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A ribbon of red flowed down Yonge Street Wednesday afternoon as members of the #142 St. Andrew's College Highland Cadet Corps received the Freedom of the Town in a colourful ceremony that also marked the corps' 100th anniversary. *Auroran photo by David Falconer*

St. Andrew's gets Freedom of the Town

They looked simply splendid marching up Yonge Street with all their freedom.

The #142 St. Andrew's College Highland Cadet Corps is celebrating its Centenary this year and to pay tribute to the college and the corps, Aurora council granted it the Freedom of the Town by adopting a proclamation.

The granting of the Freedom provides the Corps with the rights "as long as Aurora means the dawn", to enter and march in the Town of Aurora at all times with colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed.

This Freedom was confirmed and granted in grateful recognition of duty bravely done from 1905 to 2005 by graduates of the

Corps, both during wartime and peace.

It also recognized the services offered to the community of Aurora by the Cadets and staff of St. Andrew's College.

The Freedom is to be exercised in memory of the 152 Cadets from this unit who gave their lives in two world wars and earned for their comrades and the men who stand in their places, the honours now secured to them by their fellow citizens.

It isn't the first time that the Town of Aurora granted the Freedom of the Town as that honour was bestowed on the Queen's York Rangers in February, 1966.

There has always been a

close relationship between the town and the Rangers and the regiment's predecessors since the early 1870s when the Aurora Armouries became their home.

Following the Fenian Raids in 1866, the people of the Village of Aurora presented the Aurora Volunteers with a silver bugle.

The bugle was retained in the Aurora Armouries for several years but is now part of the many military artifacts safely stored in the Queen's York Rangers Regimental Museum at Fort York Armouries in Toronto.

One hundred years later in 1966 the town presented an officer's silver military sword to the Officer Commanding "A" Squadron of the Rangers sta-

tioned in Aurora to commemorate 100 years of friendly affiliation with the Rangers.

During the same ceremony at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School with the Regiment's Honourary Colonel Leslie Frost, former Premier of Ontario, in attendance, the town granted the Freedom of the Town to the regiment.

The Freedom Scroll is normally returned to Aurora Council at every inaugural meeting to indicate the military is always subject to a civil authority.

In announcing the granting of the Freedom to the St. Andrew's College Cadet Corps, Mayor Tim Jones advised councillors that he had checked with the Queen's

York Rangers and they had no objection in sharing the honours with St. Andrew's.

Last Wednesday at 1.30 p.m. the St. Andrew's College Cadets exercised their Rights under the Freedom with a parade on Yonge Street and a brief ceremony.

A copy of the Proclamation and other Proclamations issued by council may be seen inside the front doors of the Town Hall.

Briefly

Looking for children

Aurora Opera Company is auditioning children for its 11th season musicals.

Wanted are youngsters who love to sing and are between the ages of six and 14.

Contact the Aurora Opera Company at keepsinging@look.ca

Can you see us now?

Slowly but surely, The Auroran's website - www.auroran.com - is becoming a reality.

Now you can search back issues of our newspapers, place a classified ad, send notes to the staff, find out if Rosemary really is 60 (someone thought it was a typographical error) and do a bunch of things.

Go have a look.

"You're in Good Company" tagline picked by committee

Earlier this year Aurora Council approved a logo for the municipality as a visual symbol that differentiated it from other municipalities, but still retained elements of the town crest.

The next challenge for the Economic Advisory Development Committee was to develop a tagline that could be used with the logo.

In February the general committee endorsed the tagline "Our Town - Your Future" to go with the logo, however, it was learned the wording was similar to that being used by East Gwillimbury.

It was decided to solicit taglines from the residents which resulted in 50 distinctive and clever taglines being submitted.

A presentation was made to the general committee by Economic Development Officer Dino Lombardi and Marketing and Community Coordinator Kristen Yemm.

They pointed out the taglines were evaluated on general appeal, impression created, how it supported the approved logo and originality and distinctiveness.

Staff short-listed 13 submissions.

Please see page 13



Martha Hall Findlay, who nearly upset Conservative Belinda Stronach in last year's federal election race, has been acclaimed as the Newmarket-Aurora Liberal candidate should another election be called in the near future. Ms Hall Findlay officially got the nod Friday night at a meeting in Newmarket.

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Merlin's Hollow English garden open houses have been set for the summer. Garden will open Saturdays, May 14, June 11 and July 2 and Sunday, July 10 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Garden is located at 181 Centre Crescent.

York Region Food Network invites you to join the Aurora Community Garden. Vegetable plots (10' x 20') are available at no charge. Call Catherine Cook, Community Garden Coordinator, at (905) 967-0428 or e-mail at cgcyfrn@bellnet.ca.

Friday nights at the Legion. Wildberry Express Jam Night. Free admission, 8 p.m.

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.

Every Friday night from 8.15 to 10.15 p.m. at the Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School gym there will be a basketball and volleyball drop-in for ages 14 to 18. Call 905-726-4760 for further information.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #148 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at 15216 Yonge Street (south of Wellington). For more information, call 905-830-0205.

Masons' Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at The Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7.30 p.m. For further information contact Bob Butler at h.butler@sympatico.ca or 905-713-3314.

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.

Helping Hand: Gently used clothing for women and children, at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. Wednesdays 5.30 - 7 p.m. For more information, call 905-727-6101.

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

Co-Dependents Anonymous, every Tuesday, Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street, Aurora, 7.30 p.m.

Towns of York Toastmasters meetings are free and open to the general public. Meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway N., Aurora. For more information see the club's web site at www.townsofyork.org or phone Roy Bannon at 905-853-0859.

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

Operation Catch-Up presents free "Tutoring and Homework Help" for ages 10

to 18 years every Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. during the regular school year at the old Victoria Street library building. Call 905-773-7024 for details.

Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora/Newmarket welcomes new members throughout the year for monthly meetings and special interest groups. Contact Barb at 905-713-3587. Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora.

MAY 11-14

Theatre Aurora presents the Ray Cooney comedy/farce "Out of Order" at the Factory Theatre on Henderson Drive with curtain at 8 p.m. Call 905-727-3669 for tickets.

MAY 14

Sixteenth Annual Girls Incorporated auction, Tuscany Banquet Centre, Edward Street. Admission \$60 each or \$110 per couple includes entertainment, dancing, appetizers and door prizes. Reserve by calling 905-727-4897, extension 305.

Aurora Optimists present the FabFour at the Aurora Legion for a fundraising dance and to celebrate the club's 20th anniversary. Tickets on sale at Royal LePage, 14799 Yonge Street.

National Charity BBQ Day at M & M Meat Shop on Yonge Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Music, children's entertainment and other activities planned. Proceeds to the Cohns and Colitis Foundation of Canada. Further information at 905-727-1250.

MAY 13/20/27/JUNE 3

Howard Johnson Aurora dinner theatre production of the romantic comedy "Apologies Accepted" in the newly renovated Queen Elizabeth Ballroom. Doors open at 6, buffet dinner at 6.30 with showtime at 8.15 p.m. Call 905-727-1312 to reserve.

MAY 13

Movies for 14 to 17-year-olds at the Aurora Library from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$3. The movie is "Final Destination 2" featuring A.J. Cook and Ali Lartner.

MAY 14

Dinner and a Movie for 11 to 14-year-olds at the Aurora Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$3. The movie is "Envy" with Ben Stiller and Jack Black.

MAY 16

Aurora Writers Group monthly meeting, 7.30 p.m., Aurora Town Hall - Holland Room. Writers (18+) of all genres and levels of skill welcome. We are producing an anthology of members' work so this may your chance to be published. Contact Malcolm at 898-5484.

MAY 17

Devotional meeting sponsored by the Bahai's of Aurora at Aurora Public Library at 7.30 p.m.

MAY 18

Aurora Chamber of Commerce election and induction of officers and directors for 2005-2006 at a luncheon meeting at the Tuscany Banquet Centre at 12.30 p.m. Guest speaker is Dan Carriere, President and CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre. Call the Chamber office at 905-727-7262.

MAY 25

Aurora Public Library hosts "Analyzing A Series Of Dreams", part 2, with Stephen Crowther, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. in the

Lebovic Room. Registration is limited. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

MAY 27/28

Aurora Seniors Art Group Art Show and Sale at the Seniors' Centre Friday from 7 to 9.30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Artists will be in attendance and refreshments will be served.

MAY 28

"Lilac Tyme Luncheon," featuring salads and ham, with strawberry cheese-cake, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Victoria and Mosley Streets. Event is sponsored by St. Andrew's Guild. Tickets: \$8 for adults; \$4 for children under 12.

The York Chamber Ensemble, with the Trinity Festival Chorus, tackles the wonderful Dixie Dominus, by Handel, and works by Abos and Suk in a choral concert, conducted by Aurora's Tony Browning. Tickets for the 7.30 p.m. concert at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, cost \$15 or \$10 for students and seniors.

MAY 30

Lake Scugog Cruise and Casino visit for the Aurora Seniors with the day beginning at the Great Blue Heron Casino in Port Perry. That's followed by a cruise on Lake Scugog. After the cruise, there will be time for shopping in Port Perry. Cost is \$69 for members and \$74 for non-members. Call the centre to register at 905-727-2816.

MAY 31

Aurora Public Library hosts a creative writing workshop with Aurora author and instructor Marnie Maguire. 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. in the Marjorie Andrews Room. Registration is limited to 15. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

JUNE 1

Surfing and Searching - a basic overview of navigating the internet free seminar presented by Aurora Cable Internet and The Aurora Public Library at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room at the library. To reserve, call 905-727-9493 or visit

www.aci.on.ca.

JUNE 4

Street dance on Yonge Street between Murray and Henderson, 7 p.m. to midnight. Advance tickets at \$10 on sale at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce office, R & R Revisited, 75 Mary Street, Flipside, Yonge and Dunning, and Oakridge Outfitters in the Aurora Shopping Centre.

JUNE 5

Tenth annual World's Longest Street Festival on the World's Longest Street. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Yonge Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from Wellington to Murray.

Aurora Public Library annual book sale in conjunction with the World's Longest Street Festival. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JUNE 8

Third annual Charity Golf Classic tournament, sponsored by Aurora's Women's Centre of York Region takes place at the Briars in Jackson's Point. To register call Golf Tournament Co-ordinator Shelley Lundquist at 905-727-5837, extension 107.

JUNE 11

Annual Farmers' Market opens in Temperance Street parking lot near Yonge and Wellington. Every Saturday morning until Thanksgiving.

JUNE 15

To celebrate Seniors' Month, the Aurora Public Library, in partnership with the Ontario Pharmacists' Association presents Safe Medication Use for Heart Health with pharmacist Calvin Brown. Refreshments to follow. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Magna Room. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

JUNE 18

Aurora Day at Ontario Place. For further information, call Kristen at 905-727-3123, extension 4228.

JULY 4

Baseball summer camp starts at the Aurora Leisure Complex and offers a full-day camp experience for kids aged 5 to 14 until August 26. Campers will be divided into five age groups and will receive baseball skills training as well as the chance to play in a game each day.



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Aurora Rotary Club went looking for new members last week and several Aurorans showed interest. At a barbecue, held at the home of Rotarian Vic Priestly, Tom Beck, left, and Bryan North, heard details of the club from incoming president Wendy Browne. Once sworn into her new position, Wendy will become the first female president in the half-century plus history of the Aurora Rotary Club.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

You can help clean up Hillary House garden

The Aurora Historical Society is looking for volunteers to help clean up the grounds and gardens at Hillary House this Saturday, May 14, between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

What's in it for you? Free hot dogs, coffee and pop, for starters.

If you can make it, call 905-727-4015 so they'll know you're coming.

Hillary House, at 15372 Yonge Street, north of Wellington, is a National Historic Site owned and operated by the Aurora Historical Society.

Around it are nearly two acres of grounds, including a large "naturalized" area at the back.

Help is needed to rake leaves, pick up litter, prepare the gardens for summer and wash windows and shutters.

Part of Aurora's historic core, Hillary House is often used as a symbol of the town in brochures and advertising.

Last year, the Historical Society reshingled its cedar roof, rebuilt its 143-year-old chimneys and repaired its delicate "gingerbread" woodwork.

This year, the Society hopes to work with Parks Canada to repair and repaint the long wooden fence in front of the house.

Meanwhile, plans are being developed to rebuild the adjacent barn.

Keeping the grounds and gardens in good condition can be a source of community pride, as well as historic interest.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes and gardening tools.

If it rains, organizers will try again Saturday, May 28.

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Happy faces sought on drug store walls

Providing town staff members and Shoppers Drug Mart can reach an understanding on a definition of lifestyle advertising suitable to council, the east wall of a new Shoppers in Aurora will display happy faces and possibly a local scene.

At a previous general committee meeting, a presentation was made by Shoppers' officials seeking two variances to the town's sign bylaw for the store at the corner of Hollandview Trail and Bayview Ave.

One was to permit signage to project above the roofline of the building which was approved as a precedent had been set with previously approved variances for other box stores.

The second request was to permit an additional 28 square metres of signage on the building's east wall to display lifestyle images. The proposed images were to be set in false windows.

Representatives said the lifestyle images were being planned for all new Shoppers Drug Mart stores in Ontario over the next five years.

It was noted that some municipalities did not consider the lifestyle images a sign, but they were included as such in the Aurora sign bylaw.

As several questions and concerns about setting a precedent were raised at the meeting, the committee deferred action for two weeks

until more information and a legal opinion were received.

At last week's general committee meeting Chris Stoyanovich, director of planning and development for Shoppers Drug Mart, said the lifestyle images did not promote any product and did not display any advertising but were healthy lifestyle images.

He suggested that possibly the committee would agree to including one or two local scenes or buildings that could be featured in place of the proposed lifestyle images.

He noted that discussions had been held with the Aurora Heritage Committee regarding another Shoppers Drug Mart store to be relocated to the Aurora Heights Plaza and it was suggested one of the lifestyle images be replaced with a photograph of Hillary House.

Councillor Evelyn Buck pointed out that the photograph should be of Doane Hall as it had more meaning to the store than Hillary House.

Mayor Tim Jones suggested the variance be approved with two local scenes to replace two lifestyle images.

Councillor John West disagreed claiming the images were signage and it was just a way to get around the sign bylaw.

He pointed out that the Hakim eyeglass image had been previously denied as was the model of a bull on the roof of a butcher shop.

He noted Richmond Hill had rejected Shoppers' request and if approved for Aurora, the town might just as well toss sign bylaw.

Councillor Phyllis Morris noted the number of exemptions that had been approved and she wasn't sure council was getting what it wanted from the sign bylaw.

A motion to approve the variance with two local scenes was defeated and it was subsequently agreed to approve the variance in principle subject to staff and Shoppers Drug Mart's lifestyle definition.



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Poor Richard

Traffic control on town roads erratic at best

*Traffic controls are badly needed,
For safety on a residential street;
Law enforcement is a must, but
Police and speeders seldom meet!*

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

At almost every council meeting a citizen delegation appears before council demanding lower speed limits, more multi-way stops or speed humps to control speeding in residential areas.

The request is referred to the Aurora Traffic Safety Advisory Board, a council/citizen committee, which usually recommends approval.

With some streets signed at 40 km/hr and others at the standard 50 km/hr and some intersections with multi-way stops and others not, driving in Aurora can be confusing, causing drivers to ignore the traffic signs, through sheer frustration.

At a recent council meeting there was a brief discussion about speed humps being considered for more and more streets and the need for more control over the adoption of traffic calming devices.

It was also mentioned that the Traffic Safety Board was reviewing the location and need of stop signs within the municipality and would be recommending the removal of some of them to council.

Back in 1989, council engaged a consultant to review the location and need of multi-way stops at various intersections within the town.

The consultant recommended that in addition to traffic volumes, vehicular collisions and sight distance visibility, other functional traffic characteristics which are unique to a specific location must be evaluated when a multi-way stop control is being considered.

It was also pointed out that multi-way stop control should not be used as a speed control device or where pedestrian protection, in particular school children, is a prime concern as it can usually be addressed by other means.

Other reasons for not approving a multi-way stop included intersections having three approaches or offset or poorly defined intersections, and where traffic would be required to stop on a grade.

The consultant recommended that multi-way stops at various intersections be removed as they didn't meet the necessary warrants for and should not be a means of deterring the movement of through traffic in residential areas.

Council of the day didn't have the political will to act on the recommendations and the multi-way stops remain, plus others that have been approved since that time that did not meet the warrants.

In September, 1991, at the general meeting of the Ontario Traffic Conference, a traffic safety organization, the technical committee consisting of traffic engineers and police officers made two recommendations.

One was to call on the province to require all speed limits set by local councils to be established on the basis of engineering and traffic warrants.

The other called on the Minister of Transportation to issue a directive to local councils stating that any traffic control devices, such as stop signs, traffic lights, etc. should not be installed unless supported by traffic and engineering studies.

The municipal elected representatives argued that they were elected to set policy and it was the responsibility of staff to carry out that policy.

It was even suggested that if members of the technical committee wanted to set policy, they should run for office and get elected.

The resolutions died.

Let's face it, 50 per cent or more of all multi-way stops in a municipality fail to meet the warrants and should not have been approved by council, but council bowed to public pressure.

As a result the multi-way stops, lower speed limits and other traffic controls which are not in keeping with the required warrants and traffic conditions are expensive for the municipality in signage and make a mockery of the law and law enforcement.

Much better that council meet with the Police Services Board to demand greater police enforcement in residential areas.



It was Christmas, 1947, and employees of Aurora's Sisman Shoe Company got together for this classic photograph. Historian Al White enlisted the help of May Bowdery, Leona Watson, Phyllis Cowie, Barb Ellis and Fred Rowe to come up with names for most of the people pictured. Here's the result: Front row, left to right, Jean Foote, Marg Rollins, Vera Scott, Ross Linton, George Wilkinson; 2nd row, left to right, Gladys Preston, Joyce Pattenden, Leona Maaten, May White, Betty Hodgins, Ruth Scott, Margaret McGee, Merrill Ingledoo; 3rd row, left to right, Reba Simpson, ?, Margaret Dunham, Elsie Judd, Grace Davis, Eva Patrick, Fanny Bird; 4th row, left to right, Lib Mugford, ?, Mrs. McGee, Connie Lloyd, Lorreta Simpson, Flo Dunham, Mae Heath, Clair Obee, Marg Hodgins, Alice Lavelle, ?, Dell Griffith, Myrtle Ball, Bertha Napier; 5th row, left to right, Maybell Allen, Mert McGee, Shirley Ball, Susan Cosford, Barb Longfield, Audrey Ball, George Chadburn, Carol Jones, Nora Calhoun, Rod Smith, 6th row, left to right, Jim Shore, Les Williams, Ernie Ferris and Percy Preston. Good work, ladies and gentlemen.

Letter to the Editor

Replace cheque book with carving knife

To the editor,

Last week in The Auroran, the mayor's column addressed the 2005 town budget.

His article was informative and enlightening about the how our tax dollars are spent and why taxes are skyrocketing.

But there is more, much more to the story!

The article failed to mention a few other very important things about our financial picture.

The fact that there was a 12 per cent salary adjustment given during the year is part of the increased expense; the other part is the fact that 17 new positions have been added, that's a 12 per cent increase in staff in one year. Only seven of them are attributed to the new recreation centre scheduled to open in the fall.

The treasury department with a current staff of 10 is getting three additional positions alone.

Planning, building, legal, human resources, bylaw and marketing are all adding one each.

Did we need to do it all in one year?

Some would argue we did, it was overdue; others would say, bite the bullet; while some might wonder if we couldn't have prioritized better and created a phased plan or utilized more contracts.

The \$135,000 for a new audio visual system for the council chambers is needed; few would argue. However, this represented almost one per cent of the increase.

With all our priorities this year, it just doesn't seem critical; especially when the chamber is usually empty during most meetings. Maybe it could have waited?

Then there is the buried 'just in case' money.

For example, in addition to

the regular expense, \$25,000 in the CAO budget for consulting fees is marked to "cover miscellaneous and/or unexpected consulting or advisory requirements during the year that are not apportioned to operating departments".

This practice may have been acceptable in the past, but if there is more of this in other areas, it should be challenged.

Remember that staff increase for the Treasury department, three more personnel? There's more, \$60,000 more of part-time salary dollars budgeted, even though there is now no part-time staff in the department.

Staff training budgets have been either maintained or have increased, but no one seems to know what we spend on training/conferences as a Town, because the dollars are divided up and spread across several budget lines.

The budget for the councillors' expense accounts is some \$25,000.

They have never spent more than \$5,000, but we continue to budget \$25,000. Nothing is saved. Budgeted means spent, charged to the taxpayer, regardless of what the actual amount is, the budgeted amount is what we pay!

The 'same as last year virus' is responsible for this and on several other budget item lines. That's the system.

I could go on, but point made, there is opportunity for improvement but only with the political will.

I took the time to look at just a few sections of the budget in detail to assure myself that improvements are possible.

I spoke to directors who are responsible for their budgets.

If you manage to bottom line budgeted figures, there is no incentive to achieve a

reduction in the actual column of any specific individual expense.

During the two Saturday working sessions council successfully managed to reduce the staff requested increase from 19 per cent to eight per cent.

While those were public meetings, they clearly were not designed to attract public input.

That session was held in early March, two weeks before the final approval.

At that time council was negotiating the sale of Aurora Hydro and the budget took a bit of a back seat.

With some further clear direction, strategy and established service/expense standards, additional reductions to the current eight per cent increase are worth investigating. Next year's cycle is only a few months away from beginning.

The time to look at the budgeting process for our Town is now. Not next February, now!

While we don't appear to have a Director of Finance at this time, council needs to map out the budgeting process in order for the incoming Director to understand the mandate.

A finance committee, which was established this term, has only met a couple times and has not addressed this process.

We needed a new recreation centre, a new seniors' centre, a new fire hall and probably more staff to provide service levels.

The spin is that the tax increase is because of these new services. The reality is that development charges and reserves fund the majority of these expenses.

This is not a debate about whether we needed these improvements, but rather a question of timing and planning. You can't do everything at once without creating pain.

Finally, Poor Richard's column on the opposite page of the same edition of this paper, called for some long range financial planning.

This type of management tool is long overdue and should become a priority of this council.

Put away the cheque book for a while and get out the carving knife.

Don't reduce service; reduce expense. It is possible!

Al Wilson
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Mayor's Report
By Tim Jones

Volunteers found tons of local litter

A huge thank you to all those who participated in the "Keep Aurora Beautiful" Mayor's Anti-Litter Day Saturday, April 30.

It was a huge success and I have a number of community-minded people and businesses to thank:

To all the Grade 4 students who took part in our poster contest - we received 133 entries and every one was terrific.

Our winner is Elena Sheldrake and the other finalists are, Victoria Morton, Courtney McLaren, Natalie Prsa, Victoria Schweighardt, Mathew Roach, Mitchell Waite, Glenda Wilcock and Neil Bender.

Each of these budding young artists received pizza for a year courtesy of Topper's Pizza for their efforts.

Thanks to Councillor Phyllis Morris, Dorothy Clark McClure and Catherine Marshall for helping with the poster judging.

A special thanks to Sue Walmer and members of the Town's Environmental Committee for their assistance with the poster contest (Janny and Catherine) and for getting so many students involved.

I would also recognize Karen Nurenborg at Info Aurora for her wonderful help in co-ordinating volunteers and being our contact point and distributing litter kits.

Kudos to Cory Fagan and Jennifer Schoutsen in our Planning Department for creating the 'Litter Hot Spot' maps.

To my Administration Assistant Cooky Ellis, my sincere thanks for her tremendous co-ordination and facilitation skills in pulling this all together.

I would also like to recognize the following businesses for their help with this project:

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Also, thanks to Dick Illingworth (a bouquet for you) for having Sue Walmer and me on your show to promote this event and to Angie Dawson of ACI - Plugged In for allowing us to plug this day on her show.

Thanks to the Women's Centre of York Region for assisting us with the Plugged In segment.

Of course, a huge thank you to every resident, student and participant who actually went out on a not very nice day, or during the days and events leading up to the 30th including Earth Week and the 20-minute makeover to help pick up litter to "Keep Aurora Beautiful!"

I am advised we picked up almost two metric tons of litter.

This is the only major litter day planned to react to litter. Now the emphasis is on encouraging everyone not to litter in the first place.

I would ask residents who see people littering to remind them what this does to our environment. If you see anyone dumping at the side of the road, I would ask that you report it to police.

A final recognition to Heidi Schellhorn who got me started on this last year in the first place. Leading by example, she was out picking up with her crew on Vandorf last week.

If you see something in this column that you wish to respond to, I welcome your comments, either through the paper, to the Town Hall by mail - Box1000, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6J1 or e-mail at tjones@town.aurora.on.ca



Members of the Bartholomew and Mulher families collect junk near Murray and Kennedy. They found a bicycle.
Auroran photo by Rob Schuetze

AURORA'S WELL-BALANCED EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY							JUNE								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS	1	2 STREET DANCE	3 AURORA HORSE SHOW					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5 HORSE SHOW	6 WORLD'S LONGEST STREET FESTIVAL	9 FARMERS MARKET OPENS	11					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13 AURORA GRAND PRIX HORSE JUMPING	16 AURORA DAY AT ONTARIO PLACE	18					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20 AURORA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FAIR	22 DANCE IN THE PARK	23	24 PARADE & FIREWORKS	25			
29	30	31					26		29	30					

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Letters to the Editor

Cathy made this reader laugh

To the editor,

Re: Auroran article "Martha Stewart, I am not!", by Cathy Vrancic.

Cathy, you made my morning!

I just read your article and laughed out loud... which I rarely do while reading something.

I thought I was the only one who struggled with wall plugs and curtain panels that don't match.

I'm glad to have some-

one to commiserate with!

I'm a divorced mom of two teenaged boys and over the last five years I've had to learn to do

pretty well everything by myself, and there are days where I've felt just like you described in your article.

Thanks for the morning laugh!

Kelly Weedon
Aurora

Poor Richard hits the mark

To the editor,

Thank you for publishing my open letter to Dick Illingworth (Auroran, May 3).

On the same page,

there is an excellent and thought-provoking "Poor Richard" article.

The headline: Town needs multi-year business plan.

Right on, or is it?

This is by no means a one-town issue.

I have yet to hear from Mr. Illingworth.

W. John Trusler
Richmond Hill



Cathy's Corner



Brickbats and more brickbats

I submit my Mother's Day column, and Ron says: "The newsroom looks like Merlin's Hollow, but you only did half a job."

Then he adds, in his deadpan tone: "You're fired."

I'm honoured.

For the record, Ron has been saying: "you're fired" about 12 times a day since before Donald Trump was building with Lego.

Personally, I think Ron should sue Don for trademark infringement. I know a good lawyer.

In the meantime, a steady stream of letters to the editor has assisted me in mending the error of my ways, and identifying "The Top 10 Peeves in Aurora"...with which I hope to balance last week's bouquet surplus, while demonstrating superior brickbat wielding skills that I hope will qualify me for the position of Dick Illingworth's apprentice.

Here are my brickbat picks, in no particular order.

1. The train whistle: Besides waking people up, this middle-of-the-night phenomenon causes insomnia, migraines, and letters to the editor. Brickbats to the train whistle. Ron loves the letters.

2. Pylons: It appears that The Cat In The Hat is digging his way to Leksand, Sweden, via Yonge and Wellington. Although Aurorans look forward to a trap door to our Twin Town, we are a little perplexed that the only way to King City continues to be via Stouffville. Pow!

3. Bylaw officers: Some Aurorans feel that the efficiency of bylaw officers should be adjusted to correlate with the deficiency in parking during major Aurora events such as the Home Show. And may I suggest they wear special uniforms when on duty? I'm thinking "glow in the bush" orange. Whack!

4. Stooping and scooping...especially if you don't even have a dog: Once upon a time, people erected fences for privacy, to seclude themselves so that they could unwind on the deck. Now, fences are necessary to keep the neighbourhood dogs from unloading on the deck. Brickbats, shovels, and baggies!

5. The green, green grass of home: The grass is always greener on the other side of the little sign that says: "breathing may be hazardous to your health", which is why

these people set their automatic sprinkler systems to shoot at intruders trying to read the fine print. Two brickbats!

6. Mud: It's in the parks, on the street, on the sidewalk, and in the "other" newspaper. We want the street sweeper to come and take it back to Newmarket where it belongs. Mighty muddy brickbats!

7. People who butt in at the drive-thru: As I noted in the first column I ever wrote, Aurora is home of the shortest drive-thru in the northern hemisphere, located at Golf Links and Yonge. The drive-thru in question has become home of the world's shortest tempers. Since we can now buy beer with caffeine, why not coffee with Valium? Brickbats...no, make it tranquilizer darts!

8. Unidentified flying objects: All summer long, UFO's land in backyards all over Aurora. Fortunately, most of them have now been identified. We're talking golf balls, golf clubs, golf bags, golf shoes, golf carts, election signs, a Trumpeter Swan, and once, something swooped through the air in Council Chambers and landed on Councillor Wallace's head. It turned out to be a rolled up Auroran...that felt like a brickbat.

9. Councillors who write letters to the editor: Only in Aurora is the editor also a sitting member of council; therefore, this activity amounts to councillors writing letters to each other. Whoop!

We prefer the reality show version on Aurora Cable that includes subtle vocal intonations, facial expressions, body language...flaring up, staring down, microphone fumbling, metaphor mixing, fist pounding, hair tearing...and besides, the editor edits, and he always leaves out the good parts. Aw, never mind. Councillors get too many brickbats as it is ...

10. And, last but not least, brickbats to Donald Trump. "You're fired" is a Ron Wallace trademark...a term of endearment that all his staff at The Auroran take to heart.

So what do you say, Ron? Have I "cornered" the market for brickbats?

EDITOR'S NOTE: You're fired!

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



By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to six Aurora women who were honoured at the annual In Celebration of Women including Sarah Kyle for performing arts, Susan Walmer for community services, Rev. Nicola Skinner for clergy, Wendy Treacy for fundraising, Flo Murray for volunteering and Nancy Black for sports and recreation. MP Belinda Stronach was also honoured for her work in youth achievements.

BRICKBATS to Aurora's bylaw enforcement officers for not taking a more pro-active stance in enforcing the town's bylaws, especially the placing of large signs in the sight triangle at intersections, which restricts the visibility of motorists entering the intersection.

More **BRICKBATS** to the same officers for their lack of action in controlling driving instructors in unmarked cars who block traffic as students learn to back into a parking spot or perform a three-point turn on a residential street.

BOUQUETS to the member of council who will ask for a staff report on the location and condition of all the entry walls to new subdivisions within the town and who is responsible for maintenance. After getting stuck, in November 1995 council directed that all future entry walls be on private property and the developer be responsible. But once the developer goes, what happens?

BRICKBATS to the vandals who broke beer bottles around the Aurora Cenotaph and left hundreds of pieces of broken glass around the memorial of the brave men of Aurora and area who lost their lives fighting to keep the world free from tyranny and oppression. If caught, the vandals should be made to serve a year in the Armed Forces.

BOUQUETS to Joseph Clark of Aurora for his excellent letter to The Auroran about how lucky we are in having doctors who take care of us. He says they are a special breed and that's a fact nobody can deny.

BRICKBATS to Aurora Council for advertising a public notice that council would hold a special meeting of the Shareholders of Borealis Hydro Electric Holdings Inc. (Council) and not providing an agenda or any background to the public or the media. The meeting might just as well have been held in camera for all the information that was provided.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Tigers Peeewe AE hockey team for a very successful season. The team won four out of five tournaments including the OMHA league championship and finished off the season by bringing home the Gold from the Can-Am Tournament in Lake Placid, New York.

BRICKBATS to the federal government with its large surplus for failing to provide sufficient funds to maintain the National Art Gallery in Ottawa, one of the city's main tourist attractions, which is reported to be a crisis situation.

More **BRICKBATS** to the same government for paying the Governor General of Canada a salary of \$114,000 and not requiring her to pay a penny to the taxman, plus an all-expense-paid lavish accommodation at Rideau Hall. She should be paying about \$40,000 in income taxes on her salary.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and all the exhibitors for another excellent Living in Style Home Show at the Community Centre. Exhibitors in general were quite happy with the attendance and the response.

BOUQUETS to Frank Stronach, the founder of Magna International, on being named to receive an Award of Merit from B'nai Brith Canada. The award is the organization's highest tribute, recognizing people who have significantly enhanced Canadian society.

Letters to the Editor

Fairway untouched in front of my house

To the editor,

RE: Fairway Drive reconstruction

Back in the '50s repair-

ing of streets was done every 20 years.

I have been living on Fairway Drive for 29 years and nothing has been done in front of my resi-

dence.

A few years ago, the section of Fairway from Stoddart to Brookland was a mess.

I wrote a letter to the

public works department asking how deep the holes had to be before the road was fixed.

Repaving from Stoddart to Brookland was done very quickly.

No curbs or sewers were done at that time.

The town is talking of doing Fairway from Stoddart to Murray Drive, including water mains.

No curbs have been mentioned.

So the section of Fairway from Stoddart to Brookland was not mentioned for curbs and water mains.

I recall that another street in Aurora did not like what the town did with their curbs and the change cost \$45,000.

So Golf Links Drive is going to have speed bumps.

The last time I heard of this a few years ago was that Golf Links Drive was designated as a through street by the roads committee headed by Councillor George Timpson.

How did this become changed so traffic will go elsewhere because of speed bumps?

Does Golf Links Drive have more drag than Fairway Drive?

If we cannot control speed on our streets why not put speed bumps on every street?

Find a way to enforce speed control without speed bumps.

Elizabeth Bishenden
Aurora

R.W. Hanes
Aurora

To the editor,

It's a shame that letter writer R.W. Hanes hasn't had a chance to be at Lester B. Pearson Public School this week.

Visitors to the York Region District School Board's French Immersion school have been partici-

pating in the "Community Readers" program, using their volunteer time to tell the children about jobs as diverse as racing car technician and adult services librarian, and reading fun and interesting books to the students.

Aurora's Mayor, Tim Jones, came to visit the

school, as did Steve Falk, co-chair of the York Region Committee in Support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Not all of our visitors were able to speak French, but they all brought new and interesting ideas to the students at the school.

The Community Readers program, like many other wonderful programs that happen at Lester B. Pearson Public School, celebrates both the importance of French as a language Canadians use daily and the wonderful diversity of some of York Region's most interesting and dynamic individuals.

We can invest in French Immersion education, just one of the many programs offered by the York Region District School Board which promote tolerance and diversity, or we can narrowly-mindedly tear down other people's good ideas.

I know how I want my tax dollars spent, and more importantly, I know what kind of education I want for my children.

More opportunities available had I been bilingual: reader

To the editor,

RE: "This group should pay own way" R.W. Hanes letter, April 26

Your reader believes that tax dollars are foolishly being spent on French immersion courses.

He states that "we are spending tax dollars to maintain someone else's language. Let them look after their own language."

He believes that these schools, unlike public schools, are not accountable.

I assume from his comments that he is referring to independent or private schools offering French immersion.

First of all, these schools are not publicly funded.

The tax credit granted for tuition fees was very temporary and has now been eliminated by the current government.

Some 14 public and Catholic schools in our region offer French immersion.

However, these courses are designed for students whose first language is not French. These schools are, of course, publicly funded

and accountable.

I suspect your reader does not appreciate the potential benefits of being conversant in both our official languages.

From my own career experience, I regret not having pursued such proficiency.

If I had, larger doors would have opened and my tax contribution would have been greater.

So, in my opinion, the pursuit and encouragement of being bilingual is a valuable personal and societal goal.

Guy L. Poppe
Aurora

Support for Martha

To the editor,

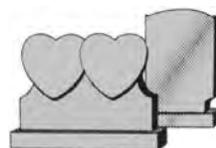
Martha Hall Findlay's letter (The Auroran, April 26) articulately and passionately conveys, for me, the type of person with heart, honesty and positive thinking I would like to see represent our riding in Ottawa.

Mark Foerster
Newmarket

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Aurora veteran remembers...

To the editor,

In September, 1939, war was declared. I was the eldest in a family consisting of three boys and our parents. We farmed in Green River, and my father was a veteran of the first world war.

I and my second brother felt it was our duty to join the service, leaving our youngest brother to help on the farm.

We told dad it was our duty to finish the job they started.

"Easier said than done," he replied.

Jim and I talked well into the night fantasizing about the adventures we were going to have seeing the rest of the world.

Besides it was the best job in town, paying \$1.10 daily and no cows to milk.

From where we lived, it meant a two-mile walk to the nearest railway station at Locust Hill. One train daily to go to Toronto to enlist. It seemed that none of the services - air force, navy or army - wanted us, in spite of our mechanical skills and playing around with amateur radio.

We were not able to make the trip very often as these were depression years and we could not afford the railway fare.

At last in late 1940 we were finally accepted in the First Field Squadron Royal Canadian Engineers Fifth Division.

Jim and I were quite happy we had finally made it and looked ahead to a life full of adventures. Little did we know.

My father had been in the British Army from 1911 to 1923 where he received the D.C.M. and M.M. ending with the rank of C.S.M. He didn't say a word. I often wonder what his thoughts were.

On our first day we were sent to the University Armouries for our medical, a real adventure. I had not seen a doctor since immigrating to Canada in 1927, so I was quite green as to procedures.

One of the lads said, "give me your bottles." And he provided about six of us with a urine sample.

It must have worked because we were all sent to

Stanley Barracks and the Horse Palace in Canadian Exhibition grounds.

We were then issued uniforms and a kit including a razor. Boy, did I feel important. I had only shaved twice previously.

We attended lectures on army life and the dangers of V.D. Although from a farm I knew about the birds and the bees but I didn't know what they were talking about. I realized until then I led a very sheltered life. I was soon introduced to beer drinking and, at five cents a glass, began to fit in.

We spent a short time on guard duty and route marches in and around Toronto and then we were sent to Camp Borden where training started in a more serious vein.

More route marches which didn't bother us after following a team of horses for ten hours daily. More training in small arms and endless drill on the parade ground, training in rope and cable splicing, which made us wonder if the object was to eventually hang Hitler.

In the early spring of 1941 we were moved to Petawawa where we became acquainted with pick and shovel and general field engineering as well as instructions on how to dismantle bombs and how to shoot a gun. We took a trip into Algonquin Park Race Horse Rapids to practice bridge building on the Petawawa River. A real adventure.

Early November and while one doctor looked down our throats, another looked up our behinds. Rumours started that we were going to Debert for further training but we ended up on the docks in Halifax and boarded a ship, the R.M.S. Andes.

This was no luxury cruise. We slept in hammocks or hung over the rail, seasick. Anyone travelling the North Atlantic knows what it's like.

We landed in Liverpool and could see ships that had been sunk and bomb damaged. We soon realized that things were getting serious.

From Liverpool by train we went to Ashton Kayns in Wiltshire, for six weeks.



GEORGE RICKARD

Next move was to Aldershot, Salamanca Barracks. More parade ground drill and endless lectures on aircraft recognition, demolition, explosives, mines and bridge building.

Much of it was valuable information but some of it seemed to have been drummed up by the fairies.

Our unit was made up of farmers, trappers, miners and a few city boys, so we were all well suited for the jobs at hand. Stationed in many small camps in the south of England, we helped train Home Guards in one small town in the use of explosives. We didn't realize it at the time but we were becoming quite competent in our respective tasks.

It was at this time I was sent to the Fourteenth General Hospital where I received wonderful treatment then sent to a camp in Brixham in South Devon to convalesce. While there I met a beautiful woman who was a member of the W.A.A.F. She was there for the same thing I was so we got along very well. We were married in June, 1943.

Back at the unit which had now become my home, we were getting bored with continuous maneuvers and training and longed to see a little action. Early November we were sent to Liverpool

and boarded an American ship named the S.S. John Ericson. It was rumoured we were going to Ireland for further training. On our second day at sea we knew this was not true.

We kept sailing west and figured we were going home. Apparently, it was to dodge the U-boats which were quite active in the Atlantic. We were all amateur navigators and soon realized we had turned and were sailing southwest.

Eventually we sailed through the straits of Gibraltar. It was a beautiful day with calm seas, when all hell broke loose as German planes appeared and the convoy of ships scattered in all directions.

We had bren guns around the rails of the ship and a three-inch anti-aircraft gun on the stern that added to the confusion. It was soon over. I noticed two German planes came down and one of the ships was hit.

We found out later it carried the staff of the Fourteenth General Hospital. Luckily, no casualties. The only thing it did was to upset a couple of poker games going on below deck.

The following day we docked in Naples, then marched to an olive grove under canvas in a suburb of Naples.

Soon we were equipped with transport and on our way to the Adriatic Coast where we were put to work building a couple of small bridges plus road repairing.

At last we were on the receiving end of some shell-fire. It didn't take us long to learn the art of digging a slit trench which soon filled with water. The subsequent month was full of sheer misery, as mud, rain, sleet and a little snow fell on us.

Food was monotonous, dehydrated mutton, dehydrated potatoes, rice pudding, tins of a mixture of greasy water, bits of fatty meat, a potato and a few peas and at times canned beef which we called bully

beef, and hard tack.

This led us to liberate an occasional pig and some chickens. We had become acquainted with Italian wine, some good but most of it would make excellent drain cleaner.

The winter months passed while a slushy, muddy spring came and we were moved to the mountains behind Monte Casino to do road work again and remove mines, ever on the alert for booby traps.

My God, the enemy was a group of ingenious bastards. Having lost a few men, we were extremely careful.

Next the Liri Valley and the Gustav line followed by the Hitler line - we couldn't understand why the Germans resisted so much to hold this God forsaken country as we were ankle deep in dust and had hordes of flies around us.

By the beginning of June, we had to hold back and let the Americans march into Rome which had been declared an open city. The following day we heard the second front had started in France. From this point we were the forgotten army but, the fighting didn't get any easier.

By now we had become adept at improvising. Standard mine lifting practices were soon forgotten as we developed our own methods. Bridge building in many places was replaced by culverts made from drums after we had blown the tops and bottoms out.

In July we went by transport to the Adriatic coast again and the Gothic line. In August, from this point on up the coast it was hard work. In December the mud was up to our knees. We spent Christmas and the month of January in miserable conditions.

At the beginning of February we started to move; our last action in Italy was over. On to Leghorn where landing ships took us

into Marseille in southern France. Motor convoy from there to a small town in Belgium where we had a short rest period and then on to Holland bridge maintenance at Ravenstien on the Mass River.

At last the ground was flat but still muddy. Most of us felt lucky we had survived the Italian campaign, although we felt the loss of many of our comrades.

Food now was strict army rations as there was no livestock to liberate. The civilian population was starving. Previously we had been part of the British eight army but now we were part of the Canadian army.

All five divisions and on a final push to the north through Gronigen, then on to our final objective, Delfzil and shortly after May 5th the war ended. The Dutch people went wild, dancing in the streets, lasting two or three days. Many happy, grateful people embraced us.

The only thing on our minds at the time was, when are we going home? Although we were considered non-combatants, the division engineers lost 67 men.

Now started the long wait for transport to get home. Meanwhile the Dutch people treated us like royalty. Finally we were sent back to England to a holding unit and arrived home in November.

My wife had been sent to Canada in August to stay with my parents until I came home. I took a long leave until after Christmas then I was called up for a final medical and discharge in January 1946.

**George Rickard
Aurora**

ED. NOTE: Mr. Rickard and a contingent of Aurora Legion veterans were in Holland last week to acknowledge the 60th anniversary of the war's end.



Poor Richard's right - new blood is needed

To the editor,

I agree with Poor Richard's column about needing new blood on council.

When the 1977 council was elected, we had six new councillors and a new mayor.

The main issue was the new 100-acre industrial park.

The council borrowed one million dollars to buy it and had insignificant sales, leaving the taxpayer paying interest on nearly the whole million.

The Town Engineer pro-

posed building the Industrial Parkway through Sheppard's Bush, which was very unpopular.

Going back a bit further to the Town's Centennial in 1963, a little bit of that spirit would help.

I think it was probably the best year the town ever had.

The Centennial Committee was arranged by the Town.

The chairman was Don Glass and Charlie Copland was one of the members.

All organizations in the town were invited to join the advisory committee which met once a month with the

main committee.

All were invited to hold events.

There was one main event each month.

One month the Aurora Drama Workshop produced 100 years of song and dance.

Jean Baker-Pearce, a former publisher, was in charge.

In July we had a week of celebrations and a parade.

The town had started expanding in 1958 with the

Aurora Heights subdivision and continued in 1959 with the start of Regency Acres.

At that time, the town was divided into three parts - the Heights, the Acres and the Old Town.

In 1963 people from all parts were on the committee and after the celebrations, it was Aurora again, with little mention of the Heights or the Acres.

Len Ostick
Winnipeg

"Mom's" column loved by reader

Open letter to Cathy Vrancic:

I know I've emailed you before but I just had to say that I thoroughly enjoyed your "Bouquets for Moms". (Auroran, May 3).

My favourite line, I think, was "Three times I got to experience expansion, and I know all about contractions.

Plus, I know that "push" is a four-letter word."

My twins are almost two and I hope to experience a lot more of the "bouquets" you mention in the years to come.

I've photocopied the article and will be giving it out to those special "Moms" in my life.

Keep up the excellent

work.

I look forward to reading your article every week!

Unfortunately, I missed the "teen and laundry battle" that Patty Davidson refers to in her letter to the editor (we don't always get the paper in our office's post office box).

I'm not a resident of Aurora but I grew up here

and my parents still live here.

Even my mother, who reads your article, commented that you have a "way with words".

It's refreshing to read something that makes you smile or laugh.

Fran Tobin
Holland Landing

St. John's parking ban irks reader

To the editor,

(Re: Access to MacKenzie wetlands being denied by York Region through parking ban on St. John's Sideroad - Auroran,

April 19)

Guess this is one of the few remaining wetland habitats we'll be able to enjoy, if Aurora continues to let York Region control the shape of our town.

Did anyone wonder

why York Region won't let Aurora have some parking to enjoy a part of its natural beauty - the MacKenzie wetlands?

And why all those York Transit signs along Industrial Parkway are hanging by one bolt

instead of two?

Could it be that York Region is giving us the shaft but definitely not the bolt(s)?

V. Johnson
Aurora

Is hydro sale a Hwy. 407 repeat?

To the editor,

Aurora Town Council's

open letter entitled "Details behind Hydro sale" (Auroran, April 19) states

that PowerStream Inc. will pay the Town \$34.5 million for the purchase of

Aurora Hydro,

I am not a mathematician but as I understand it as hydro consumers we own Aurora Hydro but the Town Council, not hydro consumers, will eventually get to spend the \$34.5 million.

As PowerStream Inc. is not a charitable institution undoubtedly they intend to recover their \$34.5 million investment through increased costs on our hydro bills.

Is this a repeat of the Highway 407 fiasco?

Jane Morgan
Aurora

David Tomlinson
Aurora

Theatre Aurora play tops

To the editor,

Never mind bouquets for all those thespians at Theatre Aurora, Dick, give them the whole flaming garden.

What a production. Well done, you spunky little theatre you.

I can honestly say that whilst only the occasional swear word has been heard at our local theatre, which was scripted from the stage I might add, I don't think we've ever seen any nudity, not a full monty or even half a monty at Theatre Aurora.

However, the production of "Out of Order", a splendid comedy/drama, has changed all that.

The old ways have now been lost forever.

Briefly, "Out of Order" is a play about a British conservative government M.P., Richard Willey, who is unsuccessfully attempting to have a fling with a secretary of the Leader of the Opposition party.

Early on in the play, we are introduced to a dead body.

For me this play had shades of the movie "Weekend at Bernie's" in it, except that this dead body isn't quite as dead as we originally thought. There are some fabulous lines about the British government and a couple of wonderful jabs at Jeffrey Archer,

an erstwhile Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party under the reign of Margaret Thatcher.

Archer was eventually jailed for perjury and perverting the course of justice and sentenced to four years in prison.

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Ronnie alternated between a tough talking bowery boy and a simpering wimp. His accent was so convincing that I was astounded to learn he was Canadian.

I did notice that a few old ladies reached around in their purses for their spectacles as we were treated to a magnificent view of Ronnie's naked body - at least the back of it - as he dropped a beach towel from around his waist and sauntered off the stage through the set door.

Had I seen correctly? Had I seen a half monty? When a collective roar went up from the audience, I knew I had.

It was at this point that I was cursing myself for not getting seats in row A as opposed to Row J.

I had always thought row A was a little too close and personal, but not anymore.

If Theatre Aurora is upping its standard - again - then I'm upping my seat!

Anyways, suffice to say, all the actors in this cast were strong with wonderful lines and great accents, *dharling*, the only disappointment of the evening being when the maid's wig got accidentally attached to the butler's buttons and it didn't come off!

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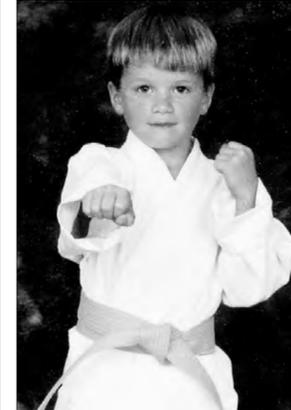
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Rinks on target; swim pool isn't

In a status report to Aurora's general committee last week regarding the construction of the new recreational complex, staff members advised the construction schedule for the arenas was on target, but the aquatic centre has been delayed until approximately February, 2006, due to a re-design of the building foundation and roof.

The cost on the project is within budget and is

tracking well under the approved project budget of \$20.8 million and it was estimated the total project cost could come in more than \$1 million under budget.

The arena and aquatics centre space has been allocated and permits will be complete by the end of this month.

Although construction has been delayed to some degree to date, the focus is

still aimed at achieving occupancy and ice availability for both ice pads around Labour Day.

Staff members noted that while the aquatic centre will not be available in 2005, it was deemed advisable to ensure the quality and the completeness of the facility would not be compromised.

Committee members enquired about the status of fundraising for the com-

plex and were advised a meeting had been arranged and a report would be ready within a month.

In addition to receiving the status report, the committee endorsed a report from Deputy Treasurer Paul Dillman regarding the debenture issue for the complex.

The 2004 capital budget for the project approved funding a portion of the cost by the issue of debentures

totalling of just over \$19 million.

Council had previously approved a debenture of \$12,669,300 to be repaid over 10 years with annual payments of approximately \$1.6 million, principal and interest at a rate of 4.66 per cent from development charges levied during the period 2004 to 2013.

That would require an average of 400 residential building permits per year for the next 10 years to support this portion of the debt.

In addition, council also approved the issue of a debenture for a further \$4,245,700 to be repaid

over a 20-year term with annual payments estimated at \$350,000, principal and interest at a rate of 5.24 per cent, initially from the property tax and after 2013 from the development charge account.

Council had previously approved a further debenture of \$2,135,000 to be repaid over a 20-year term with annual principal and interest payments of approximately \$170,000.

Staff recommended the debenture not be issued at this time as the construction schedule for the facility is below the approved project cost.



Up to its foundations in mud, Aurora's new recreation complex begins to take shape. Builders took officials on a tour of the property recently. According to reports, the double ice surfaces will be ready by the planned date early in September this year. The eight-lane swimming pool, however, has been delayed a number of months.

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Choir, bands win awards at festival

A total of 105 musicians from Aurora's Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School scored well after attending a classic music festival in Chicago.

The concert choir, under the direction of Don Bowles, was awarded an excellent/silver standard, while the senior concert band and senior jazz band, under the

direction of Penny Sedore were both awarded superior/gold ratings.

All Williams' musicians in six categories in the York Region Festival were awarded gold.

Meanwhile, E-den Chung, a flute player, was chosen to perform in the recent Festival of Stars held at the Newmarket Theatre.



A room full of music. Some 700 students at Aurora's Lester B. Pearson Public School gathered in the gym to sing "A Little Music" last week. And they weren't alone. Music Monday was put together by the Coalition for Music Education in Canada to show the galvanizing power of music and to demonstrate the importance of school music programs. While students at LBP were singing, so were others across the country at the same time.

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Centre Street housing plan gets committee approval

At last week's general committee meeting a staff report recommended that subject to the some issues, council enter into a site plan agreement for the construction of three row dwelling units on Centre Street.

Councillor Phyllis Morris asked if residents who had expressed concern about the development had been advised the proposal was moving forward.

Staff members replied the residents who had asked to be kept informed would be advised when

the adoption of the enacting bylaw was on the agenda.

In June, 2003, an application was received from the owner of the property at 18 Centre Street to construct three row house dwellings with a minimum lot frontage for each unit of 5.1 metres or 16.7 feet.

Staff advised there were no internal objections to the proposed development but there were some concerns.

These included the continuous deck along the rear of the building,

interior garage dimensions and tree preservation along the front of the site.

A resident of the area expressed concern about of the proposed building, but added he was pleased something was planned for the area as it would clean up the mess.

Planner Paul King told the committee it was possible to satisfy the concerns expressed by staff and the resident and that every effort would be made to preserve the trees.

The committee supported the application in principle and referred it back to staff to resolve outstanding issues including the height.

It was also agreed staff carry out an investigation of the comments made about the mess of the property and refer it to the property standards bylaw committee if necessary.

At the general committee meeting staff advised that as the lands were located in the Heritage Resource Area the application had been reviewed by the Heritage Committee and the applicant has agreed to provide additional heritage details.

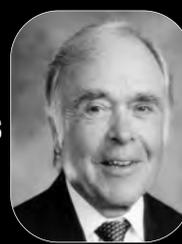
At the same meeting council was advised another public meeting

for the proposed six-storey mixed-use development at the corner of Yonge and Centre Streets was scheduled for June 29.

A public planning meeting had been held in December and council agreed the application be brought back to another public meeting.



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Members agree with new tagline

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sions which the Economic Development Advisory Committee reduced to seven. The committee unanimously endorsed the tagline "Our Location Has Its Advantages".

The committee also considered the taglines "You're In Good Company" and "Aurora Within Reach".

Senior management team members selected "You're In Good Company" as their preferred choice, primarily because the words "good company" allowed a flexible interpretation of the meaning of the tagline as both appealing to business as well as indicating the perceived character of Aurora residents.

Committee members put forward their preferred option, with Councillor Evelyn Buck pushing for the tagline "Location is the Key" and Councillor Phyllis Morris preferring "You're in Good Company" as it had a nice play on words.

Councillor John West pointed out that members of the advisory committee were residents of Aurora with experience in the business community and the general committee should accept their preference of "Our Location Has Its Advantages".

Other committee members stressed the need to select one that they all agreed with and if necessary take time to agree on one with a punchy tagline. Others pointed out the timing was important as advertising promoting the town was being delayed.

Councillor Bill Hogg noted the tagline promoting "location" had nothing to do with the message the tagline was supposed to portray of being a "great community".

Finally after almost an hour of discussion it was agreed to select the tagline "You're In Good Company" with Councillor Buck opposed.

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Author Linda Granfield, centre, shares tales from her books with Lester B. Pearson students, Elizabeth Turnbull, left, and Eilish Cook. Linda has written several young reader non-fiction books. *Auroran photo by David Falconer*

Author visits Aurora school

By **CHRISTINE WOODLEY**

One thousand Canadian veterans die each day. Who will be left to tell their stories?

One person dedicated to this important task is children's author Linda Granfield, who visited Aurora's Lester B. Pearson Public School last week.

Her books, including "In Flander's Fields - The Story of the Poem by John McCrae", "Where Poppies Grow - A WW1 Companion," and "High Flight, A Story of WW2," were written and designed to make the stories of Canada's war veterans come alive and connect with a young audience.

The Grade 7 students listening to her presentation were impressed.

"It's amazing to think that the people in her stories, who dropped everything and went off to war, were not much older than we are today," commented Eric Seguin, 13.

The young teens listened intently as Ms Granfield, originally from Boston, Massachusetts, talked about her life as a writer, how she works on as many as three books at once, and her less-than-impressive income, which adds up to 59 cents for every \$10 book sold.

But, more than anything else, the students were fascinated by her tales of the young men who marched off to war 90 years ago.

"They thought World War 1 was going to last four months. It would mean adventure in France, some battle action, and then home again," Eric said, after the presentation. "Little did they know it would be life in wet trenches that lasted four years, instead of four months."

They also heard stories of the "hello girls," young volunteers who listened to incoming calls from the French soldiers in Europe and translated for the Canadians.

The volunteers were recruited mostly from private schools, where French instruction was most prevalent.

Since Lester B. Pearson is a French Immersion school, that story struck a chord.

As the world marks the 60th anniversary of V-E Day this week, it's nice to know that young people in Aurora are listening the stories and maybe preparing to pass them on to others in the future.

Organization folded in 1989

Now defunct IODE honoured Chadburn

By **DICK ILLINGWORTH**

It was with sadness and pride that the eight remaining members of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE) Wing Commander Lloyd Chadburn Chapter of Aurora handed over their Standards, Charter and Minute Book to the Aurora Public Library and the Museum for safekeeping on April 26, 1989.

"Sad that we can no longer sustain our fundraising events to carry on our projects and great pride in our services to this community and to Canada," Margaret McTaggart, the lone remaining charter member, said at the time.

With a declining membership and inability to attract new members, the remaining members decided to disband and entrust their charter flags to the Aurora Library and their charter and other artifacts to the Aurora Museum.

For many years, the local chapter had as many as 40 members, but at its final meeting at the library only eight remained.

They were Elizabeth Corner, Jean Hill, Regent Helen Hunter, Emma Irving, Nora McRoberts, Margaret Dann, Eleanor Riehardt, Bernice Sutcliffe and Margaret McTaggart.

The IODE was established in 1900 and the Aurora chapter received its charter in 1951.

The name Lloyd Chadburn was selected as the chapter's name to honour one of Canada's, and Aurora's, air force unsung heroes.

Wing Commander Chadburn had been awarded the Distinguished Service Order and Bar, Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Honour and Croix de Guerre.

At age 24, Chadburn was killed in the air when his plane collided with another Spitfire over the Cherbourg area during the D-Day action.

A picture of "Chad" and a scrapbook of his flying activities were among the artifacts turned over to the museum.

For many newcomers to Aurora, the name Chadburn may not mean much except that there is a Chadburn Crescent, north of Orchard Heights Boulevard, which was named after him.

But oldtimers will recall Mrs. Florence Allen, Chad's mother, and her home "The Chateau," a castle-like home still standing on Yonge Street, near Reuben, where Chad grew up and took his early education.

He was born in Montreal August 21, 1919. Soon after his birth, the family moved to Oshawa where his father, Thomas Alonzo Chadburn, opened a Ford dealership.

Following the death of his father in 1925, Chad started school in Oshawa but when his mother married Frank Allen, they moved to Aurora in 1930. The Chateau, a large Queen Anne style house, was constructed in 1912. The Allens turned it into a bed and breakfast business.

Chad graduated from Aurora High School (now Wells Street Public School) in 1934.

While at school, he joined the Cadet Corps and won a bronze medal for marksmanship from the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.

He decided to attend Northern Vocational School in Toronto, but as commuting was difficult at that time, arrangements were made to live in Toronto with family friends.

On graduation, he applied to join the Royal Canadian Air Force, but as he didn't have a university degree, he was turned down.

When war started he applied again and in March, 1940, was enlisted as an aircrew trainee and started initial training at the former Eglinton Hunt

Club on Avenue Road.

He went on to Windsor for initial flying training and RCAF Uplands, near Ottawa, for advanced training.

Pilot Officer Chadburn went overseas with a fellow trainee, Pilot Officer Norm Bretz, who also has a long connection with Aurora and is buried in the Aurora Cemetery.

Bretz and Chad had a close service relationship and flew together on many missions.

Bretz returned to Canada as a Squadron

Leader in 1944 and was assigned senior positions including Commanding Officer at RCAF Station Whitehorse.

When he retired in 1946, he settled in Aurora. He and his wife Elizabeth purchased the Chateau from the Allens and he lived there until his death in 1956.

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A Neighbourhood Watch community consisting of 15 to 20 homes is posted with a Neighbourhood Watch sign, to let everyone know that neighbours are looking after neighbours.

The concept was once active in Aurora but citizens lost interest and the program faded away.

In August, 2003, the Aurora-based PACT (Police and Community Together) Committee announced plans to reactivate the program but required the town to purchase and install the signs.

Council approved the request and advised PACT that funds would be included in the 2004 and subsequent year budgets.

The month of May is Neighbourhood Watch Month and PACT members would use the month to make residents more

aware of the crime prevention program.

Aurora's PACT committee was officially inaugurated on June 1, 1998. Its creation was the culmination of the joint vision of then Aurora Councillor and former Toronto Police Officer Steve Hinder and long-time Aurora resident and then York Regional Police Superintendent Lowell McClenny.

They believed Aurora

was already an active, proud and safe community to live, work and play.

They also believed a strong partnership between the police and the community would create a formal vehicle and focus to provide additional resources, ideas and initiatives to augment the security of the town.

For more information call PACT through Info Aurora at the Town Hall 905-727-1375.



Newmarket-Aurora Member of Parliament Belinda Stronach got a first hand look at Aurora Historical Society plans for the restoration of Church Street School last week when she toured the building. Top photo, Belinda looks at an artist's concept of the Great Hall with society member Margaret Brevik, left. The Great Hall will be located at the top of the stairs in the historic building. Taking time out for pictures, Belinda, right, joins Society members Sharon Nisbet, Margaret Brevik and Ron Wallace at the bottom of the stairway in the main foyer of the building. Committee members believe completion of the renovations may take another year, and a fund-raising campaign is currently being planned.

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Flanked by Aurora Councillor Evelyn Buck and Mayor Tim Jones, Thomas and Susan, from Germany, were welcomed to the Town of Aurora as they began a cycling adventure that will take them to the Pacific Ocean. The pair flew from Germany to Toronto recently, hopped on a pair of bicycles and headed west. They hope to make the trip in six months, budgeting \$500 a month. They plan sleeping outdoors. They stopped in Aurora to visit the library to forward a daily bulletin to their parents in Germany. The above photograph was also sent back to Germany.

HoJo dinner theatre opens in new digs

For their last theatrical production of the spring season, Stellar Productions and the Queen Elizabeth Dinner Theatre at Howard Johnson Aurora presents an original Canadian play "Apologies Accepted" by Anita Boyd-Diamond, a local playwright.

It's a romantic comedy involving the inter-personal relationships of four young people who operate the Cat's Pajamas Bed and Breakfast over the period of a few days, with all the action taking place in the well-appointed kitchen constructed by Peter Kelly.

There's Jenny, a naïve young widow, with a tendency to fantasize, compared to her globe-trotting, very-assured best friend Carmen.

Then there is Carmen's over protective brother Bill who manages to say the wrong things at the wrong time and Dan, a handsome new gardener who helps to spice up the daily routine at the B and B.

It so happens that Carmen and Dan had a previous affair in Spain when Carmen was on one of her trips and Dan was a photographer who was going to change the world with his pictures.

Meeting again at the B and B, they blamed each other for breaking up their affair and tried to have a distant relationship.

Bill has been in love with Jenny since they were kids but she married his best friend.

Both were firefighters

and Jenny's husband was killed fighting a fire alongside Bill and he had the task of breaking the news to her.

But Jenny is unsure about any relationship and turns aside Bill's bumbling efforts to re-ignite their relationship.

Confusing, eh?

Carmen and Dan contrive plans to get the other two together but nothing seems to work as the love-hate relationship produces laughs, tears and disputes as they attempt to work out their relationships with the music "Man Loves a Woman" playing in the background.

Bill is played by Pete

Hickey, Jenny by Noemi Salomon, Carmen by Shay Lawrence and Dan by J.D. Coulter.

The director is Jeff Diamond, husband of the playwright with Grace Stanisci and Deborah Lawrence as stage managers and David Russell as technical designer and operator.

With four scenes in each of the two acts to indicate the passage of time, it is a lengthy play with a great deal of dialogue among the cast members.

During the extensive renovations to the Queen Elizabeth Ballroom to make it larger and brighter, the stage was reduced by

about six feet and lowered about two feet.

The lower stage presents problems for theatre-goers other than those at the front tables due to restricted vision as it's not possible to see the action on stage if the cast is sitting down.

As always Chef Basil Fernandes has provided a hot and cold buffet and a dessert table.

The play stresses the theme that proves love means always having to say you're sorry as it ends like a fairy tale with everyone happy.

It continues May 13, 20, 27 and June 3. Call 905-727-1312 to reserve.

Committee oks new positions

Without comment or discussion, Aurora's general committee last week approved a staff report listing 17 new positions to be hired during 2005 at an estimated cost of \$257,944 this year and \$629,700 in 2006.

Last February during budget discussions council members reviewed the staff complement for 2005 and the funds were included in the 2005 budget.

The new positions include a legal assistant, a bylaw enforcement officer, a web technician, human resources assistant, a building inspec-

tor/plans examiner, two facility receptionists/registration clerks and one secretary.

Other new positions include one operations supervisor, one operator and three service people for the new recreation centre and seniors complex, a GIS planning and development operator for the planning department and three positions in the treasury department.

In 2003 a total of 134 employees worked for the town, 137 in 2004 and with the additions a total of 154 will be employed in 2005.

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RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

A look back at Aurora in 1976

Much like 2005, Aurora Council was immersed in a political crisis during 1976.

Councillor Bob Roth pushed to take secrecy out of Aurora politics and open committee meetings to the public.

He failed to convince Mayor Evelyn Buck and the old guard on Aurora Council who were staunch supporters of closed meetings.

As the lone reform advocate, Roth was so frustrated and discouraged that he didn't seek re-election.

The town's administration moved into its new municipal headquarters on Wellington Street West which it shared with the York Region Board of Education.

Jokingly called Buckingham Palace by critics of the mayor, the building spanned Tannery Creek in tribute to the woman who urged its construction despite claims the taxpayers couldn't afford it.

The ratepayers group - Endow Aurora - was active in fighting the widening of both Wellington Street East and West in an effort to save the trees that lined the street.

Another issue was the closure of the Aurora Day Care Centre by the region after a fight of nearly nine months to keep the centre operating.

Citizens also took up arms to protest a road through Sheppard's Bush to service the town's industrial park.

The industrial park also came under criticism because of lagging sales.

The town was unable to lower its \$1.5 million loan and sales of the land to that time had merely covered the loan interest and some servicing costs.

That was Aurora in 1976.

LAST COUNTY ELECTION

Normally there was very little change in the composition of York County Council as the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the 14 municipalities in the county were returned year after year.

But in December, 1968, with rumours about the coming of regional government the results of the election was different as nine newcomers, almost a third of the 28-member council, including two from Aurora, were elected.

Former Aurora Councillor Evelyn Buck was elected Reeve and former Aurora School Trustee Murray Binions was elected Deputy Reeve, the last two incumbents to hold those positions as they were done away with under regional government.

YOUTHS AVERT POTENTIAL DISASTER

Ryan Fleming and Peter Jermolow, two OAC students at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, were recognized by the Aurora Fire Department in March, 1995, for averting a potential disaster.

They were in their second floor apartment on Yonge Street when they smelled smoke coming from the apartment beneath them.

As Ryan called 911, Peter went to the main floor apartment and found no one was at home.

He returned to their apartment, grabbed the fire extinguisher, returned to the other apartment, kicked in the door and put out the small fire.

A few minutes later when the firefighters arrived they found the situation under control with only a few

burning embers left to be extinguished.

Fire Chief Joe Hunwicks said without the prompt action and clear-headed thinking of the two young men the fire could have been much larger and there was a strong possibility it could have spread to neighbouring buildings.

In thanking the young men for their quick action, the Chief warned citizens to be careful in taking action in emergency situations particularly when using fire extinguishers.

It was also revealed that Peter had learned to use a fire extinguisher during a fire-training course when he was employed at Canada's Wonderland one summer.

EQUESTRIAN ARTIST VISITS AURORA

In July, 1985, Fred Stone, world-renowned equestrian racehorse artist, visited Collector Collectibles in St. Andrew's Village operated by Isobel Edwards.

In celebration of the event, she arranged with Rick and Diane Hardman, owners of the Canadian Carriage Driving Centre in Newmarket, to provide a ceremonial old-fashioned horse and carriage drive through Machell Park.

The black Hungarian dressage horses pulled a Hungarian natural wood hunting carriage trimmed with brass coach lamps and upholstered with authentic deerskin cushions.

The driver was suitably attired in earth tones.

Stone, famous for his paintings of thoroughbred racing horses, came to Canada to promote the sale of his prints of an award-winning harness horse owned by Norm Clements, owner of National Sports chain of stores.

Stone said that at first he refused to paint the standard-bred but after Clements sent a video of the horse, "the eyes spoke to me" and he just had to paint it.

Edward's Collector's Collectibles handled originals and prints from many international artists including Cuban wildlife artist Fernandez who also visited

Aurora.

The original of one of his paintings of an American Eagle in flight was purchased by Magna International for their corporate collection.

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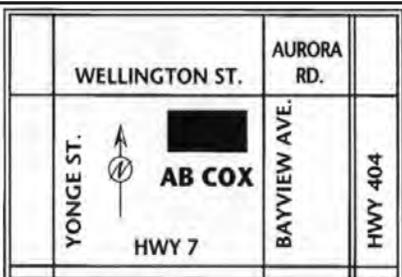


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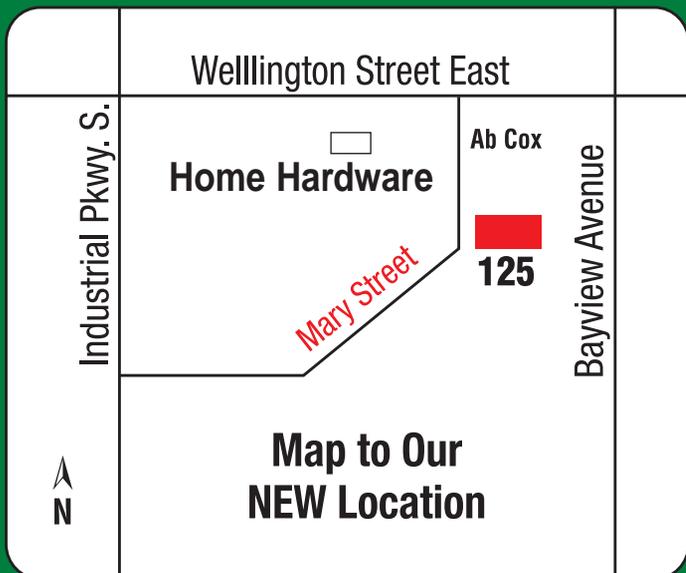


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