



Weekly Notice Board

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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday, October 9 7 p.m. Committee of Adjustment
Wednesday, October 22 7 p.m. Aurora Public Library Board

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



The next municipal election in The Town of Aurora will be held on **Monday, October 27**. Election information can be viewed online at www.aurora.ca/vote2014

Residents are encouraged to educate themselves on the election process and the candidates running for office. Have your voice heard on election day and vote!

This year, the Town will also ask residents to vote on the following two questions on the ballot:

1. "Are you in favour of electing all Aurora councillors, other than the Mayor, by ward vote instead of general Town-wide vote?"
2. "Are you in favour of reducing the number of Aurora councillors, other than the Mayor, from eight (8) councillors to six (6) councillors?"

Voter Eligibility

You are eligible to vote, if on **October 27, 2014**:

- You are a Canadian citizen
- You are at least 18 years of age
- You reside in Aurora or you or your spouse are the owner or tenant of land in Aurora
- You are not prohibited from voting by law

Identification

You must bring proper identification with you to your voting location. If you are on the Voters' List the identification must show your name and address only. There are many documents that can be used to show your name and address, including:

- An Ontario driver's licence
- An Ontario health card
- A mortgage, lease or rental agreement
- An insurance policy
- A credit card statement
- A bill for hydro, water, gas, telephone or cable television

If you are not on the Voters' List you will need a combination of identification that shows you are a Canadian Citizen, 18 years old, a resident or owner of property in Aurora and a photo. There are many combinations of documents that can use, including:

- A Canadian Passport and an Ontario driver's licence
- A Canadian, provincial or territorial birth certificate and an Ontario driver's licence
- A Canadian Passport and a mortgage, lease or rental agreement
- A Canadian Citizenship Card and a credit card bill or bank statement

Additions and Amendments to the Voters' List

If an eligible voter in your household has not received a voter card, or your information is not correct, please direct them to Aurora Town Hall, located at 100 John West Way, to have their name added to the list.

Advance Voting

Advance voting is available at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, located at 90 John West Way on the following days:

Saturday, October 11	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 12	12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 18	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 19	12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday, October 20	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday, October 22	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Phone: 905-727-1375

Email: info@aurora.ca

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, please visit www.aurora.ca/vote2014

CITIZEN BUDGET

Provide your input for a chance to win an iPad Air*!

The Town of Aurora would like your feedback on service levels, to consider as part of the annual budget process.

Aurora's Citizen Budget online survey puts you in the driver's seat, allowing you to make recommendations on how much money should be budgeted across a variety of municipal service areas.

Simply visit aurora.citizenbudget.com to complete a brief survey and see how your budgeting choices affect your property taxes.

The Citizen Budget survey will be available until **November 30**. It is open to Aurora residents only; one survey per person.

*For more information, full contest details and access to the survey, please visit www.aurora.ca/citizenbudget or go to the Town of Aurora homepage at www.aurora.ca

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Seeking Volunteers for Haunted Forest

The Town of Aurora is looking for enthusiastic, professional and engaging volunteers for our spook-tacular Haunted Forest event on **Saturday, October 25**.

Volunteers are needed for pumpkin carving, event set-up and tear down, participating in displays, children's craft and more.

Please contact Shelley Ware at sware@aurora.ca or call 905-726-4762.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dinner and a Movie

The Amazing Spiderman 2 (Rated PG)

Where: Aurora Public Library

When: **Saturday, October 11**
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. 3121



REMINDER

Town of Aurora Service Disruption

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be a scheduled service disruption at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex on **Monday, October 13, 2014**.

These disruptions include:

- Adult Skate, Parent & Tot Skate and Shiny

The following program is available as an alternative:

- Holiday Public Skate 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, please contact Nichole Campsall, Youth and Community Development Co-ordinator at 905-726-4760.



Holiday Service Schedule Thanksgiving Day – Monday, October 13



MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Aurora Town Hall (100 John West Way) will be **CLOSED** on Monday, October 13 for Thanksgiving Day. Regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. will resume on **Tuesday, October 14**.

If you would like to pay a water or tax bill, payments can be placed in the drop-off box 24 hours a day outside of Town Hall. Please do not place cash payments in the boxes and remember to include your payment stub along with your payment. Alternatively, you may pay your bills through your ATM or through your bank's online banking service. Parking tickets can be paid online at www.paytickets.ca



LIBRARY

The Aurora Public Library will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, October 13**.

For more information, please visit www.library.aurora.on.ca or call 905-727-9494.



WASTE COLLECTION

Waste collection is **NOT AFFECTED** by the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

For information on waste collection in Aurora, please consult your 2014 Recycling and Waste Collection Calendar.



RECREATION CENTRE

Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex, 1400 Wellington Street East

Saturday, October 11 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 12 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday, October 13 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For swimming, skating and Club Aurora fitness schedules, please visit www.aurora.ca/holidayrecreation or call 905-726-4770.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

As always, the Town will continue to provide essential and emergency services.

For Town-related emergency situations, please call 905-727-1375 or 905-727-3123 and follow the voice prompts.

FOR ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES, CALL 9-1-1



PRE-ELECTION POLL

It's time once again for The Auroran's traditional pre-election poll through www.theauroran.com. To participate, please go to www.theauroran.com, scroll down the right hand side of the home page and you will find a series of pre-election polls. Vote for 1 Mayor and up to 8 Council candidates only. Results are ongoing online and tabulated each Tuesday at 12 noon for publication in that week's edition of The Auroran until the election.

www.theauroran.com

MAYOR		DAWE, Geoffrey		65% (646 Votes)				
		GALLO, John		35% (350 Votes)				
COUNCIL	ABEL, John	7% (233)	CLARK, Ian	1% (20)	HOYES, James	2% (63)	PLAMONDON, Tom	2% (62)
	ABRAM, Jim	1% (39)	COHEN, Roy	3% (96)	HUMFRYES, Sandra	6% (175)	PULLANO, Anthony	1% (29)
	BARKER, Barb	1% (25)	COOK, Greg	1% (19)	KIM, Harold	5% (155)	STEPHENS, Linda	2% (49)
	BARRETT, Carl	1% (21)	DESAI, Arshad	4% (112)	LALAS, Alice	16% (505)	THOM, Jeff	6% (192)
	BRIGGS, Terri	0% (13)	ETWELL, Mark	0% (7)	MRAKAS, Tom	18% (577)	THOMPSON, Michael	8% (237)
	BUCK, Evelyn	2% (53)	GAERTNER, Wendy	3% (93)	NEY, Michael	1% (47)	TOPOUZOVA, Svetla	1% (19)
	CHAPMAN, Bob	2% (51)	HEARD, David	0% (14)	PIRRI, Paul	7% (228)	VRBANATZ, Frank	1% (19)
	YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT TRUSTEE		CROWE, Elizabeth	74% (53)	YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE	ADAMS-LUCHOWSKI, Peter		
		SULLIVAN, Mark	26% (19)	NOUDELMAN, Alex			34% (19)	
						USVAT, Liliana		
LE CONSEIL SCOLAIRE VIAMONDE		GUERIN, Francois	43% (10)	POLL RESULTS AS OF OCTOBER 7, 2014				
		LAUREN, Rene	57% (13)					
LE CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT CATHOLIQUE CENTRE-SUD		ARMANIOUS, Sawsan	27% (7)					
		BEAL, Kathleen	46% (12)					
		BOURRET, Caroline	27% (7)					

THIS IS NOT A MUNICIPAL VOTE

Please VOTE at your municipal polling station on or before the October 27, 2014 election.

Ottawa Report

Support for Manufacturing

In July 2014, Canada posted its largest trade surplus in nearly six years, driven by surging auto exports that had a 9.7 per cent increase in motor vehicle and parts exports and a 10.2 per cent increase in passenger car exports.

Budget 2014 included an additional \$500 million over two years to the Automotive Innovation Fund to support significant new strategic research and development projects and long-term investments in the Canadian automotive sector.

Canada faces heightened competition from advanced and emerging economies and the Advanced Manufacturing Fund will contribute directly to an innovative and sustainable manufacturing base that will continue to be an important economic driver for prosperity.

Canada's two most recent trade agreements, the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement, promise to add at least \$14 billion annually in new economic activity, equivalent to creating more than 90,000 new jobs. This is all good news for Newmarket-Aurora's manufacturers.

Government Announces E-Labeling

Industry Minister James Moore has unveiled new electronic labelling regulations for telecommunication devices. In today's digital world, Canadians own smaller devices that have more functionality than ever before such as light smartphones, tablets, smartwatches and wearable glucose monitors.

Manufacturers of these devices are increasingly burdened by the need to etch, engrave or use unsightly stickers to label this technology. As of now, technology manufacturers will be able to give consumers mandatory information about their devices electronically. Canada is the sixth county worldwide to bring in e-labelling, opening Canada's markets to the latest wireless wearable devices such as Google Glass and Apple Watch.

House of Commons Page Program

Applications for the 2015-16 House of Commons Page Program are being accepted until December 8, 2014. Graduating high school and CEGEP students from across Canada, entering studies at one of the universities in the National Capital Region, are eligible. Pages have the opportunity to learn about one of Canada's oldest institutions while witnessing the legislative process first hand. For more information, visit: parl.gc.ca/Employment/House/PageProgram/PP_Welcome-e.htm



LOIS BROWN
MP Newmarket-Aurora

National World War II Tribute

The Government of Canada has announced a new national tribute to mark the 75th anniversary of Canada's engagement in the Second World War. As part of Canada's World Wars Commemoration period, all living Canadian Veterans of the Second World War are eligible to receive a limited-edition commemorative lapel pin and a certificate of recognition.

Canadians who served at least one day with Canadian forces, or with any other Allied force including the Canadian or British Merchant Navy, either at home or abroad, during the Second World War, are eligible.

With a population of some 11 million in 1939, Canada's contribution to the Second World War was disproportionately large. From 1939 to 1945, more than one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served, with more than 55,000 wounded and over 45,000 giving their lives.

The design of the commemorative pin is based on the original "Victory Nickel" which features a flaming torch and a large 'V' standing both for victory and the coin's denomination. The coin was originally in circulation from 1943 to 1945 and was re-issued in 2005 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of VE-Day.

It is estimated that there are approximately 80,000 Canadian Second World War Veterans alive today. Eligible Veterans or their families may contact my office or visit www.veterans.gc.ca for more information.

Get Cyber Safe!

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month. Nearly one in five Canadian youth do not know how to use the privacy settings on their social media accounts and nearly a quarter of Canadians say that they never change their passwords. Protect yourself and your family by doing the following to stay cyber safe:

Change your passwords regularly. Combine letters, numbers and special characters to make it hard to guess. Lock your phone. It's a simple way to protect personal information if your phone is lost or stolen. Click smart. Never open e-mail attachments or download files that look suspicious. Protect yourself with security software. Use antivirus software and activate a firewall to stop viruses and hackers. Keep your systems up to date. Install application and operating system updates as soon as they are available. For more tips on visit www.getcybersafe.gc.ca.

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

Door Stop



INSIDE AURORA
Scott Johnston

It was a quiet day in early October when the doorbell rang.

Expecting the usual folks flogging yard maintenance or window replacement, upon opening the door I was surprised to discover a large number of people milling about on my porch and spilling out onto the lawn.

They all smiled at me and several said in unison "Hi. I'm running for Aurora Council. Please vote for me."

Taken aback, and not knowing which of them was the nominee, I addressed the collective in general. "It's great to see you have so many supporters, but which one of you is the candidate?"

A lady at the front replied, "We all are."

This prompted many smiles and nods.

"What, everyone?" I asked, starting a mental count of the mob.

"Yes," several replied, pushing forward to hand me campaign literature, and interrupting my tally at about the twenty person mark.

"What are you all doing here together?" I asked, shuffling their fliers into a thick pile, and raising my voice to be heard by those in the back.

"Well, we all know how important it is to go door to door during an election," said a man in the middle of the crowd. "You know, the personal touch."

"Because there are so many candidates this year," came another voice, "we all kept running into each other as we canvassed through Town."

A person carrying an election sign continued, "We found people were getting confused as to just who was who and what platform went with which candidate."

"And there were some residents," piped up a man in glasses, "who were annoyed at being visited by several different nominees a day, so we thought it would be easier to all go out together."

"Plus, this way," whispered another lady up front, "you can make sure no one badmouths you behind your back."

At this point, some of the candidates at the rear

of the crowd who obviously felt they weren't getting enough quality time with a prospective voter started pushing forward.

"Can I put a sign on your lawn? I'm running for more accountability," said one.

"You should vote for me. I promise better fiscal management," said another.

Then the voices all started coming at once.

"Hey. I'm promising fiscal management!"

"I thought you wanted more parks?"

"I feel finances are more important."

"No, the key issue is revitalizing the downtown core."

"It is not. It's our crumbling infrastructure!"

"What's wrong with supporting parks?" said a man, who with some irony, was standing in our flowerbed.

"Hey, everybody, this candidate's against parks!"

As you can imagine, this started off a flurry of arguments and even some pushing and shoving.

By this stage our flowers were beyond repair. At least it was the end of the season.

I listened politely for a bit longer, but all this back and forth discussion was pretty confusing, and I was no longer the focus of attention as candidates were now directing all of their arguments at each other.

I picked up the copy of The Auroran that had just been delivered in case someone tried to hit one of their fellow candidates with it, and wishing them all well, which I doubt anyone heard, closed the door.

I'm not even sure if they were aware that I was no longer there. I could still hear the muffled barbs being flung around outside.

I just hope they've resolved their arguments and moved on to another neighbour's house by tomorrow. I'd hate to have to run that gauntlet if they're still on my porch when I leave for work.

Feel free to e-mail Scott at:
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Lloyd Moore
Aurora

Letters to the editor

Reader fears Council history will repeat itself

John Gallo and Wendy Gaertner formed part of the bloc of six on council from 2006 to 2010 and there were countless news stories, cartoons, letters to the editor and editorials that painted a picture of their style of government.

I think that it is worth considering a sampling of a few of the headlines to the editorial written by the late Dick Illingworth between 2006 to 2009, keeping in mind that Dick was a well-respected past mayor and councillor, who also had provincial government experience. This is the kind of government that Geoff Dawe inherited and, in my opinion, turned around with the support of a new kind of majority.

These are the headlines that most people in Aurora had to read when Gallo and Gaertner were in the majority...

Council should not meddle in school board's business

Things that bug me at council meetings are in abundance

Letters reveal what people are thinking

Council split in two camps

Too many items being discussed away from public

Traffic calming plan now biting council

Aurora Council is a paradox

Public has a right to know the outcome of that meeting

Financial burden on the horizon

Town will have tough time winning issue

Time is now for a decision on power

Information still held from public

This council is an embarrassment and a disgrace

Citizen's lose battle between council, staff

Conflict of interest rules are confusing members of council

Soothsayer wonders what is going on at political level

The whole year a roller coaster ride for council

Council running out of time before next election

Dick Illingworth passed away in March 2009, not long before the former council agreed to fund a private defamation lawsuit with the use of public funds and the Town's solicitor.

Master Hawkins of the Superior Court of Ontario ultimately determined that the private defamation lawsuit was a strategic lawsuit against public participation (i.e. a SLAPP litigation).

Can we afford to risk going back to those days?

Richard Johnson
Aurora

(Editor's Note: Mr. Johnson was one of three defendants in the defamation suit referenced above.)

Take a stand against sign vandalism

I've lived in Aurora for 33 years and am helping one of the mayoral candidates (Mayor Geoff Dawe) as part of his election sign team and I've been appalled at the number of signs that have either gone totally missing or have been vandalized over the past couple of weeks. While you can expect to lose some lawn signs due to pranks, it's the large ones that go completely missing that have to make me wonder given that these signs are on wooden stakes, are pounded into the ground and are all quite large. What is most disturbing is that some candidate signs seem to be targeted more than others.

On the weekend, we placed a Dawe sign on John West Way in the area of another candidate's sign and today just the Dawe sign is missing. This is not the first time it's happened and likely it won't be the last. I have also noticed that signs for Tom Mrakas - a candidate for Council - are being slashed and stakes broken. In fact, we put up the Geoff Dawe sign, drove to our next location and not twenty minutes later as we back tracked, a Mrakas sign had been totally destroyed.

This vandalism is a criminal offence and I urge residents to call York Regional Police at 1-866-876-5423 should you notice the removal, defacing or destruction of any election sign.

Grocery store returns to St. Andrew's Village in December

By Brock Weir

Seniors living in Aurora's northwest corner are expected to get an early Christmas present this December with the return of a grocery store to St. Andrew's Village.

Since the plaza's Foodland outlet closed its doors in 2011, area seniors have struggled to find a way to get their groceries, often having to rely on multiple buses, taxis, and lifts from family and friends to literally bring home the bacon. Soon, they will once again have access to fresh groceries within walking distance.

Toronto-based grocer Centra Foods has signed the lease on the former Foodland outlet and is due to begin renovations this week.

"We want to open before Christmas, so we have to work day and night now," says owner Louie Liu. "The schedule is very tight and we are looking into an opening between December 11 and 15. It is better one or two weeks before Christmas, otherwise it will be too busy. This is an exciting opportunity. There is so much demand from the local community."

Looking ahead to the December launch, Mr. Liu says he aims to provide 60 per cent "local" groceries with the remaining 40 per cent tailored to the "ethnic" market. This includes traditional grocery store staples, as well as a hot counter of ready-made Chinese, Indian, Korean and even western cuisine, including those ubiquitous roast chickens.

On a tour of the facility last week with some seniors living in residences across Orchard Heights Drive, Mr. Liu underscored the services they plan on providing to the community, including a grocery delivery service for seniors living nearby, as well as



Grocery store owner Louie Liu speaks to Orchard Heights Drive resident Joanne Hatley last week. Ms. Hatley is one of many neighbours excited about the return of a neighbourhood grocery store after Foodland closed in 2011.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

opportunities to whip up that all-important Thanksgiving turkey next fall for their families.

"We have a plan," he says. "If there are big snows, they can order by phone and we can send their orders to them within a certain time. I will do my best to help seniors."

While these "extras" were music to the ears of seniors last week, their uppermost concern right now is simply having a grocery store within walking distance once again.

"I can't wait for this to open because it will be so much easier," said Carol Playter. "You can just go right across the road and you're here. It has been terrible [since Foodland closed] because there are a lot of seniors. All you hear is we don't have a grocery store and then we have to travel by bus because a lot of us just don't drive. What

wants to go. I am very, very happy with this. You can just cross the road. I hope it works out for them because if it doesn't, they will close it."

Added Carol: "I'll be here to bug them every day!" Helping to make the grocery store

happen was Council candidate Arshad Desai, who facilitated talks with Centra and the owners of the plaza, after taking a petition to Orchard Heights neighbours. Now a "community liaison" for the grocer, he says neighbours are "very excited and just waiting for it to open."

'Residents' feedback was just phenomenal," said Mr. Desai. "Initially [the petition] was just targeted towards the elderly population across the road, but the further I went down Orchard Heights I understood it is beyond just an age thing, it is part of the local neighbourhood. They are looking for a grocery store that is going to be accessible to them and that is going to be convenient."

"From discussing this with local residents and talking to Louie, I think this is a match made in heaven. Louie has told me on numerous occasions that he understands his clientele is going to be from Orchard Heights and Batson. He is not trying to overinflate or over-attract business and, to me, that is exactly what this community needs. I think it is going to be a welcome addition to St. Andrew's Plaza, and I am looking forward to it, especially for local residents."

I was standing in line to grab a coffee and I happened to catch the video feed of a Mayoral debate in Toronto. It was the middle of the day. I couldn't tell if it was live – though I think it was – but it struck me: How many bloody debates are they going to do?

I have lost count of the ones I have seen. They all tend to blend together. And if their talking head shtick no longer resonates with me (someone who actually pays attention) can you imagine how little impact these never-ending televised debates have on the Joe Public? None.

I think most folks take little interest in the municipal election until near the very end. Unless a candidate does something colossally stupid, or completely bizarre, I think the average person pays little heed until they absolutely have to. Even then, as voter turnout records indicate, more than 60 percent of voters don't even bother to mark a ballot.

But back to the Toronto Mayoral debate: The media sit there, debate after boring debate, and wait for Ford or Chow or Tory to make a mistake, or make a headlining grabbing gaffe.

As a side note about the debates – why is it always *only* Chow, Tory and Ford? I read that there's something like 25 or more candidates for Mayor in Toronto. Why are they never included in any of the debates?

Who decides who is a legitimate candidate and who is not? Yes, there are obviously quite a few of those folks who have put their name forward, who haven't a hope in heck of gathering even point 1 percent of the vote, let alone a sizeable number:

But that's not the point. All the candidates put their name forward. They all plunked down that same two hundred bucks. They are all legitimate in that sense. They are all certified candidates. They should, therefore, all be given at least one opportunity where they all get to speak and make their case as to why we should vote for them.



POLITICS AS USUAL

Alison Collins-Mrakas

The Long Road

If Aurora can do it in under three hours with 40-odd candidates (Mayors, Councillors and trustees) then I think Canada's largest city can somehow manage to run a televised mayoral debate that includes all the candidates. At least once.

Which brings me to my final point. I think that the municipal election period is simply way, way too long. It is just torturous. Personally, I think the length of the election period is actually a detriment to the democratic process. People become fatigued. It fuels an apathetic mindset that results in low voter turnout.

A campaign that started on January 2, and doesn't end until October 27, is interminably long. Provincial and federal contests take mere weeks to complete. Why the disparity? Why are municipal electors subjected to a near years' worth of bombast and blathering? There's only so much a politician can say about municipal infrastructure and tax levies before their heads explode.

Yes, yes, the provincial and federal folks spend months "non-campaigning" campaigning, sending out "information" bulletins from their parliamentary offices about how wonderful they are and how awful the others guys are. But, at least they don't have months upon months of debates, and sign shenanigans and door knocking.

If we want people to pay attention, then we need to appeal to the reality of shorter attention spans. The campaign period should be six weeks, max. Signs should be limited to a three week period. There should be at least one occasion when all candidates get to make their pitch, and where ALL candidates get to answer at least one question put to them by the general public.

Change the game, more will play and we'll all win as a consequence.

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

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Jitterbug Ball to benefit care, bereavement and wellness support at Hospice King Aurora

By Brock Weir

“Energy” was the watchword as women from Aurora and King converged on Aurora last week to put the finishing touches on the Jitterbug Ball, the biennial fundraiser for Hospice King Aurora.

People have fun at the event, all for a good cause, but as organizers count down to the October 24 event, the 2014 Jitterbug Ball is shaping up to be the biggest one in over a decade.

“I think a lot of this has to do with the fact people realise that all of the services and supports we provide are free of charge to people and that we receive very little funding from the government,” says Heidi Bonner, Executive Director of Hospice King Aurora of the upward swing in support. “We really do rely on this major fundraiser, so there is always a big push. I think the community recognizes the wonderful supports that we provide.”

This year’s Jitterbug Ball will take place at Vaughan’s Hazelton Manor and will feature dinner, a live band in Side 3 – a returning favourite – and live and silent auctions. Proceeds from the \$175 a head ball will benefit Hospice’s care and bereavement support programs.

“Hospice King Aurora has been in our community for over 30 years,” says Donna Warde, one of the 20-strong committee spearheading the festivities. “We provide all kinds of services. We have a visiting volunteer program where people go to homes of people who are dealing with a chronic or life-threatening illness. We have alternative therapies and healing programs, we have support services, as well as bereavement support for children, teenagers, and adults. More than 75 per cent of our fundraising comes from our own efforts and, of that, the Jitterbug Ball is by far our largest contributor.

“I became a visiting volunteer myself 12 years ago and took the training and loved the organization. I really loved making a difference in helping people in the community in so many different ways.”

At the end of the day, the Visiting Volunteer Program is the only one of their services that receives direct government funding, explains Ms. Bonner, but there is so much more to Hospice services than that, and these needs have become particularly apparent as the face of illness – and the needs that come with it – evolve.

“With the strides and the great



Organizers from Aurora and King were at Hospice King Aurora’s Industrial Parkway South headquarters last week to put some final touches on plans for this month’s Jitterbug Ball. (Front Row) Hospice Executive Director Heidi Bonner and Leslie Hobson. (Back Row) Donna Warde, Julie Symmes, Sheila Darnowski, Sharon Ford and Teresa van Schaik.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir



treatment methods has really helped people overcome cancer, so we needed to find ways to support people that were not only end-of-life, but also battling cancer, in the middle of treatment, or finishing up treatment,” says Ms. Bonner. “That is when we started the Wellness programs, focusing on keeping people healthy and supporting them in a different way.”

Wellness and bereavement supports are two areas that will particularly benefit from the Jitterbug Ball, she adds. Programs focusing on wellness, particularly free of charge, are particularly needed but increasingly rare in the community, she adds.

“We’re very fortunate to be able to offer them and have very wonderful people that are supporting us to be able to offer them,” she says, noting advocacy work is well underway from various agencies for increased funding. “There are a lot of holes in hospice palliative care like the wellness and bereavement sides, and even in social work. It is very difficult for people to get social work help.

“We’re beginning to focus on caregiver support and a portion of our funding does go to support caregivers, but that is relatively new in terms of getting funding for it. It seems to be a provincial focus on helping caregivers care for themselves so they can care for the loved ones. We’re actually looking into having some support programs and workshops and [providing] opportunities for caregivers to get together and support each other. Caregivers don’t usually take time for themselves and it is something we are always encouraging our clients’ families – to have some time and relax. That is why we have the volunteers that can go in and provide some caregiver relief.”

Every time the Jitterbug Ball rolls

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ELECTION 2014

A councillor’s job is no longer a part-time position, says candidate Linda Stephens

By Brock Weir

Having grown up in a politically-minded household, running for office was never a matter of “if” but “when”, for Linda Stephens.

The Aurora realtor is one of 28 candidates vying for a Council seat in this month’s municipal election. In her view, significant growth and evolution in Aurora have greatly changed the face of what it means to be a Councillor, and that reality should be reflected around the Council table. While it might not be something that can be delivered across the board, Ms. Stephens says she is prepared to do her part.

“We have grown to a point where it is no longer a part-time venture, and it is no longer a part-time hobby,” she says. “We have a lot of serious issues that are facing the Town in the coming years, and all of it is our taxpayer money. I believe Aurorans deserve to have somebody in the building, in the office, accessible to our residents and business owners during business hours, and I can certainly provide that full-time representation.”

Ms. Stephens was considering a Council run in 2010, but now that her kids are a little bit older, her family is secure, and she has assembled a “team” to keep her real estate interests going, she now can fully focus on a run. She put herself forward this spring to fill the Council vacancy left by Chris Ballard in June. At the time, she stressed her experience in Town Hall before she was a realtor, and that is experience she believes would be valuable today.

“I am the only candidate with inside work experience in multiple departments at Town Hall,” she says, noting her work in the Departments of Corporate Services, Bylaw, and Public Works. “I know how budget decisions are made on the inside, and I have the education and working experience to complement the position and have a good working relationship with Town Hall.”

Looking ahead to the next four years, if she is elected, Ms. Stephens says she believes this experience would be particularly useful in “keeping our taxes in check”. A critical balance between taxes, services, and ensuring enough money is flowing into Town coffers is now paramount, she says. Aurora is running out of lands to sell, and once that income begins to taper off, it will be more and more difficult to keep taxes in check, particularly for families and seniors.

“Controlling taxes and increasing revenues for the Town are two key points I feel very passionate about, finding additional revenue streams through greater

efficiency in Town Facilities,” she says, noting the importance of making Town-owned facilities more readily available for groups to rent during low traffic times. “There are also the traditional [issues] like congestion in the Downtown Core, and streetscaping, but the bigger challenge is going to be infrastructure. There are a number of areas around Town where infrastructure is aging. There is going to be a lot of infrastructure coming up for renewal and we need to be very careful about how budgeting is done to protect the taxpayer from massive increases from running out of lands.

“If we lose those development levies we have to find very careful strategies for future budgeting and for the next four years we need to get sharp pencils and get creative on how we are going to generate those additional revenues for the Town so we can see the commercial and residential taxes in check and overall efficiencies to keep taxes in check, and run our internal town budgets sufficiently.”

If elected, Ms. Stephens says she would also like to focus on economic development, and this includes not only attracting more business to Aurora and ensuring everyone knows Aurora is “open for business”, but providing “core support” to existing businesses, focusing on business retention. “Dark space” in many plazas around Town is bad for business, she adds, and that needs to be tackled in earnest.

Although she is clear in her support that Council positions should be full-time, arguing that knocking Council down from eight part time positions to six full time positions could represent a cost savings to Aurora, she has mixed feelings about a ward system for the Town. At one point, she would have said Aurora doesn’t need a

change in status quo, but with recent growth she says there is now “some room for dialogue.”

“We have very distinct areas of Town; we have newcomers to the east, we have Old Aurora central, very diverse neighbourhoods to our north versus the south, and we have a great diversity in levels of income, so perhaps a ward system might be something to consider so residents have someone in their immediate neighbourhood they know they can trust and respect.

“Doing this with eight Council seats, there could be four wards and two Councillors per ward, each one with a backup and Councillors working together. I am not ready to shake the tambourines and go right to bat for a ward system, but I think it would be worth some potential dialogue.”



Linda Stephens
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ELECTION 2014

After over 40 years in public life, Buck stands on record of “getting things done” for residents

By Brock Weir

There are few certainties in life, but for Evelyn Buck one thing always rings particularly true – you can’t make any assumptions until after the votes are counted.

Not taking anything for granted is a philosophy Ms. Buck says she has lived by in her over 40 years of public service in Aurora, serving in multiple capacities, including time as Aurora’s mayor, and several terms as a Town Councillor. While the vote counts have often gone her way, there have also been times she has not fared as successful, but she says she has always felt she can make a difference, and that is why she has put her name forward once again for a fourth consecutive term on Council.

“I feel I have a contribution to make, and I think I can make a difference,” she says. “That contribution comes out of my many years of experience, my knowledge of the Town, and my understanding of what people want and how to represent people.

“[Residents] feel I am the only one who cares about the burden of taxes, what it does to people, and I am the only one who speaks for them and has the courage to say the things that need to be said, that they want to hear said.”

While she says she stands on her record of being able to get things done for the residents, she admits that these feelings are not universally held across Aurora, something she counts as her biggest challenge in this campaign.

“I think there are a number of groups in Town that would like to see the back of me,” she says with a chuckle. “I have opposed a number of projects, and I am still opposed to funnelling half-a-million dollars into the Cultural Centre. I don’t think we’re getting value and I think we should not be giving any outside group money like that to spend.”

Ms. Buck says she is still not satisfied that all decisions related to the Cultural Centre are being made out in the open and says she sees little “advantage” to the Town stemming from extensive renegotiations of Aurora’s Cultural Services Agreement with the Centre which took place over a great deal of this Council term. She stresses, however, that she does not critique what the Cultural Centre is doing, or suggest that they are doing anything “improper” with the money, but it is a matter of the elected body’s “responsibility” to be accountable for how taxpayers’ dollars are spent.

To this end, Ms. Buck says she counts “bringing the public’s attentions to various schemes and projects” suggested at the Council table, ones she says “lack business planning” as some of her most effective contributions to the most recent Council



Evelyn Buck addresses the audience at Sunday’s all candidates meeting. Photo by Anna Lozyk Romeo

term. Case in point, she says, was the proposed heritage park for a large swath of land on Yonge Street stretching from Irwin Avenue in the south to the northern boundary of Hillary House.

Spending over \$10 million for real estate out of Aurora’s Hydro Funds could not be justified, in her opinion, but looking ahead to the next four years

a decision will have to be made on what to do with that approximately \$34 million in reserves, and she has a few initiatives she would like to bring forward.

“I would like to see a decision made on how we are going to use that asset,” she says. “If Council doesn’t make a decision on how that money is going to be used, and used for something we would never dream of taxing people for, if we don’t use it, it will be frittered away so there is never anything to show for it.

“I wasn’t happy about having to sell Aurora Hydro. It wasn’t an easy decision to make, but it was forced upon us by the Province. They didn’t want to deal with small

hydro utilities and they wanted us to amalgamate. We lost something very valuable, a very valuable asset, when we sold it and I think it should be replaced with an asset of equal value that would make as big a difference in people’s lives as having our own Hydro utility did.”

Over the past four years as councillor, Ms. Buck has advocated that this money be used for a multipurpose facility in what has become known as Library Square on Victoria Street, currently occupied by the former homes of the Aurora Public Library and Aurora Seniors’ Centre. Looking ahead over the next four years, she says a chief concern will be to ensure residents are getting the best value for their money, and the services they need.

“I think our biggest challenge is in making our investments sensibly and being sure that there will be a benefit,” she concludes. “We have funds to invest. Four years is long enough to get something done and accomplished, and show people what has been accomplished in that length of time. I don’t like four year terms of office, but that is one advantage of having a four year term of office, that you can have a chance at starting something and completing it within that time period and you can go to the people with something to show for it.”

Candidates take aim at rampant sign vandalism across Aurora

By Brock Weir

Candidates vying for a place on Aurora Council might have differing visions for the Town, but one thing most seem to agree on is rampant vandalism against election signs needs to stop.

Emails have been flying fast and furious among candidates over the last week decrying vandalism where entire streets of signs can be wiped out overnight, spray painted or slashed, often leading to them questioning whodunit.

At least one of the culprits has been seen by candidate Tom Mrakas. Mr. Mrakas told The Auroran he was out doing his rounds around 6.30 a.m. on Sunday morning putting up and repairing his own signs, when he saw one person “just wailing” on the signs with his hands.

“He was just trouncing the signs and going crazy,” says Mr. Mrakas. “I pulled up, started honking the horn, saying ‘What are you doing’ but he didn’t seem to have a care in the world and just carried on smashing signs. I wrote his licence plate number down and called the police right away.”

The person in question then proceeded to Town Hall, he said, where he expressed his displeasure by spitting on the doors.

Candidate Anthony Pullano has seen swift destruction of signs as well, noting

he was out with a friend last week putting up signs just north of Bayview and Wellington when their drill died. Getting the sign partially erected, the duo made the short trip back to his house for a re-charge. But, when they came back just minutes later, the sign was damaged and pulled from the ground.

“Who does that?” said Mr. Pullano. “Those are the types of questions that leave a candidate wondering who is behind it. That wasn’t a child, that wasn’t a kid, that wasn’t a rowdy person. It even seems Svetla Topouzova had her signs thrown down with a [stake] going through her head. This is not a child doing this type of stuff.”

Although he doesn’t have signs out yet in this campaign, candidate Greg Cook said the “nonsense and vandalism” was sad.

“I think it is sad and awful that people are being disrespectful of the investment people are putting forward and they are being disrespectful of themselves,” says Mr. Cook. “They are saying they don’t deserve an opportunity...but six weeks is not that long to have some clutter on the boulevard. It is incumbent on the citizens to act accordingly through governance [to ask the Town, the Region, and Police to ask what] can be improved the next time.”

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Balsamo, Fe licia
Becker, Jesse
Birker, Jamie
Bordioug, Anna
Cacciola, Anna Sophia
Canale, Alexandra
Casalino, Jessica
Christodoulou, Alexandra
Colarocchio, Patrick
Cormier, Ikale
Demian, Natalie
Disanto, Daniel
Donovan, Michael
Espinola, Ashley
Filipas, Anya
Foster, Sarah
Franco, Noah
Frangella, Luke
Galloro, Vincenzo
Garofalo, Nella
Gauthier-Moulton, Jonathan
Grignano, Daniel
Grimaldi, Jack
Hinn, Mathew
Ho, Mark
Koscak, Jamie
Kriarakis, Kassandra
Landolfi, Sarah
Leblanc, Sophie
Luccisano, Daniel
Luccisano, Victoria
Marchese, Andrew
Marocco, Michelle
McCue, Michael
McMahon, Cristina
Menchella, Alexia
Messersi, Lola
Nam, Sophie
Nella, Kamilla
Orlando, Xavier
Otto, Akera
Paglia, Julian
Palombo, Dante
Panacci, Nathan
Peluso, Antonio
Provenzano, Michael
Racco, Alessia
Rapallo, Nicole
Raver, Beckett
Rea, Jacqueline
Romano, Anthony
Saccoccia, Selina
Tersigni, Robert
Tersigni, Daniel
Thalassinos, Siena
Tinajero, Domenika
Trotman, Adam
Varlese, Evan
Wildish, Robert
Zitoli, Gabriel

GRADES 9 & 12

Abbruzzese, Pasquale
Agyemang, Faiza
Akhavan-Heidari, Ashkan
Albi, Joseph
Angenent, Michael
Antonucci, Joshua

Arci, Michael
Armstrong, Grace
Arpas, Samantha
Atkinson, Cassidy
Baek, Jenny
Bancheri, Amanda
Bancheri, Vanessa
Bartolomei, Vanessa
Basciano, Olivia
Basista, Matthew
Belcastro, Michael
Bellisario, Jessica
Beltrano, Natalie
Berton, Joseph
Bettio, Claire
Bianchi, Mollie
Bianchi, Diomira-Anastasia
Bogopolskiy, Evgeny
Borzellino, Jordana
Botter, Nicholas
Breda, Daniela
Calvo, Nancy Alessia
Campisi, Fiona
Canale, Victoria
Caputo, Alyssa
Carinci, Emily
Carney, Luc
Casalino, Maria
Casullo, Marc
Cesario, Julia
Chiozza, Alexia
Cianfarani, Veronica
Clark, Kylie
Colarocchio, Elisa
Colarocchio, Nicholas
Colucci, Victoria
Compagnone, Anthony
Corsetti, Stephanie
Costa, Sarah
Creatura, Alessandra
Crimi, Nicole
Cristello, Mira
D'Alessio, Alessandra
Da Re, John
DallaGiustina, Jessica
Daly, Christina Madelyn
Daly, Alexia
D'Argento, Stefanie
Decina, Ciera
Decina, Briana
Dehaney, Donte
DeLuca, Bianca
Dennis, Claire
D'Ercole, Joseph
Di Bratto, Simona
Di Donato, Erica
Di Iorio, Andrew
Di Iorio, Alexandra
Di Marco, Vanessa
Di Passa, Christina
Di Pietro, Alexis
Di Roma, Marco
DiCostanzo, Mark
DiPede, Carlo
Disanto, Cassandra
DiTaranto, Bailey
DiTaranto, Courtney
Dodsworth, Michael
Downs, Connor

OPEN HOUSE DATES

• Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014 • 10am - 12pm

• Monday, Oct. 27, 2014 • 10am - 2pm

Duffy, Rachel
Duffy, Edgar
Elia, William
Endrizzi, Giuliana
Espirito, Santo Jordan
Fantin, Alexandra
Faulkner, Katherine
Fazari, Olivia
Fazari, Madelaine
Fedontchouk, Julia
Ferrari, Julia
Figliomeni, Gian-luca
Filippetti, Allegra
Fiore, Matthew
Fiore, Andrew
Fleischaker, Sarah
Fleischaker, Lauren
Forhan, Emma
Foster, Nina
Fuda, Adrianna
Gabriel, Jared
Gabrielli, Edoardo
Galifi, Nicholas
Galloro, Francesco
Galloro, Cristina
Gardner, Hannah
Garofalo, Raffaella
Gennaro, Simon
Genovese, Adriana
Giannace, Luca
Gisana, Marina
Glionna, Matthew
Glionna, Jason
Gould, Robert
Gousopoulos, Theodore
Gousopoulos, Christina
Goyo, Devon
Hendy, Austin
Hendy, Savannah
Hermanns, Katrina
Hill, Ethan
Jacobelli, Vanessa
Jamieson, Emily
Jan, Mahta
Jones, Tyger
Kavanagh, Maria
Kelenc, Lauren
Kirou-Mauro, Athena
Klepacki, Lee
Kriarakis, Caroline
Kuchar, Tristan
Labelle, Victoria
Lackowicz, Andrea
Lacombe, Megan
Lamanna, Mathew
Lamanna, Melissa
Lane, Emma
Lanni, Cole
Lazzer, Alyssa
Leo, Nancy
Leonardelli, Stephanie
Leonardo, Alessia
Leone, Alexandra
Letros, Adrianna

Lisi, Vince
Lozzi, Renee
Luccisano, Vincent
Lucescu, Kyla
Luchetta, Alessandra
Lykos, Demi
Lykos, Mariah
Macri, Samantha
Macri, Carmela
Magarelli, Kayla
Maikawa, David
Malfara, Sabrina
Mammoliti, Adrian
Mangoni, Selena
Mangoni, Alessia
Manzo, Larissa
Marando, Joshua
Marinucci, Michael
Marocco, Monique
Martin, Johnathon
Matranga, Samantha
Mazzariol, Dante
Mazzariol, Ariana
McCarthy, Steven
McDonald, James
McDonald, Alexander
McGee, Rachel
McMahon, Catherine
Melfi, Julia
Messersi, Julia
Mignardi, Alessia
Milani, Daniel
Minuti, Sophia
Montini, Ava
Moore, Hannah
Morello, Olivia
Morello, Jordan
Moreno, Rebecca
Morini, Bianca
Moschella, Alexa
Musto, Brielle
Muto, Matthew
Muzzi, Jessica
Naccarato, Claudia
Nalbandian, Kristina
Nangini, Sara
Natale, Irma
Nyulas, Elod
Padula, Emily
Paglia, Selena
Palombo, Justin
Panacci, Gabriel
Pannoizzo, Aleisha
Paolucci, Natalie
Papaluca, Sarah
Parente, Julia
Parisi, Sam
Park, Jae
Pereira, Christopher
Perfetto, Sabrina
Perillo, Daniel
Perruzza, Melissa
Pignetti, Natalie
Polese, Mark

Povegliano, Jonathan
Procopio, Susan
Procopio, Katherine
Pugliese, Angelo
Purdy, Mikalya
Quinton, Hannah
Racco, Alexander
Rapallo, Natalie
Raver, Aidan
Rea, Julia
Redhead, Jamar
Redhead-Britton, Tianna
Ricchio, Salvatore
Rocca, Stefania
Rotundo, Marilena
Rowland, Robert
Sadokierski, Eric
Sadokierski, Alexandra
Salim, Rebecca
Salim, Rafat
Santorelli, Marco
Scalzitti, Jessica
Schabel, Zachary
Schachtler, Laura
Schachtler, Rachael
Scott, Hayley
Sedran, Sarah
Sellitto, Susanna
Skipwith, Michael
Spacca, Nicole
Spagnuolo, Gene
Squadrilla, Nicole
Stadler, Gabrielle
Steele, Michael
Stefou, Gabrielle
Stoikos, Jenna
Surman, Madeline
Sutherland, Tristen
Taibi, Michael
Tankovich, Amanda
Tankovich, Kristina
Tersigni, Jacob
Tessier, Arielle
Thompson, Shane
Tickner, Andrea
Tommasini, Emry
Toneguzzo, Ryan
Torelli, Darnella
Triumbari, Nicole
Trompoukis, Michael
Umbrio, Liana
Vagadia, Christian
Valenzano, Gabriel
Vance, Francesca
Veneziano, Cristian
Vescio, Alessandria
Wai, Stephanie
Waslenko, Zachary
Williams, Laura
Yantsis, Alyssa
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LINDVEST LAUNCHES AURORA GLEN

Lindvest officially opened the door on its new Aurora Glen development last week. (Left) Lindvest’s Joseph Alberga, Director, Sales and Marketing, shows Mayor Geoffrey Dawe the interactive screen in Lindvest’s Aurora Glen showroom. (Below) Alberga, Michael Klugmann, Alexander Hofstedter, Dawe, George Hofstedter, Councillor Michael Thompson, Richard Hahn and Peter DeBiasio participate in the ribbon cutting. When complete, Aurora Glen will be a mixed community of traditional and contemporary style homes. They will host a preview of their Phase 2 development next week-end.

Auroran photos by David Falconer



Environmentalist gets creative on habitat restoration

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more importantly, the effect and efficiency of the management we carry out.”

A haven of wetlands, grasslands, and various other types of habitat, Mr. Tomlinson has been keeping track of the impacts human development has had on the area for the past 20 years. Many of the ponds in the area, he said, have been constructed but left to their own devices have grown to support a wide diversity of wildlife.

Certain ponds used to dry out efficiently during the warm summer months, creating huge swaths of mud that attracted arctic shorebirds on their migration. Developers in the area have since moved the dam that made this possible, allowing the mud to dry out fully, but proper management of water levels are just one of the many ways these lands can be restored to their former glory.

“It is no good having ponds if you don’t manage them, and that is the whole point of this nature reserve,” said Mr. Tomlinson. “It is not creating the nature reserve that is important, it is managing it and at least every seven to eight years, all the ponds should be drained in mid-July when most of the birds are finished nesting, and the sun bakes them up. That releases all the nutrients that have been trapped in the mud and the next year growth is really lush.

“You have to be able to drain a pond to make it work. It is no good having ponds constructed that you can’t drain. You have to be able to manipulate the levels in every wetland if it is going to be managed successfully.”

Another important component of managing the area, is managing impacts the public at large might have on an area when it is complete and ready to open to visitors. Bird blinds are essential, he said, to allow spectators to take in the wildlife without infringing on their natural behaviours or, of course, scaring them away, as are clearly defined trails to keep people where they need – and should – be.

Boardwalks were originally proposed for the Urban Nature Reserve, but in Mr. Tomlinson’s opinion, hard, permeable trails and causeways would be cheaper and more efficient to maintain, as well as allowing for flood control.

It is important to note how much water is flowing in and out of the area, and without this data it will be nearly impossible to properly manage the area.

According to Mr. Tomlinson, the future Urban Wildlife Park needs to be properly wardened and the best way to do that is enlist the help of those people who would otherwise be walking their dogs along the trails. They would be able to keep an eye on the park as a whole, vandalism, and lay the foundation for keen groups of citizen volunteers, citizen scientists, and supporters that will ensure the park’s future.

Citizen volunteers would be able to control the water flows in the area, plant trees and shrubs, carry out small-scale habitat improvement, and create “microhabitats” like woodpiles to help species thrive. Citizen scientists would take out more specialised work, such as monitoring species and the success of habitat improvements, and helping re-introduce species that have been lost since development commenced in the area.

“Developers argued there wouldn’t be a loss of species, but there would be some reductions in populations,” said Mr. Tomlinson. “I might lose battles, but I do not lose wars. I decided once and for all I would settle this point so for the last 20 years, every Sunday at dawn, I have gone there and plotted every bird I had seen on the map once

a week.”

In the end, development has been “disastrous” to 15 species which have been totally lost, had an adverse effect on 23, marginal impacts on 11 species, smaller groups of species that initially thrived in human development before dropping off, and species like mallard ducks and robins that have thrived in the urbanized development.

There is no reason to believe these species could not rebound through habitat restoration and reintroduction of species, he added.

All this will, of course, come at a cost, particularly for landscaping and, to that end, Mr. Tomlinson proposes a creative way to keep some of those costs down – by introducing a species a bit more foreign to the landscape.

“It is very important we protect the grasslands, but the only problem with grasslands are they are more expensive to maintain than woodlots,” he said. “The answer is to graze them and that is how these grasslands were originally maintained. You might think that grazing animals in an urban area is not a good idea, but grazing is an incredibly cheap way of managing and grazing grassland.

“The best way would be to turn it over to urban farming people in the Town of Aurora in the spring, put money into a kitty, buy six cows at auction, ship them to the nature reserve, turn them loose, the cows can graze all summer free of charge, and all you have to do is put a few salt licks in.”

Following the formal part of the meeting, Councillor Wendy Gaertner asked the all-important question of what to do with the cattle during the winter: Mr. Tomlinson’s response? Ribfest.

“I honestly believe that the best way to protecting wildlife in any country in the world is if local people look after their local wildlife,” he concluded. “You can’t worry about [nature] in Africa, but you can worry about what happens on your doorstep. If every Town in Ontario did this, it would do more to improve the number and diversity of wildlife than any single factor.”



Tomlinson takes questions from the packed crowd.

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Early in this term of Council, we asked residents to “Imagine... Aurora in 2031”. And that is what you did. Through over a year of consultations and countless meetings and community engagement opportunities, residents of Aurora contributed to and shaped Aurora’s vision for the future. In June 2012, Aurora Town Council released the new Town of Aurora Strategic Plan, its Vision for Aurora, 2031.

Your Vision for Aurora:

Imagine an inclusive, growing, family-oriented community that...celebrates heritage, arts and culture... An integrated community seamlessly connected by trails and open space that promotes green energy and provides accessible and convenient alternatives to driving through improved transit operations and mixed use development. A place with a stable and thriving economy that includes a mix of small and large-scale businesses, access to local goods and services, employment opportunities for residents and a revitalized downtown core. This place is Aurora in 2031.

(Town of Aurora Strategic Plan, June 2012)

Mayor Geoff Dawe recognized that this Plan, this Vision for Aurora 2031 is critically important to the future success of our community. Through collaboration with both Aurora and Regional Council, Aurora’s Mayor, Geoff Dawe has already delivered on key objectives of this Vision for Aurora, 2031.

“It is a blueprint to guide Council decision making on programs, policies and community investments over the coming two decades.”

– Geoff Dawe, 2012

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- Aurora will have greater financial security through increased cash to capital contributions for healthy reserves
- Aurora will have greater access to affordable housing through a proposed new 400 unit apartment / condo complex in the 2C development area
- Aurora will have sustainable infrastructure through its LEED Gold Certified Joint Operations Centre
- Aurora will have more cultural offerings with the implementation of the recently approved Cultural Master Plan
- Aurora will have greater opportunities for sports tourism through the development of a multi-use sports and community facility
- Aurora will have greater opportunities to revitalize the downtown through the Community Improvement Plan and the Aurora Promenade Streetscape Design and Implementation Plan
- Aurora will have expanded transportation options through the implementation of the Transit Master Plan
- Aurora will have greater support for small businesses through our business retention and expansion program and partnership with the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance and “invest in York”

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Zombies will be on the loose at Sheppard’s Bush next Saturday

By Brock Weir

If you’re in the vicinity of Sheppard’s Bush next Saturday and see hordes of zombies roaming the area, don’t be alarmed.

In fact, don’t be afraid to join in the fun.

On Saturday, October 18, Girls Inc. will host their second annual Zombie Run, heading out from Sheppard’s Bush from 3 – 6 p.m. Open to everyone this 3km or 1.5km run/walk combines the fun of a run with a bit of the Capture the Flag Flavour. All proceeds from pledges raised will go back to the United Way of York Region. (Girls Inc. of York Region is a partner agency of the United Way) Girls Inc. is a non-profit dedicated to empowering girls and young women.

“The staff came up with this idea last year and we went to the girls we work with between the ages of six and 18, asked what is cool and in right now and zombies came up because of all the new zombie TV shows and video games,” explains Tracey Moore, Program Administrator for Girls Inc. York. “We had groups of adults come and participate last year and they absolutely loved it. Then, we had kids come out who thought it was the greatest, scariest thinking in the world.”

“There was the novelty of it because we have all our volunteers dress up as zombies, they take a lot of time and effort for their costumes and makeup, and they really take it full-heartedly for the whole three hours of the run. Everyone just thought it was such a cool experience to go out and try to dominate the zombie horde.”

While proceeds of the run benefit

the United Way, the money often filters back down to Girls Inc through United Way’s ongoing support of their programs. October is a crucial time for these programs, with many of their student programs getting underway this month.

After school programs are coming into full swing this month at schools in Aurora and Newmarket. They are also working with the York Catholic District School Board and York Region District School Board to broaden their scope of programs. Additional opportunities include equine sponsorship in Guilford.

“The program in Aurora is starting this month and is funded by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport,” says Ms. Moore.

“It is a three-day-a-week program which focuses on healthy lifestyle choices, healthy eating, physical activity, self-esteem, self-confidence, and body image, and those are the main components of a lot of Girls Inc.’s projects.

“The goal by the end of the program is [for the girls] to create their own realistic,

healthy recipe book that they can do at home, regardless of their parents’ economic income and they will also be working with our certified coaches to work on fundamental skills to start taking new risks and trying new sports outside of the program.”

For more information on Girls Inc. and how to take part in this year’s Zombie Run, contact Ms. Moore at tracey@girlsincyork.org or call 905-830-0776 x.305.

“It is a good chance to get out, be involved and in the community,” says Ms. Moore.



Participants in last year’s Zombie Run went all-out to create their best looks.

Submitted photo



Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Your mantra in October is this, Libra: *I have the ability to respond*. Try not to sit on the fence, as this month requires some initiative and action. You have the strength of a peacemaker and the soul of a warrior now. By month’s end, you can start fresh again.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Keep this little ditty in mind this month, Scorpio: “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” You don’t have to be religious to appreciate these words of wisdom. The point here is, go for it.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

The cosmos leave it up to you to find your own words, phrases, songs and mantras this October, Sag. Find your rhythm, your timing and your soul’s voice. You have energy, initiative and creative genius at your disposal. There is no way you can’t win now.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Since you appreciate solid directions Capricorn, let’s give it to you straight: October is a time to set your intentions. Come up with your own special plan, speak it out loud, then do what you need to do. What you intend will get the juices flowing, and rewards will follow.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

I will give you the wise words of a fellow Aquarian, Abraham Lincoln, to chew on this month: “In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.” Live it up, Aquarius, what have you got to lose? Don’t get stuck in the doldrums.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

You are a poet at heart Pisces, so here are your words for October, from e.e. cummings: “I will take the sun in my mouth, and leap into the ripe air, Alive, with closed eyes, to dash against darkness”. Follow these words verbatim, and the sky is the limit.

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

Keep in mind the following phrases for

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Jodie Cara Lindley

October Horoscopes

October, Aries: meaningful originality, creative opportunity, and harmonic alignment. Engaging your energy in any one or all of these concepts will prove to be very healing for you. You will be stronger for it.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Taurus, your keywords for October are: initiation, rebirth and perspective. You may apply all of these words into every pursuit, opinion and mantra you make this month. There will be great beginnings and great endings coming your way. Just relax into it all.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Knowing that you love words Gemini, here are a few for you: introspection, recapitulation and redirection. October provides you the opportunity to refine your movements, especially the ones associated with the words above. Action is key.

Cancer (June 21 – July 21)

Remember this word throughout October, Cancer: quickening. Life will seem to speed up this month, bringing an abundance of change and movement. Remember to call in your allies and friends if you need some extra support and help. Share the momentum.

Leo (July 22 – August 22)

Leo, a great song for you to keep in mind in October, is David Bowie’s *Changes*. In particular, the phrase “time may change me” is very important. You are changing. You may not realize how much, until month’s end. Then, you will see your new self emerge.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

You have a theme song this month too, Virgo. Yours is *Turn, Turn, Turn* by The Byrds. Just remember, when things get rough, to repeat these words to yourself: “To everything - turn, turn, turn - there is a season - turn, turn, turn”. Things are turning, no doubt.

For more information about Jodie and astrology, visit www.EarthSkyJourneys.org.



SENIOR SCAPE

Charles Sequeira

ASA acquires Chromebook

On the recommendation of our Computer Club executive, the Aurora Seniors’ Association, purchased one 13.5-inch ASUS Chrome Book operating system, secured with a locking cable for general member use and education.

It is now installed in the Library. We encourage our members to use it and give us comments. A second Chromebook could be purchased for the Computer Room later in the year, pending feedback from users.

KNOTTY KNITTERS

The Knotty Knitters are a bunch of lively seniors who meet every Monday morning at the Seniors’ Centre to knit, share family happenings, jokes, knit, and knit some more. Any donations of knitting materials are quite welcome. We meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL DANCES

Friday Night Social Dances are scheduled for October 17 and October 31 from 8 – 11 p.m. Singles and non-members are always welcome. Members are \$4.50, and \$5 for non-members, including light refreshments. Cash bar is available with beer, wine, and soft drinks. October 31 is the Hallowe’en Dance and costumes are optional!

FILL A BOX FOR A SHUT-IN SENIOR

Through November 3, we will take donations of items (or cash) to fill boxes for shut-in seniors. Let’s make a senior feel special! Items you can donate include: soap, tea, flashlight with batteries, nail files, nail clippers, night light, cookies, lotion, and socks.

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TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES

October 14 — Tea with Mussolini: Judi Dench, Maggie Smith (PG: 117 min) 1935. A group of elderly

British women, who the Italians have named the Scorpioni, have chosen Italy, specifically Florence, as a place to live to blend their proper British sensibilities.

October 21 — Million Dollar Arm: Jon Hamm, Suraj Sharma (PG: 124 min) J. B. Bernstein is a sports agent who has decided to do something very different in his quest to find the best baseball players for the major leagues. He takes his eye for skill in baseball to India, where cricket is the predominant pastime.

October 28 — My House in Umbria: Maggie Smith, Chris Cooper (14A: 103 min) An unlikely group of people find solace and friendship after being thrown together in the wake of a terrorist attack.

Movies start at 6:30 pm sharp! \$1.50 for Members and \$2.00 for Non-Members, includes the movie, refreshments and popcorn!

All Tuesday Movies are limited to 60 people. Please come early to ensure your seat

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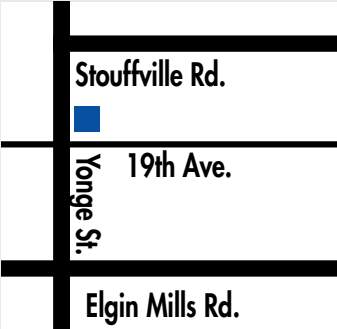
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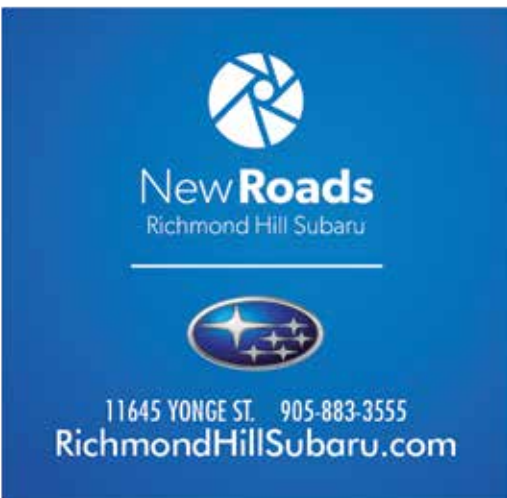
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House League

105 Pittsburgh Black: 12
Matthew DiMonte 5G, Aidan Ventrella 3G, Ethan Fleming 2G, Nathan Walker 2G, Justin Anselmo 2A, Adem Amiri 1A, Lucas Leclerc 1A, Andrew Yeoman 1A,
104 Edmonton Blue: 5
John Soticakos 1G 1A, Sean Klein 1G 1A, Eric Brown 2G 1A, Cristian Pugliese 1G 1A, Sebastian Lawtelgne 1A,

101 Calgary Red: 7
Tyson Catto 1G, Sam Siarkas 4G, Nicholas Bichay 1A, Scott Mulxow 2G 1A,
108 Colorado Burgandy: 9
Joseph Rodrigues 2G 2A, Evan Wang 1G 2A, Cade Irvine 1G, Denis Vodovozov 1A, Devan Oliver 1A, Jack McCleod 1A, Everett Smith 5G 1A,

107 Minnesota Green: 9
Reid Vincent 3G 2A, Wil McCorquodale 3G 1A, Owen Marsella 2G 3A, Caleb Lane 2A, Alexander Lavoie 2A, Owen Mcleod 1A, Ryleigh McLeod 1A, Matteo Salvanga 1G,
103 Vancouver White: 5
James Eastman 2G 1A, Michael Melissas 1G 2A, Daniel Lawton 2G, Hayden Donahue 1A,

102 Boston Gold: 4
Cohen Bugeja 1G, Thomas Seawright 1G, Connor Mifsud 2G, Justin Naccrato 1A, Decland Yearwood 1A, Mia Dattoli 1A, Kian Khanfril 1A, Massimo Dattoli 2A,
106 Philly Orange: 9
Aidan Archibald 4G 1A, Zack Barfitt 1G 3A, Emerson Bailey 1G, Jordan Robertson 2G 2A, Damian Clyde 1G 1A, Ethan Peters 3A, Aiden Penikett 1A, Dylan Charnley 2A,

205 Caravan Kids - Chicago Black: 2
Anthony Pugliese 1G, Ethan Fryer 1A, Michael Chudakov 1G, Liam Tesolin 1A, Matteo Quercia 1A,
204 Caravan Kids - San Jose Teal: 3
Evan Murphy 1G, Adam Harricharran 1A, Ryan Ko 2G, Eric McWhinnie 1A, Joseph Meglio 1A,

201 Caravan Kids - Calgary Red: 6
Drew Schnekenburger 4G, Matyas Djordjevic 3A, Charlie Huang 2A, Ryo Van Schoonhoven 1G 1A, Carter Sarabun 1G 1A, Noah Kirkey 1A, Dorian Kang 1A, Lukas Scanga 1A, Nathaniel Hannen 1A,
206 Caravan Kids - Philly Orange: 6
Easton Bailey 3G, Shaun Belman 1G 2A, Massimo Pecci 1G, Brayden Ellsworth 1A, Luca Herce 1A, Gabriel Pecci 1A, Jacob Collura 1A, Matteo Ciciretto 1G, Kaelin Nepean 1A, Christian Iwai 1A,

202 Caravan Kids - Boston Gold: 5
Brock Lobreau 1G, Tobias Devries 2G 1A, Steven Pauselli 1G, Dylan Watt 1G, Jacob Warecki 1A, Sebastian Rodrigues 1A, Makhai Speller 2A,
203 Caravan Kids - Vancouver White: 3
Maxim Boudreau 1G, Angelo Ventrella 1A, Noah Vander Kooji 1G, Cooper Frydman 1A, Dylan Howell 1A, Thomas Koteff 1G, Charlie Jurchuk 1A,

409 AtoMc - Blue: 4
Joshua McLeod 2G 1A, Nathan Simone 1G, Ian Gage 1G 1A, Jordan Risdale 1A,
408 AtoMc - Purple: 9
Noah Bobrow 2G, Ethan May 1G 1A, Henry Paluch 3G 1A, Brian Constandes 3G,

405 AtoMc - Black: 8
Jacob Madore 4G 1A, Joseph Richard 1G, Nathan Cobb 2G 2A, Adrien Savage 1G 2A, Asur Baig 1A, Cole Jenkinson 1A, Kevin McGee 1A, James Hall 1A,
403 AtoMc - White: 2
Jack Boyd 1G, Mason Scanga 1G,

401 AtoMc - Red: 5
Zachary Green 3G, Brandon DeVellis 2G, George Handal 1A, Devrim Coskuner 1A,
407 AtoMc - Green: 4
Matthew Keizer 2G 1A, Yi Wang 1G, Salyman Aimaq 1G, Josh Zwicker 2A, Cole McClocklin 1A,

404 AtoMc - Sky Blue: 1
Rylan Kirchmair 1G,
410 AtoMc - Teal: 9
Julian Tsukada 2G 3A, Carson Day 2G, Adam Aly 1G, Adam Campagna 2G 2A, Jacob Israel 2G, Joshua Davidson 1A, David Mokine 1A, Connor Hickling 1A,

406 AtoMc - Orange: 9
Kevin Lawton 2G 2A, Jeff Belvedere 4G, Alex Rogers 1G, Michael Munro 1G,

Dexter Cole 1A, Marcus Jenko 1A, Nolan Parkinson 1G 2A, Reuben Coates 1A,
402 AtoMc - Yellow: 3
Andrew Sun 1G, Cyril Martynov 2G,

605 - Omars Shoes: 6
Jack Rankel 1G, Mark Moscone 2G, Joshua Turriff 1G 1A, Cooper Paterson 1G, Stefan Fazari 1G, Nathan Coates 1A, Stefano Basso 2A, Ethan Joiner 1A, Max McConkey 1A,
603 - All Pro Source for Sports: 3
Sebastian Santagato 2G, Liam Morassutti 1G, Luke Pignatelli 2A, Giancarlo De Appollonia 1A,

609 - The Embroidery Studio: 3
Jesse Strom 1G, Andrew Flores 2G, Jake Colman 1A, Attila Incze 1A,
608 - Thom Partners Sports Marketing: 5
Jess Samuel 1G, Samuel Morin 1G, Nicholas Zambri 2G, Michael Valenti 1G, Liam Samuel 2A, Phillip Addoriso 1A, Daniel Bhoi 1A, Ethan Mohamed 1A,

604 - Optimist Club of Aurora: 4
Cameron Moir 1G, Alexander Ko 1G, David Iacovetta 1G, Nathan Mohabeer 1G, Tyler Connors 1A, Emerson Parkinson 1A, Steven Lambrinos 1A,
610 - Mayfair Systems: 9
Matthew Cowl 1G 1A, Eric Silver 1G 3A, Michael Jiang 1G, Jackson Galbraith 3G, Aidan Quinn 1G 1A, Evan Winter 1G, Alexander De Furia 1G 1A, Liam Sullivan 1A, Sandrine Meunier-Geoffroy 1A, Nicholas Leontis 1A,

601 - Aurora Home Hardware Bldg Centre: 4
Dylan Da Costa 4G, Quinn Holtby 1A, Matthew Pelan 1A,
607 - Holiday Inn Express Markham: 6
George Worth 2G, Nathan Clark 1G 1A, Aidan Nitsopoulos 2G, Cole Spragg 1G,

606 - Caruso & Company: 5
Andrew Pearce 1G 1A, Cayden Visser 1G 1A, Kai Sillcox 1G, Wolfgang Gross 2G 1A, Liam Camaroli 1A, Nicholas Betivoliu 1A, Ethan Edwards 1A,
602 - Sgt. Peppers: 3
Jake Byrne 1G, Nathan Gabay 1G, Brendan Dilworth 1G, Michael Parkin 1A, Dylan Klein 1A,

809 - Investors Group: 1
Tristan Floyd 1G,
808 - Manhattan Trophies: 4
Raff Parente 2G, Anthony Capraro 2G,

806 - Rotary Club of Aurora: 4
Jack Snedden 2G, Nicholas Sever 1G, Gregory Gatzopoulos 1G,
802 - Aurora Home Hardware Bldg Centre: 6
Alex Mueller 2G, Chris Walsh 2G, Nicholas Robinson 1G, Dorian Fralick 1G,

804 - Optimist Club of Aurora: 2
John Dol 1G, Matteo Fiorentino 1G,
803 - McAlpine Ford: 1
Ben Pitre 1G,

810 - The Auroran: 7
Colby Harrison 3G, Daniel Babcock 1G, Matthew Gram 1G 3A, Cooper Judson 1A, Cam Macdonald 2G 1A,
808 - Manhattan Trophies: 3
Luke Catania 2G, Andrew Turriff 1G,

809 - Investors Group: 7
Malcolm Johnston 5G, Ben Masset 1G, Tristan Floyd 1G,
807 - Peirce McNeely Assoc. Lawyers: 2
Carter Beacom 1G, Jason Cox 1G,

806 - Rotary Club of Aurora: 1
801 - Dr. Weaver's Drillers: 6
Ridd, Christian 1G, Sands, Chris 1G, Winters, Matthew 2G 1A, Freeman, Wayne 2G 1A, Weaver, Jack 2A,

902 St. Louis Aurora: 7
909 Orr & Associates Insurance: 6

903 BMO: 1
Nolan Roy 1G,
908: 1
M Dacosta 1G, G March 1A, T Frise 1A,

905 LeGrow Insurance: 4
Ben Kissack 2G, Jack Bryant 1G, Andrew Sutherland 1G, Troy Lane 1A,
906 Ice Photo's Puck Bandits: 1
Brady Adams 1G, Collin Dyer 1A,

907 Laurion Law Office: 7
902 St. Louis Aurora: 4

905 LeGrow Insurance: 5
Lucas Ackerman 2G, Colin McGoldrick 1G, Jack Bryant 2A, Patrick Facca 1A, Elliot Almuynica 2G, Nat Leontis 1A, Ben Kissack 1A,
904 York Region Auto: 1

Jeffrey McKay 1G,

909 Orr & Associates Insurance: 6
David Townshend 2G, Conner Downs 3G, Michael Dowling 2A, Connor Tripp 1G 1A,
908: 11
E Cherubin 1G, E Brookes 3G 1A, M Dacosta 2G, J Leger 1G, J Dion 2G 2A, W Ashton 1G, S Jiang 1G,

901 Diamond Groundskeeping Services: 6
Ryan Coveart 1G 1A, Kyle Wulle 3G, Dylon Cowell 1G, Adam Scanlon 1G, Matt Leclair 1A, Dylon Cowell 2A, Matt Barnett 1A,
907 Laurion Law Office: 6
Spencer White 3G, Alex Tashos 2G, Philip Wolanski 1G,

905 LeGrow Insurance: 3
Jack Bryant 1G 1A, Partrick Facca 1G, Troy Lane 1G, Colin McGoldrick 1A, Lucas Ackerman 1A, Brendan Ross 1A,
903 BMO: 1
Nik Seidel 1G, Sean Lindsey 1A,

904 York Region Auto: 2
Tyler Wilson 2G, Aidan Woolsey 2A,
910 The Backyard Pool & Spa Co: 3
Cooper Hewgill 2G, Michael Montesanti 1G, Connor Gonsalves 1A, Reese Crevelle 1A,

904 York Region Auto: 2
Adam Medeiros 1G, Tyler Wilson 1G, Ian Rucker 1A, Christopher Roche 1A, Jeffrey McKay 1A,
903 BMO: 3
Harrison Lambrinos 1G, Nik Seidel 2G, Shaun Broad 1A, Austin Hendy 1A, Riley Callaghan 1A, Nolan Roy 1A,

910 The Backyard Pool & Spa Co: 6
Michael Falzone 2G, Charles Bennett 2G, Cooper Hewgill 1G 1A, Connor Gonsalves 1G, David Robertson 1A, Jordan Bodimeade 1A,
908: 4
E Brookes 2G, G March 1G 1A, M Dacosta 1G, T Frise 1A, E Trudell 1A,

902 St. Louis Aurora: 5
905 LeGrow Insurance: 7

1003: 2
1004 Winchurch Environmental: 2

Rep League

Novice AA - Aurora Tigers: 2
Markham Waxers: 2
Kane Poland 1G, Luc Warner 1G,

Novice AA - Aurora Tigers: 4
Barrie Colts: 3
Nicholas Ferrante 1G 1A, Kane Poland 1G, Daniel Kostoff 1G, Luc Warner 1G, Jack Thomson 1A, Jacob Belisle 1A, Ayden Burt 1A,

Novice AA - Aurora Tigers: 1
Markham: 1
Max Bruce 1G, Lucas Reid 1A,

Novice AA - Richmond Hill Stars: 2
Aurora Tigers: 1
Jacob Belisle 1G, Nicholas Ferrante 1A,

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

Minor Atom AE - Newmarket: 1
Aurora Tigers: 0

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

Minor Atom A - Markham: 3
Aurora Tigers: 2
Jack Hargrave 2G, Jack Charbonneau 2A,

Minor Atom AE - Barrie: 6
Aurora Tigers: 1
Martin McConkey 1G, Bryce Lamontagne 1A

Minor Atom A - Orillia: 8
Aurora Tigers: 5
Gavin Veloso 1G, Alex Weir 1G 1A, Zaid Soliman 1G, Will Vincent 1A, William Dodd 1G, Adam Digioacchino 1A, Jack Charbonneau 1A, Jack Hargrave 1G, William Dodd 1A, Yiannis Skanderis 2A,

Atom AA - Innisfil: 4
Aurora Tigers: 3

Atom AA - Markham Waxers: 6
Aurora Tigers: 2

Atom AA - Aurora Tigers: 4
Richmond Hill: 2

Atom AA - Aurora Tigers: 5
TNT: 1

Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 4
JCC Beast: 2
Parker Jalbert 1G, Dylan Vasilevski 1G, Nolan Chiarelli 1G, Thomas Bradley 1G, Anthony Carbone 1A, Jack Beswick 1A, Jordan Ko 1A, Jeremy Thompson 1A,

Atom AA - Aurora Tigers: 1
Orillia: 1

Atom AE - Aurora Tigers: 3
Innisfil: 1
Anthony Carbone 1G, Jordan Ko 1G, Sam Belman 1G, Tyler Yue 1A, Parker Jalbert 1A, Dylan Vasilevski 1A, Thomas Bradley 1A, Colm MacEachern 1A,

Minor Pee wee A - Aurora Tigers: 5
Markham: 3
Todd Cook 2G, Ethan Solillo 1G, Michael Crowe 1A, Nick Giorgio 1A, Mateo Papasodaro 2G 1A,

Minor Pee wee A - Nobleking: 4
Aurora Tigers: 2
Nick Giorgio 2G, Gage Gonsalves 1A,

Pee wee A - Orillia: 6
Aurora Tigers: 0

Pee wee A - Aurora Tigers: 2
East Gwillimbury: 1

Pee wee AA - Markham: 2
Aurora Tigers: 0

Minor Bantam AA Aurora Tigers: 0
Toronto Avalanche: 0

Minor Bantam AA - Aurora Tigers: 3
Georgina: 3

Minor Bantam AA - Stouffville: 4
Aurora Tigers: 3

Minor Bantam AA - TNT: 3
Aurora Tigers: 1

Minor Bantam A - Richmond Hill: 2
Aurora Tigers: 1
Spencer Morrison 1G,

Minor Bantam AA - Richmond Hill Stars: 4
Aurora Tigers: 2

Minor Bantam AE - Barrie 1: 7
Aurora Tigers: 2
Gage 1G, Robertson 1G, Seitz 1A, Read 1A,

Minor Bantam AE - Aurora Tigers: 2
Newmarket Redmen: 0
Read 1G, Iacovetta 1G, Seiber SO,

Minor Bantam A - Innisfil: 8
Aurora Tigers: 6
Sam Ashton 1G 1A, Malcolm Johnston 2G, Matthew McConnell 2A, Brian Turner 1G 1A, Spencer Morrison 2G, Blair Crabbe 2A,

Minor Bantam AE - Barrie 2: 2
Aurora Tigers: 1
Iervasi 1G, Turner 1A, I

Bantam AE - Clarington: 2
Aurora Tigers: 0

Bantam A - Aurora Tigers: 6
Markham: 4
Peter Chimienti 2G, Thomas Morra 1A, Andrew Jorgensen 2G, Ben Spittle 1A, Jamie Stewart 1G, Ryan Jamieson 1A, Colin Windle 1G,

Bantam AE - Peterborough: 9
Aurora Tigers: 3
Nicholas Rountes 1G, Carson Venneri 1G, Andrew Hoogers 1G, Francesco Scuglia 2A, Scott Rumble 1A, Tristan Hicks 1A,

Bantam A - Peterborough: 5
Bradford: 1
Andrew Jorgensen 3G 1A, Julien Aben 1G 3A, Nicholas Keller 1A, Reece Whiteley-Hoffelner 1A, Jamie Stewart 1G, Peter Chimienti 1A,

Bantam AE - Peterborough: 4
Aurora Tigers: 0

Bantam A - Markham: 5
Aurora Tigers: 1
Peter Chimienti 1G, Ryan Jamieson 1A,

Minor Midget A - Aurora Tigers: 2
Uxbridge: 2
Alexander Simardone 1G 1A, Reid Carpenter 1G,

Minor Midget A - Barrie: 8
Aurora Tigers: 1
Thomas Wilson 1G, Jack Liotta 1A,

Minor Midget A - East Gwillimbury: 4
Aurora Tigers: 2
Mark Kalmisto 1G, Jordan Torres 1G, Lucas Dane 1A, Mack Snelgrove 1A,

Minor Midget AE - Whitby: 5
Aurora Tigers: 1
Jack O'Keefe 1G,

Minor Midget AA - Aurora Tigers: 2
Barrie: 2
Kyle Rice 1G, Connor May 1A, Andrew Sergejewich 1A, Nick Vecchiarelli 1A, Thomas Kostoff 1G,

Minor Midget AE - Aurora Tigers: 3
Barrie: 1
Sam Speranini 2G, Lucas Dane 1A, Sean Anderton 1A, Jayson Perkins 1G 1A,

Minor Midget AA - Aurora Tigers: 4
Richmond Hill Stars: 3
Brady Futterer 1G 1A, Connor May 2A, Tony Greco 1G, Greg Hoogers 1G, Eric Pears 1A, Robert Luba 1A,

Midget AA - Aurora Tigers: 3
Barrie: 0
Greg Martin 1G, Kory Wansbrough 1G, Jake Appleby 1G, Nick Baxter 1A, Connor Irving 1A, Tyler Casey SO,

Midget AA - Aurora Tigers: 5
Georgina: 4
Lucas James 1G 1A, Richard Hache 1G 1A, Cameron Zinner 1G 1A, Tristan Kuchar 1G, Tyler Williams 1G 1A, Kory Wansbrough 1A, Steven Tsianos 1A, Jake Appleby 1A,

Rep Scores

Sept 19

Minor Pee wee AE - Aurora Tigers: 3
Stouffville: 1
Lucas DePalma 1G 1A, Riley Pearl 1G, Alex Morra 1G, Ryan Fowler 1A, George Rappon 1A

Sept 24
Minor Pee wee AE - Aurora Tigers: 4
Richmond Hill: 1
Ryan Weeks 2G, Riley Pearl 1G

Sept 27
Minor Pee wee AE - Aurora Tigers: 1
TNT: 1
Nicholas Petinarelis 1G, Gavin Loria 1A

Sept 28
Minor Pee wee AE - Aurora Tigers: 0
Stouffville: 1

Oct 2
Minor Pee wee AE - Aurora Tigers: 2
East Gwillimbury: 0
Riley Pearl 1G, Lucas DePalma 1G, Ryan Fowler 1A



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FREE Week of October 9, 2014

Tigers roll over Spirit, improve to winning record

By Jake Courtepatte

Things are starting to turn around for last year's OJHL North Division Champion Aurora Tigers, as they earned two crucial wins last week to put their record above .500 for the first time this season.

The Stouffville Spirit were at the Aurora Community Centre last Friday for the second match of the year between the two teams.

The Tigers dominated early in every aspect of the game, with the defence holding steady at the blue line to keep the puck in the Spirit zone.

Liam Neuman opened the scoring with his third goal of the year midway through the first, beating the Spirit goaltender blocker-side with a sharp wrist shot from the right circle.

A few minutes later, John Curran and Daniel Mantenuto went in on a clear-cut 2-on-1. Mantenuto ripped a hard shot off the crossbar and down into the pads of Spirit goalie Aaron Taylor.

However, Mantenuto would get a second chance on the powerplay later in the period when Curran poked the puck out front to a wide-open Mantenuto, sliding it under the goaltender for a 2-0 Aurora lead.

"He curled around the side of the net and just got it to me in front," he said. "All I had to do was put it in."

In only his first year in the OJHL, Mantenuto has racked up six points over the first seven games.

The two-goal lead was not quite indicative of the play, as the Tigers outshot the Spirit 20-4 in the period and could have easily run away with the game early.

But the floodgates did open in the second when five minutes in, Nicholas Erb picked up the puck shorthanded off a bad giveaway by a Spirit defender, walking right out front uncontested and going five-hole on Taylor. Erb had two goals and two assists on the night.

By the end of the second period, the Tigers held a

comfortable 5-1 lead.

In typical blow-out fashion, a scuffle broke out after the whistle midway through the third that saw five different skaters head to the penalty box.

By the final buzzer, the Tigers had won 7-1 in a game where they put 52 shots on net.

"It was tough losing against Georgetown [last Sunday] so a win tonight was unreal," said Mantenuto. It felt great to bounce back with a big win like this."

Marcus Semiao picked up the win in his first junior start in net, and credited his teammates with the victory.

"My team played really well in front of me, it made it easy to win. They kept the puck to the outside, I didn't have to make too many tough saves."

Semiao allowed one goal on twenty-one shots.

The Tigers were in Pickering to face the Panthers one day later, who were just coming off a week-long break in their schedule.

It was clear the Tigers offence was still hot following their production the night before, as a couple of powerplay goals in the first from Marty Lawlor and Drake Board helped the visiting team to an early 3-1 lead.

While Pickering crawled back to tie the game early in the third period, Cameron Morrison's fifth of the year gave the Tigers their second win in a row.

Andy Munroe was back between the pipes for the Tigers, stopping 23 of the 26 shots he faced.

Now with a 4-3 record, the Tigers are on the road for both games this week, in Whitby on Friday and Oakville on Saturday.

Forward Liam Neuman will miss Friday's game due to a gross misconduct at the end of last Saturday's game. Neuman has three goals and one assist through seven games this year.

For stats, schedules, and more information, visit www.auroratigers.pointstreaksites.com.



The Tigers defeated both the Stouffville Spirit and Pickering Panthers last week, and now sit at 4-3 on the season.
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Jack Thomson, #27 with the 'C', with his Novice AA team at the Road Hockey to Conquer Cancer. Ex-NHL referee Ray Scapinello is in the background.

Photo by Brian Wong

By Jake Courtepatte

The Road Hockey to Conquer Cancer tournament had a local twist this year, as Aurora Minor Hockey players rallied around a teammate in need.

Among the 1,387 players on site at Ontario Place last Saturday were the Aurora Tigers Novice AA team, participating under the name "Trevor's Troops".

The young athletes raised \$1,700 for the cause, in support of their teammate and buddy, Jack Thomson.

Area resident Shawn Burt is the Chief Hockey Officer at the Princess Margaret

Cancer Foundation, and has run the tournament since its inception in 2011. Burt knows the Thomson family on a personal level.

At only eight-years old, Jack lost his father Trevor to cancer this past August. Born and raised in Aurora, Trevor was what Shawn called a "lifetime Aurora guy".

"He was so committed to minor hockey and the community here in Aurora. He was an outstanding guy."

Jack's older brother, Spencer, also plays for the Tigers at the PeeWee level.

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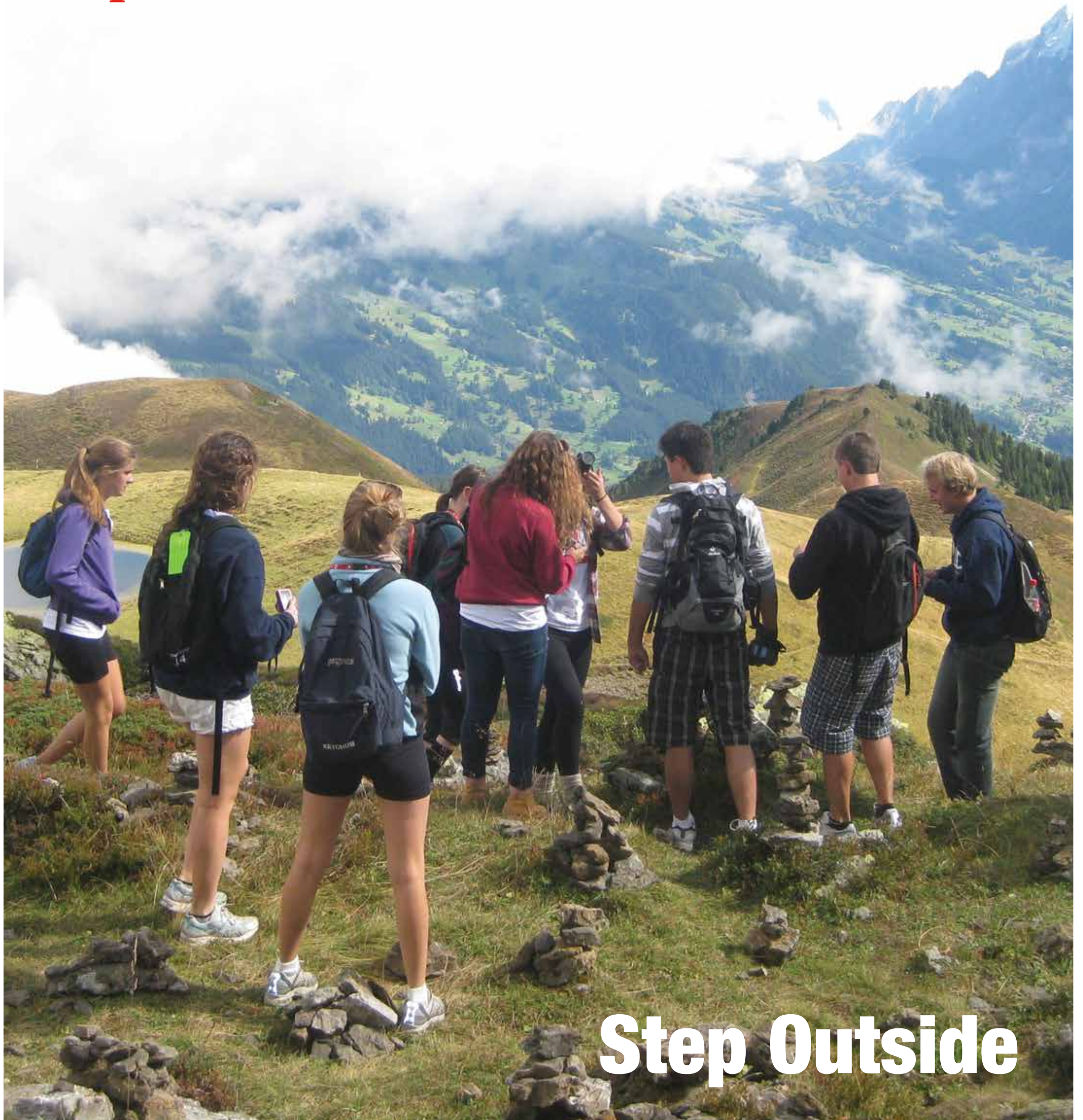
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We can all laugh at the stupidity in our own families, says first time director

By Brock Weir

When Jamie Dafoe walked through the doors of Theatre Aurora seasons ago to audition for their production of *The Laramie Project*, it had been years since she had set foot on the stage.

She was just 10 years old when she made her stage debut in *A Christmas Carol*, produced by the Queensville Players, and it lit a spark for drama which she kept within her. Stepping through those Henderson Drive doors, however, she rekindled that spark into a full-blown flame.

Curtain rises at the Factory Theatre this Thursday, October 9, for *Maggie's Getting Married*, a play written by Norm Foster. With several productions behind her as an actress and producer, this time it is Jamie's directorial debut.

Foster's play focuses on the Duncan family, as they gather on the eve of Maggie's wedding. When her sister returns home, she discovers she has a past with her sister's intended, and mayhem ensues.

"It is about a family and it is totally relatable to all families," says Ms. Dafoe. "I just fell in love with the character. As it is my first time directing, I didn't want to get into anything too meaty like a drama and this was perfect. I was able to relate to the sister relationship that they have portrayed between Maggie and Wanda, and just the complete difference between the two of them.

"I have a sister that I am very close with, but we are exact opposites. It just spoke to me. They have differences but are still close, so I brought a lot of personal knowledge with me."

Jamie began her journey with Theatre Aurora 10 years ago at that initial open casting call. She has acted in numerous productions and has risen through the ranks, now sitting on their Board of Directors.

Directing, she says, is significantly different from producing or directing, bringing with it a lot more creative freedom.

"It is nice to be able to take something that is in my head and bring it to the stage, and have actors actually understand and comprehend what I was trying to do," she explains. "It is very rewarding and not even close to producing. So far, directing has been the most fulfilling role. It is like having a baby. You start with something very, very tiny

and you're watching it grow. You have to give it up to the world and let it walk. It is kind of scary and exciting, and you get that adrenaline rush of, 'Here we go!' and you're putting all your trust and faith into other people to get what you mean and put it on the stage."

From those early days on stage in *A Christmas Carol*, Jamie found she had an affinity for drama. She got involved in school productions, did a stint with the children's chorus despite what she describes as a lack of any vocal talent whatsoever, time in the children's workshop at the Stephen Leacock Theatre in Keswick, but suddenly stopped at the age of 13.

Now, however, there is no going back.

She has risen to numerous challenges to realise her vision, including the idea the play should be set in a modern kitchen, a tall order for a theatre well-stocked in furniture and appliances left over from the 1970s. With some hard work, they made that vision a reality, and now the fun starts of getting people into the seats.

"I see the direction Theatre Aurora has started to head towards, and it is a good place," she says. "I want people who are living in and around Aurora to know [Theatre Aurora] is here and you don't have to drive downtown to watch good theatre. Arts isn't dead and I don't want people to think it is. It's not just retired old people, I want young people to bring their ideas and fresh thoughts. It is important and it is a passion.

"I hope people leave [Maggie's Getting Married] thinking it was a lot of fun, it was well done and they want to see more. I want people to

keep coming back. I think it will resonate with audiences as they can relate to at least one of the characters and if you are going to relate to somebody that makes it much more funny and real. We can laugh at the stupidity in our own families!"

Maggie's Getting Married runs on select dates through October 18. For more information, including tickets, visit www.theatreaurora.com or call 905-727-3669.



After extensive work as an actress and producer at Theatre Aurora, *Maggie's Getting Married* is Jamie Dafoe's directorial debut.

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ELECTION 2014

Risk management is one thing, but one can't be afraid to be bold, says candidate Greg Cook

By Brock Weir

After serving on multiple boards and advisory committees in and around Aurora, seeking a Council seat was the “next logical progression” for candidate Greg Cook.

A civil engineer by trade, he was first inspired to get involved in his community after moving here 18 years ago. In that time, he continues to serve on Aurora’s Public Library Board and, until Aurora’s Citizen Advisory Committees wrapped up this year in anticipation of this municipal election, put in his time as a member of the Environmental and Trails Advisory Committees.

“I thought I was able to bring my perspective and offer value too from an engineer’s view of the word,” he explains. “Basically, I thought it was

timely to throw my hat in the ring and I had my enthusiasm for it. It is about helping others and caring about our community. Obviously we have to, or we wouldn’t consider it in the first place.”

Over the years, Mr. Cook says he has been actively following the development of Aurora’s Promenade Study, a blueprint on how to improve the Town’s Yonge Street and Wellington Street corridors. Downtown revitalization is something he says is particularly important, and something that should continue to gain momentum in the next term of Council.

“I feel that I have been [supporting it] in a behind-the-scenes way, but I would like to try my hand at doing it in more of a policy and strategic role too,” he says. “Sometimes it is better to steer the ship than simply plotting the course the captain has ordered.”

To this end, he is not necessarily



Greg Cook addresses the audience at Sunday’s all candidates meeting.
Photo by Anna Lozyk Romeo

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Bunco

4. In bed

8. Telegraphic signal

9. About rune

11. Iowa State town

13. Technique of a pianist

15. Grandmother

16. Small lake

17. Divides evenly into (Math)

18. Water’s edge

20. Combustion residue

21. Islamic ruler

22. “Good Wife” investigator

25. Solid water

26. Tibetan gazelle

27. Duets

29. Common shade trees
30. Cancellation key

31. “Good Wife’s” Gold

32. “Good Wife” husband

39. Herring-loke food fish

41. Self-immolation by fire ritual

42. TV delivery system

43. Ad ____

44. 2nd smallest planet

45. First on moon

46. Androgyne

48. Skating jump

49. Remove fat from

50. Point midway between NE and E

51. London park

52. Pig pen

CLUES DOWN

1. Chief Polish port

2. Japanese motor co.

3. Carbolic acid

4. Mures River city

5. Small bread roll

6. Inexplicable occurrence

7. Thrown in track and field

10. Military leader (abbr.)

12. Indian dress

13. Children’s tale bear

14. Opposite of cameo

16. Portraiture stance

19. 1/2 an em

20. Pouchlike structures

21. Music awards est. 1973

23. Belonging to a diocese

24. Memory whose contents cannot be changed
27. Transfer property

28. Universal Standard Time (abbr.)

29. Norse goddess of old age

31. A type of salamander

32. Appease

33. Not common

34. Church of Pope Francis

35. Common frog genus

36. Wild goats

37. Customer

38. NAACP founder Florence

39. Outbuilding

40. N.E. Chinese province

44. Distribute by measure

47. Scoundrel

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prepared to hang his electoral hat on a ship that has already sailed. Issues like controlling growth to be productive and effective, and stressing the importance of parks, parking, and infrastructure is something he believes all candidates can agree on – the “bread and butter issues.”

“Anyone who is on Council, whoever is elected mayor, they are all going to have to deal with those things almost as background noise,” he explains. “That is all baseline stuff.”

Not so baseline is the first plank in his platform, which he dubs “invoking the Spirit of Kaizen”, building on the philosophy of “continuous improvement and formal strategic policy to enhance everything we do.”

“Everything we do is going to change next year, in five years, and in 10 years,” he says. “A lot of legislation already anticipates that kind of regular updating, but a commitment to a broader initiative in that direction speaks to sustainability and it speaks to proper government, but what it really is about is change.”

The environment is his second primary platform plank, particularly in how it relates to parks, development, and growth. Aurora needs to focus on more “green” buildings, being “smarter” about infrastructure as well as “our expectations” in relation to the things Aurora can do by 2

itself and in relation to other stakeholders like the Region and the Province.

“It is about the environment and we are a subset of the environment,” he says. “God and nature made the earth, there is the human system within it, and within that human system is a small part of it called the Town of Aurora, and that is really where we’re trying to focus our efforts [in] being elected to Council.”

Technological investments form the third part of his plank, something that fits into his engineer’s wheelhouse. A move towards LED lighting on streets is a “fantastic” initiative, he says, that can have a huge payoff, but there is

room to be creative. Aurora is not going to have a university or college, or even a satellite campus in the foreseeable future, but other “niche opportunities” can be explored, such as a Fab Lab.

“It might be a payoff, but we have to recognize it might not,” he says. “Sometimes things don’t work out and we have to recognize that is a risk. Aurora, as a Council, has to recognize we are risk managers, risk mitigators, but we can’t be perfect and we can’t be expected to be perfect. We have to do the best we can for the constituency and based upon the information available at the time.”

As the October 27 election draws closer, Mr. Cook says he is looking forward to getting a better sense of who his fellow candidates are, see how they perform under stress, and getting a sense of himself. The process, he adds, has also given him perspective on who he would not be comfortable sharing the Council table with, although he is not going to name names.

“[Coming forward] with anything less than a spirit of humility, hard work and honesty is, I think, a recipe for disaster for any of us putting our names forward and I think it is most important that we all realise it is the idea of service above self. You go forward in the day thinking, ‘Why am I doing this? Why am I asking to be elected? If all you want to do is have a high stress, less than minimum wage type of opportunity where a lot of people are going to get to know you and a lot of people might not be happy with you, you may as well go to work in fast food and not do a good job in that context because this is a whole other level. Quality is one’s commitment to grow and change. Without that, you’re going to have trouble in this environment of continuous change.”

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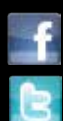
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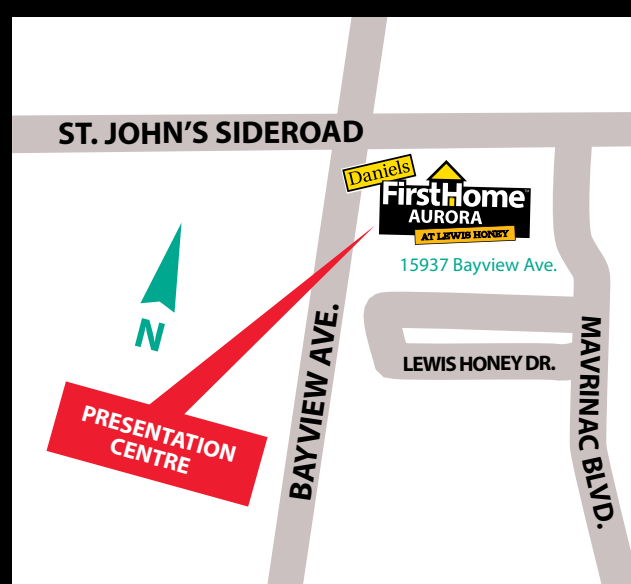
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(Top) Ex-NHLers Brad Marsh and Jim Thomson were on hand at Sport Aurora's Breakfast of Champions on September 28. (Above) The U15 Girls Storm volleyball team were National Champions last season.

Photos by Stephen Kimmerer

Local athletes honoured at annual Breakfast of Champions

By Jake Courtepatte

Aurora has become a hotbed for minor and amateur athletes in recent years, and Sport Aurora's Breakfast of Champions event is a testament to that.

The Breakfast recently paid tribute to these local sports organizations who took provincial and national championships by storm over the 2013-2014 season. The successful local athletes gathered at King's Riding Golf Club for a hot breakfast, followed by a morning of recognition, praise, and wise words.

This year marked the event's third anniversary, one that Ron Weese, President of Sport Aurora, said might be "the best they've had".

Around 170 athletes were recognized over a large variety of sports, a number that Weese says is a huge success for the organization.

"One of the main missions of Sport Aurora is to produce excellence, and that's just what happened," he said. "I'm proud of the way our sport organizations work, and how they develop athletes, both the recreational side and the competitive side. "It's a real testament to our programs."

Those recognized included provincial champions U18 Aurora Barbarians Rugby, Central York Girls Hockey, Everest Academy U19 men's field lacrosse, Spectrum North Baton Club, Evolution Gymnastics Aurora, U13 Lady Redbirds lacrosse, U13 boy's Redbirds lacrosse, Ducks Swimming, U14 girl's Storm Volleyball, and national champions U15 girl's Storm Volleyball.

Ex-NHLer Jim Thomson served as emcee for the occasion, accompanied by a keynote speech from Brad Marsh, also a former NHLer.

The two recounted inspirational stories from their past, humbled by the notion that "success is often fleeting".

"Both of them had interesting pathways to their lives and success," said Weese. "Their stories inspired a lot of people to work hard towards their personal goals, but also keep in mind that championships aren't the only thing that are important."

While former athletes, Thomson and Marsh did not pigeonhole themselves and their message. Both speakers made it clear that athletes must not only develop themselves as sports people, but also as individuals in the community.

"That was a really good message. It's something that needs to be told to young people," said Weese.

Ironically, both Thomson and Marsh remarked that professionally, they were never on championship teams, and hadn't been since their days of local minor hockey.

"If they knew how difficult championships were to come by, they would have enjoyed them more back then," joked Weese. "But championships don't really measure you on your sports ability, dedication, and commitment to sports."

Now a motivational speaker, Thomson played 115 games in the NHL.

Marsh's 15-year NHL career included stints in Calgary, Philadelphia, Toronto, Detroit, and Ottawa.

Each one of the athletes were presented with medals

by Sport Aurora committee chairperson Doug LeGallais, along with a plate recognizing the achievements of the team.

According to LeGallais, the awards signified the dedication, hard work, and commitment put forth by the athletes.

"It's quite a thing to see so many provincial and national champions from this one town," said Weese. "It's really quite astounding, and good to see them get recognized."

And recognized they were. Along with coaches, family and friends, members of the community also showed up to praise the young athletes, including Mayor Geoff Dawe.

Weese said it is this community involvement that sets amateur sport in Aurora apart, and without the dedication of parents and volunteers these championships would not be attainable.

Next up on Sport Aurora's schedule is the annual Volunteer Recognition event, taking place at East Side Mario's on Bayview Avenue next Sunday.

Members of Sport Aurora nominate annually a volunteer they would like to see recognized publicly, who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for the organization.

Weese said volunteers, families, and members of the public are invited to the luncheon.

"It's a great way to celebrate excellence in volunteers. We're really looking forward to it."

For more information, visit www.sportaurora.ca.



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Stressed? Having issues with your friends? Worried about school or home? Are things just not going your way? Learn how to live your life to the full in eight 90-minute sessions beginning at 6.30 p.m. this evening, hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association. Ages 16 – 18. To register visit www.cmha-yr.on.ca/community-education-2014/calendar.

The Aurora Historical Society will host a Scotch Tasting this evening from 7 – 9 p.m. in conjunction with CHATS – Community & Home Assistance to Seniors. Meet Keith Scott, who will introduce you to five special single malt scotches. He will explain their origin, history and nuances as you sample each one. Light refreshments will be served in order to maximize the flavour of each of the five. Tickets are \$60 (or \$55 for AHS members) and can be purchased by contacting Kelley at 905-713-3373 or kmackenzie@chats.on.ca. Transportation from the Hillary House event will be available. Proceeds support AHS and CHATS.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce hosts Business After Five today from 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. at The Millionaire's Daughter. (12-40 Englehard Drive, Aurora). Complimentary for members. Advance registration required.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce hosts the marketing workshop The Practical Marketing Side of CASL. Presented by Javed S. Khan, this workshop will help you market your business in accordance with Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce (14483 Yonge Street). Complimentary. Advance registration required.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

IT'S A DANCE at the Aurora Cultural Centre. A night filled with dancing in the Centre's Brevik Hall, with casual dress encouraged and the dance floor beckoning. Grab a gang of friends, get your girlfriends together, and prepare to shake what your mama gave you! 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 or \$25 for Friends of the Centre. Includes light snacks and live musical entertainment courtesy of the Thursday Night Jam Band. All net proceeds will support projects, programs and free exhibitions at the Centre. 19+. ID is required.

Brass, Brats & Beer at Christ Church, Kettleby (292 Kettleby Road). Entertainment features The Little Big Band from Orillia, Juno-nominated musician John Ebata, and vocalist Siobhan Duffy. The evening includes a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the restoration of the old stone church. Tickets are \$30. For more information, call 905-726-9651.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Garden Aurora! The Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society welcomes back Leonard Teengs, an award-winning floral designer and special events coordinator. Leonard will demonstrate fabulous floral arrangements for the upcoming holiday season. Join us for "Christmas Pizzazz" at the Royal Canadian Legion (105 Industrial Parkway North) at 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.gardenaurora.com or call 905-713-6660.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church presents a Hymn Sing this evening in support of the Aurora United Church Re-Build. Favourite hymns arranged for congregation and mass ecumenical choir, accompanied by organ, brass, and tympani get underway at 7.30 p.m. Freewill offering. All are invited. Refreshments to follow. Our Lady of Grace is located at 15347 Yonge Street.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Eating Disorders of York Region will host "Meaning Centred Living" with Dr. Doreen M. Francis this evening from 6.30 – 8.30 p.m. at their Aurora headquarters (15213 Yonge Street, Suite 15, Second Floor). Meaning Centred Therapy, or logotherapy, is a philosophy of working with individuals, couples and families within a framework of empowerment. This means that the group works together to create a sense of balance. Each participant works towards building an attitude of self-worth that will extend to support the value of the other – the attitude that each one of us is a living, feeling, and perceiving human being destined to realise his or her strengths and achieve well-being. For more information, contact Riverwalk Wellness Centres at 905-886-6632.

The monthly meeting of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Aurora-Newmarket takes place this evening at 7.15 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion (105 Industrial Parkway North, Aurora) with Jonathon Macri speaking on Alzheimer's and dementia. All are welcome. For more information, call 905-895-8713 or visit www.cfuwauroranewmarket.com.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

The White Heather Pipes and Drums will host a Halloween Party and Dance this evening from 8 p.m. to Midnight. Live band, dancing, costumes, draws, and prizes. Dress up, come on out and join the fun! Live music by Aurora's own classic rock band Delaye Drive. Location: Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North.

ELECTION 2014

It might take a village to raise a child, but it takes more to fix a broken adult, says candidate David Heard

By Brock Weir

David Heard says he's always believed in the phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child," but it takes a lot more than that to "fix a broken adult."

Mr. Heard says he kept this in mind when considering whether to throw his hat in the ring as a Council candidate in this month's Municipal Election. It is not a rash decision. He wanted to run for Council before, but in the last election he was going back to school to become a social worker, and that trumped politics.

"I entered the race late," says Mr. Heard. "I felt empowered. There is no challenge you cannot overcome. I have had some adversity in my life, but I am not going to let it hold me back. I just wanted to make sure I had some commitments to programming with my employment and other things I am involved in, and I wanted to make sure my house was in order before I put my name on paper."

Mr. Heard, a long-time anti-bullying advocate within the Aurora community, also works for Kerry's Place Autism Services, mentoring kids and young adults living on the autism spectrum. Looking ahead to the remaining weeks in this election campaign, he says it is important to deliver a strong message to youth.

Paramount in this, he says, is the development of the Community Space for Youth, currently under construction at the Aurora Community Centre, which has been dubbed a "Youth Centre."

Providing a place for the youth of Aurora to call home is one thing, but it is quite another to actually enable them to take advantage of it, he says.

"The youth centre is a challenge right now," he says. "We have a big hurdle ahead of us [with] our youth being able to access that location. We have a lot of areas in the community, such as Regency Acres, where there are a lot of basement apartments and single parent families. If the parent is working, who is going to get that youth to the youth centre? Logistics are going to be a challenge. We need to come up with creative ideas to assist those who want to, need to, and would like to use that facility."

"If we are going to have trouble getting people there, how much harder is it going to be for people with accessibility needs?"

The principle of getting people where they need to go is not strictly related to the youth centre for Mr. Heard. Providing a foundation for Aurora to maximize its tourism potential is also something that is very important to him.

A long-time heritage advocate, Mr. Heard has previously spoken about the potential to turn the former site of Collis Leather into a community hub in a similar vein to Newmarket's Riverwalk Commons. Although it seems that ship has sailed, he is not letting the flame dim on his desire to establish a York Region Music Hall of Fame and amphitheatre in Aurora to make the Town a tourist destination.

His work on Aurora's Heritage Advisory Committee, where he has been the leading advocate to secure and preserve Aurora's pet cemetery at the south end of Town also underscores his point, he says, in that interest has been coming in from well outside of Aurora of people wanting to come and take a look.



David Heard
Auroran photo by Brock Weir

"I do not want to see our taxpayers continually pay out for these projects," says Mr. Heard on looking for partners to make these ideas a reality. "The amount of money that was raised for the Children's Safety Village is an amazing template. There is no reason why we can't get the public engaged on tourism and heritage. We have some incredible stories and people that are connected to our community locally. Aurora was a small town, but...tourism is an incredible gift that we need to harness."

As the campaign progresses, Mr. Heard says he sees his "voice" not only as a significant asset over the next two weeks, but also something that would be beneficial at the Council table. He first focused on public speaking as a Grade 2 student, encouraged by his teacher as a way of overcoming his own hearing challenges and building self-esteem. So far, the most exciting part of this campaign for him is standing on the floor of the Royal Canadian Legion where he had an impact.

"There I was standing in the same place that at 17-years-old I did a speech on people with disabilities back in 1979 on why, if given a chance, they could become community leaders," he says. "I want to be that strong voice on Council, but I also want to be the ear."

While he says the last two Councils have been "troublesome," he has high hopes for the future.

"I have to believe that we will take the big step to make Aurora an incredible place to live, an incredible place to visit, and a great place to mentor our youth to be future leaders."





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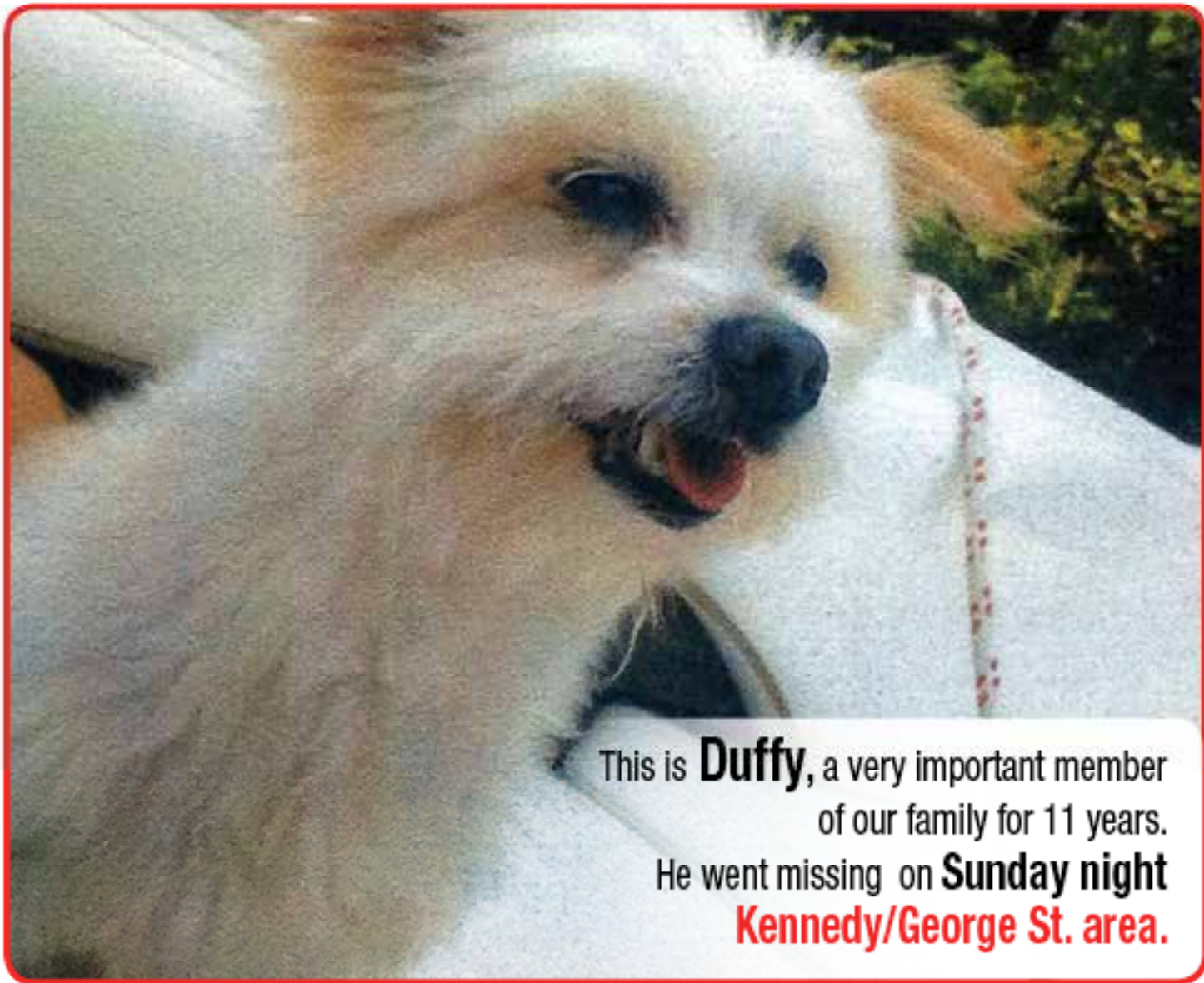
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Game had extra meaning for Aurora's Novice Tigers

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Burt said the Tigers organization was looking for a way to help the Thomsons from the early stages of Trevor's diagnosis.

"When Trevor was diagnosed, it sent shockwaves not only through our team, but through the whole community. So, we always wanted to do something for the Thomson family, and were able to fit it in the mix here."

After renaming the team, the players came together in an act of solidarity at the tournament, playing a 25-minute game against the mascots from local teams like Carlton the Bear, Jason the Argonaut, and even the Sasquatch from Jack Links.

In a nice touch displaying the power that sport can bring, Jack will be wearing number 27 this hockey season, the number of Trevor's favourite hockey player, Darryl Sittler.

Sittler was present at the opening ceremony, where he met the family and team at centre ice for photos.

"It was a pretty special moment," said Burt. "He's a great guy, and something like that means a lot for the family."

Despite the size and busy schedule of the dawn-to-dusk fundraiser, the moment was not lost for those involved.

"It was definitely the highlight of the day. The kids were having fun, it was nice to remember Trevor in a way he would want to be remembered."

The Troops were in exhilarated spirits throughout the day, as Burt said they "rallied around Jack and Spencer".

"The whole family was able to just embrace the moment."

This year's event raised a staggering \$2.219 million for cancer research, bringing the foundation close to the \$10 million mark.

While it may be the world's largest road hockey fundraising event, Burt and his team are setting the goal even higher.

"Next year, we're trying to go for the world record in terms of scope and scale for a road hockey event."

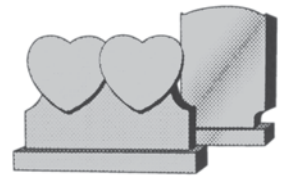
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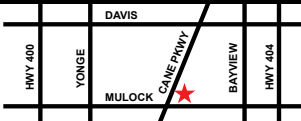
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