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Briefly

Mary Lynn says no

Mary Lynn Stephenson, who has been assistant general manager of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, rejected an offer last week to replace Rosalyn Gonsalves as general manager.

Stephenson, who was the executive's choice to assume the position at the Chamber's annual meeting last month, indicated she would rather stay in her post as assistant.

Last month, Gonsalves announced her resignation effective later this year and Stephenson, with the Chamber since 1988, was offered the job.

Chamber of Commerce President Stephen Forsey told The Auroran Friday the general manager's position will be advertised through an agency.

Christmas in July

Once was a time when it was a tradition to go bowling Christmas Eve. If you ever experienced that tradition and wonder what happened to it, read on.

On Tuesday, July 25, six months from Christmas, you can experience all the same feelings at The Gathering Place and, if you follow the rules, bowl for free.

The bowling alley, located on Edward Street, just south of Dunning, home of The Gathering Place, will be decorated as if it were Christmas.

This will be a family day. First game is free to those who come as a family and bring a non-perishable food item for a food drive.

Inside will be karaoke – Christmas Carols singing with special prizes.

Officials hope to raise a considerable amount of food donations.

Small price to pay to keep a Christmas tradition alive.

Visit the Hollow

"Merlin's Hollow", Aurora's famous garden will open Wednesday, June 21, to benefit Hillary House, Aurora's famous national historic site.

From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the garden at 181 Centre Street will be open to the public. Admission is \$5 per person.

Centre Street is one block north of Wellington, west of Industrial Parkway North.

This is a great opportunity to visit Merlin's Hollow at a leisurely pace, without the crowds who visit on weekends.

Garden creators, David and Dierdre Tomlinson, will be on hand to answer questions, and plants will be available for sale.

Hillary House, at 15372 Yonge Street, just north of Wellington, will also be open that day for tours, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

For more information, call the Aurora Historical Society at 905-727-4015.

Summer grant

A grant from the Ministry of Culture, Summer Experience Program will enable the Aurora Historical Society to hire one summer student for a seven-week period.

The student will be trained to assist in the care of the collections of the Aurora Heritage Centre and Hillary House, National Historic Site.

The student will also be responsible for leading summer programming for children at Hillary House.

If you are interested in working in cultural heritage this summer, the Society will receive applications until June 23 at 15372 Yonge Street.

As a direct result of the grant Hillary House will offer drop-in programs for children every Wednesday afternoon from July 10 to August 23.

See what you missed

If you couldn't get to Dick Illingworth's 90th birthday party at DiNardo's last week, we have five pages of photographs to show you.

Go to www.auroran.com and see what you missed.



Students battle for supremacy during the first ever "Family Fun Day" held at Regency Acres Public School on Murray Drive last week. A popular attraction, along with several others, was the "Get 'Em Off" jousting activity, and above, it would appear the female is showing superiority over the male. Officials were pleased with the turnout for the event which is expected to be held every year.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Aurora's first designated area

In spite of continued opposition from Councillor Evelyn Buck the bylaws to adopt the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Plan and a bylaw to designate the district plan as part of the Official Plan were adopted on a 7-1 recorded vote with Councillor Buck in opposition last week.

The concept of a proposed Heritage Conservation District for the area was initiated by the residents of the area in 2001 and had been resident driven.

Streets in the district include Centre, Catherine, Spruce, Yonge, Maple and Fleury. Some houses will not be inside the designated area.

The response from the residents was positive resulting in council authorizing a \$45,000 study which was initiated in the fall of 2005.

At a recent general committee meeting, five residents supported the plan and the committee received four letters in opposition.

The committee approved the report and the creation of the District

Conservation Plan and directed staff to contact the four families who had written letters in an effort to resolve their differences.

At Tuesday's council meeting Bob McRoberts, Dan Revington, Cathy Fairs, Andrew Pick and Linda Housser publicly supported the committee report and the enactment of the bylaws to the applause of several residents of the area.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said that based on her experience and lots of confidence in her own judgment and knowledge of the town history, she could not agree that the town should assume the responsibility of the area.

She referred to several sections of the report which indicated the plan would not succeed without financial support and the general public had not been consulted about potential future costs.

She said it was inconceivable that council members could be so irresponsible to approve the plan at this time.

She asked council to consult with the community at large and provide

estimates of costs to the municipality.

Councillor Nigel Kean said council had agreed there would be no financial subsidies and the residents had not requested any financial assistance.

He said home owners took pride in their homes and were willing to fix them at their expense as residents in other parts of the town do. He added the residents were not asking for money, just designation to protect their neighbourhood.

Councillor Phyllis Morris reminded council members when the Chinese delegation had visited Aurora part of their tour of the town was a visit to the area to show the heritage homes and for her adopting the report was an easy decision to make.

Mayor Tim Jones said it was an area with character and there was strong support from residents for designation to protect the area.

When the vote was called the plan was adopted on a 7-1 vote with Buck in opposition and Councillor Damir Vrancic absent. The enacting bylaws were adopted without comment.

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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

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During the month of June the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall will feature the art work of June Hills. Regular viewing hours are from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Aurora Farmers' Market will be held every Saturday morning at the Temperance Street parking lot until Thanksgiving. Free space is available for non-profit groups. Contact Nigel Kean at 905-751-0790.

Until September 30, water restrictions are in effect in Aurora. Watering is permitted from 6 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. for even numbered addresses on even numbered days and odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days. For further information call 905-727-3123 ext. 4240.

Aurora Community Garden has plots available to grow fruits and vegetables on Allaura Boulevard. For more information call York Region Food Network at 905-967-0372.

Aurora Zen Meditation Group has resumed sitting every Monday evening at Healing Hands Wellness Centre on Wellington Street at 7.30 p.m.

Weekly lunches will be held from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Norma Jean Legge Room of the Aurora Seniors' Centre. Call 905-726-4767 for more information.

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. 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 has monthly meetings at Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church with a variety of speakers.

There is also a selection of interest groups. Contact Beverley 905-727-2151.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Aurora Public Library in conjunction with the Seniors' Centre presents the Seniors' Matinee Movie "Bewitched" starring Nicole Kidman from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Lebovic Room of the Library. Admission is free. Pre-register at the Library's Adult Information Desk at 905-727-9493, option 4 or the Seniors' Centre at 905-727-2816.

From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Merlin's Hollow garden at 181 Centre Street will be open to benefit Hillary House. Admission is \$5 per person. David and Deirdre Tomlinson will be on hand to answer questions about gardening.

THURSDAY, 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.

JUNE 23-24

It's "Musical Mayhem", a hilarious musical review at the Factory Theatre with curtain on Friday at 7.30 p.m. and shows on Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Admission is \$15 and \$10 for seniors. Call 905-727-3669 for tickets.

JUNE 23-25

The 2006 Polo Charity Series to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation will be held at the Gormley Polo Centre on Leslie Street just south of the Bloomington Sideroad. For information call 905-477-8000 ext. 242

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Aurora Legion Strawberry Supper. 6 p.m. \$8 per person.

A Great Curbside Giveaway begins at 7 a.m. Take unwanted items to the curb and post a sign they are free.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

Yard Waste Collection Day. Yard waste in brown kraft bags or open rigid reusable waste containers will be collected if left at the curb by 7 a.m. to ensure pick up. For further information call 905-727-3123 ext. 3447. Also July 24 and August 28.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Aurora Horticultural Society presents a lecture on "Where Have All The Flowers Gone?" at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

Lunch at the new Aurora Seniors' Centre takes the form of a "From the Hill to the Grill" Patio Party with Newmarket/Aurora MP Belinda Stronach flipping hamburgers. Tickets are \$10.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Deadline for the sale of only 150 subscriptions at \$30 for three movies on September 11, October 6 and November 6 hosted by the Aurora Film Circuit with all movies shown at the Cineplex Odeon in Aurora. Applications available at the Aurora Library.

Dance In The Park as part of Aurora's July First festivities takes place in Lambert Willson Park beginning at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Merlin's Hollow open to the public today, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gardens are located at

181 Centre Crescent in the Centre Street/Industrial Parkway North area of Aurora.

A day-full of activities, from parade to fireworks, awaits the visitor as Aurora holds its annual July First party. Most activities take place in the Aurora Leisure Complex area.

MONDAY, JULY 3

Blood Donor's Clinic, Our Lady of Grace Church, 16 Catherine Avenue, 2.30 to 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

Merlin's Hollow open to the public today, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gardens are located at 181 Centre Crescent in the Centre Street/Industrial Parkway North area of Aurora.

Annual garden tour hosted by the Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at Mary's Flower Shop, Flowers By

Terry, Black Forest Garden Centre and R & R Revisited.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Doors Open Aurora provides an opportunity to visit various buildings and businesses in Aurora including the Railway Station, Baldwin's Mill, Hillary House, St. Andrew's College, Trinity Anglican Church and The Auroran. For more information call 905-726-4762.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Aurora Historical Society Candlelight Tour of Homes.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Theatre Aurora opens its 49th season with the comedy "Educating Rita" at the Factory Theatre. Other productions in the fall/winter line up include "Crazy for You", "Dr. Cook's Garden" and "Blythe Spirit".

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Members of the Queen's York Rangers participated in a militia stand down parade held at Aurora's Town Park last week.

Auroran photo by David Falconer



Fire department expands area

Even though it only had to receive a report on expanded fire coverage in the area, Aurora Council got into a heavy debate over the issue Tuesday night.

One night earlier, Newmarket Council, which has the power to make fire department decisions, approved the expanded area on a 6-3 vote.

Last month the Joint Council Committee (JCC) on Fire Services, consisting of three members from each of Aurora and Newmarket Councils, recommended that a revised Fire Protection Agreement be signed with Whitchurch Stouffville to re-instate fire protection services for the Vandorf area, just east of Aurora, subject to conditions.

Conditions included what equipment would be dispatched for structural fires, pre-fire conditions, remote alarms and motor vehicle collisions on Highway 404 within the agreement area, with full cost recovery for the level of service provided. In addition, Whitchurch Stouffville would pay an annual estimated cost of \$100,000 plus call fees, recoveries and adjustments as outlined in the proposed agreement.

Following the implementation of the new service, the Fire Chief would report back to the JCC on the effectiveness of the program.

The committee recommended the Mayor and Clerk of the Town of Newmarket execute the agreement which it did Monday. Newmarket is the legal employer of the fire service.

In a memo to Aurora Council, Councillor Phyllis Morris related her impressions of what occurred at Newmarket Council, which she had attended.

She reported that when the JCC report went before Newmarket Council, Rob Leathan, President of the York Central Firefighters Association, expressed his concerns about the proposed agreement as recommended by the Fire Chief, claiming it would negatively impact the level of service

provided to citizens of Aurora and Newmarket.

Newmarket resident Frank Ramagnano, a firefighter, addressed council to point out that in his opinion the proposed agreement has the potential to negatively affect the citizens of Newmarket and Aurora.

He supported the Central York Association proposal to bring in off-duty firefighters (call-back) when equipment and firefighters were dispatched to Whitchurch Stouffville.

Toronto firefighter and resident of Newmarket Ian Hamilton also addressed council. He claimed that taking on the 39 square kilometres in Whitchurch Stouffville would cause a huge drain on Central York

resources which could result in a slower response time in Newmarket.

An amendment to initiate automatic call-back whenever two trucks were dispatched to Whitchurch Stouffville, was defeated by council who approved the original agreement.

As a member of the JCC, Councillor Morris expressed her concern about the agreement and pointed out the JCC had made a decision by a 3-2 vote at a meeting when she was absent or it would have lost on a 3-3 vote.

Councillor Ron Wallace, a former volunteer firefighter and a member of the JCC, said he didn't see the agreement as an issue as a

similar agreement had been in place with King and Whitchurch Townships and Oak Ridges when Aurora had a volunteer department and there had been no problems.

Firefighters at a new hall on Wellington near Leslie, will likely handle most of the Whitchurch Stouffville calls, estimated to be about 60 a year.

Councillor John West, chairman of the JCC, pointed out that three of the five members at the meeting had supported the Fire Chief's proposal and that he would submit a private confidential report to council regarding the committee.

When the vote was called, council supported the agreement as presented.



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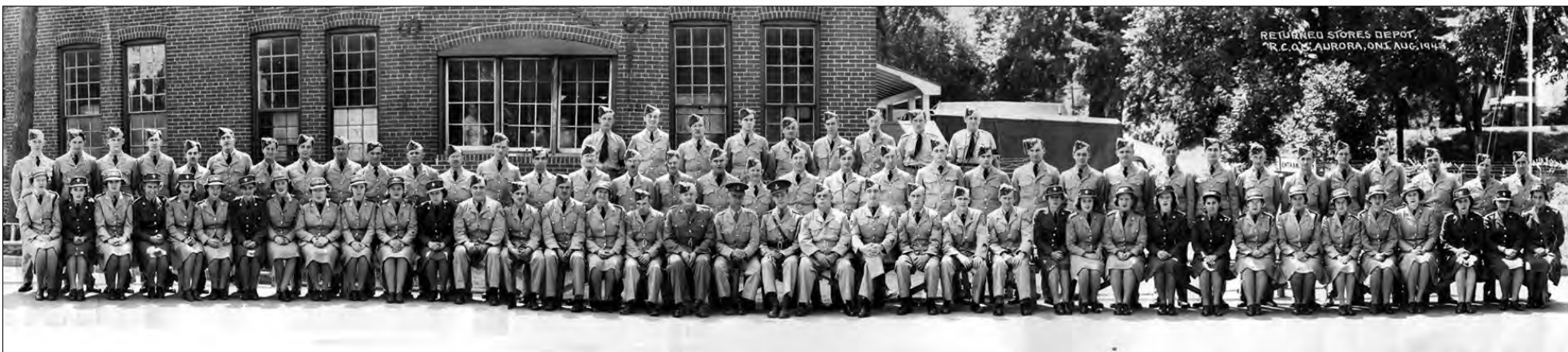
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Thank you, and hope to see you at next year's event!



This incredible photograph comes to us courtesy of Aurora's Charles Deigan, who says it belongs to his brother Frank, who was a major in the Royal Canadian

Ordnance Corps (RCOC), but Charles can't find Frank in the photograph. The picture was taken in Aurora in 1943 and the building in the background was the "Returned Stores

Depot". No prizes, but can anyone tell us who occupies the building today? And, by the way, does anyone recognize anyone in the picture?

Letter to the Editor

Book outlines growth of Aurora after WW II

To the editor,

The post WW II Aurora from 1945 to 1965 is about to become a book.

This account of Aurora begins in the tumultuous final months of war, but in May euphoric peace comes.

Aurora celebrates with bells and sirens, a parade, singing and dancing. Ross Linton is Mayor and Lex Mackenzie is MPP.

Mr. Lubbock publishes the local paper. Agriculture news usually fills two pages. The farms near

Aurora are mixed farms that use work horses and there are horses used in town, too.

Post war Aurora enters a period of tremendous change.

Men come home to the old industries in town like: Baldwin's Mill, Collis Leather, Sisman's Shoe Company, Attridges and Stiver Brothers.

New companies start to come: Canadian Anodizing, Universal Insulation, Hart Manufacturing, Aurora Textiles, Aurora Beverages and Choice Cut-Up

Chicken.

Aurora gets to be known as "The Chicken Capital of Ontario" and even Canada, thanks to Mr. Garfat and Mr. King our entrepreneurs.

With more available building supplies, the land speculators and sub-dividers find Aurora. Farms are selling for \$11,000. Why, that's big money! In some months there are 40 farms in the paper's "Sale Register" column.

The race begins to buy land and build houses for the commuters who take the Gray Coach bus from

Dal-Har Grill.

The Mayor and Town Council are in a spin.

More houses mean more assessment, but this also means more water is needed, more sewage treatment, more streets, more school children and more schools. The race is on.

New sports are introduced. Are there games other than hockey and baseball? A soccer club begins, a rugger club starts and there's indoor bowling at Cousins Dairy.

Night school begins at

the high school and a Drama Workshop is part of it. Aurora has theatre!

The singing at the schools goes on with Illyd Harris's choirs and soloists taking prizes at the festivals.

There are bands and even an orchestra in town.

There's a dance school, too, and figure skating classes.

Our Aurora Memorial Arena is selected as the venue for figure skating trials.

Many farms around town have beautiful horses now. The owners bring them to our horse show in the Town Park.

It started in 1922, but stopped during the war years.

Aurora is the first place in Canada to introduce the FEI rules. It also becomes the place where the members of the Canadian Olympic Equestrian Team are chosen.

Aurora gets a beer store and then a liquor store.

The Legion gets the first license, La Colony Restaurant and Graystones, Aurora's first big restaurant where you can dance, get licenses.

Aurora was always a dry town. What is happening?

The merchants in the centre of town grow nervous.

A shopping centre is coming. The centre is built and ten shops open. The centre is sold to Mr. Merkur and more shops are added.

Mr. Merkur says that when the 404 Highway is finished the town will have 15,000 people. Can that happen?

The old Royal Theatre has gone. Perhaps the town will get a new one when it's larger.

Aurora has 10 policemen not one, five schools not two, ten churches not five and five parks not one.

Things were happening mighty fast.

A King dies, a Queen is crowned, T.V. comes, Aurora is 100 years old, cadets end at the high school but not at St. Andrew's, an Aurora man goes over Niagara Falls and lives, a baby is found in Tannery Creek, there's a murder at the college, hills

disappear on Yonge Street, our arena burns down and, my gosh, Lex Mackenzie is still our MPP.

Oh dear, I've left out all the good things the service clubs did.

You'll just have to read the book.

**Elizabeth Milner
Bracebridge**

ED. NOTE: Elizabeth Milner grew up in Aurora and has been working on this book for some time. It's expected to be published before the end of this year.



Poor Richard

Area developers finance numerous council hopefuls

*There are questions to be asked,
As municipal elections roll around;
Between candidates and developers,
As rumours of collusion abound!*

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

The next municipal election will be held November 13 for the first four-year term of office and campaigning will soon get underway.

Municipal elections today are expensive, especially for first time candidates if they want to get elected.

When campaigning they want your vote and some may want your money.

With the rapid growth of the region, developers have become the financial backers for many candidates.

Developers need friends on council if they want to get their plans approved with the least amount of trouble.

Current legislation limits corporations and developers to donations of not more than \$750 to each candidate and candidates are required to reveal their financial backers after the election.

Elected representatives claim time after time that election contributions from developers have no bearing on how they vote on development plans, but residents are often suspicious, especially when approval is given to a controversial development over the objections of neighbouring residents.

Whether their concerns are valid or not, there is a perception that candidates for municipal office accept campaign donations from developers and therefore become beholden to them in the decisions they make at council meetings.

This perception was strengthened by a new report by York University Professor Robert MacDermid which demonstrates the predominance of corporate interests in contributing funds to municipal politicians.

He analyzed the more than \$13 million raised by candidates in 10 Toronto-area municipalities in contesting the 2003 election with the money coming almost exclusively

from corporations and the development industry.

The most extreme case was Vaughan where 80 per cent of all money donated to politicians in the 2003 municipal election came from corporations and developers with one candidate receiving 96.7 per cent.

A detailed analysis of the money shows that across the 905 municipalities almost 70 per cent of all corporate contributions came directly from developers or companies that represented construction interests.

In Toronto, it was 44 per cent, which might be due to the fact there is little developable land left in Toronto.

MacDermid says the developers dominate the 905 area where there is more land to be developed.

He also blames citizens who don't appear to want to become involved in the political act of giving contributions or voting, leaving businesses to fill the void.

He pointed out that in Whitby, with a population of 55,000, only 25 citizens contributed more than \$100 each.

Across the suburban municipalities of Ajax, Brampton, Markham, Mississauga, Oshawa, Pickering, Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Whitby only 1,590 individuals accounted for 15 per cent of all money.

In Toronto, 11,192 people made up 55 per cent of all the money from individual donations.

This report stressed the need for provincial action to step in and reform municipal election campaign finance laws.

Premier Dalton McGuinty was quick to push through legislation to extend the term from three to four years, hidden in a budget bill.

Citizens should bring pressure on the McGuinty government to introduce legislation regarding election financing.

In the meantime, citizens will have the opportunity at all-candidates' meetings to ask all candidates if any of their campaign funding came from corporations or developers and if they will declare a conflict of interest if that corporation or developer has an issue before council.

It might help.

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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Would party affiliations increase voter turnout?

Should political parties enter the Aurora municipal realm by supporting philosophically like-minded mayoralty and council candidates?

We are all aware that election-voting patterns at the federal, provincial and municipal level have been on the decline and that the lowest voter turnout occurs for municipal elections.

Any measure that can be utilized to both further educate and interest our fellow citizens in voting and for a better and more effective local government should be thoroughly examined.

Closer scrutiny of the issue does beg more questions: Would a candidate even want a party endorsement if proffered?

If a particular riding association did vote to support municipal candidates, then what type of support would be envisioned?

Would it simply be a press release stating that they are backing a specific candidate?

Would it be organizational assistance to the candidates?

Would it, or could it, involve the utilization of some of the ridings' financial resources in support of candidates?

Are there limits under the Canadian Elections Act as to what can be done?

As well, by what internal party process is the decision made to support a specific candidate(s)?

If party politics is not introduced to the municipal election process then at the very least the mayoralty candidates should run 'slates' of councillors on a co-coordinated platform.

In Aurora, where we have a nine-person council (including the mayor), the mayoralty candidates should run - as a team - with a minimum of four other councillor candidates, clearly identifying a coherent and focused policy platform that they will seek the public's confidence on this fall.

This is especially important in our town, as there is not a 'strong' mayor system in place.

Under the current setup our mayor merely has one vote on council, meaning that any legislative agenda that they may have is at the mercy of their council colleagues.

Of course it is important for a mayor to gain consensus and buy-in for his/her program, and there are obviously informal ad-hoc coalitions on certain issues, but by formalizing an alliance, the voters would know what to expect on the large issues, and, just as important, who to hold accountable if the expected program is not implemented.

Although the work and contribution of every individual councillor is important, we look or should look to the mayor for leadership and to his/her team for the development of a legislative agenda.

This is not to say that a mayor and his/her slate of councillors, once elected to office, would not disagree on certain issues, and appropriately enough, vote differently.

No one expects unanimity on every issue.

But we should reasonably expect to see the major platform issues that the team campaigned on get implemented within a reasonable time frame.

Having individuals run as a team may increase voter turnout, as people may be more likely to come out and vote for a person who is associated with a particular side.

It may even help in the recruitment of volunteers.

It is well known that incumbents enjoy a significant advantage in name recognition.

Running as part of a slate could help generate new blood on council and may significantly reduce the individual expenses associated with seeking office as brochures and signs would only need to be done for the team.

Having individuals on a slate sign and also adhere to some type of personal code of conduct may help to restore a sense of badly needed civility and decorum in the political discourse of this town.

This type of gesture may also not go unnoticed by the media and the voting public this fall.

The other nice thing about the campaign slate concept is the symbiotic relationship between the mayoralty candidate and his team; they really do need each other.

There is a shared interest in making things work during the campaign and later on while in office.

Electoral platforms and campaigning does matter.

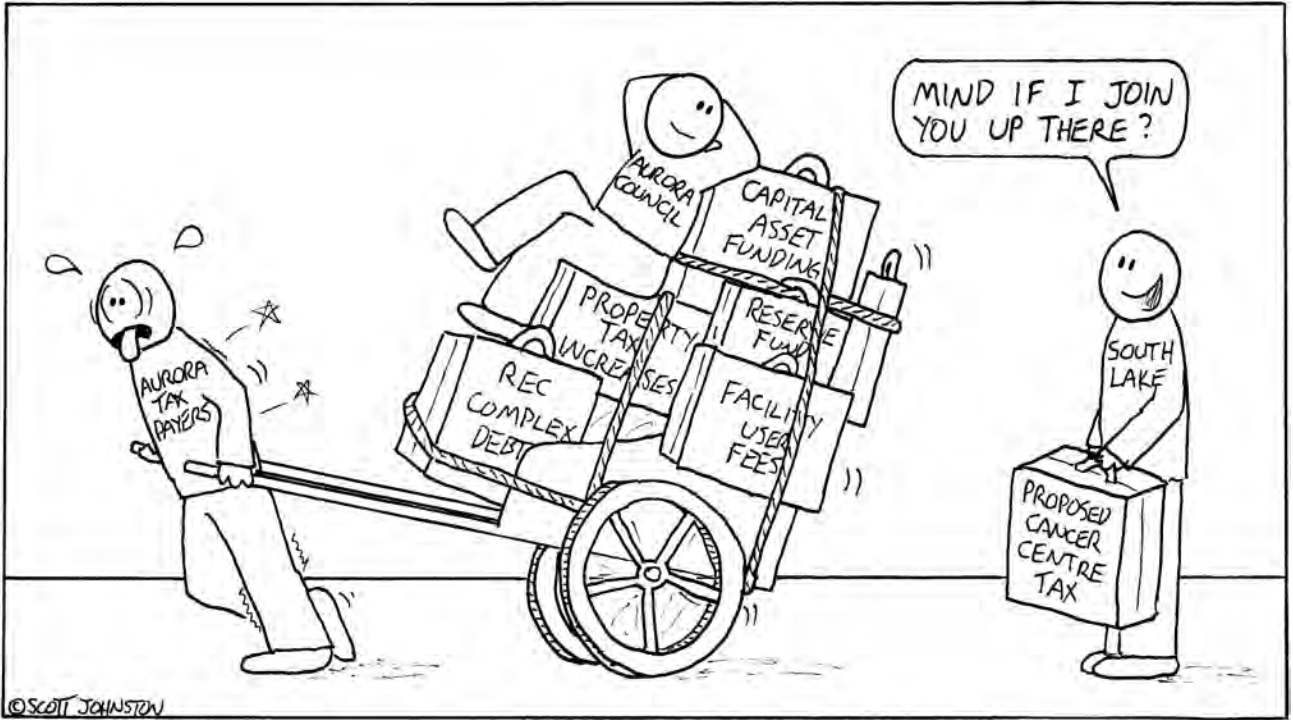
Citizens of Aurora deserve a vigorous and respectful debate this fall on the issues of growth, the level, quality and costs of services, and the appropriate level of taxation.

Clearly drawn policy battle lines could engage and galvanize voters and volunteers alike.

Let's hope the mayoralty candidates, in between attending all those barbecues this summer, assemble a strong campaign slate, which will be ready this fall to offer a vision that resonates with Aurorans.

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Machell's Corners



Letters to the Editor

Acorns are taking root

To the editor,

Recently I took a walk round the new recreational centre on Wellington Street East to see how the seeding of 10,000

acorns was progressing.

This was organized by the Town's Environmental Committee and planted by many citizen volunteers last fall.

I am pleased to report

that several thousands have germinated and are growing well and that the area where they are growing has been clearly indicated by town staff to prevent accidental dam-

age to them by contractors working on the adjoining areas.

Regardless of the inane criticism by one member of council of volunteer environmental incentives this is proof that with no expense to the taxpayer, environmentally conscious volunteers can and do make a substantial contribution to the future ecological and economic health of the Town.

To the editor,

I feel flattered and humbled by your coverage of me as Citizen of the Year.

However, there is one error that was made by those who nominated me

(of course, they could not check with me!), and that is that I was not an original organizer of the Santa Claus Parade, but it was the first committee for which I volunteered when my husband and I moved to Aurora in 1991.

Herb McKenzie was the committee chairperson and I sat on the committee for about three years.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sylvia Gilchrist
Aurora

David Tomlinson
Aurora



Cathy's Corner



Pretty in purple

As of last week, Jennifer has joined the ranks of the purple-sashed University of Western Ontario alumni.

Yup, she graduated!

And the cheeky girl claims that she is now officially more educated than I am!

I have to hunt down my degree. It's somewhere...in some box in the basement, I think.

But then again, it is also possible that I sold it at a garage sale...

Perhaps some day Jennifer's degree will meet a similar fate, but for now, it's a very big deal!

It is the proudest piece of paper to bear her name since high school ate her dust!

It has changed her.

We sent a girl to university and four years later...a woman returned.

Just before she left, she was young and innocent...and scared to death.

She fast-tracked, that is: she completed five years in four so that she could go off to university a year early and beat the dreaded double cohort.

At times I wonder if we rushed her. When Jennifer left Aurora, she took Winnie the Pooh with her.

Thanksgiving weekend, she and Pooh came home to find Damir and I moving all of her stuff out of her room...and moving her sister's stuff in.

She burst into tears and ran from the house as if it was on fire. I thought she had PMS.

Later, I found out that Damir and I missed the "adapting to life with a university student" lecture series.

My neighbour, Kathy went.

Rule number one, she told me, is: DON'T TOUCH THEIR ROOMS!

Okay, so maybe we did rush her just a little bit...

Second year, Jennifer came into her own...um, apartment. Guilt can do that to parents, you know?

It became increasingly obvious that her interests were changing.

She came home one weekend and when she left, the microwave was gone.

The following weekend, you couldn't find a roll of toilet paper in our house to save your life.

In the weeks to follow, she cleaned us out of light bulbs, paper towels, and cash. Kids, huh?

That done, we didn't see her again until she stockpiled enough laundry to make me sell my Disney shares...and buy Whirlpool.

In third year, Jennifer started talking shop at the dinner table.

She had added a second Major to her studies, so not only did the Vrancics have our own family psychologist, but we had a criminologist on staff as well.

Suffice it to say, we are the most psychoanalyzed, profiled and figured out family in Aurora.

One day in the middle of fourth year, Jennifer was home for the weekend and sitting in the kitchen studying for an exam. She looked up, cocked her head and in a very surprised voice, announced: "Wow! The more I learn, the more I realize that you and Dad did a heck of a lot right!"

Immediately, I poured my cup of tea down the drain and busted open the champagne!

Now THIS is what I paid the big bucks for!

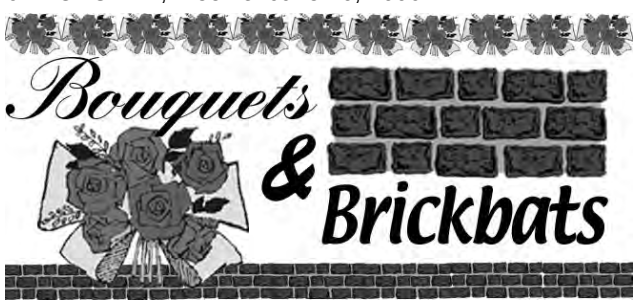
Yes, Jennifer certainly has changed. And we've changed too.

We sent a girl to university and four years later...our savings have been...um, entirely wiped out!

But, hey! It was worth it.

She looks pretty in purple.

Cathy Vrancic welcomes e-mail at:
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By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Susan Talbot and Nancy Oxford of Aurora's Pace to Pace in the St. Andrew's Plaza for helping women of the community lose weight and help the Heart and Stroke Foundation at the same time. Also to Revolutions located next door for issuing the same challenge to men.

BRICKBATS to whoever is responsible at the Toronto Sun newspaper for installing red Sun vending boxes around the town that have never been used to sell papers and to whoever is responsible at the Town Hall for following up on council's request for more control over vending boxes.

BOUQUETS to Steve Downie, a former Aurora Tiger and member of Team Canada who won the Gold Medal at the World Junior Championship in Vancouver on being signed by the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers.

BRICKBATS to the inconsiderate person or persons who dumped a load of shingles behind the Factory Theatre recently, with some of the load spilling into the creek. Members of Theatre Aurora were needed to help the town clean up the mess. This is the second or third time that waste had been dumped behind the theatre and lights or cameras are required.

BOUQUETS to Friends of the Rouge Watershed for converting a desolate sand and gravel pit into a thriving wetland supporting a diverse wildlife population in the heart of Toronto's Rouge Park. Ontario has lost 80 of its wetlands and they are still disappearing.

BRICKBATS to an Immigration system that gives permits to approximately 11 per cent of York Region's more than 10,000 newcomers with no knowledge of English or French, the highest proportion in the GTA.

BOUQUETS to the Town of Newmarket for their excellent promotion of their anti-idling program and the proclamation of Anti-Idling Week to encourage motorists to reduce greenhouse gas emissions whereas in Aurora the issue is tied up in committee.

BRICKBATS to Premier Dalton McGuinty for first promising to stop development on the Oak Ridges Moraine and then backing down after finding it would be too costly to stop the 6,600 homes to be built on the moraine and more recently congratulating the same builders for strong growth and helping to make people's dreams come true.

BOUQUETS to Councillor Damir Vrancic for chairing a difficult general committee meeting and making councillors stick to the agenda item under discussion rather than wandering all over. Even at that the meeting lasted until 11 p.m. and 10 or more items were left over to the council meeting.

BRICKBATS to the Ontario government for slashing seasonal staffing at provincial parks to save \$2 million, just in time for summer. The cost-cutting measure will likely mean unkempt parks, closed stores, dirty toilets and rowdier campsites and the loss of 226 full-time summer jobs.

BOUQUETS to the York Region Committee in Support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation for their excellent "If I Had a Million Dollars" Gala and the memorable program which included letters from the Premier, local MPs and MPPs and the Mayors of Richmond Hill, Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, Georgina and Whitchurch-Stouffville, but not Aurora!

Letters to the Editor



Crooner Brian Roman has become the new idol of the Aurora Senior Citizens. Along with Cara Chisholm, he performed last week at "A Summer Cabaret", above, and wowed the audience so much he was invited back to entertain during the closing exercises of York Region's Over-55 Olympics, which were held in the seniors' new building on Municipal Drive.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Entertainers thrilled seniors

To the editor,

The presentation of the show Cabaret at the Aurora Seniors Centre last week turned into a magical, fantast ic evening.

For any musical event to be magic requires great

artists performing at their best, and a great receptive audience, in the mood to enjoy whatever the evening might present.

Cara Chisholm and Brian Roman are professional performers who know how to entertain,

how to add character to their work, how to enjoy their performances as much as the audience, and how to weave the fabric of song and dance into an event of significance.

Cara and Brian are complete entertainers, the whole package, which is what makes them so good at what they do.

Both performers involved members of the audience as part of the show from time to time, and the complete audience at one stage and towards the end, a standing ovation materialized

spontaneously from the pure enchantment of the music, the rhythm and the unmistakable quality of this musical exposition.

The West-Mackenzie Hall was filled to capacity and nobody left their seat until the last song was sung and the performers had extracted from their bodies, every ounce of energy and emotion they had, and from a thrilled audience of seniors, their rapturous attention to the last note of music.

Brian Warburton
Newmarket

Resident applauds creation of "district"

To the editor,

I would like to say "Congratulations" to the residents of Northeast Old

Aurora on your significant victory at Town of Aurora Council last Tuesday night.

You have been successful in having your neighbourhood designated as a Heritage Conservation District.

It's a privilege to applaud your efforts because the passion you feel for your homes and your community has been extremely evident in the council chambers, not only last week but every time this issue has been discussed.

Although I do not live directly in the Heritage

District I do live just blocks away in the area commonly referred to as "the new part of Spruce Street".

Whenever I go for a walk, I always head south, down Spruce Street so that I can walk through your neighbourhood enjoying your lawns, your gardens and the pride shown in the upkeep of your beautiful homes and properties.

As just one member of the "community at large" referred to in council, I applaud both you as a community group and the Town of Aurora Council for making the right decision on this issue.

Grace L. Marsh
Aurora

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Reminding people not to dump junk into sewers, Katie Bryne, left, and Yannick Brisebois, paint yellow fish on the curb near sewer grates in the Bathurst and Kennedy Street area of Aurora. The pair belong to Aurora's Air Cadet corps.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Building future uncertain

Aurora Council has had ongoing problems trying to decide what to do with the proceeds of the sale of Aurora Hydro to PowerStream and it is still undecided.

Now the group is having some difficulty trying to decide what to do with the now empty hydro building on Industrial Parkway South.

The transaction to sell Aurora Hydro to PowerStream was completed in November of last year but the utility operated out of the Industrial Parkway building until the end of last month.

The facility was built in 1987 on more than three acres of land.

The property is fenced and the main building contains 20,500 square feet of space on two floors.

The first floor also has a 12-bay parking/service bay area, change/shower facilities, large indoor storage/workshop area, reception area, cafeteria and offices.

On the second floor are 7,300 square feet of additional offices, reception and boardroom facilities.

There is an elevator connecting the two floors.

With some renovations, the second floor could be isolated from the first floor, officials believe.

In addition to the building, a significant quantity of office furniture stayed in the structure when vacated by PowerStream.

In a report to the general committee last month, town staff noted there were numerous options available for the future use of the building from using it for municipal purposes to selling or leasing it.

Staff recommended that as not enough information was available to make a considered decision a further report should be prepared on the costs and benefits for alternative uses for the building and property.

Councillor John West suggested the staff recommendation be adopted, but Councillor Evelyn Buck argued that as the building and property were valuable assets, they should go on the market as soon as possible.

When the vote was called the West motion for a further staff report was lost on a 4-4 vote with Councillor Phyllis Morris absent.

Councillor Buck recommended staff proceed with the sale of the building but the suggestion failed for lack of a second, resulting in a stalemate as to the future of the building as no direction had been provided to staff.

At a subsequent general committee meeting, Councillor West moved a motion of reconsideration which required a two-thirds majority to pass.

With just six votes, it was decided the future of the facility would be discussed at the next council meeting, which occurred Tuesday night.

Staff presented the same report as at the May meeting that a further report on the costs and benefits for various alternative uses be prepared for council and this time, council agreed.

Councillor Nigel Kean repeated his request that consideration be given to using the facility as a Youth Centre.

He suggested the youth take over the first floor with the garage being used as a basketball court and the property used for playing fields and a permanent skateboard park.

The second floor could be separated from the first and used by community non-profit groups.

He asked that his suggestions be included in the report.

Council also agreed with Councillor Buck's suggestion that the report include information as to how the facility could make up the \$101,000 per year in lease payments, money lost since PowerStream moved out.

Hospital officials await grant word

Last month officials of Newmarket's Southlake Regional Health Centre made a presentation to Aurora Council regarding the capital costs of constructing the new cancer care centre and submitted a resolution which they asked council to adopt.

The proposed resolution requested that council direct the CAO and Treasurer to work with Southlake to develop an appropriate funding mechanism in keeping with the Municipal Act which would achieve the goal of an equivalency of a five-year, \$80 per year per household and business levy or grant.

The presentation was referred to staff for a further report to council resulting in a report to the recent general committee meeting.

The report recommended that council support the fundraising initiatives of Southlake to build and equip a regional cancer centre and council approve the insertion of Southlake fundraising promotional material in 2006 tax billings.

It was also recommended that the CAO work with the other northern CAOs to develop an appropriate funding mechanism to raise approximately \$35 million over five years with Aurora's

share being about \$6.9 million.

Finally on a motion from Councillor Bill Hogg it was proposed that the committee support the first two recommendations in the staff report to support the fundraising initiatives of Southlake and for the CAO to include the southern municipalities as part of the hospital's catchment area, which was adopted.

When the report came to council Tuesday Councillor John West suggested the CAO report to council at the August 22 meeting.

Councillor Nigel Kean noted a recent Health Ministry announcement about increasing provincial funding for eligible construction costs from 66 to 90 per cent and suggested the funding request may not be necessary.

It was pointed out that the hospital and staff were trying

to obtain information about details of the funding and would advise councils when received.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said it wasn't the job of municipal staff to obtain information about financing hospitals as it was the responsibility of the hospital and the province and she objected to the new burden.

She added that Mayor Tim Jones was part of the hard sell to council about helping to fund the hospital construction as presented by hospital officials.

He replied that it wasn't a hard sell but a necessary sell and council was seeking alternate ways to assist.

When the vote was called the committee report was adopted with the addition of the August date on a 7-1 vote with Councillor Buck opposed.

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Aurora's Meghan Rothenbroker was the winner of the Jelly Bean Counting Contest at the 2006 Aurora Fair & Horse Show last week. Meghan is 10, loves horses and wants to be a vet when she grows up. The correct number of jelly beans was 436, and Meghan's guess was 432. What did she win? The jelly beans, of course.

PowerStream outlines conservation plan

John Sanderson, a Vice President and Patrick Guran, Chief Conservation Officer for PowerStream, attended Aurora Council last week to explain PowerStream's Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) programs.

PowerStream - Aurora's new electricity supplier - has joined with other utilities to market the CDM program under the "powerWISE" brand at a total cost of \$75.5 million of which PowerStream will contribute \$7.2 million for conservation.

Programs within the CDM plan include education, distribution efficiency, programs for social housing and low income and commercial, industrial and institutional and mass market retail programs and advertising.

PowerStream is currently carrying out a pilot Keep Cool program in Aurora with removal of inefficient window air conditioners at the customer's request.

Other programs include a retail partnership, residential and commercial load control or peak saver, an education program in the libraries, efficiency in new construction and small and large commercial and industrial incentive programs.

The goals of powerWISE include developing consistency in programs and conservation messaging, developing programs that can be used by local distribu-

tion centres and setting a standard of efficiency for program development and delivery.

The speakers said PowerStream would be pleased to work with the town on any conservation initiatives and help with support for the Minister of Energy directives aimed at the municipal sector for peak load reduction.

Councillor Bill Hogg noted that in the past a private company provided an energy audit and asked if this

Town plans strategy to encourage voting

The Town of Aurora is the first municipality to take up the Town of Newmarket's challenge to other GTA municipalities to increase voter turnout in the municipal elections this year.

In April, Newmarket issued a challenge to other municipalities to implement new initiatives that will help increase voter turnout.

"We feel it is important for residents to express their opinions and decide who they want to elect for the next council," said Aurora Mayor Tim Jones. "In 2003, only 33 per cent of Aurora residents submitted a vote and we are aiming to increase that number in this year's municipal election. In order to bring about change and make a difference in the community, it is imperative that residents express their right to vote."

The Aurora Elections

Taskforce will implement several tactics in this election campaign, some of which include:

- * The introduction of a slogan to vote;

- * The development of a user-friendly Vote 2006 website accessible from the Town of Aurora home page;

- * Focusing on youth by promoting the importance of voting through local youth groups and associations;

- * The creation of a communications strategy with several tactics to educate the public on different aspects of the electoral process;

- * Training sessions to be held in Aurora to familiarize residents on how to use the electronic tabulators;

- * Partnering with local businesses to promote election advertising.

The 2006 municipal election will be held Monday, November 13.

mer Aurora Hydro general manager, said the sale had nothing to do with the increase but the added costs were caused by the upward pressure on rates.

PowerStream's presentation was received by council as information.

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Dorothy Jordan's hands never remain idle. Here they hold a shirt donated to The Helping Hands, Trinity Anglican's low-cost clothing depot. The Aurora resident volunteers there three times a week, and her contribution has garnered her an Ontario Volunteer Service Award. Along with others, Dorothy was recently honoured at a reception at Queen's Park. As well, through the Newmarket Lioness Club, Dorothy has sewn 33 dozen heart-shaped pillows for those about to undergo cardiac surgery.

Auroran photo by Carol Cooper

Stronach named charter member

Aurora's Frank Stronach - a toolmaker who emigrated from Europe - is one of a half-dozen Canadians named as charter members of the new Canadian Manufacturing Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame was established in February, 2005.

Stronach has built Magna International, Inc. a huge car parts firm with headquarters and factories in Aurora.

"Ours is a nation rich with stories about individuals, many from humble beginnings, who have challenged convention and triumphed," said Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, and Honorary Chairman of the Canadian

Manufacturing Hall of Fame. "Canadians should know these stories. The people behind them have left an indelible mark not only on Canada, but also on the world.

"This is an outstanding group of charter members for the new Canadian Manufacturing Hall of Fame and I believe their induction will establish a solid foundation for future honorees and the Hall of Fame itself," he said. An induction ceremony and dinner will be held Thursday, October 12, at the Cleary International Centre in Windsor with the honorees or members of their families attending to accept the honours.

The Hall of Fame's permanent location will be announced at that time.

Quick planning meeting for Wal-Mart is declined

The opening of the proposed Wal-Mart store in Aurora could be delayed until 2007 after Aurora's general committee last week defeated a recommendation to hold a special public planning meeting in July.

The recommendation was endorsed by council Tuesday night.

At the public planning meeting held in April, council referred a proposal for an enlarged store which would include grocery products back to staff and the applicant to resolve outstanding issues and to hold a second public meeting.

As the June public planning agenda is full, the earliest possible date for another meeting for the Wal-Mart application would be September.

A representative asked Tuesday that the meeting be scheduled prior to the July 11 council meeting.

It was pointed out that a delay to the September meeting would mean no work could be done until 2007 resulting in a loss of assessment to the town.

He sought committee support in approving the July date so they could start building Wal-Mart.

In view of the short time frame to meet the requirements of the Planning Act regarding public notice, staff requested council direction.

Staff advised that a new design had been received resulting in changes to the site plan which were underway and hopefully could be ready for the July meeting.

The committee also received a letter from the solicitors for Loblaws pointing out that Loblaws was submitting an application for an expansion of their Superstore and requested assurance that approval of the Wal-Mart proposal would not adversely impact the Loblaws application.

Councillor Bill Hogg noted the only thing you do when you hurry is to make a mistake and while council had supported the original application there was a need to take a longer term view.

Councillor Evelyn Buck pointed out that council had a

process and applications were scheduled in order as they were received and if special consideration was given to one, the same would have to be given to others and council shouldn't make an exception.

In response to a question regarding the agenda for the July council meeting, staff replied as it was the only council meeting for the month, the agenda would likely be full as it was planned to include the Strategic Plan and what to do with the proceeds of the Aurora Hydro sale.

The motion to include the application as part of the July council meeting was defeated.

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Jordan Meron, 16, shows techniques which have provided her a trip to Rome, Italy, in August to compete at the World Baton Twirling Championships.

Young twirler heading to Italy

Jordan Meron - Aurora's pride in the world of baton twirling - has just returned from Regina, Saskatchewan, and once again she's loaded with medals.

In addition to that, however, she has also earned the right to represent Canada at the World Baton Twirling Championships, slated for Rome, Italy, in August.

Jordan, 16, who mainly trains with the Spectrum North Baton Club in Aurora, qualified last summer in Edmonton to represent Canada individually, in the solo and two-baton twirling events, but she still wanted to get to the World Championships with Trillium, an elite twirl team that was assembled from top athletes across Ontario.

In Regina, the team was crowned the

Canadian gold medalists, when the 10-member group - aged 25 to 16 (Jordan is the youngest) - performed a near flawless routine to win the title.

Jordan followed that achievement competing at the Ontario provincial championships where she captured a gold medal to become the Senior Advanced Women's Solo Dance Twirl Champion.

She also won the silver medal in the Senior Advanced Medley event, quite an achievement considering this is her first year competing at the senior level.

Jordan, a lifelong Aurora resident, attends Aurora High School where she has also been a member of the school's cross country team and Ultimate Frisbee team.

She has twirled baton

since she was four and coaching at the Spectrum North Baton Club.

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Executive members of the Aurora/Newmarket section of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) meet with Aurora Mayor Tim Jones, left, and Newmarket/Aurora Member of Parliament Belinda Stronach, following the presentation of a volunteer award to the group recently as Aurora honoured its volunteers. With the mayor and MP are, left to right, Lorraine Hill, Becky Haggith, Diane Hughes, Catherine Brydon, and Valerie Hume.

Aurora/Newmarket CFUW group wins community award

The Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora/Newmarket (CFUW) has been awarded the Community Quarter Century Organization Award in recognition of its long history of service in the Aurora community.

The group was presented with the award last week as Aurora recognized its outstanding citizens and groups.

Through collaboration with groups such as

the York Symphony Orchestra, the York Region District School Board, the Aurora Public Library, Yellow Brick House, Rose of Sharon, Trinity Anglican Church, Safe Haven, and Southlake Regional Health Centre, the club has contributed to the enhancement of the lives of women and girls in Aurora - monetarily, culturally, academically and socially.

CFUW Aurora/Newmarket is now celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Anniversary celebrations were launched at a May dinner where Paula Todd, co-host of TVO's Studio Two, was the guest speaker.

A number of special events are planned throughout the year to mark the 50th anniversary.

Since starting in 1957 with 33 women, this Aurora/Newmarket club has grown to a membership of 225.

Numerous interest groups, including day and evening activities, and the club's involvement with CFUW issues, continue to attract new members who represent a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and lifestyles.

Meetings will be held in Aurora on the fourth Tuesday of the month beginning in September.

For more information about the CFUW Aurora/Newmarket club visit their website at www.aurora.planettoday.com/cfuw or call Beverley at 905-727-2151.

Aurora Minor Ball Association

Pee Wee House League

- May 29:** Phil's Motors 17, Good Year - Aurora 12; Mastercut Property Services 11, Rhind Electric 4; Aurora Home Hardware 16, Gary's Service & Towing 4.
- May 30:** FutureStars Baseball Camp 5, FileBank Records 3; Aurora Home Hardware 21, Good Year - Aurora 3.
- June 5:** FileBank Records 14, Good Year - Aurora 5; Mastercut Property Services 12, Gary's Service & Towing 11; Aurora Home Hardware 18, Pepperlaw Lions Club 16; FutureStars Baseball Camp 6, Rhind Electric 5.
- June 6:** FutureStars

- Baseball Camp 12, Phil's Motors 5; Aurora Home Hardware 12, Toronto Star 11; FileBank Records 10, Mastercut Property Services 4.
- June 7:** Gary's Service & Towing 19, Good Year - Aurora 13.
- June 12:** Good Year - Aurora 13, Mastercut Property Services 13 (home run scored by Daniel Malinas of Mastercut); FutureStars Baseball Camp 15, Aurora Home Hardware 6.
- June 13:** FutureStars Baseball Camp 13, Good Year - Aurora 3.
- June 14:** Centre Ice Sports 12, Aurora Home Hardware 12 (four RBIs by James Harkin of Home Hardware).

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Historic railway station is on Doors Open tour

By **SUSAN SCHAPPERT**
with research by the
Aurora Historical Society

The first Doors Open Day took place in France more than 20 years ago, and the concept soon spread to neighbouring European countries.

In 2000, the first North American Doors Open was held in Toronto, and in 2002 the Ontario Heritage Trust launched Doors Open Ontario.

More than 45 communities are taking part in Doors Open Ontario 2006, and Aurora is one of them!

On display will be the town's culture, history and environment!

Join in **Saturday, August 12**, for free tours of Aurora's local landmarks and hidden heritage gems.

No tickets or pre-registration is needed. Visitors choose their sites and tour at their own pace.

To give you an idea of what you can see, The Auroran will feature several sites on a weekly basis.

Second in the series is the well known Aurora GO Transit station, formerly known as the Grand Trunk Railway Station.

The first railway station in Aurora was located on the



same site as the present GO Transit Station.

Built in 1853 to accommodate passengers on the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Union Railroad Company travelling between Toronto and Machell's Corners, the original depot was separated from the small hamlet by heavy forest.

In 1888, the Grand Trunk Railway took over the line, which was now used heavily for plows from the Fleury Agricultural Implement Works, timber from King Township and grain and farm produce.

In the same year, Aurora (renamed from Machell's Corners, after the Goddess of the Dawn) was incorporated as a town.

The station that exists today was built in 1900 by the Grand Trunk Railway.

In 1923, the Canadian National Railway inherited the bankrupt Grand Trunk Railway, and added a freight shed to the south of the station.

By 1989, the station was serving 160 daily commuters for the Bradford/Toronto line, and conditions had deteriorated quite badly.

As a result, GO Transit undertook an extensive restoration of the station.

The 1923 freight shed was demolished, and the insulbrick siding covering the original board and batten siding was removed.

The station, designed as a variation on the Grand Trunk Railway Company's standard Class One model, incorporates elements of the Picturesque Gothic Revival and Classical Revival styles.

GO Transit built a new foundation, reconstructed part of the steeply pitched hip roof, and also replaced the damaged tongue and groove ceiling on the interior.

The renovated station has since become an intensively used public facility as part of GO Transit's commuter rail system.

Visit the Aurora GO Station on the Doors Open Aurora tour and see the station from a different perspective.

There will be heritage displays and historical information provided by Cliff Soltau, a retired GO Transit employee.



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Senior Scape

By BRIAN WARBURTON

The weather for our annual picnic day was bright and glorious, not too hot, but warm enough; the sun



Aurora Seniors' Association president Charles Sequeira munches into a watermelon during seniors' annual picnic Friday at the new centre.

Auroran photograph by David Falconer

Sun shines on our picnic

was up there accompanied by a few clouds and shining splendidly, and more heat would have been overdoing it.

We had no cares but for the pleasure of the day; our intent was to be jolly and carefree and to enjoy our picnic day, and the mission was accomplished.

A few hours in the park, beside the new centre, among many friends are a luxury, an everyday luxury, but that is the nature of real luxury among friends, what appears enough, leaves room for more.

Councillors Phyllis Morris and Nigel Kean helped serve the hotdogs and hamburgers, the drinks and the huge cake, enough for all with a little to spare.

Councillor Evelyn Buck enjoyed a quiet afternoon on the deck and in the shade, where she had a good view of the proceedings.

Evelyn is a serene lady, very relaxed and gregarious, bright, quick to smile and with whom it is easy to have pleasant conversation.

The sporting events for the day comprised the egg toss and the water balloon toss to a partner, some of whom got wet and others got egg on their faces.

All this was accompanied by screams of laughter from those who watched.

The hula hoop contest was a win by default for the hoop, since none of us could manage it.

And the contest to see who could kick their shoe the farthest was won by Jennifer Ralph, our new assistant coordinator.

We all won judging by the screams and laughing from contestants and spectators that accompanied the proceedings.

Kelly Hamilton picked a good weather day, and organized activities well suited to seniors.

We had a very good day in the sun, with more than 100 people enjoying the picnic, which is why it is an annual affair.



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U8B T/TH- Coming soon!
U8G T/TH - MAY 30 - Kelly-Italy- Pizza 3 (T. Roy, C. Trotter) vs **Sky-Portugal-WOWIT** 2 (Z. Webster, M. Keller); **Navy-Iliadis** 7 (C. Gibson 3, C. Whelan 1, N.Iliadis 1, M. Ferry 1, A. Dover 1) vs **Royal- France-Freight Brokers International** 2 (K. MacWilliam 1, D. Bertrand 1); **Red- England-Homemade To Go** 7 (A. Kearney 2, Bellerby 2, M. Brenzel 1, M. Bell 1, D. Bulloch 1) vs **Yellow- Brazil- Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 0.
JUNE 7- Navy- USA- Iliadis 5 (C. Gibson 1, M. Ferry 1, B. Gibbons 1, A. Dover 1, C. Piccoli 1) vs **Red- England-Homemade To Go** 0; **Royal- France-Freight Brokers International** 2 (D. Bertrand 1, N. Schacter 1) vs **Kelly-Italy- Pizza Pizza** 4 (Z. Webster 1, M. Keller 1, B. Fermo 1, B. Nunn 1); **Sky-Portugal-WOWIT** 5 (A. Ranjbar 2, J. Colwell 1, M. Reiter 1, T. Roy 1) vs **Yellow- Brazil- Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 2 (J. Snedden 2).
U8/9U9G M/W- JUNE 8- Red-England-Peter Virtanen State Farm Agent 7 (M. Imseis 2, B. Butler 4, C. Haynes 1) vs **Royal- France- Bell World** 5 (M. DaCosta 2, C. Rice 2, J. Partland 1); **Navy- USA** 4 (B. Harris 1, B. Harris 1, M. Marzilli 2) vs **Forest- Mexico-Brushcut Property Maintenance** 2 (C. Kemp 1, T. Tsvetanov 1); **Champagne-Germany** 2 (G. Owen 1, R. Zawada 1) vs **Orange- Netherlands** 6 (R. Ouwroutes 1, M. Tanel 1, J. Leger 1, C. Wichtler 2, R. Coveart 1); **Yellow-Brazil** 6 (A. Newell 3, Q. Bell 2, J. Stobo 1) vs **Kelly-Italy- Minuteman Press** 5 (J. Morland 2, A. Bernier 1, P. Bourrie 1, D. Ledinek 1).
U9B M/W-JUNE 7- Orange-Netherlands- Pizza Pizza 5 (E. Nichols 1, S. Gulesserian 2, L. Camick 1, S. Semeraro 1) vs **Yellow- Brazil** 2 (T. Coleta 1, J. Ventrella 1); **Red-England- Priestly Demolition Inc.** 5 (M. Caico 2, M. Fisher 2, G. Beck 1) vs **Navy- USA- Pick LeGrow Agent** 3 (C. Bile 1, M. Bellerby 1, D. Leeper 1); **Kelly- Italy- Midrange** 4 (S. Sebastia 2, A. Ross 1, M. Perri 1) vs **Royal-France- Summers & Smith** 2 (E. Biziotis 1, C. MacPherson 1); **Champagne- Germany- Viking Shrine Club** 3 (J. Sherwood 1, J. Power 1, A. Railton 1) vs **Forest- Mexico- Roberts Awnings & Signs** 3 (B. Bilotta 2, W. Stroud 1).
JUNE 14- Yellow- Brazil 4 (D. Middleton 1, P. Hubbard 1, H. Lavigne 1, S. Talabe 1) vs **Royal- France-Summers & Smith** 1 (P. Louis vaz 1); **Orange- Netherlands- Pizza Pizza** 0 vs **Forest- Mexico- Roberts Awnings & Signs** 0; **Kelly- Italy- Midrange** 9 (A. Andrisani 1, A. Rival 2, S. Sebasto 3, N. O'Hearn 1, A. Ross 1, C. Screech 1) vs **Navy- USA- Rick LeGrow Agent** 1 (C. Bile); **Champagne- Germany** 2 vs **Red- England- Priestly Demolition Inc.** 6.
U10B- JUNE 1-Royal- France- Rai Grant Insurance Brokers 3 (M. Brown 2, B. Scully 1) vs **Orange- Netherlands** 5 (N. Delzotto 1, S. McKay 1, S. Green 1, B. Goldman 1, N. Scott 1); **Red-England- Appliance Canada** 3 (G. Oulahen 2, C. Downs 1) vs **Yellow-Brazil** 2 (C. Child 1, R. McGoldrick 1); **Kelly- Italy- CIBC** 2 (J. Wilson 1, V. Chadarov 1) vs **Sky- Portugal** 1 (R. Ruscica 1); **Navy- USA- Barb Blaser Remax** 4 (S. Kostin 1, K. Nice 2, A. DeRoos 1) vs **Silver- Argentina-Perfect Moves** 3 (K. McMillan 1, M. Sakala 2).
JUNE 8- Royal- France- Rai Grant Insurance Brokers 0 vs **Orange-Netherlands** 2 (S. Green 1, N. Scott 1); **Red- England- Appliance Canada** 4 (G. Oulahen 2, A. Cicchino 2, S. Taylor 1) vs **Kelly- Italy- CIBC** 4 (M. Slack 1, J. Wilson 2, K. Siery 1); **Silver-Argentina- Perfect Moves** 6 (L. Coll 2, K. McMillan 1, M. Sakala 3) vs **Yellow-Brazil** 0; **Sky- Portugal- Supreme Collision** 2 (J. Powell 2) vs **Royal-France- Rai Grant Insurance Brokers** 4 (M. Brown 2, D. Marks 1, B. Scully 1).

U10B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Nthrlnds	2	0	0	6
England	1	0	1	4
Italy	1	0	1	4
Argntina	1	1	0	3
France	1	1	0	3
USA	1	1	0	3
Portugal	0	2	0	0
Brazil	0	2	0	0

U10G-JUNE 2- Yellow- Brazil- Rotary Club of Aurora 1 vs **Forest- Mexico- Aurora Cable Internet** 1; **Royal- France- Dr. Mark Weeden** 4 vs **Red- England- Sleep Comfort Superstore** 4; **Kelly- Italy** 2 vs **Champagne- Germany- Forever Young Hair Studio** 0; **Orange- Netherlands-Gringler Iskov Lerner** 2 vs **Silver-Argentina** 3; **Sky- Portugal- Supreme Collision** 5 vs **Navy- USA- Flagship Software Ltd.** 4.
U11B - Coming Soon!

U11B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
USA	1	0	1	4
France	1	0	1	4
Brazil	1	1	0	3
Italy	1	0	0	3
Germany	0	1	0	0
England	0	2	0	0

U11G - Coming Soon!

U11G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
USA	2	0	0	6
Nthrlnds	2	0	0	6
Mexico	1	0	1	4
England	1	0	1	4
France	0	1	1	1
Germany	0	1	1	1
Brazil	0	2	0	0
Italy	0	2	0	0

U12B- JUNE 8- Red- England 4 (J. White 1, JP Hudon 1, J. Defina 1, C. Rodin 1) vs **Champagne- Germany** 2 (D. Cierpko 1, Z. Prezio 1); **Royal- France- Lukezic Inc.** 3 (D. Knaack 1, L. Driedger 2) vs **Yellow-Brazil- Envirocar Paint & Collision Service** 1 (A. Guimarra 1); **Kelly- Italy** 3 (K. Langdon 1, D. Whitley 2) vs **Navy- USA-Laurion Law Office** 2 (M. Schaefer 1, J. Schweinberger 1).

U12B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
France	2	0	0	6
Italy	2	0	0	6
USA	1	1	0	3
England	1	1	0	3
Brazil	0	2	0	0
Germany	0	2	0	0

U12G- MAY 29- Yellow- Brazil- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services 3 (S. Biase 1, H. Werda 1, S. Byron 1) vs **Forest-Mexico** 3 (E. Manassis 1, E. Herschorn 1, B. Beswick 1); **Royal- France- Wait's Bathroom Plus** 2 (S. Paul 1, H. Manson 1) vs **Navy- Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 2 (L. Rowbottom 1, S. Baczynski 1); **Orange-Netherlands** 3 (G. McIlraith 3) vs **Red-England- CGI** 5 (N. Mahon 1, R. Knetsch 1, E. Harper 1, M. Dias 2); **Kelly- Italy** 0 vs **Champagne-Germany- Auto Camping Ltd.** 7 (J. Seidel 1, N. Kuria 3, V. Cheung 1, V. McCulbough 1, T. Axiotis 1).
JUNE 5- Yellow- Brazil- Hartwell Thayer Financial 2 (B. Kublick 1, K. Saagi 1) vs **Navy- USA- Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 0; **Forest- Mexico** 1 (K. Adams 1) vs **Red- England- CGI** 4 (R. Knetsch 2, M. Dias 1, N. Mahon 1); **Royal-France- Wait's Bathroom Plus** 4 (C. Bull 1, R. Funston-Clarke 1, C. Madigan 2) vs **Champagne- Germany- Auto-Camping Ltd.** 4 (N. Piccoli 1, J. Seidel 1, S. Seaward 1, L. Ferrie 1); **Orange-Netherlands** 4 (G. McIlraith 3, O. Pink 1) vs **Kelly- Italy** 7 (J. Costa 4, R. Hardy 1, M. Masci 2); **Kelly- Italy** 7 (J. Costa 4, R. Heudy 1, M. Masa 2) vs **Orange-Netherlands** 4 (G. McIlraith 3, O. Park 1);
JUNE 12- Red- England- CGI 2 (M. Dias 2) vs **Yellow-Brazil- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services** 4 (H. Werda 2, S. Biase 1, K. Wochenmarkt 1); **Navy- USA- Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 1 (S. Bacznski 1)

vs **Champagne- Germany- Auto-Camping Ltd.** 1 (S. Duncan); **Forest-Mexico** 4 (E. Herschorn 1, L. St. Germain 1, H. Tuck 1, E. Wood 1) vs **Kelly- Italy** 2 (J. Costa 1, S. Parke 1); **Royal- France- Wait's Bathroom Plus** 5 (C. Madigan 3, L. Janzen 2) vs **Orange- Netherlands** 3 (G. McIlraith 1, S. Kanen 1, O. Pink 1).

U12G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Brazil	2	0	1	7
England	2	1	0	6
Germany	1	0	2	5
France	1	0	2	5
Mexico	1	1	1	4
Italy	1	2	0	3
USA	0	1	2	2
Nthrlnds	0	3	0	0

U13/14B- Coming Soon!

U13/14B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Mexico	3	0	0	9
Italy	3	0	0	9
England	3	0	0	9
Brazil	1	2	0	3
France	1	2	0	3
Nthrlnds	0	2	1	1
WSSC	0	2	1	1
USA	0	3	0	0

U13G- MAY 29-Yellow- Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 0 vs **Kelly-Italy- Twist Marketing** 1 (A. Filippi 1); **Navy- USA- Bank of Montreal** 7 (M. Hulbert 6, J. Nerling 1) vs **Champagne-Germany- Immersive Media** 1 (M. Bloom 1); **Royal- France- M & L Photographics Inc.** 1 (J. Kizovski 1) vs **Red- England- Excellon Resources Inc.** 2 (J. Arnew 1, D. Gottschald 1).
JUNE 5- Royal- France- M & L Photographics 3 (J. Nerling 2, M. Hulbert 1) vs **Navy- USA- Bank of Montreal** 2 (E. Gautier 2); **Red-England- Excellon Resources** 1 vs **Yellow- Brazil- Aurora Home Hardware** 2 (M. Scully 1, K. Maruno 1); **Kelly-Italy- Twist Marketing** 7 (N. Relke 1, R. Kane 1, A. James 1, E. Wahab 1, M. Green 1, B. Cackirovski 1, A. Filippi 1) vs **Champagne- Germany- Immersive Media** 1 (M. Bloom 1).

U13G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
USA	3	0	0	9
Italy	3	0	0	9
Brazil	2	1	0	6
England	1	2	0	3
France	0	3	0	0
Germany	0	3	0	0

U13/U14B- MAY 30- Yellow- Brazil- Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 0 vs **Kelly- Italy** 8 (J. Killens 2, A. Durant 1, K. Karamchi 1, T. Brewer 1, C. Freitas 1); **Orange- Netherlands-Pizza Pizza** 3 (C. Forgione-Weese 1, D. Crowther 1, B. Elmasri 1) vs **WSSC** 3 (M. Eeuwes 1, N. Kozak-Holland 1, J. McKendrick 1); **Royal- France- Dr. Orshel's Drillers** 3 (N. Rolling 1, B. Tjoe-A-Long 1, C. Annear 1) vs **Red-England** 7 (A. Marsillo 1, A. Kerezs 1, J. Ross 1); **Forest- Mexico- Casey Transportation Co. Ltd.** 6 (D. Perryman 2, G. Iaboni 1, B. Rivers 1, J. Gonzalez 1, B. Rival 1) vs **Navy- USA- R & J Concepts** 1 (R. Wilson 1).
JUNE 6- Yellow- Brazil- Aurora Home Hardware 5 (C. Boyce 1, L. Braithwaite 1, A. Tomlin 1, D. McConnell 1, D. Scott 1) vs **Orange- Netherlands- Pizza Pizza** 3 (D. Crowther 1, C. Forgione-Weese 1); **Royal- France- Dr. Orshel's Drillers** 0 vs **Kelly- Italy** 6 (T. Brewer 2, J. Killens 2, K. Karamchi 1, B. Rumball 1); **Forest- Mexico- Casey Transportation Co. Ltd.** 5 (N. Watts 1, G. Marshall 1, G. Iaboni 2, N. D'Souza 1) vs **WSSC** 1 (J. McKendrick 1); **Navy-USA- R & J Concepts** 3 (B. Wilson 1, M. D'Andrea 1, J. Seto 1) vs **Red-England** 6 (J.Ross 2, A. Marsillo 1, J. Suffern 1, T. Sikura 1).

U14/15G- Coming Soon!

U14/15 GIRLS STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Brazil	2	0	0	6
England	1	0	1	4
USA	1	1	0	3
Mexico	1	1	0	3
Portugal	1	1	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	3
France	1	1	0	3
Germany	1	1	0	3
Argentina	0	1	1	1
Nthrlnds	0	2	0	0

U15/17B - Coming Soon!

U15/U17B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Italy	3	0	0	9
Brazil	3	0	0	9
France	1	1	1	4
Argentina	0	2	1	1
USA	0	0	0	0
England	0	2	0	0
Germany	0	2	0	0

U16/19G T/TH- Coming Soon!

U16/19G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
France	2	0	0	6
Germany	1	1	0	3
Italy	1	0	0	3
Brazil	1	1	0	3
Argentina	1	0	0	3
USA	1	1	0	3
Portugal	0	2	0	0
England	0	2	0	0

COMPETITIVE STINGERS RESULTS - U8G

- After winning their first game by default over **Woodbridge**, the U8 girls team played their first game against **Richmond Hill** and defeated them by a score of 2-0. Scoring Aurora's first goal ever at **U8** was A. Curran. Adding the insurance goal was A. Mangoni. Earning the team's first shutout was C. Wlok. The team looks forward to their first ever tournament this weekend in Whitby. Congratulations to all of the girls. Way to go, team!
JUNE 6- Congrats to the U8Girls on their efforts in getting to the finals at the **Whitby Iroquois Cup**. The tournament was comprised of 10 teams throughout the GTA. The girls emerged from their division as the only team to win games therefore qualified for the final. The girls got off to a great start with a 2-1 win over the **North York Cosmos**, followed by a 2-1 win over a tough team from **Darlington**. By the third game, the girls had run out of steam as the torrential rains on Saturday began to take their toll as they lost to a talented team from **Whitby**. However, the girls battled back Sunday morning by coming from behind in the dying minutes to defeat **Richmond Hill** by a score of 4-3 and earn a berth in the final. The girls were defeated in the final by **Pickering** by a score of 3-1. Way to go, Girls!
JUNE 13- The Aurora U8 Girls team continue their winning ways with 8-0 win over **Woodbridge**. Scoring for the Stingers: K. Stewart & M. Iamonaco each with two goals. Single goal scorers: A. Curran, G. Kastanis, M. Purdy. C. Wlok earned a shut out and scored a goal! Great team effort! The team remains undefeated in team play with a perfect 4-0 record.
U11B- Aurora Stingers Team Black against **Vaughan Azzuri 95 Boys**. Aurora 5 /Vaughan 0. Goals were scored by A. Dawson with 2, C. Ononye with 2, and C. Ferguson with 1.
U15G Premiere- 1-0 win over **West Rouge**. A strong first half resulted in the lone goal of the game and a stubborn defense anchored by D. McGolrick keeps the opposition away.
U13B Team 1 start off the season with a win. The 1993 Boys kicked off their 2006 outdoor season with a 3-0 win over **Pickering Power**. Goals were scored by M. Mears, N. Thomas & T. McGowan, while keeper M. Diaz recorded a shut-out.
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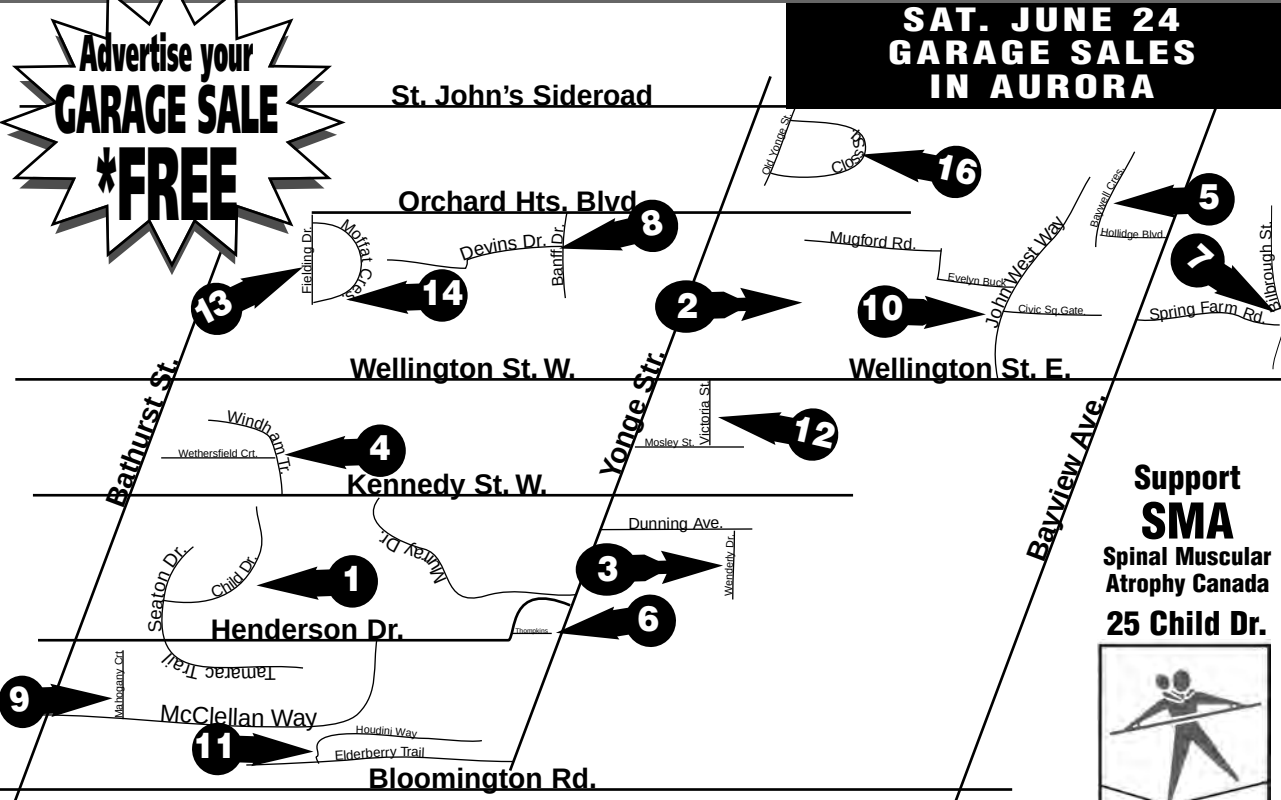
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RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

Much as been written over the years about previous homes lived in by Charles Doan, the first postmaster of the area and the first Reeve of Aurora in 1863.

First there was Castle Doan which stood at the corner of Yonge Street and Catherine Avenue, named after his wife, and in spite of efforts to save the residence it was demolished to make way for Our Lady of Grace Church parking lot.

Then there was Doan Hall which was demolished to make way for the former Doane Hall Pharmacy, now a Dollarama Store.

But there is still a Charles Doan house standing.

The historically designated home was originally located on the west side of Yonge Street, just south of the Quaker Meeting House in Newmarket.

It was moved to the region-owned Eldred King Park at the north-west corner of Yonge and Eagle Streets, the former site of York Manor.

The exterior of the house has been restored and it is currently being used by Newmarket Palliative Care.

WHERE IS AURORA'S ROADWATCH?

Roadwatch came to Aurora in October, 1997, and traffic conscious residents were asked to report speeding and aggressive drivers in residential areas to police by completing a citizens' complaint form.

In September, 1999, the Traffic Safety Advisory Board requested \$16,000 to \$20,000 to increase public awareness of the program through promotion, education, signage and citizen forms.

In addition, a radar board was acquired which displayed the speed of approaching vehicles for use on residential streets when requested by residents.

In June, 2003, regional council approved the establishment of a regional Roadwatch Committee with a mandate to assist local Roadwatch Committees by sharing information, promotional material and standardized forms and Aurora resident Cliff Davies was appointed as the Aurora representative on the regional committee.

He appeared before the general committee last March and told members he had been asked not to attend meetings of the TSAB unless invited.

He also advised that the TSAB was no longer picking up the citizen forms and some were three months old.

He asked that council appoint a member to work with him on the regional committee with a meeting once a month.

His presentation was received and the committee agreed to follow up on his comments. What happened?

AURORA WAS A TENNIS TOWN

It was in September, 1989, when a unique international event took

place in Aurora.

The World Tennis Championships for Journalists, an international event for writers and broadcasters was held at the Timberlane Tennis and Country Club.

It was the first time in the 12-year history of the event that it was played outside Europe.

It was organized by Tennis Canada with the support of the Ontario Olympic Council.

Ken Sinclair and Harry Fauquier, two leading Canadian tennis personalities and partners in Timberlane, were Tournament Co-Chairmen.

CHARITY CAR RALLY

In August, 1991, an opportunity was provided for motorists who thought they were real drivers to test their skills and at the same time raise funds for the York County Hospital.

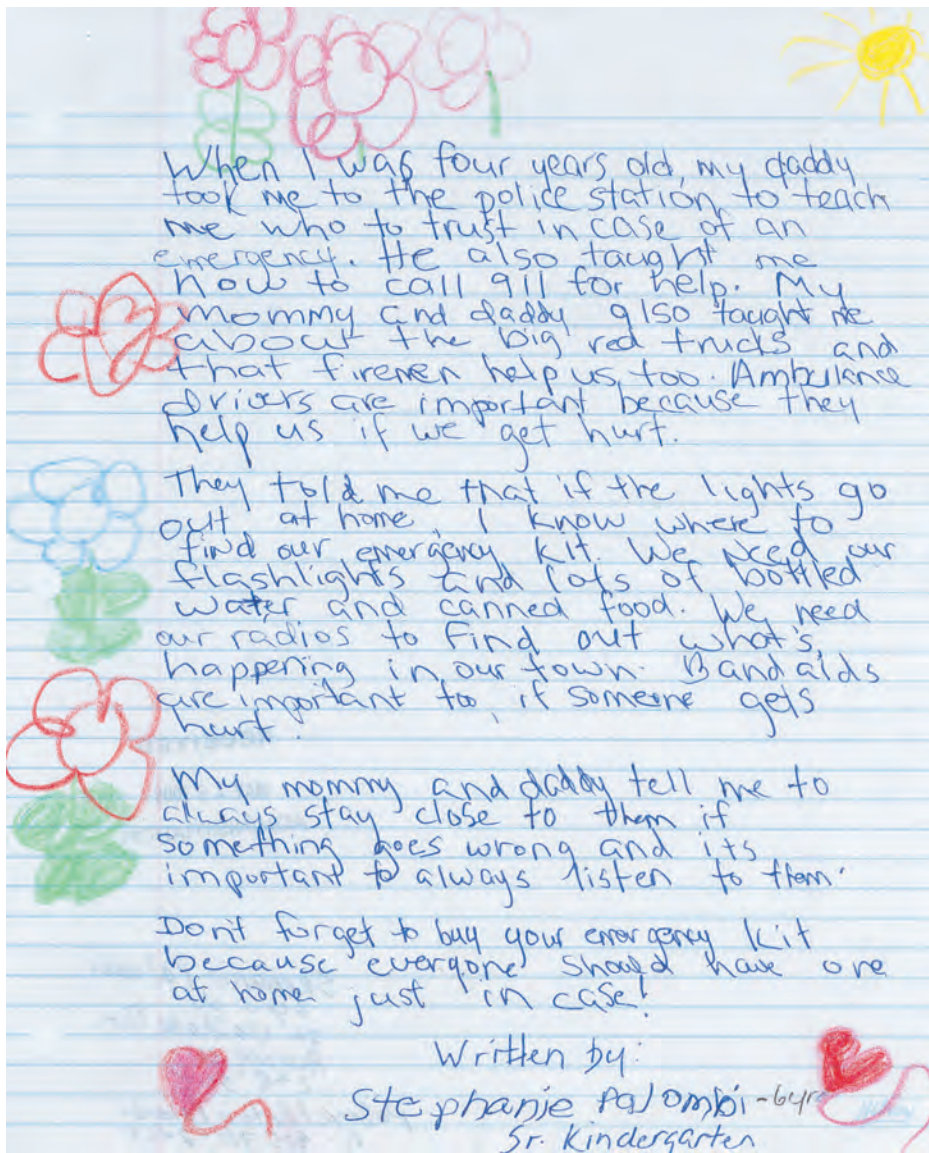
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