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Integrity Commissioner issue is put to rest

The issue of the Integrity Commissioner was put to rest last week with councillors voting 7-2 against reinstating the position, but with that out of the way, the equally controversial Code of Conduct remains on the books - a document Town Solicitor Warren Mar said "seems to be causing a little more grief at this stage than warranted for its continued existence."

Mr. Mar made his comments during last Tuesday's discussion surrounding Councillor Wendy Gaertner's motion to set the wheels in motion to fill the vacant Integrity Commissioner position.

In her arguments in favour of the motion, Councillor Gaertner pointed out that an Integrity Commissioner was needed to go hand in hand with Aurora's Code of Conduct, something she said was "the law of Council".

As the discussion went on, however, the focus of the conversation shifted to whom exactly is bound by the confines of the Code of Conduct - only those who have signed it, or council as a whole? Councillors Paul Pirri and Chris Ballard took opposing sides in the debate, with Councillor Pirri saying that it "isn't a law that we have to follow", while Councillor Ballard said it needs to be followed as it is a bylaw of council.

Neither councillor has actually signed the Code of Conduct.

But according to Mr. Mar, while the bylaw is one matter, enforcement of said bylaw is horse of a different colour.

"Whether or not council chooses to enforce its Code of Conduct is a separate matter entirely," said Mr. Mar. "As far as I can see, council has been quite content not to do so. It doesn't mean that the bylaw lacks validity but if council doesn't see fit to apply the Code of Conduct or to enforce it that is, in effect, saying they don't believe in it."

"I think it is a different question here as to if council feels they need a Code of Conduct and we seem to be skirting around that. That might be something council needs to address, whether a Code of Conduct is appropriate in this

case.

"If the bylaw is there, you should adhere to it, but if nobody is willing to enforce it, then my suggestion is that council simply eliminate that bylaw. It seems to be causing a little more grief at this stage than is warranted for its continued existence."

Through further discussion among Councillor John Abel, Mr. Mar, and Town Clerk John Leach, it was determined that the Code of Conduct could be repealed through a notice of motion or simply through a motion put on the floor at that moment under a motion for matters under consideration.

"If the issue is on the floor and the issue is being discussed and pertains to a particular bylaw, then certainly council has the option to move a motion that the bylaw be repealed and then it would be up to staff to bring forward a bylaw to rescind the bylaw in question," said Mr. Leach.

Although Councillor Pirri made a motion to have the Code of Conduct repealed, it was decided by council to await a report already in the works from Town Staff, tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on both the Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics.

Tigers blank Milton 8-0

The Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey team opened their regular season last week, winning two of three games played and winding up tied for second place in the north division.

However, they lost to their arch rivals, league-leading Newmarket Hurricanes 4-1, when they began regular play last Wednesday night.

Since then, however, they defeated the Markham Waxers 4-2 Thursday night, then blanked the Milton Icehawks 8-0 in their home-opener Saturday night.

A full report of the three games may be found on Page 12.



MPP Frank Klees discusses the closing of Foodland with a senior citizen, who lives across the street from the food store, slated to close at the end of the month. Klees has arranged with Sobeys on Bayview to deliver food and perhaps provide a bus to take the seniors shopping.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Sobeys saves day for seniors

Residents of a seniors community on Orchard Heights Boulevard breathed a sigh of relief Friday as the Aurora Sobeys Store on Bayview Avenue near Hollidge Boulevard stepped up to the plate to fill a gap that will be left when the local Foodland store closes its doors at the end of October.

Late last month, the seniors living across the road from the St. Andrew's Plaza grocery store made their concerns over the impending

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Aurora may soon have new curator

Aurora's historical artefacts could soon get a new curator after Councillor Evelyn Buck's motion to have terms of reference for the position drafted was

approved by council last week.

In her motion, which first came to the council table in August, Councillor Buck said that the resources a curator could

bring to the collection are "required to re-establish museum service to develop the program and provide guidance and leadership to the volunteer community."

It is the latest step in efforts to restore a museum to the Aurora community, something which has been advocated by several Councillors, with Councillor Buck pushing for a museum to be re-established within the Church Street School - now home to the Aurora Cultural Centre - which, in her view, is the museum's "rightful place."

"Since 1976, Aurora has invested millions of dollars in repairs to restore and maintain its structure of Church Street School," said Councillor Buck in support of her motion. "It was to stand as a symbol of the values of the founding families who struggled and sacrificed to create a place where families could grow and prosper. In 2006, Aurora Council committed \$2.3 million to restore the interior of the building with a state of the art museum design funded by the Aurora Historical Society and adopted by Council."

"Today, no museum exists in the Church Street School. The collection is stored in boxes in the basement. Space has apparently been provided for the Historical Society to catalogue the col-

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But it almost didn't happen

Before council approved going forward with drafting terms of reference for a museum curator last week, discussions nearly hit a snag when an error was pointed out in Councillor Evelyn Buck's motion.

In her motion, she said that \$50,000 had been allocated in the 2011 Budget for the position of a curator, while the actual motion passed at budget time was for "heritage issues" that could arise rather than a specific position.

The discrepancy was questioned by Councillors Chris Ballard, Wendy Gaertner and John Gallo who ultimately voted against Councillor Buck's motion.

"I couldn't support the motion because it is inaccurate," said Councillor Ballard. "Funds were not provided in the 2011 budget for the purposes of a museum curator, so I don't know how we can ask that motion when it is based upon an inaccuracy."

But in original budget talks, however, this \$50,000 allocation within the

budget clearly stemmed from the original intent, which was to provide the money for the position of a curator. The original motion put on the floor was that \$50,000 be added to the budget "with the understanding it is for the possible allocation of a curator provided that \$50,000 is found in another area and approved by council."

At the time, however, Councillor Gallo said he was "worried" that with the original motion council would be "restricted to those funds being used for a curator".

At Town Treasurer Dan Elliott's suggestion, however, the wording was changed to "heritage issues."

"That way it is open-ended, whether it is a curator or consultant, staff have a pretty good idea of what needs to be done," said Mr. Elliott at a recent meeting. "It would be my advice that you leave it unspecified at this point in time and you don't plan for this purpose that you're talking about tonight and you leave it for the unforeseen."

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COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

This year the Aurora Chamber of Commerce's Annual General Meeting will be held this evening from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street. The 2010 - 2011 Audited Financial Statements and year end reports will be presented, followed by the induction of the Board of Directors. A cocktail reception, catered by Maunders Food Shop, will follow the formal part of the meeting. Cost is \$10 for members.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Spirit Nights - A Taste of Wine at the Aurora Cultural Centre. Enjoy an evening of 'tutored tastings' of limited edition wines, paired with artisan cheeses, all led by wine expert Chris Price. Round out the evening with visits to all three galleries with the artists in attendance to talk about their works, and the melodies of jazz pianist Paul Neufeld. Tickets are \$60 each and tables of eight are available for groups. Net proceeds benefit programming at the Centre. For tickets or inquiries contact the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, at info@auroraculturalcentre.ca or phone 905-713-1818. Mark your calendars for two more Spirit Nights: Friday, October 21, 2011 Oktoberfest! With George Kash's lively band & Saturday, December 3, 2011 Scotch - A Night of Nosing sampling the finest single malts.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

The Art of Stenciling, with Deborah Mores, an artist, teacher, home furnishing designer and business owner. She will bring more than 30 years of expertise to this workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Lebovic Room. \$20 per person and you must be 18 years and older. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk, or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

At Sheppard's Bush in Aurora Nordic Pole Walking's Shawn Nisbet will hold a free "First Steps Clinic" from 9 to 10:30 a.m., a clinic designed for those who would like to learn the basics about Nordic Pole walking. For further information send an e-mail to info@shawnnisbet.com or call 416-804-0938, especially if you would like to borrow a set of poles for the morning.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Movie tonight at the Aurora Seniors' Centre is "Pride and Prejudice" starring Kiera Knightly. Sparks fly when spirited Elizabeth Bennett meets single, rich, and proud Mr. Darcy. But Mr. Darcy reluctantly finds himself falling in love with a woman beneath his class. Can each overcome their own pride and prejudice? Movies start at 6:30 p.m. and costs \$1.50 for members.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

The Triple P Parenting workshop series returns to Aurora Public Library. Join the group the last Wednesday of each month, September to May, excluding December. A variety of topics will help you answer your parenting questions and needs. All meetings at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce first Business After Five meeting is a complimentary event hosted by Apple Suites, 16 Industrial Parkway South, which runs from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Theatre Aurora presents Michael Healey's The Drawer Boy. This thoughtful and touching Canadian drama tells the story of two boyhood friends, Morgan and Angus, who live together on a farm. Morgan is a tough-minded, stubborn man who cares for Angus, who suffered brain damage and memory loss during the bombing of London in the Second World War. Angus is initially identified as "the drawer boy" because he used to design buildings, and has the talents of an architect. A visitor threatens to unravel their memories. Produced by Kay Valentine and directed by Andrea Emmerton. Performances are September 30, October 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 (matinee), 12, 13, 14, 15, with evening performances at 8 p.m. and the matinee at 2 p.m. Theatre Aurora is located at 150 Henderson Drive, Aurora. Purchase tickets on-line through the website www.theatreaurora.com, or you may contact the box office by email at taboxoffice@bellnet.ca or by telephone at 905-727-3669.

OCTOBER 1, 2, 6 AND 7

The Canadian Cancer Society: Holland River Unit will be running the Pink Ribbon event in October. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and volunteers from the Canadian Cancer Society will be selling pink ribbons on the above dates to raise awareness about breast health. Funds raised during this campaign will support breast cancer research and community programs for people living with breast cancer and their families.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

The Juno nominated Sultans of String bring their CD release tour to the Aurora Cultural Centre tonight at

7.30. Tickets are available at the door from the Cultural Centre for general admission seating for \$30. Advance tickets are \$25.

"Freedom of Expressionism" (abstract artist Katja Van den Enden) and "Moments in Time" (George Boyer) Gallery Show & Sales continue through until October 7, 2011 at the Aurora Cultural Centre, formerly the Church Street School. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 pm, or by appointment. For further information send an e-mail to info@auroraculturalcentre.ca or phone 905-713-1818.

You're invited to be part of the Aurora Artist Studio Tour 2011, a group of professional artists along with emerging artists from Aurora, inviting the public into its homes for its second year two-day annual studio tour on Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The following artists are already participating: Jean Beard, David Beard, Deborah Campo, Eva Folks, Maya Rodrigues, Judy Sherman and Christine Valentini.

Celebrate Culture Days at the Aurora Cultural Centre with free programming for the whole family. "Doh See Doh Like a Pro!" - learn to square dance with the ASA Square Dancers in a fun, family friendly atmosphere from 11 a.m. to noon. Create your own "Freedom of Expressionism" Art Collage with Katja Van den Enden from noon to 3 p.m. No experience is required. The Aurora Cultural Centre is located at 22 Church Street and is fully accessible at the north entrance.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Writers' Community of York Region presents a free Unleash the Writer Within Workshop in celebration of Culture Days. Learn how to capture your writer's voice on the page. Facilitated by Susan Lynn Reynolds, the event begins at 10:30 a.m. For advance registration, or for inquiries, please contact www.wcyork.ca. The event takes place at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

Strategic plan consultations will take place this evening at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, 90 John West Way, from 7 to 9.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

The Tuesday Philosophy Club meets tonight at the Aurora Public Library in the Lebovic Room at 7 p.m. What is the meaning of life? Why are we here? Is there an ultimate purpose to my existence? If these questions have ever crossed your mind, join the club. No prior experience in philosophy is required. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk, or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Join the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at the black tie (optional) 2011 Business Achievement Awards Dinner, which will be held at The Manor, 16750 Weston Road, Kettleby. Cocktails start at 5.30 p.m., with dinner and awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person plus HST. Visit the Chamber website for details and to purchase tickets.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Tonight is the opening reception for "Being Métis" Show and Sale by artist Nathalie Bertin. From images of traditional trades to political statements, tied together by designs inspired from the art of the "Flower Beadwork People", Bertin celebrates her Algonquin and French heritage, honours the Métis tradition, recognizes the courage of early Canadian settlers and acknowledges the debt we own to our First Peoples. Artist Reception and Walk and Talk at 7 p.m., with guest Métis fiddler Alicia Blore. Admission is free. Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street.

The Heritage Sports Art & Memorabilia Show and Sale happens at the Aurora Cultural Centre today. Many original framed sports art pieces for sale by artists including William Band, Nola McConnan, and Tino Paolini of St. Andrew's College. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 1 to 4 p.m., or by appointment. Show continues through until October 29 at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street. Admission is free.

OCTOBER 12-15

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

The annual Aurora Prayer Breakfast will be held this morning from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. sharp. Guest speaker is Dr. Rick Tobias who will speak on "Breaking the cycle of multi-generational poverty, with a particular focus on youth-at-risk". Dr. Tobias brings his passion and strategies for community-wide change to Aurora. Best known for his life-long advocacy on behalf of low-income and marginalized people and for collaborating with business and professional leaders to promote change in the city, the President and CEO of Yonge Street Mission, will be the speaker. The event will be held at The Mansion, formerly Dinardo's, 400 Industrial Parkway South, and the \$25 admission includes a hot breakfast. For tickets contact www.auroraprayerbreakfast.ca or call 905-506-0566.

Celebrate Ontario Public Library Week, October 17-21. Meet award-winning author Camilla Gibb who will read from and discuss The Beauty of Humanity Movement this evening at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room. Admission is free with ticket. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk, or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

The Aurora Cultural Centre presents former Toronto Mayor, John Sewell with the heritage lecture "William

Lyon Mackenzie and the Upper Canada Rebellion." Almost everyone has heard of the fiery rebel, but what did he actually do to lead the rebellion? Mr. Sewell will illuminate the legacy of Mackenzie's actions. Everyone is welcome; admission by donation gratefully received, with light refreshments provided. Activity gets underway at 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 21 AND 22

The Aurora United Church presents its fall Rummage Sale today and tomorrow. Judging by the success of the spring sale there is still a need for people to acquire gently used items. All proceeds go back into the local community including the Welcoming Arms project. Friday, the event runs from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the individual sale and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon for the Bag Sale. Items include clothes, books, toys and linen. For further information, call 905-727-1935.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

Join Aurora resident Lisa Turner for this 2-part adult craft workshop. Fee includes all supplies. Workshop happens at 7 p.m. and costs \$10 per person. Seating is limited. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk, or call 905-727-9493 option 4.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Aurora's Pine Tree Potters' Guild will be hosting its second annual Empty Bowls fund-raising event. Tickets, at \$45, are now on sale and are available from the Aurora Cultural Centre, Vic's Shoe Repair and Meridian Credit Union.

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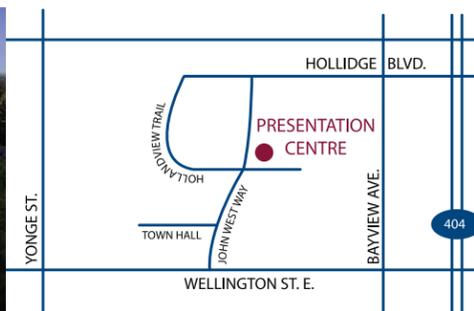
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Downtown Aurora is shown here several decades ago. Note the old town hall tower behind the old post office building on the east side of Yonge Street, where today's traffic lights are located at the busy corner of Yonge and Wellington. The radial line which ran from Toronto to Sutton has been removed, signalling the end of the streetcar era on Yonge Street.



Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Opening night for the Tigers

Went to the opening game of the Junior A Aurora Tigers Saturday night, and left before the end of the final period. Yes, Patricia was with me.

When your favourite team is up by seven goals, what else is there to do?

The Tigers handed the Milton Icehawks an 8-0 drubbing but there were a few problems.

1. The place was nearly empty. A total of 188 bodies, many from Milton, were there, but the arena, which holds about 1,400 looked empty.

2. There was no opening ceremony, much of my reason for going. Usually, the mayor drops the puck and all the photogs record the moment for posterity, but neither Aurora's mayor, Geoffrey Dawe, nor any member of his council, showed up for the occasion. If the late Dick Illingworth were still the Aurora mayor, he'd have been there and stayed for the entire game, since he was definitely the Tigers' number one fan.

3. They now play music every time the whistle is blown by a linesman or referee. Why? It's loud and it means nothing to me. Maybe I'm getting old.

4. Can I hear a Tiger roar every time Aurora scores a goal? Nice touch. I hope it roars a lot this year.

5. The advertised tailgate party set up outside the community centre was a bust. There was no one there.

6. For Aurora, it was the Tigers' second win in three tries this year, and, according to the coach, Jim Richmond, it was all because of goalie Brett Sinclair who wasn't that busy Saturday night, but did have to stop 26 Milton shots. Friday, Milton edged the Hamilton Red Wings 7-6.

SIGNS

Frank Klees is complaining that someone is tearing down his signs and he's prepared to remind offenders it's against the law. "It's probably just kids," he said.

I'm prepared to go a step farther. Election signs should be illegal on public property everywhere.

Signs on private property don't appear to be damaged, and they give you a pretty good idea of who is voting for whom.

Letters to the Editor

Reader believes he knows where town's water is going

To the editor,

Mr. Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure, has spent a lot of time and energy trying to find where Aurora's water is going.

Wasted energy because he does not have all the facts.

If there is no water meter where the water is being used, his numbers are only a guess.

Is there a water meter at Town Hall?

Is there a water meter on the hockey rinks?

Is there a meter on the swimming pool?

Is there a meter on the library?

Is there a meter on the Culture Centre?

Is there a meter on the soccer bubble?

You know there are no meters on the fire station or the water hydrants, or the parks system.

Also the baseball fields. Does the Seniors' Centre have a meter?

Does the Arboretum have a meter?

Hopefully you meter the water you buy from the Region.

**R.W. Hanes
Aurora**

Thanks for info re debates

To the editor,

Thank you for the information about the Candidates' debate for our October Provincial Election.

The issues are covered daily during television

newscasts but learning about individual local candidates is difficult.

Your interviews with the parties' nominees were much appreciated.

**Betty O'Rourke
Newmarket**

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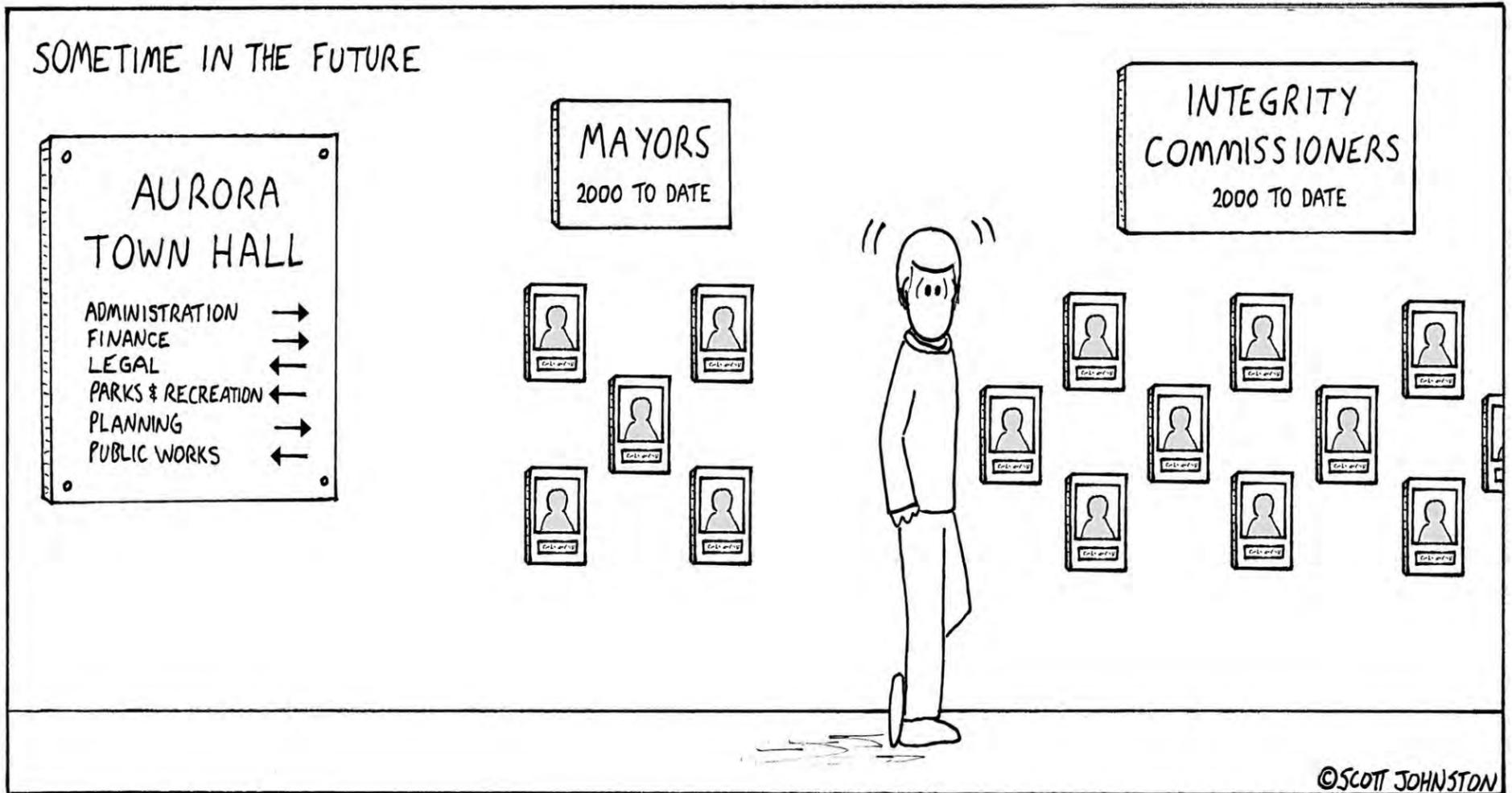
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

It is rather ironic that while I can barely boil water I do enjoy watching various television programs on the food channel.

My particular favourites are the Iron Chef and Licensed to Grill. Maybe it has something to do with the adage that "I love work - I could watch it all day".

In my case it would be, "I love to cook - I could watch someone else do it all day!"

I am continually amazed by the ease, speed and diversity of the menu that these Chefs can produce.

Makes my complete repertoire of spaghetti, taco's and shake 'n' bake chicken seem rather pedestrian (ok, rather pathetic!)

A while back, the food channel featured an hour-long show about a rib-cooking tournament.

There was a cook-off somewhere down in a southern U.S. city and many teams were competing for first prize.

The teams were from all over the states.

I couldn't believe the size of some of the barbecue grills that were being utilized, some similar in size to a Winnibago.

The amount of time, love and seasoning that went into the preparation of the ribs bordered on the ridiculous.

In some cases, the meat was slowly cooking for 16 hours!

I was getting very hungry watching the program, so I made my own special delicacy, crackers with melted cheese heated for

exactly 32 seconds in the microwave.

I await the call from the producers of the Iron Chef!

In the end, they crowned a winner, who was given a trophy, and if memory serves, \$5,000 and a new barbecue.

I can certainly understand the cash component, but I don't understand presenting the winner with a new barbecue as first prize.

It is like winning a new driver for the longest drive at a corporate golf tourney; you won the prize using your existing driver, why don't they give you a putter or pitching wedge instead?

But I digress.

Aurora Ribfest 2011 was held September 9th through 11th, at Machell Memorial Park.

It was very convenient of the organizers to have this event in close proximity to my home - thank you!

The timing of the event couldn't be better, the weekend after Labor Day, thus assuring big crowds. And the weatherman co-operated perfectly, ensuring fantastic weather most of the weekend!

Friends of ours joined Julie, Ryan and me on Saturday afternoon at Machell Park for dinner.

We had a number of cooking companies to choose from so we simply decided based on who had the largest and most trophies in

Aurora Ribfest 2011

front of their station (the trophies could have said "Best Dad" for all I know!)

No chance for price shopping as all teams priced the full rib tray the same.

I guess collusion is not limited to Major League Baseball and the NFL after all!

We ended up sampling a couple of the different types of ribs, had the barbecued corn on the cob, and ice-cold lemonade.

The food was excellent and well worth the price!

Well done to all the volunteers for making it happen!

Quite some time ago, I wrote a column regarding the top 10 reasons that I love Aurora.

The 10th reason was "Aurora has an abundance of parks and green spaces. There are also some magnificent trails that our family takes advantage of".

I wrote that the number one reason that I loved Aurora was, for self-preservation purposes, my wife. For those same self-preservation reasons, my wife will remain atop the standings.

So, the Aurora Ribfest obviously isn't number one but it's somewhere in the top ten for sure!

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Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

I see the town is sponsoring a contest for students that asks them to describe Aurora 20 years from now.

Since my school days are long behind me, I thought I'd offer a few suggestions here as to my vision of Aurora in the year 2031.

After a review of their deteriorating state, and much discussion by council, both the Town Hall and the Aurora Leisure Complex were demolished about 15 years earlier, and replaced with new structures.

These buildings are themselves now deteriorating and may need to be replaced.

Aurora wins the Communities in Bloom competition, whose qualifications have been modified somewhat in the wake of the pesticides ban.

The judges specifically commend the impressive displays throughout town of dandelions, creeping Charlie and thistles.

Every neighbourhood in Aurora now contains traffic calming features, with the exception of the northeast quadrant, whose measures were removed some time ago when the residents realized they caused more harm than good.

The announcement of the completion of the final study carried out to develop a plan to increase pedestrian traffic and business on Yonge Street in Aurora is applauded by this street's three remaining merchants.

Aurora's "museum" continues to consist of 76 forgotten boxes of materials quietly rotting away in a municipal basement somewhere.

The legal battle between a former mayor and local bloggers enters its 22nd year.

Aurora is still not divided up into wards, but to account for a population increase of almost 50 per cent, council has increased the number of councillors at large from eight to 27.

There is all-day GO train service through Aurora, but only those who catch one of the first three trains in the morning are able to find parking anywhere near the station.

783 more houses have been built in town over the previous 20 years, but none of them were put up by Habitat for Humanity.

The mural at the corner of Yonge and Wellington consists entirely of graffiti tags.

The Aurora Cultural Centre is still referred to as the "Aurora Cultural Centre - formerly the Church Street School".

Council's continued habit of deferring items from the budget to subsequent years means that many of the things up for consideration in 2031 were originally introduced a number of years before the council members discussing them were first elected.

Twenty years of water bans and the effects of tree-killing insects such as the emerald ash borer and Asian long horned beetle have

resulted in the cactus being the most popular landscaping plant in town.

Traffic delays at the intersection of Yonge and Wellington have gotten so bad that it is now faster to walk from the GO train station to just west of Yonge (in either direction) than it is to drive it.

Ninety per cent of Aurora's water comes from Lake Ontario.

The water from the aquifer under the town is now reserved exclusively for golf courses.

On a related note, artificial turf playing fields have proven so popular and cost effective, that the town is now replacing the grass in all of its parks with this synthetic surface.

Global warming has forced Aurora's annual February event, the Arctic Adventure, to re-brand itself as Aurora's Amazon Adventure.

Concerns about a perceived lack of preservation of Aurora's heritage structures are major topics of conversation at a local coffee shop and dollar store, which were previously better known as the Aurora Armoury and Wells Street School.

I know it's still 20 years away, but I'm sure a number of these predictions will prove accurate.

Feel free to e-mail Scott at:
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In the Year 2031

Letters to the Editor

Four years later, reader still opposes chicanes

To the editor,

The following letter was written four years ago.

I am still living on Batson Drive and I have not changed my opinion of these ridiculous "chicanes".

In addition, since the installation of the chicanes, there have been numerous accidents along Walton Drive.

Have a chat with some of the people living on that street.

Here is the letter I wrote four years ago:

WALTON DRIVE "MAZE!"

I have lived on Batson Drive for the past 27 years and during that time I do not recall that there have been any serious accidents in the general area of this so-called "calming" route.

Traffic, yes!
But with the rapid growth of Aurora, what else can one expect?

However, this moronic "calming" drive is going to serve no real purpose, except to make drivers more irate and impatient, and supposedly keep Catherine Street out of bounds!

I have a number of questions/comments and wonder if the people who live in this so-called "heritage area" fully understood exactly what they would be receiving, in order

to reduce the traffic in their neighbourhoods.

1. School re-opens in a couple of weeks and there are two schools in the area. Lester B. Pearson on Odin Crescent (which, by the way, is expanding) and Ecole Catholique St. Jean on Walton Drive. Can you just see the chaos on the first day of school as buses and anxious parents drop their youngsters to school?

2. Who has the right of way? Presumably, the first person in the "maze/chicane." I have waited until eight cars have passed through this maze. Obviously, one would hope that the person waiting till the last car has gone through does not have an emergency, or is trying to reach a destination at a certain time.

3. Emergency ambulances, snowploughs, oversized moving vans, landscaping trailers, SUV's with boats, parked cars on the street etc., etc. The wait can be endless and tempers will flare.

4. How will these areas be ploughed during the winter or will the snow just pile up on them, eventually spilling onto the sidewalk? How many snowploughs will the Town have to replace due to the difficulty in manoeuvring this obstacle

course?

5. How many years does a street have to be in existence to constitute a "heritage area?" I can't imagine that Walton Drive and Mark Streets are over 100 years old! Also, the residents of Mark Street are no longer able to park on the north or south sides of their street. What happens if one is having a gathering and there is only a two-car driveway? Presumably more congestion on the side streets of Cedar and Oak Court!

6. Have the mayor and councillors travelled on Walton Drive, north of Wellington Street? If not, I would suggest that they do so during peak hours, when the Town residents return from summer vacations and the schools re-open.

7. Has the Town of Aurora received any guidance from the engineering department of their municipal liability insurer, before putting these "hazards" in place? If not, I have grave concern that should there be a serious accident involving the Town's liability, the insurance company could deny the claims.

8. Going north on Spruce from Centre Street, one is diverted to Catherine/Fleury Streets, or going south on Spruce, to Catherine/Yonge Streets at the intersection of Spruce and Catherine Avenue. Why? To reach Our

Lady of Grace Church going north from Centre and Spruce Streets, requires a detour via Fleury and Maple Streets!

9. Many drivers, I know, use the Walton/Batson Drive route to get over to Orchard Heights (west of Yonge Street.) Now, the main arteries of Wellington and Yonge Streets will be even more congested, with motorists trying to avoid the "maze!"

10. Mayor Morris indicated to me that this was a very expensive program. I wonder, if in the interest of saving some of our tax dollars, any consideration was given to placing "speed bumps" as exists on Kennedy Street West?

I realize that I live just on the outskirts of the "heritage" area. However, I do have a right to be able to get around town conveniently, and this "maze/chicanes" protects the rights of interest groups and infringes upon the rights of the greater community.

Rosalyn A. Gonsalves
Aurora

Library chair encourages you to vote for those who champion strategies

To the editor,

Adequately funding our public libraries is important is addressing provincial priorities.

Public library services include supports for small business, career development and employment, literacy development and integration of new Canadians.

Today's public libraries are more than just books.

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In these tough economic times, public library utilization in many Ontario regions has risen as much as 70 per cent in areas like enrolment in employment programs, computer access, DVD lending and library website visits.

Our public libraries require significant provincial funding to continually update services that keep pace with the new generation of users with fundamentally different information seeking habits.

Those services are indispensable and provide sig-

nificant return on investment.

Without them, our community is at a disadvantage in attracting knowledgeable workers, recovering from the current economic recession and growing a knowledge economy.

We encourage voters to

elect provincial officials who will champion strategies that benefit our public library systems, and in turn, all residents of Ontario.

Charles Levine
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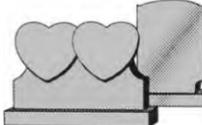
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Letters to the Editor

Reader's position is free speech

To the editor,

I write in response to Catherine Marshall's letter to the editor published September 13, 2011. I am a defendant in the lawsuit involving the anonymous bloggers, and so hypothetical arguments about what is right—and by that I mean morally right—weigh on my mind on a daily basis.

I have been asked repeatedly why I opposed the motion to strip the anonymous bloggers of their anonymity.

The answer is (in part) not just because I have no way of identifying anonymous posters (which is the case here) but more importantly

Some have credible reason to remain anonymous: reader

To the editor,

Re. "Why are the bloggers such cowards, reader wonders", Letters to the Editor, Week of Sept 13; from Catherine Marshall.

Ms. Marshall, I wonder the same thing.

Although, I would say it's only some bloggers, and not sure I'd use the word "cowards".

Some folks may have a credible reason to stay anonymous, but these are the ones who usually contribute as if they were posting their real names anyway.

As for the others, I just don't like them.

Personal insults, mob-mentality, groupthink, all nasty elements these "ghosts" can bring, to skew the debate.

But they have a fundamental right to post their opinion anonymously.

This I defend to the same degree, as I disagree with what they do.

Some of the worst cyber-ugliness reared its head during "the week that was the death of Jack Layton".

National Post columnist Christy Blatchford was pummeled with more than 2,000 "anonymous" insults and death threats, in response to a piece she wrote regarding Layton's passing and final letter.

Christy Blatchford responded to her attackers the next day by writing another column, where she addressed their issues.

No lawsuit required.

Regarding Ms. Morris' lawsuit, and its issue of anonymity, you may want to read what the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and journalists from at least seven different local and national papers have had to say on this matter.

Ms. Morris is clearly on the losing side of more than just public opinion.

Furthermore, the court ruling says that because she hasn't proven defamation (prima facie case), they weren't prepared to subject the anonymous posters to a potential lawsuit without merit.

The reality is that, if defama-

because their anonymity is not mine to disclose in the first place.

These individuals, whoever they might be, wrote about our then mayor in the days before an election.

They posted their thoughts, expecting confidentiality.

Their mayor then demanded they reveal themselves to her.

While I will not say whether I agree with their language, whether their words were too crass, too offensive, what I will say is that it is not my job to sit in judgment of them, to be the arbiter who draws a line between what is political speech and what is actionable, nor offer them up on a

tion had been proven by Ms. Morris, then the courts would have potentially released their names.

As for prolonging the case, it is Ms. Morris, by launching her appeal and refusing to face the inevitable, who is guilty of dragging this out.

The three defendants I'm certain, would like nothing more than for this issue to close.

As for asking the defendants to just tell what they know, why do you presume they haven't already?

If you want to get another angle on how others define integrity and cowardice, I suggest that you ask David Nitkin, the first integrity commissioner who was fired the day after he made his first ruling against Ms. Morris, and was then compelled to issue Ms. Morris with a "cease and desist" letter, in order to protect against potential slander; ask Councillor Buck why she is suing Ms. Morris and her supporters for potential abuse of power and defamation; ask Richard Johnson, who in 2006 was one of Ms. Morris' strongest campaign supporters, but is now burdened with an expensive and vindictive lawsuit at the hands of Ms. Morris; ask former Councillors Allison Collins-Mrakas, Bob McRoberts, Grace Marsh and Bill Hogg how they define integrity and cowardice and see how Ms. Morris measures up; I think their responses might surprise you, but then again,

platter to be added to a multi-million dollar law suit.

I did not choose to be a defendant in this lawsuit.

I did not choose to have a voice on this issue.

I cannot wait for the day that this lawsuit is behind me.

But if I am asked for my position, as I have been, then I must choose free speech.

We all agree that freedom of speech is an important right; indeed, it is the bedrock of our democracy.

I want to be counted as someone who took the high road, the more difficult road, to protect what I believe in.

Principles are easy to believe in when they are not challenged.

I also want to correct Ms.

maybe not.

Ms. Marshall, I've heard you are a close friend of Ms. Morris and worked closely on her campaign, so I see why you want to defend.

But there is nothing to defend here, in my opinion.

As much as your letter may be well intentioned, I don't believe it's well founded.

But we'll both have to let the public and the courts be the final judge of that.

Matt Maddocks
Aurora

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Marshall where she asks why we won't fulfill the "case" [sic] straightforward request" to disclose the bloggers' identities.

Make no mistake, this is a request made by a plaintiff, not by a 'case'.

Here, our plaintiff is looking for \$6,000,000.

I have been heartened over the past months with support found from editorial commentary, friends, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, and the Ontario Court, who have all supported the position we have taken in this lawsuit.

These are not easy decisions, nor ones made flippantly.

They are decisions that weigh on my mind constantly, and have real consequences to me and to my family.

Using our town's tax dollars in order to fund a private lawsuit that attempts to silence or punish residents for sharing political views raises serious issues.

Calling individuals who

engage with those issues through our legal system 'cowardly' simply displays an unsophisticated view of the

issues in dispute.

Richard Johnson
Aurora



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Liberal Candidate: Christina Bisanz

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Festival made \$6,000 for two charities

To the editor,

The Aurora Festival of the Arts (AFA) is pleased to announce the 2011 Aurora jazz+ Festival was an outstanding success.

We enjoyed a record attendance of more than 6,000 patrons throughout the three-day festival, including more than 2,000 children and seniors who attended free.

Saturday alone more than 3,000 people came to Town Park to take in the ambiance, celebrate good music, visual art and crafts, food, drink, and fun!

The AFA Board greatly appreciates the generosity of our many sponsors, including the Ontario Trillium Foundation, for recognizing arts and cultural festivals aid in building community spirit and awareness, attract tourists and stimulate local business.

The AFA Board would like to recognize our 2011 Artistic Director, George St. Kitts.

The multi-talented Mr. St.

Kitts worked tirelessly bringing together a comprehensive musical line-up comprised mostly of York Region's finest, oversaw all technical, back-line and staging requirements, developed and manages the AFA website.

Additional Thanks to:

AFA Board of Directors: Bob Leonard, Bernice Morrison, Susan Morton-Leonard, Hilary Musker, Sarah Sparks, Sher St. Kitts, Phillipa Wild.

Musicians, Visual Artists and Artisans: We appreciate your skillful abilities to enrich our lives with your songs, visual art, and crafts!

Herbert Pryke of Artcures Inc. (www.artcures.ca) for organizing visual artists at the Festival, and providing the Mandala community art piece!

Helen Rodrigues, Art Instructor who headed up the Kids Craft Blast Zone with a team of eager volunteers, creating musical instruments and more from recycled materials!

Aurora Cultural Centre who opened their doors for the festival's first free children's concert 'Boogie Boy Blues' and a showcase for award winning films from the Multi Media Film Festival of York Region.

Festival Vendors and Beer & Wine Garden staff and volunteers.

Our dedicated Volunteers - More than 150 teens, adults and seniors made it all happen. Thanks for assisting with many promotional events throughout the year leading up to and including the Festival.

All businesses who offered services in kind and contributed to the two charities.

Finally we offer our heartfelt appreciation for our Patrons. Your enthusiastic enjoyment of the arts; your willingness to embrace new artistic initiatives and provide inspirational feedback.

Through the help of our volunteers, dedicated Board, Sponsors and Patrons the AFA is proud to announce we raised a total of \$6,000 for charity.

The Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness (CCAA) and Safehaven charities each received a \$3,000 cheque.

In support of musical education the AFA has provided hono-

rariums to the jazz programs at Cardinal Carter High School and Unionville High School.

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Susan Morton-Leonard
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Reader thanks Magna for its annual hoedown

To the editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all those involved in hosting the Magna Hoedown this year and the Stronach family for their continuing, charitable support.

Although I didn't attend this year, I heard from those who did that it was once again a terrific event. The contribution from this event to the 20 designated charities will go a long way in meeting the ever increasing demand for services in the York Region area.

Hospice King-Aurora and Doane House Hospice, were chosen as recipients this year

and speaking as a former staff member and a current volunteer, I can, without hesitation and with first hand knowledge, assure those who purchased attendance and raffle tickets their financial contributions are most appreciated.

These two visiting hospices offer volunteer, non-medical service and support to those with life-threatening illnesses, the people who care for them and those who are bereaved - free of charge to Aurora, King Township, Newmarket, Bradford, and East Gwillimbury residents.

Bonnie Tiffin
Oak Ridges

She says thanks to golf participants

To the editor,

Well, wasn't that a perfect round!!!

The Rotary Club of Aurora and Westview Golf Club FORE The Aurora Historical Society Golf Tournament was a HUGE success!!

The Aurora Historical Society would like to thank their 18 hole sponsors, 61 golfers, volunteers and the many, many prize donors for their generous support.

An extra special thank

you goes to Frank Klees, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, Councillors John Abel, Paul Pirri and Sandra Humphreys for taking time out of their very busy schedule to join us!!

We look forward to seeing you all again Wednesday, May 23rd, 2012 at beautiful Westview Golf Club - celebrating Hillary House - 150 years.

Wendy Browne
Fundraising Chair
AHS

Reader seeks rules governing bicycles

To the editor,

What are the rules governing bicycle riders in Aurora?

Recently, at 9 p.m. I stopped my car before entering a side street from Yonge Street to allow two pedestrians to cross on the sidewalk.

As I began to enter the side street, a bicyclist with

no light showing, came barreling through on the sidewalk, almost causing an accident.

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All-day train service touted by candidates

Whether you're voting for the Green Party, the Liberals, the New Democrats, or the Progressive Conservatives when you go to advanced polls or head into the voting booth on October 6, it seems that one thing your "x" will get you, regardless of whose name you put it beside, is a push for increased GO train service in the area.

Aurora's GO Station was the backdrop last week to an announcement from Newmarket-Aurora Liberal candidate Christina Bisanz that her party will introduce two-way, all-day, seven-day-a-week Go Train service if they form the next government.

"It's a \$68 million commitment that will result in 68,000 jobs because of the infrastructure development, but most importantly it represents for our community increased quality of life for those who currently are stuck in traffic gridlock trying to make their way down to commute to work," said Ms. Bisanz.

The program will ensure that commuters and riders in general will have an opportunity for a "faster, more efficient way to travel" and also get millions of cars ultimately off the roads.

This, she said, will also improve the quality of life for those people still using the highways, she said.

"I think for those people who do rely on the GO Train transit system, the opportunity to have more flexibility in their travel times is something they really value because not everybody works 9 to 5 Monday to Friday anymore," she said. "We have shift workers and people who are telecommuting from home but need to go into the city from time to time, and that flexibility is something that they value and appreciate."

"I think it is also an important investment from an economic standpoint because removing traffic gridlock we're also helping to move goods faster across the region and the city, so for the trucking industry they can get

their goods moved more efficiently across the province."

For PC candidate Frank Klees, however, while he is receptive to all day GO trains service for the riding, the Liberal plan comes a bit too late in the game.

"Why did they take it off the Ministry of Transportation priority list in 2003 when they took office?" Mr. Klees asked. "That is where it was, now it is eight years later, three weeks before an election, and miraculously it becomes another priority."

"So the first thing I question is how serious are they? It is a little late in coming and, quite frankly, I don't believe it. I put this promise in the same category as I put all of the others that they have broken consistently over the last eight years."

That being said, however, Mr. Klees said all day GO train service is a priority for him and the Progressive Conservatives and \$35 billion has been committed in their platform for infrastructure in the first term.

The money, he said, has been "earmarked largely for transportation and transit priorities."

"As the local representative, I will not rest until we have all day GO train service to our community," said Mr. Klees. "It is the only way, in my opinion, we're going to be able to even begin to address the traffic congestion we have not only through this region but along the entire north-south corridor."

Also voicing his support for improved transit is NDP candidate Robin Wardlaw.

Mr. Wardlaw's party, he said is "strongly in favour" of improved transit and if the NDP form the next Provincial government they will work to upload transit costs back to the province "to keep fares lower and frozen for four years."

"In terms of individual routes for Aurora and Newmarket, that would depend on what the studies are showing about ridership and whether it is justified," said

Mr. Wardlaw. "The idea is certainly appealing and I have met lots of people who would like to take the train downtown because the timing is reliable and you're never caught in traffic."

"I'm sure at some point that will be what we have again that we haven't had since the 1950s when we got rid of all-day electric rail with the Radial railway and I think we have been missing it ever since. If we had kept it, no doubt there would be a steady demand."

"It's kind of [the case of the] chicken and the egg - start it up and grow the ridership or wait for the demand to grow and then institute the program? I'm certainly no expert on transit planning but we have those people at GO and I will be consulting with them to see when is the right time to bring in all day train service to Aurora and Newmarket."

Green Party candidate Kristopher Kuysten seems to share the viewpoint of Mr. Klees, however, when it comes to the Liberal Party's plan he said over the past five years the Liberals "have made many promises and then reneged."

"Our party believes in improved transit service as a core value," he said. "More trains are a good idea [and] a better idea would be to improve bus service to the train stations to make them more accessible. There should also be programs and incentives to increase densities, both residential and business, near transit hubs to support all day train service."

"This plan will take seven years to complete as new tracks have to be laid. Therefore there needs to be a plan in the interim. This may include increasing the morning and evening trains from five to eight as this is the number of trains needed to run all day service."

People need to be conscious too that Toronto is not necessarily everyone's final destination, he added, and transit service needs to recognize and support this by providing fast connection

service. To do so, Mr. Kuysten said HOV lanes on Highway 401 could reduce two hours of

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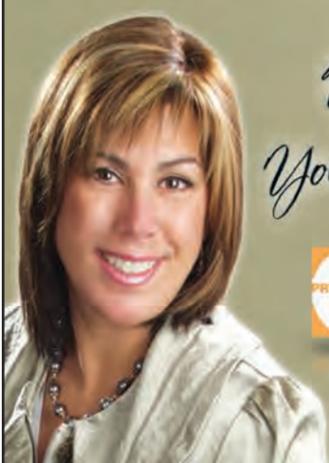
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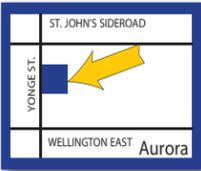
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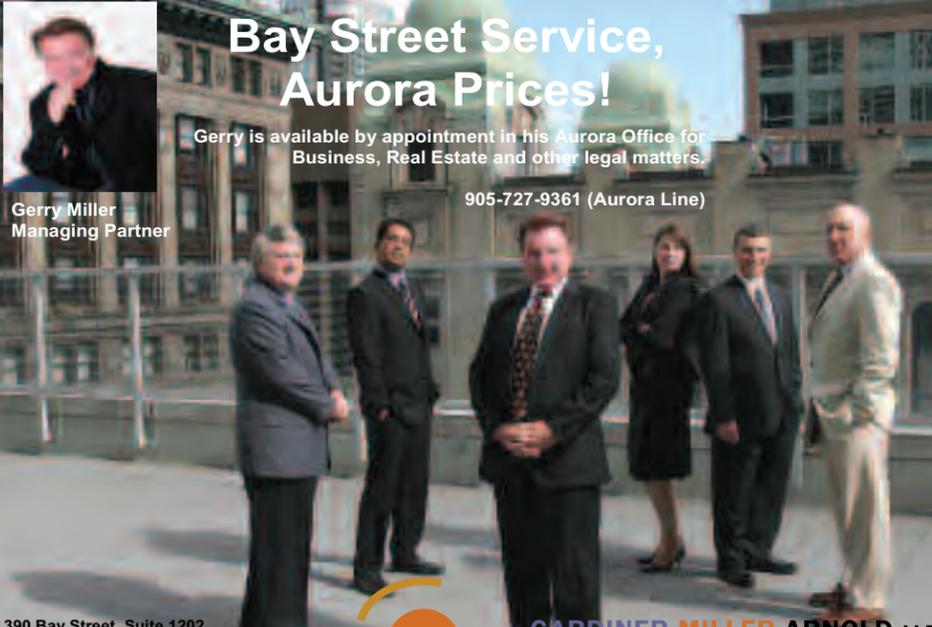
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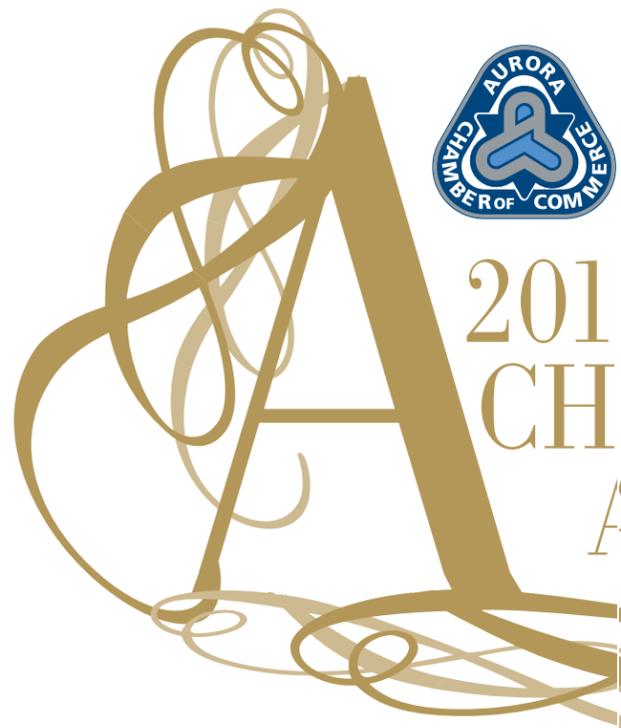
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Week of September 20, 2011



Defensemen Jarrett Fennell, left, and Eric Bouchard of the Aurora Tigers defend their zone against Milton Icehawks' Joshua Decosta during Aurora's 8-0 victory at the Aurora Community Centre Saturday night. For Aurora, it was their second win in as many nights.

Auroran photo by Jennifer Mitchell

Tigers in second place

The Aurora Tigers opened the 2011-2012 campaign against their arch rivals in Newmarket Thursday night and the best they could come up with was a shorthanded goal in the second period.

But never mind.

Tigers won their next two games to wind up in second place in the north division, only a single point behind Newmarket.

Thursday's game was a close affair for the first 40 minutes until the Canes pulled away midway through the third for a 4-1 victory.

Jarrett Fennell scored the Tigers lone goal on a short-handed effort in the second period, cutting Newmarket's lead to a single goal.

However, two unanswered goals in the final 20 minutes of play assured the victory for Newmarket.

The next night, in Markham, things were a bit different.

Down 2-0 after the first period, the Aurora Tigers roared back with four unanswered goals Friday night for their first win of the season.

Aurora goals were scored by Evan Fong, Jarrett Fennell, Kyle McLaughlin with a power-play winner, and an empty net insurance marker by Ryan Johnson.

Goaltender Brett Sinclair was solid between the pipes stopping 32 shots for his first victory.

Sinclair had a reasonably easy time of it, when the Tigers played its first game at home Saturday night, skating to an 8-0 victory over the Milton Icehawks.

Aurora scored five goals in the first period to assure the victory in a game witnessed by only 188 specators, several of them from Milton.

Playing their 3rd game in as many nights, the Tigers exploded for eight goals in their shutout victory over Milton.

Scoring for the Tigers were Steven Cook and Kyle McLaughlin each with a pair, plus singles by Ryan Purvis, Jeff MacPherson, Daniel Lisi and Ryan Johnson.

Defenseman Eric Bouchard chipped in with three assists as did forward Evan Fong.

Sinclair stopped all 26 shots to earn his second win in a row.

Fennell is tied for the Tiger scoring lead with four points, with Fong and Adam Moody.

They are closely followed by McLaughlin and Johnson. Both players have three points.

Tigers meet the Stouffville Spirit in that town Thursday night, then host the same team at the Community Centre Saturday night at 7.30 p.m.

Then the Tigers travel to Buffalo for a game against the Junior Sabres Monday night.

That game also begins at 7.30 p.m.

NEWMARKET 4 AURORA 1

First Period
N - Daniel Leavens (DiNallo, Anderson) 10.52

Second Period
N - Alex Bontje (Weidner, Bonner) 0.38

A - Jarrett Fennell (Hutton, Lepine) SH 12.16

Third Period
N - Tyson LeBlanc (Ackerland, Chiste) 10.44

N - Jeff DiNallo (Leavens, Anderson) 17.14

AURORA 4 MARKHAM 2

First Period
M - Robert Angioletta (Kendra) PP 11.02

M - Dylan Kosmachuk (Ruberto) 19.05

Second Period
A - Evan Fong (Angelo, Purvis) 14.11

A - Jarrett Fennell (Moody, McCloy) 16.13

Third Period
A - Kyle McLaughlin (Bouchard, Johnson) PP 10.25

A - Ryan Johnson (Moody, Fennell) EN 19.24

AURORA 8 MILTON 0

First Period
A - Steven Cook (Moody, Fong) PP 1.09

A - Ryan Johnson (Sikura, Angelo) 2.04

A - Jeff MacPherson (Moody, Bouchard) SH 11.06

A - Ryan Purvis (Bouchard, Fong) 15.27

A - Steven Cook (Fennell, Sinclair) PP 19.53

Second Period
A - Kyle McLaughlin (Nice) 6.46

A - Kyle McLaughlin (Lepine, Bouchard) 7.40

Third Period
A - Daniel Lisi (Fong) 12.02



Aurora Minor Hockey Association Results, Sept 18, 2011



REP LEAGUE

Novice A Innisfil 6 - Aurora 0.

Novice A Duffield 4 - Aurora 3 - Jake McMillan 1A, Alex Morra 1A, Gavin Loria 2G, Max Reeves 1G.

Novice A - Aurora 3 - Ethan Solilo 1G, Gavin Loria 1A, Max Reeves 1G, Jake McMillan 2A, Matthew Reid 1A, Michael More 1A, Alex Morra 1G. **Georgetown 1.**

Novice A - Semi Final 3. Aurora 2 - Jake McMillan 1G 1A, Max Reeves 2A, Alex Morra 1G.

Minor Atom AA - Aurora 1 - Ethan Cameron 1G, Harrison Fleischaker, shutout. **Georgina 0.**

Minor Atom AA - Aurora 6 - Ethan Cameron 3G, Carter Beswick 2G, Evan Vierling 1G 2A, Ben Barber 1A, Liam Mahoney 1A, Dylan DaCosta 1A, Andrew Langlois 1A, Josh Lombard 1A. **Georgina 2.**

Minor Atom AA - Markham 5. Aurora 3 - Zach Kolm 1G, Dylan DaCosta 2G, Evan Vierling 1A, Liam Mahoney 1A.

Minor Atom AA - Aurora 4. Vaughan 0 - Ethan Cameron 2G, Jake Adams 2A, Carter Beswick 2A, Evan Vierling 1G, Daniel Gaeta 1G, Harrison Bennett 1A, Anton Thompson 1A, Alexander Imperio, shutout.

Minor Atom AA - Milton 4. Aurora 3 - Ethan Cameron 1G, Carter Beswick 1G, Evan Vierling 1G, Jake Adams 1A, Daniel Gaeta 1A.

Minor Atom AA - Aurora 2 - Anton Thompson 1G, Dylan DaCosta 1G, Daniel Gaeta 1A, Josh Lombard 1A, Jake Adams 1A. **Richmond Hill 0.**

Minor Atom AE - Aurora 7 - Jonathon Gagnon 1G, Aidan Nitsopoulos 1G 1A, Curtis Manley 1G 1A, Alexander Arcuri 1G 1A, James Sproul 1G, Joshua Torres 1G, Zachary Grant 1G, Carson Tidd 1A. **Stouffville 1.**

Minor Atom AE - Aurora 5 - James Sproul 1G 1A, Liam Graham 1G, Curtis Manley 1G, Alexander Arcuri 1G 2A, Zachary Grant 1G, Jonathon Gagnon 1A, Joshua Torres 1A, Carson Tidd 1A. **Richmond Hill 3.**

Minor Atom AE - Georgina 2. Aurora 1 - Alexander Arcuri 1G, Carson Tidd 1A, Sam MacLeod

1A.

Atom A - Aurora 6 - Dylan Prescott 3G 1A, Ryan Cunniam 1G 1A, Camden Graham 1G, Blair Crabbe 1G, Matthew McConnell 2A, Anthony DiPietro 1A, Spenser Morrison 1A, Connor Thomas 1A. **Markham 2.**

Atom AE - Aurora 13 - Luke Catania 3G 2A, Jeremy Gonsalves 4G, Tyler Sawyer 1G 2A, Russell Tanaka 1G, Alex Sandras 2G 1A, Noah Dempsey 1G 2A, Matthew Gram 1G 2A, Ryan McCartney 4A, Noah Johnson 2A. **Orillia 2.**

Atom AE - Stouffville 7. Aurora 0.

Minor Peewee AA - Aurora 5 - Sebastian Giorgio 2G 1A, Andrew Jorgensen 2G 1A, Anthony Magnante 1G, Nicholas Rountes 1A, Anthony Capraro 1A, Nate Legros 1A. **Stouffville 1.**

Minor Peewee AA - Aurora 3 - Ty Boisseau 1G, Brandon Vaughan 1G, Julien Aben 1G, Andrew Jorgensen 1A, Sebastian Giorgio 1A, Nicholas Rountes 1A, Nicholas Keller 1A, Jaedon Jackson 1A, Anthony Capraro 1A. **Stouffville 1.**

Minor Peewee AA - Aurora 3 - Anthony Capraro 1G, Anthony Magnante 1G, Matthew Hollett 1G, Riley McGrath 1A, Julien Aben 1A, Nicholas Rountes 1A, Nicholas Keller 1A, Anthony Magnante 1A. **Stouffville 3.**

Minor Peewee AA - Mississauga 6. Aurora 2 - Anthony Capraro 2G, Sebastian Giorgio 1A.

Minor Peewee AA - North York Knights 5. Aurora 1 - Ben Fleischaker 1G, Andrew Jorgensen 1A.

Minor Peewee AA - East Gwillimbury 4. Aurora 2 - Jaedon Jackson 1G, Brandon Vaughan 1G, Matthew Hollett 1A.

Minor Peewee AA - Aurora 3 - Matthew Hollett 1G, Anthony Magnante 2A, Riley McGrath 1A, Nicholas Keller 1A, Jaedon Jackson 1G, Nicholas Rountes 1G. **Richmond Hill 3.**

Peewee AA - Aurora 3. Clarington 2.

Peewee AE - Aurora 4. Newmarket 1.

Peewee AE - Aurora 6 - Sam Speranini 2G, Hayden Edwards 1G, Ryan Thornhill 1G, Eric Pears 1G 1A, Jared Duthie 1G 1A, Alexander

Simardone 2A, Joel Woodcock 2A, Jeremy Rusnell 1A. **Georgina 1.**

Minor Bantam AA - Aurora 3 - Michael Shum 1G, Zack Phillips 2G, Tyler Williams 1A, Taylor Kauffeldt 1A. **Stouffville 1.**

Minor Bantam A - Aurora 4 - Cameron Zinner 1G, Alistair Johnston 1G, Matthew Liscio 1G 1A, Connor Downs 2A, Will Ashton 1G, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Alec Magnante 1A. **Oshawa 1.**

Minor Bantam A - Aurora 4 - Austin Kiraly 1A, Ryan Coveart 1A, Matthew Liscio 1A, Alec Magnante 3G 1A, Connor Gonsalves 1G, Cameron Zinner 4A. **Markham 1.**

Minor Bantam A - Aurora 3 - Alec Magnante 1G, Matthew Liscio 1G, Cooper Hewgill 1A, Connor Gonsalves 1A, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Cameron Zinner 1G 1A. **Guelph 3.**

Minor Bantam AE - Aurora 3 - Daniel McConnell 1G, Ian Rucker 1G 1A, Nicholas Sansalone 1G. **Barrie 3.**

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 5 - Quentin Campbell 2G, Nick Scott 1G 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1G 1A, Shadoc Storm 1G, Andrew Quattrin 1A, Nic Delzotto 1A. **Vaughan Rangers 1.**

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 2 - Quentin Campbell 1G, Connor Cowl 1G, Cody DeAngelis 1A, Matt Iwai 1A. **Burlington Eagles 2.**

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 6 - Lucas Pozzebon 2G 2A, Quentin Campbell 2G, Ty Varga 1G 1A, Brett Thiessen 1G, Jake McKee 1A, Nick Scott 1A, Matt Iwai 1A, Tait Snedden 1A. **Toronto Royals 1.**

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 8 - Lucas Pozzebon 2G 2A, Tristan Joseph 2G, Quentin Campbell 1G 1A, Brett Thiessen 1G 1A, James Thomson 1G, Nick Scott 1G 1A, Ty Varga 4A, Tait Snedden 1A, Blake Wallace 1A, Nic Delzotto 1A, Connor Cowl 1A. **Vaughan Panthers 4.**

Minor Midget AA - Finals 2. Aurora 0.

Minor Midget AA - Barrie 2. Aurora 2 - Connor Cowl 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1G, James Thomson 1A, Shadoc Storm 1A, Ty Varga 1A.

Minor Midget AE - Aurora 5 - Nathan Nealon 2G, Brett Bond 1A, Joel Gouveia 1G, Ben Ashton 1G 1A, Graham Robinson 1G, Parker Baile 1A, Harry Smith 1A, Robert Doswell 1A, Nelson Hossack 1A. **Markham 2.**

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Town would have Sports Hall of Fame if group's grant application successful

Aurora could get a Sports Hall of Fame courtesy of Sport Aurora if the organization's application for a Trillium Grant is successful this year.

Through their application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Sport Aurora has outlined five key initiatives they will initiate with their grant funding - All Kids Can Play in Aurora, a program to "ensure that children who are financially disadvantaged" are supported in sports programs; a volunteer recognition program; a player recreation program in the form of a "Breakfast of Champions" event; a Women in Coaching Strategy to "develop a pool of qualified women coaches who will act as role models to girl participants" in sport; and a Sports Hall of Fame.

In a report by Al Downey, Aurora's Director of Parks and Recreation, he said "Aurora has had a long and significant historical contribution to sport

and to celebrate this history a Sports Hall of Fame was proposed to celebrate the history and ensure that present accomplishments are [properly] recorded and archived for future generations.

"These initiatives represent a long-term plan and commitment to benefit the sporting organizations and the volunteers that support them."

A council motion in favour of the grant application will be forwarded to the foundation as evidence of municipal support for the programs.

But for Councillor Wendy Gaertner, a policy should be put in place for similar requests for Trillium application support.

"I don't believe the council of Aurora has ever participated in recommending a Trillium Application," said Councillor Gaertner, even though the Town had expressed support of the Trillium grant applied for and received by the Aurora Festival of the Arts in support

of the 2011 Aurora jazz+ Festival. "I do believe we have to have a policy around this though because I can see a lot of other organizations coming forward to the Town and asking for support on applications."

As part of the recommendation for the Town to support Sport Aurora, office space at Town Hall and funding for a program manager was included in the proposal.

"[The program manager] will not be a member of Town staff but will be located within the Parks and Recreation Services Department to provide expertise in the promotion and establishment of the five core programs," said Mr. Downey. "Access to telephone and a desk will be required."

It was this provision which raised some questions from councillors, including Councillor Gaertner who said she was opposed to committing to this space in the long

term as the Town is embarking on a space needs analysis to see how space at Town Hall can be maximized and accommodate an increasing staff complement.

But according to CAO Neil Garbe, the space is currently available.

"They're welcome to use the space as long as it is not needed for Town purposes, then we would ask them to relocate somewhere else," said Mr. Garbe. "We would take every opportunity to provide them with assistance for relocation."

Councillor Evelyn Buck, however, wondered why in the age where so many people have home and remote offices why it would not be more convenient for this Sport Aurora support staff person to follow suit.

This, Mr. Downey said, was a fair comment and if the person employed by the group would find working from home

more feasible that would certainly be an option.

"We have no objection to that, and that might very well be the way it goes," he said. "I think there are a number of options, but I think they were more concerned about our willingness or our ability to help

them provide that advocacy role, so I think this sends a message that we are willing to work with them.

"It may be that they have alternative locations for this person, but at this point at least we are sending a message that we're willing to help."

Aurora may soon have new curator

From page 1
lection. No curator is available to establish and organize the museum collection in its intended form. No sign indicates the service will resume now or in the future unless the Town takes positive steps to make it happen."

In her view, retaining the services of a curator "with sufficient credentials" could provide advice to council on the restoration of a museum to "its rightful home", establish archived collection and provide guidance and leadership to the Aurora Historical Society.

But her overall objective, she said, is the "continued awareness of the Town's history" and respect for Aurora's founding families.

"Church Street School continues to exist through this community's commitment to respect its heritage and values," she said. "It is this council's authority and responsibility to ensure that happens. Whatever the last council did, we're not accountable for it, but we are accountable for what happens from now on and that is the purpose of my motion."

Councillor Buck's motion found favour with most of her colleagues.

Councillor Sandra Humfries said several residents had made contact with her "really wanting to get this museum back on track", while John Abel said the timing of the

motion was "excellent" and would "work in concert" with other programs being undertaken with the Cultural Centre including discussions to facilitate further heritage programs within the facility as well as a compliance audit for the agreement between the Centre and the Town.

But for Councillor Michael Thompson the motion on the floor didn't go far enough.

"[We should have a report coming back] that not only touches on the position of the curator, but looks to questions about the collection, about the proposed facility as a bit of a business plan or operational plan that paints for us the whole picture of how best to move forward," he said.

Despite this support, however, there were some detractors at the table, namely Councillors Chris Ballard, Wendy Gaertner, and John Gallo.

Although Councillor Ballard said he was pleased that the motion "brings to the fore some of the issues that we have been dancing around for a number of months", he said the motion was "premature" until CAO Neil Garbe came back with his report on discussions between the Centre and the Society.

This was a view shared by Councillor Gallo who said he has no issues with the motion, but wanted answers first.

"There may be an agree-

ment with those two organizations that that fills the needs to make sure our heritage is not only preserved, but displayed for the citizens of the Town," said Councillor Ballard, adding that going forward with this particular motion could "muddy the waters".

Later into the discussion, Councillor Ballard presented another reason why he would not be voting for the motion - this time as Councillor Buck noted in her motion that money was set aside in the 2011 budget for the purposes of retaining a curator, while the money was actually allocated for historical purposes in general.

Later still, Councillor Ballard wondered how the motion if passed would impact on future grants to the Historical Society, but he said he still wanted to see the Cultural Centre and the Historical Society work things out for themselves, with an occasional assist from Mr. Garbe.

"I think that these two groups need to be left alone, perhaps under the watchful eye and the occasional goosing of our CAO to work out what if

anything we can do to increase the amount of heritage planning so when space is available for a curated show it actually takes place," he said. "That is the biggest disappointment that I have found and perhaps if certain councillors had taken time to go and meet with the Aurora Cultural Centre as we have all been provided a number of opportunities, this could be explained to them."

But for Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, even though there are discussions going on, he said going out and drafting a terms of reference for a possible future curator for the collection is a step in the right direction.

"I think it is completely appropriate that we start to look at these," he said. "I believe this can only benefit the whole process in the long run and it is not going to cost us any money. I think that it is something that we're doing internally, working towards getting this solved and I will certainly be supporting this."

Support the motion he did, as did most councillors with Councillors Ballard, Gaertner and Gallo voting against it.

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Underpasses could be part of discussion

Underpasses for pedestrians and cyclists could be on the table when the Town of Aurora gets a meeting with the Region of York to discuss the future reconstruction and widening of Leslie Street.

The Town requested a meeting with the Region as a resolution at last week's Council meeting, advising the Region that "a response had not been received for Aurora's request for grade separations" at proposed crossings at key areas along Leslie.

The Region of York has previously rejected the Town's call for underpasses, instead recommending street level pedestrian and cyclist crossings between Wellington and Mulock Drive.

According to the Region, underpasses were not identified in its 2008 Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan "because of the lack of need for the grade separated crossing and that pedestrian move-

ments could be accommodated at signalized intersections."

According to Councillor Evelyn Buck, the Region of York has an "obligation" to consider this as the Town could pick up the tab, at least in part.

"Council took a position to the Regional Council to provide us with the cost to cooperate with us in the matter of determining what the cost of these underpasses would be," said Councillor Buck. "Obviously we can't possibly make a decision until we know those numbers. The Region took it upon themselves to simply make a note of it that the Town of Aurora had requested this consideration but they dismissed it."

"I would contend that the Region has an obligation since what we are asking for is something we would pay for, and then the option of whether or not it can be done is ours and we asked for these underpasses to be considered quite a while

ago.

"I certainly think the onus is on the council to follow this thing through. We started it, it has gone for several years, many more years than I care to think about but the work that has been done by [the Trails Subcommittee] it is just an insult to them that we would let it now be pushed to one side and not give it any consideration."

The Town's position is that the Region fund the underpasses, according to Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure, who said the Region has been "more than helpful through the process" and have "ultimately done what they can."

"The Region has also been very clear throughout the last two and a half years of these discussions that if the Town wishes to include underpasses, that the funding if it was brought forward by the Town, [it] would be graciously included in the

project budget and the underpasses constructed," said Mr. Simanovskis. "Our position to this point has been that the Region fund these underpasses and the Region's response has been this is not part of their mandate, hence their response in providing at grade crossings."

Mr. Simanovskis added that the Region has indicated a budget of about \$1 million per crossing, an estimate based on tunnel constructed of concrete without lighting or extra features factored into the cost.

That estimate was based on a shallow tunnel just under the road surface, while Aurora's trails committee has indicated a preference closer to the river valley which would increase the costs, he said.

"If the Town wishes to proceed with this project, by recommendation that the Town make this request to the Region to include the design in the project and that the Town will provide X

dollars towards that cost, which will trigger it," said Mr. Simanovskis. "If Council so chooses to make a request without the funding or a cost-shared proportion,

then it is up to the Region to respond. My sense based on the history of this issue is the Region is not interested in contributing money towards it."



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Foodland closure known to the public.

As many seniors in the surrounding community relied not just on the proximity of the store but on also their delivery service to get their groceries, many felt the closure would leave them in a difficult situation.

But on Friday, PC candidate and incumbent MPP Frank Klees, in a meeting with residents, announced that Sobeys - which shares a parent company with Foodland - has volunteered to fill this service gap, including a delivery service with the same nominal fee offered by Foodland as well as providing a weekly bus trip for seniors at the store's expense.

After a conversation with the residents last month, Mr. Klees said he realized the convenience the Foodland store provided to the neighbouring seniors, considered possible solutions, and placed calls to several area grocery stores.

"I got on the phone and I called all of the grocery stores that were within a reasonable distance and I shared with the managers there the problem we've got," said Mr. Klees. "I just want to tell you what a great community this is because there wasn't one store that said, 'No, we can't help,' or 'We won't consider helping.' That was very encouraging to me."

"The one person who I called is Matt Derouin who is the store manager for Sobeys just over on Bayview and I told Matt all about your concern...and Mr. Derouin has agreed to provide to you the exact same service that you're getting at Foodland. They will provide exactly what you have now. You can call in your order, they will

deliver it to you, at the same price as you are paying at Foodland.

"Now he's gone one step farther and it is up to you as to whether you want to take advantage of it, he has also offered to put on a bus for you and is willing once a week to have a bus come and pick you up, let you do your shopping, and come home."

The announcement - particularly the second part - was greeted with applause and excitement by the seniors.

In order for the bus service to work, however, at least 10 to 15 residents will need to sign up.

For resident Anne Cairns, the offer of a bus service will put many minds at ease.

"As far as I'm concerned

this announcement is pretty good for a lot of people," she said. "That's what we want at this new store; we want a bus so people can go shopping and if they can deliver to the people that already get delivery. There is one lady who is very ill and she gets grocery delivery twice a week and cannot come out."

Foodland is expected to

close on October 29. Sobeys, which heads up Foodland, said the closure was simply "for business reasons".

"It was following an extensive and careful review of the operations that the decision was made to close the St. Andrew's Foodland," said Sobeys spokesperson Sarah Stover.



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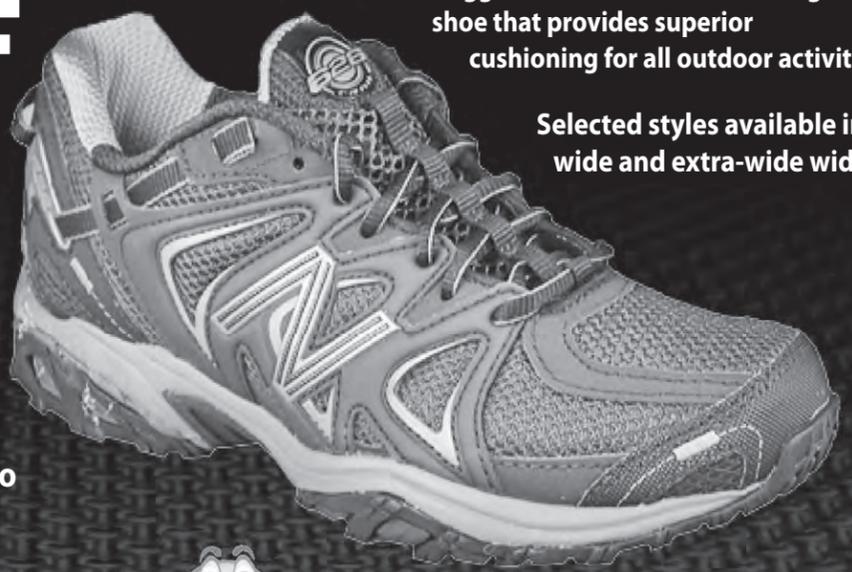
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Rotary's District 7070 Governor visited the Rotary Club of Aurora last week, and addressed issues raised by directors of the local club. Meeting with Rotary president Frank Mete, centre, were Governor Bob Wallace, a member of the Rotary Club of Port Hope, left, and assistant governor Richard Mewhinney, of Newmarket, right.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Private property parking enforcement may beef up

Parking enforcement on private property could soon be beefed up following council's approval last week to enter into agreements with property owners to allow them to issue tickets under the Town's parking bylaws.

Council's approval Tuesday will see the Town able to enter into agreements with third parties to enforce the Parking and Traffic Bylaw.

Such agreements would cover instances of parking on private property such as handicapped spaces, fire routes, and the parking of unauthorized vehicles.

According a report from Techa van Leeuwen, Aurora's Director of Bylaw Services, private property owners have posted the required parking signs and have previously provided written authorization to the Town to do so but agreements expired in 2009 and currently "there are no individuals, businesses or corporations authorized to issue parking tickets on behalf of the municipality".

"Since the expiration of the agreements, property owners, managers and occupants have been providing Bylaw Services with letters of authorization to enter onto their lands to enforce the bylaw and issue parking infraction notices when required," said Ms. van Leeuwen. "The Town of Aurora Municipal Bylaw Enforcement Officers respond to complaints or conduct proactive patrols on these properties as part of their daily activities."

The move will also see a potential increase of money into Town coffers as all the revenue generated from these parking fines would flow back to the municipality, but this would be contingent from the amount of enforcement activities on the private properties.

"It would be difficult for me to determine how much revenue there would be because it is dependent upon their activity as

well as whether or not those fines are voluntarily paid or if they proceed to court and what happens in the court system," said Ms. van Leeuwen in response to Councillor Michael Thompson who also asked why there was a two-year gap in service.

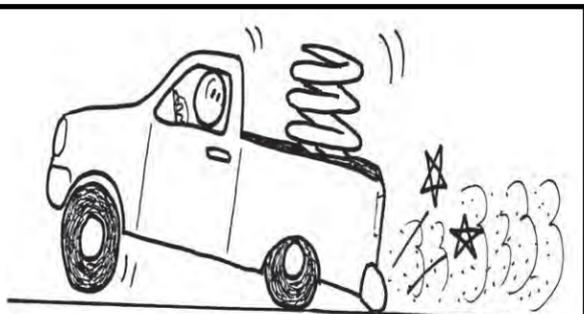
"Those agreements expired before bylaw services being transferred to me, so I am not 100 per cent sure that I can answer that accurately to inform you on why the agreements were not executed and why appointment bylaws were not coming forward at that time."

When the agreements are implemented, parking enforcement would be carried out by

security companies in the charge of the private property owners and would not come from Aurora's Bylaw department, nor will the Town provide compensation for the private property owners for these services. The Town, however, would hold a one-day training session for the security teams tasked with patrolling the private properties, and it was suggested by Ms. van Leeuwen that a provision would be included in the agreement that the private property owners would also cover the cost for the training.

"On these properties where we've had requests to provide private parking enforcement they would be providing the

enforcement," said Ms. van Leeuwen. "We would appoint their security guards as parking control officers only for that property. We continue to provide parking enforcement across the Town and we would continue to respond to issues related to parking where there are cars parked on a fire route in private property."



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Senior Scape



The Square Dance committee has confirmed arrangements for square dance demonstrations at the Cultural Centre Saturday, October 1st, from 11 a.m. until noon.

Dave Griffith will coordinate the proceedings and after the demonstration hopes to arouse audience participation by offering traditional dances and square dancing with the promise of assistance as required and advice or demonstrations.

Whatever it takes to arouse the life and interest so many seniors wish to express, Dave will try his best to help them achieve their goal.

Dance creates a powerful pulse in many seniors; it is the heartbeat and the rhythm in the lives of countless people, expressed by many and begging for liberation in so many more.

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COMMITTEE MEETING

The Operations and Activities Committee met for the first time after the

summer holidays with an excellent representation of activities and matters of interest.

Among the activities receiving attention was Pickle Ball, where a friendly contest of skills is proposed.

The format requires more attention but the organizer proposes that mixed teams of men and women will play with the winners playing winners and the losers playing losers.

Not everybody can win every game, but this format does attempt to match the players by skill level and matches the succeeding rounds by playing strength.

Above all, the organizer wants to stimulate more interest in this excellent game, which resembles indoor tennis in the manner it is played.

For those who have not played Pickle Ball, it is less strenuous than lawn tennis, while still providing physical activity to seniors who very often, could use a little more exercise but without straining the body too much.

A game takes about 10 to 15 minutes, enough for seniors and about right

for those who can still swing a racket or paddle.

Designed to be fun, this game will brighten your day, so even if it is new to you, try it and expect to have your day improved and future prospects of things to do enhanced.

FLOAT

Judy Buchanan informed the members present that the ASA would enter a float in the Santa Claus Parade this year.

All activities leading to Christmas provide quality time for merrymakers who are the very people to animate the float, to bring it alive portraying whatever theme adds life to the float, while adding personal gifts of entertaining merriment to the whole package.

Volunteer merrymakers with ideas to bring life to the float will guarantee a successful float and delight young and old like when it passes in procession.

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Inform Judy or leave a message for her at the front counter.

Judy keeps herself

busy and plans two short plays for Halloween and a dance routine with the Silver Stars, which adds a little brightness, as the days grow shorter; so stay alert for future advertising concerning this show.

NEEDS A STOVE

Ron Coe, who provides the ASA Food Services through Belinda's Kitchen, seeks a new stove.

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With summer a fond memory and fall upon us, Ron continues the tradition of Budget Bistro, which is available once again.

The Budget Bistro Team prepares a different menu each Wednesday for the noonday meal. No reservations are required and the \$4 cost per meal guarantees its ongoing popularity, with the proviso of while supplies last.

COMPUTER CLUB

The Computer Club Executive met for their monthly meeting with the prime intention of maintaining a regular schedule of weekly and monthly events and activities.

The invitation to 'Drop In' to the computer club every Tuesday between 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. allows any Senior Club member to access high quality advice concerning their computer equipment.

Any question concerning computers presented, and most will receive an answer; questions beyond the compass of the Computer Club technical members may find resolution with other authorities.

The 'Drop In' sessions have assisted countless members with numerous problems and popularity of the sessions each Tuesday grows.

Each Tuesday, a computer related program commences at 10 a.m.,

and this has a solid core of members who attend the diverse offerings, springing from the fertile minds of the Computer Club executive.

This successful program would profit considerably with input from members requesting what they would like to hear addressed or even repeated.

If you would prosper in this Computer Club atmosphere, join the Seniors' Centre and the Computer Club and you will find a welcome.

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