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We're in this together: Dawe

December 7, 2010, was "a new beginning for Aurora", a Town looking for "positive change", said Mayor Geoff Dawe in his inaugural address to council and the Town of Aurora.

Mayor Dawe made his remarks at the Inaugural Meeting of the 2010-2014 Council which was held that night at Town Hall.

"The residents of Aurora have clearly spoken about their expectations for the future," he said. "As a council, our mandate is very clear. Aurora wants positive change, a council that works together to bring taxpayers value for their hard-earned tax dollars.

"It's time to put our heads together and take good ideas and make them great ideas."

Council, he said, would chart a course that reflects their shared vision of Aurora and establish policies that will bring their "vision to life".

They will rely on the seasoned professional advice and skills offered by Town administration and staff, he said, indicating they were eager to get on board.

"After only five days here in the office, I can tell you that staff are excited about the possibilities the next four years will bring," he said. "I believe this council is ready. We are ready to get down to business and get things done."

Looking back on his campaign, Mayor Dawe reflected on his message of "leadership, community, and accountability", as well as his commitment to communicate to voters so they can judge whether or not he has "honoured the trust" voters placed in him with their votes.

"I believe that the heart of leadership is integrity, clearly stating [the principles] that people can count on," he said. "As your leader, I am committed to listening both to my community and my council colleagues and to work towards a culture of collaboration, engagement and dialogue.

"I believe that leadership is a process of developing a shared sense of purpose between all the parties. I believe truly effective leaders create an environment of a shared vision of community. They believe, as I do, that as you grow up and belong to something, you work harder to nurture that and to grow with it.

"As I knocked on doors, it was clear that many of the people I met shared this vision of Aurora, but in order to develop this shared vision it is essential that all community interests are given a voice and the opportunity to contribute and work together for the benefit of Aurora so that council will make the decisions they were duly elected to make based on complete, unfiltered information."

Council accountability is to the citizens of Aurora, he added, noting that accountability is not just for tax dollars - although "critical" - but embracing the responsibility to electors every day, rather than "once every four years."

"It is about doing it with dignity and respect."

On a personal level, Mayor Dawe paid tribute to his wife, Henny, and their two daughters.

"Thank you for your steadfast support in this new phase of my life," he told them. "It has been unwavering and, quite frankly, I couldn't have done it without you. I couldn't have done it if you didn't say I could do it!

"Today is not only a new beginning in my life, but I believe it is a new beginning for Aurora."

After noting that "exciting times" are ahead for Aurora and that he and the new council have heard their message, he ended his remarks with a challenge.

"I would like to challenge each and every one of you to engage with your new Council, with your friends and your neighbours, to make this an exceptional four years; an exceptional four years where we will build a community that reflects our shared vision, where all community interests have a voice, and where your contribution is actively encouraged and valued.

"After all, we are in this together."

The old and the new got together Friday at the Open House for the retiring police chief at Aurora's new police building on Don Hillock Drive, in the town's east end. Chief Armand La Barge, right, talks to his successor, Eric Jolliffe, who was sworn in as the new Chief of Police Monday. La Barge received a laptop computer and the Police Services Board named a room in the new building - The Armand P. La Barge Atrium - after him. La Barge told The Auroran he is going back to school. *Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

Meeting could slow former mayor's lawsuit

The Town could put the brakes on former Mayor Phyllis Morris' lawsuit against three local bloggers, in the first working meeting of Aurora's new council; a meeting which could also see the Town's contract with Integrity Commissioner David Tsubouchi terminated as early as February.

The meeting was held Tuesday night and results were too late for The Auroran's deadlines but significant results will be on the newspaper's website Wednesday.

According to the agenda of Tuesday's meeting, which was released late Friday afternoon, the mayor and councillors are expected to go into closed session to consider "litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board; Morris v. Johnson et al."

Mayor Geoff Dawe has committed to putting the brakes on any further taxpayer funding being used in Ms. Morris' lawsuit against bloggers Bill Hogg, Richard Johnson, and Elizabeth Bishenden.

The lawsuit is scheduled to next

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Golf club would replace some trees

Last week's meeting between concerned residents and Aurora's Beacon Hall Golf Course was "productive and informative," according to Jan Oudenes, whose property abuts Beacon Hall.

Beacon Hall also met with representatives from the Region of York last Tuesday to discuss plans which irked residents, specifically to remove trees on the course itself to improve sunlight on the greens.

Mr. Oudenes and Isobel Ralston made their feelings known at the final meeting of the last council November 23.

They first noticed that trees were slated to be removed from the Beacon Hall Golf Course in early November.

They came to the podium and asked that Aurora's tree cutting bylaws be more stringent when pertaining to golf courses.

"We had a good meeting with Mrs. Ralston and Mr. Oudenes," said David Main, CEO of Beacon Hall. "We explained the area that impacts them the most and it was a very informative meeting for them and us as well.

"We appreciate [Ms. Ralston's] concern for encroachment."

Beacon Hall's meeting last Tuesday with the Town of Aurora, the Region of York, and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources was "great", said Mr. Main, who added they were impressed with the "due diligence" the golf course had shown in their plan.

"We are going to follow [the Region's] procedure for permits as we said we would, and we would make applications to them over the next month," he said.

York Region's Ian Buchanan confirmed that the meeting with Beacon Hall - including its course superintendant and consultant - "went very well".

The Region was presented with a detailed analysis of the potential scope of the project and Mr. Buchanan said the presentation was very comprehensive.

"I have never seen quite such a modelling exercise that demonstrated the need for the proposed tree removal in very specific areas," he said. "We came away from the meeting with a couple of next steps... and we wanted to look at the maps that we have and just confirm the Region's jurisdiction."

The Region has asked Beacon Hall for a complete application - expected in January - that would indicate the areas and number of trees affected by the removal project, as well as an environmental impact

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COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

The last Business After Five of 2010, sponsored by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, will be held this evening at RONA Home and Garden, 140 First Commerce Drive from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Aurora Seniors Association tonight offers a Christmas theme to the regular Friday night dance. Members and guests have the option of participating in a gift-exchange and donating an unwrapped toy in support of Neighbourhood Network's Third Annual Toy Drive. The dance starts at 8 p.m.

Members wishing to support Neighbourhood Network's Toy Drive are welcome to bring their donation to the Seniors' Centre on or before December 17th to be included in the Dance Members' collection.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

The Aurora Farmers Market and Artisan Fair Holiday Edition Part 2 will be held at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. Wheelchair and stroller accessible at the north entrance. For more information call 905-713-1818 or e-mail info@aurora-culturalcentre.ca.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, presents Aurora's own jazz pianist Paul Neufeld in the last of his Fall series of Sunday Sessions. "Jazzy Holiday Family Concert" features Paul and guest artist Lester McLean on sax and vocals. Tickets are $15, with special family pricing of $50 for a family of four. Available in advance or at the door. Concert begins at 2 p.m. Wheelchair and stroller accessible at the north entrance. For further information, call 905-713-1818 or e-mail info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

The Aurora Seniors Association will take part in the lighting of Aurora's Borealis from 6 to 7.30 p.m. at the Aurora Town Park. Members of the EverGreen Choir will entertain with carols and complimentary hot chocolate will be available.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

The First Baptist church on Wellington Street East, will hold its annual Candlelight Chrstmas Eve services beginning at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Family First Night tonight at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy free skating, swimming, sleigh rides, and hot chocolate. In addition, enjoy reptile shows at 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. and family magic shows at 7 and 8 p.m. Everything is free.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

Happy New Year.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Southlake Regional Health Centre is offering to the community of Aurora a free lecture series on cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. The next lecture will be held this evening, at 5.45 p.m. in the Hospital's Medical Arts Building (581 Davis Drive - Level 6). the presenter is Michael Sherar, Vice President, Planning and Regional Programs, Cancer Care Ontario and his topic is "The Ontario Cancer Plan 2011-2015: A Roadmap for Improving Ontario's Cancer Services." To register call 905-895-4521, ext. 6947. For more information, visit www.southlakeregional.org

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, presents the first in a three-lecture series "Our Aurora Heritage: Taking a Closer Look", an informative series of evening chats by local historian Jacqueline Stuart. Tonight's feature is Looking Through the Layers: Clues to Aurora's Past in Our Present Surroundings. Complimentary admission and refreshments, no registration required; starts at 7 p.m. Wheelchair accessible at north entrance. For information phone 905-713-1818 or e-mail info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Robbie Burns night at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North, features a live celtic-rock band, Hadrian's Wall. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets, available from all members of the White Heather Pipes and Drums band or from the bar at the Legion starting Dec. 1, are $40 per person.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Bowl For Kids Sake, presented by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, will hold its Aurora Community Day today from 1 to 5.30 p.m. at the Gateway Café and Lanes. Call Mary Lynn Stephenson at 905-726-2149, extension 305 to book a lane for your team.

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Explore different colours, textures and designs in glass with Daniela Weston while you create your own unique stained glass sun catcher at the Aurora Public Library. Event costs $15 which includes all materias and is open for youngsters ages 9 to 14.Event lasts two hours and begins at 1.30 p.m..

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Embarrassed by your bare wrists? Get beading! Show off your sense of style with a unique beaded backpack pin and a fashionable suede bracelet made at the Aurora Public Library from 6.30 to 8 p.m. This program is for youngsters aged 9 to 14 and costs $8 which includes all materials.

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Clark McClure's work to be displayed at Aurora Cultural Centre in January

The life and work of Dorothy Clark McClure will be celebrated in the New Year with an exhibition at the Aurora Cultural Centre, believed to be the largest exhibition of the artist's work to date.

Ms. Clark McClure's work will be exhibited in the Centre's Red and Blue galleries, and the artist will be at the launch January 22, said Laura Schembri, Executive Director of the Aurora Cultural Centre.

The Centre is still in the midst of organizing the launch, but Ms. Schembri said the staff are excited at the prospect.

"We're organizing the pieces, but the main thing is Dorothy and her family will be here and we know several of her friends and colleagues from Hollandview Trail Retirement Residence will be here," said Ms. Shembri.

DOROTHY CLARK MCCLURE

Ms. Clark McClure was married to former Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth until his death at age 92.

Running from January 22 to March 19, the show commemorates the talent and influence of one of Aurora's most notable artists.

"It's just that we recognize the influence that this singular woman has had in Aurora," said Ms. Schembri. "She has recorded people and places and she is very much beloved. This will be the largest ever showing of her work and it is going to involve a fair amout because [after her move] a lot of her pieces are in storage.

"We want to show our respect and recognize her life's work."

Ms. Schembri said she hopes the exhibition will be a good representation of her work across various media.

"Hopefully there will be some three dimensional pieces," she said. "People might not know that she did the illustrations for chinaware. We're hoping there will be some magazine work that she did. There is going to be framed works, and her architectural works that represent views around the town.

"She is still working today and she does intuitive work, which is more abstract and will bring her right up to today's work."

Earlier this year, when Ms. Clark McClure was honoured with the Lieutenant-Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement, she described her excitement for intuitive art.

Working with the three primary colours, Ms. Clark McClure said she pours the colours onto paper in layers, covers them with saran wrap and presses images into the paint with her fingers.

"When everything is done, you take the saran wrap off and you have a picture," she said. "Some of them are absolutely incredible. They take the form of reality. The reality is sometimes strange. They're not just blobs or anything, it is a real picture. Sometimes it can be a landscape, but that is very rare. It is mostly people or animals or fish, and they're all accurately there."

Ms. Clark McClure has held workshops with her intuitive art and her unique works have been commercially successful as well.

"They sell like popcorn," she said. "People just love them. And you can't do another one. Each one of these intuitive paintings is their own painting. You could never duplicate them."

According to Ms. Schembri, the exhibition of Dorothy Clark McClure's work will also be a family affair.

"Her son, Andy McClure, who is an art teacher at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School is working on the show with her," she said. "There is going to be one collaborative piece that mother and son have worked on together and he is helping with the hanging. It is very much a family event!"

The January 22 launch will be open to the public and Ms. Schembri said it is an open invitation for the public to meet with Ms.Clark McClure, "express their appreciation, and see her work in the true retrospect of everything that she has done."

Fisch is York Region chairman once more

Bill Fisch was acclaimed to his fifth term as York Region Chairman and CEO at the Inaugural York Regional Council meeting last week for the December 2010 to December 2014 term of office.

Chairman Fisch's nomination was brought forward by Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson and was seconded by Town of Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti.

The motion was unanimously approved by all nine mayors and 11 regional councillors representing the nine area municipalities of York Region.

"I am sincerely humbled, yet incredibly honoured by the trust and confidence members of Regional Council have demonstrated in my ability to serve as your Chairman," he said. "As I sit before you today, I pledge that my commitment and dedication to this position will not waiver over the next four years,"

To an audience of more than 350 people in the York Regional Council Chambers, Chairman Fisch described York Region as a confederation of nine vibrant communities, each possessing a series of unique attributes that together form a strong, safe and healthy community that we can all be proud of.

"Today, York Region stands at the threshold of significant evolution and change. Our population is growing and our role is to ensure the growth is appropriate, well-timed and our services can meet increased demand. Change is inevitable, but it is the extent to which we are prepared to effectively manage change that will determine our success as a Region.

"A great deal of groundwork has been undertaken to bring us to where we stand today," he added.

"As many residents would attest, we already enjoy a quality of life that is enviable to many. But, we will not rest on our laurels, as our job is to ensure this quality of life continues and, where possible, improves. I have no doubt the critical initiatives that we will collaborate on over the next four years will reinforce York Region's reputation as a great place to live, work and visit.

"We will be challenged with difficult issues and we will not always agree, but we will always act in the best interest of our residents knowing that the information on which our decisions are based undergo the highest level of scrutiny imaginable through studies, research and debate. Our strength lies in our partnerships, in collaboration and our collective wisdom."

The 20 newly-elected members of Regional Council attended the Inaugural meeting and were sworn into office.

Experience Borealis right here in Aurora

The Town of Aurora will present Aurora's very own Borealis to residents and visitors on Monday, December 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Town Park (at the corner of Wells and Mosley Streets). Coloured LED Christmas lights will illuminate Town Park trees every evening from 5 to 9 p.m. after the Dec. 20 kickoff until Family Day, Mon., Feb. 21, 2011, allowing families to skate one last time with the lights on.

"I encourage residents and visitors alike to come out and experience Aurora's very own Borealis while enjoying a skate in beautiful Town Park," said Mayor Geoffrey Dawe. "I would also like to commend the previous sitting mayor and council for making this new and exciting winter event possible, as it is sure to be enjoyed by everyone."

The initiative, presented by the Town of Aurora, has been sponsored by TD Canada Trust, Lighthouse IDA Compounding Pharmacy, Park Place Manor, Aurora Seniors Association, the Rotary Club of Aurora, Neighbourhood Network, Club Aurora and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

By supporting this new community event, each sponsor was able to help create Aurora's Borealis by decorating one Town Park tree for the community to enjoy in the upcoming months.

The Town of Aurora's Special Events office hosts more than 20 community events each year. Community participation is so great that each Town event sees thousands of residents and visitors coming together to celebrate and enjoy themselves in Aurora.

For more information on Aurora's Borealis, please contact Shelley Ware, Special Events Coordinator at 905-726-4762.

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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

It may be too late to bring this item up

It may be too late for this, so maybe the person in question will reconsider.

Seems when Patricia and I were away, The Auroran ran a story and a picture of a painting that was done by Ben Kestein that would need to be sold by Wednesday, December 15.

"It was a great story," Ben told me as I frantically searched the paper to find out what he was talking about. "But it didn't say that if the painting isn't sold I get it back."

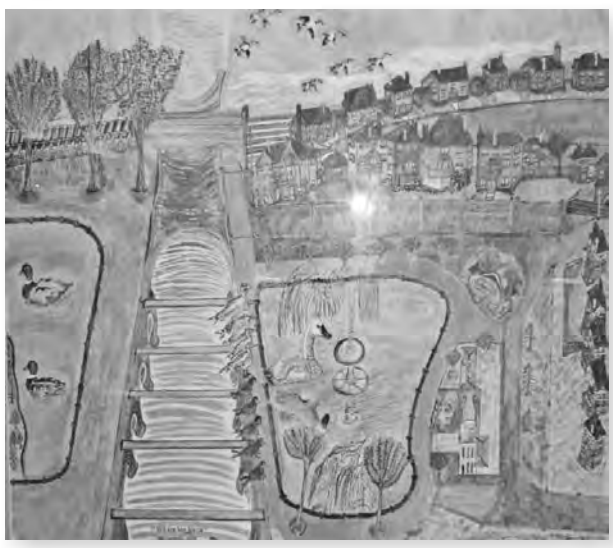
Since some people don't get The Auroran before the time limit, maybe Ben will consider leaving the bidding open until later in the week.

There has been an opening bid of $500 on the painting, and if you want to bid on it, go to the Town Office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and make a bid.

Any money raised from the sale will benefit the homeless, Ben said.

The picture, reprinted below, is entitled "It's For The Birds".

Anyhow, if Ben doesn't increase the time to bid on the painting, it goes back to him Wednesday, December 15.



It certainly doesn't look like this today but this is Yonge Street when a single streetcar (radial line) would head north toward Sutton and pass through Aurora. That stonework in the centre left of the photograph still exists today. Anyone know where it is? Nothing else in the photo exists today, however, including the trees. This photo was taken sometime between 1908 and 1931 when the Toronto York Radial Railway Company, Metropolitan Division, operated. Stop 100 was the northern end of the line and the terminal building in Sutton has been designated as a property of cultural heritage value.

Letter to the Editor

Parking is FREE in GO building, this reader says

To the editor,

I read this letter with great interest, mainly because I live adjacent to the GO parking lot on the west side of the tracks.

Mr, Woo, I would really like to have you come and sit on my front porch one evening and observe the daily ritual my family has come to call the "Run of the Lemmings" at 5 and 6 p.m.

First, when the train arrives, the commuters disembark and RUN for the parking lot.

Then it's every man/women for themselves, as they rush from the parking lot in their vehicles.

How there has not been an accident or someone hit is beyond me.

It is virtually impossible to get out of my driveway until all have left the parking lot.

No one will stop and let anyone else go, they're all in a rush to get home.

You can't even cross the street, they will run you down. (The dirty looks are hysterical.)

Pulling into my driveway at these times has drawn honks of displeasure from irate commuters who have been inconvenienced by being slowed down.

Then there are those who feel the necessity to either park in the spaces around the Town Park or on the streets adjacent to the Park.

Yes, these are public places but they are not there for the commuters.

GO has spent a considerable amount of money on a multi-storey parking facility for the commuters of his fine Town, at no cost to the municipality.

This facility offers covered parking which is in a secured lot, a lot that has an information board at the entrances that tells you where the open parking spaces are.

Yes, there are more and more people using the GO Train and buses and I applaud them for doing so.

But it is time for the commuters of this Town to start using the facility that has been supplied to them and understand that parking in the adjacent neighbourhood does inconvenience those taxpayers who live in the area.

Yes, we know the Train was there.

No, we don't mind hearing the train whistle.

But stop whining about having to spend 10 or five minutes more in your car, the parking is free. Where else can you get that deal?

P. Cooke
Aurora

Letter to the Editor

Whatever happened to registry, reader asks

To the editor,

What happened to the "do not call" registry?

I registered all my and my families phone numbers and I am getting more soliciting phone calls than ever- always at the most inappropriate times of the day and with long distance ring tones.

I am not always near the phone that shows the "no name no number" listing and I tend to answer all long distance calls (they, whoever they are, must know that).

I have tried to be civil, even somewhat friendly, as I know they have a job to do but lately I have become, shall we say, somewhat rude.

Recently, when I received a call during dinner and I asked the caller, wanting to do a survey, if I could have their number so that I could call them at home during their dinner to complete their survey, they hung up.

When called to have my ducts cleaned I informed them that my ducks have flown south for the winter. They were not amused.

Window and door solicitors get me going, again I know they have a job to do, but give me a break! These solicitors don't even know where they or who they are calling.

I am still getting calls for my late husband and I have no compulsion about telling them that he has died – most don't even apologize – they just keep on sticking to their script, talking until I hang up! When I am at home, my sanctuary, I really despise being disturbed.

My two dogs take care of unwanted door-to-door salespeople, quite nicely thank you, but I need to be able to answer the phone without being hassled.

Last week I did get a call and almost when ballistic but the caller apologized, in desirable English, for disturbing me – so I listened.

The call was from a charity that I have given to in the past and this was a reminder that they were in desperate need, as is the position of all charities these days.

I was thinking of letting my answering machine answer all the calls but then I would have to listen to all the sales pitches before I could wipe them out.

If anyone has the answer to this dilemma, let me know. Just remember that I might not answer your call if you do not have caller ID.

Apparently, now all cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls.

You will be charged for these calls if you answer them!

This is an alert I received by e-mail.

Bonnie Tiffin
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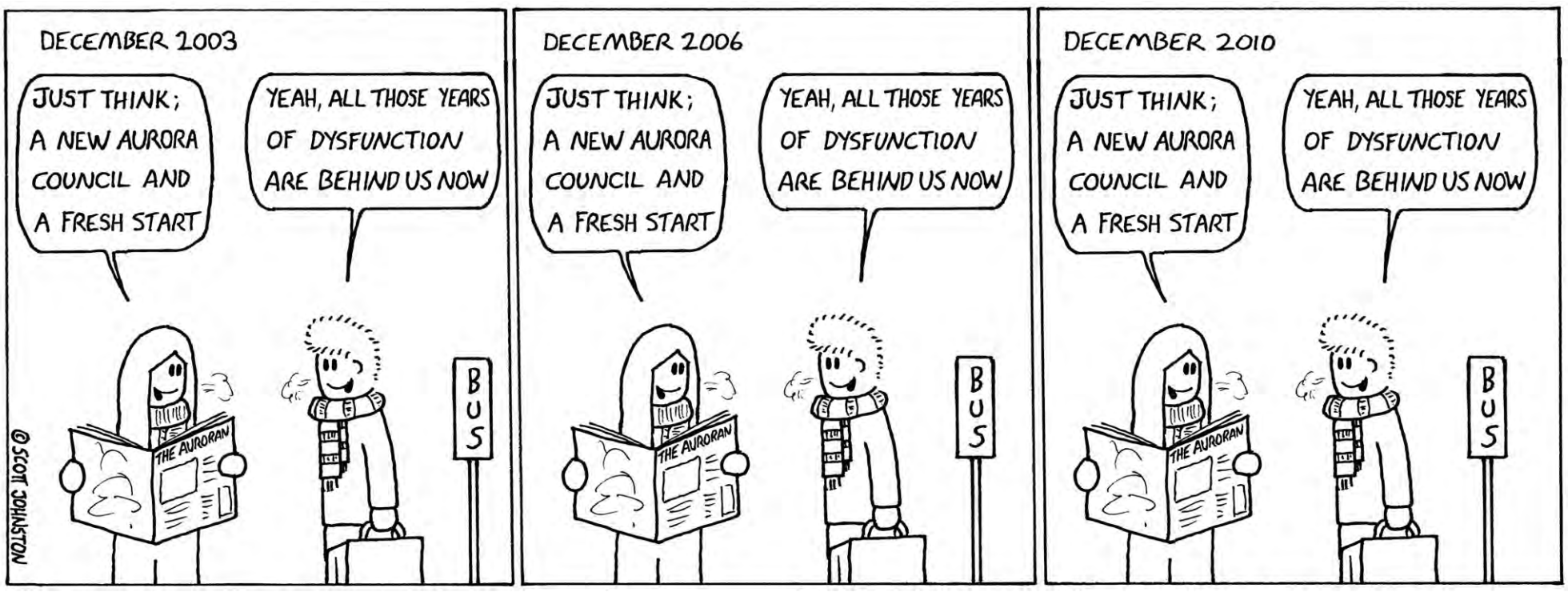
Machell's Corners

by Scott Johnston



Front Porch Perspective

A Christmas gift idea

By Stephen Somerville

Loyal readers will recall that I wrote a column a few weeks back regarding buying gifts.

I wrote of a man's inability to shop for Christmas presents.

I believe there is something in a man's gene pool that does not allow him to begin purchasing any presents until at least 4 p.m. December 23rd.

My situation is magnified, as I now need to shop for birthday gifts during the holiday season.

My wife's birthday is the day after Christmas and my son's birthday is the day after that.

For the first couple of years, I would rely on my mother-in-law's advice for purchasing some of the gifts, until Julie found out about it.

She then forbade me to talk to her mom from mid-November until December 27 every year.

I have also relied on the good graces of others - sometimes complete and utter strangers in the shopping mall.

I have also relied on people at work.

One of the ladies in the office was dressed very well one day, so I asked her what designer label she was wearing.

She prepared a list for me (just the outerwear, thank you) of the clothes that she had on, then I went to the exact same store and purchased it.

Not bad - I only had to return two of the three items!

In the spirit of the holiday season that is just beginning I offer up to all of you a suggestion for a great Christmas gift.

For anyone who appreciates reading biographies that touch upon about history and politics, then Doris Kearns Goodwin's book, "Team of Rivals - The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln", is an absolute must read.

While this 749-page book is centred on the race for the 1860 Republican nomination, it takes us through Lincoln's upbringing, his famous Illinois Senate race versus Stephen Douglas, his views and actions regarding the slavery question, his campaign for the U.S. Presidency and his handling of the U.S. Civil War.

I was spellbound reading about the titanic 1858 Senate battle against Stephen Douglas which was probably the most famous Senate fight in American history.

It was during this campaign that Lincoln made his now famous "A house divided against itself cannot stand" speech; "I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free…I do not expect the house to fall - but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other."

I was also amazed by both the eloquence of the respective candidates and the length of the individual "Lincoln - Douglas" debates.

The main issue was, of course, the slavery question, with Lincoln against it and Douglas in favour of retaining the status quo.

There were seven debates.

"The first contestant spoke for an hour, followed by a one-and-a-half hour response, after which the man who had gone first would deliver a half-hour rebuttal. The huge crowds were riveted for the full three hours, often interjecting comments, cheering for the champion, bemoaning the jabs of his opponent."

I was also particularly struck by a couple of other elements in the book.

I was startled by the incredible number of casualties in the U.S. Civil War and I cannot begin to fathom the stress that Lincoln must have been under as he ordered his Union army against his former fellow countryman, now taking up arms as Confederate soldiers.

Over 600,000 soldiers died, with an estimated 500,000 civilian deaths, during the U.S. Civil War.

To put this number in perspective, the 600,000 dead are more than resulted from U.S. participation in all subsequent wars combined, until this day.

I was also awestruck by the eloquence of Lincoln.

His brief 272-word Gettysburg address, among others, was majestic in its logic, clarity, scope and vision.

I was also very saddened, not only that Lincoln was murdered, but by the timing of his death.

After winning a second term as U.S. president, after victoriously presiding over the U.S. Civil War, and getting ready to begin Reconstruction in the American south, Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth only six days after the end of the War.

He did not have the luxury of administrating in a time of peace.

A marvelous, insightful, thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring book.

Stephen can be contacted at:
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Frankly Speaking

I know you won't be fooled

I took my seat in the legislature as the brigade of pages distributed large brown envelopes to each member's desk with military precision.

This was a special occasion on the legislative calendar.

The Minister of Finance would deliver his Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review, and in those envelopes was a copy of his speech and the detailed financial documentation relating to the province's finances.

Just as I was handed my copy, the Finance Minister began to read from his prepared script.

Predictably, we were told that all is well despite the fact the government will spend $18.7 billion more over the next 12 months than it will collect in revenue. (Try doing that at home or in your business and convince your banker that all is well).

Then, after a lengthy bluster blaming previous governments for the current woes of the province, came the big announcement...

"That's why today we are introducing the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit. The Ontario Clean Energy Benefit would give Ontario families, farms, and small businesses a 10 per cent benefit on their bills for five years. That would be 10 per cent off your electricity bill every month, effective January 1, 2011".

A standing ovation from the Liberal benches followed and the minister of finance took pats on the back from every one of his colleagues who could get close enough to get into the camera angle.

Wow! A 10 per cent reduction on electricity bills.

Well, that's a bit of good news I thought, as I watched the minister continue to wax eloquent.

But what you're not telling us, is that those electricity bills have gone up by some 75 per cent since you took office in 2003.

And you're hoping that people will forget that just a few months ago, you added an additional 8 per cent by applying the HST to every item listed on their electricity bill - even the Debt Retirement Charge!

Typical of this government, to think they can fool most of the people most of the time.

Announce a 10 per cent reduction on their electricity bill and the trusting public will be eternally grateful and forget how they've been repeatedly stiffed with new fees and taxes over the past seven years.

As the minister continued to read his self-congratulatory speech, I began to leaf through the Background Papers that accompanied the speech.

Given the excitement expressed by the minister over his announcement of a 10 per cent benefit, my eyes fixed on the following sentence tucked into page 12 of the document:

"Over the next five years, however, residential electricity prices are expected to rise by 46 per cent..."

I looked around at my colleagues to see who else had picked up on this bizarre bit of information. My seat-mate, John Yakabuski, who is our Party's Energy Critic had spotted it at the same time. Here it was, in black and white.

While the minister is making a grand announcement about a 10 per cent benefit on electricity bills, his own Background Paper that he just tabled confirms that electricity prices will actually increase by 46 per cent over the next five years!

As we both refocused on the Finance Minister's speechifying, he was just wrapping up with the words, "Ontarians said to help with their pocketbooks -- we are taking action".

I looked at my colleague and said, "I don't know about your constituents, but mine won't be fooled by this".

Here's the math that Dalton McGuinty hopes you can't figure out:

A 75 per cent increase (2003 to now).

Plus an 8 per cent increase (HST).

Less a 10 per cent decrease (McGuinty Green Energy Benefit)
Plus a 46 per cent increase = ?

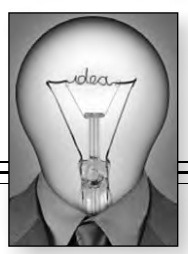
I invite you to send me the correct answer, and please check your hydro bill to get a sense of what the impact is on you and your family.

And by the way, keep an eye on those bills to keep track of the increases that the McGuinty government has promised will come.

Had enough?

The next provincial election will be October 6, 2011, when you can let Mr. McGuinty know that you weren't fooled and that you have indeed, had enough.

As always, I invite your questions and comments by contacting me through my website at www.frankklees.com or calling me at 905-750-0019.



100 Watts

By Christopher Watts

While plugging in the Christmas lights I either received a shock or a bright idea.

I approached the staff at The Auroran in hopes they would also see the light and here it is.

A bi-weekly column to shine a light on all things Auroran.

One of my favorite writers, a fellow Auroran, wrote "extravagance in verbiage instills no confidence" and this sparked a challenge to see if I could plug my passion for writing into 100 words or less.

When stripped of sanctimony and blandishment Aurora remains one powerful place.

It's not the size that counts, but how you muse it.

Letters to the Editor

Empty Bowls event huge success

To the editor,

This letter is to thank all of those who helped support the Empty Bowls project hosted by the Pine Tree Potters' Guild of Aurora.

With the help of those in the community, we were able to raise more than $12,000 for the York Region Food Network and Welcoming Arms.

The Empty Bowls event was held November 18 at The Aurora Cultural Centre.

After years of donating to a similar hunger relief initiative in Toronto, the members of Pine Tree Potters' Guild felt it was time that we help those closer to home.

Patrons purchased tickets ($40) for a lunch or dinner seating, and chose their own bowl from over 500 available.

Local chefs were in attendance with their signature soup, accompanied by fresh bread – and particpants were entertained by musical guests while they dined.

Afterwards, guests took home their bowl as a gentle reminder that not everyone has a full bowl every day.

We'd like to thank all the restaurants involved that volunteered their fabulous gourmet soups and their time to such a worthy cause - Annalisa Asian Fusion Cruisine, Aqua Grill, Art Cures Inc., Bijoy's Restaurant, Edward Street Bistro, Fred's Bread, Graystones, Gabriel's Cafe, Jan's Country Pantry, Jonathan's Fine Foods, Maunder's Food Shop, Pine Farms Orchard and The Roving Chef.

We'd also like to thank all the sponsors, Aurora Cultural Centre, Alyson Murray Designs, Don McCahill Photography, Instachange Displays Limited, Meridian Credit Union, R&R Revisited, Sara Stevens, The Town of Aurora, Tucker's Pottery Supply, Vic's Shoe Repair and, of course, the members of the Pine Tree Potters' Guild and other potters who donated their hand made bowls and time as well as the musicians, Alex Ciccone, Jude Wood and Roger Whitnall.

Thank you all so very much for making this such a successful event.

Due to the overwhelming community response to this inaugural event, we anticipate gathering once again next November.

Pine Tree Potters' Guild
Empty Bowls Committee

"Good Samaritan" fixed her flat tire

To the editor,

In today's world, the "Good Samaritan" is truly an elusive being but I was fortunate enough to encounter such a person last Monday – the day of our first major "snow storm".

The roads were very sloppy and slow, and as I waited to turn at the intersection of Centre Street and Industrial Parkway, the car beside me rolled down the window.

The young girl in the passenger seat told me that my rear tire was completely flat and I was driving on the tire rim.

I was completely amazed as it was not that way five minutes ago when I left the house.

She then rolled down her window again and told me that her dad was just going to drop her off at the high school and he would be back to help me.

I pulled into a nearby parking lot and worked at getting the spare tire and jack out.

This gentleman was true to this word and on this cold, windy and snowy day, he returned to help me change the tire.

In actuality, he did the complete job himself as I was of little help other than to make small talk and hand him the tools.

After he changed the tire and put the flat tire and tools back into my car, I shook his hand, and he was on his way to start his day.

I did not even think to ask his name, so I wanted to take this opportunity to thank him truly for coming to my rescue, and re-affirming the fact that the "Good Samaritan" really does exist in our world today.

I wish my "Good Samaritan" and his family a very Merry Christmas and all the very best over this wonderful holiday season.

Janet Leavens
Aurora

SuperWalk raises more than $36,000

To the editor,

I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Aurora and Newmarket residents who took the time out of their busy lives to come out to Fairy Lake for the recent Parkinson SuperWalk.

With their help this year's walk raised more than $36,000 for the Parkinson Society Canada.

That is a 47 per cent increase over last year's total.

This year's walk had a record number of Superstar Walkers who raised $1,000 or more in pledges. Congratulations on your outstanding fundraising efforts.

A huge thank you to the Aurora and Newmarket businesses for their generous donations and support - Aurora Home Hardware, Biggs' Gallery, Body Beautiful Spa, Foster Family Chiropractic and Associates, Hurst Bakery, KC Interiors, Madsen's Greenhouses, Maunders Food Shop, Metro - Aurora, Second Cup - Aurora, Sobeys - Aurora, Starbucks Coffee - Orchard Heights, The Buttery, Topper's Pizza - Aurora and Quintile Wealth Advisors.

I was truly amazed by their eagerness to help and their generosity.

Without their contributions our event would not have been nearly as enjoyable for our walkers.

Special thanks to Jane Eves of The Royal Pathways for her beautiful yoga demonstration, Dr. Danielle Warner and staff from Foster Family Chiropractic and Associates for their healthy spine clinic, former Mayor Phyllis Morris, Mayor Tony Van Bynen and Regional Councillor John Taylor for their words of encouragement.

It is wonderful to see a community come together with such enthusiasm and compassion.

Thank you again.

If you would like to learn more about Parkinson's disease or find out about local support groups please visit www.parkinsonsuperwalk.ca.

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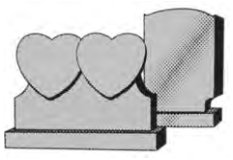

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Letters to the Editor

Need for shovellers is great this season

To the editor,

Neigbhourhood Network's Snow Removal Program is aimed at helping low-income seniors and disabled residents in the community.

Last year, our volunteers helped more than 30 elderly and disabled people.

This year, the need for snow shovellers is greater than ever and we're putting out a community call for volunteers who would like to help a neighbour in need.

Our volunteers tell us they enjoy the program and get a lot of satisfaction from helping a neighbour. But the best testimonial we could ever receive came last year from an eight-year-old girl.

She wrote to us and said, 'This year my mommy, daddy, sister and me volunteered by making sure that somebody's Grandma and Grandpa were feeling safe when they walk out on the street because we shovelled their driveway. That made me feel good.'"

You'll feel good about helping, too!

To see if there is someone in your neighbourhood you can help, please call us at 905-726-3737.

Steve Hinder
Aurora

Councillor says he was not at the coffee shop

To the editor,

S. Smallwood, I've been contemplating your letter of last week and wonder what the probability is of you mistaking me for someone else versus me being completely delusional and forgetting I was at a particular place with a particular person.

I would suggest to you that although I do have moments of confusion and don't necessarily have the greatest memory, your mistaking me for someone else is far greater than me forgetting, or even worse, lying about where I was, or rather, where I was not.

I received an email from a constituent during the election suggesting that I acted inappropriately towards another councillor.

S. Smallwood, I write to you the same response regarding your accusations of me in your letter. "My moral compass, my upbringing, my better judgment, and my faith, would never allow me to do the things you describe"

I was not at the coffee shop as you suggest.

I would encourage you to come to Tuesday night's council meeting and perhaps get a better look at me.

Who knows, it may even trigger your memory.

The technical term for my hair colour is "salt'n peppa" as I understand it, maybe that's the confusion.

John Gallo
Aurora

Letter writer may be delusional: councillor

To the editor,

S. Smallwood is either delusional, or deliberately trying to impugn my character.

I have never met with any councillor to plan political tactics, period.

Wendy Gaertner
Aurora

BBBSY thanks community

To the editor,

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York (BBBSY) want to express our gratitude to the community for their support of our agency throughout the past year.

The children and families we serve join us to thank the volunteers who in their roles as Big Brothers, Big Sisters and mentors give of their time making a difference in a child's life.

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Thanks also to The Auroran for all of their support to our agency.

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

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Accepting a cheque for $3,000 is Fred Bullen, left, Aurora Lions Club President which will help the Club recover from a recent break-in. Making the presentation is Jamie Attridge, Vice-President of Aurora Custom Mouldings, the company responsible for making the money available. The Lions Club, which operates from its own hall at the corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets, was ransacked in November and damage was estimated at about $1,700 as thieves wrecked the building and stole food and other goods waiting to be distributed during the club's annual Basket Drive.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Integrity commissioner's contract could end in February next year

From page 1

appear before the courts in early January, but it remains to be seen how any decision made by council on Tuesday will affect proceedings.

The December 14 meeting could also see Integrity Commissioner David Tsubouchi's contract come to an end in the New Year.

Mayor Dawe has included in the agenda a notice of motion for January 18, which would see Mr. Tsubouchi given his 30-days notice.

The recommendation is that "the Integrity Commissioner be given 30 days notice of the termination of the contract for services in accordance with the provisions of that contract."

His notice of motion also calls for staff to review the Town's Codes of Ethics and Conduct "and provide recommendations for proceeding with a single document for council review."

Tuesday's meeting could also see a recommendation being tabled on January 18 which would remove the Code of Conduct complaint against Councillor Evelyn Buck from July 21, 2009 from the Town website.

Depending on the council's recommendation, this week's meeting could give approval for a closed off-site council meeting January 14 and 15.

According to the recommendation by Town CAO Neil Garbe, this off-site meeting, to be held in King City, would serve to "educate its members on topics including: development of (a) strategic plan(s), budget pressures and options, land/space accommodations and the needs of youth in Aurora."

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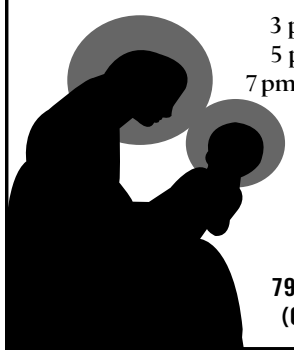
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Wednesday, February 16, 2011 - 7 PM
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402 Omar's Shoes Gold 3 - Jacob Turriff 1G 1A, Michael Vivian 1G 1A, Noah Dempsey 1G. **408 Crabby Joe's Grey 2** - Callum Gorrell 1G, Jacob Cowl 1G.

403 Optimist Club Of Aurora White 7 - Ayrton Ochab 2G, Dylan Clark 3G, Brynlyn Rowntree 1G 1A, Chris Sands 1G, Evan Hall 1A. **408 Crabby Joe's Grey 2** - Tristan Flyod 1G, Gregory Gatzopoulos 1G 1A, Ryan Funston-Clarke 1A.

404 Tilemaster Blue 4 - William Reid 1G, Connor Elbaum 2A, Ethan Cohen 1G 1A, Benjamin Godber 1A, Dillon Varone 2G, Aaron Preiano 2A. **408 Crabby Joe's Grey 3** - C Gorrell 3G.

409 Pfaff VW Teal 7 - Christian Fermo 1G, Alexei Chapira 1A, Evan Bryan 1G, Liam Patterson 4G, Joseph Franze 1A, John Dol 1A, Michael De Blasis 1G, Leo Douvinos 1A. **403 Optimist Club Of Aurora White 5** - Christopher Walker 1G 1A, Dylan Clark 1G 1A, Chris Sands 2G, Ayrton Ochab 1A, Alexander Murgida 1G, Brynlyn Rowntree 1A, John Luca Racanelli 1A.

407 H.J. Pfaff Audi Kelly Green 3 - Mathew Hastings 1G 2A, JP Schnabel 2G, Nicholas Robinson 2A, Nick Badali 1A. **405 Novintro Black 3** - Matthew Winters 2G, Alexander Mueller 1A, Matthew Bolger 1A, Aidan Brown 1G, W Freeman 1A.

406 Mastermind Toys Powder Blue 4 - Carter Wilmsmeyer 2G, Jay Sieber 1G, Cody Fisher 1G, Kyle Gillies 2A, Matthew Winters 1A, Stetson Colicchio 1A. **401 Chouinard Bros. Red 3** - Colin Windle 2G, Nicholas Vamvakaris 1G 1A.

402 Omar's Shoes Gold 9 - Cole Sheremeta 1G, Jack Gauthier-Moulton 1A, Francesco DeBartolo 1A, Jacob Turriff 2G, Noah Dempsey 1G 2A, Nicolas Verbeek 1A, Michael Vivian 1A, Christopher Walsh 3G 2A, Noah Johnson 1G 3A, Kyle Trumper 1G1A. **410 HS Financial Orange 6** - Colby Harrison 2A, Brendan Dodd 2A, Riley Harris 1A, Peter Leontis 1G, Cameron Lang 1G, A Fiorini 1G, K Kasak 2G.

801 Rogers Red 6 - Brett Bond 3G, Alex Harrison 1G 2A, Jamie Wilson 1G, Brady Wilson 1G, James Johnston 2A, Bryn Burbank 1A, Jason Glionna 1A, Kevin Wood 1A, Eric Bortolotti 1A. **802 Manhattan Trophies Gold 2** - James Power 1G, Neil Duggan 1G Taylor Gadsby 1A, Ian Chappell 1A, M Imesis 1A.

812 Municipal Engineering Solutions Burgandy 5 - Joshua Bell 2G, J Chalmers 1G 2A, Derek Capone 1G, Joshua Capodagli 2A, John Sherwood 1A, Nick Armour 1A, luc Martineau 1G 2A. **803 Rotary Club Of Aurora White 2** - Matt Sanita 2G, Stewart Reid 1A, Nicholas Marrelli 1A.

804 Frontline Fire & Safety Blue 5 - Adam Ashrad 1G1A, Owen Woodcock 1G 1A, Kevin Siery 1G, Derek Keun 1G, Matt Pelkola 1G, Domenic Fiorini 1A, Paul Mason 1A, Alex Goncalves 1A. **811 Caruso & Company Purple 3** - Nicolas Chethuan 2G, Riley O'Brien 1G, Andrew Foresi 2A, Matt Walker 1A, A Gouthro 1A.

805 Aurora Home Hardware Black 4 - Ben Ashton 1G 2A, Harris Riopelle 1G 1A, Thomas Mason 1G, Michael Tanel 1A, Austin Waite 1A, Joseph Veneziano 1G 1A, Jonathan Caporusso 1A. **810 Pizza Pizza Orange 2** - Jonathan Jin 1G, Ilya Sapozhnikov 1G, Troy Foster 2A, Christopher Broughton 1A, M Palmer 1A.

809 AHPA Teal 2 - Michael Arcuri 1G 1A, Graham Killby 1G, Russell Johnson 1A, Brayden Babineau 1A. **806 Laurion Law Office Power Blue 2** - Jordan Stephenson 1G, Zac Kroll 1G, Emerson Cepelak 2A, Sean Foxwell 1A.

808 Crabby Joe's Grey 2 - Morgan Walker 2G, Tyler Futterer 1A, Elias Jeries 1A, Andrew Kaszuba 1A. **807 Danny & Scotties Boys Kelly Green 1** - Mitchell Carter 1G, Matthew Hall 1A, Cameron Screech 1A.

901 Graystones Restaurant Red 2 - Mathew Hart 2G, Andrew Martin 1A, Ethan Cullen 1A, Kevin Langdon, shutout. **906 Ruff-N-Redi Powder Blue 0.**

1006 BMO Bank of Montreal Powder Blue 6 - Michael Takahashi 1G, Michael Morson 3G 1A, Nick Heintzman 1G1A, Brandon Connolly 1G, James Harkin 1A. **1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 3** - Justin Killens 2G, Jesse Bentolila 1G, Lucas Cristillo 1A, Andrew Cosentino 1A, Scott Donello 1A, Ryan Antoniel 1A, Matt Mears 1A.

1004 Global Caffe Blue 3 - Jake Hindley 1G1A, Jordan Adams 1G, Geoff Gianopoulos 1G, Kyle Rojas 1A, Lucas Poleto 1A, Chris Waller 1A. **1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 2** - Christopher Piron 1G, J Saabas 1G, M Tanel 1A.

1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 6 - Ryan Antoniel 1G 2A, Justin Killens 3G 1A, Scott Donello 1G, Josh Bentolila 1G 1A, Ryan Antionel 2A, Jesse Bentolila 1A, Chase Riddell 2A, A Cosentino 1A, Greg Lacroix 1A. **1004 Global Caffe Blue 1** - Jordan Snowie 1G.

1009 Backyard Pool & Spa Teal 6 - Brendan Strachan 2G 2A, Dylan Skelton 2G 1A, Chris Tillsley 1G, Daniel Howie 1G 1A, Brayden Jackson 1A, Chris Porter 1A. **1008 McAlpine Ford Grey 3** - Stephen Newby 1G 1A, Matt Miller 1G, Robert Anderson 1G, Kevin McCrudden 1A, Brett Richardson 1A, Brody Hunter 1A.

1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 6 - Chase Riddell 1G, Justin Killens 1G1A, Michael McGoldrick 2G 1A, Ryan Antoniel 1G, Matt Mears 1G, Jesse Bentolila 2A, Nick DiVincenzo 1A, Greg Lacroix 1A. **1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 1** - Christian Avolio 1G, C Still 1A, Anthony De Cesare 1A.

1001 Pizzaville Aurora Red 7 - Spencer George 3G 1A, Josh Klinowski 1G, Aidan Morris 1G, Alex Payne 1G, Kamran Karamchi 1G1A, Egan Fennell 1A, Jamie Hawkins 2A, Josh Ashfield 1A, Cooper Riswick 1A, Victor Grabovsky 1A. **1007 CAA South Central Ontario Kelly Green 3** - Taran McGowan 1G 1A, Royce Kirby 1A, G DeLuca 1G, Philipp Mueller 1A.

1006 BMO Bank of Montreal Powder Blue 5 - James Harkin 1G, Sean Takahashi 1G, Alex Heintzman 2G, Nick Heintzman 1G 2A, Tyler Lamantia 2A, Michael Morson 1A. **1002 CW Coop's Aurora Gold 2** - Dylan Cross 1G, Matt Bishop 1G, I Weston 1A.

1006 BMO Bank of Montreal Powder Blue 5 - Tyler Lamantia 1G Alex Heintzman 1G1A, Brandon Pederson 1G, Nick Heintzman 1G 2A, Michael Takahashi 1G, Michael Morson 1A, TJ Ground 1A. **1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 3** - Ryan Antionel 1G, Justin Killens 1G 1A, Brandon Giniotis 1G, Scott Donello 2A, Josh Bentolila 2A.

1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 3 - Christopher Piron 1G 1A, Jonathan Boehmer 1G, Joseph Romano 1G, Curtis Stobo 1A, Dave Melanson, shutout. **1008 McAlpine Ford Grey 0**.

1007 CAA South Central Ontario Kelly Green 4 - Taran McGowan 4G, Royce Kirby 1A, Braydon Dunn 1A, Philipp Mueller 1A. **1004 Global Caffe Blue 2** - Jordan Snowie 1G, Tristan Miller 1G, Carter Schaeffer 1A, G Ralph 1A.

1002 CW Coop's Aurora Gold 4 - Nick Zebrowski 2G, Ian Weston 1G, Matt Bishop 1G, Ian Weston 1A, Cameron Annear 1A, Andrew McKay 1A, Hayden Sands 1A, Matt Schmitt 1A. **1009 Backyard Pool & Spa Teal 3** - Chris Smith 2G, Daniel Howie 1G, Braydon Jackson 2A, Sean Maule 1A, Brendan Strachan 1A, Dylan Skelton 1A.

1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 4 - Christian Avolio 2G, Charlie Still 1G, Christopher Piron 1G, Mark Tanel 2A, Michael Di Vincenzo 1A, Wesley Seminara 1A. **1001 Pizzaville Aurora Red 2** - Nick Di Nallo 1G, Kamran Karamchi 1G, Aidan Morris 1A, Victor Grabovsky 1A.

1006 BMO Bank of Montreal Powder Blue 4 - Michael Morson 1G 2A, N Heintzman 1G, Michael Takahashi 1G 1A, Tyler Lamantia 1G 1A, Alex Heintzman 1A. **1007 CAA South Central Ontario Kelly Green 2** - Taran McGowan 1G, Royce Kirby 1G, Christian Davies 1A.

1009 Backyard Pool & Spa Teal 4 - Luca Battiston 1G, Daniel Howie 2G, Brendan Strachan 1G 2A, Dylan Skelton 1A, Chris Tillsley 1A, Brett Matthews 1A. **1004 Global Caffe Blue 3** - Lucas Poleto 1G, Matt Pellegeni 1G, Tristan Miller 1G, Kyle Rojas 1A, Jordan Snowie 1A, Geoff Gianopoulos 1A, Christopher Waller 1A.

1008 McAlpine Ford Grey 6 - Kevin McCrudden 1G, Brett Richardson 1G 2A, Lucas Hargrave 1G, Trevor Best 1G, Matt Miller 2G, Brody Hunter 1A, Robert Anderson 1A, Stephen Newby 2A, Brett Richardson 2A. **1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 5** - Ryan Antoniel 4G, Michael McGoldrick 1G, Joseph Lombardi 1A, Nick DiVincenzo 2A, Andrew Cosentino 1A.

1009 Backyard Pool & Spa Teal 4 - Liam McGoldrick 1G, Brayden Jackson 1G, Brendan Strachan 2G 1A, Chris Tillsley 1A, Dylan Skelton 1A, Sean Maule 1A. **1003 A.D.C. Aluminum White 0**.

1005 Aurora Home Hardware Black 5 - Brandon Giniotis 2G 1A, Michael McGoldrick 2G, Justin Killens 1G 1A, Jesse Bentolila 1A, Scott Donello 1A, Ryan Antoniel 1A, Josh Bentolila 2A. **1007 CAA South Central Ontario Kelly Green 1** - Taran McGowan 1G, Michael Madigan 1A.

1008 McAlpine Ford Grey 3 - Jamie Cherutti 2G, Matt Miller 1G, Jaret Meron 1A, Kenton Gamble 1A, Brett Richardson 1A, Spencer Palmer 1A. **1004 Global Caffe Blue 1** - Geoff Gianopoulos 1G, Jordan Snowie 1A.

1002 CW Coop's Aurora Gold 4 - Cameron Annear 1G, Nick Zebrowski 1G, Dylan Jolivet 1G, Dylan Cross 1G, Ben Slimkowich 1A, Matt Schmitt 1A, Griffin Slimkowich 1A. **1001 Pizzaville Aurora Red 2** - Kamran Karamchi 2G, Adrian Tobin 1A.

REP LEAGUE

Tyke Select - Stouffville 1. Aurora 0.

Novice A - East Gwillembury 2. Aurora 1 - Jace Jackson 1G, Harrison Bennett 1A, Joshua Torres 1A.

Novice A - Aurora 2 - Liam Mahoney 1G, Jace Jackson 1G, Jake Piper 2A, Riley Klugerman 1A, Brandin Harris 1A. **Bradford 2.**

M Atom AA - Aurora 4 - Andrew Park 1G, Jeremy Gonsalves 1A, Harris Goan 1G, Michael Orlandi 1A, Myles Vasilevski 1G, Luke Jarvis 1G, Craig Therkildsen 1A, Wesley Reid 2A. **Oshawa 1**.

M Atom AA - Aurora 3 - Wesley Reid 1G, Luke Jarvis 1A, Myles Vasilevski 1G, Harris Goan 1G, Tyler Sawyer 1A. **Vaughan 1**.

M Atom AA - Aurora 1 - Anthony Iacovetta 1G. **Newmarket 1**.

M Atom AA - Aurora 1 - Luke Jarvis 1G, Wesley Reid 1A, Myles Vasilevski 1A. **Scarborough Young Bruins 2**.

M Atom AA - Aurora 2 - Anthony DiPietro 1G, Myles Vasilevski 1A, Harris Goan 1A, Luke O'Keefe 1G, Luke Jarvis 1A, Michael Orlandi 1A, Hunter Wong, shutout. **TNT 0.**

M Atom AA - Aurora 6 - Anthony Iacovetta 3G 1A, Craig Therkildsen 1A, Andrew Wolanski 1A, Harris Goan 1G, Anthony DiPietro 1A, Andrew Park 2G 1A, Trevor Dungey 1A B Liotta 2A. **Newmarket 5**.

M Atom A - Markham 3. Aurora 1 - Cory Read 1G, Sam Ashton 1A.

M Atom A - Barrie 1. Aurora 0.

M Atom A - Stouffville 4. Aurora 2 - Cory Read 1G, Dylan Prescott 1A, Matthew McConnell 1G.

M Atom A - Aurora 3 - Sam Ashton 1G, Cory Read 1G, Matthew Gram 1G, Cooper Judson 1A, Jason Gage 1A. **Nobleking 2**.

M Atom A - Aurora 2 - Cooper Judson 1G, 1A, Ryan Cunniam 1G, Jason Gage 1A, Matthew Gram 1A, Cory Read 1A, Will Sherman, shutout. **Markham 0.**

M Atom A - Aurora 4 - Jack Campbell 1G 1A, Colby Prymych 1G, Cory Read 1G, Sam Ashton 1G, Matthew McConnell 1A, Blair Crabbe 1A, C Judson 1A. **Richmond Hill 1**.

M Atom A - Stoufville 5. Aurora 4 - Jason Gage 1G, Blair Crabbe 1G, Matthew Gram 1G, Cory Read 1G, Colby Prymych 1A, B Sanford 1A.

Atom A - East Gwillimbury 6. Aurora 1 - Ben Spittle 1G, Andrew Cundari 1A.

Atom A - Innisfil 6. Aurora 3 - Ben Spittle 2G, Carson Yeomans 1G, Joseph Grassa 1A, Anthony Capraro 1A, Jamie Stewart 1A.

Atom AE - Stouffville 3. Aurora 1 - Justin Evans 1G, Finn Reeves 1A, Sebastian Giorgio 1A.

Atom AE - Aurora 4 - Finn Reeves 2G 1A, Adam DePiero 1G, Lucas Surace 1G, Sebastian Giorgio 1A. **Stouffville 1**.

M Peewee A - Aurora 4 - Jordan Torres 2G, Mark Kalmisto 1G, Jack O'Keefe 1G, Curtis Romanchych 1A, Colin McGoldrick 2A, Ryan Thornhill 1A, Clayton Allen 1A, Clayton Allen 1A. **Richmond Hill 2**.

M Peewee A - Aurora 6 - Jordan Torres 2G 1A, Reid Carpenter 1G 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1G 1A, Jack O'Keefe 1G, Eric McGhie 1G, Thomas Kostoff 3A, Ryan Thornhill 1A, Ethan Brooks 1A. **Orillia 5**.

M Peewee A - Aurora 8 - Eric McGhie 4G, Max Goldman 1G 1A, Mark Kalmisto 1G, Jack O'Keefe 1G, Colin McGoldrick 1G 1A, Ethan Brooks 1A, Ryan Thornhill 1A, Alexander Simardone 1A, Stewart Gable 1A, M Nitsopoulos 1A. **Newmarket 3.**

M Peewee A - Aurora 2 - Mark Kalmisto 2G, Thomas Kostoff 1A, Jack O'Keefe 1A. **Bradford 2**.

Peewee AA - Barrie 3. Aurora 1 - Patrick Servideo 1G, Keegan Matthew 1A, Jared Reeves 1A.

Peewee AA - Markham 1. Aurora 0.

Peewee AA - Aurora 3 - Cameron Morrison 2G 1A, Keegan Matthew 3A, Patrick Servideo 1G. **TNT 3.**

Peewee AA - Aurora 7 - Patrick Servideo 3G, Cameron Morrison 2G, Taylor Kauffeldt 2G, Evan Woodhead 2A, Keegan Matthew 2A, Jack Pecora 2A, Tyler Williams 1A, James Wyndham West 2A, Alec Magnante 1A, Michael Shum 1A, Jared Reeves 1A, Austin Pringle, shutout. **Georgina 0**.

Peewee A - Aurora 2 - Matthew Tanel, shutout, Shaun Broad 1G, Daniel McConnell 1G, Cameron Zinner 1A. **Toronto Eagles 0.**

Peewee A - Aurora 6 - Evan Cherubini 1G 1A, Alistair Johnston 1G 1A, Matthew Liscio 1G 1A, Mathew Tyndall 1G 1A, Colin Kostin 1G 1A, Daniel McConnell 1G, Spencer White 1A, C Chapman, shutout. **Stamford 0**.

Peewee A - Aurora 8 - Bryan Manweiler 1G, Alistair Johnston 1G, Daniel McConnell 1G 3A, Matthew Liscio 2G, Mathew Tyndall 1G, Jack Bryant 1G, Tristan Kuchar 1G 1A, Evan Cherubini 2A, Eric Shennan 1A. **Goulding Park Rangers 1**.

Peewee A - Aurora 5 - Cameron Zinner 3G, Evan Cherubini 1G 1A, Daniel McConnell 1G 1A, Tristan Kuchar 2A. Cole Chapman, shutout. **Darien 0.**

Peewee A - Aurora 1 - Tristan Kuchar 1G, Cameron Zinner 1A, Daniel McConnell 1A, Matthew Tanel, shutout. **Toronto Eagles 0.**

Peewee A - Aurora 3 - Evan Cherubini 1G, Daniel McConnell 1G 1A, Tristan Kuchar 1G 1A, Alistair Johnston 1A, Colin Kostin 1A. **Newmarket 1**.

Peewee AE - Aurora 3 - Lucas Ruscica 1G 1A, Brendin Ramsay 2G, Michael DaCosta 1A, Nick Pearce 3A, Nick Sansalone 1A. **Beeton 0.**

Peewee AE - Aurora 3 - Michael DaCosta 1G, Connor Downs 1G, Brendin Ramsay 1G, Cameron Anderson 1A, Nick Pearce 1A, Lucas Ruscica 1A, Adam Leader, shutout. **Markham 0**.

Peewee AE - Aurora 1 - Jeffrey McKay 1G. **Richmond Hill 1**.

Peewee AE - Aurora 2 - Adam Caicco 1G, Brendin Ramsay 1G 1A, A Leader, shutout. **Richmond Hill 0**.

Peewee AE - TNT 2. Aurora 0.

Peewee AE - Aurora 5 - Jordi Severini 2G, Christian Arcuri 1G 1A, Zach Fletcher 1G, Jeffrey McKay 1G, Brendin Ramsay 1A, Cooper Hewgill 1A, Connor Downs 1A. **Clarington 2**.

Bantam AA - Aurora 8 - John MacDonald 2G, Konner McMillan 1G, Connor Cowl 1G 1A, Jake McKee 1G, Jordan Nanos 1G 1A, Quentin Campbell 1G 2A, Brett Thiessen 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 2A, Spencer Green 1A, Austin Lane 1A. **TNT 1.**

Bantam AA - Aurora 4 - Spencer Green 2G, Konner McMillan 1G 1A, Quentin Campbell 1G 1A, Jordan Nanos 1A, Brett Thiessen 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A. **Richmond Hill 4.**

Bantam AA - Aurora 4 - Jordan Nanos 2G, Konner McMillan 1G, Austin Lane 1G, Quentin Campbell 1A, Connor Cowl 1A, John MacDonald 1A, Brett Thiessen 1A, Matt Iwai 1A. **Richmond Hill 1.**

Bantam AA - Aurora 5 - Lucas Pozzebon 2G 1A, John MacDonald 1G 2A, Brett Thiessen 1G, Quentin Campbell 1G, Austin Lane 2A, Spencer Green 2A, Jordan Nanos 1A, Nick Scott 1A. **Newmarket 2**.

Bantam AA - Aurora 5 - John MacDonald 2G, 1A, Konner McMillan 1G, 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1G, Quentin Campbell 1G, Spencer Green 2A, Nick Scott 2A, Matt Iwai 1A. **Barrie 3.**

Bantam A - Aurora 3 - Graham Robinson 1G, Evan Jackson 1G, Mitch Arnew 1G, Alec Ground 2A, Zac Cowl 1A. **Erindale 1**.

Bantam A - Aurora 6 - Jack Caldwell 2G 1A, Liam Coll 2G, Graham Robinson 1G 1A, Zac Cowl 1G, Robert Stokes 1G 1A, Mitch Arnew 2A, Austin Persaud 1A. **Cooksville 3**.

Bantam A - Aurora 4 - Paul Neophytou 1G 2A, Austin Persaud 1G 1A, Erik Balkovec 1G 1A, Jack Caldwell 1A, Shadoe Storm 1A. **Oshawa 3.**

Bantam A - Caledonia 2. Aurora 0.

Bantam A - Aurora 7 - Paul Neophytou 1G 1A, Liam Coll 1G 1A, Jack Caldwell 1G, Liam Beresford 1G, Erik Balkovec 1G, Zac Cowl 1G, Alec Ground 1G, Kyle Nice 1A, Evan Jackson 1A. **Innisfil 5.**

Bantam AE - Aurora 3 - Brayden Beswick 1G, Nathan Nealon 1A, Victor Chadarov 1A, Kyle Nice 1G, Kyle Strachan 1A, Brett Bond 1A. **Stouffville 1.**

Bantam AE - Aurora 2 - Ryan McGolrick 1G, Nathan Nealon 1G. **Beeton 2**.

Bantam AE - Aurora 6 - Brayden Beswick 2G 1A, Scott Kostin 1G 1A, Brett Bond 2G, Ryan McGolrick 1G, Victor Chadarov 1A.
Richmond Hill 5.

M Midget A - Aurora 4 - Conor Fennell 2G, Matthew Pryse 2G, Eric Archibald 1A, Liam Killops 1A, Vincent Ruscica 1A, Daniel Fiori 1A, Quincy Ing 1A, Colton Lee 1A.
Newmarket 1.

M Midget A - Aurora 4 - Eric Archibald 1G, Ryan Baskin 1G 1A, Vincent Ruscica 1G 1A, Matthew Pryse 1G 1A, Andrew McDonald 1A, Colton Lee 1A.
Bradford 3.

M Midget A - Aurora 1 - Hayden Trask 1G, Eric Damecour 1A, Vincent Ruscica 1A, Ethan Slimkowich, shutout. **Barrie 0.**

M Midget AE - Aurora 3 - Connor Moody 2G, Paul Steiner 1G, Jeffrey Lam 1A, Chris Cherubini 1A. **Kalamazoo 3.**

M Midget AE - Aurora 5 - Christopher Tsianos 1G 1A, Connor Moody 2G 1A, Eliot Harkin 1G 2A, Matthew Reeves 1G, Taylor Coveart, shutout. **Bartlett Geneva 0.**

M Midget AE - Aurora 5 - Daniel Jones 1G 1A, Kyle Fedec 1G, Matthew Reeves 1G, Casy Severini 1G, Sasha Dajia 1G, Eliot Harkin 1A, Christopher Tsianos 1A, Connor Moody 1A, Andrew Stobbe, shutout. **Oak Park River Forest 0.**

M Midget AE - Aurora 2 - Casey Severini 1G, Matthew Reeves 1G, Chris Cherubini 1A, Christopher Tsianos 1A, Connor McQuillan 1A, Taylor Coveart SO, shutout. **Waterloo Ice Wolves 0**.

M Midget AE - Hamilton Cyclones 3. Aurora 2 - Collin Laird 1G 1A, Kyle Fedec 1G, Sasha Dajia 1A.

M Midget AE - Burlington 1. Aurora 0.

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The Aurora Peewee A Tigers were victorious recently when they won all the marbles at a hockey tournament in Lake Placid, New York. Playing in the CanAm Challenge, the Aurora team played against some of the best players in Canada and the United States, and when the dust had settled, had won five games - four of them shutouts - scored 22 goals and had only one scored against them. Making up the team are, in the first row, Cole Chapman and Matthew Tanel. In the second row, left to right, are Matthew Liscio, Alistair Johnson, Colin Kostin, Anthony Orlandi, Evan Cherubini, Daniel McConnell, Shaun Broad and Cameron Zinner. In the third row, left to right, are, Eric Shennan, Ryan Coveart, Tristan Kuchar, Bryan Manweiler, Jack Bryant, Mathew Tyndall and Spencer White.

Two more losses for Tigers

The Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey team dropped two more games last week, and are currently tied for sixth place in the North Division with the Orangeville Flyers.

Both teams have 30 points. Only Collingwood is lower in the division.

Saturday night in Hamilton, Aurora was defeated 6-2, partly due to the three-goal effort of Chrstian Powers.

He opened the scoring in the first period on a power play and added two more goals in the third to seal the victory for the Red Wings, before more than 500 fans.

The next day, in Aurora, fewer than 125 watched as the Oakville Blades scored nine unanswered goals before winning the game 9-1.

Oakville is currently in fourth place in the West Division of the league.

The Blades opened the scoring a pair of goals in the first period, added five more in the middle frame, then scored twice in the third before Aurora managed to spoil Daniel Savelli's shutout attempt at 12.06 of the final frame.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the ice, Aurora goaltender Knick Dawe was replaced after 30 minutes by Michael Mitchell. Mitchell gave up another six goals before the game ended.

The Tigers have a busy week ahead of them, travelling to Stouffville Thursday night, where they will tangle with the division's fifth-place team, the Spirit.

Friday, they meet their arch rivals from Newmarket in a game at the Aurora Community Centre that begins at 7.30 p.m.

The Newmarket Hurricanes currently lead the division and the league with 60 points.

On Sunday, the Tigers play host to the Milton Icehawks, who bring up the rear of the Western Division.

That game begins at 2.30 p.m.

Orangeville, meanwhile, travels to Huntsville Friday, then hosts the Newmarket Hurricanes Saturday night.

HAMILTON 6
AURORA 2

First Period

H - Christian Powers (Hyman) PP 5.12

Second Period

A - Ryan Johnson (Reed, McLaughlin) PP 17.28

Third Period

H - Andrew Radjenovic (Crnogorac, Gibson) PP 1.30

H - Christian Powers (Gibson, Radjenovic) 2,28

H - Matt Carey (Hyman, Crnogorac) 8.27

H - Christian Powers (Crnogorac, Hyman) PP 15.27

A - Adam Moody (unassisted) 18.05

H - Tyler Gaudet (McLoughlin, Gibson) 19.19

OAKVILLE 9
AURORA 1

First Period

O - Mark McGowan (Blaney, Cromie) 1.08

O - Tyler Karius (Thompson, Lysaght) 8.30

Second Period

O - Mark Bennett (Russell) 2.34

O - Mark McGowan (Hickey) SH 5.49

O - Kyle Blaney (Russell) SH 8.14

O - Tyler Karius (Thompson, Lysaght) 9.44

O - Stefan Thompson (Lysaght, Cromie) 19.22

Third Period

O - Kyle Lysaght (Karius, Thompson) 1.27

O - Pat Sitko (Bennett, Wood) 7.30

A - EJ Faust (Priestap, Johnson) 12.06.

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NICOLE MARINO

Figure skater couldn't wait to don the blades

As a small child, Nicole Marino so enjoyed watching her older sister and brother skate that she couldn't wait to take to the ice herself.

From the first time she stepped on the ice at age three and was able to make it across the rink without falling, she knew that skating was something that she would really enjoy.

She grew up loving the sport.

Nicole, a Newmarket resident, is now almost 13 years old and skating continues to be her passion. She is a member of the Aurora Skating Club.

Recently, as part of a talent selection process, Nicole was picked as one of 48 skaters from across Central Ontario Section for the 2010 COS Primary Stars Team.

She enjoyed a full day training seminar at the new Sixteen Mile Complex in Oakville where she performed her solo in front of some national judges.

She was given good feedback that she and her coaches are now applying to her skating.

Her progress will continue to be monitored by Skate Canada.

Nicole is very grateful for having had this opportunity and she enjoyed meeting other skaters from the Development Team.

Nicole continues to be inspired to work hard at skating.

Last spring she competed in the Boston Pizza StarSkate Central Ontario Championships where she placed second in her flight, and place ninth in the finals.

She credits her family for support and her Aurora coaches Andy Klein, Blair Koski-Klein and Danny Sorley for their hard work and expertise in helping her to achieve her goals.

Kaczor captures winner's trophy

Twelve-year-old Samantha Kaczor captured the winner's trophy in the 100-metre backstroke to lead an 11-member contingent of Aurora Ducks swimmers at the 27th Youth Cup of Swimming held in Etobicoke recently.

A total of 882 swimmers representing 48 swim clubs and an all-star team from the Republic of China attended the four-day event at the Etobicoke Olympium.

The Youth Cup is recognized as the premier youth competition in swimming as it falls at the culmination of the fall short-course competitive season.

Kaczor sped to a time of 1.08:54 in the 100-metre backstroke which maintains her number one position in Canada for this event and ahead of the Chinese national team representative.

Her time qualifies her for the Ontario Senior Provincial Championship and lies just short (8/100th of a second) of the Eastern Canadian Championship entry standard.

Ted Pispidikis won the 12-year-old boys 100-metre freestyle with a time of 1.03:3.

Victoria Wicks also stepped to the top of the podium in winning the 13-14 girls 100-metre Breaststroke in the time of 1.17:08.

Erika Savage, 12, swam to a thrilling sixth place finish in the 800-metre freestyle in the very fast time of 9.49:01.

At the other end of the event spectrum, she also placed fifth in the 50-metre freestyle in 29:17 seconds.

In other highlights, the 13-14 girls medley relay team of Nicole Roberts, 14, Victoria Wicks, 14, Kimberly Phan, and Sarah Shum finished in second place behind the Chinese select team and ahead of other Canadian opposition, only to face the disappointment of a false start disqualification.

Phan placed first in the preliminaries of the 100-metre butterfly in a time of 1.06:27, but withdrew from the finals in favour of performing fully rested at the Paul Bergen International Youth meet in Portland, Oregon, this weekend where she will represent Aurora's Ducks Swimming as a member of Swim Ontario's provincial youth team.

"This was a very high level of competition", said Ducks coach Sam Montgomery, "Ducks swimmers are performing at an international level right here at home in the GTA and are presenting Aurora Ducks swimming as a quality swim team on the rise, with several future stars aggressively on the move."

Monday night hockey results

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Masterclean Contracting	8	2	1	43	26	17
Highland Chev-Olds-Gep-Cad	7	3	1	40	32	15
FPL Aggregates	6	4	1	37	39	13
Copper Creek	5	5	1	40	36	11
Baldwin's	5	5	1	54	49	11
Rec Cycle N' Sports	4	5	2	34	40	10
Tom & Jerry's	2	7	2	34	43	6
Priestly Demolition	2	8	1	36	45	5

WEEKLY RESULTS

Highlands Chev	3	FPL Aggregates	4
Tom & Jerry's	3	Copper Creek	3
Baldwins	6	Masterclean	4
Priestly Demolition	6	Rec Sports	1

PLAYER STANDINGS

	G	A	Pts.
Steve Kavanagh Baldwins	7	13	20
Al Perkins Baldwins	12	7	19
John Archibald Copper Creek	6	12	18
Mark Sedore Priestly	10	6	16
Ryan Spampinato Tom & Jerry's	9	7	16
Tom Hussey Copper Creek	8	8	16
Paul Wolanski Copper Creek	8	8	16
Brad McMillan Baldwins	7	8	15
Kevin O'Keefe Highlands	5	9	14
Jeff Sleep Rec Sports	9	4	13
Ed Kilroy Rec Sports	6	7	13
John Leeder Baldwins	6	7	13
Darren Yaremko FPL	6	6	12
Craig McConnell Highlands	4	8	12
Rob Carnegie Masterclean	0	12	12
Phil Podstatzky Priestly	8	3	11
Pat O'Mahoney Masterclean	7	3	10
Rob Blakely Masterclean	6	4	10
Scott Crabbe Highlands	6	3	9
Steve Robertson Masterclean	6	3	9
Ryan Bryce Masterclean	5	4	9
Doug Adair Rec Sports	5	4	9
Glen Bince FPL	4	5	9
Raz Khamissa Tom & Jerry's	5	4	9
Ron Thiessen Tom & Jerry's	4	5	9
Gareth McDonald Priestly	2	7	9
Murray Campbell Highlands	4	4	8
Ron VanNoort FPL	4	4	8
Dave Caverley FPL	3	5	8
Jody Matthews Highlands	3	5	8
Darryl Thompson Tom & Jerry's	3	5	8
Ed Jackson Baldwins	0	8	8
Ken Rumble Highlands	4	3	7
Craig Gellatly FPL	3	4	7
Bob Nunn Baldwins	3	4	7
Mike O'Connor Copper Creek	3	4	7
Peter Briand Baldwins	2	5	7
Hugh Alcorn Masterclean	1	6	7
Ken Heinrich Rec Sports	1	6	7

Church women offer thanks

To the editor,

The Anglican Church Women of Trinity Church Aurora are very grateful to the Parish, volunteers, visitors, guests and the community for their generous contributions to our successful 'Christmas Tree Bazaar' of 2010.

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A) The negative comments posted on blogs such as AuroraCitizen.ca?
B) Ms. Morris' $6 million lawsuit against three local bloggers to obtain the identities of anonymous posters on AuroraCitizen.ca?
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Aurora students Tory Gibson, left, and Megan Scully stand beside their fundraising table outside of Pet Valu near Bayview and Wellington Friday morning. Ms. Gibson and Ms. Scully sold hot chocolate and other items throughout the weekend to raise money for and awareness of the Thornhill-based North Toronto Cat Rescue.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

Network is looking for snow shovellers

Neighbourhood Network is calling for volunteers to lend a hand in their annual snow removal service in several key areas in Town, the organization announced last week.

According to Lisbeth Goodyear of Neighbourhood Network, 58 people were seeking volunteers to clear their driveways and walkways - particularly residents over 65. Nearly 30 spots had been claimed so far at press time.

Neighbourhood Network has earmarked a number of areas in need of volunteers.

They include Davidson Road, Foreht Crescent, George Street, Hollandview Trail, Heathwood Heights Boulevard, Kennedy Street West, Morland Crescent, Orchard Heights Boulevard, Parkland Court, Petermann Street, Raiford Street, Snedden Avenue, Stiles Avenue, and Stoddard Drive.

"Neighbourhood Network offers a volunteer snow removal service for eligible seniors and persons with disabilities," said Linda Potter, the organization's administrator. "This program matches volunteer snow shovellers in the community with registered clients living in the towns of Newmarket and Aurora.

"With the recent snowfall, we have had numerous requests. If you or someone you know lives in these neighbourhoods and would be willing to clear a driveway... we'll match you up."

Volunteers are also needed for the 2010 Salvation Army Kettle Drive, which is already underway, added Ms. Goodyear.

"There are 10 [kettle] locations," said Ms. Goodyear. "The shifts are two hours in duration and can be anywhere from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.."

The Salvation Army Kettle Drive kicked off on November 27 and continues right up until December 24.

Secondary School students in need of community service hours are particularly welcome Neighbourhood Network volunteers, she added.

"We're encouraging all Aurora residents to help with this major fundraiser," she said. "In a typical day, there are 100 shifts that need to be filled. About half are currently filled."

To register as a Neighbourhood Network volunteer, call Ms. Goodyear at 905-726-3737.

Trees could be replaced

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study, comments on mitigation, and compensation tree planting requirements.

The rest is in the Region's hands, said Mr. Main, including determining which parts of Beacon Hall are considered woodlots, versus areas considered woodland.

"Woodlots are essentially smaller areas and don't require as much jurisdiction and, if given the go-ahead, we'd hope to be able to move on those areas quicker than others," said Mr. Main. "The woodland areas would likely require more of a vetting process with their permits and applications through the Council at the Region.

"We're following through with all their expectations of that, and that is exactly what we expected. We showed them our plan and they were suitably impressed."

For the trees that are eventually removed from the property, Beacon Hall is planning on doing a compensation planting process which would see several of the trees replaced.

"We're working with an environmental architect as well as an arbourist and we have an ecological study that will be done for this project as well," he said. "We take all that into account and obviously it affects wildlife so we want to make sure that we're replanting and it assists the ecological system in the area.

"What most golf courses do is they'll find areas on their course that don't interfere with the grass or the playability of the golf course, and they plant trees. If we have to re-plant a tree for the environment for that area, then why not re-plant some nice trees in the area where other people can enjoy them as well?

"You take one tree and you replace it with two or three, or whatever the recommendation is from the Region, so you hopefully get a net gain out of the effects of removing the trees.

"I fear sometimes we get painted as the 'Big Bad Wolf' here, but we're really just trying to run our business and want to do that in a sustainable way."

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Time to look at dinner theatre for the seniors

By BRIAN WARBURTON

The Christmas dinner Friday proved true to its promise of the joyful style of celebration at which Christmas festivities excel.

The Dickens' Committee in period costume presented "A Christmas Carol" which was delightful. Their presentation based on the CBC1 radio script of the Charles Dickens' story fitted the occasion and an appreciative audience received it well.

Charles Dickens with his great novel "A Christmas Carol", launched Christmas to its eminent position in the Christian calendar of events, and for many in the evening's audience, the Dickens Committee of Tottenham who presented the show, captured Dickens exquisitely.

The Christmas Dinner/Theatre format as presented, suggests more of the same would be a direction worth pursuing.

The association has a full complement of actors, singers and entertainers of every description who could display their abilities combined with a dinner event.

Such events would provide strong and healthy growth for the entertainment element, embedded firmly in the culture of the Seniors' Centre, which promises to expand if opportunity and encouragement combine to provide the right forum for entertainment.

Worthy of comment is the fine volunteer effort of the Kitchen staff, headed by Bill Higgins.

In attendance were Mayor Geoff Dawe, and Al Downey, who each addressed the audience with Mayor Dawe expressing his view that volunteer work by the seniors, is equal to eight full time Town staff.

The ASA group of seniors contains dynamic members who get things done, some of which, the Senior Scape weekly column captures and records for all to read.

The Chess Club invites new members to play chess at 6 p.m. each Tuesday.

The club continues with a nucleus of about six members, each of whom played chess as young men, dropped out for decades and have now resumed.

The present members are competitive, meaning they both win and lose which provides a healthy environment for club play, and would be suitable for anybody who wishes to resume chess as a friendly and challenging method of creating quality time in retired life.

Chess not only offers beneficial exercise, but also offers absolute satisfaction after playing a great game, which is better after a win but, after a great game, the feeling is good, win or lose!

The Aurora Seniors Association reminds everybody that the Christmas Dance will take place on Friday, December 17th, starting at 8 p.m.

This year a donation of an unwrapped toy in support of Neighbourhood Network's third annual toy drive will alleviate some of the heartbreak of children deprived of Christmas cheer through no fault of their own.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus and one of Santa's impish elves will visit to make sure everything reflects the pure theme of Christmas.

Angus Mackenzie at 905-833-4457, will provide additional information, if necessary.

At the Computer club general meeting Tuesday, Jan Haarink talked about the Linux operating system which formerly had been a familiar name but little else.

Jan informed us that often an older computer will accept Linux and can be dedicated to specific tasks including e-mail, browsing the internet and doing basic office tasks, possibly freeing up memory on a newer computer.

The Internet will generate more information regarding Linux and Ubuntu, two easily recognised, well known names, and if this manner of utilizing older equipment attracts your interest, visit the Seniors Centre computer club.

For the elderly wishing entry to the technology age, the ASA Computer Club can be of great assistance, and offers basic computer training for novice seniors, many hundreds of whom have profited from computer lessons.

Christmas brings a raft of presents and often computer technology is a part of the whole, so remember, other seniors have entered the world of computer operation successfully.

This past year saw the arrival of new members to the ASA, some of whom add to the considerable expertise already present in the Computer Club and so help power those who benefit from help.

Many members remain happy to operate their computers at a relatively minimal level, primarily employing computer equipment for e-mails, games and occasional forays into the internet.

For newcomers to computing, playing catch-up is realistic if time, patience and diligence, all powered by the captivating power, and elegance of computing skills, drives initiative steadily forward. Allowing a year to learn the basics of computing and to become comfortable with the knowledge, will pave whichever pathway is chosen to follow.

Councillors thank public

Aurora's newest crop of councillors are "humbled, honoured, and grateful" by the voters' choice, said the newly elected members in their remarks to residents during the Inaugural Meeting of the 2010 - 2014 Council last Tuesday.

The December 7 meeting was the first opportunity for them to speak to the public officially as councillors, having taken their Oath of Office just minutes before.

All eight councillors had the chance to send a message to voters following Mayor Geoff Dawe's inaugural address.

First up to speak was Councillor John Abel, who was expected to become deputy-mayor at this week's meeting, thanking residents for their "overwhelming support" and wished former Mayor Phyllis Morris and Councillors Alison Collins-Mrakas, Stephen Granger, Evelina MacEachern, Bob McRoberts, and Al Wilson the best of luck in their future endeavours.

Councillor Abel indicated he was ready to get down to business and "turn the page".

"We are fortunate to have a mix of experience and knowledge, combined with dedicated, hard working newcomers," he said. "I believe this council brings positive energy and a renewed spirit of cooperation.

For Councillor Michael Thompson, he is looking forward to being a voice for citizens on council and for their interests.

"To the residents of Aurora, I think there is no greater honour than to be elected to public service," he said. "You put your faith in us and you put your trust in us to do the job. I look forward to ensuring that every day I am that representative."

He also paid personal tribute to his family, including his wife and daughter for their support.

Tuesday's meeting was a family affair for Councillor Evelyn Buck, whose remarks followed Councillor Thompson. Four generations of her family were in attendance - her children, grandchildren, and a great-grandchild - to cheer her on.

"My children grew up not paying very much attention to what mum was doing... and this might be the greatest number of my children who have ever attended!" she said, with a laugh.

In her remarks, she reiterated her commitment to service and thanked people who have supported her for nearly 50 years.

The family of Sandra Humfryes was also well represented in the public gallery, including her husband and father.

"It has been a tough year, but it is going to be a great year coming forward," Ms. Humfryes, who lost her mother earlier this year, told her father from the podium.

"The next four years are going to be exciting, challenging, and very successful," she added. "I am looking so forward to working with these amazing individuals that you elected to council, a fantastic leader, and I just wanted to thank everyone again."

Like his fellow Councillors, John Gallo also said he was humbled by being elected to public office, but indicated that it might be more so for him as he was appointed, not elected, the last time around.

"I hope my election is a direct result of my actions [on Council] for the past two and a half years," he said.

"The reality is that I could not have been anywhere near as successful if it wasn't for some pretty amazing people. There is no greater feeling than family and friends who spend hours to help you on your campaign for no other reason than just because you asked.

For Wendy Gaertner, who had to leave right after her speech due to a family illness, the prime responsibility of a councillor is to "serve their constituents' needs."

"For the last seven years, my only motivation has been to do what is right for our wonderful Town," she said. "The mayor and councillors have just taken an oath of office promising to do their job responsibly and honourably. Going forward, I trust that we will be able to set aside our ego and self interest and work only to do what is right for Aurora."

In his remarks, which came at the end of the meeting, Councillor Paul Pirri, thanked those who contributed to his success at the polls.

Before Councillor Pirri spoke, however, Councillor Chris Ballard appeared to be looking forward to this term with gusto.

"I thank the voters for their confidence and I vow to uphold the promises that I made and the requests that I have heard," he said. "For the past four years I have volunteered on a number of committees and really appreciated the level and quality of the staff we have here and I look forward to continuing to build that relationship.

"I'm humbled; I look forward to serving the people of Aurora, and let the games begin!"

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