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## COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

### CONTINUING

During the month of December the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall features the art work of Julie Renwick. Viewing hours are 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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

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"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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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

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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.

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

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

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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.

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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.

### DECEMBER 15

If you like music be at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School at 7 p.m. to hear bands, choirs and ensembles from the school, as well as Aurora Grove and Highview Public Schools as they perform in a community concert. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 and seniors. Proceeds to be shared by the participating schools for their music programs.

### DECEMBER 16-17

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

### DECEMBER 17

York Symphony Orchestra presents a Holiday Concert at Trinity Anglican Church, 3.30 and 8 p.m. This ever popular audience sing-a-long features full symphony orchestra accompaniment.

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The Aurora Historical Society will hold a Children's Christmas Workshop from 10 a.m. until noon for children ages 6 to 10 at Hillary House. Advance registration is necessary. A fee of \$5 covers all materials and a light snack. For more information call 905-727-8991.

### DECEMBER 18

Bernard Pears Chorale presents an Old Fashioned Christmas Concert and carol sing at the First Baptist Church, 33 Wellington Street East. For free tickets, call 905-888-0511 or 905-727-4531.

### DECEMBER 19

Aurora Writers Group Monthly meeting, 7.30 p.m., Aurora Town Hall. New members 18 years of age and older are welcome. For further information, call Malcolm at 905-898-5484.

### DECEMBER 23

The Aurora Town Hall closes for the holidays at noon with re-opening January 3 at 8.30 a.m.

### JANUARY 1

Russian Junior "A" All-Stars hockey team meets the Aurora Tigers at the Aurora Community Centre for an exhibition game at 2.30 p.m. For tickets call 905-841-3627.

### JANUARY 2

Blood donor clinic, Our Lady of Grace Church, 16 Catharine Avenue, 2.30 to 7.30 p.m.

### JANUARY 3

Registration opens for candidates for the November municipal election. Candidates must complete the prescribed form and submit cash or a certified cheque payable to the town for \$200 for the office of mayor and \$100 for candidates filing for other offices. Candidates must not spend or raise any funds for their election campaign until registration has been filed. Last day for registration is September 29, 2006.

### JANUARY 4

Aurora Public Library, in partnership with Aurora Cable Internet, presents Child Safety, a free computer workshop in the Magna Room from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Register on-line, at the adult information desk, or phone 905-727-9493, option 4.

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### JANUARY 10

Aurora Chamber of Commerce "Business After Five" at Dundee Securities Corp., 53 Wellington Street East. 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. Free.

### JANUARY 18

Aurora Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting, Howard Johnson Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

### JANUARY 19

The Wellington Gallery will hold Class Act II, a juried exhibition of student works until February 28. One hundred pieces will be accepted for consideration and there will be feedback from one of the three jurors. Prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 will be provided plus a \$500 donation to the art department of the first place winner's school. Entry fee is \$90. For more information call 905-751-0066.

### JANUARY 20

Blood donor clinic, Town of Aurora Municipal Building lobby, 1 Municipal Drive. 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

### JANUARY 26

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking

Breakfast at the Aurora Sports Dome, 115 Industrial Parkway North, behind the Aurora Legion. 7.30 a.m. Free.

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Blood donor clinic, Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. 2.30 to 8 p.m.

### JANUARY 27

Family Literacy Day at the Aurora Public Library, in partnership with The York-Simcoe Literacy Council. Stories and activities for children three to five years of age with parents or caregivers in the Lebovic Room from 2 to 3 p.m.

### JANUARY 31

Aurora Public Library presents Scrapbooking for Beginners with Tracey Borg. Registration limited to 10 adults. 6.30 to 9 p.m. in the Magna Room. Register at the adult information desk or phone 905-727-9493, option 4.

### FEBRUARY 8

Aurora Public Library presents Backyard Astronomy for Beginners with Bryan Sansom. 7 to 9 p.m. in the Magna Room. Ages 12 and older. Registration limited. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.



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One of the pillars of PACT (Police and Community Together) has been former Aurora Councillor Betty Pedersen, who retired from her position with that group last week. Acknowledging the occasion, Aurora Mayor Tim Jones was on hand to wish Betty well, and help her devour the cake that was available for her retirement party.

*Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

# Two firms apply for concessions at new complex

Last June Aurora Council endorsed terms of reference for a Request for Proposals for a concession service and vending contract for the new recreational complex.

The terms included a lease of about two years to coincide with the expiry date of other snack bar facilities, a flat rental rate of \$1,000 per month plus a percentage of net sales, liability insurance and supply of all equipment.

A total of five firms took tender documents and submitted bids but only two firms acknowledged all the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal.

They were Mr. Vending and Recreation Leisure Services.

Both firms were evaluated on proven municipal experience, listing of products and services provided, pricing structure, hours of operation, references and percentage of net sales on concession and snack machine revenue.

Last week, town staff recommended Mr. Vending with an annual rental of \$13,000 and other considerations.

Mr. Vending is a consortium of Country Style, a pizza outlet and a bagel outlet.

The deal will be in effect for two years.

Councillor Damir Vrancic referred to council's past experience with the vending contract at the Aurora Library and pointed out the late opening of the recreational complex and the unfinished swimming pool could have an impact on firm's revenues.

At the library the opera-

tor reported to council that the location had not been profitable resulting in no payments to the town.

Vrancic said he was still concerned and suggested the two-year contract start when the facility was open and made an amendment accordingly.

Councillor Evelyn Buck disagreed claiming the operator knew what he

was bidding on and council's job was to protect the citizens.

It was pointed out that the contract was designed to expire at the same time as the other canteen contracts resulting in Vrancic changing his amendment to give staff the flexibility to amend the contract as may be required.

It is expected to be ratified by council this week.



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## A celebration at Hartman's Corners in 1909

Is one of your ancestors in this photograph? It was taken on September 6, 1909, on the occasion of a grand family reunion and celebration of the 102nd anniversary of the arrival of homesteaders John and Mary Hartman in an area that would one day become the Town of Aurora. In 1816 their farm stretched from Yonge Street to Bayview Ave. along the south side of what is now Wellington St. and their beautiful house still stands on the rise overlooking Hartman's Corners, now the intersection of Bayview and Wellington. It currently houses a French Montessori School and may become the site of a Toyota dealership. The gentleman in the middle holding the framed portrait of his grand-

parents is the host of the party, Lot L. Hartman, grandson of John. He was a long-serving member of Whitchurch Council and a Warden for York County. In the 19th century, the Hartman family owned farms on both sides of Bayview and Aurora's first school, located on the northwest corner opposite the house, was called the Hartman School. This building was moved into the Town of Aurora in 1883 and now stands next door to Baldwin's on Wellington East. Lot Hartman's late uncle, Joseph Hartman, who had owned a farm on the current site of Magna International, had also been a trustee and one of the first teachers at the Hartman School. He went on to become

an influential Liberal MP for this area in 1852. Two hundred descendants of John and Mary and an equal number of friends and neighbours attended this festive reunion. Sir Henry Mulock dedicated a monument to the Hartmans on that day and it still stands near the entrance to the Aurora Cemetery on Yonge Street.

### Letter to the Editor

## Rowland wasn't always a Moddle

To the editor,

Let me begin by saying how much the older Aurorans enjoy seeing pictures and reading about past years in our one time small town.

I would like to suggest a small correction and augment the story a little about Rowland Moddle.

The surname was not always Moddle.

When his parents arrived in Canada from Britain, a customs officer remarked, "We can't have a name like that here", and proceeded to change the 'u' to an 'o'. His wife said she was always thankful for that officer, saving her from becoming Mrs. Muddle.

The correction I would like to mention is that in 1945 there was no 'Wells Street School'. That building was the one and only original Aurora High School. It became Wells Street School when it became an elementary school.

My dad, as principal of Aurora High School, did the interviewing for prospective staff.

I remember the day Rowland Moddle arrived at our home and was ushered into Dad's study.

To a 12-year-old he was such a handsome, dark haired man in his Canadian Air Force uniform.

I have always thought how clever he was to arrive in uniform to be inter-

viewed by a fellow airman from WWI. He got the job and Aurora benefitted in many ways from that day onward.

**Nora McRoberts**  
Aurora

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## Poor Richard

*Secrecy at council meetings,  
Is a question that has always been;  
Citizens want to know why  
The discussions can't be seen.*

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

## On the surface, Bill looks good

would be a competing statute to the Municipal Act for conducting council meetings and for challenging council decisions.

There is no doubt that improvements must be made to clarify and to strengthen the current legislation dealing with council business being carried out in camera or behind closed doors and Aurora Council is just as guilty as other municipalities in getting around the legislation.

Back in 1983 as a result of many citizen and media complaints about public business being discussed behind closed doors, the province established a provincial/municipal committee to study the whole issue of open and closed meetings and access to information, and I was appointed committee co-chairman.

After a year of study, the committee recommended that all council and committee meetings be open, except for certain clearly defined issues which could be discussed in private, such as personnel, contract negotiations and pending litigation.

The report was met with hostile opposition from several municipalities resulting in the province shelving it.

Conditions didn't improve and finally in January, 1995, the Municipal Act was amended to require all council and committee meetings to be open to the public, unless the meeting met certain criteria.

In spite of the legislation, there hasn't been much improvement as the terms legal, personnel and finance cover almost any item if council deems it so.

Even then a report is supposed to come back to open council, which seldom happens.

The public is still waiting to hear the reasons why council decided to cancel the pre-grading contract for the seniors' centre which had been approved in open session and award it to another contractor at an increase of \$73,000 behind closed doors and with no public report.

Or why the town treasurer disappeared leaving the town without a treasurer for more than six months without an explanation.

Just a couple of items for which the public has a right to know and there are many more.

Why?

Municipal politicians like to brag that they deal with issues affecting people and claim theirs is the most open form of government, yet secrecy at council meetings has been an issue for years.

There is a delicate balance between the public's right to know and an individual's right to privacy and carrying out public business that best benefits and protects the municipality as a whole.

The issue came to the fore recently with the introduction of Bill 123, the Transparency of Public Matters Act, a Private Member's Bill currently before the Legislative Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills.

At first glance it appears to be worthwhile legislation as it would impose new rules for public access to meetings held by a wide range of public bodies, including municipalities.

But reading the fine print brings out other meanings.

The Bill would permit any person to challenge a council decision on procedural grounds by making a complaint to the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

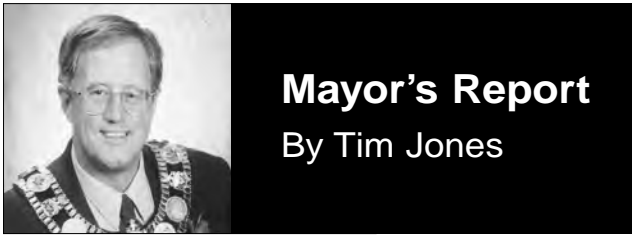
The Bill gives the Commissioner the power to issue an order voiding any decision, recommendation or action of council made at a meeting whose procedures are alleged to fall short of the requirements of the Act.

In order words, one individual would have the power to overrule decisions of a legally elected council.

Citizens elect councillors to represent their interests and if they are not satisfied they can get rid of members of council at the next municipal election, but they have no power over the politically-appointed Commissioner.

Members of council and citizens have enough problems and expense in dealing with appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board who has complete control to rule on local planning issues, usually against the municipality and in favour of the developer.

It has been pointed out that the proposed legislation



# Nordic walking is offered in Aurora

Although it may not be obvious by my physical appearance, I value getting exercise every day as a way to keep me energized for many of the long days...and nights, demanded in the role of being mayor for the Town of Aurora.

Every morning, I head to my health club to participate in various activities before heading to work.

They include yoga two days a week, general fitness in the gym one day a week, tennis every Sunday and walking four miles two days a week.

I have to tell you that I appreciate the supportive comments by a number of residents who either see us through a window or wave while driving to work while we are walking our route!

A number of weeks ago, our walking group was asked by Gerry Faderbauer, a former World Champion Olympic rower and personal fitness trainer at the Timberlane Athletic Club, if he could join us to demonstrate a Nordic walking technique.

I was a little skeptical about this technique but thought, what did I have to lose, especially if I involved the others in our walking group, to simply give it a try.

Nordic walking is a technique that is used as dry land training for cross country skiers.

This method of exercise uses specially designed poles to engage the upper body during fitness walking.

Researchers in sport medicine and other sport professionals are enthusiastically supporting the development of this new activity to Canada because of its upper body workout while walking.

And, for people like me, it burns significantly more calories than simply walking.

Some statistics when Nordic walking:

- the heart rate is approximately five to 17 beats per minute higher than regular walking.
- it can burn approximately 400 calories per hour compared with 280 calories per hour walking.
- it releases pain and muscle tension in the neck/shoulder area.
- it increases the lateral mobility of the neck and spine.
- it does not aggravate joints and knees.
- it reduces the load on knees and other joints.

This activity can be done throughout the year. Normally our group stops walking when the snow flies as it is dangerous on portions of various roads.

With the reconstruction of Vandorf and the addition of a bicycle path and sidewalk, next year we will be able to walk where it is safe, to the Sheppard's Bush paths and continue all year.

This program has been touted as a perfect way to start a fitness program for people who wish to do so, who love the outdoors and don't want to do the tread mill machine regimen.

The actual activity is recommended to take place over a half hour to two-hour time frame depending on your fitness level and time availability.

The only equipment that you need to go from walking to Nordic walking is a set of easily adjustable poles which cost \$59.

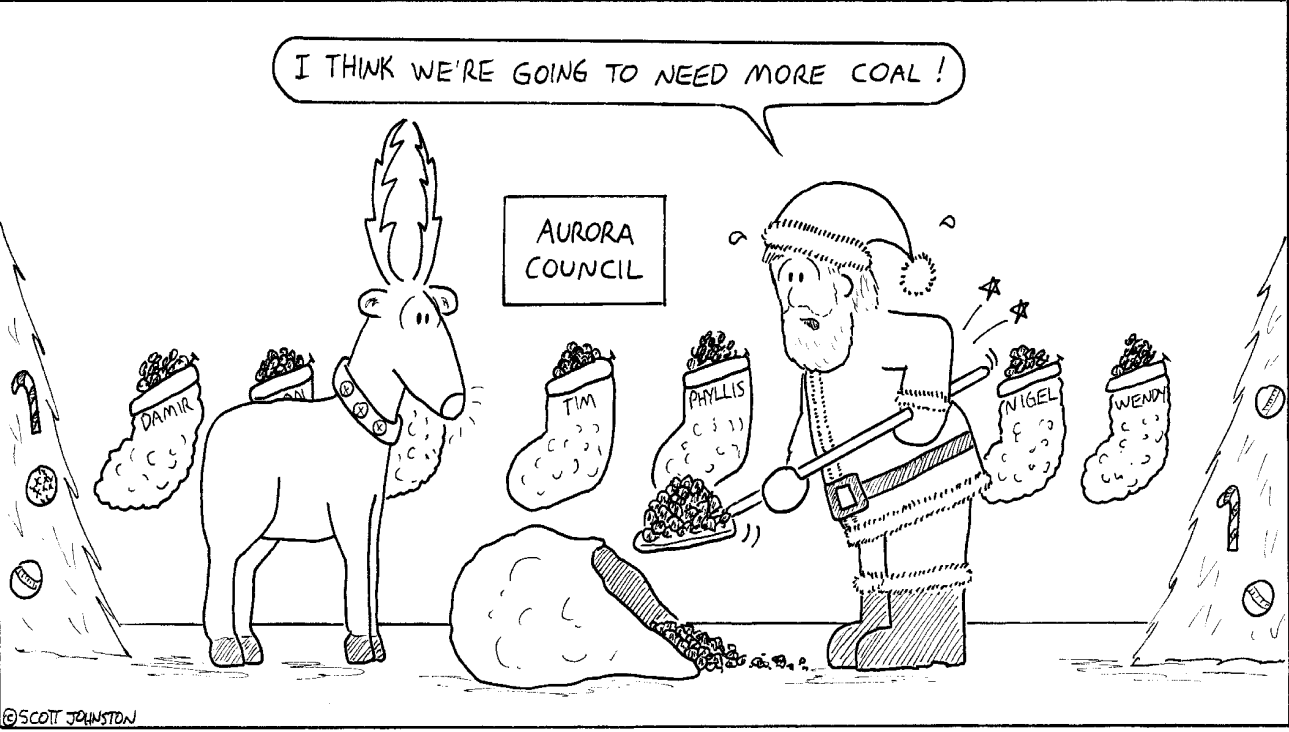
I would recommend a session by a qualified trainer before going out the first time.

This is a sport that is unique to Aurora at this time and accessible to all. Gerry Faderbauer can be reached at Timberlane at 905-727-4252.

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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@e-aurora.ca

## Machell's Corners



## Cathy's Corner



# The three Grinches

Every Who down in Aurora, likes Christmas a lot...  
But the Grinches, up in Ottawa do NOT!

The Grinches hate Christmas - loathe the whole season!  
But nobody quite knows the reason.

It could be they despise each other too much,  
Or maybe it was Adscam and Gomery and such...  
Perhaps their egos are ten feet too tall,  
Could be their hearts are two sizes too small!

But me - I think it might undoubtedly be  
They're watching too much Aurora Council on TV!

They've started singing: "Yes, Virginia, there is an election!"  
It's just that there isn't much of a selection...

There's Grinch Number One -  
Sweet as Attila the Hun.

He's as cuddly as a cactus - Just ask Martha Hall-Findlay!  
Paul Martin's so darned majestic and regal and kingly...  
He gave the good lady the royal Who flush:  
"Mush, Martha! Mush, mush, mush, mush!"

The Conservative Whos were not honestly expecting  
A Liberal Who to be in Aurora electing!  
But hey! This is politics! In little town Whoville,  
You vote, you pay taxes...and you get the big Who NIL!

No need to complain, don't bother or fuss,  
After all, isn't Belinda Lou Who still one of us?

Really, there's worse - and if you're wondering who is the Who,  
I'd like you to meet...Grinch Number Two.

They call him Stephen Harper - charming as an eel,  
All the Whos are saying he's a slippery, slimy deal.

But poor angry Stephen, he has a terrible fear,  
He told Peter Mackay: "No mistletoe this year!"

Bad enough that Belinda Lou Who crossed the floor  
(Seems the other Who side was offering more),  
But even harder for splotched Stephen to abide:  
Some Whos were crossing over to the SAME side!

He tore at his hair, shouting: "No, no, no, no!  
This same sex marriage thing must go, go, go, go!"

He spouted and shouted (and it wasn't with glee),  
When who should strut by, but Grinch Number Three!

Jack Layton they call him, but he's so sly and so slick,  
Most of the time, his clicker won't click!

"No new taxes, of any kind!"  
But the old taxes? Jack doesn't mind.  
Two-tier health care, he'll fight, fight, fight, fight...  
But clinics that are already there are sort of all right.

With all the tender sweetness of a seasick crocodile,  
Jack puzzled and puzzled too long a while...  
He puzzled and puzzled and puzzled some more,  
Then puzzled until his puzzler was sore.

Suddenly, Jack, got an idea! An awful idea!  
That Grinch, Jack got a wonderful, awful idea -  
He chuckled and clucked and chortled: "I'll see ya!"

"This Christmas, let's put some tinsel to the glittering test -  
Let's see which one of us Grinches the Whos like the best!"

Jack lit up like a light bulb - the kind that are blinky -  
An election at Christmas? How perfectly stinky!

Now all the Whos in Aurora are beginning to chatter:  
"Poor Jack! Doesn't he know size really does matter?"

Paul Martin is the big Grinch - didn't you know?  
If only by less than an inch - a millimetre or so,  
With Harper a frightening close second,  
Or so the pollsters have frighteningly reckoned.

Poor Jack the hack, he just doesn't get it!  
"Status quo" means "the same" - even he won't upset it!

We've voted and voted till our voters are sore,  
We really don't want to vote anymore!  
We're tired and bored and onto this grinchy old game -  
Spending our money to give us more of the same!

It's Christmas - you jokers! You cloakakers! What soakers you be!  
Whoville's a'twittle spiking the cocoa and trimming the tree!  
We're having Who-pudding, and rare Who-roast-beast,  
And we're all going to have a FEAST, FEAST, FEAST, FEAST!

We'll toboggan and carol and crunch candy canes,  
We'll greet and we'll treat and we'll play with our trains!  
We'll hang wreaths and we'll light up our little Who houses,  
And we'll even leave crumbs for our little Who mouses!

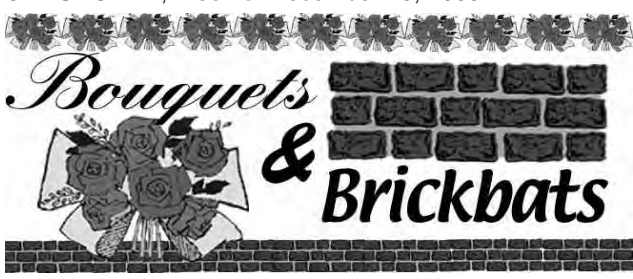
So go ahead - pound signs into ground that's like ice!  
Kiss babies, shake hands, and make fake like you're nice!

You can't steal Christmas from us - we're the Whos!  
We decide which Who will win...and what Who will lose!

We know that Christmas doesn't come from a store -  
We think that Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more...  
So go ahead! Go make your NOISE, NOISE, NOISE, NOISE!  
We'll be too busy making our JOYS, JOYS, JOYS, JOYS!

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





By DICK ILLINGWORTH

**BOUQUETS** to 16-year-old Aurora Tiger goalie Jeremie Dupont on being accepted by the University of Nebraska-Omaha next season, after signing with the Mavericks, a member of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. He is a student at Ecole Secondaire Catholique la Renaissance in Aurora.

**BRICKBATS** to some members of Aurora Council for continually breaking the Rules of Procedure, Code of Ethics and just common courtesy by their personal attacks on each other. Instead of getting better, it's getting worse and there's still a year to go.

**BOUQUETS** to members of Aurora town staff and volunteers of Aurora Cable TV who are required to sit through long, torturous council meetings with the discussion going in circles while councillors yell and scream at each other. Members of council should watch TV and see themselves as others see them.

**BRICKBATS** to Justice James Brunton of the Superior Court of Quebec for wiping out the 14 restrictions placed on Karla Homolka by a lower court on her release from prison. She is now as free as a bird after serving only 12 years for her part in the sex killings of Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy and her role in the fatal drug rape of her youngest sister, Tammy.

**BOUQUETS** to Jon Gertler of Aurora for his many hours of volunteer work with the Canadian Mental Health Association as he spends about 40 hours per week at New Directions in Aurora assisting with groups for those struggling with depression. As someone who struggled with depression, he finds his volunteer work a motivator.

**BRICKBATS** to Prime Minister Paul Martin for criticizing the United States for their lack of action on curbing greenhouse gas emissions and climate change when the American record is better than the Canadian. People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

**BOUQUETS** to York Regional Police and Canadian Tire for teaming up for the annual Toys for Tots program, and to all the people who donate Canadian Tire money or a gift for a child.

**BOUQUETS** to York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge on being recognized for his leadership, professional excellence and community building skills by the Advance Business Club and the He Shan Club, both Chinese business organizations.

**BRICKBATS** to Paul Martin and the Liberal Party for parachuting Michael Ignatieff as the Liberal candidate into the riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore following the abrupt resignation of Jean Augustine, Canada's first black women cabinet minister and preventing Marc Scwec and Ron Chyczil from seeking the nomination. So much for Martin's promise to correct the democratic deficit.

**BOUQUETS** to the staff and customers of the LCBO store on Yonge Street in Aurora for raising more funds than any other liquor store in Ontario for Hurricane Katrina victims. The store raised \$1,500 bringing the Ontario total to \$111,000.

**BOUQUETS** to the Shoeless Joe's in the St. Andrew's Plaza for joining in the campaign to collect non-perishable food items for local food banks. The campaign lasts until December 24th. The 36 locations in the province hope to collect 35,000 pounds of food.

**BRICKBATS** to GO Transit for closing the Newmarket Terminal for renovations during the winter months. Due to the many complaints from passengers about standing out in the cold while waiting for a bus, GO officials installed two heated trailers, one at each end of the waiting platform, but what about restrooms?

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## Letters to the Editor

# Hope politicians understand “peace on earth” concept

To the editor,

Belinda Stronach's new Liberal election signs were up in our riding before Paul Martin had entered the presence of our Governor General to dissolve Parliament.

One wonders if Paul Martin really wanted to make Government work when Liberal actions across the many riding campaigns moved early that morning.

Lois Brown, the Conservative hard working candidate and local community activist, is moving forward to take on this challenge for your support and vote.

The other parties also willing to make sure you hear their favourite slogan and twist on their platforms

and dislikes of the present Liberal Government and their corruption.

There is no doubt that long standing ruling political parties establish questionable governance and use of the taxpayer's funds throughout history.

Changes at times need to take place to refresh the governance of those actions and ruling parties. Is this the right time for that change?

Governance and political resolve historically do need to change and it has little to do with the leadership of that party but more with the inner circle of those close and hanging on to power.

They hang on to power not for your or my benefit although they tend to dole out our funds for your and

my vote, but more for their own political agendas and needs.

These needs are not always related to those required funds but more a requirement for power and influence.

This coming election is being waged within the Holy times of Christmas where we present the presence of peace and goodwill among all the peoples of our country and the world.

Thus the tough tactics from the political strategists we will not see until after the New Year and the last two weeks of the campaign in January.

Winter elections have

historically allowed for little change except this year, the sense of change is in the air.

Christmas is a wonderful time for many families and children and hard on those who have lost someone close this past year.

I wonder if this Christmas will also bring back a daughter and mother into the corporate fold for new challenges and a family reunion.

A time of Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all and hope our politicians understand this concept.

Marten A. Mol  
Aurora

## Belinda deserves to be our member

To the editor,

Thank you, Belinda Stronach.

Thank you for taking the action of your conscience when you crossed the floor and helped to save the fall of our government, and not like a sheep being blindfolded.

You saw the advantages for not only the people of your riding but the people of your country.

Now we have the lowest unemployment in 30 years, the lowest debt ever and an economy which continues to thrive.

In addition to that, the monies put towards our medical system has done wonders for cutting in half, if not more, hospital waiting times for scheduled

surgeries, which would not be this way if there was a private system in place.

Personally I would like to thank you for supporting Southlake's regional cancer centre.

I do believe that it will help families at a time in need in our own backyard thus saving families the drive back and forth to Toronto when in a time of need.

Also thanks for your support to the youth programs in Newmarket /Aurora.

Belinda, you certainly deserve the privilege to serve the people of Newmarket/Aurora as our Member of Parliament.

Thank you.

Aurora resident

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Letters to the Editor

# Conservatives have their history of skeletons, too

To the editor,

Just to put things into perspective, let me state there are few Canadian political parties in history that have not done some injurious things.

However, to the bewilderment of some purer than pure readers, the Conservative party takes the cake.

Back in the 1800s, a Conservative, Sir John A. MacDonald, was intent on hanging Louis Riel, a Meti, who believed his people should not lose their land to interlopers.

More than 100 years later, Brian Mulroney says that was not nice at all, so we will give Riel his due and even put a nice monument up for him.

Some time later, along comes John Diefenbaker, supreme ditherer, who spent hundreds of hours and days bemoaning the fact that blue was not in our new flag, like the Union Jack.

To make things worse, he takes one of among the best planes ever designed in Canada, the Avro Arrow, and under pressure from

good old Uncle Sam, dumps it into the deepest part of Lake Ontario and destroys a complete industry.

Some time later a bunch of the boys (all Conservatives) are caught red handed with Gerda Munsinger.

You cannot have a brothel on Parliament Hill, period.

There have been many more Conservative skeletons, but we should not lose sight of the election.

All these shocking histrionics excite people no end but in reality, what is your platform and your policy?

If the Conservative party dares to tell the people what they have in mind for medicare, they would be a washout.

They are not interested in multiculturalism or bilingualism or even the constitution's charter of rights and freedoms.

Ultimately this election is different from others.

If the voters get confused, we can all wind up being losers.

Ben Kestain  
Aurora

# Apple tree reminded us of great lady, reader says

To the editor,

Sometime during the night of November 21, someone stole something very precious to our family.

What was taken was a tiny apple tree, stolen from our front yard.

This wasn't just a spontaneous case of destroying a tree for the fun of it,

this was premeditated because they brought a shovel with them and dug the tree out of the earth.

This tree wasn't just any little apple tree.

It was planted in honour of a remarkable woman, my mother, Terry Forfar. She died the summer of 2004 and that same summer we decided to plant a tree on the prop-

erty that she had taken such loving care of.

This tree, nourished by some of mom's ashes, was a living reminder of a very great lady.

It even bloomed in October the first year it was planted, which was remarkable.

This past fall it gave us five tiny apples, which my seven-year-old daughter was so proud of and enjoyed.

When we looked out this morning and saw only a hole in the ground, where once a precious tree had grown, our hearts stopped beating.

My daughter asked me if the tree had gone to heaven to be with nanny. How do you explain to an innocent child that someone would act so maliciously?

I had no answer for her.

Today would have been mom's birthday.

I have no answers as to why such a senseless act would occur.

# Motorists ignore this all-way stop

To the editor,

I am sure that everyone in Aurora likes their vehicles, right?

Well, we do, too, and we would prefer that they stay in one piece and also that we pay great insurance rates and would be very displeased if that rate increased because of other people's carelessness!

Our home faces the all-way stop where Gurnett Street changes to Victoria at Harrison. That's right, people, I said STOP!

You are aware that the little red octagonal sign means STOP, not slow down to see if anyone is coming then speed through or look around and if no one is in sight don't even bother to slow down!

We live near schools and I have seen a few narrow misses at this intersection!

We have contacted the police and they haven't done anything about it so I'm hoping this letter will spur some kind of action.

Winter is fast approaching and during that small storm a couple of weeks ago we saw more than a few skid marks right through this intersection. What if YOUR child was walking through here?

What if YOUR family lives in this area?

What if YOU drive

through here and are hit by a careless driver whose life and priorities are obviously more important than yours, because they can't be bothered to stop?

Ask yourselves these questions and if you are a frequent flier of our little street please have SOME consideration and STOP for the STOP sign. Thank you very much!

Jessica Sinclair  
Aurora

Sandee Forfar  
Aurora

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# AMHA Tiger Days a success

To the editor,

On Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19th, M&M Meats of Aurora held a fundraiser in support of the Aurora Minor Hockey Association.

During those two days, 10 per cent of the price of

all items purchased in the M&M Meats store by supporters of the AMHA was donated to the hockey association.

In addition, several volunteers spent all day Saturday flipping hamburgers and breakfast sausage, supplied by M&M's, and selling these

items to hungry hockey parents and players throughout the day.

The AMHA volunteers were located outside the main doors of both the ACC and ARC complexes.

In total, more than 800 barbecued items were sold.

These were especially

appreciated by those who were at the ARC as there are no concessions set up at that location.

In addition, Tim Horton's supplied coffee for sale at the ARC site.

In total, the AMHA realized a net donation of \$1,400 from this initiative. The AMHA would like to

thank Greg Foster, owner of the Aurora M&M Meat Shop for the products, his time and his initiative in support of Aurora Minor Hockey.

In addition, our thanks to Andrea and Joe Bentolila, Martha Dickie and Debbie Killens for advertising, printing fliers and getting out the volunteers.

The Auroran provided great advertising for the event and their support is appreciated as well.

Finally our volunteers deserve to be recognized.

At the ARC, we had a team of Brian Loney, Steve Riswick, Nathalie and Gary Baxter and Paul Papousek.

At the ACC, Wayne Keilty anchored the team of Matt Solejnik, Spenser, Graeme and George Smart, Collette Gauthier and Scott Loney.

The students got well-earned community service credits for their activities.

**Paul Papousek**  
**Aurora Minor**  
**Hockey Association**  
**Fundraising Director**

## Thoughtless people littered parade route

To the editor,

What a wonderful Santa Claus parade we enjoyed Saturday evening, November 26!

The sparkling lights and costumes made the evening magical.

Thank you to all the participants and planners and Town staff who worked so

hard to make this event a success.

The only thing that spoiled it, as usual, is the amount of garbage left along the parade route!

I cannot fathom how someone, after enjoying a coffee or hot chocolate, can set their garbage down on the sidewalk, and just leave it there.

What kind of message are you giving your children?

The sad thing is that, most likely, these people don't even give it a second thought.

Somehow, it has been instilled in them that there will always be someone coming along behind them to clean up.

Please take some responsibility for yourselves - it's not up to someone else to clean up after you.

Hopefully your children will be more aware of their impact on their environment in the future than you are now.

**S. Connolly**  
**Aurora**

## Contented subscriber renews Auroran

To the editor,

With pleasure I enclose my cheque to continue my subscription to your pleasurable publication, which has provided me so many moments of heartwarming nostalgia,

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Letters to the Editor

# Endorsement ill-conceived: reader

To the editor,

I criticize the Aurora Town Council's endorsement of the T.S.A.B. (Traffic Safety

Advisory Board) as being misdirected and ill conceived.

Any tinkering with the program that protects our

children is based purely on economics with little regard as to the effect on all those concerned.

I lived at the corner of

Wellington and Wells for 10 years.

This crossing has been and still remains one of the busiest and most dangerous of its kind in the Town of Aurora.

Needless to say, the guard (Ernie) has ushered countless children safely across for years and he has really served two purposes.

He not only looked out for the safety of the Wells St. School Kindergarten to Grade 6ers, but also those moms, dads, relatives, and seniors walking their dogs during the times that he was present. To take away the guard from any crossing is not only a disservice to the children who depend on them, but indeed the entire community.

Maybe all children as well as anyone who feels protected by the crossing guard should pack a lunch, as suggested by Councillor Evelyn Buck, and stay off the streets during the hours in question.

Mark Warburton  
Aurora

# How many accidents are considered "many"?

To the editor,

In the December 6 Auroran, a "brickbat" was given to the town for failing to take action on the Murray Drive access to the Canadian Tire plaza, which is "an accident waiting to happen".

The brickbat goes on to

state that many accidents have actually already happened.

I believe this is a prime example of how we end up with so many inane traffic restrictions in this town.

A vocal taxpayer appears before the Traffic Safety Advisory Board armed with the

ubiquitous statistic, "I have witnessed many accidents", and wham-o, up goes yet another all-way stop sign or the like.

Personally, I pass that location every day and I have yet to see an accident of any description, just like I've never seen an accident a block away at Murray and Mosaics, which has been blessed with the dumbest all-way stop signs because someone witnessed "many accidents", according to an article in The Auroran at the time it was an issue.

I wonder, exactly how many accidents are required to qualify for "many accidents" status under the guidelines set forth by the Traffic Board?

# Reader upset over mailings

To the editor,

I opened up my mailbox today to find not one, but two, letters from Belinda Stronach containing Liberal propaganda thinly veiled as newsletters to constituents.

She is very careful to keep these from looking partisan, but it just looks like a last ditch attempt to have her name associated with various spending announcements prior to the start of the election campaign.

As a sitting MP, Stronach enjoys the ability to "frank" correspondence to the members of her riding - using taxpayers' dollars to send us her news. Instead of waiting for the campaign that she knows is upon us any day now, she is milking every last opportunity to send out her message without paying for it.

The other candidates in this riding aren't given free mailing privileges - they will be using a significant portion of their campaign budgets and relying on volunteers to drop flyers at doors in order to get their messages out.

Come on, Belinda.

Don't send me any more

# Omitted

To the editor,

In my letter to the editor of December 7th, I thanked individuals and groups for their contributions and support in the planning, fund-raising and building of the new seniors' centre.

When my letter was printed I was horrified to see that a critical sentence had been eliminated.

It read as follows: Deputy-mayor Phyllis Morris was instrumental in guiding us through the Magna Hoedown application process.

Ms Morris has always been one of the strongest advocates and supporters of seniors in the town.

I can only hope that this oversight was error of omission and not deliberation.

Judy Salmon  
Aurora

R. Prins  
Aurora

Stewart Ivoll  
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# AURORAN SPORTS

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# Tigers win three of four in busy hockey schedule

The Aurora Tigers were cruising along nicely last week, making successful work of a heavy schedule that saw them play four games in five days, but they ran out of steam in the final encounter Sunday night and fell 4-2 to the Pickering Panthers.

Until that moment, however, the plucky hockey team had defeated the Huntsville-Muskoka Otters 3-1 and the Collingwood Blues 6-1 in out of town contests.

Friday night, the Tigers thrilled their hometown crowd, demolishing the Ajax Axemen 17-3.

In that contest, Aurora scored nine unanswered goals in the second period to run up the score.

The first and third periods were what you would expect to see in a junior hockey game.

Josh McNair and Cale Tanaka set the pace for the winners, each contributing three goals, while Doug Henderson, Matt McGill and Brandon Roshko added two each.

Singles went to Andrew Knobel, Daniel Michalsky, Nathan Oke, Fraser Smith, Brandon Walker and Jeremy Whelan.

Last Wednesday night in Huntsville, Tigers scored once in each period to defeat the Huntsville-Muskoka Otters 3-1.

Captain Jeric Agosta, Paul Bortignon and Fraser Smith scored for the winners.

From there, it was back to Aurora, then off to Collingwood Saturday night, where they dumped the Blues 6-1, this time scoring a pair of goals in each of the three periods.

Collingwood spoiled Jeremie Dupont's shutout bid with a single in the final 20 minutes of play.

Josh McNair led the way with a goal and two assists, while other counters went to Josh Diamond, Doug Henderson, Daniel Michalsky, Fraser Smith and Brandon Walker.

By the time Aurora arrived in Pickering Sunday night, the busy schedule began to show on the players.

They scored singles in the first and second periods, but couldn't hold the Panthers who scored twice in the first and added singles in the second and third periods to capture the victory.

McNair and Michalsky scored for Aurora.

This week, the Tiger itinerary is not quite as heavy

and two of the three games scheduled are at the Aurora Community Centre.

Thursday night, Aurora travels to Whitchurch Stouffville to meet the Stouffville Spirit, then hosts the Seguin Bruins Friday night at the ACC.

That game begins at 7.30

p.m.

Sunday evening - again at 7.30 - Aurora will get another crack at the Pickering Panthers, when that squad comes to town for a rematch of last Sunday's game.

Meanwhile, Jeric Agosta continues to lead the Tiger

scoring parade with 24 goals and 20 assists for 44 points.

Cale Tanaka has also climbed into the plus-40 point club with 19 goals and 21 assists.

Josh McNair is right on Tanaka's heels with 19 goals and 20 assists.



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Fresh from their recent tournament victory in Orillia, members of the Aurora Tigers Atom AE squad take time out for a photograph. They are, lying down, Lucas Hussey, Andrew Stobbe; First Row (kneeling) Vincent Ruscica, Braden Casselden, Ryan Baskin, Eric Archibald, William Brogan, Jimmy Brookes, Sammy Steenhorst; second Row, John Archibald (Coach), Andrew Pryse (Coach), Colton Lee, Connor Moody, Eric Bulloch, Jack Straw, Connor McQuillan, Eric Hussey (Coach), William Allen, Matthew Pryse, Jeffrey Lam, Statler Lee (Trainer).

# There was a time when students handled crossings

Every year, usually around budget time, newly elected councillors object to the thousands of dollars in the municipal budget to pay for school crossing guards.

They argue that as the school boards pay for school bussing, they should also be responsible for the cost of the crossing guards.

Recently at Aurora Council, the question of who should be responsible for the crossing guards was introduced, but not within the context of a budget debate.

The Aurora Traffic Safety Advisory Board recommended that as of September, 2006, school crossing guards be removed during the noon hour at certain intersections and a letter be sent to all affected schools.

The intersections included Aurora Heights Drive and Haida Drive, Aurora Heights Drive and Crawford Rose Drive, McClellan Way and Tradewind Terrace, Orchard Heights Boulevard and Hill Drive and Stone Road and Crow's Nest Gate.

It was pointed out that the schools had implemented different lunch times resulting in the crossing guard being required to remain at the crossing for up to three hours and it was difficult attracting guards at some intersections as only a few children were involved.

There is nothing specific in the Municipal Act that requires municipalities to provide school crossing guards, whereas the Education Act provides that a board may authorize school activities pertaining to the welfare of students and exercise jurisdiction in respect thereof, so it appears clear where the responsibility should lie.

Back in the old days when Aurora had its own school board, it was argued there was only one taxpayer and it

didn't make much difference who was responsible, but with the many changes in school funding in the past few years that no longer holds true.

But long before the question of who should pay for crossing guards was introduced, senior students were selected to handle school crossings and they were known as School Safety Patrols.

The students were selected by the principal or teachers and were usually the top ranking students. A teacher was normally appointed as Patrol Supervisor.

Training of the safety patrol students in Aurora was carried out by the Aurora Police Department.

Members of the safety patrol were equipped with a white or orange belt and a badge, which identified patrol members to their school-mates and to motorists.

Safety patrol members had no power to stop traffic. Their main functions were to hold the children back on the sidewalk or the edge of the road until there was a gap in the traffic so students could cross safely and to remind the children of the safety rules.

In 1969, there were 92 students serving as safety patrols from different schools in Aurora.

It was so successful that the Aurora Safety Council won a National Safety Award for the school patrol system.

Then in 1971 with the establishment of the York Regional Police Force the school safety program was discontinued, in spite of Aurora Council's requests to restore the program.

At that time across Canada, the school patrol program was still active with 150,000 Grade 6, 7 and 8 students participating.

It was supported by local police departments, the

Ontario Ministry of Transportation, the Ontario Safety League and the Canadian Home and School Association.

About the same time adult crossing guards were hired at major intersections with pay at that time of about \$15 per week.

At that time in the province only police officers had the authority to stop traffic, and in order for an adult crossing guard to have that right, the guard would have to be sworn in as a special police officer under the control of the police department.

Current legislation gives crossing guards that authority.

In October, 1984, when a school principal requested a second crossing guard at the school, Aurora Council asked the York Region Board of Education to consider a student safety patrol but no action was taken.

In February, 1985, council asked York Regional Police to establish a student safety patrol program similar to that operated by the Toronto Police. York Police officials replied that safety patrol was a municipal responsibility and offered to assist in the training.

Parents, especially in new subdivisions, attend council meetings to request, or in some cases demand action in providing a crossing guard, and council has to decide if one is warranted or not.



The Aurora Panthers bantam house league team #45 went unbeaten recently as they won the Peterborough Ice Kats 25th anniversary hockey tournament. They accomplished that feat edging the host Peterborough team 2-1 in a nail-biting final game. Enjoying the victory are, front row, Lauren Renaud, Kristin Nemes, Natalie Roth, Elyse Alavie, Kamille Colucci, Sonda Breedon; middle row, Meagan Eveleigh, Haleigh Dilts, Lauren Gastman, Cassandra DeAmici, Melinda DuBeau; back row, coach Ed Nemes, Jessie Snyder, Juliana Coughlin, Jessica Kirkley, trainer Ellen Gastman and assistant coach George Collucci. During the tournament, 11 of the 14 girls on the team scored goals, and all 14 wound up on the score sheet. The squad scored 26

goals over five games and gave up only five goals. Not bad, consid-

ering the team is without a full-time goalie.



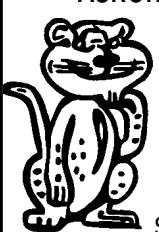
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### Tyke

**108 Tim Horton's Blues 7** - Matthew Tyndall 1G, Colin Kostin 3G, Graham Sandford 1G 2A, Spencer White 2G. **106 Tim Horton's Red Wings Tyke HL 4.**

**104 Tim Horton's Sharks 9** - Bryan Manweiler 2G, Adam Wilson 1A, Jared Brown 1A, Anthony Orlandi 2G 1A, Tyler Wilson 1A, Brendin Ramsay 1G, Jared Reeves 4G. **102 Tim Horton's Rangers Tyke HL 4.**

**107 Tim Horton's Bruins 12** - Shaun Broad 1A, Alex Carter 2A, Evan Cherubini 2G 3A, Andrew Daniell 2A, Alistair Johnston 2A, Nicholas Sansalone 1G 3A, Cole Thiessen 9G 3A. **105 Tim Horton's Flyers Tyke HL 2.**

**103 Tim Horton's Blackhawks Tyke HL 6** - Andrew Badali 2G 1A, Micheal Dowling 1G, Jacob Fenchak 1G, Taylor Kauffeldt 1G, Colin McGoldrick 1G 1A, Jeffrey McKay 1A, Matthew Barnett 1A, Devlin Kauffeldt 1A, Brett Diamond 1A. **101 Tim Horton's Leafs 3.**

### Novice

**206 Emilio's Pizza Novice HL 6** - Andre Cristillo 1G 1A, Connor Kemp 1G 1A, Andrew Klinowski 3G 1A, Nolan Smith 1G 1A, Kory Wansborough 2A, Anthony Georgieff 4A. **203 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 2.**

**202 Mastermind Toys.Com 4** - Eric Cumiskey 2G, Joshua Lye 1A, Liam Joiner 1G 2A, Ryan Batten 1A, Ryan Ouwroules 1G. **205 HS Financial Serivces Novice HL 2** - Michael Walsh 2G.

**204 North York Heating & Plumbing Novice HL 4** - Denzel Speller-Drews 1G 1A, Michael McKerracher 1G, Peter McKerracher 1A, Dylan Pyziak 1G, John Partland 1A, James Power 1G. **201 McAlpine Ford Lincoln 3** - Joey Hodgson 1A, Michael Boorn 1G, Cameron Screech 1G, Johnny Sherwood 1A, Jeffrey Wanless 1A, Christian Baggio 1G.

### Minor Atom

**305 All Pro Source For Sports Minor Atom HL 5** - Morgan Walker 1G, Victor Chadarov 1A, Michael Slack 1G 1A, Tait Snedden 1G, Brady Harris 1A, Brendan Harris 2G 1A. **308 Delph & Jenkins Surveyors 1.**

**306 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre Minor Atom HL 4** - Thomas Finlay 1A, Wilson Black 1G, Luc Gregoris 1A, Michael Liscio 3G, Nathan Sinclair 1A. **307 Optimist Club of Aurora 2** - Nelson Hossack 1A, Zachary Kroll 1A, Kevin Siery 1G, Robin Creighton 1G.

**303 Dr. Steiner's Drillers Minor Atom HL 4** - Maxwell Brown 2G, Ian Chappell 1A, Mitchell Lamantia 1A, Lucas Marek 1A, Patrick Merritt 1A, Nicholas Steiner 1G, Alexander Stewart 1A, Austin Tanaka 1G. **302 Laurion Law Office 3** - Christopher Bridgeman 1A, Jason Glionna 1G, Matt Sanita 2G.

### Atom

**406 Continental Custom Ingredients 5** - Curtis Fordyce 1G 1A, Sasha Dajia 1G, Justin Stevens 1A, Nicolas Bertrand 1G, David Roberts 1G, Matthew Reeves 1A, Joshua Lawlor 1G. **403 Dr. Steiner's Drillers Atom HL 3** - Christopher Cherubini 1G, Tyler Grossi 1G, Matthew Iamonaco 1A, Cody Mulhern 2A, Paul Louis Steiner 1G.

**404 Optimist Club of Aurora 3** - Gavin Matheson 1A, Sammy Fanone 1G, Daniel McDonnell 1G, Thomas Scougall 1A, Massimo Longhin 1G, Ryan MacMillan 1A. **401 Nacora Insurance Brokers Atom HL 1** - Liam Batulis 1A, Andrew Boehmer 1G, Jordan Doke 1A.

**405 Rotary Club of Aurora Atom HL 6** - Matthew Johnson 1G 1A, Andrew Staples 1G, Quinn McGowan 2G 1A, Matthew Roach 1A, Eric Staueble 1G, Mackenzie McIntosh 1G, George Plukov 1A, Drew Davison 1A. **402 McAlpine Ford Lincoln 3** - Andreas Mikkelsen 1G, Drew Bryan 1A, Dylan Lyons 1A, Quinn Harris 1G, Casey Severini 1G.

### Minor Peewee

**503 Winchurch Environmental Inc. 7 502 Supreme Collision Centre Minor Peewee HL 5** - Zach Zeto 1G 1A, Kyle Duvall1G, Andrew Seguin 1G, Joey Romano 1G, Geoffrey Ash 1G.

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**506 Diamond Groundskeeping Services 3** - Graeme Ralph 1A, Royce Kirby 2G, Zach Pyle 1A, Myles Mundingier 1G, David Marsillo 1A, Graham Joiner 1A. **501 Chevalier Chrysler Minor Peewee HL 2**

**505 Pizza Pizza Minor Peewee HL 6** - Christopher Beach 1G 1A, Micheal David 1A, Joey Detoro 1G, Andrew Gibbs 1A, Jake Langford 2G, Gregory Olejnik 2A, Cody Rundle-Sanderson 1G. Nicholas Theodoropolous 1G. **503 Winchurch Environmental Inc. 2.**

### Peewee

**609 Manhattan Trophies Peewee HL 3** - Brett Richardson 1G 1A, Kevin McCrudden 1G, Adam Masciangelo 1A, Stephen Newby 1G 1A. **601 Orr & Forster Insurance 3** - Curtis Rose 2G, Michael Reilly 1G, John Zorzit 1A, Michael Wood 1A, Dylan Jolivet 1A, Ryan Cumiskey 1A.

**608 Pharmasave Peewee HL 5** - Christian Avolio 3G, Austin Archer 1A, Jordan Gerace 2G, Ryan Taylor 1A, Adrian Tobin 2A. **602 Restored Sports 2** - Robert Denault 1A, Christopher Ho 1G, Curtis Stobo 1G.

**603 Aurora Dental Centre Peewee HL 7** - Matthew Brutto 1A, Tanner Brewer 1G 1A, Josh Ashfield 1G, Griffin Slimkowich 3G 1A, Jordan Fera 1G, Chase Riddell 2A, Adam Balaban 1G 1A. **606 National Sports 2** - Trystan Nelson 1A, Christian Davies 1G, Michael Bernier 1A, Greg Lacroix 1G, Sean Takahashi 1A.

**607 Cosentino Produce Peewee HL 5** - Lucas Cristillo 1G, Cameron Annear 1G 2A, Jonathan Boehmer 1G 1A, Alexander Payne 2G, Robert Anderson 2A. **604 CAA South Central Ontario 0.**

**605 Mary's Flower Shop Peewee HL 8** - Taran McGowan 4G, Jake Hindley 1A, James Witherspoon 1A, Kyle Rojas 4G. **610 ACI 5** - Matthew Clarke 2G 1A, Dakota Molloy 2A, Michael Vance 1G 1A, Tyler Stephenson 2A, Scott Tonello 2G, Egan Fennell 2A.

### Minor Bantam

**704 Aurora Montessori School Minor Bantam HL 4** - Scott Cunningham 1G 1A, Nick Orsatti 1G 1A, Mattheus Vloet 1G, Marco Santella 1G, Julian Savosardaro 1A, Robert Horton 1A, Adam Stubbs 1A. **705 Aurora Canadian Tire 3.**

**704 Aurora Montessori School Minor Bantam HL 2** - Scott Cunningham 1A, Nick Orsatti 1G 1A, Mattheus Vloet 1G, Marco Santella 1A. **706 Formtech 1.**

**706 Formtech 5** - Robert Fiorini 1G 1A, Chris McGill 1G, Mike Delplavgnano 1G 1A, Chris Tillsley 1G, Mike Machin 1G. **701 I.O.O.F. Aurora Lodge 148 F.L.T. Minor Bantam HL 2** - Daniel Crowther 1G, Dylan Teacher 1A, Daniel Sampieri 1G, Marcel Lamanna 2A, Chris Blumreisinger 1A.

**703 Dial Tone Communications Minor Bantam HL 3** - Eric Cigana 2G, Matt Raponi 1G, Caleb Gould 1A, Munn Colin 1A. **702 Highland Chevrolet Cadillac 2.**

### Midget

**1004 Aurora Legion 4** - Zack Andrews 1G, Alex Cancelli 1A, Drew Jenkins 2G 1A, Brenden McNeely 1G, Mike White 1A. **1010 Tilemaster Midget HL 3.**

**1008 ASA Alloys 9** - Daniel Abram 1G, Jon Alexsich 1G 1A, Iznaur Atiev 2G 2A, Andrew Bilsborough 2A, Sean Brennan 2A, Robert Danis 2G, John Stinson 1G, Michael Panetta 2G 1A. **1010 Tilemaster Midget HL 3.**

**1008 ASA Alloys Midget HL 5** - Daniel Abram 2A, Jon Alexsich 2G 2A, Sean Brennan 1A, Tyler Fife 1G 1A, Kevin Michie 1G 1A, Luke Stinson 1G. **1006 AB Cox Pontiac Buick GMC 5.**

## Select

**Aurora Tigers Tyke Select 9** - Andrew Badali 1G 1A, Ryan Coveart 1G, Jared Reeves 1A, Patrick Servideo 1G, Cole Chapman 1G, Cole Thiessen 3G, Robert Thomas 2G 1A. Shutout: Matthew Tanel. **Markham 2.**

## Rep Games

**Aurora Tigers Novice AA 4** - Graeme McDonald 1G 2A, Tara Morning 1A, Jesse Wiemer 3G 1A. **Barrie 3.**

**Georgina 3 Aurora Tigers Novice AA 1** - Jake Appleby 1A, Graeme McDonald 1A, Jesse Wiemer 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Novice AA 6** - Jake Appleby 1G 2A, Alex Bernier 1A, Matthew Caicco 1G, Graeme McDonald 1A, Nicholas Papousek 2G, Ian Reid 3A, Jesse Wiemer 2G 1A. Shutout: Quinten Bell. **Redmen 0.**

**Aurora Tigers Novice A 2 Colonial Chevrolet Redmen 2**

**Aurora Tigers Novice AE 3** - Kyle Bryden 1A, Erick Bortolotti 1A, Jimmy Abels 1A, Jeff Stobo 1G, Alex Popa 1A, Garret Wood 1G, Austin Waite 1G. **Markham 1 2.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AA 3** - Kyle Locke 1A, Branden Fennell 2G, Spencer Green 1G, Quentin Campbell 1A. **Mississauga 2.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AA 3** - Justin Pirie 1A, Branden Fennell 1G 1A, John MacDonald 1A, Spencer Green 1A, Quentin Campbell 1G, Jack Caldwell 1G. **Richmond Hill 1.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AA 3** - Justin Pirie 1G, Branden Fennell 2G 1A, Matthew Iwai 1A, Quentin Campbell 1A. **Century 21 Redmen 3.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AA 6** - Sean Foxwell 1A, Liam Coll 2G 1A, Konner McMillan 1G 1A, Kyle Locke 2A, Branden Fennell 1G 1A, John MacDonald 1G, Spencer Green 1G 1A, Quentin Campbell 1A, Jack Caldwell 1A. **Century 21 Redmen 6.**

**Innisfil 6 Aurora Tigers Minor Atom A 4** - Erik Balkovec 2G 1A, Parker Baile 1G, Austin Persaud 1A, Evan Jackson 1G 1A, Scott Kostin 2A, Jake McKee 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom A 6** - Erik Balkovec 1G 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A, Parker Baile 1G 1A, Austin Persaud 1G, Evan Jackson 1G 1A, Connor Cowl 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 2G 1A, Brett Thiessen 1A. Shutout: Brian Langdon. **Markham 0.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom A 3** - Paul Neophytou 1G, Parker Baile 2A, Connor Cowl 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1G 1A, Brett Thiessen 1A. **East Gwillimbury 3.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AE 5** - Ben Ashton 1G, Tyler George 1A, Shannon Murray 2A, Graham Robinson 1G, Harrison Smith 1A, Kyle Strachan 1G 1A, Jordyn Thomson 1G, Nathan Nealon 1G. **TNT Tornadoes 0.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AE 2** - Liam Beresford 1A, Graham Robinson 1G, James Johnston 1G. **Redmen 1.**

**Aurora Tigers Atom AA 3 Georgina 3**

**Aurora Tigers Atom AA 2 Evergreen Lawn Sprinklers Redmen 1**

**Owen Sound Jr Attack 6 Aurora Tigers Atom A 2** - Hayden Trask 1G, Graeme Allison 1A, Ben Hankins 1G, Peter Sandwell 1A, Daniel Antoniel 1A, Eric Damecour 1A.

**Aurora Tigers Atom AE 4** - William Brogan 1A, William Allen 1A, Eric Archibald 1A, Matthew Pryse 1A, Vincent Ruscica 3G 1A, Ryan Baskin 1G. **Markham 3.**

**Barrie 3 Aurora Tigers Atom AE 2** - Connor Moody 1G, Jimmy Brookes 1A, Matthew Pryse 1A, Ryan Baskin 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Atom AE 7** - Connor Moody 1G 1A, William Allen 1A, Sammy Steenhorst 2G, Jeffery Lam 2A, Eric Archibald 1A, Jimmy Brookes 1A, Matthew Pryse 2A, Colton Lee 2A, Jack Straw 1A, Vincent Ruscica 3G, Ryan Baskin 1A, Liam Devlin 1G 1A. **Richmond Hill 0.**

**Aurora Tigers Atom AE 7** - Connor Moody 1G, Eric Archibald 1A, Jimmy Brookes 1G, Matthew Pryse 1A, Jack Straw 1G, Vincent Ruscica 2G 1A, Eric Bulloch 1G, Ryan Baskin 1G. **Oak Ridges 2.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Peewee AA 2** - Matthew Roy 1A, Tanner Thiessen 1G, Trevor Best 1G, Andrew Papousek 1A, Taylor Butler 1A. **Barrie 2.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Peewee AA 3** - Tanner Thiessen 1G, Andrew Papousek 1G, Brian Puskar 1A, Nick Heintzman 1G. **Markham 1.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Peewee A 6** - Mark Robertson 1G, Ryan St. Germain 1A, Carmine Bonofiglio 1G, Alex Woodward 1A, Josh Klinowski 1G, Tyler White 1A, A.J. Killens 2G, Daniel

Whitley 1A, Chris Youtoff 1A, Rory MacNeil 1G 1A. **Bradford 4.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Peewee A 7** - Ryan St. Germain 2A, Sean Nishimura 1G 4A, Carmine Bonofiglio 1G 1A, Alex Woodward 4A, Josh Klinowski 1A, Tyler White 1A, A.J. Killens 1G, Daniel Whitley 2G, Rory MacNeil 2G 1A. **Bradford 3.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Peewee AE 4** - Lucas Leslie 1A, Anthony Selski 1G, Evan Collict 2G 1A, Dylan Woyslaw 1G. **Richmond Hill 2.**

**Aurora Tigers Peewee AA 3** - Eleeza Cox 2A, Josh Beaton 1G, Brandon Pedersen 1A, Dylan Skelton 1G, Matthew Miller 1A, James Harkin 1G. **Restored Sports Redmen 1.**

**Aurora Tigers Peewee A 3** - Kyle McCreedy 2G, Ryan Antoniel 1A, Jordan Figueiredo 1A, Chris Smith 1A, Denis Casey 1A, Michael Nonnewitz 1G. Shutout: Nick Skillins. **Brantford 0.**

**Southpoint Capitals 3 Aurora Tigers Peewee A 2** - Kyle McCreedy 1G, Patrick Jones 1A, Luca Battiston 1A.

**Aurora Tigers Peewee A 2** - Kyle McCreedy 1G, Patrick Jones 1G, Scott Kimmerer 1A, Chris Smith 2A. **Schomberg 1.**

**Aurora Tigers Peewee AE 6** - Brett Allen 1G, Spencer George 1G 1A, Sean Halley 1G, Daniel Howie 1G, Michael Takahashi 1G, Aaron Nusbaum 2A, Adam Reid 2A, Nicholas Silverio 1A, Brendan Strachan 1G 1A, Mark Tanel 1A, Michael Di Vincenzo 1A. Shutout: Zackary Henderson. **Orillia 0.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AA 4** - Jeffrey Sanderson 1A, Anthony Marsillo 1A, Nathan Brown 1A, Oliver Boettcher 1G 1A, Justin Brown 1G 1A, Dylan Cross 1A, Louis Lamanna 1G, Taylor Nuttall 1G 1A. Shutout: Scott Smyth. **Bantam A Championship 0.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AA 5** - Jeffrey Sanderson 1A, Anthony Marsillo 1G, Oliver Boettcher 1A, Justin Brown 1G 1A, Dylan Cross 1G 1A, Derrick Hamner 1G 2A, Louis Lamanna 1G, Taylor Nuttall 1A, Peter Axiotis 1A. **Richmond Hill 3.**

**Barrie 4 Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AA 2** - Jeffrey Sanderson 1A, Oliver Boettcher 1G, Justin Brown 1G, Dylan Cross 1A, Derrick Hamner 1A, Peter Axiotis 1A.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AA 4** - Jake Boyle 1A, Jeffrey Sanderson 2A, Justin Brown 1G, Shawn Clark 1G, Louis Lamanna 1G, Taylor Nuttall 1G 1A. **Richmond Hill 2.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam A 3** - Tyler Tisdale 1A, Jakub Sykora 2G, Spencer Arkell 2A, Michael McGolrick 2A, Dillon Cappell 1G. **Orillia 3.**

**Orillia 2 Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam A 0**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AE 1 Barrie 1**

**Oak Ridges 7 Aurora Tigers Bantam A 4** - David Bar 1A, Carter Hassard 1G, Andrew McDonald 1G 1A, Michael Morson 1G, Conor McQuestion 1G, Michael Grande 1A.

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**TNT Tornadoes 10 Aurora Tigers Bantam A 4**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AA 4 Pickering 1**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AA 4 Georgina 1**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AA 7 Uxbridge 1**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget A 8** - Ian Weston 2G, Patrick McMurray 1G, Jeremy Cohen 2G 2A, Spencer McCartney 1A, Greg Gianopoulos 3G, Ross Pizzurro 2A. **Richmond Hill 4.**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AE 1 London Tournament 1**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AE 4 Innisfil 4**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AE 4 Barrie Tournament 3**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AE 3 Barrie Tournament 3**



# All eyes on Newmarket-Aurora

From page 1

spending, more free votes in the House of Commons and same sex marriages.

She lost out to Harper in the leadership race but won the Conservative nomination to be a candidate in this riding defeating Lois Brown by 100 votes.

Ironically, Lois Brown will be Stronach's biggest challenge in January's election, as she attempts to fill the seat once owned by Stronach.

Brown is a former constituency assistant to MPP Frank Klees and was a member of the Alliance Party before it merged with the Conservative Party.

At that time it looked like Stronach's Liberal opponent would be John Taylor, son of Newmarket Mayor Tom Taylor, a former federal Liberal candidate.

It appeared it would be a rematch of the Stronach/Taylor battle in 1998 when Frank Stronach defeated Tom Taylor for the federal nomination for York Simcoe, but was defeated in the election by Tory John Cole.

However, in mid-March, 2004, John Taylor withdrew his name from the nomination race claiming the deepening sponsorship scandal surrounding government expenditures caused

him to back away from federal politics.

Enter corporate lawyer Martha Hall-Findlay who received the nomination to represent the riding for the Liberal Party.

Also nominated were Ed Chudak for the NDP, Dorian Baxter for the Progressive Conservative Loyalists and Daryl Wyatt for the Green party.

When the votes were counted in the June 28, 2004, election Stronach was the winner with 21,818 with Hall-Findlay close behind at 21,129.

Following the election, Stronach was named a member of the Party's senior leadership team and official opposition critic for international trade.

In 2001, the National Post identified her as the most important businesswoman in Canada and in the same year the World Economic Forum named her a Global Leader of Tomorrow.

In 2002, she was ranked by Fortune magazine on its list of the most powerful women in business and in 2004 Time magazine ranked her as one of the world's most influential people.

In October, 2004, as trade critic for the Conservative Party she was critical of the Martin government for what she claimed was inadequate handling of

the trade portfolio.

However, in May, she shocked the people in her riding, the party and Canadians generally by accepting Paul Martin's invitation and a cabinet post to cross the floor to join the Liberal Party.

The chain of events started the week before when she was summoned by Harper to explain her comments to the media warning against triggering an election over a budget that promised critical infrastructure funds to her riding.

She made it clear she was uncomfortable with the direction Harper was taking the Party.

Her act in crossing the floor to the Liberals was received with mixed messages, as she was praised by some and vilified by others.

For this election, Lois Brown has been nominated to represent the Conservatives, Ed Chudak, the NDP, and it is believed Dorion Baxter will represent the Tory Loyalists in the battle against Stronach.

The major question is whether Stronach will be punished by loyal Conservatives who feel jilted by her defection.

Liberal organizers are counting on the Stronach name and the family's extensive corporate and

community ties in the riding.


The president of the Newmarket Aurora Conservative Riding Association says the election will be a referendum on what Belinda did and their battle cry is "Bring Down

Belinda".

Members of the federal Conservatives have compiled a hit list of more than 20 key ridings in Ontario and Atlantic Canada they believe they can win from the Liberals in an effort to form a


government January 23rd.

The Newmarket-Aurora riding is not on the list, as it is reported Conservative strategists do not believe they can unseat Human Resources Minister Belinda Stronach.



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# Town council disbands its finance committee

In April, last year, Aurora Council approved the terms of reference for the establishment of a finance committee to assist council in fulfilling its fiscal responsibilities by reviewing long range corporate financial planning, capital planning initiatives and fiscal impact analysis.

The terms of reference called for the appointment of five council members to form the committee.

Since a five-member committee represented a majority of council and that any committee decision was, in effect, a council decision, the group was reduced to three members.

The terms of reference also included the function of the audit committee as part of the mandate of the finance committee.

Last month the general committee did flip flop on the reporting relationship of

the audit committee.

It was pointed out that the Municipal Act required the external auditor to report to council and it was suggested that the general committee become the audit committee.

Then when the committee came to council there was considerable discussion as to whether the functions of the audit committee should be that of the finance committee or the general committee.

It was finally decided to leave it as part of the general committee.

At last week's council meeting, Councillor Bill Hogg submitted his resignation as a member of the finance committee.

His resignation was accepted and when the discussion took place as to a replacement, it was suggested the finance committee be disbanded and the

role be assigned to the general committee, which was adopted.

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## Seniors' Fashion Show

The first official function in the new seniors' centre was a sold-out fashion show. In the top photo are some of the people involved with the event, while below, members of town's horticultural society created centrepieces for the tables. Several students also volunteered their time.

*Auroran photos by David Falconer*



Matthew Parkin, 5, and Natalie Petrossi, 11, both of Aurora, display their winning posters after they entered the Town of Aurora emergency preparedness and fire prevention drawing contest recently. Each was honoured by Town officials and members of the Central York Fire Services, and enjoyed a pizza lunch at the Edward Street station in Aurora, accompanied by the fire chief and mayor.

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# Neighbours object to wind turbines

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Committee of Adjustment members that the proposed

## Rivalry continues between two towns

Over the years Aurora and Newmarket have been friendly rivals in hockey, growth and all aspects of community life. As far back as 1952 there was considerable concern when an Ontario Provincial Police office was moved from Aurora to Newmarket.

It was later moved to Vandorf but Aurora got its own back when the province moved the Downsview detachment including Vandorf to a large new building in the town's south end.

A few years later Councillor Jack Williamson told council members that someone was advertising Newmarket in Aurora as a sign had been placed on Yonge Street advising motorist that Newmarket was only two miles away.

No one knew how it got there.

There have been baseball games between council members of the two towns, tugs of war, Participaction challenges and many other activities.

Now Newmarket Council has issued a challenge to Aurora Council to attend the Newmarket Hurricanes hockey game against the Aurora Tigers in Newmarket January 19.

The council of the team that loses the game will wear the winning team's jersey at the first meeting of council in February.

Aurora Council was quick to accept the challenge and the rivalry continues.

uses are considered to fall within the Transportation, Infrastructure and Utilities of the official plan and the proposed variance conforms to the general intent and purposes of the official plan.

Planning staff asked that if the variance was granted the applicant enter into a site plan agreement with the town prior to the installation of the turbines and that they have a minimum setback of 50 metres from any property line.

The Committee of Adjustment provided conditional approval to the minor variance which resulted in the residents launching an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board with a one

day hearing scheduled for January 11.

Normally reports on appeals to the OMB pertaining to minor variance applications are not reported to council but due to the high degree of public interest, staff brought the issue to last week's general committee meeting.

Several residents were in attendance and made presentations using much the same arguments as presented at the Committee of Adjustment.

One resident expressed concern about the negative impact of the towers on their properties and supported an environmental assessment

prior to approval.

She asked for council to support the residents' position at the OMB.

Councillor Damir Vrancic pointed out that for council to lend support would be contrary to the town staff's opinion and would entail the engagement of outside legal and planning experts.

Tom Cleland, representing Aurora Cable Internet, claimed opposition to the towers had been blown out of proportion and the Committee of Adjustment had consented to the application with conditions.

Councillor Ron Wallace pointed out that the residents had appealed to the OMB, a

date had been set, so council should stay out of it.

Vrancic said that while he was sympathetic to the residents it would be necessary to engage outside professionals to represent the town and he was not prepared to do that.

He said the residents have

a right to appeal but he said the decision was up to the OMB, not council.

After further discussion the committee adopted the Wallace motion not to take a position and to leave the decision to the OMB.

Council is expected to ratify the decision this week.

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## RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

### Poster contest honours Aurora boy

The memory of 10-year-old Ryan Doige of Aurora was honoured during Organ Donor Awareness Week in April, 2000, with a poster and book cover contest organized by his parents and liver transplant recipient Sandra Holdsworth.

Ryan was a Grade 4 student at Highview Public School in Aurora when he died suddenly in May, 1997, and seven people received the gift of life through the donation of Ryan's organs.

Prior to his death, Ryan had seen his father, Dale Doige, fill out an organ donor card and asked what he was doing.

He was so impressed that he began a campaign for organ donations by asking others to sign an organ donor card.

A few weeks later, when Ryan was declared brain dead, his parents gave permission to donate his organs as they knew of his wishes.

They have since initiated an organ donor awareness program, Ryan's Hope, in memory of their son.

#### DEALS THAT NEVER HAPPENED

In August, 1979, it was believed a trio of business deals would result in renewed industrial growth for Aurora meaning more jobs and a scaled down townhouse project for the former Sisman Shoe property on Mosley Street.

Post Paper Box Limited submitted an offer to purchase the three-storey Mosley Street building which would allow the company to expand from its 8,000 square foot location on Edward Street to 24,000 square feet in the new facility.

Sisman President Ted Rowe said his proposed townhouse development for the area, which went to the Ontario Municipal Board when neighbouring Attridge Lumber appealed, could still proceed with 22 townhouses on the north end of the 1.2 acre property.

The proposed sale also affected Excel Metalcraft on Edward Street which would allow them to expand by taking over the Post Box property, but it was all a dream as it never came to be.

#### AURORA'S FIGHTING COUNCIL

The current Aurora Council is not the only one that has had bitter disputes over issues as previous councils had hot debates at times.

The big difference is that in former councils, once the vote was taken, the decision was made and everyone lived with it.

In April, 1970, a usually routine issue erupted into a furious debate as council voted down a proposal to shift

Councillor Pete Miller from the Police Committee to the new Parks Development Committee.

Council's Striking Committee of Mayor Dick Illingworth, Reeve Evelyn Buck and Deputy Reeve Bill Trent recommended that Councillor Norm Stewart replace Councillor Miller on the Police Committee.

When put to a vote, the mayor and the reeve were the only members to vote in favour of the report.

Some members of council wanted to make the appointments there and then, but according to the procedural bylaw, the issue was referred back to the Striking Committee.

Reeve Buck said one of the problems of dealing with appointments in public session was that it was difficult to discuss them without getting into personalities.

The personality implied in the debate was that of Councillor Miller, a former policeman, whose committee reports repeatedly appeared in favour of the police and often encountered rough sailing in council.

Councillor Illyd Harris stressed the need for appointment of the parks committee and moved that it be made that night.

His motion was ruled out of order and he appealed the chairman's decision and a debate erupted even though it was improper under the rules of procedure.

The vote was 4-4 resulting in the loss of the Harris motion by a tie vote. Not much has changed!

#### THE INTERACT CLUB OF AURORA

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The 40 members of the Aurora Interact Club were active in canvassing for the Red Shield Appeal and helped Rotary members raise \$3,500 for the Salvation Army.

Members also visited seniors to assist in any way they could.

The idea of setting up the youth organization in Aurora by the Aurora Rotary Club started in 1991 but it was difficult to organize as it was not part of the school system.

The Aurora Rotary Club also sponsored the Probus Club of Aurora for retired or semi-retired professional or businessmen and women in 1995.

Last month the Aurora Probus Club, with 90 members, celebrated its 10th anniversary, but the Interact Club is very quiet.

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## Animal control studied

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In November that year three proposals to provide animal control services were received and the contract was awarded to Kennel Inn.

That contract has been renewed without complaint until June, 2004, when representatives of the Aurora Residents Pet Care Association came to council to oppose a one-year extension of the Kennel Inn contract.

It was also noted that the Ministry of Agriculture and Food had given Kennel Inn a passing grade over the entire time it has provided service.

Council received the presentation and re-confirmed its previous decision to extend the contract for one year.

At the same time, it directed staff to pursue the option of a joint venture with neighbouring municipalities for a municipally operated animal control service and pound.

When the contract expired in June, council approved a month to month agreement pending the Request for Proposals and associated review by the Ad Hoc Committee.

The Ad Hoc Committee

performed an extensive search into all possible options and visited a number of shelters in various municipalities.

The committee reviewed several proposals including a joint municipal facility; contracted service with Kennel Inn; construction and operation of a Town of Aurora animal shelter; contracted service with Georgina; and a partnership with other municipalities to construct a new shelter.

The committee also studied the merits of a public/private partnership.

Last week, staff recommended a service agreement with Georgina until a final decision was made.

Mayor Tim Jones recommended entering into a service agreement with Georgina for the provision of animal shelter services and with Wayne Jones Animal Control Services for the provision of animal enforcement at a total cost of \$153,490.

His motion also included that staff bring back a report recommending amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw for an adjustment in licensing fees and that staff continue to review options with other municipalities and

with Kennel Inn.

The contract with Georgina would be a year but a longer term was desired.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said she couldn't support the recommendation as Kennel Inn had provided a lengthy service to Aurora and while she had heard rumours about Kennel Inn, no proof had been provided.

She expressed concern about the small facility at Georgina and the long distance Aurora residents would have to travel to reclaim their pets, with seniors having a lack of transportation.

She added that Kennel Inn should have a right to defend itself.

Councillor Ron Wallace also remarked on the long service Kennel Inn had provided to the municipality and that it had met all regulations and he wanted to hear from Kennel Inn as to their future plans.

After further discussion the motion was lost on a 4-4 vote with Councillor Nigel Kean absent from the meeting.

A subsequent motion to refer further discussion to a general committee meeting in January was adopted.

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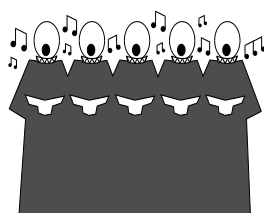
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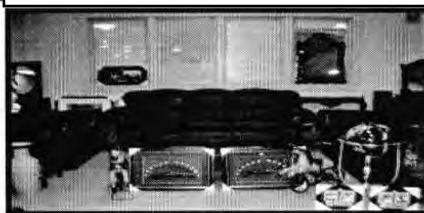
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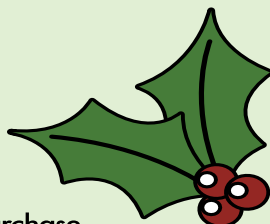
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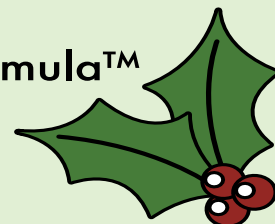


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