

INSIDE AURORA: Burning Questions 2014

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Once again it's time to ask those questions about Aurora for which there seem to be no obvious answers, such as:

Every now and then you'll see pictures from around the world showing how cell towers have been creatively disguised as trees, flags, art installations, or other visually interesting features, so why hasn't that happened here in Aurora?

Why are there so few Concerts in the Park featuring classical music?

How many people will need to move into all the new condos proposed for Yonge and Wellington before businesses are encouraged to move back in and occupy all the vacant properties at this intersection?

When was the last time anyone saw a hot air balloon drifting over Aurora, and is this a sign that every square inch of land south of town has been developed?

Why are there three pyramids on the Town's crest?

And if there is a link between Aurora and Egypt, why is our twin city located in Sweden?

Based on reading in Senior Scape about all the diverse activities being held at the Seniors' Centre, does it not seem that our seniors are having a lot more fun than the rest of us?

When construction on all of the 2C lands is completed and there is no more available green space to develop on in Town, will the current restrictions on building heights be relaxed to allow for taller buildings to accommodate growth in Aurora?

For a short term paying job that required no special talent or experience, and for which everyone was guaranteed an 'interview', isn't it curious that only 18 people applied for the council seat to replace Chris Ballard?

What's the plan for the dedicated Viva bus lanes that are being installed down the centre of Yonge Street when they reach our downtown, where there are no options for widening the road?

Having spent the past year as members of private clubs and pursuing other recreational activities, what percentage of Club Aurora fitness centre members will renew their memberships when the Leisure Complex re-opens this fall?

Many years ago, why did the name of our hockey team change from the 'Bears', a local Canadian animal, to the 'Tigers', an exotic species that has no connection to this part of the world?

Is the median strip along Wellington between John West Way and Bayview considered an odd or even address when it comes to Town staff watering the plants during the summer water ban?

Was Aurora even considered for any of the various Pan Am Games events to be held across the GTA next year?

Is anyone at Town Hall even bothering to think about where ward system boundaries might be in Aurora, or is it not worth it, as it's so wildly unlikely that 50% of eligible voters will cast their ballots in the October election?

Why aren't there more large trees landscaped into the parking lots of the big box stores to provide shade on sunny days?

Based on how many are seen around Town, has this year been an especially prolific year for rabbits in Aurora?

When will the technology and political will be available to allow us to vote from our homes in municipal, provincial and federal elections?

And if we did have the option of voting this way, isn't it obvious this would have a hugely positive effect on voter turnout?

Why aren't the signs on Wellington and elsewhere directing people to the Farmers' Market taken down during the 7 months of the year when it is not open?

Why doesn't anyone seem to be thinking positively, and suggesting that the 2015 Home Show might be even bigger and better next year at its new venue at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex?

With the GO parking garage already reaching capacity every day, where will people park as the province moves towards all-day train service on this line?

Just asking.

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