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HATS OFF TO THE "HIP" – Maria, Laura and Anthony paid tribute to the lead singer of the Tragically Hip through Gord Downie-inspired headgear at Town Park on Saturday night. The trio were just three of thousands of Aurora and area residents who gathered to watch the iconic Canadian band's farewell concert on the big screen as hundreds of thousands of Canadians did across the county. For more, please see Page 7. **Auroran photo by Glenn Rodger**

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Town turned down Metrolinx deal, says MPP

By Brock Weir

Metrolinx and Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church found themselves under fire from area neighbours and Council members alike last week over a deal to temporarily turn the church lot into overflow GO parking that will net the congregation $15,000 a month.

But municipal staff turned down a similar deal which would have kept the parking lot out of Aurora's Heritage Conservation District, according to Newmarket-Aurora MPP Chris Ballard, a potential deal over which some Councillors say they were left in the dark.

Metrolinx, the Provincial agency operating GO Transit, first approached Town Hall with eight sites around Town they were interested in leasing to accommodate traffic that will be overflowing to accommodate upcoming construction projects at the GO Station.

Chief among them was an overture from Metrolinx to lease parking lot space at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC), says Mr. Ballard, who had a teleconference with the body on Friday morning.

The teleconference – and subsequent meeting that afternoon with concerned neighbours, as well as Councillors John Abel, Wendy Gaertner, and Tom Mrakas – came a week after adjacent residents came to Council to express frustration over the Our Lady of Grace (OLG) deal and the impacts it will have on their neighbourhood.

At the time, Council members and Town Staff alike said they were as surprised as the neighbours that OLG and Metrolinx had struck a deal which would see over 150 cars come in and out of the Heritage Conservation District each weekday.

"In talking with senior Metrolinx executives, and I don't want to be seen

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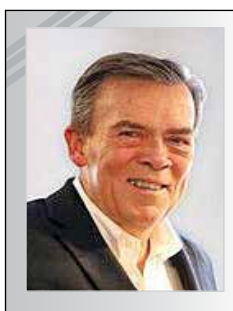
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Doors Open 2016

Hours before the Tragicall Hip took the stage, the Town was hopping with Doors Open Aurora as 15 sites opened their doors to visitors. At the conclusion of the Cultural Precinct Walking Tour, Mayor Geoff Dawe was joined by Chauncey and Joanne Birch of Betula Developments to unveil a historic plaque marking the transformation of Wells Street School into the Wells Street Schoolhouse Lofts. For more, see Page 11. **Auroran photo by Brock Weir**

Small businesses owners say they have an image problem

By Brock Weir

As a small business owner, George Hughes says he's heard the same old thing time and again from people in the job market: you don't get ahead or get a great job if you work for a small business.

Nothing could be further from the truth, according to the owner of Lifestyle Oasis, and Mr. Hughes is one of many local business owners looking for advocacy from the Ontario

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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location	Meeting
No meetings the week of August 29			
Tuesday, September 6	9:30 a.m.	Newmarket	Joint Council Committee
Tuesday, September 6	7 p.m.	Council Chambers	General Committee*
Wednesday, September 7	4 p.m.	Leksand Room	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 8	7 p.m.	Council Chambers	Committee of Adjustment
Thursday, September 8	7 p.m.	Leksand Room	Economic Development Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 13	7 p.m.	Council Chambers	Council

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 NOTICES

Notice of Service Disruption

There will be a scheduled service disruption at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex. This disruption includes:

Cyclefit classes CANCELLED on **Friday's at 6:15 p.m. from Friday, August 12 to Friday, September 2.**
Classes will resume on **Friday, September 9 at 6:15 p.m.**

Please note:

Additional group fitness class options are available during these times. Please check the schedule for options.

Thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience.

For more Information, contact:
Diana Dawson-Young, Fitness Coordinator
905-727-3123 ext. 3116

Notice of Service Disruption

There will be a scheduled service disruption at the Norm Weller Park Tennis Courts. These disruptions include:

Due to the repaving of the tennis courts at Fleury Park, Norm Weller Park Tennis Courts #1 and #2 will be occupied for Town programs for the following dates and will not be available for public use:

- Tuesday, September 6, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 7, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 8, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 9, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Norm Weller Park tennis courts will be available again for public use on **Monday, September 12** pending completion of the repaving of the Fleury Park tennis courts.

Please note:
Summit Park and David English Park have tennis courts open to the public during the above times.
Thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience.

For more information, contact:
Franco De Marco, Community Programs Co-ordinator
905-726-4761.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Help Us Shape Aurora's Cultural Precinct

Take our online survey!

Give us your feedback about what changes, you would like to see in the Cultural Precinct/Library Square area. Your input is essential to ensure that together we build a strong, central hub for our community to celebrate the creativity and culture of Aurora.

To access the survey, please visit
wwww.aurora.ca/culturalprecinct

Aurora Public Library Programs

Preschool Program registration at the Aurora Public Library starting on Saturday, August 27

Check out Aurora Public Library's preschool programs. Sing & Sign (new!), Books for Babies, Time for Toddlers, Preschool Storytime, Tales for Twos & Tickles and Tunes!

Aurora residents can register in-person or by phone at 905-727-9494 ext. 280 starting on **Saturday, August 27** to **Thursday, September 1**.

Non-residents can register by phone, in-person or online starting **Friday, September 2**.

Writing Contest

Music can serve as a backdrop and inspiration to the writing process. Listen to Kim Echlin's playlist and see where any or all of the selections take you as muse to your own writing. To listen, visit: www.onebookoneaurora.com/#a-jazz-playlist

Send your entry to: writingcontest@aurorapl.ca. The contest deadline is **September 30**.

For the rules, terms and conditions of this contest, please visit www.aurorapl.ca

Winners will be announced at APL's Ontario Public Library Week Open House on **October 17** and via email or phone.

YRT/ Viva service changes take effect September 4

Newmarket – YRT/Viva service changes will take effect on **Sunday, September 4, 2016.**

Route highlights include:

- 320 - Newmarket-Beaver Creek Express: new route with public Wi-Fi on buses
- 33 - Wellington: extended route during rush hour with connections to select route 320 trips

Check yrt.ca for the Viva purple: revised schedule and high school special highlights.

For planned service changes, major service alerts, news, travel tips and other relevant transit information, call 1-866-MOVE-YRT (668-3978), visit yrt.ca or follow YRT/Viva on social media.

You can also check out talk2yrt.ca, a website you can view questions and answers about YRT/Viva or submit your own questions.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Youth Engagement Committee

The Town of Aurora is now accepting applications to be a member of the Youth Engagement Committee for the 2016/2017 season. Open to Aurora youth ages 12 to 17. The submission deadline is **Wednesday, August 31**. Apply today!

For more information and application forms, please visit
www.aurora.ca/youth

Town Park

A Community Storybook

The Aurora Museum & Archives is gathering stories from the community for our online project celebrating the 150th anniversary of Town Park. Share your story of Town Park and be a part of history!

Story sharing event dates:

- Thursday, August 25 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Aurora Town Park
- Tuesday, August 30 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Aurora Public Library

Check the paper for our Aurora's Ribfest ad including timing, details and activities!

Mike Kitchen "honoured" over induction to Sports Hall of Fame

Aurora Sports Hall of Fame inductee Mike Kitchen.
Photo by Merk Photography

By Jake Courtepatte

Two-time Stanley Cup winner, Schomberg native, and ex-Aurora Tiger.

Mike Kitchen, the assistant coach of the Chicago Blackhawks, is one of three new members of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame inducted into the "Coach" category for his tremendous accomplishments in the world of sports.

Having lived in Aurora for decades, and helping to coach one of the NHL's only dynasties since, perhaps, the Detroit Red Wings of the late '90s, he has certainly earned the honour.

"It's quite an honour, because it says I'm part of the Aurora community," said Kitchen. "I'm in awe. It's very special. It's perfect for my mother… she lives on John West Way, so she can just walk down to Town Hall and check it out."

"We lived in Aurora for 32 years. The town is terrific, everything we've ever been involved in has been amazing. It's a special spot for us, and always will be."

Growing up in Schomberg, his minor hockey days were spent with the Schomberg Red Wings club. It was there that he was scouted for the Aurora Tigers junior club, then in the Metro Junior B league.

Kitchen recounts joining the Tigers as a defenceman, generally for any players between the ages of 16 and 21, at the age of 15 along with future third-overall NHL draft pick Rick Hampton.

"We had a veteran team my first year, some of the guys are actually still in the area. But when you're that young, you're in awe. You're playing against guys that are 20 years old. It's quite an age difference, physically, at that time of your life."

He spent two years with the Tigers, putting up 19 points in his second year once the team moved to Junior A.

Kitchen would then move on to the Toronto Marlboros of the OHA, before going pro with the Colorado Rockies in 1976, which became the New Jersey Devils while he was still with the team in 1982.

His coaching stint began four years after his retirement, joining the Newmarket Saints, a minor league American Hockey League team in the mid-80s, in 1988.

"When I ended up retiring, we came back to the area," said Kitchen. "We were expecting our second daughter, and we came back to see if this is where we wanted to settle."

The connection between growing up in nearby Schomberg and his junior hockey days made it a simple choice for the Kitchen family to settle in Aurora.

"We figured it was a nice, small town," said Kitchen. "A good place for a family to grow up in."

The Kitchens' two daughters got involved in the Aurora Skating Club, an experience Kitchen says they really enjoyed.

After one year with the Saints, he was subsequently hired by the Toronto Maple Leafs for the same role, spending eight years with the club before moving on to the St. Louis Blues.

He was the head coach of the Blues for parts of three seasons, and has spent the past six as a member of the Blackhawks, playing a role in two of the team's three championships in the past six seasons.

The induction into the Hall makes for a fitting end to the Kitchens' time in Aurora, having just sold their house, and opting to spend their time between Chicago and the family cottage.

"There would often be no one in the house; my daughters have bought their own homes…we loved Aurora, but it just didn't make sense to keep an empty house."

Kitchen has been inducted along with Mike Murphy, ex-coach of the L.A. Kings, and Sheldon Galbraith, a legendary figure skating coach, into the Coaches category of the Hall. Downhill ski Olympian Karen Stemmle was also inducted, into the Athlete category.

Over the next few weeks, The Auroran will be highlighting each inductee.

Held annually at St. Andrew's College, the ASHoF Induction dinner is one of the most spectacular nights of the year in the Aurora sports community. This year's dinner will be held on November 2, and more information can be found at www.aurorashof.ca.

Briefly

GOLF QUALIFIER ARRIVES SUNDAY

On August 28, Special Olympic athletes from across the GTA will gather at Aurora's Westview Golf Club to compete in the Regional Conference Provincial Qualifying Tournament. This is the first time a qualifying event has been held in Aurora. The tournament will welcome over 70 golfers from the GTA, along with the support of numerous volunteers. Athletes at this event will be competing to reserve a position in the Provincial Games taking place in 2017. Aurorans have opened their hearts and provided much needed assistance to the Eagles through volunteer support and monetary donations. Westview Golf Club, in particular, has been a key ingredient in the Eagle's development. Westview has sponsored the Eagles since the team's formation by providing Special Olympic golfers with green fees, carts, and driving range practice. "The Aurora Eagles and Westview have been a great fit," says Mike Nisbet, Sales and Events Director at Westview Golf Club. "The Eagles have become an integral part of the club since their arrival. When we were approached about hosting the Provincial Qualifier we were thrilled. It is a great opportunity for the community to recognize and celebrate the hard work and dedication of these local athletes, coaches and volunteers." For more information on the Provincial Qualifier tournament or Special Olympics Ontario – Aurora, please contact Julie at aurora.volunteer.coordinator@specialolympicsontario.ca.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON HOW YOUR TAXES ARE SPENT

How would you like to see your tax dollars spent? Help shape Aurora by providing your input on the 2017 budget. Aurora's Citizen Budget online survey puts you in the driver's seat, allowing you to make recommendations on how much money you think should be allocated to different municipal service areas. Your input will be considered by Aurora Town Council and you will be entered to win $250 towards your municipal tax account. For more information, including rules and regulations, visit www.aurora.ca. Contest closes October 31 at 4.30 p.m.

YRT SERVICE CHANGES COMING SEPTEMBER 4

YRT/Viva service changes will take effect on Sunday, September 4, 2016. These changes provide service enhancements and improve connections to major transit hubs and popular destinations. Riders are encouraged to visit yrt.ca to review changes that may affect their travel plans, including various seasonal and frequency adjustments. Route highlights include a change to Route 33 – Wellington with an extended route during rush hour with connections to select Route 320 trips. For planned service changes, major service alerts, news, travel tips and other relevant transit information, call 1-866-MOVE-YRT (668-3978).

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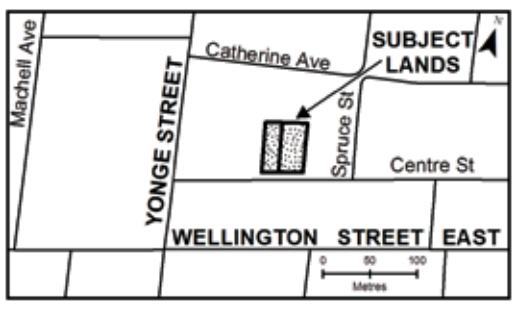
NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION

The Town of Aurora has received the following Application under the *Planning Act*:

APPLICATION: The Owner has submitted an Application for an Amendment to Zoning By-law 2213-78, to change the zoning from Special Mixed Density Residential "R5" Zone to Row Dwelling Residential "R6-X" Exception Zone to allow the development of 12 block townhouse units on the 0.24 ha property.

PROPERTY: 22 and 26 Centre Street



LEGAL DESC.: Lots 120 and 121, Plan 246

APPLICANT: 1428420 Ontario Ltd.

FILE NUMBER: ZBA-2016-08

CONTACT: Additional information may be obtained from **Jeff Healey** of the Planning and Building Services department at 905-727-3123 **ext. 4349**, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Comments may also be mailed to the Planning and Building 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.

The Town of Aurora collects personal information in communications or presentations made to Town Council and/or its Committees. The Town collects this information to enable it to make informed decisions on the relevant issue(s). If you are submitting letters, faxes, emails, presentations or other communications to the Town, you should be aware that your name and the fact that you communicated with the Town will become part of the public record and will appear on the Town's website. The Town will also make your communication and any personal information in it, such as your address and postal code or email address available to the public unless you expressly request the Town to remove it. By submitting a fax, email, presentation or other communication, you are authorizing the Town to collect and use the above-noted information for this purpose. The Town audio records Public Planning meetings. If you make a presentation to Town Council and/or its Committees, the Town will be audio recording you and Town staff and may make these audio recordings available to the public. Please direct any questions about this to the Town Clerk at 905-727-3123, ext. 4771.

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TOWN OF AURORA
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended. A brief statement of reasons is included.

220 Old Yonge Street
"The Parteger House"
Part Lot 85, Concession 1 East of Yonge Street Aurora (WS) Part 1, 65R16223 except
Parts 1 & 2 65R22979, Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York

The property known municipally as 220 Old Yonge located on the east side of Old Yonge Street has been determined to have contextual, architectural, and historical cultural heritage value or interest. Architecturally, the building is a cross gabled Ontario House constructed circa 1875. The property is associated historically with the developing farming community in the 19th Century and served as an emergency readiness centre for Metropolitan Toronto in the mid-20th Century. The property has contextual value as being located within Cosford's Corners, which comprised of prosperous farmers small dwellings, a sawmill, blacksmith and a carriage shop.

Pursuant to Section 29(5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, any person may, before 4:30 p.m. on the **23rd** day of **September, 2016**, (within 30 days of the publication of this notice) send by registered mail or deliver to the Town Clerk, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Aurora will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Town Clerk's Office upon request.

DATED at Aurora this 25th day of August, 2016.

Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk, Town of Aurora, 100 John West Way, Box 1000, Aurora, ON, L4G 6J1

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hoedown is fast approaching

Summer winding down and folks returning from vacation mode to prepare for the beginning of school year means only one thing to me.

It will soon be time for the largest community event in York Region once again.

One that has raised over 9 million dollars in support of hundreds of local organizations.

This will be the 28th version of the Magna Hoedown. Although people are now turning their attention to and formulating their plans to attend, those of us involved in the planning and execution of this great event have been hard at it for months.

The event has always been incredible and this year, we have assembled all the ingredients to bring this community the best show ever!

I am always asked about Magna's commitment to the event. Magna continues to cover all the costs related to Hoedown. It is a community fundraiser, a not a for-profit event. That's what makes it so different from the other country festivals and events that have sprung up over the last 28 years.

Frankly, it's the only reason we Hoedown.

We remain true to our vision of supporting organizations in our community, who provide services in our community, improving the quality of life for not only the disenfranchised but for all of us who call this home.

It's important that when you purchase your Hoedown tickets, it's the charities and community groups you're supporting.

I am proud to work for such a leader in corporate social responsibility as Magna and look forward to seeing y'all at Hoedown.

For more information and tickets: www.hoedown.ca

Steve Hinder
Magna for Community

Pro-development label of Council is "unfair"

We have had the opportunity to be directly involved in a development dispute within the town of Aurora.

For the last 18 months, neighbours and we have been faced with the all too topical issue of having adjacent property purchased by a developer for the purpose of higher density development.

In our case, the Councillors and Mayor gave their personal time, visited our properties, heard our concerns and informed us of the various constraints and possible outcomes that may lie ahead. Ultimately, we garnered a majority support from Council to deny a developer's rezoning request and for that we were most appreciative.

Council's decision was based on upholding the planning principles incorporated into Aurora's Official Plan. The Aurora Official plan accommodates municipal parameters for densification as outlined in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Implementation of the Greater Golden Horseshoe densification targets is the reason why we see so much intense residential development taking place across this province. The build out is in the hands of the provincial political parties.

Our local Aurora Council is not the driver for the magnitude or density of changes we are experiencing.

The process that followed was the right of a developer to launch an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

At this stage, OMB representatives are assigned and with predisposed preferences for development and obvious disinterest in residential and official municipal plan decisions, almost always award the legal decision in favour of the developer. What our Council did do was direct town staff to acquire OMB expert legal assistance

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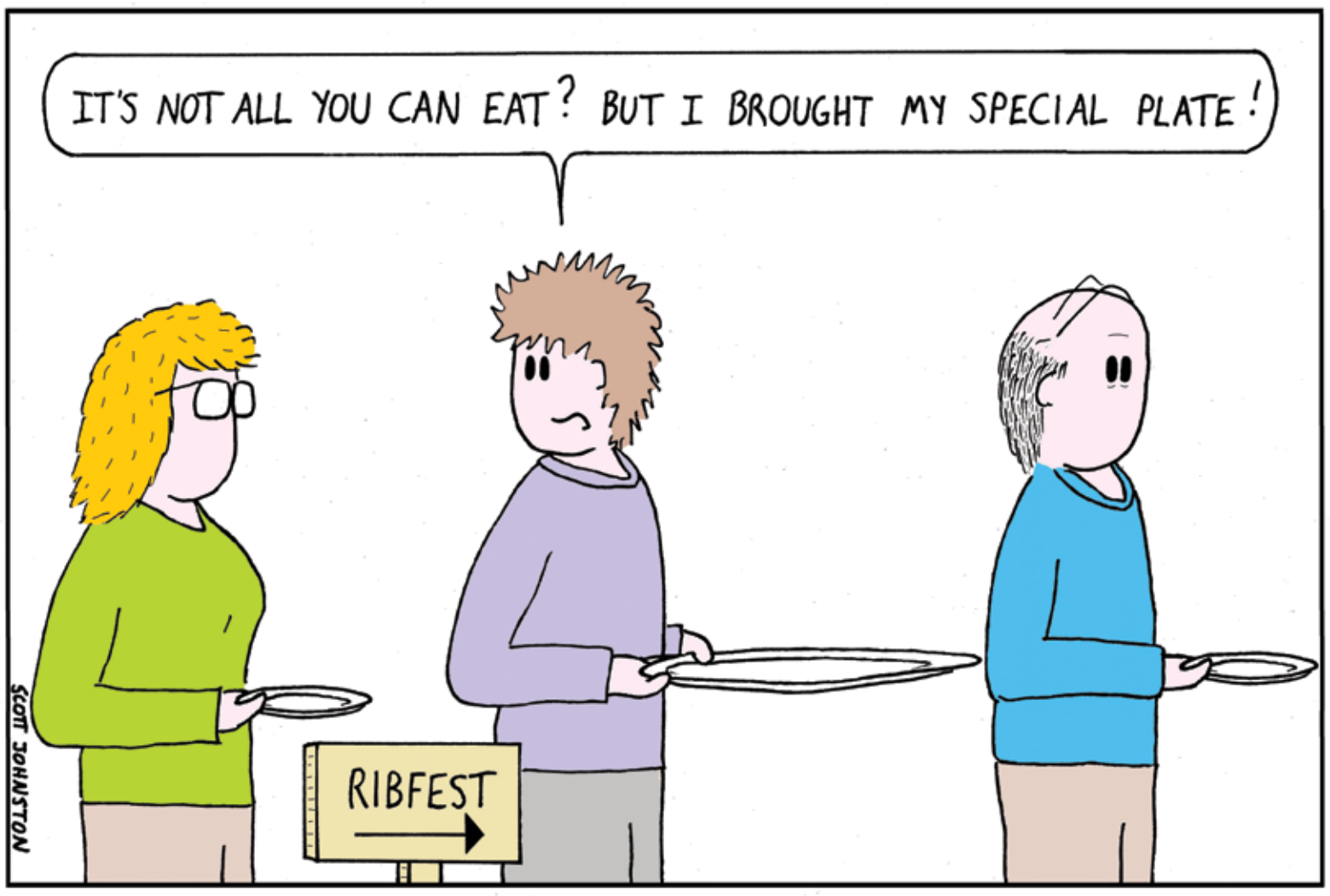
Machell's Corners



Another one for the memory bank

BROCK'S BANTER
Brock Weir

I was a non-believer, at first.

Earlier this month, Council entered into a marathon debate about a particular non-issue; specifically, the non-issue I wrote about last week. Namely: the ins and outs of who should take on the responsibilities of organizing an outdoor screening at Town Park, who should take the credit for it, and who may or may not have been standing in the way of it proceeding as envisioned by the people who first floated the idea.

In his initial pitch to his fellow lawmakers, Councillor John Abel pitched it as an "I remember when…" moment along the lines of Canadians fondly recalling where they were participating in Canada's Centennial, watching Neil Armstrong taking that first small step on the moon through a grainy television feed, the Canada-Russia hockey series the same way, only in colour, watching Joe Carter's home run and, finally, Mike Weir winning the Masters.

He was, as thousands of Aurorans who turned out to Town Park on Saturday night now know, referring to the final farewell concert of the iconic Tragically Hip.

Sceptical that it would be as monumental a moment as the Councillor suggested, it nevertheless seemed like something that would resonate with some hardcore music fans in the community but, not having been fully bitten by the Tragically Hip bug when I was in the full bloom of youth, I had my doubts it would be remembered for years down the road.

Personally, I have my own "I remember when…" moments.

My first three happened in relatively quick succession: in 1992, being allowed to stay up late for one-night-only to watch Johnny Carson's last episode of The Tonight Show, 1993 being dragged out of bed to see the aforementioned Mr. Carter take his enthusiastic victory lap after his home run (but not the home run itself), and being somberly told after school one afternoon in 1994 of John Candy's untimely death.

Fast forward a few years, and there are vivid memories of the evening of August 30, 1997 when, flipping channels after a delicious meal of Chinese take-out (and I still remember everything that was on the plate that night), and stumbling upon breaking news on the eventually fatal car crash of Diana, Princess of Wales, and staying up for updates on her variously-reported condition.

Heading out for school on September 11, 2001, my initial concerns that morning were looking snappy in my olive-green button-down and fresh coif for Grade 10 picture day. How quickly that changed.

Then, of course, there were the back-to-back Gold Medal wins for Canada's Olympic Hockey teams, the Queen's two most recent Jubilees, and other very happy events.

You all have your own; they will be great moments of national and international significance, moments of sadness, and personal family and career triumphs, and they will also be the small, insignificant things that have an importance understood by you and you alone.

I did not anticipate the final performance of the Tragically Hip entering my personal pantheon of great moments, yet here we are.

After seeing so many local events, be they driven by the Town or citizens at large, receive lukewarm support from the public, despite ample enthusiasm, advertising and outreach, I wasn't sure what to expect.

From my standpoint, our articles covering the event as it began to take shape received a healthy and encouraging reception, but that word-of-mouth excitement so integral to the success of events like these seemed neither overwhelming nor obvious.

That apparent lack of buzz, combined with over a week of forecasts predicting weather threatening to put the kibosh on the entire affair, made it seem like a bit of a crap shoot.

But, as so many of you can attest, it was anything but a crap shoot.

Despite the mildly ominous skies, close to 3,000 people of all ages flocked to Town Park to take in the final Hip concert and an astonishingly energetic performance from lead singer Gord Downie, which was nothing short of an inspiration.

While many in the crowd were undoubtedly fans of the Hip, I got the sense from a good number of people in the crowd were there for reasons other than their greatest hits. There was a sense of wanting to be there to pay tribute to Downie the man, rather than the musician.

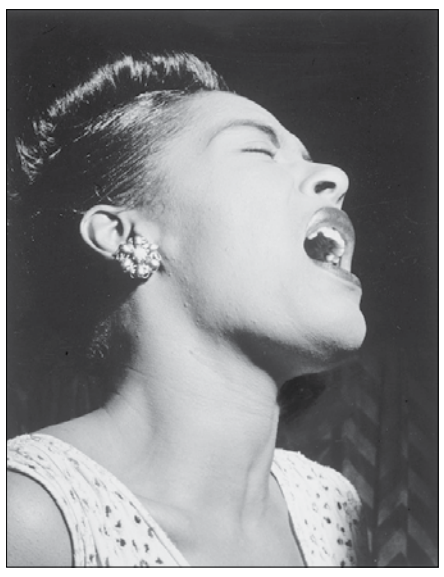
There was a desire of those who counted the Tragically Hip as playing a pivotal role on the soundtrack of their lives to bring their own young ones to the concert to show them what made the group so special to them.

Still others came out to hear the opening act, the wonderful Spencer MacKenzie band, or grab some local grub whipped up by the Optimist Club of Aurora, or corn grilled up by Mayor and Council.

Overall, however, the prevailing impression I received was that, whatever drove them to Town Park in the first place, it was an experience they did not want to have around their living room, watching on their computer, phone or tablet wherever they might be, or seeing a recap on the news.

It was an experience they wanted to have as a community and that's exactly what unfolded. One hopes in the lead-up to Canada's 150th, Town Hall and community groups alike look for similar opportunities to bring further experiences as these to the community and smooth out the process in making it a reality.

You might not be able to catch lightning in a bottle, but sometimes it can strike twice.



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POLITICS AS USUAL

Alison Collins-Mrakas

Cheaters do prosper

As I watched the Olympic swimming competitions – which were absolutely thrilling! Way to go Canada! – I have to admit that I was a bit less than enthusiastic about some of the races. Watching the women's 100 metre breaststroke, that included the Russian swimmer that had failed two drug tests, I could not help but think of the little warning that the nuns used to say to us all the time, "Cheaters never prosper."

I hate to say it, Sister Sheila, but you were wrong. Cheaters most definitely prosper. Liars too. And they are paid rather handsomely for their lack of moral character.

We have multiple athletes, known drug cheats, allowed to compete in the most elite of competitions, the Olympics – an event that is supposed to be the absolute epitome of sportsmanship.

With greatest respect, what a joke. If sportsmanship means doing whatever it takes, be it lying, cheating, and ingesting whatever deadly concoction possible to gain an edge, then yes, the Olympics is the epitome of it. Or maybe its nadir. Quite frankly, no matter what the result, no matter what the event, you cannot truly enjoy it, or revel in the spectacular outcomes. There is always a question mark beside the achievement, a little voice in the back of your head that says, "I hope he (or she) isn't a drug cheat."

Though the Russians are the focus of the drug vigilantes (and so too are the Chinese) and given the outcome of the WADA investigation, quite rightly so, there are few countries that can hold their heads up high in righteous piousness.

The US has been wagging its fingers literally and metaphorically at competitors in the pool, even booing the Russian athletes every time they stepped on the pool deck (which was quite extraordinary). Yet, they have one of the biggest drug cheats out there – Justin Gatlin – in the marquee track event, the 100 metres.

He has served multiple drug suspensions for steroid use, and what was his penalty? A silver medal. I am sure Yohan Blake of Jamaica, who was pipped at the line for bronze by our very own Andre De Grasse, would very much appreciate it if Americans would practice what they preach.

He'd be on the podium, if that was the case.

There has always been cheating. The ancient games had cheats as well, but the punishment was whipping (okay, they were fined first, but still, corporal punishment for cheating sounds like it was a pretty good deterrent).

It is so much worse today. Why? There no longer seems to be any shame associated with it. There are excuses, there are denials, and there are finger pointing exercises where everyone is blamed but the cheater. Even when there are apologies, they are not acts of contrition but rather carefully orchestrated PR pieces designed to provide absolution for the cheater.

The truth is they are not sorry for what they did; they are sorry for getting caught.

They needn't be. Given the IOC's decision not to ban the Russians entirely (and I have mixed feelings about that proposal – fodder for another column perhaps), it's clear it doesn't matter. We've become inured to it all.

And besides, everyone knows, the show will go on.

MP Alleslev's End of Session Report Card

MP'S REPORT

Leona Alleslev, MP
Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill

Where has the summer gone? It is already the end of August but my team and I are excited as we plan and prepare to return to the House of Commons when it resumes in September.

Part of planning for the future is to determine priorities by assessing what has been accomplished so far, and establishing what needs to be done next. My team and I are consistently focused on results, and therefore we created this end of session report card which we are pleased to share with you.

This report summarizes the 214 Days in the first session of the 42nd Parliament of Canada. I spent 96 days in Ottawa, and 118 Days in Aurora-Oak Ridges- Richmond Hill. Below is an overview of what I have been up to in those 214 days:

Local Initiatives

- 395 Constituent Cases Solved (including assistance with immigration files, Employment Insurance, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Canadian Pension Plan, and others)
- 64 Constituency Meetings
- 8 (now 9) Columns in Local Newspapers
- 43 Community Events Attended
- 3 Funding Announcements
  6 Public Consultation Town Halls

Parliamentary Affairs

- 9 Speeches in the House of Commons
- 23 Questions Answered in Question Period (as Parliamentary Secretary on behalf of the Minister for Public Services and Procurement)
- 102 Votes in the House of Commons
- 3 Policy Reports submitted to Ministers' Offices
- 6 Parliamentary Caucuses: Aerospace (Chair), Automotive, Digital, Women's, Ontario, National
- 5 Parliamentary Associations: Executive of NATO, Member on Canada-USA, Canada-Europe, Canada-France, Commonwealth, and Inter-Parliamentary Union.

I am not only committed to representing you in Ottawa, but it is also my responsibility to bring Ottawa's voice back to our community. Toward that end I have hosted town halls to hear everyone's perspectives on different Federal issues to ensure that government policy is made with you in mind. I am proud to say that to date our community has provided comments and direction on: Budget 2016, medical assistance in dying, climate change, defence policy, Canada Post, and electoral reform.

I want to thank all who have participated including those who have sent in emails outlining their positions on these and other important topics. Your voice does indeed matter. If there are federal issues that you think would merit a Town Hall discussion format in the future, I encourage you to contact me by email.

Finally, to end the summer properly and to further connect our community, I will be hosting a free Community Barbecue on September 10 from 1-3:30pm at Richmond Green (Northwest corner of Leslie and Elgin Mills. Enter off of Leslie Street and parking is available at Richmond Green Secondary School). Please join me and bring your friends, family, and neighbours to enjoy food, refreshments and fun for the kids. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Please Contact Me!

If you have any questions or concerns of federal matters, please feel free to reach out to me and my office. You can email: Leona.Alleslev@parl.gc.ca, phone (905) 773-8358, or drop by for a visit at 12820 Yonge St., suite 202 in Richmond Hill.

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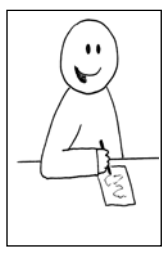

Inside Aurora

Scott Johnston

As you may have heard recently, Aurora has set the goal of being the most active and fit municipality in Canada.

It'll certainly help to accomplish this now that we're no longer all adhered to our couches watching the 24/7 televised Olympic coverage.

I'm not sure how they're going to measure our success. Maybe they can embed some hidden weigh scales in front of the counters at our local donut shops.

But regardless of how, or even if, it will be measured, how are we going to attain this lofty goal? I have some suggestions.

It's said that sitting for extended periods of time is bad for one's health, and that it's best to stand and move around.

Who better to demonstrate this than our elected officials? So, let's get rid of the chairs around the Council table. Not only will this set an example for others, but tired calf muscles may result in improving the pace of typical meetings, and possibly reducing them in length.

Note that this wouldn't apply to the visitor's seating in the Chamber. Forcing people to both watch a Council meeting and to stand? Well, that's just cruel.

Another documented way to improve your fitness is to park your car on the far side of a parking lot from where you're going, so you must walk a little further. After all, those extra steps add up.

Let's take this a little further, and kill two birds with one stone, by arranging for GO train parking to be located east of Bayview. It would eliminate all the parking hassles in the downtown core, and the extra hike to and from Industrial Parkway would burn off untold calories.

If we need space for this extra parking, I understand a sizable chunk of property on Wellington will be available shortly in that area, when Magna moves out of Town.

Aurora is well known for its annual parades. But why is it that some participants get to ride in cars or sit on floats, when many others are walking?

Let's level the playing field and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by making the floats people powered. As an added benefit, a parade member would certainly keep warmer on a frosty November night if they had to push a seasonal sleigh full of elves, reindeer and toys up the hill towards Wellington.

A final opportunity to improve fitness levels has been made available by the Pokemon Go craze that has swept Aurora.

In this activity, players find and capture mythical creatures on their electronic devices at specific landmarks in Town. This has been lauded for getting people, if not off of their electronic devices, at the very least outside.

But it doesn't get them very active.

To counter that, they should be made to feel the effects of physically capturing them. This could be done by combining the program with a heart rate measurement device so that the Pokemon characters can be caught only after an accelerated heart rate has been reached. Say, 20% over the person's usual resting rate.

Participants could find the creatures, but their gadget would only capture them after the user had completed some jumping jacks, or run on the spot, or other similar cardio-based activity.

An added benefit is that it would provide not only entertainment to those watching them, but a health boost to them as well. After all, laughing is well known as an excellent form of exercise.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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to work with our planning department staff to negotiate a resolution with the developer and his lawyers.

The resulting compromise was a much improved scenario over the original request of the developer. Without the support of our Council and the direction they provided to Town Planning staff, we would have had a much less satisfactory outcome in our situation.

We are writing this to let the residents of Aurora know that, in our experience, the Town Council has actively supported the issues of residents and faced the OMB mandated authority with genuine aggressiveness and due diligence. They should be congratulated and recognized for their efforts to manage mandated growth targets within a framework that often runs contrary to local requirements and goals.

In addition, two of our Councillors, with the support of the entire Council, have spearheaded the dialogue with numerous other Ontario Provincial municipalities to demand a formal change in the legislative power and scope of the OMB to combat this very issue.

We would like to thank and compliment our Councillors for their role in navigating the issues regarding the rezoning of an adjacent property. While the resulting rezoning is a disappointment to us, we believe, it is the optimal outcome in this current legislative landscape. We would like to express our appreciation for the impact their support has had on the final outcome.

Ron & Marilee Harris
Aurora

AURORAN POLL

Do you think small businesses get a bad rap as "good job" providers?
Yes No Unsure
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Previous Poll Results

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Safety upgrades will help community agencies move forward: Minister

By Brock Weir

A Provincial investment to make living environments safer for some of Aurora and Newmarket's most vulnerable citizens comes as a "welcome relief" to Community Living Newmarket/Aurora.

Colleen Zakoor, Executive Director of Community Living Newmarket-Aurora welcomed Dr. Helena Jaczek, Ontario's Minister of Community and Social Services, and a host of dignitaries, including MPP Chris Ballard, to their Newmarket headquarters for an announcement which earmarks $6.5 million to over 40 agencies throughout Ontario.

This money, $49,000 of which will go to Community Living Newmarket-Aurora, is intended to bring forward upgrades to fire alarm systems, install fire doors and separations, and install sprinkler systems, bringing facilities up to date according to new provisions in the Ontario Fire Code.

Community Living Newmarket-Aurora has 20 "shared living environments" throughout Aurora and Newmarket for individuals living with intellectual challenges, seven of which are in need of sprinkler systems.

"This will ensure those living in our 24-hour shared living environments can evacuate safely and meet the legislative requirements," said Ms. Zakoor. "It is the most important thing in people's lives. For their most vulnerable, their families are relying on us to ensure they get out safely and they have time to get out if there is a fire.

"This is not the end and we're going to keep going at it. [In the environments where there aren't sprinklers] we have added extra staff. We don't have the funding for it, but at the same time that is a priority to make sure they get out safely."

Ian Laing, Chief of the Central York Fire Services, Community Living Newmarket/Aurora Executive Director Colleen Zakoor, Newmarket-Aurora MPP Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing, and Oak Ridges-Markham MPP Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services, attend Thursday's announcement at Community Living. **Auroran photo by Brock Weir**

These extra staff are above their existing provisions, she notes, and this new investment will help Community Living get back within budget.

This is a view shared by Dr. Jaczek who said this investment will help organizations like Community Living allocate their funds for programs enabling those living with intellectual disabilities to get out and involved in the community.

"In terms of the safety of vulnerable people, we are very anxious to ensure that our service workers are as well trained as possible," she said. "We know that they are wonderful people who work with these vulnerable individuals on a daily basis. Obviously they are very cognizant of fire safety and the need to evacuate, but we want to free them up to do a lot more interesting work with people with developmental disabilities, trying to ensure there are opportunities for volunteer work in the community.

"We want to ensure that wherever possible they can have some employment. Some of these people work at Tim Hortons and they're out, and there is a lot going on [on] the development side, and we want our developmental service workers to be more focused on getting the people they care so much about out into the community. All these various aids allow more time for that kind of opportunity."

Added Mr. Ballard: "Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District takes great pride in providing support for some of our community's most vulnerable people. With this funding, families can rest easy knowing that the facilities at Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District will continue to be a safe place for their loved ones for years to come."

Ontario is the first province to make sprinklers mandatory in existing senior care residences and homes. While most of the senior care centres in Aurora are now compliant, there are a few that still need to be brought up to code before a 2025 deadline.

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(Clockwise from Top Left) Tragically Hip fans were welcomed by Councillor Sandra Humfryes, Mayor Geoff Dawe, and Councillors Tom Mrakas, Michael Thompson and John Abel. The Spencer MacKenzie Band – Spencer, Jack, Nick and Kevin – provided a live musical opening for the CBC simulcast. Jaxson, Landen, Asher and Sarah sign a book of well-wishes for terminally ill singer Gord Downie. A sea of thousands of fans. (Centre) Greg Smith, one of the event's organizers, collects donations for the Gord Downie Brain Cancer Research Foundation.

Auroran photos by Glenn Rodger

Tragically Hip celebration draws thousands

By Brock Weir

Nearly 3,000 people filled Town Park on Saturday night for a live screening of the Tragically Hip's farwell concert and to pay tribute to lead singer Gord Downie.

Revellers descended on the celebration, which included live performances from The Spencer MacKenzie Band, featuring young local bassist Jack Davies, a barbeque by the Optimist Club of Aurora, a corn roast helmed by Mayor Geoff Dawe, and Councillors John Abel, Sandra Humfryes, Tom Mrakas, and Michael Thompson and, of course, a simulcast of CBC's Tragically Hip: A National Celebration, which was beamed from Kingston live from coast to coast.

The party was hosted by the Aurora Winter Blues Festival in conjunction with the Town of Aurora and Councillor Abel, one of the driving forces behind the event, welcomed the crowds.

"This is an iconic moment, as well [as a moment that is] drawing awareness of cancer research," said Councillor Abel, referencing Downie who is living with terminal brain cancer. "This is a great moment celebrating with over 300 communities across Canada and another 500 local establishments."

Throughout the evening, a table was set up to collect notes of well-wishes for Mr. Downey. The table also provided opportunities for people to make donations to the Gord Downie Brain Cancer Research Fund, an initiative that was bolstered before and after the concert by a Pass The Bucket movement collecting loose change for the cause.

In all, $1,700 was raised for the Fund, which is operated in association with the Sunnybrook Foundation.

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Aurora to begin path to "Canada's Most Active Community" with star-studded launch

By Brock Weir

Local sports groups are pulling out all the star-studded stops next month in the quest to make Aurora Canada's most active community.

It has been a long-held goal, but one that will formally come off the launch pad at Aurora Family Leisure Complex – and the public is invited to come share in the fun from 1 – 2 p.m. on September 18.

According to organizers, "celebrity appearances and a Sports Expo" will be among the highlights where everyone is invited to come "and learn what they can do individually and collectively to transform Aurora into the healthiest and most physically literate community in the nation."

"The health, wellbeing and durability of every person in our community matters to us," said Ron Weese, project organizer of Activate Aurora, which is led by Sport Aurora, the Mayor's Task Force on Physical Activity and the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Representatives from the Town, York Region Public Health, Southlake Regional Health Centre, the York Region District and York Catholic District School Boards, the Aurora Seniors' Association, Seneca College, the Canadian Sport for Life Society, and all of Sport Aurora's members, have contributed "hundreds of hours in planning the campaign."

"The mission is we're going to make this Canada's most active community," said Mr. Weese. "It may sound audacious, but everyone in that working group says this is something reasonable. We know the relationship between positive health outcomes and greater physical activity. How are we going to do it? With an awareness and education campaign that is already underway."

In a presentation to Council this month, Mr. Weese offered 2006 numbers from StatsCan that said children born in 2006 would have a shorter lifespan than their parents, a "damning" stat, he said.

"After 40 years of promotion of physical activity, it is time for us to do something and that is the reason why Activate Aurora and Sport Aurora was formed: to try and make some change. A problem like this is not one person's problem, or one group's – it is everybody's problem. That means we need a cross sectorial solution and that is why the Ontario Trillium Foundation liked what we were doing because it was a collective impact grant. We need people working together and integrated in order to solve some problems."

Program organizers said at this month's Council meeting that they initially planned on launching the program under the big top of the Magna Hoedown tent on September 18 once the previous night's party had been cleared out. But a change of venue was announced Monday.

"It became apparent it was not possible to convert the grounds to meet our needs in time for the launch the following day and we didn't want to jeopardize the launch with a tight schedule," said Mr. Weese. "We have permitted the Aurora Family Leisure Complex and we believe it is the perfect venue for the launch since the Activate Aurora Project is dedicated to Aurorans and the Municipality is a valued partner in our Mission. The Aurora Family Leisure Complex is one of the Town's most important hubs of sport and healthy physical activity and includes centrally located facilities for all environments and all ages and we are pleased to present the Activate Aurora launch at this venue."

Small businesses identify challenges in the way of growth

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Chamber of Commerce to help stamp out this false perception.

"Small businesses have a perception problem," he says. "The perception is that you get a great job if you work for a big business like a hospital or a manufacturer, that it is a better job than a small business. The reality is completely the opposite: you learn more, you're more respected, treated well, and treated like one of the family."

These were concerns voiced by Mr. Hughes and a number of small business owners at a roundtable hosted by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, and its Provincial Counterpart, at the Aurora Chamber's office last week.

Their campaign, "Small Business Too Big To Ignore" is designed to highlight the contributions small businesses make to their respective communities and look at top barriers in the way of small business growth. According to Sandra Watson of the Aurora Chamber, these barriers include attracting and retaining good talent, costs and challenges being faced by the businesses, as well as infrastructure gaps.

"The main concern that was echoed around the room was that small business doesn't get a good rap. Colleges and university students, new workers that might be entering the work force, tend to look at big businesses to find work because they look at job security, for all the benefits that go along with it, the pension plans," says Ms. Watson. "The perception is you can't get that with small businesses.

"A number expressed rising cost of hydro, HST doesn't seem to have a really level playing field. There is the cost of WSIB. A number of participants agreed that those costs affected their business and their bottom line. A lot of people also felt [public transit] was cost prohibitive for people making minimum wage, wasn't very accessible, that schedules weren't great, and that needed to be looked at."

Nurse Vicky McGrath, who runs the Aurora-based small business Nurse Next Door, which provides home care, says she agrees with many of the points raised at the meeting, many of which she concurred with during the session. Echoing Mr. Hughes' idea of a perception problem, Ms. McGrath says businesses like hers find it hard to compete with larger health care partners such as hospitals or others that receive provincial funding.

"As small businesses, it is harder to attract and retain staff when the perception is working for small business is not as lucrative, the salaries aren't the same, or the benefits aren't available, or long-term growth and opportunity isn't there either," says Ms. McGrath. "The school doesn't promote home care as the ultimate goal for caregivers or individuals interested in the care industry, perhaps. We would like to see small business and home care promoted as a solution for the rising cost of health care in our province. I guess working with the school a little bit with that would be helpful as well."

Business people like Ms. McGrath join chambers like Aurora's to have broader connections with the small business community and find strength in numbers. That being said, she adds it is important for individuals to bring their concerns to a wider audience, including the Province, and other stakeholders in their particular industries.

Outside of the image problem, technical supports should also be advocated for, she adds, including greater access to broadband, which would improve communication with clients, caregivers and staff, taking HST off home care in the same way as other nursing bodies are exempt, and improving public transportation which would make getting to clients more cost-effective.

For Mr. Hughes, however, a focus on public transportation is a double-edged sword. While it might make it easier for employees to get to their job, it does not necessarily help the bottom line of a small business like his.

"Never in infrastructure do they ever address the transportation of goods," he says. "[We] don't ship any goods via public transportation; we ship our goods by trucks or trains, planes, and everything like that and how are trucks getting down the road?"

The findings of this roundtable will be compiled by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, the results of which will be presented in a further report by the Ontario Chamber to coincide with Small Business Week this October.

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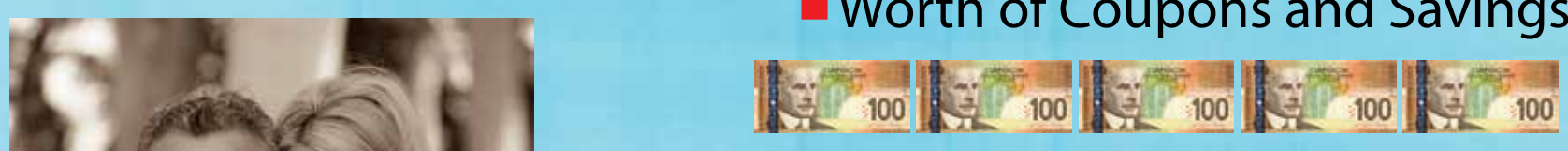

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5 PM The Road Heavy

9 PM David Wilcox

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

11 AM Patty McLaughlin & Friends

1 PM Hoedown Showdown Talent Competition *PRESENTED BY MAGNA*

5 PM The Renaissance Band

9 PM Haywire

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

11 AM Just Heart, *Tribute to Heart*

1 PM Ribfest Official Judging

2:30 PM The Mudmen

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In the early 1980s, Wilcox released his greatest hits such as *"Hot, Hot, Papa," "Riverboat Fantasy"* and other classic favorites. Check out David Wilcox live at Aurora's Ribfest on Friday, August 26 at 9 pm.

SATURDAY NIGHT

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Formed three decades ago in Charlottetown, PEI, Haywire has sold more than half a million records, produced a dozen hit songs, won international awards and played with some of the biggest names in Canadian music.

This rock band's first full-length album, *Bad Boys*, went platinum in Canada, while the title track became a top-40 hit. The following year, they released *Don't Just Stand There*, which also went platinum and contained their highest charting hit, *Dance Desire*. Don't miss Haywire live at Aurora's Ribfest on Saturday, August 27 at 9 pm.

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Share your memories – large and small – to celebrate 150th anniversary of Town Park

By Brock Weir

Town Park was a Mecca for music on Saturday night as thousands from across Aurora – and beyond – gathered there to celebrate the legacy of the Tragically Hip.

Whether you were there as fans of the Hip, or just to spend a musical night out with your family, chances are you left after the third encore with more than a few lasting memories.

You might think these memories might be small and insignificant in the grand scheme of things, yet they are anything but, according to Shawna White and Michelle Johnson of the Aurora Museum and Archives.

Ms. White and Ms. Johnson are hard at work collecting memories residents past and present have of Town Park ahead of the park's 150th anniversary.

Their project, which is being carried out with funding through the Virtual Museum of Canada's Community Memories Project, will chart Town Park's history from Canada's First Nations, to its development as a community gathering space and culminating in this past weekend's farewell to the Hip.

"I want to talk to people who were at the concert or little kids playing in the park to get their perspective on what this park means for them," says Ms. White. "There were some little kids here the other night saying, 'When I was little, we used to…' and we want that multigenerational input."

While the Aurora Museum and Archives has a significant amount of material related to the history of the park through the 1970s, memories, photos and artefacts from the 1980s to present day are few and far between, and that is just what they hope this project will remedy.

"A lot of times, memories are identified as trivial or routine and they pass them off, but know they are not trivial," says Ms. Johnson. "That is the stuff we want because it is the stuff we don't have. That is the stuff that will often be forgotten because it isn't some big, monumental event. That is why [our slogan] is Be A Part of History. We want to know those small, little stories so we can get into the larger story of Town Park.

Historians Michelle Johnson and Shawna White want your Town Park stories – and no story is too "insignificant," they say.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

"We were speaking to a mother recently about the outdoor skating rink and her first time here. The mum remembered everything about what the environment looked like, the sun shining, how it was freezing cold, and now she plays hockey for the Aurora Panthers. She came here and was learning how to skate on that outdoor rink. That also speaks to the value of Town Park and it is a pretty good moment to reflect upon."

When it comes to Town Park, there are some facets of its history that are well known to a good portion of Aurorans, including it being the location of Edward Blake's famous "Aurora Speech", visits by Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier and, given the historic Aurora Armoury on its northeast corner, as a site of drilling and practicing for the Queen's York Rangers and Army Cadets, as well as a marshalling place for these soldiers before heading off to fight in the First World War.

But there are little things too that Ms. White and Ms. Johnson feel are also very interesting and are clamoring to uncover.

"In the 20s, people would drive up when the automobile became more affordable and they would camp here," says Ms. Johnston. "There are reports about Americans coming up and camping in Town Park, and all the different purposes it has had and different uses. Its use as a constant community meeting place reveal a lot of really good stories. This is the B-side of stories that we're collecting from people and it is really exciting. Some of the stuff we have heard are things I never thought we would uncover."

Adds Ms. White: "The best image we have so far is the gentleman who didn't give away any names on who the culprit was, but who brought his new car and hooked it up to the newly installed flag pole in Town Park and took off and bent it over. Sure enough, there it is in The Banner with a photo and a firsthand account of someone who witnessed it. We want all the shenanigans."

Outside of the "shenanigans" they are also looking to fill in a few blanks, including firsthand stories from Wells Street Public School students, who used the park as their playground before the school itself was decommissioned and sold, as well as the whereabouts of Aurora's Boer War Memorial Fountain. This three-tiered fountain, originally placed on Yonge Street designed as a water fountain for dogs, humans and horses, was eventually moved to Town Park and the subject of considerable vandalism over the years.

However, after the 1950s, the fate of the fountain, its whereabouts and why it was removed, have fallen off the historical record.

"It survived the war, so it wasn't melted down for that," Ms. White muses. "I would love to know if it is in somebody's back yard because at least we know it was saved!"

To share your stories, photos, home movies, and mementos, contact the Aurora Museum & Archives, or head over to a Pop-Up display at the Aurora Public Library next Tuesday, August 30, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and talk to Shawna and Michelle.

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Canadian Blood Services will hold a blood donor clinic today at the Aurora Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion from 2.30 – 7.30 p.m. 105 Industrial Parkway North.

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DISCOVERY DAYS FOR KIDS AND THE AHS: Join the Aurora Historical Society for our summer children's program Discovery Days for Kids! Each day will consist of a kid-friendly tour of Hillary House National Historic Site followed by a fun heritage craft or activity. Programs include Medical Detectives, Nature Seekers, Arts and Craft, Back to School, and our ever-popular Dig It! For more information, contact Leigha at 905-727-8991. 1.30 – 3.30 p.m.

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MOVIES IN THE PARK – The Town of Aurora's popular Movies in the Park continues this week with a screening of Inside Out at Aurora Town Park (49 Wells Street). All screenings start at dusk. After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school. The screening is free, but a food donation to the Aurora Food Pantry is appreciated. Arrive early to enjoy the stellar movie-themed activities and special pre-movie surprises. Come dressed up in your favourite colour

AUGUST 26 – AUGUST 28

Ribfest kicks off Friday at 11 a.m. at Machell Park. Free admission. David Wilcox performs Friday at 9 p.m., and Haywire performs the following night, also at 9 p.m. There are no wrist bands this year, but age of majority from 8 – 11 p.m. Additional events include the Semi Finals of the Hoedown Showdown on Saturday, kids activities, and a beer garden. Friday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

MOVIES IN THE PARK – The Town of Aurora's popular Movies in the Park concludes this week with a screening of Hotel Transylvania 2 at Hickson Park (155 Conover Avenue). All screenings start at dusk. Dracula and his friends try to bring out the monster in his half human, half vampire grandson in order to keep Mavis from leaving the hotel. The screening is free, but a food donation to the Aurora Food Pantry is appreciate. Arrive early to enjoy the stellar movie-themed activities and special pre-movie surprises. Calling all ghosts and goblins: wear your favourite Halloween costume!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

The Aurora Public Library's Money Talk$ Series continues tonight with Tame Your Investment Portfolio! Starting at 7 p.m., this free, informal monthly discussion/education group is intended to share unbiased knowledge in economics and financial planning. Presentation followed by group discussion. No financial products or services will be offered or sold (directly or indirectly). People employed in the financial services industry are welcome to attend and contribute, but not to engage in the promotion of any products, companies or services. For more information, call the Aurora Public Library Adult Information Desk at 905-727-9494, ext. 275.

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OPENING A NEW DOOR IN 2016

Heritage, architecture and community enthusiasts from as far away as Kitchener and Cornwall fanned out across Aurora on Saturday for the annual Doors Open Aurora, taking in over 15 sites of local interest. (Top Row) A community corn roast, whipped up Councillor Tom Mrakas, Mayor Geoff Dawe, and Councillors Sandra Humfryes and John Abel, was just one of many attractions at the Aurora Farmers' Market. Cindy Shaver of the Aurora Public Library put library patrons in the picture. Artist Jose Kondooparampil captures Hillary House in paint as the Aurora Historical Society welcomed guests to their new First World War exhibition. (Second Row) Eric and Eva of Toronto make their first trip to the famed gardens at Merlin's Hollow. Adara Vhim gets an up-close view of one of the Queen's York Rangers vehicles. Inside the armoury Troopers Ry Church, Ethan Yee, and Matt Greig sold Vimy Pins to raise money for the cadets' trip to Vimy Ridge next year. (Third Row) Visitors got a rare peek inside the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge. A former student at Church Street School, 99-year-old Doris Videan and her daughter, were back at the school again where they caught up with Bob McRoberts. Historian David Heard displays a brick from the fire ravaged Aurora United Church during his Block 11 – Aurora's Historic Precinct Walking Tour. (Third Row) Volunteer Andrea shows off where the Sheppard family marked their children's heights at the Charles Henry Sheppard House, now home to the Windfall Ecology Centre at Sheppard's Bush. Reza and Roya Haghieri welcome guests to Vic's Shoe Repair. Volunteers also were on hand to interpret both chapels at Trinity Anglican Church. (Bottom Row) Patrick House on Temperance Street was a hub for art. Long-time Theatre Aurora member Jo-anne Spitzer displays costumes as theatre tours were carried out throughout the day. Devin tries his hand at Earth Day Canada's Earth Play Pop-Up Adventure Playground.

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Aurora United has winning weekend

Sarah Stratigakis (black, #10) had a hat trick in Aurora United's 9 - 2 stomping of Sanjaxx at Sheppard's Bush on Saturday.

Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte

By Jake Courtepatte

One of the most impressive teenagers in Canadian football put in a hat trick effort on Saturday to secure a whopping 9 – 2 win for Aurora United FC.

Sarah Stratigakis cemented herself as the team-leading scorer with notches at the 25, 38, and 49-minute marks, one of five Aurora scorers in by far the team's best offensive output of 2016.

"I think they did very well," said Aurora coach Arman Mohammadi. "It was a good victory last week, another good one today, and we'd like to get two more to round off the season."

Aurora bested Durham United FA 4 – 1 last week, gaining six crucial points in the past two weeks to move into sixth place in the nine-team women's division of Ontario League 1.

Meghan Reynolds, Aurora's other leading scorer, opened the scoring just three minutes in on Saturday, adding another in extra time at half. Lauren Raimondo scored two of her own, and Kodee Williams and Laura Marelli each added a single.

"We came to get three points, had a plan to do so, and we did, so credit to the ladies," said Mohammadi. "Tough conditions with the heat and everything but they played well and did what we asked for.

"In the second half, they took their foot off the pedal a little bit, but that's fine and we'll use this result to continue momentum. It was a good victory last week, another good one today, and we'd like to get two more to round off the season."

Stratigakis, a regular on Canada's national under-20 team, was pleased with her team's effort so late in the season.

"I think we were able to play good possessive soccer, and we were able to get lots of shots on net and opportunities to score, so it was a good game overall," she said.

"I think it is important that we finish our chances and be more clinical in that regard and I thought we just played well together and our passing was on."

The women have two games left on their schedule, and close out their home schedule next Wednesday against Darby FC (1-9-2) at Sheppard's Bush. Kickoff is at 8 p.m.

The Aurora men, meanwhile, are looking to start a successful run right until mid-October.

They earned their first win since early June on Saturday, besting the Kingston Clippers 2 – 0.

Leading scorer and league all-star Simon Adjei notched the first goal after fifteen minutes, followed by Zakaraie Mahrady at the 54-minute mark.

Aurora United assistant coach Marco Campia said the game was "a tale of two halves."

"The first half we came out and executed the way we wanted to play. We put quite a bit of pressure on them in certain areas of the field, and we had quite a strong half."

"Second half was a different story; we had a bit of a sloppy second half, we weren't maintaining possession as much. We were giving the ball away in bad parts of the field actually and they created a few chances because of it. We were fortunate not to concede. But, I thought overall it was a good game."

Regardless, Aurora moves up a spot in East division standings with a 2-11-3 record, good for sixth in the eight-team division. Their next opponent will be Durham United (10-3-2) on Saturday at Sheppard's Bush.

Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Senior Jays eliminated from NDBL playoffs

By Jake Courtepatte

The Aurora Jays were sent packing on Sunday by one of the most dominant teams in the North Dufferin Baseball League in years.

Following a 5 – 5 tie to open the series early in the week, the New Lowell Knights took control of the best-of-five semifinal series to earn their spot in the championship in four games.

Inclement weather caused a number of delays in the schedule, causing the series to return to New Lowell on Thursday. There, the Knights took an 8 – 2 win. In the only home game for the Jays in the series, at Stewart Burnett Park on Friday, New Lowell took a close one 6 – 4.

Sunday's finale in New Lowell was never close, with New Lowell clinching the series by a score of 13 – 0.

Aurora entered the semifinal series after a quick three-game sweep of the Midland Indians, an upset of the third-place team by sixth-place.

Despite their position as a perennial powerhouse, often the best offensive team throughout the regular season, the Jays are still in search of their first Strother Cup in its history. They last came within striking distance in 2014, losing the championship series to the Ivy Leafs in four games.

Four of the top ten batting averages in 2016 were Jays, including reigning league MVP Ian Rettie, who put up an outstanding .478 to go along with 32 hits in 21 games. Brad Crosby and Daniel Lehmkuhl also batted higher than .400.

Aurora finished the regular season with a record of 14-11-1.

New Lowell, meanwhile, has emerged in the last couple of years to become the top contender in the AA league, taking over from the Bolton Brewers, now in the AAA Greater Toronto Baseball League.

Winning last year's Strother Cup title, the Knights were regular season champions in 2016, playing to a record of 21-4-1.

The town of New Lowell also claimed the junior title in the league last week, beating the Mansfield Cubs in four games of a best-of-five series.

Meanwhile, the semifinals of the senior division continues, with the Knights waiting on the outcome of the Ivy Leafs vs. Orangeville Giants series. After Orangeville went up two games to none, Ivy stormed back to win and tie the next two games. Game five goes later this week.

The championship series is set to begin this Saturday.

To follow along, visit www.ndbl.ca.

Andrew Bukovec throws out a pitch at Stewart Burnett Park in Aurora. The Jays fell in four games to the New Lowell Knights and are knocked out of North Dufferin Baseball League contention.

Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte

AYSC season wraps up with annual tournament

The Under-5 to Under-18 divisions of the Aurora Youth Soccer Club took to Sheppard's Bush and pitches across Aurora over the weekend for the annual Stinger Cup.

Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte

The sun was shining last weekend for the Aurora Youth Soccer Club's annual Stinger Cup tournament, the house-league division championships.

Hundreds of players age 5 – 18 took to the fields at both Magna and Sheppard's Bush in Aurora, a lively atmosphere for both kids and parents.

The Aurora Lions Club and Optimist Club of Aurora were grilling hamburgers and hot dogs all weekend, while the players battled it out on the pitch for town-wide glory.

The first kick-off came Friday evening, with the festivities wrapping up at the U18 level around 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

At the U13 boys level, Royal bested Silver after penalty kicks in a scoreless draw. Gold beat Pink 3 – 0 on the girls side.

Orange came out on top in the U15 boys, while Navy was the winner in the U15 girls.

Finally, Sky Blue defeated Red in penalty kicks in the U18 boys final, and Teal beat Purple 1 – 0 in the U18 girls final.

With the trophies all handed out, the AYSC is now looking for nominations for Coach of the Year. If you or your child believes a coach showed a high level of commitment and dedication to the team this year, you can nominate them at www.aysc.ca.

The AYSC is asking for nominations for Volunteer of the Year as well, including managers, conveners, and anyone else who may have contributed to the success of the season.

GO Parking headaches could be relieved after six months

By Brock Weir

Residents of Aurora's Heritage Conservation District (HCD) might be angry over Metrolinx's two-year contract to turn Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church's parking lot into overflow GO parking, but they are probably going to have to live with the headaches for at least six months, according to officials.

According to Newmarket-Aurora MPP Chris Ballard, who spoke to neighbours after talks with Metrolinx, the impression he left with was the existing deal between the operators of GO Transit and the area church was a done deal, but there might be some light at the end of the tunnel.

The existing contract, he says, a two-year contract, but one with a firm deal for six months with options to extend to 24 months. After this six month interview, there might be a window of opportunity to move the overflow parking elsewhere, including the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, an option both MPP and Metrolinx say Town Staff nipped in the bud back in March.

"You can get out of any contract, we know that, but there is a cost and therein lies the challenge," said Mr. Ballard. "Now that the Town knows we did approach them, I am hoping that temporary overflow [would be found] and I would seek the commitment of the Town and Metrolinx to take the next few months to sort it out."

Mr. Ballard was optimistic that the work set to be carried out at the GO Station, including the construction of a pedestrian underpass, would be done in short order and overflow parking would not be needed much beyond the initial six month time frame, but Metrolinx wanted to secure the OLG parking lot to use it down the line.

"[Metrolinx] understands that is not a popular place to put 120 to 130 cars and that it needs to revisit working with the Town to find a more suitable place," he said. "I would hold Metrolinx to that and I am sure the Councillors here today will hold the Town to finding a better place to park overflow cars. I am not a lawyer, but I think we're stuck with six months. I think the Town and Metrolinx can work out a solution. They are quite willing to sit down with the Town and say, 'We have got the Leisure Centre, [the old works yard on] Scanlon, if it hasn't been transferred.'"

While Town Staff have yet to weigh in on that, the three Councillors attending Friday's roundtable with concerned neighbours said they were committed to getting those talks going.

"I will be working as hard as I can to make sure the Town comes up with a suitable location after that six months, no matter what," said Councillor Tom Mrakas to the agreement of Councillors John Abel and Wendy Gaertner.

But, whether they have to live with this for six months or two years, residents still have a number of concerns.

Among the concerns voiced by residents sitting in on the roundtable was an influx of traffic into the Town's one designated HCD, the sense that the Provincial and Federal Government can come in and be given essentially carte blanche in an HCD which has very strict guidelines of what can and cannot be done in the area from a municipal perspective, and the safety of the neighbourhood and commuters alike.

One resident, for instance, called for greater observation on the lot and a police presence to monitor the site.

"The GO Parking lot is to be open to commuters 24 hours a day from Monday to Friday," said nearby resident Bob McRoberts, who said one neighbour believes this was GO's attempt to "sneak" in a new parking lot during the summer months when many residents are away. "A member of York Regional Police was telling one of the residents that the number of car break-ins at the current GO parking structure is surprising. So, in addition to increased traffic, there will also be a potential increase in crime.

"The Metrolinx rep told me there will be no change to the lighting in the parking lot. The lady who lives next door to the lot says that the lights are currently off at night. If that is the case, it should be quite dark for commuters who pick up their vehicles at night."

Councillors feel "left out of the loop"

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passing the buck, but the Town did, in fact, know Metrolinx was looking for help," said Mr. Ballard. "They sent the Town an email and the Town responded on March 15, 2016, that they couldn't help them 'and good luck finding some space.' Those emails exist and I am sure the Town representatives here today will want to talk to the Mayor and find out who received and sent those emails and who turned down potentially $15,000 for 24 months.

"I don't want to name names because I don't want to publically embarrass anyone [but Metrolinx] made an overture and it was rebuffed. Maybe it was just an oversight on the Town's part."

Metrolinx confirmed they first approached the Town about striking a deal at the AFLC.

"We had engaged the Town of Aurora to lease parking spots from the Aurora Family Leisure but we respect the Town's position that this lot was needed to service other needs in the community," said Kim Johnson, Media Relations Specialist with Metrolinx. "We have negotiated similar leases in the past, including an agreement with another church. Since hearing from the community we have engaged them in conversations to alleviate some of their concerns. This is a temporary lot which will be in service during construction [to expand GO service]. We have developed a robust signage plan in consultation with the Church to ensure customers follow main streets to and from the temporary lot.

"In the first couple of days after the temporary lot opens for customers we will have Transit Safety and a GO Customer Care team on site to direct customers to the station."

Construction, added Johnson, is expected to be completed in "mid-2017" at which point the decommissioned spaces will be re-opened at the GO Station and the church lease will draw to a close.

At Friday's meeting, Mr. Ballard said he often finds himself "frustrated" with Metrolinx' communication with the community, himself often being among "the last" to learn about initiatives within the riding but, in this case, he said he couldn't fault them.

"If I hadn't heard about those emails, I would have been even more frustrated with Metrolinx, but from my perspective, I can say they tried," he said. "They can only knock on doors so many times and Metrolinx Realty is a pretty savvy organization that has been working across the Province with all sorts of communities with all sorts of concerns and it tends to be pretty sensitive with trying to anticipate what the problems might be."

The three Councillors present for the meeting expressed surprise and a degree of frustration that Council was apparently not kept in the loop not only about the OLG deal, but a deal which could have seen hundreds of thousands of dollars flow into Town coffers for the duration Metrolinx would need the extra space.

Councillor Abel, for instance, ventured that using the Town's former works yard on Scanlon Court would be a better option for the Town and closer to the station for GO commuters.

He and the other Councillors vowed to meet with Town CAO Doug Nadorozny to find out who knew what and why the Aurora Family Leisure Complex deal was not on the table.

"We have had discussions and it came down to [feeling] we weren't consulted and, hearing this news, I can assure you from my point of view that I think we'll try to get to the bottom of that," said Councillor Tom Mrakas. "We'll figure out what happened and who knew, because I definitely think if someone passed on it and Council wasn't informed that is an issue for us at the end of the day. We would be more than willing to partner with Metrolinx and find a different, more suitable location."

Added Councillor Gaertner: "I am very disappointed to know Council was never in this loop."

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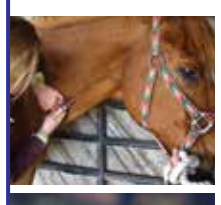

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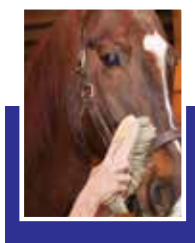
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MARKET MUSINGS
Jan Freedman

We have been ever so lucky with the weather this season at the Farmers' Market and Saturday was no exception.

Our annual Community Corn Roast was well attended with the Mayor and several Town Councillors helping to barbecue the corn for the public. As usual, all donations raised from the Corn Roast will be donated to the Aurora Food Pantry. We want to thank the Mayor, our Council Liaison Sandra Humfryes and the other Town Councillors who helped with the BBQ.

In addition to our Corn Roast on Saturday, Mayor Geoff Dawe handed out the Town of Aurora's Community Recognition Awards to seven of our longtime, active Market volunteers: 5 year Volunteer Service awards went to Victoria McArthur, Bruce McArthur, Anna Kroeplin, Frank Condlln and Gabriel Schacher: 10 year awards were given to Shirley Wiedemeyer and Jan Freedman.

Now I'd like to introduce the family behind "Jewels for His Crown", another new vendor. Some people believe that a diamond is one of the most precious jewels to possess. At Jewels for His Crown, they have proven that there are gems of much greater value which last a lifetime - love, peace, joy, hope faith, forgiveness, courage and charity, to name a few. In a society where many of these jewels are lacking, and where many people have no hope, the family wants to make a difference one stitch at a time.

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It has come to our attention that some people are not aware that the Farmers' Market is ending its outdoor season on October 8 this year, earlier than usual. We intend to then move indoors to the Armouries approximately every two weeks until the middle of December, after which we will close until we re-open outdoors in May.

I will let you know the actual dates when our booking is confirmed.

See you at the Market!

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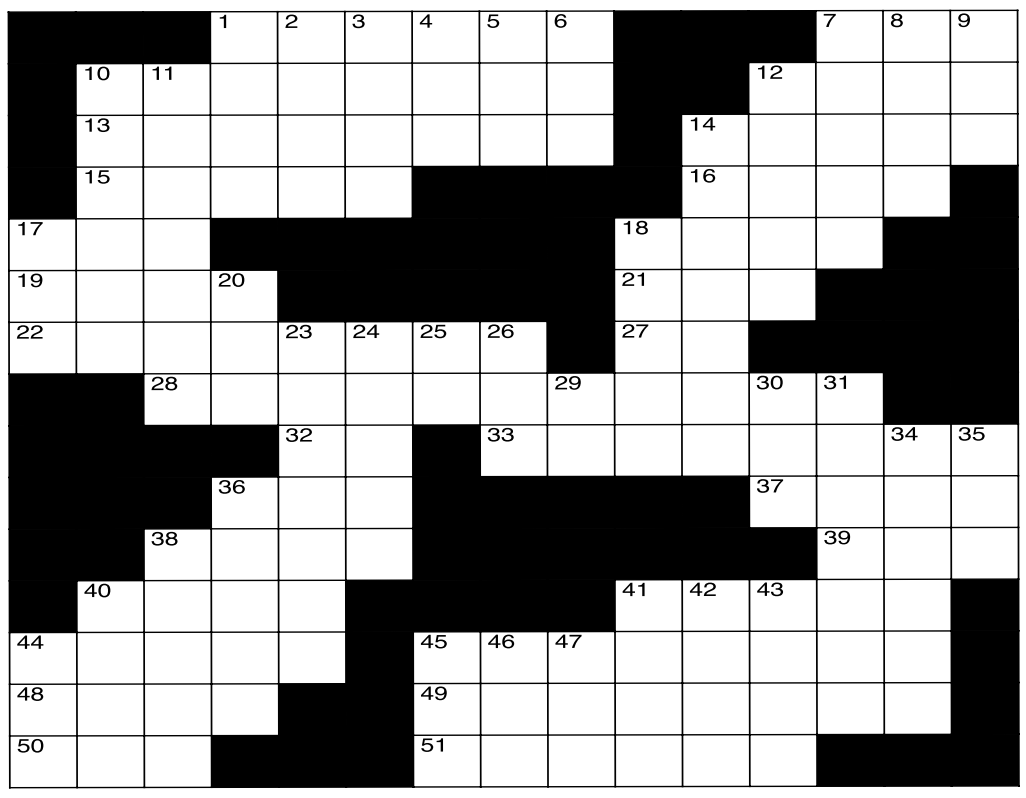

CLUES ACROSS

1. Dignified
7. Where to get a pint
10. Broken down
12. Peruvian city
13. Expressed grief
14. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
15. Sizing up
16. Form of Hindustani
17. __-de-sac
18. Greek sophist
19. Greek portico
21. Christian Television Network
22. Attractiveness
27. The man
28. Home of the Cowboys.
32. Home to Hollywood
33. Be later in time
36. Woman
37. A type of protection
38. Conservative people
39. Bela __, Hungarian Leader
40. Rodent
41. Gloss or sheen
44. Looks good in clothes
45. Stephen Malkmus' band
48. Org. of C. American States
49. Doorways are some
50. Cattle genus
51. Rock bands play them

CLUES DOWN

1. Indigenous people of Norway
2. Not odd
3. Ring
4. Adam is one
5. Champion Volunteer QB
6. The smartest Ed
7. Fast cats
8. Two-toed sloth
9. __ humbug!
10. Investigator
11. Explosive warhead
12. Wrap
14. Hidden meaning
17. Reciprocal of a sine
18. Go with pains
20. Small constellation
23. Prohibited
24. Blocks
25. Home to Boston (abbr.)
26. Small viper
29. Toward
30. Promotional materials
31. Plundering and destroying
34. Provokes
35. One point north of due east
36. Freshwater fishes
38. Male parents
40. Little (Spanish)
41. Sean __, actor
42. Bowfin fish
43. Large integers
44. An association of criminals
45. Genus of grasses
46. Annual percentage rate
47. Mechanical belt

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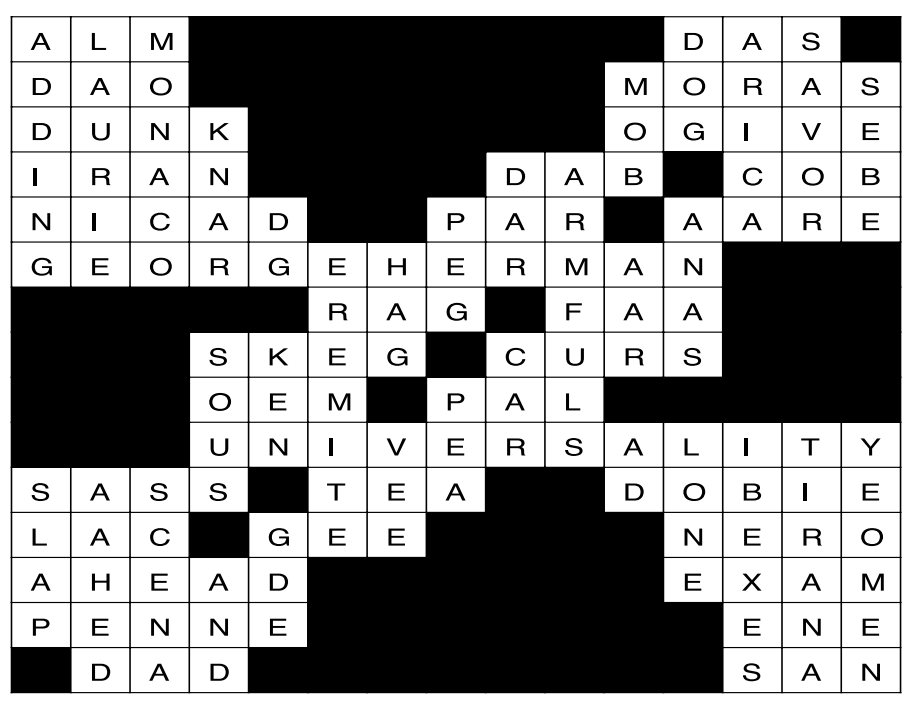

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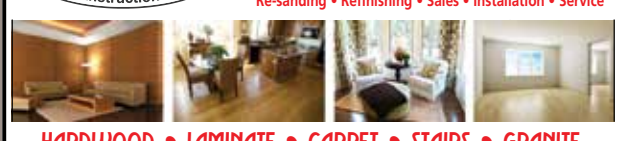

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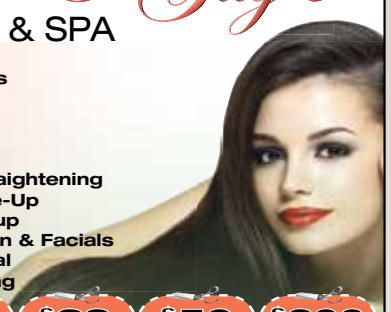

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DEATH NOTICE

Rumble, Barbara Jane

At Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, on Saturday August 20, 2016, in her 80th year. Retired school teacher, at Wells Street Public School, Aurora, for 23 years. Active member of Gormley Missionary Church for over 30 years. Barbara Rumble, (nee Stephen) of Aurora, beloved wife to Norman Rumble for 57 years, dear mother of Stephen of Barrie, Kenneth and his wife Lynnette of Aurora, and Heather Beadle and her husband Michael of Bradford. Dear sister of Jim Stephen and his wife Shary of Williams Lake, BC. Proud grandmother of Adam and Emily Rumble, Aaron Rumble of Winnipeg MB, , Tyler and Melissa Rumble of Ste. Anne MB, Jeff and Ris Rumble of Markham, Leanne and Jeff Fulford of Ironbridge, Hayden Rumble of Barrie, and Keaton Rumble of Grand Forks, North Dakota, Joel and Erika Beadle of Lac Seul, Leah, Hannah, Jacob and Sarah Beadle of Bradford, Daina, Scott, Sarah, and Abigayle Rumble of Aurora. Great Grandmother to Miriam and Von, Coralynn and Corbin, and Arianna. Lovingly remembered by cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends. Barbara is safe in the arms of her loving Saviour Jesus Christ, enjoying her glorified body. Friends may call at Thompson Funeral Home, Aurora, Thursday August 25, 2016, 2-4pm and 6-8pm.Funeral Service will be held at Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora, Friday August 26, 2016 at 11am.Interment at St. John's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill. Donations can be made to Gormley Missionary Church, or http://www.firstbookcanada.org/

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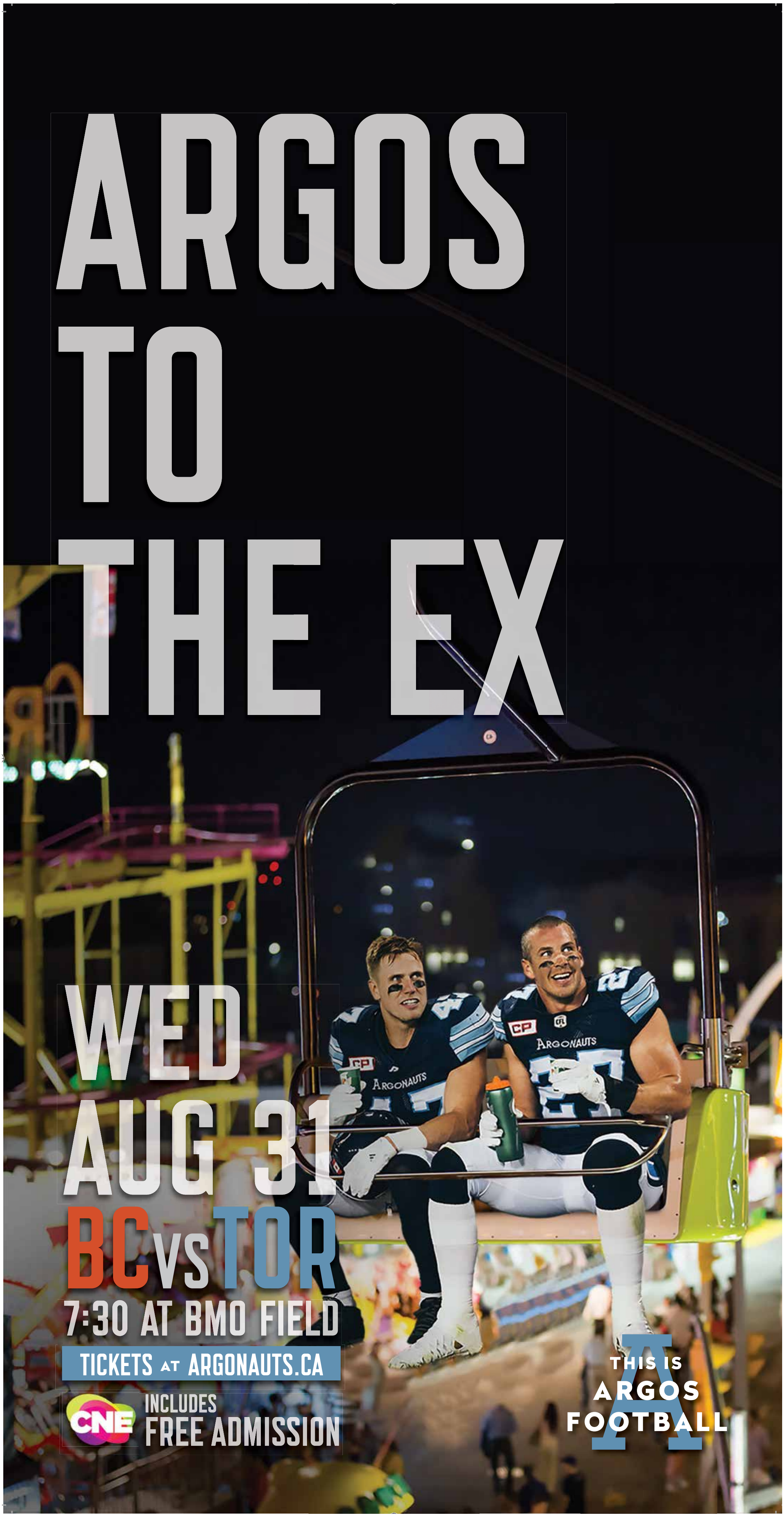
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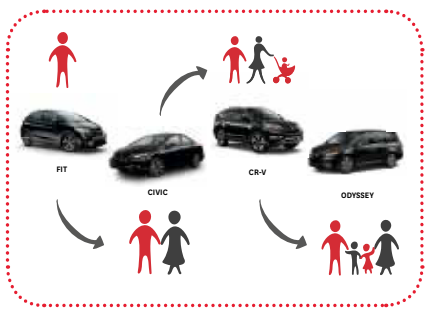

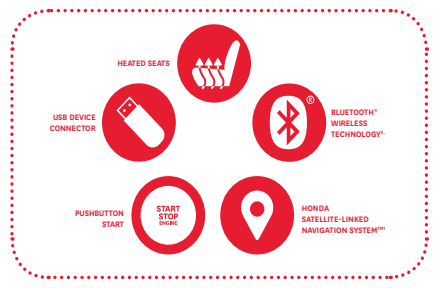

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