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FREE Week of October 16, 2013



Aurora Teen Idol Samantha Ryan gets into the autumn spirit at Thursday's Colours of Fall Concert as Blue Radio takes to the band shell at Town Park. Blue Radio, a Blue Rodeo Tribute band, was a featured performer at the annual concert event, which also included performances from Samantha, and pumpkin carving. For more, please see Page 14.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

THANKSGIVING RUSH



People looking to get last minute pies and other fixings for their Thanksgiving dinner at the Aurora Farmers' Market had perfect weather to do so on Saturday. Market vendors, including 19th Avenue Farms, had tables loaded with almost every variety of seasonal vegetable and fruit while contributions were also welcomed for Aurora Food Pantry. For more, see Page 23.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

Residents push for input on future of former school lands

By Brock Weir

Residents in Aurora's Bayview and Wellington area are making the push for a piece of neighbourhood land previously slated for a school.

Neighbours were alerted to a pending decision on the future of the property in Aurora's 2B development by a letter from Councillor John Gallo. The land in question was originally planned for a school, but the York Catholic District School Board changed direction.

With the board releasing the property, Aurora has first crack on what to do with it.

Neighbours and the community at large will have a further opportunity to sound off on the piece of property at an information session scheduled for this Wednesday evening, October 16, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

In a letter dated October 7, 2013, and addressed to the residents of Borealis Avenue, Bilbrough Street, and Suffolk Avenue, Councillor Gallo provided the public recommendation up for discussion in a confidential closed session meeting the following evening, a topic which was also discussed in closed session on October 1.

"I realise that the information is not clear as to what 'recommendations' Aurora Council will adopt, as it is a closed session item. I am not at liberty to communicate what the recommendation from General Committee to Council is," he wrote. "However, I believe you should have an opportunity to express

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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 16	7 p.m.	Aurora Public Library Board
Thursday, October 17	7 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Friday, October 18	10 a.m.	Trails and Active Transportation Committee
Tuesday, October 22	7 p.m.	Council
Wednesday, October 23	7 p.m.	Public Planning*
Tuesday, October 29	7 p.m.	Economic Development Advisory Committee
Wednesday, October 30	7 p.m.	Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee

Meetings are open to the public and held at Aurora Town Hall. Council meetings can be seen on Rogers TV, channel 10. For a full list of upcoming meetings, please visit www.aurora.ca/calendar

*Meetings can be viewed online by visiting www.aurora.ca/gcstream

AURORA 150 FACT:



Image courtesy of Aurora Historical Society

Ough's Hardware Store

This photograph is of Ough's Hardware Store in Aurora, which sold tools, furnaces and stoves.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Low-Level Pathway Lighting

Please be advised that The Town of Aurora is installing 70-watt lighting in all neighbourhood parks for additional illumination. This low-level lighting will be bright enough to light pathways but subtle enough to not spill over into surrounding residences. For more information, please contact Jim Tree, Parks Manager, Town of Aurora at 905-727-3123 ext. 3222 or jtree@aurora.ca

Fall Aquatics Program Registration

Due to the renovation project scheduled to commence on **Friday, November 1** at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, aquatics lessons advertised in the *2013 Fall Parks & Recreation Program Guide* have changed. As a result, course codes listed in the guide are no longer valid. Please refer to the new October Mini-Session schedule available at www.aurora.ca/aquatics



WHAT'S HAPPENING



York Region Flu Clinics

From October to November, York Region Community and Health Services will hold flu shot clinics at various locations throughout York Region. Residents of Aurora can visit The Royal Canadian Legion, 89 Industrial Parkway North on **Tuesday, October 29** from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

What to expect at a flu clinic:

- You will be asked to read some information about the flu shot, and then asked to sign a consent form.
- A nurse will ask you some questions to make sure it is safe for you to get the flu shot.
- Infants under the age of 12 months are given the vaccine in their thigh. Everyone else receives the vaccine in the upper arm. It is a good idea to wear a short-sleeved shirt.
- You will be asked to wait at the clinic for 15 minutes after your shot for observation.

For more information about influenza, the flu shot or flu shot clinics, please visit www.york.ca or call York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653.

Dinner and a Movie

Monsters University (Rated PG)

Where: Aurora Public Library
When: **Saturday, October 19**
from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Ages: 11 to 14 year-olds
Price: Entry is \$3 per person and pizza will be served.



For more information, please call 905-726-3123 ext. 3123.

Flipside Skateboard Park

The Flipside Sk8 Park is a mobile park designed for drop-in use by skateboarders, in-line skaters, BMX bikers and scooters. Sharpen your skills on Saturdays and Sundays at the Aurora Community Centre parking lot from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Helmets are MANDATORY and protective padding is recommended. Weather permitting.



Volunteers Needed for Haunted Forest

The Town of Aurora is looking for dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to help with this year's Haunted Forest event. Assistance is needed with pumpkin carving, children's crafts and event set-up and tear-down. Application forms are available online at www.aurora.ca/specialevents. For more information, please contact Laura Malone at 905-727-3123 ext. 3123 or lmalone@aurora.ca

Aurora Public Library

Throughout the month of October, the Aurora Public Library will feature various Canadian-produced documentaries on the big screen. On **Wednesday, October 16** the National Film Board documentary, *Wipe Out*, will be screened. It explores information regarding head injuries received while pursuing extreme sports. All film screenings are free and begin at 7 p.m.

Green Path Program

The Town of Aurora has launched the Green Path program to expedite the building permit process for home renovation projects aimed at reducing energy or conserving water. As part of the program, Town staff is focusing on reviewing permit applications within three business days, instead of the 10 business days outlined by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. For more information on eligible projects and the program, please visit www.aurora.ca/greenpath

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Saturday, October 26 2013
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October 5 for residents. October 12 for non-residents. \$4 per person.

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Fall Seminar Series

Learn how to beat the upcoming holiday season stress!

Club Aurora Fitness is proud to partner with The Healing Path Centre to present a series of health seminars this fall.

Stress Be Gone

Beat the upcoming holiday season stress! This interactive and experiential workshop will renew, re-energize, revitalize and relax your mind, body and spirit! Stress is part of life and how we handle stress affects our emotional, physical and spiritual well-being. This workshop will allow you to learn stress-reducing techniques for a healthier you.

Presented by:	The Healing Path Centre
Date:	Wednesday, October 30
Time:	7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location:	Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex 1400 Wellington Street East
Fee:	FREE
Registration code:	33850

Space is limited and registration is required.
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Actress Cara Gee used her parents' Aurora home as a home base while filming "Empire of Dirt" in Keswick, Innisfil and Shelburne. The film premiered at the 2013 Toronto International Film Festival.

Submitted photo

TIFF's Rising Star brings some "balls" to her roles

By Brock Weir

As an actress, Cara Gee often dreamt of walking the red carpet on the way into a premiere.

In her starring turn in "Empire of Dirt", she had the chance to do just that, as it bowed at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) where Ms. Gee was also named one of four "Rising Stars".

TIFF's Rising Star program selects just a few applicants each year for a professional "boot camp" meeting with producers, casting directors, and making connections early on their road to stardom.

"The program is exceptional and the opportunity of a lifetime," says Ms. Gee. "We had meetings all day long with different producers, directors, writers, and casting directors – and it would take you potentially years to meet all these people out working. It was a real inside scoop and to have real conversations with these incredible people in the industry was just amazing."

In Empire of Dirt, Ms. Gee plays Lena, a single mom, who had her baby as a teen and runs away from her community to Toronto. She's had a "pretty tough go at it", says Ms. Gee, of the Aboriginal character who, at 16 years old, was living on the streets of Toronto, baby on her hip, but no resources.

"The film takes off when they hit rock bottom," she says. "Now she has a teenage daughter and they have nowhere to go but the home she ran away from. I'm now introducing my mother to

my daughter for the first time and it is a real family drama. How do you figure out how to be a family?"

Ms. Gee shares little else with Lena but Aboriginal heritage; nevertheless, she says one can't help draw upon personal experiences to bring stories like Lena's to life. One key point of contrast: Ms. Gee describes her mother as her "very best friend in the whole world." Therefore lacking on personal experience dealing with a cold and distant figure like Lena's mother, she imagined what her world would be like if her own mother wasn't part of her life.

"I can't imagine not having that relationship," she says. "To go into a world of these characters where they have been so badly damaged, how do you learn to be a good mom? Where do you learn that from if you haven't had a good mom? In that way, I was very much drawing on my own experiences having the best mom ever, and I am very lucky for that."

Ms. Gee now lives in Toronto, but when Empire of Dirt's producers took their production on the road, she returned to her parents' Aurora home and made it her base as they filmed in Keswick, Innisfil and Sunderland.

Gee was first bitten with the acting bug as a student at Newmarket's Huron Heights Secondary School where, rather than experiencing a drama class full of mundane activities, she was inspired by drama teacher Michael Halfin's passion for the craft. It

was university level work, she says, and the serious dedication to the craft was something she never previously considered. It is now, however, second nature.

"What I love about it is you can draw on every single aspect of your life," she says. "Every single aspect of your life is valuable. I am very social by nature and I think people are fascinating. The world would be a better place if we had more empathy and care for one another."

"I think my way of contributing is to hopefully tell stories and tell them well so people can get to know a little bit more of what it is like to be somebody else."

As one of TIFF's Rising Star, hundreds of people from around the world had a chance to see her interpretations first hand. Finally having her chance to walk the red carpet, she said her visions of the red carpet as a glamorous way to enter the theatre were slightly dashed when she realised it was a little bit of a "setup", but no less special.

"It was very wild and like a blur in a lot of ways," she says of her TIFF experience, which soon helped her reap some immediate rewards. "We were programmed from very early morning and then we had screenings and a million parties afterwards. It was a phenomenal experience. It is one thing to see your agenda on paper and another to actually live it. I was told it was a whirlwind, so it is one thing to hear it but another to experience it."

"It is a complete and total launch pad. I found

out halfway through TIFF that I was offered a role on the Republic of Doyle so I actually flew out on the last day of TIFF to Newfoundland. That was some next level career stuff going on there! What an honour."

The role on Republic of Doyle was originally written for a man, but casting directors clearly decided to take things in another direction. With that episode in the can, she is now working on a couple of short films with director Norman Young. The one underway right now is called "Anne Darling", in which she plays a role also originally written for a man. An addition, her dream role is to play Iago, the villain in Othello.

"These roles are neat spaces to inhabit – and bring some balls into it!"

Briefly

GET YOUR FLU SHOT

It's that time of year again to start thinking about getting your flu shot. The Region of York will hold a seasonal flu shot clinic at the Royal Canadian Legion (89 Industrial Parkway North) on October 29 from 3 – 7 p.m. The Region encourages anyone over the age of six months to get the flu shot, particularly people who are at high risk for flu-related complications, including adults and kids living with chronic health conditions, pregnant women, seniors, and residents of nursing homes. Side effects of the flu shot are rare, but could include soreness, redness, and swelling where the shot was given. For more information on the Flu Shot clinic, or other clinics taking place in York Region throughout November, contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653.

PARTY TIME IN AURORA

This weekend offers plenty of festivities for fun-loving Aurorans. The weekend gets off to an early start with the Hillary House Ball, the second annual fundraising dance, to raise money for Aurora's only National Historic Site. This year, the party will be held at King Valley Golf Course. For more information on the event, including tickets, visit www.hillaryhouseball.ca. On Saturday, dust off your lederhosen for an Oktoberfest Celebration at the Aurora Cultural Centre. "Fest In October" includes a dinner and dance, entertainment by the Thursday Night Jam Band, and fare from Gabriel's Café. For more information, visit www.auroraculturalcentre.ca or call 905-713-1818.

CYCLIST HURT

A cyclist was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries Thursday after a collision at the Aurora GO Station. Police responded to an incident at the northern Wellington Street entrance to the station at 6.25 pm. The cyclist had been eastbound on Wellington when they turned into the parking lot from the westbound lanes. No charges have been laid.

FIND "MISSING" AT THEATRE AURORA

The curtain goes up on Theatre Aurora's latest production Friday with Florence Gibson McDonald's "Missing", directed by Harry Lavigne. "Missing" follows an investigation into the disappearance of Evelyn MacMillan in a small Ontario town. The town is turned upside down when a city detective comes in to handle the disappearance and grows closer to Evelyn's husband while withdrawing from her own. The show premieres this Friday, October 18 at 8 p.m. and continues on select dates through November 2. For more information, visit www.theatreaurora.com or call 905-727-3669.



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Letters to the editor

If he had hair, he'd ask for "The Gallo"

(Re: Why do good people avoid running for public office?)

I read with great interest Councillor Gallo's Letter to the Editor in last week's edition of the Auroran.

I am proud to have good people like John Gallo and most others on Council represent the residents of Aurora.

Their job is not an easy job. The anonymous writer who referred to the "three stooges" is obviously in political alignment with others, for whatever reason. I personally detest such unenlightened myopic self-interest. A Council that is so divided on every issue, however small or large, for reasons of political motivation, is generally unproductive and, frankly, unhealthy for the community.

I hope that with experience they can learn to do a better job by respecting each other and working for the common good of the residents.

Just take a look south of the border (The United States, not Richmond Hill!) and see the results of political dysfunction! It is a difficult decision to take time from your family and your career to serve in your community.

As for John's hair, if I had any hair left on my head, I'd go into the barbershop and proudly say "Give me The Gallo". I agree that more people with the required talents, knowledge and energy should step forward and run for political office. And, oh yes, I forgot to say, integrity. Keep up the good work Mr. Gallo.

Jim Abram
Aurora

Books will benefit Aurora Food Pantry

I am always in amazement at the community spirit displayed in our town, especially when helping others in need.

Spirit and giving can be infectious and spreads in good nature and awareness.

We have been informed of our past regarding the depression. Here, trains would stop on the way to the prairies. Supplies from our little town would be shipped out with Canadians traveling the long journey for work.

We were a thriving interest during troubled times. Farming equipment, shoes, and more were crafted here in proud little Aurora.

As travelers from those trains stopped here they were greeted with kindness. A bowl of soup, a bit of bread, or anything that could be spared was shared.

Many stories have been shared by our early residents about those acts of helping a neighbour just passing through. The depression, to many, was just that: it was sad times.

Today, we are happy to announce the addition of TD Canada Trust to the Aurora Spirit Walk activities.

During the month of October all four Aurora locations will sell books with all proceeds going to the Aurora Food Pantry.

Each book is a minimum \$2.00 donation.

It is encouraging – and creepy – that these books

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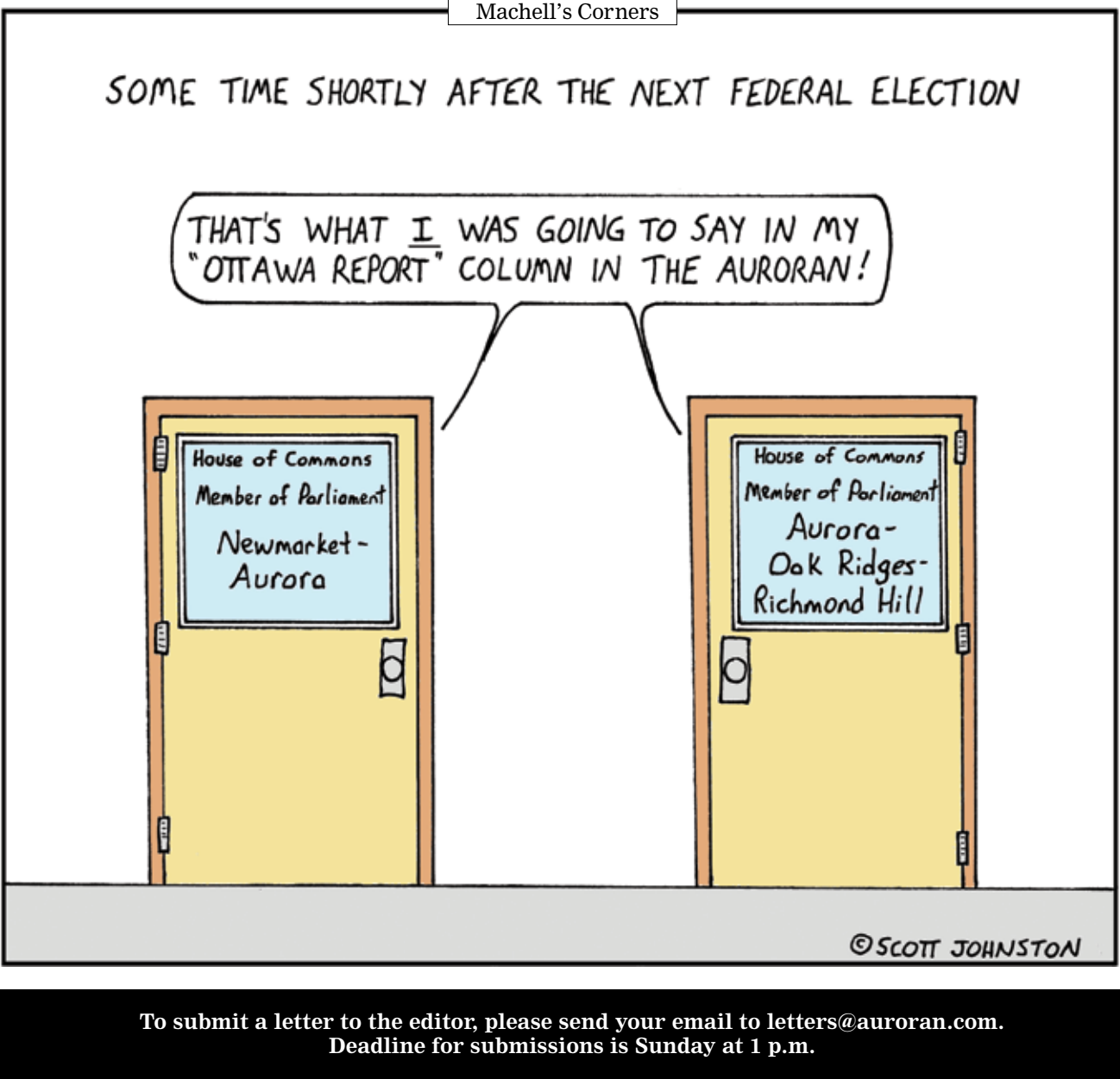
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Conversation Pieces



BROCK'S BANTER

Brock Weir

The oven has cooled off, the turkeys have been unstuffed and the people that, in turn, stuffed themselves over the weekend are now fighting off their traditional post-Thanksgiving turkey hangover.

Whatever you did to celebrate the annual holiday, I hope you're getting back down to business with full hearts and clear heads for the last quarter in 2013.

Talk around our particular Thanksgiving table ultimately—and inevitably—turns to politics. Rather, I should say that's the way the conversation swings for about half of us midway through the dinner while the other half rolls their eyes and talks amongst themselves.

Being that this year's family gathering was held at my aunt's place in the Etobicoke-Lakeshore riding, there was no shortage of things to talk about, ranging from the latest on Mayor Rob Ford, to their own new MPP Doug Holyday. When they asked me what was happening up in our neck of the woods, I was at a loss at what to say.

Should I tell them about the hours and hours (and hours) of Council time devoted to just three trees in a southeast Aurora neighbourhood? On the one hand, they might have been intrigued by the seemingly mundane things that arouse passions north of the 401. But, on the other...they probably wouldn't have believed it.

Perhaps better family fodder could be found in the hullabaloo over whether Council should spend \$3,000 to sponsor a dinner honouring local sports heroes at the very first induction ceremony for the Aurora Sport Hall of Fame. There were plenty of sports fans around the table, so this might have provided some lively conversation, but it probably wasn't enough to rouse the fire that typically comes with our table talk.

Would discussions over Councillors suddenly pondering – even after a very healthy discussion the previous week – whether a Councillor and a Staff Member

on the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors somehow had a conflict over the decision? How about the dramatic turn that debate took towards the end of the evening when the Councillor in question offered to resign from the board right then and there to get that coveted vote that would have turned the tide?

To take things into perspective, this might seem like Child's Play – although no less silly – than Toronto's current woes, so I opted to bite my tongue. However, wondering if there would be any way to compress all these issues in a nice digestible package for the Thanksgiving crowd, it occurred to me that if this could be considered a "silly season", things are only going to get sillier from here on out.

FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT: SPECTACLE IMMINENT!

After particularly lengthy Council meetings, such as the one last week where two hours were devoted to the infamous trees, I'm often asked how I can stand sitting through such meetings. The canned answer is that it's my job, but to be truthful, being there is essential to appreciate and get the flavour of the full spectacle.

Last week had this spectacle in spades. If you weren't in the room, you might have missed the chance to see who was clapping for whom; audience members swaying in apparent ecstasy that would not have been out of place in those most demonstrative of revival meetings; lawyers jogging down to

the floor in the midst of a Council debate for an impromptu tete-a-tete (or two) with the Town's solicitor; a local environmentalist unwittingly finding herself in the middle of Council crossfire as Mayor and Council debated whether to give her extra time for her presentation (time which she was already resigned to not getting) while stuck at the podium as they jockeyed to bring that vote in for a landing.

The previous week, there was extensive debate surrounding the adoption of Aurora's proposed new tree bylaw. A good time was apparently had by all at the Council table with members wagging the "shame" card at misheard remarks and supposed exclusive meetings which were, in reality, publicised to all and sundry, feigned shock and dismay, and on and on it goes.

In just a little under two weeks, it will be exactly a year until voters make their decisions on who will fill the Mayor and Council seats for the 2014-2018 Council term. In the meantime, there are plenty of political points to score. If that is the case, spectacles will inevitably be close at hand.

Indeed, as these dates get closer, it only seems to exacerbate a growing problem.

Just a few short months ago, I would have said such spectacle is limited primarily to Council meetings themselves when the cameras are rolling, beaming the meetings into potentially every Aurora home presently subscribed to Rogers, not to mention those looking to get their municipal fix online. That, however, cannot be said today.

Would last Tuesday's decision to nix staff's authority to cut down the three trees on Longthorpe been different if there wasn't a good chunk of potential voters in there, a sea of humanity acting as a living, breathing applause-o-meter, giving them instant feedback on their comments and positions?

Maybe, maybe not, but fasten your seatbelts anyway – it's going to be a bumpy year.

NEW AURORAN POLL

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In this week’s installment of historian John McIntyre’s series on still-standing buildings that were here before Aurora was founded, we feature a building that has been changed uses with the times and been moved to different locations in its long history. Although its use today is very different than what it was before 1863, its modern equivalent operates near the same site and under the same name today. Although this one shouldn’t be too hard to solve, check back next week for the big reveal!

Photo courtesy
of the Aurora
Historical Society

That Billion Dollar Scandal Really Means Nothing Until...

The Auditor General had just released her scathing report on the Oakville Power Plant scandal the night before. I was sitting at my desk in the Legislature watching as the Premier responded to questions about her role in this latest in a series of government scandals. In case you forgot:

eHealth...ORNGE...Mississauga Power Plant...Oakville Power Plant

The first of two key findings of this latest report was it would ultimately cost Ontario taxpayers as much as \$1.1 billion for the Liberal government’s decision to cancel two gas-fired power plants to save five Liberal seats in the 2011 election. The second was that if the file had been handled differently, the penalties could have been avoided altogether.

Here was the question from the Leader of the Official Opposition:

“The reality is, Premier, your fingerprints are all over this. You actually signed the deal. You had a choice. You had an option. You could have said, “No, this is not in the interests of taxpayers. This is bad for the province of Ontario.” You could have set a higher standard, but you signed the deal, you signed the document. If you’re going to do that and sell us up the river, why should we trust you with the finances of this province?”

The Premier’s response:

“I have said, in the first instance, that there were decisions made that should not have been made, that we should have paid closer attention to the community. I have never said, as the Leader of the Opposition alleges, that I didn’t take any responsibility. In fact, I’ve said the exact opposite. I was part of a cabinet that made this decision, and we worked to make the decision in the best way possible. There were mistakes made. I have apologized and I do apologize for those mistakes, but my responsibility now is to make sure that this never happens again, that we have the processes in place to make sure it never happens again.”

As I listened to that response, I wondered how my constituents would react to this mea culpa by the Premier - this matter-of-fact admission by her that bad decisions had been made by her and her government, this cavalier acceptance of responsibility and this apology that bears no consequences for her or anyone in her cabinet or anyone in the ranks of the bureaucracy?

Would the people who hear and read about this apology understand what a difference that \$1.1 billion would have



FRANKLY SPEAKING

MPP Newmarket-Aurora
Frank Klees

made in their lives and in the lives of some of their family members?

Would it help if people knew that \$1.1 billion could have paid for any one or a combination of the following:

- 242,727 more seniors to receive home care
- 19,705 more long

term care beds

- 84 million of the physiotherapy treatments that were recently cut
- 18,000 new nurses
- 277 new MRI machines or 1.3 million MRI procedures
- 18,333 IBI therapies for children with autism
- 36 million PSA Prostate tests that OHIP refuses to cover

Would it help if people knew that two days before the release of this report, I received an email from my constituent Mel Hughes of Newmarket, once again pleading for help for her 20-year-old son Cody?

A twenty-four month wait to see a surgeon threatens the permanent loss of flexibility in his wrist.

“I cannot tell you what we are feeling. My nerves are completely shot.

It is outrageous that despite every hurdle we have to get through with this disease, there are always issues with our healthcare making the struggles even harder. I am asking you to assist our family again in getting Cody an emergency appointment to at least see if replacement is an option rather than we take that option away from a young child because of wait times....”

Would it make a difference, if people could see past that \$1.1 billion number into the lives of their family, their friends and neighbours who are being denied essential services because of the callous decisions of a few self-serving politicians?

Within hours of the Premier making her historic apologies, I read two petitions into the record. One was on behalf of the more than 850,000 Ontarians who are living with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and the other was on behalf of the 467,000 to 654,000 children and youth who have at least one mental health disorder and are not receiving treatment.

In both cases, there is a desperate need for funding. The respiratory rehabilitation program in York Region was recently cancelled and the wait list for youth mental health assessment is months long.

**Send me your thoughts at
www.frankklees.com**

There Once Was a Town...

It’s not quite the end of 2013, but let’s take a moment to look back at some news items this year in Aurora through that well-known story telling device, the limerick.

January - Aurora to be split into two Federal ridings

When the town’s split into two ridings was news
Our Federal voice people feared we would loose
But perhaps the worst blow
And what we wanted to know
Was which side of Wellington our MP would choose.

February - Petch House reconstruction nears completion

Petch House’s re-birth’s been a real slog
In approvals it’s been in a fog
But through work and repair
It stands now proud and fair
Just too bad you cannot see the logs.

March - Ongoing budget discussions

Reducing the budget, and how much to spend

Required program cuts now, not when
Council argued and debated

But in the end simply stated
“We’ll just have to raise taxes again.”

April - Cell tower built just west of Bathurst

A cell tower appeared from the blue

And caused a big hullabaloo

Council sought legal advice
But was told in a thrice
There was nothing Aurora could do.

May - Plans for the new Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Park

Park plans with debate have been fraught
Should playground equipment be bought?
Or shall soccer remain?
When she heard the refrain
The Queen said, “Amused, we are



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Scott Johnston

not.”

June - Youth Centre plans move ahead slowly

The years of Youth Centre planning have flown

By the time they place the last building stone

The ones it was built for

Will be children no more

And, in fact, will have kids of their own.

July - Residents protest tree cutting on nearby property

When tree cutting caused people to freak

Local government’s help they did seek

The region pondered and mused
But unlike saws that were used

They found their bylaw’s teeth were quite weak

August - Concerns raised about the length of Council meetings

Said a member “the time that we spend

That gets longer each meeting, must end.”

So they discussed several ways
To reduce the length of their stays

But still adjourned past midnight, again.

September - Aurora’s 4th Sesquicentennial event is held

The last sesqui event was at hand
The theme ‘Culture across our fair land’

But all events for that day
The rain, alas, washed away
So a make-up event will be planned.

October - Fair increase planned for York Transit

After last year’s strike they decreed
The next month no payment you’d need

But it’s now no surprise
That bus fare’s on the rise

In the end, you know nothing is free.

**Feel free to e-mail Scott at:
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Letters to the editor

Residents did want by-election, contends reader

(Re. "Gallo responds to criticism over letter")

Regarding your reference to your appointment to Council in 2008, you state that if you had certainty that the public did not want Council to appoint, you would have declined.

Does your decision then to accept appointment suggest that you therefore had certainty that the public did not want a by-election?

Certainty is a tough thing to determine, but I well remember the Council meetings in May of 2008 where the Chambers were filled with supporters of the by-

Community group wants do-over of tennis proposal

The Aurora Community Tennis Club (ACTC) is finding the process for establishing a tennis facility somewhat confusing.

Note, the Town has released a schematic of the footprint where a facility would be built.

The dimension of 54.75 meters by 36.00 meters is approximately 180 by 120 feet which is only 21,600 square feet. Please note that the attachment from Tennis Canada (Finding the Sweet Spot – a step by step guide community tennis development Appendix pg. 24) that says developing a

six court structure requires a footprint of 42,000 square feet. Another reference from "SportMasters Inc., a large international tennis court construction company says the same thing (approximately).

Secondly, we note the use of the word "Bubble" on the aerial map supplied by the Town in the Expression of Interest. ACTC has always proposed a structure that has open sides or raisable sidewalls to allow the free flow of air.

Few people are interested in playing in a bubble in the warm summer months. We object

to the term "bubble" or "dome" being used in the RFP and recommend that a neutral word like "structure" or "enclosure" be used instead.

ACTC would be very interested in renting proper indoor courts for some of our activities because it would alleviate the aggravating re-scheduling that occurs because of rain-outs for our house leagues and inter-county competitive events. But we are not interested in playing in a dome or bubble in warm weather.

According to Mr. Downey the scope in the

Expression of Interest will be transposed to the wording of the RFP. We are concerned that there is a miscalculation of the appropriate square footage for the facility. An accurate new Expression of Interest should be considered for all types of proposals.

Therefore we suggest a reconsideration of this process should be undertaken and the scope should be broadened "to include all sides of an issue, to get a full understanding of the various perspectives, and make decisions based on this dynamic as it yields the best results."

That is a quote from Mayor Dawe's column of September 25, 2013 in The Auroran. The ACTC has met with all three interested vendors personally and has provided research materials and offers of ongoing support to each and every developer.

upheld in these circumstances.

Certainty? No. But overwhelming evidence to support a by-election, I would suggest yes. Yet, you still accepted appointment with full endorsement from the ex-mayor.

You then refer to the lawsuit. "Town initiated"? Really, Councillor, that's quite a stretch. I'm a citizen of this Town. I didn't initiate the lawsuit, and I doubt the three affected families did either.

As Master Hawkins ruling clearly stated, "Morris brought this action expressly in her capacity as Mayor of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora". In my opinion, there's no question who initiated this lawsuit, and believe me, it wasn't "the Town."

You supported the original motion to take "any and all action" in launching this vindictive lawsuit process. Yet, when you were faced with the reality that three innocent families were needlessly suffering both emotionally and financially, and you were then given the opportunity to cut taxpayer funding of the lawsuit, you again declined to take the high road.

I don't know which I find more distasteful, your initial actions supporting this assault on free speech, or your continued attempts to this day to make what you did sound noble, that somehow you were participating in a process to bring justice to a victim of defamation.

From Justice Brown's ruling, "It is not the role of the Court to parse the impugned articles and blogs before it to attempt to determine, by divination or divine inspiration, which statements it should assess".

Ergo, defamation was never proven, nor even pled, in this case. Repeating it over and over again doesn't make it true, but I trust you are sincere when you state you believe anyone who writes slanderous and defamatory comments needs to be held accountable. If and when that ever occurs in this Town, whether it be an elected official or a private citizen under attack, I trust Councillor, you'll be one of the first to rally support.

Like Richard Johnson, I too applaud Mr Walkinshaw's letter. And at the same time, I am happy to see Mr. Johnson, one of our Aurora neighbours whose family was one of the front-line victims in the lawsuit issue, return to form in writing and stating his opinions in an intelligent, honest, and forthright manner.

Reader suggests overhaul of Council structure

I read John Gallo's letter in the paper. This man needs a knee to sit on or a shoulder to cry on.

Wasting reading space to discuss his hair style. John, if this is your look/label in the crowd then walk proud. Don't need to defend yourself to other people.

I don't like the decisions made on the cell tower. We need regional/specialists Councillors.

This specialist would know what is going on in

their specific area. If we had such a person maybe then we could of stop the tower before it got beyond completion before someone in the public noticed and complained.

Right now if I had an issue, I have no idea where to go to except the general number of the Town of Aurora.

Stop talking about the Yonge/Wellington corridor. We should be proud to have a short period of congestion within our beautiful town.

It means there is a lot of people shopping and moving around our town, and enjoying our surroundings. The short periods of congestion I run into offers me the opportunity to look around the streets to see what is new.

We should be proud of our surroundings within Aurora, not try to rush through our beautiful town.

Brent MacKinnon
Board Member, ACTC

Matt Maddocks
Aurora

Let there be light!

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Parks Department at the Town of Aurora for the recent addition of lighting to Summit Park.

Since moving into our home which backs onto the park 28 years ago, I can tell you we have experienced vandalism

and mischief to many trees as well as damage to playground equipment over the years. By lighting the pathway which runs through the park, the Town has adopted the proven principles of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design).

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Affordable housing shortage pushes “second suites” into spotlight

By Brock Weir

As house prices soar across York Region, wages and salaries have yet to follow suit, creating a crunch for affordable housing. Those are the findings of a new 10-year plan to tackle this shortage of affordable housing across the Region currently under consideration by Regional Council. According to a report which will be before Regional Council this week, before a final report next year, the average cost of a new, single detached home is hovering just under \$700,000 when the entire Region of York is taken into consideration. “At one time, the conversation about making ends meet in York Region concerned itself with only low-income earners,” said Sylvia Patterson, Manager of Housing for the Region of York in her draft plan. “Today, that concern has grown and moderate-income earners have been added to those who may struggle financially.

“York Region has a lot going for it: a rapidly growing and diverse population; business and industry; employment opportunities; farmland, beaches and forests; educational facilities and plenty of services for its residents. York Region also has a high-cost home ownership market, the lowest proportion of rental housing in GTA and – perhaps not surprisingly – a very low vacancy rate.” Through their 10 year plan, the Region plans to work with all municipalities and other stakeholders to develop a “multifaceted” housing strategy to provide affordable options to residents with four key goals: increasing the rental housing supply, sustaining the existing rental housing supply, supporting home ownership affordability, and strengthening the homelessness and housing stability system. “The draft housing plan identifies 60 actions in advance that work with the Region has already done and will work towards over the

next 10 years,” reads the draft report. “The Region will continue to build new residential housing, support the development of second suites and provide more rent subsidies; take steps to preserve the supply of existing private sector housing and strengthen the social housing system; work with partners to find innovative approaches to addressing home ownership and affordability; and strengthen the system of services that support people who have difficulty finding

and keeping housing appropriate to their needs.” Within the report, York Region specifically earmarks the lack of rental housing as a particularly significant problem, a problem which often forces families to go to places well beyond their individual budgets and price ranges, which has its own dire consequences. In the first year of the new plan, however, the Region plans on working with each York Region municipality to encourage and develop new rental housing through Community Improvement Plans, specifically targeted areas, along with other incentive and engagement programs. They also plan to encourage an increase of “safe and legal” second suites, accommodations often found in the form of basement apartments. Important in this, they note, will be municipal incentives for homeowners to create legal second suites and get the ones they already have up to code, and

“educating” tenants and landlords of everything that is required of them when it comes to basement apartments. “The need for more housing options has grown into a mainstream issue that impacts everyone in the Region in obvious and not so obvious ways,” concludes Ms. Patterson. “Our young adults need a place to call home. Our seniors and recently retired colleagues may want to downsize or retire without moving to a distant community. Our young professionals and newcomers who come into the Region for employment may want to live closer to work. “Council has paved the way, but no one organization can solve complex housing challenges alone. All levels of government, the housing development industry, community agencies and housing providers must work together to develop strategic, holistic and collaborative solutions. By working together, the potential for change is real and the possibilities for innovative solutions are endless.” On board with his colleagues at Regional Council is Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, who

said he has experienced this lack of smaller, affordable, and rentable housing first hand in finding a place for two of his daughters. Going out earlier this month to look at housing options and prices, he said it “mirrored” exactly the situations outlined by Ms. Patterson in her report. “This is really a start in the Region in terms of recognizing some of these issues surrounding affordable housing and how do you define it,” says Mayor Dawe. “Handling second suites is a huge issue. You have to be a little smarter. I don’t know how you can be a little smarter, but you have to be. “It is interesting because we’ve had this whole discussion when the site proposals came forward for the 2C. We had made this decision we want affordable housing, and the official plan says we’ll have two parking spots, when it came forward, Councillors said that was not enough parking. But if you increase the parking on the house, you increase the cost of the house because you increase the amount of land. There has got to be some consistency here in this whole thing.”

Info session scheduled for Wednesday night

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your views on what you would like to see on that site, or at a minimum, be informed as to the latest information regarding that site.” He closed by inviting residents to provide their views either by email to him, or by showing up to last week’s Council meeting to speak during Open Forum. It was an invitation taken up by Patty Huke, a resident of Suffolk Avenue. “When I purchased the land, my husband and I were told this would be a school or parkland,” she told Councillors. “Nobody said there was going to be houses, no one said there was going to be any building on it. What we would like to see happen is a park, tennis courts, maybe a community garden, something for our children to enjoy. “The area is surrounded by houses. What we need is somewhere for our children to go and play.” Councillor Gallo told The Auroran he sent out the letter because he felt “uncomfortable” with the decision that could be made by Council without community input. Since last week’s meeting, he says he’s received 85 emails from residents on what to do with the land. He also notes that \$2 million was received by the Town from the developer for cash in lieu of parkland and public input is “essential.”

“They need to express their opinions,” he says. “It doesn’t mean we can accomplish everything that we want, and we might accomplish nothing that they want. It was important to me to engage them in the process and to make them well aware we’re making a decision about their neighbourhood. They have a right to hear from each and every one of us why or why not we want to buy that property.” Regardless of whether Council can do everything or nothing they want, everything could come with a price, says Mayor Geoffrey Dawe. Although Mayor Dawe says he is reluctant to discuss anything that might be part of a closed session meeting, there are a number of things to consider. “Everyone should have input with regards to what goes on in their neighbourhood,” he says. “The difference here in Aurora is because Councillors are elected at large and we are not a ward [system], you have to look at it from the perspective of the entire town, as

opposed to a specific area. As the system stands right now, we are obligated to look at this from the perspective of the entire community. “People are saying they want this as a park, but at what price? To use an extreme example, if it was \$50 million, would you still be interested in having a park? If it was \$50, the answer is yes, but if it was \$50 million, the answer is probably no. Our obligation is to look at the value and if this is money well spent in this particular area.” Councillor Evelyn Buck also highlights the potential cost of creating a park with the land, including uncertainty over how much land would be available for a possible park once other factors like use and buffering between any park and surrounding houses are taken into consideration. She said she was also struggling with this issue being limited to closed session discussion. “There is only one reason [it is being discussed behind closed doors and that is because there is a price on that lot,” she says.

“The first time I heard of this site was two weeks before it came up for us to deal with. I received an email from a neighbour asking me if I could do anything for the site...because neighbours have been using it as a dump for a long time for household and garden waste. “The last straw was an elderly woman walking across the street with a dead animal and tossed it over the fence. That’s how the neighbours have been using the site they earnestly plead for to be used as a park site.”

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finding information on their own. This often leads to misinformation and confusion. The discomfort and pain experienced usually affect many aspects of life including work, home and leisure activities. Fortunately, there are additional options available outside of the standard medical approach. To help those suffering with IBS and other digestive problems an informative upcoming free workshop is scheduled. “I got so much out of this workshop. Every sufferer with indigestion needs to hear this” TF The workshop will explain why IBS and other digestive problems can be so challenging and how to take steps to feel better and take control of your

health. This surprising information has improved the lives of numerous sufferers. This workshop will be held at the King West Wellness Centre on Wed Oct 23, 7:30 pm – 9 pm. “This surprising information has improved the lives of numerous sufferers.” Seating is limited. To reserve your seat call: 877-334-2785.

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York Region Transit will focus on increasing ridership and revenue in 2014

By Brock Weir

Restructuring routes and getting more riders in seats – those are the objectives of York Region Transit as it forges ahead into 2014.

In addition to the fare increases approved last month at Regional Council, “realignment” is the watchword as the YRT streamlines and reconfigures local service here in Aurora.

“Our goals are to work on increasing ridership numbers and improving the revenue to cost ratio,” said Adrian Kawun of York Region Transit.

Mr. Kawun made his presentation to Aurora Council last week. In justifying transit hikes for next year, bringing the standard adult cash fare up .25 cents to \$4 per ride, Regional Councillors stressed there are limited ways to close the gap between the amount of money taxpayers subsidize transit users per ride, versus what they bring in at the cash box, but Mr. Kawun had a few ideas.

“Our 2014 plan focuses on restructuring routes for efficiencies, making travel times more appealing by reducing one way loops and creating point-to-point destinations; adjusting service levels and meeting customer demands; adjusting schedules to manage service and construction areas; and preparing for the subway and 2017 rapid transit network plan.”

Mobility Plus is also in focus for the coming year. The division of York Region Transit which focuses on providing conventional and specialized transit services for people with mobility issues, will continue to focus on “managing ridership demand and maximizing vehicle usage.”

A primary goal is getting more Mobility Plus users onto conventional transit through their “Family of Services” program, added Mr. Kawun. This service provides a hybrid service to people using wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility aids. For instance, a Mobility Plus service could pick up a user at their home, drop them off at a central bus stop to take a regular, accessible bus for a long haul ride, before being picked up at another station by Mobility Plus bound for the ultimate destination.

Leisure Complex users angered over youth centre closures

By Brock Weir

Upcoming renovations for Aurora’s new youth centre have left regular users of the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC) seeing red.

Residents using the facility’s pool and gym to keep fit aired their concerns last week saying they were not adequately consulted on pending construction at the complex and programs that will be affected.

Extensive renovations are expected to start next month and continue through the fall of 2014. The objective is to make room for a Community Space for Youth and give the overall complex a facelift.

The entire bill for the project is expected to clock in near \$7.5 million.

When the renos get underway, the popular running track will be closed, most pool and fitness programs will be transferred to the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC) on Wellington Street near Leslie Street, and squash will be limited.

“I want to congratulate you on the time you have taken in the last decade to research and consult for youth needs [in Aurora],” said AFLC user Anne Raney last week, noting she appreciated the work to address youth needs.

What she criticised, however, was Council’s ultimate decision on picking an option that would cause service disruptions.

“The architect’s proposed design change radically changes quite a few things,” she said. “The first option was to permanently locate the fitness area to a new area constructed at the Stronach and repurpose the area to a gymnasium at the Leisure Complex. Council endorsed the design of the new and renovated works at the AFLC as proposed by the architect. Now it is a renovated work of the entire building with youth elements within the building and also a one-storey addition for the fitness.”

Above all, Ms. Raney said it was the “process” that concerned her in that young stakeholders were consulted, but not users as a whole. While she applauded efforts made for younger people, she added seniors were “vulnerable” as well and disruptions to them should be taken into account.

Also speaking out against the renovations was Claire Venna. A 15-year member of the AFLC, she said she was never consulted or told about the changes that would be taking place. She welcomed the “facelift” coming to the building, particularly those serving youth, but was “offended” others weren’t consulted to see what they would like to see in a revamped complex.

“There will be a lot of people that would just be out of luck,” she said of limited program space at the SARC. “We were never consulted and it was just a done deal. We were told this is just the way it is and we just

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According to Mr. Kawun, these changes, goals, and objectives stemmed from public consultation sessions held throughout York Region. In total, approximately 1,000 transit users participated in these sessions throughout the Region. A “great success”, he said.

“A key focus is not to leave anyone behind,” said Mr. Kawun, noting changes in Aurora routes Route 31 and 32.

Route 31, which serves Yonge Street and the Aurora GO Station will now begin at Wellington Street and Haida Drive bound for the Station. The last evening trip will be reduced, ending at St. John’s Sideroad and Yonge Street to account for dwindling numbers heading to the GO Station in the evening. Route 32, which serves Wellington Street, Bayview Avenue, Henderson Drive, and Bathurst Street, will have one southbound route slashed near the end of the run as it is a service currently being duplicated by Dial-A-Ride.

It will continue to be serviced by the latter program.

“[Dial a Ride] is a co-responsive service that usually operates in the lowest demand periods throughout the day,” said Mr. Kawun. “What customers are required to do is call an 800 number half an hour before the planned trip, and an accessible Dial a Ride vehicle will come and pick the passenger up at the designated stop they’re [using]. It is not a door to door service, but it is a stop to stop service.

“We’re also looking at a smaller vehicle strategy in line with a GO Shuttle review, providing shuttle service directly to the GO Station. Currently 30 foot buses, which are the smaller vehicles, and 40 foot larger vehicles which operate in the Aurora area, and the reason being that some of these trips are integrated with school trips.”

Aside from school trips, however, many of these buses

often whiz by with less than a handful of passengers on board, occasionally even empty. The lower the number of people on the bus, the higher each trip is subsidized by the taxpayer.

“It occurred to me [after a previous presentation] that although the subsidy for a person needing Mobility transit and its door to door services is \$40, and with all the empty buses we see trundling around our streets, that might very well be \$40 [in subsidies] for a person who isn’t mobility challenged,” said Councillor Evelyn Buck. “Maybe everybody should be getting door to door transit!”



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It is Winter Hamper time at the Women's Centre of York Region

By Chris McGowan

Every year at this time the Women's Centre of York Region helps their clients by taking donations and assembling Winter Hampers.

A Winter Hamper provides seasonal support in the form of new boots, coats, a toy and a gift card for women and their children. The Winter Hamper program helped 112 families which included 208 children last year.

"Some women are so destitute they cannot even afford to buy themselves personal toiletry items" said Kirsten Eastwood, Executive Director at the WCYR.

The WCYR is a registered charity non-profit that assists women from all backgrounds and cultures in York Region that suffer from low income due to a wide variety of reasons.

"The WCYR offers a very respectful dignified means of helping" said Eastwood.

They provide counselling and skills development programs and basic needs services to help women get their lives back. Two thirds of the women seeking help are single mothers with 40% living on social assistance. The women must stay in the program in order to maintain the support and assistance.

"We are women helping women" adds Eastwood.

Visiting their location in Newmarket, one can see services in action, including rooms for life skills training, and an area where daycare is provided for single mothers while they are taking classes. There is also a chest freezer full of bread that is donated to the Centre regularly and is given to Women on an as needed basis. It can be shocking how basic their needs can be.

"We maintain anonymity for all our

clients, and we do not pass judgement due to any circumstance," added Eastwood.

The WCYR helps an average of six thousand women per year with counselling, support and donations. It is not a shelter, nor do they have access to store clothing or large items for donation, but they provide direction to their clients where they can obtain these items. Their goal is to make these women become independent productive members of society.

They would like to help more, but like many non profit charities they are restricted by their budget.

The WCYR receives funding from Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services, United Way of York Region, Regional Municipality of York Region, Homelessness Partnership Initiative, as well as through fundraising initiatives and private donations like the Winter Hamper program.

Their needs do not stop with the Winter Hamper program as they gratefully always welcome volunteers who can assist in any way possible. Due to their tight budget, they depend on fundraising and donations throughout the year to help pay for the costs.

The Winter Hampers are collected from November 1 to November 15. The goal is to ensure no child goes to school without a warm jacket when it really gets cold.

Their message is clear: when you put our warm coats on when the weather gets cold and dreary as it always does in York Region, perhaps a thought could be spared for others in need this year, judge a little less and reach out in any way we can.

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Residents win reprieve over Longthorpe trees amid Council, Staff squabble

By Brock Weir

Aurora Councillors have tasked staff with finding alternatives to cutting down three trees in the southeast corner of Aurora that have divided both a Council and a community.

After over two hours of Council debate last Tuesday, Councillors voted to block the removal of three trees slated for the chopping block to clear up a grading and drainage issue on a property currently under construction on Longthorpe Court.

The decision came after Councillors received an updated report from Warren Mar, Solicitor for the Town of Aurora, asking Council to approve a tree replacement plan for the site. While the homeowner submitted a plan to plant six moderately sized trees in the place of the three mature trees in the way, Mr. Mar highlighted the trees' removal only needed the approval of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

"They weren't afforded any special protection beyond that," said Mr. Mar of any provisions made for the trees when they once shared a lot with a relocated heritage home.

Residents of Longthorpe Court and the surrounding neighbourhood don't take their trees lightly.

A large contingent of neighbours came out to last Tuesday's Council meeting to show their support of retaining the three mature trees on their neighbour's property. For some of them, having a view of the "majestic" trees sealed the deal on their properties," they said.

"We relied on the [builder's representation]," said resident Tanya Cooper of word she received from the builder that the trees were protected, a view which was bolstered, she said, by a call to Town Hall. When the subdivision agreement was entered into, it reflects the Town of Aurora's policy...and I don't understand what has changed with that subdivision...other than the purchaser of the lot has a different view.

"You need to weigh and balance competing interests and it can be difficult at times, but in this situation, I don't see how the interests of the proposed purchaser outweigh all of our various interests in the public policy of Aurora."

Neighbour Anthony Cho argued that if the property owner's objective is to remove any potential flooding on his property, there are viable alternatives out there that could do the

"When the subdivision agreement changed, the understanding was those trees were part of the heritage area that made up the Allen Brown House.

"Once that was removed, they weren't afforded any special heritage protection and could be removed. That is not on the table tonight. Staff have...looked at the grading and decided that under the delegated authority, the trees will be removed. The authority that has been delegated to staff is being exercised."

That didn't wash for some Councillors who argued the situation changed when options on the trees' future were presented to Council in the first place. Councillor Paul Pirri, for instance, questioned how staff can "come back with a report" now saying they always had the authority all along to make the decisions.

"Did we have to claim no take back?" he said.

Councillor Chris Ballard also said he had concerns and using the word "concern" was "charitable".

"Yes, the director has the delegated authority to make those decisions, but that authority ended the minute the question came to this Council for us to

debate," said Councillor Ballard. "I was expecting tonight to make a decision about the trees, about the potential for infill...and I find that authority has been taken away from me unilaterally.

"Those trees can be saved, engineers do amazing things with water redirection and I think it is just a matter of convenience and expense. I am at the point of saying right now that this is something the builder needs to deal with. The builder has the responsibility to make this right."

After hearing the explanation from staff, both Councillors Ballard and Sandra Humfries both said their "resolve" was stronger than ever to protect the trees. Councillor Humfries added she felt the process of this coming to Council when they had no authority at the end of the day to block the tree cutting "misled" residents.

Council's motion to protect the trees and having staff work with developers on an alternate grading plan was approved 5 – 4 with Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, along with Councillors Evelyn Buck, Pirri, and Michael

Thompson voting against it. For those in favour, the key point was the original grading plan itself, which was submitted to and approved by the Town while not making any notation of the trees on the property.

"When an engineer is sitting in a cubical looking at drawings where trees were not there, and approving an engineer's grading plan to put in a house with a walkout basement with low windows, of course they're going to approve it because there is nothing wrong with it," said Councillor John Gallo. "Add in those trees and all of a sudden you have got a problem."

Although Councillor John Abel previously voiced his support for going ahead with the removal when this was last before Council, he said in light of the fact that hundreds of protected trees were felled in this neighbourhood making way for the rest of the homes surrounding this property, going that extra step in protecting the trees that are left, sends a good message.

Sending the right message was also important to Councillor Wendy Gaertner, who

said she was "sorry" neighbours were upset about the plan.

"We have a developer that has caused so much trouble, we have a situation where we have before us a lot of frustrated, angry, and upset [residents] that have paid a lot of money to be upset and angry," she said. "They had promises made to them. If this Council allows these three trees to be removed, we're not taking care of the rights of our community, we're taking care of the rights of the developer.

Sometimes, however, you have to make tough decisions that go against the majority of the people in the room, argued Councillor Evelyn Buck.

"There was never any guarantee [neighbours] would be able to enjoy the view of those trees," said Councillor Buck. "They don't own them. They are on somebody else's property and that somebody else has rights. They go beyond the neighbours' enjoyment of their lot.

"There is no solution that will please both sides. That is what makes an elected office and responsibility difficult. You can't always be everyone's friend. You can't always do what everyone wants you to do because problems come up every now and again and problems have to be solved."

Neighbours make pitch to protect nearby trees

By Brock Weir

jobs and keep the trees.

"I ask Council to ask themselves this question: We recently had four acres of clear cutting in Aurora and another 1.5 hectares of clear cutting by parties that do not respect our town or our laws," he said. "I understand this is not another clear cutting, but certainly another example of a party with total disregard for our community.

"I do see these trees as a symbol of what this town represents. It represents our community, it represents our heritage and respecting nature. Consider the message this sends to builders if you decide to remove the trees. Consider the message if the trees are preserved and the builders are forced to provide a viable solution. I think this sends the right message to anyone who wishes to operate in our town."

On the opposite side of the fence was Jeffrey Streisfield, a lawyer appearing on behalf of homeowner Chris Katsopolous. He said it should be clear to all concerned that a grading issue has

been "confirmed". The drainage problems, he said, have been underscored in the new report and he emphasized the problems this situation was creating for his client.

"There is indeed a purchaser sitting out there waiting to get into this home," said Mr. Streisfield. "It is referred to in the report that he had a closing date of November 2013. The fact of the matter is I think this is the second or third closing date and that date needs to be met for all concerned.

"The fact of the matter is all purchasers here relied on proper drainage being made available to their lots. With the greatest of respects, in order to avoid this issue, staff have recognized that that drainage issue can only be resolved through the tree removal and it is in the interest of the municipality to allow it to occur despite the fact trees would be removed. They will be replaced with securities being provided by the builder.

"Staff have given you a solution to this problem. I urge you to

accept it as reflected in the recommendations."

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Rick Hansen PS is a leader in keeping students healthy and active

By Jeff Doner

In a bid to encourage safety and healthy living among students, Rick Hansen Public School, in partnership with the York Region Police and York Region, hosted International Walk to School Day last week.

As students arrived to school, they were met by York Regional Police officers who reminded them about the appropriate places to safely and lawfully walk across the street, and other road safety tips. The YRP was also enforcing the rules of the road with motorists around the school.

"It was a brilliant event," said Hansen PS principal, Steve Gardner. "In terms of community engagement, we brought many people in and there's nothing better."

"We have an incredibly strong relationship with York Region and our public health nurse and from walk to school initiatives to nutrition workshops to being able to bike safety," he continued. "We made that connection right from day one."

Steven Kemp, Director of Traffic Management for the Region, said he agreed that Rick Hansen PS has been a leader in encouraging students to walk and cycle to school.

"We're happy to be here," he said at the event. "Rick Hansen PS is really one of the model schools in the region in terms of getting students to walk and cycle to school rather than having them driven every day. The program here has won some awards and they are doing this today, but they actually do it every week in giving kids the incentive to walk to school instead of being dropped off."

Since opening a year ago, the school has championed its healthy living initiatives among its students, which has made them a recipient of the Green Communities Canada and Heart and Stroke Foundation's Active School Travel Award.

Kemp added that the initiative also helps to ease gridlock.

"From a traffic engineering point of view it's a great thing, because we deal with all kinds of complaints around school zones and pick up and drop off times and if we can just get kids to walk a lot of those problems go away," Kemp explained. "There are just so many good reasons to do it, public health reasons as well."

Const. Laura Nicolle, media relations for York Region Police, said the event has been huge success and that the YRP was happy to be involved.

"This initiative has been a lot of fun, but it has also promoted a lot of really important safety messages," she said. "For drivers, there were officers out there enforcing the rules of the road and the speed limits around the schools. We can't stress enough to slow down and watch for children crossing."

Nicolle said she hopes the event will continue to expand across the region and further.

"It's a great initiative that hopefully gets adopted across the board and the region has actually put together a few fun cartoon videos with safety tips on their website, so parents can have those discussions with their kids and encourage them to participate," she said.

Const. Nicolle reiterated the three main general safety tips for students walking to school: crossing at a designated crosswalk area, walking instead of running across the



(Above) Students at Rick Hansen Public School took part in 20 minutes of activities along with York Regional Police before the start of Wednesday's school day. (Below left) Also on hand for the safety activities were Isabel and Ryan, along with Helena Barkla.

Auroran photos by Jeff Doner



road and then making eye contact with the driver, so making sure you see them and they see you.

In addition to their walking to school initiatives, Hansen PS also participates in 20 minutes of activity each morning before classes. Principal Gardner said these initiatives will continue to be embraced, expanded and encouraged by the school.

"Healthy active living is kind of a mainstay and a cornerstone of what we do and what we believe to be important at Hansen," he said. "It's what we know and what we do and there's no better way to kick-start learning for period two when instruction begins."

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Growing Together: St. Andrew’s College & Aurora

By Brock Weir

The Auroran continues its Sesquicentennial series on Aurora’s oldest businesses with a look at a school which attributes much of its success to relocating to Aurora.

A hush came over the room as men crowded around Kevin McHenry earlier this month to watch the big game.
The St. Andrew’s College headmaster was keen to watch his Saints take on their rivals, and wouldn’t let an ocean stop him from the streaming game. He was in London, England meeting with alumni and these “old boys” were equally enthralled with the game.
As headmaster, Mr. McHenry strives to keep alumni engaged with their alma mater. They have gone on to various careers in various industries but the education they received in Aurora is what holds them together.
St. Andrew’s College began life in Toronto in 1899. After moving locations a few times, they joined fellow Toronto schools Trinity College and Ridley College in finding new digs outside of the rapidly growing city. While Trinity moved to Port Hope and Ridley to St. Catharines, St. Andrew’s established new roots in Aurora in 1926.
“That was probably the best decision we ever made in our 115,” says Mr. McHenry, stating if he was given the choice of establishing a school anywhere in Canada, Aurora would remain his top choice. “This is the perfect community for this school to be located in. We’re close enough but far enough away from Toronto. We have our own identity and autonomy and

all those important aspects, but we’re within striking distance. We have parents that live and work in York Region and Toronto, and we have access to one of the most multicultural and cosmopolitan cities in the world.”
Long after moving to Aurora, SAC was still a school primarily for boarding students. In the past 30 years, however, things began to significantly shift. Boarders are now almost evenly split with day students, and boarders now come from all parts of the world.
This proximity to Toronto is part of what Mr. McHenry, and Edna Collins, a faculty member of over 25 years focused on alumni, believe is the international appeal.
Aside from their day students, boys enrolled as boarders not only come from across Canada and into the US, but 34 different countries, including Germany, Finland, Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia, India, Hong Kong, Thailand, Vietnam, Pakistan, Nigeria, and a wide cross-section of the Caribbean.
Mr. McHenry attributes this international appeal both to reputation and word of mouth, but also outreach efforts. This week, for instance, admissions officers will be out promoting the school in Montreal, Bermuda, Saudi Arabia, Kazakhstan, Vietnam and China.
As SAC continues to evolve and its identity becomes known around the world, Mr. McHenry says it would be foolish to simply look ahead without keeping a firm eye on the foundations of the institution.
“If I was going to discard or not think about



St. Andrew’s College headmaster Kevin McHenry and Edna Collins, Associate Director of Advancement, are pictured at the school with murals celebrating the school’s long history in Aurora. After more than 85 years on the Yonge Street site, Mr. McHenry credits SAC’s decision to move to Aurora as one of its most important.
Auroran photo by Brock Weir


the history of the school, traditions, and how we were built, I would last about a week as a headmaster,” he says. “That is front and centre. Principals are always looking at the future and a 50,000 foot vision, but I will be honest and say much of where we go is based on where we have been.”
Adds Ms. Collins: “Technologically, we’re probably ahead of the curve of a lot of the independent schools, but our history with the naming on our buildings and how we carry ourselves are very much linked to all those headmasters, teachers, and students who have come before us.”
Mr. McHenry came into St. Andrew’s out of the public school stream. Part of the attraction, he said, was a more manageable volume of students, and make changes “without jumping over a number of

hopes” to get things done.” There, he found a school where teaching was seen less as a job, but more of a vocation.
From being on the other side of that fence, it was a unique environment, but also an environment that continues to evolve from a parental perspective. In the last few decades alone, what parents expect from their schools has also significantly shifted.
“In the 1920s and even through the 1970s, parents would trust the school to raise their son and often the boys would be here for seven or eight years, go home at Christmas and that’s it,” he says. There would be report cards sent home, but not a ton of communication. Now, because of the world we

live in and the access to information, there is way more accountability, way more communication, way more expectation from parents, whether they are living on Willow Farm Lane or in San Francisco.
“Most schools started as boys schools and three decades ago there was a lot of change from boys to

coed of like schools and when I said the decision to move to Aurora was the best decision ever made by this, I would say probably the second best decision was to remain all boys and not join the others because we have carved out a very unique niche that serves our students extremely well and we have really become experts in how to educate boys.”
Although they have carved out a niche market on what they believe is a tried and true method of teaching boys, they have also tried to cast a wider net in terms of how many students can actually take part in the program. They don’t demure from the fact it is costly and many families “struggle” to pay the tuition, but Mr. McHenry says they currently have 140 boys on financial assistance, making the school community more accessible.
“\$2.2 million per year goes into financial aid,” he says. “It is a great equalizer and leveller and we’re really proud of it. That is through the generosity of the old boys [who] give to the endowment to fund boys who otherwise would not be here.”





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Further changes to tree bylaw will consider heritage districts

By Brock Weir

New revisions to Aurora's proposed new tree bylaw could come forward as early as November. As expected last week, Council delayed further consideration on the new bylaw which would provide tougher rules and harsher penalties for people who remove trees from their properties without a permit. It would also narrow the number of trees people can cut on their properties – be it residential or business – without approval.

Should the new provisions be passed next month, residents and property owners will now only be allowed to remove two trees from their lands with trunks more than 20 centimetres and less than 70 centimetres without a permit in any one year window. That number currently stands at four trees.

Golf courses could also see significant changes in how they do business. They are currently exempt across the board from a tree bylaw, but Council's approval could limit them from removing

10 trees with the same size restrictions without a permit per year. Currently exempt conservation authorities and school boards would also be tied into the bylaw.

While preliminary discussions at the Committee Level focused primarily on golf courses and the rights of property owners – as well as the argument from some Councillors that the number of trees allowed to be removed should be proportionate to the property in question – that was not the case in the last go-round.

Comments will now be considered by staff when making their final revisions to it, but last week's focus came squarely in on heritage trees.

Within the proposed bylaw, owners of homes within heritage districts in Aurora would have to get a permit, as well as approvals from both Council and the Heritage Advisory Committee, for just one tree. There are no specific provisions for heritage property owners currently on the books.

"I would like to see us revisit the report with

perhaps a revision to remove the provisions for the heritage district, so that people who live in the heritage district have the same rights as everyone else," said Councillor Chris Ballard.

These concerns gained traction around the table with Councillors such as Michael Thompson indicating enforcing the bylaw could prove to be a challenge in these house-proud areas.

"You can see what we saw tonight that anyone who wants to cut a tree in the heritage district, they have got to then do a permit, they have to go to the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) and then they have to go to Council," said Councillor Thompson, referring to a two hour debate focusing on three individual trees on one Aurora street. "Then what happens if someone who lives in that district opposes it and then all of a sudden they're dealing with every single tree? I think that is an issue."

After the previous tree debate, Councillors didn't get to tackle this until after 11 p.m. Councillor Thompson suggested

that rather than take the issues one by one, putting forward individual amendments to get something that everyone can agree to, that it would be better to wait for staff to come back with their next report outlining previously expressed concerns.

"Staff have heard the ones that had some traction and I would like to see them come back and then move forward with them."

Councillor John Gallo agreed that November would be a reasonable time to expect these revisions back.

"I would have preferred to have dealt with the previous motion and really tweaked it to deal with that heritage aspect," he said.

Nevertheless, Councillors Ballard and Wendy Gaertner were not keen to delay a decision any further on the tree bylaw and get it on the books.

"I think staff have worked for many months and it has been staff throughout the corporation, so I am not really sure what staff is going to do with this,"

said Councillor Wendy Gaertner. "I think they have already tried to advise us on how to proceed."

Aurora currently has one heritage district, located in the northeast corner of Yonge and

Wellington and radiating out almost to Industrial Parkway. Studies are currently underway for a second heritage district on the opposite side of Wellington Street throughout much of Downtown Aurora.

Advocates argue new rules should be approved without delay

By Brock Weir

The leaves will be gone from the trees by the time Aurora could sign off on a final draft of a proposed new tree protection bylaw, but environmental advocates caution that the earlier any possible windows are closed the better.

Several residents representing a wide cross-section of environmental organizations and green-minded ratepayers came forward to Council last week asking that the draft bylaw be put into action without delay.

One such resident was Isobel Ralston, who lives in a property adjacent to Beacon Hall Golf Course. Ms. Ralston was one of the leading members of Ratepayers of Aurora Yonge South (RAYS) who sounded the alarm on significant cutting and clearing taking place on her neighbourhood course.

Their efforts helped prompt the new bylaw which places golf courses squarely under the umbrella of the tree protection bylaw, whereas courses currently have free reign.

"[Staff] have left no stone unturned with regards to community surveys, private meetings with golf courses, the engagement of residents, information exchanged with Council, the thoughtful and thorough of comparisons of bylaws in other municipalities," said Ms. Ralston. "Is it perfect? No, nor can it please everyone, but

it makes tremendous strides forward allowing for sober second thought on the potential destruction of either single heritage trees or, in the case of golf courses, entire woodlots.

"[In the Beacon Hall case], hundreds of majestic trees were removed every day. We watched logging trucks run off with their harvest. The golf courses could do so legally because

they are exempt from the bylaw. As a result, entire woodlots were razed. The revised bylaw will not necessarily prevent the razed woodlots [but] golf courses would have to give justification to the proposed removal of trees. Most importantly, neighbours would be informed of the impending felling plans and would have the opportunity to negotiate with the golf course and

make their concerns known to the Town."

A contributor of RAYS campaign for the Beacon Hall Trees was Susan Walmer. Ms. Walmer heralded Aurora as being a leader in coming forward with a tree bylaw in the first place, although it was far from perfect. For her, passing the bylaw in question would be a step in the right direction.

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COLOURS OF FALL CONCERT



Crowds came to Town Park on Thursday night for the annual Colours of Fall concert. Featuring headliner Blue Radio – a tribute to Blue Rodeo – and many activities for the whole family, the concert-goers stayed well after sundown. (1) Blue Radio's Dave Russ, Frank Calabrese, Jim McLean, Joey Ace, Michael Thomson and Mike Cotton were joined at the band shell by Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, centre. (2) Sabrina, Nareg, Aramis and Anni enjoyed some buttery freshly roasted cobs of corn. (3 & 4) Michael Thomson tuned up before singing. (5) Dave Russ handled vocals and acoustic guitar. (6) Audience members fanned out to tackle their pumpkin carving while (7) Charlotte, 2, wasted no time digging in. (8) Daphnee, a Town volunteer, helped organize donations to the Aurora Food Pantry.

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Tigers' luck isn't rosy for Pink in the Rink against Newmarket



Aurora Tiger Dylan Sikura is back on the ice after a long absence due to a foot injury.
Auroran photo by Jeff Doner

By Jeff Doner

With scoring forward Dylan Sikura back in the lineup, the Aurora Tigers were hoping to take a step forward and bag a few wins last week.

Things didn't go as planned, however, as they dropped both of their games to put their record at 4-6-1 on the season and fell seven points behind the first place Newmarket Hurricanes.

On Friday, the Tigers visited the Pickering Panthers and came home with a 5-3 loss.

Even though they outshot the Panthers 32-21, the Tigers dug themselves an early hole by allowing four goals in the first period.

Kory Kennedy and Sikura have meshed well early on and have combined for eight points in their last two games. The high-flying forwards each scored a goal in the first period to cut Pickering's lead in half heading into the second period.

Both teams traded chances to start the second until Adam DiBrina got the Tigers to within one midway through the period. Two short minutes later, the Panthers regained their two-goal lead.

That's the way it would stay as both teams held each other in check throughout the third.

Saturday vs. Newmarket

The Tigers returned home for a game against their rival Newmarket Hurricanes the following night. For this game, the Tigers were decked out in pink gear and jerseys for their annual "Pink in the Rink" event to raise awareness of breast cancer and money for Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Staying in line with their lackluster performance the night before, the Tigers again got off to a slow start, finding themselves down 4-0 in the first period.

They would eventually start to find their feet, but the Hurricanes used their speed and took advantage of some defensive miscues to gain the early lead.

After the game, head coach James Richmond said it's clear his team needs better starts out of the gate.

"We lost that game in the first nine minutes," he said. "It was the same as last night; we just didn't come out for whatever reason. I just explained to the boys, that if you're racing a race car and don't get off the start line, you're left behind, it's pretty tough to pass everybody coming back."

The second period was better for the Tigers, as some of the team's veteran players tried to rally a comeback.

DiBrina would get the Tigers on the board 56 seconds in to the period

with a power play goal and a cold goalie in net for Newmarket.

Roughly 10 minutes later, Kennedy was dragged down on a breakaway, putting the Tigers on the power play once again. Sikura took a nice pass from Kennedy and buried the puck past the Newmarket goalie to make it 4-2.

The Hurricanes quickly stole the wind out of the Tigers' sails, however, by scoring 15 seconds later.

Before the period concluded, Kennedy would add a goal of his own, from Sikura, to give fans the hope of a third period comeback.

There was a good tempo throughout the third period, but the Tigers weren't able to find any luck.

With two minutes left, Richmond pulled the goalie for an extra attacker, but the Hurricanes turned it around and added an empty net goal to make it 6-3.



Lynn Rollo and her son, Jake, and Cindy Richmond served up special pink cupcakes for Pink at the Rink, held Saturday at the Aurora Community Centre. All proceeds raised by the bake sale and pink Tigers merchandise, including jerseys sported on the ice that evening by the home team, benefited Southlake Regional Health Centre.
Auroran photo by Jeff Doner

Again with the net empty and an extra man on, Michael Laidley scored his fifth of the season to make it 6-4, but the Tigers simply ran out of time and luck.

Postgame, the common message from the team was that they have to get off to better starts," said Kennedy. "I think that we just need to give it a full 60 minutes and we can't keep getting down three or four goals at the start of the game. If we get that start worked out I think we're good to go."

"We're starting to pick it up a bit. I definitely think that if we come out with a better start we're going to start winning."

Sikura agreed with his linemate: "We've just got to be ready to go right out of the gate. We've had two games in a row that we're down 4-0 in the first 10 minutes and we dig ourselves a hole and can't get out of it. We outplayed Pickering and Newmarket tonight in the second and third, but we just couldn't get out of that hole that we dug ourselves in the first period."

Coming off a foot injury and missing the first nine games of the season, Sikura has picked up right where he left off last season, with two goals and four points in two games.

"It's good getting back

into the swing of things," he said. "We're in a bit of a slump here, we've got to get something going right off the start, but it's good to be back with the team."

Richmond said having Sikura back is a big help offensively, but reiterated that the team needs to figure out why the slow starts have taken over and if any roster moves will

need to be made.

The team should also have captain Robert Angiolella back from injury in the near future.

Next week the Tigers will play three games in three nights, with matches at home against North York and Oakville at the Aurora Community Centre on Friday and Saturday night at 7.30 p.m.



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AMHA Results Rep Teams

Peewee AE Tigers: 2 Stouffville Clippers : 4
Luke Catania 1G, Cory Read 1A, Ryan Funston-Clarke 1G, Rony Wahab 1A

Minor Midget AA

Aurora Tigers: 4 Stouffville Clippers: 1,
Cameron Zinner 2G, Taylor Kaufeldt 1G, Connor Downs 1G, Michael Shum 1A, Christian Arcuri 1A, Bryan Manweiler 1A, Zack Phillips 1A, Deven Deguara 2PM, Deven Deguara 10PM, Graham Sanford 2PM

Minor Midget AA

Aurora Tigers: 5, Leaside Flames: 2
Cameron Zinner 2G 1A, Tristan Kuchar 2G, Connor Downs 1G, Christian Arcuri 1A, Jack Pecora 2A, Michael Shum 1A, Jared Reeves 1A, Cameron Zinner 2PM, Connor Downs 2PM, Bryan Manweiler 2PM, Zack Phillips 2PM

Minor Midget AA

Aurora Tigers:0 Richmond Hill Stars: 2,
Richard Hache' 2PM, Bryan Manweiler 2PM, Cameron Zinner 2PM, Jack Pecora 2PM, Zack Phillips 4PM

Minor Midget AA

Aurora Tigers: 1 Streetsville Tigers: 2,
Richard Hache' 1G, Connor Irving 4PM,

Minor Midget AA

Aurora Tigers: 6, TBD: 3
Cameron Zinner 1G 3A, Zack Phillips 1G 1A, Christian Arcuri 1G 1A, Connor Irving 1G 2A, Jack Pecora 1G, Taylor Kauffeldt 1G, Deven Deguara 1A, Michael Shum 1A, Graham Sanford 1A, Graham Sanford 2PM, Bryan Manweiler 6PM, Jared Reeves 2PM, Tristan Kuchar 2PM,

Minor Midget AA

Aurora Tigers: 2 , Leaside Flames: 0
Bryan Manweiler 1G, Connor Irving 1G, Connor Downs 2A, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Christian Arcuri 1A, Matthew Tanel SO, Bryan Manweiler 4PM, Tristan Kuchar 2PM, Christian Arcuri 2PM, Taylor

AMHA House League Results - Sept. 22 -29 2013

102 Timbits - Nashville Yellow: 5
Noah Savage 3G 1A, Kane Poland 1G 1A, Daniel Leyderman 1G 1A,
109 Timbits - Colorado Burgandy: 4
Owen Mikula 1G, Giancarlo DiNonno 1G, Ryan Torisawa 2G, Landon Connelly 2A, Anthony DiNanno 1A,

104 Timbits - Edmonton Blue: 5
Charlie Ritchie 1G, Cohen Bugeja 1A, Lukas Bordonali 1A, Nolan Whittaker 1G 1A, Isaac Pearl 1G 1A, Gabriel Ricci 1A, Andrew Vaughan 1G, Alessandro Rabito 1A, Ben Butler 1A, Massimo Ricci 1G, Mateo Graham 1A, Ethan Fryer 1A, Ethan Fryer 1A, Angelo Ventrella 1A,
107 Timbits - Minnesota Dark Green: 7
Tristan Skupien 1G 1A, Griffin Carriere 2G 2A, Tyler Vasilevski 2G 1A, Grayson Butler 1G 2A, Jacob Kirchmair 1G, Michael Romeo 1A, Amanda Brown 1A, Matyas Djordjevic 1A, Michael Chudakov 1A, Thomas Bianco 1A, Riley Macmillan 1A, Tyler Brown 1A,

105 Timbits - Chicago Black: 2
Cameron Rose 1G, Shawn Rame 1A, Cole Jurchuk 1A, Owen Marsella 1G, Kevin Peck 1A, Jack Thomson 1A,
106 Timbits - San Jose Teal: 3
Hayden Thome 1G, Andrew Mariani 1A, Tyler Parent 1G 1A, Leo Lagasse 1A, Easton Bailey 1A, Eric McWhinnie 1G, Owen Cauley 1A, Thomas Koteff 1A,

106 Timbits - San Jose Teal: 4
Owen Cauley 1G, Brock Lobreau 1G, Benjamin Licata 2G 1A,
103 Timbits - New York White: 1
Marcus DaSilvan 1G, Reid Vincent 1A,

105 Timbits - Chicago Black: 4
Owen Marsella 3G, Aidan Archibald 1G, Cole Jurchuk 1A, Charlie Jurchuk 1A, Shawn Rame 1A, Kevin Peck 1A, Ryan Smith 1A, Jack Thomson 1A, Cade Irvine 1A, Daniel Lawton 1A,
104 Timbits - Edmonton Blue: 2
Angelo Ventrella 2G, Andrew Vaughan 1A, Charlie Ritchie 1A, Ethan Fryer 1A,

410 McDonald's - Philly Orange: 1
Brent Davison 1G, Nolan Parkinson 1A,
409 McDonald's - Pittsburgh Powder Blue: 1
Luca Decristofaro 1G, Liam Sullivan 1A,

407 McDonald's - Minnesota Green: 10
Mark Moscone 5G, Cyril Martynov 2G, Cameron Mills 2G, Jake Cowden 1G 1A, Jack Rinkel 1A, Aaron Perkins 1A, Benjamin Grassi 1A, Dennis Stanislavsky 1A,
402 McDonald's - Boston Gold: 2
Dylan Thompson 2G,

408 McDonald's - LA Purple: 2
Matthew Song 1G, Michael Valenti 1G, Anthony Minichiello 1A,
401 McDonald's - New Jersey Red: 6
Liam Morassutti 4G, Mark Genaro 1G,

406 McDonald's - San Jose Teal: 5
Omar Ozturk 2G, David Iacovetta 2G, Jake Colman 1G,
403 McDonald's - Ottawa White: 0

608 Inaria: 6

Anthony Iacovetta 4G, Hunter Gilpin-Maier 1G, Quinn Bruckner 1G, Ethan Moulds 1A, Luke Altomare 2A,
601 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre: 4
Giuliano Iervasi 1G 2A, Ethan Mohamed 1G, Samuel Morin 1G, Stefan Fazari 1G 1A,

607 Caruso & Company: 8
602 Laurion Law Office: 8

604 Optimist Club of Aurora: 4
Kyle Trumper 2G, Anthony Miranda 1G, Brian Turner 1G, Jake Kandaharian Hagop 1A, Matthew Pelan 1PM, Brian Turner 1PM, Kyle Trumper 1PM,
610 Rotary Club of Aurora: 2
Griffin Charnely 2G,

601 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre: 4
Giuliano Iervasi 2G, Evan Robertson 1G, Nathan Mohabeer 1G, Shawn Kemp 1A, Zachary Diaz 1A,
607 Caruso & Company: 2
Austin Martin 1G, Mason Barone 1G,

606 Mastermind Toys: 9
Matthew Muxlow 2G, Robert Kniss 2G 1A, Jackson Gailbraith 4G 1A, Devon Bourie 1A, Aaron Preiano 1A, Joshua Turiff 1G, Gregory Gatzopoulos 2A,
602 Laurion Law Office: 8
Cody Fisher 1G 3A, Matthew Gram 3G, Joshua Anselmo 2G, Daniel Babcock 1A, Daniel Rheeder 2G 2A,

807 Sundance Signs: 1
Liam De Sousa 1G,
808 Inaria: 4
David Tonelli 1G, Keaton Thompson 2G, Evan Knowles 1G, Brad Shennan 1A,

803 Optimist Club of Aurora: 1
Jacob Leblanc 1G, Austin Hendy 1A,
804 Investors Group: 1

805 York Region Auto: 1
Josh Fallovalitta 1G, Jack Chivers 1A, Vyktoria Brochu 1A, Andrew End 2PM,
806 Benson Kearley IFG: 4
Niklaus Seidel 2G 1A, Ethan Brooks 2G, Hayden Edwards 1A, Scott Wilson-Smith 1A, Ethan Cohen 2PM, Andrew Currie 2PM,

809 Manhattan Trophies: 4
Matthew Glionna 1G, Mateo Florentino 1A, Dominic Pecchia 1A, Carson Venneri 2G 1A, Andrew Hoogers 1A, Christian Loria 1A,
808 Inaria: 3
Kyle Gillies 2G, Evan Knowles 1G, Troy Lane 2A,

807 Sundance Signs: 4
Nathan Sherrard 2G, Christian Ridd 2G, David Robertson 2A, Liam De Sousa 1A, Shayne Colin 2PM,
806 Benson Kearley IFG: 6
Niklaus Seidel 1G 3A, Hayden Edwards 1G, Tristan Floyd 2G 1A, Noah Murphy-Sealy 1G, Jordan Kagan 1A, Hayden Edwards 2PM, Roy Tadros 2PM,

808 Inaria: 1
Andrew Hegri 1G, Brad Shennan

1A,
810 Peirce McNeely Assoc. Lawyers: 3
andrew sutherland 1G, kyle wulle 2G, cole shereneta 1A,

806 Benson Kearley IFG: 6
Noah Murphy-Sealy 2G, Niklaus Seidel 1G 1A, Ethan Brooks 1G, Andrew Currie 1G, Tristan Floyd 1G, Jacob Cann 2A, Hayden Edwards 1A, Jordan Kagan 1A,
804 Investors Group: 2
Josh Mackey 1G, Stuart Gable 1G, Patrick Feirra 1A, Anthony Liva 1A, Paul Cotturo 1A, Ryan Cooper 1A,

AMHA Rep Team results

Minor Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 6 , Richmond Hill: 2
Matthew Keizer 1G, Sam Belman 1G, Yi Wang 1A, Ryan Clutterbuck 1G, Ryan Blakley 1G 1A, Josh McLeod 2A, Kevin Wasserman 2G, Ethan Powell 1A, Vince Russo 2A,

Minor Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 6
Richmond Hill Stars: 2,
Matthew Keizer 1G, Sam Belman 1G, Yi Wang 1A, Ryan Clutterbuck 1G, Ryan Blakley 1G 1A, Josh McLeod 2A, Kevin Wasserman 2G, Ethan Powell 1A, Vince Russo 2A,

Minor Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 5 , Richmond Hill: 2
Kevin Wasserman 2G 1A, Henry Paluch 2A, Sam Belman 2A, Josh McLeod 1G, Yi Wang 1G, Sam Spong 1A, Malcolm Parkinson 1G, Henry Paluch 2PM, Josh McLeod 2PM,

Minor Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 3 Barrie: 2
Thomas Bradley 1G 2A, Nathan Mochizuki 2G 1A, Brayden Baird 1A,

Minor Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 1 Nobleking: 2
Adriano Fanuzzi 1G,

Minor Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 4 , Richmond Hill: 1
Matthew Gianforcaro 2G, Thomas Bradley 2G, Adriano Fanuzzi 2A, Stephen Gummersall 2A, Kellan Sherman 1A, Dylan Vasilevski 1A, Noah Smith 1A,

East Gwillimbury: 2 , Minor Atom A - Tigers: 2
Matthew Gianforcaro 1G, Adriano Fanuzzi 1G, Stephen Gummersall 1A, Austin Venneri 1A, Kellan Sherman 1A,

Minor Atom AA - Aurora Tigers: 4, Georgina: 1
Cameron Boyd 2G, Aaron Rose 1G, Daniel Iwai 1G 1A, Andrew Parsons 1A, Adam Rame 1A,

Minor Atom AA - Aurora Tigers: 3 TNT: 0
William Haines 2G 1A, Andrew Parsons 1G 2A, Jack Beswick 3A, Graham Hoogers SO, Aidan Edmunds SO,

Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 3 Markham Waxers: 2
Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 4 ,

Bradford: 1

Atom A - Nobleking: 3 Aurora Tigers: 2

Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 4 , Innisfil: 0

Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 6 - East Gwillimbury 0

Atom AA - Stouffville: 5 Aurora Tigers: 4 -
Jacob Hoffrogge 2G, Ryan Catania 2A, Owen Papulkas 1G, Nick Giorgio 1A, Owen Hollett 1G, Luca Capraro 1A,

Atom AA - Aurora Tigers: 4 - Georgina Balze
Owen Papulkas 1G 1A, Jake McMillan 1A, Jacob Hoffrogge 1G 1A, Ethan Belisle 1G, Nick Giorgio 1A, Tommy Hollett 1A, Ryan Catania 1G, Owen Hollett 1A,

Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 3 Rockford Rams - Michigan: 0
Ryan Dunbar 1G, Ryan Fowler 1G, George Rappos Jr. 1G 1A, Riley Pearl 2A, Gianluca Pannozzo SO, George Rappos Jr. 2PM, Riley Pearl 2PM,

Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 3 Livonia Lancers: 0
George Rappos Jr. 1G, Nicholas Petinarelis 1G, Rory Callaghan 1G, Ryan Fowler 1A, Ben Charette SO, Gianluca Pannozzo SO, George Rappos Jr. 2PM, Rory Callaghan 2PM, Maxwell McConkey 2PM, Luka Rodrigues 2PM,

Atom AE -Aurora Tigers: 5 -Macomb Mustangs: 1
Lucas De Palma 1G, Ryan Fowler 1G, Riley Pearl 1G 1A, Ryan Weeks 1G, Tyler Cox 1G, George Rappos Jr. 1A, Ryan Dunbar 1A, Luka Rodrigues 1A, Maxwell McConkey 1A, Riley Pearl 2PM, George Rappos Jr. 2PM,

Minor Peewee AE - Caledon Hawks: 3 Aurora Tigers: 2
Geoffrey Wilson 1G, Mitchell Weatherall 1G,

Minor Peewee AE - Aurora Tigers: 5, Newmarket Redman: 3
Mitchell Weatherall 1G, Sam MacLeod 2G, James Sproul 1G 1A, Carson Klein 1G, Ethan Ritchie 1A, Justin Just 1A, Geoffrey Wilson 3A, Cole Nip 1A, Daniel McKay 1A,

Minor Peewee AE -Aurora Tigers: 5 , Richmond Hill: 2
Logan Kidder 1G, James Sproul 1G, Mitchell Weatherall 1G 1A, Carson Tidd 1G, Carson Klein 1G, Ethan Ritchie 1A, Jake Iwai 2A, Ian Hilgendorff 1A, Sam MacLeod 1A,

Minor Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 5 - Bradford: 4

Minor Peewee A - Richmond Hill: 2 -Aurora Tigers: 1

Minor Peewee A -Aurora Tigers: 3 - East Gwillimbury: 0

Richmond Hill Stars: 0, Peewee

A -Aurora Tigers: 0
Matteo Orlandi SO,

Peewee A -Aurora Tigers: 11 , Nobleking: 1

Tyler Sawyer 2G, Anthony DiPietro 2G, Michael Orlandi 2G, Blair Crabbe 1G 1A, Harris Goan 1G, Craig Therkildsen 1G 1A, Luke Jarvis 1G 1A, Ben Liotta 1G, Matthew McConnell 2A, Luke O'Keefe 3A, Adam Wloka 1A, Andrew Park 1A, Myles Vasilevski 1A,

Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 2 - Orillia: 2

Peewee AE - Aurora Tigers: 2 - Stouffville: 2
Luke Catania 1G, Ryan Funston-Clarke 1A, Carson Williams 1G, Cory Read 1A,

Peewee AE - Aurora Tigers: 4 - Georgina Blaze: 1
Luke Catania 2G, Jack Patterson 1G, Cory Read 1G, Rony Wahab 1A, Jack Campbell 1A,

Minor Bantam A - Orillia: 2 -Aurora Tigers: 1
Lucas Surace 1G, Ben Spittle 1A, Mathew Hastings 1A,

Minor Bantam A -Aurora Tigers: 3 , Barrie: 1
Ben Spittle 2G, Lucas Surace 1A, Sebastian Giorgio 1A, Andrew Jorgensen 1G,

Bantam A - Aurora Tigers: 7 , Richmond Hill: 5
Philip Wolanski 2G 1A, Colin McGoldrick 2G, Jack Camplin 1G 1A, Reid Carpenter 1G 1A, Curtis Romanchych 1G 2A, Alexander Simardone 2A, Lucas Dane 2A, Devin Kauffeldt 1A, Clayton Allen 1A,

Bantam A - Aurora Tigers: 3 , Markham: 1
Mark Kalmisto 1G 1A, Philip Wolanski 1G 1A, Jack Camplin 1G, Alexander Simardone 1A,

Minor Midget A - Barrie: 5 -Aurora Tigers: 3

Minor Midget A -Aurora Tigers: 2 - East Gwillimbury: 0
Jack Bryant 1G, Lucas Ruscica 1G, Zach Fletcher 1A, Will Ashton 1A, Michael Dacosta 1A, Cooper Hewgill 1A, Michael Dacosta 2PM, Colin Kostin 2PM, Adam Caicco 2PM, Austin Kiraly 4PM,

Minor Midget AA - Newmarket Redman: 3 Aurora Tigers: 1 ,
Cameron Zinner 1G, Zack Phillips 1A, Zack Phillips 2PM, Deven Deguara 2PM, Jack Pecora 2PM, Bryan Manweiler 6PM,

House League

September 29 - October 6
110 Timbits - Philly Orange: 5
Gavin Ellerby 3G, Nicolas Saaverpra 1A, Shawn Belman 1A, Elijah 1G 2A, Nick Fryer 1A, Justin 1A, Justin 1A, Justin 1A,
109 Timbits - Colorado Burgundy: 6
Giancarlo DiNunno 1G, Ryan Torisawa 2A, Landon Connelly 2A, Anthony DiNunno 1A, Carson



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108 Timbits - LA Purple: 5

Rylie Kiratzis 1G 2A, Ben Irvine 2G, Matteo Vetere 2G, Nathaniel Hannen 1A, Patrick Glidden 1A, Ryan Goodenough 1A, Calum Heath 1A, Robert Russo 1A, Matteo Ciciretto 1A, Thomas Jeejeebhoy Swalwell 1A,
101 Timbits - Montreal Red: 7
 Daniel Kostoff 3G 2A, Mitchell Harding 1G, Drew Schneckburger 1G 1A, Dylan Watt 1G 2A, Graham Aikins 1G, Jack Procyk 2A, Jacob Warecki 1A, George Kitagawa 2A, Connor Mifsud 1A, Noah Mcleod 1A, Carter Sarabun 1A,

106 Timbits - San Jose Teal: 6

Hayden Thome 1G, Andrew Mariani 1A, Brennan Mangat 1A, Stephen Pauselli 1G 1A, Jonathan Sandras 2A, Christian Aitas 1G 2A, Benjamin Licata 1G 1A, Easton Bailey 1A, Eric McWhinnie 1G 1A, William English 2A, Owen Cauley 1G,
102 Timbits - Nashville Yellow: 4
 Noah Savage 1G, Anthony Pugliese 1G 1A, Drew Spampinat 1A, Ryan Ko 1G 1A, Kane Poland 1A, Spencer Savage 1A, Chris Trifon 1G,

105 Timbits - Chicago Black: 3

Ryan Day 1G, Owen Marsella 1A, Aidan Archibald 2A, Jamie McDonald 1G 1A, Kevin Peck 1A, Jack Thomson 1G, Ryan Smith 1A,
103 Timbits - New York White: 3
 Matthew Cogswell 3G 1A, Lucas Mochizuk 1A, Marcus DaSilva 2A, Cam Millar 2A, Alexander Mann 1A,

201 Caravan Kids - Montreal Red: 3

Andrew Aikins 1G, Jacob Anselmo 2G,
202 Caravan Kids - Nashville Yellow: 1
 Christian Rabito 1G,

203 Caravan Kids - New York White: 2

Niko Andrew 1G, Luke Davison 1G,
205 Caravan Kids - Chicago Black: 6
 Alex Weir 3G, Carter Gillies 1G, Devrim Coskuner 2G,

204 Caravan Kids - Edmonton Blue: 4

Jonathan Robertson 2G, Andrew Mettel 1G, Diego Livia 1G,
205 Caravan Kids - Chicago Black: 7
 Alex Weir 3G, Carter Gillies 2G, Devrim Coskuner 1G, Sasha Mickovski 1G,

203 Caravan Kids - New York White: 2

Gabriel Oldenhof 2G,
201 Caravan Kids - Montreal Red: 9
 Daniel Nozdrachez 1G, Tristan Aben 1G, Jacob Anselmo 3G, Adam Campagna 2G, Joseph Richards 1G, Aidan McCartney 1G,

408 McDonald's - LA Purple: 2

Matthew Song 1G, Michael Valenti 1G, Anthony Minichiello 1A,
401 McDonald's - New Jersey Red: 6
 Liam Morassutti 4G, Mark Gennaro 1G, Adam Flicker 1G 2A, Parker Jalbert 3A, Jordan Sieber 1A,

409 McDonald's - Pittsburgh Powder Blue: 4

Aidan Quinn 1G, Anthony Carbone 2G, Luca Decristofaro 1G, Benjamin Cowan 1A, Ian Gage 1A,

408 McDonald's - LA Purple: 2

Stefano Iervasi 1G 1A, Michael Valenti 1G 1A,

404 McDonald's - Tampa Bay Blue: 6

Cayden Visser 3G, Brian Constandes 3G, Charlie Akkermans

1A, Remy Pietrangelo 1A, Matthew Ross 1A, Mason Scanga 1A, Matthew Collins SO,
410 McDonald's - Philly Orange: 0

401 McDonald's - New Jersey Red: 4

Nathan Cobb 1G, Jacob Madore 1G 1A, Liam Morassutti 1G 2A, Jordan Sieber 1G, Mark Gennaro 1A, Oscar Clavijo 1A, Dylan Duff 1A,
407 McDonald's - Minnesota Green: 6
 Cameron Mills 3G, Mark Moscone 1G 1A, Kai Silcox 1G, Jakob Israel 1G 1A, Benjamin Grassi 1A, Jack Fisher 1A, Aaron Perkins 1A,

406 McDonald's - San Jose Teal: 8

David Iacovetta 4G 1A, Brett Watson 2G 1A, Omar Ozturk 2G, Quinn Holtby 1A, Hussien Wahab 1A,
402 McDonald's - Boston Gold: 8
 Dylan Thompson 4G, Daniel Romas 1G, Marchel Woods 1G, Julian Tsukada 2G, Jacob Pozin 1A,

605 Omar's Shoes: 6

Jack Gauthier 2G, Jake Byrne 1G, John Dol 1G, Leo Douvinos 1G, Michael Pantalone 1G, Cristian Franze 1A, Jack Gauthier 1A, Mitchell Hudson 2PM,
603 McAlpine Ford: 1
 Andrew Turfiff 1G, Jack Viney 1A, Aiden O'Toole 1A, Liam Graham 2PM,

606 Mastermind Toys: 8

Aaron Preiano 2G, Matthew Muxlow 1G 1A, Gregory Gatopoulos 2G 1A, Brendan Dilworth 2G 1A, Kyle Rame 2A, Jacob Crocker 1A, Sean Denton 1A, Roland Kazinczi 1G 1A,
601 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre: 6
 Giuliano Iervasi 1G, Tarik Soliman 1A, Adam Tuzi 1G, Stefan Fazari 1A, Emerson Parkinson 1A, Garrett Kohler 2G, Ethan Mohamed 1A, Nathan Mohabeer 2A, Evan Robertson 2G, Samuel Morin 1A,

604 Optimist Club of Aurora: 1

603 McAlpine Ford: 6
 Sandrine Meunier-Geoffroy 1G 1A, Andrew Turfiff 2A, Andrew Schaus 1G, David Ho 1G, Jack Viney 1G, Mark Clutterbuck 1A, Giancarlo DeAppollonia 1G, Alexander Ko 1G, Owen Bell 1A,

610 Rotary Club of Aurora: 8

Andrew Pignatelli 4G, Luke Pignatelli 3G, Griffin Chamely 1G 2A, Kaya Coskuner 1A, Andrew Campbell 1A, Carson Purcell 1A, Andrew Pignatelli 2PM, Christopher McGee 2PM,
608 Inaria: 6
 Anthony Iacovetta 2G 1A, Steven Lambrinos 1G, Quinn Bruckner 1G 1A, Eric Flicker 1G, Andrew Pearce 1G, Evan Winter 1A, Anthony Iacovetta 4PM, Steven Lambrinos 2PM, Quinn Bruckner 2PM, Andrew Pearce 2PM, Hunter Gilpin-Maier 2PM,

803 Optimist Club of Aurora: 1

Sean Lindsay 1G, James Freel 1A, Tyler Thomas 2PM, Jacob Leblanc 4PM,
805 York Region Auto: 1
 Raffaele Parente 1G, Jack Snedden 1A,

809 Manhattan Trophies: 3

Christopher Roche 1G, Shawn Mason 1A, Nick Robinson 1G, Carson Venneri 1A, Matthew Glionna 1G, Adam Powell 1A,
807 Sundance Signs: 2
 Liam Vanderplog 1G, Stephen McNeil 1A, Evan Bryan 1G, Noah Ceplak 1A, Nicholas Badali 1A,

805 York Region Auto: 8

Ben Pitre 2G 1A, Josh Fallovalitta 2G, Raffaele Parente 2G 2A, Dalton Slind 1G 1A, Matthew Vassos 1G, Brayden Pitre 2PM,
801 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre: 4
 Will Morin 1G 1A, Alex Mueller 2A

Adam Miziguchi 1G 1A, Peter Leonitis 1A, Christian Ramirez 2G,

802 Dr. Weaver's Drillers: 0

810 Peirce McNeely Assoc. Lawyers: 2
 Kyle Wulle 1G, Andrew Sutherland 1G, Matt LeClair 1A,

806 Benson Kearley IFG: 7

Ethan Brooks 2G, Roy Tadros 1G, Hayden Edwards 2G, Adam Wochenmarkt 2G, Andrew Currie 3A, Niklaus Seidel 2A, Andrew Currie 2PM, Jacob Cann 2PM,
803 Optimist Club of Aurora: 5
 Dillon Varon 2G, Cameron Dyer 1G 2A, Carter Francis 2G 1A, Jacob Turiff 1A, Ausitn Hendy 2A, Claudio Basso 1A, Alex Bicego 1A,

808 Inaria: 4

Troy Lane 1G 1A, Keaton Thompson 2G, Dylan Cowell 1G, Stephen Silverio 1A,

811: 6

Jack Dion 3G 1A, Scott Rumble 2G 1A, Vaughan Hewgill 1G, Vaughan Hewgill 2A,

808 Inaria: 3

Troy Lane 1G 1A, David Tonelli 1G, Keaton Thompson 1G,
806 Benson Kearley IFG: 2
 Noah Murphy-Sealy 1G, Niklaus Seidel 1A, Jacob Cann 1G,

802 Dr. Weaver's Drillers: 4

Chris Sands 2G 1A, Louie Simonin 1G 2A, Matthew Rotman 1G 2A,
804 Investors Group: 4
 Josh Hookey 1G, Stuart Gable 1G, Ryan Cooper 1G, William Reid 1A, Patrick Feira 1A,

807 Sundance Signs: 1

Liam De Sousa 1G,
805 York Region Auto: 6
 Jack Snedden 1G 1A, Matthew Vassos 1G, Josh Fallovalitta 2G, Vyktoria Brochu 1G, Ben Pitre 1G, Raffaele Parente 1A, Christian Ferguson 1A,

901 Pizzaville Aurora: 4

Aidan Woosley 2G, Adam Wilson 1G, Nicholas Baczynski 1G, Graeme McDonald 3A, Colin Dunlop 1A, Cameron Pyle 1A,
905 VEGFRESH: 5
 Austin Waite 1G, Tyler Wilson 1G, Patrick Bourrie 2G 1A, Alec Magnante 1G, Alec Magnante 1G, Anthony Orlandi 1A, Sandy Rundle Sanderson 1A, Joey Stipec 1A,

902 Mayfair Systems: 2

Tom Mason 1G, Ryan Ouvroules 1G,

909 Ice Photo's Puck Bandits: 0

903 BMO Bank of Montreal: 1
 David Townshend 1A, Darren Tree 1G, Will Stroud 1A, Ian Orr 2PM, Alex Goncalves 2PM,
908 Diamond Groundskeeping Services: 7
 Jacob Hatton 1G, Jacob Hatton 1A, Brendan Ruaskaweu 1A, Adam Ashraf 2G 2A, Anthony Loduga 1A, Jack Bishenden 2A, Riley Weller 2G, Craig Rutherford 1G, Derek Keaun 1A, Ryan Yilmaser 1A, Micheal Montesanth 1G 1A, Brendan Ruaskaweu 2PM, Jack Bishenden 2PM, Riley Weller 2PM,

Rep Teams

Tyke - Aurora Select A: 5, Barrie 1: 3

Jared McNeil 2G 1A, Lucas Reid 2G, Nicholas Ferrante 1G, Jacob Belisle 1A, Max Bruce 1A,

Tyke - Aurora Select A: 7 - Markham Waxers: 3

Erik Guilbert 3G 1A, Jared McNeil 2G, Luc Warner 2G 1A, Graham Chiarelli 1A, Marcus Gingi 1A,

Tyke - Aurora Select A: 7 Innisfil: 1

Luc Warner 2G, Jared McNeil 3G, Erik Guilbert 1G, Max Bruce 1G 1A, Nate Brentnell 2A, Adam Wolanski 1A,

Novice A - Barrie: 3 - Aurora Tigers: 0

Novice A - Nobleking: 3 - Aurora

Tigers: 1,
 Cristian Pisapia 1G, Julian Fryer 1A,

Novice A - Markham Waxers: 5 - Aurora Tigers: 1

Cristian Pisapia 1G,

Novice A - Richmond Hill: 11, - Aurora Tigers: 3

Riley Saltzman 1G, Martin McConkey 2G, Jack Bulmer 1A, Zaid Soloman 1A,

Minor Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 1, - Newmarket: 1

Malcolm Parkinson 1G, Josh Mcleod 1A, Kevin Wasserman 2PM, Sam Spong 2PM,

Minor Atom AE - Barrie: 5 - Aurora Tigers: 2

Malcolm Parkinson 1G 1A, Ryan Clutterbuck 1G, Kevin Wasserman 1A, Josh Mcleod 2PM, Sam Belman 2PM,

Minor Atom AA - Stouffville: 5 - Aurora Tigers: 3,

Emmett Ross 1G, Ayden Posa 1A, Easton Irvine 1A, William Haines 1G, Andrew Parsons 1A, Jack Beswick 1A, Daniel Iwai 1G, Cameron Boyd 1A, Marco Djordjevic 1A,

Minor Atom AA - Richmond Hill: 4 - Aurora Tigers: 3,

Daniel Iwai 1G, Spencer Thomson 1A, Ayden Posa 1G, Emmett Ross 1A, Easton Irvine 1A, William Haines 1G, Andrew Parsons 1A,

Minor Atom AA - Barrie Colts: 8 - Aurora Tigers: 0

Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 3, Macomb Mustangs: 1

George Rappos Jr. 2G, Ryan Weeks 1G,

Atom A - Orillia: 5 - Aurora Tigers: 3

Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 5 - Bradford: 3

Atom AA - TNT: 3 - Aurora Tigers: 2

Owen Papulkas 2G, Anton Sopov 1A, Jacob Hoffrogge 1A, Aiden Kirchmaier 1A,

Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 5 - Orillia: 0

Tyler Cox 1G 2A, Maxwell McConkey 1G, George Rappos Jr. 1G, Lucas De Palma 2G 1A, Nicholas Petinarelis 3A, Ryan Fowler

1A, Jordan Dimatulac 1A, Ryan Weeks 1A, Ben Charette SO, Riley Pearl 2PM, Luka Rodrigues 2PM,

Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 3, Markham: 1

Ryan Weeks 1G, George Rappos Jr. 1G, Lucas De Palma 1G, Maxwell McConkey 1A, Jordan Dimatulac 1A, Tyler Cox 1A, Nicholas Petinarelis 1A, Jordan Dimatulac 4PM, Nicholas Petinarelis 2PM, Rory Callaghan 2PM,

Atom AA - Aurora Tigers: 2 - Stouffville Clippers: 0

Owen Hollett 1G, Anton Sopov 1G 1A, Jake McMullan 1A, Parker Holmes SO,

Atom A - Nobleking: 4 - Aurora Tigers: 3

Minor Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 0, Barrie: 0

Minor Peewee AE - Aurora Tigers: 5 - TNT: 1

Carson Tidd 1G, Justin Just 1G, James Sproul 1G 1A, Mitchell Weatherall 1G, Logan Kidder 1G 1A, Cole Nip 1A, Jake Iwai 1A,

Minor Peewee A - Nobleking: 2 - Aurora Tigers: 1

Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 2 - Orillia: 2

Anthony DiPietro 1G, Michael Orlandi 2A, Harris Goan 1G, Blair Crabbe 1A,

Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 2, East Gwillimbury: 2

Tyler Sawyer 1G, Luke O'Keefe 1G 1A, Matthew McConnell 1A,

Peewee A - East Gwillimbury: 1, - Aurora Tigers: 0

Peewee AE - Aurora Tigers: 3 - Orillia: 1

Carson Williams 1G, Jack Patterson 1G, Luke Catania 1G 1A, Cory Read 1A, Russell Tanaka 1A, Sebastian Negulescu 1A,

Minor Bantam A - Aurora Tigers: 2 - Barrie: 1

Ben Spittle 1G, Lucas Surace 1A, Mathew Hastings 1A, Carter Wilmsmeyer 1G, Peter Chimienti 1A,

Minor Bantam A - Innisfil: 4 - Aurora Tigers: 1,
 Peter Chimienti 1G, Fin Reeves 1A,

Bantam AE - Aurora Tigers: 8 - Brampton AE: 2

Bantam AE - Aurora Tigers: 6 - Barrie: 2

Bantam AE - Aurora Tigers: 2 - Georgina: 2

Bantam AE - Aurora Tigers: 6 - Markham: 0

Bantam AE - TNT: 2 - Aurora Tigers: 0

Bantam A - Barrie: 6 - Aurora Tigers: 2

Mark Kalmisto 1G, Curtis Romanchych 1A, Lucas Dane 1A, Reid Carpenter 1A, Devlin Kauffeldt 1A, Jack Camplin 1G,

Bantam A - Aurora Tigers: 3, Bradford: 3

Colin McGoldrick 1G, Curtis Romanchych 1G, Mark Kalmisto 1G, Devlin Kauffeldt 1A, Philip Wolanski 1A,

Bantam A - Aurora Tigers: 2 - Markham Waxers: 2

Mark Kalmisto 1G, Jack Camplin 1G, Alexander Simardone 1A,

Minor Midget AA - Aurora Tigers: 2 - Richmond Hill: 2

Richard Hache' 1G, Cameron Zinner 1G 1A, Zack Phillips 1A, Jared Reeves 1A, Cameron Zinner 2PM, Jared Reeves 2PM, Bryan Manweiler 2PM, Taylor Kauffeldt 2PM, Michael Shum 2PM,

Minor Midget AA - Aurora Tigers: 5 - Richmond Hill Stars: 3

Cameron Zinner 1G, Connor Irving 3G 1A, Bryan Manweiler 1G, Michael Shum 2A, Richard Hache' 1A, Taylor Kauffeldt 2A, Cameron Zinner 2PM, Bryan Manweiler 2PM, Jack Pecora 4PM, Zack Phillips 2PM,

Midget AE - Aurora Tigers: 3 - Schomberg: 2

Top ranked tennis champ, educator Bedard honoured by Hall of Fame induction

By Jeff Doner

In 1972, Bob Bedard moved to Aurora with his family from Quebec after capping off an incredible tennis career. He has been here ever since, making his presence known in the community through sport and education. Bedard, 82, arrived to teach at St. Andrew's College, where he would remain for the 25 years in administration, as a teacher and eventually as headmaster for 16 years.

But prior to making that move, he was known as one of the best tennis players in Canada, marking an incredible stretch as the number one ranked tennis player in the country for 11 consecutive years from 1955 to 1965. Even more impressive, between 1952 and 1970, Bedard ranked no lower than third in the country.

When asked about his success on the tennis circuit, Bedard was humble.

"It took a number of years; I was number one in Canada for 11 straight years, so I think it was the steadiness, nothing to do with me being a great player, but I always competed well," he said. "In those 11 years I made three tours of Europe and in our days it was amateur and we didn't make any money. At that time there were eight professionals in the world on tours all the others were

amateurs."

It was during that stretch that he was able to face some of the world's top talents, something he recalled fondly as a personal measure of success.

"During that time on the tours in Europe, I had a chance to meet and play some of the world's better players and I played a few rounds at Wimbledon and the French Open and went to the quarterfinals at the Italian Open," he said. "I had a few good victories in that span and then a few more in Canada after that."

Bedard cited the years between 1955 and 1959 as his most successful on the circuit and when probably achieved his highest level of notoriety while on tour in Europe.

"One of the things that I am most proud of is that I have victories over the number one player in at least 15 different countries. That includes Australia [Roy Emerson] and the US, France, Italy," he said. "I had quite number of good victories, but across the 11 years."

For both his national tennis achievements and his contributions to the local community in Aurora, Bedard has been inducted into the inaugural class of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame.

"It's always an honour and...it's special to be



Bob and Anne Bedard, pictured at St. Andrew's College in 2012.

Photo by Paul Mosey

nominated in your own town," Bedard told The Auroran.

"When I arrived here in Aurora, I played a lot of hockey, baseball and tennis. I played in house leagues at the Community Centre and

at one point I was playing in the provincial league in Quebec."

At one point, he played on the same tennis and baseball teams as his own four sons, something he said made his time in Aurora even more special.

"That was interesting to play with all my sons," he said, before quickly going on to praise the many sports organizations in Aurora.

"It's very organized here. Two of my sons played in a bunch of leagues – AAA and others – and one of them made the Olympic team and the other ones played for Aurora when they played against Sweden. But, because of the organizations here, there was always something for everybody."

Retired since 1997, Bedard and his wife still live in Aurora and stay active still playing sports and vacationing in Florida. He still plays singles tennis three or four times a week at Timberlane.

He also admitted to keeping a close eye on Canada's current rising tennis stars.

"Right now it's at its best," he said assessing Canada's tennis program. "It hasn't been like this for many, many years. There aren't that many good [players], but there are three or four: Naturally, Milos Raonic and Vasek Pospisil – Raonic is from Unionville

and he's doing extremely well and Pospisil is close to him too and they are on the world stage right now."

Bedard said popularity of the sport will continue to grow in Canada with these young players leading the way.

"Tennis is way more popular than it used to be and Canada is finally getting into the world class, because for a long time we had the odd good player, but only one or two, but they weren't really good enough to make a name for themselves on the world

stage," he said.

"Now we're there and I think there has been a lot of progress being made and within a few years the base will be a little bit larger. We need many more to be considered a country that is a powerhouse in the sport."

Bedard will be formally inducted in the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame at a special dinner and ceremony slated for November 6 at The Mansion (DiNardos). For ticket information, visit www.sportaurora.ca.

Local teams could eat their way to \$20k prize for Aurora

By Jeff Doner

Shoeless Joe's Sports Grill in Aurora launched the 2013 "If Your Team Wins, Your Community Wins!" competition at their location last week, with the goal of winning the \$20,000 grand prize.

As part of the Shoeless Joe's Home Team advantage program, the competition rewards local sports teams with points every time they eat at Shoeless Joe's Sports Grill for a chance to win the first-place prize. The community that comes in second place will receive \$10,000 and the third place community will win \$5,000, compliments of Shoeless Joe's Sports Grill.

Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe said the program could be very beneficial to the community and that there would be no shortage of places to spend the money.

"There definitely

wouldn't be a problem finding things to do, but the problem would be picking," he said. "The benefit if the town wins \$20,000 to refresh a soccer field or the dugouts at Lambert Willson fields or maybe fix up some of the old grungy dressing rooms at the Aurora Community Centre, it's a great opportunity."

Alberto Sayde of the Aurora Shoeless Joe's restaurant said he believes Aurora has a really good chance to walk away with the top prize simply because they have strong relationships with so many sports teams.

"We have a great relationship with all our teams that we have been sponsoring for years," he said. "The Aurora Tigers have been here for 14 years – we've been involved with them right from the start. Men's baseball teams as well too. They're always here

year in and year out."

Over their 14 year history in the community, Sayde said Shoeless Joe's has made it a priority to sponsor and help out local teams.

"There are lots of sports teams and lots of opportunities for everybody," he said. "It's good for everybody. At Shoeless here we're trying to be the next best thing to being at the game. We try and make it very sports oriented, so one of the most important things if you want to do that is sponsor local teams. To become an athlete you've got to start somewhere."

"A lot of it is about the young athletes coming up. You've got to make sure you treat them well and help give them a chance with sponsorships to help out. It doesn't just benefit us, it benefits the kids too."

For more information, visit the Shoeless Joe's

location on Orchard Heights Blvd and Yonge St. or visit www.shoelessjoes.ca.



The contest kickoff was attended by Jenny Shrewsbury, Nicky Blom, Mayor Dawe, Alberto Sayde and Andrea Sayde. Auroran photo by Jeff Doner

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MARKET MUSINGS

Jan Freedman

While the outdoor season at the Farmers' Market is beginning to wind down, you would never know it from the bustling activity and great crowds at the Market this past weekend.

People began arriving before we were finished setting up at 8 a.m. and were still shopping as we were tearing down at 1 p.m. I imagine that had a lot to do both with the gorgeous, sunny weather and the Thanksgiving weekend meal plans.

Indeed I saw many people carrying all manner of freshly baked pies, jars of homemade turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, baskets of apples, pumpkins of all sizes and shapes, squash of many varieties and loads of beautiful greens including Brussels sprouts on the stalk.

Willowtree Farms' homemade apple cider was also selling well, as was Toscana Bakery's freshly baked loaves. The small artisan bakers were also doing good business. It seemed that everyone was in a great mood and enjoying the amazingly beautiful weather for this time of year. I hope that everyone also enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

The next vendor that I'd like to tell you about is Marianne Di Febo who has created an interesting and useful product simply called "Billow".

If you had stopped to talk to Marianne at the Market, she would have told you why her design was quickly becoming popular in homes across Ontario. She would have told you that Billow's design makes reading or using a tablet more comfortable. She offered demonstrations, highlighting how a clever design is the solution to a very simple problem: how can reading be made more comfortable?

You would have learned that Billow is a grassroots endeavour run out of the family home in Schomberg. She would have told you that while Billow started as an idea, it grew to fruition with the support of her husband Frank, their three children and a family friend, Rob Antonel.

Billow is quickly gaining ground in the world of reading accessories. It appeals to all demographics and age groups. Children and students love it as a textbook holder or tablet support. It is a convenient companion on long flights and should be a staple in any office.

Marianne suggests using Billow in the kitchen while cooking or bringing it along to the cottage for those of days lounging on the beach or dock. Every day, people are finding new uses for Billow and its possibilities are growing. Using specially formulated hinges, Billow folds and bends smoothly. The 100% cotton cover is easy to remove and clean. Other small but thoughtful details,

like a pocket for your book or tablet, separate Billow from other reading accessories in the market today.

Marianne is motivated to keep building her small business. She has expanded her colour options and designs to offer broader appeal. She is planning to take Billow into hospitals and nursing homes in an effort to promote comfortable reading as truly accessible to everyone.

In a world increasingly saturated with technology, Billow is a refreshing change and a salute to simpler ideas. Now this is truly my kind of entrepreneur! To learn more about how this product might find its way into your home, visit www.mybillow.ca.

Marianne contributed the following recipe.

Eggplant Lasagna

Slice eggplant very thinly and lay on parchment paper lightly salted. Allow eggplant to sweat for 15 minutes

While waiting, make tomato sauce

Grate the mozzarella, add some parmesan (reggiano) to the mozzarella

Rinse eggplant slices thoroughly with water and dry

In a bowl, mix 3 eggs, finely chopped parsley, finely chopped garlic and salt and pepper

Dip dried eggplant slices in egg mixture

In another bowl, have 2 cups of bread crumbs (you can add a tsp. of ground flax seeds too)

Dip eggplant slices in bread crumbs

Lay eggplant slices on a cookie sheet and brown in oven for about 10 minutes. This is healthier than frying in oil.

Take a 9" rectangle pan. Place the eggplant, then tomato sauce then cheese mixture in layers in the pan. Repeat until all eggplant is used. Then bake in the oven at 350F for about 40-45 minutes until the top is golden brown. Serve and enjoy!

There are two weeks left for us at the outdoor Market this season. We are there until October 26th which is our final day and our customer appreciation day.

As is customary, we will have a pumpkin carving contest for the vendors in which the Market-going public is encouraged to vote for the favourite pumpkin. There is a small prize for the winner and bragging rights, of course.

We have confirmed the dates of the Indoor Market at the Aurora Cultural Centre for this year: November 23, January 18, February 22, and March 29, all from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As a special treat at the November 23 Market, Janine Fernandes will be playing her harp and singing while you shop for all your Christmas supplies and gifts.

This promises to be a very special and wonderful day, not to be missed.

See you at the Market!

"Shared Space" principle to be looked at as local traffic solution

By Brock Weir

Aurora could look to experimental models in Europe and pockets of the United States to improve safety for both pedestrians and drivers.

That is, if Councillor Chris Ballard gets his way.

Councillors have approved a motion brought forward by Councillor Ballard asking staff to put together a report on whether the principles of "shared space" would be worth looking into for Aurora.

The European principle, which removes many of the barriers that separate drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists is based on the theory that people will be more cautious, pedestrians more aware, and drivers slower if they are sharing space with each other.

In successful experiments and implementations carried out in some of Europe's more compact and congested communities, things like traffic signs, curbs and road markings were taken down to foster the sense drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists were all on the road together.

Rather than making it a free-for-all, proponents argue that these models have resulted in slower drivers, the feeling the situation might be "unsafe" makes users more aware, and also helps re-evaluate the dominance of drivers on local roadways.

"We all know the issues Aurora faces in our downtown core with people, cyclists, cars and trucks all trying to get through the area," said Councillor Ballard. "We have studied Yonge and Wellington to death and other areas looking for solutions and [looking] for potential outside-the-box solutions, I came across 'shared space', which has been used for more than 30 years in places like Holland and Germany."

While Councillor Ballard didn't say it would

necessarily be a good fit for Aurora's traffic situation, he said it was worth investigating to stay just a little bit ahead of the curve. When former mayor John West floated the idea of roundabouts at intersections, Councillor Ballard said West was laughed at, despite support from Town Planners. Now, that particular traffic control measure is becoming more and more prominent within the community.

"Shared Space has worked very well in areas that weren't designed to handle the volume of traffic and people we have today," said Councillor Ballard. "[This might] be something we could work at in some parts of the Aurora Promenade on a trial basis. We can start trying to solve some of our traffic and mobility issues throughout the Promenade."

Although he wasn't at last week's Council meeting, Councillor Ballard said Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure, "encouraged" him to bring something like this forward because he saw some

potential application.

"People within the department have said it is a worthwhile endeavour to look at a potential solutions to some of the [issues] we have downtown," said Councillor Ballard. "I think in terms of investigating all opportunities, it is well worth it."

While Councillor Wendy Gaertner said it was a good idea to explore, others cast their doubts before ultimately deciding to at least put the leg work in on seeing if there would be any local practicality. Councillor Paul Pirri, for instance, cited what might be concerned for people with accessibility issues in Aurora. These include people who might be visual or hearing impaired that rely on traffic signals of sight and sound to help guide them through the more precarious traffic situations.

"We would be looking at, in some cases, to remove the rules of the road," said Councillor Pirri. "I think coming at that from an individual who is completely able-bodied, that sounds great. I will look out and hear cars

coming. I don't think this is necessarily an accessible plan. Someone who has vision difficulties won't see a car coming and if there are no rules to the road, how would that prevent them?"

"Someone with hearing issues and [might not] hear a honk."

For Councillor Evelyn Buck, changing the "rules of the road" would have more of a "psychological" impact.

"It is a complete retraining of people's minds and what they do in Europe and ancient towns in tiny little streets is apples and oranges [to Aurora]," she said.

Added Councillor Ballard: "Traffic engineers will tell you one of the most dangerous places for pedestrians to be is the pedestrian crosswalk because we assume we stick our finger out and the cars will stop and, in fact, they often don't. This is based on that sort of psychology where you take away that level of assuredness because there are all sorts of rules that people will generally be more cautious."

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Audiences go “Crazy” for Patsy Cline’s songs and legacy

By Brock Weir

Leisa Way’s career has taken her back and forth of whether she considers herself an actress who sings, or a singer who acts. The Kitchener-born and Sudbury-raised singer has lived the best of both worlds. As a child, one of many dubbed “the little girl with the big voice”, she had plenty of opportunities to lend her voice to the best and brightest her relatively small town had to offer. She’s had the chance to sing for such visiting dignitaries as Terry Fox and Senator Ted Kennedy and then, after being discovered by a wider audiences and whisked off to Charlottetown winning the coveted title role in the musical Anne of Green Gables, also singing for The Queen, Prince Philip and the rest of the royal family. It was not an altogether unusual career path for the classically trained singer, but she began a brand new chapter when invited to “walk” with late singer Patsy Cline. “I had been raised on country music, but I went off to U of T and studied opera, got Anne of Green Gables, and went off to Charlottetown for musical theatre for 20 years – and then my career went off in another direction,” says Ms. Way. She was offered a role in the show called “A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline.” Building on these blocks, establishing and hand picking her band to pay tribute to Cline, and developing her own act based on the still-popular country singer, Ms. Way stumbled into a winning formula. Audiences went “nuts” for the sound, she says, and with this initial

success she and Wayward Wind band wanted to keep the legacy alive. While very familiar with country music through her upbringing, Ms. Way says she knew little about Patsy Cline as a person when she first started out. The deeper she delved into her life, singing style, and and what she has left behind, however, the bigger fan she became. “As I researched, I realised how amazing she is,” says Ms. Way. “There is a reason she is that popular and a legend. Technically, she is a stunningly beautiful singer. ‘Legitimate’ singers think of country music as,” Ms. Way continues before effecting a mildly British accent, ““Oh well, anyone can sing country, but it is not legitimate and classical.”” Now back in her normal speaking voice, she adds: “The good country singers I have studied are phenomenal musicians. They have instruments they use incredibly well and studying Patsy’s music to emulate her was not an easy task. It is difficult to emulate somebody who was that good. “The second thing audiences touch on is great singers who last, they’re not just singing notes on a page; there is a personality and a heart that comes through in the voice and that is what makes them so great. If you can’t put that emotion into your singing, you will never be able to emulate that.” Ms. Way hopes to do just that when she brings her Wayward Wind band to the Aurora Cultural Centre on Friday, November 1, for “Sweet Dreams: A Tribute to

Patsy Cline.” While she plans on presenting that personality and heart Cline had in spades to the Aurora stage, it is not a mere impersonation, but interpretation. It is, she says, emulation in trying to also convey the real person behind the songs. Although the passion, personality and heart is clear to all whenever anyone hears one of Patsy Cline’s still popular songs on the radio, TV retrospectives, or maybe even on YouTube where videos of her greatest songs often have over two million hits, getting behind the mask was more of a challenge. Patsy Cline became a star before the music industry was as big as it is today. Very few recordings of her live concerts exist today, but through dogged research and connecting with other fans, Way was able to uncover several private “bootleg” recordings found in collections around the world. She was also able to connect with the president of Patsy Cline’s Canadian fan club who had met the singer and became friends of her family after her death. Making a video audition, Way’s performance as Cline also won the approval of her widower Charlie. Meeting those who knew her and had seen her perform live helped fill in these gaps which were subject to interpretation. “She was a great jokester and prankster and loved to make people around her laugh,” says Ms. Way. “This really became about choosing the most popular songs of her life and tying them together with stories people had told

me about her. This is what makes my concert really unique because a lot of the stories people haven’t heard before. The more I learned, I became this huge fan I wasn’t before and the audience response was [to borrow from one of her songs] crazy. “If I can’t make people feel something, then it won’t be a success. Thankfully, audiences say they close their eyes and think it is Patsy Cline. That is the greatest compliment I could ever receive. If I can take people on a little journey for two hours and bring back wonderful memories for people who remember her music and make them feel like they’re spending an evening with Patsy Cline, how lucky am I to be able to do that?” Sweet Dreams: A Tribute to Patsy Cline gets underway Friday, November 1, at 8 p.m. at the Aurora Cultural Centre. General admission tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 on the day of the event, available over the phone at 905-713-1818, or in person at 22 Church Street.



Orangeville actress and singer Leisa Way has carved out a niche paying tribute to and interpreting the lives of singers Patsy Cline, Peggy Lee and even Dolly Parton. She brings her tribute to Cline to the Aurora Cultural Centre on November 1. Submitted photo

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New York Times Bestselling author Cathie Marie Buchanan visited the Aurora Public Library on Wednesday evening to discuss and sign her latest book, The Painted Girls. The visit was held as an unofficial kickoff to Canadian Library Month and next week’s Ontario Public Library Week. Auroran photo by David Falconer

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Heritage Park promoters hope to have study done by Christmas

By Brock Weir

Aurora could soon have a clearer idea on the future prospects of a proposed heritage park.

Proponents of Hillary-McIntyre Park, a proposal which would bring together three historic Yonge Street properties into an over four acre heritage park with various museums, public spaces, and rental spaces, say the \$25,000 feasibility study funded by the Town is ticking along nicely and, barring any further delays, is hoped to be completed before Christmas.

The proposed plan would see Hillary House, Aurora's only National Historic Site, brought under ownership of the Town of Aurora along with the adjacent brown-brick Readman House and the honey-hued Horton Place on the corner of Yonge and Irwin Avenue and operated under the same umbrella.

This would include public museums and exhibition spaces at Hillary House and Horton Place, being kept largely as they are, while the middle building would be radically transformed and expanded for office, museum, and banqueting space.

The proposed cost? \$10 million. The committee behind the plan, hopes to raise this money through federal and provincial grants and fundraising endeavours, with the balance coming from Aurora's Hydro Reserve Account. According to Bill Albino, chair of the steering committee, this figure would include acquiring Horton Place from current owner historian John McIntyre at a cut below market rate and the centre building, currently owned by realtor Bruce Spragg, at full and "fair" market value.

"We have a remarkable streetscape with those three buildings," says Mr. Albino. "It is 500 feet of Yonge Street, which will

make a huge difference to what north Aurora will someday be like and it was once a showpiece. When I went to St. Andrew's College in the 1960s, this was all lined with lovely historic homes. It was a nice and leafy street, and it certainly isn't anymore. It is going through its next phase of redevelopment and it could end up being a very beautiful, prestigious, wonderful place to live."

To underscore this point, Mr. Albino points to condominium developments currently underway on Yonge Street between Centre Street and Catherine Avenue, as well as the one currently in the works, slated to replace the plaza at Yonge and Wellington currently occupied by Liquidation World. A park, he says, can make all the difference between "just a busy street" and something quite special.

According to Mr. Albino, the previously stated figure of \$10 million was more of a ballpark, but it breaks down considering what is on the table, he says.

"Mr. McIntyre has long expressed a willingness to sell below market value," says Mr. Albino. "He has a certain net proceeds, he'd like to get, but he has in mind the Hillary House model where it was sold by the family at half the market value to [the Aurora Historical Society] so it would become a public asset. The idea is they weren't trying to get every last nickel out of the thing. Mr. McIntyre has the same vision."

"Mr. Spragg is clear he wants market value and that is more than fair. Between those two things, transforming the grounds into a park, which is roughly estimated at \$1 million, putting an additional 100,000 square feet [on the centre building] would entail... about \$4 million. [And considering Hillary House would be a donation worth \$2.5 million] and a full half would come through

formal fundraising and in-kind value, out of pocket from the town would be much closer to \$5 million to \$7."

But before those numbers can even bear some semblance of reality, a feasibility study needs to come through. For them, that will be the make or break point of either validating or invalidating their numbers. It will also "sharpen up" nearly all assumptions they have about the viability and future of the ark.

If the report comes back stating it is "not a great idea", Mr. Albino says they are prepared to walk. That, however, leaves the future two thirds of proposed park in question as Mr. Spragg could continue with development approvals already on his property and Horton Place could be on the open market.

"[The Consultant] knows which historic adaptations tend to be successful or not, and he has a sense of what the economic impacts for each could be, how much income they're likely to earn and not. Another consultant is focused on the economic feasibility of the overall project -its value in terms of economic development, to life in Aurora, how you quantify those things, the cost of maintaining it, and lost opportunity to developing the site."

"He will bring some analytics to it and try to identify some degree of a balance sheet in terms of, 'Here's what you'll get if you're doing this' and this is what you won't get. He'll also look at the merits of the project and the vision in terms of accelerating high quality development along Yonge Street."

Public perception will also be important, he added. While he says outreach the committee has done through such events as Doors Open and the Aurora Farmers Market, has found reception to be "uniformly positive", the same cannot

be said for the reception around the Council table with Councillors such as Evelyn Buck stating it sounds simply like a real estate deal. Mr. Albino says any idea of "a nefarious plot to make this into a real estate profiteering thing" couldn't be further

from the truth, but their belief they needed something concrete on the viability was on the mark.

"I think we should know what it is going to cost us to sustain this over time. Before we do it, somebody should do a study and ask what it

would cost to operate this on a regular basis and what we can expect in terms of revenues on a regular basis. They are correct in asking the consultants to tell us how important this would be in our Town and what it could mean economically."



Justin Hines, centre, brought his "Vehicle of Change" tour to the Aurora Cultural Centre on Friday night in a special event benefiting Eating Disorders of York Region's Riverwalk Wellness Centres. Joined by Matt McKenna (L) and James Bloemendal (R) of Ash & Bloom, this was one of their last stops in their Vehicle of Change tour. Billed as a "continent-wide busking tour", the concept is to donate 100 per cent of all funds

raised at each show to a local charity in that community. For more on Hines, Ash & Bloom, and the Vehicle

of Change, check back in next week's edition of The Auroran.

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Bylaw would be "valuable tool in the tool box"

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"[The value the community places] on trees is \$5,400 per hectare per year for [what they provide] to the community," she said. "Not only are they a symbol of our community, they are also a benefit to us in terms of the long-term health of our communities."

"This bylaw is a valuable tool in the toolbox. I think what it does is force people to stop, pause, and to think about their decision before taking down a healthy tree. It also allows our staff, who are qualified to take a look at the applications, to determine whether that tree should come down or not. It shouldn't just be a rubber stamp."

As a member of both the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust as well as Aurora's Environmental Advisory Committee, any further delay to implementing these tree protection measures would be a significant cause for concern, argued Judy Gilchrist.

"I urge Council to consider not

delaying the acceptance of the new tree bylaw that has been put before you any further," she said. "The process has had good input. It has had excellent staff input, it has had a lot of citizen input into it and it is something that a further delay actually opens up a further window of opportunity for other wanton destruction of the trees in this Town."

"We have seen that happen and one of the stronger points in the new tree bylaw is the increased fines to actually reduce the temptation for people to do that."

At the end of the day, for someone like Ms. Ralston who was very vocal in her opposition to tree cutting on golf courses, the proposed bylaw hits the right notes.

"Residents ask for a fair measure that involves an approach to tree protection," she concluded. "We ask that residents and businesses alike be held accountable to issues that impact all of us, including environmental concerns."



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And he's fighting for Canada. He's fighting for France. He's fighting for the USA. And he's fighting for the Russians. And he's fighting for Japan. And he thinks we'll put an end to war this way. And He's fighting for democracy, He's fighting for the reds, He says it's for the peace of all. He's the one, who must decide, who's to live and who's to die. And he never sees the writing on the wall.

But without him, how would Hitler have condemned him at Dachau? Without him Caesar would have stood alone; He's the one who gives his body as a weapon of the war. And without him all this killing can't go on.

He's the universal soldier and he really is the blame. His orders come from far away no more. They come from him, and you and me. And brothers can't you see. This is not the way we put an end to war.

In 1970, when Buffy Saint Marie wrote this, I learned that five of my American cousins were being conscripted to go and kill people in Vietnam. All these years later, that has moulded my life. We are responsible for what we do. Ends do not justify means. Means are the ends. What we do and how we do it is the goal. Thank you Buffy, but you don't have it exactly right.

My thoughts reflect upon my relatives and friends who fought in two World Wars, in Vietnam and on the kids of Aurora who I had coached in hockey and soccer who as recently as this week told me stories of their horrifying experiences in Afghanistan.

My wife's grandfather was asked at the point of a gun if he would like to join the German army. He had no choice. He was killed defending a bridge in Italy. My American cousins were given draft notices and sent to Vietnam to fight in that "conflict". Fortunately, they all survived, but many of their friends did not. My wife's parents were both put in concentration camps as children living in what is now Yugoslavia. They lost everything they

had. They escaped to Germany then immigrated to Canada as did many of their friend's fortunate enough to survive.

Now, the idea of a veteran being an old man having a beer at the Legion is not true. Well, it never was. Now, a veteran is not just you, your father or grandfather, it can be your own son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter. As a species, we seem to never learn from our past. There must be a better way to resolve our differences. We should be celebrating our differences. In peace.

In support of our friends and colleagues in military service and at The Royal Canadian Legion, all Seniors Association members are invited, and encouraged, to attend the Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony on Sunday November 10th for the 11 a.m. ceremony at the Aurora Cenotaph.

The Aurora Cenotaph (located at the Aurora War Memorial and Peace Park), is Aurora's only memorial tower. Built in 1925, it stands 73 feet high, and recognizes the local soldiers from Aurora, King and Whitchurch-Stouffville who served and fell (77 local men) in the Great War.

The Altar of Sacrifice located at the base of the Cenotaph was dedicated in 1960 to those who died (55 local men) in World War II. The Cenotaph is constructed on the land once owned by the military leader William Graham. William Graham fought in the American Revolution and in the War of 1812.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Aurora Seniors' Centre is hosting their Annual Holiday Bazaar on November 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors from the Farmers' Market and the Seniors' Association will be there. So should you! There will be a Tea Room and of course the popular Bake Table and much, much more! It's a great opportunity to do your holiday shopping. See you there!

My last word: Exercise your "true patriot love" – thank a veteran, hire a veteran, and help a veteran. Honour and respect go two ways.

For more information on the Aurora Seniors' Centre and all it has to offer, drop by 90 John West Way, visit the web site www.auroraseniors.ca, email auroraseniors@rogers.com or call 905-726-4767 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

SEPTEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 9

Wavestage Theatre Company will host an eight week acting Masterclass Program beginning September 23 running on select dates through December 9. Working with an experienced director, you will develop a practical understanding of text and character, basic vocal and movement skills, and plenty of tips and techniques to keep you relaxed in audition scenarios. The masterclass will be looking at specific acting techniques and skills, drawing from practitioners such as Stanislavski and Meisner, to make scenes come alive, bring believable characters into being, and learn to create magical moments on stage as an actor. For more information, contact Sarah Kyle at wavestagetheatre@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce hosts a marketing workshop today starting at 9 a.m. at the Chamber Office (14483 Yonge Street). Event host Javed S. Khan will show you how to grow your business through email and social media marketing.

The York Region Poverty PACC will host the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty tonight at Stellar Hall (1220 Stellar Drive, Newmarket). The event will feature an open mic and stage for speakers, artists, and musicians to lend their voice to the cause. The event will also feature the premiere of the film York Region: Behind The Masks, part of the Quest for Youth York Region Schools event.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

The Aurora Historical Society hosts The Hillary House Ball. 6 p.m. arrival. 7 p.m. dinner at King Valley Golf Club. Support the ongoing preservation and restoration of Hillary House National Historic Site while enjoying an amazing meal, live music and dancing in an elegant venue. Tickets \$150 per person, tax receipt to be issued for a portion of the ticket price. Please visit hillaryhouseball.ca for more details.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street presents Fest in October dinner & dance. Popular Aurora 13-piece dance band The Thursday Night Jam presents the ultimate dancing mix, with a few Oktoberfest tunes for good measure. Harvest-inspired fare from Gabriel's Café. Cash bar. Tickets, only \$35, with all proceeds benefitting programming at the Aurora Cultural Centre. For tickets for this 19+ licensed event, drop by the Centre, or call to order over the phone at 905-713-1818. For info check www.auroraculturalcentre.ca. Fully accessible building; elevator entrance at north doors.

It's that time of year again as Hillary House holds their Annual Fall Cleanup from 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rake leaves, trim bushes and help prepare the Hillary House grounds for winter with the direction of the landscape committee. 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pizza lunch provided. To register as a volunteer, please contact the Aurora Historical Society office by phone at 905-727-8991 or email cda@aurorahs.com.

Upper Canada Mall will host the third annual fundraising gala Hope In Purple Heels. The goal of the event is to raise money in support of Belinda's Place, York Region's first homeless shelter for single women. The "purple-tie" event will include a live fashion show, and a musical performance by Juno winning soul singer Divine Brown. The Gala gets underway at 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.belindasplace.ca.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Sport Aurora will host their annual Breakfast of Champions, honouring local sports champs and teams today. Tickets are now on sale through the Sport Aurora office with players, coaches, and parents getting the first crack. For more information on the Sport Aurora Breakfast of Champions, contact Sport Aurora at 905-726-4776 or email Breakfast chair Doug Legallais at odlegallais@rogers.com.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Garden Aurora! The Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society invites you to hear Kate Seaver, Horticulturist, Floral Designer, and Garden Décor Expert, speak on the vast array of uses for lavender. "Lavender Lore" is presented at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North at 8 p.m. Please join us for our last speaker of the year and an opportunity to be inspired by our natural world. Further information at www.gardenaurora.com or 905-713-6660.

OCTOBER 25 – 26

The Aurora United Church will

hold its annual Fall Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday. Events get underway Friday, October 25 from 1 – 8 p.m. with the individual sale and again on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon with their bag sale. The Aurora United Church is located on Yonge Street at Tyler Avenue.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Newmarket's Elman W. Campbell Museum, from 7 – 9 p.m. will host Isobel Warren, a veteran journalist in print and broadcast, and a Creative Writing teacher. She will be here to sign copies of two new books. Her historical novel, In Them Days, set in 1920, unveils the challenges facing farming communities – and women – in a rapidly changing post-War world. WORDPLAY 2013, is a sparkling premiere for fifteen of York Region's promising new writers. For more information, please call 905-953-5314 or email: elmanmuseum@rogers.com. The Museum is located at 134 Main St., South, Newmarket.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

The White Heather Pipes and Drums hosts their annual Hallowe'en Party and Dance this evening at 8 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Aurora. Featuring performances from the White Heather Pipes and Drums, disk jockey, dancing, prizes and costumes, get dressed up, come on out, and join the fun! 105 Industrial Parkway North. \$5 per person.

Newmarket's Elman W. Campbell Museum will hold its annual Hallowe'en Party from 7 to 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, October 26. Children aged 4 to 10 are invited to come in costume for games, craft, costume parade and a Hallowe'en story. Admission \$5.50 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The Museum is located at 134 Main Street South, Newmarket. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call us at 905-953-5314.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

It's the Haunted Hillary House tonight from 5 – 8 p.m. Visit if you have the nerve! All proceeds support heritage programming in your community. Suitable for all ages. Bring a carved pumpkin to Hillary House during office hours before Hallowe'en and register to win a great prize package. To learn more, visit www.

Coming Events

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street proudly presents Leisa Way in "Sweet Dreams – A Tribute to Patsy Cline." Step back to the time of the legendary country singer, with incredible performer Leisa Way and her full 4-piece back The Wayward Wind. Tickets \$30 in advance, or \$35 day of concert. Doors open 7.30 p.m.; concert at 8 p.m. General admission seating; cash bar. Fully accessible venue, with an elevator at the north entrance. For information, or to purchase tickets checkwww.auroraculturalcentre.ca, call 905-713-1818, or drop by the Centre.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

The Hadley Grange Crafters invite you to their annual Craft & Gift Sale today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 16015 Yonge Street, Aurora (First driveway north of St. John's Sideroad). Featuring many crafters, gifts, and even a snack bar, come start your holiday shopping at Hadley Grange.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Sport Aurora will host its 2013 Sport Aurora Volunteer Recognition Event this afternoon from 1 – 4 p.m. at East Side Mario's on Baview Avenue. Sport Aurora has 19 volunteers recognized this year. For more information, contact Laurie at program.manager@sportaurora.ca.

NOVEMBER 4 – DECEMBER 16

The Richmond Hill Central Library (Yonge and Major MacKenzie) will host a series of Buddhist Meditation classes on select dates from 7 – 8.30 p.m. The theme of the series is "Healing Ourselves and Others Within". If we understand the close connection between our mind and body we will gain great insight into how we can maintain wellness of body and mind. November 4: Balanced Mind, Balanced Life; November 11: Establishing Healthy Habits; November 18: Understanding Causes of Diseases; November 25: Meditation to alleviate pain. December 2: Panacea of Universal Compassion; December 9: Purifying Through The Wisdom of Imagination; December 16: Transforming Energy.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

York Region Gridlock Forum:

Are you frustrated by travelling time and congestion? Public discussion on transportation issues in Newmarket-Aurora and the GTA. Speakers include Metrolinx and Town Planners. Newmarket Public Library. For more information, call 289-879-2057.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

The Aurora Public Library presents Money Talk\$: Developing Your Own Investment Plan. This is a free monthly discussion and education group to share unbiased experience and knowledge in financial planning. There will be a presentation followed by a q & a. No financial products or services will be offered or sold (directly or indirectly). People employed in the financial services industry are welcome to attend and contribute, but not to engage in the promotion of any products, companies or services. 7 p.m. Pre-register by calling the Adult Information Desk at 905-727-9494 x275.

Shirley Feldman will present a trunk show of her quilts (Asian influences, miniatures, one block wonders) at the monthly meeting of the Moraine Quilt Guild. Meetings take place 1 – 3.30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Norm Taylor Room at the Bond Lake Arena (70 Old Colony Road, Oak Ridges). Guests are invited to attend by paying a meeting fee of \$7. For more information, call 905-726-3577.

The Aurora Sports Hall of Fame will host its Inaugural Induction Ceremony Dinner at The Mansion this evening. Tickets are \$50 and are on sale at www.sportaurora.ca, or by phone at 905-726-2736.

NOVEMBER 6 – JANUARY 8

A Bereavement Support Group for adults experiencing the loss of a loved one is being offered again at Aurora United Church. This is an eight week program running on Wednesday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m. beginning November 6 through November 27, and continuing January 8 through January 29, 2014. Non-denominational, free of charge and open to all. For info, call Paula @ 905-727-2584 or bereavement@live.ca.

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(Left) Mat Orr, Executive Chef and Partner with Cookery Catering, cooked up special Thanksgiving treats with a flourish for customers, including special banana bread, French toast with maple syrup and fruit compote. (Centre) Enjoying the beautiful sunshine as colourful leaves fluttered down from the treetops and crunched underfoot were Taylor and her dog Bella. (Right) Heritage advocate David Heard, seen here with Lauren, was on hand to promote the upcoming Aurora Spirit Walk. Auroran photos by David Falconer

Town looks at alternative track programs, loyalty rewards for Complex closure

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find it very unfair. I just think maybe we should rethink, if it is not too late, and come up with a better solution that would fit the whole community and not just the youth."

Representing this "senior" group was Rob Jessop. Mr. Jessop highlighted the importance of cardiovascular exercise to the senior population, particularly for people with histories of strokes and heart attacks. The track at the Leisure Complex is an integral benefit to local health-conscious people of a certain age.

"They can't get out and walk during the winter months and it is very difficult for them," said Mr. Jessop. "The sidewalks are slippery, they're afraid of falling, and they depend on that track to maintain their health. Let's face it: if the Centre is closed down for one year, it is quite conceivable it could be a heck of a lot longer than that. That is a large fraction of the life expectancy that is left for some of these people."

"It is very important to build a youth centre. Young people are important, but I think old people are important as well."

According to Al Downey, Aurora's Director of Parks and Recreation, a communication to

all members of the Aurora Family Leisure Complex is due this week outlining many of the changes in store to AFLC programming. It includes a schedule of extra lane swims to be held at the SARC to accommodate some of the lost pool time, options to place memberships on hold until the Complex is fully back up and running, as well as refund options for memberships.

"Loyalty Rewards" will also be introduced to members of the Club Aurora fitness program entailing a free one-month extension to memberships once the building reopens next fall, as well as other bonus options beginning November 13.

"The track is the only element within the Leisure Complex that is actually closing, all other [programs] are being moved or transferred to other locations and we're continuing those operations," Mr. Downey told The Auroran. "We want the people who are actively engaged to continue to be actively engaged, but unfortunately the track was the only casualty. We feel we have fulfilled the majority of the needs within the recreation community, but we weren't successful in being able to address every one."

His department, he added, is looking at

alternatives to the track including the tracks at Newmarket's Magna Centre, at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg, and possible walking programs at Upper Canada Mall.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Pepsi is one

5. Kilocalorie (abbr.)

8. Canadian flyers

12. Bright fleshy seed covers

14. Exclamation of triumph

15. Dawn (Spanish)

16. Former Spanish currency

18. Illuminated

19. A benefit bestowed

20. Spanish beaches

21. Solid water

22. Baby flowers

23. Surrealistic comic strip

26. Uncontrollable tremors

30. Dapper

31. Ear shell

32. Russian river

33. #1 soup noodle brand
34. Relating to a tube

39. Air Reserve base (abbr.)

42. Relating to Deism

44. More dried-up

46. Pear-shaped vowels

47. Creator of 23 across

49. Leavened rum cake

50. “Much __ About Nothing”

51. Two-sided discussion

56. Snakelike fishes

57. Fold

58. Removed writing

59. Away from wind

60. Small time unit (abbr.)

61. Look at with fixed eyes

62. Former Soviet bloc

63. Vision organ

64. Three-banded Armadillo

CLUES DOWN

1. “‘Lil Abner” cartoonist Al

2. Pitcher Hershiser

3. Elvis’s daughter

4. Mt. Lebanon resort town

5. Islamic civil and religious leader (var. sp.)

6. Mexican American

7. A sideways pass

8. Bunny

9. Threatening rain

10. Where one abides

11. Ardent devotees

13. Not moving

17. Ghostly pale from distress

24. Midway between E and SE

25. Writing materials sellers

26. Even golf score

27. Fabric of camel or goat hair

28. Hide from police: on the ____

29. Patti Hearst’s captors
35. Universal Standard Time (abbr.)

36. British thermal unit

37. Own (Scottish)

38. Digital display material

40. Fall back to a former state

41. Tom __, former LA mayor

42. Runs PCs

43. Wear away

44. Russian marten furs

45. Item used for 58 across

47. A Scottish Highlander

48. Rolls-__, luxury car

49. Jeff Bridges’ brother

52. Bay Area Transit Authority

53. As fast as can be done (abbr.)

54. Metric prefix for 10 to the 12th power

55. Frankenberg river

Last Week’s Puzzle Solution

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Alison Collins-Mrakas

A Time to Give Thanks

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends.

It was a gorgeous weekend weatherwise and on street after street the trees (if I dare bring them up) were ablaze in colours of fiery red and burnt orange – and my favourite - a deep plum.

I enjoyed a very long walk through the trail system with a good friend. It was amazing to be able to be immersed, as it were, in nature in the midst of our urban community. Lots of squirrels and chipmunks and many, many birds – blue jays, cardinals and swallows... but no owls, unfortunately.

As we celebrated Thanksgiving I am sure that most of us took a few moments of time to reflect on that for which we are thankful. It goes without saying that we as a community have much to be thankful for. (Please note that by “we” I mean that collectively, in the collective sense. I do not presume to speak for everyone or wish to overlook the many in

our community that are suffering.)

The list of things to be thankful for, is indeed, very, very long. When you start trying to list all the wonderful things about our community, you realize how truly fortunate we are.

We have parks, and trails, and community centres, and sports centres and sports fields of all types. We have many and diverse places of worship. We have many wonderful schools for every age. We have a community of lovely houses and buildings, from heritage to ultra-modern. We have clean and functional streets. We have potable water. We have active service clubs doing good works on behalf of our youth and seniors.

We have dances in the parks. We have live music in every season. We have barbeques and corn roasts and parades.

We have our glorious

Farmers’ Market – which has fast become a sort of modern version of the old time community square where people gather to share their time, their lives, their stories. It is a true community hub.

As I said, it is an extraordinary list, so I will leave it there as I have no wish to be sanctimonious – I will leave that to certain serial letter writers.

I chastised our Council a few weeks ago for losing perspective. And this week, I chastise myself for losing perspective, taking for granted the gifts I have been given. My family, my friends, my home, my community. For all that, I am truly thankful.

I will leave you with a favourite quote of mine from John Fitzgerald Kennedy,

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

Until next week, stay informed, stay involved because this is, after all, Our Town.

Augustinian’s

Spiritual Mission to Northern Peru



It was an Augustinian Mission to Peru for Villanova College Students this past summer.

On July 2nd of this year, nine students and two teachers from the Augustinian Catholic School, Villanova College located in King City, went on a religious mission excursion to Northern Peru.

The mission was 17 days in length to a small village called Morropón. The students and teachers were made to feel at home in a local Augustinian parish, living with the Priests, and were the first group of North Americans to ever visit the small village. The goal of this trip was to serve the spiritual and material needs of the Peruvian people.

Lisa Picerno an attending teacher passionately described their activities “The students get fully involved with the community. Their daily routine was; out of bed at six, attend daily mass with the Augustinian Priests, teach English at two different high schools until 1:00 p.m, as well as assist at a school for children with special needs. The group helped at an orphanage by participating in group meetings for youth. In the afternoon the students would work with seniors at an old age home by assisting them with their meals, walking them, reading to them and providing basic personal care that was otherwise neglected. Aside from their

duties, the students enjoyed playing with children in the countryside. “

The two teachers that lead this mission are; Ms. Lisa Picerno, and Mr. Emmanuel Rick. This is the second time Villanova has sent students and teachers on a religious mission to Peru. The first excursion was in 2012, and now the trip has become a yearly event. The group from Villanova brought over \$5000 in donations to support the local community as well as 25 luggages full of donations of toys and simple necessities of life. The students that attended the mission were Grade 12 students, Faiza Agyemang, Jenna Bifolchi, Adriana Caravaggio (alumni – 2nd time doing the experience), Lindsay Hatt, Andrea Lackowicz, Claudia Naccarato, Natalie Pignetti, Alana Sullivan, and Francesca Vance.

“It’s incredible, it’s life changing for the students” said Picerno.

Well done Villanova, for touching the lives of many in Morropón and for teaching youth the value of helping those in need.





Councillors John Abel and Sandra Humfries, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, and Councilor Evelyn Buck unveiled a new commemorative plaque outside the newly restored Petch House last Tuesday.
Auroran photo by Brock Weir

Historic log house gets some official kudos

By Brock Weir

A “labour of love” got some official recognition as the historic Petch House was officially dedicated last week.

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, along with Councillors John Abel, Evelyn Buck and Sandra Humfries were joined at the reconstructed heritage building at the entrance of the Aurora Community Arboretum right behind the Aurora Seniors’ Centre, by Al Downey, Director of Parks and Recreation and Parks Manager Jim Tree.

The plaque outlines the long – and, at times, complicated – history of the Petch House, which began life as a log cabin in what was then Whitchurch Township in the early 1840s.

With that land eventually incorporated into Aurora, the home was moved further and further west as properties changed hands and it languished for the better part of a decade on Leslie Street just south of Wellington until Councillors figured out what to do with it.

\$146,000 later, it’s now ready for a new lease on life – awaiting someone to come forward with a use.

“This was a labour of love for the Parks and Recreation department,” said Mr. Downey, noting the length of time the house has been in the hands of the Town. “I am happy to say that through a year’s worth of work, we created a new site for Petch House. It

is back to its original state, and with a replica of its original cladding ready for its next life. I am not quite sure what it will be, but it is home, safe, and available for whatever the future use might be.”

From the inside, the original log construction is available for all to see. It incorporates much of its original beams and expansive loft space. The exterior cladding, however, has been a bone of contention to some, as it is quite obviously new and not what they necessarily expect of a log house.

Not to fear, says Mr. Tree.

“Back when they built these homes, they covered them up because nobody wanted to be seen as living in a log building,” he said of the wood siding originally installed by Jonathan Petch, original owner of the building. “We remember it always as a log house, but when we started to peel back the old remains, we started to find this style of siding. This is exactly what was on it originally, but it was all up in the peak and covered up.”

Added Mr. Downey: “It is hard to believe that in 800 square feet, families were born and raised here, families that cleared the land when it was originally nothing but farmland. This plaque will give the public a little bit of history, they can peak in the windows, see what is going on, and we hope one day there will be full public access for them to enjoy and get a little bit of feeling of what it was like when settlers first came here and started

Aurora.”

Following the unveiling, Mayor and Council adjourned to the Council chamber for Tuesday night’s meeting, there Councillor Buck – at one time Council’s strongest proponent for simply setting a torch to the building as it languished on stilts on Leslie – celebrated the finished result.

“I take great satisfaction in this, considering how long it has been in the making,” she said. “I argued against spending any money on that old wreck sitting at the side of the road on Leslie but I take great pleasure in seeing the building completed. If anyone has a use for it, come forward now or forever hold your peace.”



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ASK TOM

Tom Mrakas

Filter your Filter

This week I have a simple yet handy tip that can save you time and money!

So what is this great tip you ask? Creating a filter for your filter!

If you have a shop

vacuum, then you know that after even a few weeks, you'll have problems with the suction. The suction will get lower and lower generally indicating that it is time to empty it and clean the filter.

I hate this job, as I am sure the rest of you do too. We all endure the messy process where we take the vacuum, empty the contents, then we take that filter and put it in the bag and shake it up to loosen all that crud that is stuck in it.

Sometimes you use a screwdriver to clean it, or even an air hose to blow it out, but, if it is in rough shape, then you just

replace it with a new filter.

But, you don't have to toss out that filter. You can save it – and yourself – some time in the process by using some foam and tape.

Take some ¼ inch foam, cut it to size of the filter then wrap it around the filter leaving some overlap.

Then cut the piece of foam and attach at the overlap using PVC glue (make sure you make it a snug fit to the filter). With the foam secure on the filter, voila, you have a cheap filter for the filter.

What this will do is keep all but the smallest particles from getting into the actual filter. When it

gets dirty, you just pull it off give it a shake or if it's very dirty you can simply rinse it in water.

This will save you time and make that filter last a long time. This could be also used with many other filters also! It's an easy tip that will save you time, money – and aggravation!

Until next week, remember a good job, is a job well done!

Also, if you have any questions or topic suggestions you can reach me at www.facebook.com/anastasisdesign or on twitter, @ADesign_build and email, of course, at Anastasis@anastasisdesign.ca.

Letter to the editor

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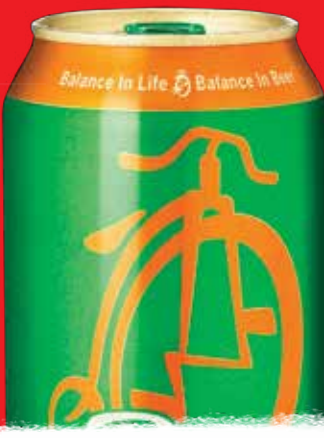
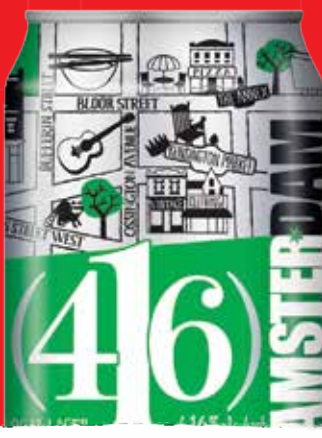
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