevin McGoldrick heads the ball away from England player Ian Carribine, while Bill Garland, Jr., background, runs into the fray. Scotland won the game 3-2 and money raised from the 250 spectators will go to assist a local boy suffering from cystic fibrosis who is awaiting a double lung transplant.

Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

Skating test results

Following are the results of recent tests held by the Aurora Skating Club.

Preliminary Dance		Junior Silver Dance	
Dutch Waltz: Stefanie Smylie-Crea; Baby Blues: Mackenzie Maunder.		Keats' Foxtrot: Alana Fabbicino, Taylor Sim; Rocker Foxtrot: Emma Laverty; Harris Tango: Nicole Relke.	
Junior Bronze Dance		Senior Silver Dance	
Swing: Sabrina Brochu, Katrina Thunem; Willow Waltz: Jackianne Abbey, Emma Schellingerhoud; Fiesta: Samantha Duncan.		Paso Doble: Amy Bellefeiulle; Starlight Waltz: Fayme Cockshutt.	
Senior Bronze Dance		Gold Dance	
Ten-Fox: Nina Malek, Alex Woodward; Fourteen Step: Nicole Calvert; European Waltz: Taylor		Viennese Waltz: Chelsea Kerr.	
		Skating Skills	
		Preliminary: Sabrina	



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Brochu, Katrina Thunem; Junior Bronze: Hailey McGrath; Senior Bronze, Alana Fabbicino; Junior Silver: Ariel Kwan.

Free Skate Elements
 Preliminary: Jacqueline Relke; Junior Bronze: Nicole Relke, Hailey Riggs.

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Another gold for Diggers

The Aurora Diggers Novice (W) girls' softball team won their second gold medal of the season recently defeating Mississauga Southwest 4-3 in the championship game at the Ninth Annual Halton Hills Hawks Tournament.

After playing three close round robin games that saw them defeat Guelph 2-1, Oakville 2-1 and Halton Hills 2-0, the team moved into the playoffs in first place in their division.

They continued their winning streak by beating Guelph once again, this time 2-0.

A second meeting with Oakville, resulting in a 5-2 win, put them into the gold medal game against Mississauga Southwest.

Going into the game, Mississauga had not allowed a single run to be scored on them during the tournament.

That streak was broken in the third inning when Heather Wilson hit a home run.

Down 3-1 in the bottom of the seventh, the Diggers rallied to score three runs to win the game.

The comeback started when the first three batters, Hannah Hallsworth, Meagan Eveleigh and Alex Baker-Nevills each hit singles.

With the bases loaded, Elizabeth Harris then fouled off several pitches before obtaining the only base on balls allowed by the Mississauga pitcher.

With the bases still loaded and no one out, Alana Rose hit a single to right field to score both the tying and winning runs to capture the gold medal.

The weekend featured outstanding defence, especially by Emily Andrews

who caught all six games. Pitching duties were shared by Wilson and Lauren Renaud.

All team members con-

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 Royal Wood Shop 10 Raegan's 7

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 Royal LePage Spiers 11 Royal LePage Woodhead 5
 Oak Ridges 10 Royal LePage Armstrong 0
 King City 11 Royal LePage Armstrong 7

Midget

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 Bradford 10 Greenham's Distinctive Clothier 6

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Aurora's Mitchell Sziraky, 12, participated in the 2005 IIHF World Junior Champions ring presentation at the 2005 Canadian Hockey Foundation Celebrity Classic held last week in Toronto. Each Junior team member was presented a ring by a different GTA minor hockey player. Mitchell presented to Dion Phaneuf, who took time after the official function to sign a hockey jersey which had Dion's name on the sweater's back and Mitchell got to keep.

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Town rejects China request

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would be better spent advertising what the town had to offer than paying for a trip to China.

Councillor Ron Wallace put it more bluntly: "If you want to go, pay your own way."

As one of the reasons for the proposed trip was said to be for gaining a better understanding and learning the culture and protocol in China for developing business relationships, Councillor Evelyn Buck suggested the group visit Markham instead.

Mayor Tim Jones gave a spirited defence of the proposal as to how it would support existing Aurora businesses and enable them to expand their opportunities outside Aurora.

He added that Aurora had the opportunity to be

on the leading edge of trade relationships with China and if council rejected the opportunity they would live to regret it.

Councillor Kean replied that there was the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance who arranged trips for businessmen and it was up to individual companies to do it on their own.

Councillor Morris also defended the proposed trip and reminded council members that the Economic Development Officer had been directed by council to investigate the feasibility of such a trip.

She said she planned to go in any case in hopes of working out a strategic alliance with Chinese businessmen.

Councillor John West said he had visited China at his own expense and

described how Canada and the United States were losing jobs to China due to the low wages paid there.

After further discussion the staff report was rejected and a motion not to approve the trip was adopted with Mayor Jones in opposition.

In October 2004 the Economic Development Advisory Committee received a staff report addressing the strategic process necessary to facilitate a reciprocal visit to Hancunhe, China by a delegation from Aurora.

Planning the trip came

as a result of a formal invitation from the Mayor of Hancunhe following his visit to Aurora in October, 2003.

Mayor Yu Yinghu accompanied by businessmen and city officials made a three-day visit to Aurora to view educational, municipal services and inspect industrial plants.

The Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance has no plans for a visit to China this year.

As a result of council's decision not to lead the delegation to China, the future of the proposed visit is unknown.

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HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

U8B M/W-JUNE 25- Purple 5 (B. Reil 3, E. Powell 1, A. Waite 1) vs **Royal- Summers and Smith** 0; **Red- Priestly Demolition Inc.** 1 (M. Fisher 1) vs **Lime** 1 (I. Reid 1); **Navy- York Vein Laser** 3 (A. Movrin 2, J. Moreland 1) vs **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 1 (K. Olguin 1); **White- Scott Corbett Royal LePage York North Realty** 3 (D. Ledinek 1, J. Weimer 2) vs **Teal- LeGrow Agency** 0; **Yellow** 6 (M. Koopmans 1, J. Thompson 3, T. Coleta 1, I. Telfer 1) vs **Black** 2 (D. Semenovych 1, N. Papousek 1); **Silver** 2 (J. Appleby 1, C. Rice 1) vs **Forest- Kavanagh Roofing** 1 (A. Riswick 1); **JUNE 25- Purple** 2 (E. Powell 1, A. Waite 1) vs **Navy- York Vein Laser** 3 (K. Wasborough 1, A. Movrin 1, J. Moreland 1); **Red- Priestly Demolition Inc.** 2 (M. Fisher 1, M. Galajda 1) vs **Silver** 3 (R. Cabral 1, C. Rice 1, J. Appleby 1); **White- Scott Corbett Royal LePage York North Realty** 5 (J. Weimer 4, A. Prsa 1) vs **Forest- Kavanagh Roofing** 0; **Kelly- Taylor Stone Mansorny Contracting Ltd.** 7 (Q. Bell 2, M. Dalli 1, K. Olguin 4) vs **Black** 1 (D. Semenovych 1); **Teal- LeGrow Agency** 0 vs **Lime** 4 (J. Battison 3, D. Frobel 1); **JUNE 29- Navy- York Vein Laser** 3 (J. Moreland 3) vs **Lime** 1 (J. Battison 1); **Black** 5 (D. Semenovych 3, M. Walsh 2) vs **Red- Priestly Demolition Inc.** 2 (M. Albert 1, E. Duffy 1); **Purple** 3 (E. Powell 3) vs **Forest- Kavanagh Roofing** 0; **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 4 (K. Olguin 3, M. Dalli 1) vs **Orange** 6 (M. Perri 2, B. Bilotta 1, S. Sebastia 1, S. Tsianos 1, J. Ellison 1); **Sky- Viking Shrine Club** 2 (D. Gannon 1, N. O'Hearn 1) vs **Yellow** 3 (A. Roberts 1, C. MacPherson 1, T. Coleta 1); **Royal- Summers and Smith** 0 vs **White- Scott Corbett Royal LePage York North Realty** 8 (D. Ledinek 1, J. Weimer 7); **JUNE 25-Royal- Summers and Smith** 0 vs **Sky- Viking Shrine Club** 0; **JULY 6- Black** 6 (D. Semenovych 4, M. Walsh 1, J. Sherwood 1) vs **Teal- LeGrow Agency** 1 (S. Daoust 1); **Sky- Viking Shrine Club** 2 (D. Gannon 1, M. Leone 1) vs **Forest- Kavanagh Roofing** 1 (C. Murphy 1); **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 7 (K. Olguin 4, M. Dalli 1, S. Semeraro 1, A. Ross 1) vs **Silver** 4 (J. Appleby 3, M. Neudorf 1); **Navy- York Vein Laser** 4 (J. Moreland 2, C. Kritzinger 1, K. Wansbrough 1) vs **Red- Priestly Demolition Inc.** 2 (M. Bellerby 1, M. Galajda 1); **Purple** 2 (E. Powell 2) vs **Orange** 8 (M. Perri 2, S. Sebastia 1, P. Hubbard 1, S. Tsianos 2, L. Camick 2); **Yellow** 3 (T. Coleta 1, J. Thompson 1, M. Ruggerio 1) vs **White- Scott Corbett Royal LePage York North Realty** 3 (J. Weimer 2, T. Litke 1); **STINGER CUP GAME- Royal- Summers and Smith** 1 (B. White 1) vs **Lime** 2 (I. Reid 1, D. Freebel 1); **U8G- JUNE 27- Sky** 1 (A. Ainge 1) vs **Red** 0; **Royal- Laurion & Associates** 3 (R. Glynn 2, C. Webb 1) vs **Silver** 0; **Yellow- Model Builders General Contracting** 5 (H. Schwarze 2, T. Landry 2, M. Scuglia 1) vs **Forest- Casey Transportation Co. Ltd** 2 (E. Chouinard 1, E. Mittlstaedt 1); **White** 1 (N. Hicks 1) vs **Kelly** 1 (I. Alfano 1); **Purple** 2 (S. Cohen 1, C. Hull 1) vs **Teal** 2 (A. DePiero 1, M. Gans 1); **JULY 4- White** 1 (N. Mangialardi 1) vs **Silver** 3 (J. Smith 2, G. DiPede 1); **Sky** 1 (J. Woodward 1) vs **Teal** 2 (P. Smith 1, A. Kern 1); **Yellow- Model Builders General Contracting** 1 (H. Schwarze 1) vs **Purple** 2 (S. Cohen 1, J. Chalmers 1); **STINGER CUP GAME- JULY 11- Teal** 1 vs **Kelly** 3; **Silver** 2 vs **Red** 4; **JULY 11- Kelly** 3 (B. Gatzos 1, H. Schiafone 1, M. Lykos 1) vs **Teal** 1 (M. Gans 1); **White** 9 (C. Dusome 6, N. Hicks 1, E. Currie 2) vs **Forest- Casey Transportation Co. Ltd** 0; **Yellow- Model Builders General Contracting** 1 (T. Landry 1) vs **Royal - Laurion & Associates** 4 (R. Glynn 2, A. Abbaglivo 1, C. Webb 1); **Red** 4 (M. Maynard 1, J. Steiner 2, K. Braunstein 1) vs **Silver** 2 (G. DiPede 1, J. Smith 1); **Sky** 1 (C. Holmeshaw 1) vs **Purple** 1 (J. Avolio 1); **U9B-JUNE 2- Purple** 3 (C. Higgins 2) vs **Yellow** 1 (C. Corsi 1); **Orange** 1 (M. Tanel 1) vs **Red- Scotiabank** 9; **Kelly** 1 (L. Coll 1) vs **Royal- Tarcova Precast Ltd** 2 (R. McGoldrick 1, J. Tanel 1); **Forest- CIBC** 1 vs **Sky- The Packaging Group** 8; **Teal** 4 (P. Makinde 4) vs **White** 2 (A. Cicchino 1, S. Kernerman 1); **JUNE 9-STINGER CUP GAME- Royal- Tarcova Precast Ltd** 7 vs **Yellow** 1; **Red- Scotiabank** 5 (M. Jones 2, R. Manson 2, A. DeRoos 1) vs **Sky- The Packaging Group** 5 (L. Blaser 1, J. Mitchell 1, S. Robb 2, A. Dolewski 1); **Teal** 2 (P. Makinde 2) vs **Purple** 3 (C. Higgins 1, T. Johnson 2); **Orange** 3 (M. Schouten 1, S. Barker 1, M. Tanel 1) vs **White** 2 (A. Cicchino 2); **Forest- CIBC** 1 (G. Oulahan 1) vs **Kelly** 2 (B. Wilson 2); **JUNE 25- Kelly** 4 (M. Pelkola 1, B. Wilson 2, J. Clark 1) vs **Yellow** 0; **Orange** 1 (M. Tanel 1) vs **Forest- CIBC** 2 (A. Romeo 2); **White** 0 vs **Purple** 0; **Royal- Tarcova Precast Ltd** 2 (J. Detoro 1, R. O'Brien 1) vs **Sky- The Packaging Group** 5 (L. Blaser 4, A. Walter 1); **Teal** 7 (P. Makinde 6, M. Heintzman 1) vs **Red- Scotiabank** 6 (T. Futterer 1, M. Jones 1, R. Manson 1, L. Pozzebon 3); **U9G-JUNE 7- Orange** 0 vs **Royal** 4 (E. Fischer 1, J. Kavooosi 1); **Sky** 3 (C. Walker 2, A. Roach 1) vs **Maroon** 4 (C. Carmosino 3, S. Wolpert 1); **Kelly** 2 (E. Baghel 1, M. Minchella 1) vs **Teal** 0; **White** 2 (S. Currie 1) vs **Forest- Gringler Iskov Lerner** 1 (T. Lerner 1); **JUNE- 14- Royal** 2 (E. Fisher 1, J. Horner 1) vs **Teal** 1; **White** 1 (D. Pletsas 1) vs **Red- Summit Mechanical** 6 (A. Johnson 2, M. Chick 1, O. Angelski 1, C. Cheung 1, M. Stewart 1); **JULY 4- Yellow- Rotary Club of Aurora** 2 (G. McCreesh 1, S. Lambert 1) vs **Forest- Gringler Iskov Lerner** 0; **Maroon** 3 (C. Carmosino 2, C. Bloomfield 1) vs **Teal** 1 (E. Mosely 1); **Maroon** 2 (C. Carmosino 1, S. Blois 1) vs **Orange** 2 (M. Szwec 1, M. Cugini 1); **Royal** 3 (M. Bloom 1, E. Whyte 1, J. Horner 1) vs **Forest- Gringler Iskov Lerner** 0; **JULY 5- Maroon** 4 (S. Blois 2, S. White 1, S. Wolpert 1) vs **Red- Summit Mechanical** 4 (C. Perna 1, C. Cheung 2, M. Chick 1); **Forest- Gringler Iskov Lerner** 0 vs **Sky** 5 (H. Shapiro 5); **Kelly** 3 (M. Minchella 2, L. Stewart 1) vs **Royal** 1 (M. Bloom 1); **Teal** 5 (N. Boyle 2, J. Hookey 3) vs **White** 1 (A. Brooks 1); **U10B- JUNE FESTIVAL- Red- Dr. Mark Weeden** 2 (B. Hankins 1, L. Nych 1) vs **Royal- Highland Chev Cadillac** 1 (J. McDonald 1); **Yellow** 3 (Dowling 2, Poutney 1) vs **Forest- Dr. Paul Steiner Family Dentist** 3 (Farquahson

1, Staeuble 1, Nonnewitz 1); **White** 4 (P. Hess 2, R. Baskin 1, G. Baskin 1) vs **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 2 (K. McIntosh 1); **Orange** 1 (M. Sjolín 1) vs **Teal** 1 (A. McDonald 1); **Sky** 6 (J. Brooks 1, G. Plukov 3, V. Ruscica 1, T. Braunstein 1) vs **Purple** 2 (T. Scougall 1, T. Waite 1); **Purple** 0 vs **Orange** 2 (Z. Ferry 1, M. Hudon 1); **Teal** 2 (A. McDonald 2) vs **Yellow** 1 (J. Todd 1); **White** 2 (R. Baskin 2) vs **Sky** 0; **Royal- Highland Chev Cadillac** 2 (J. Chehade 1, A. Collings 1) vs **Forest- Dr. Paul Steiner Family Dentist** 1 (P. Steiner 1); **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 1 (K. McIntosh 1) vs **Red- Dr. Mark Weeden** 2 (B. Hankins 1, L. Nych 1); **JULY 5-White** 2 (F. DeBuono 1) vs **Teal** 3 (D. Eveleigh 1, D. Sikura 1, T. Oliver 1); **Yellow** 3 (W. Reid 1, N. Farquahson 1, E. Staeuble 1) vs **Purple** 6 (H. Finley 2, J. Samide 1, J. McConnell 3); **Red- Dr. Mark Weeden** 2 (B. Hankins 1) vs **Orange** 2 (M. Sjolín 1, Z. Kercz 1); **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 2 (J. Geniole 1) vs **Royal- Highland Chev Cadillac** 4 (J. McDonald 2, A. Collings 1, A. Picheca-Fargher 1); **Sky** 2 (G. Plukov 2) vs **Forest- Dr. Paul Steiner Family Dentist** 2 (J. Poutney 1, C. Tatham 1); **JULY 7- Red- Dr. Mark Weeden** 3 (D. Fiori 2, B. Hankins 1) vs **Yellow** 3 (N. Nisbit 1, Ludwig 1); **Royal- Highland Chev Cadillac** 6 (W. Brogan 1, J. McDonald 3, A. Collings 2) vs **Purple** 2 (J. Samide 1, J. McConnell 1); **Forest- Dr. Paul Steiner Family Dentist** 1 (R. Dowling 1) vs **White** 1 (A. Merali 1);

U10B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	3	1	3	12
Royal	4	3	0	12
Forest	3	2	2	11
Sky	3	2	2	11
Teal	3	2	2	11
Orange	3	2	2	11
White	3	3	1	10
Yellow	2	2	3	9
Purple	2	5	0	6
Kelly	1	5	1	4

U10G-JULY 4- Forest- Aurora Cable Internet 4 (R. Gaudio 3, M. McGregor 1) vs **Navy- CIBC** 3 (S. Andreaacchi 1, S. Farah-Mina 1, M. Shapiro 1); **Yellow** 3 vs **Kelly- Continental Granite** 5; **JULY 11- Champagne** 3 (C. Bianchi 1, J. Neudorf 1, S. Young 1) vs **White- Canadian Riterate Energy Corp.** 1 (L. Hunter 1);

U10G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Champag	6	0	1	19
Red	5	0	1	16
Yellow	4	2	0	12
Kelly	3	2	1	10
Navy	3	4	0	9
White	2	3	1	7
Forest	2	4	0	6
Royal	2	4	0	6
Sky	1	4	0	3
Teal	0	5	0	0

U11B- JUNE 16- Yellow- Lukezic Inc 3 vs **Royal** 1; **Forest** 4 vs **Red-Worldwide Drain Corp.** 1; **JUNE 23- Yellow- Lukezic Inc.** 4 (K. Lukezic 3, A. Cackervoski 1) vs **White** 1 (L. Beeson 1); **Teal** 3 (T. White 1, R. Sparling 1, L. Varone 1) vs **Forest** 2(K. Neice 1, S. Stevens 1); **JUNE 25-White** 3 (L. Beeson 2, M. Zuber 1) vs **Teal** 2 (J. Schweinberger 1, D. Delayne 1); **Teal** 2 (J. Schweinberger 1, R. Rival 1) vs **Forest** 1 (A. Phipps 1); **Yellow** 6 (A. Pitura 2, J. Romano 2, B. Kirasack 2) vs **Red- Worldwide Drain Corp.** 1 (M. Perez 1); **JULY 5- Teal** 2 (J. Schweinberger 1, L. Varone 1, Z. Piezo 1) vs **Red- Worldwide Drain Corp.** 0; **Forest** 3 (C. Albert 1, M. Tenuta 1, A. Phipps 1) vs **White** 3 (J. Delplavignano 1, L. Beeson 1, J. Hudon 1); **Royal** 3 (C. Riswick 2, G. Bresani 1) vs **Yellow- Lukezic Inc.** 3 (C. Bamford 1, S. Smith 1, V. Duggan 1); **STINGER CUP GAME-Royal** 3 (C. Riswick 2, J. Bentolila 1) vs **White** 3 (L. Beeson 2, J. White 1);

U11B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	4	1	3	15
Yellow	4	1	2	14
Teal	3	4	0	9
Red	2	3	1	7
Forest	1	3	2	5
Royal	0	2	4	4

U11G - JUNE 26- JUNE FESTIVAL RESULTS- White- Auto Camping Ltd. 3 (S. Fowles 1, H. Manson 2) vs **Kelly** 2 (S. Kanen 1, K. Adams 1); **Yellow** 1 vs **Forest** 3; **Red-Sleep Comfort Superstore** 1 (M. masci 1) vs **Teal** 0; **Sky** 0 vs **Royal** 0; **GAME 2- White- Auto Camping Ltd.** 3 (C. Macleod 2, S. Tate 1) vs **Sky** 4 (C. Malone 1, N. Kovacs 2, L. Hayhow 1); **Yellow** 1 vs **Forest** 3; **Red- Sleep Comfort Superstore** 3 (S. Duncan 1, B. Buckley 1, S. Klein 1) vs **Kelly** 0; **Forest- Bayer** 5 (J. Costa 3, B. Cardelli 2) vs **Royal** 0; **JUNE 29- Yellow** 1 (S. Bilotta 1) vs **Royal** 3 (S. Baczynski 1, E. Wood 1, A. Wood 1); **Kelly** 3 (R. Knetch 2, M. Dias 1) vs **Teal** 2 (E. Herschorn 2); **White- Auto Camping** 1 (J. Seidel 1) vs **Forest- Bayer** 1 (B. Cardeth 1); **Red- Sleep Comfort Superstore** 3 (C. Masci 1, S. Byron 1, N. Kuria 1) vs **Sky** 1 (N. Kovacs 1);

U11G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	5	2	0	15
Red	5	2	0	15
White	4	1	2	14
Forest	4	2	1	13
Royal	3	3	1	10
Teal	2	4	1	7
Sky	1	5	1	4
Yellow	1	6	0	3

U12B- STINGER CUP- JUNE 22- Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Service 3 (J. Peters 3) vs **Teal** 0; **Forest** 4 (S. Nagindas 2, L. Ratchev 2) vs **White- F.R. Custom Metal** 3 (A. Reid 3, A. Kerezs 1);

JUNE FESTIVAL- Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Service 3 (J. Peters 3) vs **Yellow** 2 (D. Kovacs 1, C. East 1); **White- F.R. Custom Metal** 2 (D. McConnell 1, D. Montgomery 1) vs **Teal** 2 (C. Weese 1, A. Hafez 1); **Forest** 5 (D. Skelton 2, J. Lombardi 1, L. Ratchev 1, B. Strachan 1) vs **Royal** 0; **Yellow** 3 (D. Kovacs 1, R. MacFarlane 1, C. East 1) vs **White** 2 (A. Kerezs 1, M. Nonnewitz 1); **Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Services** 6 (K. Kamramchi 3, J. Peters 2, T. Brewer 1) vs **Royal** 2 (B. Mathews 1, R. Wilson 1); **Forest** 3 (S. Dinning 1, C. Boyce 1, L. Ratchev 1) vs **Teal** 0; **JUNE 27- Forest** 6 (S. Nagindas 2, D. Skelton 2, C. Boyce 2) vs **Teal** 3 (C. Weese 1, A. Scott 1, K. McCreedy 1); **Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Service** 6 (K. Kamramchi 3, T. Brewer 1, J. Lennie 1, J. Figeriredo 1) vs **Royal** 2 (A. Durant 1, V. Grabovsky 1);

U12B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	9	1	1	28
Red	9	2	0	27
Royal	5	5	1	16
Yellow	5	5	0	15
Teal	2	7	1	7
White	0	10	1	1

U12G-JULY 7- Red- Excellon Resources Inc. 2 (J. Nerling 1, B. Wiener 1) vs **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 1 (L. Crowley 1); **Sky- The Packaging Group** 2 (B. Cackirovski 1, J. DiCosmo 1) vs **Yellow- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 2 (R. Kane 1, C. Montgomery 1); **White- BMPS** 2 (M. Nisbet 1, J. Arnew 1) vs **Royal- Magna International** 1 (A. Morisani 1); **STINGER CUP GAME- JULY 12- Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 3 (M. Nisbet 2, C. Layton 1) vs **Royal- Magna International** 1 (A. Morisani 1);

U12G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	3	1	4	13
White	4	3	1	13
Sky	2	0	6	12
Kelly	2	2	4	10
Yellow	2	2	4	10
Royal	1	6	1	4

U13B- JUNE 30- Forest- Dr. Orschel's Drillers 1 (M. Orschel 1) vs **WSSC** 9 (C. Porter 6, W. Copp 3); **JULY 7- WSSC** 1 vs **Royal- Wall Savers Ltd.** 6; **STINGER CUP- Yellow- Barb Blaser Remax** 3 (O. Boettcher 1, D. Eveleigh 1, P. Che 1) vs **Forest- Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 6 (J. Killens 4, M. D'Andrea 1, N. Watts 1);

U13B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	5	1	1	16
WSSC	4	5	1	13
Yellow	3	1	2	11
White	3	2	1	10
Forest	0	6	1	1

U13G- JUNE 21- Royal- Strategic Technologies Consulting 4 (M. Hilliard 1, A. Coulter 1, R. Mester 1, M. Glayman 1) vs **White- Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 2 (S. Saccone 1, H. Wilson 1); **Yellow- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 3 (L. Boniface 2, G. Leava 1) vs **Teal- Aegis Engineering** 0; **Forest- Nantucket Woodworking Ltd** 4 (P. Sidea 1, S. Dilena 1, I. Harrison 1, M. Hart 1) vs **Red- SSL Group** 0; **JUNE 26- Red-SSL Group** 0 vs **Forest- Nantucket Woodworking Ltd.** 2 (S. Dilena 1, C. Francone 1); **STINGER CUP GAME- JUNE 28- White- Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 0 vs **Teal- Aegis Engineering** 0; **Yellow-** 3 (S. Kastanis 2, L. Boniface 1) vs **Red- SSL Group** 0; **GAME 2- Red- SSL Group** 0 vs **Forest- Nantucket Woodworking Ltd.** 2 (S. Dilena 1, C. Francone 1); **White- Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 0 vs **Royal- Strategic Technologies Consulting** 2 (M. Hilliard 1, A. Coulter 1); **Teal- Aegis Engineering** 0 vs **Yellow** 1 (S. Kastanis 1);

U13G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	4	0	1	13
Yellow	4	0	1	13
Forest	2	2	1	7
Teal	1	2	2	5
White	1	3	1	4
Red	0	5	0	0

U14/U15B STANDINGS

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

U14G-JUNE 29- Teal- Pizza Pizza 5 (J. Williams 2, K. Johnstone 2, A. Kerr 1) vs **Royal- Pizza Pizza** 1 (J. Trevisan 1); **White- Pizza Pizza** 3 (S. Chefero 1, L. Thiffault 1, S. Pozzebon 1) vs **Red- Pizza Pizza** 2 (A. Cowie 1, A. Malone 1); **Yellow- Pizza Pizza** 2 (E. Hayzelden 1, T. Orser 1) vs **Forest- Pizza Pizza** 2 (C. Haywood 1, L. Jacobs 1); **JULY 6- Forest- Pizza Pizza** 0 vs **White- Pizza Pizza** 5 (L. Thiffault 3, E. Lamont 2); **Teal- Pizza Pizza** 4 (A. Kerr 2, K. Johnstone 1, S. Deacon 1) vs **Red- Pizza Pizza** 2 (M. Staniewski 2); **Royal- Pizza Pizza** 2 (A. Tonlin 2) vs **Yellow- Pizza Pizza** 5 (E. Hayzelden 1, D. Nasato 1, T. Yeoman 1, C. Romano 1, L. Pitts 1);

U14 GIRLS STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Teal	5	3	0	15
Yellow	4	2	2	14
White	4	3	1	13
Red	3	2	3	12
Royal	3	4	1	10
Forest	1	6	1	4

U15/19G M/W - JULY 6- Teal 4 (S. Bolton 1, J. Davis 1, M. Druzina 2) vs **Red- Quality Intergrators Corp.** 2 (A. Brown 1, K. Bertenshaw 1); **Royal- Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 6 (W. Dale 1, A. Paul 1, J. Williams 1, J. Martin 2, A. Durant 1) vs **Yellow** 2 (J. Dezorzi 1, A. Digiambatista 1); **White- Sean Herbinson Remax York Group** 2 (E. Farley 1, J. Callaghan 1) vs **Forest- Forever Young Hair Studio** 1;

U15/U19G M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	5	0	1	16
Teal	4	1	1	13
Royal	4	1	1	13
Yellow	2	3	1	7
Forest	1	5	0	3
Red	0	6	0	0

U15/U19G T/TH STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	5	0	0	15
Forest	2	1	1	7
Red	2	2	1	7
Yellow	2	3	0	6
Teal	1	2	1	4
Royal	0	4	1	1

COMPETITIVE STINGERS RESULTS -

U9Boys Team 2- June 16- Royal Wood Shop 0 vs **Markham Lightening** 7.



The winner of a recent Aurora Minor Ball Association draw with Aurora's M & M Meat Shops is Brenda Stanbury, left. She took part in a three-day blitz at the store where customers who identified themselves as connected with the AMBA caused M & M to donate 10 per cent of sales to the group. Brenda won a \$50 gift certificate. M & M's Greg Foster made the presentation, while Kim Read of the AMBA looks on.

Church Street School

AHS lease nearly complete

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include two members of the society and two members from council who would report directly to council.

The society also sought to extend the lease to 20 years with two further 10-year terms.

Many questions were asked about the proposed agreement changes including clarification of who would be responsible for renting the building.

Councillors also wanted to know the rationale for a four-member committee as it did not allow for a tie-breaking vote, clarification of parking arrangements for occupants and asked for staff to provide a full history

of funding provided by the town.

In a report to a recent council meeting staff said that over the past 15 years the town had spent \$945,464 on renovations to the Church Street School.

The Town will maintain the exterior of the building as obligated by the Easement Agreement in favour of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, be responsible for replacement costs of the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, water and structural systems of the building and provide snow removal and ground maintenance.

When the amending agreement came to council last week, Councillor Evelyn Buck questioned why staff was

excluded on the joint committee.

David Pierce, a solicitor representing the Society, said it is beneficial to have two members of the society and two members of council and if there was a tie it would be up to council to decide.

Buck had several other questions and pointed out there had been considerable other expenses prior to those listed in the report dating back to 1976 with the report starting in 1991.

Councillor Damir Vrancic questioned the town's use of the facility.

He said he understood the society was responsible for subletting subject to the approval of the town but the lease contradicted that and he

Thompson Funeral Home

Town rejects address change proposal

Unless town staff can come up with a way to rename a section of the Industrial Parkway back to the Vandorf Sideroad, or create a new Thompson Drive, the new Thompson Funeral Home is stuck with an Industrial Parkway address.

Thompson Funeral Home, located on Victoria Street for several years, is building larger quarters on the former Jack Chapman property on Industrial Parkway across the street from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

Last August, Thompson owners wrote to council seeking a Yonge Street address which was rejected by the town's planning department and the Central York Fire Services, as contrary to council's street numbering policy.

As the owners did not agree with the staff decision, they appealed to council for final resolution.

Both the town's planning staff and the Central York Fire Services believe there could be a potential confusion in an emergency situation.

The site plan clearly indicates the main entrance is located on Industrial Parkway. There was also a concern that a change in address could set a precedent.

Last month Thompson Funeral Home Managing Director Brent Forrester appeared before the general committee to request that the funeral home be granted a Yonge Street address rather than an Industrial Parkway address.

He pointed out that with a Yonge Street address it would be possible to provide clear and simple directions for people

visiting the funeral home.

He added that the only land between the Thompson property and Yonge Street was a York Regional road allowance, so that technically the property abutted Yonge Street.

Last week town staff recommended the Yonge Street address be denied.

Councillor John West suggested a street be created running off Industrial Parkway so the address could be 1 Thompson Drive, which might solve the problem.

Councillor Ron Wallace said the section of roadway was once known as the Vandorf Sideroad, and he suggested the section return to its original name.


Unless a change of street name is approved, the funeral home's address will be 530 Industrial Parkway South.

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He talked to people around the world using his amateur radio transmitter and homemade antenna.

It wasn't long before he made almost 400 contacts in 22 countries, including Germany, Russia, Venezuela and Japan.

To ham operators, talking doesn't necessarily mean voice contact as most of contacts were made using Morse Code.

AURORA MAN ACCEPTS BRAZIL ASSIGNMENT

In March, 1973, William A. West of Aurora, a consultant to the Canadian Leather Manufacturing Industry, accepted a volunteer assignment from Canadian Executive Service Overseas (CESO).

For the next few months he would serve as an advisor to a Training Company in Campinas, Brazil, to assist them in improving their production procedures.

CESO was a non-profit organization established in 1967 by a group of Canadian business leaders with the assistance of the Canadian Industrial Development Agency.

Its purpose was to recruit senior business executives and technical experts, usually retired, to serve as volunteer consultants to developing countries around the world.

CESO paid all transportation charges and the host government or organization was responsible for accommodation and living expenses.

PREVIOUS ATTACKS ON AURORA MAYORS

Recently Mayor Tim Jones came under criticism for a column he wrote supporting the actions of Newmarket/Aurora MP Belinda Stronach in crossing the floor to join the Liberal Party.

Back in October, 1973, Aurora Council members rushed to the defence of Mayor Evelyn Buck and bitterly rebuked Councillor Illytd Harris in another chapter of the Great Prince Edward Island debate.

Mayor Buck published critical comments about the City of Charlottetown after attending a municipal conference there.

Her remarks brought a deluge of letters from PEI readers.

Councillor Harris claimed that Mayor Buck was not representing the people of Aurora when she made her remarks in a letter of apology he wrote to the mayor and members of the City of Charlottetown.

He wrote that he was appalled that the name of Aurora had been associated with her derogatory remarks.

In January, 1971, Councillor Norm Stewart took Mayor Dick Illingworth to task for permitting more than one spokesman for a delegation to address council.

Stewart pointed out that the procedural bylaw only permitted one speaker per delegation.

Stewart also reminded the mayor that earlier in the year, during the controversial council pay increase debate, he had recessed council when more than one speaker tried to follow the designated delegate and suggested that he be consistent.

REMEMBERING THE Y2K BUG

Prior to the turn of the century there was panic in many circles, including municipalities that their computer systems would be thrown into complete turmoil with the coming of the year 2000.

Pessimists predicted it would be a grave event on a global scale with a Y2K induced recession.

On the other hand, the optimists didn't expect a disaster on the scale that was making the headlines.

In any case, consultants and computer experts were hired at great expense to prepare software programs, especially in accounting, to accept the new dating system, especially for those programs where the year was shown by two digits.

There was a fear the programs wouldn't be able to tell the difference between 1900 and 2000.

The turn of the century came and went and there were no major reports of computer breakdowns.

Whether it was a false alarm spread by consultants and computer experts or a real threat may never be known, but those who spread the rumours did okay financially.

IT HAPPENED IN 1965

* Nineteen-year-old John O'Rourke received a citation from Aurora Council for his rescue of a two-year-old boy from a 33-foot deep well.

* Councillor Jim Murray, a former mayor, proposed that the town adopt a ward system in electing town council members.

* Council confirmed reports that a large housing and commercial development at Orchard Heights Boulevard and Yonge Street was being proposed and the discussion exploded into a name-calling debate and leaks to the press, resulting in a demand for open meetings with developers.

* Today, we're still without a ward system and council meetings are much the same.



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Aurora's annual report

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- A total of 14,500 Aurora Living Residents Guides were delivered to homes in Aurora;
- Central York Fire Services responded to 1452 calls in Aurora. Of the calls received, 24 per cent are false alarms; seven per cent are fires; 39 per cent are medical; nine per cent are 'other'; 13 per cent are public hazards; eight per cent are rescues.
- Registration in Leisure Services general programs increased by 18 per cent;
- There were 63 Council, Public Planning, General Committee and Special Committee meetings held;
- Forty-nine traffic counts were undertaken;
- Fifteen water main

breaks were repaired;

- Seventeen site plans and amendments were filed.
- These and many more statistical pieces of information can be found in the Town's 2004 Annual Report. Copies are available from the General Committee Report of June 21st, and they can be found on the internet on the


Town's web site:
www.town.aurora.on.ca.

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

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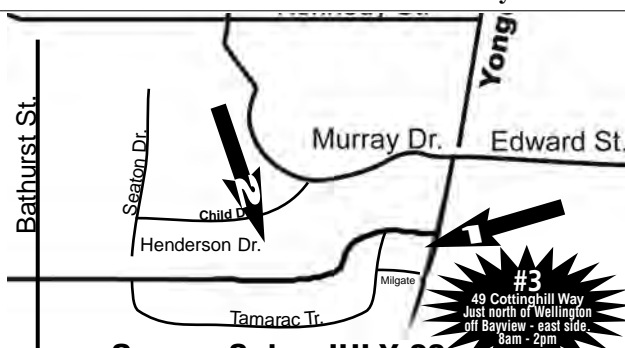
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