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Golf Canada's Ryan Paul stands on a green at the Magna Golf Course last week as they worked to erect stands for the public and media ahead of next week's CP Women's Open.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

## CP Women's Open to leave lasting legacy in community

By Brock Weir

The world's best female golfers will arrive in Aurora this week to take on the Magna Golf Course for the CP Canadian Women's Open and while the event will make Aurora a destination for golf enthusiasts from across the GTA and beyond, after the winner is crowned, the game will leave a lasting

legacy in the community.

Dedicated to heart health – and, in particular, children's heart health, CP (Canadian Pacific) has set a goal of raising \$1.75 million in the lead up to, and over the course of, this tournament which will be divided between Toronto's SickKids Hospital and, locally, Southlake Regional Health Centre.

"In our five years as title sponsor,

we've made it a priority to support children's heart health in Canada," says James Clements, CP's Vice President of Strategic Planning and Transportation Services.

Southlake received their \$250,000 donation earlier this month, and it will go directly to their Paediatric Cardiology Care Centre, supporting a new echocardiogram with specialized

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### Dentist focuses new lens on climate change

By Brock Weir

As Ron Goodlin began slowing down his career in dentistry, his energies were redirected to another passion: photography.

Now, with more time to be behind the camera, he's tasked himself with a new mission: focusing his lens on the impacts of climate change.

While the well-known Aurora dentist has previously exhibited his wildlife photography taken on safari in Southern Africa and other exotic locales around the

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**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** – Lazo performs his signature reggae at a recent performance at Town Park, a feature in Aurora's Concerts in the Park summer music series. For a recap of concerts to date, see Page 12.

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Revival  
  
6 p.m.  
to  
9:30 p.m. Mechanical Bull  
Riding  
  
9 p.m. Honeymoon Suite

• SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

11:30 a.m. Ninth Line  
  
1:30 p.m. Bernadette Connors  
  
3:30 p.m. Tribute to Tom Petty  
and Stevie Nicks  
  
5:30 p.m. Desire - Tribute to U2  
  
9 p.m. The Spoons

• SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

12 p.m. "Best-of" Judging  
  
1:30 p.m. Six Ways to Sunday  
  
3:30 p.m. Monkey Wrench  
  
6 p.m. The Neil Young'uns

FRIDAY 9 P.M.



HONEYMOON  
SUITE

With over a million CD's sold world wide over their 25 year career, don't miss multi-platinum Canadian recording artists Honeymoon Suite! Formed in 1981 in Niagara Falls, the band's name was a nod to Niagara Falls being the unofficial honeymoon capital of the world. The band came out with the hit 'New Girl Now' in 1984, which landed on the top 30 chart in Canada that year and also reached the U.S. singles chart. After their follow-up album 'The Big Prize', the band won the Juno 'Group of the Year' Award in 1986. Here is your chance to see their live performance of "Feel It Again" on Friday, August 23 at 9 p.m.

SATURDAY 9 P.M.



THE  
SPOONS

At the core of iconic Canadian new wave bands, The Spoons have journeyed from being high school sweethearts to celebrated rock icons. They recorded several Canadian chart hits between 1982 and 1989, and in 1983 they won 'Group of the Year' at the U-Know awards. They have opened for the Police, Joan Jett and toured with Culture Club. The Spoons were also one of the first three videos shown on Much Music Video. Don't miss their live performance with some "Old Emotions" on Saturday, August 24 at 9 p.m.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

“Have the people in Aurora lost their compassion and their sense of decency?” asks reader

I would like to thank the bus driver and the passengers on the Viva bus who did not help me and my three-year-old granddaughter when I fell on Yonge Street, Saturday August 3, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

I am still confused as to why no one offered to help me. I was raised to have compassion for others and to help others whenever I could. My granddaughter is being raised, thankfully, with the same ideals.

I was crossing Yonge Street at Henderson to catch the bus going north so we could go the Farmers’ Market, the splash pad and then to the library.

The bus driver would not let us on the bus at the stoplight where we were waiting for the light to change but pointed to the bus stop. This must be policy and I understand that. The light changed and the bus pulled up to the bus stop. There are pylons at the sidewalk, and I was hurrying so the bus would wait. I tripped over the edge of the pylon and went down hard, face first.

My glasses flew off and my picnic bag emptied. I struggled to get up because I was so concerned about my granddaughter at the busy intersection. My lip was bloody and swollen, my leg was scrapped and bleeding, and to be honest, I was shaken after falling.

We made our way onto the bus and sat down. The bus driver waved at me, I guess to acknowledge he saw me fall, and started driving. Of the 20 or so passengers on the bus, half of them of course were looking at their phones and the others were looking at me but not one person asked if I was alright or came to help me.

Is this what the people in this Town have become? Oblivious to others around them and unwilling to offer help? If I were on that bus, I would have told the driver to let me off and help whomever needed it.

I am a 60-year-old grandmother, holding on to a three-year-old for heavens sake. I thought what if that had been my 82-year-old mother who had fallen and no one bothered to help her?

All of you on that bus, including the bus driver, should be ashamed. Just remember, Karma has a way of evening things out.

Joanne Wilson  
Aurora



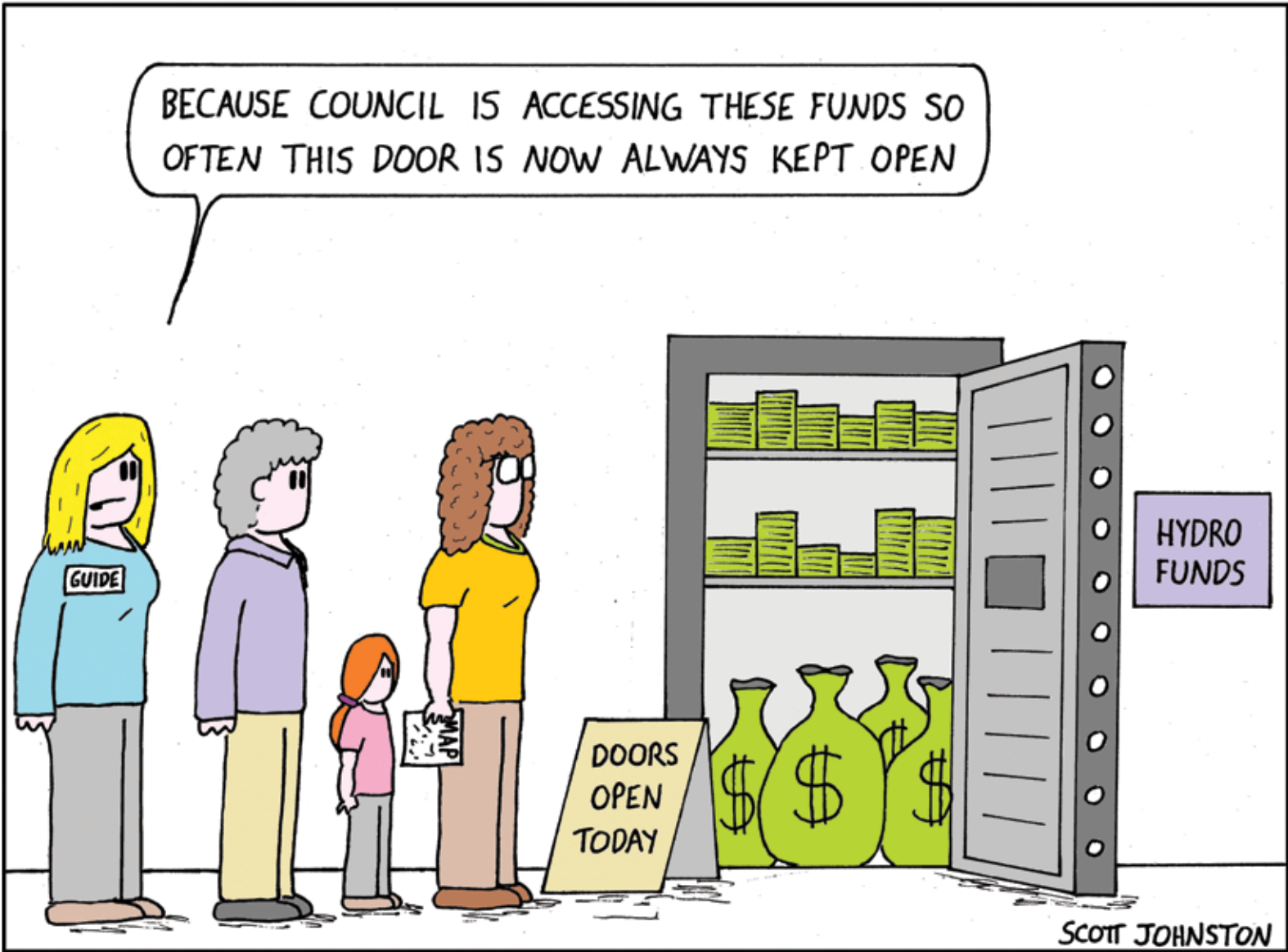
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Machell’s Corners



Building Bridges and Laying Foundations

In recent months, I have shared the stories of those living with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) and their struggle for recognition and support from the Federal and Provincial governments.

Recently, Millions Missing Canada, one of the chief advocacy groups for those living with ME, took a significant step forward in meeting this goal. This week, I would like to turn this space over to volunteer Scott Simpson to share their story and next steps.

Meeting With Our Canadian Minister of Health About ME (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis)

By Scott Simpson  
Millions Missing Canada

Building relationships is hard! Getting the meeting with Minister Petitpas Taylor has been many months in the making.

The short story is three of us had each individually managed to garner an invite from the Minister to meet with her about ME: Jeffery Smith because he’s universally loveable, and Sabrina Poirier because she’s disarmingly charming, and myself because I’m more of a ranting loudmouth.

The three of us understand and value the importance of building relationships with the government in order to effect change, so we collaborated and combined our invites into one nationally focused meeting with the Minister. Sabrina, our ME Research Ambassador for IMHA/CIHR, then worked hard to set up a second meeting with the Minister’s Policy Advisor via video conference a couple of weeks ago, to help us share a bit more information and context about ME (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis) and to prepare effectively for our meeting with the Minister.

Once we secured the date and location, we then reached out to the patients and allies from across Canada who have been working collaboratively on building ME research capacity, to help prepare and participate in the meetings. We were thankful to have Kati Debelic, Paul Lohnes, Alison Rae, Rahul Shetty, Claudine Prud’homme and Christiane Garcia agree to join us for the meetings.

Jeff and I flew from Toronto to Moncton and met with Sabrina, who had driven from Nova Scotia. We spent lots of horizontal time at the hotel recovering from the travel, going over strategy, and resting up for the next day.

The Minister’s constituency office was a stone’s throw away from the hotel, but none of us can walk a stone’s throw without destructing, so we drove of course. We met up with New Brunswickers and ME patients



BROCK’S BANTER

Brock Weir

Carol Stevens and Stephanie Perry for final prep and then met with the Minister.

We chatted with the Minister before we got down to business and as the other ME patients joined via video conference.

We all did quick self introductions to the Minister, and very briefly shared some ME history and facts, like:

- The WHO classification of ME as neurological was 50 years ago...yet there has been little progress since
- Over 580,000 Canadians diagnosed according to 2016 data
- Canada has the highest ME rates in the world...yet we have near zero research funding
- Four different researchers have found “something in the blood” of ME patients

We also talked about the fraudulent science that positioned ME as psychological and how this has led to ME patients having the lowest quality of life, lowest income, lowest food security and lowest levels of access to health care. We also have a suicide rate estimated at 5x that of the national average.

We told the Minister about how our financial, medical, employment and social needs are not being met. We rarely get the Disability Tax Credit or CPP-D, despite our patients living with a high level of disability. We struggle to access appropriate and safe housing, or home and community care. We are unable to find employment opportunities that allow us to work within our limitations. We are shuffled around in the health care system, without compassion, understanding or the necessary knowledge to support us.

Mixed organically throughout the meeting were powerful and compelling anecdotes from patients. The Minister asked us how long it took us to get a diagnosis, and this prompted stories from all. Not surprisingly all our stories about diagnosis had themes of doctor denial, medical trauma, and experiences of discrimination, marginalization and misogyny.

We shared about the different levels of severity of ME. I told the Minister how I’ve

worked closely on advocacy with my colleague Barbara Fifield for over three years now, but have still not heard her voice because she’s too ill.

We shared about Ryan Fisch who is bedbound and the death of Justin Noble, and how their families and friends have had to point donations to the US for ME research, because there is no ME research currently happening in Canada.

We shared about how we can rarely get access to off-label medications because doctors are afraid of losing their license. We also shared about how many patients have to travel to the US and pay out of pocket to contribute to their economy, for diagnosis and symptom treatment.

In terms of moving forward, our themes were recognition, inclusion and equity, and we talked about what that might look like:

- If ME was funded equitably for research, it would be about \$90 million a year
- If the Minister held a press conference to validate ME as biological, we believe much of the medical harm we experience would stop soon after
- If the Minister were to speak to her colleagues about our ability to access CPP-D, DTC, employment and social programs, that it would help our community tremendously.

During all this, the Minister listened attentively and interjected with her own questions. She seemed genuine in her responses and comments, and was obviously empathic, so we definitely felt heard. At no point, did we feel that this meeting was perfunctory, or that we were just being placated.

Minister Petitpas Taylor has promised to work with her staff and get back to us to discuss and collaborate on next steps. The Minister had said earlier in the meeting that she was a woman of her word. Admittedly, she followed through on her invitations to us and gave us the opportunity to help her understand our challenges and needs. So, with that in mind, and the relationship we’ve been developing, we expect her to keep her word.

Having said that, the federal election is fast approaching and that means the government will be (even) slower in its ability to implement changes. And depending on the outcome of the election, we may have to start relationship building over again if another party comes into power.

While this meeting with the Minister is high profile to our community, the real work of building relationships has been ongoing since the Montreal conference in May last year.

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**MARKET MUSINGS**  
Jan Freedman

We're now just past the halfway point in the season at the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair and it has been going very well.

The farmers' tables are laden with all manner of fresh, local produce with more coming into season every week. Our creative artisans have also been busy designing innovative items to showcase on their tables. There really is something for every taste at the Market.

Our next vendor profile is about artisan Moira O'Bryan of "Designs by Moira". She grew up in a small village in Buckinghamshire, England as an early 1950s "Baby Boomer". After high school, Moira attended a teacher training college in London for three years, where she specialized in Primary Education while following a main course of study in Physical Education.

After graduation, Moira and her husband were married in 1974 and emigrated to Canada. After teaching for a few years, her three children were born and she became a stay-at-home Mom for several years. As the children became increasingly independent and began to drift away from the nest, Moira had time to nurture the more creative side of her personality. She discovered that she had two new passions, photography and jewellery making.

Her interest in photography was heightened upon taking a one week residential course with two celebrated Canadian photographers—Freeman Patterson and Andre Gallant. Not only did they help Moira advance her technical knowledge but also helped her realize that through photography, you develop the "Art of Seeing" which becomes a source of endless creativity.

During this same time period, Moira was introduced to the art of jewellery making by a good friend. Over the past ten years, Moira has taken many classes at "That Bead Lady" in Newmarket.

Under the tutelage of Alison Layton, she acquired many skills using different techniques to create pieces of fashion jewellery. She works mainly with natural stones, wood, pearls and sterling silver findings. She recently completed a silversmithing course at Central St. Martin's College of Art and Design in London, England, she is excited to start working with sheet silver to create her own findings.

Since moving to Aurora, Moira has become an active member of the GranAurora chapter of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. They raise funds to support grandmothers in Africa whose families have been decimated by AIDS. These brave women often are left to raise their grandchildren with very little, if any, financial support.

Moira has run workshops in her home where members of her group learned how to craft African inspired jewellery from recycled paper beads, sourced from Uganda. This jewellery is offered for sale at various fundraisers throughout the year.

For the last three years, Moira has shared a booth with the GranAurora group and she looks forward to continuing to do so. She cites the wonderful community spirit and support of the other vendors as one of the most enjoyable aspects of being at the Market.

She also enjoys working with our Market Manager, Anna, who she says is a constant source of sanity and humour. Although the GranAurora group is finished for this year, Moira will be at the Market one more time this season. Be sure to drop by to see what lovely creations she has made.

Our next Special Event is our very popular Community Corn Roast on Saturday, August 24. The featured musicians will be good friends, David Pilkey and Steve Falk. There will be free crafts for the children and a draw for a Market bag full of goodies. We are working on making it another exciting day for everyone.

See you at the Market!

**THIS WEEK'S NEW POLL**

Do you think Canada needs tighter gun laws?

Yes No Unsure

RESULTS TO DATE AUGUST 13, 2019	YES	NO	UNSURE
	83%	17%	0%

**The Aurora Museum & Archives is reminding you to visit...**

**The Wardrobes of Aurora: Dressing for Birth, Death and Everything In Between**

This exhibition is located on the second floor of the Church Street School and features select pieces from our textile collection. Guest-curated by Carolyn Ben, Rachel Dice, Shiu Ho and Rong Zou, Master of Museum Studies students from the University of Toronto, this exhibition showcases textiles from the 1860s – 1940s and takes visitors on a journey through some of life's most important moments. Be sure to see the exhibition before it closes on September 2!

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**Letter from St. Louis**



**Getting Things Done**

Mayor  
Tom Mrakas

*never forget.*

*We were taken aback at how kind, welcoming and friendly everyone we encountered was, so to the people of Aurora and on behalf of my children Lucas (10) and Emileigh (7), Michelle and me, I thank you for sharing your town, thank you for sharing your stories, and thank you for treating us like family.*

*To Shelley Ware, you symbolize what our memories of Aurora will be forever. You were so kind and your genuine love*

*for the Town of Aurora was infectious.*

*Finally, to Mayor Mrakas, it was an honour to meet you. It is obvious that you love the Town and the people you serve in Aurora. It's not every day that the Mayor brings your son on stage and introduces him as Robert's #1 Fan.*

*Afterwards, Lucas came down and said, "Dad, who is that? He's pretty cool." I couldn't agree more.*

*Thank you for the hospitality and the memories.*

**Let's Go Blues,  
Daniel White**

*(Editor's Note: Shelley Ware is Special Events Coordinator for the Town of Aurora)*

**There Once Was a Town ... Part IV**



**INSIDE AURORA**

Scott Johnston

While there's still lots that can happen in 2019, let's take a moment to look at some news items so far this year in Aurora through that well-known story telling device, the limerick.

**Coyotes**

There were sightings in Town this past June  
Of coyotes at dusk, dawn and noon  
That they're shy is a fact  
We're just glad they don't act  
Like they do in a Warner cartoon

**Loss of Twenty Magna Fields**

When Magna put up their "land for sale" sign  
Losing their fields put the Town in a bind  
With no replacements in sight  
Our kids will have quite a plight  
Their only place left to play'll be on-line

**Skateboard Park**

Soon after the opening ribbon was cut  
Aurora's new skateboard park had to be shut  
While the concrete that was crumbling  
Would have sent skateboarders

tumbling  
It's the repair cost that's a pain in the butt

**Weather**

Winter weather hung on forever this year  
A situation that was well without peer  
We were waiting for spring  
But missed the whole thing  
As somehow summer was already here

**Flooding**

Ontario in a few month-long span  
Dealt with great flooding from rivers that ran  
While towns, suburbs and parks  
Dealt with high water marks  
Aurora launched a watering ban

**Library Square**

Library Square will leave quite a mark

And light many a creative spark  
Halls and studios galore  
Gardens, exhibits, and more  
Everything ... but somewhere to park

**Reports**

Our Town does reviews at the drop of a hat  
Plus more studies than you can shake a stick at  
When Council was apprised  
They said "That's a surprise  
Can we have staff prepare a report on that?"

**Turtle Crossings**

The turtle carries his home in its shell  
So it likes to pause or rest for a spell  
But when it travels it must go  
At a speed best called slow  
If only cars in Town did so as well

**Maclean's Ranking**

When Maclean's ranked towns big and small  
Aurora found that it could stand tall  
But some were shocked when  
It wasn't in the top ten  
But eleven is not bad at all

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# You Don't Realize How Important it is...Until You Need it.

By Kelly Broome

*We're almost there.* Those were the words I held onto in the ambulance, holding my ten-year-old son's hand on one of the scariest days of my life. Not long before, we'd been at home when Jack came downstairs, his face red and his hair soaking wet. He said he didn't feel good, and then he just... collapsed. I'll never forget the feeling of holding his limp body – it felt like there was no life in him. He was unconscious for seven seconds, but it felt much longer. When the paramedics arrived, they suspected he had simply fainted. But to be safe, they took us to Southlake Regional Health Centre. When we got there, we were taken straight to the cardiology unit where they started running tests on Jack's heart. That was when it hit me – this might be really serious. But the staff were incredible and made us feel so calm, never leaving us alone in the room and explaining everything, every step of the way. Southlake didn't have the technology to perform all the tests needed for a complete diagnosis, but they suspected it could be long QT syndrome (LQTS), a condition which causes rapid and irregular heartbeats and can lead to sudden fainting or seizures. After just a few hours, we were on our way downtown to SickKids for more testing, where we stayed for a week before Jack had been stable long enough to come home. Until you need it you just don't realize how lucky you are to have that kind of care right in your own backyard. That's why it's important to

me that my staff, clients, and friends have access to the same incredible care that Jack did when they need it, without having to travel to the city. Next week, August 19-25, the Canadian Pacific Women's Open is coming to the Magna Golf Club here in Aurora. CP has chosen Southlake as the beneficiary within the tournament's host community, supporting paediatric cardiology care with a generous donation of \$250,000. This gift will support a new echocardiogram with specialized paediatric probes that will make it possible for Southlake's teams to diagnose and monitor heart conditions for young patients right here at our hospital. As a mother, having access to such high-quality care means that I have peace of mind. As a Town Councillor in Newmarket, it gives me a great sense of pride. I'm not only proud to call Southlake our hospital, I'm proud – and grateful – that our communities, together, have enabled this leading-edge care through our support. Because of the support of Aurora, Newmarket, and the many other communities Southlake serves, the care we need is available for all of us close to home, when we need it most. Now that we know of Jack's condition and he's been monitored carefully, he has been able to continue with his sports, and so far he's been enjoying house league soccer this summer. Fortunately, he hasn't had another episode since those first ones this spring. But because of community support from generous people like you, I know that great care is close to home if he does.

# Taylor Roy wins Liberal south riding candidacy

By Jake Courtepatte

The Liberals once again have a face in the Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill riding. Liberal Party members from across the region gathered in Oak Ridges on Saturday to vote between the final two candidates for the position, with Leah Taylor Roy besting Brian Chamberlain in the election. "It's so great to be in front of so many Liberal members from across the community," said Taylor Roy, who takes over as the first Liberal face of the riding after MP Leona Alleslev crossed the floor to the Conservatives last September. "We need a Liberal MP in our riding, and a strong Liberal government in Ottawa." Taylor Roy recounted how she has been involved in politics her entire life, with her father Tom serving as a past mayor of Newmarket, while her brother John is the incumbent mayor. "I was just seven years old when I appeared on my first campaign brochure," said Taylor Roy. "I joined the Young Liberals while attending high school in York Region. As a student at the University of Toronto, I was elected to the executive of the student council." Taylor Roy went on to study public policy at Harvard University, before working at the World Bank. "I've always stayed active in politics even while working in the business sector...I've learned a great deal about the Canadian economy, and the importance of a thriving private sector," said the mother of six. "Everything in my life has helped give me opportunities to help others, and put Liberal values into practice." The Taylor Roy family comes full circle in their relationship with the Trudeaus, with father Tom holding a relationship with former Prime Minister Pierre, while Ms. Taylor Roy met with current PM Justin at a community barbecue on



Leah Taylor Roy delivers remarks at Saturday's nomination meeting.

Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte

Monday. "I saw my father work tirelessly for our community, running twice for the Liberals and serving as mayor for our town," said Taylor Roy, whose father was in attendance for her victory. "I've served on a ton of Liberal campaigns, most that have won, some that have lost." Taylor Roy said she was motivated by Alleslev's departure to the Conservatives to throw her hat in the ring. "You may ask, why am I only running now? Well after all that I have told you, you can tell it's in my blood. But not only that, now is a critical election. We need to return this riding to the Liberals. The party that you elected in 2015, but that Leona Alleslev decided to abandon, we can't let that happen again. And I assure you that with me, it won't. "We can't let a Conservative government take us back to the Harper days...or worse." On her Facebook page, Taylor Roy added that becoming the Liberal candidate for the riding was not a personal victory, but "a victory for all of us, for the team who supported me and worked hard to make this happen. The celebration belongs to everyone! And it will take everyone working together to ensure that this riding and Canada thrive with a Liberal government."

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# Traffic calming measures coming to some school zones

## Pilot program targets three areas, five schools

By Brock Weir

It's back to school time and parents and kids are busy getting ready to hit the books – but parents might soon have another thing to contend with this fall: traffic calming measures.

Impacted will be school zones around Northern Heights Public School and St. Jerome Catholic Elementary School on Aurora's east side, Highview Public School and Light of Christ Catholic Elementary School in the southwest, and Devin's Drive Public School in the Aurora Heights neighbourhood.

The traffic calming measures will take the form of flexible signs placed in the centre of the road and along the sides of school zone streets that are intended to narrow lanes and make drivers more mindful of their speeds.

Council's formal approval came at the last Council meeting after the measures received a tentative green light during the 2019 Budget Process in February.

"Pedestrian safety in school zones is an ongoing concern experienced in the Town and various solutions have been implemented to reduce vehicle travel speeds and improve pedestrian crossing including the implementation of parking and stopping restrictions accompanied with proactive patrol and enforcement; strategic placement of crossing guards at intersections along key pedestrian routes with high crossing activities; deployment of radar speed display signs to alert motorists

and reinforce the posted speed limit; and work closely with school representatives and stakeholders to implement [the] Active and Safe Route to School program," said Michael Bat, Traffic and Transportation Analyst for the Town of Aurora.

"As a continuous effort to promote traffic safety and raise motorist awareness and attentiveness, staff are proposing to implement the Flexible In-Street Sign Pilot Program," he continued, noting the three impacted school sites. "The key feature of the flexible in-street sign is to reduce vehicle travel speed by creating a 'narrowing effect' on the lane and roadway using physical barriers. The flexible signs are durable and they are designed to resist impact from vehicles. If the sign is struck by a vehicle, it will collapse and rebound back to its initial position."

While the signs are expected to be in place by the start of the school year in September, they will be removed from the road from November to April to allow for snow removal. In the meantime, traffic data will be collected before and after installation to measure how effective the traffic calming measures are.

A follow up report will then be presented to Council for further consideration, including whether or not the pilot program should continue on.

Requests to extend the pilot project to Aurora Heights Public School, however, were rejected by staff.

"As requested by Budget Committee, staff have reviewed the request to extend the program to Aurora Heights Public School," said Mr. Bat. "However, given the close proximity between the school driveway and the existing all-way stop control at the intersection of Tecumseh Drive and Kitimat Crescent, the flexible in-street signs will not be effective."

The cost of the Flexible In-Street Signs Pilot Program is budgeted for \$20,000.



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## Canada Summer Jobs program provided opportunities for more than 300 local youth

By Brock Weir

As our community ages, caregiving has become a job that is both increasingly demanding and in-demand.

This summer, young persons just starting out as caregivers and nurses have had the chance to gain real-world experiences locally thanks to the Canada Summer Jobs Program and the Aurora-based Nurse Next Door.

Nurse Next Door, a team of nurses and caregivers dedicating to caring for seniors and helping them to age in place, is one of nearly 100 local employers

that have been able to hire students and those just starting out into the workforce for the summer through the Canada Summer Jobs Program.

“This is our second year being involved with the program,” says Nurse Next Door’s Vicky McGrath. “It has been wonderful because it helps guarantee the students hours in an industry like ours, which is highly variable, and is certainly not the nine-to-five, which is what the program really wants.”

The three students have been student nurses or nurses already, who have been able to hit the ground running working with senior clients, allowing the



MP Kyle Peterson welcomed local participants – companies and students – in the Canada Summer Jobs Program to the Regional Offices.

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organization to significantly increase capacity.

The Nurse Next Door team was well represented at a recent lunch held by Newmarket-Aurora MP Kyle Peterson at the Regional Offices in Newmarket to celebrate the success stories of the 97 local employers and 322 students who have found work in this riding through the Canada Summer Jobs Program.

“The Canada Summer Jobs program is, of course, an important program for youth to get the skills and experience for the jobs they need today and tomorrow,” said Mr. Peterson. “Through the Canada Summer Jobs program, the government gives money to local employers to create quality summer jobs for youth aged 15 – 30. This year, over 80,000 job opportunities were available across Canada, including, and I’m proud to say, 322 here in Newmarket-Aurora, with over 97 employers participating for a total funding amount of \$1,063,448.

“Of course, having a job now will put money in your pocket and help you save for what is important to you, for good jobs also give you the skills and experience that will help you build up better and better resumes so you can get that dream career. This is good for you, as Canada Summer Students, but it is also good for Canada. It is also good for your employers, and I think they would all agree with that. Especially here in Newmarket-Aurora, employers are always hungry for fresh talent and new ideas. This is why we have had so much success with the Canada Summer Jobs program, because work with employers helping to provide them with a steady supply of great, young talent.”

Giving youth opportunities to get the skills and job experiences they need for the future is what Mr. Peterson says the Youth Employment Strategy has been doing for more than two decades. Since 2015, Mr. Peterson said the incumbent Federal Government has made new investments in the strategy that have helped more than 220,000 young Canadians get the training and work experiences they need to launch their careers.

“Youth unemployment is at its lowest in over 40 years and youth participation

in the workforce has increased,” he said. “Under our government, more young people are looking for jobs and, importantly, finding them. We understand the value of investing in young Canadians and we will continue to do so. Right now in Ontario, as you know, some students are getting their OSAP letters and things aren’t like they used to be, so the Federal Government needs to step up and fill that gap. We’re committed to do that because we’re committed to continuing to invest in our youth both in their education and their skills training.

“We understand the importance of investing in our young Canadian workforce. Our government is working hard to help young people like all of you reach your full potential. We all know that we don’t come to this world necessarily with the same set of assets. Because of those differences we don’t have the same opportunities in life. What’s the best thing we can do as a government to help young people succeed and keep the economy growing? Give them the opportunity to get the skills and experiences they need to get good jobs.”

One such student to take full advantage of this year’s opportunity was Brooke Holmes, a Seneca College student studying Event Marketing (Sports, Entertainment and the Arts). Her Canada Summer Job opportunity took her to Sport Aurora where she was able to incorporate the skills she has learned so far and bring them to a number of community programs.

“Right off the bat, I was helping volunteer with the Aurora Street Festival, which was fun, and now we’re really getting into some heavy marketing,” says Holmes.

Adds Sport Aurora’s Laurie Mueller: “This whole program is helping the community engage students in their career aspirations. We have been able to bring on Brooke to help us out with our campaigns, marketing and community engagement with such programs as the All Kids Can Play program. This is a great opportunity for her and other students to engage with community groups.”

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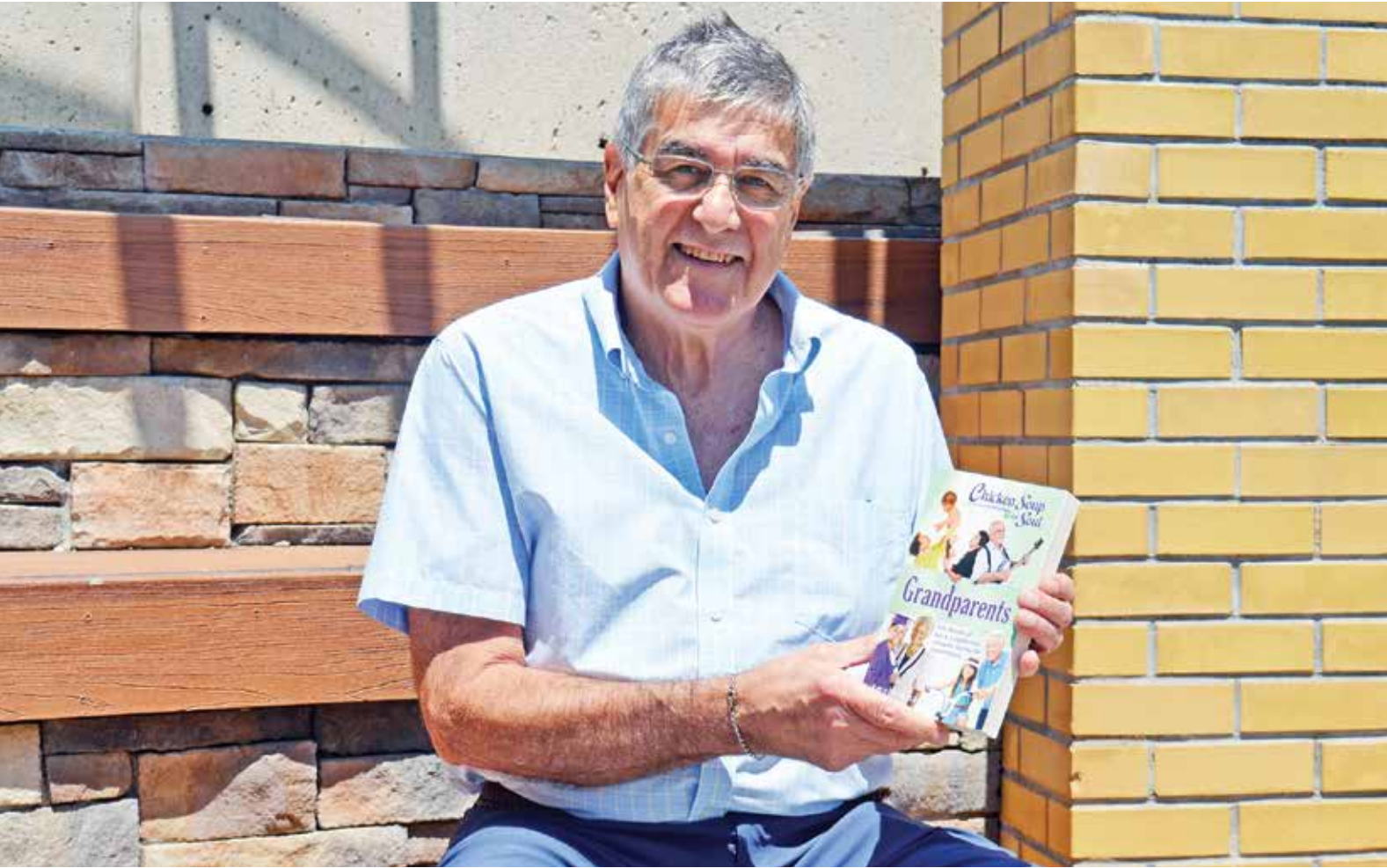
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# Grandfather embraces his writing passion, love for grandkids in newly published story



Aurora writer John Volpe is pictured with a copy of Chicken Soup for the Soul: Grandparents.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

By Brock Weir

Dad and Grandpa are both names close to John Volpe’s heart.

But, in recent years, the nickname bestowed upon him by his son, “McFly”, has gained new resonance. For years, the Aurora resident has had a passion for writing, penning

short stories here and there, along with a full-length novel, but never really pursuing publishing in earnest – hence the McFly moniker, taking inspiration from the Back to the Future character who writes for himself and nobody else.

But that all changed this spring when Mr. Volpe’s words were released to everyone around the world in Chicken Soup for the Soul: Grandparents.

Mr. Volpe’s story was inspired by his grandson Nick, who, born with complications, had to endure a pancreatectomy as a child. From this difficult start in life, Mr. Volpe, 78, has seen Nick go from strength to strength and charts a moment of reflection he had after a day spent watching Nick show off his athletic prowess on the ice and in the field.

Writing it down was the easy part, he says. Finding the motivation to get it published, however, was a little bit more of a challenge.

“Nick is a very special kid,” says Mr. Volpe. “One day I was looking through the internet looking for some places to submit some of the things I have tried to write, and I noticed this book,” he says of Chicken Soup for the Soul: Grandparents.

The only proviso was word length and subject matter – a true interaction between a grandparent and grandchild – so, he knew just where inspiration lay.

“Nick was born at Southlake and they were marvellous. They were right on top of it and got him down to SickKids where he was for four months. They decided to do the pancreatectomy [in Philadelphia] and he has grown up marvellously and he is a great athlete. As a basketball player, he is quite significant to his team, so I thought this story would be fun to do. When I wrote it out, it was twice the length of what they said we could submit, so I had to pare it down and down and sent it in with no expectations. I just thought this would be fun to do.”

After publishers called to say it was going to be included in the latest volume of the popular collection of short stories, Nick’s reaction was succinct and to the point: “I’m going to be famous.”


“I was really happy [this] was going to be published because there are a couple of things in the story that may be encouraging to people who may be dealing with an issue with their kids or grandkids. I’ve read other stories in the book and they are just inspiring to read. They all have these tiny little messages about the relationships – serious and the joyous – between grandparents and grandkids.”

Mr. Volpe’s well-versed in this field. He and his wife share eleven grandchildren.

He has always had a love for writing, getting his feet wet writing sonnets for his fellow students in university for a buck apiece. After university, he dove into a 34-year career in education, where he served as a teacher and a high school principal.

After his retirement, he became involved in politics – a theme that permeates the writings he still has to get out to publishers – and stood for election in the 1999 Federal Election in the former riding of York North.

“Writing is so refreshing and cathartic in terms of your life in general,” he reflects. “You sit down and you start to write and stuff flows out. My wife would say, ‘Do you have a plan?’ I don’t, but I’m just going to see what happens here. You’re never too old to try something different!”



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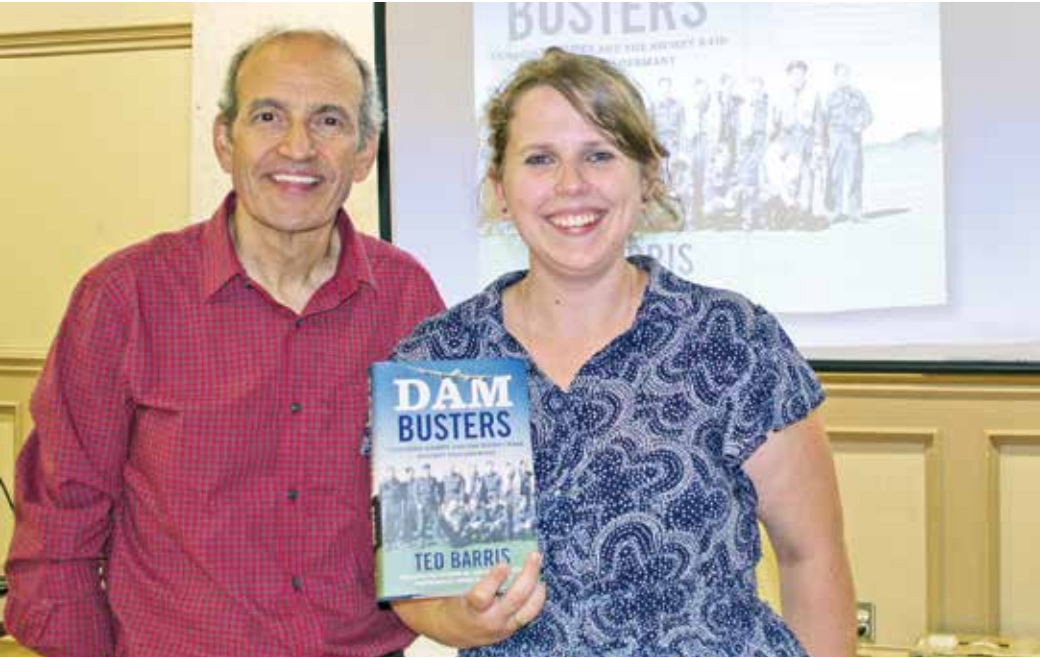
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# Aurora Historical Society welcomes bestselling author Ted Barris



Author Ted Barris with Leigha Cooney of the Aurora Historical Society. Contributed photo

**By Adam Vanderkoff**

On Thursday, July 25, the Aurora Historical Society began their 10 part 2019 Speaker Series at the Royal Canadian Legion in Aurora with guest speaker Ted Barris.

Ted Barris is a writer, journalist, and broadcaster who has contributed work to *CBC Radio*, *The Globe and Mail*, *The National Post*, and popular magazines such as *Zoomer* and *Air Force*. He is the author of 18 non-fiction books primarily highlighting the accomplishments of Canadian war heroes.

His presentation was an in-depth overview of his latest book released in 2018: *Dam Busters: Canadian Airmen and the Secret Raid Against Nazi Germany*. This event is one that changed the direction of the war and the influence of Canadian Max Aitken was crucial in the development of the planned attack against the Nazis. Barris states that the Dam Buster raid was the “most masterful piece of military planning of all time.”

With a large audience filled of history buffs, veterans, and even families of some of the Canadian Dam Buster heroes,

Barris presented the stories in an engaging and exciting manor.

The story sheds light on the mostly forgotten Canadian contributions in the Dam Buster air raid which helped take down many of the dams used by the Nazis for steel production during the Second World War. This story is often told as a British victory, however it was a Canadian connection that proved extremely vital to the success.

“It’s great to hear someone who emphasizes the Canadian content of these historical events,” said one audience member.

Although Canadians were major contributors to these events, they are often overlooked or overshadowed, Barris states that it is important to keep these stories alive so that the Canadians are never forgotten.

“I do it for Canadians who are interested in history but don’t realize how important Canadians were in some of these stories,” he said.

Barris guided the audience through the experiences of many of the Canadian pilots, navigators, gunners, and other members aboard the iconic Lancaster airplanes.

By interviewing and establishing relationships with the families of the war heroes, Barris was able to share their stories in a thought provoking and insightful fashion. Drawing information from these family members helped to emphasize the real-life struggles that they went through. “These families kept these stories safe and alive,” he said.

Barris recognized some of the audience members as those who have relatives who had served in the war. He states that one of the important outcomes of his story telling is that the experiences he shares may be similar to what others experienced as well, and those audience members might get a better idea of what their own relatives went through.

He describes this as giving history a “face”, or a personalized meaning. “The minute history has a face we can connect because it’s us,” he said.

Ted Barris’s next book, *Rush to Danger: Medics in the Line of Fire*, will cover stories of medics in World War Two and will be released in the fall of 2019.

“It’s wonderful to have Ted come and speak. We have been trying to get him to come to Aurora for some time,” said Aurora Historical Society Executive Director Erika Baird. “We were so thrilled that he could come and share those stories with us and the fact that we actually had Dam Buster families in the audience today was so amazing,” she added.

The 2019 Speaker Series will continue throughout the year with the next speaker presenting in September at the Hillary House.

With such a great installment, this series is sure to continue to educate and inspire audiences. “History is alive and well in this town and people really care. It was so heartening to see that,” added Ms. Baird.



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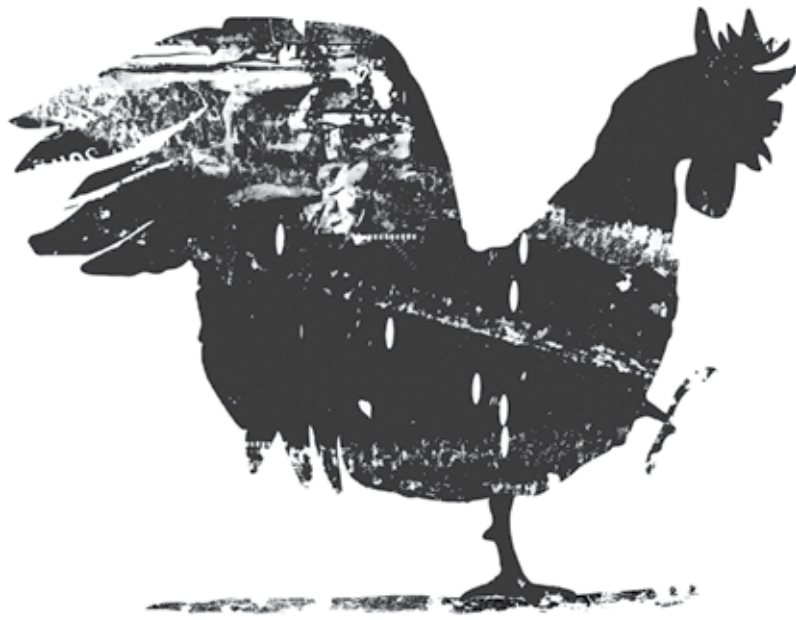
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## Leaders of Tomorrow celebrated for community contributions with scholarship

**By Brock Weir**

They have demonstrated their leadership skills around their schools and throughout the Aurora community and now, as they prepare to embark on their post-secondary careers, two local students are doing so after being recognized as Leaders of Tomorrow.

Recently, Nusha Fathianpour of ESC Renaissance and Nicole In of Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School were recognized by the Town of Aurora with the annual John West Memorial Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship.

The Leaders of Tomorrow scholarship program was founded through a bequest from former Aurora mayor John West



Nuscha Fathianpour, second left, accepts the John West Way Memorial Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship from Mayor Tom Mrakas and Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services. Nicole In's scholarship was accepted by her mother, left.

Photo by Anna Lozyk Romeo

who, upon his death in December 2013, left a certain amount of money for the foundation of a scholarship program recognizing those who have given back to their communities and are preparing for their first year of full-time post-secondary study at college, university or the equivalent.

Two scholarships, each for \$1,000, are awarded each year.

Now getting ready to begin her first year of study as an Honours Business Administration student at York University's Schulich School of Business, Ms. Fathianpour was recognized for leadership demonstrated throughout her entire school career.

“She has dedicated herself to volunteerism and participated in opportunities to assist in improving life for those in the Aurora community,” said Julie Stephenson, Youth Programmer for the Town of Aurora. “In addition to being multilingual, Nuschka participated in the International Baccalaureate Program while in high school. Her commitments have made a distinct impact on the Aurora community.

“She has logged 500 hours of community service throughout her high school career.

Some impressive contributions include her position as a reading buddy at the Aurora Public Library, assisting younger students with learning French through written and oral activities. Nuscha also volunteered at Chartwell Long Term Care residence for almost a year, assisting with running events such as karaoke, concerts, arts and crafts activities, reading with residents and preparing snacks. She has been a volunteer at the Aurora Cultural Centre since January 2018. There, Nuscha volunteers with artist demonstrations, exhibitions, concerts and culture days, preparing and transporting artworks and sharing them with customers. Further to this, she assists with food and drinks at events and runs activities with children during concerts.”

Additional volunteer opportunities have included work with the Aurora Farmers' Market, her church, the Great Big Theatre Company, and the Town of Aurora's Eco Festival.

“She has been a strong volunteer contributor to her high school, assisting with mentoring students in her music program, working on the yearbook committee, and assisting with multicultural day,” Ms. Stephenson continued. “Nuscha’s dedication to volunteering in her community and her extensive

contributions have made Aurora a better community for our residents to enjoy.”

The John West Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship is not the first award Nicole In has received for her community leadership, having also received a 2019 Give Back Award from Magna International. There, Nicole was celebrated for the “joy and purpose” she finds in helping others and her belief that “volunteering holds the potential for changing the local community and world in a positive way.”

“Nicole is a true leader in all her endeavours,” said Nichole Campsall, Youth & Community Development Coordinator for the Town, of the student who will be attending the University of Toronto’s Life Sciences program this fall. “Nicole started her school’s first Relay for Life team when she was in Grade 10. She planned monthly fundraisers for the Canadian Cancer Society, which included various bake sales, activities and events. Nicole’s dedication through her various efforts helped to raise almost \$7,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.”

As a Peer Mentor at Williams, Nicole was integral in a number of programs including student participation in The Coldest Night of the Year and tree planting programs. As co-lead of the school's Me to We program, she and her team collected over 1,000 books for charity and sold rafiki (friendship) bracelets to raise money supporting mothers in Kenya.

“Nicole’s volunteerism has contributed positively to the Aurora community through her time as a Best Buddies lunch visit volunteer, assisting with the Trinity Anglican Church’s Rise and Shine breakfast, as well as helping at the Aurora Blues Festival,” continued Ms. Campsall. “Nicole has certainly been a positive part of the community in Aurora. Her many contributions clearly demonstrate her desire to give back to her community and create positive experiences in Aurora for all residents.”

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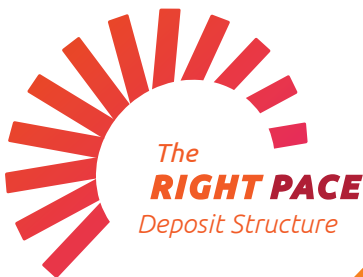
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# Rebranded “Rainbow Space” program aims to support 2SLGBTQ+ community

By Brock Weir

For nearly a decade, My House Rainbow Meeting Spaces have provided support for 2SLGBTQ+ community members across York Region, including Aurora; but the program has rebranded with an inclusive message. Facilitated by the AIDS Committee of York Region (ACYR), which is also set to unveil a rebrand this fall,

My House will now be known as “Rainbow Space” and meetings will take place, among other locations, at the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) office on Yonge Street. “Rainbow Space was selected from a variety of naming options after a series of consultations with key stakeholders,” says Vibhuti Mehra, Executive Director of ACYR. “This new name equalizes the program within the agency’s

new master branding and overall services where the philosophies of anti-oppression, harm reduction and inclusivity continue to be the guiding principles.” The new name and branding, say organizers, is emblematic of the ACYR’s new tag line of “People Supporting People.” From the perspective of Marco Hernandez-Henriques, Program Manager of Men’s Health for ACYR, the use of “space” in the name reflects both a physical and psychological “unconstrained and malleable” environment that can be adjusted as needed to accommodate the needs of participants looking for safe, social and recreational spaces to help improve health and wellness outcomes.

“The programs are still about building safer and inclusive social and recreational spaces for 2SLGBTQ+ community members in York Region, for both youth, seniors and older adults 55+,” he says. “It is for individuals who are part of the community or who identify as friends, family members, or as an ally, and they can access different components of the program. We provide, for example, an inclusive, safer space for people to gather together, build their social networks. They can also [come for] information and resources about health and social services that are available in the community. We have a lending library with queer literature and books as well, accessible to individuals. There are leadership opportunities they can be a part of, volunteer opportunities, and they can also participate in recreational activities and organize them as well.” The program was established as My House in 2011 by Haran Vijayanthan as the only peer-led social and recreational space of its kind in York Region that 2SLGBTQ+ community members and their allies can access on a drop-in basis. Since inception, My House programs were

largely delivered along the Yonge Street corridor of York Region. In April 2018, ACYR initiated social inclusion programs for 2SLGBTQ+ seniors in York Region through a partnership with CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) with funding support from United Way Greater Toronto. In October 2018, ACYR was awarded a \$705,600 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to grow social programs for 2SLGBTQ+ youth across York Region. “I am very passionate about being part of the community myself and helping to grow the program because there is a big gap that currently exists for youth and seniors, two of the marginalized group of individuals within the 2SLGBTQ community, that lack access to social services and programs,” says Hernandez-Henriques. Typically, given that we’re so close to Toronto, people would go and seek programs and services there. There is that gap that we’re trying to bridge with the programming that we’re expanding that was previously being offered in Richmond Hill. Now the mandate is for us to expand it across York Region moving northward. “What I envision myself doing is seeing that to fruition where youth who are not able to access such programming and services are able to have it closer to home, people who are not able to access some of these services because of transportation and distance, given the expansiveness of York Region, and people are able to have a program offering in Georgina where there is none right now. “We want to have a positive, meaningful impact with 2SLGBTQ youth who are accessing the Rainbow Space program and learning these various life skills and becoming community leaders in the near future as a result of it.”

For more information on Rainbow Place or ACYR, visit [www.acyr.org](http://www.acyr.org).

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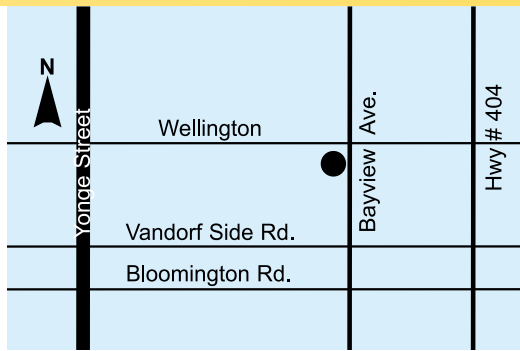
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## Aurora’s future sports stars honoured as Athletes of the Year



School Athletes of the Year gather at Town Hall for a group photo with dignitaries, including MPP Michael Parsa.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

By Brock Weir

Aurora’s brightest student athletes have been recognized by Sport Aurora and the Town for their prowess on the field, on the ice, and in the pool as Aurora’s 2019 Student Athletes of the Year.

Nearly 40 elementary and secondary school students gathered at Town Hall recently, cheered on by their parents, school faculty, friends and peers to receive their recognition, an annual summer tradition at Council.

Facilitated by Sport Aurora, the Student Athletes of the Year program is part of the organization’s mandate to “develop sports and recreation in our community for all ages, genders and abilities,” says Sport Aurora president Sandra Manherz.

“Each athlete was selected and named by their school for athletic excellence in their chosen sport,” said Ms. Manherz at the presentation. “Sport Aurora has brought them together under one roof so we can acknowledge their exceptional contributions and highlight their achievement in our community.

“Attracting young people into sport programs engages active minds, promotes physical and mental fitness, builds teamwork, communication skills, humility, integrity, passion, enthusiasm and strong self-esteem and self confidence, qualities that are well-represented in the room this evening and will serve our athletes well into their futures. Who knows, maybe we have the future hall of famer in our midst right now as well.”

This year’s honourees are:

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- Michael Murphy (Holy Spirit CES)
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Among the dignitaries on hand to help celebrate the sports stars of tomorrow were Mayor Tom Mrakas, Council, Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill MPP Michael Parsa and, representing Newmarket-Aurora MPP Christine Elliott, Dawn Gallagher Murphy.

“I want to congratulate all of you,” said Mr. Parsa. “I just recently had the opportunity to celebrate as Jordan Binnington brought the Stanley Cup

to Richmond Hill and it was a great opportunity to stand next to Jordan as he shared some of the stories about how he became the athlete he is today: the troubles he had to go through to get here. I want to congratulate you, your parents, I want to congratulate Sport

Aurora and the Town, Mayor and all the Councillors [for being here] to celebrate your achievements.”

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# Walker rides into Tokyo 2020 with Pan Am finish



Aurora's Nicole Walker, pictured aboard Falco van Spievel, helped Team Canada to a Tokyo 2020 berth in equestrian team jumping with a fourth-place finish at the Pan Am Games in Lima, Peru.

Photo courtesy of Canadian Olympic Committee

By Jake Courtepatte

It may not have been a podium finish, but it was the next best thing for Aurora native Nicole Walker at the Pan Am Games in Lima, Peru. The 26-year old was one of four teammates in the equestrian team jumping competition for Team Canada to earn a fourth place finish, good enough to secure the red and white a spot in the 2020 Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo, Japan. With a large crowd of friends and family cheering her on, Walker was happy with her competition in talking to media after the event.

“There’s way more pressure for

sure with the Olympic qualification and obviously we did our best to get a medal,” she said. “There’s been a lot of (Canadian) fans in the crowd, being here all week with the team, and getting a chance to bond with them, it’s been pretty special.” She was aboard the 14-year old Falco van Spievel for the event, a Belgian Warmblood. “My horse has a massive stride and we really try to use his stuff, and luckily the plan came together,” said Walker. “Not often do we get a chance to go fast with a Nations Cup format, so that’s a bit different for us, but it executed well for us today. Probably a handful of speeds I’ve done on him; usually it’s slower

and we have to jump a bit bigger and jump clean, so it was kind of fun to let it rip a bit today.” Equestrian is very much in Walker’s bloodstream: her grandfather is none other than Frank Stronach, the owner of Magna International and a staple in the equestrian community for decades. Walker herself took home a CET Medal title in her junior competition years, before heading into the Under

25 series and winning a national title at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto. She became the Canadian Show Jumping national champion with Falco van Spievel just last year. Schomberg’s Beth Underhill also served as a backup for the competition, a veteran of the world stage at basically every level. Her and her steed Count Me In won the CSI 2 competition in Caledon earlier this year.



## Doors Open Aurora arrives this Saturday, August 17

The 14th annual Doors Open Aurora event takes place this Saturday, August 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year, Doors Open Aurora features 14 participating sites of natural, architectural or historical significance. Made possible with the help of dedicated community volunteers, Doors Open Aurora offers local residents and visitors the opportunity to experience Aurora’s unique history and cultural heritage. Since Doors Open Aurora began in 2006, more than 36,000 site visits have been recorded to some of the community’s most notable and significant historic buildings, cultural landmarks and natural sites. Doors Open Aurora is part of the Doors Open Ontario initiative, a community-based celebration that showcases Ontario’s built and natural heritage for residents and visitors alike. New additions to Doors Open Aurora 2019 include the Aurora Borealis Orthodontics site featuring the world’s only Star Trek themed orthodontic office, filled with props from all of the Star Trek television series and motion pictures. The office has gathered worldwide attention and has been featured on CTV and the Space Channel, while also showcased in a myriad of magazines and blogs. During

your experience in the office, you will encounter Federation, Klingon, and other alien weaponry and technology, medical devices, PADDs, Borg drones and alcove, concept art, ships, and yes, even Tribbles, all of which were used on screen. Also new to Doors Open this year is the Harmony, Heritage, and Haunts Walking Tour. Gifted storyteller and community advocate David Heard will take you on this one-of-a-kind walking tour featuring incredible scary accounts, and the fantastic music connection Aurora has to some global names in the industry. Don’t miss the debut of this fun and exciting tour. There will only be one tour, which departs at 10 a.m. from the Doors Open Headquarters in Town Park. Many of this year’s Doors Open Aurora participating sites are featured in the vicinity of the Southeast Old Aurora community. This area is bordered to the north by Wellington Street East, to the West by Yonge Street, and to the East by the Railway/GO Transit Line. Heritage sites within this historical area include the Church Street School, Victoria Hall and the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge. Many of these properties are within walking distance from one another in the Southeast Old

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# Back to School Reading for Kids and Their Grown-Ups

By Reccia Mandelcorn Manager  
Community Collaboration  
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Back to school is a time of excitement and anxiety for kids and grown-ups alike. The Aurora Public Library (APL) has families and teachers covered with books to support fun beginnings and positive learning outcomes. Here are some of my favourites – all available at Aurora Public Library.

What parent doesn't angst over what to pack for lunch? **Best Lunch Box Ever: Ideas and Recipes for School Lunches Kids Will Love** by Kate Sullivan Morford is chock-full of creative, healthy lunches. Morford, a food writer, dietitian and mother of three, offers healthy lunchtime options such as chickpea panini and cherry tomatoes and mozzarella on skewers. **Salads Kids Will Love** includes kid-friendly greens like Where's Waldorf with apple and raisins. There are recipes for all-time favourites, like pizza and wraps, as well as a section on how to put a fresh spin on leftovers. One caveat is to eliminate or substitute for nuts, as York Region Schools are nut-free.

There are a lot of picture books published every year that deal with separation anxiety, but one that stands the test of time is **The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn. Chester Raccoon is nervous about leaving the security of home for school. To reassure him that all will be okay, Mrs. Raccoon kisses the palm of his hand and tells him that whenever he feels lonely to hold his hand to his cheek and he will always feel the warmth of her love. For parents who also feel the angst of separation, Chester's good-bye gift to his mom resonates as he turns and

dances away.


**From Far Away** by Robert Munsch began with a letter from a little girl telling him about when she first came to Canada. Saoussan immigrated with her family from war-torn Lebanon and this picture book from Canada's master storyteller describes her frustration with not understanding her teacher, not knowing how to ask to go to the bathroom and her terror at a prop skeleton. This is the perfect book to read to newcomer children so they know they are not alone and to Canadian children so that we instil empathy for new immigrants to our community.

By the time our kids hit high school, navigating love, friendships, social media and mental health plays as great a role in success at school as grades. **Open Your Mind, Learn to Deal with the Big Stuff in Life** by Gemma Cairney is full of practical advice about stress and anxiety to finding your place in the world. Chapters are short, easy to read and teens can easily flip to the section that addresses what they need to know, when they need to know it. I like this book because, unlike many self-help books, it is not sugar coated and speaks in a language that young people can relate to.

My all-time favourite school reading recommendation is **Thank You, Mr. Falker** by Patricia Polacco. This is the personal story of the author who loved books as a child, but was dyslexic and simply could not read. Through the efforts of her new fifth grade teacher, Tricia blossomed and developed her many talents, including finally learning to read. Thank you, Mr. Falker shows what teachers can achieve with patience, care and resources. Given

the challenges we face in the funding of our schools today, this picture book speaks to the heart of the important role teachers play in determining

the lifelong success of our children. Recommended reading for ages 5+ and for anyone who cares about the education of our kids.




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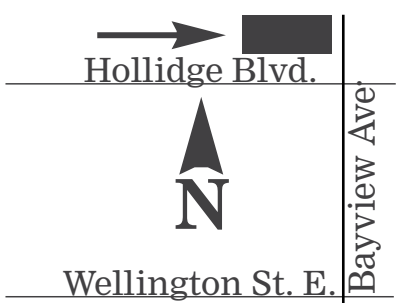
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# Flood images are hoped to spur action, dialogue: photographer

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world, his quest to shine a light on one of the biggest global issues today took him surprisingly close to home.

Armed with his camera, sturdy boots and a friend with an SUV, Dr. Goodlin headed due north to Bracebridge, the Muskoka-area community ravaged by intense flooding this past spring. Once on the scene, it wasn't hard for the duo to find inspiration – albeit difficult inspiration – for their photographs.

As they followed the line of the Muskoka River, they saw homes half-engulfed in the rushing water, boats floating up to the tops of their respective boathouses and being crushed against the ceiling, floating debris which could only be remnants of homes that didn't fare as well, and bridges that were all but submerged.

“As we kept going down, we saw sandbags at the sides of the roads, sandbags around houses to protect the homes, and their front lawns and back lawns were absolute lakes,” he recalls. “Some of them were saved, some had water going in, and then we could see where some of the roads had actually been washed away and trucks were going back and forth with loads of stone and gravel to try and rebuild.

“Then, as we went down the river a little bit more, there was one guy we saw – and, well, just the look on his face was horrible. An older gentleman, he had on waders, parked on the side of the road, and he looked distraught as he got out into the water. We asked, ‘Is that your house,’ and he just nodded and said, ‘Insurance won't pay, I've lost everything.’ He had tears in his eyes, walked over to his house, opened his garage door, a bunch of stuff fell out that he pushed back in, just looked at us, went inside, and closed the garage door. He couldn't even face us or talk to anybody, he was so upset.”

But the team persevered on their mission to capture the devastation. They saw vehicles from the Canadian Armed Forces helping residents, helping residents into rafts and carrying out search and rescue missions up and down the river. They watched them remove trees that were



Photo by Ron Goodlin

in danger of being swept up and destroying surviving homes below, while others went door to door making sure everything was okay with the residents still inside.

“We hear so much bad news nowadays that seemingly we're not even affected by it,” he says. “We hear of people getting shot, getting into a car crash, losing a home to fire, and, in this case, people losing their homes and everything they own in a flood, and it's so easy for us to just say, ‘Yeah, that's too bad,’ and then forget about it. When you actually see the devastation, when you actually see the people and talk to them, it breaks your heart. We're so acclimatized to all this bad news that we just gloss over it and we're not doing anything about it.

“Climate change is a huge deal. It is affecting us. With the wildfires and the extreme weather patterns and flooding, these are all direct impacts of climate change and yet none of us are really doing anything about it. What are we doing about our cars? What are we doing about limiting our gas emissions and carbon emissions? What are we doing about reducing our red meat intake so there are fewer cattle producing the methane causing greenhouse gases? What are we doing about riding our


bicycle instead of taking our vehicle, or not letting your car idle when you're waiting in a parking lot for your spouse? Simple things that all of us could be doing to help out this situation and none of us really think of it because we see the news and we just think, ‘Oh, that's too bad,’ and we go onto the next thing.”

Since slowing down his practice, Dr. Goodlin says he has done many different shows featuring his photography, but he wants to ensure each shot is meaningful and has a purpose. In addition to the shots he took in Bracebridge, he's been turning his camera to endangered species of wildlife both local and further afield,

documented the impact of habitats lost to the oil and gas industry, and other ecological problems.

Photos have included polar bears starving in the Arctic, penguins struggling to build nests in the mud where all the ice has melted away, and grizzlies looking for some semblance of their lost home.

“I want to bring people's attention to what we're doing to our planet,” says Dr. Goodlin on what he ultimately wants to do with these images. “Our world is in trouble and we need to do something fast. All the scientists, the UN, they are all pointing to the same thing: by 2050 it is going to be too late.”




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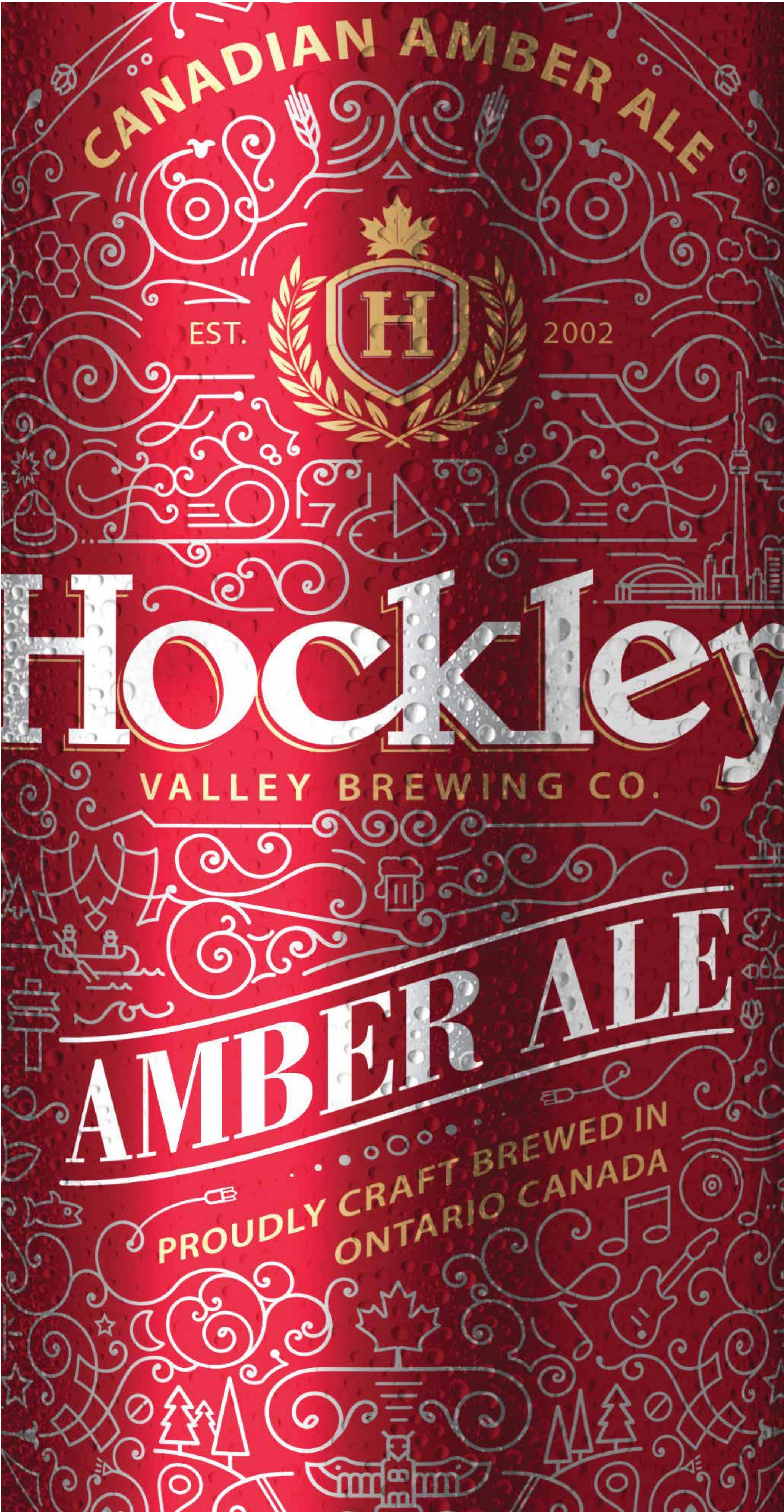


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# THINGS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

**PARTAGEZ LE FRANCAIS** – A free French language conversation group will take place this afternoon at Country Style Deli/Bistro, 14980 Yonge Street, from 3 – 4:30 p.m. This free group welcomes adults (from francophone to beginners with a good base) 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. For more information, visit [bit.ly/partagez-fr](http://bit.ly/partagez-fr).

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Aurora's Concerts in the Park Series continues this week at Town Park from 7 – 9 p.m. with A Tribute to Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix. Enjoy a trip down "Woodstock" memory lane with the greatest hits from the ultimate Tribute to Janis Joplin – Piece of My Heart and Wild T. performing the best of Jimi Hendrix. The Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair will be setting up a mini-market. The market will operate from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a variety of food and artisan vendors to shop from and enjoy. Bring a food donation for the Aurora Food Pantry before the concert starts and be entered to win a chance for you to enjoy the Premium Concert Experience with upgraded TD-preferred seating and two prize packs.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

Aurora's Movies in the Park Summer Series kicks off tonight with a screening of Star Wars IV: A New Hope tonight from 8 – 11 p.m. at Ada Johnson Park (60 Hartwell Way). Movies in the Park is back! Rebel spies have stolen plans to the Galactic Empire and Princess Leia, secretly one of the Rebellion's leaders, has obtained the plans. Under the orders of Darth Vader, Princess Leia is captured and held hostage in their effort to destroy the rebellion. Luke Skywalker and Han Solo, captain of the Millennium Falcon, work together with the companionable droid duo R2-D2 and C-3PO to rescue the beautiful princess, help the Rebel Alliance and restore freedom and justice to the Galaxy. Arrive early to enjoy making some movie themed crafts and participate in some action-packed activities. All movies start at dusk and are free but a food donation for the Aurora Food Pantry is great appreciated.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Aurora's Concerts in the Park Series continues this week at Town Park from 7 – 9 p.m. with The Magna Hoedown Showdown semi-finals. Put on your cowboy hat and boots to cheer on the Top 20 aspiring country music singers from across Ontario competing in this competition! Plus, see who will move on to the finals and compete at the Magna Hoedown on Friday, September 13. Don't miss these incredibly talented performers. The Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair will be setting up a mini-market. The market will operate from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a variety of food and artisan vendors to shop from and enjoy. Bring a food donation for the Aurora Food Pantry before the concert starts and be entered to win a chance for you to enjoy the Premium Concert Experience with upgraded TD-preferred seating and two prize packs.

## AUGUST 23 – 25

Aurora's Ribfest runs at Macell Park August 23 – 25. Events include a beer garden courtesy of the Rotary Club of Aurora, a children's activity zone, inflatable midway, a mobile escape experience, axe throwing, food vendors serving ribs, roasted corn, bloomin' onions, churros, and more. Headlining Friday night at 9 p.m. is Honeymoon Suite and, on Saturday night at the same time, The Spoons. Friday: 4 – 11 p.m. Saturday: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Aurora's Concerts in the Park Series concludes this week at Town Park from 7 – 9 p.m. Abbamania – a Tribute to Abba. Abbamania is the world's number one production of Abba. With amazing vocals, look and authentic costumes, Abbamania matches every song done note for note, exactly as the original recordings. Don't miss this season's finale night. The Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair will be setting up a mini-market. The market will operate from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a variety of food and artisan vendors to shop from and enjoy. Bring a food donation for the Aurora Food Pantry before the concert starts and be entered to win a chance for you to enjoy the Premium Concert Experience with upgraded TD-preferred seating and two prize packs.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Garden Aurora September monthly meeting features Nick McGowan presenting on: Growing Cannabis. Join us at 8:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North for tips and tricks on gardening, refreshments, and the opportunity to join our club as a member. More info at [www.gardenaurora.com](http://www.gardenaurora.com) or 905-713-6660.

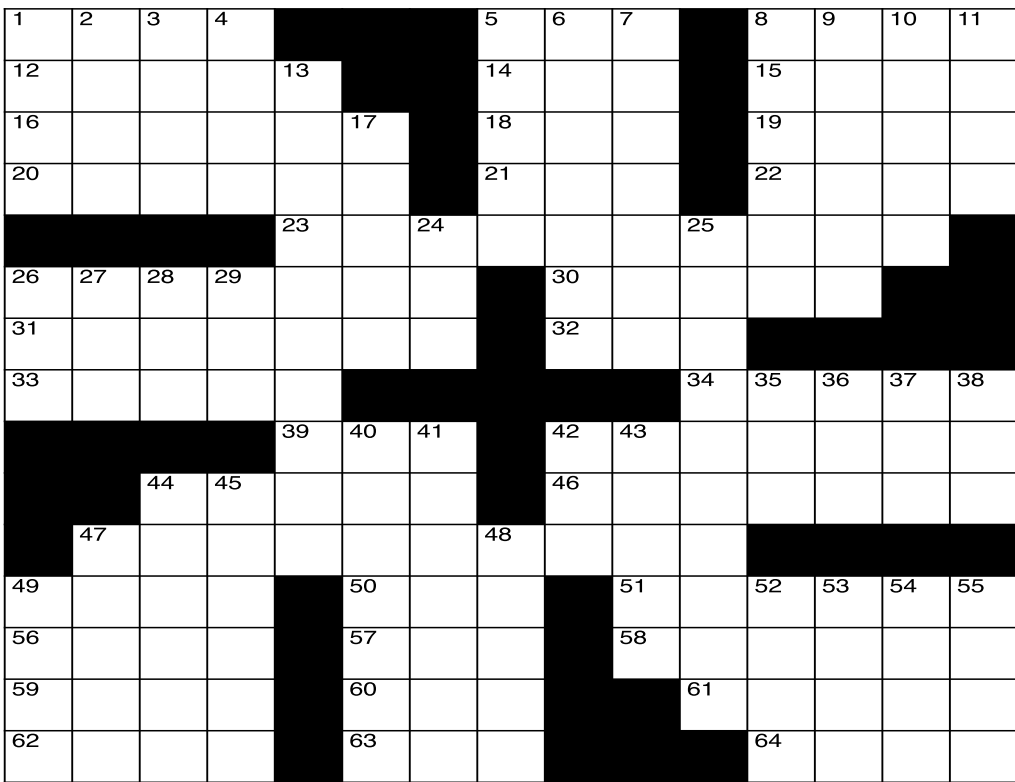


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- Retirement account
- Parent-teacher organizations
- Audibly
- Leavened bread in Indian cooking
- "To \_\_ his own"
- Violent disorder
- Not wet
- Worst (French)
- Move with springy steps
- Georgia rockers
- Moved quickly
- Blood proteins
- Return to
- Related to Iran
- The first
- Pearl Jam's debut
- Nocturnal, catlike mamma
- Hymn
- One who engages in arbitrage
- Less bright
- Indian lute
- Discovers
- Weatherman
- Jai \_\_, sport
- Spy organization
- Ancient Greek oracles
- Swindles
- Not young
- Log-shaped pastry
- Professional engineer association
- Arabic feminine name
- Sacred text
- \_\_ and ends
- What remains after taxes
- Type of watt

## CLUES DOWN

- Pack full of clay
- Relating to wings
- Type of bean
- Former MLB commish Bowie
- Short-tailed lemur
- Cheese dish
- To any further extent
- Enzyme
- Taiwan capital
- Extensive landed property
- Remove
- Remove the head
- High IQ group
- Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- Sportscaster
- Hastily set up
- Midway between northeast and east
- Beloved basketball player Jeremy
- Consumed
- One point east of due south
- Television network
- Allow
- Wife
- Grayish-brown mammal
- Written language for blind people
- Insecticide
- Della \_\_, singer
- Cleaned
- Eye membranes
- Past tense of fly
- Anwar \_\_, Egyptian statesman
- Currency exchange charge
- Dark stain
- Easily manageable
- One who does not tell the truth
- Soluble ribonucleic acid

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*Moving the ME agenda forward is really about changing how the institutions of government and medicine treat ME and people with ME. No small feat,*

*and it can't be done overnight.*

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*This was a pivotal meeting for our community and the fruits of our collective labour is to be seen in the weeks and months ahead. An immense amount of time and energy has been expended to get us here, and more time and energy will be needed to keep up the momentum. Key to that momentum is the participation and support from each of you, our ME community. It is vital to our collective cause.*

*For more information, including how to become involved, visit [www.millionsmissingcanada.ca](http://www.millionsmissingcanada.ca)*

**Doors Open arrives Saturday**

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Aurora community and are in the vicinity of the Doors Open Aurora headquarters at Town Park.

The Southeast Old Aurora community is the first residential subdivision in Aurora, historically known as “Machell’s Corners”.

The anticipated arrival of the Ontario, Simcoe & Huron Railway in 1853 inspired the original property owner, John Mosley, to subdivide his farmland into lots to facilitate new growth. These lots were thoughtfully arranged, with most being the same size and rectangular in shape. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, homes were constructed in various architectural styles, creating a unique and aesthetically pleasing streetscape.

Today, the Southeast Old Aurora community is known by many local residents as the “heart” of the Town.

This years 14 sites include: Hillary House and Koffler Museum of Medicine, Hillary House Barn, The Patrick House Art Studio & Gallery, Aurora Borealis Orthodontics (new site), Pine Orchard Meeting House, Theatre Aurora, Aurora Public Library, Church Street School, Scarborough Model Railroaders, Victoria Hall, The Rising Sun Masonic Lodge, Aurora Farmers’ Market and Artisan Fair, Harmony, Heritage, and Haunts Walking Tour (new tour), and Merlin’s Hollow. The Church Street School will also be featuring the Scarborough Model

Railroaders onsite, with the model railway club displaying an exhibit representative of train activity you might have seen in southern Ontario in the late 1950’s.

For additional information about Doors Open Aurora and to print a copy of the Doors Open Aurora 2019 Map Guide, please visit [www.aurora.ca](http://www.aurora.ca).

Map Guides will also be available at the Doors Open Aurora headquarters booth at Town Park, located at Mosley Street and Wells Street, and at other Doors Open Aurora participating sites on the day of the event.

Come celebrate Doors Open Aurora 2019 and have an experience that you won’t receive any other day!

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**Photography Contest**



**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

- Must be a minimum of 16 years of age
- Employees/Board members of APL and their immediate families are ineligible to win.
- Photos must be high-res for print

In Sweetness in the Belly, Lilly is sent to live with a poor family where she earns her keep teaching local children the Qur’an. Throughout the novel, children are featured in the book. This year’s OBOA photography contest features photographs of children: Capture children in the act of discovery!

Please send submissions to: [brock@auroran.com](mailto:brock@auroran.com)  
Submission Deadline: Friday, September 27

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  - Generate story ideas and follow up on news tips
  - Take photographs
- Work some evenings and weekends, as required

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Diploma in journalism preferred
- Candidates should have experience working on the editorial side of the newspaper industry
- Excellent writing, editing and photography skills
  - Valid driver’s license and a reliable vehicle
  - Reporting experience an asset
- An interest in local issues is a necessity, as the majority of the writing for this role will be local



**Let’s Talk.**

Interested and qualified candidates should forward their cover letter and resume to [brock@auroran.com](mailto:brock@auroran.com)





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