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Actors Nick McKinlay, seated left and Kyle Mac, work with staff setting up a room in Aurora's Hillary House for a shot from the movie "Moon Point". House was chosen to represent the Winchester Inn and shooting took place there last week. *Auroran photo by David Falconer*

Hillary House a movie star

By BROCK WEIR
Auroran Reporter

Aurora's Hillary House readied for its close-up last week as it was transformed into the "Winchester Inn" in a one-day shoot for the upcoming Canadian film

"Moon Point".

A full-length feature directed by Sean Cisterna and written by Rob Lazar, it is the story of a 20-something-year-old man who goes on a search for his long-lost love in a red wagon hitched onto the back of his friend's electric wheelchair.

Mr. Lazar describes it as a road movie with quirky humour similar to Juno and Little Miss Sunshine.

On Thursday, Hillary House came into the spotlight.

"The Hillary House is subbing in for the Winchester Inn in the script," said Mr. Cisterna. "The Winchester Inn is a seldom used, rickety inn that the characters are forced to stop in because they have a coupon. They meet an eccentric inn keeper here who makes them as uncomfortable as possible in the scene."

"It is a very unwelcoming place
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Candidates, mayor on Rogers Cable

So, what did everyone say at last week's all-candidates' gathering at the Aurora Municipal Building?

Rogers Cable 10 in Aurora will highlight the mayors' presentations Saturday, October 16 at 2 p.m.

The councillors seeking the eight spots available will be seen Saturday, October 23 at 8 p.m.

Cultural Centre has welcomed 10,000

By the end of its first year of operations, the Aurora Cultural Centre will have welcomed about 10,000 people across their threshold, according to the Centre's Executive Director Laura Schembri in a presentation.

"In these past eight months of our start-up phase, we have exceeded our expectations," Ms. Schembri said. "We have presented or hosted 111 major events [and] our programs have been exceptionally well received by the public."

So far, the Centre has hosted 19 free community events, nine formal tours, nine art shows in their changing public galleries, nine "registered instructional programming opportunities, six ticketed house events, recorded 225 print and e-media hits of Centre activities", not including TV appearances and videos on theauroran.com, she said.

The Centre officially opened their doors this spring, but inaugurated their galleries by hosting the Great Umbrella

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Garry Turgeon, the president of Aurora's Featherlite Industries Ltd., on Engelhard Drive, was named the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year at their annual Business Achievement Awards ceremony. Other awards were won by Hot Yoga, Lifestyle Windows Inc., The Hunter Group Ltd., Mastercut Property Services, L.H. Lind Realty Inc. Brokerage, RONA Home & Garden, The Roving Chef and Westview Golf Club. Event was held in King Township. *Auroran photo by David Falconer*

Mayor's father-in-law dies, Morris bows out of debate

Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris will not participate in this week's Chamber of Commerce mayoral debate, following the death of her father-in-law last week.

Her husband, Brian, and she left Sunday to attend the funeral of Thomas William Morris, who died in England following a brief illness.

When The Auroran spoke to the Mayor last Wednesday, funeral arrangements were still being made in England, and Saturday she said they were on standby to return to Canada.

"You simply can't get a flight to Canada from England on Air Canada," she told The Auroran. She hoped to hear by Saturday afternoon, when they would return to Canada.

She did say, however, that she would not be at the Wednesday mayoral debate slated for the Aurora Howard Johnson Hotel.

Check www.theauroran.com for updated information as it becomes available.



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COMING EVENTS

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.

All-candidates meeting at Aurora's Howard Johnson Hotel beginning at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

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.

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.

Advance voting poll at the Aurora Seniors' Centre; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Aurora Historical Society is looking for volunteers to help with the Hilary House Garden Cleanup from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch is supplied. Volunteers are asked to bring their own boots and gloves where possible to help clear out garden beds, bush, and undergrowth. For high school students, this activity is eligible for community service hours. For more information call Wayne Keilty at 905-841-3412.

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 info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

All-candidates' meeting at the Aurora Legion, presented by Sport Aurora. 2 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For further information, click on www.sportaurora.com.

Advance voting poll at the Aurora Seniors' Centre; noon to 5 p.m.

MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18-20

Advance voting poll at the Aurora Seniors' Centre; 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Sign up for space for Aurora Chamber of Commerce members for the Aurora Home Show starts this morning at 8.30 a.m. at the Chamber office on a first come, first served basis. The booth application is posted on the Chamber home show website, www.aurorahomeshow.ca but must be presented in person on sign up day. Applications may be faxed in to the office starting October 20.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

The next in the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfasts, will be held today at St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, 4 Pinnacle Trail, Aurora from 7.30 to 9 a.m. The meeting is sponsored by PowerStream. Cost is \$20 for members, and \$30 for guests. St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club will present a special offer to Chamber members following the morning's networking breakfast. Play 18 holes of golf, including power cart, for \$54 plus HST. Register online for the breakfast and call St. Andrew's at 905-727-7888 to book a tee time.

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 Vandorf. Admission is free to this History Hands-On event. For further information, call 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

Municipal Election Day in Aurora.

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, the R & R Used Books location on Edward Street. 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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

The annual Hadley Grange Crafters Craft and Gift Sale takes place at 16105 Yonge St, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entrance is the first driveway north of St. John's Sideroad).

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 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 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.

NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH 27

"A Chorus Line" will be performed at St. Andrew's College at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by emailing Jane Bedard at jane.bedard@sac.on.ca or by calling 905-727-3178 extension. 260. For more information, visit http://www.sac.on.ca.

NOVEMBER 27-28

The Optimist Club of Aurora holds its annual book sale at the Aurora Public Library, Saturday, November 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, November 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

York Region Community Choir Presents "Classics of Christmas", a concert celebrating the Holiday Season. at 2 p.m. at the Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. Tickets are \$10 and may be obtained by calling Heather at 905-853-6925.

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 Grand mothers group, meets monthly to raise awareness, generate funds and lobby on behalf of the grandmother caregivers in AIDS-ravaged Africa. For more information call Kay at 905-841-9318 or Joan at 905-727-5586.

Alateen meets every Sunday at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Victoria and Mosley Streets. Al-Anon meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the

Aurora United Church on Yonge Street. For more information go to al-anon.alateen.on.ca.

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.

York Highlands Chorus is an award-winning a capella Sweet Adelines chorus, a group of women who gather Tuesday evenings at the Old Fire Hall, Newmarket, to sing, share in the harmony of friendship and learn the barbershop art form. York Highlands is always looking for new women who share the love of a capella music. Call Karen at 905-726-2113 or Vikki at information@yorkhighlands.com.

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.

Martha's Table runs every Thursday in the hall of St. Please see page 23

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Cab requirements should be equal throughout York: mayor

Handing the governance of taxi fares over to the Region of York from local municipalities could be a timely move, according to Mayor Phyllis Morris.

Mayor Morris made her comments at a recent general committee meeting during a lengthy discussion on hiking taxi fares in the Town of Aurora, and on the industry

as a whole. At a late-September meeting, Council passed a bylaw further increasing taxi fares.

The increase will see the price of the first 200 metres of a taxi ride - the drop charge - increased to \$3.10, with each additional 200 metres clocking in at 40 cents.

Following council approval, the hikes will come into effect this Tuesday.

This will bring Aurora's taxi fares more in line with those of Newmarket.

"I'm starting to wonder why, with all these issues that are going on, why the Region isn't the governing body," said Mayor Morris early last month, citing concerns not just about discrepancies with taxi fares from municipality to municipality, but also of illegal taxis coming into town.

"I am wondering if we haven't come to a time where in the Region, where we have shared services and other things, why we haven't looked at consistent rates and having them at least start to look at it so we don't have one community penalized over another."

As Mayor Morris made her comments, representatives of the taxi industry shook their heads in dismay

from the audience, something which she acknowledged.

"Without the benefit of their input we're just looking at what would be fair for our community and to help the industry and make sure that anyone picking up our residents in this Town is licensed and we know who they are," she said.

"We need to know that when our daughters or sons get into a cab late at night we know they've got a license, their insurance is up to date, and we know who they are."



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Another meeting needed to say thanks

Barring any emergency business, Aurora's current council roster will reconvene one last time on November 23 to say farewell and give thanks to councillors who did not seek re-election, as well as incumbent members of the table to may not have been re-elected.

The meeting will also allow council to tidy up any outstanding business left.

"The outgoing council meeting is when those who have not been re-elected are thanked and given a gift," said Mayor Phyllis Morris. "It is the last business of the council before the new one is sworn in, in December."

According to Neil Garbe, Aurora's CAO, there might be some "wrap-up business" that requires council attention, and if there are time sensitive matters it would be handled on November 23 as well.

What is certain is that

Councillors Bob McRoberts and Alison Collins-Mrakas will be on the receiving end of thanks and a gift from the Town.

Incumbents seeking re-election on October 25 include Mayor Phyllis Morris, and Councillors Evelyn Buck, Wendy Gaertner, John Gallo, Stephen Granger, Evelina MacEachern, and Al Wilson.

The new council will be inaugurated on December 7.



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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Two-year-old mystery solved

The mystery has been solved.

Sure, it took almost two years, but the wait is over. Here's the story.

The night I was married - November 28, 2008 - there were two posters created by Brian North of Ellis Studios. They showed a picture of my lovely bride and me that had been taken at an earlier Chamber of Commerce event.

Before the evening ended, one of the posters disappeared.

We thought, perhaps, that when the staff was cleaning up, the poster inadvertently got placed in someone's car and didn't think too much about it until we received the ransom note, shown at the bottom of this column.

"We will be in touch," the note said, and advised us not to call the police.

We didn't.

Unfortunately, the thieves never did get back to us, but we never forgot the whole messy affair.

Saturday night, while Patricia and I enjoyed a meal in Orillia with friends, the sordid truth was revealed to us...along with the poster.

Seems Bob Cooke and his wife Susan, both guests at the wedding, had taken the poster and had great plans for leading us on a chase through subsequent ransom notes, but time and other things got in the way.

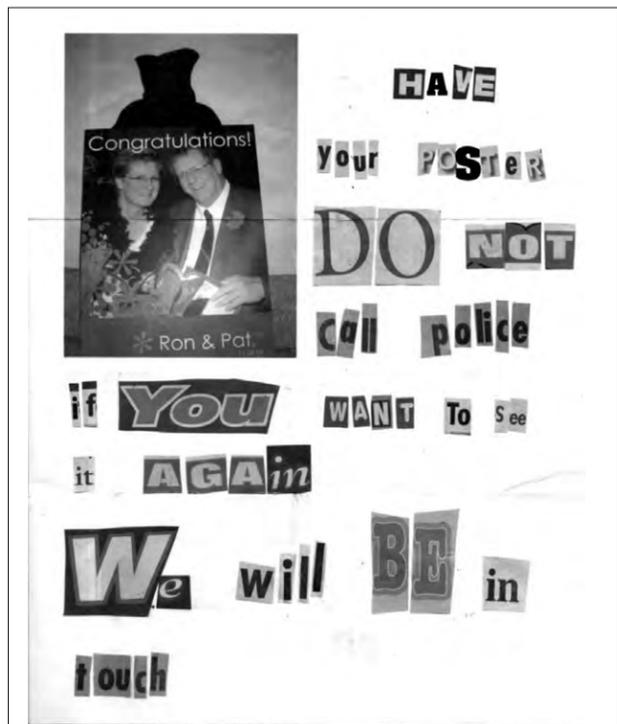
So, they returned the poster to us and now we have two again. Good one, Bob & Sue.

Last week, when I wrote that the field was wide open for Letters to the Editor, I never expected the response we got from the public.

This week, there are letters on seven pages, and I still didn't get them all in. Good thing it's a 24-page newspaper.

So, if you wrote a letter and don't see it here, I'll run the overflow next week, but I won't accept any new "election" type letters in the next week or so.

And, don't forget to vote Monday, October 25, or in any of the advance polls listed in the coming events column.



Letter to the Editor

His vote goes to Kean

To the editor,

Election time is just around the corner.

With mayoral and council candidates doing their best to convince Aurorans to give them their vote, it can be a confusing and challenging time for voters.

Throughout this election campaign, one decision has been a simple

one for me, my choice for who should be mayor, Nigel Kean.

His many years of business experience, coupled with his previous two terms on town council provide him with the tools to be an effective mayor.

Nigel is a long time resident of Aurora who has served on numerous committees and has done stellar work assisting

Letters to the Editor

Geoff Dawe is our mayor, this sign counter believes

To the editor,

If it was not already obvious, based on my second sign count one can only conclude that we have a very close mayoral race on our hands.

I surveyed every quadrant of the town and took a representative sampling of signs located on private property.

Morris won four areas, Dawe won four areas and they tied in one area. You can't get much closer than that.

I counted nearly 300 signs and the results are surprisingly consistent with the September 19th sign survey.

October 6th sign count results: Geoff Dawe, 46% - drop of 3%; Phyllis Morris, 33%; - drop of 3%; Nigel Kean, -13% - essentially the same; Roger Clowater, 8% - increase of 5%.

Clowater's increase can largely be attributed to the fact that I counted his home area in the October 6th count, which doubled the amount of signs he previously had on September 19th.

Winning 40% of the total votes cast on October 25th will likely win the mayoral race.

If we assume 12,500 total votes cast then 4,800 is the magic number, however I

Candidate attendee likes Thompson and Dawe

To the editor,

I attended the all candidate's meeting at the Town Hall last Sunday and was quite impressed with what I heard.

There were a number of new faces who expressed some fresh ideas which are always good for a community like ours.

Having once sat on council, I understand the benefit new thoughts and ideas can bring and how important it is that these ideas are welcomed and considered.

I thought council candidate Michael Thompson hit the nail on the head when he said this election is all about character.

I believe if a person has

also think that because Phyllis is tracking at 33% of signs counted, a slightly lower vote count could win the day.

If we extrapolate from the October 6th sign count percentages noted above, the vote count on October 25th would be as follows: Geoff Dawe, 5,796 - our next mayor; Phyllis Morris, 4,152 - this predicted result is in around where I would expect given that Phyllis won 5,208 votes last time around; Nigel Kean, 1,600 - This is consistent with the September 19th sign count results; Roger Clowater, 952 - Based on the nature of Roger's sign distribution I suspect that he may not win as many votes as projected here; Miloslav Prikrly - no signs were counted.

The next logical question is how and if the issue of "strategic voting" will enter into the minds of voters who are hoping for change at the Town Hall.

This has been a topic of major discussion in the Toronto election however it does not appear to have entered into our local discussions to the extent that one might expect given the number of candidates.

We should be thankful that we have so many people who care enough about

the values attributed to good character, the rest will take care of itself.

We are all capable of learning about the Municipal Act, Rules, Regulations and Procedures but you either have character by demonstrating things like integrity, respect, accountability or you don't. These attributes are more than just words.

There isn't a course you can take that teaches how to interact effectively and appropriately with people.

Regrettably, some will never understand it.

Sadly, some can only say the words without demonstrating what they mean.

I thought Geoff Dawe expressed those very core values when he talked about "positive change" and repeatedly mentioned the word respect.

This is an important election that will dictate the future of our community for the next four years.

I encourage everyone who can vote to get to know the candidates.

Remember, the choices you make on October 25th we will live with for the next four years.

Our community deserves people who will work with one another for the benefit of us all.

this town that they are prepared to invest so much time, effort and energy into an election campaign and quite frankly I can't fault anyone for supporting who they feel is best suited for the job at hand. However, that said, we also need to be prepared to live with the outcome of our collective reasoning for another four years.

While Phyllis Morris recently stated that Aurora has "set the gold standard of democracy" others (including me - a former Morris supporter) have come to quite a different conclusion as a result of the senior staff turnover (seven of eight senior staff have left the town's first Integrity Commissioner the day after his first decision was announced publicly).

This was explained as a "coincidence" by the mayor which garnered media coverage in the Star, Globe, National Post, Sun, CBC and in the local media.

We have had one well-respected councillor quit, two (our most educated) will not run again as a result of their experience and one councillor has felt compelled to sue her fellow councillors (that doesn't happen too often).

The town staff has continued to grow at the same rate as it has in the past ten years despite the severe economic times that have compelled governments and businesses around the world to exer-

cise greater financial restraint.

While hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on a jazz festival, parades, a cultural centre, recreation facilities, trails, trees, and legal fees no money has been directed towards the food bank or the region's affordable housing efforts.

The mayor actually feels that spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in order to compel one councillor to say sorry is money well spent, while at the same time she turns a blind eye to the actions of others; including herself, who I have reason to believe broke the very same section of the code of conduct as she has accused Councillor Evelyn Buck of breaking.

From my perspective, anyone who is given \$200 million of our tax dollars to spend over a four-year period can point to accomplishments but for me the real question to ask is if you feel that your elected officials are representing our town in the most professional and most effective manner possible? Aurora's politics have been characterized as dysfunctional, poisoned, poorly informed and petty for years, however it is once again up to all of us to determine what is required to set a new course.

I can only hope that those people who take the time to vote, also take the time to become well informed in an effort to separate fact from fiction which is no small task in our municipal arena.

Good luck to all.

Richard Johnson
Aurora

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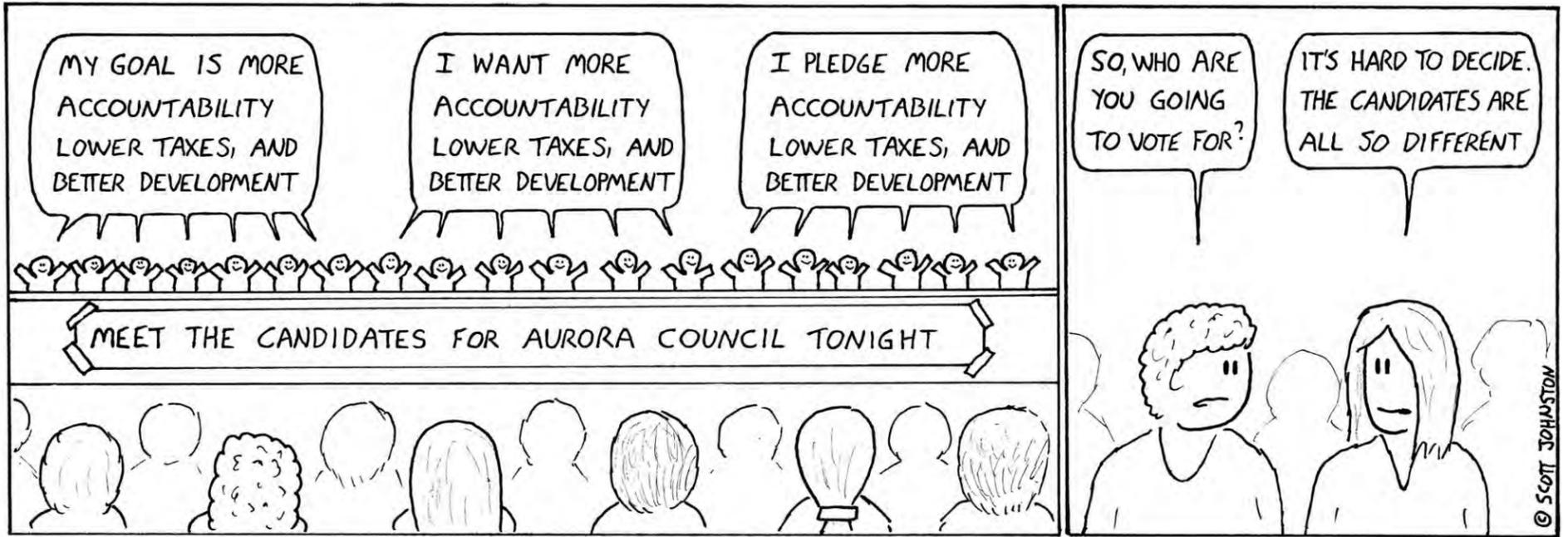
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Observations and impressions

By now, you may have received a knock on the door from one of the mayoralty or council candidates or you may have received a pamphlet from one of them in your mailbox.

The municipal campaigns are gearing up over the final three weeks for the October 25 election. Part of this process will involve public forums and debates where those seeking council seats or the mayors' chair can discuss their respective visions for the Town.

I attended the first such event recently at the Town Hall, sponsored by the Aurora Public Library.

And I was impressed even before I got inside the door.

It was a fine Sunday afternoon, when people could have been outside raking the leaves or in the house leisurely watching the Ryder Cup or NFL football on television.

But instead, the Town Hall parking lot was overflowing with cars.

Inside, the hall was jammed - by my estimate there must have been 400 people in attendance - and the atmosphere was both electric and tense.

I thought to myself: "Democracy is not dead; political apathy does not reign in this town!"

I know that in the last municipal election only 39 per cent of our fellow citizens voted, but if the turnout that Sunday was any indication, then I feel good about the prospects for a higher voter turnout.

Each of the five mayoralty candidates were given five minutes to speak, then the council candidates given three minutes and the two candidates for York Region District School Board trustee were also given three minutes.

Geoff Dawe was the first of the mayoralty candidates to speak. His main message was that "positive change would not come from yesterday's team".

He also stressed the three themes that his campaign is based

upon, "Leadership, Community and Accountability".

The two memorable lines from his speech were "it is time to get council out of your pockets" and "let's put the Aura back in Aurora". Next up was Miroslav Prikryl.

He said he has lived in Aurora for 15 years and that "we need to take ownership as citizens" and become engaged more fully in our political process.

He also said that one of his priorities would be to obtain another seat at Region Council for Aurora.

The third speaker was the incumbent, Mayor Phyllis Morris.

She spoke about how her political involvement began back in the early 1990's as a hockey mom.

She then went on that she has "led the town through some difficult issues", including the adoption of the new Official Plan, where "all but two councillors voted in favour".

She then added that "this council got things done" and pointed out, that under her leadership, she has ended years of high tax increases and pointed to the 2.9 per cent increase this year as evidence of that.

She ended by offering a spirited defense of her term - based on "proven leadership and commitment".

Nigel Kean opened his remarks by thanking his wife and this community for their support.

He said that based on his discussions with voters, "the community wants someone with business and council experience".

He then spoke about some of his initiatives and accomplishments as an elected councillor, chief among them, that he started the Aurora Farmers' Market.

He also said that "affordable and social housing in Aurora is vital - Aurora needs to do its best to supply housing

to people who can't".

He also said that he would do away with the "\$60,000/year integrity commissioner and he would take an immediate 10 per cent salary cut - to lead by example".

The last of the mayoralty candidates to speak was Roger Clowater.

He said that his 25 years as a police officer gives him the experience to deal with the issues.

He says that "Aurora needs a mayor who is in touch with their concerns".

He also stated that Aurorans "don't just want change, they want refreshing change".

The big issue for him was the downtown business vacancy rate and he "would bring in an Economic Development Officer who sole purpose was to bring in business in to the downtown core".

A couple of impressions from these opening remarks:

The mayoralty candidates are very good speakers; all relaxed, confident and can think on their feet.

The battle lines are well drawn - the challengers stressing the need for change, transparency and accountability while the incumbent stressing her "leadership and commitment through tough issues".

The only thing that disappointed me was that this event was not televised on our local cable channel, where it could have been shown a few times to a greater audience.

Next week: council candidate observations and why lawn signs are important.

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Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

10 years ago

Although The Auroran's been around for 10 years, the community centred at Yonge and Wellington that we now call Aurora has itself been around for a couple of hundred years, so ten years doesn't seem that long.

Or is it?

Let's take a look at our town in October of 2000 when the first edition of The Auroran rolled off the presses.

If you exited Highway 404 and entered Aurora along Wellington, you wouldn't see much but fields. There was no retail development or gas stations. Past Leslie, the fire station and recreation centre, now firmly established, were years in the future.

In fact, the one fire station in town belonged to our own Aurora Fire Department. Amalgamation with their Newmarket counterparts had yet to occur. Similarly, Aurora Hydro had yet to become part of region-wide Powerstream.

Continuing west the magnificent Magna headquarters were still on the drawing board, and you wouldn't see any significant numbers of houses until you got way past Bayview.

In fact, the now busy intersection of Bayview and Wellington had fields on every corner. Through the trees (yes, trees) to the northwest you could see an isolated railroad caboose, and on the south side was historic Hartman House, but neither of these was preserved as the intersection eventually developed.

Other bits of history still around at the time included the Fleury Chimney, the Larter wall mural of old Yonge Street, and that fixture of Yonge and Wellington, the BMO lollipop clock.

From an entertainment perspective, there were no movie theatres, but the annual Aurora Fair and Horse Show was one of the big attractions each year. The Bingo Hall was another popular spot.

A seasonal activity before Christmas was the residential light competition, which eventually fell by the wayside as it got too commercial.

Another popular winter outing was skating on McKenzie Marsh. But that was back when people could conveniently (if illegally) park on the shoulder of St. John's Sideroad, before it was widened to four lanes.

Ribfest, the Farmer's Market, Movies in the Park, the Arctic Adventure, and other activities we now enjoy.. well...no one had thought of these yet.

Culturally, there was talk of a new Seniors' Centre and Library to replace the aging structures at Library Square. A new library was eventually built on Yonge Street, but after much debate, the seniors' facility ended up near town hall.

At town hall, things somehow seemed a little more civilized, despite council not having an Integrity Commissioner.

With a smaller population, traffic was less of an issue in 2000. There was no traffic calming in the neighbourhood northeast of Yonge and Wellington, and the speed humps that seem to have been forever on Kennedy and Golf Links, were still in the future.

St. John's Sideroad, Bayview and Bathurst were all two lane roads. GO train service was a fraction of what it is now.

Kids kept active in sports, but as noted earlier, there was no Stronach Recreation Complex. Neither was there an arti-

ficial turf field at Sheppard's Bush, or a soccer dome off Industrial Parkway.

On the environmental front, all of our drinking water came from the aquifer underneath us.

The municipal supply's connection to Lake Ontario was still years away.

The town had blue bins, but no green bins, and while there may have been a need for it, the concept of the annual Mayor's Clean-up Day was still in future.

With no development on Bayview or Leslie, Aurora's commercial centre, and the place to do all your shopping, was along Yonge Street. Yes, only 10 years ago, Yonge Street was the vibrant heart of Aurora, with very few empty stores.

To find out what was happening in town folks often tuned into Aurora Cable, and shows with a decidedly local feel, such as Sports Beat, Plugged In!, and Our Town, the latter hosted by the late great, Dick Illingworth.

Of course, the addition of The Auroran allowed people to better keep up with current events. And if they wanted to call us, they could do so by only punching in seven numbers, as ten digit dialling (ie. adding the area code) was not required for local calls.

These and many other changes have occurred in Aurora in only a decade.

It'll be interesting to look back on the next ten years in 2020.

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Letters to the Editor

I voted for the existing mayor, but not this time, reader says

To the editor,

Growing up my parents instilled in me that it was not only my right to vote but it was also my responsibility.

They also told me that this responsibility was not to be taken lightly.

Becoming a homeowner ties you to a community and reinforces the importance of voting during municipal elections.

Where you live is where your taxes are collected and ultimately spent. It is where you are provided community services and where your elected council governs on your behalf.

Your council is there for the well being of Aurora, for the day-to-day handling of our community needs and for planning for our town's future.

I admit four years ago that my grasp and understanding of council was limited to attending council meetings via the programming provided by Aurora Cable. (how I miss Aurora Cable!).

I also admit voting for the current mayor.

Unfortunately, a short time into the term of council it became apparent to me that all was not as it should be within the Town Hall.

The functioning of council was not functional but dysfunctional.

With the resignation of a council member and the failure of this council to listen to Aurora residents request for a by-election, a new pattern began to develop.

This pattern seemed to favour specific personal

preferences within council and not the wishes of the community.

It seemed, in my opinion, that there were self-serving agendas developing.

The tone of governing and handling of our taxes sometimes catered to select favoured groups within our community, or even friends of some elected members.

We have witnessed numerous committees formed, working groups, that included resident input, were formed and then disregarded when final reports and recommendations were presented to council.

During this four-year term a Parks and Recreation Master Plan was up for review.

Town residents were looking for places and activities to enhance their

lifestyle and to find ways families could play together and grow together in Aurora.

A key component requested by residents and recommended by consultants was that of the need for a Youth Centre.

The initial draft included provision for this centre however the final approved plan ignored residents' request without explanation.

Actions like this do not serve the community and that did not represent what I voted for in 2006.

For readers of my letter I encourage you to do your own research into how your elected members of council have spent their time these past four years.

Have your tax dollars been used wisely or wastefully?

Why was there a need to have an Integrity Commissioner hired at our expense?

Why do we need an additional Code of Conduct when elected council members already swear an oath of office?

Why on the last day of council business was a major plan for the town's future approved, which went against business and resident demands that further consultation was needed?

I could go on but I do not wish to present my views as being only negative. I am not a negative person. I am however objective.

What is needed to move Aurora forward is leadership. We need a mayor who will provide leadership that will lead by example, show respect to fellow councilors and town staff and provide guidance and direction to resolve issues.

We need a mayor who is accountable for every Tax Dollar that is received and spent.

I believe there is one candidate that will provide capable leadership, commitment to the community, and accountability.

I have made my choice for October 25th and I am sure that other residents of Aurora will as well.

Cheryl Simpkin
Aurora

To the editor,

I feel I should let you know that I found the photo of the anti-incumbent-mayoral sign (Week of September 28, page 5) really distressing.

I have no problems with the plethora of signs which adorn our sidewalks: they remind us of all the good citizens who are offering us their time and talents and

wisdom for the running of our fine town. The Lanewood Avenue resident referred to in the caption is entitled to his/her views and preferences, but surely not, in a civilized community, to make these known in such a negative and distasteful manner.

What I find even more disappointing is that The Auroran, for whose worthy editor I have considerable respect, chose to give unde-

served and unwelcome publicity to this resident's sour message - surely a journalistic low for our town.

If ever I were to sit in the mayor's chair (which I won't, though I am younger than Hazel McCallion!) I would hate to think that that kind of supporter helped put me there.

Douglas Graham
Aurora

Lanewood sign - yea

To the editor,

As I drove through Aurora I saw a sign on Lanewood Drive.

It is refreshing to see that we have the freedom to display

our political views without fear of reprisal. The very freedoms our forefathers fought two long and bloody wars to maintain.

I may not believe in his/her opinion but I would definitely argue for their right to

express it.

Our freedoms are precious and bought with the blood of our ancestors.

Robert Stevens
North Bay

He's voting for Evelyn

To the editor,

As a long time resident of Aurora - for more than 25 years - I am disturbed that the present council has been so aligned on "party lines" that, in my opinion, it has not been able to accomplish over the last four years what it could have done.

In any democratic society one always needs a "disturber" - one who is not afraid of the truth and only has allegiance to the voters.

I recall the Liberal "rat pack" of the 1980's which

kept the ruling federal Conservatives on their toes.

Evelyn Buck, whom I have never met and who, I confess, I did not vote for in the last election, to me deserves the utmost respect for her alternative viewpoints and the courage to stand up for what she sees as the right thing to do for Aurora.

As a former mayor with many, many years of local political experience she has more knowledge to draw on than all the other councilors put together!

This time I will vote for her

and I hope many of you will, too.

Frank Snape
Aurora

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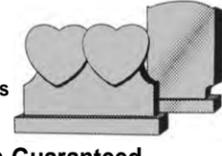
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Different viewpoints in debate are a good thing. The right to speak frankly and freely should be exercised and there should be no need to defend it.

Civility is a must!

A community is strengthened by its past. It is the foundation of the present and a lens into the future.

Each of us must be a steward of our environment; we are among the world's most fortunate.

"To those that have been given much, much is expected".

An election is a celebration of our rights and freedoms and a renewal of commitment.

My Priorities For The Community

Business must be recognized as a full financial partner with the town in our responsibility to make life affordable for people of all ages. Business provides jobs; they contribute to town revenues without adding to costs. They sponsor youth sports organizations; they contribute to fundraising projects. They give and give and give.

We need to listen and respond to their needs.

An urban area is serviced with roads, water, sewers, lighting, etc. Shopping and professional services are situated within the town; various levels of government have invested billions of dollars to provide amenities required by a thoroughly modern municipality. Intensification policies prevent urban sprawl and housing to meet a variety of needs. New families contribute to successful business and share the cost of providing services.

They keep taxes affordable.

Food banks and substandard housing are a poor reflection on our standards. Families need jobs and decent housing, not handouts. The town should be proactive, encourage job creation and affordable housing. We all benefit when everyone's needs are met and nobody is made to feel less than others.

It is part of our planning mandate.

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How will I help make Aurora an even better Town in which to live?

My 35 years of senior business management combined with my 23-year residency and 6 years on council will be the basis of my leadership.

I will treat ALL councillors equally and respectfully.

I will, with the help of council, end needlessly long meetings by getting councillors to get to the point and be prepared when they come to meetings.

I will work with staff but not micro-manage them.

I will, with the help of Council, find ways to cut needless spending at the Town Hall but not cut services.

I will listen to you, the residents, as I will be working for you.

MY PLATFORM

Most of what is in my platform came from the residents of Aurora as I went door to door. I will always continue to listen.

1/ Work with the owners of the downtown buildings with tax incentives to get the buildings upgraded to help bring strong retail back to the core. Also get the empty lots built upon and the general area improved.

2/ Investigate solar power panels for the Town Hall. Aurora must achieve some degree of self-sustainability

3/ Continue (as I have in the past) to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine and other environmental features.

4/ I will work with council towards achieving a better level of Commercial vs Residential tax base. We must attract new business to Aurora. Also, make it easier for new

business to locate in Aurora.

5/ Find a location for Habitat for Humanity to build. Let's not make more promises without real action.

6/ Aurora must also look for more affordable and Social housing. Let us do our part to get more residents into a place that they can call home.

7/ I will meet with YRT to improve transit throughout Aurora. Residents must be able to get to their destinations in reasonable time. Also look into reduced fares for seniors and all students.

8/ I will, with council, have more litter clean up days. Litter is a problem, so let us clean it up and perhaps look to grocery stores that are charging for bags to donate some of that to help the clean up.

9/ I will not spend any money on the Petch House. This

house has cost the town too much and IS NOT part of Aurora's history.

10/ I will, with council, look for a place to build a Youth Centre.

11/ I will, with council, look into increasing the size of the Seniors' Centre. Aurora has an aging population and we must plan ahead to accommodate them.

12/ I will put forward a suggestion to reduce council from 8 to 6 members.

If I am elected Mayor this will be the start of a new and exciting era in Aurora politics. I promise to always put you, the residents, first and I will listen.

What others have to say

"I have chosen to support Nigel Kean for Mayor of Aurora. Nigel not only served on Aurora Council for six years but he worked diligently behind the scenes with many local charities. He cares about Aurora and started the Farmer's Market to help the downtown retailers. He is truly dedicated to make Aurora even better.

He served on numerous committees and always seemed to have the energy and ability to add to each one of them.

He has served his time on Council and now he is ready to take the next step, to be Mayor.

Please join with me, and support Nigel's bid for Mayor."

Dr. Bette Stephenson, Former Minister of Education and first female President of the Canadian Medical Association. She also attended the Church Street School.

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Letters to the Editor

Don't be fooled, this reader warns

To the editor,

Don't be fooled or bullied...

Aurora has become a political warzone.

Some political camps continually lob grenades and engage in smear campaigns rather than attend to the real issues.

Truth and integrity have been thrown out and 'Jerry Springeresque' letters to local news and blogs is now the norm, together with sensational, unsubstantiated stories, questionable polls and hate mail on cars innocently parked at All Candidates Debate venues.

What of the truth, accountability and integrity?

Do you support those who openly demonstrate disrespect for the offices of mayor and council, town volunteers and staff in the

Council Chambers - on camera?

Do you want those who will not support a Code of Conduct or an Integrity Commissioner to run your town or your business?

In fact, respect cannot be legislated, while in a democratic, fair society integrity and proper conduct can.

What sort of people do not believe in sharing a Code of Conduct supporting ethical fair practices?

I thought character matters in Aurora.

Do you expect honesty, accountability and integrity in your home, in your schools and in your businesses?

Why expect less of your elected officials?

Why would so many other municipalities like, Richmond Hill and Mississauga for instance,

hire an Integrity Commissioner if it's a bad idea?

Fact: it is the actions of those blogging and spreading unsubstantiated rumours in our new internet world that created the need for a Code of Conduct and a Commissioner to oversee it is upheld. This fact has been proven in Aurora.

Having the Code of Conduct and the Commissioner not only saves Town money that may be used in litigation but also serves to dissuade or stop nasty unfounded negative propaganda.

Adoption of a Code and the hiring of a Commissioner were agreed upon by a majority of our elected officials, chosen by the majority of Aurorans in a fair vote.

Freedom of speech does not mean freedom to smear

people's names, tell lopsided 'stories' engineered to mislead public and hurt the innocent. Please don't support bullies.

While the ongoing negative and questionable rhetoric sells papers, gets blog hits and titillates some, it also damages Aurora's local volunteer base, community profile, integrity and provides the wrong message to our kids.

The majority of Aurorans are much better and wiser than this and won't be fooled by pop-corn politics.

Facts stand - find out what they are and be informed.

Whomever you vote for be sure they are persons of character, integrity and represent the kind of Aurora you and your kids want to live in.

Support those with positive solution based tactics

and outcomes.

Help Aurora flourish with integrity and not be absorbed by wishes of big business and encroaching municipalities.

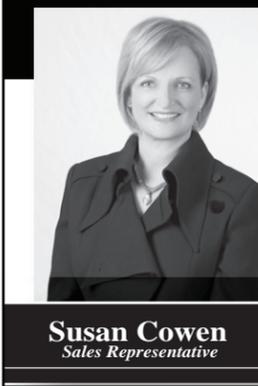
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Former councillor has requests for residents

To the editor,

I view the approaching election with a mix of dread and anticipation.

As a former councillor it concerns me that we have seen the conflict at the council table that makes us the mockery of national media.

We have seen our first integrity commission terminated after throwing out a complaint against Councillor Evelyn Buck for being politically motivated - yet council continues to refuse to remove the dismissed complaint from the Town website.

We have seen a second complaint filed with little result. The emotional and financial cost for this process unknown.

We have seen one councillor resign because of this culture and two decline to stand for re-election.

We have seen six of eight senior staff leave in a single term. Staff whose counsel and abilities I had great respect for.

We have seen few real accomplishments yet significant dollars spent on plans, studies and reports -- many which have simply sat on

shelves and were not acted upon.

We have seen significant dollars spent on legal fees, consultants fees and unnecessary integrity commissioner activities -- with little thought to the impact these costs have had on our local tax rates.

Consider that each per cent of tax increase is tied to approximately \$250,000 in spending -- a reduction in these type of expenses would have resulted in you and I paying less in our taxes this past year.

The outgoing mayor and council may accuse me of wanting a return to the old way of doing politics. I never really thought of myself as that old. In fact, Phyllis was actually first elected before

me. Maybe there is something to be said for civility and respect when working towards a common goal - the betterment of Aurora.

Aurora grew into the town we have all been proud to call home long before Phyllis became mayor.

Make no mistake, this past council brought change - just not the type of change many hoped for.

As this election approaches, I have two requests for my fellow residents:

1. Make sure you vote.
2. Make sure to research the candidates well before placing your mark.

Our future depends on it.

**Bill Hogg
Former Councillor**

Town should have candidates' space

To the editor,

Info on election candidates.

I went to our town offices, in my opinion, the most likely place to obtain information brochures on candidates.

No brochures were available.

However, I was shown a list and given a pen and paper to jot down email address info for the individ-

ual candidates.

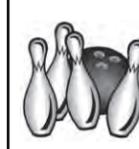
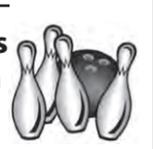
Seems to me there should be an area at the town offices set aside for those of us who are eager to learn more about our election hopefuls.

I am sure not all of us have computer/email, and some may not be able to attend debates or take the time to do what I did.

**Bill Hack
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Letters to the Editor

Reader thanks three for “persevering”

To the editor,

In reference to your story in the paper regarding council ends its term, well, hallelujah!

First I would like to take this opportunity to thank three councillors for taking the past four years and trying to make

a difference.

Special thanks go to Alison Collins-Mrakas, Bob McRoberts and Evelyn Buck, thank you for persevering.

I know that at times it wasn't easy but your dedication and perseverance is to commended.

Mrs. Buck, congratula-

tions for putting your name forward again, we need people like you to keep our town's interest at heart.

I wish you had been running for mayor.

Also to all residents of Aurora listen up, this is our chance to make a serious change, if you

remember correctly during the last election our current Mayor ran on the premise that the former council was dysfunctional.

We'll take a good look at this one!

Isn't there a common denominator here? Who sat on both councils.

As a taxpayer I am sick and tired of paying to feed someone's ego.

Let's get serious this time and vote for a council that cares about this town and not their egos.

Look at the money that has been spent and wasted.

During the mayor and

council information nights, ask the question how much in legal fees were spent and why, why was council so dysfunctional, why did Grace Marsh really leave?

Why did all good qualified town staff leave during this past council? What is their real agenda? What was really accomplished by the current council during these past four years and not what the provincial government gave us?

Let's make October 25, 2010, Aurora's Anti Litter day and get rid of the garbage that currently sits in the council chambers at the Aurora Town Hall.

Let's vote to make this town something to be proud of and not laughed at.

A suggestion to all Aurora residents would be ask the potential councillors who they would like to see as mayor. That should alone make up your mind who to vote for.

Let's not waste another four years of our tax dollars on dysfunction.

This reader respected Dick Illingworth's views

To the editor,

There are a select few in this town, some of which are candidates for office, that don't believe that being highly critical and being positive can co-exist.

The late Dick Illingworth

proved otherwise, consistently in his column where he took municipal politicians to task.

In his column titled "Poor Richard" which ran on page 4 the week of May 6th, 2008, he called the current council an embar-

assment and a disgrace.

Since his death the actions of this council have done nothing to correct their behaviour. In fact the opposite has happened.

Council's sense of arrogance has grown to the point where it has ultimate-

ly caused the town to fall into disrepute.

The chorus of disenfranchised citizens grows by the hour. Many venues exist for them to share their frustrations with others, and identify opportunities for change.

Dick was a large proponent of freedom of expression and a particular Bouquet from his well respected Brickbats & Bouquets that I believe needs to be re-printed as we head towards the polls is from page 6 of the June 24th, 2008 edition of the Auroran:

BOUQUETS to The Auroran and the letter writers for expressing their thoughts about the Aurora Council members. The Gang of Five should read the letters carefully as there is a strong movement around town expressing the same concerns and feelings. Also it might be worthwhile to see yourself and how you behave on TV.

Official plan better but still flawed, he says

To the editor,

I want to thank the Auroran newspaper for giving candidates this bit of space to introduce ourselves.

I am a Professional Engineer, and a resident of Aurora for about 13 years.

I believe in open, accountable, and transparent government, and I

believe councillors have a duty of professionalism and truth which has been somewhat lacking this last term.

I have served on citizen committees during the previous council, and have been a frequent commentator on town events in the letter section of this newspaper.

I believe the new Official Plan is better than

what we had, but I think it has flaws that the next council will have to address.

Both with regard to the Promenade Study and the 2C Secondary plan dealing with the Oak Ridges Moraine.

I have a blog at www.DarrylMoore.ca which I update almost daily with relevant information and opinions on

almost all town topics.

Mine is the only unmoderated blog so anyone can come and post comments.

I pride myself on posting knowledgeable and well thought out pieces, and encourage you to join the discussion on the blog, by email, by phone, and in person.

Darryl Moore
Aurora

Christopher Watt
Aurora

Kathy Constable
Aurora

John Gallo, why would he make a difference?

- Open minded and respectful
- Lead by example
- Understands that we are, above all, public servants
- Mindful of due process and the need for public forum
- Appreciates the role and impact of ratepayers' groups

John Gallo, where and how he will make a difference

- Supports "Green Energy" initiatives
- Supports Growth in Aurora, but not at the expense of Sustainability.
- Create and support cultural opportunities
- Reliable "safe" electricity
- Support and help promote the "Arts" in Aurora
- Supports "Sports" in Aurora



On October 25th, Vote John Gallo for Aurora Council

Letters to the Editor

Current council is worthy of return: reader

To the editor,

During the last election, I supported most members of this council due to their past records on environmental issues.

They have not disappointed me and, in my opinion, this has been one of the two most progressive councils we have had in the last 35 years.

If you take the trouble to check the facts, you will realize that particularly on environmental, heritage, town planning and recreational issues, the results of their decisions will have a major positive, long term effect on the well-being of our town.

They have achieved this regardless of a well-organized, vocal (sometimes anonymous) group of disgruntled citizens who were not satisfied with the results of the last election.

For the last four years they have continued a constant, often unsubstantiated, barrage of negative criticism, without producing any positive solutions or policies of their own.

Early on, there were objections to the relocation of the Farmers' Market and providing Saturday entertainment in Town Park but most citizens would agree that this move was a wise decision that has created a major social event.

Concerns also were raised at the loss of several long term staff members, but I have not heard that their replacements were any less competent.

In fact, this resulted in an influx of several new management ideas that will benefit the town.

The bitter discussion to replace Grace Marsh with John Gallo without calling a bi-election also saved the town thousands of dollars.

Many years ago, the same procedure was used to appoint Evelyn Buck as Mayor when Dick Illingworth, then Mayor, declared a conflict of interest and resigned. Why so much criticism of this accepted democratic procedure?

Volunteer groups have also come under criticism for being over-involved in the planning and management of the town.

These volunteer groups, and there are many, have

made a massive contribution and have saved taxpayers thousands of dollars in staff wages and consultant fees.

Councillors also were criticized for their resistance to approving the creation of a new golf and housing development on the Oak Ridges Moraine, that some developer-friendly citizens feel should have been approved to save the town money in legal fees and an OMB hearing.

I disagree. It is important that developers realize that the days when the town considered all development was good for the tax base are over.

This refreshing approach has paid dividends during the planning of the C2 lands when this council, for the time, resisted traffic engineers' proposals to move traffic through these subdivisions as quickly as possible, an approach aimed at taking the pressure off Leslie Street and other regional roads. These major roads, in the council's opinion, should be designed to carry all through traffic, rather than directing it through residential areas and then expecting homeowners and the council to solve speeding problems in the future when the engineers have moved onto their next project. Incidentally, the methods used to calm traffic on Walton Drive have received much criticism but the design of the chicanes, which I agree are not so traffic friendly or as efficient as speed bumps, were not approved originally by this council but by the previous council.

There was also criticism of the construction of the artificial turf all-weather soccer pitch at Sheppard's Bush on the grounds that it was not ecologically friendly.

To accommodate the use of the games played on this pitch, at least two or more new soccer pitches would have been required.

This decision allows students and adults to play soccer 3-4 weeks earlier in the spring and 3-4 weeks longer in fall.

This council has also negotiated with the Catholic School Board to jointly finance and construct a second artificial pitch at St. Maximilian Kolbe

High School that will be used at different times by students and citizens.

One could interpret this decision as pandering to self-interest groups but I don't think that soccer players or most citizens would agree.

Most criticism has been directed towards the dysfunctional nature of this council.

We do not have a dysfunctional council but a dysfunctional councillor. Personal vendettas should have no place in municipal politics and this has been at the root of the problem.

A more reasonable meas-

ured approach to genuine concerns in Letters to the Editor or online blogs would have spared us the expense of appointing an Ethics Commissioner.

Allegations that our mayor has brought the town into disrepute by her political activities are not borne out by the facts.

Tell me which other Aurora Mayor has been photographed with and congratulated by a former Vice-President of the U.S. for her environmental initiatives or has hosted a delegation of U.S. environmentalists to seek her advice on how she

changed current legislation on ecological concerns regarding backyard clothes drying, or hosted a business delegation from a city in China.

It is not our mayor who has Aurora into disrepute, but our dysfunctional councillor.

There are many other aspects of the advances this council has made including a Prince of Wales Heritage Award.

I will be voting in favour of our mayor and all our current councillors except one.

I will also be checking what positive new innovations and policies are being proposed by

other people seeking election rather than repeating criticisms.

It would be advantageous to see this council re-elected so that they may continue to provide enlightened and progressive administration in Aurora.

If you are in doubt or do not agree with my comments then check back on council minutes, back copies of The Auroran and particularly the voting records of the current members of council.

David Tomlinson
Aurora

Nobody walks our trail system

To the editor,

Since moving back to Aurora last year, I've attempted to walk our wonderful trail system as often as possible.

It travels through some great woodlands and hills and at this time of the year it's at its best!

There is only one thing odd about it.

There are hardly any other people!

I usually do a three-mile stint up on the northwest section and I rarely meet more than half a dozen people in an hour.

This is on weekends and weekdays.

Ninety per cent of these are walking dogs, the others

are joggers, usually insulated from reality with the usual jogger's uniform including hats and electronic gadgets.

Come on, people, what's so important in your lives that you can't indulge a fraction of your time practicing the healthiest, cheapest and most available form of exercise?

These trails are not maintained just for dogs, a fair chunk of our taxes goes towards the creation and upkeep.

Let's revive the spirit of Klaus Wherenburg!

There's nothing wrong with being a single walker either!

Peter Kelly
Aurora

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- When most organizations cut or froze staff increases, Council **increased town staff by 20%** – including a new full time personal assistant for the Mayor
- **\$2,100,000** in increased annual salaries when staff complement rose from 160 in 2006 to 191 in 2009
- **\$360,000** to implement staff reorganization after thousands spent on consulting fees
- **Over \$200,000** spent on 2 integrity commissioners, legal fees and consulting fees to silence the voice of 1 Councillor
- **Over \$500,000** in legal fees on battles that have little or nothing to do with town business
- **Over \$200,000** to challenge and lose 5 times at the OMB, Divisional Court and Court of Appeal in the quest for a consolidated Board Hearing
- **\$100,000** in a witch hunt investigating a former member of Council
- **\$100,000** on studies to save the Petch House – a house of limited historical significance (it's not even from Aurora) that they can't give away
- **\$60,000** in renovations for the Mayor's office and Councillors' office – space that is so underused by Councillors that it is now used by staff instead
- **\$500,000** over budget for the Nokiidaa trail project
- **\$220,000** for traffic calming in one neighbourhood, more than double the approved budget
- **\$53,000** for a consultant's report on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan that was shelved in favour of a plan written by a small group with no accountability to Council or taxpayers

It's time to Get Council's Hands out of your pocket!

As Mayor, I will insist on **Accountability to the taxpayer**. I will focus Council's energies in the following areas:

- Re-establishing a year round Budget & Finance Committee and enhancing the long-term financial planning initiatives
- Re-establishing budget forecasting
- Realistically funding our Reserve Funds to support current and planned capital infrastructure expenditures -- and finding innovative ways to minimize the tax impact on residents
- Identifying opportunities for greater operating efficiencies to minimize taxes
- Stop wasting our tax dollars on needless legal battles and consultant fees that bring no value to taxpayers
- Stop wasting tax dollars on pet projects that have limited benefit to the majority of Aurorans

It's time to Get Council's Hands out of your pocket!

It's time for **leadership** that listens and returns respect and civility to the Council table. It's time to rebuild our sense of **community** where we work together not against each other. It's time for renewed financial **accountability** to Aurora's taxpayers.

On October 25th I respectfully ask for your vote.

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

WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY

As a successful businessman – President of Quality Integrators Corporation and Past President of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce – Geoff's business and financial acumen would be a huge plus for the Town. Geoff knows to put Town business first, and he can ensure that every tax dollar spent will be to the benefit of the citizens of Aurora. –*Peter Blakely, President, Blakely & Associates*

Geoff is genuinely interested in the welfare of our community; I would feel well-served to have a leader of his experience, wit, intelligence and integrity representing Aurora. –*Jackie Thornton, Resident*

As a long time volunteer in the Aurora community, I have known Geoff as a person of good character, with a strong sense of values. This is particularly evident in the way he interacts with other volunteers and works towards building consensus that benefits the overall goals ahead of his personal goals. That together with his business savvy and passion for our Town makes him an ideal candidate to lead our community. –*Steve Hinder, Resident, former Aurora Councillor*

As a former Councillor for the Town of Aurora, I know how important it is to have a Council that works with staff and each other in a respectful way. Geoff Dawe understands that respect is earned not granted. That one must give respect to get it in return. I support Geoff Dawe because I know he is capable of being the leader this Town needs. –*Don Constable, Resident, Optimist, Small Business owner*

As a person who lives and works in Aurora, I am enthusiastic about having a Mayor who listens to the needs and concerns of our community and Geoff is certainly the man to bring people together for our collective good. His leadership invites collaboration and consultation with all members of the community. As a long-time resident, I have chosen to campaign for Geoff as I believe whole-heartedly in his ability to lead our community into the future with vision, integrity, strength and compassion. –*Helen Anderson, Resident*

As an executive coach, I spend my day working with senior professionals in a wide variety of sectors. It is through that experience that I have come to really appreciate Geoff's ability to lead. He listens. He asks questions. He seeks out many points of view that will expand his view. These are all qualities which I believe will make Geoff an excellent mayor. –*Marion Howell, Resident, Executive Coach*

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

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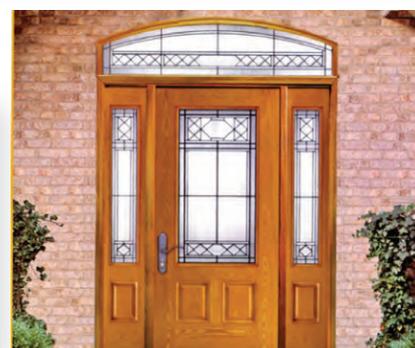
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Letters to the Editor

Reader believes this election most important held in years

To the editor,

A little more than two weeks after the municipal election, those of us who care will pause for a minute or two in silent remembrance of the many thousands of Canadians who fought and gave their lives so that we might enjoy our democratic form of government.

Democracy's roots go back two and a half thousand years to ancient Greece, in fact to Athens.

It then disappeared, to reemerge in the 17th century, and today representative democracy's primary embodiment is the right to vote.

From early infancy we are taught the difference between right and wrong, and as we grow older and more knowledgeable we learn to distinguish between far stronger variants, good and evil.

We learn this from our parents and within our families, we learn this in our schools, we learn this, those of us who attend, in our places of worship.

Our society teaches us about good and evil.

For me, living in Aurora in the year 2010, seldom does a day go by when I am not reminded about good and evil; the dichotomy of these opposing cosmic forces courses through me with a sense of rage and a desire for justice.

Here, today, in our community, evil flourishes in the guise of certain elected officials, starting with the mayor.

Some of her venom and her ignorance trickles down into several members of council, enough to dominate those few who sit in helpless opposition.

The majority, in their ignorance, trample upon the very rules of procedure that are supposed to govern their conduct.

What Code do they follow? An insipid hireling who carries the distinguished title of Integrity Commissioner abets them.

Somehow, following the 2006 municipal election, we were betrayed.

Words that were spoken, promises that were made,

turned septic.

We have lived with this stigma for four long bitter years.

Don't waste your vote. This is the most important Aurora election in years.

Geoff Dawe is the only viable option for mayor.

A vote for Geoff Dawe is an endorsement for ethics and morality, for integrity and sound honest leadership.

This is a man who listens to people and will act in the best interests of the entire community.

He will make us all proud to once again call Aurora home.

The Morris regime must be brought to an end.

With the defeat of Morris and Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Granger, MacEachern and Wilson this will be accomplished.

They must be defeated convincingly, so that will give them serious pause about seeking public office ever again.

The turnout for the all-candidates' meeting Sunday, October 3, was an incredible event, the

largest seen in Aurora for many years.

And the Mayor was booed!

Large turnouts mean people are interested, they are engaged, they are enraged; they want to see change. It is in the hands of the voters to bring about change. Let's do it. Out with the old and in with the new.

Out of respect for those whose deaths we honour on November 11, each and every one of us who qualifies as an elector in the town of Aurora has the responsibility to vote on October 25.

Those who choose to not cast a ballot are effectively voting for the status quo, continuing evil.

And they are also forgoing any inherent right to call upon the municipality to complain about a service not rendered, or a facility that is delinquent.

If you care about right and wrong, good and evil, do your civic duty. Vote!

**George Hervey
Aurora**



We were delighted to cover the "Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting" in celebration of the expansion of the Financial Planning Practice of **Mary Rourke**, second from left, **Financial Planning Advisor, DundeeWealth**, which moved into larger premises at 520 Industrial Parkway South (off Yonge Street beside Thompson Funeral Home). Also pictured is Karen Bleakley, second from right, Senior Client Service Administrator, and an official representative from the town's Economic Development Advisory Committee. In honor of the expansion, Mary Rourke announced that she would be pleased to review, at no charge, the Retirement or Income Plan of anyone within the readership of this publication. You can contact her office at **905-503-4100**.

Surprise! Two doors locked

To the editor,

Before this present council was elected, if I needed an answer from Town Hall on some matter, I would go to the second floor and speak to the mayor's secretary and

while standing there, if the mayor were in, his door would be open and he would call out "C'mon in!"

About two years ago, I'm not sure of the exact date, I had occasion to go to the Town Hall to speak to the sec-

retary of the present mayor.

On the second floor I was along the corridor a few yards from the secretary's desk, when I came face to face with a locked door.

Such a thing had never been there before and I was

totally shocked.

I fled from the building feeling shunned and unwelcome.

This past September I was seeking some information from the town again and thought perhaps that locked door might be open so I could speak to the secretary.

Instead of this, the door in the second floor lobby was now a second locked door, thus preventing entry into the corridor leading to the first locked door.

This time I was outraged.

These locked doors were the work of the person who had proclaimed in her campaign for mayor that hers would be an open and transparent leadership.

What a farce.

The use of words is this mayor's greatest asset; she is not an experienced listener but she can talk endlessly.

She talks to persuade people to her point of view, and her listeners often lose interest long before she stops talking.

I hear this from members of the Aurora Seniors' Centre.

If the people of Aurora have learned one thing from this present mayor it is the absolute truth of that old saying "Actions speak louder than words".

**Flo Murray
Aurora**

Two men and hospital helped injured animal

To the editor,

On Wednesday, September 22nd, I waved down two gentle-

men on Cranberry Lane to help me rescue a very sweet, but scared, six pound Shih Tzu dog.

Without their help I don't what would have happened to her.

She was running scared and when we finally caught her we found she was bleeding on both rear paws and limping on one front leg.

She had no dog tags or license.

Thank you to Abbotsford Animal Hospital in Aurora who checked to see if she was micro chipped and when she wasn't put me touch with the OSPCA.

The dog had been reported missing and I was able to return her.

She had been lost all day and was in very rough shape.

Thank you to all the helpful people who made a difference.

It is nice to be reminded how many good people there are in our great Town of Aurora.

**Nancy Nanos
Aurora**

She plans to vote for Geoff Dawe

To the editor,

Geoff Dawe is getting my vote for mayor on October 25.

His attitude at the all-candidates meeting at the Town Hall was concise, professional and showed confidence, sensibility and humour.

He is approachable, patient and friendly.

He listens and gives thoughtful and intelligent answers.

Geoff has an excellent

rapport with his volunteers and they, in turn, are eager to work with him.

Geoff has said he would work with councillors and Town Staff together, saying staff are the experts in their fields.

He brings with him his previous experiences in business and community services.

All of these qualities makes Geoff our next mayor.

**Gail van Wolde
Aurora**

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Letters to the Editor

Ratepayers' group seeking answers

To the editor,

We are members of the Olde Aurora Ratepayers Association (OARA), which is located in the historic north-

east quadrant of Aurora.

We have identified the following questions as some issues of concern for Aurora.

If we are given the opportunity during a candidates' meet-

ing, we intend to ask the candidates in the municipal election to publicly answer these questions.

We would also welcome a written response from any can-

didate addressed to qbingham1@gmail.com

To the candidates for Public School Trustee:

1. Now that the York Region District School Board has

closed Wells Street Public School, what should the Board be doing now to maintain the school building and the site?

2. Do you commit to keeping The Dr G W Williams

Secondary School open in its current location as a public secondary school?

To the candidates for Mayor and Council:

1. The Yonge-Wellington Study deals with many aspects of traffic, intensification and streetscape aesthetics: how do you evaluate the study results as a means to make that area a vital place?

2. The Official Plan uses the term "Complete Community" 12 times, as a goal to be achieved. How would you define that term and what actions by council are appropriate to achieve it?

3. A strong employment sector is necessary to balance the homeowner property tax burden. What should the Town do to attract and keep businesses in Aurora?

4. For many years the property at the corner of Yonge and Centre has been an unsightly vacant lot. If you are elected, what steps would you take to ensure that property is used in a way that is consistent with the best interests of the Town and the heritage area in the Town's north-west quadrant?

5. Since Wells Street Public School was closed, many young children must now cross Yonge Street at Mark twice a day during rush hour to attend Aurora Heights. Do you support a crossing guard at this intersection?"

Gordon Barnes, Sarah Hepburn-Smith, Kim Rogers, Quinn Bingham, Kate Kelly, Dave Walker, Jill Donahue, Dan Revington, Aurora

Buck was the problem, reader maintains

To the editor,

In reference to some previous Letters to the Editor, I note Richard Johnson requested an opinion on Town staffing matters and received the actual facts.

Opinions are free and worth only cost but facts are \$30 and good value at that.

Another correspondent was perpetuating the myth of the mayor and council being dysfunctional.

A blind man on a galloping horse could see the problem was Councillor Evelyn Buck.

On election, she made the statement that it would be a "lively council session".

Those words seemed to

constitute malice aforethought.

Fully self-obsessed and without regard for fact, she has made unsubstantiated allegations of inpropriety against Town volunteers.

If the allegations had founda-

tion, as a community leader, she should have insisted on a thorough investigation.

Obviously more fun to throw mud.

Further, council sessions were frequently interrupted by Ms. Buck calling points of order which were invariably incorrect, but patiently corrected by the mayor.

As seen in the televised meetings, Ms. Buck frequently walked out of council meetings without acknowledgement of the Chair.

A promise to stop unauthorized correspondence was reneged almost immediately.

The list continues with negative voting on most issues, trumpeting transparency while opposing disclosure of how council voted.

My point is the mayor and other council members were very functional, did a great job overall and took the high road while allowing the democratic quorum process to bypass the paranoid Ms. Buck.

Everybody was not out to get her, she just thought so.

In closing, the current slate of candidates must have better choices for councillor.

She's impressed with Geoff Dawe

To the editor,

I just wanted to say that I have been most impressed with Geoff Dawe as a candidate for mayor. Upon first reading his literature

and hearing what he stands for, I do like what I hear and read. However, it is very easy to spout issues that sound great - it is another matter to show them in deeds.

It is difficult to prove yourself on the campaign trail, but I have already seen some proof that Geoff stands behind what he says.

I have sent messages to his

campaign email and had personal responses that actually show he has read my letters.

The responses came quickly and answered all the questions I had.

Community? Check!

His reaction to his stolen signs shows someone who will not sit back when he is being taken advantage of, but will use the proper channels to get results, even when it may not be the most popular way to react.

Leadership? Check!

Accountability? Check! Everything I have seen so far shows a candidate with the kind of values and principles that can make a mayor - and therefore a town - become great.

I am excited about a mayor who shows this much promise for our town, and I truly hope he is elected.

Ad doesn't convince him that Dawe is the answer

To the editor,

In his ad, Mr. Geoffrey Dawe makes a number of broad general statements and unsupported claims such as: - "the most devisive, most dysfunctional Council in Aurora history".

I suggest this is impossible to prove.

- Mr. Dawe puts a slanted interpretation on staff turnover by not giving us a comparison to past council

terms and reasons for some resignations, such as retirements.

If these reasons are too sensitive to make public then Mr. Dawe should not use this matter to criticize council.

- There is an illogical leap in his discussion of the senior baseball diamond; everything, on any vested interest group's wish list, cannot be accommodated according to that group's schedule.

- I am pleased to see that

Mr. Dawe is going door to door meeting 1000's of residents. Is that 1,001 or 5,000?

- Mr. Dawe emphasizes his business experience and leadership. I am interested to learn how he would treat such a weak presentation from one of his staff.

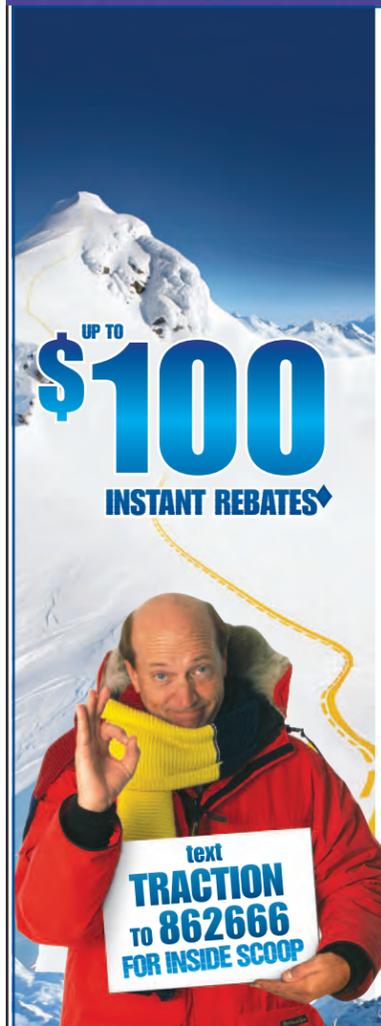
This ad does not convince me to put my trust in Mr. Dawe as our mayor.

Robert Cook Aurora

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106 Timbits Powder Blue 4 - Calum Ormond 1G, Ethan Solilo 1A, Cameron Mills 1G 1A, Jordan Dool 2G, Justine Chu 1A, Noah Schellenberg 2A, Jack Boyd 1A. **102 Timbits Gold 3** - Ryan Clutterbuck 1G, Hunter Kolm 1A, Braeden Marchant 1A, Jake McMillan 1G 1A, Andrew Van Dalen 1G 1A, Melanie Nicholson 1A, Dylan Andersen 1A.

104 Timbits Blue 12 - Jake Worthman 2G, Gavin Loria 7G 1A, Emmett Ross 1G 1A, Macisaac Eveleigh 2G 1A, Matthew Collins 2A, Lucinda Eveleigh 2A, Lucas DePalma 2A, Christopher Koulouras 2A, Matthew Elliott 5A, James Boland-Wall 1A, Noah Bobrow 1A, Reid McMann 1A. **101 Timbits Red 5** - Ayden Whilby 3G, Quinn Holtby 1G, Mark Moscone 1G, Jake Colman 1A, David Iacovetta 1A, Matthew Ryan 1A, John Stojcevski 1A, Mathew Lamanna 2A, Zoe Carson 1A.

103 Timbits White 4 - Cayden Visser 1G, Matteo Rossi 1G, Max Reeves 1G, Stefano Iaversi 1G, Ryan Cariou 1A, Marco Djordjevic 1A, Matthew Song 1A, Alex Morra 1A, Blake Iezzi 1A, Marchel Woods 1A, Maxwell McConkey 1A. **105 Timbits Black 2** - Liam Taylor 1G, Myles Graham 1G 1A, Tyler Cox 1A, Eric Silver 1A, Ryan Weeks 1A.

202 Caravan Kids Gold 5 - Thomas Raeburn 1G, Chris Marton 1G, Jonathan Avgousti 2G, Tommy Green 1G, Brennan Powell 2A, Liam Vivian 1A, Giancarlo DeAppollonia 1A. **206 Caravan Kids Powder Blue 1** - Griffin Charnley 1G, Kevin O'Brien 1A.

204 Caravan Kids Blue 8 - Andrew Pearce 1G, Logan Kidder 2G, Jesse Strom 1G 1A, Andrew Scott 1G, Mitchell Weatherall 1G, Sammy Alicandri 1G, Hunter Edwards 1G, Carson Tidd 1A. **201 Caravan Kids Red 5** - Peter Simeon 1G, George Rappos, Jr. 1G, Kevin Song 1A, Casey Beak 1A, Steven Lambrinos 1A, Valerie McColl 1G, Luke Pignatelli 1A, Evan Winter 1A, Ethan Belisle 3G.

401 Chouinard Bros. Red 7 - Matthew Hastings 1G 1A, Nicholas Vamvakaris 3G, Ben Pitre 3G 1A, Rafaele Parente 3A, Garrett Kohler 3A, Dylan McFee 1A. **404 Tilemaster Blue 4** - Dillon Varone 2G 1A, William Reid 1G, Giuliano Iervasi 1G 2A.

406 Mastermind Toys Powder Blue 8. 408 Crabby Joe's Grey 3.

407 H.J. Pfaff Audi Kelly Green 6 - Evan Kiah 1G 2A, Sebastian Negalescu 1G, Jack Viney 2G, Shayne Colin 1G 2A, Sean Kiah 1G 1A, JP Schnabel 1A, Nathan Smith 1A. **403 Optimist Club Of Aurora White 5** - Dylan Clark 2G, Tommy Collins 1G 2A, Chris Sands 1G, Ayrton Ochab 1G, Evan Hall 2A, John Luca Racanelli 1A, Brandon Urman 1A, Scott Wilson Smith 1A.

409 Pfaff VW Teal 6 - Evan Bryan 5G, Christian Ridd 1G 1A, Christian Fermo 2A, Noah Cepelak 1A, Joseph Franze 1A. **410 HS Financial Orange 0.**

401 Chouinard Bros. Red 8 - Dylan McPhee 4G 2A, Matthew Hastings 3G 2A, Colin Windle 1G 1A, Jesse Van Soest 2A. **402 Omar's Shoes Gold 2** - Christopher Walsh 1G, Noah Dempsey 1G.

403 Optimist Club Of Aurora White 5 - Evan Hall 1G, Jack Hosmer 1G, Dylan Clark 1G 1A, Chris Sands 1G, Adrian Brstilo 1G, Tucker Simpson 1A, Tommy Collins 3A, Ayrton Ochab 1A, Brandon Urman 1A, Brayden Reid 1A. **410 HS Financial Orange 5** - Peter Leonitis 1G, Andrew Fiorini 1G 1A, Kyle Kasak 2G 1A, Colby Harrison 1G, 1A, Louis Wood 2A, Brendan Dodd 1A.

406 Mastermind Toys Powder Blue 5 - Nicholias Sever 1G, Cody Fisher 1G 2A, Carter Wilmsmeyer 2G 1A, Kyle Gillies 1G, Carson Purcell 1A, Andrew Ryman 1A, Stetson Colicchio 1A. **407 H.J. Pfaff Audi Kelly Green 3** - Shayne Colin 1G, JP Schnabel 1G, Nathan Smith 1G, Matthew Romano 1A.

406 Mastermind Toys Powder Blue 8 - Nicholias Sever 3G, Carter Wilmsmeyer 2G, Brian Turner 1G, Kyle Gillies 1G, Bryce Davison 1G 1A, Vaughn Hewgill

1A, Carson Purcell 1A, Jay Sieber 1A. **408 Crabby Joe's Grey 2** - Gregory Gatzopoulos 1G, Ryan Funston-Clarke 1G, Ryan Ruuskanen 1A, Callum Gorrell 1A.

402 Omar's Shoes Gold 6 - Christopher Walsh 3G, Cole Sheremeta 1G, Francesco DeBartolo 1G, Kyle Trumper 1G, Nicolas Verbeek 1A, Noah Dempsey 1A. **403 Optimist Club Of Aurora White 5** - Chris Sands 3G, Dylan Clark 1G, Ayrton Ochab 1G, Evan Hall 1A, Brayden Reid 1A, Jack Hosmer 1A.

405 Novintro Black 3 - Anthony Miranda 1G, Matthew Winters 2G, Matthew Bolger, 1A. **409 Pfaff VW Teal 1** - John Dol 1G, Christian Ridd 1A.

401 Chouinard Bros. Red 6 - Nicholas Vamvakaris 3G, Rafaele Parente 3G, Andrew End 1A, Austin Martin 1A, Dylan McFee. **407 H.J. Pfaff Audi Kelly Green 5** - Evan Kiah 2G, Nathan Smith 2G, Jack Viney 1G 1A, JP Schnabel 1A.

404 Tilemaster Blue 6 - Dillon Varone 3G, Ethan Cohen 3A, Nicolas Alvarez 1A, Giuliano Iervasi 2G, Matthew Parkin 1A, Benjamin Godber 1G, Andrew Campbell 1A. **410 HS Financial Orange 2** - Louis Wood 1G, Zachery Diaz 1G, Cameron Lang 1A.

608 Crabby Joe's Grey 4 - Connor Tripp 1G 1A, Harrison Ghazouli 1A, Jordan Scott 1G, Devon Mundy 1A, Jack Dion 1G, Kyle Dungey 1. **605 Lakeshore Valu Mart 3** - Michael Dowling 1G 1A, Daniel Della Rocca 1G, Remy Colicchio 1A, Patrick Facca 1G, Jacob Hutton 1A.

606 Aurora Chrysler Powder Blue 4 - Will Ashton 3G, Connor Reilly 1A, Alex Carter 1G, Lucas Ackerman 1A, Jordan Elliott 1A, Alex Bicego, shutout. **607 Envirocar Kelly Green 0.**

601 Municipal Engineering Solutions Red 3 - Troy Lane 2G 1A, Evan Knowles 1G 1A, Matthew (Matt) Glionna 1A, Jordan Bodimeade 1A. **611 Purple 2** Sam Speranini 1G 1A, William Morin 1G, Brandon Hui 1A, Austin Hendy 1A, Elias Pasani 1A.

605 Lakeshore Valu Mart 5 - Michael Dowling 2G 1A, Daniel Della Rocca 1G, Jacob Hutton 1G, Remy Colicchio 2A, Andrew Currie 1G 2A, Brendan Ross. **607 Envirocar Kelly Green 4** - Ian Rucker 2G, Cory Brear 2A, Alex Sesto 1G, Jacob Cann 1G, Connor Crane 1A, Jackson Clements 1A.

604 Orr & Associates Insurance Brokers Ltd. Blue 6 - Matthew Rotman 1G, Tyler Wilson 3G, Ben Kissack 1G, Santino Denuzzo 1G, Justin Miller 1A, Blake Holtby 1A, Ryan Simmons 1A, Adam Wilson 1A, Marcello Denuzzo 1A. **608 Crabby Joe's Grey 2** - Jack Dion 1G, David Robertson 1A, Harrison Ghazouli 1A, Jamie Finlay 1G.

908 Crabby Joe's Grey 5 - Jamie Poutney 1G, Eamon Reilly 1G, Jason Eberlin 2G, Tyler White 2A, Robert Bulgaretti 2A, Quinn Harris 1A, Ryan Dalcin 1G 1A. **909 North York Plumbing & Heating Teal 1** - T. Thiessen 1G.

904 St. Louis Blue 6 - Eric Bulloch 3G, Matt Clarke 1G, Matthew Warner 1G 1A, Alex Woodward 1G 1A, JP Hudon 1A, Jim Tatum 2A, David Roberts 2A. **901 Graystones Restaurant Red 2** - Andrew Martin 1G, Mark Presacco 1G.

910 Philly Orange 5 - Ryan Lowden 1G, Graeme Allison 1G 1A, Ryan St. Germain 1G 1A, Daniel LaFlamme 1G 1A, Sam Steenhorst 1G, Brian Pedron 2A, Thomas Scougall 1A. **907 Wooder Food Safety Consulting Kelly Green 0.**

906 Ruff-N-Redi Powder Blue 4 - Josh Lawlor 2G 1A, Will Miller 1G, Matt Johnson 1G, Nick Moffatt 1A, Dylan Sutton 1A. **902 Boston Gold 2** - Tyler Indos 1G, Connor Flynn 1G, Kienan Osborne 1A, Ryan Byerlay 1A, Ward Benn 1A.

905 ATS Healthcare Black 2 - Matt Melito 1G, Adam Durante 1G, Vince Duggan 1A, Stephen Wilkins 2A, Michael McCreesh 1A. **903 Optimist Club of Aurora White 2** - Andrew Walter 1G, Kelly Hudson 1G, Ryan Dowling 2A, Matthew Fascia 1A, Nic Venosa 1A.

904 St. Louis Blue 3 - Matthew Warner 1G, Braedon Mackenzie 1G, Cameron Greig 1G, David Roberts 1A, Eric Bulloch 1A, Nicholas Reinholdt 1A, JP Hudon 1A, Andrew Hall 1A. **905 ATS Healthcare Black 1** - Michael McCreesh 1G, Duncan Eveleigh 1A.

908 Crabby Joe's Grey 8 - Jason Eberlin 2G 2A, Ryan Dalcin 1G 1A, Eamon Reilly 3G, Tyler White 2G 1A. **910 Philly Orange 7** - Thomas Scougall 2G, Ali Akbar 1G 1A, Daniel LaFlamme 2G, Brian Pedron 1G, Ryan St. Germain 1G, Sam Steenhorst 1A, Stefan Richardson 2A.

902 Boston Gold 4 - Thomas Kerr, shutout, Tyler

Indos 1G 1A, Connor Flynn 1G, Ward Benn 2G, Graham Joiner 1A. **907 Wooder Food Safety Consulting Kelly Green 0.**

901 Graystones Restaurant Red 4 - Mathew Hart 2G, Cameron Staples 1G, Ethan Benson 1G, Cody Unger 1A, Ethan Cullen 1A, David Schueller 1A, Mark Presacco 1A, Brandon Plourde 1A, Kyle DeSouza 1A. **909 North York Plumbing & Heating Teal 1** - Matthew Roach 1G, C. Mulhern 1A, Austin Boudreau 1A.

903 Optimist Club of Aurora White 3 - Evan Jones 1G, Quinn McGowan 1G, Ryan Dowling 1G, Kyle Coughlin 1A, Mac Cawfield 1A, Nicholas Bertrand 1A, Andrew Walter 1A, Nic Venosa 1A. **906 Ruff-N-Redi Powder Blue 3** - Andrew Seguin 1G, Chris Falfalios 1G, Nick Moffatt 1G, Josh Lawlor 1A, William He 1A, Matt Johnson 1A, Dylan Sutton 1A.

Rep League

Novice AA Tigers 4 - Ben Barber 1G, Samuel Morin 1A, Andrew Langlois 1A, Geoffrey Wilson 1G, Zachary Kolm 1A, Ethan Cameron 1G, Daniel Gaeta 1A, Dylan DaCosta 1G. **Newmarket 2.**

Markham 2. Novice A Tigers 2. Justin Hicks 1G, Carson Maybury 1G 1A, James Sproul.

Innisfil 4. Novice A Tigers 1 - Kazuki Negishi 1G, Jake Piper 1A, James Sproul 1A.

East Gwillimbury 2. Minor Atom A Tigers: 0. **Innisfil 4. Minor Atom A Tigers 2** - Cory Read 1G, Cooper Judson 1A, Sam Ashton 1G, Jason Gage 1A.

Orillia 7. Minor Atom A Tigers 5 - Cory Read 2G, Colby Prymych 1G 1A, Blair Crabbe 1G 1A, Maeve O'Connor 1A, Matthew McConnell 1A, Ryan Cunniam 1G 1A, Brendan Sanford 1A, Jack Campbell 1A, Dylan Prescott 1A, Matthew Gram 1A.

Georgina 4. Minor Atom AA Tigers 0. **Barrie 5. Minor Atom AA Tigers 2** - Wesley Reid 1G, Tyler Sawyer 1A, Anthony DiPietro 1A, Jeremy Gonsalves 1G, Myles Vasilevski 1A.

Atom AA Tigers 3. Scarborough Young Bruins 2.

Georgina 5. Atom AA Tigers 0. **Whitby Wildcats 2. Atom AA Tigers 1.** **Barrie 2. Atom AE Tigers 2** - Sebastian Giorgio 1G 1A, Brendan Fodero 1G, Braeden Joynt 1A.

TNT 3. Atom AE Tigers 3 - Justin Evans 2G, Sebastian Giorgio 1G, Finn Reeves 1A, Lucas Surace 1A.

Atom AA Tigers 2. Markham 2. **Atom AE Tigers 8** - Finn Reeves 3G 1A, Lucas Surace 1G 2A, Braeden Joynt 1G 1A, Thomas Morra 1G 1A, Michael Fodero 1G, Sebastian Giorgio 2A, Justin Evans 2A, Adam DePiero 2A, Stephen Silverio 1G 1A. **Ajax 0.**

Atom AE Tigers 2 - Justin Evans 2G, Sebastian Giorgio 1A, Michael Fodero 1A, Finn Reeves 1A.

Whitby Blues 1. **Atom AE Tigers 2** - Michael Fodero 1G, Finn Reeves 1G, Thomas Morra 1A. **Whitby Blues 1.**

Markham 5. Atom AE Tigers 3 - Braeden Joynt 2G 1A, Thomas Morra 1G, Adam DePiero 1A, Justin Evans 1A.

Atom AE Tigers 3 - Michael Fodero 1A, Lucas Surace 2G, Braeden Joynt 1G, Finn Reeves 1A, Sebastian Giorgio 1A. **Beeton 1.**

Atom AE Tigers 4 - Lucas Surace 3G, Braeden Joynt 1G, Stephen Silverio 1A, Sebastian Giorgio 1A, Max Lombard 1A. **East Gwillimbury 1.**

Atom AE Tigers 9 - Lucas Surace 3G 1A, Adam DePiero 1G 3A, Finn Reeves 1G 2A, Stephen Silverio 1G, Jason Langdon 1G, Thomas Morra 1G, Nicholas Keller 1G, Francesco Scuglia 1A, Braeden Joynt 1A, Fraser Ciocca 1A, Max Lombard 1A, Sebastian Giorgio 1A, Justin Evans 1A. **Richmond Hill 1.**

Atom AA Tigers 3. Richmond Hill 2. **East Gwillimbury 3. Atom A Tigers 0.**

Atom AE Tigers 6 - Finn Reeves 4G, Lucas Surace 1G, Sebastian Giorgio 1G, Justin Evans 2A, Jason Langdon 1A, Michael Fodero 1A, Nicholas Keller 1A. **Orillia 1.**

West London: 4. Atom A Tigers 1 - Jamie Stewart 1G, Scott Rumble 1A, Jason Cox 1A.

Orillia 4. Atom AA Tigers 2.

Atom A Tigers 2. Jaedon Jackson 1G, Anthony Capraro 1G, Cameron Tyndall 1A. St. Catharines 1.

Bradford Bulldogs 5. Atom A Tigers 3 - Carson

Yeomans 2G 1A, Peter Chimienti 2A, Ben Spittle 1G 2A, Andrew Buffa 1A.

Atom AA Tigers 5. Georgina 3. **Markham 5. Atom AE Tigers 2** - Braeden Joynt 1G 1A, Thomas Morra 1A, Finn Reeves 1G.

Barrie 6. Atom AA Tigers 3. **Innisfil 7. Atom A Tigers 3** - Carson Venneri 1G 1A, Scott Rumble 1G 1A, Carson Yeomans 1G, Cameron Tyndall 1A, Andrew Cundari 1A, Ben Spittle 1A.

Georgina 2. Atom AE Tigers 0. **Richmond Hill 8. Minor Pee wee AA Tigers 4** - Philip Wolanski 3G, Chris Pettit 1G, Lucas Dane 2A.

Barrie 4. Minor Pee wee AA Tigers 1 - Jack Liotta 1G, Kauffeldt Devlin 1A, Andrew Sergejewich 1A.

Minor Pee wee A Tigers 4 - Stewart Gable 1G 1A, Mark Kalmisto 1G 1A, Eric McGhie 1G 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1G, Clayton Allen 1A. **East Gwillimbury 1.**

Minor Pee wee AA Tigers 4 - Thomas Wilson 1G 1A, Philip Wolanski 1G 1A, Jack Liotta 1A, Jordan Torres 1G, Josh Schmitt 1A, Brady Futterer 1G, 2A. **Barrie 3**

Pee wee AA Tigers 3 - Patrick Servideo 2G 1A, Cameron Morrison 1G 1A, Jared Brown 1A, James Wyndham West 1A, Keegan Matthew 1A. **Markham 3.**

Barrie 3. Pee wee AE Tigers 0. **Pee wee A Tigers 4** - Colin Kostin 1G, Jack Bryant 1G, Cameron Zinner 1G, Daniel McConnell 1G, Mathew Tyndall 1A, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Evan Cherubini 1A, Bryan Manweiler 1A. **Nobleking 2.**

TNT 1. Pee wee AE Tigers 0. **Markham 3. Pee wee A Tigers 1** - Bryan Manweiler 1.

Pee wee AA Tigers 9 - Keegan Matthew 2G 2A, Patrick Servideo 3G 3A, Cameron Morrison 1G 3A, Tyler Williams 3G, Taylor Kauffeldt 2A, Jack Pecora 1A, James Wyndham West 1A. Evan Woodhead 1A.

Ancaster Avalanche: 2 **Minor Bantam A Tigers 2. Barrie 2.**

Minor Bantam A Tigers 4 - Hudson Yeomans 1G 2A, Chris Klinowski 2G 1A, Adam Newell 1G 2A, Lucas James 1A, Austin Riswick 1G, Nick Papousek 1A. **Nobleking 1.**

Richmond Hill 4. Minor Bantam AA Tigers 3 - Hudson Yeomans 1G, Andrew Klinowski 1G, Lucas James 1G, Nathan Romanchych 1A, David O'Connor 1A, Matthew Leroy 1A.

Barrie 3. Minor Bantam AA Tigers 1 - Nathan Romanchych 1G, Will Thompson 1A, Lucas James 1A. **Bantam A Tigers 5** - Liam Beresford 2G, Alec Ground 1G 1A, Mitch Arnew 1G, Austin Persaud 1G, Jack Caldwell 1A, Robert Stokes 1A, Zac Cowl 1A, Liam Coll 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A. **Schomberg 2.**

Bantam AA Tigers 5 - Konner McMillan 2G, Austin Lane 1G, Brett Thiessen 1G, Matt Iwai 1G, Quentin Campbell 2A, Nic Delzotto 2A, John MacDonald 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Nick Scott 1A. **Barrie 5.**

Orillia 7. Bantam A Tigers 5 - Jack Caldwell 2G, Liam Coll 2G, Liam Beresford 1G 2A, Austin Persaud 2A, Harrison Smith 2A, Gabe Oulahan 1A, Alec Ground 1A.

Newmarket 3. Bantam AA Tigers 2 - Jordan Nanos 1G, Austin Lane 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Quentin Campbell 1A.

Georgina 2. Bantam AA Tigers 2 - Quentin Campbell 1G 1A, Blake Wallace 1G, Austin Lane 2A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A.

Bantam AA Tigers 4 - Quentin Campbell 1G 1A, Tait Snedden 1G 1A, Jordan Nanos 1G, Konner McMillan 1G, Connor Cowl 1A, Nic Delzotto 1A, Nick Scott 1A, Blake Wallace 1A. **Barrie 3.**

Pickering 2. Minor Midget AE Tigers 2 - Kyle Fedec 1G, Casy Severini 1G, Peter Sandwell 2A.

Minor Midget A Tigers 5 - Conor Fennell 1G, Ryan Baskin 1G 1A, Quincy Ing 1G 1A, Matthew Pryse 1G, Andrew McDonald 1G, Liam Killops 1A, Eric Archibald 1A, Liam MacKichan 2A, Daniel Fiori 1A. **East Gwillimbury 3.**

Minor Midget A Tigers 2 - Andrew McDonald 1G, Ryan Baskin 1G, Colton Lee 1A, Liam Killops 1A, Ethn Slimkowich 1A, shutout. **Barrie 0.**

Minor Midget AE Tigers 6 - Christopher Tsianos 2G 1A, Casey Severini 2G 1A, Kyle Fedec 1G 1A, Paul Steiner 1G, Jeffrey Lam 1A, Colin Laird 1A, Sasha Dajia 1A, Peter Sandwell 1A. **East Gwillimbury 2.**

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Petch House could be saved by carpenter

The Petch Log House could find a saviour in Holland Landing carpenter Gary McLaughlin, Aurora Council learned recently.

Mr. McLaughlin appeared at a recent Open Forum, where he claimed he would be able to dismantle, restore, and re-build the deteriorating building for a cost in the low \$100,000s, not the mid \$400,000 estimates the Town received in earlier proposals.

His statements came after another citizen stepped forward during Open Forum to speak against spending Town

funds on the building's restoration.

Resident Hans Stech said the fact the Petch House started life as part of Whitchurch-Stouffville lessens the historic significance of the building to the Town.

"I'd like to point out that in my view, a possible expenditure which may be up to half a million dollars to preserve or restore what is essentially a pile of rotting logs would be irresponsible," he said. "I urge this and future councils not to spend one cent on such an ill-fated scheme."

Citing trail links and the

Canada Day Parade as examples, Mr. Stech said any expenditure towards the Petch House could be better served spent on community projects.

"Who benefits from the restoration of a pile of rotting logs?" he asked. "Consultants, contractors who have vested interest in that? Please, if you want to do something, particularly in the view of the upcoming election, I think this item alone, if it goes through, would influence many people's minds as far as giving this Council another term."

In response, however,

Mr. McLaughlin said the Petch House was part of a "bigger picture".

"We need things for people in the community to participate in, and we need to occasionally see reminders of where we came from," he said.

He said the "remarkable" Petch House could date as far back as 1822 and was a "valuable piece of history."

"It is remarkable in the fact it is almost chinkless," he said. "The logs were almost parallel. It is falling into greater and greater disrepair as it sits tarped, but I contest the estimates of upwards of \$500,000."

He said three years ago he and his crew dismantled an Amish log home from Harriston, restored and rebuilt it in King Township - with the foundation - for approximately \$100,000.

"All I can say is I can't tell you how to spend your money," he said. "Referring to a 'pile of logs' is one person's take on such a thing. As a finished house, it will just say nothing but great things about the past and it is another piece of something that completes the bigger picture."

While Mayor Phyllis Morris enthused "I'm starting to believe in miracles" in the fact Mr. McLaughlin was coming forward with this proposal, Councillor Evelyn Buck queried why he hadn't responded to the Town's earlier Requests for Proposals after "struggling with this issue for four years".

Although Mr. McLaughlin said he submitted a two-page overview to the Aurora's Planning Office, he "boycotted" the RFPs.

"I boycotted it in essence because I believed it was way over the top, because that is what's pushing the price of restoring it up into the \$400,000 range," he said.

"The house speaks for

itself. It doesn't need \$35,000 worth of design and consulting going into it. It probably needs 100 hours of drawings of what it is and details to consult with Heritage. We would remove all of those layers of bureaucracy."

Following Mr. McLaughlin's proposal, Mr. Stech returned to the podium to speak to what he later took back as Mr. McLaughlin's "pecuniary self-interest".

"I don't doubt that [Mr. McLaughlin] has expertise to restore the house, [but] if he has access to sponsors, why not canvass them and do it as a private enterprise?" he said. "Don't expect Aurora taxpayers to finance your project."

YSO ready for 49th season

Rehearsals have begun for the 49th season of York Region's own symphony orchestra, one that is bound to have audiences buzzing.

Maestro Gregory Burton is excited about it as he enters his sixth season as music director.

"The YSO continues to be one of the hardest working community orchestras in Canada," he said. "This 2010-2011 season the orchestra will perform 12 full concerts as well as educational and community work. The repertoire for 2010-2011 features some-

thing for everyone: great 19th century symphonies, world premieres, fabulous soloists, and above all, excitement and thrilling performances at each event."

With five pairs of regular season concerts in both Aurora and Richmond Hill, and the wildly popular Christmas concerts, the YSO is indeed one of the busiest community orchestras around.

This year it will welcome talented soloists on harp, flute, violin and piano, as well as the York Highlands Chorus at Christmas, to share the stage.

The first concert of the season, October 16 and 17, features harpist Andrew Chan, playing the Harp Concerto of Michael Conway Baker.

Mr. Chan serves as Principal Harp for the Ontario Philharmonic and Guelph Symphony Orchestra. He has also performed with major Canadian orchestras including the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

Also on the program is perhaps the world's favourite operatic overture, Rossini's Overture to William Tell, along with Dvorak's sunny Eighth Symphony.

"Dvorak's fresh and tuneful approach," said Maestro Burton, "has made this symphony an audience favourite ever since its premiere."

Last but not least, a new work by Gregory Burton himself, Chaconne St. David, will have its world premiere.

The concerts are Saturday, October 16th at 8 p.m. at the Trinity Anglican Church in Aurora, and Sunday October 17th at 7.30 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

Tickets for the Aurora show may be purchased by calling 416-410-0860.

Tickets will also be available at the doors of both venues.

Final council meeting set for November 23

Barring any emergency business, Aurora's current council roster will reconvene one last time on November 23 to say farewell and give thanks to councillors who did not seek re-election, as well as incumbent members of the table who may not have been re-elected.

The meeting will also allow this council to tidy up any outstanding business left.

"The outgoing meeting is when those who have not been re-elected are thanked and given a gift," said Mayor Phyllis Morris. "It is the last business of the council before the new one is sworn in, in December."

According to Neil Garbe, Aurora's CAO, there might be some "wrap-up business"

that requires Council attention, and if there are time sensitive matters it would be handled on November 23 as well.

What is certain is that Councillors Bob McRoberts and Alison Collins-Mrakas will be on the receiving end of thanks and a gift from the Town.

Incumbents seeking re-election October 25 include Mayor Phyllis Morris, and Councillors Evelyn Buck, Wendy Gaertner, John Gallo, Stephen Granger, Evelina MacEachern, and Al Wilson.

The new council will be inaugurated on December 7.

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Life annuity an option for retirement income

Submitted by Michael P. Comeau
Financial Advisor

When it comes to retirement income, life annuities offered by insurance companies are often overlooked, which is unfortunate because they can be an appealing solution for many people.

The basic arrangement is that you hand a sum of money over to an insurance company and in return you receive a guaranteed, lifelong source of income in the form of monthly payments. The amount you receive each month is based on a number of factors, including the total invested, prevailing interest rates and your gender. Your age and life expectancy are also very significant factors. In a nutshell, the older you are, the higher the income you will receive.

A key advantage is that the monthly payments will last for the duration of your lifetime, no matter how long you live. You even have the opportunity to ensure that income can continue to flow to your spouse or children after you're gone, though you need to remember that these additional benefits come at a cost and will typically lower the income payments you receive.

Another attractive aspect of a life annuity is that you're spared any worries about managing investments or having to make other financial decisions in retirement. However, turning

your money over to the insurance company also means that you cannot get your original investment back if you have an emergency or unforeseen expenses arise. In addition, other than the potential continuation of income to your survivors, the annuity has no estate value upon your death.

In contrast to a life annuity, converting a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) to a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) allows you to maintain control of your principal and how your money is invested - and this is the option selected by most Canadians. But for some people - if, for example, you're healthy and in your mid-70s - converting some of your RRIF money into a life annuity can be an option to consider because it could enable you to generate enough income to meet your monthly expenses for the duration of your life, no matter how long you live.

You can also consider an immediate variable life annuity as another option. This type of insurance-company offering is commonly referred to as a Guaranteed Minimum Withdrawal Benefits (GMWB) plan. It provides a guaranteed income for life, but offers more flexibility and access to the cash you invest. Generally speaking,

it involves investing in a wide selection of mutual funds. If you are 65 or older, you would receive a guaranteed income every year for life based on five per cent of the original amount invested. For example, if you invest \$100,000 and you're 65 or older, you would receive \$5,000 per year for the rest of your life, no matter how long you live or how well your underlying investments perform. In fact, if your investments do well you can potentially earn more than \$5,000 per year.

An added attraction is that if you invest in this plan and you do not immediately need income, you'll earn a five-per-cent bonus based on the invested amount. It will be added to your eventual guaranteed income pool. Plus, you'll earn the bonus every year you don't withdraw money from the plan, for the life of the contract. You also have the ability to simply cash in your investment whenever you want.

In short, annuities can provide you with a variety of options to generate retirement income from your investments. Of course, there is no one-size-fits-all solution, so it's important to meet with your financial advisor to determine if annuities can form part of an overall strategy to help you generate the lifetime income you'll need in retirement.

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The Aurora Panthers Midget AA team recently won the Ohio Ignite the Ice tournament. After completing the round robin portion of the tournament with a 2-1 record, the girls won a thrilling semi-final game after triple overtime and a shoot out. After losing to the Pittsburgh Jr. Penguins in the preliminary round, the Panthers bounced back with a convincing 3-0 championship victory. On the team are top row, left to right: Michelle Quick, Megan McBride, Jessica Gillham, Courtney Irving, Brittany Elgar and Jacky Normandeau. In the middle row, left to right, are Gabrielle Armstrong, Brianna Rice, Mary Frances Getty, Desiree Robitaille and Hailey Noronha. In the bottom row, left to right, are Heather Tillsley, Claire Shaw and Alex Copley.

Haunted Forest this Saturday

The fourth annual Haunted Forest event at Sheppard's Bush kicks off next Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Tickets went on sale last Friday to Aurora residents at \$4 each, while sales to the general public - including non-Aurora residents - start this Friday at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex.

According to Jason Ballantyne, Aurora's Manager of Corporate Communications, ticket holders are encouraged to come to the Haunted Forest in costume - and bring a

flashlight. "The forest will have two haunted trails leading up to a common area, where there will be a bonfire, ghost stories, children's activities and complimentary witches' brew," said Mr. Ballantyne in a statement. "One haunted trail will be for little goblins and one for those not faint of heart."

The event will also have a charitable barbeque which, for a nominal fee, will have a variety of items on the menu.

Money raised from the barbeque will go to the 5th Aurora Scouts.

Three oppose "minute" vote

Mayor Phyllis Morris erred on the side of caution throughout most of the September 28 Council meeting after Councillors Bob McRoberts, Alison Collins-Mrakas, and Evelyn Buck questioned the outcome of a vote taken September 14 regarding the council Minutes of August 17.

According to Councillor McRoberts, upon viewing the recording of the proceedings, votes were never counted during the motion, nor were votes opposed called, or the outcome determined.

"I wanted to vote against, but I didn't have the opportunity," said Councillor McRoberts. "Related to that, I would point out that the September 14 minutes that are before us this evening in print show the mayor as the mover of the minutes, who was in the chair at the time."

"The [minutes] also show the September 14 motion as being carried and, to me, on the DVD account, I would disagree with any outcome of the motion being determined."

While Town Clerk John Leach admitted if the record showed the mayor as the mover

it would be incorrect, after a staff review of proceedings he said he felt things were in order.

"In these circumstances, when the chair glances one way or another and looks for hands raised and there is no abstention or no one voting nay, that motion is deemed to be carried and that is why I didn't do anything with that," he said.

Councillor McRoberts, however, countered there was no opportunity to vote nay, "so I'm sure that's why Mr. Leach didn't see anyone voting nay, because it was just called as 'those in favour as amended.'"

Councillor Collins-Mrakas said she fully supported Councillor McRoberts' position and said she had to "strongly disagree with Mr. Leach".

"I have reviewed the DVD myself a number of times," she said. "According to our own procedural bylaw it says quite clearly that all members of council shall vote. [It] says that 'all those in favour, all those opposed, and the mayor deem whether a motion has been passed, carried, defeated, etc. That did not occur."

"I understand and respect

your opinion, but I am going to have to strongly disagree. Based on what I saw at the meeting on the DVD and based on my own recollection of the meeting, the vote simply didn't happen."

Dialogue continued at the table with Mr. Leach agreeing that the procedural bylaw provides for the chair to announce the result of the vote "but, that said, if someone disagreed with that, silence is deemed to be dissent and if they disagreed they could have called for a recorded vote at the time that would settle the matter."

"Anybody in this council would know that my practice has always been if I see any doubt, I'll say 'do that again' if I don't see a clear vote for or against," added Mayor Morris. "At any time under the Municipal Act or in the rules, anyone can call for a recorded vote immediately at the time or immediately after. What seems to be the problem here is I didn't declare, or it sounds as if I didn't declare carried or defeated. This is the first time I've heard a concern."

Councillor Evelyn Buck also expressed her support for the

views shared by Councillors McRoberts and Collins-Mrakas. The vote just wasn't called, she said.

"We get tired of the confusion, Madam Mayor," she said. "I know you believe you are keeping things pretty straight and doing according to what you should, and you do, mostly. You do look around and call for those in favour and those opposed, but on that occasion it was my question on whether or not the record could be changed that raised the argument and you didn't call the vote."

Mayor Morris said she believed there was confusion at the table because "often when I'm about to call the question, people will, as Councillor Buck will recall, interject - as has been the practice quite often over the last four years - when the vote is being called and asked what is being voted on."

"The public record is an honourable thing and it must be accurate," she added.

Aurora CAO Neil Garbe left it to Mr. Leach to verify the record, but confirmed that the actual resolution was "immaterial" to Town business.

Aurora Cultural Centre draws 10,000

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Caper as its first exhibition.

Featuring the ceramic umbrellas of local artist Ann Mortimer, the galleries were filled with more than 400 people at the opening in "a celebration of Asian culture".

"Three days later we provided our first interactive art activity and 48 people filled the red gallery painting beautiful umbrellas," said Ms. Schembri. "Both of these events provided our first opportunity to partner with two local caterers and the Canadian Multicultural Links Association."

But these are still early days for the Centre.

There are plans to take one of their youth initiatives offsite into schools and partnering with local businesses.

After hiring an arts graduate for seven weeks with money from a federal grant, the graduate's volunteer recruitment program is still going strong, she said.

"We now have 60 plus individuals, from high school stu-

dents to seniors in Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill who are interested in volunteering," she said. "Regular volunteers are now on reception every Tuesday to Friday and others are willing to volunteer to support staff with our special events and activities."

In addition, 460 people are on the Centre's mailing list, while employees have formed partnerships with 30 organizations and individual artists, writers, and performers.

In the future, the Centre plans on expanding instructional arts programs "which will, in turn, create a base for revenue growth", explore and cultivate new and existing partnerships, expanding their concert series, undergoing a "branding exercise", overseeing the creation of an interactive website, establishing a permanent record and acknowledgement of the Church Street School's history, and collaborating with the Aurora Historical Society and other heritage groups "to grow heritage pro-

gramming."

"The community is just in awe of this building," said Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris. "The comments we're hearing are just accolades coming in. I have met with people from Port Perry and other places who are saying to

us that when they come here it really is an enviable building. You should know I am hearing great things about your staff as well.

"I think it is safe to say the community is blessed with the people that have stepped forward."



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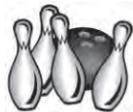
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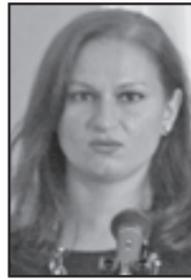
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Hillary House becomes an Inn for a day

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in the script and it makes for a lot of good comedy."

Mr. Cisterna, who is a resident of Oak Ridges, said he often finds more community support and people willing to lend a hand when making a movie in York Region.

Having directed the film "King of the Camp", which was broadcast throughout Canada by YTV and found an international audience, he said he hopes to take the film to the Toronto International Film Festival next year and then onto the festival circuit.

In the words of screenwriter Rob Lazar, "Moon Point" is the story of a guy in his 20s "who is a complete and utter loser, a failure at life" who believes all his problems "stem from the fact this girl he had a crush on when he was 10 up and left."

He feels if he can catch up with her, it will act as a sort of 'reset' button on his life.

He finds out the girl is going to be nearby and without any other means of getting to her, he convinces his wheelchair-bound friend to drag him in a wagon to find her.

The script may have a kernel of autobiography around which the script

formed, indicated Mr. Lazar.

"I think at the time [we started discussing the script], Facebook really came into being," he said. "We're reconnecting with people from our past. I remember a girl from elementary school who I was in love with; this was elementary school and I didn't even know what love was, like she spoke to me and that was it."

"When I left elementary school and through junior high and high school, and even in university I always thought about this girl. Then when I saw her picture and she was married with three kids, it was like someone literally dropped a brick on me."

According to Mr. Lazar, in order to get funding from bodies such as Telefilm Canada, productions have to have a "Holy Trinity" of writer, director, and producer always on board.

This is now the case for "Moon Point", but it was a struggle to get there.

Over the years of development, there were a few dropouts which necessitated re-writes, but it eventually allowed them to get "back to basics" and hone the script into a unique example of Canadian comedy.

"It's not Fubar and it's not

Trailer Park Boys, which seems to be, unfortunately where a lot of Canadian comedy is," he said. "Everybody feels like a loser at some point in their lives and you always kind of make yourself feel better by saying, 'as bad as I am, there is someone out there who is far more of a loser.' A lot of that is sort of what the film is about."

One part of Moon Point's "holy trinity" is producer/actor Christian Potenza, whose opening words to The Auroran were "You might know me as the yellow toothbrush in the Listerine commercial."

Mr. Potenza, not only acts as a producer, but also actor and behind-the-scenes sandwich maker extraordinaire.

But becoming involved with "Moon Point" presented him with difficulties because it was a non-union shoot.

Wanting to help Mr. Cisterna, Mr. Potenza went to ACTRA for assistance.

Singing the praises of the script, he was able to convince the powers-that-be at the union to throw their weight behind the project.

Soon after their meeting with ACTRA's Tasso Lakas, "Moon Point" became a union shoot with two weeks

left before cameras rolled.

With ACTRA backing, Mr. Potenza was able to "get on the horn" and convince Canadian acting staples Jayne Eastwood, Art Hindle, Linda Kash, Jessica Holmes, and Tony Nappo, among others, to make cameo appearances in the film.

These cameos will add great marquee value to the project, he said.

In addition to the cameos, Mr. Potenza is taking a turn in front of the camera as Ricky James, a "tough punk" who Mr. Potenza describes as a cross between Limp Bizkit's Fred Durst and Jesse James, of Monster Garage and recent Sandra Bullock fame.

"He's covered in tattoos and always has taped up hands like he is ready to fight, but he is a big karaoke guy," he said. "Every month he goes to the same little bar where they have a karaoke contest and he always loses to some guy. Although he is tough and a real punk, he is also a big love ballad guy and he loses every month."

"This time he is determined not to lose, so with a gun in hand and a head full of liquor he decides he is going to win it."

Also going in front of the camera is actress Paula Brancati who hails from Markham.

Probably best known for her regular roles as Jenny on CBC's "Being Erica", Jane on "Degrassi: The Next Generation", and as Cally on "Dark Oracle", the 21-year-old actress said she was attracted to the project's "sweet, relatable, and very funny script".

She was also excited about the roster of cast mates lined up for the movie.

"I was excited when I heard about all of the really awesome Canadian cameos, all of the actors that are going to be a part of it," she said. "We kind of riff and improv with these really established Canadian actors. That is really exciting for me as a young actor."

As a young actor, Ms. Brancati is no stranger to success, having been nominated for a Gemini award for "Dark Oracle".

The show has developed a cult following and she still has kids coming up to her in the street and asking her about the show, she said.

With Degrassi and Being Erica being distributed throughout North America, her recognition factor is also on the way up.

"I'm no longer on the show, but it was such a really wonderful character and the story lines were quite dark, so I get to interact a lot with the fans who have been through some of the same issues and that has been a really powerful thing for me," she said of her time on Degrassi.

"And Being Erica is a lot of fun. I have an episode coming up that is going to be airing soon and I'm playing a 30-year-old, so it is a different kind of challenge."

Fresh off appearing in a production of the Norah and Delia Ephron's play "Love, Loss and What I Wore" with Andrea Martin, Ms. Brancati is firmly focused on "Moon Point".

"I'm excited to be here right now," she said. "This is a great project."

Others in the production too are focused on the project at hand and keeping it all together.

"We cast it, and we are in the second week of shooting," said Mr. Potenza. "It has got a buzz now. It has got a feeling within the industry. It's about getting a film done and doing it on the cheap. If it is a hit afterwards, everyone is working for free right now. If it makes a lot of money, then the next one we can make more money. It is just about community."



Actress Paula Brancati, from Markham, is helped with makeup by Lisa Gustafsson, in front of Aurora's Hillary House, during a movie shot at the famous location last week.

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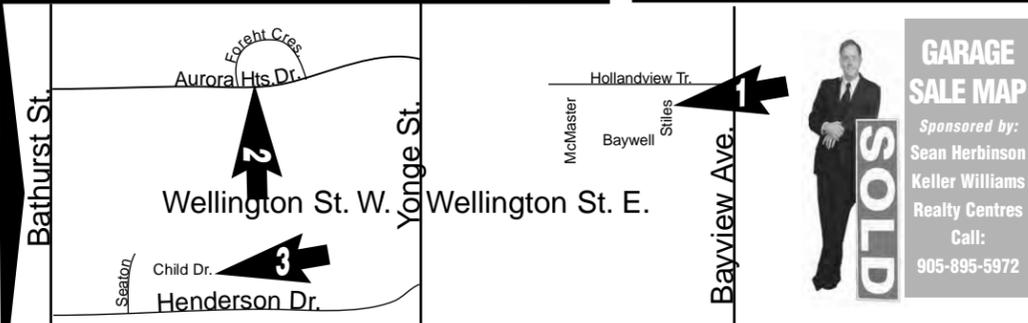
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Fashion Show will celebrate anniversary

By BRIAN WARBURTON

The unswerving ideal of fashion is the distinctive style of good taste and elegance, designed to enhance natural beauty in proportion, accompanied by the satisfaction of making the best of what nature provided.

To appear handsome and beautiful, or to appear the best that fashionable clothes and time allow, is the desire and sophisticated pattern of behaviour in every age.

The Aurora Seniors Association (ASA), deeply interested in good fashions, will match their interest to action and will produce and present a Fashion Show titled "Dress to Impress" Sunday, November 7th, at 1 p.m. at the Seniors' Centre, and the Aurora Seniors Centre (905-726-4767) will sell the tickets at \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

The ASA will donate to the Aurora Food Bank, (which operates in serious need of assistance) 50 per cent of the net proceeds of the Fashion Show.

Prevailing fashions are popular, primarily among women but to a strong degree among men also.

Fashion shows present what is currently in vogue

and preview what designers consider may be the next influential shift in what we wear and what we do.

The ASA has abundance of accomplished members and particularly with members who can take an idea such as fashions, and turn it to the kind of satisfying social event that makes everybody feel re-energised and renewed by the process.

Moreover, they conclude that a show will instil a new level of fashionable ambience to the Seniors' Centre, just in time for the Christmas season looming closely.

A committee formed in May, and chaired by Virginia Bodnar has assembled models, contributors and vendors of accessories.

Members will model the fashions and local business will provide a wealth of sophisticated fashions and services with advice as required.

The show will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Seniors' Centre, which continues to draw seniors to an extraordinary extension of productive retired life.

Seniors, who in earlier times would enjoy retirement with a reduced circle of friends, few opportunities

for participation in invigorating events, now enjoy a social and cultural life never enjoyed by seniors in any previous age.

The repaving of the Town Hall and ASA parking lots, crosswalks and entranceways is a job that has been completed with competent workmanship, improving the appearance and safety of the area immensely.

The five mayoral candidates each received an invitation to attend the Seniors' Centre on succeeding days and engage the seniors in discussion over coffee, which is ongoing as I write.

The concept is excellent and hopefully good questions will elicit good answers and point to competent candidates.

A candidate may run for council or for mayor, but not both and only one candidate will become mayor and this time unfortunately, the four who fail in their bid for mayor, lose their right to help form municipal government.

Because a candidate fails election for mayor should not exclude the candidate from election as a councillor, except that the form of the present election process does just that.

A solution to rectify the present situation is well worth considering and perhaps somebody does have a way that would improve the situation to some degree.

The ASA seeks to form a debating society and is searching for members willing to organize and chair such a society; the municipal elections for council and the office of mayor may provide a subject worthy of interest, comment and debate.

Poor or inept laws, which linger for years, diminish the quality of municipal government by excluding good people from council, so this is an area worthy of critical review.

If you have an interest in organizing a debating society, please contact any member of the board of directors, and make your interest known.

The Board of Directors has debated again, the matter of applying for a permanent liquor license, and reached agreement by way of a motion that carried, to call a Special General Membership meeting Friday, November 12th, starting at 4.30 p.m., to debate and subject the issue to a major-

ity decision by the membership.

This is not a trivial matter; some members enjoy alcohol while others are against the serving of alcohol and a permanent license very strongly.

If my memory serves me accurately, the last general membership vote on the liquor license application was very close.

Consequently, it be-

hooves everybody of strongly held opinion, to attend the meeting and vote.

On an evenly divided and powerful issue such as alcohol licensing, a strong attendance confers compelling authority to the majority of the general membership that wins the vote.

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The York Regional Police Male Chorus is looking for new members. You do not have to be a police officer nor are you required to read music to volunteer. The group rehearses Monday evenings between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. For further information, contact the chorus supervisor at 905-727-9676 or the coordinator of volunteer services for YRP at 905-830-0303, extension 6717.

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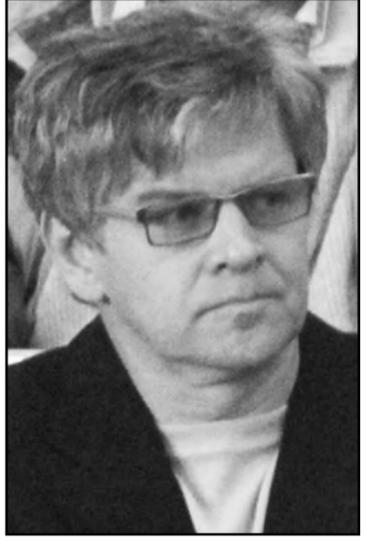
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