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While collecting coins for UNICEF on Halloween night may be a thing of the past, 10 year old Alex will be spreading a new kind of "coin" through this spooky season - helping kids going through physical challenges as he did. For more on Alex's story, please see Page 9.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir



Halloween "Change"

HEELS & HISTORY



Aurora was very busy this weekend with no shortage of fun for good causes. Above: Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, former MP Belinda Stronach and Newmarket Mayor Tony Van Bynen attend the Hope in Purple Heels fashion show to raise money for the Belinda's Place women's shelter, while elsewhere Aurorans celebrated the second annual Hillary House Ball, and Oktoberfest at the Aurora Cultural Centre. For more, see Page 10.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Neighbours, Council square off over Mavrillac Blvd "park"

By Brock Weir

Some residents want "democracy" to take its course, while others want a quicker, firmer plan of attack, two things residents in northeast Aurora agree on is they want a voice at the table - and they want a park.

Nearly 60 residents from the northeast quadrant of Bayview Avenue and Wellington Street came together to sound off on the fate of a six acre parcel of land in their neighbourhood currently under Council review.

As The Auroran reported last week, the land is currently being discussed by Councillors behind closed doors, angering some residents who want a clear picture of exactly what Council is discussing.

The information session was organized by Councillor John Gallo and attended by Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, along with Councillors John Abel, Chris Ballard, Evelyn Buck, Wendy Gaertner and Michael Thompson. At the meeting, residents said they felt "misled" by the neighbourhood's developers over the land once earmarked for a Catholic school or a park.

The York Catholic District School Board, however, decided the land was no longer needed. As per the community's subdivision agreement between the developer and the Town in 2007, Aurora now has the right of first refusal to buy the property.

"The owner agrees to provide the Town of Aurora within its agreement with the [School Board] a first right of refusal to purchase [the block] for municipal purposes upon the same terms and conditions including, but not limited to, the purchase price of the site as set out in its agreement with the York Catholic District School board,"

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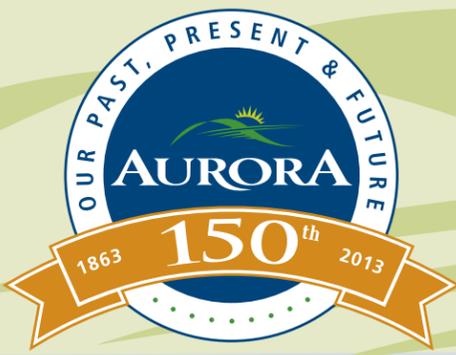
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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|---|
| Wednesday, October 23 | 7 p.m. | Public Planning – Not Required |
| 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

AURORA 150 FACT:



Image courtesy of Aurora Historical Society

Victory Day Parade

This photo was captured on May 7, 1945. It shows members of the Royal Canadian Air Force sitting on a parade car that went down Yonge Street. The Imperial Bank, Scanlon Bakery and Post Office can be seen in the background.

PUBLIC NOTICES

2012 Financial Statements

On July 16, Council approved the audited consolidated financial statements of The Town of Aurora for the year ended December 31, 2012. These statements are now available at www.aurora.ca/financialstatements

Temporary Road Closure

Please be advised that effective **Thursday, October 24 to Sunday, November 3**, Leslie Street between Westview Drive and Bovair Trail, will be closed to all but local traffic. Detour routes have been developed and electronic signs will be in place to direct motorists. For more information, please visit www.york.ca

Draft Business Retention and Expansion Action Plan

As part of the Business Retention Plan launched in 2012, The Town of Aurora is circulating a draft action plan to support the retention and expansion of existing businesses. The draft plan is based on more than 150 interviews and subsequent consultations conducted by town staff, and provides businesses the opportunity to shape the direction and future of this program.

There were nine key results identified from the interviews and consultations conducted:

- Continued smart and sustainable growth
- Availability of appropriate space or land
- Retaining and attracting businesses
- Making sense of development approvals
- Connecting businesses with residents
- Business networking and joint marketing
- Revitalizing downtown Aurora
- Improving public transit
- Increasing communication and support programs

For a copy of the draft action plan, please visit www.businessaurora.ca. For further information or to provide feedback, please contact Michael Logue, Program Manager of Economic Planning, Town of Aurora, at 905-727-3123 ext. 4324 or bre@aurora.ca

Feedback is welcome until **Friday November 1**, with a goal to bring the final action plan for Council's approval by year-end.

2B Subdivision - Block 208

In closed session of the General Committee meetings on October 1 and 15, Town councillors considered the purchase of what is now known as Block 208, Plan 65M-3979. Block 208 is located in the 2B subdivision adjacent to Mavrinac Boulevard, north of Borealis Avenue. This vacant parcel of land is approximately 2.4 hectares (5.9 acres) in size. Block 208 is owned by Minto Communities Inc.

In 2002, as part of the initial 2B subdivision development, Block 208 was identified as a possible location for an elementary school by the York Catholic District School Board. There was no promise or guarantee that the property would be used for an elementary school. Use of the property for a school site was subject to further determination and analysis by the Board.

Provisions for the acquisition of the property by the Board were included in the conditions of draft plan approval for the Minto subdivision in 2B. These conditions also required Minto to grant the Town a right of first refusal to purchase Block 208 for municipal purposes if the Board determined that it did not require the property for a school. The Town's right of first refusal was included in the 2007 subdivision agreement between Minto and the Town, which is registered on title to the property and is a matter of public record.

In June 2013, the Board determined that Block 208 was not needed for a school and waived its right to purchase the property. In response to this decision, Minto approached the Town, pursuant to the Town's right of first refusal, and asked if the Town was interested in purchasing Block 208 for municipal purposes.

The Town is now considering the purchase of Block 208. No planning applications for development on Block 208 have been submitted to the Town, and Council is not deliberating on whether to approve any specific development on the property. Details of the offer are still being discussed with Minto and remain confidential. However, it should be stressed that no decision has been made by Council regarding whether or not to purchase Block 208.

Town staff intend to bring further information to councillors at the next General Committee meeting on **Tuesday, November 5**.

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

Epic (Rated PG)

Where: Aurora Public Library
When: **Saturday, October 26** 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.

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| 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. Register in-person at any Parks & Recreation Services facility or online at www.aurora.ca/e-PLAY

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Newmarket-Aurora MP Lois Brown is re-confirmed as Parliamentary Secretary by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa this month.

Photo courtesy of the PMO



Aspiring Liberal candidates Jason Cherniak and Kyle Peterson attended Mr. Cherniak's official campaign launch at Jonathan's restaurant on Sunday. Cherniak is vying for the newly created Federal riding of Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill, while Peterson is seeking the nod in Newmarket-Aurora.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

Throne speech gets mixed reviews from area reps

By Brock Weir

This is "Canada's Moment", and it is time for Canadians to seize it.

That is the vision shared by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Newmarket-Aurora MP Lois Brown in the wake of Wednesday's 2013 throne speech.

The Throne Speech, which provides a blueprint for the Federal Government's direction for the coming year, was good news to Aurora, according to Ms. Brown, who underscored its focus on jobs and growth. Still basking in the free trade deal reached between Canada and the European Union last week, Ms. Brown said this deal creates "500 million new consumers" for every Canadian business.

"We have businesses

in Newmarket-Aurora who are doing business overseas and they want to know they have those opportunities," Ms. Brown tells The Auroran. "It is going to create jobs for 80,000 people in Canada, and when we look at some of the jobs we have in Aurora, it is going to increase opportunities right here."

Over the summer, Ms. Brown says she sent out over 2,500 questionnaires to businesses, and a further 4,500 out to randomly selected households, receiving "hundreds" of responses. Respondents, she says, had a consistent message of reducing taxes, something that will be delivered in the coming year, she adds.

"People are stretched to the limit, particularly in Ontario," she says.

"The more areas our government can work to put money back in the lands of average Canadians is what we want to do. We're looking for those opportunities and we said in the Throne Speech that when we get to balanced budgets in 2015, we are going to be looking at those avenues to continue giving back money to Canadians.

"One of the things we have talked about is income splitting for families. We have already done it for pensions for seniors and they are able to keep more of their own money in their pockets before they start paying taxes. We would like to extend that to families and, yes, there would be a threshold limit, but we are looking at that as a way families will have to spend their own hard-

earned money the way they want to spend it."

As for things she would have liked to see in the Throne Speech, Ms. Brown says with \$70 billion in infrastructure planning slated for the next 10 years, she will be ready with Aurora's "wish list" when the time comes, in consultation with Mayor and Council.

It is something kept in mind by Mayor Geoffrey Dawe. While welcomed news of balanced budgets, new business opportunities for Aurora companies in Europe, and a focus on homeless veterans were welcome, one thing he would like to see are nation-wide strategies.

"I would have put a bit more around a nationwide

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Briefly

STYLISTS SAVE LIVES

Hair salons across York Region are teaming up to build awareness of National Cervical Cancer Awareness Week on now. Salons such as Ego Hair Studio at 300 Wellington Street East, The Country Look at 15226 Yonge Street, and Fame Salon & Spa at 43 First Commerce Drive will be ready to answer questions and cervical cancer, sharing a common message of promoting cervical, breast, and colon screenings. Women over 50 should have a mammogram every two years, while women over 21 should have a Pap test every three years. "Be body aware!" say promoters. "If you notice any changes or unusual symptoms, talk to your health care provider. Talk about your medical and family history with your healthcare provider. You may need to be screened earlier, more often, or checked for other cancers. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/stylistssavelives.

WASTE REDUCTION WEEK

This is Waste Reduction Week and, through Friday, the Town of Aurora will be doing its part by offering green bins, blue boxes, backyard composters, and other waste reduction helpers for half-price. Residents can pick up their bins at Town Hall or the Operations Yard at 9 Scanlon Court through Friday, although composters are available exclusively at the yard. Handy tips on waste reduction are also offered, including purchasing products that are returnable, reusable, or refillable, bring your own bags, double siding your printing and copying in the office, compost your organic waste, and find local non-profits that could use your no longer used clothes, books, toys, and other items.



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Drop off items to Aurora Town Hall, 100 John West Way, attention Special Events Co-ordinator, by Friday, November 15.

Online submissions can be uploaded at www.aurora150.ca

Please note, items will be reviewed by the Aurora 150 Committee. Not all submissions will be included in the time capsule.

For more information, call 905-726-4762 or visit www.aurora150.ca

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Tickets are also available at Neighbourhood Network or Jonathans Restaurant

Letter to the editor

Council should change course on Complex renos

(Re: Residents angered by Complex closure. October 16)

As you are probably aware, the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC) is scheduled to close down at the end of this month or shortly thereafter, and will remain closed for at least one year.

This is being done in order to carry out extensive renovations and additions to the existing complex, the most significant of which will be the addition of extra space and facilities for the young people of Aurora, a concept referred to as "Community Space for Youth."

According to the existing plan, these additional spaces and facilities for youth will not be concentrated in one section of the AFLC, but rather distributed throughout the complex.

The addition of "Community Space for Youth" is fundamentally an excellent idea, and I support it wholeheartedly. What I object to is the manner in which the above changes will be implemented and the lack of consultation between Town Council and the users of the facility during the formulation of the design and implementation plans.

Although a stakeholders committee was set up during the planning process, it included only municipal employees, representatives from CS&P Architects, and eight teenagers from various High Schools in Aurora. The only attempt to consult with all the other people who actually use the facility, i.e. the membership of the AFLC, took place at an open meeting in mid September attended by sixty to seventy members.

During that meeting town officials gave a description of the construction plans and announced that a final decision had already been made to close the AFLC for a full year at the end of this month. The reaction from the members to this unexpected announcement and to the fact that they had been consulted only "after the fact" was very intense and definitely negative.

What the members were not told at the meeting was that a previous plan, approved by Council, would have included the extra space and facilities for young people and all the other essential changes to the AFLC without it being closed down for a year. This earlier plan would have concentrated all the extra youth space and facilities within a separate dedicated "Youth Center" attached, as an addition, to the AFLC, thereby eliminating many costly changes throughout the main complex that would be required under the "distributed throughout" concept.

Another fact that was not made apparent at the meeting was that the existing plan is not yet written in stone, since no contracts have been finalized. This means that it can be changed, and in my view, should be changed, but in a manner that will be based on adequate input from all the users of the facility, in all age groups.

In particular, a way should be found to keep the facility, that is to say the pool and especially the gym, open during the renovations.

Ralph Jessup
Aurora

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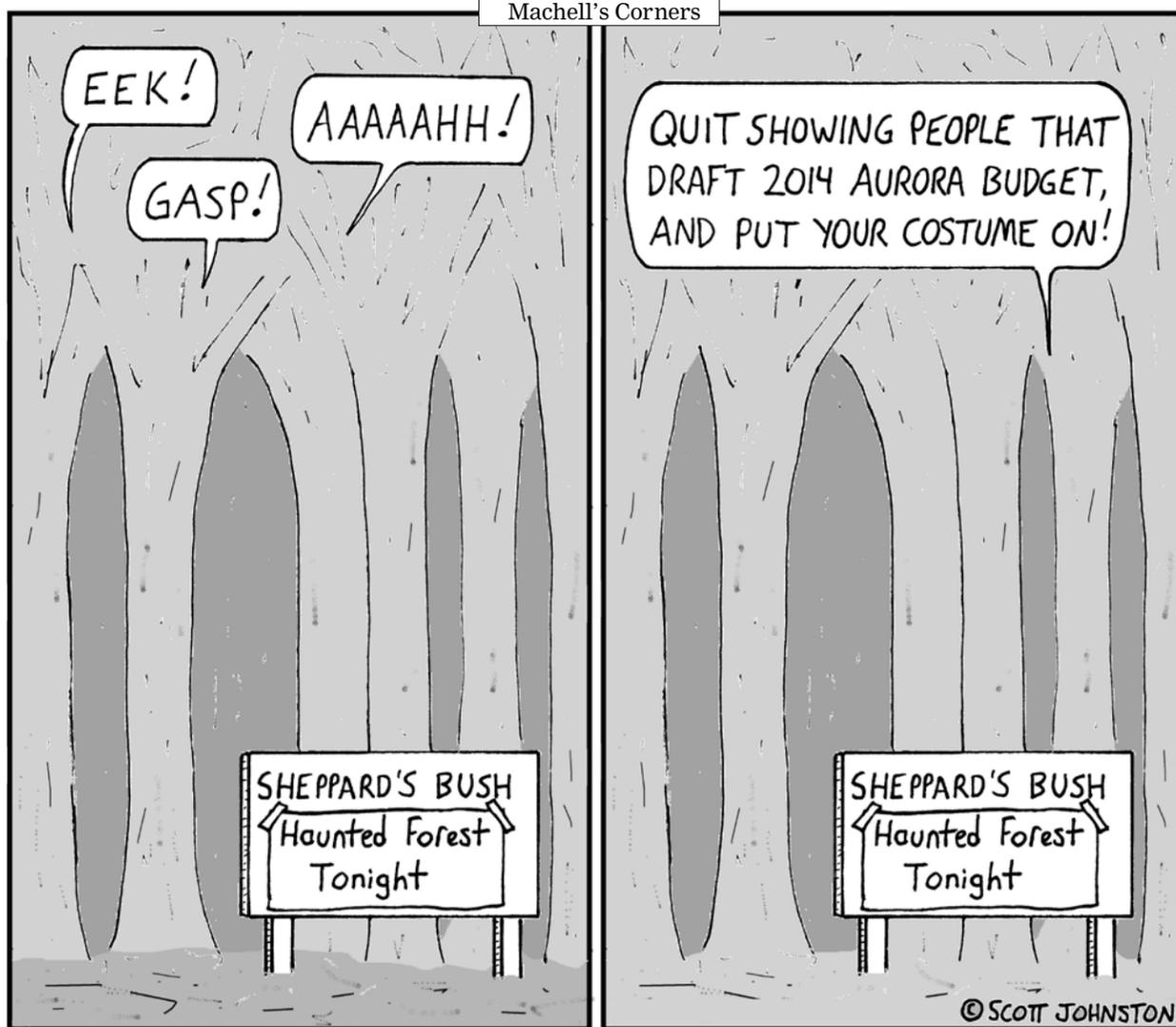
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Circling the Drain



BROCK'S BANTER

Brock Weir

You all know that feeling, the thrill of stumbling upon a winning formula.

Instant success can bring instant gratification, but it can also breed a bit of complacency. At the inevitable downswing of success, most of us take stock, give ourselves a shake, and get down to business to figure out exactly what went wrong and right the ship.

This must have been the same feeling experienced by some of the more heritage-minded people in Aurora who threw open their homes and businesses for Doors Open Aurora.

While this event ostensibly celebrates the steady, consistent, and unwavering "built" members of our community, their annual day has jogged around the spring and summer calendar almost necessitating Dramamine to keep up.

Despite their best intentions, organizers behind Doors Open Aurora 2012 were facing a problem. Holding the event in July, which had become a fairly recent invention, just wasn't working. Numbers were steadily trending down after setting their record in 2010. Part of the reason, they contended, was Aurorans are often away in July, basking in the comforts of their cottages or on holidays in further flung parts of the world. Or, it was just too damn hot to leave their air conditioned homes to truly appreciate homes built before the birth of the Maytag Man, the Patron Saint of the Season.

After the sweltering heat of last year's Doors Open, I was tempted to err on the side of comfort, but it seems others felt the rest of Aurora might feel the same way. 2012 numbers plummeted and the organizers faced a problem.

"How do we get our numbers up and still keep focus?"

The answer was simple: Move it to August. People are back from their cottages to get their kids ready for the upcoming school year, get themselves in a good place mentally before heading back to the regular working grind...and there's a much better chance of finding even the slightest of breezes.

They bit the bullet, changed the dates, recorded record numbers at

almost every stop on the 16-site tour. With this in mind, they spent the lazy remaining days of summer basking in the glow of undoubted success.

You'd think the formula that brought in busloads of tourists from all around Ontario, would be a winning formula to stick with, right? I'd thought so too, but if we put money on it, we'd all be up the creek.

According to a recommendation coming out of the October 9 Council meeting and up for discussion at Council this week, the new plan is getting back in the water and circling the July drain. The reason? It was the same day as the Toromont King Dragon Boat Race for the United Way. In King Township. Apparently, this "conflicted with Council and staff's ability to volunteer for the event." Considering Council representation at the Dragon Boat Festival (in King) was significantly lower this year than in years past, perhaps the reverse might be true.

Another reason? Both the Aurora Public Library and the Aurora Cultural Centre agree August is "not a favourable month...due to scheduling conflicts."

"They have suggested that an event in the month of July is preferable," concludes the report. "Therefore, it is recommended that the Heritage Advisory Committee take this into consideration when planning the date of the 2014 event."

The original concept of Doors Open was to literally throw open the doors of places of heritage and architectural interest that might not otherwise be open to the public. This principle was exemplified this year in such cases as

Horton Place, the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge, the Absalom Blaker House, the Benjamin Stephenson House and, if it wasn't pulled off the roster at the last minute, the old Aurora Armoury at the corner of Mosely and Larmont.

While the participation of the Aurora Public Library, the Aurora Cultural Centre, and the Aurora Farmers' Market are welcome additions to any festival, one can partake in the many great offerings all year round. In my highly unscientific poll taken as I made the rounds on August 17, although many new residents of Aurora took Doors Open as an excuse to make their first move in cultivating a new and wonderful relationship with these public institutions like the Library and Cultural Centre, the majority of the people were drawn to the architecture and historical significance offered by the buildings on offer, particularly the beautiful surroundings of Aurora's many places of worship.

Don't get me wrong; the Library and the Centre provided invaluable, interactive, and highly entertaining tie-ins that fully complemented the event. On a personal level, I even took part in dabbing some paint on the community art project at the Cultural Centre, a thoroughly risky move considering I can't even draw a straight line, as well as leaving a few thoughts in the video time capsule organized by Cindy and Reccia at the Library. As I put a few brush strokes on the canvas (and going back for more to fix the dog's breakfast I made), I was told with wonder that an entire busload of tourists from Markham made the trip to Aurora and decided to make the Aurora Cultural Centre their base on their Aurora tour, going as far as setting up a makeshift picnic lunch on their grounds. And another bus was expected. The wonder stemmed from that being unprecedented in recent Doors Open History.

Staffing the August date might be a challenge, as might finding the right amount and blend of volunteers, but it might - just might - be worth the extra effort before consigning the lessons learned this year onto the scrapheap of history.

NEW AURORAN POLL

Are you satisfied with the municipal services you get with your tax dollar?

- (a) Yes
(b) No
(c) Unsure

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While it has changed location, the Hartman Corners school house hasn't changed much from the outside – aside from a few colour alterations – since being built in the 1850s, pre-dating Aurora. Since its time as the oldest schoolhouse in the area, it has served as a family home, businesses, and now houses a real estate office on Wellington Street East at Berczy. John McIntyre's series on existing buildings pre-dating the 1863 foundation of Aurora continues.

Photo courtesy of the Aurora Historical Society

Ottawa Report

Speech from the Throne

On October 16, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, delivered the Speech from the Throne to open the second session of the 41st Parliament and outline our government's agenda. Some of the key measures that the government will undertake under each of its three principal themes include:

Creating Jobs and Opportunities for Canadians:

Balancing the budget by 2015 and reducing the debt-to-GDP ratio to pre-recession levels by 2017;

Reducing the cost of the federal government to ensure that taxes remain low;

Completing reforms to the Temporary Foreign Workers Program to ensure that Canadians always have the first chance at available jobs; and,

Expanding trade with the European Union by concluding a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, as well as with markets in Asia and the Americas.

Supporting and Protecting Canadian Families:

Supporting greater competition in the wireless sector by addressing roaming costs on networks within Canada;

Providing Canadians with the opportunity to choose the combination of television channels they want by requiring that they be unbundled;

Taking steps to address geographic price discrimination against Canadians; and,

Supporting victims of crime and punishing criminals by introducing the Victims' Bill of Rights and legislation to address cyberbullying.

Putting Canada First:

Providing the Canadian Armed Forces with the tools they need to defend Canada's sovereignty and vital interests;

Providing further support to help meet the needs of veterans, including helping them secure jobs and reintegrate into civilian life;

Further strengthening the immigration system, including introducing a new model to select immigrants based on the skills that Canadian employers need to expand their businesses and the economy; and,

Honouring Canada's Confederation as we approach our historic 150th anniversary in 2017.

Small Business Week

October 20-26 is National Small Business Week, an opportunity to recognize the enormous contributions that small business owners and entrepreneurs make to our communities and our country. With over 98% of all companies in Canada comprised of small businesses, they truly represent the backbone of the



LOIS BROWN
MP Newmarket-Aurora

Canadian economy.

Nationally, under the leadership of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, our government recognizes the vital role small business owners play in the economy and job creation. Since taking office in 2006, we've taken numerous steps to help entrepreneurs and have lowered the federal tax

bill for a typical small business by over 30 per cent. Our actions include:

- Reducing the small business tax rate from 12 per cent to 11 per cent
- Increasing the 'small business limit' to \$500,000
- Introducing the Code of Conduct for the Credit and Debit Card Industry
- Extending the Hiring Credit for Small Business in 2013
- Increasing the Lifetime Capital Gains Exemption to \$800,000 from \$750,000 in 2014, and indexing it going forward
- Freezing EI rates for the next three years to support job growth

Historic CETA Agreement Reached

Canada has reached an agreement in principle on a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union. This historic agreement will create thousands of jobs for Canadians and give Canadian businesses access to a half-billion new customers.

When Canada trades, the whole country becomes more competitive. The benefits of this agreement are equivalent to creating almost 80,000 new jobs or increasing the average Canadian household's annual income by \$1,000. Responsible for one out of every five jobs in Canada, exports increase Canadian prosperity and boost our standard of living.

CETA is by far Canada's most ambitious trade initiative ever. It is broader in scope and deeper in ambition than the historic North American Free Trade Agreement. It will make Canada one of the only developed countries to have preferential access to the world's two largest markets – the European Union and the United States. Access to these markets' 800 million+ affluent consumers will make Canadians the envy of trading nations all over the world.

With this agreement, the number of countries with which Canada has free trade agreements will triple from 14 to 42, providing Canada free-trade access to over half of the entire global marketplace. The elimination of 98 per cent of all EU tariffs on the first day that the Agreement comes into force will translate into increased profits and opportunities for Canadian businesses of all sizes in every part of the country.

If you would like to contact me on any issue, please call 905-953-7515 or visit my website at www.loisbrown.ca. I look forward to hearing from you.

Business: Giving thanks to a cornerstone of our community

It's fantastic to have warm weather this late in the season. I know that many of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends, and thoroughly enjoyed winter's tardiness. Autumn offers time for reflection, and Thanksgiving – that quintessential North American family holiday – provides time to take perspective.

As Canadians and Aurorans, we are truly blessed. For all our foibles, follies and sometimes failings, we enjoy a lifestyle second-to-none. We have world-class universities, colleges and apprenticeship programs that have produced one of the most educated populations in the world. The life expectancy of Canadians is one of the longest, thanks to a health system that provides universal access to innovative, cutting-edge medical care.

We have advanced infrastructure, from durable homes and reliable traffic and transportation networks to the most powerful mobile, computational and telecommunications technologies. Our land is vast and plentiful. Our border is shared with friends, not enemies. We enjoy comforts that are

alien to many.

With all of these advantages, however, many still struggle. Aurora is an affluent community, but we are not immune to the challenges of poverty and homelessness. The underlying causes for these are numerous, but I take some comfort and a lot of pride in knowing that Aurorans and Canadians are a generous people who support their neighbours through crises with numerous social programs, services and community giving.

As this is Small Business Week, I thought it appropriate to extend thanks and celebrate the critical role that commerce plays in the development and well-being of our community. We have nearly 1,400 businesses in Aurora, with more than 200 of these businesses established for 25 years or longer. Much of the prosperity we enjoy can be attributed to the fundamental soundness of our business base and strong work ethic of our merchants.



IN GOOD COMPANY
Mayor Geoffrey Dawe

As a former business owner in Aurora, I know that operating an enterprise is a bittersweet endeavour. Over the course of my business career, I have seen economic highs and lows. Much like a ship's captain, your fortunes in business are often made in how you navigate the ups and downs of business cycles.

Business ownership is a labour of love. But it is also immensely rewarding. While financial rewards can vary, there is always an intrinsic sense of pride and accomplishment that accompanies business success.

Businesses, especially SMEs (Small & Medium Enterprises), are a cornerstone of our community. They provide the goods and services required for families and other businesses to function and thrive. They also contribute handsomely to our tax base, offsetting the burden on our homeowners. It is to the largesse of business, as much as individual ratepayers, that we owe thanks for our library, parks and clean streets.

I am thankful for the immense contribution that business makes in keeping our community a place where families prosper. For those that have stood the test of time and navigated the economic storms, your long-standing contribution to our community's welfare is especially appreciated.

As I mentioned in my September *Auroran* article, Councillor Michael Thompson brought forward the idea to celebrate our long-standing businesses in a promotional campaign. Readers will note the full-page ad highlighting these businesses. We will be running these ads for four weeks, with accompanying public service announcements on 88.5 FM, the Jewel, encouraging people to shop in Aurora.

Our merchants give us much for which to be thankful, and I urge residents to continue to support this critical element of our community.

On a final note, I would like to thank the many residents who emailed and called me with words of thanks for my last article on decision-making at Town Hall. I hoped it would provide some insight to residents and I am pleased that it was so well-received.

Letters to the editor

Councillor removed "point" of offending letter

I would like to take this opportunity to "out" myself. I'm the writer that hurt Mr. Gallo's feelings in an email which was sent at his invitation.

What he did not share was the background of my email and, more importantly, he edited my email when he submitted it to The Auroran, leaving out the main point I was trying to make.

It certainly was not about how ridiculous his hairstyle is. That was simply my opinion.

He indicated that us big, bad bullies hide behind anonymous postings. However, I sent my email from my personal email account, signed my name, address and phone number. Short

of sending him a DNA sample, I am not too sure what more was expected.

Now, for the background: Mr. Gallo wrote a letter regarding the Accessibility Park regarding the redesign of a park in Mr. Gallo's neighbourhood to make it fully accessible. He was debating the money spent to consider such a thing and at the end, he asked the community to send in our thoughts.

Here it is:

"I read your Letter to the Editor in this week's Auroran. Are kidding me? Were you not part of the 3 stooges that thought it was a good idea to spend \$150k to fight against a cell tower being erected - when the bloody thing was already

there???? Amongst other mindless ideas you and your two buddies come up with.

"I am so sick of [you three] publicly challenging and being disrespectful to your fellow colleagues - if this Council is not working at the highest of standards, then you should be looking straight in to the mirror, because you three are 80% of the problem on this council.

"And for gods sakes do something about your hair - you look ridiculous!!!!!"

You can now see what he took from my email and posted in The Auroran. So, here was my response to him and all Councillors regarding his letter:

"I would like to thank you for publishing my email to you and all councillors in The Auroran. It has given my voice the ability to be even stronger and I appreciate that. As I know you are a councillor that is always looking to do what is best for the people of this town. I will say I am disappointed you edited the email which certainly changed the tone and the serious point I was trying to make but I suppose when you are posturing to run for Mayor that is what you have to do.

"My apologies if I hurt your feelings so much you felt you had to write an entire half page article about it - it was just an opinion and I am sure there are many in this

town that think your hair is fine as it is! (and for the record I never hid behind anonymous postings, you knew exactly who it was coming from) and I can certainly identify myself in the Auroran as the one whom you quoted."

I find it quite concerning that this is where his mind is focused vs., oh, I don't know....town business! I also find it scary that, as a public figure, he still does not understand that the very public who voted him in have every right to express

their opinions as, after all, he does claim to wholeheartedly believe in the public's right to free speech.

Anyway, in hindsight, maybe I should not have shared my opinion about his hair, as I too have fallen victim to bullying regarding a very bad hairstyle. I even cried a little. I was five.

**Kelli M. Collins
Aurora**

(Editor's note: portions of Ms. Collins' initial response to Councillors have been edited)

"Proper" infrastructure is needed for Downtown Aurora

There has been a change in the street scenery in the downtown area of Aurora.

A restaurant has moved locations into the historic downtown area. This food business may well help bring people into the downtown core and add to the ambiance of

the area.

However, did the planning department account for the need for the additional parking?

How are the other businesses in the area coping for parking spots now?

Why are there not some park benches set-up along

the street so shoppers such as seniors can take a break and enjoy the scenery in the historic area? Even though there are plans for development and expansion in the future, there are several needs which demand attention in the downtown area: sidewalks, curbs and

mobility ramps need reconstruction and improvement now.

It is important to provide the proper infrastructure for the businesses and people in this area.

**Jim Jackson
Aurora**

Enough already, says letter writer

(Re: Residents did want by-election, contends reader. October 26.)

Here we go again. Now it is Mr. Maddocks' one-sided lamenting

letter dragging out dead and buried issues which, originally, all resulted from "anonymous blogging" during Phyllis Morris' tenure as Mayor; taking

advantage by doing this in his critique of Councillor Gallo. We know what happened; we know the end result. It is done and over with. We don't need and don't

want to hear more about it, otherwise we will have sides bickering back and forth in perpetuity.

**Alex Vander Veen
Aurora**

York Region Police Male Chorus

On Sunday, October 27, the chorus will perform at the Aurora Seniors Centre. Door open at 1.30 p.m., show starts at 2 p.m. Admission \$5.00, Refreshments at Intermission. Tickets available at our reception desk. You won't want to miss this excellent performance!

Bring a Friend!

The Aurora Seniors' Association invites you to bring your senior friends and neighbours to our special evening on Friday, November 1 between 4 - 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Our location address is shown below.

Ann's Bake Table at ASA

Calling all Bakers for our bake table, this is one of our major attractions at our annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Please help us make this year's event a success! Donate your favourite home baked goodies: cookies, squares, loaves, pies, etc. All are welcome. A sign-up sheet is available at our seniors centre reception desk.

Square Dancing

Join us every Monday from 12.15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the West-McKenzie Hall at our Seniors Centre. Singles and couples are welcome. We practise traditional square dances and country dances, Gay Gordon, Strip the Willow, and much more. For further information, please contact Dave Griffith at: dvgriff@sympatico.ca.



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Charles Sequeira

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Computer Club

What to do with that old Windows XP computer? Should you continue to use the PC after Microsoft no longer supports XP? If not, what are your options? Come and see what one option might be that may not cost you anything, or maybe a small memory upgrade will turn that PC into a useful and faster machine. Bob H. will facilitate this session and demonstrate a PC that has had the treatment.

Spooky Seniors!

We invite everyone to our Friday night Halloween Dance on November 1, from 8 - 11 p.m. Members: \$4.50, non-members: \$5, including refreshments, cash bar, wine, beer, soft drinks. Costumes are optional, but there will be prizes for the best!

Tuesday Night at the Movies

Tuesday, October 29: "The Sixth Sense", starring Bruce Willis, Haley Joel Osment (PG13-107 min) A boy communicating with spirits that do not know they are dead, seeks the help of a disheartened child psychologist. Movies start at 6.30 p.m. sharp! \$1.50 for members and \$2.00 for non-members. All Tuesday movies are limited to 60 people.

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.

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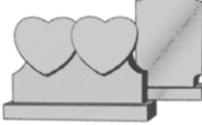
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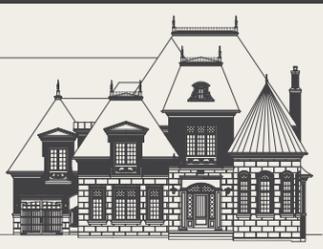


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CASTEL HOMES

Land's future will be discussed again November 5

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reads the subdivision agreement.

Warren Mar, Solicitor for the Town, said this is the most recent executed agreement between the two parties currently on the land.

To many residents who attended Wednesday's meeting, proximity to a potential park or school weighed heavily on their decision where to purchase within the subdivision. Some said they were frustrated and wanted to know how they could get the "premium" they paid to be close to a school or park if the Town ultimately passes on the property, leading to further development.

"I did my homework when I moved into the community," said one resident on the site plan. "I then went to the Catholic School Board and...at the time they had every intention of putting a school on it. I went back every two or three years after that asking that because obviously our family wanted to back onto open space, and not somebody else's backyard."

Eventually, he said, he was told by the Board that plans had changed. With that in mind, he said he assumed it was a given the land in question would become a park because the school option was off the table.

Others said despite the "premium" they paid, new homes on the site could drop their property values. Others highlighted \$2 million collected by the Town under the 2007 agreement for cash in lieu of parkland, money put in a fund to acquire and maintain parks and recreation space.

With a figure in hand, some questioned whether this money could be used by the residents to take the developer, or even the Town, to court to settle the matter. Told this was unlikely, discussions turned to the possibility of a class action suit. The remainder, however, said they wanted to wait to see how things played out at the Council table before going to the next level.

"The Town has a right of first refusal on the land," said one resident stressing she believed a "collaborative" process on the land was in order. "I think it is fair to just let that process play itself out. [A lawsuit] is my instinct too, but we just have to let this play out. The right of first refusal allows them to move the democratic process first."

The resident made her comments after residents turned the tables and asked Councillors in attendance what their views were on the future of the lands and bringing discussions out into the open. While Councillor Gallo made his own points clear at the start

of the meeting, arguing in favour of bringing the information out in public, Councillor Abel was first to respond to the question.

Going back to a motion he made in September 2012, and approved the following month, "to pursue any and all lands" that could become available for parkland should the school board shift gears, he said that was still the case.

"That is the direction and that is why we are here today," he said.

Councillor Buck was next. Although she didn't state explicitly whether or not she was in favour of a park, citing concerns brought by residents in previous years against parks when similar proposals had come forward, she disagreed that real estate matters should be discussed in public.

"There is going to be lots of time and lots of opportunity for you to organize and become better informed than you are now and be able to respond to the points you need to respond to in a persuasive argument to this Council that we should do what you feel is in your neighbourhood's best interest," she told residents.

For Councillor Thompson, the more information discussed in public the better, although there should be some caution.

"I think it is critical that you are aware of as much as we can share," he said. "At this point there are a few pieces that we don't know and we cannot share at this point in time, but I agree that as much as possible we need to understand what is going on."

Councillor Ballard said many of his questions centred on the "process" Council has taken to get to this point, particularly in light of the previously highlighted parkland shortage.

"We have to actively pursue every opportunity that is out there," he said of making up the shortfall. "Without knowing all the facts, I want Council to push as hard as it possibly can to make that land parkland. The 2B lands and your neighbourhood requires it. Your neighbourhood requires it and I think much of this should have been in public. I don't think we're in negotiations, I beg to differ with our solicitor and I would have been very happy for a report to have been tabled last week so that you all could have read it before you came here tonight to know a little bit more."

Councillor Gaertner expressed a similar view, adding, although she wasn't on Council at the time, taking cash in lieu was the wrong move: "I thought that was a mistake because...this

was a pretty big area with a lot of children [and] it's lacking in parkland."

Responding to a question posed earlier by a resident on what is the Town's "pain threshold" for securing the land, Mayor Dawe posed that question back to residents, noting he wanted to keep anything in regards to sale prices in closed session.

"If someone is willing to sell something to you for \$1 and you outright say I'm willing to spend \$5, guess where that price is going to go. It is going to go up," he said. "We have a duty to all Aurora to make sure we negotiate the best price for everything."

"The gentlemen asked us what our threshold for pain is. I would toss that back to you and say, what is your threshold of pain? If the price goes up, so do your taxes. I think that is a fair question, but it is a fair question back."

For some residents, however, this was not simply a possible land transaction or a debate over the future of the neighbourhood or, what one man described as NIMBY-ism.

"It is about a vision for our family, a vision for our community," he said. "What is the vision we want and what is the legacy we want to leave for future generations? Do we need another development? Do we need another 50 - 80 homes? Or do we need, as a community, green space for our children and our future children and grandchildren?"

"When Council debates this issue, we want you to debate it hopefully in the vision we came to Aurora for: We came to Aurora because we have a vision of what we hope this Town could be and what we want this community to be."

Representatives for Minto declined to comment on the matter.



PAST MEETS PRESENT: Sgt. Jack Rowell and Master Warrant officer Charlotte Nettie, both cadets with the Queen's York Rangers, spent the afternoon having tea with veterans Carl Bedal, John Wilkes, Frank Young and Dorothy Gummersall at the Royal Canadian Legion on Monday afternoon. The duo were excited to pose questions to their local veterans in this first event for Character Community Week. Running through October 26, events will be held across York Region. For more information, visit www.charactercommunity.com. Auroran photo by Brock Weir

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As a community service the workshop is free.

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Youth Centre renos due to start November 13, pending Council approval

By Brock Weir

Builders bidding to renovate the Aurora Family Leisure Complex ahead of the opening of the Town's new Community Space for Youth will be in Town this week to see what they could be in for.

Tenders for the \$7.5 million plan to renovate the Complex (AFLC) to accommodate the youth space, additional fitness areas, a new skateboard park, and an overall facelift to the building were picked up by 48 bidders when Aurora opened up the door last week, according to Al Downey, Director of Parks and Recreation. This number will be whittled down to 13, and eventually a winning bidder will be chosen by October 30 before Councillors sign off at the Committee level on November 5.

That's when the fun starts

for AFLC users.

"I will be writing a report based on the tender results we receive on October 30 and then looking for Council approval on November 12 and commencing construction shortly thereafter," said Mr. Downey. "[Until then] we do not plan on moving any programs from the facility. The reason for that is because if the project goes south on November 5, we don't want to have all the fitness equipment moved some place and then have it all moved back. We're not pulling any trigger until Council has said on the fifth...there will be some level of comfort that this seems to be happening. At that point we will start kicking into gear with all the plans we have to do with the anticipation it will get approved on November 12."

Users of the AFLC, including swimming and

track users, as well as clients in yoga and other recreational programs, have spoken out about the impending closures to make way for the youth space. They have said they were not adequately consulted on the plans and have particular concerns regarding the closure of the track. While most other AFLC programs will be held at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex near Wellington and Leslie, there are currently no other options available for people who want to keep fit on the track.

"November 13 might be the last day and all programming will be moving to other locations," said Mr. Downey. "We are concerned about [the track]. Many of the track members are concerned and what we can do to accommodate them. It is the one element we have over at the Leisure

Complex that we haven't been able to address.

"The track is going to be closed; that is a non-negotiable issue. The concern is where else can members go with regards to the use of the track."

He went on to note his department is currently investigating options including the Magna Centre in Newmarket, as well as Schomberg's Trisan Centre and walking programs in the early morning at Upper Canada Mall. Further opportunities could be found closer to home, however, with a possible running program under investigation for the upper level of ACC1 at the Aurora Community Centre.

"We can't have that going on while the Juniors are playing, but there might be an opportunity to have walking program there that marries with the permitting that happens at the facility,"

said Mr. Downey. "We have to have a staff person attached to that, and we have to have it for members only, as opposed to drop-ins, but we're trying hard to address all the concerns."

When it comes to concerns, however, those shared by members of Aurora's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee came to costs and communication. Member Juergen Dauer cited the "spiralling" costs of the youth centre, which have ballooned from the neighbourhood of \$4.5 million for the youth centre alone, to \$7.5 million for a more complete renovation and upgrade of the AFLC.

"I am looking at the overall cost exceeding \$7 million and back when the two options were presented in November last year, repurposing the fitness centre and relocating it to the SARC was \$4.7 million and the addition to the Aurora Family Leisure Complex was \$4.2 million. We chose the second option. If the cost now ballooned to this

amount, why would be not go back to Option 1 and knock \$2.5 million off the cost?"

Mr. Downey countered that that was not the direction of Council.

"In the report, I presented to Council there were options available to them. Council approval was for the additional funding. It is not for me to question whether or not Council should or shouldn't be doing certain things, but rather provide information to them."

Councillor Chris Ballard, who has not been an advocate of the youth centre plan as approved, agreed.

"Council didn't raise that either," he said. "Frankly, I never thought of it and nobody else around the table thought of it. We have sunk a lot of money into this in terms of architects and stuff, but that question wasn't asked by Council."

If all goes according to plan, the Parks and Recreation department plans on re-opening and having everything back up and running at the AFLC by October 31, 2014.

Demo of Collis Leather shed highlights safety concerns

By Brock Weir

Changes could soon be underway on Aurora's Collis Leather property.

Council is set to approve the dismantling of a shed attached to the Tyler Street landmark this week which is in danger of collapse. The move, however, is seen as the first move in the overall redevelopment of the property.

While the owners have only applied to remove the roof of the shed, the report notes the entire shed building might be removed due to "structural" instability.

"The structure has been identified as unsafe, as per a property standards order issued to the property owner on Wednesday, September 4, 2013," said Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning for the Town of Aurora, in a report. "In order to comply with the property standards order, the owner must notify Council of the intent to demolish the structure, as per the requirements of the [Ontario Heritage act.]"

The report includes photos of a dilapidated three wall cinder block structure attached to a corner of the main Collis building.

Although the plans were approved by Committee last week, Councillors said surrounding neighbours were concerned over the environmental impacts of disturbing the property, such as water and soil contamination.

"Being a tannery, it is quite a polluted property as it is," said Councillor Wendy Gaertner. "I wanted to know before we approve proceeding with this, who or what process is going to be followed to make sure that there are no vats of contamination in the building or in the soil around the building. Before we demolish anything, is there going to be an expert watching this to make sure that none of the contamination goes into the water and the soil? There are a lot of questions that need to be asked before we say, 'Go ahead and demolish it.'"

Mr. Ramunno, however, said the new owners of the

building – which purchased the land in question from Maple Leaf Foods this summer – are "serious" about moving the project forward and cleaning up the site.

"The applicants will be proceeding with all the appropriate environmental assessments and cleanups in due course," said Mr. Ramunno. "This is the first step in removing the building which is in poor structural condition."

The potential contaminants, however, dominated much of the discussion. Looking back over the history of the tannery, Councillor Evelyn Buck said previous advice received from provincial inspectors is that whatever contaminants are now in the sediment of the nearby namesake Tannery Creek, it is best to leave things as they are.

"The best advice we have from provincial inspectors is don't mess with the

sediment on the creek," she said. "They are buried down there, leave them alone, and don't ever stir them up. You don't want any problems, leave the damn thing alone, and let them sleep easy."

Nevertheless, neighbours are worried about them, according to Councillors Gaertner and Chris Ballard.

"They were concerned the entire building was going down and there might still be chemicals stored in the building that are quite nasty and they don't want to see spilled," said Councillor Ballard on mistaken concerns from neighbours. "Anyone who has lived in Aurora for any length of time knows there are some great concerns with regards to it being a brownfield area."

"As the developer moves through applications and development moves ahead, I think it would be exceptionally wise for the Town to make sure that not only the local community and neighbourhood, but the

entire community of Aurora is kept well appraised of what remediation is taking place, and what the plans are for the developer; what inspections will be in place... so everyone is comfortable, everything is above board, and the latest and best science is being deployed to make sure this will become an excellent development."

No matter how things progress, Councillor Buck said she believed things on the site are better than they had been in the past when the tannery was in operation. That being said, she suggested the new owners might have bitten off more than they can chew.

"There is no way the owner is going to do anything less than is absolutely essential to make that site habitable," she said. "If they're going to start doing something now, it will be done right. Councillors can be assured of that. The new owner might regret having bought it."

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Move over UNICEF, there's some new Halloween change in Town

By Brock Weir

Wise trick-or-treaters will check their bags and pillow cases carefully next Thursday night after bringing home their Halloween haul - you could have a paper coin mixed in amongst the candy and chocolate.

A paper coin doesn't sound like much, but it could mean a world of difference to kids across Ontario this year who might need a helping hand. And, if luck is on your side, the coins could translate into some cool prizes for you as well!

Alexander, 10, wouldn't mind scoring the first prize - a weekend stay at Great Wolf Lodge - for his, and nine other families - but right now he's focused on getting these "coins" out to make as many people as possible to make a difference through the Change for Kids program, spearheaded by Toronto's Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Program.

An Aurora resident, Alex knows firsthand how even a small bit of help can make a world of difference for kids and their families hoping to get back on their feet at Bloorview. When he was in Grade 1, the Pickering College student came down with bacterial meningitis. After initial diagnosis at Southlake Regional Health Centre, followed by surgery at Sick Kids where doctors removed a portion of his cerebellum. He then spent months at Bloorview learning how to walk again.

"In recovery at Bloorview, I remember learning those skills again and just getting back to normal," Alexander recalls.

He doesn't remember much about the early days of his illness, aside from confusion not just of what he was going

through, but the flurry of activity going on around him. He nevertheless remembers vividly the fun activities and lessons - from riding tricycles down hospital hallways and zooming along on scooters - they provided to get him back to his old self.

"After they removed a portion of his cerebellum, it was a matter of getting his balance back," says Alexander's mother, Heather, noting Alex defied all doctors' expectations by being able to lead a full life of running, skiing, fishing, and public speaking, all with possible eye towards acting.

"After we came through the whole experience - and you don't breathe at all when you're going through it - we came home, Alex went back to school, and we could finally exhale and ask, 'what can we do?' He came out very well in this situation against all odds. Nobody thought he would get back to his regular life."

Part of their solution was giving back. Heather volunteers down at Bloorview two days a week in their family mentorship program, which helps families learn the ropes and possible issues they might encounter down the road, as well as their classroom which helps patients in Grades One through Six keep up with their school work while they are in their care, a therapeutic play room for zero-to-six-year-olds, and a junior school.

Now, through the Change for Kids program, they, along with several other patients from across Ontario, are able to give back at the local level to the hospital which got their own and countless other

families "back to normal or used to their new normal."

Change for Kids coins are available in books of 20 for \$5 through Scotiabank locations throughout the GTA, as well as

Costco and Toys R Us. Each coin handed out on Halloween has a unique PIN and while in between handfuls of chocolate, kids and their parents can enter the

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Since her son's recovery, Heather has become an active volunteer at Bloorview.

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Second Hillary House ball offers glimpse of past, vision of future

By Brock Weir

Aurorans gathered in King Friday night to mark the 151st birthday of an old friend at the second annual Hillary House Ball.

Party goers, including members of the Aurora Historical Society, current and past presidents of the AHS, MP Lois Brown, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, and Councillors John Abel, Paul Pirri, and Sandra Humfries filled King Valley Golf Course for the second annual event raising funds to keep Hillary House, Aurora's only National Heritage site, a showpiece.

In her remarks, Suzanne Reiner, President of the Aurora Historical

Society, paid tribute to the Van Nostrand family, descendants of the original Hillary Family who helped pave the way for the AHS' purchase of Hillary House in 1981.

"It is through their generosity today that Hillary House operates as a museum of medical practice and domestic life, based on our medical collections, our books, our papers, household furnishings, and their personal possessions," said Ms. Reiner. "What's unique about Hillary House is personal family items, from the clothing in their closets, to their musical instruments and dishes, remain."

They're not resting on the laurels of the past, she added. Aside from the

artefacts, Hillary House is also a dynamic place, holding regular yoga sessions on the front lawn, archeology and doctor-for-a-day programs for kids, and a soon-to-be-launched educational program taking the show on the road to local schools, integrating hands-on artefacts into the curriculum.

"I am absolutely delighted we have people in our community who are prepared to invest their time and efforts to keep a facility like Hillary House alive and functioning," said Ms. Brown. "To all the volunteers, staff and board members, thank you for all you are doing because this investment in our community is going to preserve our

heritage for years to come."

MPP Frank Klees, via a message delivered by the evening's emcee, Tim Jones, also saluted a recent move by the Town on the future of the Aurora Historical Society.

"A special recognition is due to Aurora's Town Council for its commitment to assume stewardship of the Aurora Collection, thus ensuring the continued access to the Aurora Collection by the public," he said of the Town's decision to acquire the AHS' historical collections.

For event chair Bill Albino, looking over the success of this year's event, he said money raised Friday evening was "critical" for Hillary House.

"It is a national treasure we should all be a part of and I encourage everyone here to go and experience it," he said.

(L) Newmarket-Aurora MP Lois Brown and Aurora Historical Society President Suzanne Reiner spoke of the ongoing need to raise awareness and funds for Aurora's only National Historic Site. (C) Aurora's official Town Crier John Webster greeted each guest as they entered King Valley Golf Course for the ball. (R) AHS Historian Nicola Jago had original Hillary House artefacts, from diaries to medical implements, on hand for people to explore before enjoying the event.

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Jeff Allen of Apple Suites and organ grinder Klaus Wehrenberg got into the Oktoberfest spirit at "Fest in October" held at the Aurora Cultural Centre on Saturday night. Featuring music from the Thursday Night Jam Band and food from Gabriel's café, the event was sponsored by Apple Suites. Auroran photo by David Falconer

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Students broaden Ukrainian horizons ...one computer at a time

By Brock Weir

Canadians students know the power of computers all too well.

Aurora student Sally Falk uses it to connect with friends, learn, and immerse herself in music. Nobleton's Anna-Sofia Lesiv also uses it to connect, but also as an outlet to share her thoughts with the world. But, when Anna returned this summer to visit family in her native Ukraine, the Soviet-era computers she saw being used by rural students struck her – and while struck with what was lacking, she also saw a window of opportunity to do something about it.

Rapidly advancing technology is something not readily available in the rural parts of the country, nor is it a priority for their government, says Anna, but it is a priority to her and Sally as they pool their talents, as well as the expertise 11 local singers, artists, and artisans, to raise money to help bring schools into the 21st century.

"There isn't really a passion in the younger generation to have an interest in politics or what is going on in the country," says Anna. "I thought that introducing something like computers and opening up kids to the internet might broaden their horizons a little bit and might interest them in developing a curiosity of learning that can put them on the path to

greater involvement in the country."

It is a worldview she holds close to her heart. The initiative is organized in part through The Youth Informer, an online magazine founded by Anna to engage young readers in national and international issues ranging from the Quebec Charter of Values to the crisis in Syria. She got the idea in 2008 in Grade 8 when the global financial crisis hit. The issue wasn't on her classmates' radar, so she wanted to make it relatable to them.

Now, writers range from 14 through to the second year of university and continues to grow.

While briefly attending Aurora High School before moving to a school in Richmond Hill, Anna connected with Sally. After their week-long acquaintanceship in Grade 9, they reconnected this summer on an educational trip at Laval University.

"We just ended up hitting it off," says Sally, a Grade 11 student at AHS. "We became best friends instantly and the relationship just grew. When Anna showed me the photos and told me the stories of the schools, I just thought that this was a really great way to bring them out of this despair with computers."

Sally has been spearheading bringing the entertainment together for what they call a "really

Aurora student Sally Falk and Nobleton student Anna-Sofia Lesiv will host a "coffee house" November 2 at the Aurora Cultural Centre to raise money for computers in rural Ukrainian schools.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

cosy atmosphere" for the coffee house with talented artists, singers, and even an artist making wallets out of duct tape. In organizing the event, they say they are trying to bring together two spheres – the local youth arts community, and the other sphere halfway around the world.

"Throughout the night we're going to introduce different stories on how a computer can really help someone and we hope that will have an impact on our guests," says Anna. "I think that seeing really talented, young performers will also be a point to consider the talent and potential that [Ukrainian] youth have. Seeing this visually in front of you through the art they create or the performances they make can show exactly how much potential we really have and how a computer can really further that in a different part of the world."

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Aurora should set an "example" on accessible buildings: Committee

By Brock Weir

Should all public buildings and spaces meet the requirements of accessibility legislation in Ontario, or should Aurora go the extra mile?

That was the question considered by Councillors at the Committee level last week over the planned new Joint Operations Centre on Industrial Parkway North, with Aurora's Accessibility Advisory Committee suggesting this should be an "example" for the entire community on new builds.

Some Councillors, however, had pause on the

"vagueness" of the word and potential costs that could come with it.

"Are we going to make sure all buildings exceed that which is the norm, and be innovative and a leader in terms of all other municipalities?" asked Councillor Michael Thompson. "Being an example means everyone looks to us and we are an example of best practices.

"What I am inferring from this is, regardless of costs, we should be at an elevated level [of accessibility] more so than everyone else and be that example. I'm not sure what the committee

means. Is there some prudence along the way as well? Every space needs to be accessible and barrier free, but there needs to be some costs associated with it."

Councillor Wendy Gaertner, vice chair of the Accessibility committee, said it is their hope "the Town of Aurora will be a best practice community that other communities can look at."

"When these spaces are configured, we want them to be barrier free. I don't think it is an extra cost, I think it is an extra attention to detail."

Others, however, echoed

Councillor Thompson's concerns, including Mayor Geoffrey Dawe who said the recommendation implies "we're setting the bar pretty high" and this leaves the door propped for "open-ended spending." Councillor Gaertner rejected that idea, but said if things are done at the beginning of the project, any costs would be negligible to the overall scope of the project.

Techa van Leeuwen, Aurora's Director of Building, agreed planning for accessible space at the outset certainly reduces costs.

"As part of the building

permit process, we do a review for barrier free design to ensure it meets all the requirements of the building code," said Ms. van Leeuwen. "Those include entrances, hallway widths, accessible washrooms, ensuring there is accommodations for people who might be disabled, including workspaces. It is things like the height of your light switches, counters, accommodating swinging doors, so someone in a wheelchair can wheel up to a door and have some clearances."

Nevertheless, part of the problem is there are some exemptions to accessibility requirements within the building code, she added, noting a new building code coming forward this January would include additional accessibility requirements.

"This is simply good planning and it behoves the municipality to set a good example for builders and other businesses in Town," said Councillor Chris Ballard. "If we're

not doing it right, we can't expect anyone else to be held accountable and to do it right. I see no ambiguity in the recommendation whatsoever. It just sets out what is common sense and what the building calls for."

The discussions, however, did not dissuade Councillor Thompson from his original concerns.

"I hate to bring this back, but let's look at Council chambers and our discussions for accessibility in this chamber," he said. "[We had] a number of different options. All have different costs, if we're going to set an example to make this chamber accessible, it is a significant renovation, it is a significant cost."

"I think we should be cautious [with] that term. It doesn't mean meet the standards, as outlined by the building code. It means to exceed it and it is open to interpretation. There is a cost associated with it and we only have to look back to the discussion around the Council chambers."

Slow public uptake on Emerald Ash Borer program, but some want expansion to memorial trees

By Brock Weir

At the beginning of the year, evidence of the invasive emerald ash borer in Aurora was limited to little more than a handful of bugs collected in specially designed traps.

This summer and fall, however, their damage "became obvious for the first time", according to Parks and Recreation Director Al Downey.

The emerald ash borer beetle is expected to devastate most, if not all, ash trees in the Town of Aurora within the next decade. Aurora, however, is continuing with a program to treat the ashes lining Aurora's streets with Treeazin.

"Council gave us approval to award a tender this June to Greenlawn," said Mr. Downey. "It is a four year contract and it will provide treatments to candidate trees per year. We have already done one [treatment] in July for 900 trees and we're doing a second round that will commence in the early summer of 2014 and that is estimated at 1,000 trees.

"We are now seeing evidence of infestation and it is becoming a little more prevalent."

Councillors, he added, are expected to be asked to consider additional funding for the emerald ash borer program in this year's budget talks, which kick off at the start of November.

Although Council voted to allow residents to go to the Town to arrange for chemical treatment of their ash trees at the same price the Town enjoys under the contract, interest from residents was initially healthy over the summer, but has since tapered off.

But, for some environmentally-minded residents, moving ahead with cost-effective tree treatments for Aurora's street trees, a shift in gears after Council's initial plan to let the emerald ash borer do its expected damage and replacing the trees as needed, was a step in the right direction.

"It started off as 'we can't afford this, let the poor buggers die,' and now we saw that it wasn't that expensive [to treat]," said Gordon Barnes, a member of Aurora's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) and active volunteer with the Aurora Community Arboretum. "It's a combination of aesthetics and the kind of trauma that would happen on a street that was otherwise full of ash trees."

John Clement, a fellow committee member and volunteer, however, said he would like to see the tree treatment program expanded just a little bit further to include select parks trees.

"There are some significant ash trees within the park system," said Mr. Clement. "There

are a half-dozen trees that have been flagged in the arboretum with a request they be treated. They were not treated this last year. Some of these are commemorative trees that have been purchase by somebody making the donation to the Town to install this tree and people have a vested emotion built up with the tree.

"If we leave these trees unprotected when there is a protection available and 600 trees being protected, I would think if I were the sponsor of one of those trees, I would feel rather disappointed. I would encourage specifically that some of these commemorative trees be given a priority in the next round of treatments."

This was an idea that gained traction at last week's PRAC meeting. Mr. Downey told members

that he would investigate, particularly through the upcoming budget, what funds would be available to expand it to the handful of commemorative ash trees in the arboretum and a report could come their way on "what efforts need to be taken to make that happen."

PRAC chair Chris Ballard also suggested ash trees of a specific age in Aurora parks and the Arboretum should also be considered for treatment.

"If there are a half dozen [significant] ones in other parks, it might be worth looking at," he said.

Added Mr. Clement: "There is a limited number of [commemorative] trees and certainly Town finances should not be stretched to cover every ash tree [in parks]. As a taxpayer, I don't want to do that."

Coffee House benefits students

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The coffee house will be held at the Aurora Cultural Centre on Saturday, November 2, thanks to sponsorship from Josh Hook of the band Tokyo Police Club who helped secure the room, and provided much needed seed money to get the event going. With tickets at \$5 apiece, Sally says they're aiming to get 100 friends, young music fans, and everyone else into the room to take part.

"This is an evening for people to come and see this beautiful space, listen to friends from school and people you have never met

play awesome songs and read their poetry," says Sally. "We're would be happy with 100, but it is like shooting for the moon with us for our first event. We're still very small, but that would be our ultimate goal to get out 100 youth and really make that connection."

All money raised will be going to purchase computers in the Ukraine. Although donations of used computers would be greatly appreciated, the girls want to also help the Ukrainian economy by doing business on the ground.

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Committee looks for community “buy in” for Jubilee playground

By Brock Weir

Plans march on for a \$100,000+ accessible playground at the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Park, but some want to make sure that if you build it, you better build it right.

Aurora is currently securing a consulting firm specializing in accessible playgrounds to design and steer the project, including community input, for the proposed playground at the John West Way park.

Council put the wheels in motion for a playground estimated between \$100,000 and \$180,000 last month. If brought to fruition, it will be the second park fully accessible to Aurorans of all physical ability.

“We have identified \$150,000 in a capital budget request,” said Al Downey, Director of Parks and Recreation. “Whether or not it costs that, we’re not sure yet, but at least it is a bookmark. There needs to be capital funds expended in 2014, so...we hope to have all of this culminating in March or April.”

At last week’s Parks and Recreation Committee (PRAC) meeting, however, members wanted to ensure there was a community “buy-in”, not only to ensure that it is tailored to the needs of the community, but to also investigate buffering some of those costs with sponsorship.

The accessible playground at Norm Weller Park undertaken by the

local school board secured sponsorships, according to Mr. Downey, but that is not the Town’s normal course of action.

“We could do that, but we don’t intend to,” said Mr. Downey of sponsors. “These playgrounds are funded through our development charges, so the development community is involved in providing parkland services so we don’t have to rely on sponsorship to make it happen.”

“If there is a recommendation coming from this or any other committee or Council that says we would like you to go off and obtain sponsorship, we can do that, but the success of that playground would not be dependent on whether or not we do or don’t get those sponsorships.”

Committee member Greg Smith said, however, it is one thing to raise the money and get the park built, but keeping it up to snuff in the decades ahead is another matter altogether.

“The challenge with a playground like this is it requires a lot of upkeep and expenditure is ongoing,” said Mr. Smith. “[The School] raised a lot of money to have it built, but as specifications changed, all of a sudden the flooring had to be upgraded to something else and that was a big challenge.”

Mr. Downey kept the door open to the possibility. Going on that route wouldn’t be unlike what Aurora did when planning the current

Aurora Seniors’ Centre, just a stone’s throw away from the proposed playground, he said. There, fundraising targets were established, but it was not contingent on the building’s future.

“If we got the money, great,” said Mr. Downey. “If we got no money, we still have all the finances in place in order to pay for the construction. If we got \$50,000 for this, great, but if we don’t, it doesn’t mean the project is in jeopardy.”

Keeping an eye on sport, Ron Weese, President of Sport Aurora, has suggested planning the playground to keep in mind the principle of having Aurora as a “Canadian Sport for Life” community, a program promoting physical activity as well as improving the quality of sports to people of all ages. It focuses on building “physical literacy”, building the foundations for ongoing physical and sport activities, and linking sport and athletics to education, health, and other community programming.

“We now know there are a number of physical literacy playgrounds that have been developed in Canada and the United States to try and develop the ability for speed, balance, coordination, running and jumping,” said Mr. Weese. “I think this is a great opportunity for us to have one of the first physically literate playgrounds in the Region because there are none. If we want to put this kind of money into it, we might as well do it right.”



These four students – yes, there is one in the bag! – took some time out to have some fun while volunteering their Saturday morning and afternoon raking leaves and pruning hedges during the annual Hillary House fall cleanup.

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104 Timbits - Edmonton Blue: 2
Andrew Vaughan 1G, Cohen Bugeja 1G, Tobias DeVries 1A, Isaac Pearl 1A, Alessandro Rabito 1A, Mateo Graham 1A,

110 Timbits - Philly Orange: 10
Lucas Rossi 4G, Justin Gao 2G 1A, Lukas Skauga 1G, Everit Smith 1G 1A, Lucas Ellerby 2G 4A, Gavin Ellerby 2A, Elijah Forde 2A, Jack Reeves 3A, Nick Fryer 2A, Sebastian Rodriguez 1A, Daniel Patterson 1A, Aidan Chouinard 2A, Nicolas Saavedra 1A,

607 Caruso & Company: 8
Ben Fulford 1G, Carter Beacom 4G, Jesse Strom 1G 2A, Stephen Perry 1G 1A, Mason Barone 1A, Attila Incze 1A, Austin Martin 1G,

602 Laurion Law Office: 8
Matthew Gram 3G, Cody Fisher 2G 1A, Joseph Picheca 1G 2A, Colby Harrison 2G 2A,

809 Manhattan Trophies: 3
Nick Robinson 1G, Michael Vivian 1G, Carson Venneri 1G, Andrew Hoogers 1A, Matthew Glionna 1A, Brendan Dodd 1A,
811: 2
Jack Dion 2G, Scott Rumble 1A,

904 Orr & Associates: 4
Michael Boorn 2G, Josh Mohabeer 1G, Lucac Ackerman 1G, Alex Negri 1A,

907 Aurora Lodge #148 IOOF: 9
Jordan Screech 2G, Matthew Bellerby 1G 3A, Andre Cristillo 1G 2A, Cameron Screech 1G 2A, Ryan Batten 1G 1A, Zak Keller 1G, Randy Sutton 1G, Harrison Lambrinos 1G, James Power 2A, Connor Gonsalves 1A, Matthew Barnett 1A,

907 Aurora Lodge #148 IOOF: 5
James Power 1G, Ryan Batten 1G 1A, Harrison Lambrinos 1G, Jordan Screech 2G, Zak Keller 2A, Matthew Barnett 1A,
902 Mayfair Systems: 1
Ryan Ouvroules 1G, Georgio Venosa 1A,

901 Pizzaville Aurora: 5
Daniel McConnell 2G, Andrew Klinowski 2G, Erick Bortolotti 1G, Colin Dunlop 2A, Graeme McDonald 1A, Adam Wilson 1A, Michael Dowling 1A,

907 Aurora Lodge #148 IOOF: 3
Andre Cristillo 2G, Ryan Batten 1G, Harrison Ghazouli 1A, Harrison Lambrinos 1A,

Rep League

Tyke - Unionville 4 - Aurora Select A: 2
Luc Warner 1G, Max Bruce 1G, Nate Brentnell 1A,

Tyke - Unionville: 6 - Aurora Select A: 3
Max Bruce 1G, Nate Brentnell 1A, Lucas Reid 1A, Ayden Burt 1A, Jared McNeil 2G 1A,

Tyke - Aurora Select A: 7 - Barrie 1: 3
Jared McNeil 3G 2A, Max Bruce 1G 2A, Nate Brentnell 1G 1A, Erik Guilbert 1G 2A, Lucas Reid 1G 2A, Jacob Belisle 1A, Brendan Hicks 1A, Ayden Burt 1A,

Novice A -Bradford: 4 Aurora Tigers: 1
Cristian Pisapia 1G, Adam DiGiacchino 1A,

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

Minor Atom A - Orillia: 9 - Aurora Tigers: 0

Minor Atom A - Aurora Tigers: 10 - Bradford: 1
Matthew Gianforcaro 3G 1A, Stephen Gummarsall 2G 1A, Noah Smith 1G 4A, Thomas Bradley 1G, Austin Venneri 1G 1A, Cayden Conelly 1G, Adriano Fanuzzi 1A, Brayden Baird 1A, Eric McHale 1A, Tyler Yue 1A, Anthony Archibald 1A, Kellan Sherman 1G,

Minor Atom AA - Markham: 5 - Aurora Tigers: 1
Emmett Ross 1G,

Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 11 - Innisfill Winterhawks: 0
Ryan Weeks 4G 1A, Riley Pearl 2G 2A, George Rappos Jr. 1G 3A, Lucas De Palma 1G 1A, Ryan Fowler 1G 1A, Rory Callaghan 1G 1A, Jordan Dimatulac 2A, Luka Rodrigues 4A, Nicholas Petinarelis 1A, Hunor Kristof 1A, Alex Morra 1A, Maxwell McConkey 1G 2A, Ben Charette SO,

Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 3 - Newmarket Redmen: 2
Tyler Cox 1G, Riley Pearl 1G, George Rappos Jr. 1G 2A, Ryan Dunbar 1A,

Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 12 - Beeton: 1
George Rappos Jr. 3G 2A, Tyler Cox 2G, Hunor Kristof 1G 1A, Jordan Dimatulac 1G, Lucas De Palma 5G 1A, Ryan Fowler 2A, Nicholas Petinarelis 1A, Alex Morra 1A,

Atom AA - Tigers: 3 - Markham Waxers: 2

Anton Sopov 2G 1A, Owen Hollett 1A, Gage Gonsalves 1A,

Peewee A - Aurora Tigers: 5 Bradford: 1
Luke O'Keefe 1G 1A, Tyler Sawyer 1A, Luke Jarvis 1A, Spencer Morrison 1G 1A, Matthew McConnell 1A, Craig Therkildsen 2A, Anthony DiPietro 1G, Harris Goan 2A, Myles Vasilevski 1G 1A, Ben Liotta 1G,

Peewee AE - Barrie Colts: 5 -Aurora Tigers: 1
Rony Wahab 1G, Jason Gage 1A,

Peewee AE - Aurora Tigers : 3 - TNT: 2
Ryan Funston-Clarke 1G, Luke Catania 1G 1A, Jack Patterson 1A, Jeremy Gonsalves 1G, Owen Romano 1A,

Minor Bantam AE Georgian Blaze: 7 - Aurora Tigers: 0

Minor Bantam AE TNT: 5 - Aurora Tigers: 0

Minor Bantam AE Richmond Hill: 4 - Aurora Tigers: 1
Christopher Walsh 1G, Nate Legros 1A,

Minor Bantam A - Aurora Tigers: 2 - Markham Waxers: 2
Lucas Surace 1G, Carter Wilmsmeyer 1A, Mathew Hastings 1A, Fin Reeves 1G, Ben Spittle 1A,

Minor Bantam A Nobleking: 3 - Aurora Tigers: 1
Andrew Jorgensen 1G, Lucas Surace 1A, Fraser Ciocca 1A,

Bantam A - Bradford: 5 -Aurora Tigers: 3
Curtis Romanchych 1G 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1G, Jack Camplin 1G, Alexander Simardone 1A, Mark Kalmisto 1A,

Minor Midget AA - Aurora Tigers: 5 Georgina: 1
Richard Hache' 1G 2A, Taylor Kauffeldt 1G 1A, Connor Irving 1G, Bryan Manweiler 1G, Cameron Zinner 1G 1A, Zack Phillips 2A, Jack Pecora 2A, Jared Reeves 2A,

Minor Midget AA - Aurora Tigers: 4 - TNT: 2
Jack Pecora 1G, Zack Phillips 2G, Jared Reeves 1G, Connor Irving 1A, Richard Hache' 1A, Cameron Zinner 2A, Tristan Kuchar 2PM,

Minor Midget AA - Aurora Tigers: 2 Brampton 45's: 2
Cameron Zinner 1G, Richard Hache' 1G, Zack Phillips 1A,

Minor Midget AA: - Aurora Tigers: 3 - Burlington: 3
Richard Hache' 1G, Taylor Kauffeldt 1G 1A, Christian Arcuri 1G 1A, Connor Irving 1A, Zack Phillips 1A, Cameron Zinner 2A,

Midget AE - Aurora Tigers: 1 Ajax 1: 7

Aurora Barbarians Return to McCormick Cup Final

By John Reich

The Aurora Barbarians senior men's team will return to the McCormick Cup Championship game Saturday.

The McCormick Cup is the symbol of supremacy in Ontario senior men's rugby. This will be the club's seventh appearance in the final in the last eight years, the Barbs failing to reach the ultimate game last year when they were eliminated in the semi-final by the eventual winner, Oakville Crusaders.

This year, the Aurora club will face their long-time rival Irish Canadians who defeated the Barbarians in the Cup finals in 2006 and 2008.

"We have been hoping for this match-up since our loss to them in 2008" said Barbarian veteran and former national team player Marco DiGirolamo, who was on the pitch for both losses to the Irish.

"In 2006, we were recently promoted and new to Cup rugby and our mistakes that year were part of a learning process. 2008 was frustrating because we felt we were the better team. We know now that it takes eighty minutes of concentrated effort to win a Cup final. We will be ready".

The Aurora club advanced following a tense victory over the Stoney Creek Camels this past Saturday by a score of 13-10 in a steady drizzle at Fletcher's Fields.

"These are not ideal game conditions for us" quipped Barbs' Coach Ian McLeod before the match. "We prefer a dry fast track. But it is what

it is, and we're ready" he added.

McLeod's words were prophetic as his team played strong defense throughout the match. Aurora gave up an interception try ten minutes into the game but scrum half Bryn Davies slotted a penalty kick five minutes later to narrow the gap to four.

Stoney Creek flyhalf Shawn Windsor countered with a penalty kick of his own at the thirty minute mark to regain the seven point lead. It was DiGirolamo who barged across the line to score a try late in the half and with the Davies conversion to tie the game at ten apiece going into half time.

Davies' penalty from forty meters out at the twenty minute mark of the second half was the only scoring in the frame although Davies attempted one other and Windsor two all from long range that failed to fall in for points.

Aurora's second team was also victorious in their match with the Irish Canadians second squad to earn a berth in the Gee Gage Cup Championship game, a competition for tier two teams in the GTA.

The Barbarians development team dominated from start to finish to run up an impressive 45-5 final tally.

Scoring for Aurora was Gustavo Mozzato, Najeeb Obadi, Jason Ghulati, Derek Haines, Lucas Badgery and Connor Libby each with one try. Kicker James Hulbert added four conversions.

Both the McCormick Cup and Gee Gage Cup finals will be held at Fletcher's Fields Saturday, October 26.

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Tigers pull themselves out of slump, into second place with three wins

By Jeff Doner

Mired in a slump and stuck in the middle of the standings, the Aurora Tigers knew they needed something big to get back, on track and this week they did just that by winning three games in a row.

Playing all three games in roughly 48 hours, the Tigers blew away their opponents by a combined score of 21-5.

“Well, we’ve got everybody back,” said head coach James Richmond, referencing the Tigers’ injury woes. “Having Angiolella, Sikura and Boston back in the lineup helps us with the speed through the neutral zone, which allows us to get a lot more scoring opportunities.”

The start of the offensive outburst coincidentally coincided with captain Robert Angiolella’s return to the lineup, who has scored two goals and three assists since returning on Friday.

“It feels really good to be back, we had a big weekend and got three big wins, so it’s good to come back and help out the team,” Angiolella said after a 6-3 win over Whitby on Sunday.

Angiolella attributed the improvement, however, to the Tigers playing a complete team game and looking ahead instead of behind.

“The coach had a talk with us and said this weekend was like a whole new start to the season. We’re just working on little things like getting the puck

to the net and going to the net,” he said.

The winning streak started out on Friday night against the North York Rangers.

Aurora’s high flying top-six forwards paced the offence for eight goals, with Michael Laidley netting a hat trick in the process.

Kory Kennedy, who has been a workhorse for the Tigers all season, finished the game with two goals and an assist, and linemate Dylan Sikura came up with a shorthanded goal and an assist.

Tiger’s rookie goalie Andy Munroe made 28 saves to seal the 8-1 win.

The next night, the Tigers played host to the Oakville Blades and came up with a similar result, scoring seven goals, while Munroe only allowed one against out of 26 shots.

This game featured some goal scoring by committee, with Taylor McCloy, Sikura, Kennedy, Laidley, Curtis Warren, Eric Williams and Calvin Higley each netting a goal in the 7-1 win.

Less than 24 hours later, the Tigers boarded the bus to Whitby to face the Fury.

Riding a wave of newfound confidence, the Tigers came out to a 3-0 lead to start the game.

Whitby’s Taylor Best would make it 3-1 at 7:35 of the second. Both teams traded goals in the second and third, but the Tigers would skate out of this one with a 6-3 win, with Munroe again collecting the win by making 36 saves.

But the main story of the game was the four-goal performance for Tigers assistant captain, Taylor McCloy, including three at even strength.

It was McCloy’s first multi-goal game of the season and gave him six goals and 14 points in 14 games so far this season.

“It feels awesome,” he said after the game. “I can’t really describe it, but everything was just hitting my stick and it felt like I was always in the right spot at the right time and I was just putting them home.”

Angiolella was sure to give his teammate kudos after the game as well.

“It was a good game for him,” he said. “To come in and get four goals in an away game, it’s a big accomplishment and we’re all happy for him.”

As one of the leaders on the team, both in scoring and as an assistant captain, McCloy said the team is riding high and feeling good looking ahead to the rest of the schedule.

“I think everyone is just starting to buy in and we’re playing our systems well. Coming out from our end, our goalie, defence and forwards are playing just great,” he said.

Aside from the offence, Richmond also gave credit to Munroe for providing stability between the pipes.

“We had great goaltending this weekend with Munroe playing all three games,” he said. “We’ve been having difficulties in the first period



Teammates congratulate Taylor McCloy after he scored his third of four goals in a 6-3 win over the Whitby Fury on Sunday. The win over Whitby gave the Tigers six out of six possible points for the week, moving them into second place in their division.

Auroran photo by Jeff Doner

and he has been great in them, so we’re not coming out below. He’s done well.”

The Tigers recent winning ways has them three points behind Newmarket for first place in their division. They will be looking to gain more ground this week when they visit Milton on Friday and face Pickering at the ACC on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

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Hall of Famer Stemmle is four-time Olympian

By Jeff Doner

From 1988 to 1999, Aurora native Brian Stemmle carved an impressive career on the slopes as part of Canada’s national alpine ski team.

Over those 14 years, Stemmle competed in four Olympics – Calgary in 1988, 1992 in Albertville, France; 1994 in Lillehammer, Norway; and 1998 in Nagano, Japan – and boasts a slew of top 10 finishes in major Canadian and North American competitions.

Stemmle, 47, now has a local achievement to add to his impressive resume after being elected to the Sport Aurora Hall of Fame as part of the first class.

“It’s really cool,” he said. “I’m honoured and flattered and didn’t expect it, so it’s something that’s pretty nice that you can reflect on in your career.”

When reflecting on a long career, Stemmle said just participating in those four Olympic Games was something he’ll never forget.

“Being in four Olympics was something special, not many athletes, let alone skiers, have done that, so I’m pretty proud that I participated. It’s too bad that I didn’t win any medals, but when you look back after you retire it’s not so much about the medals, but what came along with it. Maybe just people with no medals say that, but that’s what

I’m sticking to,” he joked.

He also pointed to his first Games in Calgary as most likely his most memorable moment.

“They were all different, but I think that one was the most special because it was in Canada and my family was there and friends and people cheering you on,” he said.

“Nagano was my best skiing memory because I almost won. I was three quarters of the way down winning and clipped an edge and missed a gate, so that one lives with me the most I think.”

But of course it wasn’t all easy for Stemmle, who had to fight adversity when he was severely injured in 1989, after catching an edge and breaking his pelvis. The damage led to internal bleeding and an infection that almost took his life.

“I managed to come out of that, but I didn’t ski for another year and a half and then skied for another nine years after that,” he said. “There were people who didn’t think I was going to walk again.”

Even though he no longer lives in Aurora (he moved to Toronto in 1993), he frequents the area to visit friends and fondly recalls his days as a young athlete at school.

“The community was always really supportive,” he said. “The teachers

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Breakfast celebrates Aurora's 2012 - 2013 sport champions

By Jeff Doner

Sport Aurora held their annual Breakfast of Champions to honour the community's many championship teams and athletes on Sunday.

Hundreds of participants were on hand to receive awards for achieving a provincial championship or higher in a variety of sports including: hockey, lacrosse, baton, swimming, baseball, and volleyball.

Three time volleyball Olympian Mark Heese was the master of ceremonies and was joined by former Olympian gymnast Jessica Tudos and former NHL player Jim Thomson.

Heese, who lives in Aurora, said he is glad to see the sports scene thriving in Aurora.

"Ever since I retired I realized how important it is to get out there and inspire the next generation and the next Olympians," he said. "I've got my medal here and it's great to see the smiles that it puts on their faces, so it's always nice to be able to do that. I just live around the corner, so it's important to keep it local and I want to support sport in this area."

He was also enthusiastic about acknowledging the hard work of young athletes within the community.

"These young kids, they're asked to do a lot of their sport now; they're more and more becoming like mini-professionals, so to be able to recognize them and reward them for all their hard work and commitment, I think that's important," he said.

"You want to feel special and come up on the stage in front of other athletes from the community and applaud their hard work. I think that's a great initiative and I certainly hope it continues and I'm sure it will."

The Novice 1 Redbirds Lacrosse Springfield team received medals for achieving a win at the provincial championships last year. Head coach Patrick Sprigg said he was proud of his team and they were excited to be recognized by others in Aurora.

"Redbirds lacrosse hasn't won a lot of championships, we're a growing organization, so this is pretty special, because as you can see there are two teams that brought home a championship," Sprigg explained, referring to the bantam Redbirds who also won a provincial championship.

"For our kids being nine and 10 years old, it was good to be recognized, because it's a short five-week season with two games every Saturday with practices and playing in the snow, sleet, rain and everything."

Zane Grossinger, captain of the 14U Storm Thunder volleyball team, spoke on behalf of his provincial championship winning team and said the



Three time Olympian, Mark Heese, with Ingrid West and his daughter Kayla Law-Heese at the Breakfast of Champions celebration on Sunday. Ingrid and Kayla are players on the provincial champion Storm volleyball U13 girls team. Auroran photo by Jeff Doner

Breakfast of Champions was a nice end to a successful season.

"It's a really good feeling," he said. "This is my fourth year playing volleyball and we finally won a provincial championship, which was just the greatest feeling in the world and so was going up there and accepting this award from the Town of Aurora."

Grossinger said his team has faced some adversity over the years, but added that the current group of

players is committed and looking forward to a new challenge.

"This year was a brand new team made up of a bunch of guys from all over. We came together and work well together and we accomplished a big goal."

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Arts & Culture

TA'S "Missing" – A Review

By Scott Johnston

Theatre Aurora continues its run of Canadian-based plays with the mystery drama "Missing".

Set in London, Ontario, the play by award winning Thornhill resident Florence Gibson-McDonald, tells the story of a housewife who disappears without a trace.

Was she kidnapped? Was she murdered by her hard-drinking husband? Is it an insurance scam? Did she simply and unaccountably walk away from her family of three young children?

Or was it something else entirely?

The answer is up to OPP investigating detective Carol Seaforth, and the audience, to determine.

Despite being a mystery, this is just as much a look at relationships, and the changes that may occur in people's lives, with a few intertwined stories playing out on the stage.

The OPP officer trying to prove herself on an important case, perhaps to the detriment of her personal life, is played by Angie Sapalovski.

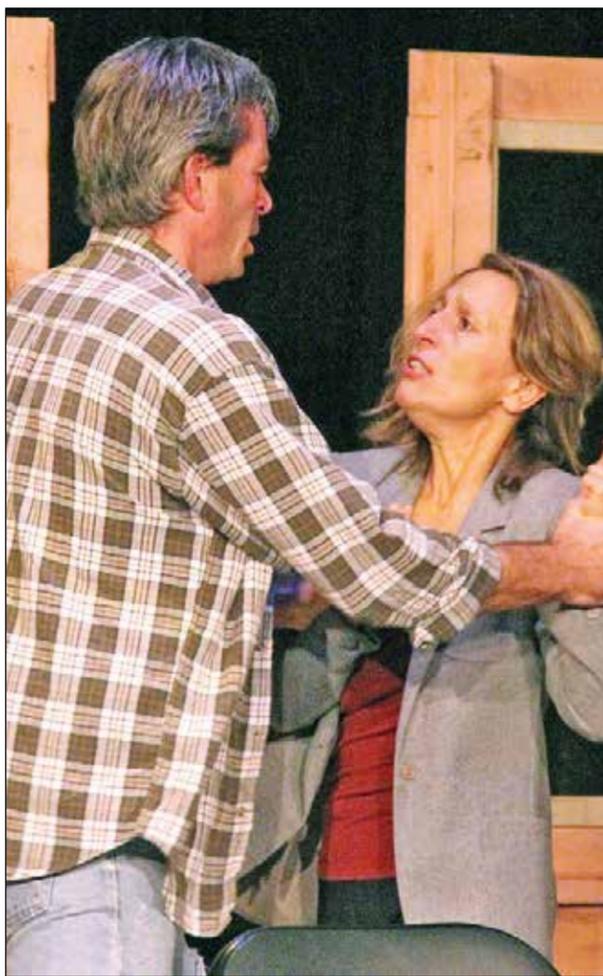
The two men influencing her life through the events of the story are two husbands; her own neglected husband Ian, played by Joe Costa, and the missing woman's angry husband Trevor, played by Imre Szabo.

Rounding out the cast is the trio of workers at a nearby cafe, played by Susan Lane, Jamie Defoe and George Khajonian, who may or may not have the clue to solving the mystery, as well as the missing woman's rebellious oldest daughter Michelle, played by Maeve Simon.

The set is very simple yet effective, and the many changes between the three main locations are performed seamlessly.

This is a serious play that builds slowly and will keep you guessing until the end.

Evening performances of "Missing" continue at Theatre Aurora, 150 Henderson Drive, October 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, as well as November 1 and 2, with a matinee October 27. Tickets are available through the box office at 905-727-3669.



OPP investigator Carol Seaforth (Angie Sapalovski), has her hands full solving the case, and dealing with the husband (Imre Szabo) of a missing woman, in Theatre Aurora's production of "Missing".

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Musicians hope to take "vehicle" international

By Brock Weir

The phrase "have gun, will travel" is a well-used one, but it's a philosophy not unlike that shared by musicians Justin Hines, and Ash & Bloom. They don't need much – just some room and board, a place to play, and a good cause.

The trio of Hines, James Bloemendal and Matt McKenna, appeared at the Aurora Cultural Centre earlier this month to support Eating Disorders of York Region's (EDOYR) Riverwalk Wellness Centre.

EDOYR director Janice Morgante has long been a fan of Hines, and when she went to a recent show announcing his Vehicle of Change tour, she knew this would be a perfect fit for her organization. The Vehicle of Change Tour is the brainchild of Hines and his management team, the Agency of Extraordinary People, to quite literally be a vehicle of change to non-profits and worthy causes the length and breadth of North America.

Groups sought them out, and vice-versa, and the result was over a year on the road building a perfect harmony – all for the cost of room and board, with full proceeds going to the group that brought them there.

"We had this idea of doing something a little different and not the standard musical tour," said Hines. "We wanted to do something meaningful and outside the box. We wanted to be inclusive and part of the change for everybody. We have had a lot of things to figure out along the way, but we have connected with so many different people from all different walks of life and it has been amazing."

Adds Bloemendal: "The whole idea behind Extraordinary People is everyone has the opportunity to be extraordinary and one of those ways is changing the lives of those around them"

Hines connected with Ash & Bloom by chance as well, having a brainstorm seeing them on stage in

Port Perry. Sensing they could make beautiful music together, they are, "miraculously", still friends after spending more than 12 months in close quarters in a vehicle, and a rotating cast of friends and pets.

The Aurora stop was the last in their Vehicle of Change tour and, in the meantime, they are taking time to regroup, evaluate their success, and chart an even grander goal for the years ahead – taking their "vehicle" international. In the

meantime, Ash & Bloom are working on their album which drops this fall and the duo will be returning to the Cultural Centre for a concert on December 8.

"I'm excited to watch their evolution and progression," said Hines. "This has been awesome for me. In some ways they're like my baby. Wait, that sounds really weird."

"Thanks, Dad!" said McKenna with a laugh. "Yeah, that was much weirder than I thought it would be."

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POLITICS AS USUAL

Alison Collins-Mrakas

Red October

The movie is The Hunt for Red October and the scene is between Jack Ryan and Dr. Jeffrey Pelt, National Security Advisor.

As Ryan protests about the proposed course of action, Dr. Pelt says to Ryan, "Listen, I'm a politician which means I'm a cheat and a liar and when I'm not kissing babies, I'm stealing their lollipops."

It's a great line. It's great because it's great dialogue, but it's also great because it rings so true. He's saying, essentially, that politicians are always working the angles and to make no mistake, that it's always about what's best for them.

It's true as a group, politicians – even the bad ones – are master equivocators. They don't necessarily lie – though some do, if we are to believe our national media – but they don't tell the truth either. They tell you what you want to hear because that way, you'll vote for them. Or at least, you won't vote for the other guy – which seems to be a popular strategy, certainly for some of the more bitter candidates.

A politician – pick your stripe, or party or ward – sees an issue that can be exploited or manufactured as is more often the case, seizes on it. Then gets a group within the community suitably agitated about this "issue". As expected, the group of angry or upset folks send emails to constituency offices, or letters to Councillors/MPP/MPs or what have you. Community meetings are held and the "issue" gets a thorough airing, while the progenitor of it all sits aloft his/her white horse, lance at the ready proclaiming that s/he

will "fight for you," or words to that effect. Cue the applause.

The concerns of the community are genuine. The response is most definitely not. Often the "issue" as

presented never had a solution at the local level. The decision rests in the hands of higher levels of government or worse, the courts. So your local politicians are safe to give the impression of "fighting for you" when in fact they know darn well that regardless of what decision or resolution is passed at the municipal level, it will be overturned at another.

But that's not the point, is it? The point is politician X can look like the hero – fighting for a cause – that never was.

The disingenuousness of it all is positively galling. Presenting a solution as possible, if perhaps not probable, without mentioning that the decision is not really theirs to make. This happens time and time again. It makes straw men of hard working folks who deserve better from our elected leaders.

People deserve the truth; the WHOLE truth about an issue. Not cherry picked phrases from an agreement that give the impression of a solution but have no real relevance to the issue at hand. Not bits and pieces, shards of information that if seen in totality would project a completely different picture. The whole, unvarnished truth. Believe me, folks can take it.

Angry, upset residents are not NIMBYists, though they often end up presented as such. What they are, is misinformed and often deliberately so, by those who have their own agendas.

Local politicians may not be "kissing your babies", but make no mistake they're probably, "stealing your lollipops."

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

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.

The York Regional Police will host a haunted Halloween this afternoon from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Community Safety Village. Children will have "spook-tacular" time at Halloween in the Village, located at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area (3291 Stouffville Road, Whitchurch-Stouffville). Children under 12 will enjoy a haunted house and games while they trick-or-treat in safe environment in the miniature village. York Regional Police will be on hand to provide Halloween safety tips to trick-or-treaters of all ages. Admission is free, but donations to the York Region Food Bank network are encouraged. For more information, call 1-866-846-5423.

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

Coming Events

Hillary House during office hours before Hallowe'en and register to win a great prize package. To learn more, visit www.aurorahistoricalsociety.ca.

Three new exhibitions will open at the Aurora Cultural Centre today from 1 – 4 p.m. "Somewhere in Time" featuring the cinema-inspired black and white art of Olex Wlasenko will feature an artists' talk from 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. Borderlines, a collaborative exhibition featuring the artwork of Sheila Davis, metal sculptures of Tracy Lee Green, and art-inspired poetry by Jean Kallmeyer will also feature an artists talk and poetry reading from 3 – 3.30 p.m. Finally, Freedom, a show and sale of equestrian photography by Ellen Cameron will be ongoing, with the artist in attendance from 1 – 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, is 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 band 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.

York Region students will host a coffee house marking the launch of The Knowledge Fund, a youth-driven initiative to equip a school in Ukraine with computers, tonight at the Aurora Cultural Centre from 7 – 9 p.m. Organizers ask for a minimum donation of \$5 for an evening of music, art, poetry and other

entertainment by local artists. For more information, visit www.theyouthinformer.com.

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 BaviewAvenue. Sport Aurora has 19 volunteers recognized this year. For more information, contact Laurie at program.manager@sportaurora.ca.

Longo's will host their Fall Health Fair today at their Bayview and Wellington location. Staying healthy in the winter just around the corner can be tricky and Longo's recognizes it can be difficult to keep busy families and children healthy call season long. The Fall Health Fair will feature free consultations with a Longo's registered dietician Jaclyn Pritchard from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 Talks: 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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Holocaust Education Week – 2013 Holocaust Education Week will be marked with a presentation at Aurora United Church (15186 Yonge Street) today at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Leslie Meisels will share his personal story during the Shoah (Holocaust). The video "Daniel's Story" will also be viewed. For more information, call 905-727-1935.

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Growing Together: Irvine Robinson Interiors

By Brock Weir

The Auroran continues our Sesquicentennial series on Aurora's oldest businesses with a business still in family hands after more than 65 years.

Neil Irvine's grandfather, Jack, was "all about the work" – and it is work he continues as the third generation at the helm of Aurora's Irvine Robinson Interiors.

Jack founded the design firm serving the Greater Toronto Area since 1948. For the last 21 of those years, it has been firmly established at St. Andrew's Village at Yonge Street and Orchard Heights.

In those early days, Irvine Robinson was more than just a design and decorating firm; they also built the furniture which ultimately graced their clients' homes. Things are geared primarily towards design elements today, but Jack's 24-year-old grandson is proud to now steer the ship and the legacy that comes with it.

"I take special pride in it," says Neil, noting Jack was heavily involved in the store and the business right up until his death in 2010, just shy of 92. "It has come down through my grandfather, my father, and now I am trying to learn the ropes. My grandfather loved this. He was all about the work, up early in the morning and just kept going. You could see the passion."

The elder Irvine spent considerable time making sure his children and grandchildren learned the ropes, whether out on the floor or unloading the trucks, but as the youngest of four children, there was something about the family business that just resonated with Neil.

"I studied business, but I didn't actually study design myself," he says. "I like the idea of a family company and going forward with the generations. When I started here, I worked here throughout the summers and started to get a feel for it, primarily on the truck and at the warehouse learning the footings. Then, I graduated from university and I decided I would try it out, see how it went, and I enjoyed it ever since."

With approximately 10 employees at the Aurora store, the Irvine Robinson team handles many suppliers from around Canada and the United States. They take pride in being able to do "anything inside the home", secure in the knowledge there is much more to it than just selecting the right stick of furniture.

The last decade, however, has brought about some shifts not particularly in how they do business, but in serving the changing face of their clientele. Tastes changing over the years is nothing new in the industry, but with more and more information and options becoming available

over the internet, as well as decorating and design shows on TV, Mr. Irvine finds there is increasingly more "informed" and "educated" clientele.

"Oftentimes, people are already fairly educated, so they will come in and know what items they are looking for," he says. "Others, however, will come in and say, 'I want a high quality sofa; what do you recommend?' From a design perspective, a lot of it is based on preference. We have established ourselves through word of mouth and have built the clientele."

"Each designer here has their own clientele and they come back over time and just build those relationships. [The internet and TV shows] have changed the industry, but not our business model. We do get callers who will phone after seeing something online, but our bread and butter is still the design-end of things."

For the last two decades, the store has thrived in St. Andrew's Village, where many stores have failed in recent years. Nevertheless, based on their Aurora success, they have recently opened up a second store in Bracebridge, keeping up with population growth trends further north, as well as cottagers and weekend warriors. Asked what keeps them going in Aurora, Mr. Irvine says he believes they have become something of a "destination".

"The area certainly has



Neil Irvine, 24, is the third generation of his family in over 65 years to helm Aurora's Irvine Robinson Interiors.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

changed, there used to be more retail here, but there are quite a few of us in this plaza that have been here for quite some time," he says. "When people come in here, they typically have a purpose to coming here, as opposed to just wandering around. We do get some walk-in traffic, but if people come in they are interested in getting ideas, whether something in the showroom triggers an idea or they want to talk to somebody knowledgeable."

"We work because we enjoy it and everyone is passionate here. It is nice to come into work each day and be excited. Because we're a small family company, every detail is a bit more exciting because you can recognize the growth."

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Mr. Grant Purdy, the Senior Soccer Coach for Villanova College in King City, took over the Senior Girls team in spring of this year. He said he started the season with this team on a cold windy day, and the season ended on a cold windy day, but the weather did not forecast the outcome of the season.

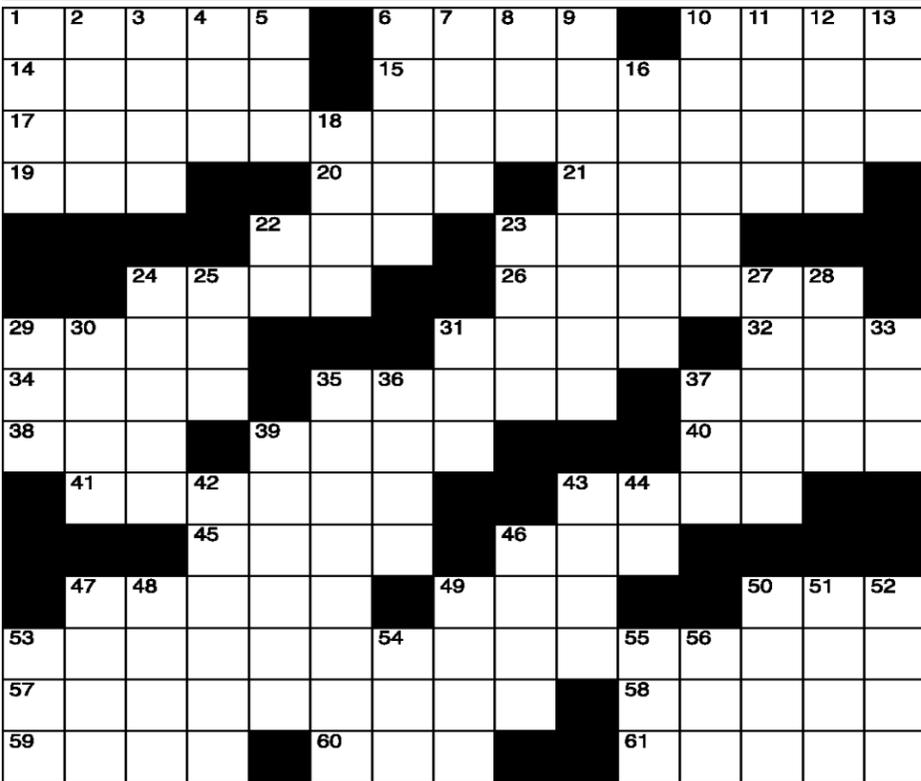
The team of 17 girls on the roster with 11 on the field at one time were undefeated for the season, with a remarkable achievement of 53 goals in nine games. This amazing team was the CISAA champions that went OFSAA in Sudbury to capture Gold and bring it home to Villanova.

The eight senior players from the team were; Darcy Curran, Morgan Sutherland, Breanna Bitondo, Natalie Armstrong, Lauren Ambrosetti, Sandra Bianco, Lea Trotman, Kristine Pantaleo. Coach Purdy and Coach Amanda Figliano shared their Latin team motto "NON/SIBI (not for self alone).

"This is the first time for a total championship for Villanova" said Purdy. He said "I enjoyed coaching this team, as the high school sports experience is different than club sports, the girls went to school together, bonded well and was a reminder of why I am coaching."

The soccer season ended in June of this year.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. 1st, 2nd & 3rd in baseball
- 6. Sew up a hawk's eyes
- 10. N'Djamena is the capital
- 14. Be a connector
- 15. To accustom
- 17. Cornflower
- 19. Former CIA
- 20. Bark sharply
- 21. Actress Barkin
- 22. Cathode-ray tube
- 23. Shallowest Great Lake
- 24. Surface of a plane figure
- 26. Bird of prey
- 29. A large number
- 31. Chums
- 32. Express pleasure
- 34. Capital of Yemen
- 35. Sanctify
- 37. Hyperbolic cosecant
- 38. Central Standard Time
- 39. Seed of the legume family
- 40. Drove in golf
- 41. Without difficulty
- 43. Without (French)
- 45. Politicians (informal)
- 46. Not happy
- 47. Spiritual being
- 49. Male child
- 50. The cry made by sheep
- 53. Handheld image enlarger
- 57. Inventiveness
- 58. Column style
- 59. Impudence
- 60. 33 1/3 records
- 61. Berkeley's sister city

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Lymph node plague swelling
- 2. Freshwater duck genus
- 3. Dog attacks
- 4. Eilat Airport
- 5. Visualize
- 6. A young pig
- 7. Wyatt __, OK Corral
- 8. Point one point S of due E
- 9. Those who give freely
- 10. Small slice of meat, especially veal
- 11. Dislike intensely
- 12. Egyptian sun God
- 13. Animal lair
- 16. Dutch flowers
- 18. A Greek harp
- 22. O. Twist's author's initials
- 23. Periods of time
- 24. __ Claus
- 25. Actress Lupino
- 27. Green regions of desert
- 28. Any competition
- 29. Salem, MA, teachers college
- 30. Container for display
- 31. Ink writing implement
- 33. Hogshead (abbr.)
- 35. As much as one can eat
- 36. Puts in a horizontal position
- 37. Cotangent (abbr.)
- 39. Vitamin H
- 42. Book hinges
- 43. Voiced musical sounds
- 44. In the year of Our Lord
- 46. Japanese entertainment firm
- 47. Comedian Carvey
- 48. Bird reproductive bodies
- 49. Rests on a chair
- 50. River border
- 51. Largest continent
- 52. Plural of ascus
- 53. Prefix for ill
- 54. Small bark
- 55. Geographic Information System
- 56. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano

Last Week's Puzzle Solution

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Quality of life tied the information highway

By Wallace Pidgeon

York Region's broadband infrastructure is mission critical to keeping and growing new businesses in Canada's fastest growing region and ultimately bettering the quality of life for all of its 1.1 million residents.

York Region Chair, Bill Fisch is on record saying, "to continue to attract this kind of industry, we have to provide the necessary connectivity infrastructure."

This was the overwhelming view coming out of the YRBizSeries Conference this past Wednesday at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

Chris Rickett, York Region's Manager of Strategic Economic Initiatives presented that, while there is connectivity, there is a gap when it comes to access.

"All parts of York Region have connectivity – just not always at the speed and price point that makes the Region competitive with other communities," said Rickett.

Disparities also exist between urban and rural connectivity, while businesses and public sector organizations also have challenges when it comes to price point and access.

Actionable Intelligence's Laura Bradley highlighted this as a specific challenge for York Region due to the rural – urban make up.

"Generally there are challenges in supplying broadband to citizens especially in rural areas," said Bradley. "The reality is that it costs the same to service 10 houses as it does 100-200. When household densities drop, so do potential revenue levels. However cost levels do not. This is part of the reason services are not holistic as any service provider has to generate a positive business case."

This is what her Eastern Ontario group focuses on working with eight municipalities trying to bridge that gap.

"People need higher speeds to complete

average transactions and business in the current world," continued Bradley. "As we move more and more tasks; banking, ecommerce, marketing and enable cloud computing more bandwidth, commonly considered speed, to a household is and will be required."

But, it will come down to leadership to



David Sandel from St. Louis described the positive economic impacts of Gigabit communities like the ones Google has created in Kansas, Austin and Utah. He also shared ideas on starting small, with a Gigabit Main Street, could be achieved in York Region.

Photo by Danielle Koren

connect the audiences.

There is a need to, "engage the private sector to make the necessary investments," said Rickett. "If the private sector is not able to be the sole investor in projects required to reach the Region's targets, public private partnership opportunities will be explored."

And, if these two options prove to be problematic, Rickett believes there is a role for municipalities to invest in certain projects.

In September, this was the Region's hope when it released its Broadband Strategy.

The Strategy emphasized the need to improve connectivity in a timely and effective manner and without breaking the bank for government, business or for homeowners ensuring York Region punches above its broadband weight for years to come.

The conference reaffirmed these issues so York Region continues to be an attractive place to live, work and raise a family.

Frank Stronach is the keynote speaker at the next YRBizSeries conference on Friday, November 15, at The Mansion Events Centre in Aurora.

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Newly launched Aurora business tackles finding a “found it” feeling

By Brock Weir

James Daigle wants you to find your own “found it feeling”.

The local entrepreneur behind MyDaigo, a company producing small transmitters to keep track of valuables like cell phones and computers, opened this month at Apple Suites on Industrial Parkway South. Now working at the flexible office space, they are working on a Kickstarter campaign to get the company off the ground and, in turn, secure valuables monitored on a small fob on a key ring.

“My phone is critical and when I go to the park with my kids playing soccer, the most critical point was when I dropped my phone while playing with my son in the field,” says Mr. Daigle. “We were walking home, and I had the transmitter set at 100 feet. I walked away, it started beeping, and I found that ‘found it’ feeling.”

The “MyDaigo” product was initially rolled out by James’ father, who noticed while working out in the fields in Alberta that co-workers were continually losing track of their all-important cell phones and tools. Looking for a way to make this a thing of the past, he started doing research,

quickly had the patent process underway, and then it was up to his son to take the ball and run with it.

“I came in to take this where it needed to go,” he says.

MyDaigo uses its own transmitter and receiver, so you can have the transmitter in your pocket or on your key ring to keep track of your valuables rather than relying on tracking software on cell phones or Blue Tooth devices.

“That makes a lot of sense, considering half of us lose our cell phone or laptop every month,” says James. “You can leave this turned on 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for over six months without having to change your battery. You can also use it to help find your misplaced item by setting the receiver at shorter distances so your valuable is within 10 feet of you.

“The shortest setting is about five feet, and that is more of an anti-theft that you would have on your purse and you would be alerted in a restaurant. The mid-range is about 50-60 feet, but it depends on your surroundings for radio frequency. The highest range is 120 feet. We don’t want people to get too much further with that because

you are already in your car and gone before you realise it is back there. We want you to be alerted before you get to your car or the bus stop.”

While the company is based in Aurora, prototypes for the unobtrusive devices which stick onto the bottoms and sides of the particular valuable in question, are currently being made in Mississauga, Oakville, and Toronto. Once they reach their Kickstarter campaign goals, they plan to move mass production to China via a company in Markham.

Indeed, mass production is their ultimate goal with this Kickstarter campaign. People interested in “crowd sourcing” this project, can find it at www.kickstarter.com and potential backers for any dollar figure can contribute for certain perks. A \$30 contributor, for instance, will receive one of the first MyDaigos once they start rolling of the line in December.

“Our goal is \$30,000 and that will complete our certification, our testing, and the beginning stages of mass production,” James told backers, partners, and Mayor Geoffrey Dawe at the company launch this month. “If we are successful by the holidays, we will all be carrying MyDiagos and



James Daigle speaks about his product at the official launch of his small business, mydaigo, in Aurora. Auroran photo by Brock Weir

protecting our valuables.”

Currently, however, there are some limitations to the product. One MyDaigo currently will only cover one valuable per transmitter. The reason for this, says James, is battery consumption and the more transmitters that are connected to one “beeper” the more battery is drained. They are working, however, with engineers to look at ways of getting algorithms just right to make multi-device transmitters.

They are also looking at wider applications, including special cases for electronic devices with the MyDaigo built right in, as well as partnering with groups such as the Alzheimer’s Society of

Canada and various community groups working with adults and children with intellectual challenges, to provide an extra level of

security in keeping track of the people they work with.

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National transit plan should be priority: Mayor, candidates

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homeless support strategy and I still think we need a nation-wide transportation strategy,” he said. “We haven’t seen that yet.”

Mayor Dawe added that as part of a national transportation strategy, he would like to see Federal support for at least one grade-separated railway crossing in Aurora – Wellington Street would be the most effective, but least likely, he said – as well as for making the St. John’s Sideroad/404 interchange a reality.”

For Jason Cherniak, who is seeking the Liberal nomination for the newly created Federal riding of Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill, the Throne Speech falls well short of the mark for “new ideas.” He agreed with Mayor Dawe that a national transportation strategy was needed, along with recognizing “real problems” facing both the Canadian society and the Canadian economy.

“We have a very large problem right now with youth unemployment and underemployment,” he says. “In the Throne Speech, however, it was claimed youth unemployment in Canada is lower than in other developed countries and essentially proposed continuing to do what they have been doing to date, which has not been working.

“What they are not recognizing is many young people in this country are employed in part time jobs, contract jobs without

benefits, and jobs that they have not been properly trained for and never intended on working in. That is a serious problem and the government has to be proposing solutions to that if they are going to be helping us. There is an entire generation of young people who are being affected by this and it is important going forward

that those people have good jobs and can get their lives started before it is too late.”

ProspectiveNewmarket-Aurora Liberal candidate Kyle Peterson said there was a distinct lack of “vision” in the document which side-steps “core issues” for Canadians including transparency and accountability.

“I found it ironic that

they want to legislate balanced budgets, when they haven’t balanced one for years,” he said. “The fact of the matter is it doesn’t really matter what the Throne Speech says, or what Harper promises; Harper will do what he wants, regardless of what he says he will do. He also ignored his own fixed election date law.”



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Halloween is about more than just candy

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"From a parent perspective, what I always liked about this is you were handing out something that wasn't candy," says Heather. "It is something fun to do on Halloween that is not all about the

candy, sweets and treats. It is something exciting and then on Halloween night, the kids go home the next day and they can enter them all and see if they won anything.

"They learn about Bloorview and the exposure to kids with disabilities is important too in creating that culture of acceptance and tolerance."

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Alpine skiing is in the blood for Stemmler and family

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and principals at my schools were always behind me in what I wanted to pursue and they allowed me to follow my dreams. The community was always looking out for me and writing nice things in the paper, so it was a great place to grow up and I love the town."

It was from home in Aurora that his family would take weekly trips up to Collingwood where he learned how to ski at the Georgian Peaks Ski Club.

"My grandparents lived up there, so we stayed there on the weekend and my parents were both ski patrol and ski instructors when they were younger, so they brought

my sister and I up there on the weekends to go skiing and learn how to do the sport they loved," he said.

Alpine skiing was a true family sport for the Stemmler's as Brian's sister Karen also competed for the Canadian national team in the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo.

Now, Stemmler has five-year-old twins of his own that he hopes to get out on the slopes for the first time this year.

In his retirement, he finds himself on the other side of the fence as a colour commentator on Sportsnet and also spends time as a motivational speaker.

Keeping a close eye on Canada's new crop of skiers, Stemmler gave

today's athletes a huge vote of confidence.

"We're always well represented by our Olympians on the medal podium and they're all just great people and great in their community," he said. "They do their sport because they love it and that's why I respect them so much."



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