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FREE Week of October 30, 2013



**INTO THE WOODS:** Little Red Riding Hood was one of over 3,000 people who dared to enter Aurora's Haunted Forest on Saturday night. Ghouls and goblins, witches and warlocks, and bewigged ticket holders galore ventured into Sheppard's Bush for some chills, thrills, a few chuckles, and some good food. With both Little Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs well represented, our Big Bad Wolf, above, had no shortage of dining options. For more on the Haunted Forest, see Page 22.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

## Blast survivor hopes he's one step closer to getting 40-year-old answers

By Brock Weir

In the summer of 1974, 18-year-old Gerry Fostaty was a young army cadet leader at CFB Valcartier, Quebec.

As a newly minted Platoon Sergeant, it was an appointment which would ultimately alter the course of his life. He was among the leaders of a group of cadets, mostly between the ages of 14 and 16, putting them through their paces so they could go back to their home units and, in turn, take up their own leadership positions.

Fate, however, had other plans.

Part of the training entailed an explosives training course where cadets were shown dummies built to look like explosives in order to be able to identify the real thing if they encountered them in the field. Somehow, a live grenade, however, got mixed into the box circulating among the cadets and, inevitably, the pin was eventually pulled.

The resulting explosion killed six cadets and sent over 100 others to hospital, out of the nearly 140 in the room that day. Mr. Fostaty was walking into the room as the grenade went off, and his life changed in a split second. He and many of the other leaders who were still able, had to get the boys to safety, load them into ambulances, all amid the confusion of not knowing exactly what had happened.

These questions, however, remain to this day.

The group was told by superiors it was "business as usual" in the immediate aftermath, but that was easier said than done. There was no comfort or counselling, he recalls, and even fewer answers. Some of the boys there that day continue to struggle,

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## EYES ON THE PRIZE



After a stellar season on the field, the Aurora Barbarians Rugby Team took on the Markham Irish at Fletcher's Fields for the title and the prestigious McCormick Cup in front of over 1,000 spectators. The Barbarians had an impressive run going into the finals, and Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe and Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti made a friendly wager before the blustery Saturday game. To see how our boys fared, see Page 18.

Auroran photo by Jeff Doner



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## COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 30	7 p.m.	Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee
Monday, November 4	7 p.m.	Special General Committee – Budget*
Tuesday, November 5	9 a.m.	Special Joint Council Committee
Tuesday, November 5	10:30 a.m.	Joint Council Committee – Master Fire Plan
Tuesday, November 5	7 p.m.	General 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](http://www.aurora.ca/calendar)

\*Meetings can be viewed online by visiting [www.aurora.ca/gcstream](http://www.aurora.ca/gcstream)

## AURORA 150 FACT:



Image courtesy of Aurora Historical Society

### Inglehurst

This building was constructed in 1876 for Joseph Fleury. It was located on the south corner of Yonge Street and Maple Street and was demolished in 1980.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Scheduled Interruption – Town Facilities Telephone and Voicemail Service

Please be advised that The Town of Aurora has scheduled a service interruption in order to upgrade the telephone and voicemail system of Town facilities. With the exception of cell phones, all Town telephone services will be affected. The Town has made arrangements to re-route all incoming calls to a call-answering agency in order to assist with the handling of Town business during the interruption.

This interruption will take place on **Saturday, November 9** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This will impact both Town Hall and all remote Town facilities, with the exception of the Emergency pool phone, fax and debit machines.

### 2014 Budget

The Town of Aurora is set to commence its 2014 Budget review sessions, starting in November. Residents are invited and encouraged to have their voices heard by attending and speaking at any of the upcoming sessions:

**Monday, November 4** at 7 p.m.  
Preliminary Overview of Operation Budget and Detailed Overview of Draft Capital Budget

**Monday, November 18** at 9 a.m.  
Review of Capital Budget

**Monday, November 25** at 7 p.m.  
Capital Budget Continued

**Tuesday, December 17** at 7 p.m.  
Capital Budget Continued

Meetings will continue into January and February 2014.

All meetings will be held in Council Chambers, located at Aurora Town Hall, 100 John West Way.

Public input will be received at the beginning of each meeting. Those who wish to speak are encouraged to register with the Clerk's office in advance by emailing [Csecretariat@aurora.ca](mailto:Csecretariat@aurora.ca) Those who do not register will be allowed to make a presentation if time permits.

Budget information will be posted to the Town's website at [www.aurora.ca/2014budget](http://www.aurora.ca/2014budget) and updated throughout the process. For more information about the 2014 Budget, please contact Dan Elliott, Director of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer at [ourtownbudget@aurora.ca](mailto:ourtownbudget@aurora.ca)

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Aurora Seniors' Centre Open House

Join us for night of friendship, refreshments and fun as you learn what the centre has to offer you!

Where: Aurora Seniors' Centre, 90 John West Way  
When: **Friday, November 1** from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, please call 905-727-3123 ext. 3610.

### Daylight Savings Time

Residents are reminded to turn their clocks back one hour on **Sunday, November 3** at 2 a.m.

### Dinner and a Movie

*Oz The Great and Powerful* (Rated PG)

Where: Aurora Public Library

When: **Saturday, November 2**  
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 905-727-3123 ext. 3127.



### Aurora Public Library

Throughout October, the Aurora Public Library will feature various Canadian-produced documentaries on the big screen. On **Wednesday, October 30** the National Film Board documentary, *Wiebo's War*, will be screened. This powerful film discusses two decades of conflict and questions an individual's civil liberties. All film screenings are free and begin at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room.



### York Region Business Series

On **Friday, November 15** the York Region Business Innovation in Changing Times Conference Series presents the *Leadership Through Innovation* seminar at the Mansion Events Centre, 400 Industrial Parkway South.

This event will profile business veterans as they come together to talk about challenges of past and modern day leadership and share their insights on the future. The keynote speaker will be **Frank Stronach**, founder of Magna International. For more information and to register, please visit [www.YRBizSeries.ca](http://www.YRBizSeries.ca)

### 2014 Heritage Advisory Committee Awards of Excellence

The Town of Aurora's Heritage Advisory Committee invites residents to nominate a project for the annual Awards of Excellence. These awards recognize excellence in preservation, restoration and/or enhancements of cultural heritage properties. Nominations will be accepted for projects that have been completed in the last two years.

The Committee will accept nominations from **Friday, November 1** until the deadline of **Friday, November 29**.

Successful candidates will be announced at the Heritage Celebration Ceremony during Heritage Week in February.

For program eligibility details and nomination forms, please visit [www.aurora.ca](http://www.aurora.ca). For further information, please contact the Planning and Development Services Department, Town of Aurora, at 905-727-3123 ext. 4226 or [planning@aurora.ca](mailto:planning@aurora.ca)



TOWN OF AURORA  
PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE: 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 November 5.

Dated: Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Town of Aurora 100 John West Way, Aurora, ON L4G 6J1  
[www.aurora.ca](http://www.aurora.ca) | 905-727-1375

# Art teacher pays tribute to mother's legacy in upcoming exhibition

By Brock Weir

Andy McClure held vigil by the fire Saturday night, sitting beside a laid out piece of pecan pie and a slab of chocolate.

If he had his own way, he'd have put down a nice glass of white wine alongside the sweet and the smoke but, alas, alcohol is not generally permitted in a traditional Jiibay ceremony. Nevertheless, he looked forward to having a few sips on his own time in memory of his late mother.

Mr. McClure put down the favourite treats of his late mother, Dorothy Clark McClure, in the traditional ceremony honouring her legacy, just over a year after her death. Over the past two decades, Mr. McClure has become close with elders from a variety of different native traditions and this was the perfect way to pay tribute.

"When my mom passed away, one of the ceremonies of honouring her was to light a fire and put out food and put down tobacco and just spend the night outside with the fire," he explains. "Usually within the year you have a follow-up ceremony. I can't use alcohol, but if I could, it would be a glass of white wine. I'll have to sip that for her after."

As the embers have died down, Mr. McClure has returned to his day job as an art teacher at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, but he continues pondering the legacy and art that his mother left behind. He's putting the finishing touches on *Bene Acta Vita (A Life Well Lived): An Exhibition and Sale of Works by Dorothy Clark McClure*, which will run November 20 through November 30 at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Since Ms. Clark-McClure's death in August 2012, her family has been trying to distribute a large inventory of her work to "the best possible places", including her former schools, galleries both local and in the Toronto area, but there is still so much left to go.

"As much as it is hard to get rid of it, because it feels like giving away a part of my mom, she loved seeing her work on other people's walls," says Andy. "I think she would be quite happy to see it get shown and possibly sold."

The Aurora Cultural Centre is no stranger to Ms. Clark McClure's work. They had the distinction of holding the final exhibition of Dorothy's lifetime, which was intended to be a complete retrospective of her work - from drawings showing the budding talent of her girlhood, through her work in the high flying advertising world of the 1960s, to documenting the architectural gems of York Region before they met the wrecking ball, to finding new passion and expression in her last years through intuitive art.

Andy says the upcoming show will follow similar themes, with a wide variety of styles representing how her own style changed over the decades. As they go through her work, however, memories of his mom and growing up immersed in a world of art come flooding back.

"It is interesting to see all the different hats my mom had to wear as an artist who made a living from painting and drawing," he says. "My dad was a writer and photographer and the only thing I ever knew from mom was art. From my earliest memories, the

dining room table was an art table. I remember being two or three, sitting in a little crib beside the table and smelling the oil paints my mom worked with.

"Some of my earliest memories are of traipsing out to various locations, sitting on stools, waiting for mom to draw or paint the landscape, or the

teenage rebellion on his own artistic parents, he grew up fascinated by the sciences, intending to be a doctor. When asked what got him onto the artistic path, he says, with a laugh, "it was my failure to get into med school!" Once he was on that path though he knew he found a perfect fit.

"That was my gift



**ALL IN THE FAMILY - Dr. G.W. Williams art teacher Andy McClure (pictured here at the school with his daughter, student Megan) is putting the finishing touches on an upcoming exhibition and sale marking the memory and legacy of his late mother, the celebrated Aurora artist Dorothy Clark McClure. The above classroom has hosted three generations of artists on either side of the blackboard. Auroran photo by Brock Weir**

building, or whatever it was. There was no real family vacation that didn't include a watercolour pad or a set of art tools and there always had to be a stop somewhere."

He recalls his mother's passion for "looking for the aesthetic" in everything and things in everyday objects, people, and landscapes that might have been missed or disregarded by others. These things brought out her passion and they are the passions he tries to instill in his own students at Dr. G.W. Williams. But, to backtrack a moment, teaching and carrying on his mother's artistic legacy was not a path he intended to travel.

Whether or not this was his own dash of

from my mom, my grandparents, and my great-grandparents being artists," he says. "I probably should have recognized it earlier. I would say like any creative person that

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Briefly

**CORIAT IS SCOTIABANK'S GAME CHANGER**

Aurora's own Jessica Coriat has been named Scotiabank's Game Changer, after a hard fought campaign to win \$25,000 for her charity, the Toronto Rehab Foundation. Ms. Coriat, 23, lives with cerebral palsy and credits the foundation with helping her learn how to walk with a walker, navigate with a wheelchair, eat properly and, when you get to the bottom of it, giving her a sense of independence. Ms. Coriat's story was featured in the September 25, 2013 edition of *The Auroran*. There, she explained her drive to continue her volunteer work with the foundation, not only to give back to the people that helped her so much, but help other young people how to fight to regain their independence and teach them what they need to know. "As a Game Changer, you get to change how patients view their rehab, view the staff, students and nurses and doctors and...we all have one common goal when we come to work every day - helping our patients get back on their feet and get them on the road to recovery." Jessica was named winner for the Hamilton Ti-Cats after a public online vote. With her win, she was awarded not just the \$25k for the foundation, but a trip for two to Regina for the 101st Grey Cup.

**STUDENTS TACKLE COMMUTING PROBLEM**

Aurora student Heather Tang, and her eight teammates, took home top honours last week at the Shad Valley Entrepreneurship Cup in Waterloo. Their work was awarded "Best Overall" for their solution to increase the efficiency and safety of human-powered transportation. Their proposal received five awards overall at the annual event highlighting "the entrepreneurial prowess of Canada's brightest young innovators," according to organizers. "Team VISBL met the challenge of establishing an unmet need, transforming an idea into a tangible product and developing a business strategy in a viable market."

**LAST WEEK FOR AURORA COLLECTS**

This is your last week for the next little while to get a flavour of Aurora's last 150 years as the exhibition "Aurora Collects: Revealing 150 Years of Our Shared History" plans to pack up for 2013. Now housed in the Aurora Room at the Aurora Cultural Centre, the exhibit showcases events illustrating Aurora's history from the very early 1800s through to the present day - and you can have an opportunity to leave your own mark on an interactive timeline. The show closes next Wednesday.



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## Aurora 150 Time Capsule

**Do have have an item to donate to the Aurora 150 Time Capsule?**

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](http://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](http://www.aurora150.ca)



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## Letter to the editor

### It's not too late to avoid mistake, says engineer

(Re: "Complex users angry at upcoming closure", October 26, 2013, "Youth Centre renos to start Nov. 13, pending approval", October 23, 2013, & "Council should change course on Complex renos", October 23, 2013)

Thank you for publishing the letter by Ralph Jessup last week as well as your article on the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC) and its pending year-long closure.

I am a structural engineer and I have some experience with this type of project and the procedures involved.

I have reviewed the drawings and the documents deemed relevant by Aurora's Parks and Recreation Director. The history of this project is about providing programme space targeting youth. Over a period of years the town has worked with consultants, including MJM Architects last year, to decide on one of two final options.

I agree with the direction Council took last November approving "Option Two" which would minimize impact to the people and facility revenues and have less capital cost by \$0.5 million.

However, either of the two options discussed last year would be less costly and disruptive than the current plan. (The current plan is estimated at \$7.4 million, options one and two were \$4.769 and \$4.223 million respectively.)

Renovations, or the need to renovate the AFLC, are not mentioned in the documents I reviewed and yet the current plan is one of renovations.

In the spring, CS&P Architects were hired to follow the town's "Option Two" plan providing detailed design and drawings for tendering and construction. Instead, the architect working with some P&R staff, proposed the \$7.4 million renovation of the entire AFLC.

There is no Youth Centre/Wing, as in the original design for Option Two. That is to say there is no new gym, having a climbing wall or programme rooms for youth in the addition.

In July, with a long agenda and a late night, Council accepted the recommendations of P&R to approve the new and different work and increased budget. The P&R Report told Council that if they did not accept the new work and budget, the space for youth would suffer.

(See P&R Report for July 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 Council Meeting, section "Alternatives to the Recommendations".)

Tenders have not been awarded and Council approval of contracts is not until November 5.

It is never too late to stop making a mistake. It is never too late to do the right thing. In the future, any necessary work to keep the AFLC usable can be done at a much lower cost and with minimal disruption. Perhaps use money saved to hire youth counsellors or youth workers.

Council needs to instruct the architect to provide the detailed construction drawings that they initially requested based on the town's existing plan, Option Two, "building an addition" and not allow the architect to totally change the nature of the work.

The impact to close the facility for a year on the people who rely on it, is alone too great. Also the cost, and the manner in which this renovation occurred at such a late date indicates that it was not well considered.

By reversing their decision to accept the architect's plan, Council can put their plan and budget back on track and get it done.

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Deadline for submissions is Sunday at 1 p.m.

## That's all, folks?



### BROCK'S BANTER

Brock Weir

The yellow-eyed brown creature looks menacingly at the purple and mauve streak as it passes by.

It's streaking by, on its own mission, seeming not to have a care in the world. It has an objective, but the streak is very enticing, but just out of reach.

Wanting to finally get the streak into its clutches by any means possible, the creature unpacks its dusty box of Acme Palm Fronds to cover up the entrance to a freshly dug hole to capture its prey. With the branches in place disguising the trap underneath, the creature lies in wait, quietly, until deciding to up the ante. Over in the corner is that Acme anvil that has brought so much trouble before. It wouldn't hurt, he thinks, to string that up over the palm fronds. Hey, after all, even if the Road Runner falls down below, there's no guarantee the fall alone will do the job at hand.

Hoisting it above from a distressingly frayed rope, it dangles precariously above the hole while that purple streak of a devious bird comes into the distance. As it gets closer, he slowly but surely comes into focus. First, the creature can see the plume, followed by the spindly legs and then, inevitably, the prominent beak which emits the mocking "Meep Meep!" which has come to haunt his dreams.

When the time is right, he looks prematurely satisfied by the inevitable "splat!" and "thwack!" that is going to happen, and then he pulls the rope.

At this point, we all know that only one of two things is going to happen. Either the surefooted Road Runner is going to deftly sidestep the palm fronds, causing our friend Wyle to come out from his alcove and stomp them to find out just what went wrong – or, with that fateful tug, the Acme anvil is going to defy both the basic laws of physics and the most rudimentary knowledge of gravity, swing in the other direction and flatten our antihero into a furry pancake.

It is a familiar dance, one that

clarified Councillor Buck.

Meep! Meep!

"Ah! An in-camera meeting!" the Mayor replied, as Wile E. Coyote pulled the rope and, miracle of miracles, he actually had his always elusive prey where he wanted them. "Now, I recall a number of months ago where you didn't want to go in-camera because you were concerned about the sanctity of a closed session."

While it remains to be seen exactly which direction the anvil swung in this melee, let's face it and pull up a chair – the "Silly Season", along with the Merry Melody and Loony Toon of our traditional election warm-up is here.

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

Although I had braced myself for what was ahead, I didn't anticipate things to turn as colourful on the election front so quickly. Since I wrote that, I personally have witnessed a handful of faces that had not been seen since the last campaign trail show up in the unlikeliest of places, blog posts counting down the days until the next election, regular letter writers to The Auroran slowly but surely ratcheting up the heat in their missives, somewhat impromptu public meetings spiced up liberally with election-ready rhetoric, and one incumbent politician coming out of left field trying to drum up a standing ovation for a former politician who could very well be back in the game in the next 12 months. And the beat goes on.

And, I have the most awful feeling it is going to be an arduous 12 months.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have an Acme time machine to assemble.

has entertained generation upon generation, and seems to become more familiar and present in said generations the closer anyone gets to election season.

Consider, if you will, a motion brought forward by Councillor Evelyn Buck at last week's Council meeting calling on Mayor Dawe to define to Council and, one presumes the general public, exactly how he defines his role as Mayor:

"WHEREAS Council was recently informed the Mayor cannot seek accounting from a Town department because of the perception of micromanaging..." read the first point of Councillor Buck's motion.

"When I first saw this, my first thought was there must be an election in the offing because the silly season has started," said Mayor Dawe in his response. "My second thought was exactly where did I make this first statement? When and where did I exactly say this and what exactly did I say?"

My first thought, upon the Mayor's second, was one of a palm frond or two being cunningly laid across the hole.

"That's what I understood you to say," replied Councillor Buck.

The Roadrunner in my mind's eye came into slightly sharper focus.

The Mayor pressed on as to the where and the how, as my mental coyote dusted off the palms before trotting merrily back to his alcove.

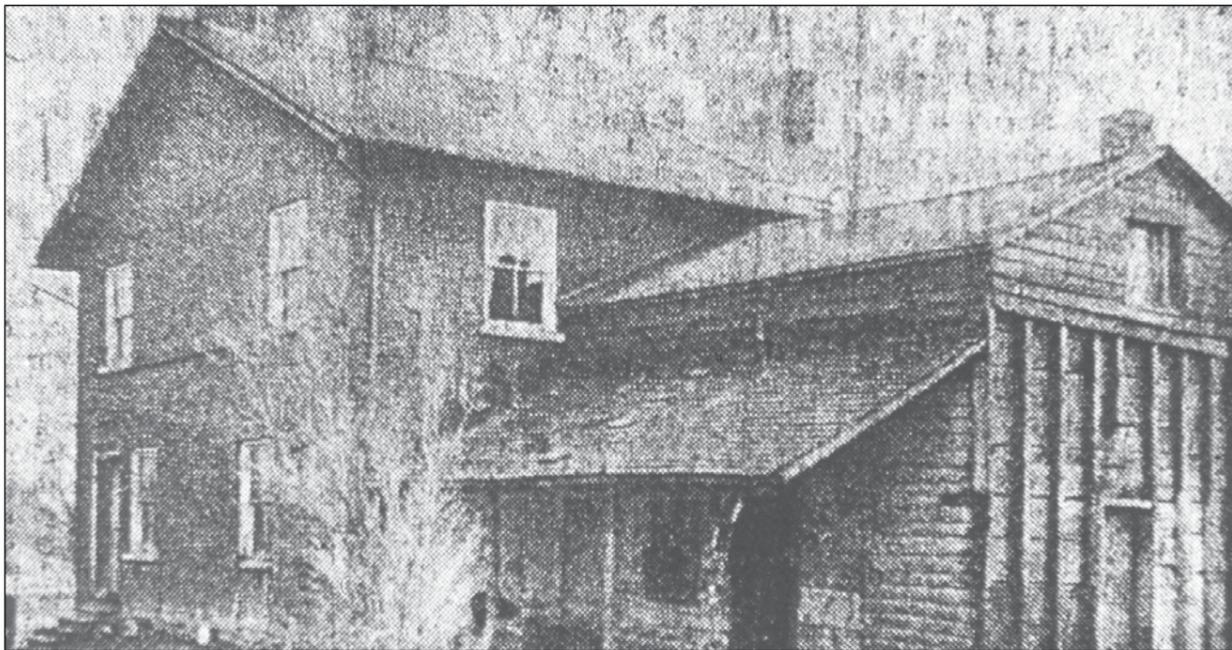
"You said it in front of the whole Council in an in-camera meeting,"

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In this installment of John McIntyre's series of buildings that arrived on the scene before Aurora was founded in 1863, we look at a house that has seen many different uses over the decades and which is very familiar to drivers, albeit more familiar from a different angle. As for a clue, this building's recent history is related to a person whose name can be found within these pages this week. The series continues next week.

Photo courtesy of the Aurora Historical Society

## The Liberal Party Should Reimburse Ontario Citizens

Former Finance Minister Dwight Duncan told the Ontario Legislature's Justice Committee last week that the public has lost interest in the Gas Plant scandal. Do you agree?

"This is all old ground, with respect, you're not even on TV any more for goodness' sake. You got bumped from your own TV channel," Mr. Duncan told the committee at last week's hearings. "Ask me another question, for all 10 people who are watching it."

It was obvious that even the Liberal members of the committee were uncomfortable with Duncan's bombastic and unrepentant performance. At least the Premier issued a qualified apology in the wake of the Auditor General's report that the final cost to taxpayers will be at least \$950 million and may be as high as \$1.1 billion.

Based on what I'm hearing from constituents and stakeholders, I have a sense that Mr. Duncan may be overly optimistic. Not only are people still talking about the waste of their tax dollars through this latest scandal, there is an underlying issue that puts this scandal into a class of its own.

### It was a political decision...

There is a significant difference between the political scandals of the past and the Gas Plant scandal. That difference is this:

The decision that led to the cancellation of the Gas Plants and the waste of millions of tax dollars can't be blamed on bureaucratic bungling or the lack of oversight by ministers or the maladministration of civil servants. It was, as both Premiers brazenly admitted, a political decision.

Here is a quote from the Toronto Star, Thursday February 28, 2013: "I have never said this wasn't a political decision. It was a political decision," Wynne acknowledged."

Here is Dalton McGuinty's contribution to this discussion. I quote from his testimony at the Justice Committee Hearings:

"I know much has been made of the decision as being political. This is how representative democracy works."

I reject that assertion. Decisions in a representative democracy should not be driven by whether seats will be won or lost, they should be based on what is right and what is good public policy. And it was that admission, that the decision to cancel the two power plants in Oakville and Mississauga was so blatantly "political" that gives rise to the indignation that people are expressing.



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### "Recoup the cost of the politically motivated cancellations"

This quote from one of the many emails I have been receiving on this issue expresses it well:

"...it seems to me that as the decision to cancel the two gas plants was orchestrated by the Liberal Party of

Ontario, should we not determine if a ratepayers group or some such body would be prepared to take on a lawsuit against the Liberal Party to re-coup [partially!] the cost of the politically motivated cancellations."

The message is quite simple. If the decision was political, then the political party that made the decision and benefited from it, should be held accountable. And it was that call for action that prompted my colleague Jane McKenna, the MPP for Burlington to bring forward the following motion which was debated in the legislature this past Thursday:

"That, in the opinion of this House, the Liberal Party of Ontario should be required to reimburse taxpayers \$950 million in compensation for the Liberal

Government's decision to site two gas fire power plants in Mississauga and Oakville despite local opposition, then wasting millions of dollars by making a political decision to cancel them."

In speaking to this motion, I stated that I believe the vast majority of Ontarians support the principle that is at the root of the motion - that principle is accountability.

Whether in our personal, business or professional lives, there is an expectation that we will be accountable for our decisions and actions. But, accountability is all too often replaced by justification, equivocation, regret or empty apologies. By doing so, we blur the lines of right and wrong and rob ourselves of the self-respect and dignity that comes with knowing we are guided by an ethical and moral compass.

Nowhere is that lack of accountability more evident than in the realm of politics, and nothing has contributed more to people's cynicism about politics, politicians and government than the lack of accountability.

It was an interesting debate. The Liberals defeated the motion. Does anyone care?

*My contribution to the debate on the motion can be seen on my website at [www.frankklees.com](http://www.frankklees.com) under Current Videos on the Home Page. As always, I welcome your comments and advice.*

## Scary Stuff

If your kids have left it to the last minute, they may still be looking for inspiration as to what sort of costume to wear this Halloween.

There're the traditional favourites like princesses, hobos, and superheroes, but the best costumes, and the ones most suitable for Halloween, are the scary ones, such as witches, zombies, and vampires.

And please, not the wussy Hollywood tween-love vampires with the perfect hair, and poster boy looks, but the real Lon Chaney and Christopher Lee inspired ones.

But these are all still a little predictable.

The good news is that if your kids want to put a scare into the houses they visit, there are a whole array of Aurora-themed costumes that could make your neighbours' hearts beat a little faster.

How about dressing up your child as a cell tower? A bit of cardboard tubing, some paper, and voila. Guaranteed to put a fright into most Aurora residents. But please note this one may be a bit effective in some areas of west Aurora, where your child may run the risk of

having the resident dog unleashed on them.

A more subtle approach would be to put a twist on the chainsaw wielding psychopath costume. In this case, make it an axe wielding forester here to cut down some beloved local trees. Again, proximity to real events helps ramp up the fright factor, so this one would be best in south Aurora.

Next year, try this in the neighbourhoods near the soon-to-disappear forests of the 2C lands northwest of Leslie and Wellington.

A safety reminder; if you go this route, please use a prop axe or chainsaw, and not a real one.

Continuing the theme of tree loss, you could attempt an emerald ash borer costume. This might be a bit more complicated, and it is pretty much a certainty that it would have



## INSIDE AURORA

Scott Johnston

to be homemade, as I don't think the costume designers of the world have caught onto this theme for mass production.

The potential downside of this idea for your child is that depending on your costume creating skills, or lack thereof, they may spend valuable trick-or-treating time trying to explain that they're an ash borer, and not an aardvark,

or crayfish, or whatever else they may end up looking like.

If you think your neighbours have deep-seated phobias about finances, your youngster could dress up in a suit and tie with a clipboard reading "Tax Department" on it. In this case though, the "tax collector" need only accept chocolate bars, potato chips, or other edible goodies.

They may even get a larger amount from the homeowner, in thanks that the kids aren't after their cash.

A tried and true costume sure to put a shudder into most Aurorans is the traffic pylon. Yes, it's always pot hole and road construction season here in town, and no one likes to be reminded of that. As an added bonus, by its nature this costume's highly visible, even on darkened streets, so is safer than most.

On a related note, if you have a traffic calming-based costume from a previous year, you could re-use that, but although always relevant in Aurora, that theme is a bit less topical these days.

Perhaps the most chilling costume one could try is that of a local politician on the campaign trail. A "Vote for Me" button, and some 'campaign fliers', accompanied by a ready handshake, and big toothy smile, and they'll look just like the people that will be knocking on our doors next year.

After all, the start of the municipal election season is only a few months away.

Now that's scary.

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## Letters to the editor

### Aurora Community Tennis Club shares vision for Burnett park

The Aurora Community Tennis Club (ACTC) Consortium has a vision for a large tennis academy that would be a destination venue at the Stewart Burnett Park. Here's why!

Location - Location - Location:

- Close to 404 Highway, easy access, fast in and out;
- Hotel to be built across the street at Wellington and Leslie;
- Close to North East Plaza for restaurants and shopping;
- Close for ACTC relocated events due to inclement weather;
- Potential to Magna for Hoedown venue;
- Eco Park to provide additional soccer pitches so space available for Academy;
- A beautiful storm

water pond can be created for aesthetic and geothermal purposes;

• Commercial benefits accruing from developing a Destination Park

1 a) Proximity to 404 allows a Destination Park for convenient access to large catchment area of players who would rent courts. From Bradford in north to Richmond Hill in south; to King City in west to Highway 48 in the east. Easy access improves the appeal and would result in increased usage and rental income from the community/recreational tranche.

1 b) Destination Park Proximity to 404 allows for convenient access for international players and visitors coming from Pearson airport. Paying spectators have

convenient access via Don Valley and 401 highways.

2 a) Hotel across the street allows convenient shelter for international players/coaches.

3 a) North- East Plaza, Leslie and Wellington, has many restaurants and shops for visitors, and the Promenade is but a short drive for access to fooderies and pubs.

4 a) ACTC events can be relocated with five minutes of car travel to Stewart Burnett Park.

5 a) If the Magna Hoedown could be hosted at the Stewart Burnett Tennis Academy then more revenue could flow to community charities and more revenue flow for the Tennis Academy so that community rates

for tennis and pickle ball would be much less.

6 a) The additional soccer pitches in the proposed Stronach Eco-Park frees up the space at Stewart Burnett Park for the Tennis Academy.

7 a) The Tennis Academy requires earth berms for stadium seating. Those berms can be created from the fill scooped out of the earth to create a beautiful storm pond with arcing fountain. The storm pond would be the heat sink for a geothermal system saving much money for heating and cooling.

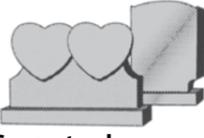
8 a) The Destination core. Park is only five minutes away from Promenade area in the downtown

**Brent MacKinnon**  
Board Member, ACTC

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### Best wishes to "Dr. Bob" on retirement

Dr. Robert E. Williams has announced that he will retire from his family practice as of August 2014. "Doctor Bob" has been practicing family

medicine for over 44 years, most of that time in Aurora.

Our family has been under his compassionate and excellent care for over 25 of those years.

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank him for taking care of each one of us as though we were his own family.

Kathy Banks, RN, who is affectionately referred to as "Nurse Cratchit" by those of us who have had the privilege of knowing her and having her take an active role in our health and wellbeing. There is no more reassuring a voice than Kathy's at the end

of the line when you are dealing with a medical crisis of any kind.

Doctor Bob and Kathy have given all their patients ample time to find a new family practice, and I'm sure we will find competent alternatives, however, these two professionals are irreplaceable in our opinion.

Sincere best wishes to both of you as you take the next steps in your lives. You can be confident that you have left a very positive legacy in this town.

**Grace, Bren & Robyn Marsh**  
Aurora

### A life well lived

From page 3

grows up in the shadow of their parents it is always a struggle finding the balance between your own way and looking for recognition from your parent."

To this day, he holds his mother as his technical teacher and he says he finds Dorothy Clark McClure emerging from himself all the time when he stands in front of his students only to find himself "repeating exactly what my mom has said to me." As he watches his elder daughter, 16, draw he says he's starting to see more of Dorothy emerge in the younger generation as well.

"There was a certain vulnerability to my mum. She went to an art show in California in the 1970s called 100 Years of Women in Art and that was the first time she had actually seen herself in that lineage," says Andy. "Marriage and providing for a family requires a certain compromise with your art. I think in the last 20 years she finally had a chance to make work she felt was entirely her own and it wasn't made to be sold, it wasn't made to provide an income to put food on the table, but as her own original and passionately felt style.

"I hope people see that vulnerability. Mum came across as really strong and strong-minded and she was, but she was also a woman who struggled to find her own self for her life."

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# Councillors split on having Mayor Dawe define role after heated debate

By Brock Weir

Aurora Councillors split down the middle last week in a motion calling on Mayor Geoffrey Dawe to define his own role in maintaining “accountability” at Town Hall.

The motion was brought forward by Councillor Evelyn Buck objecting to what she said was an inability to “seek accounting” from municipal departments, lest it is seen as “micromanaging.” To clarify things, she asked the Mayor to draft a report to Council on where he saw his role fitting into this.

“This is not an attack on yourself, Mr. Mayor; this is a serious concern I have that Council cannot be accountable to the public for how this administration functions, if this administration is not accountable to Council,” said Councillor Buck.

“From my perspective, a Councillor is not only responsible to the whole community with how the corporation functions – they are responsible for the people who function within the community. It disturbs me greatly to be told I cannot ask a question, I cannot determine whether a matter brought to my attention has any validity without being able to ask a question.”

Her concerns, she said, stemmed from a closed session meeting. Going into the meeting, she told Council in open session that she had concerns about an “identifiable individual” and wanted some answers. She added last week she understood the “sensitivity” about individual privacy but when she brought forward her concerns, Mayor Dawe told he could not make any enquiries “because you perceive that not to be your role.”

“What I would like to receive from you is how you perceive your role,” said Councillor Buck. “How can you persuade me that [the way] you perceive your role helps me fulfil my role? The Mayor is Councillors’ man. If there is a subject of extreme delicacy that can’t

be brooded about and needs to be handled sensitively, then it should always be the Mayor that enquires into it and reports back to Council with complete privacy.”

Although she added she respected the Mayor’s right to “have his own sense” of what his role is, she said she wanted to make sure there wasn’t a “Berlin Wall” between Council and administration. Mayor Dawe, on the other hand, vehemently disagreed with Councillor Buck’s motion, rejecting the idea her motion was not an attack on himself.

“When I first saw this, my first thought was there must be an election in the offing because silly season has started,” said Mayor Dawe. “I said [during the 2010 election] I will not micromanage. I will depend on [Aurora CAO Neil] Garbe and all the senior directors here to manage the corporation. That is their job. That is what they are paid to do. Our job is to set policy and procedure.”

Coming prepared to the Council meetings with three guidebooks he said he has used to formulate his own idea on the Mayor’s role, he said he had talked to counterparts in other municipalities, as well as those who have walked in his shoes to formulate his opinion.

“Contrary to what you feel, I find your motion to be condescending,” he added. “It is absolutely critical. I have no problem indicating what I think my job is, but I will not support this motion because I do not believe this is Council’s job and I do not believe this is a good use of Council time.”

Debate, nevertheless, ensued not just between Mayor Dawe and Councillor Buck, but also among Councillors on the merits of the motion.

“While you might feel everything is being done properly and everything that could be done is being done, I do not share your confidence,” continued Councillor Buck. “I have tried to be respectful and not critical, but it is a question of a difference of perspective. You are too

sensitive by far for the office of Mayor. My experience doesn’t come from books. It comes from harsh, harsh lessons – what people expect of us.”

Councillor Buck’s motion was supported by Councillors Chris Ballard, Wendy Gaertner and John Gallo. For them, it was a matter of dissecting the four part motion, including the initial disagreement that spawned it, in favour of simply getting this report from the Mayor on “accountability to the administration” to Council.

“From an education perspective, I see nothing wrong with this motion,” said Councillor Ballard. “I think any time citizens are reminded about the functioning of democracy at Town Hall is a good thing. I am not attaching this to any particular event.”

Councillor Gallo said he agreed and it would “educate” him and provide a “better understanding” for the public as a whole.

“I share some of the concerns that Councillor Buck has expressed and this may help me better understand my concerns and how things are dealt with,” he said.

Added Councillor Gaertner: “We all know there is a separation between the administration and the elected body, but at the end of the day it is this Council that is responsible, certainly, to some degree, and is held accountable for the actions of this administration. [The Mayor] is our CEO. It is a fair ask not only to make it clear to us, but also to make it clear to the public.”

Joining the mayor in voting against the motion were Councillors John Abel, Sandra Humfries, Paul Pirri and Michael Thompson. For them, it was a matter of not sharing the concerns of the others, as well as them viewing the report as something other than the most productive way to spend time.

Councillor Thompson, for instance, argued it was Councillor Buck’s concern and not a concern he shared.

“I have had meetings

with every director here and raised my own questions to satisfy my own concerns and questions,” he said. “I don’t necessarily believe it has to go through the Mayor. We are a democracy. If the Mayor disagrees and all eight of us vote for anything, it doesn’t mean it

is vetoed. It is the majority decision.”

Added Councillor Pirri: “I know what my responsibilities towards accountability are. Those are my feelings that are guided by the Municipal act and the way it is written out and the interpretation

I have. If you would like the Mayor to write out his interpretation of the Municipal Act, I have to wonder why just the mayor? If we’re all going to write our own interpretations of the municipal act and put them out so everyone can see them that is fine.”

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The Town of Aurora is closing the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC) for reconstruction on Thursday, November 14, pending approval from Town Council on Tuesday, November 12.

The Town is closing the complex for approximately one year to re-build and enhance the existing facilities as well as create a new community space for youth.

Most services offered at the AFLC will be moved to the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex.

Watch for updated information in the Town’s Notice Board on the Town website at [www.aurora.ca/NewAFLC](http://www.aurora.ca/NewAFLC)

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The workshop will reveal the underlying causes of most wrist and hand pain as well as share why these causes are frequently overlooked by doctors.

Attendees will discover why a failure to address these underlying causes usually results in continuing pain and suffering. These ongoing symptoms may include: pain, tingling, numbness, burning, aching, stiffness, swelling, weakness and limited movements.

The workshop will discuss the track record of common treatments including: pills, surgery, splints and exercise and reveal exciting non drug, nonsurgical treatments that are safe and effective.

A major concern is that many patients continue to be plagued by wrist pain, despite repeated visits to their doctor.

Many patients fear the risks and invasive nature of wrist surgery. The workshop will reveal that many patients that have wrist surgery wind up frustrated that their pain only resolves partially or not at all. In many cases the pain reoccurs later after surgery.

Surprisingly, a very common but hidden cause of hand and wrist pain is not even located in the wrist! The presentation will explain why most doctors are not trained to check for this underlying cause.

The workshop is free and is being offered as a community service. It is

*There are other approaches, beyond the use of drugs, that have safely and effectively helped many Wrist/Hand pain sufferers feel better.*

provided to help eliminate pain and suffering in those affected.

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What did you think of the Collectors' Showcase Event held at the Holland Trail Retirement Community last Wednesday? What? You didn't go?



## SENIOR SCAPE

Sylvia Dickens

**Collectors' Show reveals many surprises**

Too bad, because you missed seeing some interesting and unique collections by several Seniors' Centre members. From duck decoys to vintage buttons, there was a lot to see and plenty of stories to enjoy.

### Lise Boily

One day, Lise Boily discovered that she absolutely loves tiny footwear. Her first pair was baby moccasins made from suede and fur that she found on a native reserve in Quebec. That was almost 40 years ago. These are her favorites, along with a pair of tiny knitted cowboy boots.

"I just fell in love with that little moccasin. It was so cute," she said gleefully as she put it on the floor next to her own small feet to show me.

Since then, she's made her criteria only footwear under 3-4 inches and consisting of various types of materials. Her collection now includes leather, plastic, and knitted shoes. She even has a pair of wooden clogs and a pair of fur mukluks. She has denim sneakers, satin booties, needlepoint slippers, cotton and lace booties, Santa boots, rawhide slippers, ceramic ballet slippers and porcelain old fashioned baby shoes.

She even has a pair of paper Christening booties that she was given as a gift for attending the happy event.

Her oldest pair is red velvet Chinese slippers that she purchased from an antique store in Quebec. Her collection, which now amounts to 47 pairs, was acquired mostly in Ontario and Quebec.

What was her surprise? Perhaps you recognize her.

She teaches the French program at the Senior's Centre, a service she has been providing for the past 10 years. Her next session starts in January if you're interested in refreshing your French.

### Michael Varcoe

Another Senior's Centre member, Michael proudly displayed his handmade wood turned items including bowls, a vase, a cutting board and two cremation urns. The beautiful urns were created for his father-in-law and mother-in-law. Interestingly, 20 years ago his father-in-law provided him with the lathe that Michael used to create his urn.

All his projects are work intensive as he creates each small piece and fits them together to make the end product. The wood is quite unique. Ziricote, for instance, is \$38 a board foot (12 inches x 12 inches x 1 inch thick) but a lot is wasted.

The more types of wood he uses, the more interesting the piece. Apart from the

common Canadian woods, he uses various colored ones from the Honduras, Cuba, South America, Africa, Burma and Europe.

One of his bowls has 64 pieces in 7 different woods: African mahogany, cherry, maple, Spanish cedar, wenge, zebra wood and padauk.

He demonstrated the amazing characteristics of Spanish cedar by turning one of the urns. Suddenly the cedar changed from a very dark to a very light wood simply by altering the direction of the light. It made these pieces truly unique.

What was his surprise?

He was instrumental in establishing the Workshop at the Seniors' Centre, and especially in finding an effective air cleaning system to dispel the wood dust created by the saws and sanders.

### David Dauphinais

In 1987, David began collecting duck decoys and currently has original ones from the 1870s to the 1950s. He brought a small sampling of his collection, which included a P.E.I. Brant duck, and surprisingly different decoys from Gananoque, Prince Edward County and some Toronto Harbor Decoys that were built by a boatbuilder in the early 1900s. George Warren was famous for his decoys and ran shooting club activities on Lake St. Clair.

What was his surprise?

His knowledge of his collection. He had so much more to tell, but our time ran out.

Other items on display were vintage fishing tackle, milk bottles, coins, and cooking artifacts. Fred Ash, who you'll often find in the Workshop, brought his beautiful Inuit wood carvings.

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](http://www.auroraseniors.ca), email [auroraseniors@rogers.com](mailto:auroraseniors@rogers.com) or call 905-726-4767 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.



**Lise Boily shows off her favorite baby shoes from her collection at the Collector's Showcase Event at Hollandview Trail Retirement Community last Wednesday.**

**Auroran photo of Sylvia Dickens**

## "Fab Lab" key to downtown revitalization and business growth: Region

By Brock Weir

Aurora could be in the game for stimulating a growing sector of the York Region economy, while helping innovate in the decades to come, according to proponents of a "fab lab" proposed for the Town.

Councillors are expected to consider further information on November 5 brought forward to them last Tuesday on a proposed new "innovation incubator" or "fabrication laboratory" ("Fab Lab") in Town, preferably in the former home of the Aurora Public Library.

The presentation, made by Anthony Ierullo of the Town of Aurora, along with Chris Rickett of the Region of York's Economic Strategy branch, was requested as Council considers future uses for Library Square, the stretch of Victoria Street that includes the former home of both the Library and the Aurora Seniors' Centre.

"We see the development of innovation hubs and incubators as a key tool in helping support our major economic clusters and manufacturing is one of the largest employers in York Region, with over 70,000 people employed in that sector throughout York Region," said Mr. Rickett.

"We see the creation of a fabrication lab as a great tool to help grow that sector, but also to help that sector transition to new models of manufacturing...and also help a new generation of manufacturers - the kids who are at home designing things on their desktop computers to be able to take these ideas and turn them into new business ideas."

The Region of York and the Town of Aurora have been collaborating on the Fab Lab concept with interest expressed by Seneca College. An innovation centre such as this is part of Aurora's Economic Development Action Plan, and has been fostered by the Town's Economic Development Advisory Committee.

"The vision is to work with community partners to create a facility that allows local residents, businesses and entrepreneurs the opportunity to turn innovative ideas into products," said Mr. Ierullo.

"The vision is supported by seven objectives, including enhancing the commercialization of products locally; enhancing the mobilization of local knowledge; supporting local business developments; contributing to the local workforce developments; increasing opportunities for residents to live, work, study and play in Aurora; and acting as a catalyst for Downtown Revitalization and to provide residents access to a facility to incubate new ideas and end products."

Discussions have been taking place with possible stakeholders, he added,

looking at aligning their interests as well as those already expressed by the Region of York, which has been looking for further "hub" opportunities in the nine municipalities.

"This left the Town and the Region to collaborate on a best practice review for the creation of a Fab Lab in Aurora as a potential anchor for a broader vision of an innovation centre," added Mr. Ierullo. "The Town and the Region also engaged Seneca College to consider the opportunity and also engage a small number of interested parties to engage them in investing in complementary uses that could become part of the long-term vision."

Pitching the concept as a "small scale workshop" offering digital support, 3D printers, laser cutters, and a variety of other tools, they said they see a Fab Lab as being a benefit both to existing manufacturers looking to speed up the "innovation process" as well as providing new businesses, students, and the community at large a place - and a space - to work together to hone new ideas.

Seneca, added Mr. Rickett, is "very interested" in the concept and they have focused their discussions with the college on the manufacturing side, rather than the broader community appeal. They

have developed a detailed business plan and have been working with Seneca on funding applications for the project.

Details on whether those applications were successful are expected to come next year.

"We see an opportunity here with or without Seneca, so we're going to refine that business plan and see what other partners we can bring to the table," said Mr. Rickett. "Fab Labs have been started in libraries, in the private sector, and even brought about by community groups. There are different models out there and we want to explore all of those."

Although he said a location was undecided, previous staff reports have indicated the old Library building is the preferred location due to its reinforced structure, proximity to Yonge Street and transit, as well as opportunities to work with groups such as the Aurora Cultural Centre and Aurora Public Library in which it would be in the centre.

If that location is selected, it could pose problems for people who live and work in the area, who have said improving the local parking situation was one of their key concerns in the future of Library Square.

"We will take all of

that into account when evaluating the best location and making recommendations to Council in that regard," said Mr. Ierullo. "We don't anticipate this site would be a huge, significant traffic generator."

Following the formal presentation, Councillors such as Evelyn Buck and Wendy Gaertner said they wanted to make sure concerns from the community were taken to heart in the development of a further proposal to come back to Council, regardless of the location.

While Councillor Buck underscored the parking concerns, Councillor Gaertner said there needed to be a community buy-in.

"[Seneca understands] the bigger vision and they also understand the importance of getting the community engaged in manufacturing," said Mr. Ierullo.

"What is interesting is they have a manufacturing program with 100 spaces. They have a challenge attracting young people into manufacturing, but the program has a 100 per cent hiring rate. They are definitely interested in getting the community engaged in the changing nature of manufacturing and that it is a creative industry and a good place to make a living for young people."

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## Sport Aurora to stay put at Town Hall for now, despite motion to boot them

By Brock Weir

Sport Aurora, an umbrella organization representing many of the diverse sports clubs in Aurora, will stay put at Town Hall.

The organization could have been turfed last week, had a motion from Councillor Evelyn Buck calling on Council to “withdraw immediately” space provided to them at Town Hall passed. The group currently occupies a desk at Town Hall in the department of Parks and Recreation. Their use of Town Hall space has long been a bone of contention for some Councillors arguing it is not fair for other sports groups, and matters came to a head with last week’s motion.

“It was my understanding [this space was given to them] on a temporary basis and the reason was it would help Sport Aurora in their work to obtain a Trillium grant,” said Councillor Buck. “I believe that was accomplished. The question arises on how it is we have excess space available when we have just gone through a torturous exercise to extend the space at Town Hall. That office space has a cost.”

She acknowledged the “high regard” Sport Aurora has with many Council members around

the table, but said it was “inappropriate” to have an “outsider” such as that group within the municipal offices.

The motion to give them the boot was defeated, with Councillor Buck, along with Councillors Chris Ballard, Wendy Gaertner, and John Gallo voting in support. For them, it was a question of “fairness” when it comes to other community groups who might not be able to use the Town Hall address and phone number on their communications to give them some clout.

“All I have heard over the last three or four years now is we just don’t have enough space at Town Hall to accommodate Town Staff,” said Councillor Wendy Gaertner. “One of those has to be right – either we do or we don’t. I am not trying to diminish Sport Aurora’s efforts, but the main point is, is it really fair to the other community groups? I would like to see a policy in place that all of our groups are being treated as equally as possible.”

For Councillor John Gallo, part of the problem is whether or not this space is available. Responding to questions from Councillors via email earlier in the week, Al Downey, Aurora’s Director of Parks and

Recreation, highlighted the other groups that enjoy municipal space. Although Sport Aurora is the only such group at Town Hall, others such as the Aurora Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) have space at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, along with groups ranging from the Aurora Lawn Bowling Association to the Society of York Region Artists distributed to other public space as available, whether at the Complex, the Aurora Cultural Centre, or conference rooms at Town Hall.

Councillor Gallo argued everybody should be on the same page to avoid any feelings of “inequity.”

“There is no space for them [at Town Hall] because it is being used by somebody else, and I think that is where the animosity is,” he said.

Voting down the motion were Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, along with Councillors John Abel, Sandra Humfries, Paul Pirri and Michael Thompson. In voicing their support for Sport Aurora maintaining the status quo, they highlighted the benefits they saw Sport Aurora bringing to the community, as well as the number of sports groups using public space elsewhere.

Sport Aurora’s service of over 10,000 people should



York Region women attended a seminar with Sport Aurora on their Women In Coaching program at the Aurora Public Library last weekend.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

be taken into consideration, argued Councillor Abel.

“If Councillor Gaertner was at the Breakfast of Champions, you would see 300 children parading down sporting excellence of all ages, emceed by Olympians, and people they look up to,” he said. “The value alone with that is tremendous and that was just the second year. “The cost/benefit is overwhelming and I think if you went out to the community and said, ‘We’re going to put this desk here, but look at all the benefits you’re going to get, I don’t think the community is going to have a problem with that.’”

Councillor Thompson, on the other hand, said he saw Councillor Buck’s motion

as “micromanaging.” Mr. Downey, he argued, says the space is available, Sport Aurora has “no qualms” of looking for other facility space if the need arises, and the original reason for giving them space at Town Hall served and continues to serve the purpose.

“If there was any organization that came before us and was able to ask for so little and parlay that into a sizable grant from the Province or the Federal government for all the community, I would be open to finding them more space as well. If that was all it takes to be able to give them a desk and a phone when it is not being used so they can access provincial or federal dollars to improve whatever

their objectives are for the community at large. Yeah, that is a great deal for us.

“It seems like every week there is something and some Councillor attacking Sport Aurora and I am sure it is probably disheartening for the members.”

Driving home the point of fairness, Councillor Pirri moved a motion that in addition to Sport Aurora, all other public space provided to groups like the AMHA be withdrawn immediately. That did not get a seconder. Councillor Gaertner argued, on the other hand, that parallels can’t be drawn between groups using the Leisure Complex as a base and groups using the Town Hall address and phone number.

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# It's not all about the bad guy, says incoming Deputy Police Chief

By Brock Weir

Aurora's Andre Crawford will officially take the reins as Deputy Chief of the York Regional Police next week.

Mr. Crawford was appointed to the position by York Region's Police Services Board earlier this month and will formally be invested into his new role on Wednesday, November 5.

It is a significant step in Crawford's career, which took him from the world of banking into policing when he decided a career change was in order.

"I was looking for a different challenge, and something more challenging than the banking world," Crawford tells The Auroran. "I also thought it would help out the community."

He stresses he was never one of those kids who always dreamt of being a police officer, chasing down the bad guys, or walking a beat, but when he was looking for a job with the Toronto Police Force during a hiring freeze nearly three decades ago, a cousin who already had his foot in the door in Toronto suggested he look northward. He remains with the York Regional Police 27 years later.

"I have always been in athletics, so part of [what made me want to stick with it] was being part of a team once again," he says. "More than that, it was the fact you were helping the community, giving back to the community even if you were working. You were helping folks as well and, well, sometimes you got to chase some bad guys!"

Crawford was born in Jamaica. He came to Canada in 1972 at the age of 13 when his family left the Caribbean looking for further opportunities. They eventually settled in Willowdale and then Thornhill.

When asked if his policing choice turned out to be everything he hoped for, he replies in the affirmative, noting he has been "blessed" not only with a great career, but tremendous opportunities within the force to get a handle on a wide variety of areas.

His work with the police later gave him the opportunity to get into the intelligence field for eight years.

"That opened up my eyes to organized crime and I worked with youth gangs, did security work, witness protection, and different projects that were really interesting," he says. "Those are opportunities not everyone gets. Then, I started getting into investigations like sexual assaults, crimes against children, homicides. Those units enlighten you, but at the same time it can be very gratifying when you look back on certain things as they come to fruition; you take some drugs off the street, you put some bad guy away for a little while and it's all good and you're helping the community."

In dealing with those particularly tough cases such as crimes involving sexual assault, and even children, Crawford says he learned how to deal with those situations by always keeping the victim in mind, a principle which he says he believes to be the hallmark of policing.

"The endgame for me was ensuring the victims were okay, but we did the best we could to assist them in whatever way we could, whether it was providing them services to help them get over trauma they may be going through, or whatever they are dealing with physically and mentally," he says. "If you can find the bad guy and put their minds at ease, that also helps."

"For me, the victim part was, and is, a big part of how I think we should be doing business because it shouldn't be all about the bad guy. It should be about the good people."

It is a philosophy he lives by outside of policing, having been recently appointed to the board as treasurer of the Aurora Film Circuit, a local film society which brings in and screens small, independent, and international films for Aurora audiences. He has also chaired the York Regional Police's Black History Month initiatives and served on the now defunct Race Relations Advisory Committee for the York Region District School Board, waiting to ensure there was equity in the workplace at

the Board, and also ensuring students could relate to people within their schools.

"I felt it was important to be on a committee like that where we're looking after young people," he said. "We deal with a lot of youth and I really believe our youth are our future. We need to take care of them and give them any opportunities we can for a safer community and teach them how to make positive lifestyle choices."



Aurora's Andre Crawford will be formally installed as York Region's Deputy Police Chief next Wednesday, November 6.

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## Aurora student wins top honours in International Public Speaking competition

By Jeff Doner

King's Country Day School hosted the 33rd annual International Independent Schools' Public Speaking Competition (IISPC) this past weekend, with over 150 students from seven countries descending upon the school to participate in the annual event.

Making the event even more of a winner for the school was the fact that three of its students all did very well in the competition.

Country Day's Natalie Ganzhorn, a grade 10 student from Aurora and last year's Canadian National Junior Champion, wowed the judges and crowds throughout the four-day event, which garnered her accolades as the top under-16 speaker, the top Canadian speaker and the top overall speaker of the competition.

"It was really awesome that it was at my own school, because I got to see a lot of my friends and they got to come out and watch me. That was cool because usually the competitions are far away and that's not something that usually happens and my family got to come," she said. "It was really great and it was more comforting to be close to home. It was a great competition."

Ganzhorn, who is hoping someday to be either a lawyer or actor, was also given the

opportunity to perform her monologue at the awards ceremony on Sunday night.

The next step for her in public speaking will be heading to Senior Nationals in Winnipeg this February, from which she hopes to qualify for the Worlds in Lithuania.

Lukas Weese, a CDS grade 12 student also from Aurora, made the finals in all three of his categories of radio newscast (first place), after dinner speaking (fourth place)

to represent my school and my country, meet different people from all over the world. It was all in all a great event."

Weese is hoping to someday use his public speaking talents in a career involving pharmaceutical business or broadcasting.

Also participating in the event from CDS was grade 10 student Jai Singh, who also showed well in the competition.

Kersten Wyndham-West, event organizer, CDS teacher and public speaking and debating coach, said the event went off without a hitch.

"We've had a very successful tournament," she said. "This has been a mammoth organizational endeavour. It has taken us almost two years to put this together and we've had probably 350 people involved in either performing or coaching or judging people in this event, so it's a lot of planning and a lot of logistics."

Wyndham-West said it was a collective effort from many in the school, with everyone excited to be able to "host the event on home turf."

She also said the students have shown a great deal of growth in participating in the event.

"It helps the kids to achieve what they want in life, because they can articulate their ideas really clearly," she said.



CDS Students Jai Singh, Lukas Weese and Natalie Ganzhorn, both of Aurora, are pictured with debating coach Kersten Wyndham-West.

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and extemporaneous speaking (third place).

"That was really amazing," he said. "I just missed having the opportunity to go to the world championships, but certainly it's just a great experience and a real honour

## Councillors are free to sit on Cultural board, rules judge

By Brock Weir

Councillors can sit on the Aurora Cultural Centre board and not fall afoul of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, an Ontario Superior Court justice has ruled.

Justice H.J. O'Connell handed down the decision last week on a long-standing issue that needed to be resolved before the redrafted agreement between the Town and the Centre could be fully executed. As part of the new agreement, Council is able to appoint two of their own to sit as full members of the Cultural Centre's board of directors.

Before the deal was inked earlier this year, however, some Councillors raised concerns that members who found themselves in a conflict of interest if anything pertaining to the Centre came up for a Council vote.

"It is readily apparent to me that the hallmarks of good governance by Council are fully manifest in the objectives of the placement of two councillors on the board of directors," said Justice O'Connell in the decision.

In the ruling, the Judge outlined arguments put before the court by Warren Mar, Solicitor for the Town of Aurora, on some of the issues that were considered by Council.

"Mr. Mar argues that without a determination of this application by the court, Council members would be faced with the unenviable choice of either risking their political careers by taking actions that might create a risk of subsequent challenge, abstaining from serving on the board in question, or removing themselves from participation at Council meetings should a matter about

the [Church Street School Cultural Centre (CSSCC)] be before the Council for consideration," reads the decision.

The court ruled in favour of hearing the case because "a determination and declaration in this instance is a matter of serious practical importance and public interest."

"Although I cannot say it would be an inevitable result in the case at bar that someone would contest a Council member's participation in voting on the issue of concern on this application, I nonetheless find that it is most certainly an easily foreseeable and more than likely result," said Justice O'Connell. "I am fortified in this view utilizing the very recent barometer of municipal conflict of interest issues involving both the Mayors of Toronto and Mississauga and the report of Associate Chief Justice Cunningham."

In reaching his decision, Justice O'Connell considered key questions; the first question being whether a Councillor sitting on the board would have a pecuniary interest if a matter related to the Cultural Centre was being decided by Council. The second was if the situation changed if a Councillor was appointed by their own Council to sit on the board.

"I agree with the Town that the appointment of a Council member to act on the CSSCC can only be to serve the duties of the municipality and the interests of the ratepayers of Aurora," ruled the Justice.

"The Councillors who sit on the board have no personal interest in the organization. In the case at bar no compensation direct or

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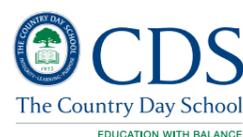
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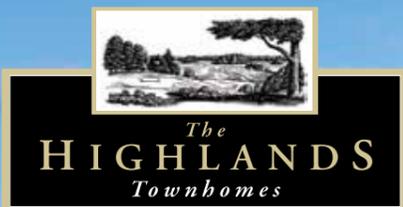
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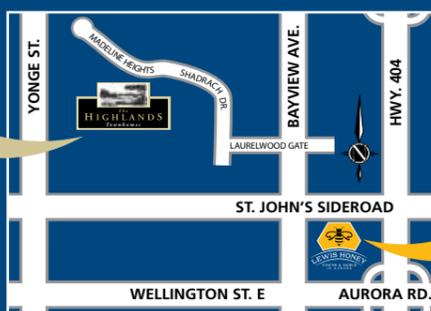
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The outdoor season of the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair has now come to an end on an unseasonably blustery day, with the wind howling and the rain lashing.

Thank you to the hardy vendors and loyal customers who actually made it to the Market on the final Saturday.

One of the worst colds I've had in years kept me at home. The weather this year, for the most part, was very good to us. Opening day was lovely and sunny and was a perfect day for our first ever butterfly release.

We did have some intermittent rain on our Strawberry Festival but the day was mild and it was a successful event for us. Our next special event was our Art in the Park day together with a celebration of Kerry's Place. Happily, unlike last year when it poured and the park was a soggy mess, this year was sunny and hot, the entertainment was great and everyone had a wonderful time.

We then celebrated our annual Seniors' Day at the beginning of August and, again, the weather cooperated for a lovely day. This was the best attended Seniors' Day since we began the event and was a truly successful day all around. At the end of August, our Community Corn Roast was held on a warm and sunny day and brought substantial crowds to the Market.

This is clearly a very popular event and, undoubtedly, many people came to hear the Kouncil Kritters band entertain.

Unfortunately, this is where our good luck with the weather came to an abrupt end for a while. At the beginning of September we host our Apples and Honey Festival. For the last two years, this has also coincided with the En Plein Air art event sponsored by the Aurora Cultural Centre. The event was rained out last year except for one intrepid painter, Ted Yao, who stayed to paint in the pouring rain.

Well, Ted returned this year, along with about six other artists and, despite the nasty conditions for a second year in a row, they produced beautiful paintings of the Market and surrounding neighbourhood.

Our next event was at the end of September when we were one of the stops on a York Region Farm Fresh Pumpkin Pie Trail. Unfortunately, this was another wet and miserable day and all the hard work that people put into creating all manner of pumpkin-themed products was for naught. Nevertheless, the entertainers booked for the day sang their hearts



## MARKET MUSINGS

Jan Freedman

out from the protection of the band shell.

The numerous musicians who played for us at the Market throughout this season were eager and professional and brave

enough to play for us in all weather conditions – a sincere thank you to all of you. Happily, the next event was our Culinary Arts Day in celebration of Culture Days at the end of September and the gorgeous warm and sunny weather brought out huge crowds to enjoy the delicious culinary delights prepared by our six Market chefs.

By all accounts, it was one of our most popular events. So, I suppose it was too much to hope for that the season would end without any more rain.

I'd like to thank the members of the Market's Committee for their service this year, especially the members of the Executive, who bore the most responsibility. We are all grateful to our new Market Manager, Kiersten, who kept us organized each Saturday and sorted out any issues that arose with tact and fairness.

Kiersten and Anna, the Chair, were so well organized and prepared that the Market ran extremely smoothly this year. Thank you to both of you from all of us.

I would also like to thank our generous Platinum sponsor, the Wells Street Schoolhouse Lofts. In addition, thank you to our Gold sponsor, Beverley Varcoe of Royal LePage, and to our Silver sponsors: The Optimist Club of Aurora; Brooks Farm; The Rotary Club of Aurora; Aurora Home Hardware and Linda Stephens of Main Street Realty. Their generous support enabled us to plan better special events and entertainment for your enjoyment. The Market is grateful to all of you.

Today's recipe comes to us from the Aurora Public Library and is originally from a beloved employee, now deceased:

### Heather's Lemon Bars:

#### Bottom layer

2 cups all purpose flour  
½ cup icing sugar  
1 cup butter or margarine

Cut butter into flour and sugar mixture until it clings together. Press into a 13"x9" pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes.

#### Top layer

4 eggs beaten  
2 cups sugar  
1/3 cup lemon juice  
½ tsp. baking powder  
¼ cup flour

Beat together eggs, sugar and lemon juice. Mix flour and baking powder together. Stir into egg mixture. Pour over baked crust. Bake for another 25 minutes. Sprinkle with icing sugar. Cool. Cut into bars and ENJOY!

## Outdoor market wraps for season as organizers gear up to take things indoors

By Brock Weir

Rain might have dampened and dispersed both customers and vendors at the final outdoor Aurora Farmers' Market of the season, but market organizers Saturday were looking forward to a busy – and dry – fall and winter ahead.

For Anna Kroepin, this year's Market chair, the Committee set itself the objective to grow in size both on the ground and in the number of customers, and simply be a year of success for their vendors.

"If they succeed, we succeed," says Ms. Kroepin. "One of my goals was making the northeast quadrant of Town aware that we even exist and extending that through Ontario. We really focused a lot on marketing and making sure we were getting the word out that Aurora has a fantastic Farmers' Market."

They also asked their own customers to spread the word, and evidently it was a winning formula as speaking each week to vendors and customers, Ms. Kroepin says each came across new faces.

"Every week there were new people there," she says. "Vendors were quite surprised there wasn't just the regulars and we were increasing in numbers."

Market numbers often increased on the eight "special event" days they held at the Market, including Seniors' Appreciation Day, special events in conjunction with Kerry's Place Autism Services, the annual Strawberry Festival, the Apple and Honey Festival, and this year's Culinary Day held in conjunction with events put on by the Aurora Historical Society, Library, and Cultural Centre for Culture Days. One special event day, however, was particularly memorable, she

Now that the outdoor season of the Market is over, we move indoors to the Aurora Cultural Centre approximately once a month over the winter. The first of the indoor Markets is on November 23, to be followed by January 18, February 22 and March 29 from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. Be sure to keep these dates handy so you'll be able to come and see your favourite vendors.

As a special treat, on November 23, we will have Janine Fernandes, the daughter of noted environmental advocate, Sue Walmer, playing her harp and singing in the upper hall every hour. This promises to be a very special day!

See you at the indoor Market!.



Alex, Lishya and Natalia took a moment from their regular activities at the Aurora Farmers' Market to show off their pumpkin carving techniques at the final outdoor Farmers' Market of the season. Vendors who braved the chilly rain and wind ended the season on a damp note, while others scored some great deals on some last minute pumpkins and squash. The Market returns – indoors – on November 23.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

says.

"On our grand opening on May 4, we had our butterfly release," she says. "We never tried that before and it was not only astounding to me, seeing how many people actually attended it, I was [struck] by how many people actually showed up. It meant something very personal to each person, whether it was a celebration of life, a release, each butterfly that was released was very personal and really magical."

These special event days, or the regular Market days, for that matter, could not have been possible without the many volunteers that came together for the occasion, notes Ms. Kroepin. These numbers, she said, included 41 local high school students that came out early in the morning and stayed through

closing, collecting over 1,100 volunteer hours all together:

Along with their hours, the market also collected over 1,000 items of fresh produce for the Aurora Food Pantry every Saturday.

With the outdoor events now in the proverbial can until next May, plans are already well underway for the first Indoor Market of the season, which will take over the Aurora Cultural Centre on Saturday, November 23. In previous years, the Market was confined to Brevik Hall and the Aurora Room, both on the second floor; but this year there will be expansion downstairs as well.

"We're going to have a room on the first floor and our regular room on the second floor," says Ms. Kroepin. "We're going to expand it and open it up a bit.

We have had a lot of interest from vendors who want to be at the indoor one and we want to provide as much variety as possible."

A harpist will be on hand November 23 to add some ambiance to the occasion, extending the public conversation indoors, which is one of the things Ms. Kroepin says was a hallmark of the season that has just wrapped.

"There would be the most fun and impromptu conversations," she says of the season past. "People could relax and enjoy an afternoon in a quaint setting with meeting friends and family, and getting to know each other again over a coffee or a crepe and just reconnect. We want to be a place where people connect to each other again."

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# Further changes could be in store as Petch House seeks use

By Brock Weir

The house has been refurbished, the historical plaque has been unveiled, and now it is time to find a use for the Petch Log House.

Although the Petch House has been in place and technically “complete” since August, Councillors put the wheels in motion last week to find a good use for the historic house. Despite her initial reservations to put any money whatsoever into the restoration and reconstruction of the building, Councillor Evelyn Buck introduced a motion last week to find a use for Aurora’s “newest asset.”

Her suggestion? “A tourist information centre and retail facility for souvenirs unique to Aurora.”

“It was mouldering and decaying and we were always hoping someone would come along with the idea to use it and the Town

had no use for it,” said Councillor Buck. “Now, it is reconstructed, it is beautiful, and we still don’t have a specific idea of how it might be used. I think we need to go to the community and ask for ideas on what function this building could be put to enrich...the assets we already have.”

“When the province started building community colleges, their whole program as arts, carving, metalworking, [and] leatherworking. I am fairly positive there are people in the community who would welcome the opportunity to develop a small industry that would manufacture souvenirs unique to the Town of Aurora, exhibiting various aspects of the Town’s history.”

There are some problems and limitations, however, with possible uses. While the building is wired for electricity, there is no water

and no plumbing – making the space particularly challenging for people who might need to use the bathroom.

“There are some practical issues for staffing and occupancy of that building for any significant period of time,” said Councillor Michael Thompson. “If somebody is in there operating a tourist information centre or a retail facility, and they have to go to the washroom, what are they going to do, especially if it is on the weekend? You can’t be expected to run down to Wendy’s.”

“Before you go to the community for ideas, I think the first step is [bringing] back a report on how this space can be occupied. Does it need any additional renovations to make it usable?”

These were concerns shared by Councillor Chris

Ballard who questioned whether the reconstructed Petch House meets the Building Code and whether or not it is ready for occupancy. Al Downey, Aurora’s Director of Parks and Recreation, said while the house meets the building code, it is not yet ready for occupancy.

“It is wired, however, it is not available for occupancy because it does not comply with all the conditions required for occupancy.”

Added Techa van Leeuwen, Aurora’s Director of Parks and Recreation: “The permit was issued based on the last occupancy as a residential occupancy for the restoration without a use going forward. It was always understood when there is a use determined for the building that we would perhaps require a change of use. If it is not going to be a residence, it would require a change of use permit issued under the building code and may require some upgrades to comply with the building code.”

Now that the building is in place, it would be a good idea to figure out what to do with it, said Councillor Gallo, before highlighting some of Councillor Buck’s earlier comments about the Petch House, including a letter to The Auroran in which she said it was “insane to budget \$100,000 to fix up a rotting, mouldering old shack that has no use to

anyone, has no historical significance.”

“I find the dichotomy between what you just said and what you wrote back then [to be] extreme,” said Councillor Gallo.

“When discovered the resources that were available to do this and there was a place to do it, I changed my position,” replied Councillor Buck. “[At the time] Councillor Gallo’s comment was ‘You’ve gotta love politics!’

Don’t tell me you don’t appreciate it.”

If uses come forward that don’t comply with the current occupancy, some challenges Ms. van Leeuwen identified included stronger floors for the upper level loft to meet the code for assembly or retail occupancy.

“It looks like the spending isn’t done yet,” concluded Councillor Ballard. “Maybe Councillor Buck can find us more resources.”

## Councillors begin firming up 2014 plans

By Brock Weir

Councillors have begun to flesh out their calendar for 2014 and while nominations for next year’s municipal elections open in just over two months, the prospect of an election is already making ripples.

Following Council approval earlier this month, a further Council cycle could be added for October 2014, right in the heady final days of Council.

Nomination applications for Mayor and Council will be available at Town Hall come the New Year, closing on Friday, September 14. After that, the heat of the election campaign is truly on. John Leach, Clerk for the Town of Aurora, recommended September 23 as the last Council meeting before the October 27 election day.

After polls close and the 2014-2018 Council was determined, the outgoing Council was next set to meet on November 25 before the new Council inauguration on December 2.

Councillors this month, however, had other ideas. They voted to add additional Council dates in October and a further meeting on July 29 to help plow through town business piling up in the summer.

“When I look at the calendar, I can only see five Council meetings in a period of five months from July to October,” said Councillor Michael Thompson. “I understand there are some issues around decision-making and the incoming Council, but my preference is to list the meetings there and if they are not needed, cancel them. Five meetings in five months strikes me as wrong.”

“We only have the two meetings in the summer and this will be our fourth year in a row when we inevitably have agendas

that are packed and we never get them done. Every time we say it will be different next time, but it never is. To me, two meetings in the summer are not enough to deal with the business that always seems to come up. It just seems like we’re setting ourselves up for failure by maintaining that status quo.”

The further meetings were supported by Mayor Geoffrey Dawe.

Mr. Leach said there would be little impact in adding a cycle for September 30 and October 7, but not scheduling meetings in October was following what transpired during the 2010 election. In response to a question from Mayor Dawe, Mr. Leach noted there are no limitations as to what kinds of decisions Council can make in the weeks immediately preceding an election.

For Councillor Evelyn Buck, therein lies the problem.

“I have seen decisions made in a meeting in October,” she said. “They were bad decisions and they were made because they were within an election campaign. That is just the reality of politics. People are not mindful of the power they can exercise if they can have a Council meeting in the middle of an election campaign. They can get all kinds of things approved by Council.”

“It is a powerful effect when you’ve got a campaign going on and dozens of people in the room pressuring you to do something you never intended to and would never under any other circumstance do.”

“I would rather see an extra meeting outside of the election campaign. I would like to see us finish a body of work, get where we want to be, before we go back to the voters, than have a meeting within the campaign.”

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### House League

**109 Timbits - Colorado Burgundy: 0**  
**107 Timbits - Minnesota Dark Green: 8**  
 Riley MacMillan 1G, Joshua Wang 1A, Liam MacMillan 3G, Michael Chudakov 2A, Grayson Butler 1G, Matyas Djordjevic 1A, Thomas Bianco 1A, Tyler Vasilevski 1G, Griffin Carriere 1G 1A, Eric Mueller 1A, Tyler Brown 1G 1A,

**106 Timbits - San Jose Teal: 7**  
 Andrew Mariani 2G 1A, Hayden Thorne 2G 1A, Easton Bailey 2A, Benjamin Licata 2G, Brock Lobreau 2A, Thomas Koteff 2A, Brennan Mangat 1A, Christian Aitas 1G, Tyler Parent 1A, Leo Lagasse 2A,  
**101 Timbits - Montreal Red: 4**  
 Carter Sarabun 1G 1A, Daniel Kostoff 1G 2A, Mitchell Harding 1G, Alex Frantellizzi 2A, Jack Procyk 1G, Rylan Wilson 1A, Connor Mifsud 1A,

**201 Caravan Kids - Montreal Red: 8**  
 Joseph Richards 1G 1A, Jacob Anselmo 1G, Adam Campagna 2G 2A, Jack Seawright 1G 1A, Daniel Nozdrachez 1G, Tristan Aben 2G,  
**202 Caravan Kids - Nashville Yellow: 2**  
 Christian Rabito 1G, Bryce Lamontagne 1G, River Marek 1A,

**203 Caravan Kids - New York White: 4**  
 Stefano DeAppollonia 2G 1A, Luke Davison 1G, Niko Andrew 1G, Gabriel Oldenhof 2A, Ben Bolger 1A,  
**204 Caravan Kids - Edmonton Blue: 2**  
 Diego Livia 2G,

**406 McDonald's - San Jose Teal: 2**  
 Cole MacEachern 1G, Luca Pugliese 1G, Omar Ozturk 2A, Javier Saavedra 1A,  
**401 McDonald's - New Jersey Red: 4**  
 Parker Jalbert 1G, Maccisaac Eveleigh 1G, Alex Mascioli 1G 2A, Liam Morassutti 1G 2A, James Madore 2A,

**404 McDonald's - Tampa Bay Blue: 9**  
 Mason Scanga 3G, Remy Pietrangelo 1G 1A, Cayden Visser 2G, Brian Constandes 2G, Jacob Roach 1G 1A, Charlie Akkermans 1A, Christopher Goncalves 1A, Liam Parris 1A,  
**403 McDonald's - Ottawa White: 3**  
 Matteo Rossi 2G, Cameron Moir 1G, Tyler Leblanc 1A,

**402 McDonald's - Boston Gold: 5**  
 Marchel Woods 2G, Dylan Thompson 2G, Eric Zaszuba 1G, Julian Tsukada 1A, Ryan Kirchmair 1A, Ryan Cariou 1A,  
**405 McDonald's - Chicago Black: 11**  
 Andrew Flores 4G 1A, Nicholas Betivoiu 2G 1A, Tyler Day 1G 1A, Ben Cordingley 1G 2A, Joshua Davidson 1G, Nathan Coates 1G 2A, Jake Pridham 1G 2A, Jordan Ko 1A, Artem Tuzhin 2A, Colin Lash 1A, Cole McClocklin 1A, Gregory Welsch 1A, Ethan Ko 1A,

**410 McDonald's - Philly Orange: 0**  
**408 McDonald's - LA Purple: 1**  
 Anthony Minichiello 1G, Michael Valenti 1A, Nicholas Zambri 1A, Stefano Iervasi SO,

**409 McDonald's - Pittsburgh Powder Blue: 3**  
 Aidan Quinn 2G, Liam Sullivan 1G 1A,  
**407 McDonald's - Minnesota Green: 3**  
 Cameron Mills 2G, Mark Moscone 1G,

**608 Inaria: 4**  
 Andrew Pearce 1G, Anthony Iacovetta 3G, Steven Lambrinos 1A, Luke Parris 1A, Ethan Moulds 1A,

**604 Optimist Club of Aurora: 6**  
 Christian Romas 2G, Anthony Miranda 2G 2A, Brian Turner 1G, Kyle Trumper 1G,

**610 Rotary Club of Aurora: 3**  
 Luke Pignatelli 1G 1A, Wolfgang Gross 2G, Andrew Campbell 2A,  
**606 Mastermind Toys: 5**  
 Joshua Turriff 2G, Alexander Murgida 1A, Gregory Gatzopoulos 1G 1A, Roland Kazinczi 1A, Aaron Preiano 1G, Robert Kniss 1A, Jackson Gailbraith 1G,

**802 Dr. Weaver's Drillers: 10**  
 Ryan Cameron 3G, Louie Simonin 2G, Roberto Iervasi 2G 1A, Matthew Rotman 1G 2A, Jack Weaver 1G 1A, Colin Boorn 1G, Wayne Freeman 1A, Sean Mackrell 2A, Tony Sul 1A,  
**807 Sundance Signs: 2**  
 Ethan Brooks 1G, Nicholas Keizer 1G, Evan Bryan 1A, Liam De Sousa 1A, Matthew Nitsopoulos 1A,

**808 Inaria: 4**  
 Keaton Thompson 3G, Stephen Silverio 1G 1A, Brad Shennan 2PM,  
**805 York Region Auto: 2**  
 Matthew Vassos 1G, Raffaele Parente 1G, Christian Ferguson 2PM,

**810 Peirce McNeely Assoc. Lawyers: 5**  
 Kyle Wulle 3G, Barrett Scott 1G, Andrew Sutherland 1G, James Samson 2A, Colin Read 1A, James Kypreos 1A,  
**801 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre: 3**  
 Christian Ramirez 1G, Alexandre Meunier-Geoffroy 1G, Alexandre Meunier-Geoffroy 1A, Will Morin 1A, Andrew Cundari 1A, Will Morin 1G,

**908 Diamond Groundskeeping Services: 2**  
 Jiyun Yilmaser 1A, Geoffrey Siow 1G, Mathew Iezza 1G, Anthony Loduca 1A,  
**901 Pizzaville Aurora: 3**

**909 Ice Photo's Puck Bandits: 3**  
 Jeff Stobo 1G, Ian Rucker 1G, Nathan Dinatale 1G, Yosif Kakush 1A, Ross Benn 1A,  
**908 Diamond Groundskeeping Services: 6**  
 Jacob Hatton 3G, Riley Weller 2G, Adam Ashraf 1G, Stewart Reid 2A, Micheal Montesanti 1A, Brett Diamond 1A, Geoffrey Siow 2PM,

**1006 Jonathan's: 1**  
**1008 Winchurch Environmental Inc.: 2**

**1005 ADC Aluminium: 5**  
**1007: 2**

**1002 ATS Healthcare: 2**  
**1004 North York Heating & Plumbing: 2**

**1001: 4**  
**1003 Ice Photo's Puck Bandits: 1**

**1004 North York Heating & Plumbing: 1**  
**1005 ADC Aluminium: 4**

**1007: 5**  
**1003 Ice Photo's Puck Bandits: 2**

**1002 ATS Healthcare: 3**  
**1006 Jonathan's: 3**

**1003 Ice Photo's Puck Bandits: 10**  
**1006 Jonathan's: 2**

**1007: 5**  
**1002 ATS Healthcare: 4**

**1001: 1**  
**1005 ADC Aluminium: 3**

## AMHA Results October 12, 2013 - October 20, 2013

### Rep League

**Tyke A:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 6 -**  
**Markham: 1**  
 Jared McNeil 2G, Nate Brentnell 2G, Nicholas Ferrante 1G, Lucas Reid 1G 1A, Luc Warner 1A,

**Novice A:**  
**Innisfil: 12 -**  
**Aurora Tigers: 1**  
 Yiannis Skanderis 1G,

**Novice A:**  
**Nobleking: 7 -**  
**Aurora Tigers: 3**  
 Cristian Pisapia 2G, Yiannis Skanderis 1G, Owen Kamphuyts 1A,

**Novice A:**  
**Bradford: 14**  
**Aurora Tigers: 1**  
 Adam DiGiacchino 1G, Jack Charbonneau 1A,

**Minor Atom AA:**  
**Markham Waxers: 7**  
**Aurora Tigers: 2**  
 Andrew Parsons 1G, William Haines 1G 1A,

**Minor Atom AA:**  
**Georgina Blaze: 5 -**  
**Aurora Tigers: 3**  
 Andrew Parsons 1G, Ayden Posa 1A, William Haines 1G, Cameron Boyd 1G 1A, Marco Djordjevic 1A,

**Atom AA:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 4 -**  
**Guelph: 1**  
 Jacob Hoffrogge 1G 1A, Myles Graham 1G, Ryan Catania 1A, Calum Ormond 1A, Nick Giorgio 1G, Gage Gonsalves 1G, Luca Capraro 1A,

**Atom AE:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 7**  
**Beeton: 1**  
 Ryan Weeks 3G, Lucas De Palma 1G, Alex Morra 1G, George Rappos Jr. 1G, Ryan Dunbar 1G, Maxwell McConkey 2A, Ryan Fowler 2A, Jordan Dimatulac 1A, Nicholas Petinarelis 1A,

**Atom AA:**  
**Ottawa Sting: 4 -**  
**Aurora Tigers: 2**  
 Anton Sopov 1G 1A, Gage Gonsalves 1A, Jake McMillan 1G,

**Atom AA:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 3**  
**Kingston Canadians: 1**  
 Myles Graham 2G, Ethan Belisle 2A, Anton Sopov 1G, Owen Hollett 1A,

**Atom AA:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 2 -**  
**Gloucester: 1**  
 Jake McMillan 2G, Anton Sopov 2A, Owen Hollett 1A,

**Atom AA:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 2 -**  
**Nepean Raiders: 1**  
 Owen Hollett 1G, Liam Taylor 1A, Jake McMillan 1A,

**Atom AE:**  
**TNT: 4 -**  
**Aurora Tigers: 4**  
 George Rappos Jr. 2G 1A, Kurtis Gipp 1G, Ryan Fowler 1G, Lucas De Palma 2A, ,

**Atom AA:**  
**Orangeville: 2 -**  
**Aurora Tigers: 1**  
 Myles Graham 1G, Nick Giorgio 1A,

**Minor Pee wee A:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 3 -**  
**Newmarket: 0**

**Minor Pee wee A:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 3 -**  
**Innisfil Winterhawks: 0**

**Minor Pee wee A:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 2 -**  
**Richmond Hill Stars: 1**

**Pee wee AE:**  
**East Gwillimbury: 2 -**  
**Aurora Tigers: 2**  
 Cory Read 1G, Carson Williams 1A, Noah Johnson 1A, Luke Catania 1G, Ryan Funston-Clarke 1A,

**Pee wee AE:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 6 -**  
**Markham Waxers: 2**  
 Carson Williams 1G 1A, Rony Wahab 1G, Luke Catania 1G 1A, Owen Romano 1G, Ryan Funston-Clarke 2G, Cooper Judson 1A, Russell Tanaka 1A, Jason Gage 1A, Noah Johnson 1A, Jack Campbell 1A,

**Minor Bantam AE:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 1 -**  
**Ajax: 1**  
 Colin Windle 1G, Anthony Capraro 1A,

**Minor Bantam AE:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 3 -**  
**Oshawa: 3**  
 Anthony Capraro 1G, Nate Legros 1G, Dylan Clark 1G, Matthew Parkin 1A, Colin Windle 1A, Ryan Jamieson 1A,

**Minor Bantam A:**  
**Orillia: 3 -**  
**Aurora Tigers: 1**  
 Mathew Hastings 1G, Carter Wilmsmeyer 1A,

**Bantam A:**  
**Bradford: 4 -**  
**Aurora Tigers: 3**  
 Philip Wolanski 1G 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1G, Jack Camplin 1G, Reid Carpenter 1A, Devlin Kauffeldt 1A, Mark Kalmisto 1A,

**Minor Midget AA:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 4 -**  
**Niagara: 0**  
 Michael Shum 1G, Zack Phillips 2G, Connor Downs 1G, Cameron Zinner 3A, Christian Arcuri 1A, Graham Sanford 1A, Taylor Kauffeldt 1A, Bryan Manweiler 1A, Richard Hache' 1A, Matthew Tanel SO,

**Minor Midget AA:**  
**Pickering: 4 -**  
**Aurora Tigers: 3**  
 Zack Phillips 1G 2A, Christian Arcuri 1G 2A, Deven Deguara 1G 1A, Cameron Zinner 1A,

**Minor Midget AA:**  
**Barrie Colts: 2**  
**Aurora Tigers: 2**  
 Tristan Kuchar 1G, Jared Reeves 1G, Michael Shum 1A, Graham Sanford 1A

**Minor Midget AA:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 0 -**  
**Stouffville: 1**

**Midget AE:**  
**Aurora Tigers: 0 -**  
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### Tigers finally start to gel, winning three of four points

By Jeff Doner

Despite having many moving parts on their roster throughout the early part of the season, the Tigers look like they are finally starting to come together as they took another three of four possible points last week.

The Tigers started the week on the road for a tilt against Milton and did not disappoint with a 4-0 win that put them on a four game winning streak.

"I'll say that I'll take nine out of 10 points in any stretch of the schedule, but it's a work in progress and we have to learn to play with a bit more consistency still," said assistant coach Tom Milne.

The offence once again clicked to provide plenty of support for goalie Kevin Entmaa, who walked away from the game with a 31 save shutout performance.

Defenceman Eric Williams, who has played very well as of late, got the Tigers on the board first with a power play goal just five minutes into the game.

Before the first period was over, Drake Board added another for the Tigers to give them a 2-0 lead going into the second.

With Entmaa doing his job between the pipes, the Tigers continued to add to their lead in the second and third periods, with Curtis Warren and Tyler Boston each adding goals.

Boston, who recently rejoined the team after coming back from an injury, is starting to heat up for the Tigers as he scored his first goal of the season and added two assists.

The win, coupled with Newmarket losing another game, vaulted Aurora into first place in the division for the time being.

"Getting to first place is one thing, staying there is another. You don't get many opportunities," said Milne. "When it's time to put the pedal down, you've got to do it."

#### Tigers vs. Pickering

The next day the Tigers hosted the Pickering Panthers, a team that the Tigers have been battling in the standings.

In the first period, Aurora was unable to generate any offence despite firing 14 shots at

Pickering goalie Steven Dombrosky.

Robert Cammalleri opened the scoring for the Panthers midway through the first period to give the visiting team a 1-0 lead.

Pickering would strike again two minutes into the second and the Tigers wouldn't get on the board until the 16:40 mark, when captain Robert Angiolella blasted the puck top shelf beating Dombrosky's glove to make it 2-1.

Within the next minute, the teams would trade goals again to get the score at 3-2 before the end of the second.

Michael Laidley, the Tigers' current goal scoring leader, netted his tenth of the season to make the score 3-2 and give his team a chance for a comeback in the third.

The Tigers came out in the third period looking determined to take the win. Less than one minute in, Dylan Sikura redirected a booming shot from the point by Eric Williams to tie the game. It was Sikura's fifth goal and 13 point in seven games.

Both teams traded chances throughout the rest of the third, but neither was able to break the 3-3 tie, sending the game into sudden death overtime, where Pickering scored to steal the win.

"Games like that where you're going for first place, we can't lose focus. In the previous four games we had given up five goals and scored about 25. We've got to

come prepared and stay focused," Milne said.

"I think Pickering outworked us for certain parts of the game. We're looking for the complete 60 minute game."

Tigers defenceman Kyle Liu said it was a tough loss for his team to swallow.

"We didn't have the start that we had been getting in the previous few games, so we had a slow start and we were fighting to play our way back into the game," he said. "Winning isn't an easy thing, so every game we've got to come prepared and ready to play."

"We had a good stretch of games there and it's too bad it came to an end last night."

Liu stressed the importance of staying focused and being ready to come out and play on a nightly basis and added that the Tigers have what it takes to remain competitive.

"Everybody is just starting to come together right now, buying into the systems and doing their thing. We had a good stretch of games there that really helped us, so hopefully we can just continue the success," he said.

"Last night it kind of came to an end, but hopefully we can get back on a roll here and head off with first place."

Milne said the Tigers will face a hot team this week when the puck drops against the Toronto Junior Canadiens on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the ACC.



Aurora Tigers captain Robert Angiolella attempts to score against Pickering goalie Steven Dombrosky on Saturday night. The Tigers tied the game in the third period, but were eventually defeated 4-3 in overtime.

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# Aurora Barbarians fall short in bid for fourth McCormick Cup

By John Reich and Jeff Doner

It was the kind of day that the Aurora Barbarians senior men's team feared most when they played Markham Irish this past Saturday at Fletcher's Fields in Rugby Ontario's McCormick Cup Championship game.

The Barbarians had previously faced the Irish in 2006 and 2008 on wet, muddy days losing both times by

close scores.

The Aurora team was enjoying a comfortable run up to the Cup with eight consecutive wins taking advantage of their speed and fitness, ideal for dry conditions and warmer weather.

"This club always has high expectations," Barbarian head coach Ian McLeod said during the week. "This will be our seventh appearance in the Cup final in the last

eight years. But given the weather and poor field conditions anticipated for this weekend it would be hard to consider us as the favorite."

And so it was, another wet, sloppy day and as it turned out, a boon to the Irish forwards who managed the ball superbly, depriving Aurora of possession and wearing down the Barbarian tight five while frustrating Aurora's speedy backs who were unable to show the skills that had brought them to the final game.

Working against the wind in the first half, the Barbarians gave up a penalty ten minutes into the game to trail 3-0. Nolan Ott from Aurora was sent off for ten minutes for a dangerous tackle infringement midway through the first half giving some additional momentum to the Irish.

During the "sin bin" the green forwards were able to rumble into the end zone off a lineout play to touch the ball down and go ahead

by 8.

Although the Barbarians played outstanding defense beyond that point stopping the Irish on two goal line stands, all that could be mustered offensively was a penalty kick by scrum half Bryn Davies ten minutes into the second half to make the score 8-3.

Aurora displayed a willingness to run, but the Irish showed great resolve in tackling and the deteriorating conditions neutralized any kind of offense maneuver.

Other than the three points from Davies, the game went scoreless in the second half, the referee blowing his whistle after two minutes of added time for injury signaling the victory for the Markham club and heartbreak for Aurora.

After the game, coach McLeod congratulated his stalwarts for a fine and exciting season.

"My guys gave it their all" he said after the game.

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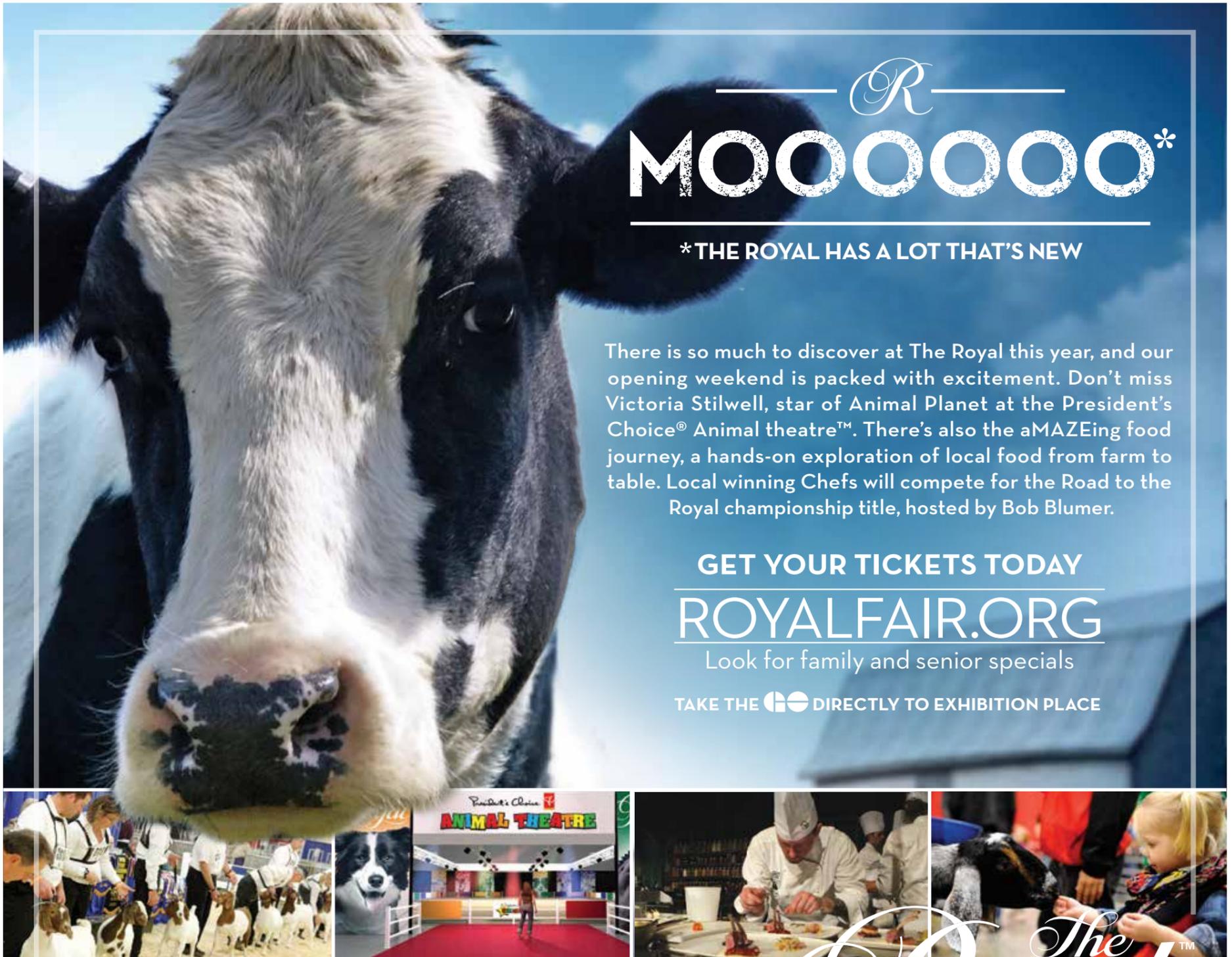
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## Daughter honoured by Stunden's induction into Hall of Fame

By Jeff Doner

When Norm Stunden first moved to Aurora in 1952, the community probably didn't know it was getting a figure that would become synonymous with the growth of sports in the growing town.

For all his achievements as a coach for women's softball and work within the community, Stunden will be posthumously inducted into the Sport Aurora Hall of Fame as part of their inaugural class on November 6.

"It is an amazing honour and I'm really thrilled," said his daughter, Terry Smith. "The only thing that I said could make it better was if he could have known about it, but it's exciting for my family too because we're all very proud of him."

Before moving to Aurora, Stunden was a gifted hockey player who laced up for the Markham Millionaires and the Stouffville Clippers in the early 1950s.

However, it was in 1960 that he would switch his focus to softball by starting a team with his friend, Russ Awde, called the Aurora Glenville Dairy.

As a pitcher and coach, Stunden would help guide his team to an Ontario Amateur Softball Association Southern Ontario Intermediate B Championship title in 1963. Two weeks later the Aurora Glenville Dairy team went on to win the All Ontario Amateur Softball Association Intermediate B Championship.

When the 1970s rolled around and his two daughters were old enough to play, Stunden took on the challenge of helping start a women's softball team called the Aurora Diggers.

"He had an amazing career in hockey, but it was when he put my sister and me in softball that he began coaching the Diggers," Smith said.

In fact, it was Stunden's years coaching a very successful Diggers team that has most likely earned him his spot in the Hall of



Norm Stunden

Fame.

In 1977, he coached the Diggers to a Provincial Women's Softball Juvenile B Championship win.

That was the first big championship Stunden won with the Diggers, but he continued to coach them right through until they became the Senior Diggers.

1983 was a big year for the Diggers as the senior team was crowned champions at both the St. Mary's Junior Intermediate tournament and at the North Bay Intermediate tournament.

They also won the both Provincial Women's Softball Association Intermediate Regional and Grand National championships and won the Metro Ladies Softball League playoff championship.

Their success throughout 1983 garnered them attention from various groups and public figures. The team also added a championship in 1990.

"Those girls stayed in touch with him his whole life," Smith said. "He was a real mentor as a coach, but, yes, he was a great mentor to them all."

After passing on the news that Stunden was going into the Hall of Fame, Terry said the team was ecstatic that their coach was

being recognized.

"Everyone was thrilled," she said. "A lot of the girls from the ball team, they wanted to nominate him. For me, my mother had clipped all the newspaper articles and we had a bunch of awards. I was able to make this nice timeline to show his contribution."

Aside from his coaching, which apparently included a lot of superstitions over the years, Stunden also helped organize numerous fundraisers to help teams and also invigorate the town's baseball park.

Smith said it was his love for the game, his players and also his community that motivated him.

"He loved Aurora. He knew a lot of ball players and athletes here in Aurora," she explained, adding that it was nice people like her dad were being recognized for their hard work.

"I think that this is going to be terrific because there are a lot of wonderful athletes in this town and a lot of sports teams. There are also a lot of people who volunteer their time to help support those groups and work tirelessly to help these teams and athletes. It's awesome now that we can recognize those people that are contributing to sport in Aurora."

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## Students wrap themselves in Pickering College UN Flag Day

Event creates a sense of community pride for students from different countries

By Wallace Pidgeon

Pickering College's colourful United Nations Flag Parade embraces the nations where the students are born, but it is the students themselves that capture the true essence of the experience and the event on campus.

"This is a really amazing experience and it is really awesome to see all the different countries together and all the different students who come from around the world to study here," explained Guatemalan-born Michela Prefontaine. "I think it helps us get an understanding of what other countries are like around the world because we get to interact with all of the different students here."

And it is UN Day that brings out this international community and spirit for the entire school to see. This year, 29 countries were represented in the Pickering College UN Day celebrations.

"The number of students that we have from the different countries, usually we don't realize where everyone comes from until we get together on UN Day to celebrate," she added.

This sentiment was echoed by many students, including Belindalucy Nyamrunba, from Tanzania.

"I just love it here. I am someone who loves to get to know people. I love learning about different cultures, I have traveled, so when I came to PC [Pickering College] my first goal was to get myself to reach my academic goals, but when I'm here, it's not about the academic or career oriented relationships, it's

also about the culture and social relationships, it's amazing for me."

And ironically on a day that celebrates the international make-up of Pickering College to the East African student there is a defined Canadian culture.

"I'm getting to learn new things and experiencing a real Canadian culture here in a society where people are treated equally and people treat you as your friend," explained Belinda. "Canadians are really warm and friendly, and especially for us who live in the residence who take numerous flights to get here and crazy weather pattern changes, so for us, it is the warmth of a home and just to feel like family and feel the love of a society."

This greater sense of community is emotionally moving to many students who have traveled to study at Pickering College.

"It is a really powerful event, I love it, I like the whole image of all the flags," said Fernando Casanova who comes from Emiliano-Zapata in southern Mexico.

Fernando has been involved with the Flag Parade his entire time at Pickering College from student observer, to Mexican flag bearer to this year giving the UN Address before the entire community.

"I think it is a most amazing day," he continued. "The reason it is such a powerful event is that sometimes we forget that we all come from different nations and we all come together and we all interact with one another throughout the day."

To him, the one thing that stands out is how all the students



Pickering College students show their colours – and talents – during the UN Flag Day ceremony last week, proudly bearing the 29 flags representing their countries of origin. Photo by S. Mulholland

come together during United Nations Day in Canada.

"It's about the pride that each person has for their own nation, that fact that you are able to share that pride, although at the same time you feel this sense of nationalism," he added. "At the same time you share this equal emotion we are proud to be here and we are proud to represent our countries at PC [Pickering College]."

From a suggestion of a visiting parent eight years ago, Pickering College's United Nations Day has grown to be a must attend event on the school's calendar bringing the entire local and global community together

## Ceremony blended Quaker values with international flavour

By Chris McGowan

United Nations Day at Pickering College has been an annual event for eight years.

It is all about celebrating the diversity of students at the school, who hail from 29 different countries, each represented by a flag in the school foyer. When a student is accepted to the school from a "new country", their flag is added to the mix.

Countries represented at the College this year are; Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Columbia, Germany, Guatemala, Hong King, Iran, Ireland, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, Nigeria, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Tanzania, Trinidad

& Tobago, the United Kingdom, and United States.

The entire school participated in the United Nations Day Ceremony with international students proudly walking into the gymnasium holding the flag of their: Dressed in blue and grey, students' uniforms provided a drastic contrast with the flags.

The ceremony started with the inspirational speech by a grade twelve student Fernando Casanova who hails from Mexico. His speech centred on the origins of the United Nations, but the part that brought it all into perspective was when he passionately listed the key attributes of the UN. His voice grew a bit louder, and his hands were used to bring the point home as he stated, "to adhere to a

common goal, together we stand, divided we fall, that is the essence of the United Nations."

Four year old student Lev Moskaltcov was at the ceremony. He started Pickering College this past September and came from Russia two years ago. "The first day of school was his birthday" said his mother Lisa. "He loves it."

The audience was swept away by music students at the ceremony who played the Chinese flute, guitars, and piano, and receives direction from the Sr. Music teacher, Paul Mason.

Even though the ceremony was not long, the meaning behind it runs parallel with the mandate of Pickering College itself. The College is a Quaker School built on Quaker principals founded in 1842.

"The key Quaker values are stronger at the college now than when I started 30 years ago," said headmaster Peter Sturruv. "The main tenement of Quakerism is that there is that of God in every person, and so we believe that there is a goodness in every person. There is a humanity in every person. From an education standpoint, that there is potential in every person. As teachers and educators we believe there is an inner light, and it is our job to help that light shine.

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# PICKERING COLLEGE

# It's nice to have someone in your corner after so many brick walls, says survivor

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as men, in the aftermath of the explosion. Some have physical and neurological problems, others can feel the effects with every step they take with shrapnel still embedded in their bodies. Others, like Mr. Fostaty, now an Aurora resident, live every day with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Now a passionate advocate for PTSD support, Mr. Fostaty says he hopes the "boys" there that day took a step forward this week, however tentative, in finally getting questions answered on just what took place, and receiving "redress" for the decades of silence.

He was one of two survivors who joined New Democrat MPs in Ottawa on Monday for a press conference calling for justice for Canada's "forgotten cadets."

"For almost four decades, these cadets have been ignored, silenced, forgotten," said MP Jack Harris, Official

Opposition Defence Critic, in a statement. "We are urging Minister Rob Nicholson to allow this investigation to move forward so that survivors finally receive recognition and redress. Four decades later, many former cadets are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and need help."

Their press conference stemmed from communication by Ombudsman Pierre Daigle to Minister Nicholson, calling for authorisation to investigate the case. A response, they say, is still outstanding.

Former interim opposition leader Nycole Turmel added the Minister's agreement to having the Ombudsman investigate the case is "essential" in setting the record straight.

"We would like the Minister to approve the investigation for the Ombudsman...do an impartial investigation into the situation," Mr. Fostaty tells The Auroran. "I am quite confident they



Gerry Fostaty

will find something has to be done for the boys who are still suffering.

"I would like, first of all, to see the incident acknowledged. Unfortunately, the incident has fallen into the realm of urban legend now. People now don't even think it happened because it sounds like something that would have taken place in a third world country, not Canada."

Mr. Fostaty says he would also like to see an apology, not only for the explosion itself, but also for how the boys were treated afterwards.

"They were treated with absolute disregard for almost 40 years now and left to their own

devices. It is shocking what happened to some of them. This is the kind of thing we would like to see happen and, of course, for the boys that need help, we would like to see them get that help."

Mr. Fostaty says he's being "kind" in believing the powers that be at the time thought everyone else was going to handle the incident, but nobody did. It was a different time, he argues, and people think differently today about the long-term health effects of such an incident.

"Then, it was just forgotten," he says. "Now, I kind of think they just wish it would go away."

As for Monday's press conference, Mr. Fostaty says it was nice to finally have someone "in their corner" after they have hit so many brick walls.

"Eventually, that starts to wear you down, thinking there is nothing that can be done and nobody cares," he says.

Newmarket-Aurora MP Lois Brown tells The Auroran of her "horror" at learning the story shared by Mr. Fostaty and the boys. She is meeting with him in the first half of November to hear more about his concerns, concerns which she says she plans to take to Minister Nicholson.

"I was a teenager and I have never heard this story before," she says. "How does this happen?"

"When I say I look forward to meeting [Mr. Fostaty], perhaps that is the wrong way to express it, but I would like to hear

his story. My word, it is horrific, but I need to know more. I haven't had a chance to speak to the Minister yet, but I have

voiced my concerns to his office and asked for an opportunity to meet with him after I have spoken to Mr. Fostaty."

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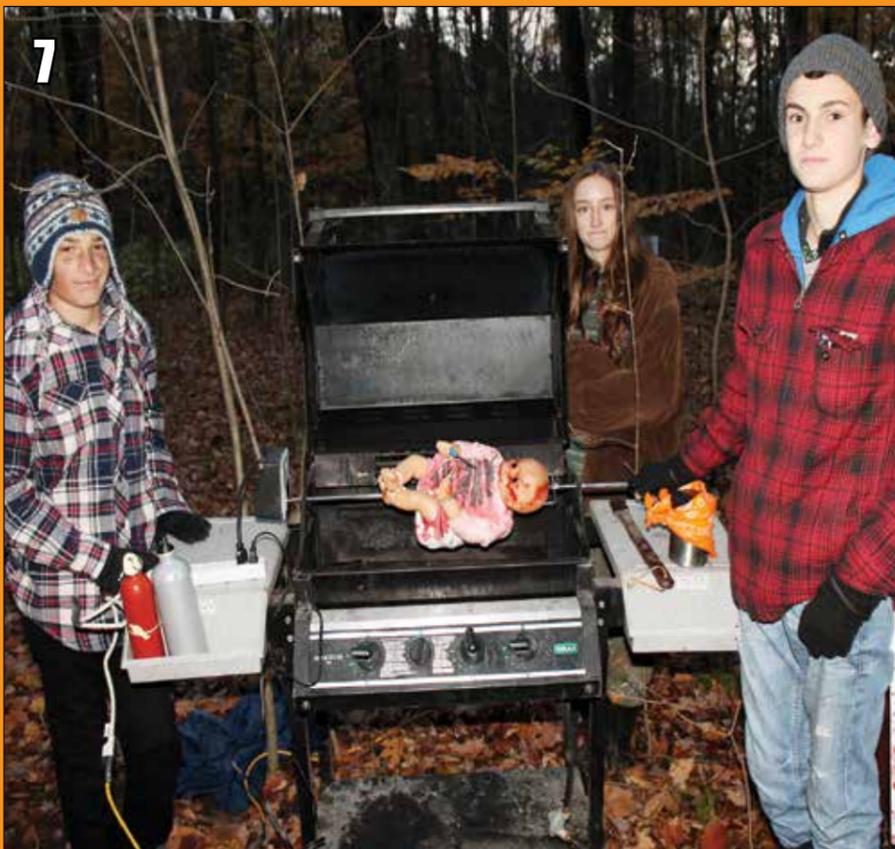
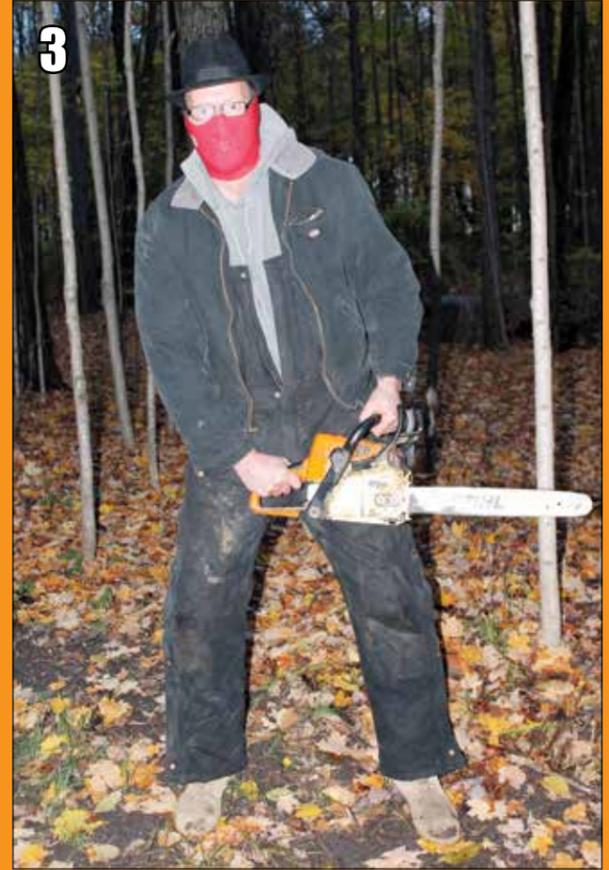
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# A trip through Aurora's Haunted Forest



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1. One of the three little pigs, Kate, had an encounter with an off-duty wolf, Sara. 2. A menacing Jack-O-Lantern gave goosebumps to anyone who crossed his path. (3) As did this extra leftover from the Texas Chainsaw Massacre. (4) Ghouls lurked around every corner on the winding path through Sheppard's Bush, (5) including these grave keepers who appeared to be having the time of their lives. (6) Lynn and Robin put on their best duds to serve up treats for trick-or-treaters as part of the Optimist Club of Aurora. (7) "Paco's BBQ" - Paco, Julia, and Sam - roasted up a tasty morsel. (8) You never knew what was lurking behind each tree, pumpkin, ghost and cobweb. (9) You might have encountered these players from Theatre Aurora who were in full fright mode.



# Coming Events

## SEPTEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 9

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

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

The Aurora Historical Society will host Haunted Hillary House tonight from 5–8 p.m. It's the Society's first ever Halloween event, featuring a photo booth, pumpkin gallery kids activities and more! Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Hillary House is located at 15372 Yonge Street. For more information, visit aurorahistoricalociety.ca.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, proudly presents Leisa Way in "Sweet Dreams – A Tribute to Patsy Cline." Step back to the time of the legendary country singer, with incredible performer Leisa Way and her full 4-piece 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 check www.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.

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

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

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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.

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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.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

The Aurora Seniors' Centre will host their annual Holiday Bazaar today from 9 a.m. to p.m. This year's event will include vendors from the Aurora Farmers Market, Seniors' Centre, as well as a tea room, bake table and much more. It is a great place to do your holiday shopping!

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The York Region Police Male Chorus will hold their 21<sup>st</sup> annual "In Harmony with the Community" fundraising concert at the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church (17955 Leslie Street, Newmarket) this evening. Concert begins at 7.30 p.m. This year's concert features the Ottawa Police Chorus, the York-Simcoe Men's Chorus "The Crusaders" the Voices of Wonder Years, a children's chorus from

Richmond Hill, and the York Regional Police Male Chorus. The Community Donation from this concert will be directed to help the family of a four year old boy who has been diagnosed with cancer of the liver. Donations will help the family with expenses associated with his treatment and hospitalization. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 905-727-9676, or from any member of the York Regional Police Male Chorus.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Calling all hockey enthusiasts to join in the 18th annual Hockey Helps the Homeless Men and Women's Fantasy Hockey Tournament presented by Freedom 55 Financial today at the Magna Centre. Enjoy a pro-like experience for a day playing alongside Maple Leads Alumni and Women Pros! Event proceeds support

local outreach organizations that provide programs, shelter and food for the homeless in York Region. Visit hockeyhelpsthehomeless.com to sign up.

## NOVEMBER 22 – NOVEMBER 24

The fifth annual "Special O" Holiday Craft Show benefiting the Aurora Special Ducks, Aurora Dunks, Aurora Eagles Golf Team, and the Aurora Grand Slams gets off to an early start today with Wendy's Holiday Artisan & Craft Show at 106 Houseman Crescent, Richmond Hill. 10 per cent of total sales go to Special Olympics Newmarket-Aurora. Friday, November 22: Show opening from 7–9 p.m. with artist reception and demonstrations; Saturday, November 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, November 24 from 12 noon–4 p.m.

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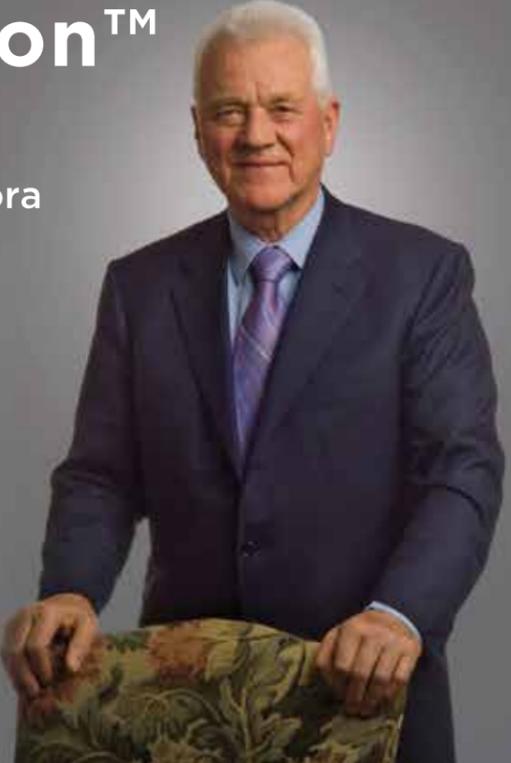
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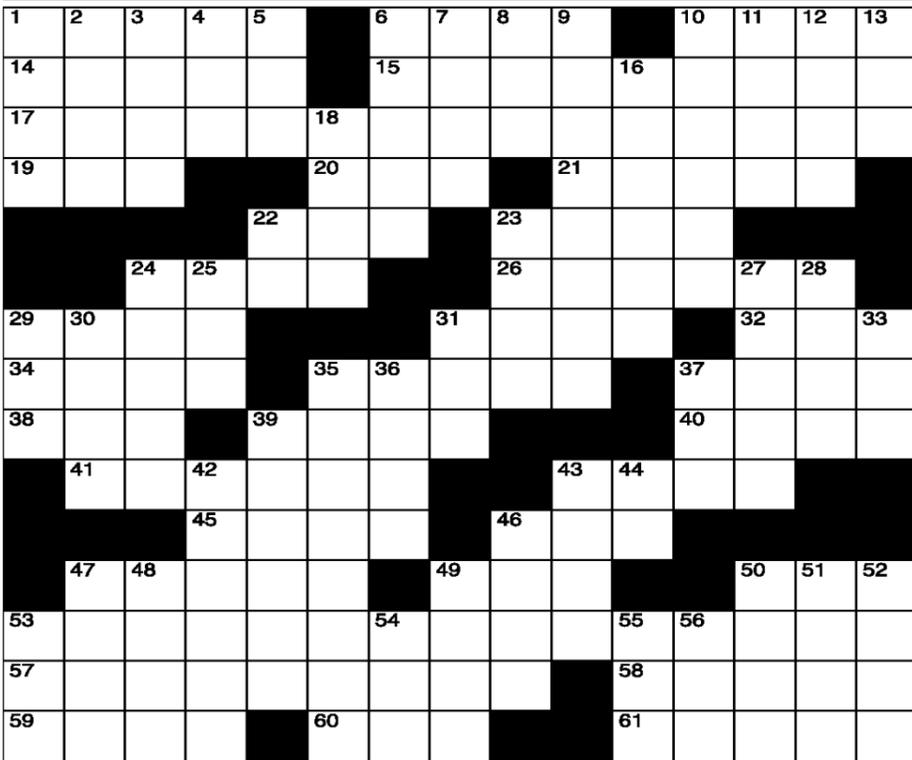
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## 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

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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**Scorpio**  
(October 23 – November 21)  
Your creative energy is strong this month, so engage in artistic endeavors. Go deep within and bring to the surface anything that fosters authentic self-expression. Try not to hide Scorpio, even though you want to. Let your inner genius shine.

**Sagittarius**  
(November 22 – December 21)  
You are going over old ground in November. It may be emotional for you. It may cause you to hide for a bit. But just know that you are awakening to deep buried gifts and a sense of purpose. Let your inner vision and heart show you the way forward.

**Capricorn**  
(December 22 – January 19)  
The keyword for you in November is resolution. Things start falling into place. Puzzle pieces fit together. You will experience an easier month as projects finish. Enjoy a lighter state of being Capricorn, and play a bit!

**Aquarius**  
(January 20 – February 18)  
Practice balance this month. While you will want to push hard to achieve, remember to take the pauses when they arrive. Balancing out work and play will help you feel more grounded and secure. And remember to have a bit of patience too.

**Pisces**  
(February 19 – March 20)  
A feeling of happiness and contentment pervade in November. There is good coming your way Pisces. Allow it to come. You will feel more analytical but



## NORTHERN LIGHTS

Jodie Cara Lindley

## Nov. 2013 Horoscopes

apply what you find to the bigger picture. Avoid falling into the victim if you have any setbacks.

**Aries**  
(March 21 – April 19)  
Focus on the practical realities of life in November. Question your beliefs and consider how to move forward. Open to the flow. You will feel more happy and fulfilled if you channel your energy into being of service in a realistic manner, versus doing only what you want.

**Taurus**  
(April 20 – May 20)  
An important teacher arrives on the scene. Trust what they say to you and what your gut is telling you. You will feel more serious by the end of November, and ready to focus on practicality and outward recognition. Apply your intuition to every situation.

**Gemini**  
(May 21 – June 20)  
Life will speed up considerably as November progresses. You will be shaking off a deep feeling of unease and exchanging it for something much lighter. Your job is to awaken your inner lion and have the strength and

courage to say no when you have to.

**Cancer**  
(June 21 – July 21)  
Slow down and enjoy the sweetness of life in November. Spend time with family and friends and let yourself feel good. Put any intensity and angst into creative projects. Don't over-focus on your compulsion to hide away and feel safe.

**Leo**  
(July 22 – August 22)  
You will lighten up considerably by the end of November. You are in the mood to release old hurts from the past and move onwards. Let freedom and adventure reign. Give your nit-picky self some attention, but try to see the bigger picture instead.

**Virgo**  
(August 23 – September 22)  
Be open to receive help in November. You may have an issue with this, as everywhere you look you see work that needs to be done. Balance out efficiency with allowing others to pitch in and assist. When you feel overwhelmed, let someone else take up the slack.

**Libra**  
(September 23 – October 22)  
You have access to hidden information. Pay attention to dreams and visions for messages. You will then know where to put your efforts and hard work. Remember to look within for a sense of value and worth, and you will feel much more productive.

For more information about Jodie and astrology, visit [www.EarthSkyJourneys.org](http://www.EarthSkyJourneys.org).

## Agreement clears final hurdle

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indirect would flow to the Council member. Nor could any personal benefit be derived from being a member of the board of directors. I find that any indirect pecuniary interest if there is one, and I cannot see one, would be so remote and/or insignificant that it could not likely or even possibly influence the Council member who [is on the board.] As Mr. Mar notes, the most that would likely be involved would be a free coffee proffered at a board meeting."

Justice O'Connell also underscored the fact having Councillors sit on the board was an agreement reached by both sides.

The issue was heard before the Ontario Superior Court on February 26.

The previous December, some Councillors said they were concerned over this one lingering cloud hanging over the new Cultural Services agreement. This cloud also hovered over some recent decisions of Council including denying a \$3,000 sponsorship for next Wednesday's inaugural induction dinner for the Aurora Sport Hall of Fame.

In voting down the recommendation, some Councillors, including Councillors Chris Ballard, Wendy Gaertner and John Gallo, questioned whether the fact Councillor

John Abel and Parks and Recreation director Al Downey sitting as members of the Aurora Sport Hall of Fame board could be construed as a conflict.

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## New exhibition highlights “shards of time” and space

By Brock Weir

Television wasn't the be all and end all of entertainment as far as Olexander Wlasenko's parents were concerned when he was growing up.

Indeed, although he didn't even have a TV in his house, one thing they did have was a projector, a screen, and an extensive collection of 16mm films from the former Soviet Union collected by his father. Whether it was a passion for film, or simply an effort to keep traditions alive, Olex's father planted very potent seeds that have stuck with his son for most of his career.

“I remember not having a TV when I was growing up, but we had these 16mm films from Soviet Ukraine and the USSR and those are my earliest recollections of visual culture,” says Mr. Wlasenko. “When I watch these films, I look at moments in the narrative where something changes and it is right at a moment when something huge might happen.”

These split second moments of time, which might only be a single frame on the flickering projector screen, is what Mr. Wlasenko has tried to capture in his new exhibition at the Aurora Cultural Centre called “Somewhere In Time.” The exhibition was one of three that officially opened at the Church Street building last Saturday and, for the occasion, Mr. Wlasenko held an artist's talk in Brevik Hall on moments in time from contemporary film – such as Stanley Kubrick's “The Shining” and David Lynch's “Mulholland Drive” – and how they have been influenced by art, ranging from paintings of the Italian

Renaissance to Diane Arbus' evocative photos of people on the fringe.

“I think it's often the look of these films that really appealed to me,” he says. “It is a retinal stimulus. They appeal to my eye at the time when I am watching them. I often think the films are constructed in a way that are quite appealing and have a different look than, say, what Hollywood directors would compose their films with.”

Counting filmmakers such as Ingmar Bergman, Federico Fellini, and Sergei Eisenstein among his inspirations, the Oshawa native's work is not just limited to inspiration he's found in the stirring works of eastern Europe. He has followed in the footsteps of Fellini, to warmer climes – including a 2001 series based primarily on cinematic images featuring iconic Italian actress Claudia Cardinale.

While recent years have seen a “retro” trend with looks and fashions of the 1960s coming back into style – think “Mad Men” – Mr. Wlasenko says he doesn't keep track of “pervasive trends” in particular decades. He doesn't gauge whether it has stimulated an uptick in the interest of his work, but sometimes the feedback he receives illustrates he is on the right track.

“I remember one time when I was on display at the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition and there was a director there from ‘The House of Sand and Fog,’” he recalls of a chance encounter with Vadim Perelman, director of the 2003 movie starring Ben Kingsley and Jennifer Connelly. “He recognized some of the work that was not directly from his work. Oftentimes, these sources are



Olex Wlasenko speaks during the opening of three new exhibits at the Aurora Cultural Centre on Saturday afternoon. An artist who finds inspiration in old black and white films from the Soviet era, his (inset) “Whisper” is one of many works on display and for sale in the upper level gallery. **Auroran photos by Brock Weir**

half a century old and they are from Europe, so they can be kind of displaced in both time and space.

“I hope people take away an appreciation for the drawn medium and large-scale drawings. These images are taken out of a motion picture and the circuitry of that motion picture, now they are free-standing islands of interpretation and viewers can bring them whatever they choose. I see these as fragments or shards of time.”

Also opening on Saturday were

“Borderlines”, a collaborative show, bringing together the art of Sheila Davis, sculpture of metal artist Tracey Lee Green, and poetry of Jean Kallmeyer, along with “Freedom”, showcasing the equestrian photos of Hockley Valley's Ellen Cameron.

“Freedom” and “Borderlines” run through November 16. Davis, Kallmeyer, and Green will be on hand in the Red and Blue Galleries from 1 – 3 p.m., this Wednesday, October 30, to discuss their work.

## Library plans to open up a conversation among all users

By Brock Weir

The key to any great book is great writing – but without good word of mouth, or a good recommendation, the best of books might remain gathering dust on shelves.

The Aurora Public Library set out to make word of mouth second nature for library users this week as part of Ontario's annual Public Libraries Week. To mark the occasion, the Library is rolling out BiblioCore, a new computer system for users that promises to create an online community and network for everyone who loves to read.

“It's going to bring interactivity and the ability to be able to increase ownership of your account,” says Reccia Mandelcorn of

the Aurora Public Library. “It's going to allow for connectivity between users and their ability to rate materials they are reading and share their comments.”

Library users had a chance to take the new system for a test drive last week at a reception to kick start Library week festivities. Ms. Mandelcorn, however, had plenty of opportunity beforehand to become familiar with the new system and she says she believes it will open up new doors for the library community.

“People are going to be more engaged with their reading,” she says. “People who are readers love to share, whether they work in libraries, or are chatting with their neighbours.

People love to be able to comment about their books and this is part of the strength of sites like Good Reads and Amazon. If you read a really good book, you're going to want to tell people about it. Maybe you read something that is not so good and you'll want to tell other people as well.”

The new system won't just be a way to “check out” a book before you actually check it out of the library. You will also be able to get a handle of other library users (under customized usernames) who might have similar tastes. If you see someone who might be reading similar types of books, or watching and listening to similar DVDs and CDs, you can follow them and track their

reviews and, perhaps, start up a dialogue.

Additional new features include keeping track of books you have already returned, should you like to revisit an old friend at some point but can't remember the author or title, and create virtual bookshelves of what you've read, what you're currently reading, and what you hope to read in the future.

“Somebody asked me the other day, ‘Have you read anything good lately?’ I don't know about you, but when somebody asks me that, it's like I never read anything in my life!” says Ms. Mandelcorn with a laugh. “I said, ‘Wait, just a second’ and I went to our test site, looked at my recent returns, and I was able to give some fabulous recommendations.

“People will also be able to see what staff at the Aurora Public Library is enjoying and I think we're all going to have a lot of fun with it. It is going to be bringing a new interactivity to the use of our catalogue that we never had before and we are really excited about the possibilities.”

Ms. Mandelcorn stresses though that library users will be allowed to share as much – or as little – of their information, reads, and recommendations as they see fit. They can pick or choose their features, their level of interaction, and whether other readers can

follow their reads.

“I'm going to turn all of this on because I love to share everything!,” says Ms.

Mandelcorn, noting they hope to have a full launch and get everything up and running before Christmas.



Saturday was Lego Day at the Aurora Public Library as they prepared to wrap up Ontario Public Libraries Week. As part of the celebrations, the Library provided a sneak peek of a new user experience for Library members which will help you keep connected starting in December.

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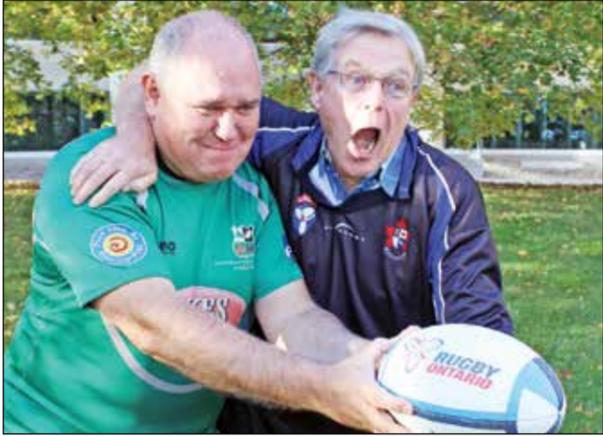
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Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe do friendly battle at the Regional Office on Thursday morning, placing an equally friendly challenge on last weekend's McCormick Cup. Auroran photo by Jeff Doner

# Mayors issue friendly wager ahead of cup final

**From page 18**  
 "The Irish played well in the conditions. They are worthy champions."

Aurora's Second XV also lost out in the Gee Gage Championship game for development teams falling on the wrong side of a 29-7 score to the Toronto Scottish II. The conditions for this game were even worse as the pitch was inundated with casual water and the rain poured down throughout the match. The heavier Scottish team played well in the harsh

conditions earning their victory in a decisive manner outscoring Aurora 5 tries to one. Touching down for the Barbarians was captain James Coombes with the conversion coming off the boot of scrum half James Hulbert.

Academy programs begin for the Aurora Barbarians in January. The 2014 season kicks off in April.

**Aurora Mayor loses friendly challenge with Markham counterpart**  
 Prior to the match, Aurora Mayor Geoffrey

Dawe and Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti met up to set the terms of a friendly challenge.

Because the Barbs lost, Mayor Dawe now has to wear a Markham Irish jersey at the next Aurora Council meeting.

Prior to the game, both mayors were confident in their respective clubs.

"Of course the Barbs are going to win, hands down," Mayor Dawe said. "Mayor Scarpitti might say Markham is going to win, but he's just delusional." Added Mayor Scarpitti:

"I think Aurora will try to give it all it's got and we know that won't be enough, but we're looking for a great matchup and I think it really shows that rugby is alive and well in the region."

There's no doubt Mayor Scarpitti is happy to be on the winning side of the challenge this time around.

"After wearing the jersey this morning, Markham better win, because it took me half an hour to get into it," he said before the game. "I didn't realize rugby jerseys were that tight."

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