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Warm April weather made for a pleasant third annual Aurora Rotary Club frog race Sunday afternoon, and everything went off without a hitch until it was time to name a winner. The winning frog - number 573 - hadn't been sold to anyone. So, second place finisher Bill Miedema claimed the first place prize of \$300. Third place finisher Glenn Davis took second prize of \$200, while out of the money Richard Tsushima moved to the third place slot to win \$100. The race, which sees about 900 plastic frogs float down Tannery Creek from a bridge in Machell Park, is a major fundraiser for the Rotary Club, and members are planning bigger and better things for the event next year. Normally, the race runs on the final day of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Home Show.

Auroran
photo by David Falconer

New site chosen for annual Hartwell run

Plenty of things will be different about the seventh annual Bob Hartwell Challenge, slated to be held this Sunday, April 27, in Aurora.

Most important one is the location.

Since its beginning, the event has started at Aurora's Town Park, but this year, it will start and finish at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School on Dunning Avenue.

The Half Marathon Race and Walk, Two-person Half Marathon Relay and 5K Race all begin at the school this Sunday.

Meanwhile, Southlake Regional Health Centre's cancer program will officially launch in conjunction with the run.

The Bob Hartwell Runner's Challenge is organized by the Aurora running community to celebrate the spirit and life of the late

Bob Hartwell.

The Southlake launch event will feature a ceremony to 'pass the torch' to the communities across York Region, challenging them to help raise the remaining portion of the \$60 million goal.

Ceremonies Sunday will include six northern mayors or their representatives, donors, volunteers, community event organizers, can-

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Preston acclaimed Legion's president

After three years as president of the Aurora Legion, Len Whines declined the position's nomination last Tuesday night, and Rick Preston was acclaimed as the group's new leader.

Whines remains on the executive as past president.

Michelle LeBlanc and Cliff Davies were acclaimed as first vice-president and second vice-president respectively.

Percy Keats was acclaimed treasurer and Carol Preston will

serve another term as Secretary.

Ken White, who spent seven years as president of the branch, was acclaimed Sargeant At Arms.

Making up the remainder of the executive are Ian Sweet, Helen Crawford-Henry, Willie Fleet, and another former president Marilyn Tolman.

Also attending the meeting were zone commander Mike Giavanetti, who handled the election, and deputy zone commander Ray Robson.

BRIEFLY

New location

If you go looking for the Farmers' Market where it has been for years, you won't find it.

The Market, which opens Saturday, May 3, at 8 a.m. will be found in the Town Park at the corner of Wells and Mosley Streets.

Since its inception by then-councillor Nigel Kean several years ago, the Market has operated in the Temperance Street parking lot, near Yonge and Wellington.

However, because of its success, it has outgrown that location and will move this year.

Wells Street, which has been open to vehicular traffic since students from Wells Street Public School were transferred to Aurora Grove school on Stone Road, will close again between Mosley and Metcalfe for the five hours every Saturday that the Market runs.

Anti-litter day

Aurora should be considerably cleaner after Saturday.

Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris has extended an open invitation to residents, service groups, schools and businesses to participate in the 6th Annual Mayor's Anti-Litter Day this Saturday.

If you participate, you'll be rewarded for your efforts.

M & M Meat Shops will set up a booth at the Town Park and offer grub and drink to participants.

Now that the snow has gone - hopefully until next winter - all the trash thrown out prior to last winter has surfaced and needs to get tossed.

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CHATS-Community Home Assistance to Seniors is looking for volunteers to assist with activities in its Adult Day Program. Positions call for a commitment of a few hours a week at the Aurora location. Various times are available. Call Christine at 905-713-3494.

During the month of April the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall will feature the artwork of Nenad Miric. His paintings are realistic concepts with a nostalgic sense of fading memories of various places. Viewing hours are from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The Probus Club of Aurora meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Royal Canadian Legion, Industrial Parkway North at 10 a.m. Men and women, retired or semi-retired, 55 years of age and over, are welcome to attend.

Every Tuesday from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. it's Story and Playtime at Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South. Call 905-841-8883 for further details.

Every Second Friday, students in Grade 5 to 8 can gather at Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 905-841-8883 or email jonathan.turtle@gmail.com

A drop-in centre operates every Wednesday at the Community Bible Church on Bathurst Street just south of Henderson from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's open to all parents, grandparents and caregivers. For more information e-mail Judy Hoffmann at jhoffmann@sympatico.ca.

Scottish Country Dancing every Friday morning at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m.

Meet at Martha's Table. Every Thursday from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. comfort food and a sense of community will be available at the hall at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Aurora. Any funds raised are directed to other community outreach projects.

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

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

Masonic Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at the Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7:30 p.m.

Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10:30 a.m. Coffee Club at 9 a.m. and lunch at noon. Call 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080.

Gamblers Anonymous meets every Tuesday night at Trinity Anglican Church, Victoria Street at 7:30 p.m.

Progressive Euchre every Thursday night at the Aurora Legion at 7:30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

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

The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Choir practice in the West-McKenzie Hall of the Seniors' Centre, every Wednesday from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. under the direction of Tom Rainsford and Enid Maize. For more information, call 905-841-9706.

Tots (age 0-4 years) bring your caregivers for coffee or tea while you enjoy story and playtime every Tuesday from 9.30 a.m. to 11a.m. at Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South. Call 905-841-8883 for further information.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Aurora Community Heritage Fair at St. Andrews College from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Public is invited to attend.

Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society presents "Growing and Showing Peonies" with speakers Hazel and Dick Cook at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. 8 p.m. Guests \$2. For more information

call Diane at 905-773-2695.

A public meeting will be held in the council chambers of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. to consider a proposed zoning bylaw amendment for the property at the north-west corner of Leslie Street and Wellington Street East to permit a restaurant and drive-thru as a permitted use to the existing Service Commercial Zone.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Second installment of interim tax payment due.

APRIL 25-26

Aurora United Church annual Spring Rummage Sale takes place at the church, 15186 Yonge Street at Tyler, on Friday from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Anti-litter Day in Aurora: Begins at 10 a.m. followed by a barbecue for participants at noon in the Town Park. Register at Info Aurora, 905-727-8214, or through infoaurora@e-aurora.ca.

Great Curbside Giveaway in Aurora: Take unwanted items to the curb today for others to scavenge. Then go troll for things you might need. To keep Aurora attractive remove leftovers by 6 p.m.

Bring a shovel or one will be supplied to help members of the Aurora Community Arboretum plant trees in the Arboretum shelter belt. Meet at 10 a.m. near the leash-free park on Industrial Parkway, just south of St. John's Sideroad. Park at the Aurora Montessori School across the street. Bring footwear suitable for uneven ground. More information at www.auroraarboretum.ca or 905-727-6984.

The Big Bike for Stroke to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation is coming to Aurora with the ride beginning at St. Andrew's Plaza south on Yonge Street to Park Place Manor and back to St. Andrew's. One Big Bike captain is Tim Jones and his co-captain is Carolyn Lynch of the Chamber of Commerce team. Twenty-nine riders are needed.

APRIL 27 TO MAY 3

Aurora Council has proclaimed this week as National Volunteer Week in Aurora to honour all the volunteers of Aurora who tirelessly share their time and talents with those in need.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Five at Flan-Air Home Comfort Systems, 150 Hollidge Blvd. from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Tree planting in Lions Park between 9 a.m. and noon by students from George Street and Aurora Senior Public Schools.

The Aurora Seniors will hold their Spring Pot Luck Lunch from noon to 1.30 p.m. at the Seniors' centre. Sign up at the registration desk and indicate what your food preparation will be and it should be enough for five.

Deadline for nominations for 2008 Citizen of the Year. For information call 905-726-4741.

The Aurora Dream Team announces its support for Safe Haven in Aurora, by holding a Fashion Show Party at Cardinal Golf Club starting at 7 p.m. with a buffet and a Flower Power Fashion Event. Call Lisa at 905-222-4692.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

"Putting Food By" is a program to help you learn preserving techniques from Marie Barnes. It will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Aurora Seniors Centre, 5 Municipal Dr. and is hosted by the Environmental Advisory Committee of the Town of Aurora. Register through Info Aurora, 905-727-8214, or infoaurora@e-aurora.ca. The event is free.

MONDAY, MAY 5

Yard waste collection in brown paper Kraft bags or clean, open, rigid reusable containers must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. to ensure pick-up. For information call 905-727-3123 ext. 3447.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Aurora Seniors visit Georgian Downs Casino at a cost of \$40 for members and non-members.

MAY 8 TO 10

Pine Tree Potters' Spring Pottery Sale will be held at the St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, 368 St. John's Sideroad, Aurora, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds from the Charity Table will go to CHATS. For further information, call the studio 905-727-1278.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Annual Plant Sale, presented by the Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society, at the Aurora Public Library

from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. For more information call Diane at 905-773-2695.

Silence is golden at this much-anticipated spring auction. Bid on any of a wide variety of appealing items, services, and certificates, all donated, as of 5.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets.

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day by joining the Aurora Community Arboretum Bird Walk. Meet at the Gazebo by the Leisure Complex at 10 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 12

Aurora Film Circuit presents "The Band's Visit" at the Cineplex Odeon Aurora Cinemas, 15460 Bayview Avenue. Tickets, at \$10, may be purchased at the Aurora Public Library or R & R Revisited, 95 Edward Street. Doors open at 6.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Annual general meeting of the Aurora Minor Hockey Association in the auditorium of the Aurora Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Guild is hosting a Lilac Tyme Lunch between 11 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets. Tickets are \$8; \$4 for children aged four to nine.

Catch the "royal wave" at a gala concert featuring Aurora's York Chamber Ensemble, Festival Chorus, and Trinity Youth Choir. The 7.30 p.m. concert is at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. Tickets are \$15; \$10 for students and seniors.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society presents "Growing Clematis in Ontario" with speaker Peter

Keeping at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. 8 p.m. Guests \$2.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School at 315 Stone Road presents its annual fun fair "Blast Off to Summer 2008" at the school site from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will include inflatables, laser tag, rides, a magician show, food prepared by the Aurora Lions Club, games, emergency vehicles, silent auction and raffles.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 6 & 7

Canadian Cancer Society 2008 Relay for Life at Lambert Willson Park and the Leisure Complex. Call 905-830-0447 for further information and to register a team.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Meet members of the Aurora Community Arboretum for a guided walk from 1 to 3 p.m. Meet at the gazebo by the Leisure Complex.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

A Coffee House will be held at Trinity Anglican Church at 7:30 p.m. featuring an evening of Trinity talent.

MONDAY, JUNE 23

Aurora Chamber of Commerce annual golf tournament at Wooden Sticks Golf Club in Uxbridge.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society presents "Beauty or Beast- Plants That Need Space" with speaker Anna Leggatt at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. 8 p.m. Guests \$2.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

The return of the July First parade. If you would like to enter a float, or simply be in the parade, call Sher St. Kitts at 905-841-6489 or 905-841-6893. Parade starts at 10 a.m.

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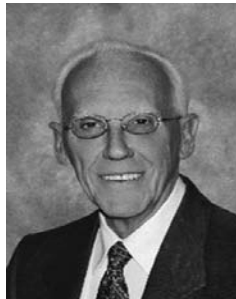
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Workers reconstructing Church Street School uncovered several blackboards last week, some with writing still on them. Workers found Christmas messages and a list of major Canadian cities, among other items. The 122-year-old school building is currently being renovated and will become a Heritage Centre, probably sometime in September. Here, Aurora employee Aaron Karmazyn, manager of facilities and property, checks out the blackboards.

Auroran photos by Ron Wallace

Municipal business is eroded by councillors

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

The business of the municipality is being eroded as councillors become involved in personalities rather than issues and much time is wasted in attacking each other.

Last week's general committee meeting degenerated into one of the most bitter and personal debates ever heard in the council chambers.

It was caused by an e-mail from Councillor Evelyn Buck to a resident in which she repeated comments made by the mayor at a public meeting and made references to information she had received from a staff member.

It was not made public as to what triggered the e-mail and it is assumed to have something to do with a photographic exhibition arranged by the mayor on the second floor with the temporary removal of 10 paintings which had been hung by members of the Society of York Region Artists (SOYRA).

That caused some SOYRA members to object.

In her e-mail, Councillor Buck said she was very sure of the information she had presented in her letter regarding sharing of information by sending e-mails which appeared in the March 25 edition of The Auroran and "seeing it blatantly denied in a public meeting must have given a chill to the staff person who gave me straight answers to my specific questions".

She went on to write that "town staff can no longer have any security no matter how well they do their job. For that reason I would have been reluctant to challenge the mayor's statement she had followed the normal process, because of the difficulty it would have created for the employee who answered my specific questions honestly".

At the general committee meeting Mayor Morris raised the issue as a "Question of Privilege" resulting in

Councillor Bob McRoberts, who was chairing the meeting, asking the Town Clerk for a procedural ruling.

The Clerk pointed out that a "Question of Privilege" or a "Point of Order" only applied to what happened at a council meeting. As the e-mail was outside a meeting it could not be introduced but a motion could be made.

Mayor Morris told councillors she had been assured by a SOYRA member everything was fine and she asked Councillor Buck to retract her comments regarding staff.

She added it was necessary to find a mechanism due to all the e-mails flying around and asked Councillor Buck to respond which she refused to do.

Councillor Buck, for the remainder of the meeting, sat stone-faced and quiet.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern launched the

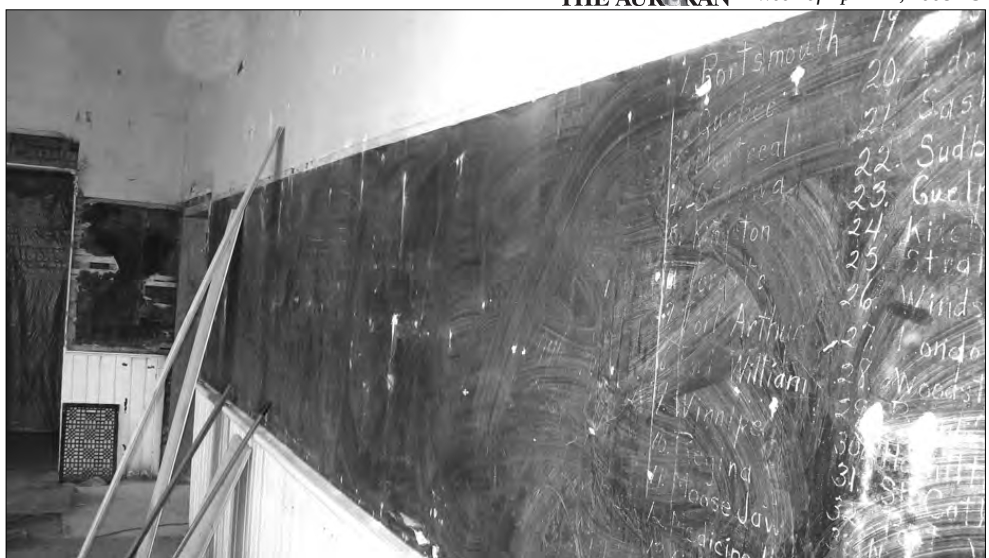
attack against Councillor Buck saying her use of e-mails was a weekly problem and she had, in effect, called the mayor a liar and she found it "repulsive".

She also questioned the right of the councillor to go to staff rather than dealing with the director.

Councillor Al Wilson said he was saddened by the issue as it did nothing for the town and questioned the incessant need to make issues personal instead of dealing with the town's business.

In response to a suggestion that the discussion should take place in a closed meeting, Councillor MacEachern replied that had happened and it was time to deal with it in public.

It was finally agreed to receive the e-mail and to ask Councillor Buck to retract her comments about the staff.



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-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

"Without adequate access to key information about government policies and programs at all levels, citizens cannot make informed decisions and incompetent or corrupt government can be hidden under a cloak of secrecy."

So wrote Opposition Leader Stephen Harper in an opinion article in 2005 when he vowed to act upon suggestions by then Information Commissioner John Reid to improve transparency by upgrading access to information laws.

He added in his article that Canadians need better access to information from every aspect of government where taxpayers' dollars are spent or public functions are performed.

But now that he is Prime Minister he has a different perspective.

In late 2007, the government rejected an access to information request for the mysterious Middle East report written by Liberal turned Conservative MP Wajid Khan.

It did so, on the basis that records in the PMO and other ministers' offices, are not covered by the access law.

Harper had promised to correct this failing by endorsing Reid's proposals, but instead it and other key reforms were omitted from the Conservatives' Accountability Act.

It is realized that all information can or should be made available to the public as nobody would suggest that documents with sensitive security information be revealed.

But most documents don't fall into that category, including the Khan report which was the product of a simple fact-finding mission by a backbench MP.

In October, 2007, East Gwillimbury Mayor Jamie Young and a town works crew cut down 83 trees on the historic Sharon Temple property without authority of council or permission from the Sharon Temple Board.

In November, council approved the engagement of an arborist and a municipal law expert to investigate with the commitment that the results of the inquiry would be reported in an open and transparent manner to the public.

In late December it was announced that the 27-page inquiry report would not be released to the public as the document was solicitor-client privileged information.

That resulted in many angry residents who wanted to know the truth about the tree cutting inquiry.

Aurora has had its fair share of complaints about openness and transparency which was promised during the election.

After almost every council and general committee meeting there is closed session on legal, property or personnel issues, but seldom does a report come to a public session of council to be ratified.

Citizens are still waiting to hear the report and the cost of the external lawyer who was retained by council to investigate the alleged leak of an in-camera session to the media.

Then there is the letter from the members of the former Special Events Committee which was referred to an in-camera session with no report to the public.

The list goes on.

Now, the use of e-mails to conduct local business has become an issue.

Back in May, 2005, then Councillor Phyllis Morris noted that many e-mails were being circulated by members of council and staff regarding issues brought up during a public session and asked how the response could be included on a future public agenda.

Staff replied that any member of council could request that any memo or e-mail be included on the agenda and it would be done.

More recently, due to the number of e-mails being circulated, now Mayor Morris raised the issue again in an effort to bring in some controls, but there was considerable opposition from some members of council and it was referred to staff for a report, which puts staff in a difficult spot.

The simple answer is that using an e-mail in place of a telephone call between two people is acceptable, but when circulated to others it becomes public business to be discussed at a council or committee meeting.



This is Aurora's Town Council in 1965. It was made up of nine elected representatives to handle Aurora's approximately 12,000 people. Today, it still has nine members but the town has grown to a population of more than 50,000. In the photo are, back row left to right, Bill Johnson, clerk-treasurer; Jim Murray, Walt Davis, Cliff Corbett, Dick Illingworth and Al Wood, assistant clerk. In the front row, left to right, are Ron Simmons, Jean Moffatt, Mayor Clarence Davis, Stu Patrick and Jack Williamson. Ms. Moffatt, reeve at the time, died in office, causing Patrick to become reeve, Simmons to become deputy-reeve, and Bill Trent to join council. By the way, the correct answer to last week's quiz was won by Joan Heard who knew, a mil-lisecond after noon Friday, that the sidestreet we were looking for was Church Street.

Letters to the Editor

It's time for power solution

To the editor,

I could not agree more with Dick Illingworth's view that the time is now to address our power supply efforts (The Auroran, April 15).

One critical point that the residents of Aurora need to be aware of is that these facilities are not required just to address projected growth.

As stated by the IESO, OPA, OEB and local hydro distribution companies, Northern York Region is in need of a diverse and redundant source of power in order to improve reliability.

This is one of the main objectives of the Ontario Power Authority's master Integrated Power Systems Plan (IPSP) designed to meet Ontario's long term needs and given the pressing need to improve reliability in Northern York Region there seems to be a perfect fit here.

The choice we now face is to follow through on our official stance to adamantly oppose overhead lines or to support some form of local generation.

From my perspective we cannot reasonably say "no"

to every possible solution and only through education and proactive action can we possibly address these issues to benefit our community.

Unfortunately a lot of very misleading information has been shared recently by a number of sources, including the Clean Air Alliance which is precisely why the OPA ran full page ads in local papers and why both the OPA and the power industry association have responded in writing to the mayors of Northern York Region.

Both of these letters can be found on my new website called Aurora Power update.com (aurorapowerupdate.com) and after four years of trying to address these issues I can only hope that residents and council are now in a better position to make an informed decision on these matters, based on the best available facts.

Aurora asked for a proper environmental assessment and planning process to be conducted which is what the OPA did to the best of its abilities in the summer of 2005 as part of their extensive consulta-

tion process.

Aurora, and other municipalities, conditionally approved the OPA's Working Group recommendations therefore I see no reason why we should not now work towards addressing those conditions and implementing a solution.

There are many benefits to gain for Aurora and Northern York Region if our

much needed infrastructure is designed, located and operated in a fashion that addresses common and reasonable concerns.

Residents should also be aware of the upcoming Town Hall public meeting regarding this matter to be held on Wednesday, April 30, at 7 p.m.

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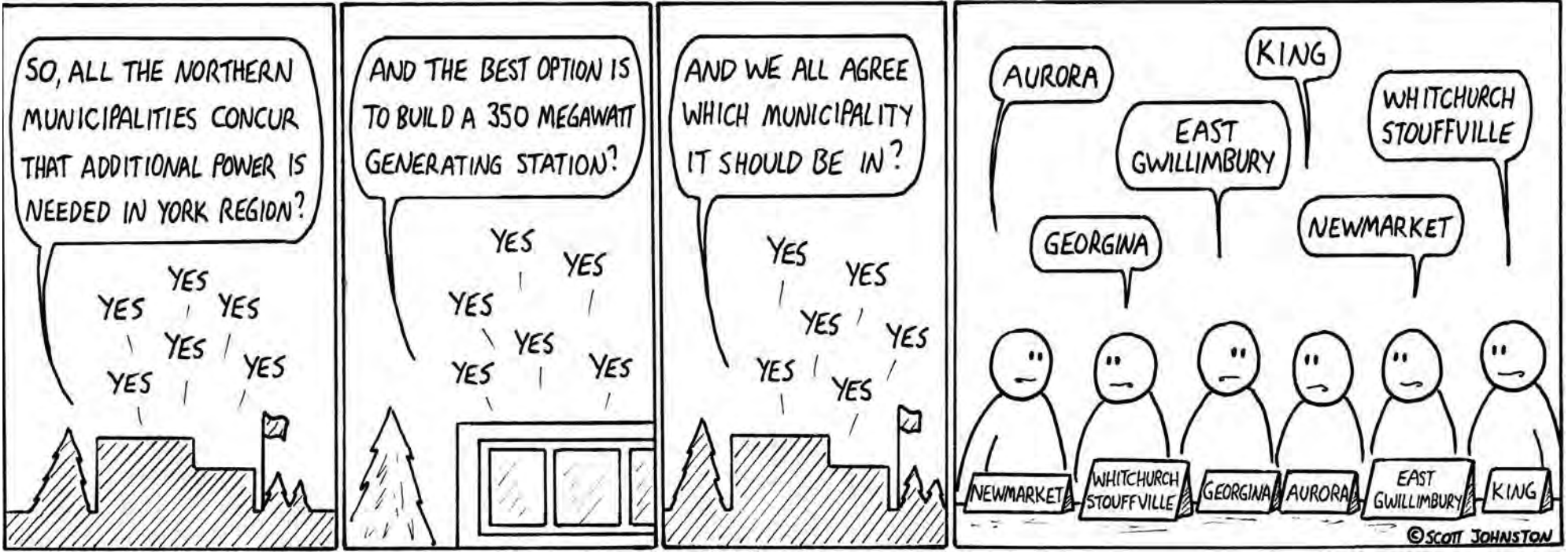
To the editor,

As a taxpayer in Aurora for the past 22 years, I wish to say that I couldn't agree more with the writer, Peter C. Lewie, (letter to the editor, of

April 8 Auroran) re the Aurora Dog Park.

There is really no more to add, all of his comments are bang on.

Laurie Uetz
Aurora



Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

This is the sixth in a series of short profiles on the members of the Aurora Town Council.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner is someone whose passion for the environment goes way back.

"I worked in our family's business, ironically called "Gardiner's of Galt" as Gaertner means Gardner. We made finely crafted millwork from Brazilian Rosewood, Teak, English Brown Oak and other woods that would possibly be off limits today."

In the early 1970s, she was involved with Pollution Probe and participated in a pilot project to recycle newspapers in the Moore Park neighbourhood of Toronto.

Her commitment to the environment also helps explain the reason for the council committees that she currently sits on.

Along with her colleague Evelina MacEachern, she is a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Ms. Gaertner is also the lone Aurora Council member on the Nokiidaa Trail Committee.

"Nokiidaa" is an Ojibwa term meaning "walking together".

According to the website for the committee, "the Nokiidaa Trail links three communities (Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury), following the East Holland River. The trail passes through town parks and green spaces, past wetlands and historic cultural sites, and has links to numerous other town trails."

She is also a member of the Town Economic Development Advisory Committee.

What did you do before seeking a seat on Council?

"I have a B.A. in Sociology from U of T. I decided to take advantage of an opportunity to work on a provincial project compiling information from low income seniors. Unfortunately all our hard work was shelved, so discouraging. I moved on.

"My mother had a passion for collecting art and sculpture. I hoped at some point to have a store that showcased and supported quality arts and craft works. I knew nothing about business. To learn, I took a job at the Rosenthal store in Toronto, and then became the Bridal Gift Consultant at Gabriel Luca in Yorkville. Eventually motherhood became my job of choice, with a short hiatus to manage a Hyperbolic Oxygen Clinic doing a Multiple Sclerosis study with McMaster University."

When and why did you decide to move to Aurora?

"During the early 80s my husband and I became involved with an artist living in Aurora, John Ward, and formed a company here called Blue Sky Press. Visiting Aurora was peaceful and beautiful. We decided to move here in 1987."

What was "Hot Spot"?

"In 1991 my daughter became very interested in finding ways for people her age, pre and young teens, to be busy outside of school. She participated in soccer and gymnastics; but was looking for something social to do, a 'drop in' as it used to be called.

"My husband and I thought it might be a business opportunity that would contribute to the community. It didn't take us long to learn that this could only succeed as a community service kind of project. Hot Spot, named by the kids, was born.

"Among the benefits that resulted from our effort was instilling community responsibility in our children.

"Our son, who was in kindergarten when Hot Spot started, became involved in volunteer work and received Aurora's Youth Volunteer Recognition Award."

Was there any one particular or compelling reason for you to seek office?

"During the 2000 - 2003 term I used to watch the council meetings and was inspired by Councillor MacEachern's vision for Aurora. When I found out she was running again, I thought I'd like to try and contribute."

Outside of work/council - what things have you been doing?

"Until Last August I was heavily involved in the care of my mother-in-law and my mother who enjoyed life until the age of 99!"

What type of books do you like?

"With the amount of council material we have to read I don't have much time to read for pleasure. I pick from the books I hear about on CBC radio - one of my favourite things."

How have you enjoyed this council term so far?

"On a personal level, this term of Council is better because it is less stressful, partly because I know and understand more. However, we have far more meetings and are working harder and longer than last term. Some months it seems like a full-time job."

What are the Town's biggest two challenges/opportunities over the coming year?

"I think our biggest challenges, and at the same time opportunities, are sustainable planning for our 2C lands, north of the Aurora Road and mostly east of Leslie Street; and the revitalization of the downtown core.

"I (also) believe that Aurora is large enough to have a second Regional Seat and I would like to see this as a separate from council elected position."

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Cathy's Corner

By Cathy Vrancic

I don't want to be a pack rat, but almost 26 years of marriage, three children and a dog have deprived me of the simple sparseness of being that I have yearned for all my life.

Let's start with the front hall and work our way down the cluttered path of my existence, shall we?

Our tour begins with last season's collection of shoes and boots, coats and sweaters, and an assortment of scarves, hats and gloves...most of them draped over the banister or displayed on top of nests of dog fur that have sneaked quietly into the corners for the purpose of breeding.

I get the vacuum cleaner out and TA...DA! We now have fewer dust puppy colonies, fewer gloves and, um...fewer keys.

Jake comes running over as he always does when anyone touches the mailbox key so now I know where it is: in the vacuum canister! Oops!

Never mind, we have another one somewhere.

As I remove the spring collection of assorted purses from the glass table (a hazard of having fashion-savvy daughters) I find enough hidden stacks of mail to keep my blue box well stocked with junk mail...and my bank account cleaned out by late payment charges.

I cart load after load of winter stuff down to the basement and I realize that my house has become a giant Tupperware container.

There are skis down there that look like they belong in a museum that showcases ancient torture devices.

Yes, they date back to the days when it was fashionable to risk life and limb going downhill on 100 cm strips of hardwood flooring painted with racing stripes. I haul them out to the garage.

Returning to the basement, I notice how very attractive the empty corner now looks! Now I'm really motivated!

Out goes the old karate equipment! Gone are the boxes of old Christmas lights that use up too much power!

And what do I need those old dishes for? And what's with that old rug rolled up in the corner? Gone! Out!

I climb the stairs one last time to oust my final load.

I am exhausted but adrenalin is pumping through my veins like sap running in maples and I am determined to empty, empty, empty...

Finally, there is significant space in the basement! So, of course, I begin making space in the main part of the house by...well, hauling things off to the basement.

Down go the comforters because now it's too warm for them. Down go the boxes of CD's and CD players now that everyone has an iPod.

Down go stray bits of furniture, stuffed animals, books...you get the idea.

Six hours later, my house is clean, organized, tagged, labeled, stored! Oh, the satisfaction! The joy!

I pour myself a glass of wine and sit back to savor the

Spring cleaning

moment.

Damir comes home from work and I take him on the grand tour. He nods with approval, saying "Oh" and "Ah" and "Wow!" at all the right times. He's such a good husband!

He never even asked what I did with his golf clubs!

I am beaming when I hear: "Hi mom!"

Tim is home from school. I move to hug him and realize that he has not one but two guitars - one in each hand! I blink hard as he puts them down in my nice, clean, tidy hallway...next to his bags of laundry.

Yes, Tim is home from school...as in back in Aurora for the summer...and he brought his "stuff" with him.

"Mom, where can I put my amplifier?"

Amplifier?

"Is it okay if I leave my fridge in the garage?"

Fridge?

"Do you mind if I leave Maranda's futon bed here for a few days?"

Futon bed?

Gulp! The simple sparseness of being eludes me yet again. Sigh.

There is no such thing as "spring cleaning". Alas, there is only "spring rearranging".

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Bouquets & **BRICKBATS**

By **DICK ILLINGWORTH**

 **BOUQUETS** to the Aurora residents who participated in Earth Hour in such an enthusiastic and dedicated way that Aurora saved more energy during the hour of darkness than the other three municipalities served by PowerStream, Inc. Aurora saved 10.15 per cent, Markham 6.02 per cent, Vaughan 3.59 per cent, Richmond Hill at 3.58 per cent and the province at 5 per cent.

BRICKBATS to some members of Aurora Council who waste council's time by making simple issues complex and giving the perception they do not trust their own staff. A staff report was received for information and to endorse the terms of reference for a Customer Service Initiative Team and they got all caught up debating what staff members should be on the team. Who cares who's on the team as long as the work gets done!

BRICKBATS to Councillor Wendy Gaertner for wasting council's time questioning why the agreement with the federal government for a \$775,000 grant for the Aurora Heritage Centre was signed by the deputy mayor instead of waiting for the mayor's return. Staff replied it was a timing issue to meet a deadline. Who the heck cares who signed it as long as it was signed?

 **BOUQUETS** to the Aurora High School Band and the 141 people who travelled to Italy and Austria recently for a 10-day tour, bringing the Aurora name to citizens of Rome, Venice, Salzburg and Vienna.

 **BOUQUETS** to the Aurora High School Grade 12 Wind Symphony on winning three first place prizes at the recent Greater Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival, plus a cash prize of \$1,000. The band is directed by Mark Tse.

BRICKBATS to the inconsiderate smokers who leave their cigarette butts on the ground outside the entrance to Eastside Mario's on Bayview Avenue. Now that the snow is disappearing the pile of cigarette butts can be clearly seen and doesn't present an appetizing welcome to the restaurant.

 **BOUQUETS** to Linda Schneidereit for her delightful poem in the Auroran immortalizing the traffic-calmed area titled "Aurorawocky" with her apologies to Lewis Carroll.

BRICKBATS to whoever posted information on the Internet on how to build a stun gun resulting in a 15-year-old boy using the information to construct a working model which he took to school in Flesherton and sold it to another student for \$20. A teacher noticed the stapler-sized gadget and called police who seized it.

 **BOUQUETS** to 13-year-old Robin Florda of Aurora on being selected as one of 42 girls to be flown to California to take part in a production of a Girls Incorporated commercial. The girls were asked to write a letter telling the world what they wanted everyone to know about them as girls.

BRICKBATS to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty for suggesting a \$4 fee on all new tires sold in Ontario could be imposed before the end of the year. This was only three days after tabling a budget which was hailed as tax-free hike. Shades of the health tax!

BRICKBATS to the Stephen Harper government for including controversial amendments to the Immigration Act in the federal budget, rather than a separate bill, putting Liberal Leader Stephane Dion on the hot seat trying to decide what to do.

 **BOUQUETS** to Grade 4 student Kathryn Munslow-MacNeil for her excellent letter in The Auroran about animal extinction being preventable, as she points out there are at least 100 endangered species in Canada, not to mention the rest of the world.

BRICKBATS to the agency or person responsible for designing the stupid Capital One Mastercard TV ad in which people go shooting up in the air for some reason or other. This is just another in a series of stupid ads introducing the credit card.

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Letter to the Editor

We're in very deep this time, she says

To the editor,

I was wrong. The price tag for the OMB proceedings up to April 8th was \$119,000 and not \$10,000.

Obviously, the consequences of supporting the request of four neighbours for a Joint Board Hearing were not fully understood. Professional advice bought and paid for was not heeded.

The rallying cry went out to members of STORM (Save The Oak Ridges Moraine). The pressure was on to refuse the application and join the demand for a Joint Board Hearing. And so it was done.

The mayor subsequently dismissed concern about legal costs.

It is a familiar scenario. Advocates of nature are free to indulge their passion with no regard for any consequence. Politicians are free to exploit that passion. They may even have made a commitment along the lines during the last election campaign.

I have referred to another fateful decision made on October 22, 2003.

It was at a council meeting during the election. A staff report was presented to be discussed behind closed doors and to meet a provincial deadline. Legal connotations were cited. They were dismissed by certain councillors. There was a hint of something improper.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern argued the matter should not go behind closed doors. Councillor Damir Vrancic dictated a resolution off the top of his head and declared we should not fear legal costs. A lawyer resident said it was ridiculous to talk about legal costs. He would represent the town himself if it came to it. Emotions were high. The chamber was full. Ms Morris, a candidate for council, was there with Sue Walmer, to join the crusade to save the Moraine. And so it was done.

The next year's auditors' report revealed the not-to-be-feared legal costs were \$270,000. Nothing useful was accomplished then or learned either apparently. But the crusade paid off in votes for the valiant.

In the last election, at a

meeting sponsored by the Coalition of Ratepayers, random questions for candidates were pulled out of a hat. A written questionnaire had already been circulated. Candidates' views were known. I was asked how I would respond to an application for development on the Moraine.

I said: There is no simple answer. The Town's Official Plan governs. The Oak Ridges Moraine Act is Provincial. If it is going to cost money to protect it, it should be provincial money. I would not put the burden on the homeowners and businesses of Aurora.

Al Wilson was asked the same question. His response was straightforward, loud and emphatic. Triumphant he declared he would not permit development on The Moraine.

Evelina MacEachern's question was a bit of a twist. She was asked whether she had ever observed any conflict of interest while on council previously.

She said she couldn't believe she had received that question. She had no idea it was coming. She answered in the affirmative. On one occasion, in-camera, the matter of raises for non-union staff was on the agenda. Mayor Tim Jones, whose wife was on staff, declared a conflict and did not participate.

Later, however, when the matter was reported out he failed to declare. Ms MacEachern did not draw attention to the oversight because she didn't know she could.

Of the 20 candidates, only four had previous experience. What was the chance anyone but Ms MacEachern could have given that answer to that question?

I have a basic philosophy. I trust everyone until they give me reason not to.

The all-candidates event was organized by Sue Walmer. As was the Coalition of Ratepayers in time for the election. As was Save The Oak Ridges Moraine. Ms Walmer was and still is a member of the town's environmental committee. As was the mayor. It was understood Ms Walmer was heavily involved in Ms Morris' bid for the Mayor's chair. Also understood,

there was a slate of candidates.

When I sit down to tell a story, it often happens the writing takes off in its own direction. Then it comes back to the start.

The price tag for the refusal of the Westhill development application and support for four of Westhill's neighbours request for a joint board hearing is currently \$119,000 and counting: half legal and half technical expertise.

Had the planning process been followed, the fees for expertise would have been paid by the developer. The process was halted. The effort was futile. Taxpayers must foot the whole bill.

Three weeks were set aside for the scheduled hearing. The time needed has since been revised. The process is now expected to take six weeks. The projected cost is \$150,000. That's added to the \$119,000 already spent.

The residents' lawyer has appealed the OMB decision to Divisional Court for a Joint Board Hearing. The town is not supporting it but our previous support will bolster his argument.

A Joint Board Hearing apparently takes 17 weeks. The town's cost for that process will likely be half a million dollars.

Our advocacy budget for 2008 is spent. Pending a decision from Divisional Court the aforementioned half million will have to be

added to this year's budget. It represents more than two full points on the tax rate.

The Westhill lands are designated in the Aurora Official plan to permit a golf course and residential development. There are serious issues that need to be settled prior to a site plan being approved. Under the guidance of town and regional staff, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Environment, the Westhill developer has spent three-quarters of a million dollars. Their OMB cost will not be less than ours.

The Ontario Municipal Board cannot disregard the Town's Official Plan. The neighbours did not oppose it prior to approval. The town cannot argue against its own law at an OMB hearing or a Joint Board either, for that matter.

I am as concerned as anyone about the environmental legacy to my grandchildren.

I do not profess proficiency in math. I do not profess to the expertise of a Chief Financial Officer responsible for a Corporate Budget of 51 million dollars and counting.

Neither do I claim the Wisdom of Solomon. But I believe there is an obvious conclusion here.

We dug our collective selves in deep this time.

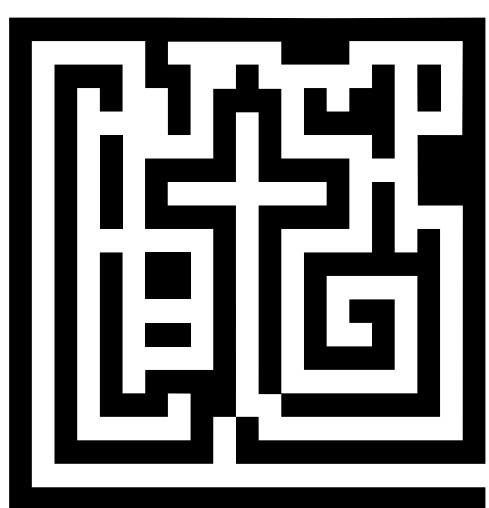
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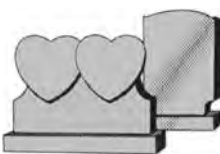
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Letters to the Editor

Evolution of packaging...a tax hike

To the editor,

If there is a marketing award for 'Absolute Genius', I would like to personally nominate Mr. Dalton McGuinty for 2007 and 2008.

Mr. McGuinty takes the 'Absolute Genius' award for the year 2007 for introducing his not-so-cleverly disguised Sin Tax hike on my wine...the recycling incentive.

Newsflash: I was

already putting my empties in my blue box.

I must again nominate Mr. McGuinty for the same award in 2008, for now my ears are starting to bleed every time I hear the radio commercial for "The Evolution of Packaging".

"Come to the LCBO and check out all the new containers for your booze"...oh, and thanks to brilliant Mr. McGuinty we have saved umpteen

million tons of waste from the landfill. Really?

Mr. McGuinty embodies the 'Evolution of Packaging'.

Here's some packaging for you - I used to WALK my empties to my Blue Box (low carbon emission activity).

Once a week I used to WALK my Blue Box to my CURB for RECYCLING (another very low carbon emission activity).

Let's go crazy here and suggest this takes an entire minute and a half out of my life.

Now, thanks to my genius leader, Mr. McGuinty, instead of investing approximately 90 seconds to take out my recycle, I have the opportunity to spend 30 minutes to walk my bottle to my automobile trunk and get into my PREMIUM-GAS-loving vehicle (\$1.30 something/litre) and drive my not-so-low carbon emitting VEHICLE to the Beer Store, that I would not otherwise frequent - for an entire 20 cents!

Despite the incredible lure of 20 cents, I still feel it is far more environmentally, economically and logically sound for me to just walk my empties to my Blue Box and weekly walk my Blue Box to my curb for recycling.

Mr. McGuinty is I am sure, very pleased with me for all the Sin Tax he

has collected as it can go toward this ridiculous, expensive and misleading ad campaign.

Is it so much to ask that this ad campaign stops immediately?

I hate hearing daily (at my expense) about how my tax dollars are being wasted.

It offends me terribly.

I am not seeing this so much as a time of 'Evolution', rather a time for 'Revolution'.

Perhaps you should stop by Frank Klees' office and share your displeasure with this reckless environmentally irresponsible and expensive program.

Julie Goodall
Newmarket

Street sign now has poppy on it

To the editor,

In the November-December edition of The Attic, the Aurora Historical Society's publication, Jacqueline Stuart, our local historian, wrote an informative and very interesting article regarding "The Red Poppy Streets" in Aurora.

Those are streets named after war heroes that bear red poppies on the signs.

Well, there is a street in Aurora named after a hero

from my family whose name is on the cenotaph in town - Lawrence J. Benville - and when I checked there wasn't a "red poppy" on the street sign.

The street is Benville Crescent, which runs west from Bayview Avenue, the first and second street south of the Vandorf Sideroad.

I called the Town on February 5, and they checked it out and, voila, in less than 10 days, I received a call telling me new signs (larger actually) with the red poppy had been installed.

The Planning and Works Departments deserve a big thank you from the family (you know who you are).

Mary Powell-Perryment
Aurora

He knew where Sy's was located

To the editor,

Re: Sy's Snack Service

As far as I can recall, Sy's Snack Service was located on the east side of Yonge Street, between Kennedy Street and Cousins Drive.

It was owned by Stuart and Wilma Symington and they had one or two trucks that served the factories around town.

I hope this solves your mystery.

Ken Elmer
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Right to Dry motion changes the rules

An idea that was hatched in Aurora has gone nation-wide and environmentalists promoted April 19 as National Hanging Out Day to promote the use of clotheslines as opposed to energy-consuming dryers.

But in Aurora and other parts of Ontario, some homeowners will not be able to celebrate the day because clotheslines are banned under restrictive covenants imposed by property developers in large subdivisions over the years.

All that is about to change as soon Ontarians will be able to air their clothes in public.

The Ontario government announced last week that clotheslines can no longer be banned in subdivisions or almost anywhere else in the province.

In a bid to curb the use of energy-sucking dryers, the new regulation will overrule neighbourhood covenants as part of subdivision agreements that outlaw clotheslines because they are considered unsightly.

The regulation which takes effect immediately will not only prohibit new bans but also wipe out most that already exist.

That provision that has angered the building industry.

It will apply to detached, and semi-detached homes and most row houses but high-rise condos and apartments won't be affected for now.

The announcement was made at the Toronto Hydro last week as it launched a giveaway of 75,000 clotheslines through four retail chains.

A proud Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris, who attended the Toronto ceremony and started the "right to dry" movement two years ago, said she would challenge PowerStream, Inc. to follow Toronto Hydro's lead.

The new regulation came under the province's Energy

Conservation Leadership Act which empowers the government to remove barriers to conservation, including covenants and municipal bylaws.

Premier Dalton McGuinty and Energy Minister Gerry Phillips recognized Mayor Morris and the Town of Aurora for leading the way in the Right to Dry campaign.

The group that represents the province's housing industry objected to the regulation being retroactive as it was taking a right away from homeowners who knew a ban was in place and purchased a home because of that.

It was in August, 2006, when then Councillor Morris introduced a motion regarding the Right to Dry, a citizen initiative to conserve energy and control escalating costs.

She pointed out that if a purchaser signed a covenant or purchased a house was someone who had signed it, then they were expected to comply.

Councillor Morris noted that in Florida, clotheslines were protected by a state law that encouraged the use of solar power, while other states punished developers for including terms that restricted the reasonable use of clotheslines.

The Morris motion pointed out the need to conserve energy as homeowners could no longer take the energy supply for granted and a clothes dryer could use up to six per cent of the total electricity used in the average Ontario home.

The motion made reference to the Ontario Energy Conservation Leadership Act which had received Royal Assent in March, 2006, but had not been proclaimed.

The Act empowered the province to remove barriers to energy conservation or to promote opportunities for conservation.

The motion, which was

unanimously supported by council, petitioned the government to designate clotheslines despite any restrictions that may have been imposed and to review restrictive land covenants and nullifying those that are contrary to energy saving objectives.

Aurora council's action in supporting the Morris motion about the Right to Dry was picked up by CanWest News Service and printed across the country resulting in e-mails of



Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris was on hand Friday to hear a motion she made two years earlier become a reality. She spent some time discussing the issue with Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Site near school be discussed

Last January following an Aurora general committee meeting, council met in closed session to address a legal matter regarding a proposed Memorandum of Understanding related to property located at 230 Wellington Street East.

At a subsequent special council meeting following a special general committee meeting, council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the York Catholic District School Board and the owners of the property at 230 Wellington.

At Tuesday's general committee meeting, councillors received an application from Coland Developments for a zoning bylaw amendment to permit commercial retail uses, restaurants, office uses, dance school and a child care centre in three individual buildings west of the school property.

Access to the site is provided from Wellington Street East and a proposed additional access would be through a

cross connection from the abutting school driveway, connecting directly to Industrial Parkway North.

A temporary easement for access is proposed over the unopened road allowance

known as Park Street, which has been approved by the town.

The application will be considered at a Public Planning Meeting scheduled for May 28 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.

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support from individuals and organizations, including the Conservation Council of Ontario and the World Wildlife Fund Canada.

In November, 2007, the issue was referred to Ontario's Chief Energy Conservation Officer Peter Love, who put pressure on the government to give total freedom to the clothesline.

In January, 2008, Energy Minister Phillips said action would be taken towards lifting

the clotheslines restriction as part of a broader effort to encourage energy conservation.

The government proposal would permit the use of clotheslines and/or clothes umbrellas for occupants of

detached, semi-detached or row houses and included a 60-day consultation period to determine how best to lift the clothesline restrictions.

Legislation is expected in the summer with support from all three major political parties.



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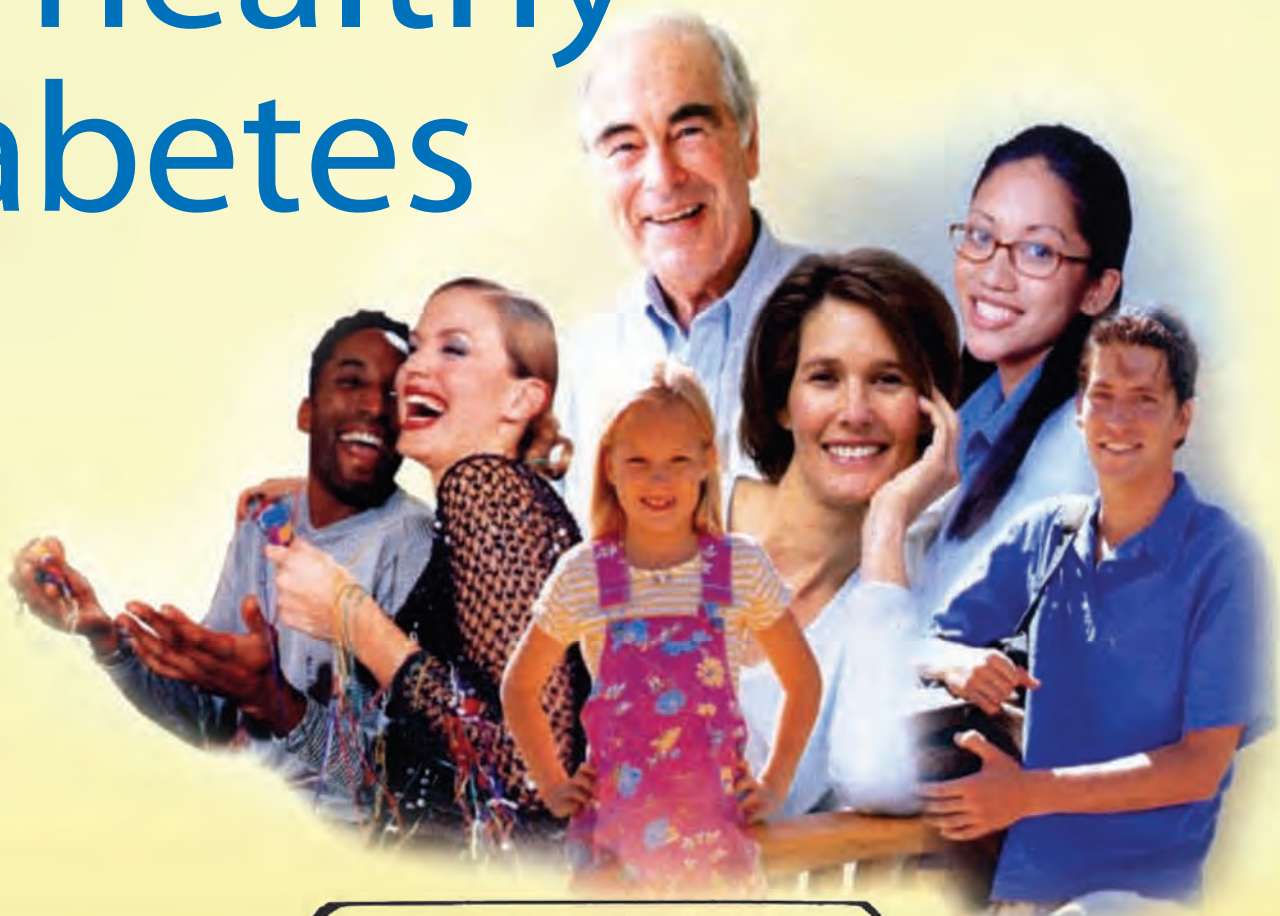
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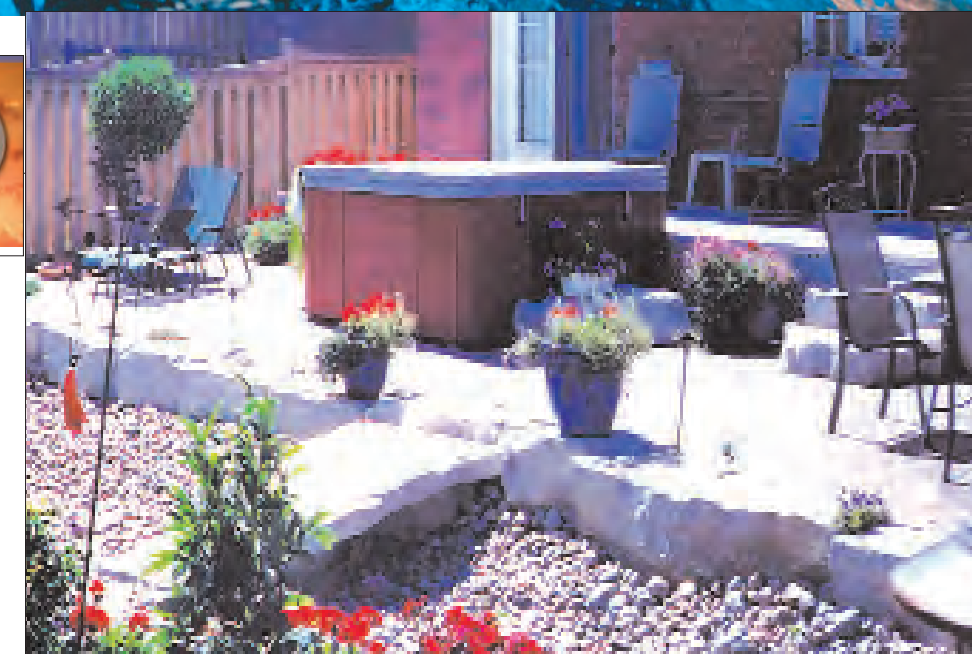
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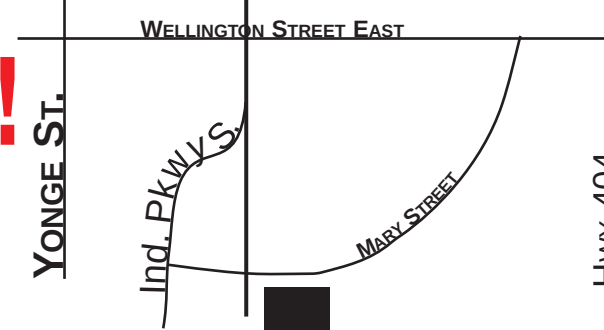
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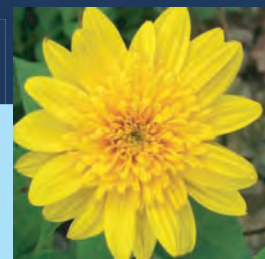
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Player donates \$\$ to Aurora club

Aurora's Mathew Tyndall is a thoughtful and generous boy.

The Aurora Youth Soccer Club (AYSC) U-10 player wanted, as soccer season approached, to help others to play the game.

So when his birthday rolled around, he asked his friends to donate money instead of gifts so soccer could be a part of a child's summer.

Mathew actually got the idea from his friend Conner Downs, a 10-year-old boy from Aurora who also plays soccer at AYSC, who had, in lieu of presents, asked for donations to the camp he attends in Kitchener Waterloo run by the YMCA.

As Mathew's 10th birthday was approaching, he wanted to

donate to a charity.

When asked what charity he could assist, he chose sports.

When asked which sport, he immediately asked for soccer.

When Mathew's mother, Filomena, had trouble connecting with the AYSC she asked Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris for help.

The mayor immediately contacted AYSC Club president, Ron Weese.

"I was surprised to hear that there were few organizations set up to accept these donations, and am glad to see yours has taken the time and energy to assist our community", Mrs. Tyndall told the AYSC. "I'm hoping more children and adults will consider this option."

Fourteen children attended Mathew's party last week and each donated.

One parent, Mary Lou Ackerman, purchased a ball for each donor to sign and to be given to the recipient. It didn't matter to Mathew what age or gender the child was.

When asked why he donated the ball and money, he responded, "I feel bad if children can't play soccer."

This is not an isolated circumstance in this family.

Mathew and his brother, Cameron, not only donated their own allowance money to this cause, each donates a portion of his allowance money each month to a charity of choice.

The AYSC wasted no time thanking the Tyndall family for their generous gift.

It will ensure that two children will be on the soccer fields this summer enjoying the physical activity and friendship.

Birthday guests included Keegan Matthew, Spencer White, Jeffrey McKay, Jacob Hatton, Lucas Ackerman, Sebastian Warchol, Colin McGoldrick, Adam Caicco, Thomas Sauer, Conner Downs, Wesley Lentze, Zachary

Fletcher, Daniel Della Rocca, Cameron Tyndall and Mathew Tyndall.

The AYSC also thanked Mayor Morris for helping the Tyndalls and for making Mathew "Mayor for a Minute".



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Pee wee squad finishes season with tourney win

The season ended the same way it started for the Aurora Tigers Pee wee A hockey team - with a tournament win.

The Pickering Hockey Association Tournament championship win capped a week that also saw the Tigers win their York Simcoe Hockey League championship recently.

The York Simcoe banner was the third in a row for several of the team members.

The Pee wee A Tigers concluded their unbelievable season with the titles of York Simcoe and International Silver Stick champs to go along with three other tourney victories.

Coming off the coveted Silver Stick win at the end of January, the team was hit with a rash of injuries.

Needing everyone in order to go deep into the OMHA playdowns, the Tigers fell short to local rival Newmarket. Players did not accept this fate lightly.

The drive and fortitude of the Tigers was evident as they embarked on the York Simcoe playdowns. As the injured players returned to the roster, others elevated their play as well.

The York Simcoe finals featured the top two teams, with Aurora and Bradford finishing the season one-

two in the standings.

The teams were evenly matched splitting their games during the season.

In game one, the play was typical of a tight playoff battle, but then the Tigers' fast pace and puck pressure led them to a convincing 4-0 win.

Both teams raised the intensity of the remaining games significantly.

With numerous scoring chances for both squads and stellar goaltending the next two games were close, low scoring affairs.

Both were decided by a single goal with each team winning a game.

The tension and nervousness surrounding game four was evident in both teams and the fans alike. In a game worthy of the finals, the teams fought to a 1-1 tie in overtime.

Game five was no different bringing a gritty performance by both squads, but a late goal by Aurora tied the game causing overtime.

A hard fought overtime again ended in a 1-1 draw, but the single point was enough for the Tigers to claim the York Simcoe championship.

The following weekend the Tigers hoped to conclude their season with one last tourney trophy.

Competition at the

Pickering tourney was expected to be strong with many OMHA playdown finalists entered.

Qualifying out of the round robin, the Tigers had all the motivation they needed by drawing Newmarket in the semi finals, which led to a 5-3 win.

The victory confirmed that the Pee wee A Tigers

team is one of the best with a full squad.

The finals brought new competition by way of the Northern Ontario league winner from Rayside-Balfour.

With the Tigers firing on all cylinders there was no denying the outcome as they cruised to a 5-2 win and the tournament trophy.

Minor Pee wee AE squad eliminates Blaze in playoff

The Aurora Tigers Minor Pee wee AE team has completed its hockey season in fine form!

Last weekend they won the series with a 6-1 victory over the Georgina Blaze in a spirited affair.

The Tigers won the series 3 games to 1 in the championship round and for the second year in a row are the York-Simcoe Champions.

"I know the parents and coaches could not be more proud of the players for their effort in the playoffs," said Head Coach Hugh Murray. "I want to thank our fans that numbered over 100 for cheering us on to victory in the final game."

The team lost only two

games in the regular season and did well in all the tournaments that it entered.

They stepped up their game to defeat "AA" teams in a Buffalo, N.Y. tournament.

Team forwards include James Johnston, Alex Perez, Shannon Murray, Ben Ashton, Declan Johnston, Scott Kostin, Zachary Cowl, Ryan McGolrick, and Nick Scott.

Francois Bicego and Cody Child were the goaltenders who combined for a 1.5 Goals Against Average in the playoffs.

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Challenge starts at school

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cer survivors and key community leaders.

And, for the first time, the campaign will publicly announce its results to date as well as several campaign gifts.

The launch of the community phase of Southlake’s campaign is a signal that the campaign now has its goal in sight.

Aurora residents or organizations participating in the campaign launch include Mayor Phyllis Morris; Barb Hartwell, wife of the late Bob

Hartwell; Smith Rogers Financial; St. Andrews College; and the Aurora Rotary Club.

Bob Hartwell was a well-known Aurora businessman, former town councillor and veteran marathon runner.

He died October 14, 2001, while running a marathon in Toronto.

It had always been his dream to organize an event in Aurora that would appeal to competitive and recreational runners alike.

His friends have joined together to make the dream a

reality and to honour his memory.

The Southlake campaign launch gets underway at 9 a.m. with the ceremony and torch relay.

A portion of proceeds from the Hartwell Challenge will be donated to Southlake.

2008 marks the 7th Annual Bob Hartwell Runner’s Challenge.

The races are being organized in support of The Community Safety Village of York Region and the Health Centre.

The half marathon race

starts at 9 a.m., while the half marathon walk gets underway at 8 a.m.

The two-person half marathon relay race also begins at 9 a.m. and all three cover a distance of 21.1 kilometres.

The five-kilometre race and the children’s merry mini-mile are also included in the agenda.

The route for the mini-mile will be one loop around the 400 metre track at the school.

Further information is available at hartwellchallenge.com.

Committee recommendation aired again

At a previous special general committee meeting after more than a four-hour debate on improvements to the proposed Aurora Heritage Centre (Church Street School), three recommendations were submitted to council.

Much of the discussion was in regard to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system to be installed, resulting in a recommendation that they be included in the renovations at an additional cost of \$203,000.

Included also was a recommendation that council approve funding of \$82,890 from the Church Street Reserve to be applied to the Heritage Centre renovations and that council approve the additional funding as identified on the financial summary chart.

Approval of the items was necessary in order that they

could be included in the agreement with the Cultural Spaces Federal Grant Program which allocated \$775,000 to the cost of renovations.

When the report came to last week’s council meeting, Councillor Evelyn Buck renewed her opposition to the recommendation regarding the system.

She argued for what she claimed was a much more environmentally-friendly geothermal system to obtain heat from the earth rather than natural gas as recommended.

Aurora had the opportunity to lead the way and with the federal money to do it, she said.

Councillor Al Wilson pointed out Councillor Buck was using the same arguments and had nothing new to add.

Councillor Buck retaliated

saying the budget had not yet been set and the decision should have been made at a public meeting rather than at committee level.

Mayor Phyllis Morris interjected that all committee meetings were open to the public and Councillor Buck would have the opportunity April 22 to debate the issue when the budget comes up for final approval.

She added that what was before council were the minutes of the committee meeting and couldn’t be changed and she asked the Clerk for a ruling.

The Clerk said that while the minutes couldn’t be changed, what was under discussion was a committee recommendation that could be approved, amended or defeated, which allowed Councillor Buck to continue.

She said council was not serving the best interests of

the community.

Other councillors pointed out that the geothermal system had been fully discussed at committee and had been turned down.

It was noted a staff report indicated that if council decided to proceed with the approval of the geothermal system, additional funds of \$400,328 would have to be added to the expenditure budget.

It was also noted that if borehole testing revealed the geothermal system could not be used, the town would be responsible for the cost of the testing at an estimated cost of \$6,000.

Finally, after almost an hour, a recorded vote was called with the committee recommendation being adopted 7-2.

Councillors Buck and Bob McRoberts opposed the vote.



**AURORA MINOR
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**



AMHA AGM Meeting

We invite all AMHA members to come to our annual general meeting. The meeting takes place at the ACC1 auditorium, Wednesday, May 14th at 7:30 pm.

This provides everyone an opportunity to hear from our AMHA Volunteer Board of Directors. It also provides you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have related to the programs we run. There are Board of Director positions up for election each year which are also voted upon at this meeting

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Registration opened online April 1st for the 2008–2009 hockey season. Online registration will remain open throughout the summer for your convenience.

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For anyone who would like to pick up a permission to skate in person, the hockey office will be open on 2 dates in April-April 9 and April 16th between the hours of 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm.

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Sat	ARC W	10-May-08	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	1.5	M Midget AE



In spite of warm, sunny weather, crowds, totalling more than 5,500, went indoors for the three-day Home Show at the Aurora Community Centre, sponsored by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

Auroran photos by David Falconer

Home Show continues to impress

Over the weekend, Aurora's Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Home Show and this year followed an environment theme "How Green Can You GO?"

First reaction showed the concept to be a huge success.

Chamber official Brenda Snape, who was chair for the show, was delighted with the response, but admitted "I'll be glad when Monday morning gets

here".

More than 150 exhibitors filled both ice surfaces of the Aurora Community Centre with an expanded model home, landscaped gardens, entertainment for the family and lots of giveaways.

Inside the doors of both arenas was a wealth of local businesses and services ready to keep residents of Aurora and area living in style.

It was in November,

1986, when the Chamber announced it would hold its first Home Show the following April at the Aurora Community Centre as a means of promoting Aurora businesses.

Of the 70 exhibitors, 85 per cent were from Aurora and it was a resounding success drawing more than 4,000 visitors.

At the second annual event a year later the Home Show included an outdoor car show and in 1989, a

Food Fair was introduced.

Prior to the birth of the Home Show the Chamber sponsored Trade Shows in 1980 to promote inter-industry contacts and display areas for the public, with more than 20 local industries participating.

Industry representatives and visitors were amazed to see the variety of products produced in Aurora.

Other Trade Shows were held in 1981, 1982, 1983, and 1984.



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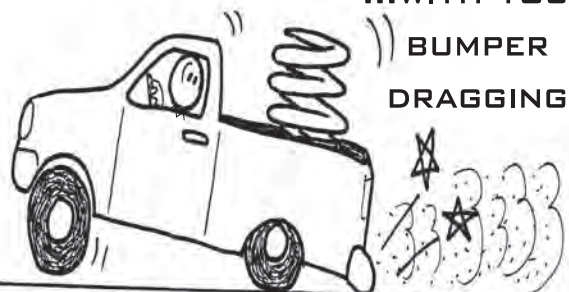
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Public housing for our feathered friends was on the agenda recently as Cleoe Bedard, Brian Warburton, Mary Abela and Abdel Mohamed joined other volunteers to put up 70 bird boxes in parklands around town. Organized by the Wildlife and Naturalization working group of the Environmental Advisory Committee, the bird boxes are part of a program to monitor and protect songbirds that are in serious decline.

Aurora drivers score well to lead in use of seat belts

Last Wednesday at Queen's Park, Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees recognized his home town of Aurora for its leadership in road safety through seat belt use.

The former Minister of Transportation acknowledged Aurora's compliance rate of 98 per cent as the highest among all York Region municipalities as reported by York Regional Police.

The results were based on the 2007 Spring Seatbelt Campaign which was also launched last week.

"The compliance rate among all York Region drivers is above the provincial average of 93 per cent but unfortunately there are still those who are putting themselves and others at risk by

not buckling up," Klees said. "I want to congratulate the 98 per cent of Aurorans who have made it a habit to buckle up and am hopeful that this year, we can achieve a 100 per cent rate of compliance – not only in Aurora, but in all York Region Municipalities."

The MPP thanked the

Ontario Safety League, St. John Ambulance and the York Regional Police Services for their relentless efforts to increase awareness of the importance of wearing seat belts.

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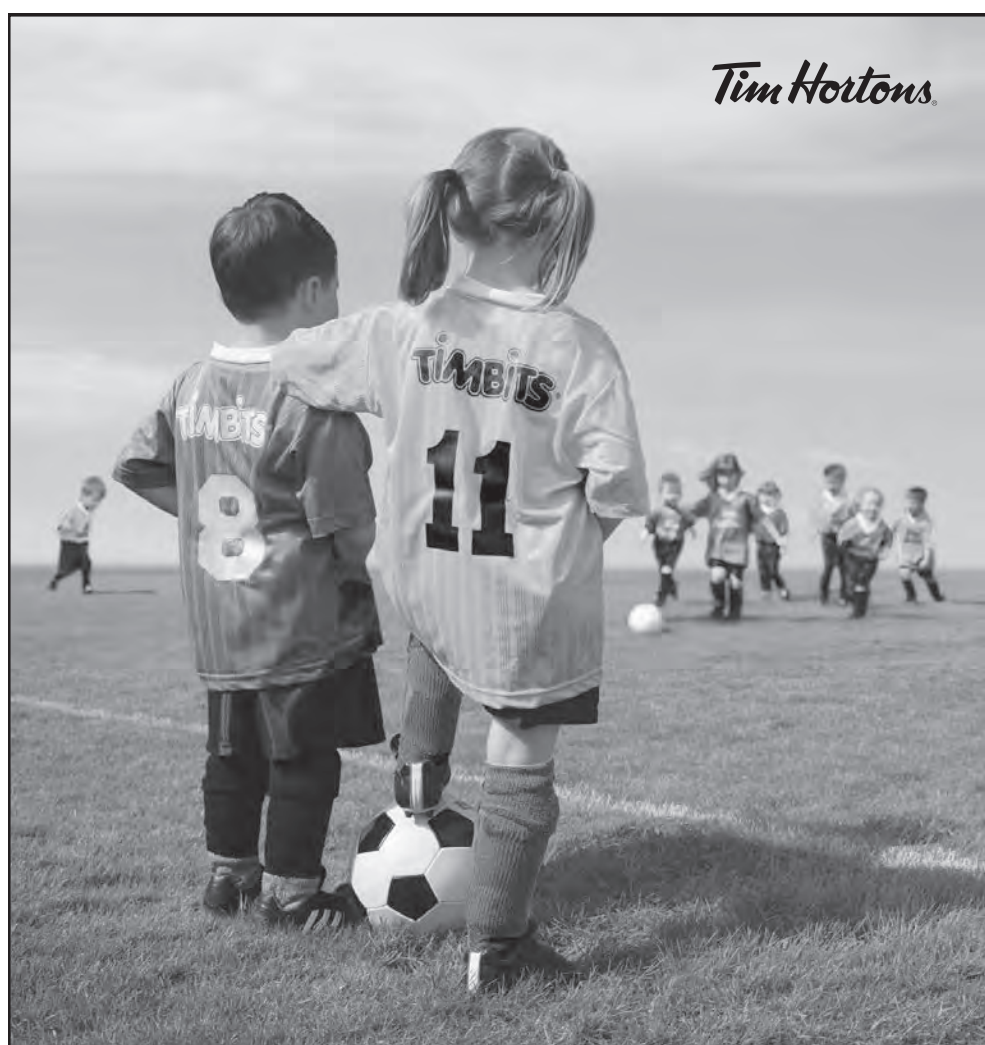
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Public relations scheme hits a council roadblock

What was a relatively simple staff report regarding the establishment of a staff Customer Service Initiative Team became a controversial, complex issue recently as some members of council disagreed with the report and gave the impression they did not trust the opinion of their staff.

The report was submitted to Aurora's general committee Tuesday night for information and approval of the proposed Terms of Reference, which included staff membership on the team.

All departments were represented on the team with a mixture of directors and front line staff, and this was the major issue of the committee with Councillors Wendy Gaertner and Evelina MacEachern leading the attack.

Both wanted one of the front line workers replaced.

Councillor Bob McRoberts tried to bring some sanity to the debate by pointing out the need for front line workers on the team and made the comparison of a bureaucrat from the Ministry of Education and a school principal in dealing with a customer relations issue at a school.

As part of the 2007

budget, council approved \$100,000 for Phase 1 of the Capital Asset Management System.

The second phase of the system is being considered as one of the capital projects included in the 2008 budget.

A component of the software included a Customer Relationship Management System for tracking and responding to citizen enquiries, complaints and service requests.

While the senior management team had reviewed demonstrations of various software applications, it was realized that a corporate customer service vision and service delivery model must be developed prior to purchasing the technological tool to enable a successful implementation.

Staff members pointed out that the team had met

twice and Terms of Reference and a Work Plan had been prepared for council's review and approval.

In discussing the methodology for moving forward with the work plan, the team agreed the best approach for determining corporate customer service strengths and weaknesses was to survey both internally and externally and to target the people who use the town's services, visit staff offices, telephone or e-mail staff and council members.

As it was the first time members of council had seen the staff report, there were a number of questions which staff members answered but as the debate deteriorated into personalities with the naming of staff members, the whole issue was referred to an camera session.

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As a result, Mr. Justice Ted Minden told Howard Burke he was free to go after being charged with the shooting of 32-year-old Ian Francis in a Vaughan body shop.

Shortly after Burke was released, a court officer who had escorted the jury told the Judge the wrong verdict had been recorded.

The Judge called the jury back and reversed the verdict the day after Burke had been released.

A bench warrant was issued for Burke and three days later he surrendered to police and the Judge sentenced him to 14 years in prison.

A revised budget in 2003 included the addition of \$150,000 to implement continuation of the town's trail system and construction of the boardwalk on the north side of the roadway overlooking the McKenzie Marsh.

When the tenders were opened in 2004 the prices were well over the budgeted amount, especially for landscaping.

It is claimed that the town indicated to the region at that time that the contract would have to be cut back to the town's budgeted amount of \$157,076 or the region would have to pick up the difference.

Unfortunately, the town had no documentation to support their position, so staff was directed by council to negotiate with the region regarding the outstanding invoice of \$258,676.

What happened? Did the region cancel it or did Aurora taxpayers foot the bill?

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It was December 22, 1987, when the Olympic Relay passed through Aurora on its 88-day, 18,000 kilometre trek across Canada for the February opening of the Games.

A year earlier the town was contacted by the Olympic organizing committee with a request to plan for the Flame's passage through the municipality.

An Olympic Torch Relay Committee was established with Councillor George Timpson as chairman. The town ordered 1,000 Olympic Relay buttons to be sold and 2,500 Olympic Ribbons to be distributed as souvenirs.

Also available were commemorative candles for lighting at the town's ceremony.

December 22 was Red and White Day in Aurora and all residents were encouraged to wear something red and white for the arrival of the Torch.

Hundreds of Aurora residents braved the cold to attend the ceremonies at the Community Centre parking lot.

Peter White, a student at George Street Public School, spoke about what the Olympic spirit meant to him.

He was followed by Aurora resident Brian Stemmler, Canada's 1987 Men's Downhill Skiing Champion and a member of Canada's Ski Team at the Calgary Olympics.

As the Torch left on its way to Richmond Hill, a fireworks display took place.

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The reasons are obscure but there was a deficit of \$202,335 in the town's sidewalk, water and sewer costs for the St. John's Sideroad reconstruction project carried out by York Region.

The first budget was for the town to provide funds for the provision of the sidewalks, street lighting and watermain as part of the regional project.

Hawthorne Lane residents reject planned sidewalks

The reconstruction of Hawthorne Lane was included in the town's 10-year Capital Reconstruction program for 2008 reconstruction and funds were included in the 2007 capital budget and design work was carried out.

Last January council gave early budget approval to the project, resulting in a tender call.

The project includes the reconstruction/replacement of road, curb and gutter and installation of new street lighting and new storm sewer improvement.

Residents were advised by letter of the proposal which included a question regarding a sidewalk with 24 residents responding to the questionnaire and all respondents asked the street be reconstructed without a sidewalk.

An Open House was also held.

There were 12 bidders to the tender call with prices ranging from \$368,680.90 to \$514,772.56.

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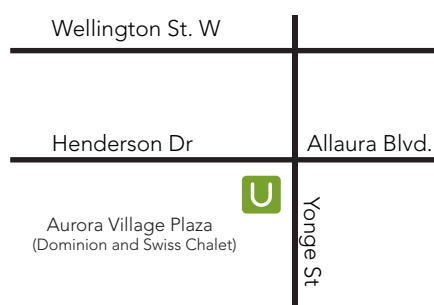
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