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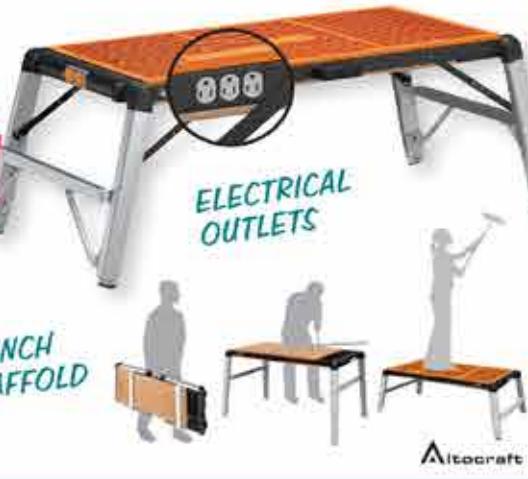
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FREE Week of March 31, 2016



INTO THE WOODS – Last week's ice storm provided some new and exciting obstacles and hiding places at Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by the Town of Aurora. Here, Adam, Aidan, Jack and Jordan wade through a sea of freshly felled tree branches and ice shards in the Aurora Community Arboretum looking for treats hidden by the Easter Bunny, who was waiting in nearby Petch House. For more on the celebration, see Page 14.

Auroran photo by Glenn Rodger

Highland Gate OMB hearing slated for next March

By Angela Gismondi

It looks like the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing for the Highland Gate development is going to be a long one.

At the pre-hearing March 22 in Council Chambers, Ira Kagan, legal counsel for Highland Gate Developments Inc., the development partnership between Geranium Homes and ClubLink, requested a six-week trial beginning at the Board's earliest convenience.

He also requested another pre-hearing, which is expected to take place between

August 22 and 23.

OMB member Jason Chee-Hing informed Kagan the Board is understaffed and it will not be able to accommodate a six-week hearing until March 2017.

The expected start date is March 27.

"We are so busy and so down in numbers that we are not scheduling anything this year that lengthy," said Chee-Hing.

The developer is proposing to build new homes on the former Highland Gate Golf Club property.

The proposal is to add a new high-density residential block consisting of

184 single detached dwellings, a 100-unit condo building, as well as parkettes, open space/vistas, trails and environmental protection on a 101 acre property (41 hectares).

Highland Gate Developments took its application to the OMB in November, stating the Town took too long to review and make a decision on the proposal.

At the pre-hearing, Kagan said the developer has amended the development proposal and the number of single detached units has been reduced from 184 to 182. A proposed 10-storey

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"Green for Green"
campaign raises money
for Highland Gate
defence

By Brock Weir

The Ontario Municipal Board decision on the future of the proposed redevelopment of Highland Gate Golf Course could have wide reaching impacts in Aurora and the affected homeowners are pooling their resources to mount a good defence at upcoming hearings.

The Highland Gate Ratepayers

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By Brock Weir

The Federal Liberal Government released their first Budget last week and while municipalities like Aurora are hailing the blueprint for its investment in infrastructure, local business owners shouldn't be so happy, according to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

Following last Tuesday's budget speech, Mayor Geoff Dawe said Aurora was "pleased" to see the Trudeau government maintain its commitment to make a "significant investment in Canada's key infrastructure, addressing

both underfunded and overdue critical infrastructure while, in the process, stimulating our national economy through job creation and funding in this construction activity."

"The Budget commits over \$120 Billion for various infrastructure groups and categories over the next 10 years," said Mayor Dawe in a statement.

"Areas the Town is delighted in seeing is support for municipal infrastructure, as well as commitment for significant improvements for public transit in major urban centres such as the GTA,

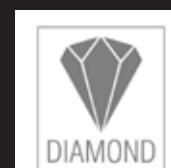
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Small businesses are "biggest losers" in Federal budget: Chamber

By Brock Weir

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WEEKLY NOTICE BOARD

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location	Meeting
Tuesday, April 5	9:30 a.m.	Leksand Room	Joint Council Committee
Tuesday, April 5	7 p.m.	Council Chambers	General Committee
Thursday, April 7	7 p.m.	Holland Room	Environmental Advisory

Council meetings are open to the public and can be seen on Rogers TV, channel 10. For a full list of upcoming meetings, please visit www.aurora.ca

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Private Tree Protection By-Law Approval

On February 9, 2016 Aurora Town Council directed that a "Private Tree Protection By-Law" to prohibit and/or regulate the injury or destruction of trees on private property in the Town of Aurora, be presented to Council for approval and that the current Tree Protection By-law No. Number 4474-03.D. be repealed.

Please be advised that the Revised By-law will be presented to Council for enactment at the General Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

Pending Council approval, the revised Private Tree Protection By-Law will come into effect on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 with the following significant revisions:

- Number of trees that can be removed from a private property in a 12-month period without obtaining a permit has been reduced to two (2) trees from four (4) trees.
- A permit must be obtained prior to removal of a single heritage tree or a single tree in any heritage district as described in the By-Law.
- For larger properties, owners shall be permitted to remove two (2) trees per .25 ha. of property in a 12-month period without obtaining a permit. (For example: Owner of a 1 ha. property can remove eight (8) trees in a 12-month period without obtaining a permit.)

For more information about this By-Law, including permit fees, please call 905-727-3123, ext. 3222.

Speed Cushion Pilot Project on Stone Road from Clift Road to Hawtin Lane

The Town of Aurora is considering installing speed cushions* on the below noted locations to address speeding concerns.

- Stone Road from Clift Road to Hawtin Lane
- Conover Avenue from River Ridge Boulevard and Borealis Avenue
- Kennedy Street West from Murray Drive to McGee Crescent
- Mavrinac Boulevard from Borealis Avenue to Spring Farm Road
- McMaster Avenue from Hollidge Boulevard and Hollandview Trail

The Traffic Calming Policy requires achievement of the following warrants to proceed:

- Warrant 1: To achieve a minimum of 70 per cent support from area residents
- Warrant 2: Minimum Speed, on streets where traffic calming is proposed, the 85th percentile speed** over a 7-day period must be a minimum of 15 km/h (but less than 20km/h) over the posted speed limit.

The chosen locations have met the Minimum Speed warrant.

The Town is conducting a survey asking affected residents who reside in the vicinity of the area to vote on the installation of the speed cushions.

For more information on this pilot project please contact Jamal Massadeh at 905-727-3123 ext. 4374 or visit www.aurora.ca

* A form of speed hump, that allows larger (especially emergency) vehicles to negotiate them without slowing down

** The 85th percentile speed is a common transportation indicator, which refers to the speed 85 percent of the vehicles are traveling at or below.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food for Fines – help the less fortunate in Aurora!

The Town of Aurora is providing an alternative method of payment for parking infractions. The Town has partnered with the Aurora Food Pantry to help the less fortunate in our community.

In lieu of paying your "Park on Municipal Property without Consent" parking ticket issued between March 15 and April 15, 2016, you can choose to purchase a \$25 gift card at any local grocery store in Aurora. Drop off the gift card, along with your ticket and purchase receipt indicating the balance and activation status to Access Aurora located at Aurora Town Hall, 100 John West Way. Participation is optional.

For more information about this program, please contact the Bylaw Services department at 905-727-3123 ext. 4240 or visit www.aurora.ca/parking

Visit The Town of Aurora's booth at The 2016 Aurora Chamber Home Show

Looking for a copy of the latest Aurora Living Resident's Guide or Spring & Summer Leisure Guide? Do you have questions about Town programs or services? Visit us at Booths 111 and 112 at the 2016 Aurora Chamber Home Show.

Where: Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex (SARC)
1400 Wellington Street East, Aurora
When: Friday, April 15 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: General admission is \$5 at the door.
Children under 6 are free.

For more information, please visit www.aurorachamber.on.ca

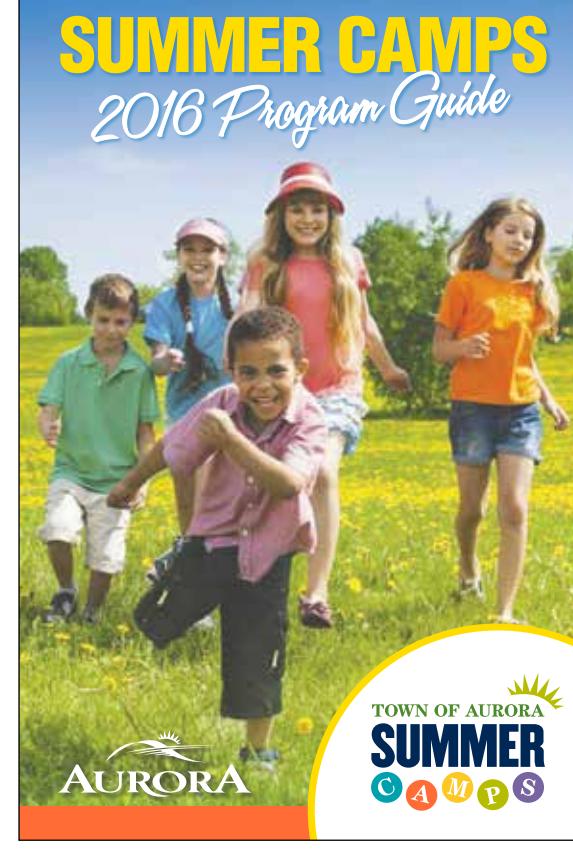
WHAT'S HAPPENING

Aurora's Juried Art Show and Sale

The annual Art Show and Sale is happening on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 at Aurora Town Hall.

We are currently accepting registrations in all categories. For information about the event or how to register as an artist, please visit www.aurora.ca/art

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To learn more, visit www.aurora.ca/skylightgallery

Regular Viewing Times: Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Aurora Town Hall, 3rd Floor



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The Town of Aurora is pleased to be the first municipality in York Region to introduce a School Travel Planning policy. The policy was initiated by the Town's Infrastructure & Environmental Services (Public Works) division and was endorsed by Aurora Town Council in late 2013. In partnership with The Regional Municipality of York, The Town of Aurora launched a School Safety Campaign in Fall 2014.

To learn more about The Town of Aurora's commitment to safety around our schools and our School Travel Planning policy, please visit www.aurora.ca/safe

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For more information, please contact Access Aurora at 905-727-1375 or visit www.aurora.ca/earthweek

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Clean-Up Day

Saturday,
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8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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- To register to participate, complete the online form at www.aurora.ca/cleanup. Registration will be open until **Monday, April 18**.
- All registered participants will receive a clean-up kit during check-in from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Aurora Town Park.

- An appreciation barbecue generously donated by Meridian will take place from **12 p.m. to 2 p.m.** at **Town Park**, with entertainment by the Aurora Community Band.

Clean Yards By-law

The Town of Aurora's Clean Yards By-law 4754-05.P serves to protect the health and welfare of Aurora residents. This by-law requires all properties in Aurora to be maintained in a safe condition and clear of waste. It prohibits the dumping of refuse or debris and provides guidelines for stagnant water and lawn maintenance. For more information, please visit www.aurora.ca/bylaws. Let's keep Aurora safe and beautiful!

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Earth Week to be marked with Eco Fair for Aurorans of all ages

By Brock Weir

Earth Week was started with noble intentions but, over time, has become "meaningless for most people," according to Aurora's Mel James, a member of Aurora's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC).

While kids and environmental groups, he says, might be an exception to the rule, it's time to really raise awareness of environmental initiatives and issues right in our own back yard.

Enter the inaugural Community Earth Week Fair.

Taking over the historic Aurora Armoury on Wednesday, April 20, from 5-9 p.m., EAC welcomes all members of the public to learn more about how they can make a positive impact on the future of the Earth, all the while picking up handy pointers on how to reduce your energy consumption and, in turn, reduce your energy bills!

"Earth Week has actually become meaningless for most people, and yet children and different groups are very active," says Mr. James. "I was [recently at] the Region's EAC meeting and I was just gobsmacked by how much was going on in the Region and I asked, 'How come we don't know about this?' There is a huge amount of environmental and energy management things going on within governments, yet the public don't know. So, I decided something had to be done about this Fair."

Working with a team within EAC, they brainstormed many different ideas on how this broad topic could be tackled, focusing on the energy side of things with local businesses that have

stepped up to the plate to offer some green solutions.

"The Town is doing quite a bit with street lighting and solar, so we have those people coming in to explain what it is they're doing – and it is also telling the public what the Town is doing with their taxes as well," says Mr. James. "It is going to be very interactive. We're going to have environmental groups and light commercial groups. The environmental groups will deal with everything environmental with activity centres. There will even be a person there who will teach you how to compost and there will be a bin with worms in it, and the planting of seeds."

This first Community Earth Week Fair will shine a light on "daily decisions" everyone can make to reduce carbon emissions and "live in balance with the environment." It will also look at ways of eating sustainably. Success for this inaugural event will, of course, be measured by the amount of traffic coming through the Armoury on April 20, but it is about much more than that.

"What amazes me is a community like Markham has three full-time people on the environmental side of things and they have Earth Week all week," says Mr. James. "The list of what the Region is doing is endless. They are targeting children, so both school Boards have an environmental person actively involved in working with the schools and we don't know about these things.

"What we're attempting to do is bring those things out. If it is successful, then we will make it more successful next year and we can book

the Aurora Family Leisure Complex where we have a gym and breakout rooms for lectures with experts to talk about certain things.

"I just want people to come and have a good time. It will be a family day to make Earth Week meaningful so the public starts thinking."

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

Aurora Town Council will hold a public meeting to receive input on the following planning application on Wednesday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at Aurora Town Hall, Council Chambers.

APPLICATION: The Owner has submitted a complete Application for an Amendment to Zoning By-law 2213-78 to rezone that portion of the subject lands zoned Central Commercial (C2-1A) Exception Zone to Third Density Apartment Residential (RA3-1) Exception Zone and to amend the existing Third Density Apartment Residential (RA3-1) Exception Zone to permit a total of 118 apartment dwelling units (12 additional apartment dwelling units) and a total of 109 parking spaces on the subject lands.

PROPERTY: 55 Wellington Street West



LEGAL DESC.: Part of Lot 27 Registered Plan 246

APPLICANT: Millwell Properties Inc.

FILE NUMBER: ZBA-2016-02

CONTACT: Additional information may be obtained from Marty Rokos of the Planning & Development Services department at 905-727-3123 ext. 4350, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Comments may also be mailed to the Planning & Development Services department at the address noted below, faxed to 905-726-4736 or emailed to planning@aurora.ca. Please quote the file name and number.

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Zoning By-law (O. Reg. 545/06)

If a person or a public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Town of Aurora before the bylaw is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of The Town of Aurora to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Town of Aurora before the bylaw is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of The Town of Aurora in respect to the Zoning By-Law Amendment, you must make a written request to The Town of Aurora to the attention of the Director of Planning & Development Services.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Mavrinac residents do know what they want: neighbour**

Responding to the article, "But what kind of park do residents want?" of The Auroran, March 10, and also as one of the residents who spoke in support of parkland for the Mavrinac land to Council earlier this month, I do want to stress that the residents here at 2B East (of Bayview) are in fact very united in what we want to see: green-space, parkland and new trees/garden plantings, regardless of individual opinion on the design details.

Catherine Collister spoke eloquently about the importance of children (of all ages) having spaces to play, of "playing hide and seek and red rover" – so did I in my talk to Council. I supported this even as I spoke before her not knowing what she was going to say, I indicated that it would be nice to have more than a garbage can or a hydro box to hide behind – trees, bushes, rocks in a parkland setting would be a great place to play these games.

Kickball, stickball and jump rope, imaginary fort play – all again would be great in a grassy, treed and park-like setting.

We look forward to seeing what Al Downey and his team presents in May.

In the meantime, please rest assured that the residents here do have a strong consensus as to what the neighbourhood wants and believe we need.

This is contrary to Mayor Dawe's unhelpful comment that we "are already arguing as to what they want over there."

The fact is, we do indeed know what we want, and we are in complete agreement, regardless of the semantics that may have been used. I think that we all are in agreement that we should focus on what unites us rather than what divides us. We are all residents of Aurora, at the end of the day.

It is important to stress that it will be nice to see something much sooner than the 17 years it took previous Council to do anything in other areas of Aurora (i.e. youth centre, Library Square, etc. that were referred to in your article), and as residents of 2B, as well as most of the supporting Councillors had also indicated quite strongly in recent Council meetings, we all want to do whatever is needed to help move this along a lot more quickly so that our elderly and children of THIS generation can walk to the park on Mavrinac and have somewhere to play!

With my experience sitting on the design committee for the Canada Blooms Festival over the past several years, and my own garden landscape (with its unique rain garden) having been selected to show in this year's Aurora Garden Tour on July 10, I and many others living in 2B East, would give our time to volunteer as a resident representative on any Park Design Committee that Mr. Downey might establish.

Michele Boyer
Aurora

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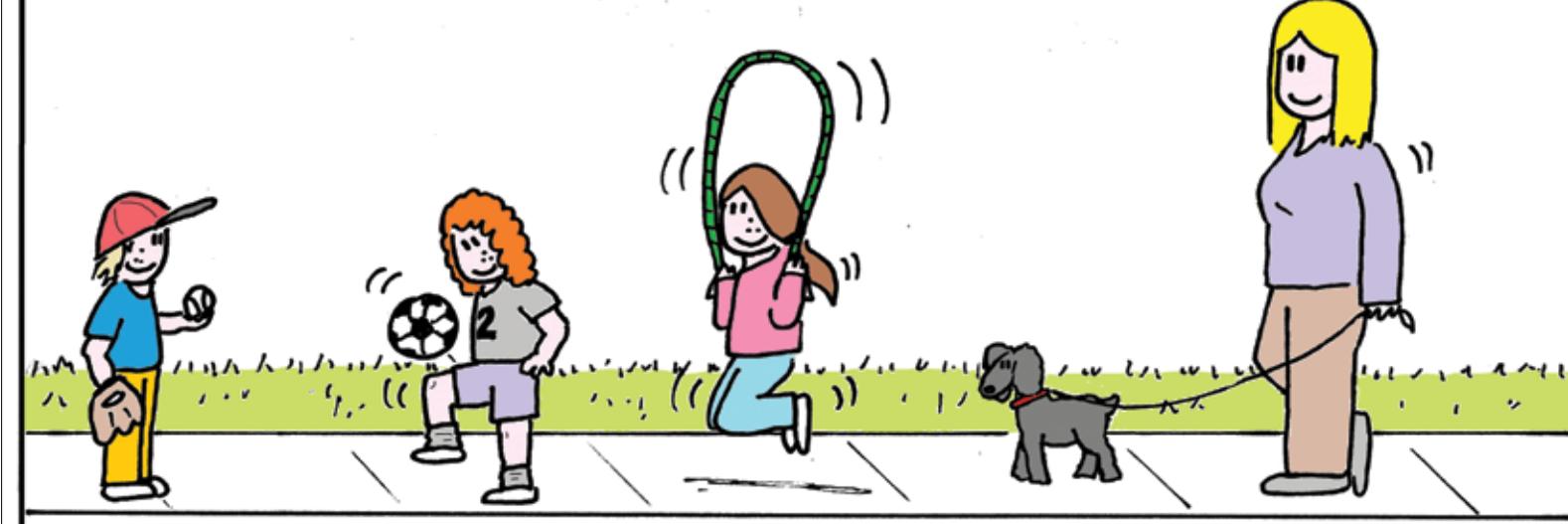
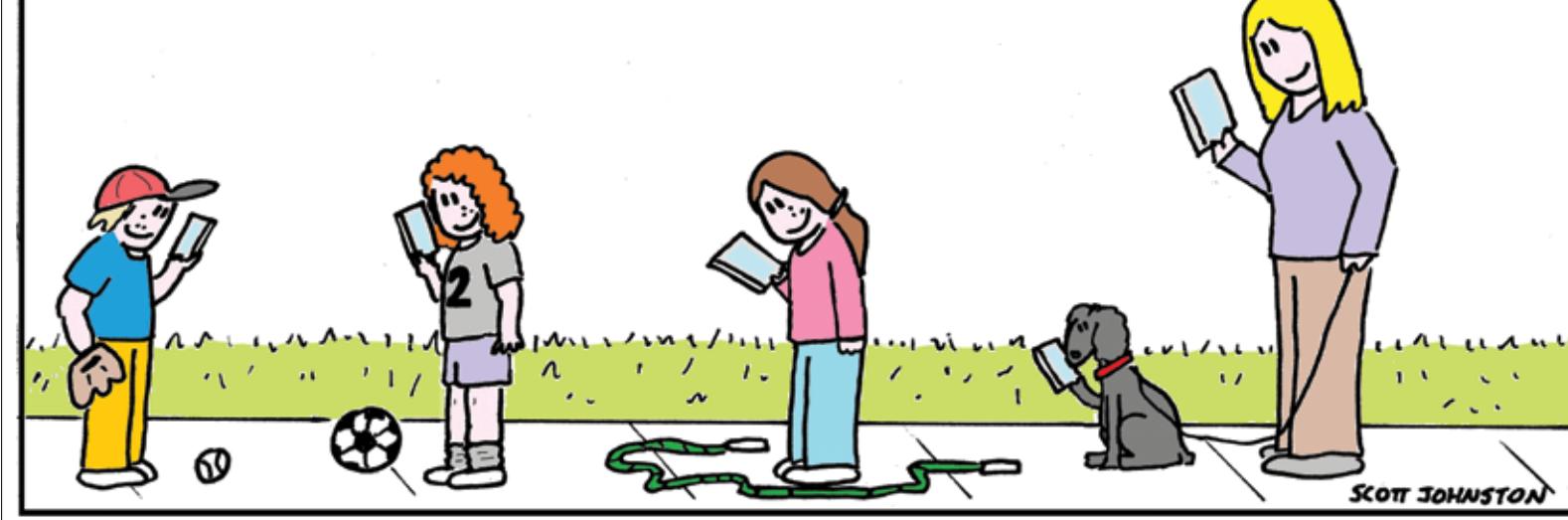
I am sure others felt some or all of the emotions that I felt last Friday afternoon after I received notice from the Magna Hoedown Committee that our organization was selected to receive funding in 2016: shock, joy, elation, relief, fear but mostly gratitude. I felt like a kid at Christmas!

I am sure that the other organizations (15 in total) who got this good news, have or plan to give thanks for this annual "gift" and that got me thinking about just how many organizations have been supported by the Hoedown and, thusly, the Stronach Family.

Clearly, our community has been dramatically changed because of the family's and the organization's benevolence that started back in 1987.

I bet if we have the chance to be

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Machell's Corners**TODAY****WHEN WIFI IS ADDED TO OUR STREET LIGHTS****A Walk through Ford Nation****BROCK'S BANTER**

Brock Weir

Aurora Arboretum, but the uncertainty, the snow and ice falling from trees, conspired to create a sense of adventure – and a new brand of fun for families that come out to this event year after year.

I would like to send my own kudos to the Easter Bunny, the Town of Aurora Events Staff, and scores of volunteers, who put their collective heads together to find new and creative ways to make sure the annual Easter Egg Hunt was an undisputed success.

So, with my track record, and keeping in mind the date of Easter Saturday next year, I hope April 15, 2017 is plagued by snow, ice, high winds, and at least two horsemen of the apocalypse.

You're welcome!

With Saturday's event in the history book, Sunday gave way to one of the most beautiful days we've had this year, which was a nice antidote to the miserable previous few days.

As usual, our family's Easter Destination was Etobicoke for our traditional dinner at my aunt's house, just on the outskirts of what has become colloquially known as Ford Nation.

Some members of that household veered precariously close to becoming dyed-in-the-wool members of Ford Nation before common sense kicked in, but the Ford Brothers always deliver in providing plenty of dinner table fodder at these Fam Jams.

This year was no exception.

As we pulled off Highway 401 and took Royal York Road to get to our ultimate destination, a crowd of people on the east side of the road caught my eye. They were crouching down with lighters, candles and bouquets of flowers as if they were leaving an offering. Pointing my eyes upward and sporting the now-vintage Rob Ford election signs, it was clear at this park, dedicated in memory of his late father, had become a shrine to the late Mayor of Toronto as well.

Intrigued by the sight, I decided to check it out later, after dinner was over.

It too provided a talking point around the dinner table with speculation being bandied about on whether the grief for Rob Ford, a man who died far

too young, was genuine or part of the "need" some people have today to hop on a bandwagon; theories over which, if any, scion of the Ford Family would try to parlay this tide of good will into another tide in the next Municipal Election in 2018; and whether or not people were lionizing his memory, as so many do with controversial figures following untimely deaths, and overstating his accomplishments within and love for the city to our south while downplaying the fact that his escapades, including his unfortunate demons, made Toronto seem like a three-ring circus.

Following the dinner, I made good on my own pledge to stop by the makeshift shrine to see what was drawing people to it.

Surely, it couldn't have been only members of Ford Nation looking to throw a log jam on the tracks to stop a real or imagined "gravy train," or people looking for a bit of stardust.

Approaching the scene well after 10 p.m., the candles and tea lights were still burning bright. There was a sea of flowers, a few stuffed animals, a white piggy bank, handwritten Bristol board placards, and short notes written with varying commands of the English language.

Some were heartfelt, noting quite rightly that Rob Ford was gone too soon.

"Rob Ford is people's mayor of Toronto," read one typed note.

Perhaps, but certainly not true of all people. No politician ever is.

"You showed sheer passion & went beyond the job of a mayor," wrote another, on a small piece of canvas propped up on an equally small wooden easel. "You were Toronto's #1 fan."

That is a statement easy to debate but hard to refute.

Similar messages followed.

Unsure what to make of it all, I made my way through the messages north to south and the very last message in just a few words encompassed more than the others combined.

"R.I.P. Coach," it said in black handwritten letters, framed inside a simple white box with Rob Ford in his uniform as football coach at Don Bosco.

That's really what it is all about.

Love him or hate him as a politician,

whether or not he was a good or bad

influence in the City of Toronto, this is

a man who nevertheless had a positive impact on many citizens and will be remembered fondly.

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Poetry & Creative Mind Day (April 1)

Poem, left: "66 Tyler Street", written by Rosemary Wells about her childhood memories. She and her family lived at that address from 1947-1960. Poem, right: "When Daddy Steps Off the Car", written by Jean McLean Forsyth, and is dated February 10, 1910. The "car" is about the radial railway that went through Aurora. Box with paint kit: A gift to Joseph Clarke, part of the Clarke family who lived in Aurora in the 1920s and 30s. Note inside is dated to May 15, 1935 and is addressed to "Joe" and signed "Auntie Bolton."



Free tuition for middle-income families



View From Queen's Park

Chris Ballard, MPP
Newmarket-Aurora

Students from families with incomes of less than \$50,000 will have no provincial student debt. The Ontario Student Grant will also be eligible to a wider variety of full-time students, including mature students, married students and students who have been out of school for more than four years.

Big numbers, big impact: 170,000 students will have non-repayable aid that exceeds what they would have received previously under current OSAP; 300,000 students will have either the same or more non-repayable aid than they would have received previously under current OSAP; approximately 250,000 students will have less debt than they would under current OSAP.

By September 2018, the province will increase access to interest-free and low-cost loans for middle- and upper-income families by reducing their expected parental contributions. Reducing the threshold for expected parental contributions will provide

increased financial support to middle- and upper-income families.

Unfortunately, there have been a few newspaper articles reporting the government is misleading families by claiming tuition will be "free." There have been references to the fact that a student must pay \$3,000 in order to qualify for free tuition.

These articles are simply wrong. The \$3,000 is the overall annual cost that OSAP assumes is being covered by the student for costs such as living expenses and textbooks.

This does not mean that the student has to produce \$3,000 as a contribution to apply for the Ontario Student Grant. If a student doesn't have it, their eligibility for free tuition does not change.

Our changes mean free tuition for these students. In addition, more than half of the students from families with incomes of \$83,000 or less will have non-repayable grants in excess of average tuition. And more good news - OSAP will be indexed to inflation.

A word about "average tuition": Students enrolled full-time at publicly-assisted Ontario colleges and universities in high-cost programs, (like engineering), will qualify for the Ontario Student Grant - while the grant alone might not fully cover all tuition costs, most of these students, especially lower-income students, will still be getting more grant than

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2016 Spring Trip to Florida



FRONT PORCH PERSPECTIVE

Stephen Somerville

continuing quest to find interesting t-shirts.

I saw a thirty-something year old man wearing a t-shirt that said - "I'm busy - your ugly - have a nice day," although he himself was not particularly handsome.

Another man was wearing a great shirt; it had a picture of a bride and groom on the front and above it was the words "GAME OVER."

This was priceless.

I wanted my own t-shirt. But in addition to the picture of the bride and groom I would include a small boy and the t-shirt would say "GAME NOW REALLY OVER."

An early-twenties lady was wearing a t-shirt that read - "I jump out of perfectly good airplanes."

A rather intriguing shirt was worn by a two-year-old.

The shirt had a Nike logo on the front with the words "Game Changer."

I guess Mom and Dad expect this little gaffer to be quite the athlete. Good to build the expectations up early.

My trip would not be complete without seeing a few political t-shirts.

I did see a couple of "Clinton for President" and "Cruz for President" shirts, and I also spotted a few "Trump - Make America Great Again" t-shirts as well as one lady wearing a "Trump -

"Make America Hate Again" t-shirt.

Although I did not see the following t-shirt on this particular trip, a number of years ago down in Florida I spotted a guy with my all time favourite t-shirt "Nixon and Agnew - Rested, Relaxed and Ready to Roll in '92".

Usually on these trips 'ole Somerville wears a golf shirt every day, topped off with my Toronto Maple Leafs baseball cap.

The Leafs cap has elicited a few different responses over the years.

Last March a guy wearing an authentic Sidney Crosby Pittsburgh Penguins shirt shot me a rather disdainful look while in line at the EPCOT theme park.

During that same trip while I was sitting on the curb trying to have a quick nap near the Splash Mountain ride in the Magic Kingdom theme park a guy walks by and says "Go Leafs Go" and shoots me a big smile!

The last component to our trip was the NCAA men's basketball tournament - also commonly referred to as "March Madness".

Everyone down in Florida was talking about the sixty-eight team field and the preparation of their office pool brackets.

I am also a big college hoops fan and I was able to catch a number of opening round games on television while in Orlando.

With the first two rounds of the tournament completed, I predict that the Indiana Hoosiers will beat the North Carolina Tar Heels this evening and then proceed through the rest of the tournament to win the Championship Game a week from now.

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POLITICS AS USUAL

Alison Collins-Mrakas

I had a lot of feedback about my column last week on term limits.

The gist of the comments were that folks agreed with the premise of limiting the number of terms a person can hold a particular elected office.

The subtext to the comments regarding the belief in the need for term limits is precisely what I had iterated in the piece - folks are fed up with people being elected to do a job that they end up demonstrating little or no interest in doing.

They are more interested in playing the part, not doing their part. I get the frustration.

A title isn't a crown. A chain of office isn't a piece of jewelry.

They are symbols of responsibility and commitment to the residents of the municipality or province you have pledged to serve.

So, residents get justifiably annoyed when elected officials - regardless of office - appear to sit back and do nothing for the three or four years they are elected to serve.

That being said, however, term limits may not be the answer.

Term limits bring with them their own constraints on how effective an MPP, mayor, or what have you, may be. Chief among them is the constraint of relevance and legitimacy.

I will use Barack Obama to illustrate the point.

Since he began his second term of office, the race to replace him began in earnest, as did calling into question what-if any - decisions he could "legitimately" make given that he would not be around for another term. Refrains of, "this is a decision for the next president" are heard repeatedly on any contentious decision.

Look at the Supreme Court appointment debacle.

Justice Scalia died in January - a full 11 months before the election and 13 months before the new president takes office. A quarter of the term. And yet, the Republicans are arguing that the current president is essentially lame duck, that he should not have the right to affect the course of the Supreme Court "so late in his term."

Of course, they don't mention any limits to their own terms of office and concomitant implications to the legitimacy of their own decision making. But, I digress.

And this isn't a shot at the Republicans (I am a closet Kasich fan), but the arguments against Obama's appointment of the Justice are a sobering reminder of why term limits are hugely problematic to effective governance.

If term limits render fully one quarter of a term as "lame duck," then one has to question its efficacy as a check on the negative impacts of entrenched leadership.

Even without term limits, we have "lame duck" governments here in Canada. From the House of Commons, to the Legislature, to Municipal councils, our elected bodies essentially close up shop for the few months before an election. Do we want to extend that period from a few weeks to over a year? Can we afford to?

Personally, I am not sure that term limits will do the job that we want them to.

If someone gets elected and does nothing but cut ribbons for four years, I doubt limiting his or her chances to two terms will have any effect on that behaviour. The behaviour that has to change is ours. If you want effective leadership, you have to be an effective voter. It's that simple.

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

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Infrastructure investment will provide boost to businesses: MP

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as well as other important groups of infrastructure such as recreational facilities.

"Again, the details are where we really find out is what benefits might flow to Aurora specifically, and where the projects larger than Aurora, such as public transit, may have an improvement for the quality of life for our residents."

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Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill MP Leona Alleslev offered similarly optimistic words about the financial blueprint, noting she was "inspired" by the budget which finds the "delicate balance between tinkering and actually making some fundamental foundational challenges."

"It is a challenge, but it is pretty exciting and definitely something that we need at this point," she said. "If we were looking at some of the immediate things, that is around lowering taxes, which has already happened, and the Canada Child Benefit which is going to be coming and should be effective by July, and will make a significant difference to probably three million families and will lift 300,000 children out of poverty."

Among the medium-term goals, Ms. Alleslev points to these infrastructure investments which she says will create jobs immediately and lay the foundation for companies to "either grow, expand, or choose our country as a place to invest."

That, however, is not enough, according to Javed Khan, Chair of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, and Ms. Alleslev, along with Newmarket-Aurora MP Kyle Peterson, might find themselves in the hot seat on Friday morning when they take questions from the Chamber starting at 7:30 a.m.

"We would be the biggest losers," said Mr. Khan. "There is no piece at all that talks to small businesses. We represent the business community in Aurora and, quite frankly, there was nothing there."

If we were representing the families in the community and infrastructure organizations, we would say the opposite – it was a massive win."

A particular bone of contention, he said, was a less than anticipated drop in the small business tax rate, which falls to 10.5 per cent instead of nine per cent from the current 11 per cent, with any future reductions to be deferred until later.

"I am literally scratching my head asking why small businesses would be celebrating this budget," he said. "I am interested in hearing from the two MPs what their take is and what they're going to do to support the business community in Aurora. I would have suspected the Federal Government would have moved to fulfil a campaign promise that would reduce a small business tax rate they set. They said they would do that and now it looks like it is not going to happen until later."

Bright spots can be found in the Budget's promise to market Canada as a top tourism destination, he adds, which would bring benefits to the business community as well as bolstering labour market information to bridge skills gaps.

"I am hoping the Aurora Chamber, along with the Ontario Chamber, encourages the Federal government to leverage any existing programs so we can enhance our labour market integration of New Canadians and I will be encouraging Kyle and Leona to go back and ensure employers within

our community are aware of the opportunities provided by some level of entry system," he said.

"At the end of the day, those things are positive but when it comes to the general small business community that would have impacted folks in Aurora's business community...There's just not really anything there. It is disappointing."

Ms. Alleslev, however, argues that investments in infrastructure as outlined in the Budget will have a positive impact on local businesses. What is good for the riding is good for Canada and vice versa, she says.

"Once you see those investments in infrastructure, once you see more money in middle class pockets, both in terms of the lower tax rate and the Canada Child Benefit, they will have more money to spend and that will help small businesses because that is where they are going to be spending their money," she said. "That will give a much needed boost to small businesses in that respect."

"There is going to be a major impact both by having more money in the hands of people and all these investments in infrastructure and other things, including students not paying back their student loans until they are earning \$25,000 a year. They then have a little bit more to spend on local small businesses as well. It is not a one to one correlation all the time. Sometimes it is a ripple effect and I think small businesses are going to significantly benefit from the investments we are making."

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT – Sandra Watson of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce braces for action as Robin Taylor-Smith wields a can of Pam, whipping up pancakes on behalf of the Optimist Club of Aurora at Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt. With the holiday festivities out of the way, they're once again turning their attention to the Chamber's annual Home Show which is just over a week away. (See below)

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Aurora Heights P.S. set to get safer walk to school

By Brock Weir

Students and parents trekking on foot to Aurora Heights Public School will soon find the morning commute little bit safer after Council performed a u-turn on traffic control measures in the area.

Councillors are set to ratify an about-face to install a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Tecumseh Drive and the north leg of Kitimat Crescent, a measure that has been long-called for by the school's parent council.

Council also called for the installation of a further sidewalk in the area be made a priority when drafting the 2017 Budget.

Aurora Council put the plan on the backburner this past winter following a delegation from area resident James Hoyes who called for further community consultation on the measures, but Aurora Heights parent Eden Cantkier gave lawmakers cause for a second look.

"We are very concerned for our children's safety," said Ms. Cantkier. "The traffic hazards out front of our school place our children at high risk for serious injury every day. There is no stop sign, no crossing guard to ensure our children can cross the street safely. Careless driving is observed in abundance. Cars are speeding down the street and people are making illegal u-turns without looking or slowing down to consider who else is walking or driving around them."

"Aurora Heights has been identified as having one of the worst traffic conditions in the Region. Traffic studies have been completed. However, the issue has been brought to Town Council and other Town officials, studies have been completed, but the issue remains unresolved."

The threat to the safety of area kids is an "ever-present" concern, she added, citing a fatal accident outside of the school several years

ago which prompted the school to move its pickup and drop off areas to the rear of the school. However, following the closure of Wells Street Public School, the Aurora Heights community swelled and the pickup and drop-off area had to be configured back.

"The school has done their best by providing staff to support the pickup and drop-off activity, however this does not change the safety of the traffic conditions or put any safety measures in place to support our children," said Ms. Cantkier. "There needs to be appropriate safety measures to control traffic in a school zone and we wish to obtain approvals for a stop sign to be installed and for a crossing guard to be assigned."

"We can put measures in place to support our children who have to do that every day. [Crossing the street] is not an option. They're not playing; they are going to school and there should be the necessary action in order to make sure that is the case."

In the end, Ms. Cantkier got more than she asked for as Council went a step further to earmark the new sidewalk as a priority.

Speaking to her delegation, Councillor Paul Pirri said he was in favour of the measures the last time this was brought before Council and remained so.

Councillor John Abel added: "We all want our children to be safe and we encourage walking to school."

"It makes no sense to me to have the safety guards [in place] and put their children on the road. We have a master plan for sidewalks and I am certain we prioritize school areas."

Should the sidewalk be approved during this fall's budget process, it could be in place as early as the spring of 2017, noted Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure.

While the plan still needs to be formally approved by Council this week, some expressed a degree of frustration in the process to get to

an approval stage, although others were quick to voice their support the first time around.

"In [Mr. Hoyes'] defence, I don't think he has a total issue with a stop sign necessarily, but the main issue is having local residents involved in the

communication and participation of what happens at that intersection," said Councillor Harold Kim. "[That is] critical to the success because a lot of times neighbours are the eyes and ears and they contribute to a safe environment."

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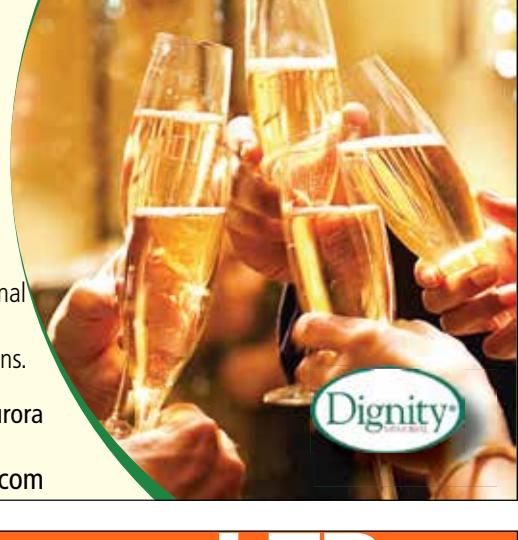
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"I am very thankful for the support I received from Pickering," says Matthew Yustin, a Pickering College alumnus who graduated last June and who went on to attend Core Golf Academy in Orlando. Yustin says the HPSA program was a very good experience as it gave him the opportunity to focus on his golf game while still carrying a full course load.

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Reluctant artist draws eyes to animals we might take for granted in Return of Spring

By Brock Weir

Artist Meredith Blunt knows instinctively when each painting, drawing and piece of art she creates is done, but she stops just shy of that one final flourish.

Whether she is working digitally, or through layer upon layer of acrylic paint, the brushstrokes are always completed, but the final step is up to you.

"I don't frame my art, I don't think it is my place," says Ms. Blunt, a resident of Aurora. "The home they go into needs to frame them."

Perhaps that's why her exhibition, Return of Spring, now hangs frameless at the Aurora Public Library's Colleen Abbott Gallery. In a building that has become a hub to so much of the community, just whose place would it be to make that all important final decision.

Best to leave it open to interpretation.

Return of Spring is a collection of larger-than-life paintings that vividly depict migratory birds very familiar to Aurora residents.

"I feel really motivated about this theme of migration," says Ms. Blunt. "I was motivated to put something together that is cohesive with a strong statement of spring coming back and new stuff happening. In fact, migration is one thing that has been consistent in my own life."

Ms. Blunt has spent her life on the move. She has lived all over Canada, as well as the United Kingdom and spent her longest time at university in Halifax where she met and married her husband, and gave birth to two children before the family ultimately planted roots in Aurora three years ago.

A life-long artist, the admittedly shy Ms. Blunt says she always found she was better able to express herself through art where words failed.

"I can't rely on speaking and I write too much when I write," she says. "It gets too muddled and it doesn't come out right, but through my paintings I seem to be able to make them say exactly what I want them to do. What I like about painting is I'm not the one who has to talk, but I love hearing people's interpretations of what I painted. I know what I mean in my paintings, and if someone identifies that,



Artist Meredith Blunt with her painting of a hummingbird.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

or connects with that in their own way, it is really exciting."

Return of Spring is the third splash the reluctant Ms. Blunt has made in the local arts scene over the past year, first getting her feet wet as an exhibiting artist at Art at the Manor, the annual exhibition held at Hillary House National Historic Site, as well as opening up her home studio for the Aurora Artists Studio Tour.

At the time, she said she didn't know what to expect putting herself out there, and this time around she attributes the exhibition to "local pushy people in the best possible way", but the winds of migration were at her back as well, helping the local pushy people get her to the gallery.

But is it getting easier with each public showing?

"Yes, and no," she says with a laugh. "I have to remind myself not to blather on and to lower my shoulders out of my ears, not be so nervous and to have some confidence I do know what I am talking about, I know what I am doing and that is okay. These are tiny baby steps in being okay with doing this."

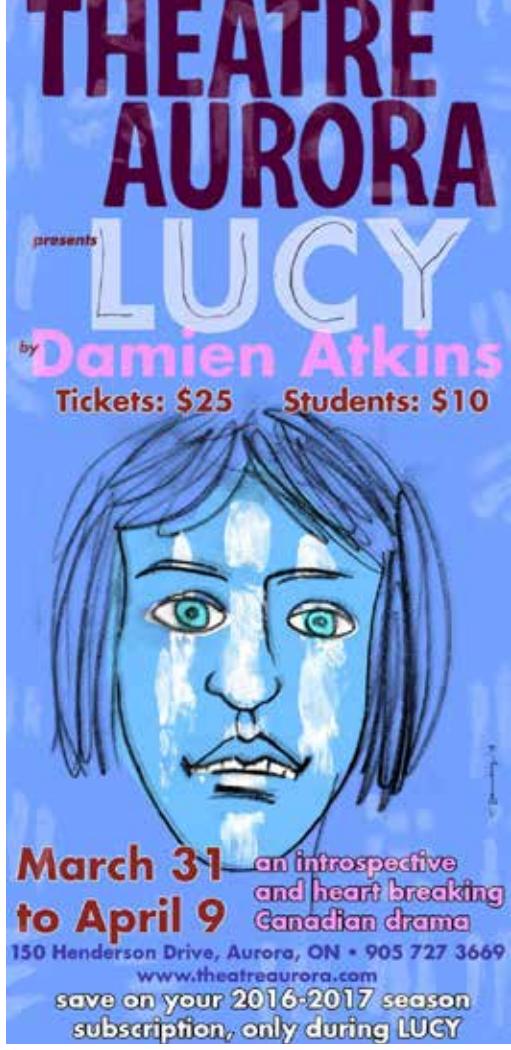
"When I hung these paintings with my dad, we took a step back and I had this whole sensation of, 'Whoa, I did this!' It hit me really strong. It was surreal."

Also "surreal" was Ms. Blunt being stopped during her interview with The Auroran by a member of the public to tell the artist just how beautiful her paintings are.

"I hope people identify and create personal stories with the birds," she says. "I really hope they pick favourites out of the five, identify with the species, the colours, or the composition, and find some familiar ground. I want them to take away that we really have these beautiful animals to look at every day and we shouldn't take them for granted."

"[My family is going through] a hard go right now, but I have maintained focus and painted five of the strongest paintings I have ever done. I am super proud of that. That, in itself, is a massive goal to hit, I think."

Return of Spring runs through Sunday.



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TA's "Lucy" – A Review



Theatre Aurora's Lucy is praised for its emotional performances including Elene Stamatatos as Vivian, Hayley Carr as Lucy, and Paul Payne as Gavin.

Auroran photo by Glenn Rodger

By Scott Johnston

Theatre Aurora's latest play, "Lucy", is about relationships, personal growth, questioning conformity, knowing who we are, and love, all set around the central autistic title character.

As the story opens, Lucy's devoted father, who has raised the now young teenager on his own since she was a child, is handing off her care to his ex-wife, Vivian. Anthropologist Vivian is a bit of a loner, and is both overwhelmed at, and reluctant of, the prospect of taking on this new responsibility.

From there, the play, by Canadian playwright Damien Atkins, explores the impact each of these two characters has on the other. Interactions with the other characters in the play, the father, Vivian's research assistant, and a therapist, allow the audience to see what changes are taking place within and between the mother and daughter as the story progresses.

This is an extremely well-cast and acted play. Hayley Carr as Lucy and Elene Stamatatos as Vivian, command the stage.

Ms. Stamatatos does a terrific job

expressing the fears and frustrations of an introvert becoming a reluctant first-time parent to an autistic teen. Her character's evolution as a mother and champion of her daughter is wonderful.

Although having the challenge of much fewer and simpler lines, Ms. Carr has a great presence on the stage and is able to clearly project a variety of emotions, including anger, distress, confusion, frustration and love.

Supporting these central characters are Paul Payne as the father, Gavin, Hayley Ferguson as assistant Julia, and Alex Lucas as therapist Morris. All are strong performers, and clearly project the concern their characters have for both Lucy and Vivian.

The subject matter may not seem like typical theatre fare, but Director Brian Moore has put together an excellent and well-paced production of this well-written play. It will leave you with something to think about.

Evening performances of "Lucy" continue at Theatre Aurora, 150 Henderson Drive, March 31, April 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9, with a matinee April 3. Tickets are available through the box office at 905-727-3669.

View From Queen's Park

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before.

It's also important to note that any student with unmet needs who is OSAP-eligible will continue to benefit from the Student Access Guarantee. Through the guarantee, colleges and universities ensure that students have enough financial aid to cover a student's assessed needs for expenses directly related to his or her program, including books, tuition and mandatory fees, that are not fully met by OSAP. This program supports students in higher cost programs.

While we are eliminating the Education and Tuition Tax Credits, our government is putting those savings into the program so that students from middle-income backgrounds will continue to benefit from generous student assistance. In

fact, the amount of benefit through the 30% off tuition grant will continue to be in place for families with incomes up to \$160,000.

Having just finished putting my three children through post-secondary education, I fully appreciate the financial stress it can cause. I am proud to say this new program will ensure a brighter future, not just for low-income families, but students from middle-income families as well. If you want more information, please contact my office.

I invite you to contact me on any issue. Please call my community office at 905-750-0019, or visit my website at www.ChrisBallardMPP.ca. My email is: cballard.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

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Industrial and Wellington reconstruction set for May

By Brock Weir

Drivers using the Aurora GO Station might find the evening commute home a little bit easier this fall following the

reconstruction of Industrial Parkway South and Wellington Street East.

Council is set to bring forward the reconstruction project, which will include new water mains, improvements

to storm and sanitary sewers, and, of particular interest to commuters, a right hand turn lane onto Wellington Street to reduce traffic gridlock, this week after approving a \$113,000 boost to the project, which was originally approved last year.

Now totalling \$2,287,316.96, excluding taxes, should Council formally ratify the plan this week, construction is to begin May 2 and will be slated to run through October.

While Councillors approved the plan at the Committee level last week, they questioned whether now was the right time to go through with the reconstruction considering the Province's plan to overhaul the Aurora GO Station to allow for double-tracking in the not-too-distant future, as well whether the scope of the plan should include the northern side of the intersection as well.

"There could be some impact on this road and the project as we see it [with the GO expansion, but after some discussions with [infrastructure staff] it would appear it still makes a lot of sense to go ahead with this project, especially sidewalk alignment," said Mayor Geoff Dawe. "With increased traffic at GO, I think that just makes sense, but [this is] just to be aware in the future that five or six years down the road, no doubt GO will be coming in and making some changes as they go along."

Mayor Dawe cautioned Council to keep that issue in the backs of their minds, but Councillors moved this issue to the forefront, with Councillor Michael Thompson asking whether there would be any safeguards to the work Aurora carries out now by the time the Province moves in with their plans.

"I have certainly heard of their interest in a number of different things around there, given the demands for parking, and so forth, around it," said Councillor Thompson, asking Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure, if there was a way to mitigate any damages that might happen on the road. "The concern, of course, is we spend all this money on a brand new road and two or three years [later] dump trucks are rolling back and forth and there might be some damages."

Any future work, said Mr. Simanovskis, would require an access agreement with Metrolinx, the Provincial body which

oversees GO Transit.

"GO has been a reasonable partner with coordination and with other issues and opportunities that have happened around this site, so I don't see there being any challenges and I would hope that the relationship continues as they advance and do more construction on these properties," said Mr. Simanovskis. "We will definitely keep those communication lines open and make sure we have their cooperation."

With this out of the way, focus then turned to the north leg of Industrial Parkway.

Councillor Tom Mrakas, who proposed a study last year which would have looked at the widening of the thoroughfare to serve as a Yonge Street bypass, the original purpose of Industrial Parkway, questioned why this project wouldn't look at the other side of the intersection as well.

Mr. Simanovskis concurred this is something they need to look at, and there will be opportunities down the road once they receive a planning application for the northeast corner of Wellington and Industrial Parkway. That corner, currently occupied by Aurora Wheel & Tire and Royal Woodworking, is expected to be subject of a new plan from the property owners to transform the land into a multi-storey condominium complex.

Waiting until those plans come forward will allow the Town to coordinate land acquisitions to transform the intersection.

"The biggest traffic issue is when GO lets out in the south parking lot and spills onto Industrial," said Mr. Simanovskis. "A very large volume of that traffic wants to turn right, so this focuses on a very large right turn lane to allow traffic that wants to go straight or left to have that additional access. Right now, all the right turn traffic is holding up through traffic so you have a longer lineup."

"That is where the pinch point is. However, we do recognize there is also some demand southbound. They are also expensive projects, so we're trying to phase them so we're not spending three or four million dollars on one location. We're trying to look at where the demands are and build that infrastructure to meet those demands as the demands grow."

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Briefly

MUZZO SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS

29-year-old Marco Muzzo was sentenced to 10 years in prison on Tuesday following the crash that Daniel Neville Lake, 9, Harrison, 5, both members of the Aurora Beavers, their sister Milly, 2, and grandfather Gary Neville last September, which also left their grandmother and great-grandmother seriously injured. In Tuesday's decision, Justice Fuerst said the loss of life caused by any impaired driver is tragic, but the harm caused by Mr. Muzzo has been extraordinary. "Mr. Muzzo made victims of four generations of one family," said the Judge. "He took the lives of three children under the age of ten and that of their grandfather, and left their grandmother and great-grandmother with lasting injuries. In one fell swoop, he decimated an entire generation of the Neville-Lake family, its legacy and its future. Three members of the most vulnerable segment of our society sacrificed their lives to Mr. Muzzo's decision to drink and drive. The impact on the parents of the children is immense, and possibly beyond alleviation. They no longer see a purpose to their own lives. Those closest to them despair that there can be a way forward for what remains of the family. The effect of Mr. Muzzo's actions extends beyond the Neville Lake, Neville, and Frias families. Through its representatives, the community expressed not only its profound sorrow, but also its sense of vulnerability and fear that this disaster could befall other innocent families, as long as there are drinking drivers on the roads. The high degree of Mr. Muzzo's moral blameworthiness, combined with the enormous and far-reaching consequences of his offences, sets this case apart from others. Notwithstanding the many positive aspects of Mr. Muzzo's background and character, and the fact that this is a first jail sentence for him, a lengthy penitentiary term is necessary."

CLARIFICATION

Earlier this month The Auroran posted a photo from this month's "final" Farmers Market of the 2016 season. An additional Indoor Farmers' Market will be offered at the Aurora Armoury on April 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 1

The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, is pleased to announce John Sheard Presents the Great American Songbook. From Hoagy to Berlin to Gershwin – classics, all of them. Special guests Reid Jamieson and Michael Louis Johnson. Cash bar. Concert at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 advance, or \$30 day of concert, plus HST. For information, or to purchase tickets, call 905-713-1818, or visit auroraculturalcentre.ca.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Partagez le Français! This free French language conversation group welcomes adults from francophones to beginners looking to put their French language conversation skills into action. Francophones and stronger speakers are encouraged to share their French language skills with less strong speakers. 3 - 5 p.m. at Country Style Deli and Bistro (14980 Yonge Street).

MONDAY, APRIL 4

The Aurora Community Arboretum will hold their Annual General Meeting this evening at Town Hall in the Holland Room beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a meet and greet. The formal meeting commences at 7 p.m. You must be a paid up member in order to vote at the meeting. Membership is \$20 per year and funds go towards planting and maintaining the Arboretum.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

The Money Talks series continues this evening at 7 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library with What it means to be a passive investor. This free, informal monthly discussion and education group shares unbiased knowledge in economics and financial planning. Presentation followed by group discussion. For more information, contact the Library's Adult Information Desk at 905-727-9494 x275.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

The PROBUS Club of Aurora holds their monthly meeting today from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Royal Canadian Legion, (105 Industrial Parkway North). This month's speaker is Frannie Nie, and her topic will be Chinese Culture. For more information, call program chair Cliff White at 905-841-2421. New members are welcome; call Gary Gilbert at 905-895-2849 for more information.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 15

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Town well-represented at hearing: Ratepayers

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Association is less than a month into their "Green for Green" campaign, which has street captains canvassing the neighbourhood to get involved and "step up financially" to help them along their way to a \$200,000 goal for proper representation at the Board.

"The Green for Green Fund has gotten off to a great start," says Susan Walmer of the Highland Gate Ratepayers Association. "We are well underway to that goal."

Ms. Walmer wouldn't release the exact numbers, but she says they are confident they are on target.

Literature distributed on the campaign notes that if the 345 households in the Highland Gate area contributed \$600 each, that would take them over the top to \$207,000.

The idea for Green for Green was born out of the uncertainty surrounding the redevelopment application before Highland Gate Developments Inc.

triggered the OMB appeal last year.

Once the path was clear, Ms. Walmer says the Ratepayers voted "overwhelmingly" to take action and seek party status at the hearings.

"Along with that came responsibilities and needing funds to be professionally supported at that hearing," Ms. Walmer explains. "We grappled with [whether the Green for Green campaign should focus strictly on the Highland Gate area or the wider Aurora community] at our Board. Right now we are staying focused on our community, but we have had some members from outside our community reach out to us both financially and in support of what is going on."

"From a Town-wide perspective, there are issues and some precedents that could be set with this development. Those precedents, once they are set, could impact the rest of Aurora and how it develops in the future. Our next steps will be looking within our community first. We recognize the community is directly

impacted, but we will be reaching out to the wider community. The next pre-hearing is not until August, so we will get a better idea over the next couple of months, as the lawyers talk, as to what our costs might be, depending on whether it is done in mediation. [The developers] asked for a six week hearing and that is a significantly larger cost attached for everyone."

Looking over last week's pre-hearing, Ms. Walmer says she believes the Town was "very well represented," but their external counsel was "firm" in how they wanted to see the hearing unfold.

"We know this is an issue here in Aurora for this golf course and for this golf course infill, but we also think it is a wider-spread issue across all of the GTA," she concludes. "It is something that is impacting us now, but could impact a lot more people in the future."

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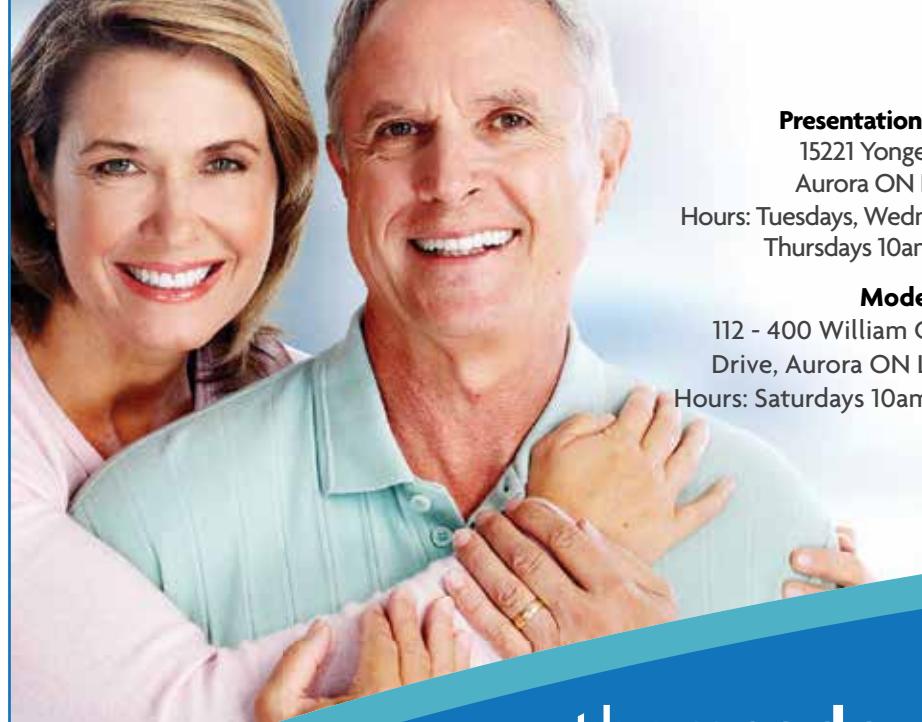
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Minor Midget AA Tigers clipped in York-Simcoe finals

By Jake Courtepatte

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Midget AA Clippers made history in Aurora Sunday, becoming the first AA team in the franchise's history to skate off with a York-Simcoe championship.

A marathon series with the Aurora Tigers went the distance, with Game 6 of the first-to-six-points series going down at the Aurora Community Centre in front of a packed house.

Unfortunately for the Tigers and their fans, Game 6 was over after the first fifteen minutes: a 6 – 1 loss including a pair of late empty-netters.

The Clippers scored the game's first two goals, off the sticks of Nolan MacInnis and Sam Atanackovich. Adam De Piero had the lone Tigers goal in the first period, tying the game at one before Stouffville exploded for

five more in the final two frames.

Aurora played catch-up for most of the series, with the Clippers needing only a tie in Game 5 on Saturday to clinch the title. Stouffville took an early lead in their home barn on the powerplay, before Matthew Ferry tied it up late in the first off a pass from Parker Boland.

Matthew Hollett notched two goals in the second period, the second proving to be the game winner as Stouffville added one in the final minute of regulation for a 3 – 2 Tigers victory.

Sunday's 6 – 1 blowout was the first to be decided by more than two goals in the series.

Whitchurch-Stouffville also sent the Tigers packing from the OMHA preliminary rounds in early February, in another six-game series.

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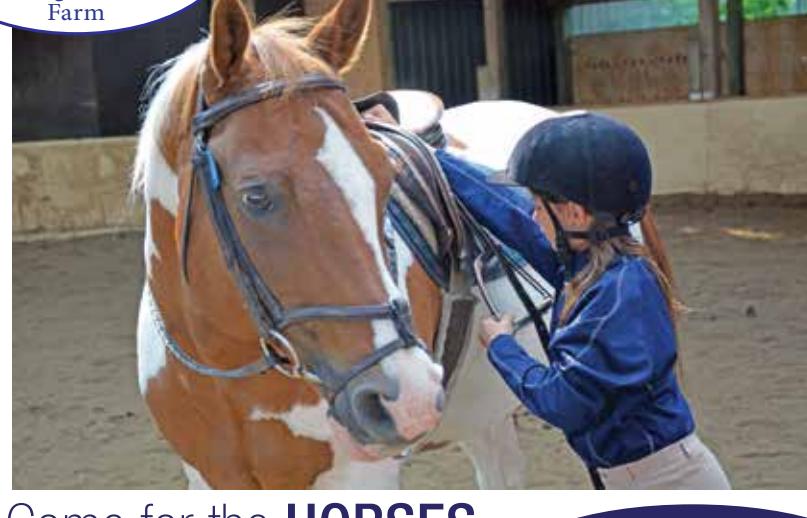
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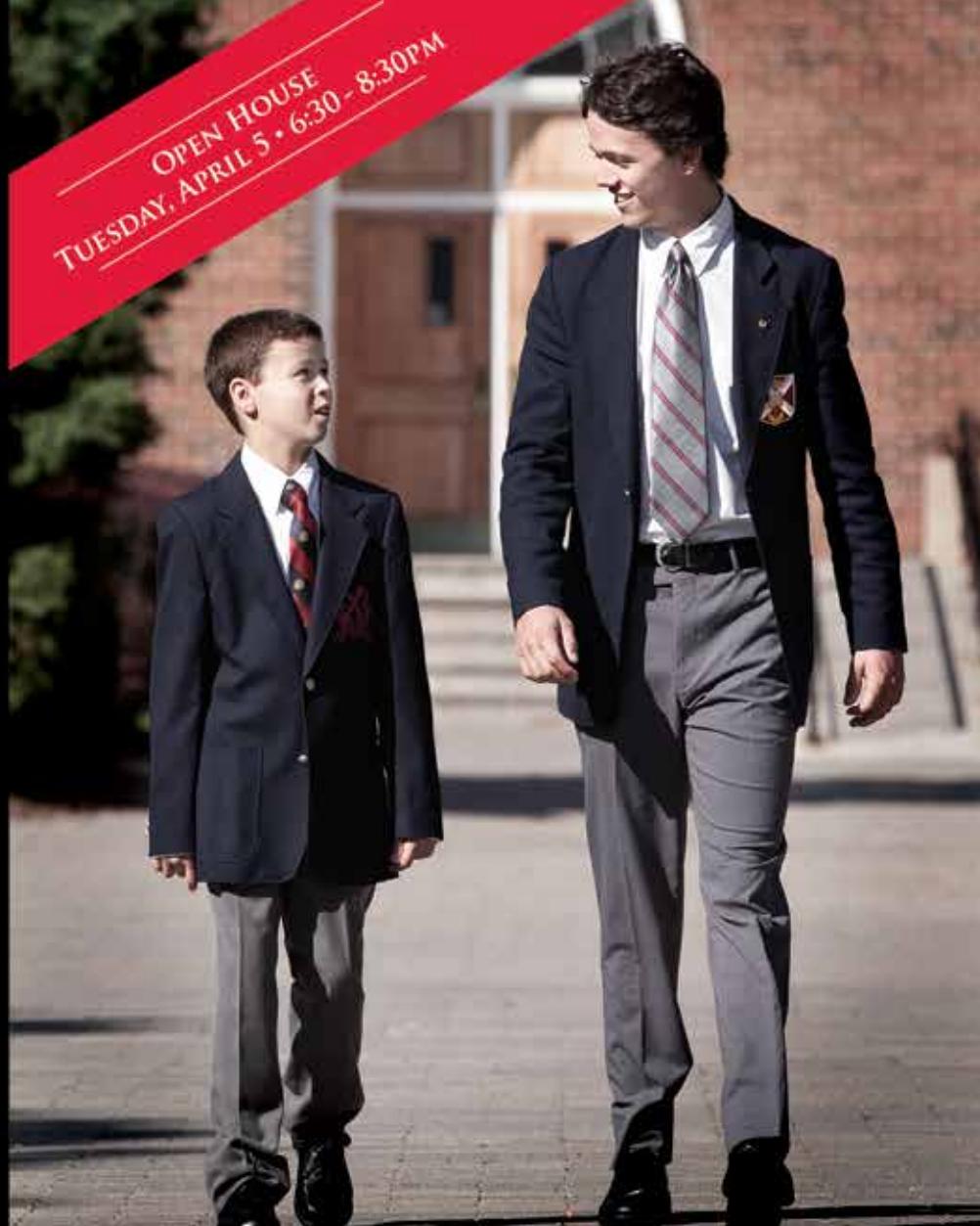


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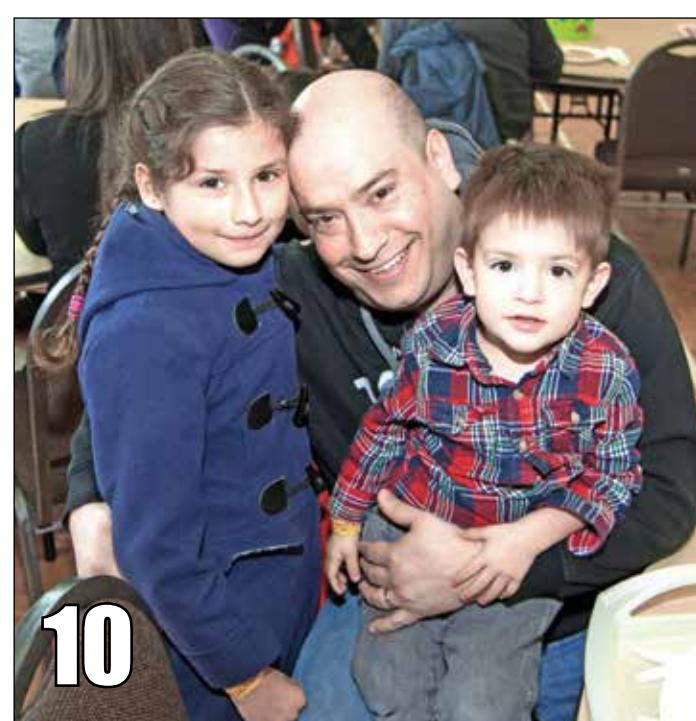
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(1 – 3) While egg hunters waited in a long line for their turn in the Aurora Community Arboretum, the doors of the Aurora Seniors' Centre and Petch House were thrown open for chances to get up close and personal with a velvetine rabbit, crafts, and egg croquet on the bocce courts. (4) Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill MP Leona Alleslev had a few treats of her own for DJ and Everly. (5) Matteo meets the Easter Bunny. (6) Brianna and Janae get ready for their trek in the woods. (7) Leanne's adventure in face painting may have found its way onto Facebook. (8) Strike a pose! (9) Family fun with Newmarket-Aurora MP Kyle Peterson, wife Andrea, sons Kolton and Kash, and his mother Pat. (10) Nestor, Sebastian and Amelie enjoy a pancake breakfast whipped up by the Optimist Club of Aurora. (11 and 12) Donny and Vanessa get ready for some fun and games inside the Seniors' Centre. (13) Owen checks out his haul with mom Kelly. (14) Kathy makes friends with a new baby goat, while (15) Adam and Max meet a cousin of the Easter Bunny's.

Thousands turn out for icy Egg Hunt

By Brock Weir

Saturday's annual Egg Hunt proved every icy Easter basket has a silver lining.

As the ice encasing Aurora melted following the storm earlier in the week, over 3,000 youngsters and family members descended on the Aurora Seniors' Centre and Town Hall for the annual tradition.

But, according to event organizer Shelley Ware, the team, which included the Easter Bunny, had to implement not Plan B, but Plan C, when it was clear the ice was going to pose some challenges.

"We are operating on Plan C right now, but are fortunate we only had to sacrifice one activity and it enabled us to use the space differently," said Ms. Ware, surveying the crowd at the midday point. "Maybe next year we can increase [the space] now that we

have used other areas we wouldn't have normally."

With lands immediately behind the Seniors' Centre, typically the site of the eggstravaganza, an icy mess, the egg hunting action was moved north towards Town Hall and another leg of the Aurora Community Arboretum.

Welcome mats and carpets from Town Hall and the Seniors' Centre were drafted into action to line the pathway to give the kids something to walk on as they looked for eggs.

There may not have been anything for Town Hall employees to wipe their feet on when they came to work on Monday, but it was all for a good cause.

"We're fortunate it is working out and [I want to give] a huge kudos to the staff I get to work with for their heart and passion," said Ms. Ware. "That is what makes contingency plans so smooth – or not smooth. The staff we have today are phenomenal."

Great American Songbook stands test of time with Jamieson and Sheard

By Brock Weir

"Crickets."

That's the sound Reid Jamieson says he heard during a recent European gig where he asked the crowd how many people were fans of Elvis Presley.

But, as it happens, the people in the crowd were Elvis fans and didn't even realize it. That is the power of timeless music and selections from the Great American Songbook.

Jamieson, an award-winning singer-songwriter, will bring classics from the Great American Songbook back to life, joining John Sheard at the Aurora Cultural Centre for an evening of standards.

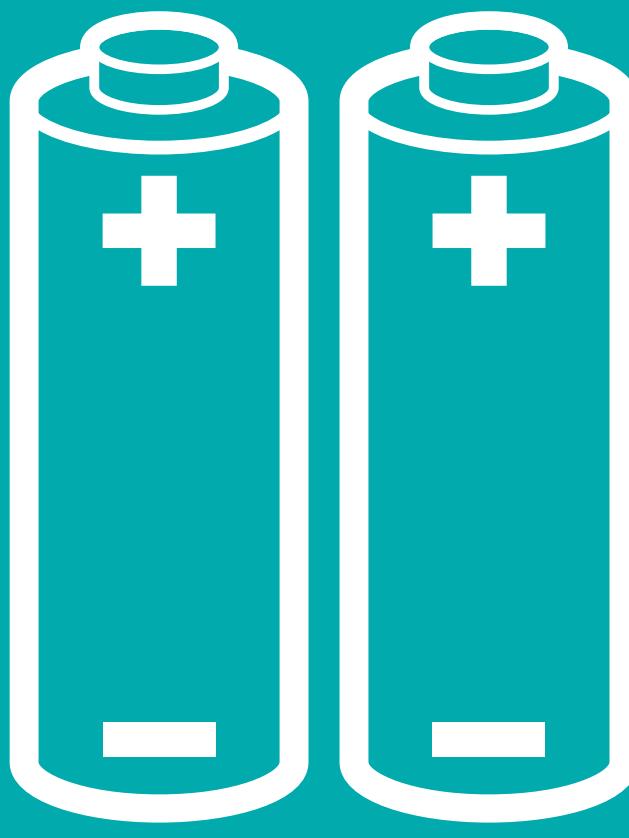
"John Sheard, amazingly talented guy that he is, I have been so lucky to play with him on the Vinyl Café tours

and I guess he had a good time playing shows with me that when he heard we were planning an Ontario tour, he said, 'Hey, I have an idea for this show.' As soon as I heard about it, I was like, 'Yes, please!'"

While Mr. Jamieson describes his style as "indie soul", he has always been drawn to the classics. Standards have had a significant influence on his work, recently wrapping the album The Presley Sessions, and Dear Leonard, a Leonard Cohen tribute album, which also incorporates original work inspired by the iconic Canadian singer.

"The amazing thing about songs from the past is there are certain songs I have heard my whole life and one day you just hear them [differently] and think that is a really beautiful melody.

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Lady Redbirds take to lacrosse's biggest stage

By Jake Courtepatte

The Lady Redbirds may be used to playing their games outside on a field, but for just one night they settled for box lacrosse: at the Air Canada Centre, no less.

Almost thirty players and four coaches had the opportunity to take to the floor during halftime of a game last week

between the NLL's Toronto Rock and Calgary Roughnecks, an opportunity to scrimmage usually reserved to showcase boy's box lacrosse. But when Dawn Beal-Nacevski, director of the Lady Redbirds program, had her son play in one of the scrimmages, she saw her chance.

"I met Kyle Davis from the Toronto Rock when my son played in one of

those scrimmages and asked if he'd ever thought about showcasing girls lax at a Toronto Rock game," said Beal-Nacevski. "He thought it was a great idea - the wheels were set in motion."

Beal-Nacevski said there was an "overwhelming response" when she asked her athletes, and though they were initially scheduled to scrimmage against the Oakville Lady Hawks, it "became apparent (they) needed their own evening."

It also happened to be "Boots and Hearts" night at the game, featuring country artist Tebey, with the Redbirds arriving in style sporting cowgirl hats.

The summer season is just around the corner for the Redbirds, who are hosting a clinic at the Aurora Sports Dome on Easter Monday from 2:30 - 4:30. Official tryouts begin on April 3. More information can be found on the program's website, www.redbirdslax.com, or by emailing dawnbealnacevski@gmail.com.

Minor PeeWee Tigers are twice gold in York-Simcoe



By Jake Courtepatte

Two Minor PeeWee Aurora Tigers squads celebrated a York-Simcoe championship within the same hour at the Aurora Community Centre on Saturday.

The Minor PeeWee A's cruised to a 4 - 1 victory in the fifth and deciding game of their series with the Richmond Hill Stars, notching four unanswered goals after falling behind early. They went 3-0 in early March against the Newmarket Redmen to set up the divisional final matchup, a back-and-forth affair in which the Tigers came out with two 4 - 1 victories and a 4 - 3 thriller.

It was a similar ending for the Minor PeeWee AE's on the ACC's other ice pad, earning a 4 - 0 shutout of the Newmarket Redmen to capture the York-Simcoe title. The Tigers were in control of the series following a Game 1 loss, and needed only a tie Saturday to clinch the championship.

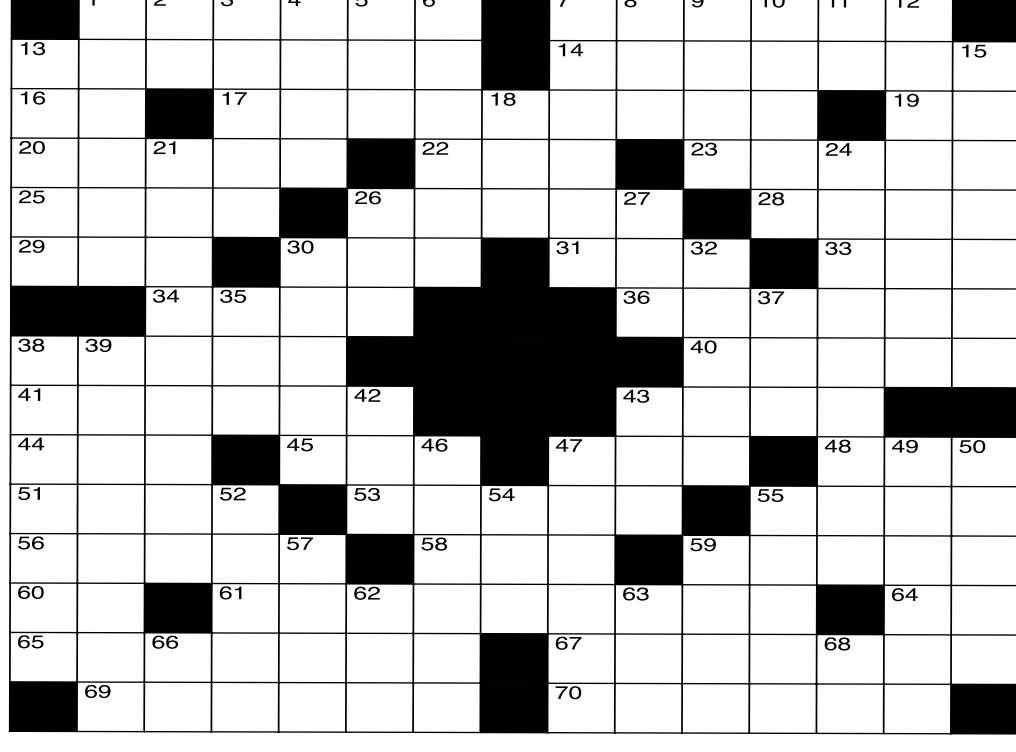
The wins wrap up the season for all but the Minor Bantam AE Tigers, who continued their York-Simcoe final series Wednesday in Barrie.

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16. Blood type
17. Vacated
19. Fullback
20. Nissan's tiny car
22. Be able to
23. Outcast
25. Day laborer
26. Greek prophetess
28. Soluble ribonucleic acid
29. Sirius Satellite Radio
30. Actor Josh
31. A way to clean
33. Left
34. Compensated
36. Member of U.S. Navy
38. Reject
40. Group of notes sounded together
41. Christian holiday
43. European river
44. Female hip hop group
45. Score
47. Moved fast
48. Chronicles (abbr. Biblical)
51. Type of tie
53. Indicates silence
55. Asian people
56. Pearl Jam bassist Jeff
58. Western U.S. time zone
59. "Signs" rockers
60. Confidential informant
61. Lawyer
64. Overdose
65. Football equipment
67. Governments
69. Branch of physics
70. Makes happy

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease
2. Typographical space
3. Sportscaster Chick
4. Italian Island
5. Cooked in a specific style
6. Smelling or tasting unpleasant
7. Name
8. Adult male humans
9. Pitcher Hershiser
10. Pat Conroy novel "The Prince of ___"
11. ___ route
12. Protects the goal
13. Furnishings
15. Scraped
18. Apply with quick strokes
21. Blood cell
24. Nose
26. Doleful
27. ___ Angeles
30. Fruit tree
32. Smooth brown oval nut
35. Works produced by skill and imagination
37. Satisfaction
38. Reversal
39. Tan-colored horse
42. Tell on
43. Pitcher Latos
46. Fast-flowing part of river
47. Hang 'em up
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Residents, Town speak up on modified Highland Gate plan

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condominium building will now be seven storeys and will not include commercial units on the ground floor, he added.

"Even if people in the room are not happy with that, at least it responds to the concerns that were raised," Kagan stated. "I want the Board to know that my client has been mediating since day one ... we are trying very hard."

The 41-hectare proposal includes 19.5 hectares of parkland.

"I think that's a remarkable number," he noted.

A number of groups and residents came forward to request party status at the hearing.

The Town of Aurora, the Highland Gate Ratepayers Association and 13 residents who are in favour of the proposal were granted party status. Chee-Hing wanted to make sure residents understood the difference between party status and participant status.

"As a party, you have certain rights

and responsibilities," Chee-Hing explained, adding that the two ratepayers associations who were granted party status could have the same concerns as individual residents. "Costs can be awarded against you by the other side – there is that potential. As a participant what you say is considered evidence. The Board, in making its findings, considers all evidence."

He also said that the purpose of the pre-hearings is to simplify the process and make it more manageable and that whoever adjudicates the proceedings will not accept repetition of evidence.

The objective of the pre-hearing conference is to simplify matters in advance of the hearing and to set the stage so it does not become unwieldy," said Chee-Hing.

Kagen explained that the developer has entered into agreements with the existing homeowners and will be transferring lands to them. They are applying for party status to protect their

interests.

"I think everyone in the room has the same objective – to make the hearing as efficient as possible," said Kagen. "This hearing is going to be lengthy. I'm asking for a six week hearing. We all did whatever we could to shrink the number of witnesses but today, at the pre-hearing conference, that is what I am asking."

Denise Baker, external counsel for the municipality, asked that a decision on party status be reserved until the second pre-hearing conference so that counsel can have the opportunity to review the amendments to the draft plan and the lands that will be transferred to the landowners.

Kagen did not agree that those seeking party status to support his client should have to wait until the next pre-hearing.

"We are still finalizing agreements with people even today and we will send a revised draft plan once all the agreements are made," Kagen stated. "Their support for the development is known today; it's not contingent on the draft plan because we have committed to make those changes."

"It's not a question of opposing or supporting, it's a question of if they have land use planning issues," Baker responded.

Many residents who came forward seeking participant status cited concerns with the loss of green space in the community.

Bruce Corbett requested participant status representing the Oak Ridges Trail Association and Concerned Citizens of Aurora. Chee-Hing said he could only grant him participant status as an individual, not a representative of any organization.

Susan Shaw said she is opposed to two primary elements of the plan.

"One is the loss of the continuous green space that has existed between Bathurst and Yonge Streets in our town for over 200 years," Shaw stated.

Klaus Wehrenberg said he has circulated his own proposal throughout the community.

Peter Williams requested party status, stating he was opposed to the

development as currently drafted.

"I would like the opportunity to present evidence should it be required to the Board ... and protect my rights as a property owner," said Williams, adding he was concerned that the other groups would not represent his individual interests. "My concern is that there has been a lot of bullying and frankly I just want to be able to understand and appreciate this process."

Chee-Hing granted Williams participant status and asked him to research party status. If he still wanted to apply for party status at the next pre-hearing, he would consider it at that time.

There is also still time for mediation, he said.

"I encourage the parties to call the case worker and consider Board-led mediation," he concluded.

Cultural Centre offers evening of standards Friday

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or that is a really beautiful chord change, and you learn so much," he explains. "My song writing is more contemporary but there are parts of it that permeate my songwriting just from learning from the masters."

For Mr. Jamieson, there is a certain formula for music that stands the test of time: you have to express something deep inside you, you have to be honest about it and express feelings that are universal with listeners. And, if they can be accompanied by beautiful melodies and lyrics, so much the better.

"Decades later, people are still crying over them," he says, with a chuckle. "I want to make people [at the Aurora show] feel as happy as

these songs make me. But, it is not just happiness; it is an excitement for life. These songs are hopeful and [perfect] for spring – half of them mention a rainbow! There is a beautiful longing in them and that comes through in the melody and the words. That is what I want people to walk away with. They are amazing songs, I love to sing them, and I am going to sing them for you!"

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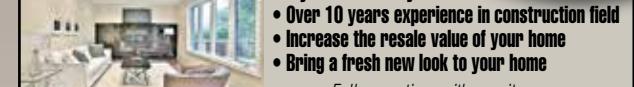
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