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Briefly

Bleeding good show

Aurora and Newmarket fire officials, York Regional Police, and members of the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) outdid themselves by giving more blood than expected during this summer's emergency services blood donor challenge, 'Sirens for Life'.

Due to the overwhelming support of police, fire and EMS employees, their friends and family, 1275 units of blood were collected over the entire Central Ontario region amounting in an amazing 116 per cent of its original 1100 unit target.

In York Region, police donated 131 units, fire 70 units, and EMS 70 units.

Towers get facelift

A big project at the Aurora United Church is currently underway.

The plan is to fix up several thousand of the old bricks that are coming loose on the towers.

Scaffolding and brick workers will remain there until the end of October.

The brickwork will be specially treated so that the brick will match the colour of the original ones on the towers.

There is a huge history to the church towers, once several feet higher than today, and knocked off when a cyclone hit the church in the 1800s.

Maybe it'll happen

For Aurora motorists who must negotiate Wellington Street from Leslie to the 404 on a regular basis, here's what you have to look forward to.

Eastbound lanes are scheduled to be paved by the end of this month.

Traffic will then switch to the eastbound lanes and westbound lanes will be closed early in October.

Construction on the westbound lanes is expected to last six weeks.

From mid-November until the end of November, there will still be lane closures while the centre medians are constructed and the surface course of asphalt is placed.

The plan is to fully open the road by the end of November.

This is a York Region project.

Auditions

Theatre Aurora is holding auditions for two upcoming productions: Dr. Cook's Garden and Crazy For You. The latter is a musical.

Dr. Cook's Garden, a mystery thriller by Ira Levin, needs three men and a woman, and auditions are Sunday and Monday, Oct. 1 and 2. beginning at 7 p.m.

Call Dot at 905-836-1851 for more information.

The musical needs actors, singers and dancers.

Auditions are Saturday, Sept. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. and Monday, Oct. 2, from 7.30 p.m.

Call Gary at 905-717-8979 for more information.

Go to school Saturday

This Saturday, beginning at 11.30 a.m., a barbecue will be held on the lawn of the Church Street School, at the corner of Church and Victoria, and everyone's invited.

Tours of the building will be available.

Tell the Aurora Historical Society you plan to attend by calling 905-727-8991.



You may remember her as "Second Hand Betty", owner of the shop by that name on Wellington Street years ago. Betty Butler, left, was in town Friday night to help the Aurora Legion celebrate its 60th anniversary. With her is Evelyn Murphy, president of the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary in 1950-51 and a charter member of that group, and they cut cakes for the sell-out crowd in attendance. *Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

Morris to announce on birthday

Aurora Councillor Phyllis Morris will use her birthday to announce her intentions in the upcoming municipal election, but few will be surprised at her choice.

It's expected that Councillor Morris will become the third person in the race for Aurora Mayor, with an announcement expected Wednesday, Sept. 27, her birthday.

She's not, she told The Auroran, worried about the three-way split that would be created with her, Mayor Tim Jones and Councillor Nigel Kean all seeking the top spot.

If re-elected Mayor Jones would begin his fifth term as mayor of Aurora.

Councillor Kean started his political career by challenging the mayor his first time out and losing. He finished second when he ran for council in the last election.

"Mayor Jones has worn out his welcome in Aurora," Councillor Morris said, "and Councillor Kean doesn't have the traction to win."

She believes Jones and Kean will split the vote, making her an easy winner.

Tradition says the incumbent is the likely one to succeed, with challengers splitting the vote.

"I don't believe a three-way split will hurt me," she said.

However, while it was not official at press time that Councillor Morris would seek the mayor's chair, if she did, it would leave an unprecedented six vacant seats on council, available to 12 newcomers, so far.

"I can't say if I'm running until I'm a candidate," Ms Morris said, noting she planned to file papers on her birthday. "But I'm giving it serious consideration because so many people have asked me to run."

Meanwhile, numerous phone calls to former town employee and councillor Norm Weller have caused him to change his mind, and seek a seat in the election.

And former councillor Evelina McEachren submitted papers late Friday indicating she wants to return to council.

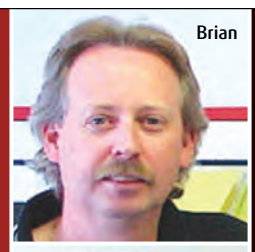
One other candidate - Bryan Moir - also signed up for a crack at a council seat.

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The 3rd Aurora Scouting Group has spaces available in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. For registration information or to volunteer call 905-726-2393 or 905-841-0556.

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Meet at Martha's Table, now in its second season. Every Thursday from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., you will find comfort food and a sense of community at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. A lunch of hot soup, sandwiches, and dessert will be provided.

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Voice is a group of aspiring writers ages 12 to 19 interested in developing writing skills, working on a magazine and embarking on creative adventures with similarly minded people. The group meets in the Marjorie Andrews Room of the Aurora Library on the last Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Call the Library at 905-727-9493 for more information.

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Aurora Seniors present a movie night every Tuesday from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Admission is $1 for members and $1.50 for guests, which includes the movie, a frozen treat and a drink.

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Aurora Farmers' Market 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.

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Until September 30, water regulations 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.

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Aurora Zen Meditation Group meets weekly every Wednesday evening at Healing Hands Wellness Centre on Wellington Street East at 7.30 p.m.

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Aurora Agricultural Society (organizer of the Aurora Fair & Horse Show) meets on the second Tuesday of every second month, at 6.30 p.m., at the Aurora Community Centre. New members welcome. For more information, call 905-713-6773, e-mail at info@aurorafair.ca, or visit www.aurorafair.ca.

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Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members welcome. For further information, call 905-841-1352.

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On the first Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon, a satellite constituency office for Vaughan/King/Aurora MPP Greg Sorbara will be open in the councillors' lounge at the Town Hall. Call 1-877-880-6770 for information.

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #148 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at 15216 Yonge Street (south of Wellington). For more information, call 905-830-9205.

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Masons' Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at The Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7.30 p.m.

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Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10.30 a.m. Coffee club at 9 a.m., lunch at noon. Call 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080.

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

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

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Canadian Federation of University Women has monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. There is also a selection of interest groups. Contact Beverley 905-727-2151.

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

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

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York Regional Police Male Chorus is looking for members from Aurora and area who would like to volunteer by joining the choir. Men, 16 years of age and older, are invited to visit any Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in committee room B, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket. For more information, call volunteer chorus supervisor Lowell McClenny at 905-727-9676.

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Queen's York Rangers free summer camps for boys and girls, 12 to 18. Aurora Squadron runs Friday evenings at the Aurora Armoury. For further information, call 905-726-8600 any Tuesday evening between 7 and 9 p.m.

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Aurora Therapeutic Touch Practice group meets the second Monday of the month, September to June at Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street. Further information: 905-841-6059.

UNTIL NOVEMBER 17

CHATS (Community Home Assistance to Seniors) and CHAP (Cardiovascular Health Awareness Program) are conducting free blood pressure clinics daily at pharmacies throughout Aurora, (except holidays), between 9 a.m. and noon. For details, visit your local pharmacy.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Aurora Horticultural Society presents Four Season Containers at the Royal Canadian Legion, 8 p.m., 105 Industrial Parkway North.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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".

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Barbecue and tours at the Church Street School, from 11.30 a.m. Church and Victoria.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Aurora Film Circuit presents "Half Nelson", starring Canadian Ryan Gosling, beginning at 6.45 p.m., Odeon Cineplex Aurora Cinemas, Bayview Avenue. Individual tickets available at R&R Revisited on Mary Street, or at the Aurora Public Library. afc@library.aurora.on.ca.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

CRFB's Mark Elliott is guest moderator for a community education event focusing on early identification and intervention of psychosis and substance misuse. "When it's more than just being a teen" is an information event scheduled at Trinity Anglican Church from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast at Gateway Cafe and Lanes, 210 Edward Street. 7.30 to 8.45 a.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

An evening with Katherine Govier hosted by the Aurora Public Library. She will read from her book "Three Views of Crystal Water", followed by the sale and signing of the book. Magna Room, 7 p.m. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

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Aurora Public Library, in partnership with York Regional Health Services presents a child car seat safety information session, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Lebovic Room. Pre-register at the adult information desk, or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

York Regional Police Male Chorus host the 14th annual "In Harmony With The Community" concert at the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Newmarket. Concert features police choirs from Halton and Durham Regions and York Regional Police Male Chorus. Guest community choirs will be York Region Children's Chorus and "Vivace" from Newmarket. Tickets are $10. Call 905-727-9676 to order.

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Willow Children's Garden, a Waldorf Early Childhood experience for parents and children, open house from 10 to 11.30 a.m., 15040 Yonge Street, above Needles and Knits.

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Harvest Fair at Wesley United Church from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., corner of Woodbine Ave and Aurora Sideroad (Wellington Street East). For further information call Sherry at 905-853-4915.

OCTOBER 12-15

The Aurora Opera Company will produce a version of "Hansel and Gretel" at the Newmarket Theatre. The two-act opera will be performed by the Singers of Opera Zone. Tickets, at $16 each, are available by calling the Newmarket Theatre Box Office at 905-953-5122.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

140 Royal Canadian Air Cadets hosts an open house for youth ages 12 to 18 at Cardinal Carter Catholic High School (back entrance) from 7 to 9 p.m. Visit www.AuroraAirCadets.ca or call 905-727-4692 for more information.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Celebrate Business Excellence in Aurora hosted by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

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Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church will feature Rev. Canon Tim Elliott performing "Two by Eight", a selection of inspirational jazz by one of the pioneers of incorporating jazz into sacred space. For ticket information call the church office at 905-727-6101.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Aurora Seniors travel to the Stratford Festival for the Rogers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" with lunch included for $107 for members and $112 for non-members. Call 905-726-4767 to register.

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Aurora Horticultural Society presents lecture on What Plants Teach Us About Life at the Royal Canadian Legion, 8 p.m., 105 Industrial Parkway North.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

All candidates' meeting prior to the November 13 municipal election, presented by the Aurora Community Sport Council, at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North, beginning at 7.30 p.m. For more information, visit www.AuroraCommunitySportCouncil.com.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

"Beyond Google". Instruction in advance internet search strategies using electronic databases and web directories at the Aurora Library. Class limited to four participants per session. 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. Pre-register at the adult information desk.

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"The Nightmare Before Christmas Charity" for residents of Aurora and surrounding area at DiNardo's "haunted" Mansion.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

The Aurora History Society present its Annual Murder Mystery Dinner at Hillary House. Call 905-727-8991 for ticket information.

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York Chamber Ensemble presents "Keys of Autumn," a 7.30 p.m. concert, at Trinity Anglican Church. Chamber orchestra, conducted by Aurora's Tony Browning, will present Antonio Vivaldi's "Autumn," G. F. Handel's "Queen of Sheba," Felix Mendelssohn's "String Symphony," and more. Tickets are $15 or $10 for students and seniors.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Five at Chinook Restaurant, 302 Wellington Street East. 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Find treasures, baked goods, and crafts at the St. Andrew's Christmas Bazaar and Hot Lunch. Event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, corner of Mosley and Victoria. Lunch, served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., costs $6 for adults; $3 for children 4 to 9.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Municipal Election Day.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Enjoy "High Society"" at the Shaw Festival with lunch at Betty's Restaurant with the Aurora Seniors. Cost is $96 for members and $101 for non-members. Call 905-726-4767 to register.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The Anglican Church Women will hold their Christmas Bazaar at Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a knitting table, sewing table, kitchen cupboard, attic treasures and granny's treasures. For more information call Marilyn Cartmill at 905-737-3337.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Aurora Santa Claus Parade.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Five at HSBC Bank, 150 Hollidge Blvd. 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.



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Birds are released as part of the Candlelight Ceremony held at the Aurora Cemetery by members of Aurora's Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 385, last week. Candles were placed on known graves of veterans of past wars.

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Attendance request for council is denied

In the life of nearly every council prior to a municipal election, there is a request for councillors' attendance records.

Last week at a general committee Councillor Evelyn Buck wanted the subject of attendance records on the agenda.

Her motion suggested it was appropriate for a record of attendance for council, public planning and committee meetings to become part of the public record prior to the November election.

However, Councillor Nigel Kean said maintenance of attendance records had been previously discussed and it was very time consuming for staff.

He said that since being a councillor was not considered a full-time job, some had other jobs and occasionally it was necessary to miss meetings due to business reasons.

Councillor Buck said she made the request on behalf of the public and had no improper motive for doing so.

The motion was defeated with Mayor Tim Jones and Councillor Buck in support.

Mayor names centre "Stronach"

A heated exchange between Councillor Nigel Kean, a candidate for mayor, and Mayor Tim Jones resulted at last week's general committee following the mayor's announcement at the Magna Hoedown that the new recreation centre would be named the "Stronach Centre".

The announcement was made without any prior discussion or approval by council and members were critical of the mayor for his actions.

While there was general agreement that Mr. Stronach was a worthy citizen and he and Magna International had done a lot for Aurora and while there was no wish to embarrass the family, it was pointed out that council had a naming policy and it had not been followed.

Last April, the mayor announced that he and Mr. Stronach had had talks regarding the importance of capital funding to help the recreation complex and Mr. Stronach agreed to donate an annual sum of $400,000 over five years to help retire the debt on the facility.

At the time, council agreed to review the naming rights policy and provisions consistent with that policy to ensure Mr. Stronach and Magna were appropriately recognized for the $2 million donation.

The policy clearly states that sponsorship and naming opportunities are subject to council approval and that when council's approval has been obtained, the Chief Administrative Officer will prepare a formal agreement.

Councillor Damir Vrancic requested information as to whether any commitment had been given to Mr. Stronach or Magna in recognition of the donation and received council support for the mayor to provide a report of his conversations at a private meeting of council.

At the general committee meeting a staff report was presented recommending that Mr. Stronach's donation of $2 million be accepted with gratitude and that the funds be applied to the capital obligations for the facility.

It was also recommended that negotiations for appropriate recognition for Mr. Stronach's donation proceed in accordance with the Facility Naming Rights Policy.

Councillor Kean, as well as other members of council, expressed concern that normal procedures had not taken place and questions were asked what negotiations where necessary as the mayor had already committed the town to naming the facility the Stronach Centre.

Staff replied that it was still necessary to discuss the terms of the payments and the length of time for the naming rights and other details and it was agreed for staff to submit a further report to a private session of council.

Mayor Jones, during the heated discussion, called Councillor Kean "an idiot", but quickly apologized.



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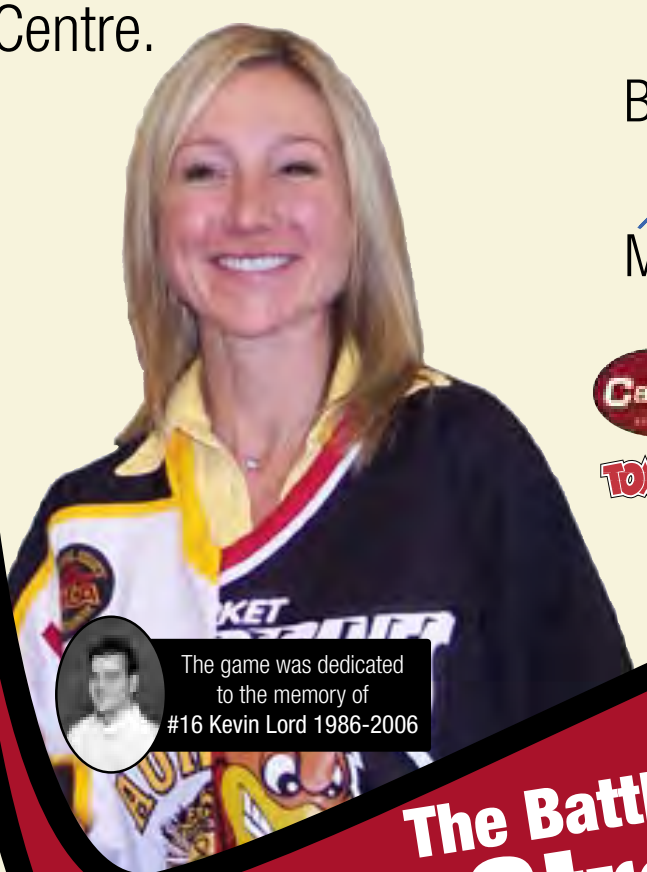
Thank you for making the Battle of Yonge Street a great success.

We raised more than $20,000 for the Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the organizing committee, the Hurricanes, the Tigers, our sponsors – Casey's, East Side Mario's, M&M Meat Shops, Sneakers, Tom and Jerry's – and to the fans who came out to support the Cancer Centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Belinda Stronach

MP Newmarket-Aurora



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Poor Richard

Aurora election nominations close Sept. 29

Elected office is a sacred trust,
Committed to do their best;
But when they get personal,
They've failed to pass the test!
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

September 29th is the last day to register for the November 13th municipal election and it is always a mystery why people run for public office, especially at the municipal level, where the pay and the perks are nowhere near like they are at the provincial and federal levels.

It has been said that the federal government has all the money and a few of the problems, with the provincial government having some of the problems and some of the money, while the municipal level has all the problems and none of the money.

In the past, people usually offered themselves for the perplexities and pleasures of public office because they had concerns about their community.

In some case it could be for more recreational facilities, better roads, the environment or a hundred and one other reasons.

It used to be said that only three groups of people ran for public office: those who wanted to pay something back to their community, the unemployed, and others who had an axe to grind.

If elected, they soon found their axe was pretty dull when other issues were considered.

One of the best descriptions for seeking public office was defined by Nelson Rockefeller in 1964.

He said, "I came to the conclusion that if you really wanted to have a say in the future of this country, the only way to do it is to get into elective office because that's where the decisions are made, and I want to have a voice where decisions are made".

In those days politicians never ran for municipal office seeking power or money as until the early 1970s the province set the salaries for local politicians based on population.

In the 1960s that honorarium for a member of Aurora Council was about $250 a year with the mayor double that amount.

Today it's different as salaries have increased substantially.

By 2003 the mayor was receiving $40,642 plus allowances and more than $40,000 from the region and council members received $17,851 plus allowances and benefits and a committee has been established to study salary levels.

It may be that the higher remuneration may be an added incentive to run for public office in addition to community service for some, and it may be a reason to seek election and re-election year after year.

But it's the peoples' choice.

In our democratic system, the public has the right to determine who will represent them in the coming term by casting a secret ballot during the election.

It is unfortunate that so few people take advantage of their franchise, with the average turnout in municipal elections in the low 30 per cent range.

Not only that but people who run for public office and lose on their first attempt, seldom run again.

In the months leading up to the election some new candidates attend a few council or committee meetings, but, if defeated, never show up again.

This is unfortunate, because the high ideals or the problems and concerns that caused them to run in the first place, are usually still present.

It is also unfortunate that politicians, at all levels of government, have sunk to a new low with only 14 per cent of the respondents to a recent poll indicated they trusted their politician.

Used car salesmen rated 19 per cent, while firefighters and nurses topped the list in the high 90s.

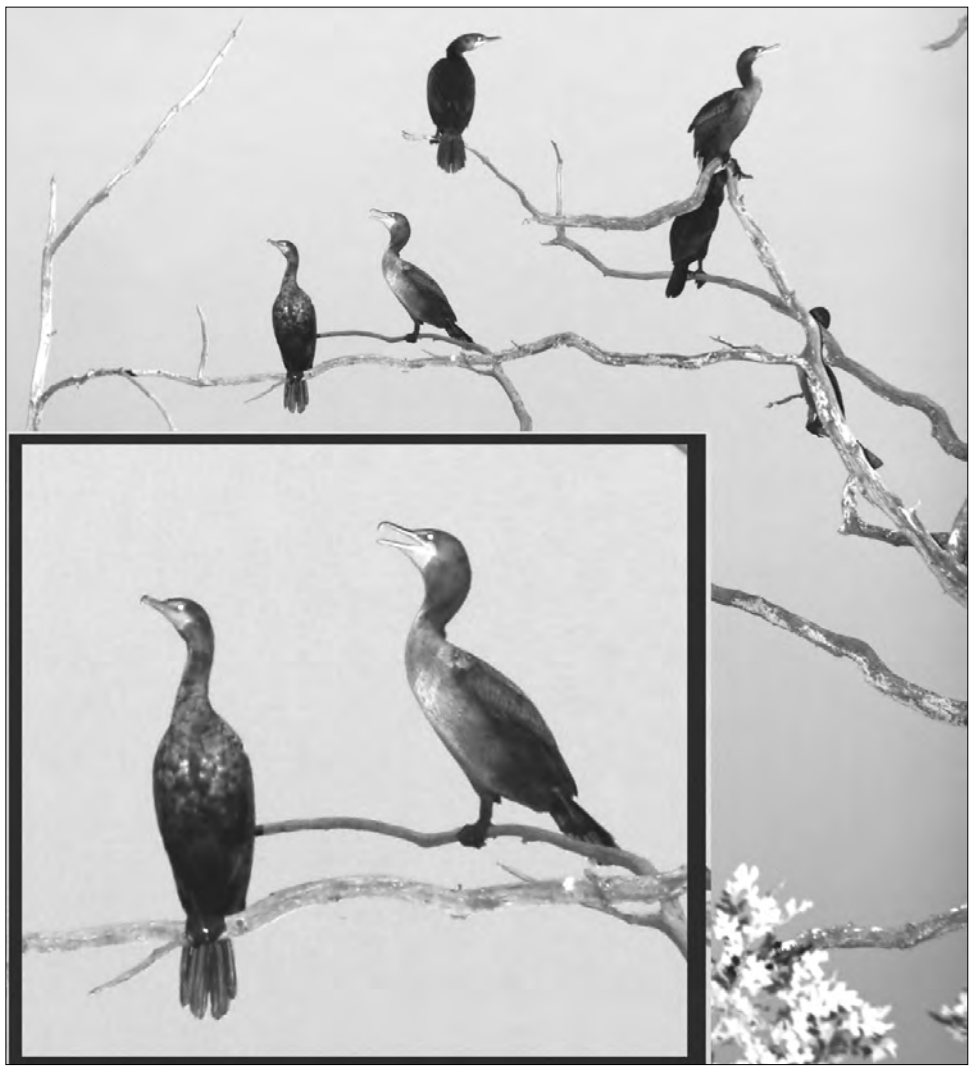
Some interested people say they couldn't put up with the petty bickering, nit-picking and personal attacks that is carried on at council meetings.

There is bound to be disagreement among people with strong points of view, but disagreement need not mean disorder or chaos.

This is where a strong procedural bylaw is required and a chairman who enforces it fairly and equitably.

It must be understood that once a decision has been made by a majority vote of council it is a council decision and whether you agree with it or not, the decision stands and is to be supported.

On November 13th vote and vote wisely as it's for a four-year term.



In a dead tree on the north side of the bridge on St. John's Sideroad, just east of Yonge Street, are these critters. Photographer Rob Schuetze doesn't know what they are. Here's how he puts it: "Aurora has some strange birds that for some reason have chosen a dead tree to sit in. It's kinda spooky as it reminds me of buzzards sitting in a tree waiting for their next meal. There must be close to 20 birds in the tree at any time. So, what are these birds and could I be their next meal?" Anyone know?

Letters to the Editor

Reader lost respect for arrogant council

Open Letter to the Town of Aurora Council

How do I begin to express my outrage at the treatment I and other citizens of Aurora received from our Town Council?

We attended a meeting Sept.19 and after listening to hours of debate had one question for the councillors: "Can the council use any part of the funds received from the sale of Aurora Hydro or are their hands tied until after the November election?"

Did we receive an answer to this question? No. Why you ask? Because we were not even allowed to put the question to the council.

I attended the Sept.19 meeting of the Town Council Ratepayers Association as part of a delegation who are interested in protecting the parcels of land on the north side of Henderson Drive across from the Case Woodlot.

These lands are currently for sale and area residents would like the Town to purchase this property and turn it into a protected area for wildlife.

There is no other area like it in south Aurora as it is the last piece of undeveloped land.

The Town of Aurora has received a 'windfall' from the sale of Aurora Hydro and has held public meetings asking what Aurora citizens wish them to do with this money.

The McClenny Drive attended these public meetings and expressed the desire to see the town use some of its windfall to purchase this property.

As part of the Town's Strategic Plan, protection of green space is placed as a high priority and this purchase would go a long way towards achieving the Town's goals of a greener Aurora.

At the Sept. 19 meeting, our chairperson gave an excellent presentation of our hopes for this property and presented the council with a petition asking for the preservation of these lands.

The council then proceeded to begin an almost two hour debate about the legality and morality of whether they could or should debate whether they could or should make an amendment to an amendment about whether they could use any of the monies from the sale of Aurora Hydro. Sound confusing?

The residents who had attended this meeting

Please see page 7

Weller changes mind; he will run for council

To the editor,

Living in Aurora for 50 years has many advantages.

My children, their children and my great-grandchildren are all growing up knowing where they belong.

Aurora is their home.

People know me; people I have worked with and those I have worked for.

My great parks crew sure knew me when they worked in my parks department.

We all wanted Aurora parks to be the BEST in the Region.

My work has been a particular satisfaction because it was helping make things better for my community.

I have always believed that being elected to public office is a special honour.

Last week, I finally and fully realized how much it meant to people who gave me that honour over the past 48 years.

Since I wrote my last letter, people have been calling and asking me to reconsider my decision and let my name stand for a seat on your council.

They must feel they can again put their trust in how I operate and the way I make decisions on your behalf.

It is very hard to say no to my friends, especially when I share their feelings.

The citizens of Aurora have judged me in all my past elections...York Region Board of Education four times; Aurora Council four times and my final election to your Aurora Hydro, completing 25 years serving the citizens of Aurora.

On election day, you will have a chance to show your support again. I will not let you down.

Norm Weller
Aurora

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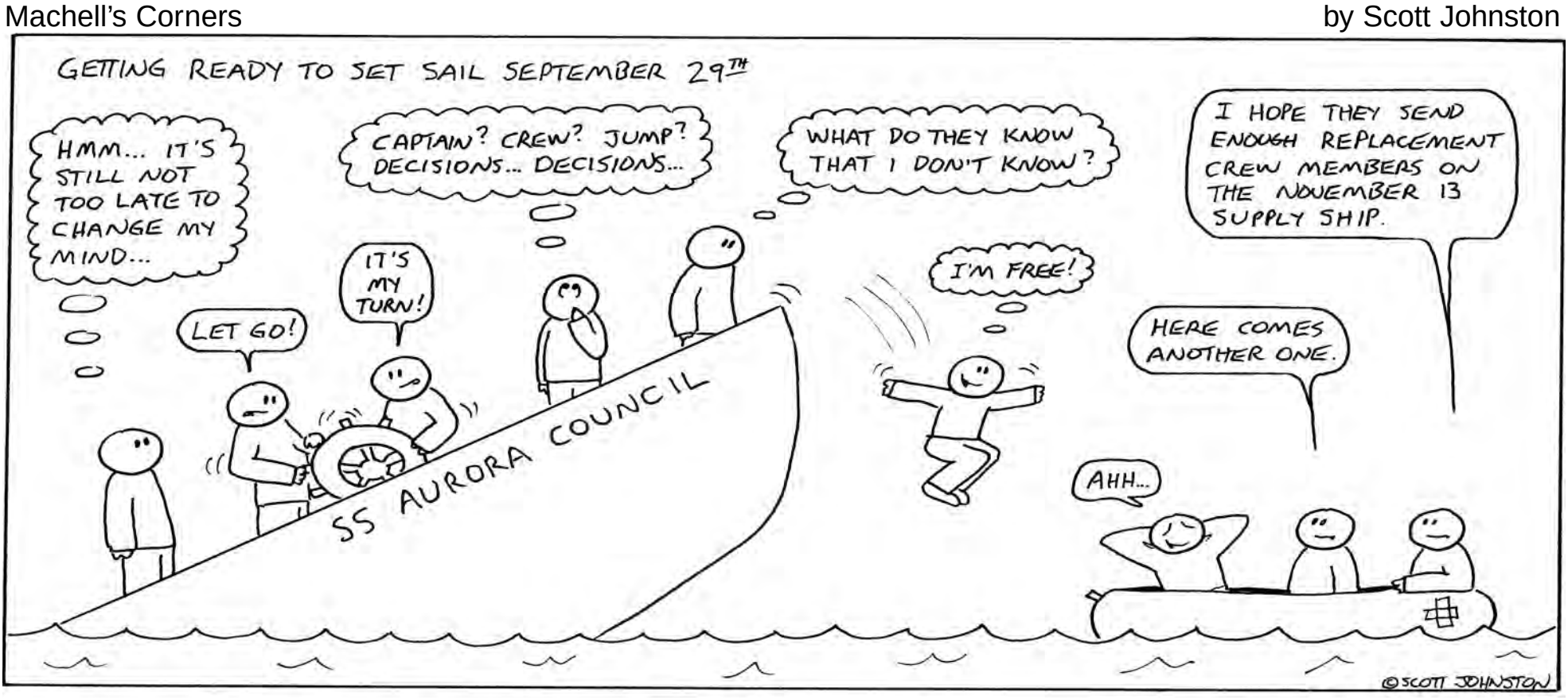
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by Scott Johnston





Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Private members' bills

Recently, Prime Minister Stephen Harper was in Richmond Hill for a "meet and greet" with members of various Conservative-riding associations.

On the way into the hotel I bumped in to a long time friend. He had been elected as a Member of Parliament in the January 23rd federal election.

We spoke in the foyer of the hotel and then we both proceeded to the ballroom. Security was posted at the foot of the stairs; you needed a ticket to get past this point. I passed my ticket to the security person; my friend did not have a ticket and told the security gentleman (also a party volunteer) that he was an MP and that, although he did not have a ticket, he had been told to pick his name badge upstairs.

The security gent, after some hesitation said okay.

I turned to my friend and said that security is tighter here than at Parliament Hill. He laughed.

I was near Queen's Park this past May on business. What struck me most about this was that it was an absolutely beautiful day - warm and sunny, with tons of tourists milling about in front of the buildings. Other than the odd double take when Opposition Leader John Tory walked by, our elected members were pretty much left alone as they strode into the House.

The point of these two examples is that, on the surface at least, former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau had it partly right with his throw away line about elected representatives being nobodies 150 feet outside the parliament buildings.

He was correct in his usage of "nobodies" when he meant members are not instantly recognizable by the public once they get away from Parliament Hill.

The voting public doesn't usually see the committee work or the important constituency business that elected representatives do on a day-to-day basis.

Another tangible product of individual politician's efforts, but often overlooked, is through the introduction of private members bills.

Here is a quick run down of the process at the provincial level:

The individual member drafts and then introduces his respective bill at Queen's Park. After first reading in the House, the bill is then put into a lottery system with other private member initiatives. The lottery system provides a date for the bill to be sent for second reading and debate.

When the House is in session, private members' business is dealt with Thursdays for four hours followed by question period.

During this period, time is set aside for a debate on two private member bills. The member who introduces the bill gets 15 minutes to state his case.

However, rarely do bills get passed at this stage for one reason or another, mostly to do with - you got it - politics.

If a bill does past this stage, it is put before a Standing Committee, such as the Legislative Committee, where it undergoes further scrutiny.

After this, the bill is sent back to the Legislature for Third Reading and debate. If it is passed, the bill receives Royal Assent and becomes law.

Since the provincial liberals assumed power in 2003, some 255 private members bills have been initiated, but only 12 have passed. I suspect a similar success rate under previous regimes.

After briefly reviewing some of the bills before the House, I can understand why the failure rate is so high.

My personal favourite is from a PC member who wants to recognize Meaford as the apple capital of Ontario.

Another "winner" is from a Liberal member who wants the first Wednesday in October to be celebrated as Hamilton Day.

This bill, according to Hansard, "provides a perfect day for Hamiltonians and Ontarians to celebrate and pay respect to a city that has provided so much to Ontario and to Canada."

But there are certainly private member bills out there worthy of consideration.

Take the initiatives put forward by long-time Aurora resident Frank Klees for example.

Mr. Klees, a former cabinet minister, currently is the Progressive Conservative MPP for Oak Ridges. He will be nominated Oct. 4 as the PC candidate for Newmarket Aurora (at press time, neither the Liberals or NDP had yet nominated a candidate for the 2007 provincial election).

Since 2003 Mr. Klees has introduced 12 private members bills, although none has passed.

The two most important of his 12 are Bill 67, Organ and Tissue Donation Mandatory Declaration Act and Bill 112, the Street Racing Act.

Bill 67 requires that a health card or driver's license cannot be "issued or renewed unless the person specifies what uses are to be made of the person's organs or that specifies that the person is undecided about specifying such uses."

The Street Racing Act "authorizes a police officer to suspend the driver's license of a person for 48 hours, or impound, for 48 hours, the vehicle the person is driving, if the police officer has reason to believe the person has driven the vehicle in a race."

The Street Racing Bill was voted down just before the summer recess.

The Organ donation bill went through second reading and was passed unanimously with all party support before the House adjourned for the summer.

It now is set to go before Committee when the House resumes this week. We should watch this proceeding with interest.

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Cathy's Corner

An Auroran prayer

Sometimes we pray.

Sometimes we pray for things to happen, and sometimes we beg God to prevent them.

Sometimes we pray for ourselves and sometimes we pray for others...and sometimes we're so blessed that others pray for us.

Sometimes we remember to send prayers to the people involved in the car accidents we pass, and sometimes we're in such a hurry that all we do is curse the inconvenience of being stuck in the resultant traffic.

There are times when gratitude pours from our hearts in genuine prayer, and there are moments when we drop to our knees…faint with relief for small mercies.

"Yes," we shout to the heavens, when our "smart" cars come dangerously close to locking us out - again! "There is a God!"

But even before that, we're praying. "Please God - please, please, please - put my automotive Einstein in a coma! Could You? Just this once - please, please, pleeeeease…"

Ha! Do we really think that God is going to drop what He is doing, take pity, have mercy…wave His divine magic wand and…um, fix it?

Uh-uh. Nope. Sorry. That's not how it works.

Two elections ago, I found out how prayer really works.

I prayed a lot - especially during the first election in which Damir was a candidate.

"Please, God," I begged, "Don't let it rain AGAIN tonight!"

When it snowed instead, I should have been grateful, I know. But I was too busy praying: "Please, God! Don't let the ground freeze! We have 50 more signs to plant! Oh, and God? Could you reroute the vandals? We're running out of stakes!"

Stakes are a serious budget over-run, in case you didn't know…

Then one night, I was all out of strength, courage and prayer.

For weeks, Damir and I had been braving the elements together every night. We would choose a poll, park the car at the end of the street, and go door to door.

He would do one side of the street while I did the other. Finally, we would meet at the end and hobble exhausted back to the car together…with swollen knuckles and icicles hanging off the tips of our noses.

But on that fateful night six years ago, the winter wonder-wuss in me just couldn't do it. So, I sent Damir out alone.

I equipped him with a map, highlighted the poll I wanted him to canvass, and after I fed him some frozen leftovers I had lovingly nuked, I found him a damp pair of shoes that only had a few holes in them.

He drove to the prescribed destination, parked the car, and began his nightly knuckle-bruising ritual.

I was shocked when he returned within the hour.

"What are you doing home?"

I was just getting into my 100 questions when I realized that he didn't look quite himself. He looked…shaken. So I left my jaw on the floor, shut up and listened.

As he related his experience that evening, I realized that he looked…like a man who had just seen God.

He had gone to the poll I had given him, but after canvassing a few houses, he could no longer ignore the growing feeling that this was not where he should be.

He couldn't explain what made him do it, but he gave in to an overwhelming urge to get into the car, drive a few streets away, and start canvassing in the middle of a street. In the MIDDLE of a street!

Well, this is just NOT done! Anybody who knows about election campaigns understands the importance of a systematic approach to canvassing!

Not only was he out of his assigned poll, but Damir wasn't even at the starting end of it!

Furthermore, Damir knocked - and Damir waited! Hello?

Well, this is simply NOT done either. One NEVER waits!

Every candidate is supplied with a map of each poll and a list of eligible voters in Aurora. Trust me, during an election, Aurora is NOT nearly as small as we think!

So, a canvasser very quickly learns how to deftly tuck a brochure in the door and wish him/herself better luck next time.

But for some reason, that night, at that particular door, Damir was rooted in place by a force much greater than himself - one that had nothing to do with getting votes.

Finally, an elderly woman came to the door, and before he could even introduce himself - much less go into his spiel, she exclaimed, "Oh, thank God you came! I prayed for you to come!"

Then, she quickly ushered him into the house.

The woman had been praying for a "big strong man" to come and help her move her elderly husband from his chair to his bed.

"Oh," I said, understanding the humility that permeated my husband's voice, eyes, heart and soul. "God paged you tonight, huh?"

Sometimes, we pray. And other times, we are called upon to answer the prayers of others.

God works through us. Even during an election.

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Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to the member of council who will ask in open session why Aurora didn't enter the 2006 provincial Communities in Bloom competition after it was recommended to council by the Leisure Services Advisory Committee, supported by the Environmental Advisory Committee and adopted by Council in August 2005. What happened and why?

BRICKBATS to Mayor Tim Jones for making a public announcement before a large audience committing council to an action members had never discussed, when there was a staff report before council recommending negotiations be carried out.

BOUQUETS to Aurora Tiger Coach Jerome Dupont on being named head coach for Canada's Eastern Team for the inaugural World Junior A Challenge to be held in Saskatchewan in November.

BRICKBATS to members of the Finance Advisory Committee for missing scheduled meetings resulting in a series of cancelled meetings due to the lack of a quorum. Changes are needed or scrub the committee!

BOUQUETS to Director of Corporate Services Bob Panizza and Bylaw Enforcement Coordinator Chris Alexander for bringing Poor Richard up to date on bylaw enforcement in the municipality along with their other functions such as licensing 10 different business categories with limited staff.

BRICKBATS to the Ontario government for cutting all funding to the ACT NOW program which last year amounted to $498,500 and reached more than 30,000 students in the GTA between Grades 4 to 8 in the areas of physical education, nutrition, and anti-smoking.We wonder why some young people are overweight.

BOUQUETS and best wishes to Kelly Hamilton, seniors' coordinator, on her recent marriage. She is now Kelly Elliott.

BRICKBATS to City of Toronto officials for being lax landlords and allowing rents to go uncollected, not raising rents to keep up with market rates and leases go unsigned. At the same time the province requires York Region taxpayers to send more than $80 million a year to Toronto for social housing. Wrong! Very Wrong!

BOUQUETS to all male singers who are going to volunteer to join the York Regional Police Male Chorus, and help provide community policing with as musical twist, by performing concerts to help raise funds for non-profit community groups. Call Volunteer Supervisor Lowell McClenny at 905-727-9697.

BRICKBATS to the management of Upper Canada College for providing credits to students for participating in mock transplants at the school resulting in former teacher Lorne Cook being accused of assaulting three students under the age of 14.

BOUQUETS to Shyamal Nagindas of Aurora for carding back to back six over par 78s to win the boys 13-and-under category at the Canadian Junior Golf Association Fall Series at Port Robinson.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Tigers on capturing the Atom AA division title at the Vaughan Rangers Early Bird Tournament, with five consecutive wins.

BOUQUETS to ultra-marathoner George Blonduc of Aurora who forgot about his knee pain to finish 8th overall in the 24-hour Ottawa International Self Trancendence Race. He was the top Canadian in the 50-54 years age group.

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Letters to the Editor

It's important to know where they stand on pesticide issue

To the editor,

Now that the municipal election is heating up, there is one vital question that must be asked of each candidate.

When are you going to support the ban on pesticides in Aurora?

According to "Cancersmart," a consumer guide published by the Labour Environmental Alliance Society, pesticides work by attacking the nervous systems and brains or target insects.

Unfortunately, the evidence shows that they can also affect the brains and nervous systems of humans, particularly children.

In addition, the Ontario College of Family Physicians issued this statement on the subject in 2004: "Given the wide range of commonly used home and garden products associated with health effects, the overall message to patients is to avoid exposure to all pesticides whenever and wherever possible."

The nay-sayers occasionally take their heads out of the sand to object.

They say that it's better to have professionals spraying this stuff than to have Mr. Joe Homeowner buying his own poison and applying it himself.

To that, we say, yes, ban the sale of it as well!

But until we do, let's show political will and set an example by banning these killers as a municipality.

Another common retort is that we'd be ruining the livelihoods of the "poison patrol" companies that disseminate the stuff.

Well, many lawn care companies have converted to natural products.

There are more and more options each spring.

It's a matter of changing course and using marketing imagination.

We're so sick (excuse the pun) of breathing in our neighbours' pesticide, all in the name of a green carpet. Dandelions and crab grass are not so evil an enemy that they require the crushing arsenal of the pesticide army. Weeds don't harm people, pets, birds and wildlife. Pesticides do, so where's the logic in that?

And, it's not just something that's in the air and on your neighbours' lawns for a few days.

Pesticides are flushed from lawns and gardens into storm drains and via groundwater into rivers, carrying the toxic effects into the environment.

So, next time a candidate knocks on your door or calls, ask him or her where they stand on eliminating pesticides from Aurora.

Our children, pets, birds and wildlife deserve it. Our town deserves it.

The Seguin Family
Aurora

Morris should run for mayor

To the editor,

With municipal elections just around the corner, there is one name that has been conspicuous for its absence in the mayoralty race, that of Councillor Phyllis Morris.

She has unquestionably shown through her several terms as councillor that she is passionate about Aurora and tirelessly dedicated to serving all of its citizens.

She is always available, always willing to listen, researches issues thoroughly, not afraid to state her views, and above all, guides people through the sometimes daunting process of approaching their government in the most effective way to best deal with their concerns.

There are rumours circulating that Ms Morris, who, in the last election, received the most votes of any candidate running for councillor, thus earning her the title of Deputy Mayor, has decided not to seek re-election as a councillor.

I strongly urge Ms Morris to consider running for the Mayor's seat in Aurora.

If she does, I am sure she would have the strong support of the countless individuals and groups she has helped. Councillor Morris, you are an enormous asset to our community, and regardless if you declare your candidacy or not, the citizens of Aurora thank you for your tireless and dedicated work that you have done on our behalf.

Bonnie Kraft
Aurora

Not many at ceremony

To the editor,

On Saturday evening, September 16, we took the time to visit the Aurora Cemetery and were amazed at the number of candles burning for the veterans.

Even from the highway, it was a moving sight.

To think so many people took the time from their own lives to defend our country and help keep it free for you and me.

The ceremony of remembrance on Sunday afternoon was well attended by Legion members but unfortunately not the general public.

Perhaps next year more people will come to show their respect for the sacrifices of these men and women.

Our thanks to the Aurora Legion for giving us this chance.

Mrs. B. Cordell
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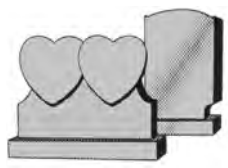
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Letters to the Editor

That lost cat now has a new home

To the editor,

I don't know if you remember my letter to the editor in the Sept. 12 edition of The Auroran but I was looking for my owner(s) or, if they didn't want me, someone to adopt me and give me a good home.

Well, folks, as a result of that letter many people from Aurora and beyond called inquiring about me.

Although no one said they were my owner and they had been looking for me, there was some interest in adopting me.

The final result was that a couple from Aurora came over to see me and I am now living in their home with them.

What a treat it is to get in out of the cold damp nights and to stay dry when it is raining.

I now don't have to fear those dreaded raccoons (which actually ate some of my food at night) and the fox which I had heard was roaming the area.

I would like to offer my thanks to all those people who cared enough to phone to see if I was their cat or that I may belong to a friend whose cat had gone missing.

I would also like to say thanks to those who took pity on me and gave me food and water.

They helped me to gain my strength back. Thanks also to those who provided me with shelter.

A special thanks to Ron Wallace at The Auroran who printed the letter which got all this started.

Without all of this help I could have died and no one would have known.

Please, if you have an animal, show that you love and care for it as I don't want to see any other pet put in the frightening situation I was in.

Written on behalf of a cat that was in distress!

Lowell and Carilyn McClenny
Aurora

We can do better: reader

To the editor,

We are now just a few days away from the final filing date for residents to register as candidates for Aurora Council. While I can understand the reluctance of many people to commit the time and energy to what could well be more of the same antics, I have to believe that real change may be upon us.

At least let's hope so.

The choices appear to be rather clear in my mind.

We can choose back room deals, bluster, posturing and smoke-and-mirrors or we can choose representatives who listen to, respect and work with residents in an effort to solve issues openly and honestly.

We do not all have to agree all the time, but actually discussing issues in a civil fashion is a good start.

Call me crazy, but I think the first qualification for representing the residents of Aurora should be that one doesn't treat concerned citizens and fellow councillors with contempt and disrespect.

From where I sit, I am particularly indebted to a few members of council, including Councillors Gaertner and Kean, but most notably to Deputy Mayor Phyllis Morris for her endless efforts to go above and beyond, despite all odds, in representing concerned residents on so many issues.

With any luck, informed voters will ensure that voting "for experience" on November 13th does not mean that we will vote for the same experience that we have endured over the last few years!

We can do better.

Richard D. Johnson
Aurora



Reader loses respect for council

From page 4

specifically to bring our proposal to the council were somewhat mystified by the proceedings but sat patiently waiting for a conclusion to this debate to determine whether the council had the right to disburse the proceeds from the sale of Aurora Hydro and, therefore, if there was any possibility of the Town purchasing the Henderson Drive lands.

Not being familiar with the rules of procedure, we were expecting to be allowed to speak to the council and to ask any questions we may have had regarding this issue.

However, when the motion to amend the amendment was finally carried, the Chairman of the Committee - Bill Hogg - then announced to the audience that that was all they had to say on this matter and that they would now continue on to debate another issue.

The audience rose as one and asked if they could please pose a question to the council because, despite the hours of debate, we were uncertain if the end result meant that the council would or could take any action with regard to the Henderson Drive property.

We were shocked and dismayed when we were rudely shouted down by the Chairperson, Bill Hogg, and the Secretary of the Council who said they would take no questions and would not clarify anything for the audience who, I will repeat, had just sat through two hours of a debate that would make watching paint dry look exciting.

Councillor Phyllis Morris was the only councillor with the good manners and political savvy to suggest that the residents be allowed to speak but the Chairman refused to allow it and rudely told Ms Morris that he would not 'entertain any questions at this time'.

Ms Morris then proposed a motion to change the agenda of the meeting to allow the residents a chance to speak.

I am sorry to report that not one councillor nor the mayor, Tim Jones, would support her motion and we were unceremoniously told to remove ourselves from council chambers.

Fellow Aurora residents, I am not writing this because I am upset that the Town did not immediately fall in with our proposal and write a cheque to buy the Henderson Drive lands. I am writing because I, along with the other voters who had gone to the trouble of showing up at the council meeting and sitting through a long debate, were shown not the slightest bit of respect or consideration.

As I understand it the council is elected to do the best for the citizens of Aurora and to listen to our concerns and wishes.

This council showed absolute contempt for the citizens who came out to this meeting.

Their arrogance and disdain have made me lose all respect for them and more importantly it has lost them my vote and the votes of all the others who were in attendance that night.

I appreciate that there are rules of procedure for any meeting, but to refuse to allow residents to speak, to refuse to second a motion that would have allowed us to speak despite the rules of procedure, shows an arrogance and contempt for the voters that I hope Aurora residents won't forget, now or in the voting booth in November.

Liz Kizovski
Aurora

Buck letters "tiresome", this reader maintains

To the editor,

I see the esteemed Ms Buck (self-esteemed, perhaps) has treated us to yet another of her written portrayals relating to her state of mind.

But she carries so much personal anger that her pen drips with vitriol and spite.

Her gratuitous letters are becoming tiresome.

Would it be out of line to suggest that she refrain from similar diatribes until she discovers a thoughtful, constructive and positive manner in which to address her subjects of choice?

This would be particularly appreciated if she deems it necessary to seek public office, yet again.

Sheila Hervey
Aurora







Ernie Crossland, left, current president of the Nokiidaa Trail Association, presents a walking stick to Harold Sellers, incoming president of the group. *Photo by W.B. Roberts*

Nokiidaa trail serves three communities

It was back in 1999 when Newmarket's Mayor Tom Taylor met with Ernie Crossland to discuss the possibility of developing a trail that today serves Aurora, as well as other locations in York Region.

After some discussion, it was decided that, because there were federal and provincial funding opportunities available, a committee should be formed to work on the development of a trail along the East Holland River, from its headwaters at the south end of Aurora, through Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury and ending at Lake Simcoe.

Today, that 35-kilometre stretch of trail is called "Nokiidaa", which means "walking together".

The general consensus was not simply to develop the trail, but to also address the issues of conservation and environment as well as the historical significance, aboriginal interest and educational opportunities.

With the new plan in mind, contact was made with the Trillium Foundation to discuss possible funding opportunities.

Their input was critical as a suggestion came forward saying success was more probable if a more collaborative group was involved with the planning.

As a result, the size of the committee increased from six to 14, with help from four are Lions Clubs - Aurora, Newmarket, North Newmarket and Holland Landing.

Application for a grant was successful with $375,000 being received over a five-year period.

Other grant applications were also successful.

Three 10-ton granite boulders, funded and donated by the Lions Clubs, were placed in Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury.

In addition to the work done by the Nokiidaa Trail Association Committee, the three communities have spent a considerable amount of time and money making improvements to the trail with paving, lighting, parking, drainage and boardwalks.

Currently, there are plans to construct and install kiosk-type structures, one in each community.

The committee continues to work with Aurora and Newmarket to complete that portion of the trail between St. John's Sideroad and Mulock Drive, where there is the possibility of another tunnel.

Last week, Ernie Crossland, president and founder of the Nokiidaa Trail Association presented incoming president Harold Sellers with an engraved walking stick, that will remain the property of the Nokiidaa Trail Association, to be used by each president during that particular term of office.

Klees unopposed to represent party

Veteran MPP Frank Klees, an Aurora resident, intends to run in the new riding of Newmarket-Aurora in the next provincial election scheduled for October 4, 2007.

The local provincial PC association has called a nomination meeting Wednesday, October 4, in Aurora where Mr. Klees, the only declared candidate, will likely receive an acclamation.

The new provincial riding of Newmarket-Aurora was created from a recent province-wide redistribution of riding boundaries that will see four new seats added to the Ontario Legislature including one from York Region.

This is not the first time Klees will be running for provincial office in Newmarket and Aurora.

He represented both communities from 1995 to 1999 as the MPP for York Mackenzie, a riding that included Aurora, Newmarket and King Township at the time.

Following a boundary redistribution in 1999, Klees was subsequently elected MPP in Oak Ridges, the riding he has represented ever since.

The nomination meeting will be held at DiNardo's Mansion on Industrial Parkway South at 7.30 p.m.

Registration is at 6.30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7.30 p.m.

Wellington Gallery celebrates anniversary

Wellington Gallery celebrated its third anniversary last week with a solo art exhibit of landscape, human form and still life oil paintings created by artist/musician, Terry Watkinson.

Terry is well-known to many, having been a member of the legendary Canadian rock band, Max Webster.

For more than eight years, the band toured throughout North America and Europe, playing to sold-out concerts and recorded six gold and platinum albums.

When the band ended, Terry returned to University of Toronto, studied fine arts and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Illustration.

"This specific arts program is very challenging as students must have the capability of combining medical science knowledge with the skills of a fine artist," said Emil Simon, owner of the gallery. "The fact that Terry went on to teach surgical illustration and perspective for the university's Biomedical Communications program is an impressive testament of his creative abilities."

Using his life experiences as inspiration ~ from his interest in music and architecture to his love of Canada's breathtaking wilderness, this multi-talented artist creates a luminist sense of light, depth and emotion in his spectacular oil paintings.

The exhibit runs until October 28 at the gallery located on Wellington Street, just west of Yonge in Aurora.

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Using all forms of transportation, from bicycles to skateboards to roller skates to feet, hundreds participated in the annual Terry Fox Run held in Aurora last week. The annual event raises money for cancer research. Streets were closed as participants wound their way through town after starting at Sheppard's Bush. *Auroran photos by David Falconer*

Aurora Hydro sale funds still causing controversy

Aurora Council is still having problems deciding what to do with the proceeds of the sale of Aurora Hydro to PowerStream which was finally approved by the Ontario Energy Board last November.

But a group from Aurora's south end knows what it would do with the money. It would have the Town buy vacant land on Henderson Drive, to prevent it from being sold to a developer.

Spokespeople at last week's committee meeting were disappointed with the treatment they received when one attempted to ask a question during committee deliberations.

Prior to the OEB decision, council adopted a motion that a reserve fund be established and only to use the funds according to an approved criteria and that any approval of the re-allocation of funds be by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the entire council, and that the public be involved in setting the criteria.

Last December, staff recommended that before hearing from the public, council should determine the objectives it was trying to achieve with the $34.5 million proceeds.

As Richmond Hill had gone through a similar process when they sold their hydro utility, council agreed to follow their consultative process.

In January, council adopted a staff recommendation that David Weldon, former CAO of Richmond Hill, be engaged as a facilitator at a rate of $150 per hour plus mileage.

In March, he appeared before council to outline his proposal.

Some councillors said the exercise was a waste of time and money as the Hydro sale proceeds were needed to meet the $68 million shortfall revealed in the Capital Asset Management Plan, but the Weldon proposal was adopted.

During the public consultative process, suggestions included the purchase of the Henderson lands across from Salamander Pond, the planting of more trees, preventing tax increases, subsidizing high utility costs, replacing infrastructure and spending only the interest without touching the principal.

Weldon recommended council establish a "State of Good Repair Reserve" with 80 to 90 per cent of the proceeds to maintain the infrastructure in good repair and the balance be used to fund new capital projects not covered by other revenues.

To ensure compliance with the Municipal Act, he suggested council rescind its motion requiring that any re-allocation of funds had to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire council.

There was general dissatisfaction of the report by members of council and it was finally agreed to refer the issue to staff for a report to general committee.

In that report staff also recommended that the two-thirds majority of the entire council was too restrictive.

With the absence of Councillor John West, questions were asked if the issue could even be discussed as the entire council was necessary to make changes

The town solicitor said the Municipal Act requires a two-thirds vote of members in attendance at a duly constituted meeting and stipulating the entire council was beyond council's authority.

Councillor Damir Vrancic defended the wording of the motion as it was done for valid reasons such as sending a message to future councils of the legacy they had in trust for the people of Aurora.

Councillor Nigel Kean pointed out that in accordance with the Municipal Act, with a quorum of five, only three members of council could authorize re-allocation of the Hydro funds and he couldn't support that.

It was finally agreed to adopt a Vrancic amendment that if a member of council was absent for up to three months, two-thirds of eight members could make the decision.

Carolin Grandin was the delegate who repeated the request of residents that proceeds from the hydro investment fund be used to acquire the 7.8 acre Henderson property.

Her presentation and a petition signed by 80 homeowners was received by council prior to the long debate as to the use of the funds.

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Tigers win three more

The Aurora Tigers almost gave up their unbeaten streak Friday night at the community centre, but they woke up in the second period.

Trailing 2-0 to a team they had beaten 11-0 a week earlier, the Tigers rallied with six goals to go on to a 6-3 victory over the North York Rangers.

Registering a goal and an assist for the Tigers were Alain Goulet who started Aurora's comeback with a blistering slapshot from the point on the power play, Andrew Favot, who is a model of consistency and impressive newcomer Jamie MacQueen.

Jordan Watts and Mark Thorburn each registered their first goals of the season while Brandon Walker added the other.

Goaltender Matt Beines played his first regular season game in a Tigers uniform and was solid stopping 20 of 23 shots including a breakaway late in the game.

A night earlier, Aurora kept its streak alive with a 9-1 win over the Orangeville Crushers.

Tigers opened with five unanswered goals in the first period, then cruised to the victory.

Mark Mayea and Brandon Walker had two goals each for the winners, while singles went to Favot, Mike Dahlinger, Joey Martin, Connor McGarry and Colin Williams.

On Sunday, Aurora extended its undefeated streak to six games with a come-from-behind victory over the Port Hope Predators in the Governors' Weekend Showcase, a game that was televised on Aurora Cable.

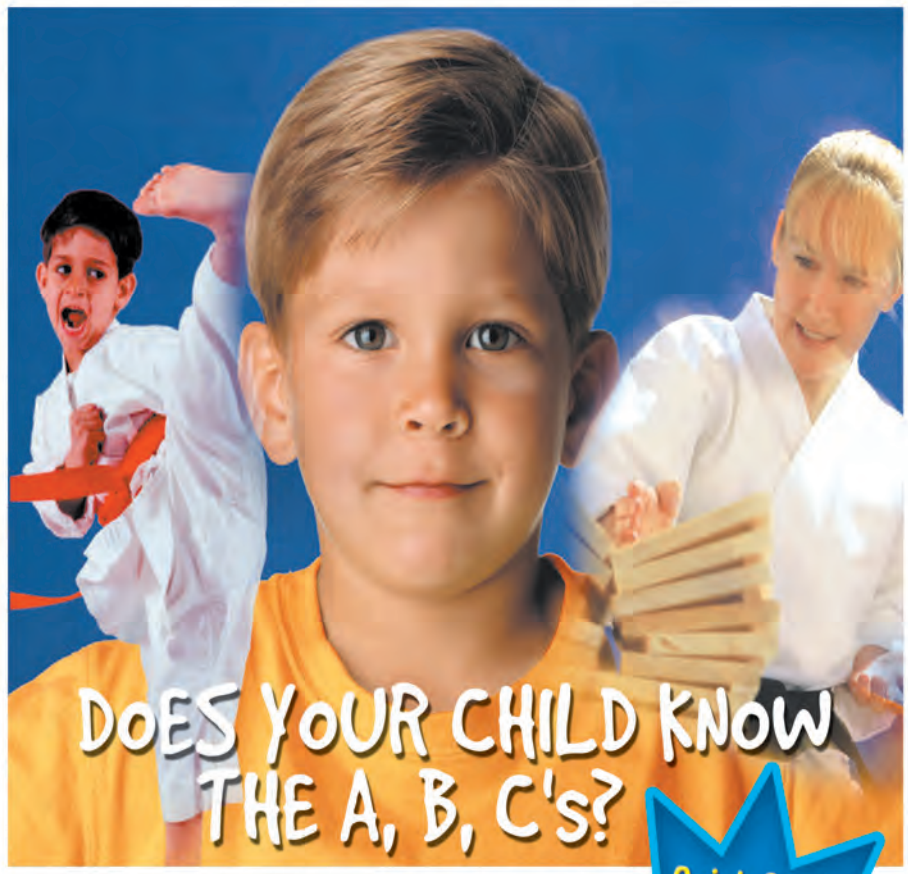
MacQueen led the comeback with three goals and one assist, including the tying and winning goals, as the Tigers clawed their way back from 2-0 and 3-1 deficits to beat the Predators 6-3 before an NHL and NCAA scout filled crowd at Bowmanville in the OPJHL Governor's Showcase on Sunday.

The win marked Aurora's best start since the Royal Bank Cup Championship season three years ago.

Also scoring for the Tigers were Fraser Smith with two and Captain Quinn Waller.

The Tigers next home game is this Friday at 7:30 p.m. when the again meet the Orangeville Crushers.

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Sam Panzures, left, and Craig Deasley of Aurora's Dundee Securities, chat with Mike Duffy during local event last week.

Duffy is guest at local event

Canada's foremost political journalist, Mike Duffy, addressed a crowd of 325 Aurora and area residents at a local banquet hall last week.

With Sam Panzures and Craig Deasley of Aurora's Dundee Wealth Management in attendance, Duffy captured the crowd with his colourful presentation.

Recognized as Canada's Ottawa Insider, he shared some of the highlights, and lowlights, from more than 25 years covering politics in Ottawa.

The current political climate has never been as charged as it is today, according to Duffy, who explored the current trends and hot topics that can be expected in the coming weeks.

Golf tournament raises big money

A volunteer organizing committee, led by Aurora resident Susan Chant and co-chaired by Brenda Andrachuk, worked for months and months planning an event that saw $127,000 raised for the proposed Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Almost 150 women golfers endured a wet and soggy day at the Southlake Extraordinary Ladies Golf Classic at Pheasant Run Golf Club recently.

The event brought a day full of rain and thundershowers but, at the same time, raised a record breaking $127,000 for the cancer centre.

The Classic was an opportunity for avid golfers and community supporters to come together and share in a passion while helping make accessible cancer care a reality.

York Region has been identified by Cancer Care Ontario, the advisory body to the Ontario government, as one of the areas in Ontario most in need of cancer care.

It is projected that the number of patients diagnosed with cancer in York Region will increase dramatically at a rate of almost double the provincial average.

The Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake is sending the message to the thousands of cancer patients and their families in this region that they can soon be cared for in their own community.

Club caps successful season

The Rotary Club of Aurora mosquito baseball team capped a terrific baseball season with a decisive victory over Oak Ridges in the final tournament game of the year recently. The team went undefeated in four games over the weekend.

Two weeks earlier, the team won their interlock division defeating the once beaten King City squad in the final.

During a very successful summer, the team won 20 games and lost only five with a combination of some hard hitting, great pitching, super defence and a lot of fun.

Aurora mayor now a full-time position

The question of a full-time mayor for Aurora may be finally solved although the Municipal Act is silent on the question as to whether the head of council should be full or part time.

Council endorsed the concept Tuesday night following a recommendation from its general committee a week earlier.

It was never an issue until the advent of regional government in 1971.

Until that time the mayor was usually a local businessman, who was readily available if required.

There was some question in 1969 when Councillor Dick Illingworth defeated veteran politician and long-time Mayor Clarence Davis, as Illingworth worked at Queen's Park in Toronto, but it never became a major issue.

But in May, 1970, with the coming of regional government and the additional responsibilities for elected members of council, plus requiring the mayor to sit on regional council, the question of the need for a full-time mayor was raised.

It was suggested that the position of head of council could no longer be considered a hobby or a part-time position, as it would not be possible to govern the local municipality and at the same time assist in the governing of the region, while carrying on a normal job.

It was also suggested that before nominations were called action be taken to provide an adequate salary to permit the mayor to devote full-time to the duties of office, but none was taken.

Over the years Councillors John West has argued that Mayor of Aurora should be a full time position without success, but this latest attempt has gained council approval, although Councillor West was not in attendance for the debate.

At a previous meeting Councillor West had submitted a Notice of Motion regarding the office of Mayor.

As he was not in attendance at the general committee, Councillor Nigel Kean recommended the motion be deferred until Councillor West was in attendance.

Mayor Tim Jones said that he had talked to Councillor West on the phone and it was doubtful he would return to council due to his health problems and moved on the motion on West's behalf.

The motion pointed out that the Mayor was the signing officer with respect to bylaws and legal documents and was expected to be accessable in person and by phone and e-mail communication with residents.

The mayor may also sit as an ex-officio member of council committees and boards and is recognized for time required to fulfill these duties for the town at a salary of $48,500, health benefits, automobile stipend and participation in the OMERS pension plan.

The mayor also represents the town at regional council and sits on regional committees and at other GTA groups and is recognized for the time required for duties at the region with an additional $43,500 and participation in the OMERS pension plan.

West recommended that the position of Mayor for the Town of Aurora be recognized as a full time position with the expectation that anyone filling this position be committed to this position only and no other full time or significant employment responsibility.

Councillor Nigel Kean noted that the timing of the resolution was amazing and he supported it and if elected, he said he would be a full time mayor.

In response to a question as to the legality of the resolution, the town solicitor quoted from the Municipal Act and pointed out there was no requirement in the Act for a mayor to be full time.

Mayor Jones noted that the Code of Ethics had not been included in the Act and council had adopted it.

In spite of the provisions of the Municipal Act and the lack of enforceability the committee adopted the resolution.

Council was expected to endorse it this week.



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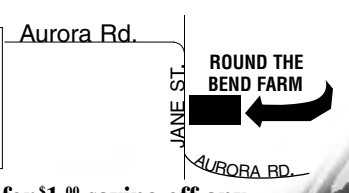
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MP REPORT

By Belinda Stronach (Newmarket-Aurora)

Local events involve many Aurorans

Let me begin by thanking all of the people who bought tickets to watch the recent "Battle of Yonge Street" charity hockey game in support of the new cancer centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

The fundraiser, which my constituency office had the honour of presenting, was a tremendous success!

The victorious Aurora Tigers had a large contingent of fans in attendance and everyone had a great time.

It was also good to see so many people from Aurora who came out to support a worthwhile cause and cheer on their OHA Jr. "A" hometown favourites.

The event raised more than $20,000, with all proceeds going toward the Cancer Care Program and Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake.

Aurora Mayor Tim Jones and Newmarket Mayor Tom Taylor added to the fun with a hard-fought, on-ice shoot out that took place during the second intermission.

It was a contest, I'm told, that Mayor Jones sportingly allowed his opponent to win.

Many thanks to all who helped, including: Jerome Dupont and his first-rate team from the Aurora Tigers; Aurora resident Andy Frost, the "voice of the Toronto Maple Leafs", for his role as event announcer; Aurora's Brian Larter, of Larter Advertising, for his outstanding play on the organ; and Greg Foster of Aurora's M&M Meat Shops store, which sponsored the Tailgate barbecue before the game.

Greg and his wife Christina once again led the charge locally for M&M's 2nd annual "National Family Dinner Night", which took place Thursday, Sept. 21st.

The National Family Dinner Night is designed to bring family and friends together over dinner at a time when more and more Canadians are leading increasingly busy lives.

September means back to school and I would like to mention a few school-related items.

First of all, a couple of outstanding Aurora teachers deserve a big hand: Antony Caruso of Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School and Robert Burgar of Aurora High School are both among 25 finalists from across Canada in the running for this year's Governor General's Award for Excellence in teaching Canadian history.

Please join me in wishing them all the best.

Finally, it was good to see many residents at the 19th annual Hoedown.

The Aurora Minor Hockey Association and Yellow Brick House were two of the many non-profit organizations and community groups to benefit from the money raised at this year's Hoedown.

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Annual report

CYFS response time improving, chief says

Fire Chief John Molyneaux appeared before the general committee recently to present his annual report for 2005 following four full years of the Central York Fire Service in the Towns of Aurora and Newmarket.

With a total compliment of 119 the fire service is divided into four branches; suppression, prevention, training and administration.

The suppression branch responded to 4,184 calls, including 293 fires, 906 false alarms, 560 public hazards, 1,701 medical calls with 1,542 calls in Aurora and 2,556 in Newmarket.

There were no fire fatalities during the year.

Total dollar fire loss for calls of $20,000 or more totalled about $2 million or 82.4 per cent in Newmarket and less than $500,000 or 17.5 per cent in Aurora.

Average response time standard across the province is six minutes from the time of call to arrival on the scene.

During 2005 the average response time in Aurora was 5 minutes, 18 seconds compared with 5.37 in 2004 and 6.00 in 2003 and in Newmarket 5.29 compared with 6.22 and 6.16.

The fire prevention branch conducted a total of 633 inspections and reviewed and approved 163 fire safety plans.

Stations tours were arranged for 1,239 children.

Two community college students were hired during the summer to operate the smoke alarm program with assistance from local sponsors.

They visited 499 homes, installed 156 smoke alarms and replaced 176 smoke alarm batteries without charge.

Donations, such as bunker gear, boots, helmets, gloves, fire trucks, ladders and fire related items are shipped from Toronto to Sierra Leone, West Africa, when they no longer meet Canadian standards

Upcoming projects include hiring a second deputy chief, the purchase of two new fire trucks, emergency management in the event of a pandemic and training for the region and surrounding municipalities.

In response to a question the Chief replied that the public is invited to attend meetings of the joint committee, consisting of three members from Aurora and Newmarket councils who govern the fire service.

Monthly meetings alternate between the two municipalities.

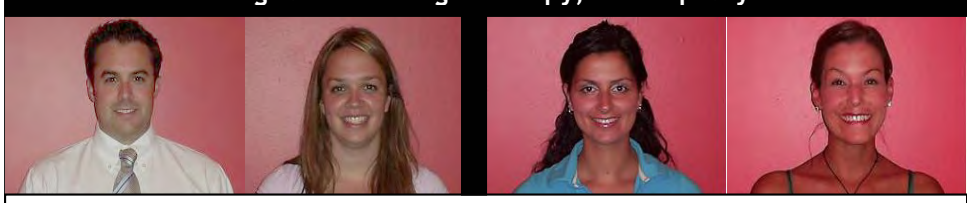
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This seminar is important

By Brian Warburton

The Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) will host a seminar to address the informational needs of members and guests, on the subject of 'Powers of Attorney', with specific focus on terminology and clarity of meaning, on multiple powers of attorney and on powers of attorney for property and personal care.

It will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. at 5 Municipal Drive, with refreshments, desserts and door prizes.

I tend to fail to address such topics as power of attorney but every morning I am one day deeper into my senior years. Therefore as a senior and a writer, I should take heed and endeavour to make the senior community aware of this opportunity, and everybody else for that matter, who might benefit from this information.

I urge everyone to attend since attending this seminar could be among the more consequential initiatives of protecting and preparing for the near future that we can employ, and at no cost.

It falls into the realm of senior education, and brings into practice the boy scout mantra, "Be Prepared".

Summer is merging into fall and senior programs and activities are picking up the pace.

It is time for members to come into the centre and immerse or absorb themselves in favourite activities or, join the ASA, if not yet a member.

The ASA boasts a cosmopolitan character and welcomes warmly all seniors, and we pride ourselves on the inclusive nature of our senior community.

Some programs and activities are easily available and accessible while others are, from time to time limited by the number of members who can participate.

The basic computer classes for example are limited to six students for each teacher, as larger classes impair the effectiveness of instruction.

Equipment can be a limiting factor in some activities, and limited floor space for playing games such as pickle ball is also limiting.

Seniors are pleasant and cooperative by nature and patient while awaiting their turn.

Town launches new website

The Town of Aurora first developed and launched its website in 1998 in order to address the growing need for a presence on the internet.

Aurora recognized the development of a website as a means of relaying accurate, up-to-date and relevant information to its citizens.

Since the launch of the website, new standards, technology, software and design features were introduced and although the website was providing information, it was deemed to be outdated.

In December, 2004, council approved in principle a website redevelopment strategy and funds were included in the 2005 budget for Phase I of the project with other phases scheduled to take place in 2006 and 2007.

An Expression of Interest was issued with 27 submissions received.

This was short listed to six companies who were invited to submit a Request for Proposal.

The selection committee recommended the firm of Protocol IS at a cost of $89,430 and with the deferment of the value-added functionality to a later stage the price was brought down to $68,130 which was approved by council.

Last week, Susan Sellers, Web and Communications Specialist for the town, made a presentation to council on Phase I of the updated website, which she said was more modern-looking and meaningful.

In addition to the Home Page, information was available on special events, hot topics, featured news stories, municipal elections, resident services and a calendar.

She said more than 16,000 people visited the site since last year and the new site will enable town staff to fine tune the information.

Her presentation was received by council as information and the new website is now operational.

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SPEED ENFORCEMENT IN AURORA

Back in October, 2001, members of the Traffic Services Advisory Board expressed concern about the number of citizen requests for more stop signs, speed humps and lower speed to control speeding on residential streets.

It was suggested that the Director of the Public Works Department schedule a meeting with the York Regional Police Department to discuss the issue of police enforcement in Aurora.

The speeding and the complaints continue, so what happened?

CELEBRATING THE TWELFTH

July 12th this year passed with hardly a notice in the press.

But it was much different in the old days when the Orange parade in Toronto was held to commemorate the Battle of the Boyne.

In those days the Twelfth was celebrated with more enthusiasm than July First and shared honours with May 24.

It provided one of the largest and most colourful parades of the year with King Billy leading it on his white horse.

Auroran writer Dick Illingworth recalls that at that time almost every Orange Lodge had its own fife and drum band.

As a young teenager he joined one of the bands with his bother.

They both started out on the flute and his brother, Jack, was a natural and mastered the instrument with ease, but Dick was downgraded to the triangle and marched merrily with the band going "ding-ding" hopefully in time with the music.

He recalls a parade around 1929 when the band travelled by radial car to Richmond Hill for the parade, were treated to lunch at the hotel like professionals and marched proudly along Yonge Street.

He also recalls he later wrote a column about the experience and was criticized for offending the Catholic community of Aurora.

GOOD SAMARITANS

The gift was bigger than the recipient but that didn't matter to Kevin Wright and Jane Black of Aurora.

In February, 2001, they learned of the plight of seven-year-old Shane Fenner, the son of Kim and Stu Fenner, both employees of Canada Law Book, and decided to do something about it.

With the help of salespeople at The Bay in Upper Canada Mall they arranged transportation of a six foot white bear to Shane's bedside at Toronto's Children's hospital.

Shane was suffering from Down's Syndrome and had also been diagnosed with leukemia.

ANOTHER GOOD SAMARITAN

During the summer of 1969, 19-year-old Cheryl Lester of Aurora was driving past the Orange and True Blue Home on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill when it was used as an orphanage and wondered if the 60 kids ever got a chance to romp and play, so she decided to do something about it.

She mentioned the idea of a hay ride for the kids to a few of her friends and the wheels started to turn.

Ewart Jennings, a friend, who owned a farm south of Aurora on Bathurst Street, supplied the wagon and the hay and his farm was used for the ride.

Five Aurora car dealerships were contacted and they agreed to provide cars to transport the kids from the home to the farm. Following the ride, there was a wiener roast over a fire with the wieners mounted on sticks.

After receiving thanks from home officials, Cheryl and her friends headed home faced with the chore of picking strands of hay from their hair and clothing.

Auroran editor Ron Wallace was on that hay ride.



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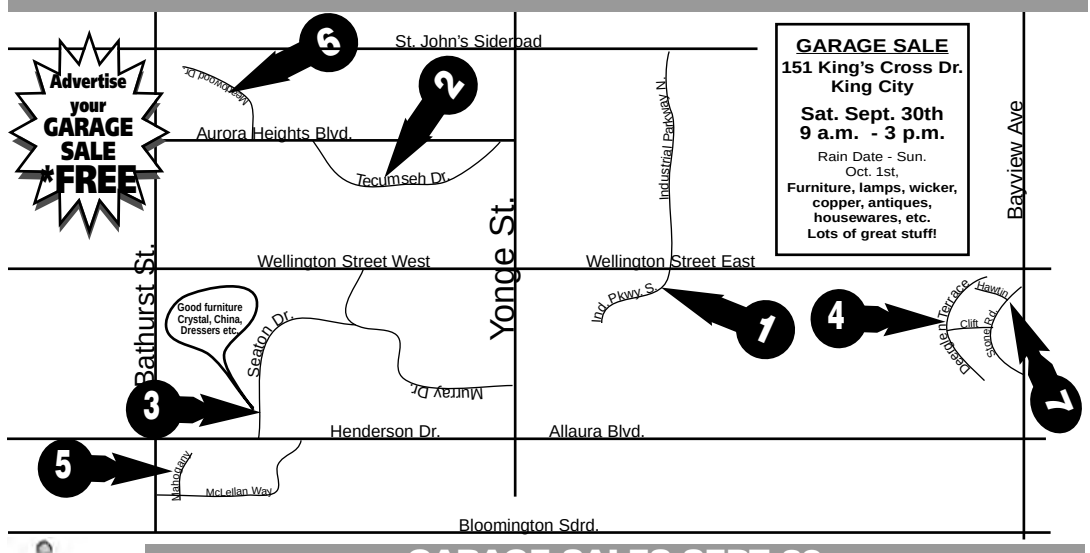
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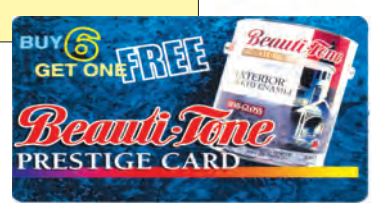


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