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Four of the many youngsters who took part in the Hillary House March Break program are shown here. Making toys from the 1870s are, left to right, Cameron Tyndall, Emma Fleury, Mathew Tyndall and MacKenzie Stoutt.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Golf tournament will help school

Before all is said and done, members and supporters of the Aurora Historical Society expect to invest more than a million dollars into the renovations of the historic Church Street School.

When finished, the building will be a heritage centre and museum for Aurora, and could become a destination point for numerous provincial tour groups.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Federal Government and the Society itself have already kicked in almost \$400,000.

This week the first major fundraising project got off the

ground to raise more money.

Led by Councillor Nigel Kean, the society will host a golf tournament, slated for Monday, May 29, at Aurora's Westview Golf Club.

Officials will limit the shotgun-start event to 96 golfers and play two of the club's three nine-hole courses.

The event, which has a noon tee-off time, will be available to golfers for \$150 each, which includes dinner at DiNardo's Mansion.

A rapidly formed committee met last week and decided the event will include a silent auction, as well as several other activities

to keep participants involved.

A \$20 passport will be on sale, allowing golfers to participate in a number of added activities.

The committee is currently looking for sponsors to help offset the costs.

Tickets are expected to go on sale shortly, and committee members were quick to point out the 96-golfer limit translates to only 24 foursomes so potential participants would be advised to book early.

Making up the committee are Councillor Kean, Margaret Brevik, Mike Nisbet, Sharon Nisbet and Ron Wallace.

Briefly

Challenge issued

The Pretty Leaves Roots & Shoots Group has issued a challenge to every child between the ages of five and nine to make a difference in the town and the planet.

Small groups of children will complete small projects that benefit animals, people or the environment.

Selected project winners will be recognized at the Anti Litter barbecue April 29 at the Town Park and winners will be appointed as Environmental Advisory Committee student ambassadors.

To receive a registration form and find out more about the Roots & Shoots Challenge, send an email to thezwiers@look.ca.

Registrations must be in prior to March 31.

Roots & Shoots is the Jane Goodall Institute's environmental and humanitarian education program.

Matched funds

The Aurora Seniors' Association and members at the Aurora Seniors' Centre have matched Aurora's TOAST Committee and Town Staff's donations to a fund for Devon Brisbane.

The group contributed \$500 from collections and proceeds from a St. Patrick's Day lunch and dance last week.

Meanwhile, planning continues on a fund-raising "Las Vegas Night" being arranged for Devon at the seniors' centre, Saturday, April 15.

Tickets, at \$20 each, are now available at The Auroran, 75 Mary Street, Aurora, but they are almost sold out.

And the winner is...

It was a tough job, but someone had to do it.

A three-person selection committee from the Aurora Seniors' Association decided The Auroran's new seniors' column would be entitled 'Senior Scape', but not before some tough decisions were made.

Originally, the committee liked 'Seniors In Action' but two entrants with that submission were disqualified.

One was on the committee and the other is a part-timer for the newspaper.

So the committee chose Aurora's Anna Cianfarani, who submitted 'Senior Scape', as the first prize winner; dinner for two at Jonathan's.

Tracy St. Germain, who submitted 'The Seniors Scoop', was awarded second prize, a pair of dance tickets.

The column appears this week on Page 13.

The big picture of municipal politics

WANTED: "Someone to work long, irregular hours for little thanks or pay for it. Must be thick-skinned, hard-headed and have broad shoulders to take criticism in making decisions that affect your neighbours and friends and spend their money. No experience necessary, but a PhD from the University of Hard Knocks an asset".

That might well be an advertisement for the position of a municipal councillor, so if you are thinking of running for an Aurora office in the November 13 municipal election, it's time for action.

Candidates may now file a reg-

istration form with the Clerk of the municipality during normal business hours at the Town Hall.

Candidates must fill out the usual form and submit a \$100 certified cheque payable to the municipality (\$200 for candidates for mayor).

You don't have to take immediate action if you don't want to, since nominations don't close until October.

But, it's wise to file early, especially for a new candidate to let people know you are sincere and since fundraising or spending campaign funds isn't allowed until the registration is in.

But before you file, ask yourself a few questions.

Do you really want to subject yourself and your family to the dog-eat-dog type of municipal politics in vogue today?

There may be brief moments of pleasure and satisfaction but for the most part it's a grind.

Discuss your plans with family members and your employer because you will need the support and consideration of both to be able to fulfill your commitment to the municipality when elected.

Before making the decision to run it's a good idea to have a clear reason for doing so.

Some candidates have an axe to grind, but if elected, soon find their axe is rather dull and people seldom elect a one-issue candidate.

Others run because the community has been good to them and their families and they want to do something in return.

Don't get fooled into believing that you are going to change everything overnight as governments generate a lot of red tape and move slowly.

Running a municipality today has become a complex affair with provincial downloading, the division of responsibility between the

region and the local municipality and constantly changing legislation and regulation from the province without warning or consultation.

Today's decision-making calls for skills in finance, planning and development, the environment, infrastructure, human relations, priority-setting, parliamentary procedure and common sense.

Another thing to be considered is whether you have the time and desire to attend countless council and committee meetings and feel at times you are just spinning your wheels.

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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

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During the Month of March the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall will feature the artwork of Allan Lall of Ontario's landscape in water-colour. Viewing hours are 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

To April 15 the Wellington Gallery on Wellington Street West at Machell Avenue presents the artworks of Diana Judith and Biro-Currie in an exhibition entitled "Licked" Finish. Call the gallery at 905-751-0066 for further information.

"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 date: Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 905-713-6773 or info@aurorafair.ca, or visit 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.

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.

MARCH 22

Aurora Horticultural Society presents Gardening Workshops on Seeding, Potting, Forcing Branches and Preserving Flowers at the Royal Canadian Legion, 8 p.m.

Kids Gardening Program, presented by the Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society. Registration begins at 6.15 p.m. at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North, east doors.

MARCH 23

The Aurora Youth Soccer Club presents "Women in Coaching - Engaging Female Coaches" with Women in Coaching consultant Sheilagh Croxon in the Holland Room of the Town Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. No charge for AYSC members, \$10 for non-members.

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce Lunch

and Learn seminar in the chamber office with lunch provided for all attendees. The topic is "Open Source Tools for your Business". No charge to Chamber members, a \$10 charge for potential members. Call the Chamber office at 905-727-7262 to register.

York Symphony Orchestra presents "Virtuosic Showpieces", Trinity Anglican Church, 8 p.m. Guest Artist, Joanna Tang, Violin.

MARCH 25

Winners of the local Optimist Student Chess Tournaments in Aurora, Newmarket, Keswick, Richmond Hill and Markham will compete for the Regional Championship in Grades 1 to 12 at the Aurora Legion starting at 9 a.m.

Brought back by popular demand, Stellar Productions and Howard Johnson Hotel presents Norm Foster's comedy "The Long Weekend" in the Queen Elizabeth Dinner Theatre. Call 905-727-1312 for reservations.

Aurora Minor Ball Association registration for Softball and Baseball players 5 to 21 years of age in the Aurora Community Centre lobby 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. See www.auroraminorball.ca for more information.

MARCH 28

Howard Johnson Aurora is hosting a Client Appreciation Reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Call 905-727-1312 extension 163, prior to March 27th to RSVP.

MARCH 30

Aurora Chamber of Commerce networking breakfast at L.H. Lind Realty, 15105 Yonge Street, beginning at 7.30 a.m.

MARCH 31

Deadline for nominations for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce 2006 Business Achievements Awards. Call the Chamber at 905-727-7262 for details.

APRIL 1

Assemble wild bird nest boxes at the old seniors' centre, 52 Victoria Street, from 2 to 4 p.m.

APRIL 5

Aurora Public Library, in partnership with Aurora Cable Internet, presents "Creating A Basic Web Page", in the Magna Room, beginning at 7 p.m. Register on-line, at the adult information desk or phone 905-727-9493, Option 4

APRIL 8, 9 AND 12

Aurora Minor Hockey Association 2006/07 registration. For details call 905-727-1480 or check the website, www.aci.on.ca/amha.

APRIL 9

Fifth annual Bob Hartwell Run starting at the Aurora Town Park at 9 a.m.

Bid euchre tournament, sponsored by the Seniors' Club, at Aurora Legion, begins at 1 p.m. \$5 a person.

APRIL 11

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast at Thompson's Funeral Home, 530 Industrial Parkway South, beginning at 7.30 a.m.

Deadline for Community Recognition Award Submissions. For more information, call 905-726-4762 or visit e-aurora.ca.

APRIL 12

Aurora Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting at King's Riding Golf Club, 14700 Bathurst Street. Guest speaker is artist Edward Spera.

APRIL 15

Fund-raising dance and silent auction for Devon Brisbane at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, 5 Municipal Drive, beginning at 7 p.m. Host is Elvis impersonator Randy Skelcher. Tickets, at \$20, available at R & R Revisited, 75 Mary Street, Unit 3.

Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Two hunts planned: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cost is \$4 per person. For more information call 905-726-4762 or visit e-aurora.ca.

APRIL 19

Creative Colours Fashions presents Fashion Plates Fashion Show in support of York Region Food Network. Tickets \$50 and are available at Creative Colours Fashions, Aurora Shopping Centre. Guest appearance by members of the Central York Firefighters, men's fashions provided by Crossing's and Hair by Chimes Hair Group.

APRIL 20

The last in a series of Speaker Series sponsored by the Aurora Youth Soccer Club from 7 to 9 p.m. at a location to be announced. The subject is "Coaching 101 - Got Coaching Questions - We have the answers". No charge for AYSC members and \$10 for non-members. Call 905-727-0624 for more information.

APRIL 21-23

Annual Home Show at the Aurora Community Centre celebrating the best of 20 years and featuring Fantasy Gardens, Fantasy Rooms, Money Machine and a Wine and Tea Garden in a Special Café.

APRIL 22

Aurora Public Library presents author Maureen Jennings, creator of the Inspector Murdoch mystery series. She will conduct a creative expression workshop beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493, Option 4. Fee is \$30.

APRIL 23

Park Place Manor hosts a pancake brunch in support of the Easter Seals Society of York Region, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

APRIL 24

Second interim property tax installment is due.

APRIL 25

The last day for seniors, 55 and over, to register for the York Region Seniors' Games which will take place May 9 to June 14, including golf, tennis, snooker, bocce, darts, horseshoes, euchre, swimming and other related sports. Call the Seniors' Centre to register at 905-727-2861.

APRIL 26

Aurora Horticultural Society presents a lecture on "Gardening & Spirituality" at the Royal Canadian Legion, 8 p.m.

APRIL 27

Learn more about making a garden more ecologically friendly at the Aurora Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m. You will learn how to plant for low water use, choose plants to attract birds and butterflies, home composting and seed planting from David Tomlinson.

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at JackKryn France, Inc., 89 Wellington Street East beginning at 5.30 p.m.

APRIL 29

Trinity Aurora presents an evening of Comedy and Canapes with Yuk Yuk's at the Queen Elizabeth Ballroom of Howard Johnson Aurora, plus a live and silent auction. Tickets are \$50 and if bought before April 1st will be entered in a draw to win two bottles of wine for your table.

Mayor's Anti-Litter Day. For more information call 905-726-4741.

MAY 6

First Aurora Rotary Club frog race in Tannery Creek between the Board of Education office and the Aurora Community Centre. Rent a frog for \$5 at the Aurora Home Show or R & R Revisited.

MAY 10 to 14

Aurora's Marquee Productions presents the musical "Cats" at the Newmarket Theatre. Call the theatre box office at 905-963-5122 for ticket information.

MAY 16

Contract Bridge competition to be held at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, 5 Municipal Dr. at 1 pm. For more information go to website www.yr55plusgames.org or visit the Seniors' Centre.

MAY 27

Bike and Board Rodeo at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., free of charge for all skateboarders and bike enthusiasts. For more information contact 905-726-4762 or visit e-aurora.ca.

JUNE 4

Eleventh Annual Street Festival on Yonge Street between Wellington and Murray. Booth space available by calling 905-727-7262.

JUNE 22

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2006 Golf Tournament at the Westview Golf Club in Aurora. Westview can accommodate 200 golfers. Additional information and application in the March newsletter and spaces will be assigned as forms are received.

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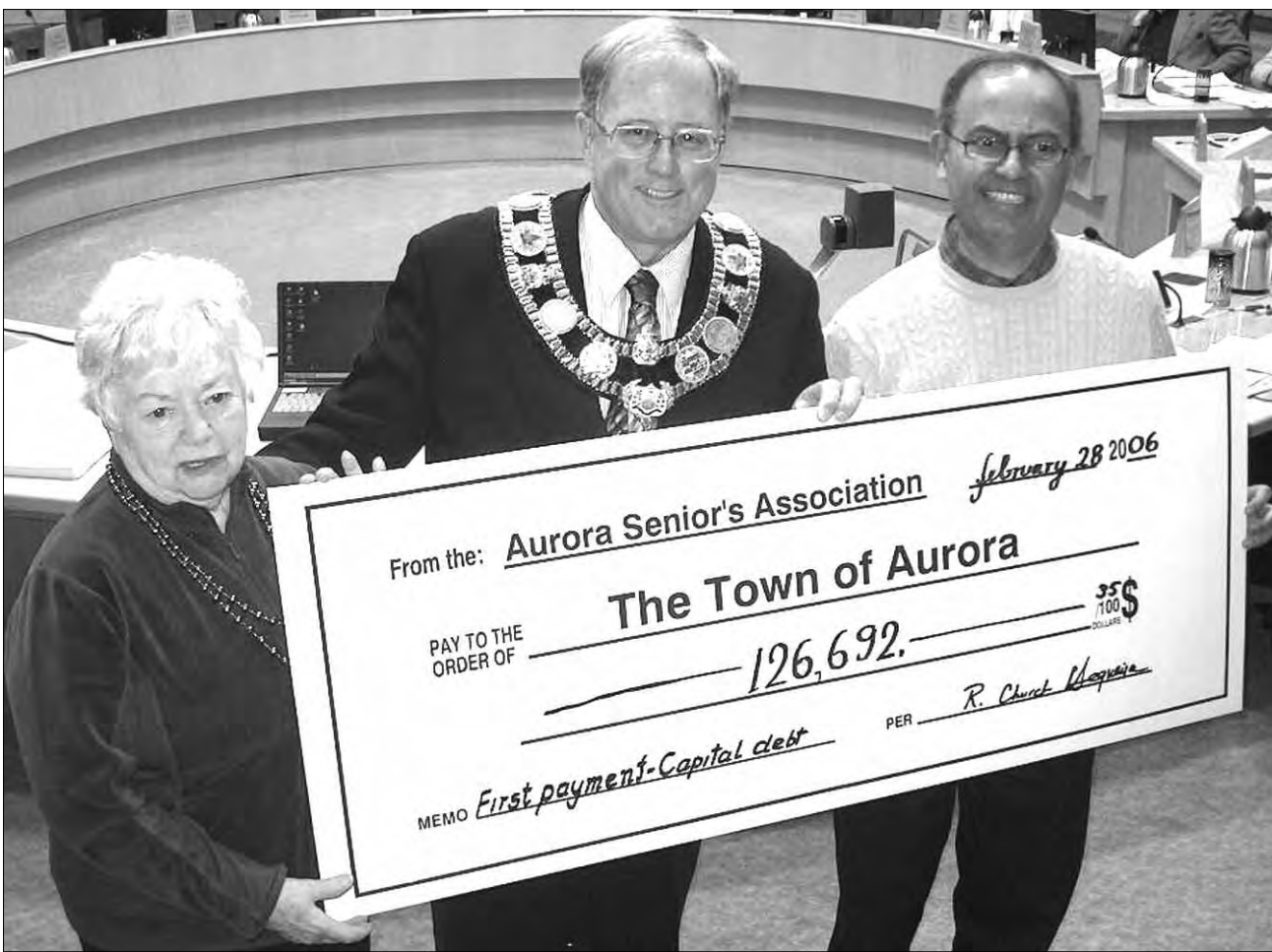
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The first cheque from the Aurora Seniors' Association was received by the Town of Aurora recently to start the paydown of the capital debt. Here, Flo Murray and Charles Sequeira present the cheque, worth more than \$126,000 to Mayor Tim Jones.

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Ballot question?

Ward system meeting April 18

A public meeting will be held April 18th so Aurora Council can receive input on a proposal to include a question/referendum on the ballot for the 2006 Municipal Elections regarding the establishment of electoral wards throughout the community.

Recently, town staff was directed to prepare a report regarding the inclusion of a ward system question on the November municipal election ballot.

The request originated from a presentation by Stephen Granger.

If it is the intent of council to place a question on the ballot, it must enact a bylaw to submit a question to the electors 180 days prior to voting day, which means the bylaw must be passed by May 17th.

Prior to the passage of the bylaw, the Act requires

the Town Clerk to give at least 10 days' notice of the passage of the bylaw to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the public and to hold at least one public meeting to consider the matter.

The results of a question authorized by a bylaw under the Act are binding on a municipality if an affirmative answer receives the majority of votes of those who voted, however, at least 50 per cent of the

town's eligible voters must vote.

Normal voting turnout in Aurora for municipal elections is usually under 40 per cent.

Council endorsed the staff report calling for the public meeting.

Prior to the meeting Aurora resident Grace Marsh referred to the proposed public meeting and urged council members to consider the question carefully.

She expressed concern that the decision was binding on the town if 50 per cent of the town voted and 50 per cent of the voters supported the ward system.

That, she said, represented only about 25 per cent of the residents.

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Jobs are waiting but there's no one to fill the positions

*There are jobs to be filled,
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Students are not being trained
For jobs, and people ask why?
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

Supply and demand has been the basis of the Canadian economy over the years, but it is running into trouble insofar as skilled labour is concerned and there isn't anyone or any organization doing anything about it. It isn't a new problem.

After the Second World War, Ontario had a need for many skilled workers to keep the factories operating.

When he had difficulty stirring the Canadian Immigration Service into action, then Premier George Drew decided to do something about it.

Using Ontario House in London, England, as a base of operations, recruiters travelled all over Britain in search of the needed skills.

When Immigration didn't have enough doctors to carry out the medical examinations, he flew over Ontario doctors to help out.

He even chartered planes to fly the immigrants to Ontario.

It was known as the Drew Airlift.

When I joined the Ontario government in 1965 I became a people hunter with the Immigration Service of the Ministry of Trade and Development.

At that time it wasn't generally known that immigration was a joint responsibility between the federal government and the provinces under the former British North America Act.

Provinces could solicit, entice, encourage or recruit any person providing they met the immigration criteria of the federal government.

Any Ontario employer or organization unable to find the professional or skilled help they needed locally, we tried to find them overseas and bring them to their job in Ontario.

On average, we recruited about 3,000 people a year to fill the jobs in Ontario on behalf of Ontario employers.

When unemployment began to climb in Ontario in the early 1970s, it became politically incorrect to bring in skilled workers from overseas while Canadians were out of work, and the Ontario people hunting service ended.

Then, in 1988, a crisis was quietly developing on the shop floors of factories due to the shortage of skilled workers.

Shops were having difficulty replacing craftsmen as they retired and were unable to find willing young people to replace the retiring workers.

Although the shortage of skilled labour was a national concern, it was especially acute in Ontario.

A report by the Ministry of Skills Development identified a shortfall of 2,000 skilled workers by 1991.

About the same time a survey indicated that 4,500 Ontario companies wanted to hire more than 8,500 workers and there was a concern the shortage of skilled workers could hinder the province's economic growth.

At the same time teachers, guidance counsellors and parents were encouraging students to pursue white-collar careers, rather than blue-collar jobs, despite the fact that wages could be just as high in industrial jobs.

In July, 1989, the government announced three new programs to provide high school students with skilled trade training with a budget of \$18 million over three years designed to meet the growing demand for skilled workers.

By January, 1993, employers were still complaining about a lack of skilled workers.

A study revealed that only 1.1 per cent of Canadian students went through apprenticeship training compared with 7.1 per cent in Germany.

The situation was much the same in June, 1994, when a survey indicated that 56 per cent of employers didn't believe the school system was providing the type of graduates they wanted to hire.

Not much has changed.

Carpentry Union officials estimate 3,500 new carpenter recruits will be required in the GTA over the next 10 years to replace retiring workers. The average hourly wage is \$32.

The Automotive Parts Manufacturing Association projects a 42 per cent vacancy rate by 2007 or 14,000 new workers.

There are jobs out there but the education system has failed to recognize the need and educate accordingly.



This Grade 13 class was at the Aurora High School in 1950. Today, that building is occupied by the Wells Street Public School. Students were, front row, left to right, Tom Hulme, Donald Rawlings, Frank Seidl, Phil Hobson, John Lawlor, Jack Baber and Bob Van Nostrand; second row, left to right, Richard Hyma, Betty Lloyd, Adele Sherman, Mary Scott, Norma Hickson, Gay Morning, Barbara Acheson, Jean MacDonald, John Langdon and Eugene Underhill; third row, left to right, Heather Routledge, Nancy Langley, Greta Tienkamp, Jean Willson, Thelma Gordon, Nora Knowles, Joyce Hately, Phylis Gould, Moss Drenda and J.H. Knowles, principal; top row, left to right, Ken Hoiles, John Nimmo, Robert Staley, Don Watson, George Hately, Mich Maughan, Frank Lee, John Gilbert and David Crysale. Thank you to Bob McRoberts for the loan of the photo.

Letter to the Editor

New soccer fields? Show us, please

To the editor,

RE: The Other Side of the Soccer Story, Letters to the Editor, Auroran, March 7

Councillor Nigel Kean believes what he provided in his letter are "facts" but it is obvious to me and others at the AYSC Board that the source of his information must be flawed.

Perhaps this is the very root of this problem.

The issue of the Town subsidizing the field costs is contentious.

Town staff reports that it costs \$368,000 to maintain soccer fields in town.

This number includes many other costs not directly related to the cutting and lining fields including administrative overhead and needs of other sports groups that use those fields.

Providing green space and keeping it maintained is the responsibility of the Town.

This space is provided not only for organized sports but also the average citizen who enjoys walking a dog, flying a kite or playing a pick up game of tag football with friends.

The AYSC pays fees that, in our opinion, should be directed towards the cost incurred by the town in applying the lines on the fields or other soccer specific requirements and we are happy to do so. However, the fields need to be cut and maintained by the Town regardless of whether or not soccer games are scheduled on them.

We don't think one user group should "subsidize" that.

The \$56,000 on average we pay to the Town for these fields is our payment for those services we need that are specific to the Club. It is no subsidy.

The number of non-residents playing for our club is another issue.

We do have players from the faraway municipalities of Oak Ridges, (those who live on the other side of Bloomington Sideroad) from Newmarket (those who live the other side of St. John's Sideroad) and, of course, Gormley (the other side of Leslie).

I hope there is no suggestion that these children and their parents, siblings and extended families who accompany them to soccer two nights a week and while here enjoy the restaurants and ice cream stores and grocery stores should stay out of Aurora.

Soccer attracts business...isn't that a good thing?

The "claim" two future fields are at risk is no "claim". And the facts are these.

The field that was scheduled to be built in 2005 was NOT built. It is no "claim".

At this time there is NO land apportioned for the field scheduled in 2008. Someone show it to us...please. Those are facts, not "claims".

Council has "approved" the construction of a senior soccer field at Optimist Park?

The fact is that it was built four years ago. If another has been planned show it to us.

The comment about "not one organization has had a cap or limit put on

their registration" is also wrong. Ours has. It is self-imposed because of field availability.

Please don't make it sound like council has stepped up to the plate and provided a soccer dome for us.

After a long search, and significant effort on our part, we found a willing provider to invest millions of private money for that facility.

Our club and many other sport groups in and around this Town willingly pay retail commercial rents for the privilege and are happy to do so.

Council approved the sports dome as it would any construction, allowed them to build on Town-owned land and provided some initial start-up incentives to help them and they deserve thanks for that.

Council did not "approve the construction of a new senior soccer field at Sheppard's Bush". There is no new field at Sheppard's Bush.

The lights from the Legion field where the dome was located were moved to Sheppard's Bush. No new field...lights relocated.

From the "other side of the soccer story", these are the "facts".

We want to be on the same side of the story looking at solutions for the benefit of the residents and I look forward to a time when councillors look to us for help in providing solutions.

**Ron Weese
on behalf of
Aurora Youth
Soccer Club Board**

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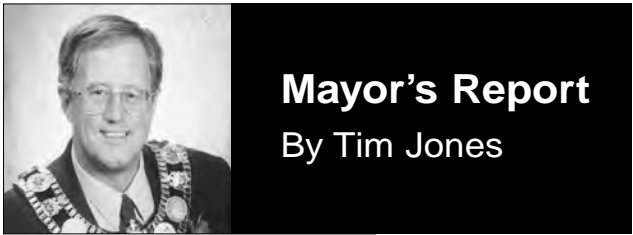
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Heritage

Recently Aurora Council considered suggestions from the Town's Heritage Committee recommending that an area that has been under review since mid-2005 in North East Aurora be designated as a Heritage Planning area and that a specific house whose purchase was to be finalized the same night be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The purpose of the latter was to control alterations that were being contemplated for this building that were deemed outside the objectives of the Heritage plan.

The alterations, when first brought to the Town, included changes to the front façade that were significantly different from the existing façade and an addition (1,855 square feet) that was bigger than the original house (1,545 square feet) resulting in a 3,400 square foot home.

It is worth noting that the purchasers would have been made aware at their first inquiry of the Town that this area was under review for Heritage designation.

The Heritage Conservation Planning Area resolution and specific designation bylaw were done in an effort to support the work that has been ongoing among the residents of this area that had been developing the content of a heritage conservation bylaw for their homes that would preserve the historical integrity of this area.

This area was identified during our meeting as provincially significant for the size and number of historic homes that have been preserved.

In support of Heritage planning for Aurora and as a result of the Province's emphasis on heritage, an emphasis that also appears in the Town's official plan, the Town hired a planner in 2005 with particular expertise in this area.

The planner's duties include being responsible for the analysis and review of special projects within the Planning Department including unconventional development applications, municipal initiatives dealing with Heritage Planning, preparation of planning reports, in house urban design review and preparation of comments for our Committee of Adjustment.

Heritage issues account for one third to a half of this planner's duties.

Aurora is fortunate to have a number of historical homes.

It should be noted that this initiative had been ongoing by the residents for two years prior to formalizing it with the Town in June of 2005, identifying this area as the Northeast Olde Aurora Heritage Conservation District Study Area.

The passing of the bylaw February 28th simply formalized the study area, and gave the Town some power to maintain the integrity of the work done to date until the final Heritage designation occurs sometime before June.

Without this action, Council would have had little control over the ability of the owner of 34 Catherine Avenue to significantly alter the house to a state where it would not conform to the area.

That said, it should be noted that the owner has been co-operating with the Town towards finding an amenable solution.

On the other side of the coin, I have spoken to those who are concerned about the rights of property owners who comply with the current zoning which, if not controlled by the actions of Council, would allow them to make the changes that would not necessarily conform to the homes in the area but be legal under existing zoning.

Those concerned will advocate "communication, cultivation, education and facilitation" as opposed to "regulation" on behalf of government.

Hopefully the formulation of this type of plan is doing just that, prior to a final council decision in May or June.

These are legitimate concerns and they must be weighed against the final proposed Heritage Plan legislation.

The proposal at 34 Catherine is one that will test the effect of this proposed plan, as the bylaw states: "for the purpose of providing interim control over the alteration of property, or the erection, demolition or removal of buildings or structures, or classes of buildings or structures, in the heritage conservation district study area to facilitate the orderly completion of a heritage conservation district study."

This legislation still allows anyone in the area to make alterations, it adds a requirement where their plans must be filtered through Council to ensure compatibility to homes in the area.

Public input and education is essential to the success of the heritage district process, as ultimately the plan needs to reflect the views of its end users, residents and property owners in the district.

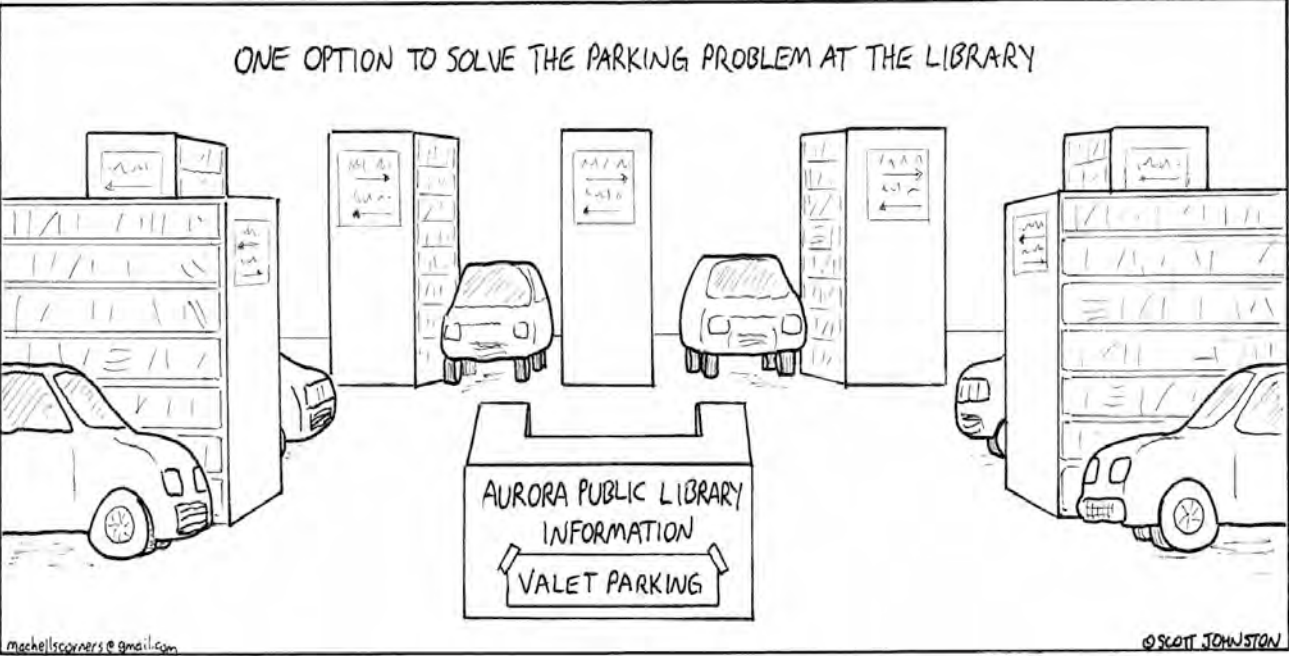
In this spirit, a draft plan, developed through consideration of public input received to date will be available for public review and comment by the end of March, in advance of a public meeting scheduled for April 19.

Based on additional feedback received through this process, the plan will be further refined and submitted for consideration by council this Spring.

When the final composition of the Heritage Conservation District Plan for this area is put forward, one of the further tests that I hope will be required is that the public will be given the opportunity to respond as to whether they are in favour of the plan.

This will measure the ownership of this plan that has taken three years to complete among those who, in part, have worked on it and in total, that will be bound by it.

Machell's Corners



Letters to the Editor

Reader wonders about export

To the editor,

It would be most informative if our prime minister, the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, or one of his cabinet, could explain why when countries of the western world spend billions of dollars annually to combat the drug trade, Afghanistan's major export is 75 per cent of the world's opium.

Letter writing contest results

To the editor,

The results have been tallied for the Evelyn Buck/Bethesda Krooner letter-writing contest held in last week's Auroran.

Number of words in title: Ms Buck 7, Bethesda Krooner 5. One point to Ms Buck.

Total number of words: Ms Buck 641, Bethesda Krooner 625. One point to Ms Buck.

Number of paragraphs: Ms Buck 32, Bethesda Krooner 19. One point to Ms Buck.

Letter content (out of ten): Tie score - Ms Buck 1, Bethesda Krooner 1.

Ms Buck wins, 4 points to 1.

Stewart Ivol Aurora

P.S. Take that Mr. Kroon!

Meanwhile, there are something like 2,000 Canadian soldiers (including Captain Trevor Greene who was attacked by a 16-year-old native) plus many more, serving there with one chore: to help that country resuscitate its economy.

You often see on television troops driving by immense fields of poppies, the source of the opium.

Archie Milne Aurora



Cathy's Corner



Be careful what you insist on... you just might get it

Damir insists on locking doors. Oh sure, we've been living in little, old Aurora since it was safe to leave the car keys in the ignition, but he grew up in the BIG city: Sarnia. Folks don't even leave the dog unchained in those parts.

So Damir takes security seriously. In fact, not only do we have an alarm system, but every night before we go to bed, Damir sends our fearless guard dog, Jake, out to perform a perimeter check. Jake gets paid in biscuits.

I don't think Damir knows that Jake cheats.

Sometimes, the big, brave guard dog goes out, barks into the darkness, scratches whatever itches, and comes in looking more like a biscuit junkie than a well-trained working dog.

Since the biscuits are on the inside of the door, Jake never stays outside the realm where his next fix is stashed.

So one hot, humid day last summer, when I found Jake outside and the patio door unlocked, I did what the rest of my family had apparently neglected to do before going out: I let the dog in and locked the door.

I was on a mission that day. I fully intended to give the front door of the new office on Wellington Street its final coat of paint. When I got there, I realized I hadn't brought along a drop sheet, so I decided to dash home to get one.

That's when I found the dog out and the door unlocked. As I mentioned, I took care of the problem, and left with my drop sheet.

Painting a door white, when it is already white takes a lot of concentration, so I was rapt in the effort.

Suddenly, my husband arrived on the scene like a mirage.

He was panting severely. At first I thought it was because of the heat, but then I noticed that he had made the three-kilometre trek on a bicycle that our son outgrew three summers before.

"I am furious with Jennifer," he gasped.

Thinking I must be overcome by fumes, I regarded this man much as one would look at a turtle in a tutu.

It didn't make any sense. I thought Damir had gone golfing; Tim, Nadia and Jennifer had gone to their summer jobs; and I had...oh-oh!

As I listened to his story, I didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

There he was, on the hottest, most humid day of the summer, cleaning the pool. Once done, he looked forward to a nice cool shower before getting dressed and meeting his friends for a round of golf.

As he made his way to the back door, his pool-cleaning companion greeted him...from the wrong side of the door.

Jake has figured out how to open the door and let himself in, but he has not quite mastered the art of closing the door behind himself. So he sure wasn't the one who locked it.

Since Jennifer was the last of the kids to head off to work, she became the prime suspect.

Damir spent about a half hour trying to break into his own house only to conclude that his security systems are inconvenient, but adequate. That's when the hopeless bike headed for the dumpster became his only hope.

As Damir concluded his story, I noticed that my paintbrush was dripping and I thought: Good thing I went home to get the drop sheet, huh?


"Jennifer is innocent," I said, trying unsuccessfully not to look as guilty as I felt.


"You locked me out?"


He looked like he was going to faint, so I handed him my bottle of water. It would have been better if it was a cold beer, but things just weren't working out the way I wanted that day.


"Can I offer you and your...um, 'chariot' a ride home? I have an explanation...and air conditioning...and a key." Be careful what you insist on. Sometimes it bites.


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 **BOUQUETS** to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority on its 55 years of community service of ensuring a sustainable environmental legacy for future generations.


 **BRICKBATS** to the Stouffville Spirit for knocking the Newmarket Hurricanes out of the playoff finals to end the Battle of Yonge Street against the Aurora Tigers and the challenge between Newmarket and Aurora Councils as to which council would have to wear the sweaters of the losing team. Aurora council members wanted to get their own back but their hopes were dashed by Stouffville.


 **BOUQUETS** to Councillor Wendy Gaertner for her ongoing struggle to obtain a Youth Centre in Aurora, as she was successful in getting the Leisure Services Advisory Committee to consider draft terms of reference and committee composition for a sub-committee to investigate options.


 **BOUQUETS** to young Trevor Smith representing the Aurora Youth Action Committee who, in a speech, expressed their hope for a Youth Centre. With his speaking ability, he should become a politician.


 **BRICKBATS** to the RCMP for the length of time it has taken to investigate their allegations against former Ontario Finance Minister and Vaughan/King/Aurora MPP Greg Sorbara. The investigation started last October and Sorbara has yet to be interviewed by the RCMP.


 **BOUQUETS** to all the volunteers who were responsible for raising funds for the new playground at Lester B. Pearson Public School in Aurora after two years of fundraising. It was officially opened recently by Mayor Tim Jones.


 **BRICKBATS** to the McGuinty Liberal government for poor timing and lack of consideration for announcing a tuition hike for universities and colleges when the college teachers were on strike and students concerned about losing their year.

 **BOUQUETS** to Sara Fayle and Martin Watson on being elected to the Board of Directors of the Aurora Historical Society at the recent general meeting. Also to former Board members, Sharon Nisbet, Carol Wake and Ron Wallace, who were recognized for their service with life memberships to the Society.

 **BRICKBATS** to arrogant Prime Minister Stephen Harper for putting himself above an officer of Parliament by refusing to answer questions in the investigation initiated by Ethics Commissioner Bernard Shapiro. As long as Shapiro holds the office, it is up to Harper to obey his election promise of bringing ethics back to Ottawa and answer the questions. No wonder Belinda left the Tories!

 **BOUQUETS** to Canadian Tire for finally getting rid of the Canadian Tire couple, Toronto actors Ted Simonett and Gloria Slade, who have been annoying their neighbours hawking Canadian Tire products for the past eight years. The new ads are supposed to include more wit, a little personality and a little charm.

 **BOUQUETS** to Aurora's Robyn Stafford, a member of the Humber College Hawks for helping the team win the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association women's volleyball championship, resulting in the team gaining a berth in the Canadian championships. She was named Player of the Game.

 **BOUQUETS** to Carl Rom-Colthoff, an Aurora 16-year-old, who finished second in the Canada Cup Trampoline Championships and won a berth on the Canadian youth team for the Pacific Alliance in Hawaii in April.

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Letters to the Editor

We can't let one incident spoil the flavour of Aurora

To the editor,

There are new beginnings to every ending, and colour within many dark shades of gray.

Many a detour can lead to unexplored paths. It is, however, not always easy to see around the twisted turns that life may bring.

We need to always remind ourselves, there is 'colour' in a black and white world.

Darkness does not in fact have to shade all possible light and there are always new colours with which to try and test and tempt your sensations!

Recent events in Aurora are dark, senseless, and sadly without resolution. You can't take back fatal rage. It is final. It is without resolution.

Now, more than ever we need to stop, and learn to appreciate the smaller things that may otherwise go unnoticed.

We MUST take the time to say thank you, and not let one bad apple spoil the whole bunch.

There is much to celebrate and acknowledge in our little town. Much is available to help us through an otherwise difficult day.

Sadly the system does not always work, and there are days you truly cannot fathom getting beyond...but there are simple means to come to your senses and be aware of what is available to you to be able to look past tomorrow always trying to make it better than today.

Aurora has offered me simple solutions that now more than ever I want to share.

The family law system leaves a lot to be desired, but the guards at the Newmarket Court door are always smiling and saying hello. They make great bagels in the basement of the court house!

Having forgotten my wallet, Starbucks let me sit and read a book without feeling unwelcome, unable to buy the usual coffee.

My divorce mediator fixed me up with my soon to be husband and that has shown me how out of every bad there definitely is GOOD.

In our quiet little town of Aurora there is a wealth of small luxuries that can help you go that extra mile and get through days that seem endless.

When I could hardly turn I got twisted out and put into shape by R.B. Physio

Garbage service wonderful here, this reader says

To the editor,

I'm writing in response to a letter from Jim McKenzie. (Auroran, March 7).

He is asking for feedback from the residents of Aurora re their garbage pickup.

I would like to compliment Mario Gosselin of Miller Waste Services and Angela Pucci, an employee of the Town of Aurora, for the prompt and efficient way they dealt with and solved a problem that I had with garbage pick-up recently.

I disagree with Mr. McKenzie's statement that

the company and its employees don't seem to care. These two people certainly do.

Having lived in many cities and towns across Canada and in the UK, I'd like to say that we have wonderful service here in Aurora.

Every municipality has its own rules and guidelines for the residents.

In my experience, if the guidelines are followed, the service is normally impeccable.

**Chris Fancie
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Daniel Davies' music is back in Aurora and that is a bonus for all our guitar playing children!

Canadian Tire has grown, but has not lost its hometown personal touches helping you find solutions, and really caring when they don't have one!

It is nice to see the library parking lot always filled and the many programs and resources we have taken advantage of on so many occasions!

Bus drivers who talk to you and remember you the next time you are on their route make the drive more enjoyable.

The garbage men in Aurora, the postal team, all of whom offer personal service, should be thanked!

Lets stand up together as a community and now more than ever, support our community and give back the smiles that have made so many days turn into memories.

Thank you to my neighbors who help with recycling! Thank you for stopping to assure my son was not getting too wet, while walking home in the rain.

Thank you for a wonderful fully romantic meal at Aw Shucks.

Thank you to the neighbours who brought flowers just because and helped shovel the driveway because they knew it would really help out! Wow. I have great neighbors and you are all so appreciated.

I don't want to let a day pass when you don't feel you are appreciated and Aurora knows we care and love the caring!

Pay attention to the things that are critical in your life.

Play with your children. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal.

See, touch, hear, smell and ideally taste the world around you.

Then and perhaps only then can you truly appreciate it.

Knowing full well, a moment can change your life forever, you must not let any pass you by without truly sensing it!

See the smiles and always smile back. It will colour your world.

With tragedy perhaps if nothing else we can stop for a moment and appreciate all that Aurora offers us.

The bittersweet can flavour our senses and make the sweet sweeter!

**Jackie Solomon
Aurora**



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Letters to the Editor

I just couldn't wait any longer: senior

To the editor,

According to Webster's Dictionary, "emergency" means "the resulting state that calls for an immediate action".

When the doctor said "I want you in the hospital right now, one of the gall stones could be causing a blockage which could be serious", I went home and called a cab.

Not knowing any better I went to the emergency room at Southlake Regional Medical Centre in

Newmarket, all the time in agonizing pain.

I was placed in a wheel-chair and located in the "waiting room", that was full of people waiting.

This was at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8.

After a while I spoke to a young mother with her sick baby, who'd been there since 11 a.m.

She wasn't called until 5.30 p.m. - six and a half hours of waiting!

A gentleman came in with his little girl, who had a 104 plus temperature, lay-

ing on her dad's lap, mostly asleep.

By now I had been sitting for three and a half hours and nobody seemed to be leaving.

I went to question the nurse in triage about how much longer the wait would be.

She pointed outside to the ambulances coming in and said they come first and "there's lots coming so we don't know how long a wait you will have".

Back in the waiting room a senior lady who had been

there when I came in was laying on a two-seater chair.

She suddenly started to throw up in the wastebasket.

It took another person to get kidney basins and Kleenex for her, but there was no sign of a nurse.

I have never been to the emergency before and I pray I never go there again.

After six and a half hours of waiting, I finally called home and told my daughter I was coming home where I could rest in

my own bed.

The pain, by this time, had diminished somewhat so I called a cab and went home.

To me that six and a half hours in emergency was a disgraceful and dehumanizing experience.

My sympathies go out to all those people who sit and wait and wait.

I am a 79-year-old senior. I just couldn't wait any longer.

N. Crawley
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Accident was unfortunate but not an outrage: reader

To the editor,

The recent, unfortunate accident at Aurora's pooch playground is something I think all dog owners who use the park mourn.

We all immediately think "what if" in relation to our own animals when we heard of that sad event.

I feel for the owner, as well as the driver of the truck, who I am sure has suffered a thousand pangs of regret from the cruel twist of fate that led to the accident on March 2nd.

While this is noteworthy among Aurora's many dog

owners, especially since the closure of the property on the Oak Ridges trail, I feel the letter to that shrill "outrage" expressed by the letter to the editor (week of March 7th edition) is unwarranted.

We all need to keep this in perspective - a dog was killed under the wheels of a town-hired vehicle that was performing a needed service to the quagmire that the dog compound sometimes becomes. Was the driver negligent? Or maybe the owner?

A leash-free zone does not mean that an owner can turn his or her back on the

direct supervision of his or her animal.

Mistake number one - not seeing (in broad daylight) a large vehicle preparing to groom the grounds. Mistake number two - not immediately leashing your animal (a not fully trained 14-month-old dog) until said grooming of the grounds is accomplished.

Mistake number three: hopefully never comparing the dog park to a playground where "that dog could have been a small child running around the park".

This brings me to my main point: I love dogs.

My animal (for that is what it is - not a child) is my responsibility to control and clean up after (don't get me started on that!).

A tragic accident is not an "outrage", nor a "how could this happen?" type overwhelming event.

It is simply a series of unfortunate events that hopefully we can all learn from.

So again, let's leave out the over-worked words like "outrage" when we describe such an event - save it for the real tragedies in this world.

And yes, let's all of us not allow this to happen again!

Robert McNamee
Aurora

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Some councillors using Auroran as a "soap box"

To the editor,

Is it just me or are other readers of this fine paper getting tired of the members of council using the "Letters to the Editor" section as their own personal soap box.

Councillors Nigel Kean and Evelyn Buck appear to filibuster every week in the paper, when they should be expressing themselves in chambers (in open council not in camera).

You're already on TV for crying out loud.

If these individuals want to make their constituents aware of their actions, achievements and or issues, then get a column in the paper, get your own website, send out e-mails or get your own television show.

You are an elected official; do your politics in the forum that you were elected.

If reporters interview you, state the facts; if you have a column, state your platform and be concise. Letters to the editor are for readers to state the feelings and opinions of the on goings of our community.

Just because you don't get your own way

in council does not justify you sending a letter to the editor.

If actions are taken at council that you don't agree with then rebut in council.

I have never seen a council use the editorial

page like Aurora's does, mind you there are a lot of other things this council does that other councils would never dream of doing either.

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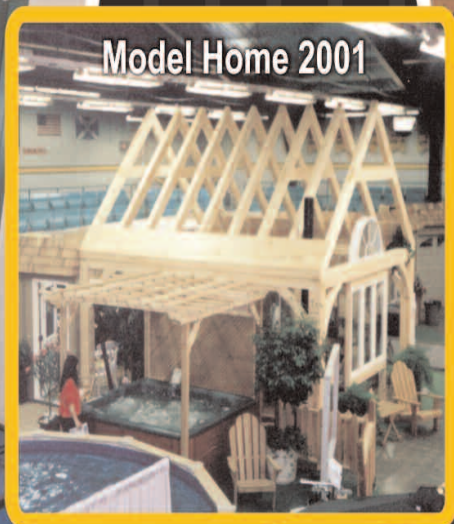
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Team loses in six

A hot goaltender spelled the difference for the Aurora Tigers Sunday afternoon, as they attempted, but failed, to bring the North Conference championship back to Aurora for a seventh and final game this week.

After opening up a first period lead, Aurora had to settle for a 4-3 double overtime loss even though they outshot the Stouffville Spirit 24-7 during the overtime periods.

It was Randy Johnston's goal 13 minutes into the second overtime at the Stouffville Arena that sent the Tigers to the golf course.

And while Johnston, who had two goals for the winners, was doing that, goaltender Dan McWhinney was standing on his head to rob Aurora time after time.

McWhinney was, deservedly so, awarded the MVP title, turning back 57 of 60 shots fired at him during the course of the game.

Ryan Dickie, in Aurora's goal, was almost as impressive, stopping 27 Stouffville attacks.

Ever since last week, Aurora has been in a "do-or-die" situation, falling 3-1 in the series to the Spirit, who had earlier eliminated the Newmarket Hurricanes in six games.

Three of the games in the series went into overtime.

Facing the defending champion Aurora Tigers, Stouffville was inspired Sunday afternoon by a crowd of more than 1,000 fans.

It's the first North title of the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League for the Spirit in its 10-year history.

McWhinney and Johnston shared Farmer Jack's player of the game honours.

Joel Sheppard, who roofed a third period goal and added two assists, was the third star.

Defenceman Steve Kapolnas had the Spirit's first goal.

Three of the Spirit goals were scored on the power play.

Last week, the Tigers put themselves in a horrible position losing 2-0 to trail the series three games to one.

"You are not going to win any games if you can't



Traffic Jam? Aurora Tigers and Stouffville Spirit mill about in playoff action that saw Stouffville win the North Division title with a 4-3 double overtime victory Sunday afternoon in Stouffville. Spirit eliminated the Tigers in six games, three of them that went into overtime.

score a goal," said a disgusted Tiger Coach Jerome Dupont who noted that some of his forwards didn't even have a shot on

goal let alone a hit. "Talent can only take you so far, now it's about heart!"

Last Tuesday night,

Aurora lost 4-3 in overtime at the Aurora Community Centre.

Aurora goals were scored by Doug Henderson, Chad Kennedy and Fraser Smith.

Friday night, at Aurora, Tigers fended off elimination thanks to Fraser Smith's first period overtime goal giving his side a 2-1 victory over the Spirit before a large crowd of more than 800 fans at the Aurora Community Centre.

Smith, standing right outside the crease, deposited a rebound off a Chad Kennedy point shot.

Early in the game on a power play, Austin Corredato scored the other Tiger goal on another rebound off a bad angle shot from Josh McNair. Ryan Dickie stopped 25 of 26 shots he faced in net for Aurora.

Please see page 12



Wells Street Public School student Jack Clark was in the right place at the right time recently when he met Canadian Olympic hockey star Danielle Goyette in a Montreal airport. She and the Canadian team were the subject of a huge welcome at the airport after they won a gold medal in the Olympics.

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Aurora girls celebrate hockey tournament victory

Aurora hockey team wins tourney

By TRICIA HILLS

An Aurora house league peewee team managed a come-from-behind victory to capture the 18th annual Burlington Girls' Hockey tournament recently.

Despite a tough season

in Aurora, the team bonded and boosted their team spirit for the tournament and went undefeated in their first three games winning 2-0 in two games and 3-0 in the third game.

The three shutouts brought the team swiftly into

the championship game against Burlington.

Coming out strong in the beginning of the final game, Burlington quickly jumped into a 2-0 lead.

However, the Aurora girls kept their cool and responded with four unanswered

goals to win the game and bring victory back to Aurora.

"The coaching staff is very proud of our girls," noted team trainer Karyn Horton.

Parents, too, agreed every player stepped up her game to win the title.

Sports field use issue continues to confuse

Recently, Aurora Council adopted a recommendation from the Leisure Services Advisory Committee dealing with a policy regarding the use of sports fields.

It endorsed the proposed Sports Field Use Policy for implementation prior to the commencement of the 2006 playing season, but that two nights of play be allowed on Class "A" facilities for 2006 and 2007, until such time as alternate options are found to allow all interested children to play soccer through the Aurora Youth Soccer Club.

It is assumed the action was taken as a result of complaints from Soccer Club officials in the media about the turning away hundreds of young players if a proposal to limit use of municipal fields and parks during the 2006 season was implemented.

It was alleged the municipality was shutting down fields to skirt the issue of downloading costs to local user groups with a membership of more than 4,000 children and adults.

It was claimed that under the proposal, field availability would be reduced on certain nights per week, leaving fewer playing time slots among the 10 full size pitches maintained by the town.

Soccer officials said the town was not raising fees, and were not maintaining the fields so were restricting the number of available fields.

It was also pointed out that the town was unable to reach an agreement with the

York Region District School Board for the use of its fields, resulting in the soccer club trying to negotiate its own deal.

In a letter to The Auroran, Youth Soccer Club President Ron Weese pointed out the difficulties in limiting the opportunities to provide healthy, physical activity to the young players through issues outside the club's control.

Weese has another letter this week on Page 4.

The two issues were the limited use of the playing fields below current levels and not entering into a field use agreement with the school board, over what was alleged to be lack of proper maintenance by the town.

Council adopted the

Leisure Services Advisory Committee report that staff advise all applicable user groups that the town will not be executing the York Region District School Board's Shared Fields Agreement for the 2006 playing season, but staff will continue to negotiate with the School Board.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner referred to the

press release issued by the Soccer Club and a memo circulated to council members by the Director of Leisure Services, which she had requested be included with the council agenda.

Staff was unable to explain why it wasn't included on the agenda. The memo was not available to the media or the public.

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Tigers ousted in six games

From page 10

At the time, Coach Dupont was incredulous.

"I still can't believe we are in this situation (down three games to two in a best of seven series) but at least we had a total team effort tonight."

Had Aurora been able to send the series to its limit, the seventh game would have been played at the Community Centre Tuesday night.

Stouffville will have home ice advantage for its Provincial League semi-

final series against the West champion Oakville Blades, when that series gets underway later this week.

Oakville has stunned the hockey world by advancing in the playoffs.

The fourth place team

was expected to be eliminated early, but has managed to make it to the next round.

Meanwhile, Bowmanville, who eliminated Port Hope Sunday, and St. Michael's meet in the other series.



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House League Tyke

106 Tim Horton's Red Wings Tyke HL 8
103 Tim Horton's Blackhawks 2 - Giles Miller 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1A, Jeffrey McKay 2G, Jacob Hatton 1A.

104 Tim Horton's Sharks 7 - Bryan Manweiler 1G 1A, Adam Wilson 2G 1A, Jared Brown 1G 1A, Adam Caicco 1A, Michael Montesanti 1G 1A, Riley Walsh 1A, Tyler Wilson 2G, Louie Kirkos 2A.
108 Tim Horton's Blues Tyke HL 1 - Graham Sanford 1G.

107 Tim Horton's Bruins Tyke HL 4 - Alex Carter 1A, Evan Cherubini 2G, Mathew Ciano 1G, Andrew Daniell 1A, Alistair Johnston 1A, Tristan Kuchar 1G, Connor Mulvenna 1A, Nicholas Sansalone 1A.

101 Tim Horton's Leafs 1 Novice

206 Emilio's Pizza Novice HL 5 - Connor Kemp 3G, Nolan Smith 1A, Kory Wansborough 2A, Anthony Georgieff 1G.
202 Mastermind Toys.Com 1 - Liam Joiner 1G, Michael Hosmer 1A, Rory Hamilton 1A.

205 HS Financial Serivces Novice HL 5
201 McAlpine Ford Lincoln 2 - Matthew Hall 2A, Joshua Divincenzo 2G, Torre Litke 1A, Jeffrey Wanless 1A.

204 North York Heating & Plumbing Novice HL 10 - Evan Nichols 1G 2A, Denzel Speller-Drews 1G 1A, Ian Orr 1A, Matthew Iezzi 2G, Michael McKerracher 1G, Peter McKerracher 1G 1A, Dylan Pyziak 1G 1A, Michael Dilosa 1A, John Partland 3A, Justin Laird 1A, James Power 3G 1A, Matthew MacGrath 1A.
203 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 3

Minor Atom

302 Laurion Law Office 6 - Alexander Harrison 1A, Matt Sanita 2G 1A, Cameron Staples 2A, Matthew Pelkola 2G 1A, Tyler Futterer 1G 1A, Chris Sanita 1G, Nicholas Marrelli 1A.
305 All Pro Source For Sports Minor Atom HL 3 - Joel Gouveia 1G, Daniel Wochenmarkt 1A, Brady Harris 1A, Brendan Harris 2G 1A.

303 Dr. Steiner's Drillers 5 - Maxwell Brown 2G, Nicholas Steiner 1G 2A, Alexander Stewart 1G, Austin Tanaka 1G.
306 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre Minor Atom HL 1

301 ADC Aluminum 6 - Melissa Verge 1A, Matteo Campea 1A, Zachary Cowl 1G, Erica Barnes 1A, Michael De Cesare 1A, Rio Speller-Drews 1G, Declan Johnston 2G, Oliver Jones 1G 1A, Billy Haddock 1G, Joseph Veneziano 1A, Michael Tanel 1A, Ryan McGolrick 1A.
307 Optimist Club of Aurora Minor Atom HL 2

Atom

403 Dr. Steiner's Drillers Atom HL 4 - Christopher Cherubini 1A, Tyler Grossi 1G, Cody Mulhern 1G 1A, Christopher Tsianos 2G.
404 Optimist Club of Aurora 3 - Kevin Casey 2G, Dylan Sutton 1G, Thomas Scougall 1A.

401 Nacora Insurance Brokers Atom HL 6
405 Rotary Club of Aurora 4 - Ryan Byerlay 1A, Scott Wheeler 1G, Quinn McGowan 1G, Matthew Roach 2G, George Plukov 1A.

406 Continental Custom Ingredients Atom HL 5 - Ben Bryant 1G 1A, Curtis Fordyce 2G, Kevan Cress 1G, David Robers 1A, Trevor Stephens 1G 1A.

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402 McAlpine Ford Lincoln 2 - Zachary Ferry 2G. Minor Pee wee

502 Supreme Collision Centre Minor Pee wee HL 1
506 Diamond Groundskeeping Services 0

505 Pizza Pizza 4 - Christopher Beach 1A, Joey Detoro 1A, Daniel Laflamme 1G, Jake Langford 3G, Cody Rundle-Sanderson 1A, Nicholas Theodoropolous 2A.
501 Chevalier Chrysler Minor Pee wee HL 2

503 Winchurch Environmental Inc. 7 - Brendan Beresford 4G, Alexander Cackorovski 1G, Andrew Curci 1A, Austin Fenyas 1G, Braedon MacKenzie 3A, Madison Schaefer 1G, Ryan Lowden 1A.
504 The Backyard Pool & Spa Company Minor Pee wee HL 5 - Cameron Bamford 1A, Samantha Minchella 1A, Jonathan White 1G, Richard Sparling 1A, Micheal Mildon 1G, Jenner Dekkema 1G, Ryan Dal Cin 1G, Zachary Cook 1G, JP Hudon 1A, Matt Noseworthy 1A.

Pee wee

607 Cosentino Produce 5 - Cameron Annear 1G, Jonathan Boehmer 1G 2A, Zachary Andrews 1G, Tyler LaMantia 1G, Andrew Smitten 1G, Andrew Hunter 1A.
609 Manhattan Trophies Pee wee HL 3 - Brett Richardson 1G 1A, Ryan Laird 1A, Kevin McCrudden 1G 1A, Stephen Newby 1G.

606 National Sports 4 - Trystan Nelson 1G, Christian Davies 1G, Rocco DeBartolo 1A, Greg Lacroix 1G 2A, Sean Takahashi 1G.
608 Pharmasave Pee wee HL 3 - Austin Archer 2A, Hayden Sands 1G, Jordan Gerace 2G, Branden Bortolin 1A, Adrian Tobin 2A.

Minor Bantam

703 Dial Tone Communications 2
704 Aurora Montessori School Minor Bantam HL 0

702 Highland Chevrolet Cadillac 6
706 Formtech Minor Bantam HL 0

Midget

1010 Tilemaster Midget HL 3
1008 ASA Alloys 1 - John Stinson 1G.

Select

Aurora Tigers Tyke Select 7 - Andrew Badali 2G 1A, Ryan Coveart 1A, Colin Kostin 2A, Matthew Liscio 1G, Patrick Servideo 1G, Cole Thiessen 3G 1A. Shutout: Jack Pecora, Matthew Tanel.
Markham 0

Aurora Tigers Tyke Select 4 - Ryan Coveart 1G, Michael Da Costa 1G, Colin Kostin 1G, Cole Thiessen 1G.
Markham 1

Aurora Tigers Tyke Select 2 - Cole Thiessen 1G, Robert Thomas 1G.
Unionville 1

Unionville 5
Aurora Tigers Tyke Select 4 - Andrew Badali 1A, Patrick Servideo 1A, Cole Chapman 1G, Cole Thiessen 3G, Robert Thomas 1A.

Rep Games

Aurora Tigers Novice AA 5 - Graydon Gardner 1A, Alex Bernier 1A, Matthew Caicco 1A, Hayden Hassard 2G, Nicholas Papousek 1G, Austin Riswick 1G 1A, Jesse Wiemer 1G 1A.
Ajax 2

Aurora Tigers Novice AA 1 - Jesse Wiemer 1G.
Ajax 0

Aurora Tigers Novice AA 2 - Jake Appleby 1G 1A, Nicholas Baxter 1G 1A, Jesse Wiemer 1A.
Ajax 2

Aurora Tigers Novice A 4
Barrie 1

Aurora Tigers Novice A 4
Barrie 3

Aurora Tigers Novice A 2
Barrie 1

London 5
Aurora Tigers Novice AE 0

Mt. Hamilton 2
Aurora Tigers Novice AE 1

Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AA 8 - Sean Foxwell 1A, Liam Coll 1G 1A, Konner McMillan 4G, Branden Fennell 1A, John MacDonald 1G 1A, Spencer Green 1G 1A, Jack Caldwell 1G 1A.
Clarington 1

Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AA 3 - Justin Pirie 1G, Konner McMillan 1G, John MacDonald 2A, Spencer Green 1G, Quentin Campbell 1A.
Clarington 1

Clarington 2
Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AA 1 - John MacDonald 1A, Spencer Green 1G.

Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AE 3 - Liam Beresford 1G 1A, Tyler George 1A, Alex Perez 1G, Harrison Smith 1A, Jordyn Thomson 1G.
Georgina 2

Aurora Tigers Atom A 3 - Graeme Allison 1A, Ben Hankins 1A, Peter Sandwell 1G, Stefan Lazzar 1G, Daniel Antoniel 1A, Bailey Miller 1A, Eric Damecour 1G.
Barrie 1

Aurora Tigers Atom A 3 - Liam MacKichan 1A, Hayden Trask 1G 1A, Ben Hankins 1G, Daniel Fiori 1G 1A, Kiefer McIntosh 1A, Daniel Jones 1A.
Barrie 2

Barrie 8
Aurora Tigers Atom AE 1 - William Allen 1A, Matthew Pryse 1G, Eric Bulloch 1A.

Barrie 5
Aurora Tigers Atom AE 2 - Connor Moody 1G, William Allen 1A, Sammy Steenhorst 1A, Jimmy Brookes 1A, Matthew Pryse 1A, Jack Straw 1G.

Barrie 5
Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee AA 0

Barrie 3
Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee AA 1 - Tanner Thiessen 1A, Andrew Papousek 1G.

Barrie 2
Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee AA 0

Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee A 4 - Ryan St. Germain 1A, Matthew Skoulikas 1G, Josh Klinowski 1A, Daniel Whitley 1G 1A, Rory MacNeil 2G.
Innisfil 3

Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee A 6 - Ryan St. Germain 1A, Matthew Skoulikas 1A, Kyle Spicer 1G 2A, Christopher Bull 1G, Tyler White 1G, A.J. Killens 1A, Daniel Whitley 2G, Daniel Delbello 1G, Rory MacNeil 1A.
Innisfil 1

Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee A 4 - Matthew Skoulikas 1A, Kyle Spicer 2G, A.J. Killens 2A,

Daniel Whitley 1A, Daniel Delbello 1G.
Orillia 3

Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee AE 3 - Mackenzie Wooder 1A, Dylan Hussey 1G, Anthony Selski 1G, Evan Collicot 1G, Brett Wilson 1A, Ty Brochu 1A.
Barrie 2

Barrie 8
Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee AE 3 - Lucas Leslie 1G, Jesse Bentolila 1A, Dylan Hussey 1G, Kevin Lukezic 1G, Thomas Hagias 2A, Ty Brochu 1A.

Aurora Tigers Pee wee A 5 - Kyle McCreedy 2G, Luca Battiston 1A, Jordan Figueiredo 1A, Scott Kimmerer 1G 1A, Jamie Hawkins 1G 2A, Gavin Forrest 1A, Chris Smith 1G 1A, Denis Casey 1A, Michael Nonnewitz 2A.
Orillia 2

Bradford 4
Aurora Tigers Pee wee A 3 - Kyle McCreedy 2G, Gavin Forrest 1G, Chris Smith 1A.

Richmond Hill 6
Aurora Tigers Pee wee AE 1 - Nicholas Silverio 1G.

Aurora Tigers Pee wee AE 3 - Matthew Bishop 1A, Sean Halley 1G, Daniel Howie 1A, Tyler Jensen 1G, Brendan Strachan 1G, Mark Tanel 1A, Brandon Thompson 1A, Michael Di Vincenzo 1A.
Richmond Hill 1

Aurora Tigers Pee wee AE 3
Richmond Hill 2

Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AA 2 - Oliver Boettcher 1A, Dylan Cross 1G, Shawn Clark 1G, Taylor Nuttall 1A.
Barrie 2

Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AA 3 - Jeffrey Sanderson 1A, Oliver Boettcher 1G, Justin Brown 1A, Derrick Hamner 1G, Louis Lamanna 1A, Taylor Nuttall 1G.
Barrie 2

Aurora Tigers Bantam A 2
Stouffville 2

Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AA 2
Pickering 1

Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AA 3
Pickering 0

Aurora Tigers Minor Midget A 5 - Ian Weston 1G, Travis Hooper 1G 1A, Jake Hurlbut 1G, Jeremy Cohen 1G 1A, Spencer McCartney 1A, Greg Gianopoulos 1A, Darcy (Bucky) Pelosse 3A, Joshua (Josh) Meron 1A, Ross Pizzurro 1A, Brendan Hamner 1G.
NobleKing 5

Aurora Tigers Minor Midget A 0
NobleKing 0

NobleKing 6
Aurora Tigers Minor Midget A 3

Barrie 3
Aurora Tigers Midget AA 2

Barrie 6
Aurora Tigers Midget AA 0

Aurora Tigers Juvenile AA 3 - Chris Amato 1G, Matthew Cleverdon 1A, Ryan Galante 1G 1A, Justin FFrench 1G.
Pickering 1

Aurora Tigers Juvenile AA 3
Pickering 3



What on earth is “Pickle Ball”?

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Pickle Ball is a new game attracting senior participants and has elements of table tennis, badminton and lawn tennis, and new adherents.

The name is pickle ball, and if you have not heard of it, please take note of the name and be advised that it is an indoor sport.

It is similar mostly to tennis, but with elements of badminton and table tennis, and is threatening to become vastly popular.

If you can play any of the three games that I mentioned, you are a candidate to play pickle ball.

The game has a net similar to lawn tennis and about the size of a badminton net.

It is played with rackets or paddles and a plastic ball, on an indoor court smaller than a tennis court. The rules are similar to tennis, but adjusted for pickle ball.

This game has been introduced to the new Aurora Seniors' Centre by the enthusiastic Terry Paul who is the guy to beat right now, and is off to a very promising start.

If you can chase around a court after a plastic ball, we welcome you to join us from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. Fridays.

I believe I am correct in writing that pickle ball is the first new sport or game introduced into the new centre, and I note that momentous improvements should be implemented in the coming year.

I would be foolish to predict or speculate on what might happen but I can say that we are extremely hopeful that something will happen sooner, rather than later.

Getting back to pickle ball and the approaching good weather, I comment that this is an excellent time to start getting your joints loosened up, and table tennis, badminton and now pickle ball are an excellent way to get a jump on the summer, and are all available at the centre.

Closet subject of EAC contest

Aurora's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) has decided the closet will be the subject of their first “Aurora's messiest...” contest, now underway.

If you have such a creature around your house (who doesn't?), take a picture of it and send it with all the pertinent information to the committee at auroraec@hotmail.com.

The winning closet and the winner will appear on Aurora Cable Internet's Plugged In! show.

The winner will also receive the services of Patricia Saya, the Aurora-based Organizing Goddess.

She will spend six hours helping the winner sort through stuff, disposing of it in a way that lessens the load on the landfill and organizing what's left.

Shelving, with a value of \$500, has also been donated by a Newmarket firm.


Entry deadline is March 31.



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Focus on: Graffiti

Graffiti is any writing, drawing or symbol applied to any surface without the consent of the property owner or agent. Graffiti is a problem that, if left unchecked, can seriously damage the reputation of a community while adversely affecting the economy and quality of life enjoyed by the residents. Graffiti crime can result in higher taxes for clean-up, lower property values and heightened fear of crime.

COMMON TARGETS

- Public and private building walls
- Parks and recreation facilities
- Public transit vehicles, stations and shelters
- Public telephone booths
- Railway cars
- Bridges, overpasses and trestles
- Mailboxes
- Hydro poles
- Laneways

TAGGING VS. WRITERS VS. THROW UPS

TAGGING

Taggers tend to engage in the most basic form of graffiti.

Taggers generally paint personal, stylized signatures. (These are often hard to read.)

Usually a tagger's drive is to put their signature up as many times as possible.

A crew is a group of Taggers who actively tag together in the community.

WRITERS

Writers tend to be responsible for the more artistic forms of graffiti.

Often writers work in small crews and will risk displaying their 'art' in highly visible spots.

Can be competitive amongst themselves which may result in the increase of graffiti.

THROW UPS

Usually consist of multi-coloured bubble letters.

Tend to be more appealing to the eye.

REDUCE THE RISK OF CRIME

Restrict access to walls or vulnerable areas by planting thorny bushes or building physical barriers.

Increase appropriate lighting in vulnerable areas in order to discourage vandals.


Apply an anti-graffiti coating to your wall so if there is a future attack it can be easily removed. You can also buy graffiti/spray remover in spray, aerosol or towel form.

Work with the local government officials to restrict the sale of graffiti materials to persons under 18 years of age.

SHOULD I REPORT SOMEONE IF I SEE THEM SPREADING GRAFFITI?

Yes. Graffiti should never be confused as an issue of art; it is an issue of permission. It can cost taxpayers hundred of thousands of dollars. It defaces structures and vehicles. School programmes could be cancelled due to lack of funds which are spent removing graffiti. Fear is generated and more serious crimes could result.

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RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

Who makes the decisions - staff or council?

Quite often there is a dispute, especially at the regional level, as to who makes the decisions, staff or council.

Quite often members of regional council are accused of just rubberstamping staff decisions.

Back in April, 1976, York Planning Commissioner Murray Pound called for more staff involvement in regional planning decisions to balance input by elected councillors who represent local areas.

In a paper to the provincial Comay Planning Review Committee, he pointed out that as regional councillors are elected to represent local municipalities, it may be difficult for them to make regional planning decisions and recommendations.

He added that due to the high turnover of elected representatives which may occur at each election, there was no high degree of continuity to the planning effort, and suggested that non-elected people should be more involved in the planning process.

Regional councillors were quick to point out that they were not locally biased and acted for the region on regional issues.

Council designated Newmarket Mayor Bob Forhan as planning committee chairman to write a submission and appear before the Review Commission.

WHAT HAPPENED?

In January, last year, the Environmental Advisory Committee asked staff to investigate the potential for participation in the Youth Employment Program for the summer of 2005 and report back to the committee.

What happened?

A month later, the students of Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School sought financial support for their trip to visit the graves of Aurora soldiers buried in Europe in March 2005.

The request was forwarded to Leisure Services to review the town's grant policy.

The trip went off as planned but what happened to the request? In February, 2005, Councillor Wendy Gaertner gave Notice of Motion regarding in camera meetings of council.

What happened?

A LOCAL TOLL ROAD DECISION

Back in the 19th century an agreement was reached between the County of York and the City of Toronto in which the county traded a toll road for free use of the St. Lawrence Market for local farmers.

In the exchange, York turned over part of Lake Shore Road to the city and the city agreed not to levy market fees for local farmers.

Market fees were levied in addition to stall rentals.

The agreement was renewed at five-year intervals since it was originally established.

In 1967, the county refused a Toronto request to release the rights under the old agreement and the last renewal was in October, 1970.

In February, 1975, the regional administrative committee recommended that the agreement be renewed on the same terms and conditions as previously.

But what is the status today and do local farmers still get free use of the St. Lawrence Market?

THEATRE AURORA BIG HIT IN WELLAND

In May, 1990, members of Theatre Aurora received an unexpected surprise and a first.

After winning two nominations, but no THEA's, in the Central Ontario drama festival for their production of "Summer of the Seventeenth Doll", the cast was disbanded and the set and props put in storage.

Then a miracle happened.

Neither the top drama by the Markham Little Theatre, nor the best musical by the Scarborough Music Theatre could participate in the Ontario finals in Welland resulting in an invitation to Theatre Aurora.

The cast was reassembled and rehearsed, the set recovered and repainted, the props, lighting and sound equipment put back in working order and transported to Welland.

Producer Lori Evans and directors Andrea Emmerton and Margaret Ozols worked overtime to get everything in order.

Cast members Margaret Hawkins, Paula Rush, Lauren Ecclestone, Michael Angelo Cohen, Zara Stuart-Jones, Andrew Airlie and Gavin Watt made arrangements for the trip to Welland.

It was all worthwhile as Gavin Watt won the award for best performance in a cameo role and Theatre Aurora won a special adjudicator's community theatre award for entering the festival at the last minute and holding the festival together.

Lauren Ecclestone was nominated for best performance by an actress and Paula Rush was nominated for best supporting actress.

It was a first for Theatre Aurora as it was their first entry in the Ontario finals.



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Many newly elected councillors are surprised and amazed at the heavy work load a conscientious municipal councillor carries. There is so much to learn and so little time, as it's much more than a meeting a week.

As an individual member of council, or even the head of council, you will soon find out that your power and authority is limited, not much more than you had as a citizen.

It is only council sitting as a corporate body that has the decision-making authority.

Once a majority of council makes a decision, it is a corporate decision, whether you agree with it or not and you must learn to live with it.

It's a good idea to attend a few council and committee meetings before making your final decision. Not only will you get a feel of the various issues facing members of council, you will be able to observe council in action.

You must also decide if you are going to be the people's delegate or their representative. As an elected official, you will be under pressure from various special interest groups promoting their project or agenda.

There are two sides to every story and with most advocacy groups, you only

hear one side. If you bow to their will, you become their delegate in council.

As a representative of the municipality you are expected to attend many social functions, fundraising events, sporting competitions and other activities in the municipality.

Being an elected representative in a smaller community poses challenges that other elected representatives seldom face, and that is day-to-day contact with constituents.

In a town, village or township, you're on the front line. At every street corner, in the stores or wherever you go, you're expected to know the answers to their problems at any time of the day.

Whatever you do, don't make a promise that you will fix this or that, as you don't have the authority.

Another painful lesson to learn is that unless the Municipal Act or other provincial statute specifically

designates such authority to a council, you do not have a mandate to act, even if the majority of council agrees to do so.

Municipalities have a procedural bylaw which sets out the rules and regulations for the conduct of council and committee meetings and members of council.

Obtain a copy and read it to prevent you from making silly mistakes or asking unnecessary questions.

Government of the people, for the people and by the people is only possible when there are dedicated people who offer themselves for public service and want to give something to their community.

It is only when some elected representatives forget the reasons for which they were elected that governments fall into contempt and distrust by electors.

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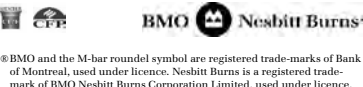
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