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Aurora Lions will be on hand to serve lunch.

Damage to the garage, located on Guernett Street, was estimated at \$20,000.

One Aurora-King school board trustee candidate - Gord Kerr - is on Page 17.

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Aurora Rotarian Barry McDonough, left, joins with president Wendy Browne, right, and Louise St. Amour during a visit with five-year-old Shawn Supersad and his mother, Hassina, from Trinidad and Tobago. Shawn underwent a serious operation, paid for mostly by the Aurora Rotary Club.

Aurora Rotary leads the way for boy's successful operation

A five-year-old boy from Trinidad and Tobago has probably been through more torment than most people will endure in a lifetime, but he has come through everything successfully.

And the Aurora Rotary Club helped.

Shawn Supersad had a condition called coarctation of the aorta and in only five years had already suffered two heart attacks.

The first attack hit when he was only 17 weeks old.

He needed an operation badly and that wasn't going to happen in his own country.

Without his mother's knowledge, doctors at a hospital in Trinidad put his name on a Rotary list for an operation.

Only a month before Shawn's trip to Canada for the operation, did his mother, Hassina, learn of it.

She, of course, accompanied Shawn to Toronto.

But his problems were only beginning.

Once in Canada, doctors decided that Shawn would require dental surgery to repair no fewer than 10 cavities and remove two teeth.

Doctors believed the bad teeth could cause infection during the major operation so they weren't taking any chances.

Now back in his hometown of Williamstown, Shawn, with the successful operation behind him, is looking forward to playing cricket and soccer.

But it's not over yet.

Shawn will require a repeat operation when he hits his teenage years, and will have to do it again once he's into his 20s.

Aurora Rotary President Wendy Browne and Rotarian Barry McDonough, along with honorary Aurora Rotarian Louise St. Amour, met the sparkling young boy last week at Ronald McDonald House.

Rotary's involvement in the project was widespread.

Aurora Rotary covered all the medical costs beyond those donated by the Hospital For Sick Children and the medical staff; the Rotary Club of Toronto organized the event; Rotary Clubs from Scarborough and Milton covered the food and miscel-

laneous costs, while the Rotary Club of Trinidad and Tobago took care of the airfare. Aurora's share, as the

major sponsor, was \$15,000 done in memory of late Rotarian Rosemary Schumaker.



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Prepare questions for candidates in upcoming election

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To hear what they have to say.*
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

The next municipal election will be held Monday, November 13, and qualified electors will be electing a council for the first four-year term of office which was imposed by the McGuinty Liberal government in spite of opposition from several municipalities, including Aurora.

Based on the experience of the last three years, there is a need for a new council made up of citizens with fresh ideas and dedicated to put the interests of the municipality as a whole ahead of their personal interests and agenda.

In order to determine the interests, values and aspirations of each candidate, take time to prepare a series of questions to ask candidates when they call at your door or at all-candidates meetings of which several are planned.

Ask the candidates if they are willing to attend an off-site weekend retreat after the election to get to know each other in an informal setting; find out members' interests and background, and establish a vision for the term and a team spirit.

Some argue that the same results could be achieved by having the meeting in town but experience has shown that it doesn't work due to personal phone calls and personal and family commitments whereas off-site they are away from these distractions.

One of the reasons the last council never developed a team spirit was that three members of council boycotted the off-site retreat and time was wasted on procedural issues, rather than dealing with the business affairs of the town. Don't let that happen again.

Find out where the candidates stand on affordable housing projects in their neighbourhoods, or if they will listen to hostile "not in my back yard" advocates.

Remember candidates are elected to represent all citizens, not just special interest and vocal groups.

Ask the candidates if they would be willing to support a majority decision of council even if they argued against that decision during the debate.

If not, it's obvious they do not believe in democracy.

Check with candidates to find out if they are familiar or are willing to get to know the rules of procedure as outlined in the Procedural Bylaw and the Code of Ethics and willing to abide by them.

Being a member of council is very time consuming with appointments to committees and other public bodies and candidates should be asked if they are aware of the time commitments and if they have discussed their candidacy with their family and employer.

Also find out from the candidates where they stand on a ward system for Aurora and if they would be willing to put a question on the ballot four years from now to let the people decide.

Even at that, it would be another four years before a ward system could be implemented.

The question of open and closed meetings is always a stickler.

Legislation permits councils to go into closed session for certain specific issues like personnel, where individuals can be identified, litigation, and labour negotiations were premature release may not be in the best interests of the municipality.

Councils, including Aurora, often use "personnel" or "legal" for going into a private session to discuss issues not covered under the legislation and often fail to report and ratify the decision in open session.

Ask candidates if they will insist that only those issues covered under the legislation will be discussed in camera.

A good question to ask candidates seeking election is how many council or committee meetings they have attended during the past year and what are their reasons for seeking election or re-election.

There are many more questions to be asked and most electors will have questions of their own so jot them down and be prepared when you attend all candidates meetings and don't be afraid to ask them. Remember their answers and promises.

It's difficult to support a candidate if you don't know what they stand for.



This photo shows the Canadian Order of Foresters Aurora Squirt all-star hockey team from 1960-61. In the photo are, back row, left to right, John Robertson, Peter Banton, Peter Jenkins, Steve Sedore, Eric (Ric) Skillins, Glenn Sisman, Jim Cousins, Roger MacDonald and John Fowler; front row, left to right, Terry Morley, Tod Blanchard, Richard Moore, Ed Huizingh, Doug Weadick, Ted Nesbit, Bill Fry and Gary Kidd. The coaches were Walt Fines, Archie Connatey, and Bill Dinsmore. Photo is courtesy of Dr. Steve Sedore and was loaned to The Auroran by Ric Skillins.

Letter to the Editor

Everything you wanted to know about EAC's Nest Box project

To the editor,

Last week, The Auroran expressed curiosity over the results of the Environmental Advisory Committee's Nest Box project.

Seventy-three nest boxes were placed in the Holland River Valley and around several stormwater ponds.

Forty-one boxes were occupied: 128 tree swallow, seven chickadee and 20 house sparrow nestlings were reared and left the boxes safely.

One box that lacked the plastic predator guard tube was predated, probably by a raccoon.

Two boxes were vandalized and thrown into a stormwater pond but adjoining land owners rescued the boxes and re-erected them on a T-bar stake.

One of these boxes eventually reared six tree swallow chicks.

Our only failure was the 14 clay cliff swallow nests made so well by the Pine Tree Potters.

These were placed by the works department staff under the road bridge on John West Way to encourage the establishment of a breeding cliff swallow colony.

Regrettably all these were destroyed by stone throwing vandals.

Nevertheless cliff swallows are beginning

to nest under the eaves of the houses, mainly in the more recently constructed subdivisions.

If, under your roof overhang, you have a nest or nests of these birds which is made of mud and looks like a gourd stuck under the roof with a little tunnel entrance, please phone as I would like to know the locations and numbers of this bird's nesting activities in Aurora.

My phone number is 905-727-8979.

As part of the ECA stormwater pond study, 133 nest record cards were submitted to the Ontario Nest Record Scheme.

Information was collected from the nests of redwinged blackbird, tree, barn, cliff and roughwinged swallow, house sparrow, chickadee, grackle, mourning dove, robin, mallard and Canada Goose.

This information has tremendous potential for monitoring the health of urban bird populations in Ontario and the impact that human activity has on the birds.

In future it is hoped to include nest record cards of the nests found by residents in their own backyards - but more about this project next spring.

We still have several small and large nest boxes that have to be

placed in Sheppard's Bush.

We are planning on attaching these boxes to trees in the late fall.

To accomplish this we need strong volunteers (who, unlike me, are not afraid of heights) to fix these heavy boxes 15 feet or more above ground.

If you are able and available to help with this project please phone me so that a suitable date can be arranged.

We are also planning to construct and place 75 to 100 additional nest boxes next spring along the East Aurora Wetland Complex and Wildlife Park.

We will be requesting donations of timber from businesses, and citizens with woodworking skills to construct nest box kits so that families and students will help to nail the kits together to make the boxes and help like last year to erect them in the spring again.

More about this over the winter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank again Home Hardware and the volunteers who donated wood, made the boxes and erected them last spring, all of which made this project so successful.

David Tomlinson
Aurora

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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

MP should ask people

The municipal election campaign is in full swing, evidenced by the ever-increasing amounts of lawn signs that dot our community. But I would like to turn your attention to a different political playing field this week.

Various media reports indicate the federal Conservatives are about to re-open the marriage debate some time during this fall session.

Bill C-38, if you will recall, redefined marriage to include same-sex couples.

This bill was originally passed in 2005 by the previous Liberal government.

Supposedly, the Conservative and Liberals will allow a free vote, of its respective parliamentarians, but the NDP and the Bloc Quebecois will try to force their members to vote against the motion.

As well, the Globe & Mail reported the Conservatives may be "planning measures, including a Defense of Religious Act, to allow public officials, such as Justices of the Peace, to refuse to perform same-sex marriages."

This Act would be intended to protect the freedom to practice religion and freedom of expression.

A close vote is expected in the House of Commons.

Irrespective of one's particular feelings on this matter the subject is important because it provides a perfect example of how we govern ourselves.

I have always felt that being an elected member of parliament is really a hybrid job description, requiring the occupant of the office to be, at once, both a delegate and a trustee.

As a delegate, the will of the majority is sacrosanct, and as such, they should vote according to majority will expressed by their constituents.

But there will be many instances that will require one to act as a trustee, bringing their experience and specialized knowledge to bear upon an issue.

Brian Walker, a candidate for the Newmarket - Aurora federal Conservative nomination in 2005, put it aptly: "Representative government was born hundreds of years ago when MPs travelled to far off cities, and there, out of touch with their constituencies, made decisions for them. We don't live in such times anymore."

So on very important issues why don't we try to strengthen the individual bond between the constituent and his or her Member of Parliament by having our MP act as our delegate?

Current MP, Belinda Stronach, is in favour of allowing same-sex couples to marry. She made her position clear when she initially sought the Conservative party nomination in this riding and, according to published reports, Ms Stronach still holds this view.

I state my bias here. As president of the local federal Conservative riding, I was part of the delegation that attended, along with Ms Stronach, the National Conservative party convention held in Montreal in March 2005. I voted against the resolution allowing same-sex couples to marry.

Although I don't agree with her personal view on this subject, I do, of course respect her right to hold that view.

I believe that Ms Stronach should be consulting her constituents on this question. As an MP, she certainly has the resources: web sites, mail-outs, town hall meetings and other media at her disposal.

None of us wants to see government driven by polls but there are those issues that transcend any particular administration and have a huge national impact on our economic/cultural/social fabric.

Free trade and the capital punishment debate come to mind. In the first case an election was fought to decide the issue and in the latter, a free vote was held.

A kindly suggestion to our MP: I believe she should place an ad in local papers stating she is going to consult her constituents on this important vote.

Her consultation could be done via the MP 'house-holder', which would be sent to everyone in the riding.

Some 81,755 individuals of this electoral district voted in the federal election held in January. This equates to a 72 per cent voter turnout.

Suppose that 5,000 individuals respond to Ms Stronach's question. That would not be a bad sample size. I know the media regularly publish poll results having a sample size of only 500 to 1,000 individuals.

If the vote is 55 - 45 per cent either way, then this should constitute a majority view and Ms Stronach should vote accordingly.

I know this doesn't sound like an overwhelming plurality, but majority governments are decided with as little as 38 to 40 per cent of the vote and Quebec was/is prepared to leave confederation with a 50+1 per cent vote so a 55 per cent plus vote should constitute a majority.

If the results show, say 52 - 48 per cent, which I would define as the grey area, then our MP should vote based on her conscience.

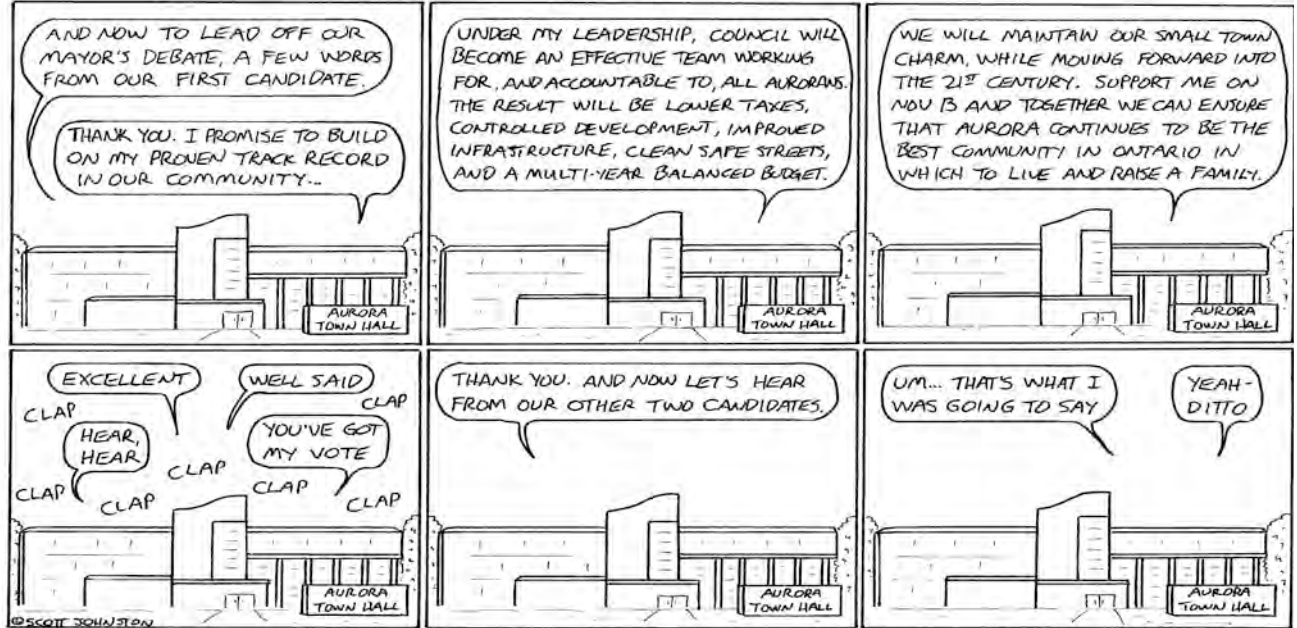
As important as the outcome is the level of transparency in this process. Any data or polling results that are used in the decision making process should be made public.

We always hear talk about increasing voter participation and reducing the level of public cynicism towards our elected officials.

What better way to meet these twin noble objectives than by asking the people?

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Machell's Corners



Letter to the Editor

AGM planned on Wednesday

To the editor,

The Ratepayers of Aurora Yonge South (RAYS) Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 25th at 7 p.m. at the Timberlane Athletic Club located at 155 Vandorf Road.

The mandate of the RAYS association (boundaries of Bayview, Bloomington, Bathurst, Vandorf and CN rail line) is to inform homeowners who live in southwest Aurora of plans, changes and issues within the Town of Aurora that might affect

their properties and lifestyle.

The agenda will cover the election of the RAYS board of directors, the upcoming municipal election for Aurora, an update of in-process and planned building activities, active and planned road and

public transport update, water and sewer plans and changes, proposed land stewardship.

Please RSVP by contacting rays.group@hotmail.com.

Sue Walmer
Aurora



Cathy's Corner

“Tails” of autumn

To make matters worse, by the time we got to the parking lot, everyone else had left and there was no sign of the other kitten.

Well, of course we couldn't just leave him there! Or so my kids kept desperately wailing...

But how do you get a cat and a dog into a small, confined space, a.k.a. a minivan...without the fur flying? Truth is: you can't! And it did!

The only thing more nerve-wracking than the trip home was the hour I spent rehearsing all the explaining I was going to have to do.

By the time Damir got home, I was barely coherent "...I couldn't help it, Hon...he followed us..."

Damir frowned. "What? Are you telling me the CAT didn't notice the DOG?"

I gulped and nodded. "Oblivious," I shrugged. "This cat is NOT coming into this house," he insisted. "He stays in the garage, and in the morning, you WILL find him a good home, RIGHT?"

With Tasha pacing nervously back and forth in front of the garage door, it was hard to argue otherwise.

"Oh, sure! That was the plan all along," I agreed, nodding my head violently enough to give myself whiplash.

After dinner, Damir caught me sneaking a bunch of pillows and sleeping bags into the garage. "Cathy...what are you doing?"

"Umm...well...the kids are sleeping in the garage tonight," I blurted. "They won't come in. I tried everything!"

Damir let out a deep, long sigh. Then he went to the garage. When he returned, the kids came with him...and so did the kitten, "Patch".

There was no going back now. He had a name!

Later, I asked Damir: "Why did you say the kitten wasn't allowed in the house?"

"Because," he said, "I knew that if he came in, I'd never get him out."

I thought for a while then said: "I guess I should take Patch to the vet tomorrow, huh?"

"Good idea," he said. "And buy some cat food, will you?"

"And a litter box," I added.

And so it came to pass that our "Tales of Autumn" included a "Tail of Autumn".

I love this time of year...a time to remember those bygone perfect days when our children were little and what we call "history" today was a real life moment being etched in our hearts and memories forever.

I never found my Ladyslipper, but it doesn't matter. I've found a lot of treasures while I was looking for it - acorns, pinecones, colourful leaves...memories that will last a lifetime...and Patch. Or as some might say, the occasional fungus.

After all, they do grow on you, don't they?

Cathy Vrancic welcomes e-mail at:
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By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Captains Jim Allen and Garry Hobson, of the Central York Fire Services Training Division, on being awarded with their training officer certificates by the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal.

BRICKBATS to members of council for failing to ask members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee when they authorized the expenditure of up to \$45,000 for the purpose of relocating the handicapped parking spaces to between the two doors at the Leisure Complex. The committee report was approved without question. Did anyone read it?

BOUQUETS to the following students on being appointed to sit on the Youth Action Committee for the 2006/2007 school year: David Byun, Charles Ho, Hidetaka Ishii and Bryan Lin from St. Andrews College; Lindsay Dukelow and Ashley Hayhow from Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School; Jaclyn Tersigni from Cardinal Carter; Michael Taylor from Unionville High; and Trevor Smith from Northern Lights Public School.

BRICKBATS to the heartless and insensitive military officials who visited Trooper Jeffrey Hunter of Aurora in a German hospital as he came out of surgery in pain and on morphine after being seriously injured in Afghanistan and told his danger pay had ended. This is how the military treats soldiers who are prepared to sacrifice their lives in Harper's political war.

BOUQUETS to James Barber and Anne Sheffield McLeod for the donation of 39.5 acres of headwaters of the East Holland River and forest land to the north of the Aurora Wetland Complex, a provincially-significant wetland.

BRICKBATS to the person or persons creating a problem in the downtown core with graffiti and vandalism, resulting in a special meeting of town officials, York Regional Police and business people. Plans have been made to catch the offenders.

BOUQUETS to York Regional Police on being the only Canadian Force to receive the prestigious Homeland Security Award that recognizes community checks and patrols in times of crisis by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

BRICKBATS to a justice system for sentencing Jean Brault to 30 months in jail for pleading guilty for his part in the \$250 million AdScam federal sponsorship scandal and then paroling him after serving five months because he did not take well to life in prison. When, if ever, is a sentence going to be a sentence?

BRICKBATS to a justice system that granted two young offenders bail of \$5,000 after dousing a 13-year-old girl's shirt with lighting fluid and then setting her ablaze causing second-degree burns to her breasts. It was a mere slap on the wrist for an inhumane act.

BOUQUETS to King Township on being awarded five blooms in the recent Communities in Bloom competition at the awards ceremony held in Brandon, Manitoba. Aurora citizens are still wondering why nothing happened in Aurora after council approved entry in the provincial competition.

BRICKBATS to the federal government for giving Porter Airlines a grant of \$20 million for their flight operations from the controversial Toronto Island Airport causing Air Canada Jazz Airline President Joe Randell to visit Parliament to express his shock and disappointment at such a grant to a competitor. Wasn't Harper going to stop patronage?

Letters to the Editor

Why, he wonders, do police set up radar on St. John's

To the editor,

Why have York Regional Police set up a speed trap almost daily on St. John's Sideroad, just east of Yonge Street?

I can understand why they would have them in areas where there are schools, community centres, hospitals, etc., but why there?

I personally have not been stopped at this location, however, I have seen many other 'victims' who were not driving unsafely, being pulled over and ticketed for driving slightly over

the speed limit in an area that shouldn't be monitored in the first place.

I once asked a police officer at a speed trap on Yonge Street in Newmarket, why they had set up in that particular spot, and he informed me that they were there for 'safety reasons' even though there were no schools, residences, or even businesses in that immediate area, just an open, wide road on a downward slope that made it almost impossible to stay under the suspiciously low posted speed limit of 60 km/h.

Obviously, the police

have found spots that are easy money!

Oh, and you can forget about getting let off with a kind warning, they apparently don't do that anymore, I guess that's tantamount to losing a sale!

If they are truly concerned for our safety, and want us to slow down, why, in most cases are they hiding?

A visible police presence would be enough to get people to slow down without having to fine them.

Well, at least for the St. John's Sideroad location, business should be slowing

down for the police soon, as everyone now knows they are there.

The police will undoubtedly move on when 'sales' have plummeted.

My friends and I call each other when we see a speed trap to keep track of any new hiding spots.

The police want respect from the public, and their assistance when investigating crimes in the community.

Perhaps they would get more of it if they didn't give people the impression that they are waiting to pounce on law-abiding citizens for minor infractions.

I only hope that there will never be an incident where a 911 caller receives a delayed response because the nearest cop was in the middle of writing speeding tickets, instead of patrolling an area more needy of their services.

M. Chisholm
Aurora

To the editor,

The first-ever sport, recreation and leisure focused All-Candidates Meeting, "Sport Matters!" is scheduled for October 26 at the Aurora Royal Canadian Legion and it will have a full slate of candidates.

All three mayoral candidates and every council Candidate...all have agreed to participate.

Never before has sport, recreation and leisure taken such a role in an election in Aurora.

The all-candidates meeting came about because of the union of 11 local sport organizations who formed a local Sport Council this year.

They met repeatedly and took advice from the Leisure Services Department as well as other Sport Council representatives from other municipalities in an attempt to help each other develop better ways of serving their memberships.

It was decided that bringing the needs of thousands of our local sport participants in front of the candidates was important this election year so the candidates and eventually council knew what issues faced the organizations.

It was also important that about 6,000 households who

have children involved in these local sport organization programs heard the candidates' views on the value of sport to their community before they went to the polls.

The evening format for the meeting will allow each candidate an introduction to the audience, Aurora Cable Internet (ACI) and local print media.

Subsequently they will answer questions prepared by the Sport Council on topics such as field and facility development, user fees, cooperation with school boards and other partners as well as the Recreation Master Plan and the consultative process in general.

The audience will then be invited to ask questions that arise from the presentations.

This is an open meeting and all who are interested in sport and recreation in Aurora are invited to attend.

For more information anyone can go to the Aurora Community Council Web site at www.AuroraCommunityCouncil.com for more information on how to get involved.

The Aurora Community Sport Council thanks each candidate for participating.

It is a good start to what we all hope will be an election that serves Aurora well for the next four years and

beyond.

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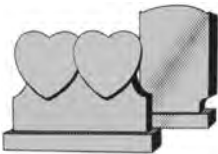
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Reader releases attendance records

To the editor,

After having my letter published on October 3, I promised a follow-up once receiving the actual statistics concerning our mayor and councillors' attendance records over the past term.

What brought this to my attention was to better ascertain the reasoning for the rejection of requested attendance records of our present council.

Being that there are only five members of the existing mayor and council asking for our votes in the upcoming election, I will report my findings on only those five.

First and foremost two of those who voted to release the numbers were Mayor Tim Jones and Councillor Evelyn Buck.

Against releasing the information were Councillors Phyllis Morris, Nigel Kean, and Wendy Gaertner.

I feel strongly that their performance over the past three years far outweighs the promises we will be hearing over the next few weeks.

Actions speak louder than words.

It also struck me that some of our current candidates found it much more appealing to attend council meetings that were held in front of cable television cameras, as opposed to those held without television coverage.

These meetings, while lacking in notoriety, are where the day-to-day business of running the Town is conducted.

The following attendance was put into the public record through February 7, 2005, the balance of which were rejected for public scrutiny by three of the candidates.

But why?

Town Council Meetings (62) televised

	Present	Absent
Mayor Tim Jones	96%	4%
Councillor Phyllis Morris	83%	17%
Councillor Nigel Kean	85%	15%
Councillor Wendy Gaertner	95%	5%
Councillor Evelyn Buck	98%	2%

General Committee/Public Planning (43) not televised

	Present	Absent
Mayor Tim Jones	93%	7%
Councillor Phyllis Morris	55%	45%
Councillor Nigel Kean	58%	42%
Councillor Wendy Gaertner	85%	15%
Councillor Evelyn Buck	100%	0%

After obtaining the balance of the term records of the above candidates from the internet, the patterns remained much the same.

Hope this will help you better understand the general work time put forth by the above candidates over the last three years.

Bill MacWilliam
Aurora

ED.NOTE: While we appreciate what the writer is trying to prove, it must be pointed out that reasons for absence are not given, and in many cases, councillors may have been attending other town functions. It must also be pointed out that people serving on town council are not full-time servants.

Salvation Army thanks councillor

To the editor,

The Salvation Army would like to thank Councillor John West for coordinating the Christmas Kettle Campaign in Aurora for the past 22 years.

John has been a great friend and supporter of the Salvation Army and has given many hours of volunteer service.

Because of declining

health, John is no longer able to coordinate the Christmas effort but is still wanting to do whatever he can to help us.

We are needing volunteers to assist on the Christmas Kettles this Christmas.

The more shifts we can cover on each kettle the more money can be raised to help needy families with toys and food in Aurora this Christmas

and throughout the year.

We appreciate the time given by so many faithful volunteers over the years and the support we have received from the mayor's office and the fire department.

Last year we raised just over \$20,000 in Aurora but would like to increase that amount in 2006 to \$30,000.

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Bob Moulton
Newmarket

We won't print letters endorsing candidates

From the editor,

Since the municipal election race began in earnest, The Auroran has received numerous letters from residents who wish to support various candidates.

If The Auroran prints one of these letters, it would then be obliged to print all of them, and space, obviously, would not permit endorsement of some 23 candidates who are running for eight council seats and the mayor's

chair on Aurora Council.

The Auroran makes this policy in the interest of fairness, so that one candidate does not have an edge over another.

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When it came to picking favourites, there was no question in the mind of Elizabeth Dimitrov. She selected “Flaming Days” by artist Nancy Newman, one of numerous paintings on display at the Aurora Legion over the weekend, put on by SOYRA (Society of York Region Artists). Proceeds of the event went to Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Traffic calming plans get another go-round

After a lengthy debate a a recent general committee meeting, the Northeast Quadrant Traffic Calming draft plan was approved and staff directed to prepare the enacting bylaw subject to reconsideration of a multi-way stop at the Walton Drive and Birch Court intersection.

But that wasn't the end of it.

It was believed it was a fait accompli but Tuesday Councillor Evelyn Buck expressed concern about the way council was proceeding and suggested further study was required to consider options.

Councillor Nigel Kean recommended the committee report as presented but expressed concern that the study had not really covered all the northeast quadrant as residents of Batson Drive were concerned the traffic problem would move to their area.

Director of Public Works Wayne Jackson replied that the problem

area for many years was Mark Street and south to Centre Street but during the 2007 budget process other areas could be reviewed if necessary.

With so many complaints about speeding on the streets, Kean suggested a review be carried out.

Councillor Buck returned to the attack claiming she was opposed to the draft plan and was not satisfied with the answers received about possible delays in response time from the fire department.

She referred to results from other municipalities in which both firefighters and paramedics noted delay in response time caused by speed humps and injuries to personnel.

She also complained about the proposed expenditure of \$100,000 to implement the plan without a proper study and council's actions were irresponsible, she said.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said he was

opposed to speed humps but the report was “all or nothing”, and as the report had been strongly supported by the community, he was willing to support it even though it was contrary to his personal opinion.

The committee report was adopted including the reconsideration of the Walton Drive/Birch Court intersection with Councillors Buck and Ron Wallace in opposition.

A gate in the fence causes lively debate

The question of whether a gate should be included in a new fence being constructed in the Aurora Memorial Peace Park and the Cenotaph caused a lively debate at Aurora Council Tuesday night.

Dr. Don McLean, director of the Aurora Animal Clinic located in the plaza at Edward and Yonge Streets, sought retention of a gate in a fence that had been there for years.

A new fence, now under construction, did not have the gate.

He said the rear entrance to the clinic was adjacent to the back of the park and since he purchased the property in 1996 his staff had access to the park via a gate in the fence.

That allowed his staff to exercise pets in the park and he said the pets were double-leashed to prevent escape.

Although other dogs use the park, staff members are instructed to remove all feces they see, even if the clinic's pets are not responsible, he said.

He said the fence was being replaced and there were no plans to include the gate.

He appealed to councillors to allow the gate and his clinic would help defray costs.

Councillor Evelyn Buck opposed the request claiming the property surrounding the Cenotaph was not a park but a memorial garden and had never been an active park.

She noted the fence was being constructed on town property and not on the boundary line so that it was not a shared fence and using it the way that was presented would not be acceptable to the Aurora Legion.

Councilor Damir Vrancic said it was a public park and questioned if a bylaw had ever been adopted to prevent the use of the property by citizens and their dogs.

Councillor Bill Hogg expressed concern that there was no staff report and no contact had been made with the Legion and any action should be deferred until the Legion's comments were received.

In response to a question about delaying construction until comments were received from the Legion, staff suggested posts could be put in to provide for the gate if coun-

cil so approved and it was suggested that this be done at the clinic's expense.

Councillor Buck wanted to know who authorized the gate in the first place but staff members said there were no records in the files on the gate.

Councillor Vrancic recommended council authorize staff to place the poles in the ground for a gate and staff obtain comments from the Legion.

The suggestion was adopted 7-1 with Buck opposed.

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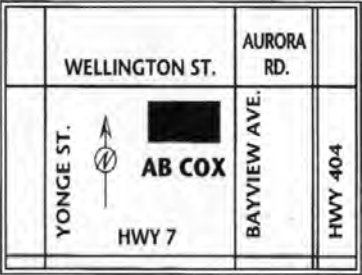
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Tigers now 13 and zip

By ANDY BROOKS

If anyone thought the 12th victory in the Aurora Tigers winning streak was going to be an easy one their hopes were dashed shortly after the puck was dropped at center ice.

And, one night later, as Tigers increased their winning streak, things were just as tough.

It was Friday, the 13th, when the Seguin Bruins came to town and wasted no time making their presence known.

The Bruins scored with the game only 52 seconds old, giving the impression it was going to be a long night for Aurora.

For a brief moment, the Tigers seemed to be on their heels but that moment faded as they dug in for a three-period battle to maintain their domination in the Provincial Junior A Hockey standings.

Tigers' first goal, scored by Alain Goulet, came at 13.06 of the first period followed shortly with a tally from Fraser Smith.

These first period goals were two of the four power play goals scored by Aurora as they fought their way to a 6-3 win over the Bruins.

The need for constant attention to the Bruins' aggressive style kept the Aurora bench buzzing with activity during the entire game.

Head Coach Jerome Dupont kept the Tigers focused as individuals and as a team, hence the unbeaten streak was kept alive.

During a game which saw the shots on goal tied at 33, Tyler Gordon, playing goal for the Tigers, found himself caught out of the net a couple of times forcing him to scramble back to the blue ice he calls home.

At the other end of the rink Tigers did a great job of screening the Bruins goalie making his job difficult and frustrating at times.

Paul Zanette took advantage of the Bruins screened goalie in the third period with his second goal of the night.

Quinn Waller was successful in the offensive and defensive aspects of the Friday night's game.

His contribution of four assists was accompanied by three full periods of relentless end to end play. Quinn's last assist of

the evening was to Mark Thorburn who scored his second goal of the night and ninth of the season.

One night later, in Orangeville, it seemed a night when few Tigers came to play hockey, at least not in the first two periods.

However, point-leading

Andrew Favot pulled up the slack for Aurora scoring three goals to bring the Tigers back from a 2-0 deficit to record a 4-2 win.

Favot, with a natural hat trick, scored a short-handed goal that ignited the comeback, added the game tying goal and capped things off with the

winner.

Daniel Michalsky scored the other Aurora goal on a power play and added an assist.

Tigers play two home games this weekend entertaining Seguin Friday, Oct. 20 at 7.30 p.m. and Hunstville Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2.30 p.m.



With the Seguin Bruins goalie well out of position, Mark Thorburn easily scores one of two goals he potted Friday night as the Aurora Tigers kept their unbeaten streak alive, dumping the Bruins 6-3. They added another win Saturday night in Orangeville. In the photo, Fraser Smith, who scored a goal himself in the Friday encounter, looks on.

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402 Atom House League 7, 405 Atom House League 1
- Chris Downs 1G, Michael Liscio 1A.

402 Atom House League 5 - Hussain Akbar 1A, Kevin Spiering 1A, Morgan Walker 1G 2A, Russell Johnson 3G, Tyler Abushinov 1G. 403 Atom House League 1.

406 Atom House League 5 - Ian Coschi 1A, Riley O'Brien 1G, Scott Taylor 1G, Tyler Hindley 1A, Harris Riopelle 1G 1A, Zachary Kroll 1A, Zachary Cowl 1G 1A, Callum Forrest 1G. 408 Atom House League 4.

801 Bantam House League 6, 805 Bantam House League 2.

901 Minor Midget House League 5, 903 Minor Midget House League 4.

901 Minor Midget House League 0, 902 Minor Midget House League 0.

903 Minor Midget House League 0, 906 Minor Midget House League 0.

904 Minor Midget House League 0, 905 Minor Midget House League 0.

Rep Games

TNT Novice A Novice A 5, Aurora Tigers Novice A 0.

TNT Minor Atom A Minor Atom A, 5 Aurora Tigers Minor Atom A 3.

Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AE 1 - Austin Insley 1G. TNT Minor Atom AE Minor Atom AE 1.

Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AE 5, Newmarket Redmen Minor Atom AE 1.

Aurora Tigers Atom AA 3 - Sean Foxwell 1A, Kyle Locke 1A, Connor Graham 1G 1A, Evan Jackson 1G 1A, Matthew Iwai 1A, Austin Lane 1A, Jack Caldwell 1G. Newmarket Redmen Atom AA 0.

TNT Minor PW Minor Peewee A 3, Aurora Tigers Minor Peewee A 2 - Evan Romano 1A, Kyle Zacharuk 1G 1A, Graeme Allison 1A, Ben Hankins 1G, Vincent Ruscica 1A.

Mayor's annual golf tournament pays dividends

For the past nine years Mayor Tim Jones has hosted the Mayor's Golf Tournament to raise funds for local community groups, and Steve Hinder has been the Chairman of his Golf Committee.

Tuesday night at a council meeting, Hinder was in attendance to present cheques to three local groups from the \$50,000 raised at the 2006 tournament bringing the nine-year total to more than \$400,000.

"This is a real success story," Hinder said. A total of \$10,000

went to CHATS to cover the cost of their day program for seniors for a year.

The Aurora Seniors Association received \$20,000 to assist in their many activities for the more than 1,200 members who have joined the organization.

Prior to moving to new quarters, the seniors had 600 members registered at the former Victoria Street site.

The final \$20,000 went to the Aurora Spirit, a committee established from the user groups to raise funds for the new recreation complex.

AURORA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Week of September 24

Tuesday, Sept. 26

N-S: 1. Linda Lord, Steve Sanderson. 2. Bill Graber, Olly Smolak. 3. Paul MacFarlane, Margaret MacFarlane E-W: 1. Ed Smereka, Virginia Smereka. 2. Bob Hull, Priscilla Hull. 3. Don MacNeil, Mike MacNeil.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

N-S: 1. Hans Jacobs, John Gell. 2. L i b b y McWilliams, Susan Scot. 3. Shirley Hulbig, Paul Graves. E-W: 1. Gordon Saul, George Payment. 2. Jane Demers, Paul Caleb. 3. Marg Burt, Virginia Smereka.

Friday, Sept. 29

N - S : 1 . D o n Jackson, Lena Jackson. 2. Paul Graves, Paul MacFarlane. 3. Nan McLean, Ella Bremmer. E-W: 1. Irma Field, George Jordan. 2. Virginia Smereka, Paul Caleb. 3. Marg Burt, Eileen Watson.

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**MP
REPORT**

By Belinda Stronach
(Newmarket-Aurora)

Stopping pay for Aurora man a cruel move

Since returning to Ottawa last month, I note the House of Commons has been pre-occupied with a number of issues. As Chair of the Liberal Women's Caucus, I strongly objected to the Harper government slashing \$1 billion in program funding, including deep cuts to the Status of Women Canada.

This government agency, which fights for the elimination of systemic violence against women and children and the advancement of women's human rights, has long been a target of the Conservatives, who showed their true colours by severely compromising the ability of this agency to carry out its mandate.

Many of you have no doubt followed the story of Jeffrey Hunter, an Aurora resident and proud Canadian soldier serving in Afghanistan.

Jeffrey was badly wounded earlier this month as the result of an attack on our soldiers and is currently in Toronto, where he is receiving medical care.

Because he had to leave Afghanistan for treatment, Jeffrey's operational allowance - most commonly referred to as his "danger pay" - was cancelled by the defense department.

It is a situation that most Canadians find downright insulting to the men and women who are putting their lives on the line for our country.

I wrote to Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defense, requesting that Hunter's pay be restored at once and, that the government change its policy so that in future no Canadian soldiers, whether injured or not, will have their pay cut while they are still on a scheduled tour of duty.

I had the privilege of taking part in the official opening of the State Farm Insurance Canadian head office Friday.

This magnificent new addition to our town, located at the gateway intersection of Wellington Street and Highway 404, is quickly becoming a local landmark.

Famous for its "Good Neighbour" slogan, State Farm has a reputation of contributing to the communities where its employees live and work.

I proudly welcomed State Farm and all of their employees to our town.

Congratulations to all of the nominees, finalists and award recipients at this year's Aurora Chamber of Commerce Achievement Awards, taking place this Friday at DiNardo's - The Mansion.

The annual "Celebration of Business" Gala provides the Chamber with an opportunity to recognize the contributions of Aurora's businesses and to celebrate the success of outstanding business owners and entrepreneurs.

Please join me in offering a special note of congratulations to Rosalyn Gonsalves, who is retiring as general manager of the Chamber in November after 21 years of service!

During the summer I congratulated the recipients of this year's "Give Back" Awards - a cash prize awarded to a male and female student at every high school in Aurora and Newmarket.

This award is presented each year by my office to high school students in their final year who have given back to fellow students and citizens.

Please join me in also congratulating Alyshia Crawford and Richard Abrich from Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, who only received their awards a few weeks ago due to the long-standing tradition at Williams of holding its graduation ceremony in the fall of the new academic year.

Although I will remain very active in Ottawa during the rest of the fall session of Parliament, I plan on returning home for Remembrance Day ceremonies here in town - ceremonies that will take on added significance this year as we remember all those Canadians who have recently lost their lives in Afghanistan.

Rosalyn played a major role in growth of Aurora Chamber

Over the years the Aurora Chamber of Commerce has seen many changes and a major one will take place in November when general manager Rosalyn Gonsalves retires after 21 years of service.

With her coming retirement, the position was offered to Mary Lynn Stephenson, assistant general manager but she declined the offer saying she would prefer to remain in her current position.

She joined the organization in 1988.

As a result the board of directors has engaged the management recruiting firm of Corso, Mizgala and French to find a replacement, the results of which will apparently be released Friday night.

It was at the annual general meeting and election of officers in May when President Stephen Forsey stunned the audience with the announcement that Mrs. Gonsalves was retiring.

In her report to the members she said the Chamber had nearly 750 corporate members represented by more than 1,000 people and by the end of the year the Chamber will have hosted 39 functions, a record for the organization.

She paid tribute to her staff, the many volunteers and the Chamber members for their continued support over the years.

It was a much different situation when she started with the organization in 1985 as the Chamber's first full time employee.

But even before that she was active in Aurora and in 1982 worked with the Chamber and the town in petitioning Bell Canada to approve extended area service (EAS) to bring toll-free telephone service to Toronto for Aurora citizens and businesses.

The Chamber's office was a former home builder's sales trailer which had been moved to Yonge Street and the Vandorf Sideroad.

Prior to that the office was located in the Old Town Hall and staffed by local high school student Kim Murray.

By May, 1986, the membership had grown to almost 300 members and incoming President Brian Butler said his goals included growth, financial stability and a higher profile in the community.

In November, 1986, the Chamber announced it would hold its first Home Show in 1987 at the Aurora Community Centre.

It's now an annual event.

At the 1993 conference of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the Aurora Chamber received the President's Award for the Aurora Money promotion designed to keep residents shopping at home.

In 1996, the Chamber organized the Longest Street Sale on the Longest Street in the World to celebrate Yonge Street's 200th birthday and what was planned as a once-only event was so successful it became an annual event.

By 1999, the Chamber had outgrown the old sales trailer and it was decided to build a new office on the same site.

In 2002, demolition crews moved in, the walls came tumbling down and after 17 years in what was intended as a temporary building, Chamber staff temporarily moved into the former library while the new office was under construction.

In early 2003 the new building was ready.

Every October the Chamber celebrates success with the Business Achievement Awards and the Business Person of the Year Award.

Monthly Chamber luncheon meetings are always well attended.

The meetings also provide a cost-effective way for members to promote their products and services to the business community through Showcase tables.

In addition there are other opportunities for networking through golf tournaments, ski days, networking breakfasts and Business after Five meetings in which participating members open their places of business for an informal get-together.

Members have the opportunity of advertising their business or products

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Senior Scape

Always something happening at the centre

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Many of us possess talents that are unexpressed or undeveloped or that lie dormant until circumstances or conditions change dramatically.

Quite simply, we do not develop our full potential, and sometimes gifts or abilities of quality lie uncultivated.

Such drama could be retirement from the constraints imposed by employment, and once self determination is an option, freedom from work opens a world of opportunity.

Not often is the word dynamic associated with the elder population, but here in the intriguing and appealing Aurora Seniors Centre, members are characterized by their dynamic penchant for creativity, inventiveness and resourcefulness in finding quality of pastimes to engage those hungry to explore novelty.

The fascinating halls and corridors of the Aurora Seniors Association [ASA] beckon seniors and tempt the intrepid with a remarkable adventure in ongoing senior activities, including arts and crafts of all kinds, games such as badminton and pickle ball, and billiards and pool, and computing for expert, beginner or novice.

The foregoing are among the activities offered and administered by the senior membership and the Town has further offerings including yoga, French lessons, Tai Chi, fitness and stretching classes and ballroom and line dancing lessons, and much more.

What I have mentioned here is a sample of what is on offer, and to see the full program of what is available, visit us at 5 Municipal Drive.

Many activities do not change and the old favourites continue to provide a level of popular interest.

But old activities or new, each endowed with the vitality engendered by the imaginative originality of thought and ingenuity of presentation, can display the power and the credentials to initiate remarkable adventures in what are the twilight years of seniority.

Wildcats hit win column

By JULIA KERR

Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School's Wildcats senior football team celebrated its first triumph of the season last week when they edged the Alexander Mackenzie Mustangs 19 - 18.

Two blocked field goal attempts by Ryan Crawford, and a touchdown by Greg Hovanesian highlighted the first half. The second half was filled with suspense, keeping everyone on their feet with two touchdowns both made by Greg Hovanesian.

The winner came with just minutes to go in the final quarter after a 181 yard rush.

Hovanesian's success was made possible by an offensive line that never gave up with a total of 211 yards gained, along with half back Pat Prevoe, and fullback Garret Dickenson leading the way.

Garret was strong

throughout the first and second half, making appearances on both offense and defense, a true asset to the team.

Tight end Andrew Kines caught three passes to put the Wildcats in scoring position.

Jeremiah Pick led the defense in tackles, with Jamie Weber close behind.

There were two quarterback sacks in the second half, by linebacker Paddy Travers and defensive end Isnar Ative. The defensive line stepped up tier play in the fourth quarter keeping the Mustangs off the scoreboard on their final possession.

The game ball went to Hovanesian, as he continues to impress coaches with his rushing ability and strength.

Follow the team by looking at the schedule, standings, and player information on the Williams Wildcats website at www.wildcats-football.ca.

Rosalyn Gonsalves

From page 14 through the monthly mailing of the Chamber's publication The Advance and for a nominal fee members' flyers or brochures will be inserted.

Advertising is also available in the annual Membership Directory and the Town of Aurora map which the Chamber also produces.

The Chamber office is also a resource centre with many government directories, periodicals, maps and tourism brochures.

In October last year at the Business Achievement Awards a presentation was made that wasn't included on the agenda.

The Chamber had commissioned Aurora artist Dorothy Clark McClure to capture the new Chamber office building in water-colour for a surprise presentation to Rosalyn Gonsalves to recognize her 20 years of service to the Chamber.

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the business community and promotes a society and economy based on private enterprise and concern for the individual and for 21 years Mrs. Gonsalves played a major role.

Members of the Aurora Chamber will say thanks and good-bye to a woman who contributed so much to building the Aurora business community and will raise a glass at the Graystones November 16th to let her know how much she will be missed.

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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

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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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Robin Bellamy, paranormal researcher and author, former director of Toronto Ghosts and Hauntings Research Society and consultant for PSICAN (Paranormal Studies and Investigations Canada) will talk about what ghosts possibly are, how they are investigated and share a few stories from York Region at the Aurora Historical Society meeting at Hillary House beginning at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Seventh Annual Celebration of Business - Business Achievement Awards at DiNardo's Mansion in Aurora to honour outstanding businesses in the community hosted by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. For ticket information call the Chamber office at 905-727-7262.

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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Wells Street School 10th annual Fall Fair, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the school property, across from the Town Park. This year, the fair celebrates 115 years of heritage at Wells Street School, originally constructed as Aurora's first high school.

Youth of St. Andrew's are presenting a coffeehouse for the people of Darfur, Sudan, in the Presbyterian Church Hall, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets. Entertainment begins at 7.30 p.m. Freshly baked refreshments will be available. The \$5 per person charge and any other donations will go to World Vision.

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.

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

Aurora Seniors Association presents "Picking an executor", with focus on the roles of the Executor, filing tax returns (multiple), probating wills, and accounting for estate assets. Event is slated for 2 p.m. at the Aurora Seniors' Centre in the Norma Jean Legge Room.

Halloween party and luncheon at the Aurora Seniors' Centre beginning at 11.30 a.m. Tickets \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. Costumes optional. All proceeds go to the building fund raising account.

Ratepayers of Aurora Yonge South (RAYS) Annual General Meeting 7 p.m. at the Timberlane Athletic Club, 155 Vandorf Road.

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 advanced 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.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

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.

Official opening of Aurora's new recreation complex, 1400 Wellington Street East, west of Leslie, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ribbon cutting at approximately 12.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

All Candidates Meeting, sponsored by the Aurora Library Board, at the Aurora Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, beginning at 2 p.m.

Join Ken Smith of the Aurora Arboretum and David Tomlinson of the Environmental Advisory Committee for a seed planting in the Aurora Community Arboretum. Participants should bring a

trowel and wear rubber boots. Meet at 10 a.m. at the carpark entrance to Optimist's Park, leading to the Arboretum. Rain date is Sunday, Nov 5. For more information, email auroraec@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Aurora Chamber of Commerce sponsors an All Candidates Night including a Mayor's Debate at the Howard Johnson Hotel.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Marquee Theatrical Productions annual fundraiser at the Howard Johnson Hotel.

Square dancing at the Aurora Seniors' Centre in the West-McKenzie room beginning at 7.30 p.m. Members admission is \$6, non-members \$7. Tickets available at the front desk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Coalition of Aurora Ratepayers' Associations is holding an all-candidates' meeting at the Aurora Town Hall, beginning at 7.30 p.m. Dick Illingworth is the moderator.

Aurora Public Library presents The Tuesday Philosophy Club with Aurora resident and philosophy teacher Ronen Grunberg. Lebovic Room, 7 to 9 p.m. for ages eight and up. Pre-register for this free event at the Adult Information Desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

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.

Aurora Film Circuit presents its final fall offering, the documentary "An Inconvenient Truth". at 6.45 p.m. at the Cineplex Aurora Cinemas. Tickets available at R&R Revisited and the Aurora Public Library. Subscription kits are now available at both ticket locations for the upcoming 2007 series.

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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Meeting, featuring author Michelle Landsberg. King's Riding Golf Club, Bathurst Street. Showcase at 11.30 a.m., lunch at 12.30 p.m.

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.

Big Brothers Big Sisters 12th Annual Gala Auction at DiNardo's Mansion in Aurora with dinner at 7.30 p.m., a live and silent auction and a dance. Reserve tickets at \$150 each by calling 905-895-0289, extension 304.

Our Lady of Grace Parish, Catholic Women's League, 11th annual Christmas Fair & Artisans Craft Sale, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lynett Hall, 16 Catherine Avenue.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Learn about backyard birding at the final Get Eco-Fit seminar of the year. Each participant receives a birdfeeder and seed. Organized by the Town of Aurora's Environmental Advisory Committee and will be held in the West-McKenzie room of the Seniors Centre, 5 Municipal Drive. To register, call Info Aurora at 905-727-8214.

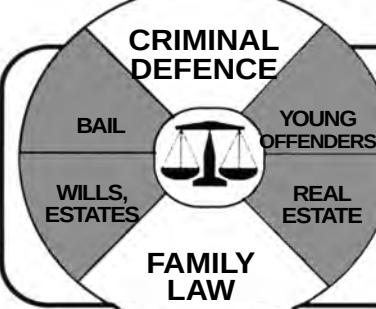


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Regional council had originally requested a grant of \$100,000 but agreed to enter into an agreement with the Millennium Bureau of Canada to receive the Ottawa funds and to seek the balance from corporate sponsors.

The Region and York Simcoe Community Development Corporation agreed to provide in-kind services such as office space and to coordinate the marketing of the publication when it was ready early in 2000.

The proposed pictorial and narrative publication would have separate sections for history, photographs depicting the region through the four seasons and a look at the future.

It was also planned to provide an opportunity for each municipality in the region to portray its diversity, heritage and unique character while working together as a region.

Nothing happened, or if it did, it was kept a secret.

To the best of knowledge, no questions were ever asked at regional council as to why there wasn't a publication or what happened to the \$45,000 federal grant.

WORDS OF WISDOM

In October, 1957, Lester B. Pearson was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the first Canadian to get it.

He was Canada's External Affairs Minister in the Liberal government of Louis St. Laurent during the period of the cold war between the United States and Russia.

Events in the Middle East gave Pearson a chance for a major role in world affairs.

Egypt was accepting Soviet arms and in 1956 seized control of the Suez Canal which was under the control of France and Britain.

Despite American opposition, Britain and France together with Israel attacked Egypt and Russia threatened to use nuclear weapons if they didn't withdraw and events were leading up to a world war.

At the United Nations, Pearson proposed a peace plan which called for a U.N. peacekeeping force to stabilize the area, while a political settlement was reached on condition that France and Britain withdrew, which was supported at the UN.

He said at the time that Canada was constantly faced with the problem of trying to influence the United States policy in a

manner that would protect Canada's interests and what Canadians considered to be in the best interests of the world, but would not get the country involved in a public quarrel with a great and friendly neighbour.

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she urged the previous resolution be rescinded to restore the address to 100 John West Way.

She said there had been several elections since the street address was originally assigned and even during the 2003 election the question had not been raised and possibly some members had changed their minds.

She referred to Councillor Ron Wallace who had heard from a lot of people on the subject.

Councillor Wallace admitted he had heard from a lot of people and was still hearing from them, but was not going to change his mind.

He said many of the comments were based on a misunderstanding as many people believed the name of the street had been changed, not just the address of the town hall.

He noted that the original street address was adopted by council in a private session during the period West was mayor and there was no mention of him not voting on the decision.

Councillor Nigel Kean pointed out that the proposal for a change of address had been included in his 2003 election material and one of the names originally suggested for the street was Municipal Way and the only change that

was made was the street address of the town hall and he was not prepared to change his mind.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner referred to the private meeting and pointed out that the action taken was contrary to the Municipal Act as the naming of streets was not specified in the Act as being qualified for a closed meeting and that was the reason she supported the change of street address.

Councillor Damir Vrancic said that his comments and opposition to the address of the town hall were similar to those expressed by Councillor Wallace.

Councillor Phyllis Morris questioned the timing of the presentation and the motion and questioned why it was brought up at this time, when it was known or should have been known it would be defeated and was doing a disservice to Councillor West by adding

more salt to the wound.

Mayor Tim Jones was critical of council members for digging up the past when they should be looking to the future and he would continue to oppose the original change.

Councillor Bill Hogg also opposed the change saying the street address should be on the street where the building is located and not on a parking lot.

Councillor Wallace argued the Aurora Community Centre is located on Community Centre Drive, and there is no street in front of that building.

Finally the vote was called on the Buck motion to restore the original street address of the town hall which went down to defeat on a 5-3 recorded vote with Buck, Jones and Hogg in support.

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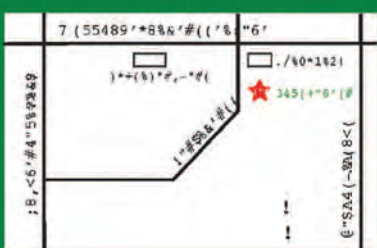
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