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Guest speaker at last week's Aurora Chamber of Commerce meeting, Ron MacLean from Hockey Night in Canada, was welcomed by two Chamber members Kimberley Kerr, left, and Brenda Snape. MacLean spoke to a packed house at DiNardo's, and, without Don Cherry, was actually able to get a word in edgewise.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

## MacLean wows capacity crowd

For a young person who had no ambition to become involved in hockey broadcasting, as he wanted to pursue his education, Ron MacLean has done rather well as host of Hockey Night in Canada, or as he describes it "as straight man to Don Cherry on Coach's Corner".

MacLean was guest speaker at an Aurora Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week and his

thoughtful insights and engaging style entertained the more than 200 members and guests in attendance.

His broadcasting career started in 1978 in Red Deer, Alberta, for \$3 per hour.

The station carried network programs but every hour MacLean said he had to push a button to give the local station's call sign. He also read the news at midnight

and when in Grade 12, he was a disk jockey. Later he did the weather on TV.

One night in 1984, a hockey producer saw him ad lib a weather forecast and hired him to host the Calgary Flames telecasts on an independent TV station in Calgary.

His first game was against the Toronto Maple Leafs and between periods he was to interview Harold Ballard and lost complete

## 72 floats booked for giant parade

Santa Claus, in the dark, returns to Aurora this Saturday night.

The annual Santa Under the Stars Parade, as usual, is expected to draw almost the entire population of the town to Yonge Street.

The parade, starting at Yonge and Orchard Heights Blvd. gets underway at 6 p.m. and is expected to take more than an hour to pass a single spot.

Service groups, organizations and businesses have been busy preparing an array

of creative floats for this year's big event and they will be joined by marching bands, fire trucks, animals and even politicians as they lead the way for the man in the red suit.

More than 72 decorated floats are expected to be in the parade, that will probably reach its destination before Santa has left the starting site.

Included will be the popular Burlington Teen Band in addition to the oldest marching band in Canadian History - the Newmarket Citizens' Band

All under the stars, the night time parade was an idea introduced by the late Councillor Herb McKenzie several years ago that has caught on and become an annual event.

The parade runs south to Murray Drive.

As usual, it will be a night to remember.

## Drivers limited to two-hour parking

After months of complaining, residents living on streets around the Town Park may get some relief from rail commuters who can't find a parking spot and leave their cars in the neighbourhood all day.

Originally the Traffic Safety Advisory Board recommended a six-hour parking limit be imposed for all areas of the town.

Council members expressed concern that such a restriction would have an impact on resi-

dents who had overnight guests.

It was suggested other alternatives be considered for the area around the park including permit parking for residents. The recommended six hour limit was defeated and staff was directed to check with other municipalities and review alternatives.

In September, the issue was front and centre when a 13-year-old boy was struck by a car, said to be a direct result of lack of visibility caused by com-

muter parking.

It was pointed out that when a train arrives the area around the Town Park is close to gridlock as commuters all try to leave at the same time.

It was reported that GO Transit had acquired two properties around the station for the construction of parking lots designed to hold more than 200 vehicles.

In the meantime GO officials will try to open space to park up to 50 cars before the winter.

The whole issue of commuter parking, including permit parking, was referred to staff who reported that the implementation of permit parking would deter GO users from parking on the streets, but would force residents in the area to obtain and display a permit and would not necessarily guarantee a parking spot in front of the residence.

It was believed a permit system would penalize the residents

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The late Rosemary Schumaker, publisher of The Auroran, was named Canadian Area Manager of the Year at a recent Welcome Wagon management conference. Ms Schumaker died in hospital in September.



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## COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

### CONTINUING

Winter parking restrictions are now in effect until next April 15th from 2 to 6 a.m. for snowplowing activities.

During the month of November the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall features the artwork of John MacEachern including watercolours, pastels and egg tempera. Viewing hours are 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

"Martha's Table" offers comfort food and a sense of community at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets. Available are hot soup, sandwiches, and dessert in the hall. Church-sponsored initiative runs every Thursday.

Aurora Agricultural Society (organizer of the Aurora Fair & Horse Show) meets on the second Tuesday of every second month, at 7 p.m., at the Aurora Community Centre. New members welcome. Next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006. For more information, call 905-713-6773 or info@aurorafair.ca, or see our website at www.aurorafair.ca.

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.

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.

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 welcomes

new members throughout the year for monthly meetings with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

Dancing at the Legion, 8 p.m. every Friday night.

Bid Euchre at the Legion 1 p.m. every third Sunday.

Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps, boys and girls, ages 12 to 18. Camping, canoeing, target shooting. Aurora squadron meets every Friday evening. For more information, call 905-726-8600.

Towns of York Toastmasters Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Park Place Manor, 15055 Yonge St. in Aurora. For more information see the club web site at www.townsofyork.org or phone Elena Silaev at 905-726-9750.

Meditation classes every Wednesday evening, 7 to 9 p.m., at Needles & Knit Wool Shop, 15040 Yonge Street.

Stellar Productions and Howard Johnson presents "The Paisley Sisters", a Christmas Special at the Queen Elizabeth Dinner Theatre November 25 and December 2, 3, 9, 16 and 17 with buffet dinner starting at 6.30 and showtime 8.15 p.m. Call 905-727-1312 to reserve.

Theatre Aurora presents "Experiment With an Air Pump" by Shelagh Stephenson. It continues November 26/27 and 30 and December 1 to 4 and 7 to 10. Call 905-727-3669 for tickets.

St. Andrew's College Dramatic Society presents William Shakespeare's classic "A Midsummer Night's Dream". The show runs for three nights, Friday through Sunday. Tickets \$20. Further information contact Jane Bedard, 905-727-3178 extension 260.

Annual Santa Claus Parade will be held under the stars from 6 to 8 p.m. Deadline for float applications is November 18th. For further information call 905-727-3123 extension 4218.

York Highlands Chorus presents "Divine Divas" at the Newmarket Theatre, 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Tickets are \$20; \$15 for seniors and children 12 and under. More information at 905-868-8124 or www.yorkhighlandschorus.com. Proceeds from raffle tickets to Aurora and Newmarket Food Banks.

Aurora Seniors will hold a Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea as their opening event in the new Seniors' Centre. Doors will open at 1.30 p.m. to view the building with the show start-

ing at 2.30 p.m. Call 905-727-2816 for ticket information.

Holiday Spice event includes 20 vendors at St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, St. John's Sideroad, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Supervised Children's Craft Table & Gift Wrapping. \$2 adult admission. Funds raised go to Foundations School in Aurora.

Last date for the pick-up of yard waste. Containers must be at the curb by 7 a.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony in the front courtyard of the Town Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. with caroling, hot chocolate and the official lighting of the tree. Call Shelley Ware at 905-726-4762 for details.

The York Chamber Ensemble celebrates the season with "Winter Noel," an orchestral concert featuring the Trinity Festival Chorus. Concert will take place at Trinity Anglican Church at 7.30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 and \$10 for students and seniors.

Three homes in Aurora will be featured in the inaugural Pickering College Holiday Home Tour between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information call 905-895-1700, extension 334.

The Optimist Club of Aurora hosts its annual book sale at the Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge Street on Saturday, December 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, December 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### DECEMBER 4

A Hillary House Christmas between 2 and 4 p.m. Decorations, gift shop, refreshments and carol singing. Adults \$5, children 12 and under \$3.

### DECEMBER 6

Aurora Public Library, in partnership with York Region Health Services presents Keeping YorKids Safe, a free home safety workshop for parents or caregivers of children, newborn to age 2. Lebovic Room. Pre-register at the adult information desk or phone 905-727-9493, option 4.

### DECEMBER 7

Aurora Public Library in conjunction with Aurora Cable Internet presents the fourth in a series of free computer workshops. Tonight: File Transfers (and how to send photos). Magna Room, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Register on-line, or the adult information desk or phone 905-727-9493, option 4.

### DECEMBER 8

Join the Seniors at the new centre for their Christmas Luncheon. Doors open at 11 a.m. for Happy Hour with Christmas Dinner at noon. Tickets are \$22 for members and \$27 for guests. Register at the Centre.

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Five gathering from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. at the Sunrise Senior Living building, 3 Golf Links Drive. Event is free. Call 905-727-7262 to register.

Amnesty International is holding a Write-a-Thon at Trinity Anglican Church from 7 to 9 p.m. Drop in and send letters or cards to comfort those who are unjustly imprisoned or face/experience torture.

## LEGION News



CLIFF DAVIES

Poppy reports are still coming in, members who have not made a donation are asked to do so soon.

We are a little disappointed with the returns this year but have yet to finalize the results.

At the General Meeting last Tuesday we inducted nine new members. We are looking forward to meeting many of you, as new members, at a future induction.

New Year's Eve Dance tickets are now available at the bar and going fast.

The cost is \$65 for members, \$75 for guests.

The Department of Veterans Affairs representative will not be available on November 23rd or December 28th but our Service Officer will be available from 8 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. on those dates, for any family members of ex-service personnel who need assistance.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Variety Show slated for this week has been postponed until December 14th.

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# Aurora Probus Club celebrates 10th anniversary

It was in November, 1995, when the Aurora Rotary Club extended an invitation to retired and semi-retired professional and businesspeople to form a Probus Club in Aurora and a handful of men met at the former Hotel Aurora to start the process.

There were 22 members when the Club held its first independent meeting in December that year and 10 are still active.

They include Doug Andrew, Carman Baker, Harold Graham, Ken Molyneux, Rex Sedore, Fritz Stoecklin, Gerry Arthur, Bill Dies, Mel Mitchell and George Williams.

Other charter members were Jack Chinnell, Bud Cole, Bob Fletcher, Stephen Mills, Bill O'Reilly, Ross Brethour, Gordon Cockburn, Joe Gaspar, Dick Illingworth, Don Moyer, Stewart Rogers and Jack Sidley.

From that small beginning the Club today has a membership of 95 and is comprised of males and females 55 years of age and older.

It is a social club and has been meeting monthly at the Aurora Legion, but plans to meet in the new Seniors' Centre when it becomes available.

To celebrate the Club's 10th

Anniversary a special meeting was held recently at the Legion to honour the Club's Past Presidents and special guests.

Guest speaker at the anniversary meeting was Dr. Peter Van Nostrand of Gormley who spoke about his father, Dr. Fred H. Van Nostrand in Two World Wars.

Maureen Huismans, a

member of the Newmarket Probus Club and currently serving as President, Probus Centre Canada, brought greetings and presented a Certificate of Congratulations.

Aurora Mayor Tim Jones brought greetings and congratulations from the municipality and spoke about the Character Community initiative. He pre-

sented the Club with a copy of the book "Building Character".

Charter member Dick Illingworth and Rotarian Ron Wallace also brought greetings and best wishes.

President Daisy Hurst introduced Past Presidents Gerry Arthur (1995, 1996 and 1997) Ken Molyneux (1997-1998), Gord Butler (1998-1999), John

Wright (1999-2000), Tom Ridout (2000-2001), Ron Gibson (2001-2002), Doug Andrews (2002-2003), Marion Baggett (2003-2004), and Tom Ridout (2004-2005).

The celebration ended with the cutting of the anniversary cake by Past President Gerry Arthur and President Daisy Hurst.



Gerry Arthur and Daisy Hurst cut Probus cake



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## Poor Richard

# Let the people decide if ward system needed

*The rumblings have started,  
A ward system is the call;  
Councillors had better listen,  
Or they may be heading for a fall.*  
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Just recently in The Auroran there have been letters to the editor for and against a ward system for Aurora, rather than electing all members of council at large as is the current procedure.

The question of a ward system has been introduced in council, every once in a while, by a council member or a delegate to council.

This normally happens when residents of a new subdivision want a voice on council, or as a municipal election nears.

The controversy dates back to July, 1965, when Councillor Jim Murray suggested a ward system so that new subdivisions could have a voice on council.

At that time there were many new residents in Aurora's two subdivisions, Regency Acres and Aurora Heights.

When nothing happened to his suggestion in October, 1965, he moved that a ward system be implemented in Aurora which was defeated by a vote of 8-1.

In June, 1966, Murray repeated his request and this time he was successful in gaining support to appoint a combined citizen-council committee to study the issue.

The committee reported in September, 1966, and recommended that the town make an application to the Ontario Municipal Board for a ward system. The recommendation was rejected by council and was referred back to the committee for reconsideration when the town's population reached 25,000.

The ward system became an issue again in 1970 with the coming of regional government and council of the day voted to remain with electing members of council at large.

In April, 1972, the Aurora Orchards Homeowners Association petitioned council for a ward system but their well-prepared brief was received as information and no action taken on the basis a ward system was premature.

The issue was quiet for several years until in July, 1990,

the Valhalla Heights Ratepayers Association requested a ward system to make councillors more accountable for their actions and threatened to take their case to the OMB if council failed to act.

In November, 1990, council established a council-citizen committee to review the issue.

The committee recommended the issue of a ward system be included on the ballot at the next municipal election.

No action was taken as the OMB set a February, 1992, hearing date for the appeal.

After listening to six witnesses from the ratepayer groups and six witnesses for the town, plus viewing 16 exhibits, the OMB rejected the ratepayers' appeal.

In its written decision, the hearing officer wrote that he was loathe to impose a change in the electoral system, unless there were clear and urgent reasons for so doing and that evidence had not been forthcoming.

He also noted that the time would come when the town would need a ward system, and he didn't think the council of the day would have to be told as the signs would be obvious.

Sooner or later council will see the signs that the electors want a ward system, as there is a feeling that members of council are not listening to them, especially in planning decisions when the vote appears to be in favour of the developers.

From an election point of view, it would be much easier and less costly for members of council to campaign on a ward basis than throughout the entire community.

In addition citizens and council members would find it easier to get to know each other with a ward system

A ward system could lead to a larger voter turnout as electors would only have to decide on a vote for a mayor and one councillor rather than up to eight.

A ward system may even encourage more candidates to enter the race.

There are pros and cons to the issue and council may be wise to promise that a "yes" or "no" question regarding the desire for a ward system will be included on the ballot for the November, 2006, municipal election and let the people have their say.

## Auroran Survey

Never let it be said The Auroran doesn't listen to its readers.  
While the question may still wind up on next November's ballot,  
a reader's poll should help give councillors an idea which way the wind  
is blowing on the ward system issue.

So, here's the question: Should Aurora have a ward system?

YES ☐

NO ☐

If yes, how many wards should it have?

TWO ☐

THREE ☐

FOUR ☐

MORE ☐

IF MORE, HOW MANY? ☐

# Liberals should resign over scandal: reader

To the editor,

If the dreadful Liberals are to form the next administration, Canada needs a more transparent, stronger, viable technique to keep them out of the public purse.

The current system does not work and promises will not fix it.

The government is the guardian of the public purse, not the profligate masked consumer of it.

A total of \$40,000,000 is AWOL and no Liberal knows where it is, or so they say.

I say I do not believe them; in fact I believe Paul Martin's honesty concerning his claim to lack of knowledge in the sponsorship scandal, as little as I believe

George Bush's honesty, concerning matters of WMD, and his manner of protecting prisoners from torture.

I do believe that if the \$40,000,000 was tracked down, it might well throw light on the real perpetrators of the scandal.

Perhaps that is why it has not been traced.

Canadians, by and large, are very decent people and we deserve honest government.

However, this Liberal government is deficient and has not demonstrated honesty or the single-minded vigour to pursue the wrongdoers, in its administration of public affairs.

I am convinced that if the

public drops this matter of the sponsorship scandal, the Liberals will drop it also, the miscreants will go free, and whoever got the \$40,000,000 booty will keep it.

Malfeasance will become a very profitable growth industry as it probably is already.

I am ticked off, and that puts the matter politely!

The sponsorship scandal is a cancerous corruption which eats at the heart of the Liberal party.

The present cabinet appears inept in understanding or dealing with the long term necessity of a Canada, with at least two honest and respected political parties.

The Liberals should resign, which is the old fashioned, honest and principled manner of dealing with such an issue, an approach which has stood democracy on solid foundations since the Greeks invented it.

But the present administration appears to have little appetite for probing too deeply into the sponsorship scandal.

There are good and respectable Liberal members, and I acknowledge them, and sympathize that they should be caught up in this scandal.

Unfortunately, once a party is embroiled in scandal, the party as a whole is tainted, and a party tainted, governs without the confi-

## Letters to the Editor



Town of Aurora employee Carrie Eastwood sets up her display during recent TOAST sale held at the new rec centre.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

## Sale big success

To the editor,

With warmth in everyone's hearts the TOAST (Town Of Aurora Staff Together) Silent Auction and Bake Sale confirms that the Christmas spirit is alive and well in Aurora.

We outdid ourselves this year!!!

Proceeds totalled a whopping \$3,500, almost a third more than last year.

This means more underprivileged children will benefit from the local Children's Aid Society "Give a Kid a Christmas" program.

TOAST wishes to thank all the staff members who donated auction items and baked goods, your help is greatly appreciated.

A big thanks also to Leisure Services for the use of the new recreation centre, which proved to be a great venue.

There was a tremendous amount of traffic throughout the day.

This will only increase

tenfold next year, as the rest of the facility is opened.

The committee would also like to express its gratitude to all the local businesses for their generosity, for without you, this event would not be possible.

Thank you!

TOAST Committee  
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Brian Warburton  
Aurora



## Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

# 2004 Annual Report

When you are immersed in the day-to-day tasks and responsibilities of the job, it is great to have a reporting mechanism like an Annual Report to look back and see what we have been able to achieve in the period of 12 months, January, 2004 to December, 2004.

The Town of Aurora 2004 Annual Report has just been printed and is in distribution.

As you look through this document, you will note numerous highlights including the Town's Mission Statement, a message from the Chief Administrative Officer, the Town's Administration flow chart, highlights of the year tied into our Mission Statement objectives, specific projects, strategies and priorities scheduled for 2005, our 2004 performance indicators and report card as mandated by the Province of Ontario.

I would highlight the fact that all this information has been captured in 27 pages in a smaller booklet format.

Of particular note, 2004 marked the first full year of the current Council's mandate.

In this first year, Council embarked upon the commencement and construction of the new recreation complex, seniors' centre and fire hall, ambitious community infrastructure enhancements.

The new cinema was started and the shopping commercial area at the 404 and Wellington as well as the State Farm Office proceeded.

We opened our first leash-free dog park in a joint venture with staff and a volunteer dog owner's group.

Seventy new Leisure Services programs were introduced.

One of the corporate objectives we continue to do our best to improve is our communication with residents.

Our web site is now capable of displaying entire agendas, including attachments, plans, maps etc.

Some statistics of note:

- We had 1,452 fire calls of which 24 per cent were false alarms, 39 per cent were medical calls, 13 per cent deemed public hazards. Only seven per cent were actually fire oriented.
- The building department issued 1147 permits.
- Leisure services processed 11,710 activity registrations.
- Fourteen zoning bylaw amendments were filed as well as 17 site plans and amendments.
- Sixty-three Council, Public Planning, General Committee and special Council meetings were held.
- Three plans of condominiums totaling 129 units, were registered.
- Forty-nine traffic counts were conducted.
- Seventy-nine sewage back-up calls were responded to.
- Fifteen water/sewer main breaks were repaired.
- A total of 74.2 per cent of our paved lane kilometers were rated from good to very good.
- It cost \$61.32 in operating costs for every tonne of garbage.
- It cost \$111.84 in operating costs of every tonne of recycling.
- Aurora recycled 28.39 per cent of residential solid waste.

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If you see something in this column that you wish to respond to, I welcome your comments, either through

the paper, to the Town Hall by mail - Box 1000, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6J1 or e-mail at [tjones@town.aurora.on.ca](mailto:tjones@town.aurora.on.ca)



## Cathy's Corner



# No more children

This week, there are no more children in this house. And I am overwhelmed with memories of the little boy who lived here once upon a time.

We named him Timothy, but everybody called him Timmy.

At first he didn't mind, then he did mind, but nobody seemed to mind that he minded, so a lot of people still call him Timmy.

He just turned 18.

So I'm going to do the only thing left to do: I'm going to reach into my treasure chest of memories and ... share.

Hey, it's payback time!

Timmy is the only one of my children born in Aurora.

I don't know if it was the water, the train whistle, or all the streets named after councillors, but my son was always up to some mischief. I had to watch him every second.

Of course, it was hard to vacuum with a grinning little imp standing on the power head, but it was much harder to do anything if he was on the loose.

If I turned my back for a second, he'd be up to some adventure that would send me to the hospital, getting him stitched up...or begging for amphetamines.

Many times, I had to take the whole brood to go shopping. Oh, how I wish somebody had given me those amphetamines!

Once, it was Nadia's birthday, and she wanted a new bathing suit. We made a few selections, and went off to find a fitting room.

I pushed the stroller with Timmy inside into a corner of the little cubicle and crouched to help Nadia undress while big sister, Jennifer, stripped down to try on her own selections.

I made a big mistake. I turned my back on my three-year-old son.

Being young and impressionable, Timmy got the idea that this is a place to remove clothing.

So he did. Yup...right down to his birthday suit.

Before my jaw could hit the floor, Timmy was off and running!

As if streaking wasn't attracting enough attention, he screamed and giggled hysterically.

The fact that I was chasing him seemed to make it a lot more exciting, because every time he turned around and saw me, he'd scream and giggle louder and run even faster.

I finally caught up with him at the check out, where he was getting checked out pretty good! I hauled him kicking and screaming back to the fitting room.

Do you have any idea how hard it is to dress a boy who does NOT want to be dressed? I nearly collapsed from

exhaustion.

Finally, we emerged from our cubicle...and there she was.

A woman the size of Arnold Schwarzenegger stepped out of her cubicle. She stood, hands on hips, blocking the only way out.

"You," she shouted in disgust, "are a horrible, selfish woman!"

How somebody can command that much authority wearing only her underwear is still a mystery to me.

"That poor little baby needs a nap but you want to shop!"

Shop? No, you've got this all wrong. I'm the one who needs a nap. A coma would be nice...

Actually, I neither said nor even thought any of those things at the time. I left the store in tears.

But strangely, when I started crying, Timmy stopped.

As I was putting him into the car, Timmy gave me a hug and said: "Mommy, don't cry. I won't let that mean lady hurt you."

Ironically, that memory always brings a tear to my eye.

It's hard to believe that the brave little streaker can vote now!

I remember when he was small enough to nestle in one arm. I remember when he fit in my lap. I remember when his hand felt small in my hand.

I remember the first stirrings of independence, when he refused to hold my hand to cross the road. "I can do it myself," he said.

I stooped down next to him and whispered in his ear: "Timmy, please hold my hand. I need you to hold my hand because I'm scared."

He nodded seriously and ever after that, offered me his hand.

For years, he thought I was scared for me. One day, he must have figured out that I was scared for him, because he said: "Don't worry, Mommy. I won't let anything hurt you. Or me."

Ah, children!

As of November 17th, there are no more children in this house.

And here I am on this day, overwhelmed by the precious memories of a little boy called Timmy who will forever live in the smile of the young man he has become - the one we call Tim.

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





By DICK ILLINGWORTH

**BOUQUETS** to Vic and Sheila Paraninfo, Aurora's little shoemaker and his good lady, for distributing candy to the students of Wells Street Public School every Hallowe'en for the past 33 years, and to the Community Services Branch of York Regional Police and the parents and teachers for helping out.

**BRICKBATS** to Aurora's Special Events Committee for even suggesting that the trees surrounding the cenotaph be decorated with Christmas lights. Bouquets to council for shooting it down.

**BOUQUETS** to Aurora's Yvonne Kunz for having sharp eyes and a good memory for pointing out that the recent picture in The Auroran was the official opening of the Graystone's patio in 1973 and winning a dinner for two at the restaurant courtesy of The Auroran.

**BRICKBATS** to members of Aurora Council for discussing a citizen appointment to a committee in open council, as they normally rush into an in camera meeting to discuss personnel issues. This should have been treated in the same manner.

**BOUQUETS** to David Tomlinson and the more than 100 volunteers who helped plant more than 10,000 acorns in the open lands around the new recreational complex. From little acorns mighty oaks will grow!

**BRICKBATS** to a justice system that permits a young offender, known as the Taber, Alberta, school killer, to be back on the streets of the GTA in open custody. He walked away from a similar facility last August and was re-arrested. After killing one student and wounding another he was sentenced to three years closed custody and seven years conditional supervision for first-degree murder. The Crown made no effort to appeal!

**BOUQUETS** to the Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School Wildcats Senior Football Team for the school's best regular season in over a decade and a berth into the championship playoff rounds. Go Wildcats, Go!

**BOUQUETS** to the Aurora Tigers Novice AA hockey team on winning the 19th Annual Don Maxwell Hockey Tournament in Stoney Creek recently. The tournament attracted 18 teams from all over Ontario for what is claimed to be the best novice hockey tournament around.

**BRICKBATS** to GO Transit for adding a fourth commuter train from Aurora when there isn't enough parking for the three previous trains. The fourth train may be needed but parking should be the top priority!

**BOUQUETS** to Ontario Attorney General Michael Bryant for making an effort to increase the mandatory minimum for gun crimes, as he will endeavour to convince his fellow federal and provincial justice ministers to amend the Criminal Code accordingly. A good start!

**BRICKBATS** to the former Mike Harris Progressive Conservative government for tying the province into a 99-year agreement with the Highway 407 consortium which included the ironclad condition that the province must withhold licence plates if bills aren't paid. What other private company gets that service?

**BOUQUETS** to Chris Ballard, President of CSB Communications of Aurora on receiving a lifetime member award presented by Michael Brown, Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, on behalf of the Public Affairs Association of Canada.

## Letters to the Editor

# Paul Martin appearance merely a publicity stunt

To the editor,

I write this after having just recently been to the assembly held at Aurora High School for Prime Minister Paul Martin.

I found the entire production to be extremely stilted and boring, with the PM not having the conviction or authority that I would've liked to have seen.

While it may have given the impression that this visit was simply a minor event to the school, this was most certainly not the case.

The entire school was put on lockdown from 1 p.m. until the PM had left the area, with students not

being let out of their classrooms for any reasons.

According to student volunteers who helped with security, the organization was chaotic and poor at best.

As for the assembly itself, it consisted of Belinda Stronach giving Paul Martin a brief introduction, followed by the PM giving a small speech on education and the economy, then a series of 10 questions.

Belinda, and Mr. Martin, seemed nervous and anxious behind the mike, and their dictums were merely average.

However, I found the Q&A section to be the

## Invest hydro money into downtown

To the editor,

Recently over dinner, my wife and I were discussing one of Town Council's latest dilemmas - what to do with our latest windfall of more than \$30 million from the sale of Aurora Hydro.

It occurred to us that they should try to fix one of the town's long term problems...namely our downtown.

The downtown problem isn't a simple one.

It includes congested Yonge Street dividing it in two, not enough parking, a poor focus of social vitality and the stalled maximization of "Library Square".

Our conversation wandered about...touching on Temperance and Victoria Streets, property acquisitions, public-private partnerships, demolitions and conversions.

The fact that the town now has a substantial financial opportunity definitely allowed us to flex our imaginations.

I'm wondering if councillors and planning staff

are also thrashing the options about in similarly imaginative ways.

I went for a drive to look at Library Square and a couple of other spots in the core area.

I spent a good quarter hour watching cars driving around and around the driveway "loop" looking for an empty spot.

A number of cars went up the ramp to the small parking lot behind the old seniors' centre...to be met by other frustrated drivers leaving the full lot shaking their heads.

While this circus of frustrated drivers was spilling out to clogged on-street parking, the unconnected private parking lot to the northwest was virtually empty.

A few ideas were occurring to me as I looked over the quilt of parking areas.

Maybe soon I'll have been able to form them into some kind of graphic portrayal.

**Barry Bridgeford  
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worst, since all the questions were pre-selected, and his answers were obviously pre-determined as well.

These questions addressed issues such as the economy, conflict in the Middle East, unemployment and other current issues.

While the questions did not contain the level of political bias that we may see in our southern counterparts, I believe that the true nature of them was so it would seem as though the Liberals have a foolproof plan for the future (which, incidentally,

would give reason for them to be voted in should an election be on the horizon).

Whether or not the Liberals are really prepared for the years to come remains to be seen.

All in all I found the entire production to be very false, poorly executed and little more than a publicity stunt for the near future.

I only hope the voters base their choice on the issues, and not on events such as these.

**Scott Zoltok  
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Letters to the Editor

# Dividing Aurora into districts “not that silly”, reader says

To the editor,

I read with amusement the recent suggestion by Ron Wallace to divide the town into districts.

I think I even rolled my eyes. Then, I thought about it and realized that I often have to stop and ask someone WHERE on Yonge can I

find a particular business (because of that multi-digit address) or WHICH END of town does someone live. I also think that despite the concerns that abound

about 'how big our town is getting' it's not getting, it IS a pretty big, little town.

I don't think Fleury, Hillary and Museum would be the only ones, because the need to name districts goes beyond the Yonge corridor.

As in, what do you call all that new area north of Wellington and east of Bayview?

What do you call that area south of St John's Sideroad, east of Yonge? What part of Aurora is State Farm building its headquarters?

I've told someone looking for directions to a friend's home that "they live in the 'old' part of Aurora, south side of Wellington, east of Yonge".

I might one day say "they live in the Museum District".

I think the district divisions would be fun, informative and if they are chosen correctly, some probably will be subway stops.

It's actually not that silly.

Nancy Black  
Aurora

# MPAC assessment candy-coated: reader

To the editor,

When I received my reassessment I took the time to read the preamble from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

It smacks as nothing more than a guilt-ridden

justification for institutionalized robbery.

I wasn't surprised by the candy-coated explanation by a group that of late, has been under scrutiny for being unaccountable regarding their recent release of reassessment in the Greater Toronto Area.

I also must say that I wasn't surprised by Mr. Mayor's tutoring the residents of Aurora into accepting this increasing burden.

If I am to believe Mr. Mayor and MPAC, then we are truly living in a wonderful world, a place where our property taxes won't be going up.

That and a dime will get you a cup of coffee.

The truth is that property taxes don't go down, and under this new found method of highway robbery, they will eventually go up.

Give me a break, Mr. Mayor. I don't need or want your education or spin.

Mark Warburton  
Aurora

# Sharon Crawford is alive and well

To the editor,

In the Rumours And Ramblings column in The Auroran for the week of October 25 this year, a piece appeared mentioning Sharon Crawford and Langford Business Services, which Sharon started in 1982.

Langford Business Services is long gone, Sharon's typewriter has been replaced with a computer, and she now resides in Toronto, but has definitely been keeping busy.

Sharon still provides writing and editing services, as well as related instructional services.

She also started the East End Writers' Group, which has met monthly since September, 2000, for workshops, critique meetings, appearances by guest speakers, and other related activities.

You can contact Sharon and find out much more

about what she has been up to by visiting her website: [www.samcraw.com](http://www.samcraw.com).

I'm sure she would love to hear from people here in Aurora who knew her.

Marc Riendeau  
Aurora

# More than spa in new building

To the editor,

I am a little late reading The Auroran but I always make sure I read each issue. Great paper.

Your article about the "Pretty spa replaces ugly service station" was a great article but you forgot two other businesses in the same building. There is a great photographer - M & L Photography - and also a great place to shop for gifts and home decor items, Hazeldean House.

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## Changing face of Ross Street

The changing face of 3 Ross Street is visible in the above two photographs following renovation work by Commport Communications. Meanwhile, the three owners of Commport, photo at right, held an open house recently and were presented with a certificate by Councillor Phyllis Morris. Owners are, left to right, David Ralph, Ellen Zaunick and Glen Haywood. Group did extensive renovations on the historic property and created a single electronic communications building, while maintaining the classic look of the historic railway station located right across the street.



# Publication box proliferation still baffles Aurora Council

Last April Councillor Nigel Kean gained support for staff to advise what bylaws were in place to restrict the proliferation of newspaper and magazine vending boxes on Aurora's street corners.

Last week, staff said the town had no mechanisms in place to address the issue.

Responding to council's concern, staff researched various approaches taken by other municipalities in GTA and it was found that several have controls in place to limit the number and location of vending boxes.

Staff noted that a proposal to regulate newspaper distribution boxes was previously addressed by Council in May, 2002, but the report was received as information and no action was taken.

Historically newspaper distribution boxes were limited to the Toronto daily press, but over the years additional publications started to use the vending format for distribution of papers.

These include real estate, auto sales and other magazine type publications.

There are about 80 to 100 vending boxes along Yonge and Wellington Streets.

The Municipal Act provides authority for municipalities to control and restrict the placement and location of newspaper vending boxes within the municipality and to charge fees.

Due to littering that often occurs around vending boxes, staff suggested council may wish to exercise its authority in deter-

mining that such boxes are causing a public nuisance.

Last week, councillors expressed concern about the proliferation of the vending boxes on public property.

In response to a question about prohibiting vending boxes on town streets, the town solicitor replied there was nothing to prevent it.

It was also noted that some people may object to a total prohibition on public property as they want to be able to stop and pick up a paper.

It was agreed that staff report back with a draft bylaw, which includes amongst other matters, site location and restrictions.

The problem goes back to November, 1969, when council received several complaints from citizens about the proliferation and

problems associated with the vending boxes resulting in a letter to all newspapers requesting a meeting to discuss the placement and control of the vending boxes.

In spite of several attempts the meeting never took place and the complaints continued.

Although a meeting was finally held in July, 1971, resulting in some rearrangement of the boxes, the complaints continued.

Municipalities received a setback in 1986 when the Quebec Superior Court ruled in favour of the Globe and Mail against a City of Quebec bylaw on the basis it was unconstitutional to ban the boxes.

More citizen complaints were received in 1990 and once again staff was asked to investigate.

But the problem wasn't over. In March, 2002,

council received another barrage of citizen complaints.

With recent comments by Councillor Kean, council may finally get around to doing something about the proliferation.

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## Tigers claw their way to top

There are currently 35 teams in the Ontario Provincial Junior A hockey league below the Aurora Tigers.

Thanks to a pair of victories last week, Aurora has vaulted into the lead of the 36-team league, and the big win was Thursday in Newmarket

when they edged the Hurricanes 4-3 in overtime.

Coupled with a 2-1 win Friday night in Aurora, the Tigers nailed down the league's top spot.

Friday, Aurora outshot the Toronto Thunderbirds 40-18 but could only eke out a one-goal victory, with all three coming in the second period.

"Good teams find a way to win," Tiger Captain Jeric Agosta said.

And that's what they did, coming off of that tough overtime victory on enemy ground the night before.

Following on Agosta's comment, coach Jerome Dupont added, "sticking to the game plan, being patient, doing the little things right, team depth and believing in ourselves were the reason we prevailed tonight."

Goaltender Ryan Dickie came up big early making some key saves; Matt McGill drove the net and converted on a rebound and Chad Kennedy shot through two Tiger forwards who were screening the goalie on a power play to help the team get the two points and move them to top spot in the

league.

Tigers next home game happens Friday night at 7:30 p.m. when they meet the Stouffville Spirit at the Aurora Community Centre.

On Saturday, in the battle of Titans, they face the South Division leading Waxers in Markham.

## Team wins tourney

The Aurora Tigers Atom AE team came away winners last weekend capturing the 16th Annual Jim Wilson hockey tournament in Orillia.

The team played host team Terriers in their first game and came away with a 3-0 win.

A shutout by Lucas Hussey, a big game for Connor Moody with two goals and Colton Lee with a point shot goal set the pace.

The next day, the Tigers beat the Oshawa Generals 7-1.

A hat trick by Mathew Pryse led the way for the winners.

The Tigers pulled out a 4-2 victory over Cambridge Hawks that afternoon.

That win got Aurora into the semis after amassing an impressive 14.5 out of a possible 15 tournament points over the weekend.

They met the unknown Lawfield Lightning from the Hamilton area who had stormed through their division.

Clearly outplayed and out-hustled the Tigers looked confused in their own end and quickly fell behind 1-0.

Going into the third, Lawfield led 2-1.

That's when the Tigers started to play. Solid work by Sammy Steenhorst and Jack Straw started to push the opposition into their zone and the whole team worked hard however there was only a minute left when Vincent Ruscica drew a Lightning penalty for tripping and with goalie, Andrew Stobbe, on the bench, Ruscica scored with only nine seconds left to force overtime.

The Tigers dominated the overtime. Braden Casselden

set up Jimmy Brookes who scored on a wrist shot over the Lightning goalie's shoulder to move Aurora into the finals.

In the very the first game of the year, with the expectations of the team very high, the Tigers were thumped in exhibition play by the Barrie Colts 4-0 and that's who they met in the final.

Aurora led 2-0 after one, but Barrie narrowed the score in the second.

Tigers picked up their play and started to show their dominance and added another before the Colts narrowed the score to 3-2 with only 14 seconds left.

It was too little, too late, and Aurora won the title.

With the victory the Tigers Atom AE team has now won two tournaments in a row, they have not lost a game this regular season, they hold first place in their division and they have gone 21 games undefeated.

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## Atoms add another tournament trophy in Cobourg action

The Aurora Atom A Tigers added to their hardware collection as they emerged victorious from a tournament in Cobourg last weekend.

It marked the Tigers' second tournament win in as many tries this season.

The Tigers completed the round-robin portion of the tournament with two strong wins against Trenton and Prince Edward County, and a hard-fought loss to the Humber Valley Sharks.

This record earned the boys a spot in the semi-finals against Bracebridge, which they won by a con-

vincing 7-2 score.

In the final game, Aurora looked to avenge their earlier loss to Humber Valley.

The two teams were evenly matched, however the Tigers prevailed in the end by a slim 1-0 margin.

"That final game was a real nail-biter," said team manager Fab Fiori. "The boys worked extremely hard for three full periods, and it was great to see their efforts rewarded."

The Tigers will try to make it three in a row when they travel to Guelph for a tournament later this month.

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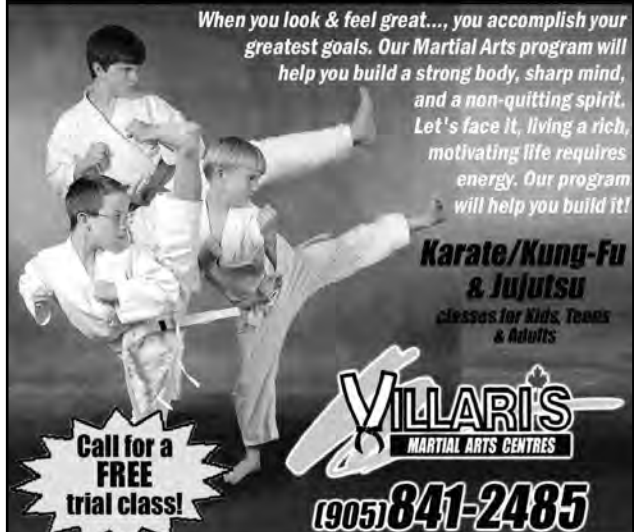
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**103 Tim Horton's Blackhawks 0** - Christian Pearce 1A, Nicolas Pearce 1G, James Wyndham-West 1G 1A, Wyatt Dane 3A, Blake Holtby 2A, Robert Pickard 1G 1A, Patrick Servideo 2G 1A.

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**108 Tim Horton's Blues Tyke HL 6 104 Tim Horton's Sharks 1**- Daniel Della Roca 1G 1A, Jamie Finlay 1G, Colin Kostin 4G, Nat Leontis 1A.

**108 Tim Horton's Blues 6 104 Tim Horton's Sharks Tyke HL 1** - Bryan Manweiler 1A, Jared Reeves 1G, Louie Kirkos 1A.

**107 Tim Horton's Bruins Tyke HL 11 101 Tim Horton's Leafs 1** - Christian Arcuri 1G 3A, Charles Bennett 2A, Shaun Broad 4A, Andrew Daniell 3A, Alistair Johnston 1G 1A, Austin Kiraly 2G, Tristan Kuchar 1G, Connor Mulvenna 3A, Nicholas Sansalone 2A, Cole Thiessen 6G.

**107 Tim Horton's Bruins 11 101 Tim Horton's Leafs Tyke HL 1** -Ryan Coveart 1A, Cameron Morrison 1G.

### Minor Atom

**305 All Pro Source For Sports Minor Atom HL 7 303 Dr. Steiner's Drillers 2** - Jonah Blaser 1A, Morgan Walker 1G 1A, Victor Chadarov 1G 1A, Mitchell Palmer 1A, Tait Snedden 1G, Kristen Grasse 1G, Brendan Harris 3G.

**305 All Pro Source For Sports 7 303 Dr. Steiner's Drillers Minor Atom HL 2**

**306 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre Minor Atom HL 2 302 Laurion Law Office 2** - Joe Ekstrom 2A, Michael Liscio 1G, Scott Taylor 1G.

**302 Laurion Law Office Minor Atom HL 2 306 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 2**

**301 ADC Aluminum 6 308 Delph & Jenkins Surveyors Minor Atom HL 1**

**301 ADC Aluminum Minor Atom HL 6 308 Delph & Jenkins Surveyors 1** - Melissa Verge 1A, Zachary Cowl 1G, Erica Barnes 1G, Rio Speller-Drews 1G, Declan Johnston 1G, Oliver Jones 1A, Joseph Veneziano 1A, Michael Tanel 1G, Ryan McGolrick 1G.

**307 Optimist Club of Aurora Minor Atom HL 6 304 Chouinard Bros. Roofing & Windows 4** - Adam Deroos 1G, Nicholas Scott 1G, Kevin Siery 1G, Robin Creighton 1G.

**307 Optimist Club of Aurora 6 304 Chouinard Bros. Roofing & Windows Minor Atom HL 4**

### Minor Pee wee

**502 Supreme Collision Centre Minor Pee wee HL 5 503 Winchurch Environmental Inc. 4** - Arun Partridge 2G 1A, Evan Foxell 1G, John Lee 1G, Kasey Piper 1A, Ward Benn 1G, Wade McFarlane 1A.

**502 Supreme Collision Centre 5 503 Winchurch Environmental Inc. Minor Pee wee HL 4**

**501 Chevalier Chrysler Minor Pee wee HL 3 506 Diamond Groundskeeping Services 2** - Sam Straw 1G, John Dinicolantonio 1G, Nick Reinholdt 1G 1A.

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**504 The Backyard Pool & Spa Company 6 505 Pizza Pizza Minor Pee wee HL 4** - Christopher Beach 2A, Eric Feltrin 1A, Daniel Laflamme 2G, Jake Langford 2A, Andrew Luck 2G, David Schueller 1A, Brian Tree 1A.

**504 The Backyard Pool & Spa Company Minor Pee wee HL 6 505 Pizza Pizza 4** - Samantha Minchella 1G, Jonathan White 3G, Brendan Kirasack 1A, Micheal Mildon 1G, Zachary Cook 2A, JP Hudon 1A, Matt Noseworthy 1G.

### Pee wee

**607 Cosentino Produce Pee wee HL 8 606 National Sports 1** - Andrew Cosentino 1A, Lucas Cristillo 1A, Cameron Annear 1G, Jonathan Boehmer 3G, Alexander Payne 3G, Tyler LaMantia 1G 2A, Sean Fabro 1A.

**607 Cosentino Produce 8 606 National Sports Pee wee HL 1** -Greg Lacroix 1A, Sean Takahashi 1G.

### Minor Bantam

**704 Aurora Montessori School Minor Bantam HL 4 706 Formtech 1** - Nick Orsatti 1G, Mattheus Vloet 1A, Marco Santella 2G 1A, Dexter Speller-Drews 1G.

**704 Aurora Montessori School 4 706 Formtech Minor Bantam HL 1** - Chris McGill 1A, Chris Tillsley 1G.

**702 Highland Chevrolet Cadillac 5 704 Aurora Montessori School Minor Bantam HL 2** - Mattheus Vloet 2A, Marco Santella 1G, Julian Savosardaro 1G.

**702 Highland Chevrolet Cadillac Minor Bantam HL 5 704 Aurora Montessori School 2** - Trevor Smith 1G, Michael Coggin 1A, Gianni Episcopo 1A, Eric Seguin 1G, Jordan Adams 1G, Iain Briscoe 1A, Evan Casselden 2G.

**703 Dial Tone Communications 4 705 Aurora Canadian Tire Minor Bantam HL 3** - Keenan VanRooyan 1A, Adam Gitto 2G, James Chappell 1G.

**703 Dial Tone Communications Minor Bantam HL 4 705 Aurora Canadian Tire 3** - Eric Cigana 2G 1A, Matt Raponi 1G, Carter Shaefer 1A, Cameron Meikle 1G, Rhys Williams 1A.

**702 Highland Chevrolet Cadillac Minor Bantam HL 5 701 I.O.O.F. Aurora Lodge 148 F.L.T. 0** - Michael Coggin 1G, Alex Heintzman 1G 1A, Gianni Episcopo 1G, Eric Seguin 1G 1A, Michael Faulds 1A, Jordan Adams 1A, Evan Casselden 1A, Marlon Young 1A, Neil Gaston 1G. Shutout: Aaron Morrison.

### Minor Midget

**1009 Ice Pix Midget HL 6 1002 Tw!st Marketing 2** - Graham Coote 1G 1A, Michael Englehutt 1A, Ian Mulhern 1G 1A, Andrew Oronati 2G, Cody Riddell 1A, Spenser Robinson 1G, Kyle Shaw 1G 2A, Peter Smith 1A, Andrew Sturges 1A.

### Midget

**1007 ACI Midget HL 4 1002 Tw!st Marketing 3**

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**1011 Midget HL 5 1001 Astech Solutions Midget HL 4** - Rob Buchner 1A, Daryl Clark 1G, Micheal Durst 1A, Jim Harrison 2A, Rob Kaptyn 1G, Mike Osuszek 2G.

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**Aurora Tigers Novice AA 7 Barrie 1** - Jake Appleby 2A, Nicholas Baxter 1A, Peter Andreacos 1A, Braeden Kublick 1G, Graeme McDonald 3A, Tara Morning 2A, Austin Riswick 1G, Jesse Wiemer 5G.

**Aurora Tigers Novice AA 7 Redmen 2** - Jake Appleby 3A, Alex Bernier 1A, Matthew Caicco 2G 1A, Hayden Hassard 1G, Theodora Issaris 1A, Graeme McDonald 2A, Nicholas Papousek 2A, Austin Riswick 1G 1A, Jesse Wiemer 3G.

**Aurora Tigers Novice A 5 TNT Tornados 2**

**Aurora Tigers Novice AE 1 Orillia 1**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AA 6 Pickering 0** - Sean Foxwell 1A, Justin Pirie 1G, Liam Coll 1G, Konner McMillan 1G, Branden Fennell 2G, John MacDonald 1G, Austin Lane 1A, Quentin Campbell 2A, Jack Caldwell 1A. Shutout: Cody Child Ryan Manson.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom A 5 Orillia 2** - Erik Balkovec 1G 2A, Paul Neophytou 1A, Parker Baile 1A, Austin Persaud 1A, Evan Jackson 1G 2A, Connor Cowl 1G, Scott Kostin 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Brett Thiessen 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom A 7 NobleKing 3** - Erik Balkovec 2A, Parker Baile 1G, Austin Persaud 1G, Logan Blaser 1G 1A, Evan Jackson 2A, Connor Cowl 1A, Scott Kostin 2G, Jake McKee 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 2G, Brett Thiessen 1A.

**Bradford 2 Aurora Tigers Minor Atom A 1** - Erik Balkovec 1G, Logan Blaser 1A, Ian Dunlop 1A.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AE 11 Richmond Hill 4** - Ben Ashton 3G, Josh Bell 3G 1A, Tyler George 2G 2A, Ben Goldman 1A, Shannon Murray 1A, Alex Perez 1G, Spencer Robb 1A, Harrison Smith 1G, Jordyn Thomson 1A, Nathan Nealon 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AE 1 Stouffville 1** - Tyler George 1G, Jordyn Thomson 1A.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AE 4 Richmond Hill 0**

**Aurora Tigers Atom AA 4 Peterborough 2**

**Barrie 4 Aurora Tigers Atom A 2** - Hayden Trask 1A, Ben Hankins 1A, Peter Sandwell 1A, Kiefer McIntosh 1G, Daniel Antoniel 1A, Eric Damecour 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Atom AE 6 Richmond Hill 1** - Connor Moody 1A, Sammy Steenhorst 1G, Conner McQuillan 1A, Eric Archibald 1A, Matthew Pryse 2A, Vincent Ruscica 2G, Eric Bulloch 3G.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee AA 4 Richmond Hill 2** - Trevor Best 1A, Andrew Papousek 1G 2A, Mitchell Harris 2G 1A, Brian Puskar 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee AA 1 Barrie 1** - Andrew Papousek 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee A 12 Markham 5** - Ryan St. Germain 1G 1A, Sean Nishimura 1G 2A, Matthew Skoulikas 1A, Alex Woodward 1G 1A, Kyle Spicer 3G, Josh Klinowski 1A, Christopher Bull 1A, Tyler White 1G, A.J. Killens 1G 1A, Daniel Whitley 2G 3A,

Daniel Delbello 1A, Rory MacNeil 2G.

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**Aurora Tigers Pee wee AA 4 Whitby 4** Eleeza Cox 1G, Dylan Skelton 1G 1A, Tristan Miller 1G 1A, Matthew Miller 2A, Matthew Mears 1G 1A, James Harkin 1A.

**Stouffville 2 Aurora Tigers Pee wee A 1** - Gavin Forrest 1A, Kamran Karamchi 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Pee wee AE 6 East Gwillimbury 1** - Spencer George 1A, Sean Halley 1G 1A, Daniel Howie 3A, Tyler Jensen 1G 1A, Michael Takahashi 1A, Aaron Nusbaum 1G, Brendan Strachan 2G, Mark Tanel 1G, Alex Thompson 2A, Michael DiVincenzo 2A.

**Aurora Tigers Pee wee AE 2 Parkdale 0** - Brett Allen 1A, Daniel Howie 1G, Tyler Jensen 1G, Brendan Strachan 1A, Alex Thompson 1A, Michael DiVincenzo 1A.

**Aurora Tigers Pee wee AE 2 Oshawa 1** - Brett Allen 1A, Spencer George 1A, Daniel Howie 1G, Michael Takahashi 1G, Mark Tanel 1A, Alex Thompson 1A.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AA 4 Ajax 4** - Anthony Marsillo 1G, Dylan Cross 2A, Derrick Hamner 3G, J.J. Lam 1A, Taylor Nuttall 2A.

**Barrie 6 Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AA 4** - Jeffrey Sanderson 1G 1A, Anthony Marsillo 1G, Oliver Boettcher 1A, Justin Brown 2A, Dylan Cross 1G, Shawn Clark 2A, Taylor Nuttall 1A, Peter Axiotis 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AA 3 Redmen 3** - Jake Boyle 1A, Anthony Marsillo 1G, Dylan Cross 1G, Derrick Hamner 1A, John-Caleb Ross 2A, Louis Lamanna 1A, Taylor Nuttall 1G 1A.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam A 10 Richmond Hill 2** - Ernesto Spagnuolo 1A, Evan Jones 2A, Sean Agostino 1A, Tyler Tisdale 1G 1A, Corey Jeffery 1G 1A, Ryan Jones 1A, Aaron Beally 4G 1A, Jakub Sykora 1G, Darcy Eveleigh 2A, Spencer Arkell 1G, Matthew Semeredy 1A, Max Lerner 1A, Michael McGolrick 1G 1A, Dillon Cappell 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AE 1 Bradford 1** - Justin Killens 1G, Conor Sheridan 1A, Stephen Di Nallo 1A.

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**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AA 8 Oshawa 3** - Colton Horner 1A, Steven Keane 1G 1A, Fraser Kegel 1G, Eric King 1A, Kevin Kryshka 2G 1A, Ian Middleton 1A, Karl Pelan 1G, Eric Sarracini 2A, Kyle Scott 1G 1A, Steven Donches 1G 2A, Jeremy Ellison 2A, Ben Sherritt 1G 2A, Taylor Postill 2A.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget A 4 Barrie 0** - Robert Lee 1A, Jesse Coote 1G, Travis Hooper 1G, Patrick McMurray 1G, Spencer McCartney 1G 1A, Joshua (Josh) Meron 1A, Ross Pizzurro 2A. Shutout: Michael Doherty.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget A 5 Markham 1** - Robert Lee 1A, Ian Weston 1G 2A, Travis Hooper 2A, Patrick McMurray 3G 1A, Spencer McCartney 1G, Joshua (Josh) Meron 1A, Ross Pizzurro 1A.

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**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AE 6 Barrie 4**





**Acting Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Aurora, Scott Somerville finished his tour of duty last week and was guest of honour at a party given by staff at the Municipal Building. He has been replaced by full-time CAO John Rogers. Somerville had been hired on an interim basis following the resignation of former CAO Larry Allison.**  
*Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

# Bill 123 causes concerns

Bill 123, the Transparency in Public Matters Act 2005, is a private members bill.

It received approval in principle on second reading late in 2004 and by October was before the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills.

In its present form, Bill 123 would impose new rules for public access to meetings on a wide range of public bodies, including regulatory colleges, university boards, college boards, hospital boards, school boards and municipal councils and local boards.

Sarnia Lambton MPP Caroline Di Cocco, sponsor of the bill, recently announced amendments that would limit the legislation to hospital boards, school boards and municipal councils.

She is Parliamentary Assistant to Premier Dalton McGuinty

The proposed rules in Bill 123 include all meetings must be open to the public subject to exceptions similar but not identical to those in the Municipal Act and minutes must be in sufficient detail to inform the reader of any deliberations engaged in and not just decisions made as prescribed in the Municipal Act.

In addition any person may challenge council decisions on procedural grounds by making a complaint to the Information and Privacy Commissioner and the Commissioner may issue orders voiding any decision, recommendation or action made at a meeting whose procedures fall short of the requirement of the act.

The Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario expressed a concern to the

Standing Committee about the overlap of the provisions of Bill 123 and the Municipal Act.

It was pointed out that the practical effects of the bill create two competing statutory rules for conducting municipal meetings and parallel systems for challenging council decisions.

For this reason, the organization is pressing for the removal of municipalities from the list of public bodies in Bill 123.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario have similar concerns and has requested member municipalities - Aurora included - to urge the Minister of Municipal Affairs to vote against the Bill if the reference to municipal councils is not deleted.

In October, York Regional Council adopted a report from its solicitor objecting to the inclusion of municipalities in the bill.

When the AMO request came to Aurora, staff recommended it be received as information.

Councillor Phyllis Morris

What do you do with the approximately \$35 million, which Aurora received for the sale of Aurora Hydro to PowerStream, Inc. recently?

Aurora Council isn't sure. It was last March when council as the shareholders of Aurora Hydro decided to sell the utility without investigating other possible offers. The sale was approved by the Ontario Energy Board, the first of November.

After suggestions that part of the revenue from the sale when received be applied to lower the debt charges for the new recreational centre, council approved a motion by Councillor Damir Vrancic last June that the funds be invested and that before any allocation took place, criteria be established.

It was also agreed the funds be deposited in a yet to be established Aurora Hydro Sale Investment Fund and the Director of Finance invest the funds in accordance with the town's investment policy, less any costs associated with the sale.

There was considerable discussion regarding the criteria but little agreement resulting in the issue being referred to staff.

A bylaw to establish the

objected to the recommendation claiming that to just receive it was sending the wrong message and the Bill should be endorsed.

On a point or order, Councillor Evelyn Buck objected to the motion as being substantive and that other councillors should have had advance warning of her intention so they could discuss it.

Mayor Tim Jones ruled in support of the point of order to which Councillor Morris appealed.

Councillor Damir Vrancic noted the staff report was very extensive with a transcript of the Hansard Minutes from the Legislative Standing Committee and it was necessary to read it to make an informed decision.

There was more procedural wrangling resulting in Councillor Bill Hogg claiming the meeting was out of control.

Noting the late hour, he suggested the issue be referred to the next council meeting to which council members quickly agreed.

Aurora Hydro Sale Investment Fund was introduced last month, which was adopted after considerable discussion.

In a report before council, the Treasurer said the sale would have an impact on the 2006 budget.

It was noted the town will receive approximately \$35 million but will lose \$920,000 annually in interest payments as a result of the end of a promissory note of approximately \$12 million.

That would result in the 2006 budget being short that amount and either the funds will have to be found elsewhere, or the taxpayers would be faced with about a 4.75 per cent increase.

The Treasurer also noted that the Hydro funds when invested could earn \$1.1 million annually and an option to alleviate the loss of interest on the promissory note, council could authorize the first \$920,000 of interest earned on the Hydro Fund as revenue for the 2006 budget.

In dealing with the management of the proceeds, the Treasurer suggested a need for a Strategic Plan review to develop a long term operating and capital forecast.

Councillor Vrancic said there was nothing in the report as to the status of the promissory note.

Councillor John West said he had similar concerns and suggested the report be sent

back to staff for more information, so council could make an informed decision.

He also noted that the June resolution required that any re-allocation of funds be carried out in accordance with the criteria when established and by a vote of two-thirds of the entire council.

It was finally agreed to use the first \$920,000 of interest from the sale for budget purposes.

Last week, the issue was back in order that council could develop a strategy for the best use of the money.

Treasurer John Gutteridge said repayment of the promissory note was \$12.7 million, plus \$3.4 million received as a down payment and a cash payment of \$18.3 million on closing for a total of \$34.5 million, less legal fees of approximately \$275,111.

Councillor West suggested that any action to determine the strategy be delayed for three months until after the 2006 budget had been adopted and in the interim the Treasurer prepare a report outlining various options.

Gutteridge said interest averaged out to 3.61 per cent with \$10 million invested for 90 days, \$10 million for 6 months and \$10 million for one year, and the interest was about the best rate available.

Some members wanted to proceed with the strategy and obtain input from the public

based on the process used by Richmond Hill following the sale of their utility.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said she disagreed with the West proposal as the money could be used to borrow from instead of issuing debentures, but that option had been taken away from council due to the delay in approving the sale by the Ontario Energy Board.

Councillor Bill Hogg said it would be difficult to develop a strategy for the use of the funds until the Strategic Plan was adopted and that council should reach out to the public for long term uses.

Councillor Vrancic questioned if there were ways to protect the funds for the long term such as a Trust Fund.

He agreed with public consultation and suggested it take place in early Spring.

Councillor Vrancic noted that the way council works, the strategy for the funds from the hydro sale should not be tied in with the Strategic Plan and requested a plan and a timetable for developing the fund strategy so that it could be approved by May before electioneering starts.

It was finally agreed to arrange a meeting with the public in January and to develop the strategy within three months which was adopted on a 7-2 vote with Mayor Jones and Councillor Buck in opposition.

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# Belinda acquires a kitchen in new seniors' complex

Last February, Aurora Council agreed that user groups be asked to raise 10 per cent of the capital costs of building the new Seniors' Centre and Recreational Complex and the seniors were given a target of \$250,000 over a five-year period.

Last December council agreed fundraising committees could sell naming rights for various components within the structures.

MP Belinda Stronach bought the kitchen at the new seniors' centre.

The Aurora Seniors Association has been extremely busy with fundraising efforts and

has been soliciting sponsorship opportunities.

To date the seniors have acquired 10 sponsors - including Stronach - and the total amount committed was \$119,000.

Besides Belinda's Kitchen, the deck will be known as Aurora Home Hardware; the lounge as the McAlpine Room after McAlpine Ford Mercury; and the activity room as the Priestly Room after Vic Priestly Construction.

The workshop will be named First Pro Shopping Centres; the games room the Wycliffe Room after Wycliffe Homes; the reading room as the Ballymore

Room after Ballymore Developments; the crafts room the Norma Jean Legge Room; the pool room as the Torcan Room after Torcan Chemical; and activity room C as Howard Johnson.

Councillor Phyllis Morris asked that councillors be provided with a copy of the agreement as there was a need to protect the seniors and

Councillor Damir Vrancic suggested the agreement include some flexibility in case a change might be required.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner questioned when the money would be received and staff replied that it had been received and the cheques would be cashed after the agreement was signed.

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# GO commuter parking has restrictions

From page 1  
in the area more than it would assist them.

It was also noted that concerns of the residents had to be balanced with the provision of access to parking for GO users particularly when Aurora commuters have been encouraged to use mass transit to reduce the number of vehicle trips.

Staff recommended that parking be limited on several streets to two hours from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It was believed the implementation of the two hour limit would deter GO users from using town streets and at the same time the restrictions would not be burdensome for the residents as they could park at peak times in the evening and on weekends.

Parking would be restricted on the east side of Larmont from Mosley to Metcalfe and on the west side of Larmont from Wellington to Mosley.

Included would be the south side of Metcalfe Street from Wells to Edward and on the north side of Metcalfe from Berczy to Larmont and on the north side of Mosley from Larmont to Wells.

It was also recommended that staff be asked to monitor parking in the vicinity of the GO station and report back to council once the new permanent parking lot had been completely implemented to determine if further parking prohibitions were required.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner suggested commuters who come from Newmarket should be required to pay for parking, but staff pointed out that it

would be hard to identify them.

Tuesday, the general committee adopted the staff report and it is expected to be endorsed by council this week.

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## RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

# Remembering Katimavik

Today with young people dropping out of school and experiencing difficulty in adjusting to the realities of trying to make a living, it may be time for the federal government to reactivate the Katimavik program or something similar.

Katimavik was launched in 1977 as a national volunteer program for youths who earned one dollar a day, with all expenses covered by the government and a \$1,000 honorarium if they completed the entire nine-month program.

Youthful volunteers came from all over Canada and most of them went home with much more than the \$1,000, as they met and worked with other youths and travelled to various parts of Canada and learned from each other.

They tried anything that needed to be done in the communities they visited from supervising pre-schoolers at a daycare centre, to tearing down barns.

In October, 1984, a group of 12 youths between the ages of 17 and 21, arrived in Aurora and moved into a big, old home on Wellington Street West to carry out volunteer work for various local agencies under the direction of group leader John Lewcock.

### JUST IN CASE YOU WONDERED

Two celebrations were held in Aurora in October, 1889. One was the completion of the foundations of the Mulock Block, soon to be the home of Whimster's general store at the corner of Yonge and Wellington Streets, currently occupied by Larter Associates and A Channel TV.

For women, the other celebration was more important. It was the 100th anniversary of another foundation, the brassiere!

### WHAT HAPPENED TO THE POLICY?

Back in 1988 council asked staff to investigate demolition control legislation in other municipalities.

In most cases the municipality was designated as an area of demolition control and as a result, buildings could only be demolished with the approval of council.

In some municipalities demolition approval was given subject to a number of conditions being met, including a section to ensure the replacement building was constructed within 25 months with a penalty of \$20,000 if the condition wasn't met.

Some councillors said the proposed policy was too restrictive as it may not be possible to get new projects going within the 25-month period.

Others argued that while property owners had rights there was a need to protect all citizens.

Reference was made to the former Yonge Street arena site fire in early 1965 which was empty then and is still empty.

Concern was expressed regarding legislative authority to impose conditions and in March, 1988, staff was asked to investigate and report back to council.

In October, 1989, the Aurora Historical Society reached agreement with the town that in future the society would be automatically advised of demolition permit applications as a means of assisting the society in their efforts of heritage conservation.

It hasn't always worked as in May, 2005, the Heritage Advisory Committee expressed concern about the demolition of a house on Kennedy West and sought a strategy to reduce the threat of loss of significant heritage buildings and to ensure sensitive infill development.

What happened to council's request about legislative authority to impose conditions on demolition permits, which was asked by council in March, 1988?

Possibly, if action had been taken there might not be as many empty lot eyesores on Yonge Street.

### FIRST YEAR - LAST PERFORMANCE

The Aurora-based rock band "The Modern Nytes" marked its first anniversary with a swan song performance in September, 1986, at the Aurora Public Library.

The five-member band first got together in 1985 for the Aurora Beat the Bands Contest and won top prize by popular choice after two weeks of rehearsals.

After the concert the band enjoyed popularity by playing the club scene and local high schools.

Band members were Julian Hutton on lead guitar, drummer Graham Shaw, vocalist Derek Pryde, Greg Boudreaux on bass and Joel, who didn't use a last name, on synthesizer.

They said they had done everything they wanted to do during the year including opening a concert for Glass Tiger, a Newmarket band at the Newmarket Community Centre, and had a lot of fun.

## Seven appointed to youth committee

Aurora Council has approved the appointments of seven youth

## Restaurant seeks food donations

Aurora's Shoeless Joe's Restaurant will participate in the first provincial restaurant-chain food drive for the Ontario Association of Food Banks (OAFB), starting November 24th and running through December 24th. The outlet, located in St. Andrew's Shopping Centre, is one of 36 franchises that will enlist the help of local communities to raise more than 35,000 pounds of donations for the OAFB.

St. Andrew's is located at the corner of Yonge Street and Orchard Heights Blvd., and donations will be accepted at the restaurant there.

Shoeless Joe's in Aurora will collect non-perishable food items for the York Region Food Network.

To help reach its objective of 1,000 pounds of food and \$1,000 donation goal, the restaurant will invite schools, sports teams, and the fire department to participate.

members to sit on the Youth Action Sub-Committee of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee for the 2005/2006 school year:

They include Britney Bartlet, Cardinal Carter; Charles Ho, Tony Lau, and Bryan Lin, all of St. Andrew's College; Trevor Smith, Northern Lights Public School; Lori Scriven, Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School; and Michael Taylor, Unionville High School.

Councillor Ron Wallace questioned if there had been more than seven

applicants and how they applied and were selected.

He pointed out Aurora High School was not represented.

Councillor Nigel Kean, a committee member, replied that no one had applied from Aurora High School and that only seven applications had been received and all were appointed.

He added that the request for applications had been sent to the Guidance Department of the schools and it was hoped to get more students involved.



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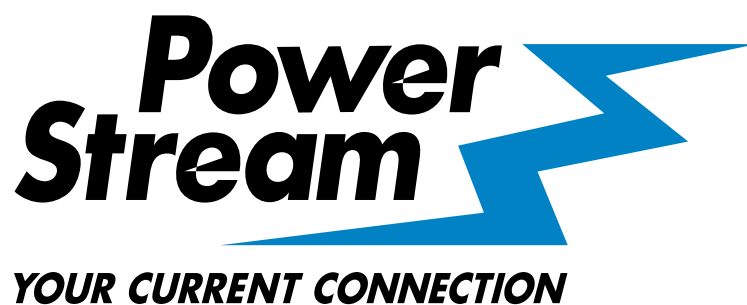
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