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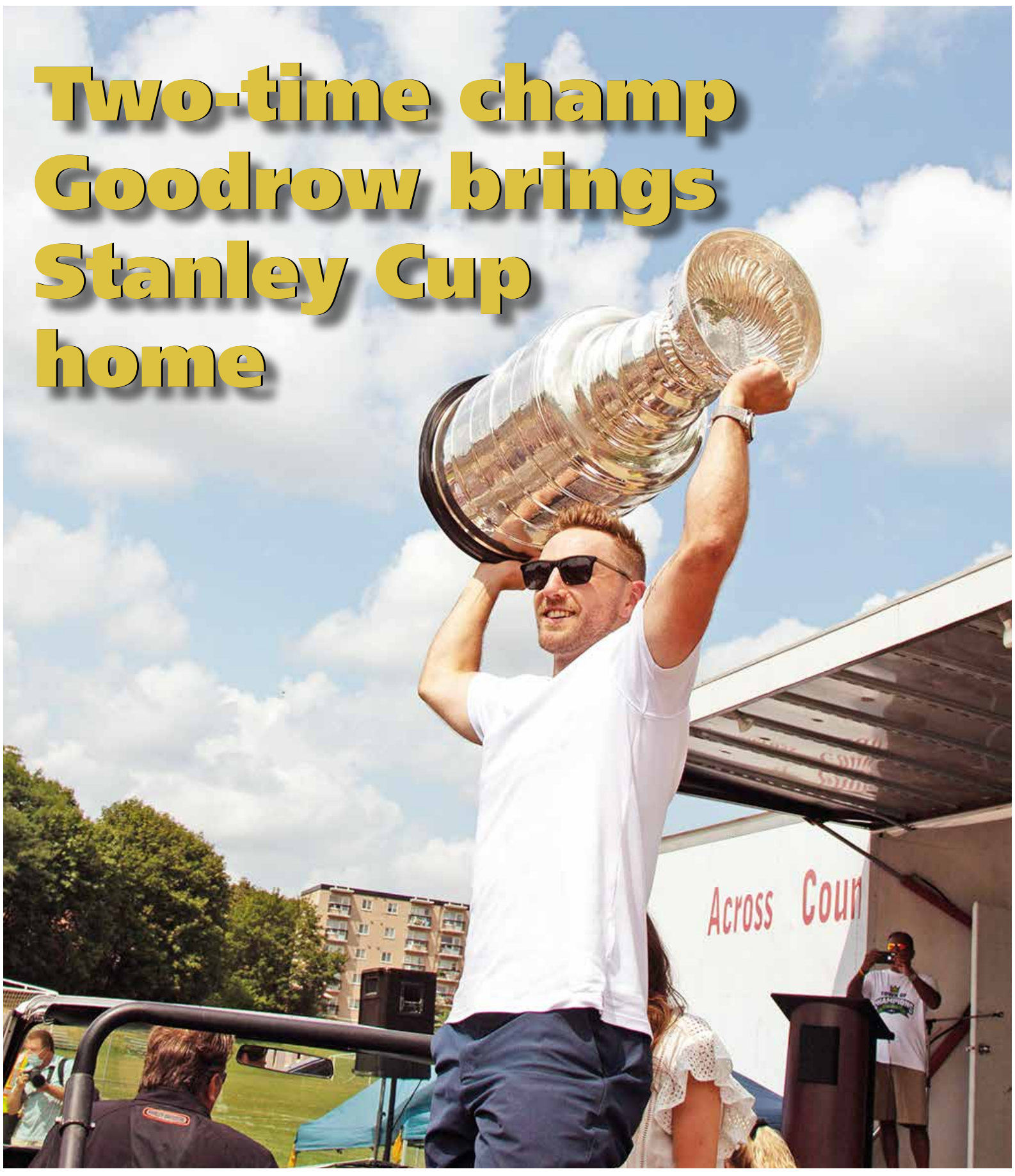
Two-time champ Goodrow brings Stanley Cup home



Two-time Stanley Cup champion Barclay Goodrow brought the most coveted trophy in hockey home on Thursday afternoon. After a stop at the paediatric oncology unit at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Goodrow received a hero's welcome at Machell Park where he was interviewed on stage by Mayor Tom Mrakas. Machell Park was a hub of activity throughout the weekend as well, providing the backdrop for three days of sizzling Ribfest. For highlights on Aurora's tastiest annual event, which was put on the backburner last year due to COVID-19, see Page 18.

Auroran photo by Glenn Rodger

By Robert Belardi

Aurora native Barclay Goodrow brought the Stanley Cup to Machell Park last Thursday that brought together hundreds of Aurorans.

In what was a very hot afternoon, Goodrow arrived with Lord Stanley's cup on his Jeep and brought it right out in front of a stage set up in the park.

Mayor Tom Mrakas introduced Barclay Goodrow to the crowd and provided a brief timeline of his career, up until he was traded from the San Jose Sharks to the Tampa Bay Lightning on February 24, 2020.

Goodrow comes off back-to-back Stanley Cup victories with the Lightning defeating the Dallas Stars and the Montreal Canadiens, before being traded by the Lightning to the New York Rangers this offseason.

Mayor Mrakas pegged this conversation as a "Between the Pipes" interview. He alluded to questions regarding Goodrow's early life and once he finished his personal questions, children who registered prior to the event were permitted to come up to the microphone and take a picture with their local hockey icon.

Other fans lined up to take pictures with the Stanley Cup in the process.

When Goodrow began playing hockey, he recalled it was extremely important to play other sports in a calendar year.

"I played a lot of soccer every summer. I wasn't into playing hockey 12 months round back then. My parents instilled in me it's good to build your athleticism in playing other sports. It's good to take a break from hockey every offseason," Goodrow recalled.

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Notice Board

Council & Committee Meetings

Date	Time	Location	Meeting
Tuesday, September 7	9:30 a.m.	Video conference	Joint Council Committee
Tuesday, September 7	5:45 p.m.	Council Chambers	Council Closed Session
Tuesday, September 7	7 p.m.	Council Chambers	General Committee
Wednesday, September 8	7 p.m.	Video conference	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 9	7 p.m.	Video conference	Committee of Adjustment
Monday, September 13	7 p.m.	Video conference	Heritage Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 14	5:45 p.m.	Video conference	Finance Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 14	7 p.m.	Council Chambers	Public Planning
Wednesday, September 15	6:30 p.m.	Video conference	Aurora Cultural Centre Board (Public Meeting)
Wednesday, September 15	7 p.m.	Video conference	Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Racism Task Force
Thursday, September 16	7 p.m.	Video conference	Community Advisory Committee

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings will be available to the public via live stream only on the Town's YouTube Channel via **aurora.ca/livecouncilmeeting**. In-person public attendance at the meetings is not permitted at this time. We appreciate your understanding.

What's Happening

Online Skylight Gallery Exhibition Artist: David Murphy

For the month of September, Aurora's Online Skylight Gallery is featuring works by artist David Murphy in a series called "Fifty Years". His paintings contain a vibrant use of colour with clever colour combinations with subtle values and tones. David's landscape paintings evoke a sense of stillness and contemplation, while his abstract paintings express energy, movement and emotion. Fifty years ago, David started to paint as a diversion while attending law school. Throughout his career, he has worked with northern landscapes in an impressionistic style and has branched out to cityscapes while living overseas, mainly in Europe. The artist believes that any genre of modern painting is simply a pleasing combination of colour and shape.

View this online gallery at **aurora.ca/skylightgallery**.

Town of Aurora announces mandatory vaccination policy for municipal staff

The Town of Aurora today announced that it is implementing a mandatory vaccination policy for municipal staff. This aligns with similar announcements made recently by both public and private sector organizations.

"As an organization, we know this is the best way to keep both our staff and our community safe," says Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas. "We believe that it is our responsibility to take this additional step to protect everyone, given the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation and the pressure that we are under as a region and a province."

All Town staff will be required to receive two doses of a Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccine to ensure they have the best possible protection against the virus.

"This decision is the next step in a series of health and safety measures that the Town has implemented since the start of the pandemic both in our workplaces and in our community," says Chief Administrative Officer Doug Nadorozny. "Our expectation is for staff to comply with the policy, absent a valid medical or human rights-based exemption, but our approach as an employer will be to educate first and enforce as necessary."

In accordance with the new policy, staff will be required to show proof of having received two doses of a Health Canada-approved vaccine by November 1, 2021. More details on the policy and its related processes, including expectations for all staff, visitors and contractors, will be shared in the near future.

Labour Day Holiday Weekend

Have fun over the holidays! We have programs and activities for everyone to enjoy. For full details, visit our Holiday Schedules webpage fo at **aurora.ca/holidayschedules**.

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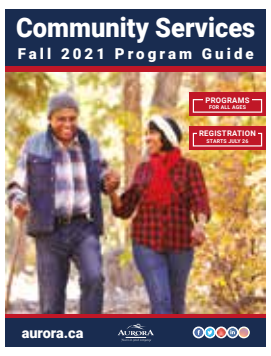


Fall 2021 Program Guide

Our Fall 2021 Program Guide has arrived, including both in-person and virtual programs for all ages. The guide can be viewed online at **aurora.ca/recguide**.

Pre-registration is required for all programs and drop-in activities at **aurora.ca/eplay**.

Registrations are now open for recreation and aquatic programs.

Club Aurora

Club Aurora Fitness Centre is now open. Pre-registration is required. Full details available online at **aurora.ca/clubaurora**.

Check out our fitness programs and classes online at **aurora.ca/fitness**.

Aurora Family Leisure Complex Drop-Ins and Skating Activities

Recreation centres are now open for indoor sports activities. Pre-registration is required.

For AFLC Drop-In schedule, please visit **aurora.ca/aflcdropin**.

For Skating Activities schedule, please visit **aurora.ca/skating**.

Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW)

Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW) is a free program, providing community outreach to seniors and adults via telephone and Zoom. Check out the monthly schedule online at **aurora.ca/scww**.

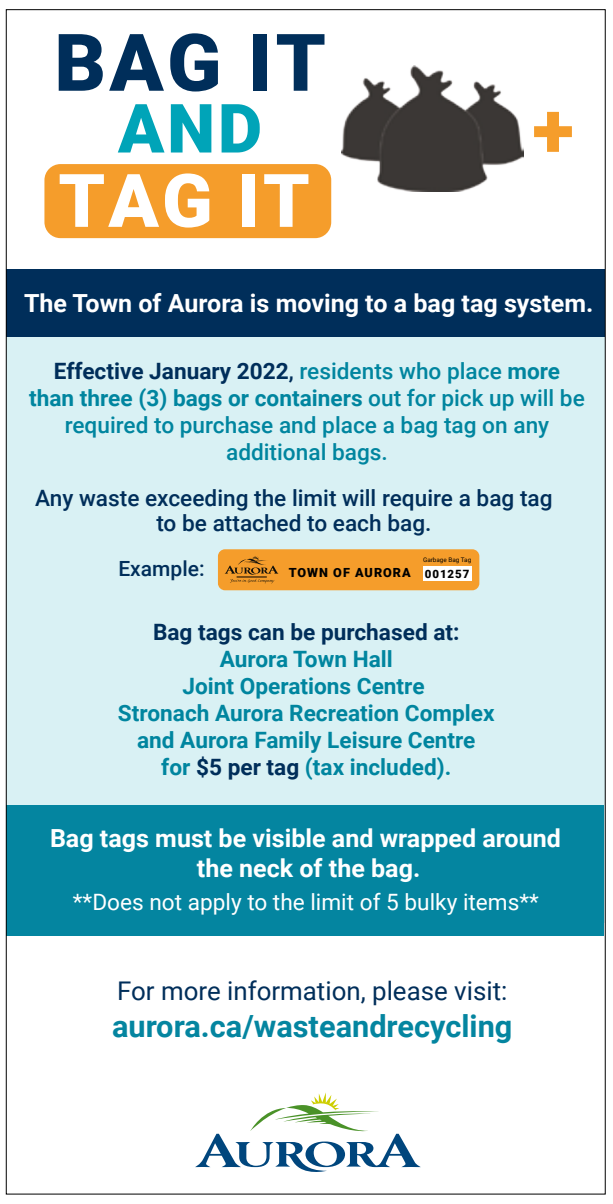
Multicultural Activity Bags

Celebrate culture and diversity with our free multicultural activity bags. Each bag will be full of interactive crafts and activities reflective of our beautiful world.

Multicultural activity bags (while supplies last) are available for free but require advance registration. Registration is open now. Once you have ordered, mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 11** to pick up your bag during Aurora's Multicultural Festival in Aurora Town Park.

Additional funding provided by the Province of Ontario.

For more information, please visit **aurora.ca/multiculturalfestival**.



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Celine Tremblay of The ABLE Network receives a donation of close to $12,000 from 100+ Women Who Care Central York Region representative Susanne Cappuccitti. **Contributed photo**

100 Women Who Care York Region cross important threshold as difference-makers

BY BROCK WEIR
EDITOR
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you had just 60 minutes to spare, what would you do with it?

Your first thought might be, "How much can you do in a paltry hour?" That thought, in turn, might be followed by a laundry list of things you hadn't had time to do throughout the day – even laundry.

But here in York Region, just one hour can make a big difference if enough people row in the same direction.

100 Women Who Care, which celebrates its sixth anniversary next month, brings together 100 women every three months to learn, give and grow. Whether they were meeting in person prior to the pandemic, or seeing new and familiar faces in Zoom squares, they get together once a quarter, $100 in hand, to donate to one selected charity.

Nominating their favourite non-profits from the floor, two charities are selected at each meeting for consideration and, at the end, just one hour later, up to $10,000 can be directed to people doing good, particularly in sectors that have been especially-hard hit by the pandemic.

Over the last six years, these hours and dollars have added up.

After making their latest donation last week to The ABLE Network, an Aurora-based organization that provides learning, training and employment opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities, they have raised a whopping $238,183 for local groups.

"Our mandate has always been to reach local not-for-profit charities and trying to get the grassroots one," says founding member Laurie Brakeboer of the group which has now re-branded to 100+ Women Who Care due to their success in participation. "It is about coming together [with $100 per person] for one hour, then multiply it over 100 women, raise over $10,000 and make a difference in the community in 60 minutes. It is making a huge impact on our community and that seems to be a big reason why so many women be with us."

In addition to The ABLE Network, recent beneficiaries of the group include Newmarket's Cedar Centre and Abuse Hurts.

At the start of the pandemic, however, it was unclear whether 100+ Women Who Care would be able to keep the momentum of their first four-and-a-half years going. Aware of the challenges so many individuals were facing at the outset of COVID-19, they cancelled their April 2020 meeting and instead asked members to donate their $100 to the charity of their choice; or, if they were in need themselves, not worry about a donation at all.

They made a virtual shift by July of 2020, where they have been running on Zoom ever since.

"It has been heartwarming how well women have accepted that mode of meeting, shown up and participated," says Ms. Brakeboer. "We probably had more engagement in our virtual setting than we have face to face. It is easier to take our questions."

It has also helped them get money more quickly into the hands that need it most. Donating to the Cedar Centre, 100+ Women partnered with Canada Helps which enabled their donation to head out smoothly and almost instantly. The same method was followed when Newmarket's Margaret Bahen Hospice was the lucky recipient, a welcome cash infusion to help them cover the cost of PPE and other COVID-related expenses when opportunities to fundraise through other channels was limited for the residential facility.

"It has been inspiring the number of members [who have taken part] and we have had new members come on board during this time, which was amazing to all of us," says Ms. Brakeboer. "The more we grow, the more money we give to charity, but we decided about a year ago to step back (on new membership) because of everybody having so many things going on personally and professionally.

"Last July at our second virtual meeting, we told all of our members we would be opening up meetings to anyone they wanted to invite; it would not be for them to come on board for recruitment or to make a donation. We opened it up for anyone who had a family or friend who needed something other than school, work, or aloneness to join in."

And many have kept coming back.

"By coming together with this group for more than one month, they know they have made a significant change in our community," says Ms. Brakeboer. "Four times a year they know they can actively participate in something really incredible for a charity that is serving the community."

For more on 100+ Women Who Care, the work they do, and how to participate, visit 100womencyr.ca.

Municipal employees will be required to vaccinate as cases rise again

BY BROCK WEIR
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As new cases of COVID-19 continue to rise across Ontario, the Town of Aurora has implemented mandatory vaccines for all employees.

In a statement released Monday, the Town said the decision was "the best approach to ensuring the health, safety and well-being of both staff and members of the public."

"Our CAO has informed us that, in alignment with recent announcements made by many public and private sector organizations, the Town of Aurora is moving forward with a mandatory vaccination requirement for all Town employees," said Mayor Tom Mrakas. "We believe that it is our responsibility to take this additional step to protect everyone, given the rapidly-changing COVID-19 situation and the pressure that we're under as a region and a province.

"With today's announcement, all Town staff will be asked to provide proof of a first vaccination before October 1, and of both a first and second dose by November 1, unless they have a valid medical or human rights-based exemption."

The decision at Town Hall comes as vaccination rates continue to show signs of slowing across York Region.

In his weekly COVID-19 update, Dr. Richard Gould, York Region's Associate Medical Officer of Health, said as of Monday more than 83 per cent of residents aged 12 and over have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, while the rate for individuals receiving their second dose stands at 78 per cent.

"We continue to see an increase in COVID-19 cases in our community, especially among those who are not fully vaccinated," said Dr. Gould. "We are in the fourth wave and it is predicted that case numbers will continue to rise into the fall. We have the power to reduce the impact by being vaccinated, continuing to practice public health measures, and implementing additional health measures. It is important for all individuals, vaccinated and unvaccinated, to self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19 before heading out into the community."

As schools prepare to welcome staff and students back into the classrooms next week, the Region has launched a new mini-website located at York.ca/safeatschool to give parents additional tools and information to help stop the spread, including when to stay home, how to properly screen before going off to school, how to stay safe in the classrooms, and the most current guidance for schools.

"Currently, eight out of 10 cases of COVID-19 in York Region are either unvaccinated or partially-vaccinated individuals," said Dr. Gould. "These individuals have a greater risk of ending up in hospital and into ICUs. York Region is encouraging everyone born in 2009 or earlier to get their COVID-19 vaccine.

"In addition to encouraging vaccinations, discussions for additional measures to ensure the security and safety of both unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals are ongoing, given the increased transmissibility of the delta variant. The direction for any new measures will be determined in consultation with our partners, government officials, and medical officers of health. Our recent enforcement efforts have shown some businesses have been relaxed in their implementation of COVID-19 health and safety measures. While we know

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Open letter to party leaders on M.E.

With a federal election called, we are writing to you about the public health crisis affecting 600,000 Canadians who are living with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) without adequate health care.

Together with loved ones, who often act as caregivers, this represents millions of voters. We are asking for your party's plan to address this neglected disease as well as your commitment to improving health care and research for Canadians living with this severely disabling, life-altering illness.

Over 75% of people with ME acquired the illness following an infection, mostly viral in nature, from which they never recovered. As the COVID-19 pandemic ravages our world, we are now seeing a public health catastrophe unfolding with 30% of survivors developing Long COVID.

According to the New England Journal of Medicine, this "disaster-in-the-making" is not at all surprising as post-infectious illnesses like ME foreshadowed the looming Long COVID catastrophe. Many with Long COVID are now meeting the criteria for and being diagnosed with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis as the links further below reveal.

This in turn will result in hundreds of thousands of additional Canadians whose health has been severely compromised, raising disability rates, affecting workforces, increasing demands on our already fragile health care system and driving economic costs substantially higher.

A recent submission to the National Academy of Medicine places the annual economic cost of ME pre-pandemic in the billions of dollars.

Following are a few facts about ME:

- 75% are unable to work costing billions in lost productivity;
- 25% are housebound or bedridden;
- there is no cure or approved treatment;
- patients have a lower quality of life than many chronic diseases including cancer, heart disease, stroke and multiple sclerosis;
- appropriate medical care is scarce with less than a dozen doctors across Canada knowledgeable in understanding the disease; contraindicated therapies are routinely prescribed; there is an urgent need for physicians trained in diagnosing and treating ME;
- patients often travel to the US at great personal and financial cost for symptom management and the limited therapeutic options that exist;
- medical gaslighting, discrimination, marginalization, stigmatization and trauma are experienced on a regular basis — all factors contributing to the higher suicide rate;
- research funding by the Canadian government is almost non-existent at 49¢ per patient, whereas multiple sclerosis, a chronic illness with similar disease burden affecting significantly less people (108,600) has a research investment of $97.08 per patient.

Exactly where you and your party stand on issues that affect our health is of the utmost concern to us as patients, advocates and voters. We are asking for your prompt reply to the questions that follow so that we can share them with voters in the Canadian ME community:

ME is a serious, chronic, complex, systemic disease that can profoundly impact and incapacitate patients yet has little research funding. What actions will you take to significantly increase research funding into this debilitating illness?

What specific commitment will you make to Canadians living with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis so that, if elected, you can effectively represent their concerns in the House of Commons and on Committees as their elected representatives?

Whether or not your party is successful at winning the election, it is incumbent upon you as leaders in our country to learn about ME and prioritize taking action to bring equitable research funding and increased public awareness to the hundreds of thousands of Canadians impacted by this disease.

Barbara Fifield
Millions Missing Canada

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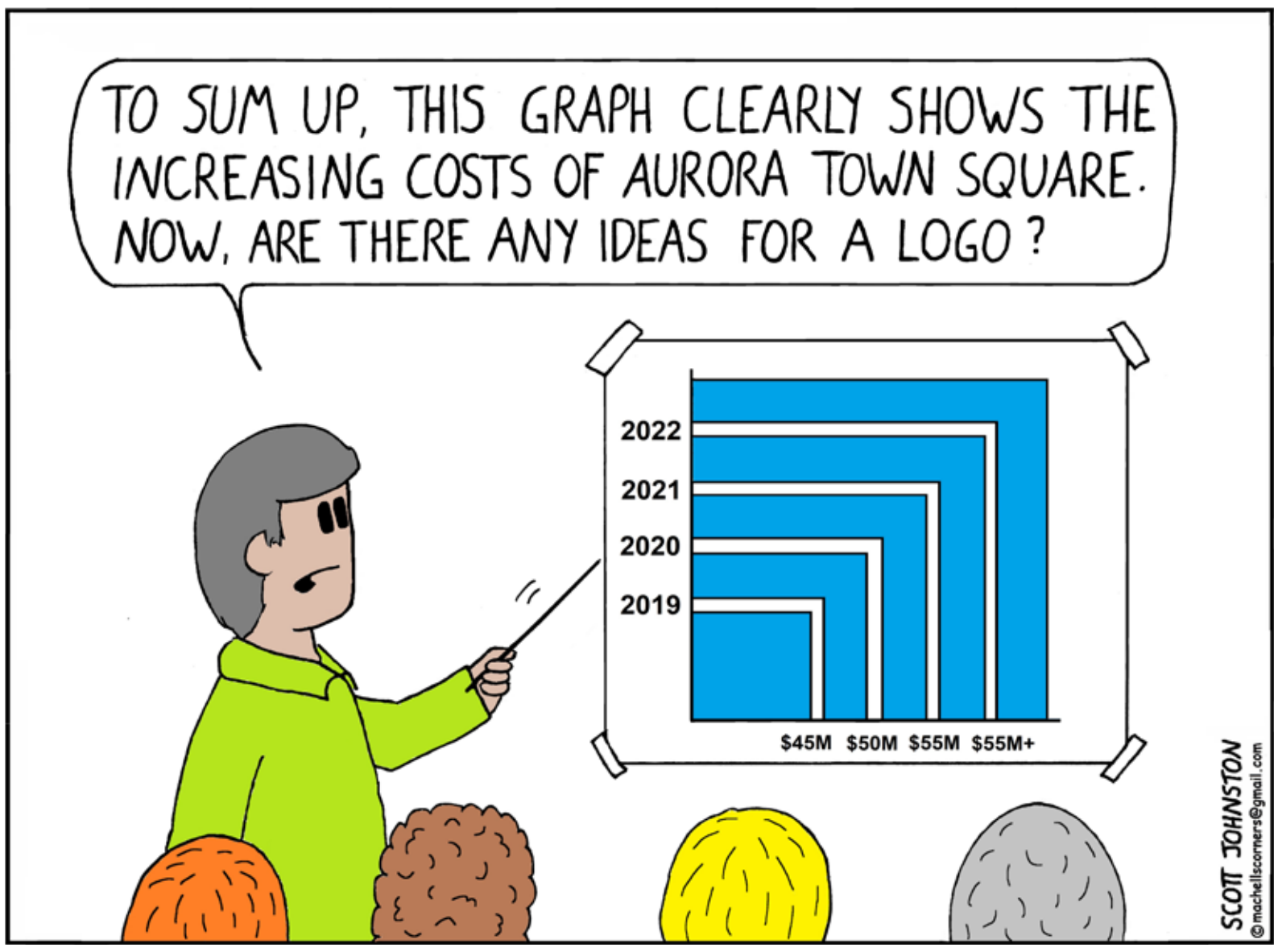

I Dream of Genies Back in the Bottle

BROCK'S BANTER

Brock Weir

As a journalism student, I always had an affinity for covering protests.

Maybe it was a factor of growing up with two parents who, in turn, grew up in the 1960s and spared no memory of those turbulent times (although, by comparison to the times we're living in now, "turbulent" seems like something of an understatement, and this seems like an unnecessary digression, so let's move on).

Maybe it was because I was always a student of history at heart, even before making it official, and the change that was borne out of that turbulence was already clear to me.

The bottom line is once I was in the nation's capital for school, if ever there was a protest happening, I was there with my camera, often walking along the route of whatever cause du jure brought people out with their placards.

A few in particular stick out in my mind.

The first one, oddly enough for a protest, was in the dark of night outside 24 Sussex Drive when then-Prime Minister Paul Martin welcomed the United State's then-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to his residence for a dinner as tensions continued over the Afghan and Iraq conflicts.

About 20 people stood across the street from the stately and now-decaying manor with signs that were on point and chants that were loud enough to be heard inside but not quite loud enough to be deafening to us observers standing nearby.

Fast forward a few months and Paul Martin welcomed President George W. Bush to Parliament Hill.

Things here were decidedly different. The object of the protest was a person of considerably higher profile than Secretary Rice and, as such, the numbers swelled accordingly.

By the time the then-President arrived and was greeted by the then-Prime Minister, they waved to a crowd down below from behind the safety of bulletproof glass to a mix of the supportive, the curious and the outraged – as those in the latter camp began forming a line of humanity that snaked almost shoulder to shoulder between some of Ottawa's most iconic streets and landmarks.

A few years later, there was a new Prime Minister in Town and when Stephen Harper faced his first election as an incumbent Prime Minister, the leaders naturally got out of town to pound the pavement across the country.

Back in my hometown of Newmarket, I was pleasantly surprised when the protest essentially came to me as one of the leaders arrived to campaign at a local recreation centre. Raising criticism over this particular party leader's environmental policy, the few but proud showed up to make their presence – and their opposition – known.

And although maybe a dozen or so people were on the traffic island on the opposite side of the parking lot, they got their point across, maintained a presence throughout the event and most likely got back in their cars with the satisfaction of knowing their point had been made.

Those scenes seem almost bucolic to what we have been seeing in the past couple of weeks of this particular Federal campaign and it is unfortunate that this old school kind of protest is likely fast becoming a thing of the past.

Over the last five, six, or seven years, I think it is pretty safe to say that we all watched with varying degrees of dismay as public discourse in the United States devolved to what it is today: seeing who can shout the loudest and, among the shouters, seeing just what they throw out there might stick – without any rhyme, reason, and basis in fact.

That does not, of course, extend to all protests. Demonstrations on matters of social injustice, particularly over the last two years, did indeed elevate public discourse in many ways and have made people across the board sit up and pay attention to issues that have long been neglected.

But those are terribly sad and troubling exceptions to what seems to be a far newer rule.

The demonstrations we have seen in recent days, particularly in Caledon, I fear fall firmly into the latter category.

The bile speaks to the anger many of us are feeling these days living under what appears to be an endless parade of dark clouds with the occasional break for a bit of light to give us a reprieve or, at the very least, remind us of what awaits us when we're on the other side of this ghastly virus.

But we're all dealing with our frustration, sadness, and, yes, anger in different ways.

Letting this frustration, sadness, and yes, anger, manifest into the vitriol we're seeing goes beyond anything we have seen before – and the level of vitriol does nothing to underscore whatever point was trying to be made.

It remains to be seen whether this strange turn of events within our country is a by-product of rhetoric that has firmly taken root in our neighbours' gardens, or whether it is a symptom of something that has been long-simmering in the background here and is just now emboldened to come forward, or whether this is another long-haul element of COVID – but I'm afraid it's going to be hard to get the genie back in the bottle.

The freedom to protest things we disagree with is a wonderful facet of – and, indeed, an honoured tradition in – the country. Without protests, the rights we so cherish today, the rights that are still being fought for in many cases, would simply be a far-off goal.

But protests fuelled by vitriol and misinformation will do nothing to move the needle – in any direction.

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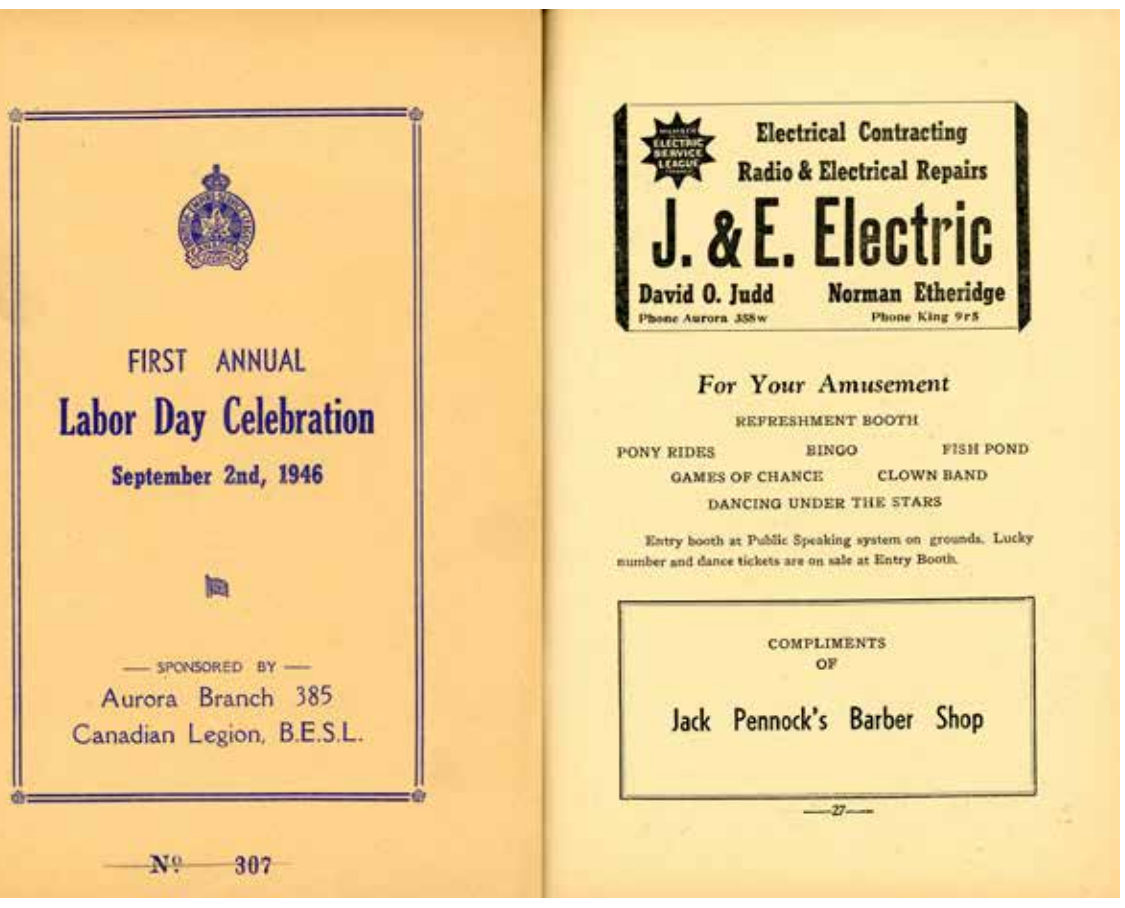

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The Aurora Museum & Archives is remembering… The 1946 Labour Day Celebration!(September 2)

75 years ago, the Aurora Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion promised and delivered a "mammoth celebration" for Labour Day in Town Park. This program (992.31.33) from the day contains advertisements from the many local and regional sponsors, lists of the available contests and activities, and features a "lucky number" on its cover that was an entry for the door prize of a radio. Some of the day's other activities included an archery demonstration and a contest, a tennis doubles tournament, a yo-yo contest, and a five-mile bicycle race.

GETTING THINGS DONE

Mayor
Tom Mrakas

September is here and that means back to school for our kids!

This is an exciting, yet worrisome time for many parents and families, especially given the new, more transmissible Delta variant and the announcement of a fourth wave of the pandemic.

To help keep our COVID numbers down and out of our schools, it is crucial that as a community we continue to follow public health protocols. This means wearing masks, physical distancing, practicing good hand hygiene and staying home when we aren't feeling well. And, most importantly, getting vaccinated.

Vaccinations of our 12+ community will help keep our children and most vulnerable safe. These collective efforts can make a huge difference and allow for a safe school year for our children – which is what we all want. As the school year begins, whether online or in person, I want to wish all Aurora students, teachers, and families a safe and enjoyable year ahead.

As we slide back into routine this fall, many parents are also looking for recreation opportunities. The fall program guide is now available online at aurora.ca/recguide and registration is open. There are tons of great programs and activities for the whole family.

I am also excited to share that Auroralicious is back. It's no secret that I believe Aurora has some of the best restaurants and eateries in York Region. That is why I am thrilled to announce that the Town of Aurora is once again partnering with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Food and Wine Institute and our local restaurants to bring "Auroralicious" to our Town.

Running from September 10 through to October 3, this amazing culinary event is an opportunity for residents to enjoy 'a taste of Aurora' by purchasing from the three or four course prix fixe (fixed price) menus being offered by each restaurant. This is the perfect opportunity to have that much needed night out – if you were looking for one!

I look forward to bumping into fellow Aurorans as we taste the delicious offerings prepared by participating restaurants especially for this event.

For all the details and to see a list of participating restaurants, visit: exploreaurora.ca.

As always, I encourage residents and businesses to reach out to me at any time either by phone, through social media or in-person.

2021 Federal Election

FRONT PORCH PERSPECTIVE

Stephen Somerville

Your humble scribe is getting off his front porch and coming to see you.

I'm not sure though if that should be considered a promise or a threat.

It is that special time of year again.

No, it is not almost training camp for the Toronto Maple Leafs, where hope springs eternal.

It is much better than that.

The federal election is here!

That means it's time to be visited by your newfound political friends and their volunteers, including yours truly.

Stop with the groans already – I can hear you from in front of my computer.

There is nothing in a campaign that beats door-to-door canvassing. It is where the action is. It is that time when the candidates and their emissaries get to meet the jury, one door at a time. Canvassing provides feedback, information on issues, moods and voter priorities.

One can also gain a better understanding of the candidate by watching them deal with rejection, tough questions, voter anger or the occasional embarrassing situation.

As has been said many times, actual campaigns are important; it doesn't matter where you sit in the polls once the writ is dropped but it is where you sit come election day that counts.

And with a short campaign of only 36 days to election night, this election could be extremely close.

A National forum poll released the other day showed the Liberals leading the Conservatives nationally, but within the statistical confidence interval.

In the 905 area, the Tories seem to enjoy a slim lead over the Liberals with the NDP coming up the middle.

Also, according to most polls our two local contests will be close.

In the Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill riding, Ms. Leona Alleslev is the incumbent MP.

Ms. Alleslev was elected as a Liberal Party member during the 2015 election. However, in 2018, Alleslev crossed the floor to the Conservatives.

During the 2019 election, Alleslev beat Liberal candidate Leah Taylor Roy by 1,319 votes. Ms. Roy is running for the Liberals for a second time.

I am watching very closely the race north of Wellington Street as Aurora Deputy Mayor Harold Kim, representing the Conservatives, faces off against Liberal incumbent and former Newmarket Mayor Tony Van Bynen for the Newmarket-Aurora federal seat.

Mr. Van Bynen, having won the seat in 2019 by beating former Conservative MP Lois Brown by 2,878 votes.

On a related note, your scribe has posed the following question to others over the years – "When do the majority of people make their voting decision?" and invariably I get one of three answers.

First, that voting decisions are made in the last seven days of the election because people are unwilling to focus before this time.

Second, other seasoned campaigners say that a lot of people make their decision soon after the Leaders' debates. This will be interesting this time as the campaign is much shorter than the 2015 election and the English debate just took place.

Still others say it is in the last 24 hours of the campaign.

My own observation is, in a traditional campaign with one English language and one French language Leaders debate in the middle of the campaign – that other than those who are traditional party supporters – it is an even split between those people who make up their mind in the day or two after the Leaders' Debate, based on the media's perception of what happened, and those who decide on the last day of the campaign.

I do look forward to getting off the front porch during this campaign, meeting voters and hearing about the issues that matter to this community.

More on this election in my next column.

The privilege to cast a ballot is one of our most cherished freedoms. Please plan to vote. Advance polls will soon open.

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Time Travellers Diary

By Lauranna Bouchard
Aurora Museum & Archives
Museum Student

Woman of politics and medicine: Bette Stephenson

Today, I want to celebrate the life of an incredible woman born here in Aurora: Dr. Bette Stephenson.

During her lifetime, she contributed greatly to medicine, politics, and education in Ontario and Canada.

Stephenson was born in Aurora on July 31, 1924. After studying at Earl Haig High School and with the intention of becoming a doctor, she entered the University of Toronto in 1941 at just 17 years old, one year younger than most who enrolled at that time. She finished her studies in 1945 and was the only girl of the ten in her cohort to graduate.

She married Allan Pengelly in 1948 and together they had six children. Slightly progressive for the time, she retained her name instead of taking her husband's name. She served as medical staff at Women's College Hospital and the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

Passionate about policy, she became the first woman to serve on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) in 1962 and Canadian Medical Association (CMA) in 1972. She would later serve as the first woman president of both associations. In 1969, she tried to change the law for abortion to be legal in Canada.

The OMA met with the Minister of Justice at the time, Otto Lang, and according to Stephenson herself, he promised to change the law. She was quoted in the Winnipeg Women's Liberation Newsletter that the federal government "consistently refuses to the long-promised parliamentary review and frequently-promised debate on abortion."

In 1975, she was elected MPP for York Mills, and was the first woman to be appointed as Minister of Labour, in Bill Davis' cabinet. In that role, she did not hesitate to speak about diverse causes including denouncing the non-inclusion of Indigenous people and immigrants in schools, prejudices based on colour, sex or age in workplaces, and poor conditions and security for workers.

A devoted advocate for education, it was not surprising that she was appointed the Minister of Colleges and Universities as well as Minister of Education in 1978 under the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario.

Later in 1985, she was part of Frank Miller's Progressive Conservative government where she became the first woman appointed Treasurer and Deputy Premier.

Stephenson worked in the City of Toronto and she lived in Richmond Hill for most of her life. She was made Officer of the Order of Canada in 1992 and seven years later, was awarded the Order of Ontario.

In 2010, she had a center for learning named after her in Richmond Hill, and in 2013, she became a Laureate of the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

Dr. Bette Stephenson was a successful woman who defended just causes and had a significant impact on politics, medicine, and education during her career.

This article was just a small glimpse into the life of an incredible woman.

THIS WEEK'S NEW POLL

Will schools remain open for the duration of the 2021-22 school year?

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PREVIOUS POLL

Have you already made your choice in the 2021 Federal Election?

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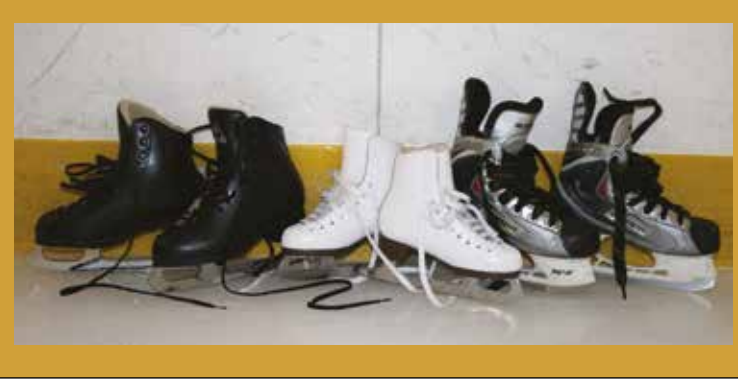

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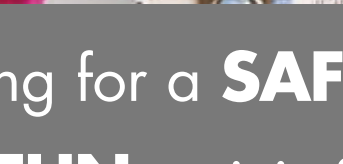

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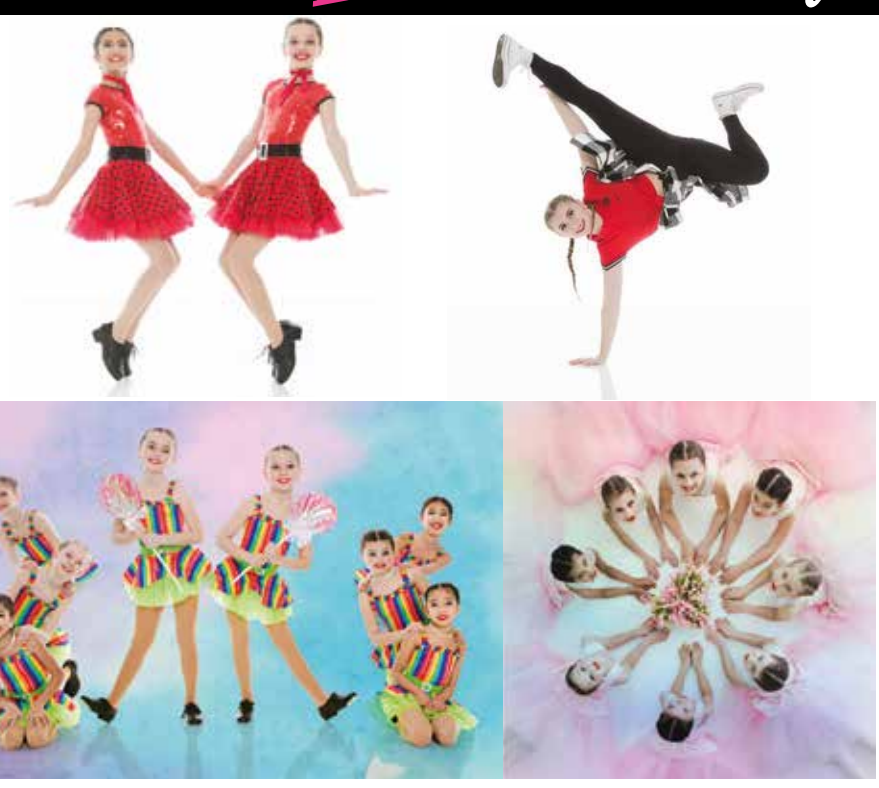

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Yellow Brick House set to return to "new normal" after being upended by pandemic

BY BROCK WEIR
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The last 18 months of living with COVID-19 has been hard on all of us, but consider for a moment what it would mean if you were having to shelter in place with another danger under the same roof.

This is a reality that has been faced by women and children across the country and, close to home, Yellow Brick House has moved fast to provide safe secure accommodation for women and children fleeing violence and abuse when they are unable to welcome them to their two residential shelters.

This month, they are glad to be able to re-open one of their two shelters for families thanks to help from community partners.

"During the pandemic, we had to relocate our families residing to the shelter to alternative housing because we weren't able to ensure physical distancing in our shelters," says Lorris Herenda, Executive Director of Yellow Brick House. "We were quite fortunate to be able to secure funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to renovate one of our shelters to create family zones where families could stay safe with us and COVID-free without interacting or having families mingle – and we're pleased to say we're now re-opening one of our shelters in September.

"We are happy to have families move into the shelter, but we will maintain alternative housing for all new intakes, as well as the isolation site we have open in collaboration with Sandgate Women's Shelter where women and children are isolated for 14 days until their COVID-19 test is negative."

Between their two shelters, Yellow Brick House operates 41 beds and 10 cribs for women and children, only 25 of which receive government funding.

She estimates it costs $150 to house a women or child for one night in a shelter and, to cover the gap between provincial dollars and money out-of-pocket, they rely on fundraising dollars to maintain service.

These fundraising dollars, however, have been difficult to come by during the global pandemic where large-scale in-person fundraising events simply have not been possible.

But this summer, Yellow Brick House received the welcome news they had been selected as one of 30 community-based non-profits to benefit from the Hoedown Community Foundation, a pot of money established by Magna International to ensure charities that would normally partner on the annual Wild West Hoedown would not be at the receiving end of another financial hit.

"The Hoedown Funds will help us with sponsoring space in our shelters," says Ms. Herenda, noting that if their share of the Foundation's grant amounted to $10,000, it would provide 66 nights of safety for women and their kids.

"Having a shelter bed available for women and her children who are escaping violence is a life-saving service," she says. "We can't afford not to have shelter beds available and any dollar we are able to fundraise or we seek from the community keeps women and children safe. Any individual or corporation that is considering supporting Yellow Brick House emergency shelter beds can certainly sign up for direct support and contributing 5 or 10 nights of safety for women at $150 per night – whatever is in their individual or corporate group ability to contribute to our agency.

"At the end of the day, the financial support to keep the shelter beds open is a life-saving essential service. We know that domestic violence is experienced by one in three women in Canada. During the pandemic, we have seen nationally a 30 per cent increase in the incidents of domestic violence against women and their children where they are basically isolating at home with their abusers and unable to escape. When a women is finally able to escape that dangerous situation, we must be able to offer her a shelter bed. It is essential because it is life-saving."

Yellow Brick House's Lorris Herenda is pictured with the organization's recent award from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

Auroran photo by Glenn Rodger

For their efforts in continuing to provide this essential service during very difficult times, Yellow Brick House was recently recognized by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce with the Resilience Award, an honour shared with the popular local restaurant Tina's Grill.

For Ms. Herenda, the Chamber's recognition meant a great deal as they take pride in "conducting our work with high-quality service delivery, high transparency and accountability with our financial situation, high accountability with fundraising dollars being used up to 92 per cent going to direct services" and focusing on just 8 per cent administration costs.

"We are always striving to improve outcomes for women and children we serve," she says. "Being recognized for those abilities and really staying on top of the operational perspective to ensure the best outcome for women and children really speaks to the fact the community has recognized our commitment to the cause and recognizes our resiliency that despite the world of uncertainty during the pandemic we never slowed down, we never shut down, and we remained COVID-free."

For more on Yellow Brick House, including a list of current needs, visit www.yellowbrickhouse.com

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Highland mists descend over Hillary House for dram-tasting

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Turn your mind back to the waning days of the 19th century when one of Aurora's busiest doctors hung up his stethoscope for the day, retired to the parlour, and poured himself a wee dram of scotch to reflect on the day that was.

Did he go for a full, peaty variety? A lighter blend? Despite their lack of a time machine, the Aurora Whisky Society has a pretty good idea: a nice Glenmorangie, known for its port finish.

It is just one of the five high quality whisky brands local scotch expert Keith Scott and the Aurora Whisky Society will bring to Hillary House virtually next month in a fundraising whisky tasting benefiting the Aurora Historical Society. (AHS)

The fundraiser was the brainchild of former Aurora mayor Geoff Dawe who is himself a founding member of the Aurora Whisky Society while also volunteering his time as treasurer for the AHS.

The act of tasting, however, can't be virtual.

Ahead of the September 9 event, ticket-holders will be able to pick up everything they need for a full experience, including five two-ounce samples of the showcased whiskeys, a specially-designed tasting glass and more.

When you're comfortably logged into Zoom with your scotches in front of you, Keith Scott and the AHS will provide a virtual tour of Hillary House, with selections picked out especially for each room on the tour.

In the doctor's office, as soon as you walk through the door, you will taste an Ardbeg 10, which was, in keeping with the location, selected or its "medicinal" aroma, says Dawe. Moving on to the living room where Dr. Hillary might have once settled in for a night cap, it's the Glenmorangie. Moving on to the ballroom, which was a focal point for Aurora society in the Victorian and Edwardian eras, a Highland Park Cask Strength, a limited release chosen for its decadent taste. There is even a selection for outdoors, with a tour of the barn accompanied by Bruichladdich Barley, picked for its earthy and grassy notes.

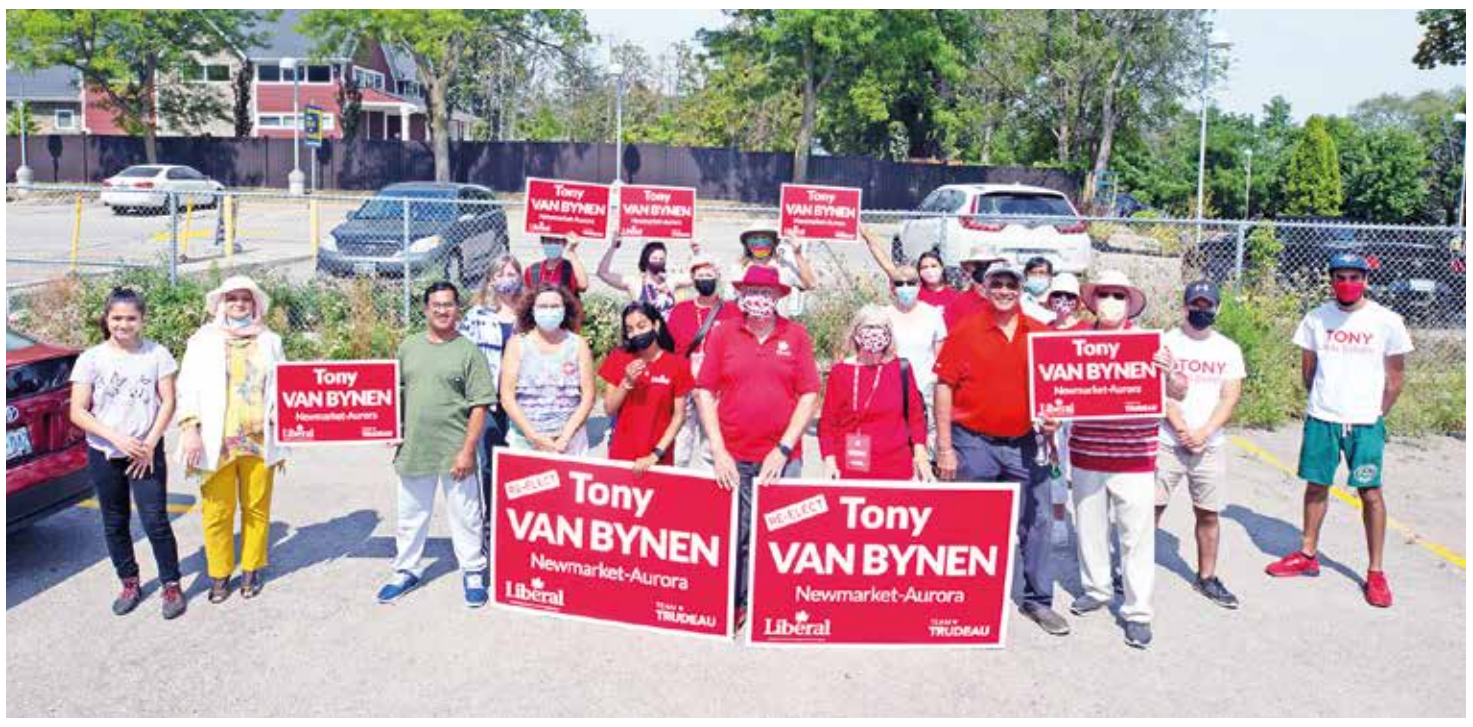
"There are an incredible number of whiskeys, not just scotch whiskeys, but Irish, Canadian, American, and Japanese as well, a tremendous amount of product out there," says Dawe. "If you happen to like the beverage, which I do, this is a great opportunity to try things you would not normally buy and this time we're going with a very Scotland-based lineup."

The identity of the fifth selection, however, is a secret Dawe is keeping close to his vest.

"I look at fundraising as two elements. First, is obviously to raise some money and old buildings [like Hillary House] are always in need of loving, but it also helps us increase awareness," says Dawe. "I believe this whisky tasting will allow us to reach out to people who may not necessarily fall into our typical group of people who are engaged with or even aware of Hillary House.

"This is an opportunity to, first of all, taste some really unique scotches, have a bit of a tour, maybe get a taste of Hillary House and we look forward to welcoming anybody into the building after that!"

The Aurora Historical Society's Virtual Scotch Tasting will take place Saturday, September 9 at 7 p.m. over Zoom. Tickets are $131.25 per person and can be secured through September 2 through the AHS' website at aurorahs.com/Hillary-house-virtual-scotch-tasting-1. The event is sponsored by Bazil Developments Inc., Thomas Foods International Canada, Highland Gate Developments Inc., Kerbel Group, Groundswell Urban Planning, and ERA Architects Inc.



CAMPAIGN CONTINUES – The local Federal campaign continued this weekend with a number of candidates opening up their campaign offices to local supporters and volunteers. Here, Newmarket-Aurora Liberal candidate Tony Van Bynen opens his doors in Newmarket.

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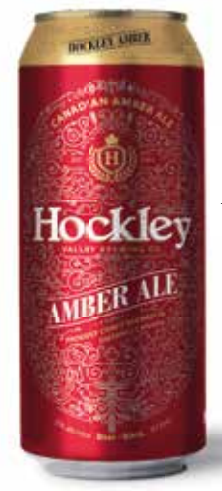

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Housing crunch highlighted as leaders pledge action

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As housing prices continue to rise, residents – and potential residents – of the community have also pointed to a lack of other forms of housing stock, including rental options.

In the second week of the 2021 Federal Election Campaign, party leaders agreed that housing is indeed a crisis in this country, and offered up their own solutions on how to address the problem.

In order to get a local perspective on the matter, The Auroran asked confirmed candidates this week on how their party will address the housing crunch and what opportunities they see locally to make a difference.

NEWMARKET-AURORA

Conservatives, according to Newmarket-Aurora candidate Harold Kim are "well aware of the critical housing crisis in Canada" and agree that the cost of housing continues to "rise out of reach" for many, making it "nearly impossible" for first-time home-buyers to enter the market.

"The Liberals' Housing Strategy provided little relief for new homebuyers as most Canadians did not meet the complex criteria to access a shared equity mortgage which often required a high income, significant down payment, and was based on unrealistic house prices of less than $500k," says Mr. Kim. "Clearly, Justin Trudeau does not understand what it is like to be a first-time homebuyer. The Conservatives get it. Under Erin O'Toole, a comprehensive housing plan will be implemented that sees an increase in home construction that keeps pace with Canada's growing population.

"We know there is a lot of foreign money – sometimes money laundering, money from proceeds of crime, or simply foreign investors buying up homes and sitting on them vacant – driving up prices and putting homeownership out of reach."

Conservatives, he says, will build one million homes over the next three years, release 15 per cent of government real estate to build homes and "encourage foreign investment in affordable, purpose-built rental housing."

Partnerships will be developed with both municipalities and the private sector, he adds, to bring new rental units to the housing market, in addition to tax incentives for new rental units. Seven to ten-year mortgages will be encouraged to "reduce the need for mortgage stress tests," he adds.

"Almost every street in Newmarket has at least one house that has been sold and left vacant, creating an eyesore for neighbours and impacting our tightly-knit communities," says Mr. Kim. "Foreign investors buying homes and leaving them vacant, only to 'flip' them a year later for massive profits not only drains money out of Canada but increases housing prices exponentially for residents of this riding, well beyond the reach of our children who may wish to continue to live here as adults. Providing a ban on foreign investors who have no plans to move here relieves this serious problem and also tackles potential money laundering."

The Liberal plan also tackles the issue of foreign buyers and, says candidate Tony Van Bynen, a temporary ban on new foreign ownership of homes will be in the offing if his party re-forms government.

"Our housing plan will build, preserve and repair more than $1.4 million affordable homes over the next four years, and it includes a number of measures that will make it easier for people to buy their first homes, such as a rent-to-own plan," says Mr. Van Bynen. "We'll also ban blind-bidding and introduce a temporary ban on new foreign ownership of homes.

"As something that can be done almost immediately [locally], I think banning blind bidding will make a big difference. If you're buying a home, you should be able to know what other bids have been placed. I've often heard a lot of stories from people who bid far more than would have been required to buy their home simply because they were under the impression that it was necessary to be able to beat other bidders."

The issue of housing is a top-of-mind concern for NDP candidate Yvonne Kelly and one she says is top-of-mind for most people she encounters.

Her party, she says, will create "at least 500,000 units of quality, affordable housing" over the next 10 years and establish Fast-Start-Funds to encourage the construction of co-operative, social and non-profit housing, areas she says have been unable to access funding in current strategy and funding programs.

"We will convert unused and under-used Federal lands into vibrant communities," she says. "We will also waive the Federal portion of the GST/HST on construction of new affordable rental units. And for Canadians who are interested in new home ownership options, the NDP will invest resources to facilitate co-housing and new models of co-ownership along with easing access to CMHC-backed co-ownership mortgages. This will offer new and more accessible opportunities for individuals and families to afford housing."

An NDP government, she adds, will fight money-laundering and end speculation that is fuelling high housing prices by implementing a 20 per cent foreign buyers' tax.

"Because we have 12-year waiting lists for housing subsidies and deeply affordable housing in York Region and Newmarket-Aurora specifically, the move to streamlining access to federal funding for the construction of co-ops and not-for-profit homes has the potential to drastically increase the availability of new affordable options for families in the riding in the near future," she says. "The creation of 500,000 new affordable units across Canada, half of which will kick-start the economic recovery while building the homes that residents of Newmarket-Aurora and elsewhere need and can afford."

Green Party candidate Tim Fleming says affordable housing is a fundamental right for all Canadians and permanent residents and suggests a dedicated Minister of Housing tasked with steering a National Housing Strategy in collaboration with the provinces.

"New unit quantification would be financially supported through an expanded co-investment fund built by the needs and standards developed with the provinces," he says. "Tax incentives would be expanded for purpose-built affordable housing and examine the relief potential for GST for same. There are significantly more changes

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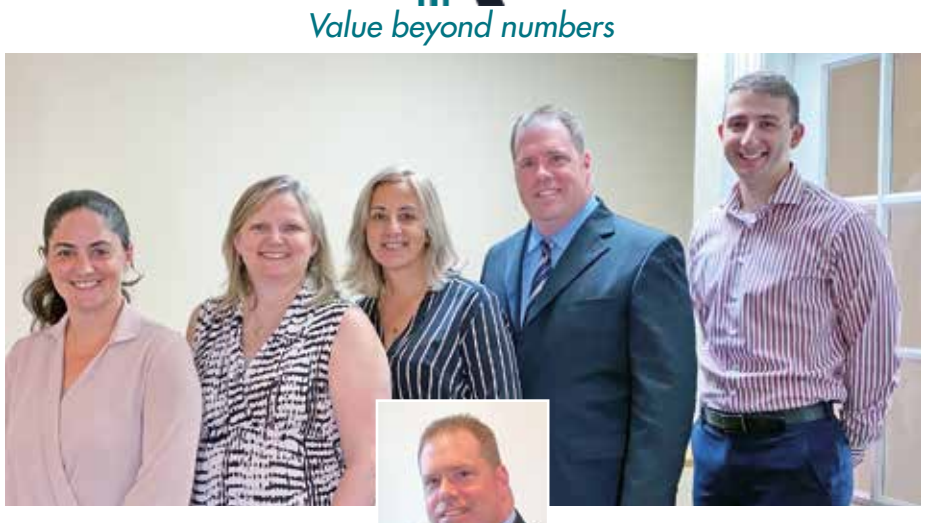
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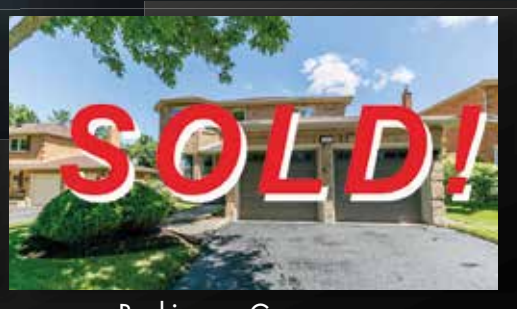

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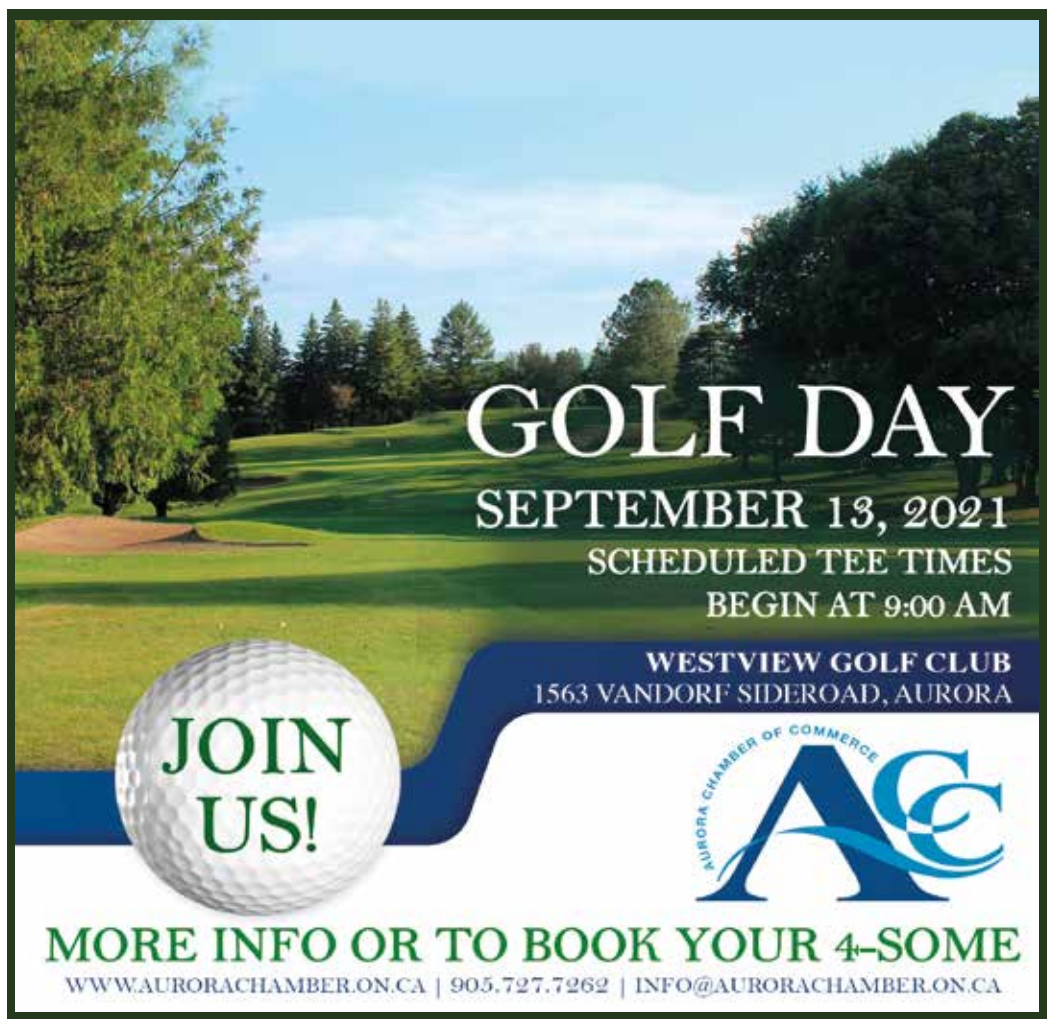

Addressing climate change a campaign focus in second week

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From putting a price on carbon to providing tax incentives for green improvements around the home and in business, there is no shortage of suggestions on the 2021 Federal Campaign trail on how to address the impacts of climate change around the world, within Canada and right here at home.

As the four leading parties continue to outline their plans to address environmental concerns, The Auroran asked confirmed candidates this week on their party's plans to take on the challenge and the single biggest Canadian factor in the climate crisis.

AURORA-OAK RIDGES-RICHMOND HILL

Liberal candidate Leah Taylor Roy says the climate crisis leaves her worried that her grandchildren "won't grow up in the same way I did."

Her party will build on accomplishments should they form the next government after the September 20 Federal Election, including meeting and exceeding their goals on reducing emissions, banning single-use plastics and all plastic waste by 2030 and planting two billion trees over the next decade.

"Additionally we are changing behaviour by putting a price on pollution and the corresponding Climate Action Incentive Rebate that we all receive," she says. "We had to fight provincial challenges in court to implement this program nationwide and we continue to believe, along with experts and countries around the world, that this is one of the most effective way to reduce greenhouses gasses: by ensuring that the price of pollution is reflected in the cost of our goods and services."

The Liberal climate plan, she adds, is a "jobs plan" focused on "building a green recovery to create jobs and grow the middle class while ensuring a cleaner future for our children and grandchildren."

"We have a program to train youth to work with homes and businesses to help them make changes to reduce GHG emissions," she says. "Companies like Windfall Ecology here in Aurora are already working on these initiatives and will grow and be able to hire more youth. Then we are providing subsidies — grants and loans — to make these changes and providing our municipalities with funding to fight the impact of climate change.

"The single biggest threat in the climate crisis is regressive climate policy. The Conservatives continue to deny climate change and want to lower our emissions targets. We cannot afford to go backward on climate action. Our Liberal team recognizes that we must act now to protect our planet."

Conservative candidate Leona Alleslev says protecting the environment has "always been a core Conservative value", recognizing that climate change is indeed real and "as Canadians we must do our part to reduce green house gas (GHC) emissions and "contribute to sound environmental stewardship.

"We are all committed to building a greener future for our children and grandchildren," she says. "The Conservative plan will reduce carbon emissions, both from consumers and industrial emitters. It will also reward Canadian industry for meeting the highest environmental standards in the world and encourage other countries to do the same by imposing carbon border tariffs on goods imported from major polluters like China. The plan will also increase energy efficiency, conserve clean water, build more public transit, ban the export of plastic waste and preserve Canada's wild spaces and protect our endangered ecosystems by increasing our conservation areas from 12% to 17% of terrestrial lands."

As she goes door-to-door, Ms. Alleslev says there is a misconception that the Liberals have reduced GHC emissions, noting they have increased since they came into office and Canada has had the highest GHC emissions in the G7 since 2015.

"Climate change is a global issue that requires a global approach. Canadian oil and gas meets the highest environmental regulations and standards in the world. Despite being the world's sixth largest oil producing nation, Canadians get 44% of their supply from foreign producers rather than domestic supply. Canada's continued import of oil and gas from countries that have significantly lower environmental standards than ours is not good for Canada or the world. Increased use of Canada's domestic oil and gas supply would reduce both Canada's energy vulnerability and our country's total GHG emissions. If all of the oil and gas producing nations around the world adopted Canadian standards worldwide GHG emissions would be reduced by a substantial 25%.

"Addressing climate change requires a comprehensive integrated approach and unwavering commitment. Canada's Conservatives have a detailed climate plan and will act to secure Canada's environment."

NEWMARKET-AURORA

The climate crisis is a "reality here today" and "we have reached the critical action stage," says Newmarket-Aurora Green candidate Tim Flemming.

"We must act now or face dire consequences in the very short years ahead – ask folks from British Columbia, New Orleans, and California, let alone the widespread poverty in Africa and more," he says. "True change comes from action, not rhetoric."

Where the Green Party's plan stands apart is the curtailing of funding for the oil and gas sector, with this money redirected to the electricity sector. The Greens will focus on buildings built with "firm emission targets" that eliminate energy waste, and expanding rail transportation in a bid to reduce emissions.

"On a practical basis, the biggest factor and change we can all make is reduce our dependency on fossil fuels," he says. "Oil, coal and some natural gas must be designed to cease and replace with renewable electricity, solar and the like. Beyond that, [defeating] climate change comes down to leadership, and us. Each one of us has a role to play as consumers of fossil fuel and hold our elected officials accountable to do same. But we must act not talk now."

While Conservative candidate Harold Kim says their plan will meet targets and reduce emissions by 2030, they will do so without the Liberal government's Carbon Tax.

"Unlike the Liberals plan simply to impose another tax on the middle class that doesn't go to fighting climate change, our plan reduces emissions and provides a boost to jobs and the economy," he says. "The carbon tax drives jobs and investment out of the country. The Conservatives will bring in Low Carbon Savings Accounts (LCSA) that help Canadians make greener lifestyle choices, while allowing them to decide what works best for them and their family - putting choice back in Canadians' hands.

"In addition, we recognize that public transit is important and have seen huge investments in VIVA and York Region Rapid Transit buses, but for many parts of Canada public transit just doesn't make sense. We have a plan for this too. Through our platform addressing the economy, we plan to provide incentives for made-in-Canada solutions and tax incentives for cutting edge technology and will be looking to make electric and hydrogen vehicles right here in Ontario. And, in this regard, by 2030 we will be requiring 30 per cent of light duty vehicles sold to be zero emissions.

"Many voters of this Riding changed from Liberal to Conservative in the 2019 election, solely based on the Carbon Tax," he claims. "During the initial stages of the pandemic, gas prices were around $1.00/litre, and now gas prices have surged to reach $1.40/litre, causing great concern for people who will be returning to the workplace. Most residents are also aware that rising gas prices impact prices of

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Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill

Meet the Candidates: Leah Taylor Roy – Liberal

Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill Liberal candidate Leah Taylor Roy is pictured outside the Wells Street Schoolhouse Lofts near Town Park.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

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As she hits the campaign trail for a second time to turn Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill red, Liberal candidate Leah Taylor Roy says she hopes Canadians vote "for" something rather than "against."

A mom of six with a blended family, Ms. Taylor Roy, who comes into the race with a background in finance and entrepreneurship, says she believed the Liberal party was the best party to form government when she first threw her hat into the ring in 2019 and she still believes it today.

"A lot of the basic issues [that were important] the first time I ran are still here," she says and, in some cases, have only been magnified by the global pandemic.

Among these issues, she says, are senior care, child care and housing.

"Senior care is even more important now with what has happened during COVID," she says. "The emphasis on providing more support for in-home care so seniors can stay at home is really important. We have seen how women have really been burdened in a way by the care of both seniors and children during COVID. Women in the workforce and ensuring women have the supports they need has always been a big issue for me. Now we have a National Child Care Plan and that is huge for allowing both parents to go out and work; our productivity will increase and our workplace participation will increase as a result of this. There will be short-term benefits and I think in the long term we will see our workforce even better educated with early childhood education."

Ms. Taylor Roy rejects the idea presented by the Conservative Party of providing a child care credit for families as, in her view, child care prices can hit $2,000 a month in York Region, available spaces are a hot commodity, and a credit won't help create supply.

It is, in her view, all part of "having Canadians' backs."

Running to be the riding's next Member of Parliament, Ms. Taylor Roy wants to be part of Canada's recovery and rebuilding process post-pandemic. "Building Back Better" has long been a mantra of the Liberal party since the start of COVID-19 and, to her, that means "helping the businesses and the sectors in our economy that have been hard-hit to thrive" and find new ways of doing business.

"There are so many opportunities going forward to look at how we do things and do them differently," she says. "I think that will allow us also to look at that pivot where we're really focused on the environment. That is a huge priority. The amount of emphasis that is going to be put on training and young people to work in green industry, create jobs there, give homeowners money so they can retrofit their homes and make it more energy efficient – that is not only going to decrease [greenhouse gas emissions] but also create jobs for young people."

Another top priority for her is addressing the issue of affordability, particularly through the National Housing Strategy, looking at ways to not only boost supply across the board, but put particular focus on affordable rental housing and seniors' housing.

Many of these initiatives are already rolling and, to that end, Ms. Taylor Roy says she believes Justin Trudeau is the right leader to carry the country forward towards recovery.

"Look at where we are today," she says. "We have one of the best records in terms of vaccines in arms," she says. "Look at the facts, look at the progress we've made: Canadians were taken care of. We provided immediate assistance to people who needed It, unlike other countries, and unlike what the opposition wanted to do. Look at what our leader did, look at what our party did, where we are today, and not vote against somebody because of one thing… but look at the overall picture."

But there is still much to do to improve the "overall picture" moving forward and that includes work on the environment and improving the lives of racialized and otherwise marginalized communities.

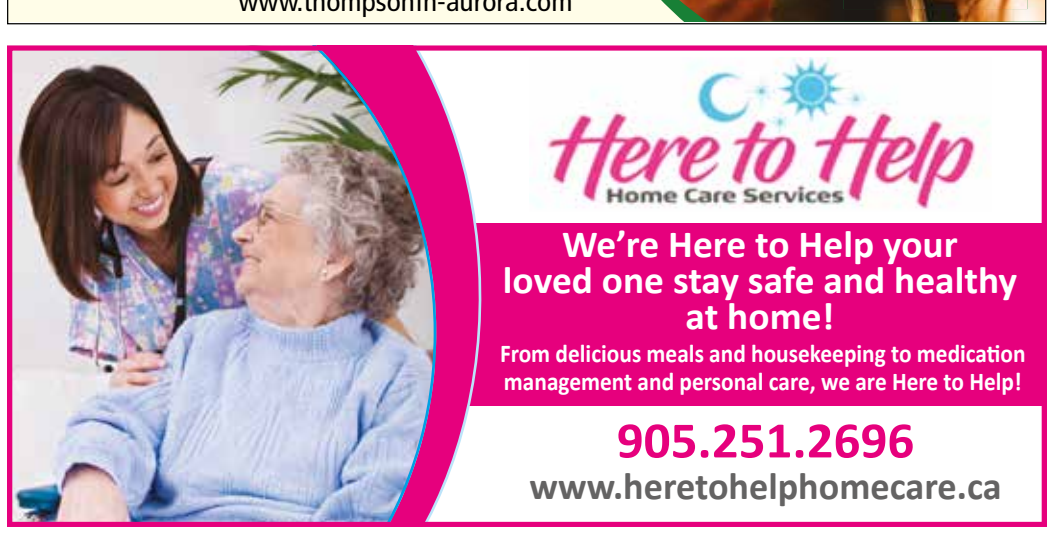
"I am very aware of all the different voices and communities and how Canada benefits from them and how we all have to be included not just in the decision-making, but in decisions and in thinking about decisions," she says, specifically referencing Indigenous peoples, the Black community, and recent examples of Islamophobia, antisemitism, and hate targeted at the Asian community. "We really need to work in allyship and recognize there are serious issues we have to resolve.

"My top priority will be representing our community – that is the job of a Member of Parliament. It is an honour and a privilege to serve and that is our job. I am a community person. I was raised with the values of hard work, integrity, and giving back to your community and being a part of your community. I have worked very hard to reach out to every corner of the riding and talk to people and really listen to them. 'Forward for everyone' is the slogan and that is going to take everyone cooperating and collaborating."

Briefly

SUSPECTS AND WITNESSES SOUGHT AS HATE-MOTIVATED GRAFFITI CONTINUES

The York Regional Police (YRP) are seeking suspects and witnesses as hate-motivated graffiti continues to be scrawled across election signs in Aurora and Newmarket. "On Saturday, August 28, York Regional police received a second report of damaged political signs that were located along Yonge Street, from Kingston Road to Bristol Road in Newmarket," says Constable Laura Nicolle. "The signs were spray painted with anti-Semitic graffiti. On Tuesday, August 24, at approximately 6.30 a.m., York Regional Police received a report that a number of political campaign signs had been damaged with anti-Semitic graffiti. Officers found more than 10 signs that had been damaged within the boundaries of Yonge Street and St. John's Sideroad and Bayview Avenue and Wellington. Investigators believe the same suspect is responsible for both incidents and that they are hate-motivated. They are asking any witnesses, anyone with information or video surveillance footage in that area to please come forward. York Regional Police does not tolerate hate crime in any form. Those who victimize others based on race, national or ethnic origin, language, colour, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or mental or physical disability will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." Anyone with information can contact the YRP's #1 District Criminal Investigation Bureau at 1-866-876-5423 x7141, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.



Newmarket-Aurora

Meet Your Candidates – Yvonne Kelly (New Democratic Party of Canada)

Newmarket-Aurora NDP candidate Yvonne Kelly is pictured at the entrance to the David Tomlinson Nature Reserve. **Auroran photo by Brock Weir**

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There have always been gaps in Canadian society, but COVID-19 has only "exacerbated" problems that already existed.

So says Yvonne Kelly, who will carry the New Democratic Party of Canada banner in Newmarket-Aurora for the Federal election set for September 20.

Now in her third campaign to turn Aurora's north riding orange for the first time, Ms. Kelly says it is time for voters to think seriously about the NDP as a viable alternative to Liberal and Conservative governments.

"If you look at Provincial governments right across the country, the NDP have the best track record for fiscal responsibility while also achieving the broad social goals and programs they set out to do," says Ms. Kelly. "Have we led federally? No, but we have certainly been in minority positions where we have been able to get amazing things happening."

The global pandemic is a prime example, she says, pointing to the efforts of NDP leader Jagmeet Singh on CERB and EI to help Canadians stay afloat during unprecedented uncertainty.

"We have very distinct ideas about how to solve [problems]," she says.

When Ms. Kelly first became involved in local politics even before securing her party's nomination locally, she was a campaign leader driven to "build community and build a progressive moment" with other people. In the last three or four years, momentum has built in the area of social equity, diversity and inclusion. As she goes door-to-door, Ms. Kelly says residents are saying "we want to do more."

"The issues of the NDP are the issues I stand for," says Ms. Kelly, who grew up in Saskatchewan, the home province of party-founder Tommy Douglas. "I feel, as a society, we are only going to advance together if we take care of those who are left behind at times, who are left out of opportunities, who don't have the same capacity to earn income as those who are able to make the most of whatever financial gains they either came into the world with or have been able to accrue. We can't leave people behind. There is just something fundamentally wrong about that idea."

A key area where she says many people have been left behind is the issue of affordability.

10 years ago, it would have been hard to believe that in Aurora and Newmarket there would come a day when they "might not be able to afford a home or not be able to afford rent."

"That has ramped up in a way nobody saw coming," she says. "It is a global problem, but if we don't deal with it in our own back yard, we're never going to get ahead of it."

Housing was a top-of-mind priority for her in the last Federal campaign in 2019 and it remains so today, along with affordable child care, implementing a pharmacare program and, of course, improving the environment.

"We're the only country that has a universal health care system that doesn't have a universal drug or pharmacare plan," she says. "[Our Federal] governments have known forever that they need to go toe-to-toe with the big pharmaceutical companies and purchase nationally so that we can pass along those savings to those who need them because when your housing is out of reach, when you can't count on the type of work that is going to give you health benefits and a decent, adequate income, one of the first places, aside from cutting back on food, you're going to cut back on your prescription drugs. Everyone is dealing with the cost and we pay the third highest amount on prescription drugs as anywhere in the world.

"If you talk to folks who are fighting for the environment, they will tell you that nothing else matters as much. On the one hand, they're very right because we only have a certain number of years to be able to address this. It is hard to tell someone who can't put food on the table that the environment is the most important issue, so I don't get into the game of ranking them, but getting our carbon emissions down, getting net zero by 2050, is the goal we have set right now and we would like to see that happen sooner. The only way you can do that is by standing up to big polluters, not providing loopholes, stop investing in fossil fuels and oil companies, and start investing in green infrastructure."

Doing so will be a shot in the arm for good jobs as well and keep Canadians "on the right side of history."

History also needs to be addressed and that is why Ms. Kelly says as a Member of Parliament she will be an advocate for the Indigenous community and Truth & Reconciliation.

It is, she says, "kind of like a ball that gets passed around" from government to government and that needs to stop.

"We know our communities are going through a lot, they are going through trauma and they are being re-traumatized," she says, referencing the re-discovery of the remains of thousands of children in areas associated with residential schools. "We need to support people, we need to stop taking people to court, and we need to make sure we make good on the promise of clean water. We're not talking about complicated things; if Newmarket and Aurora ran out of clean drinking water, you can be damn sure there would be hell on the street and people stomping on the doors of Council and things would be turned around very quickly. "It is about making people's lives better in all counts."

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(From Top) Stanley Cup champ Barclay Goodrow arrives at Machell Park. The hockey star is interviewed on stage by Mayor Tom Mrakas. Ready to greet a potential future hall-of-famer were members and staff of the Aurora Sport Hall of Fame.

Auroran photos by Glenn Rodger and Robert Belardi

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"I played soccer pretty seriously until I was probably 14 or 15, right before the OHL draft. I think the year before I stopped playing soccer to focus my time on to hockey. Other than that, I played rugby, basketball. Pretty much any sport in school that was going on at that time. I feel like it really built me into the athlete I am today."

Throughout his time growing up in Aurora, Goodrow recalled he spent a lot of time at Aurora Community Centre. He won multiple OMHA championships with a lot of his buddies. He said most of his friends all live in different places but when they all come back home to Aurora, it jogs a lot of memories. And his favourite place to eat in Aurora was The Purple Pig.

"I used to get Dad's Root Beer that came in a bottle, thinking I'm a beauty drinking the beer out of a bottle. That was my favourite part. I didn't even like the food, I just liked the drink."

Goodrow was drafted into the OHL in 2009 by the Brampton Battalion. He spent four seasons with Brampton before moving to the North Bay Battalion for one season.

In 2014, Barclay Goodrow entered the NHL undrafted, signing with the San Jose Sharks.

Growing up, Goodrow also loved the Toronto Maple Leafs and his favourite player was former Leafs captain Mats Sundin.

One child asked Goodrow why he never played for Toronto and Goodrow chuckled. He laughed back while replying, saying the Leafs didn't trade for him or draft him.

Goodrow will now be heading over to New York to play in the Big Apple this upcoming season.

Aurora wishes Goodrow the best of luck with his new team!

AMYA launched successful fundraising sports tournament for Cortelluci Vaughan Hospital

By Robert Belardi

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association launched a successful sports tournament from August 21 to Aug. 24.

In the first tournament of its kind, over 1,000 Muslim youth from all across Canada showed up at the Tahir Hall Community Centre in Vaughan to support AMYA's goal of raising $2 million dollars for Cortelluci Vaughan Hospital.

"We're grateful to have had a successful 4-day sports tournament which featured hundreds of Muslim youth from across Canada, all gathered together in the spirit of brotherhood, unity and service to humanity. This tournament was a special fundraiser, with all proceeds going to the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital," said National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association and King City resident Zubair Afzal.

"Part of the mandate of the Youth Association is to have community events and activities to empower the youth. One of the ways to do that is by having competitive sports and organized sports at a high level," said organizer and AMYA member Hassaan Shahid.

"In this tournament, we had participants from not only from York Region and Simcoe Region, King City and other localities. We had people from Calgary, from Eastern Ontario into Montreal and Ottawa. Of course, several teams from the GTA as well. This proved to be a tournament and an event that created a sense of brotherhood, unity and camaraderie."

Youth also made appearances from Alliston and Caledon, as well.

While spreading the teachings of Islam, the AMYA has made this $2-million pledge to Cortelluci Vaughan Hospital and will complete this over the course of multiple events throughout the year. The AMYA has held a long-standing relationship with the Mackenzie Health Foundation. The association is very passionate in supporting front line workers especially through the hard times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For over 100 years AMYA has been serving communities around the globe and particularly in Canada they have been around for decades.

Throughout all four seasons in the year, the AMYA hosts events such as blood drives, food drives, sports events and even runs to continue to provide aid to others less fortunate.

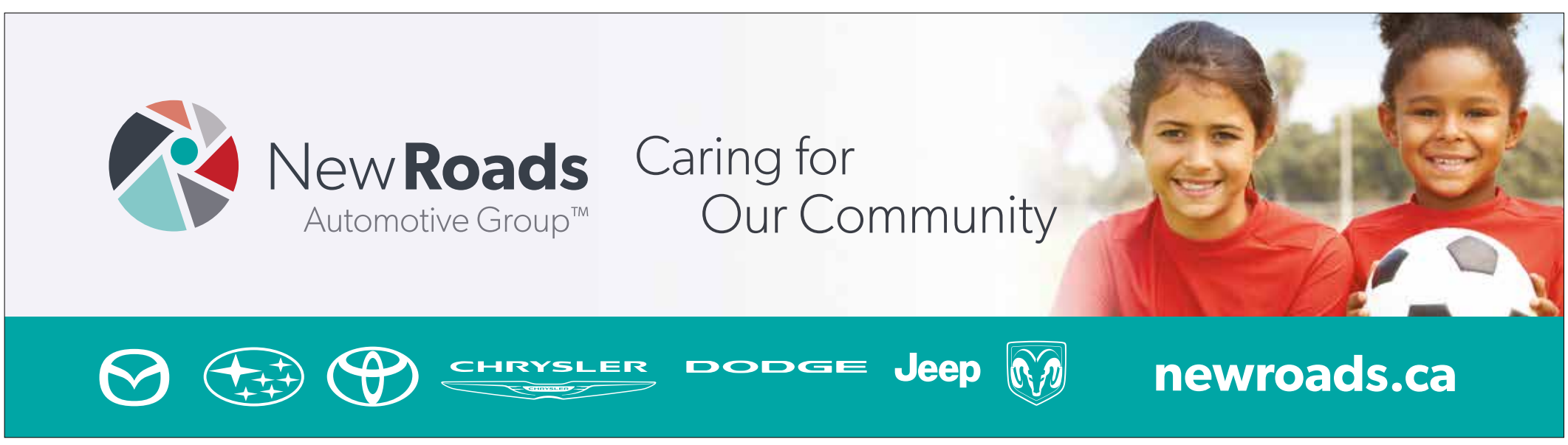
In the winter time, AMYA helps shelter the homeless while providing those less fortunate with clothing and food to keep them safe.

In this particular event, many localities held tryouts in their communities to put a team together. For the badminton side of things, there were singles and doubles. Players held their own tryouts as well to represent their own respective regions.

Shahid said the winning team for badminton was from Calgary and the winning team for soccer was from Brampton.

Youth from the age of 15 all the way through to the late 30s participated. For badminton there was a U19 category.

For the next event, Shahid said there are a few tournaments in the pipeline. Basketball, hockey and other sports are being planned. Other fundraising events are being planned in the near future as well.



Housing crunch highlighted as leaders pledge action

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that could be implemented but it is paramount that the programs be built with inclusive access to all, including the Indigenous fellow Canadians who have a deep need.

"The needs of Newmarket-Aurora would be included in any assessment with the federal, provincial and regional and Town governments working quickly together towards an action-driven agenda and fixed deadline before 2023."

AURORA-OAK RIDGES-RICHMOND HILL

Canada has a housing crisis, says Conservative candidate Leona Alleslev, with the lowest number of houses per capita in the G7 leaving Canadians finding it "increasingly difficult" to find affordable housing. Money laundering and proceeds from crime, she added, are driving up prices while, at the same time, are "putting homeownership out of reach for more and more Canadians."

"A Conservative government will focus on building a million homes in the next three years," says Ms. Alleslev. "We will work with our municipalities to build more high-density housing near publicly-funded transit. Our plan will also address unfair practices that have driven the price of houses up, such as money laundering, while also banning foreign investors from buying homes that will be left empty because they have not chosen to move to Canada.

"We know the GTA has some of the highest housing prices in Canada – our review of the mortgage stress test will ensure it is fair to all regions of the country. We will also bring new emphasis to the rental market, increasing supply to ensure a stable rental housing market. Under this plan, Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill would see immediate benefit from a Conservative government partnering to invest in high-density homes near our publicly-funded transit stations and through currently vacant foreign-owned homes being made available for owners and renters in our community to live in."

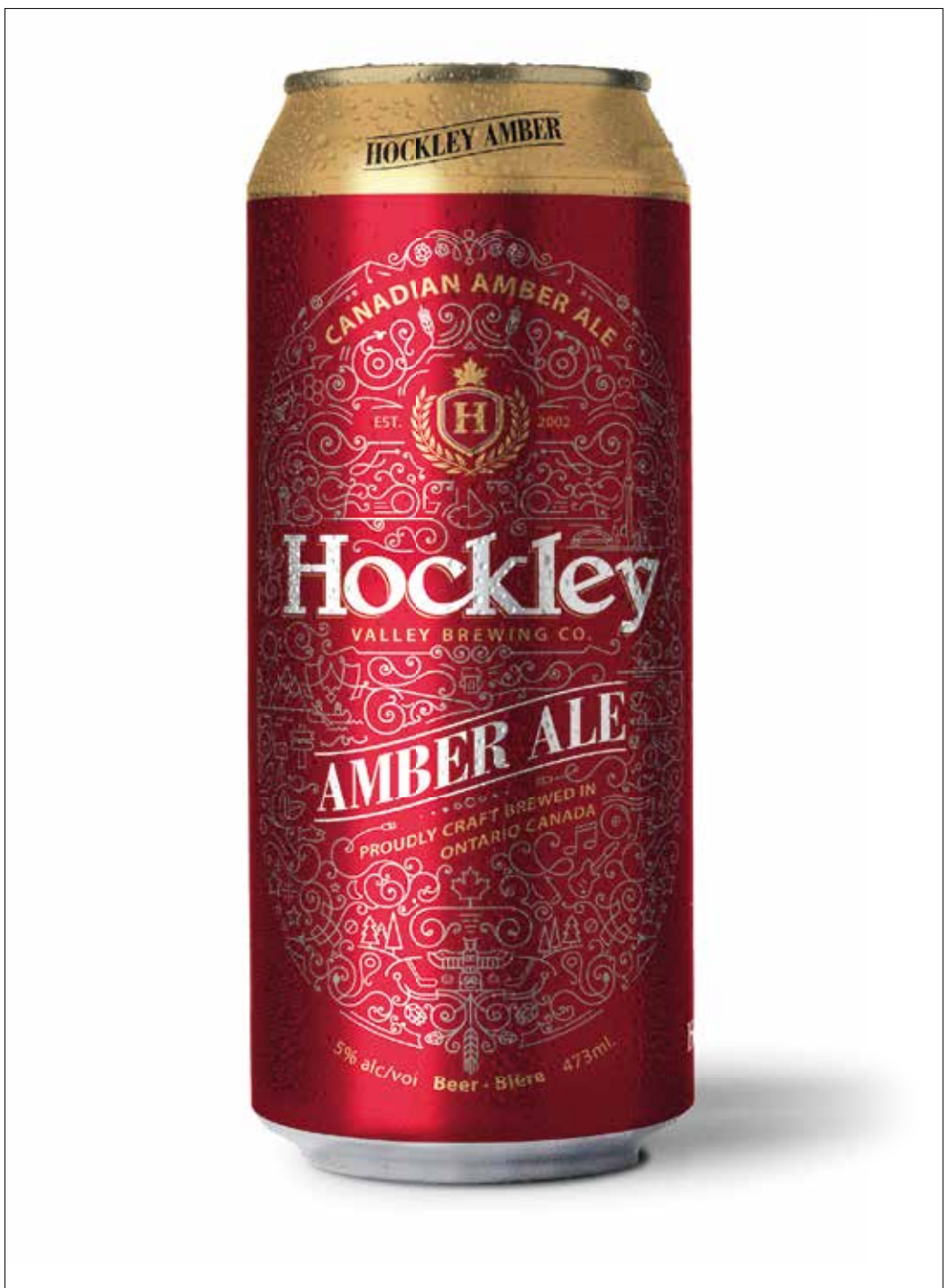
While Liberal candidate Leah Taylor Roy says Aurora is a "great place to live, work and raise a family,' she says many people, especially young people and families, despite working hard at good jobs, can't afford a home here.

"A re-elected Liberal government will continue to work to make housing more affordable and help more Canadians achieve their dream of owning a home," she says. "We are already the first government to have a National Housing strategy and have introduced initiatives to help first-time home buyers, but we need to do more."

The party's plan, she says, includes a new rent-to-own program to help renters become homeowners, help Canadians under 40 save up to $40,000 towards their first home with a tax-free First Home Savings Account, building and repairing 1.4 million more homes over four years, and introducing a buyer's bill of rights.

Asked for quick wins for Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill, she too points to the limits on foreign buyers.

"This will help lower inflated prices and give the people of Aurora a fair shot at homeownership," she says, referring to the "ban on foreign speculation. "We need purpose-built rental housing and planned communities. There are areas on the Yonge Street corridor where new low-rise buildings and communities could replace vacant or old strip malls and provide housing with access to public transportation, essential services and green spaces."



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A Welcome Return for Ribfest

The scents and sounds of Ribfest came out of Machell Park last Friday, Saturday and Sunday as the Town hosted a return of Aurora's tastiest annual event after it was cancelled last year due to COVID-19. In addition to the rib and food vendors, activities included a beer garden and entertainment from Piece of My Heart, a Janis Joplin Tribute, Desire: Ultimate Tribute to U2, Bernadette Connors, Material Men, Durham Street Band, Leisa Way in Rock the Night Away, The Wheat Kings, The Renaissance Band and The Flailing Shilaleighs. (Top) Davor grills up some tasty ribs. (Second) Victoria and Maya enjoy some fresh potato chips. (Third) Stefan, Ioanna and Lucas. (Fourth) Mayor Mrakas joins Neil, Bernadette, Sharon, and Colleen. (Fifth) Piece of My Heart. (Sixth and Seventh) Desire: The Ultimate Tribute to U2. **Auroran photos by Glenn Rodger**

Addressing climate change a campaign focus in second week

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everyday living, making affordability a number one concern. The ability to put decisions back into the hands of residents is appealing to many and the Canada Recovery Plan has very detailed, doable plans and programs, with made-in-Canada solutions."

Liberal candidate Tony Van Bynen, on the other hand, has a very different perspective.

"The most important aspect of our climate plan has been making sure it is no longer free to pollute," he says. "Our plan is making the big polluters pay, giving most of that money back to Canadians, and investing the rest in the green jobs and technology that our kids and our grandkids will need. We're also scaling up renewables and green sources of energy, retrofitting homes and buildings, and working to electrify the rest of our economy. To get more of them on the road, we're also making it easier and cheaper for Canadians to switch to electric vehicles. Because of the measures we've put in place, we're on track to reduce emissions by 36% by 2030, and we will surpass our Paris targets by reducing emissions by 40-45%, something the Conservatives have said they will not do.

"If you look at the data, the largest emitter in Canada is the oil and gas industry. We've been providing companies with funding to make their processes more environmentally friendly, and we've taken steps to reduce emissions in oil and gas through market mechanisms like a carbon price, which is already working to help the industry move in a cleaner, more sustainable direction."

The NDP will set a target of reducing Canada's emissions by at least 50 per cent from 2005 levels by 2030, says candidate Yvonne Kelly, who says her party will create and fund a "Climate Accountability Office" to provide independent oversight of the Federal government's "climate progress."

"We will continue with carbon pricing while making it fairer and rolling back loopholes the Liberal government has given to big polluters," she says. "We will fulfill Canada's G-20 commitment to eliminate the fossil fuel subsidies and redirect these funds to low carbon initiatives, and make sure that future governments can't reverse this by putting in place legislation to ban any future oil, gas and pipeline subsidies. We'll work with the provinces and territories to make Canada an innovation leader on methane reduction. The federal government can also model change, by becoming a trail-blazer in energy efficiency, clean technologies and renewable energy use. We will lead by example and procure from Canadian companies producing clean technology.

"One of the factors that plays a big role in the climate debate and climate crisis in Canada is the need to move from reliance on fossil fuels and what this will mean for the economy. In Alberta in particular, the economy which is driven largely by the oil industry is resistant to this change. The tension exists between moving on with the transition to clean energy and creation of good well-paying jobs in this new sector and the concern for the loss of jobs in the current industry. While the concern for those employed in the oil sector is real and we need to ensure that these workers are well taken care of as the transition takes place, the argument to keep these jobs does not hold a candle to the imminent dangers of the climate crisis. Big money, the oil industry and investors use the argument of job loss to convince Canadians that we cannot afford to transition and end our reliance on fossil fuels. In truth the loss of immense profits from oil is the main reason why this tension is perpetrated and it is also is used to undermine the acceptance of climate science."

Municipal employees will be required to vaccinate as cases rise again

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most businesses are doing everything possible to keep their employees and patrons safe from COVID-19, we ask all businesses to ensure essential health and safety measures are being followed."

LOCAL STATISTICS

The number of total cases of COVID-19 among Aurora residents passed the 1,900 threshold on Friday.

As of Tuesday, August 31, the community has seen a total of 1,935 cases of the virus since the start of the global pandemic. 1,845 cases are marked as recovered and there have been 48 fatalities.

Of the 42 active cases, 33 are attributed to local transmission, close contact or unknown exposure, 5 to travel, and 3 to workplace exposure, and 1 to institutional exposure.

There are two open outbreaks.

THINGS
You Ought To Know

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

The Town of Aurora will once again host a drive-in movie at the Desjardins Parking lot this evening beginning at dusk. For more information, visit aurora.ca/moviesinthepark.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Come out to Town Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Aurora Farmers' Market. With strict COVID-19 protocols in place, the Market vendors are excited to welcome residents and customers once again. For more information, visit theaurorafarmersmarket.com.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Calling all Whisky enthusiasts! Or do we mean Scotch? What's the difference? Join us, the Aurora Historical Society, virtually and find out more about the intriguing world of whisky. Your experience includes 5 carefully selected, Apremium brands; a specially designed whisky glass and a wander through time as the Aurora Whisky Society comes to you from within Hillary House. Tickets are $131.25 and can be purchased on the AHS website aurorahs.com/hillary-house-virtual-scotch-tasting-1 until September 2. Generously sponsored by: Bazil Developments Inc., Thomas Foods International Canada, Highland Gate Developments Inc., Kerbel Group, Groundswell Urban Planning, and ERA Architects Inc.

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Break out your fascinators, it's Tea Time! Treat yourself to a delicious afternoon tea with a harvest twist at the 2nd Annual Victorian Harvest Tea on September 18, hosted by the Aurora Historical Society on the beautiful, tree-lined grounds at Hillary House National Historic Site. In addition to your pot of tea, sandwiches, scones, and desserts, enjoy a free tour of Hillary House to learn about the unique history of this beautiful National Historic Site in Aurora. Pick from two seatings: 12:30 pm or 2:30 pm. Tickets are $31.50/person and can be purchased on the AHS website:aurorahs.com/victorian-harvest-tea-1.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Join former Olympic skier Karen Stemmle virtually as she discusses how a shy girl, growing up in Aurora, made it to the largest sporting stage in the world and recently had the biggest honour of her life – being inducted into the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame. Part of the Aurora Historical Society's Speaker Series. Karen enjoys reminiscing about growing up in Aurora, ski team life and has some funny stories about being on the road and finding the courage to hurl herself down a mountain at over 135 kph. Join us for /Life Adventures from 0 to 140 km/h with KAREN STEMMLE, 2016 Aurora Sports Hall of Fame inductee. Presentation in partnership with the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame. Tickets are $10.50 and can be purchased on the AHS website: aurorahs.com/karen-stemmle-adventures-0-140-kmh-0.

ONGOING

Support AbuseHurts' Delivering Hope Full Circle Program textile recycling and donation program. In the current COVID climate, a greater number of people are wanting to donate or get rid of unwanted items, increasing the need for more outlets being available to receive the items. This program will provide a convenient way for people to donate or get rid of used/unwanted clothing, blankets, linens and furniture and will help lessen the amount of items ending up in landfills. Materials that were previously perceived as waste will now be seen as a valuable resource further encouraging redistribution. The items will be recycled in the following ways: To be given to individuals who are survivors of violence and are transitioning from shelters into new homes; To be sold in our store; To be sold to a textile recycler, which makes for an ongoing source of funding for Abuse Hurts enabling them to provide their services to the thousands of people that require them each year. When and Where: Monday and Wednesday, every week, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., with 30-minute time slots – only 1 drop off per time slot. If you do not have an appointment, we cannot accept your donation. The Abuse Hurts Warehouse is located at 1208 Gorham St, Unit 4, Newmarket - rear unloading dock. Visit AbuseHurts.ca to select your drop off time slot.

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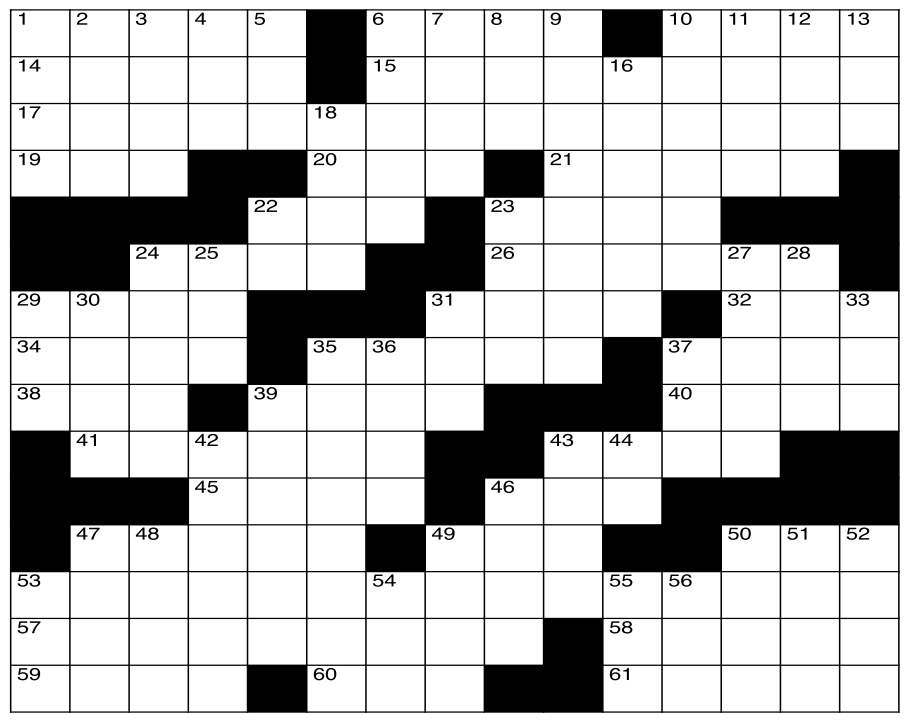
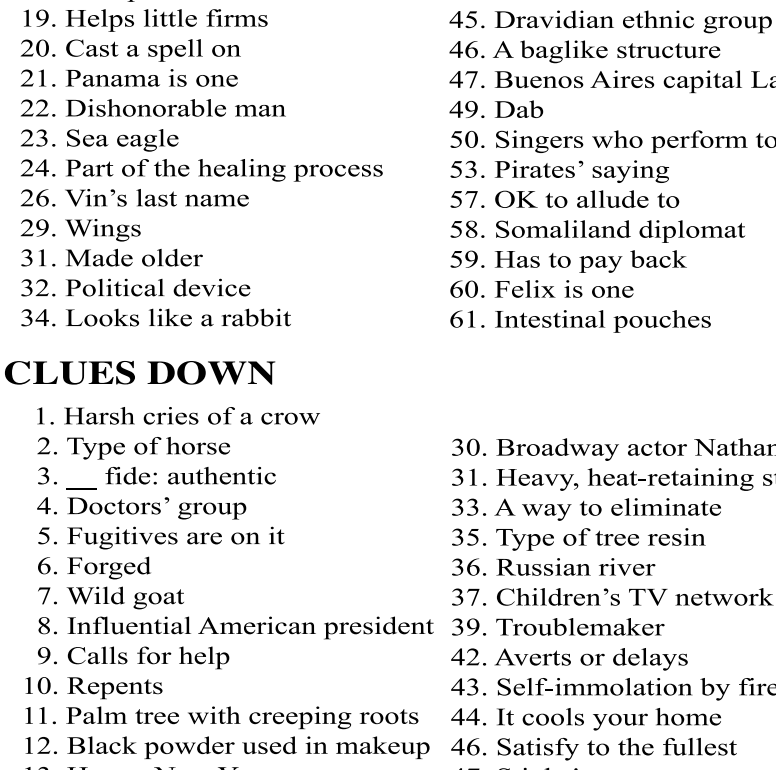


CLUES ACROSS

1. Secret clique
6. Earliest in and out
10. Ancient Egyptian symbol of life
14. Olfactory property
15. Kidnapping
17. Golf prize
19. Helps little firms
20. Cast a spell on
21. Panama is one
22. Dishonorable man
23. Sea eagle
24. Part of the healing process
26. Vin's last name
29. Wings
31. Made older
32. Political device
34. Looks like a rabbit
35. Gurus
37. Philippine Island
38. Not or
39. Hindu model of ideal man
40. Exam
41. Making less difficult
43. Without
45. Dravidian ethnic group
46. A baglike structure
47. Buenos Aires capital La __
49. Dab
50. Singers who perform together
53. Pirates' saying
57. OK to allude to
58. Somaliland diplomat
59. Has to pay back
60. Felix is one
61. Intestinal pouches

CLUES DOWN

1. Harsh cries of a crow
2. Type of horse
3. __ fide: authentic
4. Doctors' group
5. Fugitives are on it
6. Forged
7. Wild goat
8. Influential American president
9. Calls for help
10. Repents
11. Palm tree with creeping roots
12. Black powder used in makeup
13. Happy New Year
16. Stretched out one's neck
18. Whale ship captain
22. Atomic #20
23. Border
24. River that borders India and Nepal
25. After B
27. Fencing swords
28. Where researchers work
29. Expression of satisfaction
30. Broadway actor Nathan
31. Heavy, heat-retaining stove
33. A way to eliminate
35. Type of tree resin
36. Russian river
37. Children's TV network
39. Troublemaker
42. Averts or delays
43. Self-immolation by fire ritual
44. It cools your home
46. Satisfy to the fullest
47. Stinks!
48. Popular board game
49. Attack by hurling
50. A vale
51. Type of acid
52. Tasmania's highest mountain
53. No seats available
54. Licensed for Wall Street
55. Family of genes
56. Constrictor snake



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Shania Twin takes over Town Park

Shania Twin, a tribute to Shania Twain by Donna Huber, took over the Town Park band shell on August 18 as part of the Town's Concerts in the Park summer series. She and her band (Top Right and Bottom Row, pictured left with Mayor Mrakas), entertained a packed house which included (Top Left) Norm, Debbie and Louria, and (Middle Left) Dianne, Darlene and Nancy. **Auroran photos by Glenn Rodger**

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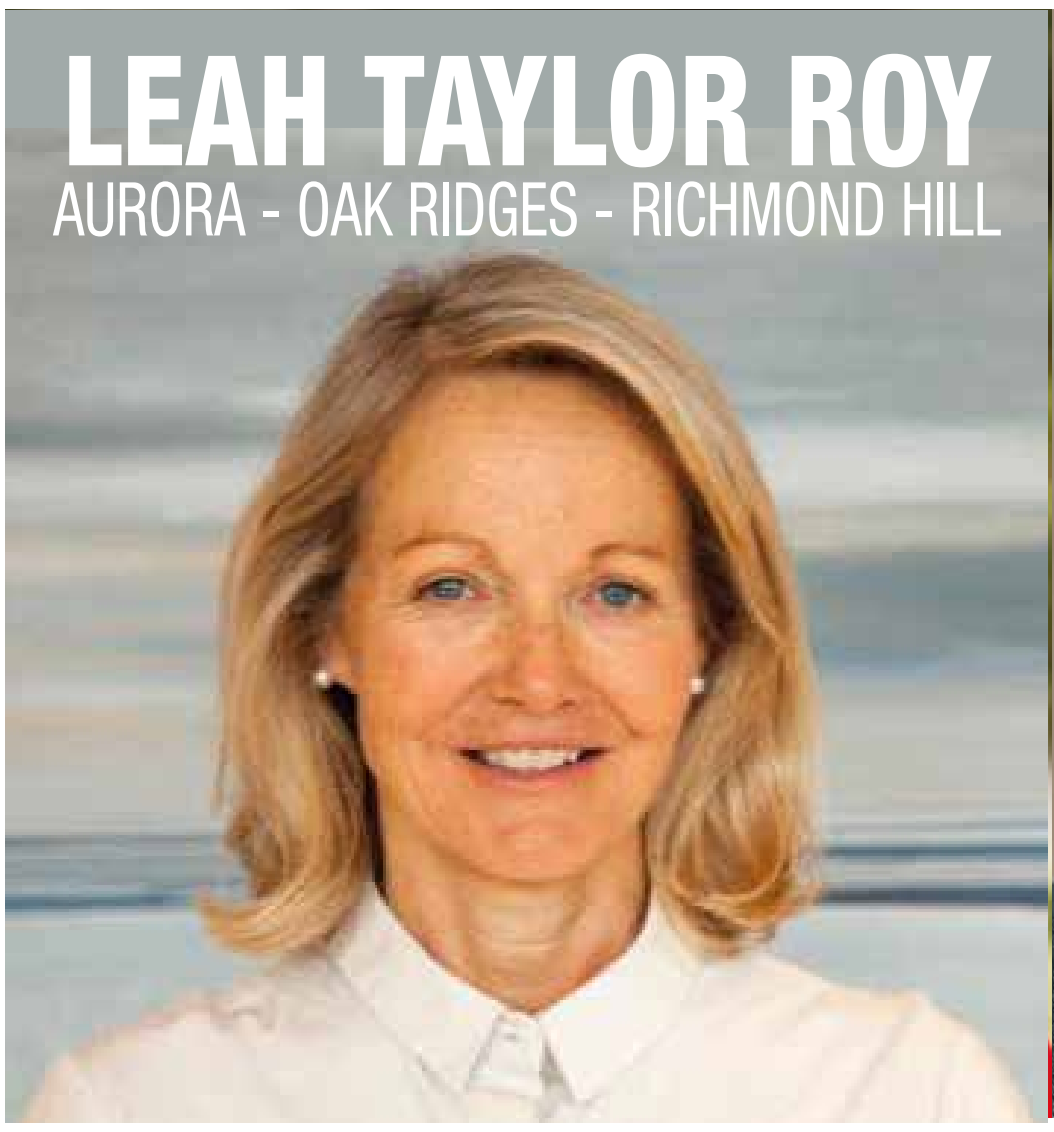

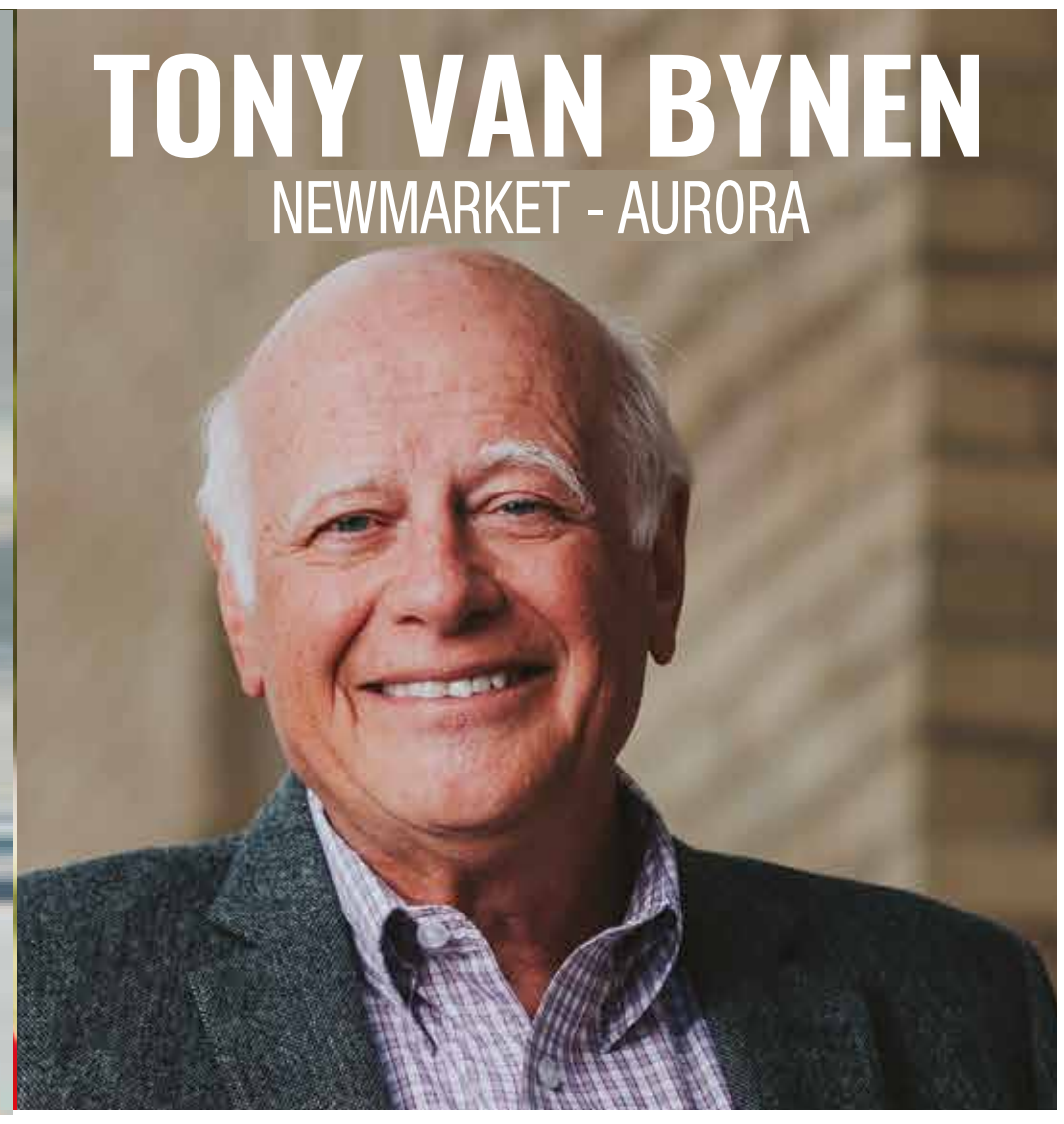

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This is what a re-elected Liberal government will mean for Aurora:

Affordable Childcare:
Making $10/day childcare a reality for families in our community, and creating 125,000 new spaces.

Affordable Housing:
Building, preserving, and repairing 1.4 million new affordable homes in the next four years; introducing a rent-to-own program; banning blind-bidding and; temporarily banning new foreign ownership of homes.

A Stronger Economy
Creating one million new jobs, and taxing the big banks to help pay for the pandemic recovery.

Finishing the Fight Against COVID-19:
Making vaccination mandatory to travel on planes and trains in Canada, and making sure you have access to booster shots if you need them.

Better Healthcare:
Investing in and protecting Canada's world-class public healthcare system to make sure it's always there when you need it.

Tackling the Climate Crisis:
Building on Canada's first real climate plan, which is reducing our emissions by 40-45% and surpassing our Paris targets.

Leah Taylor Roy, Tony Van Bynen, and the Liberal team will invest in our community, make sure the economy recovers from the pandemic, and keep Canada moving forward for everyone.

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