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145-unit complex site plan approved

Aurora Council approved the site plan for a 145-unit residential complex at John West Way and Civic Square Gate at last week's council meeting, amid concerns from a neighbouring resident the previous week that traffic from the development could pose safety concerns.

While the project still has a number of steps to go through before the development starts to take shape, councillors approved the current site

plan for the six-storey residence, which is slated to have its primary access point on Civic Square Gate.

Caterina Facciolo, who appeared as a delegate at the September 21 general committee meeting to speak to the site plan application said she was concerned she and her neighbours had not received notice of the site plan application.

Her primary concern, she said, Please see page 16



Residents mixed with Aurora council candidates Sunday for the first of three planned meetings before the October 25 election. Candidates are in the front row. Story on what happened appears on Page 3. Auroran photos by David Falconer



Twin brothers Nick and Jake Riddell of Aurora enjoyed the equipment provided by the Central York Fire Services at their Wellington Street Fire Station open house Saturday.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Despite councillor's objections, Aurora adopts Plan and Study

Aurora councillors voted to adopt the Town's new Official Plan and Aurora Promenade Tuesday night despite some objections that it was too late in this council's term to pass the plan which would, in effect, be left to the next council to implement.

Councillor Evelyn Buck spoke at length against passing the Official Plan at this point in time, citing the outstanding concerns from some stakeholders, including business owners in the downtown core. An official plan should be the work of the community, she said, and it was her impression that the plan has "too much opposition" from this group.

"Considering the implications

of the opposition to this plan, if this plan were meeting with general approval by all stakeholders, perhaps I wouldn't have the same concern about the fact it is proposed tonight.

"We have always had a principle that when a council is with an election, no substantive decisions are made because there is always a possibility that this will not be the council that carries forward the intent of this official plan.

"It may not be illegal to do it, but in my judgement it is not appropriate to do it considering the opposition this plan is receiving from stakeholders."

Preparing the plan for a vote should have started earlier, she added, noting that she sensed

those involved were "in a rush to the finish" at the last minute, leaving the next council unfairly burdened.

"The responsibility [is that] of the next council to review everything that has been done and be satisfied that they are prepared to defend this before the OMB," she said. "It is going to cost the municipality tremendous amounts of money. It is going to take up a huge amount of staff time to deal with the objections that are before us.

"It may not be this council doing it. It may be a new council and I don't believe it is fair to push it through at this point in time."

But despite some opposition Please see page 16

Briefly

Candidates' Chat

The board and the Aurora Seniors' Association has extended an invitation to the five mayoral candidates to host a coffee chat discussion with members at the Seniors' Centre.

The group wanted to have these discussions prior to the advance polling dates which start on Saturday October 9th:

Monday October 4, 11.30 a.m. - Miloslav Prikryl; Tuesday October 5, 11 a.m. - Roger Clowater; Wednesday October 6, 11 a.m. - Phyllis Morris; Thursday October 7 11 a.m. - Nigel Kean; Friday October 8 11 a.m. - Geoff Dawe.

All-candidates' meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 13 at the Howard Johnson Hotel at 6 p.m. and Sunday, October 17 at the Aurora Legion beginning at 2 p.m.

Advance Polls

All advance polls for the municipal election will be held at the Aurora Seniors' Centre on the following dates: Saturday, October 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, October 10 from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, October 17 from noon to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 18, 19 and 20 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Election day is Monday, October 25.



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COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

The Aurora Public Library presents "Let's Talk About Investing in Today's Economy" with Roger Strong leading an informal discussion forum. Event begins at 6 p.m. in the Magna Room and participants may pre-register at the adult information desk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Aurora Chamber of Commerce annual 2010 Business Achievement Awards Champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception at the Country Day School on Dufferin Street in King Township. Tickets are \$75 per person plus HST. Event begins at 6.30 p.m.

The Town of Aurora will host the Colours of Fall Concert and Community Corn Roast. including an evening of fiddling, pumpkin carving, and live entertainment. The concert will be held at Town Park from 6 to 8 p.m.

Masks have, for centuries, been used for a variety of purposes including ritual, theatre, disguise and for the simple fun of Halloween. Join local artist Philippa Hajdu to create your own mask and alter-ego at the Aurora Public Library for ages nine to 14. A cost of \$20 includes all materials. Session happens between 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Internationally acclaimed author Marina Nemat will read from her newest book, After Tehran, a Life Reclaimed. A story of courage and recovery, After Tehran chronicles Nemat's confrontation with her past, how she re-engages with her distant father, and how ultimately she emerges from the emotional ravages of post-traumatic stress. Free with a ticket, but seating is limited. Event takes place at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room at the Aurora Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

A Bereavement Support Group for adults experiencing the death of a loved one, is again being offered at the Aurora United Church. The eight-week session is held from 7 to 9 p.m., and ends Dec 1. There is no fee for this program. It is non denominational and is open to all in the community. We will focus on strategies and resources for coping with your loss. To register or for more info, contact Carol at 905-640-7578 or bereavement@live.ca.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Wesley United Church holds its annual harvest fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Wesley United is at the corner of Woodbine and Aurora Rd.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

The Aurora Cultural Centre (Church Street School), presents Aurora's own jazz pianist Paul Neufeld in a series of Sunday Sessions. "Klezmer and World Music" features an intimate afternoon of the Juno award winning Neufeld on the Centre's spectacular Yamaha C7 piano with special guest Martin van de Ven on clarinet. Tickets are \$15 in advance at the Centre, or at the door; Event begins at 2 p.m. For further information, call 905-713-

1818 or email info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

The 25th anniversary of Ontario Public Library Week will officially kick off at the Aurora Public Library. The event will be launched by a visit from The Hon. Michael Chan, Ontario's Minister of Tourism and Culture. Events begin at 7:30 pm at the Library.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

The Aurora United Church will once again host its fall rummage sale from 1 to 8 p.m. followed by a bag sale Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yonge Street church. Items in the sale include gently used clothes, garage sale items, books, toys, and linen. For more information, call 905-727-1935.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Haunted Forest presented by the Town of Aurora takes place today from 6 to 9 p.m. in Sheppard's Bush. Tickets sold in advance from either the Aurora Family Leisure Complex or the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex starting October 8 for residents and from October 15 until sold out for residents and non-residents.

A chance for children to learn local history will happen today at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, 14732 Woodbine Avenue in Vondorf. Admission is free to this History Hands-On event. For further information, call 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

The Reverend David Chisling will talk about Garden Therapy at the regular meeting of the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society meeting at 8 p.m. at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Ray at 905-727-6168.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Today is the last day to catch the exhibit Distinctly Canadian: Celebrating the Fine Art of Members of the Ontario Society of Artists and the Royal Canadian Academy at the Aurora Cultural Centre (Church Street School). The exhibit features sculpture and paintings from artists, including local talent. Admission is free.

The Aurora Historical Society is hosting "A Night in Old Hollywood", a fundraiser at the Aurora Cultural Centre. All proceeds from the event will go towards the restoration of Hillary House National Historic Site. Tickets can be purchased in person at Hillary House, over the phone at 905-727-8991, or at the Aurora Cultural Centre (Church Street School). The event runs from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., and features a silent auction and entertainment by the Thursday Night Jam Band.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

As part of Holocaust Education Week, you are invited to Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street to view a screening of the short film, Pigeon. The event begins at 7 p.m. Following the film, Holocaust survivor, Roman Ziegler, will share his personal testimony. Pigeon recounts a rare and startling act of humanity. Roman Ziegler is the youngest of eight children and the sole survivor of his family. He spent 31 months in four slave labour and concentration camps before being liberated in May, 1945. He has lived in Canada since 1958 and is the co-author of Voice From the Heart. This event is suitable for youth as well as adults. For more information call 905-727-1935.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Rooms with a View Décor and Photography Show

and Sale at The Aurora Cultural Centre today. Each room in the Centre will be decorated by local interior decorators, and enhanced with photographs from professional photographers. Tickets are \$10, in advance at the Centre, or at the door. The event starts at 11 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. For further information, phone 905-713-1818 or info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Join artist Bill Lewochko to learn about the art of cartooning, and develop your own cartoon characters and style at the Aurora Public Library today from 10 a.m. to noon. This event is for children aged 9 to 14 and the cost of \$10 includes all materials.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Women's League holds their 15th annual Christmas Fair and Artisans Craft Sale today in the Lynett Hall, 16 Catherine Avenue. Events begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, presents Aurora's own jazz pianist Paul Neufeld in a series of Sunday Sessions. "Eclectic Jazz" features an intimate afternoon of the Juno award winning Neufeld on the Centre's spectacular Yamaha C7 piano with special guest Michael Occhipinti on guitar. Tickets are \$15 in advance at the Centre, or at the door. Event begins at 2 p.m. Call 905-713-1818 or email info@auroraculturalcentre.ca for further information.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Aurora's Pine Tree Potters' Guild will host an "Empty Bowls" fund-raising event to benefit the York Region Food Network and Welcoming Arms. The event will take place at the Aurora Cultural Centre (Church Street School) with lunch from noon to 2 p.m. and dinner from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets now available at R & R Used Books, 95

Edward Street. For the price of a ticket, guests may choose from hundreds of handmade pottery bowls. Chefs from various Aurora restaurants will be on hand to serve their signature gourmet soups and artisan breads. For further information, click on www.pinetreepotters.ca.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

A jitterbug ball, to support Hospice King-Aurora, will be held this evening. Visit www.hospicekingaurora.ca for updates.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Aurora Seniors' Centre presents its Christmas Bazaar. Vendors from the Farmers' Market, ASA group baking, woodshop, sewing, knitting, and many other crafters will be on hand for the event.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

A Children Wish Foundation Christmas Tree Raffle happens today at the Aurora Seniors' Centre. The tree, donated by Home Hardware will be on display from October 18 to December 1 when the draw will take place. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

CONTINUING

The Aurora Probus Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at the Aurora Legion. Memberships consist of retired and semi-retired PROfessional and BUSiness people, hence the name. New members are welcome. For more information, call Marilyn Munslow at 905-727-9344 or Bob Saunders at 905-841-3558.

GRANAurora, the local Grandmothers To Grandmothers group, meets monthly to raise awareness, generate funds and lobby on behalf of the grandmother care-givers in AIDS-ravaged Africa. For more information Please see page 19

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Big audience hears mayoral candidates

For many Aurorans, the standing room only All Candidates meeting held Sunday at the Town Hall was their first chance to get up close and personal with each candidate running for public office in the upcoming election.

Nearly all candidates - a potential councillor was not there - were present to introduce themselves to the audience, including all five mayoral candidates - Roger Clowater, Geoff Dawe, Nigel Kean, incumbent Mayor Phyllis Morris, and Miloslav Prikryl.

In the meeting, moderated by Dr. Wesley Cragg, each mayoral candidate was accorded five minutes to make introductory remarks.

First to speak was Mr. Dawe, who took aim at critics who have criticized his candidacy due to lack of experience on Council.

As a local business owner for 25 years, he said he has met many people over the course of the campaign who value this experience.

"Many of you... [have said] the business leadership experiences and expertise that I have outweighs any perceived lack of ability," he said. "They agree that it is exactly the kind of leadership and experience this town needs more than ever."

Voters, he said, were looking for positive change, and that would not come from looking to "yesterday's people", specifically Mayor Morris and Mr. Kean.

For Mr. Prikryl who spoke next, he said he joined the race to "express ideas and to poll ideas."

A key pillar of his platform is to meet the needs of youth who, he noted, were not exactly well represented at the meeting.

"We should not forget about them," he said. "Instead of a youth centre we hire security guards to chase the kids from parks. We should spend this money to give them a place of their own. Give them the respect

they deserve, the same respect we expected when we were their age."

He suggested converting the old library building into a youth centre.

Mayor Morris spoke next, and explained her passion for politics.

Citing her early time as a volunteer in the community and what brought her to council, she said experience is the key to success.

"For the past four years I have led the most productive, capable Town Council in a decade," she said. "There was more agreement among councillors in this term than of the two preceding Town Councils."

Decisions made by council this term were as a result of a "very functional majority" which focused on "serving the best interests of the people of Aurora".

Following her remarks, Mayor Morris went around to each incumbent candidate to shake their hands, a move which was greeted with a small smattering of claps which were soon drowned out by groans and laughter when she reached Councillor Buck who appeared to weigh her options before accepting the mayor's handshake.

Nigel Kean followed, and said he had been told repeatedly that voters were hungry for a change, and wanted a mayor "with a strong foundation and background with past council and business experience."

His first concern was the Town's residential to commercial tax base. He also said he wanted to institute a buy local policy to keep business in Aurora.

"It is important that the Town supports these people who pay our taxes," he said. "The win-win situation is as they grow they will hire more residents in Aurora."

For Roger Clowater, it was a matter of "staying in touch" with
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The unveiling of Deborah Campo's Peace Flame Tree took place last Tuesday at Aurora's Town Hall.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Artist's Peace Flame Tree unveiled at Town Hall

Around 40 people braved the wet, grey weather last Tuesday for the unveiling of local artist Deborah Campo's Peace Flame Tree sculpture at Aurora Town Hall.

Despite getting off to a late start due to Mayor Phyllis Morris being 20 minutes behind schedule, the crowds braved the rain for the unveiling which was also attended by Councillors Stephen Granger and Al Wilson, Aurora CAO Neil Garbe, and representatives from MP Lois Brown and MPP Frank Klees' offices.

For Ms. Campo, the unveiling was the culmination of years of work promoting her tribute to peace.

"The Peace Flame Tree symbolizes the eternal flame of strength and the dove of peace rising to embrace a message of remembering peace," Ms. Campo told onlookers. "It's a tribute to our country as peace-keeper of land, air and sea."

"The metallic colour of stainless steel allows me to envision purity in our environment. The Peace Flame Tree is a statement to our country's peace-keeping. All these elements represent the tree of peace. It's a great honour to have this moment and share with all of you this evening."

In her greetings, Mayor Morris paid tribute to the artist herself.

"Deborah... went out into the community and found partners [for the project] and that is what this community is about," she said. "It is about everyone coming together."

"It is a flame of symbol. We used it when we were raising funds for Welcoming Arms as

well. We used it in the Canada Day Parade. It is already well-known and it is going to be well-known across the country and we thank you for that, Deborah."

While Mr. Klees had a previous commitment preventing him from attending the ceremony, his representative, Derek Murray, expressed Mr. Klees' "admiration for the artistic breadth of vision" that inspired the Tree's creation.

"The symbolism of the dove of peace, rooted in the tree of life, extending its branches like so many raised hands towards the sky, is the most fitting tribute to all our Canadian Peacekeepers," said Mr. Murray, reading a letter from Mr. Klees.

"This piece will serve as an ever-present reminder to all of the great sacrifices made by those whose hearts are inflamed with the desire for peace and harmony among all people and all cultures."

Following the unveiling ceremony, Ms. Campo invited several sponsors, supporters and well-wishers to Jonathan's Restaurant for a reception of thanks.

Before departing, Ms. Campo shared with the audience a message of peace, from the 89 she collected from students "and the young at heart" from Aurora, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Toronto and Ottawa. Her selection, from 14-year-old student Jack Mackenzie, she said, summed up their feelings:

"Peace is a trait that is easily abused and therefore destroyed. Peace always gives people a chance to reconcile and forgive one another and, therefore, reinforce the peace within us."



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I want to bring "Refreshing Change" and focus on issues to support that very point. The following issues have, through my research, surfaced as the most important to our citizens in no particular order. Here they are, along with my comments.

Council Accountability - As a police officer for 24 years, I am familiar with transparency. I'm comfortable conducting affairs open to public scrutiny and feel that the municipal government should work in the same manner.

Vacant Businesses - The downtown business core is the life blood of

a community, it reflects the health of the community. It is important that an Economic Development Officer be charged with the sole responsibility of assisting businesses and landlords to keep these retail outlets filled with viable business operations.

Environment - I have strong concerns about the over development commercially, residentially and the infringement on sensitive ecological areas such as McKenzie Marsh.

Tax Rate - Holding a line on taxes by reducing the wanton and frivolous expenses incurred by the Town of Aurora is important.

A University or College - I believe strongly that an institute of higher learning in Aurora, for a town that by 2030 will have 70K people, is a necessity and that planning needs to begin NOW. It addresses issues on many different levels such as, transportation, jobs, support for businesses, filling vacancies etc.

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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Letters policy is clarified by the editor

Oh, what problems my readers cause me. I actually have to make a decision. So I did.

It all has to do with Letters to the Editor and the election.

Early on, I decided not to run letters that endorsed, or were written by, a candidate, then along came Evelyn Buck, and, without thinking, I ran her letter. She's on council.

So, Nigel Kean, a mayoralty candidate, found her letter and another one written by mayoralty hopeful Geoff Dawe, and he wanted equal space.

So be it, I ran a letter by Nigel last week.

Now, I'm deluged by letters, so, in keeping with my policy of printing every letter as long as I don't wind up in jail, here are my rules: say what you like about any candidate (keeping in mind there are laws covering libel and defamation of character), but if it isn't printed by the October 12th edition, it won't see the light of day.

Which means you have less than a week to say your piece.

In other words, there will be no letters in the paper regarding the election October 19th...except my plea that you should go out and vote.

For whomever you like.

Because, The Auroran will not recommend anyone, either for mayor, council or school board.

To me, it's the kiss of death.

Not a single daily paper likes the idea that Rob Ford is leading the polls to become the next mayor of Trawna, but because of all the publicity given to him he'll probably win.

I don't want him as mayor, because he wants to get rid of streetcars, and I think streetcars are great modes of transportation.

But I'm not going to make a federal case over it, because he certainly doesn't need the publicity.

So, there'll be no endorsement by this paper for any position available.

And, as long as the space permits, I'll print every letter I get.

Letter to the Editor

Reader will vote for Nigel Kean

To the editor,

As a resident of Aurora for the past 20 years, I have carefully read the platforms of the challengers who are running for mayor.

I believe the only candidate with true substance is Nigel Kean.

I have followed Nigel's political career for many years. He has served his time on council and has done many good things for Aurora.

For example, he started and maintained the popular Farmer's Market.

He has worked with many charitable groups, organizing golf tournaments, running in the Terry Fox Run and the Thrill on the Hill.

He also rode in the Big Bike for Heart and Stroke and bowled for Big Brothers Big Sisters in order to raise awareness about that organization's worthwhile programs and services.

Nigel has always been willing to lend a helping

hand to those in need, volunteering his time and energy without question.

When he makes a decision, it's only after considerable research and thought - with the best interests of our community at heart.

He voted to protect the Moraine, to build a new seniors' centre, a new recreation centre and a new fire hall.

I believe this election is perhaps the most important in many years because we need change.

That means voting for a candidate who has experience.

That means voting for a candidate who truly cares for Aurora.

That means voting for a candidate who has shown commitment and demonstrated professionalism throughout his entire political career.

That means voting for Nigel Kean.

Lisa Hudson
Aurora

Letters to the Editor

Ada Johnson still going strong at 107 years old

To the editor,

A few weeks ago I visited Ada Johnson at Park Place Manor who recently had a birthday party there.

She told me that she never dreamed that she would live so long.

At one time she thought she might die in her sixties, but "here I am at age 107. I can't believe it."

She said "so many times I have wanted to write a letter to the editor but was unable to do it. I said I'd help her.

She wanted the letter to say thank you to some people: her son Dave and his family for supporting her, then all the people who visit her, and to express her gratitude to the staff at Park Place for their kindness and care and for those wonderful birthday parties they have given her.

Ada told me a bit about her life.

Her maiden name was Kerr and she lived in Vaughan

Township before coming to Aurora.

She had a brother Leslie and a sister Susie.

Her mother, she said "was a wonderful woman who made clothes for ourselves and others. After my father died she earned money as a seamstress to make sure the three of us got through Public and High School."

Ada met Norm Johnson, a science teacher and they married in 1924.

He taught at the old Aurora High School, now the forsaken Wells Street School. (I was one of his students there).

Then he taught at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School and became the principal there.

Norm had served in both World Wars and attained the rank of Major.

At Williams he founded and was the leader of the school's Cadet Corps.

He was very proud of the

cadets.

In 1937 they built a cottage at Pointe Au Baril on Georgian Bay north of Parry Sound.

Ada said Norm loved the cottage life "but it wasn't my cup of tea".

Her son Dave agrees and remembers that on the drive north to the cottage his dad whistled away happily but at the end of summer on the trip home it was his mother doing the whistling.

The cottage is still enjoyed by Dave and his family.

The Johnsons had two sons, Ted and Dave, but Ted died in 2000.

They both went to High School in Aurora and Dave went on to Engineering at University of Toronto. He married Ruth Knowles, daughter of Williams' then principal, J.H. Knowles.

Ruth, sadly, died in 2006. They were parents to four children, three boys and a girl.

Ada says she hasn't done

much travelling.

She and sister Susie stayed with relatives in Manitoba a few times, and she and Norm visited Vancouver and took a couple of trips to Germany.

Looking back, she says "my memories have been mostly good. I taught a beginner's class at Aurora United Church and took part in things pretty well close to home. In those days we made a big fuss over Spring and Fall housecleaning. Each day I did what I had to do and if I made a boo-boo I'd try to do better the next day. I hope I've done some good".

Thank you, Ada, for sharing your thoughts with us.

You are one sharp lady and I know that what you've done in your life has certainly been for the good. You have been an inspiration to all of us.

Flo Murray
Aurora

Public is being misled by some blogs: reader

To the editor,

Freedom of speech is a cherished right for Canadians.

Its protection should be encouraged.

Like other freedoms, it is not absolute.

It is restricted by defamation, hatred and other laws.

While the opportunity to express one's views through a blog is to be encouraged, the operators of the blog can easily control these expressions to favour their agenda and thus become the judge of your freedom.

This is achieved, at times, by rejecting the comments for publication on a myriad of pretentious reasons, and most times for no

stated reason at all.

No reader of the blog is told of this censorship or the reason.

However, to the blogger the reason is obvious: it does not fit the blog owner's purpose or agenda.

So let's say someone creates a blog because he or she is dissatisfied with the current government or a particular politician, and invites the public to comment.

He or she does not identify himself or herself, so there is no way to potentially discern his or her agenda.

He or she invites participation of like-minded individuals who, through the cloak of anonymity, rally to the cause.

Frequently changing their

anonymous "handle" makes it look like an army of supporters exists.

Pity the author of a different view.

Like wasps in a disturbed nest, the ad hominem insults fly.

Persistence is ultimately met by the silent slip of the censor's knife.

The freedom of speech has been frustrated by the one who advocated it in the first place.

The public has been misled.

The emergence of blogs as an election tool has begun to attract the attention of

lawmakers.

Australia, Great Britain, South Korea and others have enacted laws dealing with the activities of blogs during election campaigns.

Some require the disclosure of the name and address of the blogger: some prohibit repeated promotion of a candidate. It is an active topic in the United States.

From my own experience, such a review in Canada is overdue.

Guy L. Poppe
Aurora

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Aurora doesn't have a museum anymore

To the editor,

Church Street School is one of Aurora's historical buildings and I for one am very pleased it was not torn down, as it nearly was a number of years ago.

Today it is called the Culture Centre, but before the last election it was called The Heritage and Culture Centre - where, why and when did the word Heritage disappear?

Along with the word Heritage the MUSEUM also disappeared.

Aurora at the moment does not have a museum.

Donations to the museum have been willingly given by many Aurora families.

It was expected that those items would be on display as in Newmarket, Whitchurch-Stouffville and other local museums.

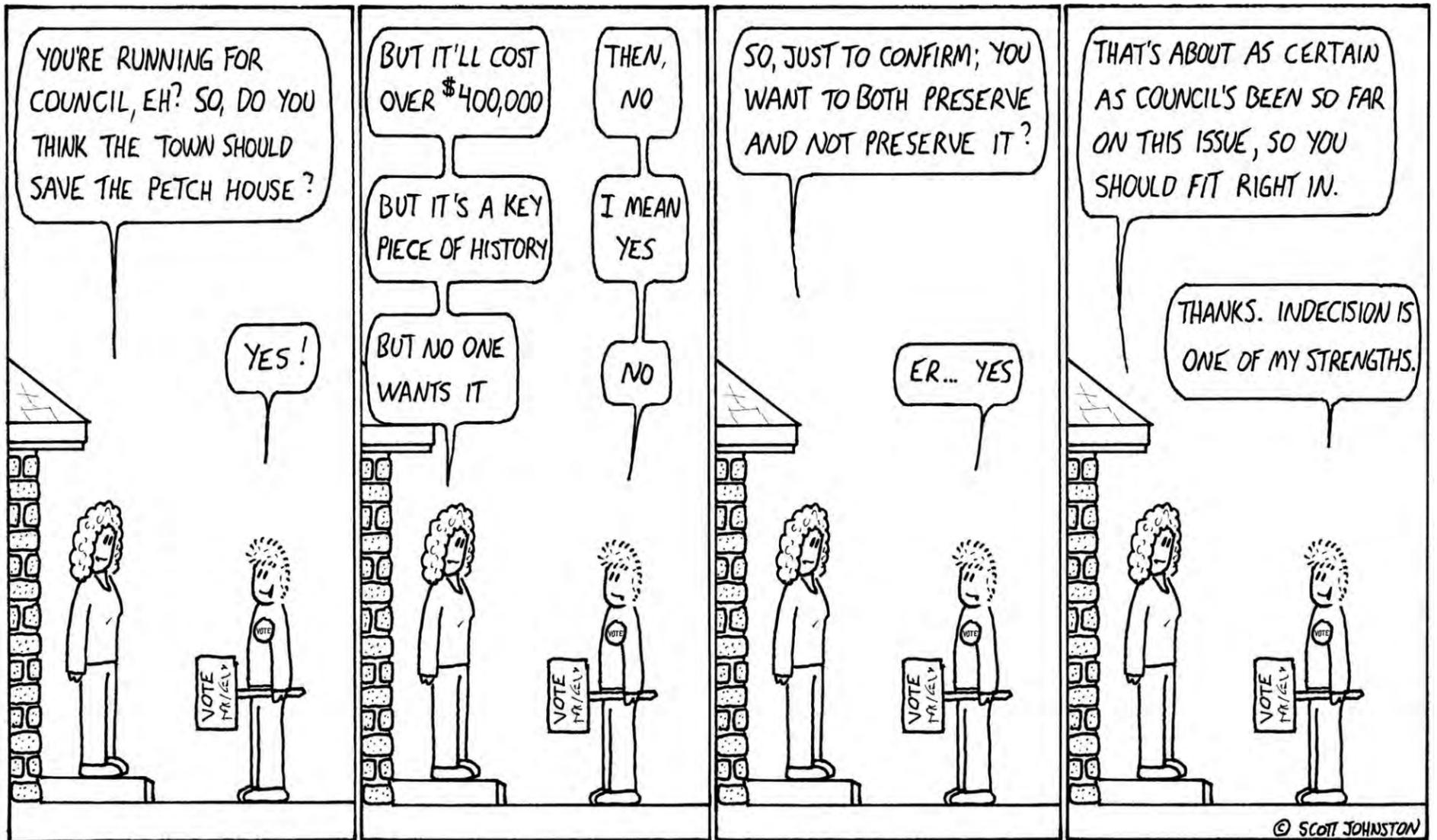
I realize that there are many aspects to be considered, but I feel we should be able to find a way to support a museum once again.

Our history is part of our culture and should be on display for all to see.

Hopefully the new council can work together to bring back a thriving museum in order to maintain Aurora's heritage, of which we are so proud of.

Thank you.

Frances Neale
Aurora



Frankly Speaking

By Frank Klees

Behind closed doors

All is not what it appears in the Town of Aurora.....or in Newmarket or anywhere else in the province.

Behind the doors of many houses on your street, are families who are struggling to cope with the complex issues of their day to day lives.

Through this column, I invite you into my office to witness a typical Friday of meetings with constituents.

These are real people and may well live next door, but you may never be aware of their personal struggles.

8.30 am: John and Dorothy tell me about their adult son who has multiple disabilities and requires 24-hour ventilation. They have gladly cared for him for his entire life, but are now seniors themselves and it's becoming impossible for them to provide the round the clock caregiving. There is no facility anywhere in York Region to provide care for their son. What do they do?

9 am: I return a call to Melodie who tells me about her 17-year-old son, who is in desperate need to have the joints in his jaw replaced with titanium implants. His jaw joints have disintegrated due to Rheumatoid Arthritis, but he's been told it will be four years because of the wait list. The pain is constant, his morphine dosage is equivalent to that of a dying cancer patient. What do they do?

9.30 am: A middle-aged MS patient tells of her interview with a Ministry of Health worker during which she registered her concern that her Long Term Care Home could not afford to provide her with the necessary equipment that would help her keep her mobility. As the worker confirmed that there was not enough money to provide the equipment, she was busy recording that fact on the latest I-Pad supplied to her by the Ministry of Health. Where are the ministry's priorities?

10 am: Cheryl's son has been diagnosed as having a speech disorder and is in need of speech therapy. If he doesn't get timely treatment, there's a serious risk that his academic progress will be stalled, and that his already fragile self esteem will be further undermined. The wait list is so long, that no one will even venture a guess as to when therapy will be available. The family can't afford to pay for private therapy. What do they do?

10.30 am: John wonders why PowerStream, the electrical utility that's been sending him bills that keep increasing by the month, made charitable donations last year in excess of \$1.2 million. His bills are high enough, and why is PowerStream allowed to make million dollar charitable donations with money they've billed to him? Good question!

11 am: Bob and Lloyd ask why Dalton McGuinty is so intent on putting them out of business. They've been in the lawncare business for the past 20 years and the pesticide regulations passed last year are forcing them out of business. It's the unfairness they're complaining about. Government properties, golf courses, agricultural uses are all exempt, and the replacement products they were prom-

ised by the government don't work and are cost-prohibitive. Thousands of small businesses, including theirs will be out of business. Why is the McGuinty government so out of touch?

11.30 am: Ryan is about to lose his food supply business because of the callous conduct of a government inspector. A supplier had failed to properly label a supply of meats, and rather than allow the product to be returned to the supplier (as provided for in provincial regulations), the inspector ordered the product to be destroyed. The result is a loss of thousands of dollars in inventory that the business can't afford. Why was this government agent not willing to be reasonable rather than being so intent on killing his business?

And it's only noon. At the end of the day, my staff and I have heard from a steady stream of constituents whose

lives are in turmoil.

In many cases, that turmoil is the result of the misplaced priorities of a government that has lost touch with the real needs of Ontario families.

In case you may have wondered what your MPP does when he's not in the legislature, I hope this provides some insight.

And if you're interested in knowing what I do to advocate for my constituents, like 17-year-old Cody and others, you may want to check out my website at www.frankklees.com where you can see the video and Hansard record of my questions to the Premier and Ministers as well as a comprehensive record of my advocacy on your behalf.

As always, I invite you contact me with your comments or questions through my website or by calling me at 905-750-0019.

Letter to the Editor

My thoughts about signage destruction

To the editor,

On the night and morning of 24/25 Sept. a systematic destruction and removal of election signs for the mayoralty candidate Geoff Dawe occurred throughout the town.

His were the only signs so affected.

This obviously planned vandalism occurred throughout the town and even included the destruction of the sign on his own property.

One of the vandals and his vehicle were observed in the early hours of the morning and

information was given to the police.

I am one of the many volunteers working for Geoff Dawe's campaign and here are some thoughts of the event.

The destruction of signs here and there are commonplace and should have no cause for alarm.

The scale of vandalism in this case goes beyond triviality. It was planned and thorough.

Such an act cannot help but to create suspicion of the other candidates.

In this regard I am familiar with the candidates and I can not con-

ceive that they, their campaign managers or volunteers would encourage in any way such behaviour.

We, as volunteers, carry out a number of tasks including the erection of signs, door to door canvassing and a lot of other work that sets to establish the candidate and his platform to the community. Geoff Dawe has instructed that in our dealings with the voters that we are to focus on the positive side of issues and not to be negative or carry out personal attacks on the opposition.

We are tasked to show respect for the other

candidates.

I assume that all the volunteers for the other candidates are doing the same things we do, working as hard as we are and share the same sentiments of mutual respect.

I would urge us all to carry on with a good fight with emphasis on the issues and the respect for a fair campaign.

To those little people who carried out the goon tactics that occurred, you can only be harming the candidate you are favouring.

Terry Kelly
Aurora

Letters to the Editor

Reader upset that town, board having sports discussions

To the editor,

I hear the Town of Aurora is having discussions with the York Catholic District School

Board about a joint project to build soccer and football fields.

The town should not be paying for anything a school board wants.

Our last joint venture was with the soccer bubble that we are still paying for with an end result in excess of one million dollars and council will not do

anything about the loss of taxpayer dollars.

Spending one million dollars and expecting to gain \$1,000 a year in user fees is

not a very good proposal.

I see Mr. Downey expects \$5,000 a year for maintenance.

Mr. Downey is now in a hurry for council to sign.

Aurora's tax dollars should not be going to help others meet their objectives.

It would be nice to have a few balanced budgets, before more millions are spent on

sports.

It is time that money is raised by those benefitting from the project.

Stay away from joint ventures.

Where does a school board obtain this kind of money?

R.W. Hanes
Aurora

She thanks Network for organizing event

To the editor,

Congratulations Neighbourhood Network!

I am a member of the Aurora Seniors Association and recently had the pleasure of attending the Neighbourhood Network 2010 Volunteer Recognition Event featuring guest speaker Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

I want to congratulate Steve Hinder and all the Neighbourhood Network staff for organizing a splendid event.

As was said during the evening, volunteers do not do what they do with expectations of rewards, but we do enjoy an opportunity to meet, share news and information, be inspired by erudite speakers and entertained by talented performers.

All those elements made for a very enjoyable event.

As I listened to Steve, Tom Taylor and Tim Jones who spoke about Neighbourhood Network's achievements and upcoming projects and initiatives in support of community needs - specifically the Student November Food Drive, I

was impressed by the fact that, although Aurora Seniors Association is a partner of Neighbourhood Network and we've been the beneficiary of their support, we are all attuned to our community's pressing needs, and to the extent we are able, try to make a positive contribution.

In that spirit, volunteers at Aurora Seniors Association are also working on a November fundraising event - our "Dress to Impress" Fashion Show to be held Sunday, November 7th - from which 50 per cent of net proceeds will be donated to the Aurora

Food Bank.

We've had enthusiastic co-operation and support from local businesses and we too will have a student presence at this event, assisting with various aspects where younger, faster legs are needed.

Fashion Show tickets and information are available at the Aurora Seniors Centre by calling 905-726-4767.

Again, sincere thanks to everyone at Neighbourhood Network for all you do for our community.

Lydia Schuster
Aurora Seniors Association

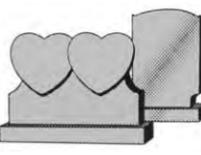
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Do you have an estate plan?

Submitted by Michael P. Comeau
Financial Advisor

According to Dr. Sam Savage at Stanford University, the chance of your house catching fire is 1-in-230. That's less than one per cent, but most people would agree it's still wise to have property insurance just in case.

Meanwhile, as we all know but don't like to think about, the odds of dying are 1-in-1. Yet - as described in the Canadian edition of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners' Why Make a Will guide - more than 60 per cent of us don't even have a will, let alone a comprehensive estate plan.

There are a number of reasons for this. It may be the issue of facing one's mortality, not wanting to burden family, not being able see any immediate tangible benefits, or simply not knowing where to start with the planning process. Whatever the cause, now that we're freshly into a new year, it's a good time to address this very important matter.

Estate planning applies to everyone, regardless of your wealth. In simple terms, an estate is everything you own - including real estate, investments and other property, as well as the debts you owe. When you die, you'll want your assets to be passed along according to your wishes. An

estate plan can help ensure that happens.

For most of us, a key objective is making certain our family is financially secure after we've passed away. In some cases, beneficiaries may include non-family members, or even charities. An effective estate plan will not only make it clear who gets what, but will ensure that assets are distributed efficiently and tax-effectively. It's also critical in making sure your assets are managed according to your wishes if you become ill or incapacitated before you die.

A suggestion for your first step is to put together a team of experts to help you. It's recommended that you include a lawyer, a tax professional and a financial advisor, who can serve as your overall coordinator. Working with your advisors, you'll need to determine the goals for your plan, such as minimizing taxes, leaving a legacy for family members, or supporting a favourite charity.

As for specifics, your plan will likely consist of:

A will - This allows you to specify who will receive your assets when you die, and how they'll be distributed. If you die without a will, (known as dying "intestate"), distribution of your estate could be decided by a judge or government repre-

sentative with no knowledge of your wishes.

Power of attorney - This enables you to assign someone else the authority to act on your behalf in conducting your affairs. There are two types - power of attorney for property to cover all aspects of financial affairs and power of attorney for personal care, which allows someone to make decisions on your behalf regarding health care.

Life insurance policy - This provides a tax-free, lump-sum payment to beneficiaries. It can help your family have enough cash to live comfortably after your death.

Communication with your grown children and other trusted family members is essential in estate planning. This will help you avoid potential confusion, hard feelings and family squabbles when it's time to settle your affairs. In fact, it's probably best to have your loved ones involved early on in the process, including getting them acquainted with your estate planning advisors.

This just scratches the surface of what you need to know about estate planning. Speak with your financial advisor, tax professional and lawyer to learn more and to devise and implement a strategy that makes sense for you.

Edward Jones

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Letters to the Editor

All five mayoralty candidates showed up at Devins

To the editor,

Just after the start of the school year, my son's Grade 5 class at Devins Drive Public School invited the five mayoral candidates to come and visit their class.

The invitation was a way for the children to experience the democratic process first hand as part of the class's social studies program regarding government.

When I heard about the invitation, I was admittedly somewhat skeptical as to whether any of the candidates would come into the class.

After all, none of the Grade 5's are old enough to vote!

You can only imagine my surprise and pleasure when I found out that all five candidates had agreed to visit

the class.

On September 28th Devins Drive held its own version of an "all candidates meeting", specifically for the Grade 5 classes.

Parents had been invited to attend but the bulk majority of the audience was the kids themselves.

I personally did not attend.

My son came home that afternoon very excited about the meeting.

He was interested in the issues that each of the candidates spoke about and he really saw how each person viewed the tasks ahead of them should they be elected mayor.

He learned an incredible amount from that brief time with the candidates and yes, he formed an opinion as to who he thought should be the next mayor.

I won't share that opinion because I want to stress what all five of the candidates did by coming in to visit the class.

It would have been easy for any (or all) of them to decline the offer citing time constraints or other commitments but none of them did.

They all saw the value of helping to teach our kids about what it means to live in a democracy and how different people can have different priorities while all having the best intentions and interests of the town at heart.

All of the candidates showed their commitment to the community through this simple act.

I was impressed at the effort particularly since there was no direct or immediate payoff for them. There were few parents

there, and only a couple of teachers.

This visit was really for the kids and all the candidates recognized the intrinsic value of that.

I'm proud to live in a place where such people are running for office. I must admit that I had become very jaded about our municipal government and the election itself.

I simply was not convinced that anyone had more than their own personal interests in mind. However, my respect and attitude towards all of the candidates has increased immensely after this event.

It's clear to me now that though each candidate may have a different view on how things can and should be done, each of them really cares about the town and its future, particularly our

kids.

Thank you to all the mayoral candidates.

My son (and I) learned a lot from your visit and that is

something that can only strengthen our community.

Sean Turriff
Aurora



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Fourth annual walkathon raised more than \$14,000

To the editor,

First, thank you to the many walkers who joined us at Confederation Park on Sat. Sept. 25th for the 4th Aurora mini Winners Walk of Hope, despite the threat of rain!

I have loved developing the Walk of Hope over the years with three amazing women, Jackie Thompson, Lisa Salmon (Bingham), and Brenda Young.

It is my pleasure to work with each of you.

I also wish to thank our wonderful sponsors. We approached a number of businesses to help make our 4th walk a success. We were not turned down.

Thanks to Longos, U Weight Loss, Tim Hortons, Chatelaine, MARS, Tom and Jerry's, and the cookie lady (you know who you are) for providing the pre-walk treats and give-

Don't vote for incumbents, reader advises

To the editor,

Spring cleaning early: I see from the latest round of letters voters are again taking 'sides' related to the past ongoing personal problems and much wasted time spent on internal matters between the mayor and councillors and their inability to 'get along'.

Instead of taking 'sides' just don't bother to vote for any incumbents.

Hopefully this will present a totally new opportunity for a meaningful effort to concentrate 100 per cent on town business and improvements.

Neil Allison
Aurora

aways.

To change up our event this year we added a silent auction which raised almost \$600.

We are delighted as we had no idea what to expect.

Home Hardware, Shoppers Drug Mart, Cineplex, Science Centre, KateWard Designs, BagYardDogs, Robinson's Karate, Yellow/Orange Salon are among the generous donors for the auction.

Thanks to Mary, a trainer from Fitness Clubs of Canada who led us in a very professional, and energetic warm-up.

Thanks to Shawna Hook who shared her story, and a warm thanks to our wonderful Mayor Morris for her kind support.

A big thank-you also, to the students who put their hearts into volunteering at the Walk: Rebecca, Brittany, Shawna, Dakota, Mitchell, Rachel, Amanda, and Kerstin.

With the help of Aurorans and with the generous donations of supportive friends, neighbours, and family, the 4th Walk of Hope has raised more than \$14,000 for Ovarian Cancer Canada.

This money will go towards supporting women in treatment, creating awareness of this silent disease, as well as promoting research.

Breakthroughs are happening as you read this!

We already have new ideas for our 5th Aurora mini Winners Walk of Hope for Sept. 2011! Please consider joining us next year!

The real satisfaction and joy in the hundreds of hours that go into planning an event such as this one, comes when a stranger looks me in the eye, and says with the greatest sincerity, thank you for doing this.

Gayle Palmer
Aurora

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During the last 4 years, the outgoing Mayor and Council lost sight of what they were elected to do – to serve the community. Instead, they have focused on personal agendas. We have seen the most divisive, most dysfunctional Council in Aurora history – prompting national media attention and culminating in an embarrassing Toronto Star editorial which asked, “Has Aurora Lost Its Aura?”

This Mayor and Council have trumpeted the “Plans” they have passed and “Studies” they have supported – but plans aren't action. Studies aren't initiatives. We don't need more paper sitting on shelves. Where are the actual accomplishments?

The fact is that this Council has accomplished less in 4 years than past Councils achieved in 3. Indeed, virtually all of their “accomplishments” have been rushed through in the last few months of their term. It makes one wonder what was going on the first 3 years.

The contrast between what was and what might have been is startling:

Instead of working collaboratively, effectively and collegially this Mayor and Council wasted in excess of \$200,000 in Integrity Commissioner contracts, consultant fees, legal fees and advertising, not to mention wasted untold hours of staff time that could have been more appropriately used on town business, all to silence a single member of Council.

Instead of listening to the needs of the community the outgoing Mayor and Council wasted \$53,000 to hire a consultant to conduct extensive consultation with the community to develop the 5-year Parks & Recreation Master Recreation Plan – and then ignored the report and the wishes of community.

Instead of developing a Strategic Plan that clarified and aligned the vision of Council and staff, Council removed all mention from staff reports that linked actions to the existing Strategic Plan and started developing a collection of independent plans with no cohesive vision.

Instead of supporting Senior staff and respecting their expertise, last term saw 6 of 8 senior staff leave! How can one calculate the loss of corporate memory and experience that this turnover represents?

Instead of working on the 5-year Master Recreation Plan – as initially planned for 2008 – Council wasted over 1 year rewriting the consultant's report. They failed to approve the plan until mid 2010 and the youth centre and gymnasium – key amenities the community has been clamouring for – were cut from the plan.

Instead of prioritizing the need for the Senior Baseball Diamond as identified in the 2003 Parks & Master Recreation Plan the outgoing Mayor and Council struck it from the budget two years in a row. As a result, our new senior baseball diamond was delivered late and over budget – and missing key features identified by the users.

Instead of immediately commencing the 2C secondary and Official Plan amendment Process, Aurora Town Council didn't get started until mid 2009 – a full 2 years later than virtually every other municipality in the Region. The result was a mad rush to get the plan approved on the very last meeting of Council – without broad community input.

Unlike our outgoing Mayor, when I see “empty storefronts” I see wasted opportunities to build and grow our businesses and our community. I see an urgent need to take action.

If you share these concerns – as I do – with the 1,000's of fellow residents I meet as I canvass door to door, we can all agree that change is needed.

It's time to refocus our efforts on the things that matter to Aurorans. It's time for experienced leadership. It's time to put community ahead of personal interest. It's time to return accountability. ***It's time to put the Aura Back In Aurora.***

If you believe Aurora needs a Mayor with proven leadership skills and the ability to develop collaborative solutions that reflect the needs of all Aurorans, I'd appreciate your vote.

P.S. Visit my website for more details: www.geoffdawe.com.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY

Geoff has always believed that it is important to give back & for over thirty years he has unselfishly given back to our Aurora community with integrity, dedication and persistence; core values this town needs as we look to the future. He has the business acumen, experience, vision, consultative approach & dedication to run our 50 million dollar Aurora “corporation” effectively to provide the citizens of Aurora with a government that they can be proud of & with value for their tax dollars. – Bruce Walkinshaw, Resident & Business Owner

As I grow older, I pay less attention to what politicians say and just watch what they do. When one reviews the actions of the outgoing mayor, compared with the hyperbole espoused at the start of the term, one can only come to the conclusion that we can and deserve to be better served. I believe you are the person to do that. – Chris Sorley, Resident, former Aurora Councillor, Lawyer, Sorley & Still

Geoff is a conscientious, caring individual who is passionate about Aurora. I am confident his business knowledge and experience, ethics, people skills and vision for Aurora will move us in a positive direction that we will all be proud of. – Jennifer Greavette, Resident

If you would like to get involved, please contact Geoff: CAMPAIGN HOTLINE: 905-751-0734 EMAIL: Geoff@GeoffDawe.com WEBSITE: www.GeoffDawe.com

With your vote, we can put the Aura back in Aurora.

Letters to the Editor

He likes women, too, but wouldn't vote because of gender

To the editor,

Read a letter to the editor last week, more or less saying a lady will vote for a female if she is running for mayor.

If a male wrote a letter who preferred a male for mayor and it was published, either the editor or the writer would be accused of dis-favouring the opposite sex.

What has our society come to?

Read an article a few months back with a woman demanding Lois Brown (local MP) find a way to "make sure" more women get elected in politics when they run in an election.

What about the voting public? I hope people vote with sense and knowledge rather than male or female.

This covers new residents as well.

To compare Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion to

Aurora's election is a little off the wall, in my view.

They have women there trying to defrock her, not just other males.

As for controlling attitude, our current mayor fits that bill and she is "female".

For example, I attended a council meeting recently, when a gentleman spoke in favour of the mayor and her select group out to get Councillor Evelyn Buck.

Her friend, Sher St. Kitts,

clapped. No response from our mayor but a smile.

I clapped after Councillor Collins-Mrakas had a round with the integrity commissioner.

I was asked by same mayor to tone it down. She knows she is in an election mode.

It's not an assumption of mine, it's on tape.

Well, to me, that is either an attempt at control, or an infraction of the very same

code of conduct she is crowing about. Definitely unfair in the least.

She is also a great one herself to say "We've done it this way in the past when things do not go her way, even with the help of a couple of her string puppets and if one of them got tongue tied, she would cut in immediately to explain what they really meant to say.

Hmmmm, how would she know?

Well, if you have followed any of the council meetings you know who they are and what they have done in the past four years so, yes, let's get some new councillors to work with a mayor with transparency, integrity, and openness to fellow councillors and the public as a whole.

I love women, yet I know who I'm not voting for.

John H. Sargent
Aurora

Library board motion "misperception": reader

To the editor,

Re: Library Board Motion

I have been following the issue at the Library Board as brought up by Councillor Evelyn Buck two weeks ago, and replied to by Ms. Rebecca Beaton, who made the motion, last week.

I took the time to review the documents at the library as well, and found that all the agendas' minutes and background documentation for an entire year fits nicely into a three-inch binder.

The issue originates, as Ms. Beaton said in her letter, almost a year ago with her request to make all board material available on line, and the resulting staff report titled "Public Access to Library Board Documents" tabled at the December 2009 board meeting.

There is no record of why staff thought the job of digitizing the material to be posted on the Internet would "distract from ... the delivery of library services".

They are competent, technically literate people, with suitable equipment, and this is only a small fraction of what the town man-

Time for change, reader suggests

To the editor,

As we approach the fall election I would like to remind everyone just how much we are in need of change.

Our current mayor has shown us that supporting her personal agenda is more important than the needs of the citizens of Aurora, the integrity commissioner fiasco being just one example. Respected, hard working town staff members have left and at least one quality councillor, Allison Collins-Mrakas, will not be returning, partly due to the political nonsense at Town Hall.

The only way to end the madness is to remove Mayor Phyllis Morris and all of her voting buddies from council!

Mark Chisholm
Aurora

ages to regularly make available for council meetings.

So I would be very interested to learn how much extra work they consider this to be.

I am also disappointed with staff's comment that "Electronic Access to this material could cause confusion and public misperception".

To my mind this is a documentation issue.

If material is labelled appropriately as "Draft" and minutes are clear there should not be any confusion.

While I am confident the board made the decision it believed to be in the best interest of the library based on the information it had at hand, I do not know if the right questions were asked so as to get all the information.

It is also interesting to note that the motion made at the December 2009 meeting as a result of this report was:

"THAT all agendas and approved minutes and policies be posted to the Aurora Public Library website".

This leaves one with the impression that they are being more open and transparent by making agendas, minutes, and policies available on the web, when in actual fact they voted to not

really be more open because the discussion document which prompted the motion concerned the posting of ALL board material.

Minutes and policies I believe were already being posted and agendas are already reflected in the minutes, so there is no new information there.

Though the agenda would hopefully be available before the meetings.

In my opinion, the proper and less misleading motion would have been to make two separate motions (1) "to post all board material on the website" as was the subject of the discussion document, which the board could have voted down, followed by (2) "to include agendas in board material available on the website" which the board could have passed.

That is the only way you could have a clear record about what the real decisions were.

The actual motion which was made only feeds "misperception" by anyone not in possession of the less accessible background material.

It is also a negative motion.

Had this motion been defeated it would have resulted in ambiguity regarding what staff should have done with the minutes

which were already online.

Such negative motions are generally frowned upon in formal meetings for this reason, and a board member should have caught this and insisted that it be reworded appropriately.

So with regard to the staff report. I think "misperception" is possible either way.

My preference, however, would be to allow me to make mistakes based on too much information rather than too little.

Darryl Moore
Aurora



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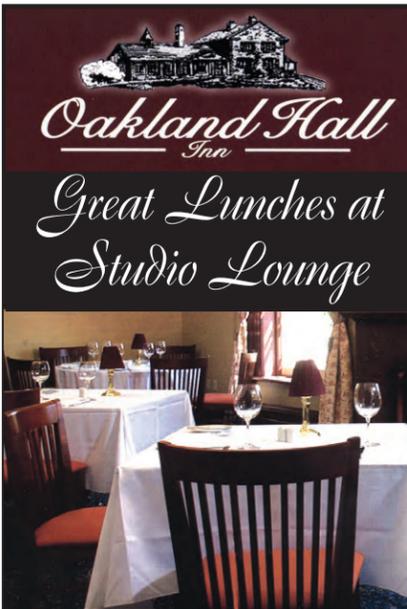
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102 Timbits Gold: 7 Dylan Andersen 3G, Jake Andersen 1G 1A, Braeden Marchant 1A, Yi Yang 1G 1A, Turner Dudzinski 1A, Jake McMillan 1G 1A, Hunter Kolm 2A, Luka Rodrigues 1A, Ben Charette 1G, Dylan Duff 2A, Liam Morassutti 1A, Ryan Clutterback 1A. **101 Timbits Red: 1** Christian Troubitsin 1G, Bryan Cook 1A.

103 Timbits White: 4 Matthew Gianforcaro 3G, Cayden Visser 1G, Max Reeves 2A, Alex Morra 2A, Jack MacFarland 1A, Matthew Song 1A. **104 Timbits Blue: 1** Anthony Archibald 1G, Jake Worthman 1A, Kai Sillcox 1A.

107 Timbits Kelly Green: 5 Nicholas Pisapia 2G, Liam Cohen 2A, Chase Keeler 4A, Nicholas Zambri 1A, Hunor Kristoff 1A, Michael Valenti 1A, Adam Mollard 1A, Daniel Iwai 2G, Riley Pearl 1G. **101 Timbits Red: 1** David Iacovetta 1G, Sebastian Santagato 1A, Easton Irvine 1A.

102 Timbits Gold: 6 Jordan Dimatulac 1G, Peter Mueller 1A, Jake Andersen 1G, Yi Yang 1A, Turner Dudzinski 1A, Jake McMillan 3G 1A, Dylan Andersen 1G, Melanie Nicholson 1A, Ryan Clutterback 2A. **105 Timbits Black: 2** Myles Graham 1G, Aidan Kirchmair 1A, Tyler Cox 1A, Jacob Smith 1G, Eric 1A, Jake 1A.

106 Timbits Powder Blue: 10 Ethan Solilo 2G 3A, Aidan Quinn 3G, Michael More 3G 1A, Calum Ormond 2G 3A, Noah Schellenberg 1A, Evan Farsang 1A, Daniel Romas 2A, Nolan Rush 1A, Jack Boyd 1A. **108 Timbits Grey: 3** Brent Watson 1G, Ayden Posa 2G 1A, Andrew Flores 5A, Christian Fava 2A.

204 Caravan Kids Blue: 8 Logan Kidder 2G 1A, Carson Tidd 3G, Liam Graham 3G, Hunter Edwards 2A, Mitchell Weatherall 1A, Jake Byrne 2A, Owen Hall-Lalonde 2A, Sammy Alicandri 1A. **203 Caravan Kids White: 5** Ethan Edwards 1G, Christian Romas 1G 2A, Evan Ramasra 1G, Jack Sutherland 2G 1A, Francesco Dinardo 1A, Graham Woodcock 1A, Max Railton 1A.

206 Caravan Kids Powder Blue: 5 Ian Hilgendorff 2G, Jack Nicholson 1G, Matthew Muxlow 1G, Justin Just 1G, Victor Stanica 1A, Ben Fulford 1A, Corson Haywood 1A, Griffin Charnley 2A, Joshua Anselmo 1A, Alexander Ko, shutout. **201 Caravan Kids Red: 0.**

202 Caravan Kids Gold: 4 Quinn Spicer 1G, Thomas Raeburn 1G, Eric Wright 1A, Brennan Powell 1A, Chris Marton 1G, Joseph Livia 1G. **205 Caravan Kids Black: 2** Gage Gonsalves 2G, Gianluca Rotondi 1A, Cole Spragg 1A.

205 Caravan Kids Black: 5 Gianluca Rotondi 1G, Ethan Joiner 2G, Cole Spragg 1G, Stefan Fazarri 1A, Rory Callaghan 1A, Aiden O'Toole 1G, Gage Gonsalves 1A. **201 Caravan Kids Red: 1** Peter Simsiris 1G, George Rappos, Jr. 1A.

204 Caravan Kids Blue: 8 Owen Hall-Lalonde 1G, Liam Graham 2G 1A, Logan Kidder 3G 2A, Mitchell Weatherall 1G, Sammy Alicandri 1G, Carson Tidd 1A, Dante Fanuzzi 1A. **206 Caravan Kids Powder Blue: 5** Jack Nicholson 2G, Ian Hilgendorff 1G 3A, Mark Clutterback 1G, Matthew Muxlow 1G, Victor Stanica 1A, Benjamin Fulford 1A, Griffin Charnley.

407 H.J. Pfaff Audi Kelly Green: 6 **403 Optimist Club Of Aurora White: 5**

404 Tilemaster Blue: 3 Giuliano Iervasi 2G, Ethan Cohen 1G, Paul Cotturo 1A. **409 Pfaff VW Teal: 5** Christian Ridd 3G 1A, Evan Bryan 1G, Leo Douvinos 1A, John Dol 1G.

403 Optimist Club Of Aurora White: 5 - **410 HS Financial Orange: 5**

405 Novintro Black: 4 Matthew Winters 3G, Matthew Bolger 1G, Ethan Jeres 2A, David Doroschenko 1A, Wade Dane 1A. **408 Crabby Joe's Grey: 2** Robert Kniss 1G, Jacob Cowl 1G, Caluum Gorrelle 1A.

601 Municipal Engineering Solutions Red: 4 Troy Lane 2G 1A, Spencer Bain 1G, Jake Polenz 1G 1A, Evan Knowles 2A, Theo Meadows 1A, Anthony Livia Christian Pearce 2A. **609 IOOF Aurora Lodge #148: 2**

James Eydt 1G 1A, Trevor Barnett 1A, Jack Hughes 1G, Mackenzie Snelgrove 1A.

608 Crabby Joe's Grey: 3 David Robertson 1G, Devon Hope 1G, Wyatt Dane 1G, Jack Dion 1A, Connor Tripp 2A, Liam DeSouza 1A. **602 Wedi Corp.Com Waterproff Tile Solutions Goild: 2** Matthew MacDonald 1G, Jordan Screech 1G, Connor Devogel 1A.

809 AHPA: 5 **805 Aurora Home Hardware Black: 2** Benjamin Ashton 2G, Michael Tanel 1A.

812 Municipal Engineering Solutions Burgandy : 6 John Sherwood 1A, Sandy Rundle-Sanderson 1G 2A, Joshua Bell 1G 1A, Patrick Bourrie 1A, Derek Capone 2G, John Barber 1A, Patrick Bourrie 1G 1A, Tyler Futterer 1G. **802 Manhattan Trophies Gold: 2** James Power 1G, Ian Dunlop 1A, Taylor Gadby 1G, Ian Charpell 1A, Mackenzie Smith 1A.

906 Ruff-N-Redi Powder Blue: 4 Jonathan White SO, Andrew Seguin 1G, Mathew Stewart 2A, John Dinocolantino 1G, Josh Lawlor 1A, William He 1A, Will Miller 2G 1A. **909 North York Plumbing & Heating Teal: 0.**

907 Kelly Green: 0. **908 Crabby Joe's Grey: 4** Francesco Vallecorsa, shutout, Jason Eberlin 1G 2A, Ryan Dalcin 1G, Ryan Eberlin 1G 1A, Trevor George 1G 1A, Chris Beach 1A, Eamon Reilly 1A.

903 Optimist Club of Aurora White: 3 Evan Jones 1G 2A, Ryan Dowling 1G 1A, Kelly Hudson 1G, Michael Perryman 1A. **901 Graystones Restaurant Red: 1** Andrew Begg 1G, Michael Rodrigues 1A.

905 Chicago Black: 4 Zachary Cook 1G, Martin Wood 1G 2A, Christopher Cariou 2G, Matt Melito 3A. **910 Philly Orange: 3** Daniel LaFlamme 1G 1A, Stefan Richardson 1G 1A, Garth McBride 1G, Thomas Scougall 1A, Brian Pedron 1A.

902 Boston Gold: 5 Graham Joiner 1G 2A, Trevor Rice 2G, Tyler Indos 1G, Jesse Borin 1G, Ward Benn 1A, William Allen 1A, Kienan Osborne 2A, Ryan Byerlay 2A. **904 St. Louis Blue: 3** Matthew Warner 1G, JP Hudon 1G, Jordon Caruso 1G, Jordon Caruso 1A, Eric Bulloch 2A, Dustin Partanen 1A.

903 Optimist Club of Aurora White: 1 Kelly Hudson 1G, Scott Cosentino 1A. **904 St. Louis Blue: 2** Eric Bulloch 1G, Alex Woodward 1G, JP Hudon 1A, Andrew Gibbs 1A.

901 Graystones Restaurant Red: 4 Andrew Martin 1G, Kieran Cullen 1G 1A, Ethan Cullen 1G, Mathew Hart 1G, Ethan Benson 1A. **908 Crabby Joe's Grey: 3** Ryan Eberlin 1G, Trevor George 1G, Jamie Poutney 1G, Quinn Harris 1A, Tyler White 2A.

907 Kelly Green: 4 Cody Sandersun 2G, Michael David 1G 1A, Tal Litmanovitch 1G, Bailey Miller 1A, Matthew MacEachern 1A. **909 North York Plumbing & Heating Teal: 2** Scott Wheeler 2G, C. Mulhern 1A.

906 Ruff-N-Redi Powder Blue: 3 Jonathan White, shutout, Will Miller 1G, David Marsillo 1A, Nick Theorodopolous 1G, Chris Falfalios 1A, Josh Lawlor 1G, Matt Johnson 1A, Andrew Seguin 1A. **910 Philly Orange: 0.**

902 Boston Gold: 6 Graham Joiner 1G, Jonathon Hurbubise 1G 1A, William Allen 1G 1A, Ward Benn 1G, Jesse Borin 1G, Kienan Osborne 1G, Dylan Indos 1A, Tyler Indos 1A, Brian Tree 1A. **905 Chicago Black: 3** Matt Melito 2G, Dylan Lyons 1G, Will Brogan 1A, Matthew Iamonaco 1A.

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Tyke Select - Aurora: 13 Anton Sopov 6G 1A, Owen Papulka 3G, Caden McHenry 1G 1A, Thomas Hollett 1G 1A, Michael Crowe 1A, Owen Hollett 1G

2A, Charles Huxley 1G, Ryan Bryden 1A, Luca Capraro 2A. **Newmarket: 5**

Novice AE - Richmond Hill: 3 - Aurora: 2

Novice AE - Milton: 7 - Aurora: 1

Novice AE - Aurora: 3 - Caledon Hawks: 2

Novice AE - Aurora: 3 - Richmond Hill Kings: 2

Novice AE - Aurora: 3 - Caledon Hawks: 2

Novice A - Aurora: 2 James Sproul 1G, Jace Jackson 1G, Justin Lacroix and Dereck Avery, shutouts. **Richmond Hill: 0.**

Novice AE - Aurora: 6 - Markham: 3

Novice AE - Aurora: 5 - Orillia: 0

Novice AA - Aurora: 2 Evan Vierling 1G, Anton Thompson 1A, Samuel Morin 1G, Andrew Langlois 1A. **Markham: 1**

Novice A - Aurora: 2 Liam Mahoney 1G, Riley Klugerman 1A, Brett Pearce 1G, 1A, Jonathan Gagnon 1A. **Bradford: 2**

Novice AE - Aurora: 5 - Bradford: 2

Minor Atom AA - Markham: 2 Aurora: 1 Jeremy Gonsalves 1A, Harris Goan 1G, Luke Jarvis 1A.

Minor Atom AA - Georgina: 5 - Aurora: 1 Anthony DiPietro 1G, Luke Jarvis 1A.

Atom AE - Aurora: 8 - Ajax: 0

Atom A - Aurora: 3 Ben Spittle 1G, 1A, Scott Rumble 1G, Carson Yeomans 1G, Jamie Stewart 1A. **Markham: 1**

Atom AE - Aurora: 4 - East Gwillimbury: 1

Atom A - Aurora: 9 Carson Yeomans 2G 1A, Scott Rumble 1G, Carson Venneri 1G, Anthony Capraro 1G 1A, Ryan Jamieson 1G 1A, Connor Iwai 1A, Jamie Stewart 1G, Jason Cox 1G, Jaedon Jackson 1G. **Schomberg: 2**

Atom AE - Aurora: 9 - Richmond Hill: 1

Atom A - Stouffville: 3 - Aurora: 0

Minor Peewee AA - Toronto Ice Dogs: 5 Aurora: 2 Futterer, Brady 1G, Dane, Lucas 1G.

Vaughan Panthers: 8 **Minor Peewee AA - Aurora: 4** Futterer, Brady 3G, Wolanski, Philip 1G.

Minor Peewee AA - Aurora: 4 Liotta, Jack 2G 1A, Futterer, Brady 1G 1A, Pettit, Chris 1G, Dajia, Katarina 1A, Langlois, Ben 1A. **Toronto Penguins: 1**

Minor Peewee AA - Aurora: 4 Liotta, Jack 2G, Futterer, Brady 1G, Wilson, Thomas 1G. **Newmarket: 2**

Minor Peewee AA - Aurora: 4 **Georgina: 0** Futterer, Brady 2G, Wolanski, Philip 1G, Liotta, Jack 1G.

Minor Peewee AA - Aurora: 2 Bhimani, Ariz 1G, Futterer, Brady 1G, Wilson, Thomas 1A, Perry, Rhys 1A, Devlin Kauffeldt 1A. **Georgina: 0**

Minor Peewee A - Aurora: 7 Colin McGoldrick 2G, Ryan Thornhill 1G, 2A, Matthew Nitsopoulos 1G, Thomas Kostoff 1G, Stewart Gable 1G, 1A, Reid Carpenter 1A, Jordan Torres 1A, Eric McGhie 1A, Mark Kalmisto 1A, Jack O'Keefe 1G, 2A. **Innisfil: 2**

Minor Peewee AA - TNT: 6 - Aurora: 3 Liotta, Jack 2G, Dane, Lucas 1G, Futterer, Brady 2A, Wilson, Thomas 2A, Pettit, Chris 1A, Belgue, Graydon 1A.

Minor Peewee A - Barrie: 4 - Aurora: 3 Eric McGhie 1G, Mark Kalmisto 1G, Stewart Gable 1G, Ethan Brooks 1A, Max Goldman 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1A.

Minor Peewee A - Aurora: 4 Jordan Torres 1G, Eric McGhie 1G, Mark Kalmisto 1G, 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1G 2A, Stewart Gable 1A, Clayton Allen 1A.

Richmond Hill : 1

Minor Peewee A - Barrie: 2 - Aurora: 1 Stewart Gable 1G, Mark Kalmisto 1A, Jack O'Keefe 1A.

Peewee AA - Barrie: 4 - Aurora: 1 Jack Pecora 1G, James Wyndham West.

Peewee A - Aurora: 2 Mathew Tyndall 1G, Tristan Kuchar 1G, Cameron Zinner 1A, Alistair Johnston 1A, Jack Bryant 1A, Matthew Tanel, shutout. **Innisfil: 0.**

Peewee AE - Aurora: 2 Jeffrey McKay 1G, Cooper Hewgill 1G, Cameron Anderson 1A, Jordi Severini 1A, Nick Sansalone 1A. **Stouffville: 3**

Peewee AE - Aurora: 5 Jeffrey McKay 2G 1A, Connor Downs 1G 1A, Michael DaCosta 1G, Zach Fletcher 1G, Lucas Ruscica 1A, Adam Caicco 1A, Charles Bennett 1A, Cooper Hewgill 1A, Brendin Ramsay 2A. **East Gwillimbury: 4**

Peewee AA - Aurora: 3 Patrick Servideo 1G, James Wyndham West 1G, Jack Pecora 1G, Cameron Morrison 1A, Jared Reeves 1A, Taylor Kauffeldt 1A, Keegan Matthew 1A. **Richmond Hill: 1**

Peewee AA - Newmarket: 4 - Aurora: 4 Jack Pecora 1G, Cameron Morrison 1G 1A, Alec Magnante 1G, Evan Woodhead 1A, Patrick Servideo 2A, James Wyndham West 2A, Keegan Matthew 1G.

Peewee AE - Georgina: 3 - Aurora: 0

Minor Bantam A - East Gwillimbury: 2 - Aurora: 1

Minor Bantam A - Aurora: 5 - Stouffville: 3

Minor Bantam A - Aurora: 3 - Barrie: 1

Minor Bantam AA - TNT: 3 - Aurora: 2 Matthew Leroy 1G, Austin Riswick 1A, Steven Tsianos 1G.

Minor Bantam AA - Aurora: 2 Andrew Klinowski 2G, Taylor Lemmon, shutout. **Markham: 0**

Bantam A - Aurora: 6 Liam Beresford 2G 1A, Graham Robinson 1G 1A, Zac Cowl 1G 1A, Paul Neophytou 1G, Liam Coll 1G, Robert Stokes 1A, Harrison Smith 1A, Shadoc Storm 1A, Gabe Oulahan 1A, Jack Caldwell 1A. **Nobleking: 4**

Bantam A - Aurora: 5 - Markham: 0 Jack Caldwell 2G 1A, Alec Ground 1G, Mitch Arnew 1G, Kyle Nice 1G, Robert Stokes 2A, Austin Persaud 1A, Liam Coll 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A.

Minor Midget A - Aurora: 10 Eric Damecour 1G 1A, Hayden Trask 1G 2A, Ryan Baskin 3G, Vincent Ruscica 1G 1A, Quincy Ing 1G 1A, Conor Fennell 1G 1A, Matthew Pryse 2G, Braden Casselden 1A, Liam Killops 4A, Andrew McDonald 2A, Eric Archibald 2A, Colton Lee 1A, Daniel Fiori 1A. **West Mall Lightning: 0**

Minor Midget AE - Georgetown: 2 - Aurora: 1 Connor Moody 1G, Christopher Tsianos 1A, Paul Steiner 1A.

Minor Midget A - Aurora: 6 - Lansing Capitals: 0

Minor Midget AE - Aurora: 3 Connor Moody 1G 1A, Paul Steiner 1G 1A, Collin Laird 1G 1A, Kyle Fedec 1A, Eliot Harkin 1A, Peter Sandwell 1A. **Milton: 1**

Minor Midget A - Aurora: 1 - Port Huron Flags: 1

Minor Midget AE - East Gwillimbury: 2 - Aurora: 1 Eliot Harkin 1G, Peter Sandwell 1A.

Minor Midget AE - Aurora: 5 - Vaughan: 0 Easy Severini 3G 2A, Eliot Harkin 2G 2A, Collin Laird 4A, Paul Steiner 1A, Andrew Stobbe, shutout.

Minor Midget A - Aurora: 4 - Hoosier Wings: 3

Minor Midget A - Toledo Cherokee: 4 - Aurora: 1

Midget AA - Georgina: 3 - Aurora: 3

Midget AA - Aurora: 4 - Newmarket: 2

Midget AA - Richmond Hill: 2 - Aurora: 2 Lukas Leslie 1G, Josh Beaton 1A, Andrew Papousek 1G.

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Aurora Tigers celebrate Daniel Lisi's game-tying goal on Saturday night in Oakville. Tigers would eventually prevail 3-2 in a shootout. *Auroran photo by Steve Mitchell*

Tigers edge Oakville 3-2

The Aurora Tigers have the distinction of being the only team in the Provincial Junior A hockey league to beat the front running Markham Waxers.

They paid for that honour Friday night, when the Waxers handed the Tigers a 10-2 drubbing.

The victory pushed the Waxers to a 10-1 win/loss record in the north division of the 31-team league huge league and dropped the Tigers to 3-4,

Saturday night, playing the Oakville Beavers, Aurora needed a shootout to get back into the win column.

They edged the Beavers 3-2 after falling behind by two goals before the second period was three minutes old.

The Aurora Tigers breathed a sigh of relief as they got back in the win column following two blowout losses including the 10-2 pasting they took Friday night in Markham.

Saturday night in Oakville, Aurora erased a 2-0 deficit with second-period goals by Jordan Gidaro and Daniel Lisi.

Following a scoreless third period and five-minute scoreless overtime, Aurora outscored the Blades 2-0 in a shootout to make it a 3-2 final.

Shootout goals were scored by Jordan Gidaro and EJ Faust.

Aurora goaltender Knick Dawe had his first

start and first win of the season.

He was solid in stopping 36 of 38 shots in 65 minutes of play, plus the two big saves in the shootout.

Monday, the Tigers were in Buffalo for a game against the Junior Sabres, but results were not available at press time.

Find out more how the game went by clicking on www.Theauroran.com the day after the game.

MARKHAM 10 AURORA 2

First Period

M - Zack LaRue (Liukkonen, Amadio) 4.41

M - Tyler Wynn (unassisted) 6.02

M - Jamie Kendra (Liukkonen) pp 15.22

M - Zack LaRue (Amadio) 17.51

Second Period

M - Jamie Kendra (Tanev, Lewis) 5.17

M - Matt Amadio (LaRue) 7.55

M - Behn Robertson (Rodrigues) PP 19.58

Third Period

M - Peter Rodrigues (Reid, Higley) PP 3.26

A - Sloan Stewart (Gidaro) 5.31

A - Ryan Johnson (Chiarantano) 7.26

M - Behn Robertson (Sarracini) 12.31

M - Matt Amadio (LaRue, Liukkonen) 14.04

AURORA 3 OAKVILLE 2

First Period

O - Ben Iwanowski (Lysaght, Ryan) 15.33

Second Period

O - Kyle Blaney (Karius) 2.56

A - Jordan Gidaro (Stewart, Secco) 3.31

A - Daniel Lisi (Faust, Johnson) 4.01

Third Period

No scoring

Overtime

No Scoring

SHOOTOUT

Aurora Oakville

2 0
Jordan Gidaro YES
NO Kyle Blaney

EJ Faust YES
NO Mark McGowan

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The Aurora Tigers Peewee A team, shown above, were champions at the Richmond Hill Early Bird Tournament recently. This group of young players battled through qualifying games against Markham, St Catharines, and Dundas. They played the Dundas Blues again in a semi-final game, winning 5-1 and earning a spot in the Championship game. It was a strong finish for these young boys as they took the gold with a win against Grimsby 4-1.

Speaker is set for Probus Club meeting

Tim Crawford, a Barrie-area historian, will be guest speaker at the Aurora Probus Club's regular meeting next Wednesday, October 13.

He will speak on "The Oro Black Settlement and the Oro African Church".

His talk will include an overview of slavery, the underground railway and the settlement of Blacks just outside Barrie.

He has published a book on the History of the Oro African Church and

helped write and produce a 640-page book on Medonte Township.

He received a provincial Heritage Award for the contribution to local history.

The meeting will be held at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North, and is expected to begin at 10 a.m. Crawford's speech is slated to begin about 11.

For further information, call Bob Staley at 905-727-5017.



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Four from area off to Hawaii

The Ironman World Championship is the most coveted event in any triathlete's dreams and four locals from Aurora and Newmarket will discover that this weekend.

The Ironman is globally recognized as one of the most grueling and prestigious one day sporting events of all time. Originally conceptualized by US Naval Commander John Collins back in 1977 as a process to put to rest the debate as to who was the fitter athlete: the swimmer, the cyclist, or the runner.

In the early morning hours of February 18, 1978, along the shores of Waikiki, Oahu, his brainchild would come to fruition.

The race would entail combining existing long-distance competitions already on the island: the Waikiki Roughwater Swim (2.4 miles), the Around-Oahu Bike Race (115 miles; originally a two-day event) and the Honolulu Marathon (26.2 miles).

Of the 15 men who started,

only 12 finished.

US Navy Communications Specialist Gordon Haller, finished first in 11 hours, 46 minutes and 58 seconds.

The twelfth place finisher, Harold Irving came in at 21 hours and 38 seconds.

Finishers received five-inch-high trophies made of nuts and bolts, each with a hole in its head, which pretty well summed up what most spectators thought of the competitors.

There are now 23 Ironman races throughout the world with an average of between 1,500 and 2,000 competitors in each event.

Of those tens of thousands, only 1,800 are strong enough, fast enough, and dedicated enough to qualify for the mother-of-all triathlons, also known as the Hawaiian Ironman which includes a 3.9 km mass start ocean swim, 180 km's of undulating hills, intense trade winds and lava fields, then a 42.2 km run in 30°-37°C heat and 85% humidity; and all within a 17-

hour cut off time.

In the communities of Aurora and Newmarket, there are four of these dedicated and talented athletes on their way to Hawaii to compete in the Ironman World Championships this weekend.

Crystal Drummond, 41, Shannon Kemp, 34, Joe Rizzi, 40, and Paul White, 46, have all put in years of training.

All of them have put in almost half a million meters of swimming; 15,000 km's of cycling, and more than 2,000 km's of running; each and every year.

All of them have the desire, the passion, and the intestinal fortitude, to train all year round in unforgiving weather: intense heat, bitter cold, driving rain, or unrelenting wind, and all for the opportunity to wreak havoc to their bodies.

The sacrifices they have had to bear, and the sacrifices their families have had to endure for this rare opportunity are immeasurable.

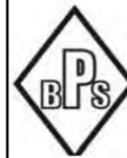
While these four are indeed gifted athletes, there

are many more triathletes in the area constantly training, frequently racing, and hoping that one day, all their time and effort will afford them a qualifying time to enter this most esteemed, and revered race.

Head coach Nancy Black of the Aurora Master Ducks, a local swim/triathlon club, advises there are more than 80 triathletes in that club, and of those, there are 50 members who have competed in Ironman distance races. Some of these athletes have battled more than one of these punishing Ironman triathlons in a given year.

Other members of that club that have also competed in the Ironman World Championship in the past include, Karen Bonham, Tom Hall, Paolina Allan, Paul Haffendon, and Sandra Bowden, mother of Lori Bowden a two-time winner of the event.

And yes, the four talented athletes, Crystal, Shannon, Joe, and Paul, are also members of the Aurora Master Ducks.



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citizens' concerns.

"They don't want a repeat of the last four years," he said. "They don't just want change, they want refreshing change."

One of his key principles was bringing in an economic development officer for the sole purpose of bringing business into the Downtown Core, which he said was "the lifeblood of the community".

Following remarks from council candidates and a brief

recess, the meeting resumed to hear questions for the mayoral candidates.

Questions ranged from environmental protection to the Aurora Promenade, but the majority of time was spent speaking to matters within Town Hall which have grabbed headlines throughout the current term.

Former Councillor Bill Hogg took the opportunity to ask candidates what they would do to build the morale of town staff

and sense of teamwork between councillors and town staff, including holding offsite meetings.

First to answer this question was Mayor Morris, who said off-site meetings would only be those "allowed under the municipal act", but she disputed claims that morale was low.

"I think sometimes if you say something often enough people might even start to believe there is bad morale at the Town," she said. "I believe morale is fine."

Mr. Dawe, on the other hand, said he was a "firm believer" in teambuilding meetings preferably offsite because it would allow staff to foster a spirit of trust, camaraderie and vision to staff, he said.

Mr. Kean added that he objects to offsite meetings, and said that meetings should be held within Aurora to benefit Aurora businesses.

The issue of blogs in the Town was brought into the fore by a Mr. Street, who asked what council could do to reduce the level of negativity in the blogosphere.

When Mayor Morris answered this question, she said it was unfortunate people "sit behind an anonymous tag and defame people and not tell the truth", adding it has brought the town "into disrepute."

"To suggest that people love Aurora and then spend time on blogs instead of being productive and offering good comments is not something that would ever put the aura back in Aurora," she said.

Mr. Prikryl, however, defended members' rights to state their opinions.

"It doesn't mean that it is false or truth, it is his truth and he has the right to say the truth," he said.

Mr. Dawe had the last say with this question, adding "I think you return respect by showing respect."

Resident Peter Taylor followed, asking what each candidate would do in their first 100 days of office.

While Mayor Morris outlined the things that would be on the council table within the first 100 days, such as moving into budget discussions and orientations with new councillors and senior management, other candidates focused on cleaning house.

"My first accomplishment will be a moratorium on the integrity commissioner," said Mr. Dawe, which drew enthusiastic applause from some segments of the audience.

This would be followed by meeting with building owners in the downtown core and putting the code of conduct up for review, he said.

Mr. Clowater's priorities were similar, with the first being to bring in the economic advisor, then remove the integrity commissioner.

Terminating the position was also the top priority for Nigel Kean.

"I believe everyone at council should have integrity before we get there," he said.

The talk of getting rid of the integrity commissioner was a matter of concern for Sher St. Kitts who asked how, with their abolition, each candidate would "protect innocent staff, volunteers at citizens at large... from unfounded insinuations, blogs, letters, and behaviours."

"The first reality is you cannot legislate ethics for integrity," said Mr. Dawe. "You either have it or you don't."

Mr. Kean added, "Respect comes from the inside."

"If you respect a person you will get that respect back, so you

don't need an integrity commissioner to tell me I should be respecting someone because I do it."

Mayor Morris had the final word with this question, adding that with recent provincial legislation, the Town was within its rights to bring forward both a code of conduct and integrity commissioner.

"Blogs beget reporters or people who read them, who then write letters to the paper believing what they are reading," she said. "It is unfortunate that we're in a society where our staff have to resort to taking harassment claims against people."

Council hopefuls have their say

The Aurora Public Library's all-candidates meeting provided the opportunity for all Council candidates with an opportunity to introduce themselves to the audience and highlight their platform. With the exception of Keith Munro, all remaining 17 candidates were present to participate.

Chris Ballard was the first candidate to take the podium. In his introduction he cited his commitment to Aurora and said he had the experience and personality to be effective at the table, which has been demonstrated through his committee work.

"My focus will be on building a municipal government that is responsive to residents and business," he said.

Next up was incumbent Evelyn Buck who used the opportunity to expound on her experience, something she said she "doesn't need to apologize for." Having been elected and defeated numerous times over the years, she said the outcome hinged on the same reason: paying "respect to the voters by telling them what I think about things!"

"I am hoping in the next term to be allowed to participate," she said, regarding having her voice heard at the Council table. "I'm standing before you battered and bruised, but I'm still standing!"

In his remarks, fellow incumbent Al Wilson said he has learned "so much" about the community during his time on Council, and said he was looking to the future. Future planning has to include protecting land use, and creating more opportunities for youth, including expanding his Youth Councillor initiative.

"I have kept my values and principles," he said. "I have acted independently while working with other Councillors for what is best for the Town."

Councillor Wilson was followed by newcomer Roy Cohen, who spoke of his "extensive experience in the business world", and community programs including local sports and efforts to save area schools. If elected, he said he wanted to "build a solid economic foundation for Aurora."

"We need strong leadership, innovative approaches to the changing landscape of economic uncertainty," he said.

For incumbent Wendy Gaertner, she said she had been working diligently to "achieve what was right", including fiscal responsibility, open government and environmental stewardship. Revitalization of the Downtown core and address-

ing youth needs remain primary concerns, she added.

Retired military officer Milton Hart spoke next. A teacher and member of the Library Board, Mr. Hart said Aurora is a "beacon of light people have gravitated to." The Town owes a debt to the seniors, he added, and said he would work towards increasing accessibility and transportation for the senior community.

"Together as Council, we can work together to fix the problems we know exist," he said.

Darryl Moore said he would bring a strong mind and a mind for analytical detail to the table and provide "strong, fact-based decisions." In being "fair and open minded", he cited several achievements of this Council he believed were positive and negative. The Code of Conduct was just one thing that fell into the latter camp.

After 15 years of "watching from the sidelines", John Abel said he has decided to get involved in municipal politics. He said tax issues of seniors need to be addressed and Town Council needs to have a "cooperative spirit and commitment for putting the Town's priorities first."

Michael Thompson also said he wanted to be "part of the solution". Chair of the Library Board, Mr. Thompson said the current Council was "fractured and in a state of internal strife." He said he would bring a thoughtful voice to discussions and a focus on fiscal responsibility and sustainable growth.

If elected, Helen Power said she will bring her knowledge and skills set honed from almost two decades of working for the Federal Government to Council. Having worked as a personnel officer, financial officer, and working with refugee claims and overseas adoptions, she said Council should "come together as a diverse group of individuals."

While incumbent Stephen Granger recognized this Council has faced challenges, he said his term has made accomplishments he "can feel proud of." Councillor Granger said he would like to see increased community business goals and decreased taxes "line by line."

"Your vote will help to ensure the continuity of Council visionary plans in the next term," he said.

Sandra Humfries said she too would like to have "maximum value on the dollar", but would like to encourage businesses to stay in Town by encouraging local purchases.

Accessibility needs to be reviewed and improved in town as well, said the active community volunteer.

In his remarks, Jim Abram spoke about his volunteer and business accomplishments in Town, including his 30 years experience in "environmental remediation, land acquisition, and commercial and retail marketing."

"I hope to draw on this experience to participate in best-in-class governance to demonstrate to Aurorans that through efficiency, collaboration and civility, the Town of Aurora can be the best place to live, work, shop, and play," he said.

For Brian Duff, fiscal responsibility, the creation of a youth centre, transportation and accountability were key campaign platforms, calling for making every Council vote a recorded vote.

"Every Councillor has to be accountable for his or her actions and votes," he said.

When Paul Pirri came to the podium he reminded the audience, that they had the most important job in the room - electing the next Council. Hoping to meet as many voters as possible through "Community Coffee Events," he too said the Code of Conduct should be up for review, and that "one needs to base a budget off of revenue from taxation, not base taxation off the budget."

In making his pitch, incumbent Councillor John Gallo spoke of his "unorthodox skills set" in that he is not a grandstander. Hoping he has put equal effort "into all issues that have come before Council"; he said he has always been respectful of others' views.

"The skills set that are required to be an effective Councillor, in my opinion, are not very sexy," he joked "It's not something you want to use as a pickup line when you're single."

Councillor Evelina MacEachern was the last candidate called to the podium, and had the distinction of being the only Council candidate to take a direct swipe at another person in the election mix. While she said the current Council achieved "many accomplishments", she took exception to one of Geoff Dawe's earlier statements.

"Contrary to the comment made by Mr. Dawe earlier, Council did not have their hands in your pocket," she said, adding that it might have been the previous Council. "The last four years saw significant reduction in tax increases, the lowest in 10 years."

Aurora adopts official plan

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the plan, as endorsed by Council, does address some of the questions that have cropped up surrounding it in recent months, including development and parking accommodation in the Town Park area, and further definition of storey and building heights in the promenade area.

A community meeting was held with residents of the Town Park area addressing concerns over how much traffic and on-street parking would be generated by the development of the GO Station area, which includes plans to replace much of the parking lot west of the train tracks with a linear

park, said Marco Ramunno, Aurora's Director of Planning.

"We made some changes, and we think we've addressed their concerns," he said. "Any new development is still subject to parking and traffic studies that would need to be submitted in support of the specific developments."

"It is very clear that a new development would require sufficient parking supply to deal with the new development. I think we have clarified that with respect to GO's ultimate plans... and [that is] subject to additional traffic work to accommodate some municipal parking spaces within those lands,

once GO has moved forward with their ultimate plans."

When council had discussions earlier this year with the Kaitlin Group regarding their proposed development at Yonge and Centre Street, concerns cropped up that the extant Official Plan did not specify the height requirements of a storey.

The Town requested the Kaitlin Group reduce the height of their proposed building by one storey, while the developers argued they had reduced their entire building in height by the equivalent of one storey.

The new official plan seeks to add some clarity to this issue, although it

does not spell out in precise terms what minimum or maximum height measures define a storey.

For all new developments in what the Town defines as "stable neighbourhoods" - older, distinct residential areas - heights are limited to three storeys or nine metres, "whichever is less".

New developments in the Downtown Promenade area are maxed out at five storeys, or 18.5 metres.

With respect to height limitations, however, Councillor Buck questioned whether the height maximums were necessarily economically viable for developers.

"We sent that one back

from Centre and Yonge and we finally agreed that you can't have that kind of development on those small parcels of land, multiple residential, without making compromises," she said.

"We don't appear to be making any compromise. If five storeys is not economically viable, are you denying the reality of that fact or do you just not feel it is something to concern yourself with? When you talk about the economy of the plan, are we not compelled to listen to people when they tell us these things?"

According to Mr. Ramunno, with some downtown development flexibility will be an integral part of the process.

"We've identified the need for some flexibility with the ground floor commercial uses - we've

accommodated 4.5 metre heights for the ground floor and each residential floor is 3.5 metres," he said. "You have a maximum in storeys and a maximum in metres."

Councillors ultimately voted 7 - 2 in favour of the plan, with Councillors Buck and Alison Collins-Mrakas opposing the motion.

"I think it is a great plan, and I think if we implement a plan knowing there is always going to be official plan amendment applications and they would be weighed at the time to figure out how it fits into the big picture, I think we have a great plan," said Councillor Evelina MacEachern, on updating the 20-year-old official plan.

"Knowing how long it has taken us to get here, it is such a huge project and huge undertaking."

Residential complex approved

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stemmed from traffic issues in the area, particularly how it would affect those directly facing Civic Square Gate.

It was revealed at Tuesday's meeting, Ms. Facciolo and Ridgewood Developments came to an agreement between the two meetings on how to handle the situation.

"As someone who lives immediately south of the proposed driveway of the proposed development, I would caution the Town to also consider how the Park is currently used and the existing sightlines at Civic Square Gate," she said on September 21.

She argued the matter should be deferred until the site's variance application was heard at the Committee of Adjustment so the Town could gauge community interest and concern with the plan.

A solution, she said, could be found in moving the driveway entrance from the north leg of Civic Square Gate and directly onto John West Way.

"I come home on a nightly basis to a flurry of activity along Civic Square Gate and find the parking for the park is often full, as is the on-street parking in front of my house," she said. "On top of this, kids are running everywhere. The current use of the street is more like that of a court in a subdivision."

Sightlines on the road were of particular concern to residents, she said, adding it

is particularly worrisome on the south leg of the road.

Current users have to wait quite a while to find a break in traffic before going out onto John West Way, and increased traffic "may encourage people to take risks they do not need to take today".

For Ridgewood Developments, it was too late in the game for these concerns just being brought forward.

The plans had been on public display in their showroom for quite some time, said Ridgewood's Jack Winberg, adding the traffic report compiled by the company is part of the public record.

"Anyone could have seen it," said Mr. Winberg. "It is unfair for this to come up the day you are reviewing it. We started talking about this site plan, this access, in February of this year."

"We didn't just pick the access point. There is a lot of technical involvement, there are hydro reasons, there is a hydro box where you would otherwise come in on John West Way, and it would not line up with the roadway across the street...In addition to that, I am as concerned about the safety of my residents as I am about the people and children in that park."

While he maintained anyone could have had access to the traffic report and site plans, he said he would be happy to sit down and talk to

neighbours about the project and any concerns they might have.

And talk they did. According to Marco Ramunno, Aurora's Director of Planning, the two parties met last Monday to discuss the matter. They agreed to incorporate a "right turn only" sign within the site.

"The residents received an email this morning on that change," said Mr. Ramunno. "We will certainly include that as part of the site plan agreement."

Mayor Phyllis Morris, however, wondered if something more - perhaps a parking median - could be installed to ensure users do heed the sign.

"The developer did mention the possibility of looking at additional curbing," said Mr. Ramunno. "Again, they did agree on the sign restricting turning movements. The driveway access is very narrow, so it may be difficult to try and include some kind of curbing or median to restrict traffic."

Although the plan was approved at general committee and ratified at council last week, it wasn't passed before an acrimonious exchange over the process occurred at the committee meeting.

In defending the process, Councillor Evelyn Buck argued in favour of the current

traffic plans and dismissed criticisms her fellow councillors had in questioning staff findings.

"It has been analyzed by other experts on our side and they have found the traffic plans and designs to be the best in their judgement for the site," said Councillor Buck. "For us to be sitting at this table in the face of that expertise and trying to figure out a better way to make sure they are only able to turn [one way] just sets aside all the logic of requiring development proponents to file traffic plans."

"If members without any traffic expertise are going to sit around a table and make suggestions, then why do we bother with experts?"

Councillor Buck's comments did not sit well with Councillors Stephen Granger and Evelina MacEachern, who said questioning these matters was their job.

"I am surprised at my colleague's comments that we should just sit here and not question anything," said Councillor MacEachern before a point of order was called on her comments.

"I think that if that is the attitude we are going to have with respect to the recommendations before us, then we should just vote from home and save us all a lot of time."

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Senior Scape

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It is quite simple to understand when Sheila articulates the method and reinforces instructions with demonstrations sketched immediately.

My visit was to learn more about the 16th Art Show and Sale Saturday, October 23rd, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and about the seniors who would show their work for all to view.

The Art Show will display paintings and sketches in colour and in black and white and promises to excite the most discriminating minds.

The experience aroused

awareness that hope clearly exists for home artists who draw and paint in private; they could anticipate benefiting quickly and hugely from professional training.

A lack of confidence to immerse oneself amongst a group of everyday fellow artists is a deterrent for many, but a wonderful experience lies in store for all who pursue instruction, and allow the openness of group participation to enter a private wonderland of drawing and painting.

Dorothy Clark McClure, who has retired, originated the art class many years ago, and in spite of age and health, retains an avid interest in the progress of art and the artists.

Some members of the group have been together for

as long as 20 years, and welcome new members into the artists' fraternity, regardless of experience.

Three classes of 12 students currently study to learn new techniques and improve on what they produce naturally.

In addition, Marlene Ash informed me that she pursues her artistic inclinations in the wood working shop also, which means the division between arts and crafts is murky to say the least, and to start me seeking information on what she does in the Wood Shop.

Marlene, who incidentally sketched a green pepper as I watched, also carves wood and turns wooden ornaments (a snowman, a Santa and a tree among other decorations) to adorn the Christmas tree which

I mentioned in a recent article.

Marlene said the senior groups, who knit, sew and crochet will all contribute to the Christmas tree, which promises to be outstanding by any standard, and will raise funds for charity.

A chance encounter with Ruth Paskin, a friend from my earliest days in the ASA, inspired Ruth to describe a new interest she has found and wishes to pursue.

Ruth's interest is a set of tongs fabricated from wood, and used to retrieve hot toast or waffles from a toaster.

Ruth enjoyed her new acquisition so much she decided she would like to make something similar, and is aware of the reality of doing so in the Wood Shop.

A visit to the Wood Shop found Ron Coe, who is easy to talk with and interested in all things made of wood.

After listening to Ruth's description of her new interest Ron agreed to assist if Ruth is interested in learning wood-working.

This was something to which Ruth agreed and arranged to show her artefact of interest to Ron, and the matter will develop from there.

Ruth will follow a path well traversed by self confident women, and with application of perseverance and a natural talent possessed by Ruth, the outcome should be home made tongs and another addition to the sisterhood among wood working people!

An earlier visit to the Wood Shop revealed Jack Hirst, Carol Hedenberg and Jan Chislett all immersed in their favourite projects.

Jan caught my attention with a glossy magazine picture of a flock of Yellowleg Shorebirds, from which she had selected one bird.

She used pencil to draw an outline on wood, and from the outline, Jan cut a fair replica of the bird on a band saw.

The women working with wood insist that if they can do it, any woman can do it and few argue with that.

In the Wood Shop, Jack Hirst was preparing to show wooden bowls he continues to make.

He plans to demonstrate his methods and to teach them if interest is apparent, so if bowl making appeals to you, men and women please visit the Wood Shop and make your interest known, and good things will happen!

Jack talked to me about his

experiences making bowls, insisting he is still learning new tricks, which really translates to the reality that we never stop learning.

Without doubt, the Seniors' Centre is alive with people who collectively raise seniority to a condition unknown in any previous age.

Initiatives proliferate and seniors, who in earlier times would sit around in debilitating idleness, now initiate their own projects, pursue them with enthusiasm and literally carve out of a former period of dullness, a new period in senior life filled with the vibrancy of getting things done while creating social pleasure.

Will the town buy school?

The York Region District School Board has offered the Wells Street Public School to public agencies - including the Town of Aurora - at "fair market value" councillors learned at last Tuesday's council meeting.

In a letter supplied on Tuesday's agenda from Jane Ross of the York Region District School Board's Planning and Property Development, Ms Ross explained the Board formally declared the school surplus on August 26.

"The purpose of this letter is to offer Wells Street School to your agency at fair market value," she said. "Your written response to this proposal, not later than December 15, 2010 would be appreciated."

The letter is a requirement by regulation, according to Aurora CAO Neil Garbe.

"When school sites are declared surplus, they must be offered to the public agencies for a period of time, during which we can express an interest in purchasing that property for a fair market value and, after that, it reverts to the school board to dispose of."

But for councillors, it wasn't a matter of simply saying "yes" or "no" regarding the Town's interest, but possible future use, and what actually constituted "fair market value" needed to be determined.

"It says, 'Are you interested in buying it at a fair market value,'" said Councillor Evelina MacEachern. "Well, what is a fair market value? Is it \$1, is it \$10 million? What is it? The point is - am I interested in buying it at fair market value? Well, I might be, but it depends on the price."

Mayor Phyllis Morris said the fact that staff have told the Board the Town does not have a "purposeful use for it" is a concern as council has not been provided with a report outlining the options available to them.

"I would much rather see it in a use that the Town has a hand in than just flipping it into residential hands that the community may not want at all, and that is what the concern is - that it stays a school," said Mayor Morris.

The mayor added it would be to the Town's benefit to take its own steps in determining the actual cost of refurbishing the school.

"We've heard over and over again that it is going to cost \$10

million to refurbish the school, the community wanted to know if that was a true figure and would like to go in and look at the school," she said.

"Is there... anything we can do to express an interest going in, having our own independent people go in and assess what the fair market value might be based on a thorough examination of the building that will allow us to say what would it really cost when some knowledgeable contractors go in and look?"

Either way, Mayor Morris maintained that the building should stay a school. She enquired whether it might be possible to seek partnerships to bring another school into the community.

"I can't think of any other use better than another school, whether it be a private school, whether it be a sports school, whether it be a fine arts school, or a use compatible with heritage district. They want a school and I

can't believe anyone around this table could think of any other use better than a school."

Practicality aside, councillors also expressed concern about who really has the upper hand in this situation and ensuring that this proposal doesn't get lost in the post-election shuffle.

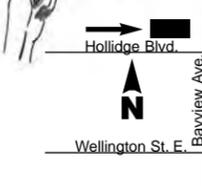
"I'm sure the school board, once they have all replies after 90 days, is not going to do anything with a piece of property that is only zoned for them," said Councillor John Gallo. "Don't we still hold the ace card?"

Mr. Garbe replied the Town "absolutely holds the ace card", as well as the "good will of the school board."

At the end of the discussion, Councillors opted to draft a reply to the school board expressing interest in the future use of the property.

Council also asked the school board extend the 90 days from December 15, 2010 to March 15, 2011.





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The Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. Visitors are welcome for only \$2. For more information call Ray at 905-727-6168.

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The Upper Canada Chordsmen, Aurora-Newmarket's award winning chorus, is looking for male singers. The group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Old Fire Hall, 140 Main Street South, in Newmarket.

The Optimist Club of Aurora meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Aurora Legion. New members are welcome. Call 905-727-5012 for more information.

The Aurora Lions Club meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the Aurora Lions Hall, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets. Co-ed club welcomes new members. For further information, call 905-727-6079.

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The York Regional Police Male Chorus is looking for new members. You

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Canadian Federation of University Women holds monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

MP advises importance of smoke alarms

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Fire Prevention Week, first observed in Canada in 1919, commemorates the Great Fire of Chicago, which killed 300 people and destroyed thousands of buildings on October 9, 1871.

This tragedy, together with the blaze on Parliament Hill in February, 1916, helped to increase awareness of fire prevention in Canada.

Each year, the Governor General of

Canada signs the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation, reminding

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