

NINO D'AVERSA
BAKERY

TRATTORIA • PIZZERIA
• PASTICCERIA
• GELATERIA

230 WELLINGTON ST. E
905-727-5577

FOR SALE
Continually Referred!

A name you know... people you trust!

Direct: 905-727-1961
info@susancowen.com
www.SusanCowen.com
Top 1% in Canada

COWEN
Sales Representatives

RE/MAX
Hallmark York Group Realty Ltd., Brokerage
"Raising the Bar"

McALPINE

Ford LINCOLN

Our family, the Ford family ...and you

SALES • LEASING • SERVICE
QUICK LANE • PARTS

15815 Yonge Street, Aurora
1-800-465-0411

THE AURORAN

Aurora's Community Newspaper



Vol. 14 No. 46 905-727-3300

theauroran.com

FREE Week of September 18, 2014

MAGNA Magna International Inc.
337 Magna Drive
Aurora, Ontario, Canada L4G 7K1

DATE September 13, 2014

PAY TO THE ORDER OF 2014 Hoedown Charity Recipients

\$463,000.00

FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ DOLLARS

Don Walker *Don Walker*

Hoedown host Beverley Mahood, L. and Belinda Stronach look on as Mayors Virginia Hackson (East Gwillimbury), Rob Grossi (Georgina), Tony Van Bynen (Newmarket), Steve Pellegrini (King), and Geoffrey Dawe (Aurora), reveal how much was raised in this year's Magna Hoedown. Entertainment included the Wolf Creek Band (Inset left) and (Inset right) Lonestar. For more on the bash, please see Page 21.
Auroran photos by David Falconer

PICKERING COLLEGE

OPEN HOUSE
Saturday,
September 27
10:00 a.m. to noon

For information:
admission@pickeringcollege.on.ca
www.pickeringcollege.on.ca

LACEBY
REAL ESTATE

Aurora King City
905-841-9090 905.833.0033

www.lacebyrealestate.com

LACEBY REAL ESTATE, BROKERAGE

Dawe and Gallo to square off in two-man Mayoral race

28 candidates vying for Council spot

By Brock Weir

Incumbent Geoffrey Dawe and John Gallo are set to square off in a two-man race to be Aurora's next mayor, after registration for the October 27 Municipal Election closed Friday afternoon.

While Aurora voters will have just two choices for their next mayor, the race for the eight available seats on Council is much more crowded. A whopping 28 residents, many first-timers to municipal politics, will be on the ballot.

On the education side of things, incumbent Elizabeth Crowe has been challenged by Mark Sullivan to be the next local trustee for the York Catholic District School Board. In the public board, incumbent Peter Adams-Luchowski, who was appointed to the position of trustee for Aurora and King mid-term following the resignation of Gord Kerr, is being challenged by Alex Noudelman and Liliana Usvat.

Candidates in all fields had little time to rest after their names were confirmed last week, as many were expected to be present at Wednesday's first mayoral debate hosted by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

As the two candidates prepared for their first showdown, they told The Auroran they each looked forward to sharing with voters their distinct visions of Aurora.

"We have to change our financial modelling and we started to do that," said Dawe when asked of his specific goals if re-elected. "We have been rebuilding our reserve funds which, in the last term, there was money taken out of them. We have implemented our 10-year capital forecast, which we do an update on a yearly basis, so we are updating it into the future. I am looking at a proposal for Downtown in order to work on revitalization. Private industry has put money in, we have stepped up to the plate with programs like the Community

Continued on page 7

Electronic cigarette ban stubbed out by Council

By Brock Weir

People relying on electronic cigarettes to help kick the habit can rest a little bit easier, following a Council decision to pour water on a ban on using the devices inside Town facilities.

In a 5-4 decision, Council rejected a recommendation from staff to prohibit the usage of electronic cigarettes in places like the Aurora Public Library and arenas, arguing they don't want to put roadblocks in the way of helping people curb their habit.

The recommendation for the ban stemmed from an incident at the Aurora Public Library where staff asked a patron using an electronic cigarette in the building to leave, according to Town Solicitor Warren Mar. Upon further inspection, however, the Library realised there was nothing on the books actually preventing the use of the devices and asked the Town for some assistance.

"Electronic cigarettes currently exist in a regulatory grey zone in Ontario and Canada due to the limited research on the overall benefits and harms of the devices," said Mr. Mar in his report to Council. That being said, it is within Council's power under the Municipal Act, 2001, to implement a by-law that bans the use of electronic

Continued on page 6

Collis demolition to be decided amid environmental worries

By Brock Weir

The fate of redevelopment of the former Collis Leather factory will ultimately be in Council's hands this month as Aurora's Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) refused to give the building's pending demolition its blessing.

Neighbouring residents on Tyler Street, and environmentalists from further afield, have been closely watching progress on the former tannery, concerned that any work on the site would disturb contaminants in the soil stemming from leather production decades ago, running the risk of it getting into the surrounding area and creek.

While this has long been a concern, an extra urgency was added last year when Maple Leaf Foods sold the site to developers, who propose to knock down the building and build a small-scale development of townhouses.

"I love old buildings and I have a century home myself [but] more than I love old buildings, I think I love the environment," said Tyler Street resident Pat Sinclair, addressing Monday's HAC meeting. "Cleaning up the whole area is just so, so important. It has been sitting there polluted for so long. I don't know the building, I don't know the issues on whether you could save the building and clean up the environment, but number one on my list would be the environment above the historical value."

Continued on page 23

Take Flight at CDS

Book your tour today at www.cds.on.ca or 905.833.1220 x225

Offering JK-12 on 100 acres right around the corner in King.

CDS
The Country Day School
EDUCATION WITH BALANCE

Anthony Pullano
TOWN OF AURORA COUNCILLOR

20 YEARS IN AURORA
20 YEARS AURORA BUSINESS OWNER
I am a BRIDGE BUILDER
I bring ACCOUNTABILITY

www.anthonypullano.ca apullano@rogers.com

Tom Mrakas
AURORA TOWN COUNCIL

"Let's Work Together and Get Things Done"

BARRONS

40 Engelhard Dr., Unit 14, Aurora
(N.W. Corner of Industrial Pkwy. S. & Engelhard)
905-751-0533
www.barronshome.net
Monday to Saturday 10-5
Thursday to 6 pm

Hamlet Swivel 2 or more \$234⁷⁵ ea

Cedric Swivel 2 or more \$148⁷⁵ ea

KEURIG K-CUPS \$10/BOX of 18

Best Price!
100+ Choices
Counter Stools
Priced from \$50 to \$400.00

Weekly Notice Board



Aurora Town Hall
100 John West Way • P.O. Box 1000 • Aurora • Ontario • L4G 6J1
Phone 905-727-1375 • Fax 905-726-4732
Email info@aurora.ca • Website www.aurora.ca

Accessible formats
905-727-3123 ext. 4212
accessibility@aurora.ca

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 23 7 p.m. Council
Wednesday, September 24 7 p.m. Special Council – Public Planning

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

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



The next municipal election in The Town of Aurora will be held on **Monday, October 27**. Election information can be viewed online at www.aurora.ca/vote2014

Advance voting will be held at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, located at 90 John West Way in Aurora on the following dates:

- Saturday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, October 12 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, October 19 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, October 20 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 21 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Town of Aurora is committed to providing eligible voters with an accessible voting experience. Advance voting stations provide residents increased flexibility to vote with enhanced accessibility features, including wheelchair access, resting areas, touch-screen voting, magnifiers, sign language interpreters and/or support staff to assist in the voting process.

Residents are encouraged to educate themselves on the election process and the candidates running for office. Have your voice heard on election day and vote!

This year, the Town will also ask residents to vote on the following two questions on the ballot:

1. "Are you in favour of electing all Aurora councillors, other than the Mayor, by ward vote instead of general Town-wide vote?"
2. "Are you in favour of reducing the number of Aurora councillors, other than the Mayor, from eight (8) councillors to six (6) councillors?"

For accessibility information, please contact 905-727-3123 ext. 4212 or accessibility@aurora.ca

CITIZEN BUDGET

Provide your input for a chance to win an iPad Air*!

The Town of Aurora would like your feedback on service levels, to consider as part of the annual budget process.

Aurora's Citizen Budget online survey puts you in the driver's seat, allowing you to make recommendations on how much money should be budgeted across a variety of municipal service areas.

Simply visit aurora.citizenbudget.com to complete a brief survey and see how your budgeting choices affect your property taxes.

The Citizen Budget survey will be available until November 30. It is open to Aurora residents only; one survey per person.

For more information or to access the survey, please visit www.aurora.ca/citizenbudget or go to the Town of Aurora homepage at www.aurora.ca

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Youth Volunteer Fair

Calling all youth! Come out and learn information on the various volunteer opportunities available throughout Aurora.

When: **Monday, September 22**
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Aurora Public Library
15145 Yonge Street

For more information or to register your organization, please contact Nichole Campsall, Youth Co-ordinator, at 905-726-4760 or ncampsall@aurora.ca

Dinner and a Movie

The Lego Movie (Rated G)

Where: Aurora Public Library

When: **Saturday, September 20**
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Ages: 11 to 14 year-olds

Price: Entry is \$3 per person and pizza will be served.

For more information, please call 905-727-3123 ext. 3121

2013 Financial Statements

Audited consolidated financial statements of The Town of Aurora for the year ended December 31, 2013 are now available at www.aurora.ca/financialstatements

Fall Recreation Programs

Registration is now ongoing for Fall programs. There's something for everyone including sports programs, drop-in youth activities, skill building programs and much more – all fun and affordable! Check the 2014 Fall Parks and Recreation Guide or visit www.aurora.ca for more information.

Splash pads closing for the season

Please be advised that the children's water play splash pads located at Ada Johnson Park and Town Park are closed for the season.



Evening Hours by Appointment Program

Are you a homeowner or contractor in need of a permit for a home renovation project? Can't make it during regular business hours? The Town of Aurora is offering extended hours by appointment on **Thursday, September 18** and **Thursday, October 16**.

Book your appointment today for a quick, "one-stop-shop" permit process. Call 905-727-3123 ext. 4390, 4394 or 4388 or email building@aurora.ca

The Evening Hours by Appointment Program allows for review of projects that qualify under the Town's Residential Express Permit Program. For information on projects that qualify, please visit www.aurora.ca/REPP

A Tour of the Night Sky at Aurora Public Library

Join astronomer Chris Vaughan as he talks about the planets, stars and galaxies. If it is a clear night, there might be some stargazing too! The event is on **Thursday, September 18** at 7 p.m., Aurora Public Library, Magna Room. Please call 905-727-9494 ext. 275 to reserve your seat.

Aurora Municipal Basketball League

The Aurora Municipal Basketball League (AMBL) is proud to partner with The Town of Aurora and York North Basketball Association (YNBA) to offer youth of all ages a unique sporting experience.

Players in the AMBL will practice one night a week and play a game against another team every Saturday. Emphasis is placed on learning basic basketball skills, teamwork and having fun in an encouraging environment.

Age categories are as follows:

- Ages seven to 10
- Ages 11 to 13
- Ages 14 to 17

For more information, please contact Nichole Campsall, Youth Co-ordinator, at 905-726-4760 or ncampsall@aurora.ca or visit www.auroramunicipalbasketballleague.com



JOHN STINSON
Celebration of Gordon Lightfoot Songs

ANOTHER EXCITING EVENT BROUGHT TO YOU BY **AURORA**
You're in Good Company

Thursday, October 9, 2014 • 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Aurora Town Park (corner of Wells Street and Mosley Street)

- Enjoy an evening of pumpkin carving, live entertainment and an old-fashioned community corn roast*
- Pumpkins and carving supplies will be provided (while quantities last)
- Food donations to the local food pantry are greatly appreciated
- Delicious food vendors*

* Seasonal fees apply

Call 905-726-4762 or visit www.aurora.ca for more information

Proudly sponsored by **AURORA CHRYSLER**

REMINDER

Pet Bylaw

Pet owners are reminded that dogs and cats are prohibited from running at large within the geographical boundaries of The Town of Aurora. A dog or cat is deemed to be running at large when the dog or cat is found in any other place, other than the lands or premises of the owner or person keeping such dog or cat.



Our new youth room... YOU name it!

The Town of Aurora wants your help to name the new youth room at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex! Earn some bragging rights and make your mark on Aurora's new space for youth.

The winner will be awarded an Aurora Youth Action Pack, loaded with great prizes including drop-in passes and a three-month membership to Club Aurora.

Contest is open to Aurora residents, ages 12 to 17. The winning entry will be selected by public vote in October.

Submit your entry at www.aurora.ca/aflycouth or call 905-726-4760.

Entries must be received by Sunday, September 28. For full contest rules and regulations, please visit our website.



Try one of our great fitness classes **Free**

Come out and play at Club Aurora Fitness!

Come out and play with Club Aurora Fitness during the week of **September 15!** Here's your chance to try out one of our great fitness programs before signing up for a full session. Fitness programs below will be held at no charge!

PROGRAM	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REGISTRATION CODE
Yogalates	Monday, September 15	Victoria Hall	7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	37402
Pilates	Monday, September 15	Victoria Hall	8:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.	37403
Stroller Boot Camp	Tuesday, September 16	Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	37399
BOUNCE Fit	Tuesday, September 16	Victoria Hall	7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	37612
PiYo	Wednesday, September 17	Aurora Seniors' Centre Activity Room C	7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	37401
Yummy Mommy	Thursday, September 18	Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	37400

DON'T DELAY! Space is limited. To register, visit www.aurora.ca/e-PLAY or call 905-726-4764.





Laura's battle against an inoperable form of cancer inspired her fellow students at St. Joseph C.E.S. and the wider community.

Supplied photo

Young Laura loses brave battle with cancer after inspiring school and community

By Brock Weir

Hope was in the cold winter air last January as students, parents, and friends of the St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School community came together, along with musicians and performers from across York Region, in solidarity with Laura Nowasad.

Laura, then a Grade 2 student at St. Joseph, had spent Christmas with her family in Texas, where she was receiving experimental treatment for an inoperable brain tumour. The evening was a tremendous success, raising thousands of dollars to allow the Nowasads to continue their stay – and Laura's treatment – in the United States.

But however much money was raised, all Laura's classmates wanted was for her to be there with them at the start of the school year this month.

Sadly, it was not to be.

Laura lost her battle with the brain stem tumour on August 11, aged just seven, her family announced.

"It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Laura," posted SavingLaura.com, a website developed not only to raise funds for the family, but also to advance a petition put forward by Laura's parents to open the doors to such experimental surgery in Canada. "She went peacefully at home surrounded by her parents, Janusz and Mira, who never left her side. She held her parents' hands until the peaceful end."

This past January, the family shared their story with The Auroran and expressed their deep thanks to the community for their support. They continue their thanks to this day.

"We would like to express our love and gratitude to all sponsors and others for their support, love, and hope," says Janusz. "We would like to thank everyone for unconditional support throughout for our family at this very difficult time."

Laura was never far from the thoughts and prayers of members of the St. Joseph community. A group of parents, supported by principal Christine deHaas, took it upon themselves to organize the January benefit, after being struck by the financial

struggles the Nowasad family were bearing to keep hope alive. Out of pocket \$25,000 on their first visit to the Bursynski Clinic, and with what was expected to be a \$30,000 course of treatment, they looked at ways they could help ease the family's burden.

One of the first initiatives students pulled together was a sale of bracelets called "Rainbow Looms". The initiative stemmed from earlier Rainbow Looms made at the school's weekly Friday art club, of which Laura was a member. Grade 5 student Julia came up with the idea to make bracelets specifically for Laura and through pre-Christmas sales made \$5,500.

The idea soon caught on with parents who eventually approached the school's administration with the idea for a benefit.

"One parent talked to another parent and it just started to grow," said Ms. deHaas at the time. "The whole thing has been a humbling experience. People come into the school to drop off money, they have been dropping off auction items, and it has been unbelievable."

While the family said they were overwhelmed by the support that came from the event, they were grappling with the realisation the treatments just weren't working. They then put their faith in antineoplaston, a new treatment currently under review by the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA). With approval still pending, the only way they could use this treatment in Canada was with permission from Health Canada to find a local practitioner through their Special Access programs.

Although they found a doctor in Toronto willing to carry out the treatment, they were unable to do so without Federal approval. Nevertheless, by the spring, Janusz told The Auroran he felt he had nothing more to lose.

"We want to come back to our home," he said. "Laura wants to come back to her friends, if she is not able to come back to school yet."

Deal to buy old Aurora Armoury set to go through by end of September

By Brock Weir

After nearly 140 years as property of the Crown, the old Aurora Armoury will soon become property of the Town of Aurora.

A bylaw to purchase the historic building at the northeast corner of Town Park for \$515,000 was approved in a 7-2 vote at Council last week.

For those in favour of the purchase, it was time to secure an important part of Aurora's heritage as well as "complete" Town Park for future generations.

"This is a significant part of Aurora's history," said Councillor John Abel. "It belongs to us [and] it is our job, in my mind, to acquire it and bring it back to

something that we can all use in the community. It is a great facility to put into our Town Park. I would hate to be on the receiving end of residents [if they hear] we turned it down. I do not want any part of that. It is going to be a great asset to our Town."

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe was also vocal in his support for the deal, noting it will complement what Aurora's Town Park has to offer.

"I believe it is an essential part of the Town to finish its Town Park," he said. "It is a piece that has been out there for a number of years. I think there are all sorts of things we can use that for. It just makes sense to go ahead with it,

Continued on page 12



DAMIR VRANCIC
LAW OFFICE

BUSINESS LAW,
REAL ESTATE,
WILLS & ESTATES

905-841-6411

Providing valued and trusted legal advice since 1983

T.C.'s BURGERS

Since 1993

Weekly Specials!

Homemade Souvlaki

Fresh Salads

Value Combos

Fish & Chips

Gyros

Wraps

Call ahead for faster service!

15198 Yonge St., Aurora Call us at: 905-841-1380
(South of Yonge & Wellington on the west side)



Back to School?

Bright Students have

bright healthy teeth! Are you ready?

Making you smile in the
of Aurora



Dr. Ron Goodlin

15213 Yonge Street Aurora
(905) 72-Smile (727-6453)
Family and Cosmetic Dentistry

Smiles

www.smiledental.ca

RNC Employment Services



In Collaboration with
the Town of Aurora



JOB FAIR

Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church St, Aurora

Tuesday, Sept. 30 @ 8:00 am - 4:30 pm



You're in Good Company

Human Resources representatives will be on hand to share information on how to join our collaborative team



Distribution Centre Assembler,
Training Supervisor



Shipper/Receiver, Quality Lead Packer, Maintenance Technician, Warehouse Supervisor, Shift Supervisor, Set-up Technician, Forklift Operator, Packer



Insertor Operator, Press Helper

For more information and job details visit

www.RNCemploymentservices.ca

Candidates must pre-register with RNC in person!

222 Wellington Street East, Main Floor
Aurora, ON L4G 1J5



This Employment Ontario service is funded in part by the Government of Canada

VANITY DISPLAY CLEAROUT

2 MODELS

GREAT SAVINGS FOR YOUR SPARE BATHROOM RENO



WHITE SPACE SAVER

Only \$99.97

24" W x 12" D x 31 1/2" H

188001



WOOD VANITY WITH GRANITE TOP

Only \$349.97

30" W x 22" D x 31 1/2" H

188003

HURRY IN - WHILE QUANTITIES LAST!



Aurora Home hardware building centre
Home Owners helping homeowners with expert advice

289 Wellington St. E., Aurora | 905-727-4751

Letters to the editor

Voters should consider lawsuits in upcoming election, says reader

(Re: Lawsuits have cost Aurora nearly \$1 million, September 11, 2014)

Without the local investigative journalism provided by The Auroran I hate to think what some people could base their votes on.

With regards to the above mentioned news story, I would like to point out that the itemised list of the legal costs did not specifically mention the approximately \$55,000 paid by the town to her former Mayor for her private legal bills stemming from the defamation case that was initially launched with the use of Town funds granted through a Council motion supported by Councillors John Gallo and Wendy Gaertner.

This is the same case that was found by the courts to be “a strategic lawsuit against public participation” (i.e. a SLAPP litigation), which I think should be at least as much of a concern as the cost of the case to all parties concerned.

As I have said before, the Charter of Rights does not allow governments to sue for defamation given the fundamental importance of political free speech and Council’s Code of Conduct states that public office is not to be used for personal gain. In light of both the Charter and the Code, I have to ask (once again) why Councillors Gallo and Gaertner allowed an elected official to use public funds for a private defamation lawsuit targeted at residents speaking about political matters of public importance?

I think this is a reasonable question in light of what their actions have cost me, my family, my fellow defendants and the town.

Here is the third or fourth strike (depending on how you count it); regardless of the legal outcome of the Councillor Buck’s lawsuit that is currently before the courts, I think that Councillor Gallo’s and Councillor Gaertner’s willingness to spend the Town’s money in order to fight political battles targeted at a fellow Councillor via a newspaper ad (or ads), is not what I feel is in the best interest of the greater public good and in my opinion it hardly reflects a willingness to consider the opinions of fellow councillors in good faith.

Going forward, let’s not attack residents and duly elected councillors with the use of public money for the mere offence of people sharing their political opinions, no matter how strongly anyone on council may disagree.

I can only hope that when voters hear comments from candidates in the upcoming election like: “I’m a team player, I value the input of others, I will protect your tax dollars, I’m a visionary, I have experience” or “I’m a voice of the people”, that they don’t forget that previous actions can and do speak louder than political promises.

Richard Johnson
Aurora

(Editor’s Note: Mr. Johnson was a defendant in the lawsuit referred to in the second paragraph of this letter.)

A thank you note in search of a recipient

On Wednesday, September 10, I was standing on the corner of Bayview and Wellington waiting for a bus. I didn’t have a jacket or umbrella or anything having just come from work at the Aurora Toyota Dealership. So, here comes the rain, I missed the bus and have to wait for another.

It starts pouring and there is no shelter. I was out there for maybe 15 to 20 minutes and I heard a horn honk. A lady had stopped in her car and asked if I would like a ride, to which I was worried of getting her car wet because I was soaked clean through.

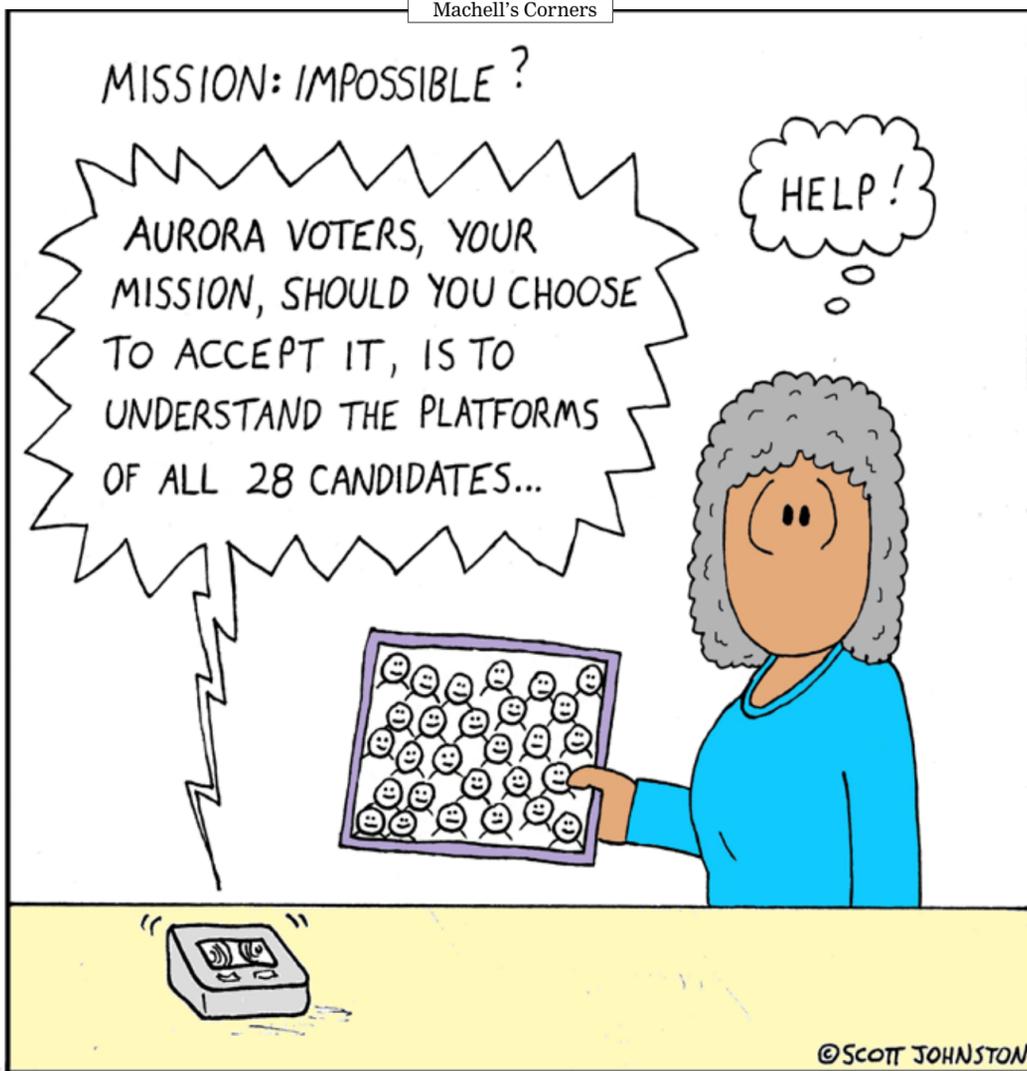
I never saw this lady before and she doesn’t know me, she was on her way to have dinner with her two sisters, and her name is Margaret. She has a daughter that volunteers at a nursing home.

This goes to show you kindness is bread within. I want to say thank you to this lady. She had no idea what a blessing it was. The world would be a nicer place with more people like her in it.

Please publish in case she may see it. I have no other way to say thank you and let others know just how kind some people are.

Marilyn McWilliams
Aurora

(Editor’s Note: We’re happy to do so, Marilyn, to highlight the Good Samaritans in our community. But, remember kids, don’t accept rides from strangers!)



©SCOTT JOHNSTON

To submit a letter to the editor, please send your email to letters@auroran.com.
Deadline for submissions is Sunday at 1 p.m.

Aye or Die?

Do you ever find it alarming when what you thought were long-sleeping roots suddenly kick into high gear?

I am not talking about a dormant follicle that has inexplicably started to bear fruit, or a tree that seemingly shot up overnight after decades as a shrub, but those roots deeply imbedded in your soul and your psyche.

My own roots are a veritable mixed bag of bland. The most exotic part of my background is a splash of First Nations blood courtesy of my paternal grandfather’s mother. The rest is as boring a blend as Campbell’s Cream of Mushroom soup. In other words, WASP-y. You name it, it’s in there. A bit of English, a dose of Dutch, a shot of Irish, a smattering of German, and a complicated mixture of Swiss-by-way-of-Germany that can’t decide what the heck it is. Blend this all together and you have basically got a third of this writer. The other two thirds are irretrievably Scottish.

And what a bad Scotsman I am. At the risk of raising the ire of the many members of the Royal Canadian Legion, I have personally never seen the point of a Burns Supper, particularly standing for, and genuflecting at, a boiled and stuffed sheep’s stomach while the same tired verses are repeated year after year. I’m not a particular fan of oatmeal, nor have I ever had a deep-fried Mars bar. I’ve never worn a kilt, although a rumour did circulate briefly in Grade 9 that I did so in my spare time, nor have my lips ever touched a bagpipe.

I am reconsidering all of this this week as those Scots roots have burrowed out of my consciousness trying to make up for lost time.

Unless you have been living under a rock – or under the Stone of Scone, to continue exhausting my theme – this Thursday, September 18, is crunch time in Scotland. By the time this lands on your doorstep, Scots (and residents therein) are likely finishing up their trips to the polls to decide whether or not to leave the United Kingdom. By the time of this writing, the “No” vote against independence is slightly ahead at 52 per cent, while the Yes vote to go it alone trails at 48. Very few appear to be undecided and whether you are personally for or against the union, that in itself is a very good thing.

Even though I am a dyed-in-the-wool and unabashed Anglophile (I am sure that’s how the kilt rumours got started, geography be damned) I am very surprised at how interested, and invested, I feel in the outcome. These Scots roots are at odds with themselves on whether or not independence from the United Kingdom would be a good or bad move.

On one hand, maybe I have been unduly influenced after finding myself an unusually politically-minded Grade 5 student when Quebec voters last went to the polls in 1995 to decide their own fate. On the other, perhaps my mind is simply reeling at the historical possibilities that will unfold if the vote goes against the Union. After comfortably sharing a bed and a home for the past 300-odd years, this divorce is bound to be very messy.

Whatever the reason for this personal investment, I know exactly where I will be on Thursday night to watch the numbers roll in, followed by the inevitable posturing. Will Prime Minister David Cameron start bawling again? It seems tears, whether of relief or grief, are inevitable. Will Scotland’s First Minister Alex Salmond, and the leading proponent of independence, call another “International Press Conference” and seem to go off the rails in the process?

Time will tell on both counts, but the most fascinating aspect of this entire process has been the arguments and machinations on both sides of the divide. There has certainly not been a lack of drama to keep you on your toes. First, the wheels



BROCK’S BANTER

Brock Weir

almost irretrievably fell off the “No” bus in the last televised debate of the campaign. There have been threats from continental Europe that Spain will ultimately thwart the dreams of an independent Scotland from joining the European Union, lest it gives hope, drive and further determination to separatists within their own borders; threats from people associated with the International Olympic Committee that athletes from an independent Scotland would be effectively barred from the 2016 games in Rio; and

most damning of all, the revelation that the bulk of Scotland’s banks would up sticks to England if the vote goes with the “Yes” camp, compounding the problem of an independent Scotland not having any confirmed currency as of this writing.

This is without mentioning the opinions of Scots, real and fictional, from Sean Connery to Groundskeeper Willie, coming down for the “Yes” camp, the latter of whom proudly bears the title of this column on his chest.

There are many factors to weigh in the days ahead for my friends in Scotland, and despite threats there will be no turning back however the outcome, their decision seems relatively straightforward compared to the one Aurora has to make in the next few weeks.

THIS COULD GO ONE OF TWO WAYS

Depending on which way you slice it, Friday was either the height of excitement or resoundingly anticlimactic. After making the decision to hang around Town Hall for the last hour or so of election registration, I anticipated a flood of people coming in at the last minute to jump into the race.

There always seems to be at least one wild card candidate to throw his or her name into the Mayoral ring, not to mention the endless possibilities that could come from the Council race.

Camera at the ready, none of the people who had claimed they were “seriously considering” putting their names forward, mostly former members of Council, ultimately decided to make the plunge, nor politicians from other levels of government who had been rumoured to have decided to take a municipal run nearly two years ago.

What we ultimately have is a two-man race for Mayor, the first time this has happened in nearly two decades, and a whopping 28 candidates for Council, a new record.

What has struck me since registration opened on January 2 was the amount of new faces that have put themselves forward for consideration. Quite often there are former members of Council in the mix, as well as candidates that were unsuccessful in previous attempts, but that is not the case here.

By my count, all eight incumbents around the Council table that were voted in by residents are seeking re-election. In the best case scenario for these incumbent candidates, only seven have the potential to be left standing with either Geoffrey Dawe or John Gallo knocking each other out, leaving a minimum of two new faces to be elected to the Council table.

Of the remaining candidates, only two of them – Jim Abram and Roy Cohen – are election veterans, both having run in the 2010 election. A further two candidates, Linda Stephens and Mark Etwell, recently vied to be appointed to fill the vacancy left by Chris Ballard this summer, so one could consider them election veterans to a degree as well.

Some of the remaining candidates hit the ground running some time ago, while others have been more quiet, perhaps biding their time until what they feel is just the right moment, but it will be interesting to hear over the coming weeks the issues that inspired them to put themselves forward and how they ultimately hope to stand out in an unexpectedly crowded field.

THE AURORAN

Aurora’s Community Newspaper

The Auroran Newspaper Company Ltd.
15213 Yonge Street, Suite 8
Aurora, ON, L4G 1L8

Founder
Ron Wallace
Publisher Emeritus
Rosemary Schumaker

Editor
Brock Weir
brock@auroran.com

General Manager
Bob Ince
bob@auroran.com

Production Manager
Cynthia Proctor
cynthia@auroran.com

Advertising
Diane Buchanan
diane@auroran.com

Classifieds
905-727-3300 ex.102
cynthia@auroran.com

Photography
David Falconer
falcomer@auroran.com

Advertising
Zach Shoub
zach@auroran.com

Motoring
Heather Erwin
heather@caledoncitizen.com

ReSale
Joel Gillespie
joel.gillespie@caledoncitizen.com

Karin Rossi, Vice President Sales, Marketing, Business Development
karin@lpcmedia.ca • 416.518.0648

Main number 905-727-3300 • Fax number 905-727-2620

Subscriptions available within Canada and U.S.
email: administration@auroran.com

Editorial policy

Opinions expressed by columnists, contributors and letter writers are not necessarily those of The Auroran. Letters must include name and phone number; although number will not be published, and be limited to 600 words. Letters may be edited or refused. All contents protected by copyright.

Advertising policy

Publisher is not liable for slight changes or typographical errors that do not lessen the value of an advertisement. Disputes must be brought to the attention of the publisher prior to the following edition.

PRE-ELECTION POLL

It's time once again for The Auroran's traditional pre-election poll through www.theauroran.com. To participate, please go to www.theauroran.com, scroll down the right hand side of the home page and you will find a series of pre-election polls. Vote for 1 Mayor and 8 Council candidates only. Results are ongoing online and tabulated each Tuesday at 12 noon for publication in that week's edition of The Auroran until the election.

www.theauroran.com

MAYOR

DAWE, Geoffrey
GALLO, John

COUNCIL

ABEL, John
ABRAM, Jim
BARKER, Barb
BARRETT, Carl
BRIGGS, Terri
BUCK, Evelyn
CHAPMAN, Bob

CLARK, Ian
COHEN, Roy
COOK, Greg
DESAI, Arshad
ETWELL, Mark
GAERTNER, Wendy
HEARD, David

HOYES, James
HUMFRYES, Sandra
KIM, Harold
LALAS, Alice
MRAKAS, Tom
NEY, Michael
PIRRI, Paul

PLAMONDON, Tom
PULLANO, Anthony
STEPHENS, Linda
THOM, Jeff
THOMPSON, Michael
TOPOUZOVA, Svetla
VRBANATZ, Frank

YORK CATHOLIC
DISTRICT TRUSTEE

CROWE, Elizabeth
SULLIVAN, Mark

YORK REGION
DISTRICT SCHOOL
BOARD TRUSTEE

ADAMS-LUCHOWSKI, Peter
NOUDELMAN, Alex
USVAT, Liliana

LE CONSEIL SCOLAIRE
VIA MONDE

GUERIN, Francois
LAUREN, Rene

LE CONSEIL SCOLAIRE
DE DISTRICT CATHOLIQUE
CENTRE-SUD

ARMANIOUS, Sawsan
BEAL, Kathleen
BOURRET, Caroline

THIS IS NOT A MUNICIPAL VOTE

Please VOTE at your municipal polling station on or before the October 27, 2014 election.

Hospice groups take care to a new level in Aurora and Newmarket

One of the greatest gifts I receive as an MPP is the honour of meeting members of our community who give of themselves in order to improve the lives of others. In the months ahead, I hope to chronicle some of those unique people and groups.

At the annual general meeting last week of Doane House Hospice, I was reminded of the importance of volunteerism in making our community such a special place to live.

I was reminded of the compassion, vision, dedication and quality care provided our residents by volunteers and a handful of staff, who run the hospice on a shoestring budget

Doane House Hospice is celebrating its 25th anniversary of providing hospice care. Aurora is doubly blessed with two hospices serving the needs of those facing terminal or chronic illness. North Aurora and Newmarket are served by Doane House Hospice. South of Wellington Street, residents are served by Hospice King-Aurora. Incredibly, Hospice King-Aurora has served those in need for 31 years.

Both organizations offer their services for free and rely on the funding kindness of individual and corporate donors to keep their doors open.

Discussing end-of-life care is never a pleasant topic. I've had the discussion too many times with family members and close friends. But, while death is inevitable, how we choose to live our days with a life threatening illness is very much up to us.

This is where community-based hospice can be of great assistance.

Doane House Hospice "promotes living every moment, and offers individuals diagnosed with a life threatening illness compassion, support and hope," says the organization.

"Our programs and services are designed to support the individual by meeting their emotional, spiritual and physical needs. This gives the individual the ability to make the right decisions for their care through being able to navigate the system, access the right care at the right time, and help support their family and friends through caregiver relief and bereavement."

Both hospices have volunteers trained and supported by professionals. Between the two groups, more than 230 people volunteer their time to provide support and service to our community.

Both groups say volunteers come from all walks of life and vary in age, cultural background, faith, gender and careers. Some have experienced the loss of a loved one and the experience has changed their lives. Some volunteer because they want to do something meaningful. Some just like to help people.



VIEW FROM QUEEN'S PARK

Chris Ballard, MPP
Newmarket-Aurora

Whatever the reason, volunteering with a hospice will enrich, if not change, your life.

An important fact about hospice care: Ninety per cent of Canadians say they want to remain in their own homes during the final stages of life, but 94 per cent of caregivers say they cannot cope without help – the kind of help hospice volunteers and staff provide.

What, exactly, do both hospices do?

Hospice King-Aurora offers five core services including an in-home visiting program where professionally trained and supported volunteers offer non-medical services to individuals living with life-threatening illness and their families. Wellness programs provide services that promote health and well-being, and a post-cancer program called "Picking up the Pieces." Adult caregivers can take advantage of group support and wellness programs.

Support is available to children and teens coping with the serious illness of a family member. Group and one-on-one support and wellness programs are available to children, teens and adults coping with the death of a family member or friend. Education and awareness programs focus on seminars and workshops on issues of hospice palliative care, grief bereavement and family caregiving.

At Doane House Hospice, core services are similar, and include a bereavement program, caregiver support, mind-body connection and visiting volunteers. Doane House Hospice is also known for its art therapy, where "spontaneous art making has profound healing effects for families impacted by a life-threatening illness." The group's Oasis Program offers a place where those facing life-threatening illness can "take refuge from the world" to relax and refresh.

Perhaps the best way to learn about the two hospices, and the hospice movement, is to visit their websites and read the stories told by clients and families. I hope you will be inspired to support the organizations, either through a gift of money, time or both.

You will meet some wonderfully dedicated volunteers, and staff who make a significant difference in our community.

They are heroes.

To learn more, contact Doane House Hospice at 905-967-0259, and Hospice King-Aurora at 905-727-6815. Both have websites with lots more information

Contact MPP Chris Ballard at his Community Office: 905-750-0019, or by email: cballard.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org. Chris' office is located in Suite 201, 14845 Yonge St., Aurora LAG 6H8. Office hours are 8.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Allergies at school



FRONT PORCH PERSPECTIVE

Stephen Somerville

It is hard to believe that summer is over. It was over much too quickly and this year we did not experience that seven to ten day heat wave that makes it feel like a summer.

A colleague at work has a young daughter who was going into junior kindergarten this month. The young father was worried about his daughter's recently discovered peanut allergy.

I told him my son was found to have the same issue at the age of three and a half and we have all learned to live with it for the past seven years, as will his daughter and his family.

This topic reminded me of a column I wrote on the back in Sept 2008, which I reprint below (edited to fit this space) because of the interesting context at that time.

"There was an article in last week's Toronto Star about a Woodbridge school that has reinstated lunch bag checks to make sure food is nut and egg free because of a number of pupils who have life-threatening allergies.

"The article talks about the fact that the six families who launched a human rights complaint last year argue that their children's severe allergies are a 'disability' that should obligate their school to screen lunches for peanuts, eggs and any other food trigger.

"The parents say there's still a 'toxic environment' at the school and their children are still subject to intimidation and harassment there. The story noted that 'last school year, nuts were placed on the stairs of a portable during school hours and another was egged. All six students with the allergies had classes in portables.'"

This brief column is not about taking sides; rather it is to provide two personal perspectives on this issue.

Growing up, I couldn't even remember anyone in the school, let alone my class, that had allergies.

Oh sure, a couple of kids had asthma – and I would occasionally see them using the inhalers.

We were allowed to bring whatever we wanted for lunch, good 'ole peanut butter and jam was the mainstay of my two brothers and my diet.

I would take apart my sandwich and, when the lunch monitor wasn't there, compete with my fellow students to see who could get their sandwich to stick to the ceiling for the longest time.

We would also trade our sandwiches for other sandwiches or better yet, for different hockey cards.

I even tried to trade one of my brothers for a prosciutto

meat and cheese sandwich!

Fast forward to last May.

My wife notices that our three-and-a-half year old son's face is becoming flushed, his skin is breaking into hives and his eyes are very red. We weren't sure what was happening. Julie washes his face a couple of times and he seems fine.

She takes Ryan to the doctor the next day; my son is diagnosed with mild allergies to shellfish but has life-threatening allergies to peanuts and could go into anaphylactic shock if he comes into contact with them.

"What is anaphylaxis?"

"According to a recent issue of Today's Parent, 'Anaphylaxis is an extreme allergic reaction – the body's most vigorous defense against a substance it deems harmful. The immune system goes into overdrive, firing out a chemical cocktail that can produce anything from a relatively minor tingling and swelling of the tongue to vomiting, difficulty breathing, a drop in blood pressure, loss of consciousness and death.'

"When anaphylaxis hits, an emergency shot of epinephrine will buy time until medical help arrives, and it can be administered by anyone who's had a bit of prior instruction and access to the allergic person's auto-injector (EpiPen is a widely used name brand)."

"My son now wears a MedicAlert bracelet and we have a number of EpiPens that go where he goes.

"So, I am now totally engaged. Where I used to bring – if I was not going out for lunch – a peanut butter sandwich ninety days out of a hundred, the house is now empty of all peanut or peanut related things.

"Back to the debate at the Woodbridge school.

"The Today's Parent article framed the questions well: 'Who is responsible for keeping allergic children safe? Does it take a total school ban on any food with the potential to kill, even those labeled 'may contain' for the manufacturers' own protection? Or does the responsibility fall to allergic children and their families to find ways to cope with the ever-present danger?'"

"In my book, the best way to deal with this is by educating the teachers and the children as to what these allergies are all about and also pointing out the tragic consequences that can befall anyone having an anaphylactic reaction."

Stephen can be contacted at
stephengsomerville@yahoo.com



POLITICS AS USUAL

Alison Collins-Mrakas

Mayor Ford, no, the Other One...

Lots of folks are asking about the switcheroo of the Ford for mayoral race in Toronto. I have been asked about the legality of it all. To be succinct, yes, it was entirely legal. Nonsensical, bizarre and unprecedented, but legal. Whether it was appropriate or not...well, that's for the voters to decide.

In case you missed the non-stop coverage somehow (and I am not sure how that would be possible, I am sure they got the news on the space station), Rob Ford has dropped out of the Mayor's race and will be running in Ward 2 instead.

As he fights what appears to be a very serious illness, Doug Ford has indicated his brother will be "flat on his back for a good 6 to 8 weeks". Given that the election will be held in less than 6 weeks, I am not sure how much campaigning Rob will be doing, but never mind. The pundits all seem to agree that the Ward 2 Councillor spot is sewn up for Rob – whether he actually campaigns or not. How democratic.

His nephew, who has been running in Ward 2 for months now, has dropped out of that race and is now running for trustee. I have not heard much about the nephew other than that he is a Ford and is thus handily leading all other candidates in the Ward. I am not sure if that will translate to the race for trustee, but we shall see how the good people of Etobicoke feel about the relative worth of a candidate who has expressed virtually nothing about education running for trustee.

And Doug Ford – who disdainfully announced that he was "done with municipal politics" mere weeks ago – has registered as the candidate for Mayor. Apparently he wants to carry on the good work of the Fords. And the voters are supposed to accept then that a man who stated clearly he didn't want to run for office again, is entirely suited to run for the top office – because his brother wanted him too?

That seems to be the gist of the platform thus far.

As I said, bizarre.

And all of this done in typical dramatic Ford style, with missing documentation, a race to the hospital to get the forms notarized, clock ticking down to 2 p.m. Media all panting for the story...

I don't agree with the conspiracy theorists that this was all "planned" from the start. But, by golly, it did look at least somewhat orchestrated. Say what you will about the Fords, but they do know how to grab headlines. In fact, if the desired effect was maximum press coverage, then mission accomplished.

Virtually no one was talking about the other candidates. Every single paper has had near daily coverage – and multiple pages too – of the whole Ford family drama.

I read at least three op-ed pieces this weekend devoted to what Doug Ford's platform will be like. Will it be a rehash of Rob's? Will it be different? Or more of the same? All very interesting and relevant, one supposes, given the excitement of the past few days.

However, it also has the effect of silencing any kind of news from the other mayoral camps. With an election only 41 days away, losing even one day – let alone nearly a week – of press coverage to an opponent candidate is not good for anyone's campaign.

It also throws the campaign strategies of the Tory and Chow camps into disarray. They thought they were running against Ford. Well, they still

Continued on page 19

Former Air Force Officer seeks to serve country again – as MP

By Brock Weir

As members of the Liberal Party of Canada descended on Markham this past weekend to share ideas and get ready for the next Federal election, area Liberals in the newly-created riding of Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill had the opportunity to do the same here at home last week.

Having worked her way from Richmond Hill, and then to Oak Ridges, Liberal hopeful Leona Alleslev held her third “meet and greet” event in Aurora on Wednesday night. Joined by family, friends, supporters, and Newmarket-Aurora MPP Chris Ballard, the event allowed area party faithful to exchange views with Ms. Alleslev, who is one of two candidates currently vying for the Liberal nod in the riding.

“There is huge excitement, there is an energy, an enthusiasm, and hope that we can make a difference going forward – and we will make a difference going forward,” Ms. Alleslev told The Auroran.

Although this is her first true foray into the political arena, it far from the first time she has stepped into the realm of public service. With a father who grew up in Denmark during the German occupation in Second World War, with his own father serving in the Danish underground, Ms. Alleslev says she grew up in a family believing strongly that “there are some things worth fighting for.” These forebears came to Canada with a vision of the future they wanted to see for their children and did their best to make it a reality. Once in Canada, her father joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. Leona eventually followed suit.

“As a military officer, I served the country,” she says. “I have also lived and worked in other countries, so I have a very good feel for what I value about the country. As with most people when they want to get into politics, there is a tipping point around the direction and the vision of the country at that point in time, and I have been very concerned about the direction this country has gone in the last 10 years. I would very much like the

opportunity to serve my country again and address some of those issues.”

Youth employment and the Canadian economy are two issues that particularly galvanized Ms. Alleslev to serve her country in a very different direction. Canada, she says, is losing full-time jobs at a significant rate and these jobs are largely being replaced by part-time and contract positions.

“I think that is jeopardizing the long-term viability of our economy as well as making it very difficult for the next generation who are graduating from university to have meaningful careers and to get started with that next phase in their life,” she says. “There just aren’t those jobs for them coming out of university. Further to that, we have a very high education cost for young people and that is resulting in them coming out of university with a lot of debt, which is also making it difficult for them to then contribute to

the economy.” Transportation and infrastructure are two further issues of which she has concerns. Canada has slipped over the last 30 years in its ability to move people and goods, and that too is “crippling” the country’s ability to attract investment and to encourage growth in existing companies.

While she has had these concerns for quite some time, her service in the military did not allow her to be a member of any particular party. Since leaving the military to raise her family, she says she has had the opportunity to become more focused on politics, leaning “very significantly” not just to the Liberal Party of Canada, but also Justin Trudeau’s “new vision” for the party.

“I think he is exactly what we need, the party is exactly what we need, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to be a part of that,” she says. “It is the right time [for me to enter politics] because I have had the opportunity to do a number of things over my career: Being a logistics officer in the air force, working in the Federal government as a consultant as well as a public servant, also then working at IBM as a senior management



Leona Alleslev, centre, at Aw, Shucks! last week with family and supporters.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

Ban request stemmed from Library complaint

From page 1

cigarettes within Town facilities.

“Protecting users of Town facilities from the unknown effects of second-hand electronic cigarette smoke encourages the public to continue using Town facilities and promotes an active and healthy lifestyle.”

Speaking against the motion, Councillor Paul Pirri said he wasn’t convinced the recommendation fully grasped the concept of electronic cigarettes, arguing that a ban was “premature.”

“In addition to not knowing whether there are any health implications, I do know people who have used these things to help them quit smoking,” he said. “To me, we’re not 100 per cent at a point where we have studied all the necessary health benefits to be able to go on one side or another.”

“I understand that there are some municipalities who are going this route, there are other municipalities who are currently studying this issue. I personally think that it makes more sense for us to wait until any conclusive evidence is shown in one direction or another before we jump to banning a substance of which we don’t know whether there are any problems to begin with.”

Also in support of rejecting the ban was Councillor Evelyn Buck. A former smoker, she said people who are addicted to cigarettes “deserve all the support we can give them.”

“I support the banning of smoking in government buildings and restaurants,” she said. “I think the people who are harmed by second-hand smoke have rights too, so I support all those bans...but I can’t see how any person is harmed by an addicted smoker using one of these things. I can see no reason at all for the Town to have a bylaw to ban the use of these gadgets. Anything we can do to help people lick the habit, I think we should do it and not put obstacles in their way.”

Councillor Sandra Humfries said she too was not convinced this was the right way to go, and said more time should be taken to consider the full scope of a ban.

“I have heard from many people who successfully quit smoking because of these things, and it added to their health in a positive way,” she said.

The motion to bring the ban forward was moved by Councillors John Abel and Don Constable. Speaking in favour of the ban, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe said he had not heard specific objections to banning the use of e-cigarettes in Town facilities overall.

“I think it is prudent,” he said. “We’re not talking about an outright ban on the product. I have had some discussions with people who have used them...and they are very grateful they are out there, but they didn’t have an issue with regards to a limited ban in Town facilities.”

consultant, I have had my own business, my kids are older, and looking to be relatively more self-sufficient. Also being an aircraft manager at Bombardier Aerospace, I felt now I had a breadth and depth of experience to be able to bring to such a responsible job of leading the direction of the country. Now is the right time and I am looking forward to taking it on.”

Ms. Alleslev has been a resident of Oak

Ridges since 2005 with her husband Ted and children Christopher and Hillary.

Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill is yet to receive word on when their nomination meeting will be. Also in the race for the Liberal nomination is lawyer Jason Cherniak. Newmarket-Aurora acclaimed Kyle Peterson as their candidate last Monday.

The next Federal election is expected in October 2015.



Hogan's Inn

The Place You Want To Be!
Seafood, Pasta & Steakhouse...
The New Hogan's

Daily Specials

MONDAY & TUESDAY: Pasta Day - Choice of sauce served with garlic bread caesar salad

WEDNESDAY: Veal Parmesan - Served with garlic bread caesar salad

THURSDAY: 1/2 Price Wings \$7/lb

SUNDAY BRUNCH 11AM - 3PM: Featuring a scrumptious menu including pancakes, french toast, eggs benedict, fresh fruit & much more!

HOGAN'S NOW OFFERS PIZZA

NOW BOOKING
EVENTS &
CHRISTMAS
PARTIES!

LIVE BANDS
IN THE HUNT PUB

Fri., Sept. 19 6 Foot 5	Fri., Sept. 26 Billik
Sat., Sept. 20 Billik	Sat., Sept. 27 Soul'd Out

For Reservations, Call 905.833.5311

HOURS: Mon.-Sat. 11am-10pm; Sun. 11am-8pm
Hunt Pub open until 2am weekends

Like us on Facebook

CATERING AVAILABLE – ASK FOR DETAILS

HOGAN'S INN • 12998 KEELE ST. KING CITY • THE HUNT PUB

LEARNING FOR LIFE.

CREATING THE FUTURE.



LIMITED SPACE STILL AVAILABLE IN SOME GRADES FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

SPEND-A-HALF DAY (Grades 2 to 11)

Your child can attend class, meet fellow classmates and teachers and join us for lunch! Tours available after lunch.

Friday, September 26, 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Registration required. Please contact our Admission Office at 905-895-1700 ext. 259 or admission@pickeringcollege.on.ca.

Join us for our Fun Fair

Friday, September 26, 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Games, Rides, BBQ Dinner, Live Music, Craft Tent and more!

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m. until noon

Meet students, staff, faculty and parents. Learn more about our specialized programming and go on a personal tour of our historic campus.

100% university placement!

Independent Co-educational Day and Boarding School since 1842 | JK to University Preparatory

16945 Bayview Avenue, Newmarket, ON, Canada
Visit us at www.pickeringcollege.on.ca



PICKERING COLLEGE

Don't miss our open house. It's where I found my home.

HAL HILL, AT CHARTWELL SINCE 2011.

CHARTWELL.COM

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 28

1 PM - 4 PM





PARK PLACE retirement residence

Make us part of your story.

15055 Yonge Street, Aurora
289-648-4113

Downtown is early focus of campaign

From page 1

Improvement Plan, and there are a couple of other things I am fleshing out some details on in terms of what more we can do to support local business and get some traffic downtown.”

Residents, he said, are also paying close attention to growth and development and once the 2C Development in Aurora’s northeast quadrant is finished, they will be looking for new and innovative ways to develop within Town.

Dawe added he hopes voters “do their homework, look at what the two candidates have done over the past four years...and [look at] our record and what we have done to improve the Town, how we have done that, how we have made a decision, and how we are going to take that forward.” Particular pride is held in his efforts to bring back a “sense of dignity” to Town Hall, one that has “flowed through to the Council chamber.”

“There is less drama, we just get on with the job,” he said. “[We have] also positioned the Town to move from a growth community to a sustainable, stable community. We need to look at how we’re doing our funding, how we are looking at moving forward, how we are shaping our future, and how we are going to do that in a financially responsible manner.”

In the other corner is Gallo, who said if elected he will “strive” to provide “a more open government” to Aurora where citizens can play “an active role in the decision-making process and feel empowered to be a part of it.” This is a platform plank he said voters have particularly resonated with, particularly those who have “gone through the experiences of not being involved” in things that are underway in their neighbourhood. When asked for specifics, Gallo cited the budget growth of the recently approved Joint Operations Centre as a prime example.

“Mavrinac [Park] is another huge one,” he said. “[Residents] had no idea what [council] were doing and it provide to be really good that they ended up getting involved and that they were part of the decision-making process because I stepped up to the plate and went door-to-door. The Aurora Family Leisure Complex and the so-called Youth Centre [is another] and I think people are really resonating with a lot of issues circulating on how it went about and whether that is the best place for a youth centre, whether it is even going to become a youth centre, and once again, spiralling costs.

“The thing I am most looking forward to is putting my platform out there and having people resonate with what I have to say – and it is already happening. [I want] people to get to know me better and my perspective on business and the ideas I am going to be putting forward to stimulate business in the downtown core and the revitalization of Yonge Street and Wellington. I am really excited to put that message out there and I am convinced people will resonate with it.”

CROWDED COUNCIL FIELD

While Dawe and Gallo will present competing visions of Aurora over the coming weeks, one thing they can agree on is this: the whopping number of candidates vying to join either one of them at the Council table is encouraging and a sign Aurora residents are engaged in their community

Here are your candidates, in alphabetical order:

John Abel
Jim Abram
Barb Barker
Carl Barrett
Terri Briggs
Evelyn Buck
Bob Chapman

Ian Clark
Roy Cohen
Greg Cook
Arshad Desai
Mark Etwell
Wendy Gaertner
David Heard

James Hoyes
Sandra Humfries
Harold Kim
Alice Lalas
Tom Mrakas
Michael Ney
Paul Pirri

Tom Plamondon
Anthony Pullano
Linda Stephens
Jeff Thom
Michael Thompson
Svetla Topouzova
Frank Vrbanzat

For full coverage of this week’s Mayoral Debate, watch for the September 25 edition of The Auroran.

Breakthrough Treatment Now Available in Richmond Hill

Imagine thirty to forty years ago if you were told that lasers would replace scalpels in surgery or that robotic instruments would build cars; you may not have believed it. By the same token, would you believe that chiropractic treatments could be performed using a special hand-held instrument developed by NASA scientists, all while you were sitting in an upright position without any turning or twisting movements?

Advances in computers and engineering technologies have been able to uniquely blend with chiropractic in order to both analyze and treat the human body in such a way that was never before realized.

According to Dr. Sean Eastman, “This new form of computerized treatment is so gentle and effective, that it amazes even the most skeptical patients. It’s called the ProAdjuster and is the latest, state-of-the-art technology in existence today, and the only one in the north Richmond Hill area.

The ProAdjuster can safely and gently analyze and treat the spine and other joints to remove the nerve impingement that is often the cause of pains in the lower back, neck, shoulder, and elsewhere in the body. It also works on a variety of muscular conditions to loosen tight muscles with ease and comfort. Many patients say that it’s like getting a mini-massage.

It can also help increase the amount of motion in almost any joint. Even patients with knee, hip, and foot problems such as plantar fasciitis are being helped. It is also covered by insurance companies since this is a chiropractic treatment and does not cost you anything additional.

Dr. Eastman says that “The secret to the Pro-Adjuster lies in its advanced piezoelectric sensor that is able to detect the slightest amount of restriction in a joint and then deliver an extremely precise adjustment.” He says that “Even though traditional forms of adjusting also work, people are drawn to this new technique because of how gentle it is and does not involve any twisting, especially



Dr. Eastman uses the Proadjuster to analyze a patient’s spine and pin-point areas of nerve impingement syndrome causing mal-function and pain.

in the neck. Many people love getting adjusted with traditional manual techniques, all of which are safe and effective. But there are a large number of people who never get to experience the amazing benefits of chiropractic because they are scared to have their spines adjusted in that way,” says Dr. Eastman. Now, there is no longer a reason to be leary. The ProAdjuster is perfect for anyone who has been thinking about going to a chiropractor, but hasn’t yet made that decision. Dr. Eastman wants everyone to be able to experience these same benefits and if you have any of the following conditions, the ProAdjuster may be the answer you’ve been looking for...

- Low Back discomfort
- Fibromyalgia
- Sciatic nerve pain
- Plantar Fasciitis
- Neck and shoulder pain
- Knee or hip pain
- TMJ dysfunction
- Scoliosis
- Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
- Arthritis
- Headaches
- Sports Injuries

Treatment with the ProAdjuster is consistent, measurable, and extremely gentle. There is no guesswork, and it’s safe for individuals of all ages. Call our office today and mention this article to receive a FREE ProAdjuster analysis to pin-point your problem areas and to see how the ProAdjuster can help. Call within the next 7 days and you will also receive a complimentary nerve stress scan and computerized muscle test/semg that can show the areas of your stress and how it’s affecting your body. Call 905-773-2225 today to reserve your free ProAdjuster Analysis Scan. (reg. \$90).

This technological marvel can help you return to a healthier lifestyle. You may no longer have to live with a persistent, painful condition. Call us today at 905-773-2225.

BRACE YOURSELF, IMAGINE AURORA 2030 IS COMING!

GALLO

FOR MAYOR

IN BACKYARDS ACROSS AURORA, RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN “IMAGINE AURORA 2030” WITH AURORA’S NEXT MAYOR, JOHN GALLO.

DEVELOPED WITH THE ONGOING INPUT OF THOUSANDS OF AURORANS, GALLO’S 10-POINT PLAN PROMISES TO MAKE AURORA ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO LIVE, WORK, SHOP AND PLAY IN CANADA.

AFTER ALL, OUR CITIZENS ARE OUR GREATEST ASSET. THEY ARE DEVOTED TO AURORA’S IMPROVEMENT AND HAVE JOINED FORCES TO MAKE “IMAGINE AURORA 2030” BECOME A REALITY.

VISIT JOHNGALLO.CA TO LEARN WHY AURORANS ARE VOTING GALLO AS AURORA’S NEXT MAYOR!

GALLO FOR MAYOR
[VOICE OF THE PEOPLE](http://www.galloforay.com)
 @_GALLOJOHN



MARKET MUSINGS
Jan Freedman

The weather at the end of summer has not been too kind to us, but it's difficult to complain as we have had pleasant weather for most of the season.

Thank you to all the hardy Aurorans who came to the Market this past wet Saturday. It was almost difficult to see the farmers behind their tables that were heaped with mounds of colourful fruit and vegetables. I brought home a veritable cornucopia of produce for the pot roast

and fruit crisp I plan to make on Sunday.

There are even fall strawberries still available as well as the end of the raspberries. These are joined by peaches, plums, pears, grapes and the early apples. It is indeed a time of plenty at the Market.

On Saturday, September 20, Amnesty International will be visiting the Market, so I'd like you to know more about the group. They describe themselves as ordinary people from

across the world standing up for humanity and human rights (full disclosure: I am a member).

Amnesty International's mission is to stop human rights' abuses around the world by shining a spotlight on injustice that might otherwise remain hidden. Amnesty helps prisoners of conscience who have been locked away from their families, often beaten and

Continued on page 19

— Advertorial —

Sabrina's journey living with dyslexia and ADD to gifted child

“If it wasn't for Learning Ability, I couldn't read and write the way I do now. This month I entered a Grade 9 program for gifted children.”

Like so many of our grads, Sabrina Weller of Newmarket, Ontario struggled in silence each day to concentrate and understand words. Most of all, she had trouble reading. She was frustrated, embarrassed and her self-esteem was at an all-time low. She stated, “I even had trouble differentiating simple words like “though” and “thought.” Because of this, and other errors, her mother Norma said, “she never wanted to pick up a book.”

Sabrina had tried many traditional programs before, with little success. After enrolling in the Learning Ability Program, she spent one week working one-on-one with Certified Davis™ Facilitator Maureen O'Sullivan, and experienced great progress. This breakthrough method enables participants to function in a classroom or office setting without external aids.

Though the daily one-on-one training sessions were very intensive, Sabrina found “It was a fun and friendly environment,” she recalled, “In other programs the instructors just left you alone to complete projects, but not Maureen. She was always there for me. She also showed me how to relax. It was

actually a very calming experience.”

After only one week, Sabrina began to notice a huge difference. In her own words, she was finally “getting it.” Norma added that she could already see a glow in her daughter's face.

Today, Sabrina is an upbeat and voracious reader. “She reads on her own all the time now. I've even seen her read while on the swing in our back yard,” said Norma. “The change has been amazing.”

“Today I enjoy reading books all the time, writing poetry and doing things I was afraid to do before,” Sabrina said. In fact, she recently wrote and spoke eloquently about her journey living with Dyslexia and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). Her efforts earned her third place among 83 participating schools in all of York Region in a public speaking competition!

As well, she's just entered a special Grade 9 Advanced Placement class for gifted children. Her ultimate goal? “I want to become a micro-biologist,” she said. Above all, according to her mom: “Sabrina will be able to use the tools and skills she's learned from Maureen – for the rest of her life!”



“I hated to pick up a book. Now I love reading all the time.”

— Sabrina Weller, 14, Newmarket, Ontario



For more information, or to book a free consultation, contact Maureen O'Sullivan, BSc and Certified Davis Facilitator: **(905) 853-3363 • maureen@learningability.org**



Follow Sabrina's and other Learning Ability Graduates' stories at www.learningability.org

<p>EMPLOYEE PRICING ENDS SEPT 30TH</p>		<p>F-SERIES CANADA'S BEST-SELLING TRUCKS 48 YEARS</p> <p>XLT WITH XTR PACKAGE SHOWN</p>		<p>ELIGIBLE COSTCO MEMBERS RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$1000 ON MOST NEW VEHICLES</p>			
<p>2014 F150 4x4 SUPERCREW Leather, EcoBoost</p> <p>\$198⁴² Bi-weekly plus HST + Lic</p> <p>4,995⁰⁰ Down Payment</p> <p>St#140695</p>		<p>2014 F150 4X2 SUPERCAB STX</p> <p>\$118²⁹ Bi-weekly plus HST + Lic</p> <p>2,995⁰⁰ Down Payment</p> <p>St#140997</p>		<p>2015 FIESTA HATCH SE Comfort Package, Heated Seats, Auto</p> <p>\$96⁷⁹ Bi-weekly plus HST + Lic</p> <p>1,995⁰⁰ Down Payment</p> <p>St#150020</p>		<p>No extra charge New vehicle purchase 2 Yr/FMPP included. (Ford Maintenance Protection Plan) 40,000 Km@ Advertised price</p>	
<p>2014 FORD FOCUS SEDAN Heated Seats, Auto</p> <p>\$106⁶⁰ Bi-weekly plus HST + Lic</p> <p>1,995⁰⁰ Down Payment</p> <p>St#140965</p>		<p>EMPLOYEE PRICING ENDS SEPT 30TH YOU PAY WHAT WE PAY It's that simple</p>		<p>2014 ESCAPE SE</p> <p>\$137⁹⁹ Bi-weekly plus HST + Lic</p> <p>1,995⁰⁰ Down Payment</p> <p>St#141067</p>			

*All Bi-weekly payments are plus HST and financed over 96 months at 5.99% APR, on approved credit. E.G.: \$10,000 FINANCED @ 5.99% APR, BI-WEEKLY FOR 96 MONTHS EQUALS THE PAYMENT OF \$60.57. C.O.B. \$2,015.18. All rebates are assigned to dealer. See McAlpine Ford for complete details. F150 offers end September 20th, 2014. Offer only valid from September 3, 2014 to October 31, 2014 (the "Offer Period") to resident Canadians with an eligible Costco membership on or before August 31, 2014 who purchase or lease a new 2014-2015 Ford (excluding Fiesta, Focus, C-Max, GT500, 50th Anniversary Edition Mustang, Raptor, and Medium Truck) vehicle (each an "Eligible Vehicle"). Limit one (1) offer per each Eligible Vehicle purchase or lease, up to a maximum of two (2) separate Eligible Vehicle sales per Costco Membership Number. Offer is transferable to persons domiciled with an eligible Costco member. Applicable taxes calculated before CAD\$1,000 offer is deducted. Retail offers may be cancelled or changed at any time without notice. For factory orders, a customer may either take advantage of eligible Ford retail customer promotional incentives/offers available at the time of vehicle factory order or time of vehicle delivery, but not both or combinations thereof.

PEOPLE, PRODUCT, PRICE...WE HAVE IT ALL!



15815 Yonge Street, **Aurora • 905-841-0800**
www.mcalpineford.com
TIRE STORAGE AVAILABLE
HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-8:00pm • Friday & Saturday 9:00am-6:00pm
HOURS: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00am-6:00pm • Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm • Sat. 8:00am-4:00pm • **Quick Lane 905-841-2424**



CHEVROLET
CANADA WIDE CLEARANCE

0% PURCHASE FINANCING FOR **84 MONTHS** ON VIRTUALLY ALL 2014 MODELS

SEPTEMBER BONUS
 ALL OWNERS OF ANY '99MY OR NEWER VEHICLE RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$750**

0% FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS AVAILABLE ON: SPARK, SONIC, CRUZE, MALIBU, VOLT, IMPALA, CAMARO, ORLANDO, TRAX, EQUINOX, TRAVERSE, TAHOE, SUBURBAN & EXPRESS

2014 CRUZE LT AIR & AUTOMATIC

LEASE
\$89 @ 0%

DOWN	BI-WEEKLY
\$0	\$115
\$1,295	\$103
\$2,750	\$89

BI-WEEKLY FOR 48 MONTHS.* \$2,750 DOWN PAYMENT. \$0 SECURITY DEPOSIT. INCLUDES FREIGHT, PDI, LEVIES & \$1,000 CREDIT.*

PREMIUM FEATURES WITHOUT THE PREMIUM PRICE

- 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
- AIR CONDITIONING
- BLUETOOTH®
- TURBOCHARGED ECOTEC® ENGINE
- CRUISE CONTROL
- ONSTAR® NAVIGATION
- POWER WINDOWS, LOCKS & REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY
- BEST-IN-CLASS SAFETY* WITH 10 AIRBAGS
- SIRIUS XM RADIO™



CRUZE LTZ SHOWN**

BEST SELLING SMALL SUV IN CANADA*



TRAX LTZ SHOWN**

2014 TRAX LS AIR & AUTOMATIC

LEASE
\$119 @ 0%

DOWN	BI-WEEKLY
\$0	\$146
\$1,295	\$133
\$2,750	\$119

BI-WEEKLY FOR 48 MONTHS.* \$2,750 DOWN PAYMENT. \$0 SECURITY DEPOSIT. INCLUDES FREIGHT, PDI & LEVIES.

FEATURES

- TURBOCHARGED ECOTEC ENGINE
- BLUETOOTH® WITH USB
- POWER WINDOWS, LOCKS & REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY
- BEST-IN-CLASS COMBINED FUEL ECONOMY*
- ONSTAR® NAVIGATION

2014 SILVERADO DOUBLE CAB 2WD 1WT

0% PURCHASE FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS**

OR
UP TO \$8,000 IN COMBINED CREDITS* ON ALL OTHER 2014 SILVERADOS (INCLUDING \$1,000 SEPTEMBER BONUS)**

FEATURES

- EXCLUSIVE AUTOMATIC LOCKING REAR DIFFERENTIAL
- 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
- CRUISE CONTROL
- POWER WINDOWS & DOOR LOCKS



THE ALL-NEW SILVERADO
 2014 NORTH AMERICAN TRUCK OF THE YEAR



ALL 2014s ARE PRICED TO MOVE. COME IN TO YOUR CHEVROLET DEALER TODAY FOR THE BEST SELECTION.

ALL 2014s COME WITH CHEVROLET COMPLETE CARE:

2 YEARS/40,000 KM COMPLIMENTARY OIL CHANGES** / **5 YEARS/160,000 KM POWERTRAIN WARRANTY*** / **5 YEARS/160,000 KM ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE***



FIND NEW ROADS / chevrolet.ca

VEHICLE PRICING IS NOW EASIER TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE ALL OUR PRICES INCLUDE FREIGHT, PDI AND MANDATORY GOVERNMENT LEVIES. Prices do not include applicable taxes and PPSA. Consumers may be required to pay up to \$799 for Dealer fees.***

For the latest information, visit us at chevrolet.ca, drop by your local Chevrolet Dealer or call us at 1-800-GM-DRIVE. *Based on a 48 month lease for 2014 Chevrolet (Cruze LT Turbo 1SA+MH8/Trax LS FWD 1SA+MH8+C60). Annual kilometre limit of 20,000 km, \$0.16 per excess kilometre. OAC by GM Financial. Monthly/Bi-Weekly payments may vary depending on down payment/trade. A down payment or trade of \$2,750 and/or \$0 security deposit is required. Total obligation is \$12,003/\$15,177. Option to purchase at lease end is \$8,832/\$7,818. Excess wear and tear and km charges not included. Other lease options available. **\$1,000/\$4,000 is a manufacturer to dealer delivery credit (tax exclusive) for 2014 Chevrolet Cruze LT/2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Double Cab and is reflected in offers in this advertisement. Other cash credits available on most models. See dealer for details. ***\$3,000 is a manufacturer to dealer delivery credit (tax exclusive) for 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Double Cab 4WD and is reflected in offers in this advertisement. Such credit is available only for cash purchase and by selecting lease or finance offers, consumers are foregoing such credit which will result in higher effective interest rates. Other cash credits available on most models. See dealer for details. †††Freight & PDI (\$1,600/\$1,600/\$1,695), registration, air and tire levies and OMVIC fees included. Insurance, licence, PPSA, dealer fees and applicable taxes not included. Offers apply as indicated to 2014 new or demonstrator models of the vehicle equipped as described. Offers apply to qualified retail customers in the Ontario Chevrolet Dealer Marketing Association area only (including Outaouais). Dealers are free to set individual prices. Quantities limited; dealer order or trade may be required. Limited time offers which may not be combined with other offers. GMCL may modify, extend or terminate offers, in whole or in part, at any time without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. See dealer for details. ††††Based on 2014 Polk Small SUV segmentation and their latest available year-to-date sales registration data. ††††2014 Chevrolet Trax LS FWD equipped with manual transmission. Fuel consumption ratings based on Natural Resources Canada's 2014 Fuel Consumption Guide - Special Purpose Class. Excludes Hybrid models. Your actual fuel consumption may vary. ††††2014 Cruze LTZ, MSRP with freight, PDI & levies: \$28,489. 2014 Trax LTZ FWD, MSRP with freight, PDI & levies: \$30,089. Dealers are free to set individual prices. **The 2-Year Scheduled Lube-Oil-Filter Maintenance Program provides eligible customers in Canada, who have purchased, leased or financed a new eligible 2014 MY Chevrolet, Buick or GMC vehicle (excluding Spark EV), with an ACDelco oil and filter change, in accordance with the oil life monitoring system and the Owner's Manual, for 2 years or 40,000 km, whichever occurs first, with a limit of four (4) Lube-Oil-Filter services in total, performed at participating GM Dealers. Fluid top-offs, inspections, tire rotations, wheel alignments and balancing, etc. are not covered. This offer may not be redeemed for cash and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives available on GM vehicles. General Motors of Canada Limited reserves the right to amend or terminate this offer, in whole or in part, at any time without prior notice. Additional conditions and limitations apply. See dealer for details. †††††Whichever comes first. See dealer for limited warranty details. †††††Offer available to qualified retail customers in Canada for vehicles delivered between August 1 and September 30, 2014. 0% purchase financing offered on approved credit by TD Auto Finance Services, Scotiabank® or RBC Royal Bank for 84 months on all new or demonstrator 2014 Chevrolet vehicles, excluding Corvette. Participating lenders are subject to change. Rates from other lenders will vary. Down payment, trade and/or security deposit may be required. Monthly payment and cost of borrowing will vary depending on amount borrowed and down payment/trade. Example: \$20,000 at 0% APR, the monthly payment is \$238.10 for 84 months. Cost of borrowing is \$0, total obligation is \$20,000. Offer is unconditionally interest-free. Freight and air tax (\$100, if applicable) included. Licence, insurance, registration, PPSA, applicable taxes and dealer fees not included. Dealers are free to set individual prices. Limited time offer which may not be combined with certain other offers. GMCL may modify, extend or terminate offers in whole or in part at any time without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. See dealer for details. †††Registered trademark of The Bank of Nova Scotia. RBC and Royal Bank are registered trademarks of Royal Bank of Canada. †††††Offer applies to eligible current owners or lessees of any model year 1999 or newer car that has been registered and insured in Canada in the customer's name for the previous consecutive six (6) months. Credit valid towards the retail purchase or lease of one eligible 2013, 2014 model year Chevrolet/Buick/GMC car, SUV or crossover and 2015MY Chevrolet HD, Suburban, Tahoe, Traverse and GMC HD, Yukon, Yukon XL, Acadia and 2015 Buick Enclave and 2013 and 2014MY Cadillac models delivered in Canada between September 3, 2014 and September 30, 2014. Credit is a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive) and credit value depends on model purchased: \$750 credit available on all eligible Chevrolet, Buick GMC vehicles; \$1,000 credit available on all Cadillac vehicles. Offer is transferable to a family member living within the same household (proof of address required). As part of the transaction, dealer may request documentation and contact General Motors of Canada Limited (GMCL) to verify eligibility. This offer may not be redeemed for cash and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives. Certain limitations or conditions apply. Void where prohibited. See your GMCL dealer for details. GMCL reserves the right to amend or terminate offers for any reason, in whole or in part, at any time without prior notice. ††††††Offer applies to eligible current owners or lessees of any model year 1999 or newer pick-up truck that has been registered and insured in Canada in the customer's name for the previous consecutive six (6) months. Credit is a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive): \$1,000 credit available towards the retail purchase, cash purchase or lease of one eligible 2013, 2014 or 2015 model year Chevrolet or GMC light or heavy duty pickup; delivered in Canada between September 3 and September 30, 2014. Offer is transferable to a family member living within the same household (proof of address required). As part of the transaction, dealer may request documentation and contact General Motors of Canada Limited (GMCL) to verify eligibility. This offer may not be redeemed for cash and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives. Certain limitations or conditions apply. Void where prohibited. See your GMCL dealer for details. GMCL reserves the right to amend or terminate offers for any reason, in whole or in part, at any time without prior notice.

Snow contracts approved by Council last week amid drive to get things done before election

By Brock Weir

Not wanting to get anywhere close to leaving Aurora residents high and (mostly) dry this fall and into the winter, Council signed off on new contracts last week to outsource snow plowing on local roads and sidewalks.

The move reversed a decision made the previous week at the Committee level to delay the vote until a Council meeting later this month pending further information. They reversed the delay after concerns Council would be in a "lame duck" position, depending on the number of incumbent Councillors seeking re-election, which would have strictly limited the kinds of things the current Council can green light.

"When Council made this decision [last week] I was pretty upset because we could go into lame duck council," said Councillor Wendy Gaertner. "If we defer this [and go into lame duck] we would have no money for snow removal for [the fall]. We can't do that to the community. Well, we can if you want, but I really think [we should] support the staff recommendation."

When Council initially voted to delay the decision, some Councillors expressed a variety of concerns with what was before them, particularly whether the new contracts to outsource the services, which are currently largely done by in-house staff, would actually be a service increase to Aurora residents and taxpayers, an issue which has come under increasing scrutiny in recent weeks amid a service level review at Town Hall.

Staff recommended increasing its winter maintenance budget by \$225,000 to cope with snowfall expected to close out 2014. This was coupled with recommendations to award Forest Ridge Landscaping a seven year contract for sidewalk plowing services at \$322,000 for the 2014/2015 season, as well as a road plowing contract to Femar Paving Limited at \$341,200 for the upcoming season, and giving the department the ability to renew the contracts for up to six years, "pending an annual analysis and satisfactory performance review."

Although Council ultimately voted for the recommendation, there was still some uneasiness. "We have constructed hundreds of additional feet of sidewalks this year," said Councillor Evelyn Buck. "Obviously we are going to be plowing the snow off those hundreds of feet of sidewalk. Obviously that is going to cost more money than we spent the year before. It is, in fact, an increased

level of service."

Councillor John Gallo said he agreed with Councillor Buck's assessment, noting that work on the sidewalks is currently done by municipal staff.

"What we are proposing here is to contract that service out, hence the contract, hence the cost within seven years of some \$2.1 million," he said. "We don't currently have a contract that does our sidewalks, we have internal staff that do it. Internal staff are now going to be redeployed to do other work that we're either currently not doing, or doing later on in the whole program of clearing snow."

Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, however, said this was not strictly the case. It was always the intent of his department to do sidewalks, but over the last three years or so, they have had to continually rely on contract workers to get the job done, due to volume. This is additional work that they have been paying for indirectly as part of their budget.

"Even with that level of service, the staff are still consuming all their available operation hours with regards to maintaining the roads as they are," said Mr. Simanovskis. "When it is internal staff we have to finish the roads first because we don't have enough bodies to do it at the same time. With a contracted resource, we have some flexibility to do the sidewalks a little bit sooner, it just depends on the severity of the storm and the availability of the staff because their sidewalk support was a secondary service."

This argument was bolstered by Techa Van Leeuwen, Aurora's Director of Bylaw Services, who said, in response to questions from Councillor Gallo, Town Hall did receive "a lot of calls" from residents looking for speedier sidewalk clearing.

Councillor Gallo was undeterred, however, saying he believed it is, at the end of the day, "a \$2.1 million service level increase" which might be justifiable, but he still had questions. Councillor Michael Thompson, on the other hand, said it was definitely a service level increase, but one that would be for the greater good.

"To me, from a residents' perception, that is an enhancement, that is a service level improvement," said Councillor Michael Thomson of avoiding a delay in sidewalk clearing. "I see it as a core function for the Town. This is what we do."

NORTH YORK
HEATING, PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES

**Gas & Oil Heating Equipment
Air Conditioners & Humidifiers**

Tel: 905-727-6401
www.nyhp.on.ca

8 Industrial Pkwy. S.
Aurora, Ontario

ALUE BEYOND NUMBERS

VAN NOSTRAND & PARTNERS
CERTIFIED GENERAL ACCOUNTANTS

Helping Business & Individuals minimize taxes for over 30 Years

COMPLETE ACCOUNTING & TAX SERVICES

905.727.8046
144 WELLINGTON STREET EAST

Yen Nails
Professional Nail Care

- Manicure
- Spa Pedicure
- Bio Gel
- Solar Nails
- UV Gel Nails
- Acrylic
- Air Brush Design

Walk-ins welcome

130 Hollidge Blvd. • 905-727-6030



Staples staff and Aurora Optimists celebrate their record-busting fundraiser last week. Auroran photo by Brock Weir

Staples and Optimists thank Aurora for \$5,700-worth of ROARs

By Brock Weir

When Staples and the Optimist Club of Aurora sent out a ROAR to help local students in need, Aurora shoppers had no hesitation in answering the call.

Nearly 45 students in need are due to descend on Staples on Yonge Street and Murray Drive this week to get everything they need to start the school year off right, all thanks to you.

Each year the store and the service club team up to collect financial donations which are, through the Optimist Club, then connected with families in need to ensure each Aurora student has the school supplies they need to put their best foot forward.

This year's nation-wide campaign has the added star power of singer Katy Perry, with the slogan "Make Roar Happen" – and Aurora did just that, bringing in a record \$5,690 worth of contributions.

"A big thank you to the Aurora community for their generous support of this back-to-school promotion," said store manager Susan Gaudet. "People have

been so obliging. [The response] has been phenomenal and the fact you're helping out the community is just fantastic."

Optimist Terry Sherin said he expected to be working with a number of local families at the start of this week, distributing gift cards to those families referred to the group, and helping them make those all-important purchases. At press time, 43 students were due to be directly impacted by the local campaign, with more expected to trickle in over the next few days.

With the success of this year's campaign, both Staples and the Optimists have decided to set an ambitious goal for 2015 – a whopping \$10,000, which they hope to achieve by starting next year's fundraiser with a bang, and a bit earlier than this year's launch on July 27.

"We can do it – look at what we already did," said Ms. Gaudet with a big smile.

Added Mr. Sherin: "We want to thank Staples for continuing to support us too, which they have been doing for the last few years."

ELECT

JIM ABRAM
For AURORA TOWN COUNCILLOR

I promise to bring strong leadership and good governance to Town Council through a collaborative management style and a focus on moving the business of Aurora forward.

PLEASE VOTE FOR JIM FOR COMMITMENT, PASSION AND EXPERIENCE

I would be honoured if you would vote for **Jim Abram** on October 27th

jimabram@sympatico.ca • 905-713-3143

Protect your smile with a **custom mouthguard** and discover why 1000's of patients have called Dawson their Dental Home.

Save 50% on a Custom Mouthguard
\$26*
(Reg. \$52)
Offer expires October 31st, 2014
*With completion of a comprehensive exam.

Save 50% on a New Patient Exam
\$33-\$65
(Reg. \$62-\$122)
Offer expires October 31st, 2014

DAWSON
DENTAL CENTRES

Dawson Dental - Aurora
133 Pedersen Drive
905.713.2600

*Cannot be combined with any other offer.
*At participating Dawson Dental locations.

FLIPSIDEAPPAREL

4 Season Apparel for Men, Women and Kids

TENT Sale THIS FRIDAY to SUNDAY
Sept 19 - 21st CLEAR OUT of last Season's stock. **Up to 80% OFF**

25% OFF New Arrivals in store*
*Not including accessories

VOLCOM QUIKSILVER ROXY BILLABONG VANS TENTREE ELEMENT DEX

14845 Yonge Street, Aurora 905-727-0824

N DUNNING
BROOKLAND YONGE ST
MURRAY DR. EDWARD ST.



Dave Wood Mazda's

FINAL 2014 MODEL YEAR

CLEAROUT

**SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED.
HURRY IN FOR BEST SELECTION!**



2014 Mazda 3 Sport



2014 Mazda 3 Sedan

THE BEST DEALS OF THE YEAR!

.99% FINANCING UP TO 84 MONTHS
ON ALL REMAINING 2014 MAZDA 3'S O.A.C

OR

\$1500 CASH BACK

DAVE WOOD MAZDA OFFERS A LARGE SELECTION OF



**CERTIFIED
PRE-OWNED**

**CRAFTED
ENGINEERED
CERTIFIED**

EVERY DAVE WOOD MAZDA CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED VEHICLE RECEIVES...

MAZDA 7 YEARS/140,000 KMS POWERTRAIN WARRANTY*

30 DAY EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE* • 160 POINT DETAILED INSPECTION

CAR PROOF VEHICLE HISTORY REPORT SPECIAL FINANCE RATES STARTING FROM... 0.9%

DAVE WOOD MAZDA YOUR #1 SOURCE FOR CREDIT RE-ESTABLISHMENT

We specialize in helping you get back on your feet. A five-minute visit with our Credit Specialist Catherine will change your credit from bad to good.

For quicker approval, please bring two current pay stubs and void cheque.

Or apply online at www.davewoodmazda.com

*See Dealer for Details, Sale ends Sept. 30, 2014.

**DAVE
WOOD
mazda**



349 Mulock Drive, Newmarket
(just west of Bayview, east of Yonge St.)

905.895.5747 / 1.888.564.5119
www.davewoodmazda.com

Power temporarily killed on LED streetlight switchover plan

By Brock Weir

Councillors voted to hold off on a \$3 million plan to convert all of Aurora's streetlights to LED systems last week, over uncertainty the Town would be getting their best buck from the switchover.

LED – or Light Emitting Diode – lights are more energy efficient and the thought behind the plan is Aurora would be able to, in the end, reduce energy consumption and save some money. But a recommendation from staff to turn over the conversion to a third party company which would, in turn, get a piece of the money saved, caused Councillors to question whether the Town would ultimately realise more money if they did the conversions themselves.

"I think far and away the best option is to...do it in-house," said Councillor Paul Pirri. "It is the most cost-efficient method and it will bring the most revenue. We know energy rates are going to be going up and so, ultimately, I would rather maximize that potential than minimize it by going through a third party."

From Councillor Pirri's perspective, it might take more "effort" on the part of Town Staff, but the benefits of doing so outweighed the costs, he said.

This was a view shared by Councillor Michael Thompson who said there was not enough data presented to Council to support going forward with a third party, potentially running the cost of losing between \$75,000 and \$100,000 savings that could be realised from the LED conversion.

"I would have really liked to have seen some preliminary data to really outline the differences between the three options in terms of what we would be giving up in going with one or the other third party groups," said Councillor Thompson. "It is a significant amount of dollars – \$300,000 a year, based on a 10 year horizon. There needs to be more data to say this is definitely the better route to go."

According to Iimar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, taking on a third party to undertake conversion would minimize risk that would be undertaken by the Town, as well as take advantage of the "expertise" of a company that makes such conversions their business. In his view, working with such a company could help Aurora get better market rates.

"By paying them to advise us, we most likely

will save money because of their advice, they are experts in this field, and they know everything that is going on out there?" asked Councillor Wendy Gaertner, to which Mr. Simanovskis replied in the affirmative.

While many Council members were gun-shy about going forward with the conversion right now, one thing they did agree on was that LED conversion was ultimately in the cards. How to get there, however, is a different story.

"I would love to move this project in principle," said Councillor John Abel. "I believe reducing our energy cost is a great investment. I believe there are going to be all kinds of pressures going forward, especially since it has been announced by the Provincial Government that electricity costs are going to be going up 45 per cent in the next five years. I think it is important that we move forward. At the same time, I can see where I would want a little bit more data and costs."

Councillor Evelyn Buck said she agreed there are benefits to converting Aurora's street lights to LED lights, but what she objected to was converting every street light all in one go when most existing lights are in good working order.

"I think there are more practical ways to go about changing over to LED lighting in the Town and there are good reasons to do it in stages," she said. "For one, we change the lights and we have a regular light maintenance program every year, so every year there are lights that have to be replaced. They can be replaced by LED lighting rather than the current type. The enormity of doing this Town-wide isn't just about taking out lighting that is functioning, it is also about disposing of it. The idea of taking a [functioning light] out and throwing it away just doesn't appeal to me in the least, unless we are doing it in small bites."

Armoury timeline driven by Feds, says CAO

From page 3

and it is something that will actually bring value to our taxpayers."

When the deal goes through, Aurora will acquire the building from the Federal Department of Public Works and Government Services for \$514,800. A further \$120,000 will also be required to fix up and maintain the building, according to reports from municipal staff, although the building itself is sound.

The buy will be funded by Aurora's Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Reserve account, which currently stands at approximately \$13 million, according to Town Treasurer Dan Elliott.

Voting against the acquisition were Councillors Evelyn Buck and John Gallo.

The building was handed over to the Crown in Queen Victoria's name for the purposes of military training, she argued. Now that the Queen's York Rangers regiment has found a new home in the former Aurora Hydro building, since redubbed the Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe Armoury, the Government should give the land back to the Town.

"The property should come back to the Town at no cost whatsoever," she said. "They took it without paying for it, they have had it for 140 years, and I don't think we should pay for it at all."

Further to this, she said with bylaws zoning this land for industrial uses, there would be limited appeal from potential buyers if the Town did not

take its opportunity to buy the building before it went on the open market.

"I cannot support expending Town money on this matter," she concluded, noting concerns over ongoing operation costs of the building. "There could be no other reason for [the Federal Government's] decision to get rid of it and if they can't afford it, I don't see how we can."

Although Councillor Abel said he was in favour of "exploring" the possibility of purchasing the property down the road, he said he objected to the "speed" of the deal.

"We don't have a business study for it, we don't have a return on investment for it, we don't know what we're going to do with it," he said. "While I can sympathise it is a heritage building and we want it in the possession of the Town, the speed in which we are doing this I do not have a lot of comfort."

"The concept of spending tax dollars on properties with no identified purpose is on a trajectory that is unsustainable and we have to start thinking differently in municipalities in the way we are spending tax dollars."

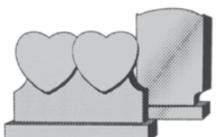
Town Staff, on the other hand, rejected the idea they were doing things in haste, stating that this is a limited opportunity and they have to follow the timelines of the Federal government.

"The timing is not our own," said Aurora CAO Neil Garbe. "The timing is dictated by Public Works and Government Canada in their disposal of surplus."

MONUMENTS BY THOMPSONS

A New Approach to Memorial Design.

- * Granite markers and monuments
- * Cemetery lettering and restoration
- * Bronze markers and vases
- * Serving all cemeteries and nationalities
- * Portrait Etchings



Quality and Satisfaction Guaranteed
Day, Evening and Weekend Appointments

905-727-5421

530 Industrial Pkwy S., Aurora L4G 6W8

Thompson Funeral Home is proud to be part of
 Service Corporation International (Canada) Ltd.

Coordinated by:



Making a difference

One Star at a Time

NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY!

Nominations are now being accepted for the

Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards

The strength of our community lies in solid citizens.

If you know a young person, aged 6 to 17, who is involved in worthwhile community service; a special person who is contributing while living with a limitation; a youth who has performed an act of heroism; or a 'good kid' who shows a commitment to making life better for others, doing more than is normally expected of someone their age – help us recognize their contribution – nominate them today!



Nominations will be accepted until November 30

Contact this newspaper or the Ontario Community Newspapers Association
 at www.ocna.org/juniorcitizen or 905.639.8720 ext. 221

Sponsored by:









Get ready for the Final Phase Release at Upper Unionville

On Saturday, September 20th, Arista Homes, Fieldgate Homes, Paradise Homes and Starlane Homes will usher in the final phase release at prestigious Upper Unionville.

Each of these fine builders is offering 13' Lane Towns, 20' Lane Towns, 25' Street Towns and a limited number of Detached Family Homes in this coveted community in one of Canada's premier addresses. Located at Kennedy Road and 16th Avenue, Upper Unionville is strolling distance to Main Street Unionville, where you will find some of the most intriguing boutique shopping in the Greater Toronto Area. The same goes for restaurants, whether you have a craving for a great cup of coffee, trendy bistro fare or fine dining. Parks, golf courses, schools,

world-class entertainment, big-box shopping, malls, GO Transit and major highways are all only minutes away.

Master-planned to perfection, Upper Unionville is situated on a 200-acre property, the last great parcel of land in the area. Affectionately referred to as "The New U"; this community is already home to more than 900 families. The neighbourhood features pedestrian-friendly streetscapes adjacent to beautiful green space.

Within this charming setting, streetscapes will be lined with stunning homes in a variety of harmonious styles. Among the architectural highlights will be varying combinations of trimmed peaked gables, second floor balconies, keystones, expansive windows,

double-door entries and inviting porches. Open-concept interiors make the most of every square foot and are graced with luxurious features and finishes.

The Upper Unionville Presentation Centre is located at Kennedy and 16th Avenues, on the northeast corner. Hours are Monday to Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday closed. For the final release, the doors will open on September 20th at 12 noon.

Can't wait? You can browse through the delightful designs to get a head start. Just visit www.liveatupperunionville.com and follow the arrows to each builder's website.



Final Release - September 20th Register Today!

Unionville's Most Luxurious Community

This is your chance to live in the last truly great location in prestigious Unionville.



Visit Upper Unionville for our final release. See all that this Master Planned Community has to offer you and your family. Just minutes from schools, parks, golfing, shopping and of course charming Main Street Unionville.

Each of our four leading builders will be offering Freehold Towns and a limited number of Singles.

13' LANE TOWNS

priced from the high **\$400s**

20' LANE TOWNS

priced from the low **\$600s**

25' STREET TOWNS

priced from the high **\$500s**

LiveAtUpperUnionville.ca



Kennedy Road and 16th Avenue

Prices and specifications are subject to change without notice. E. & O.E. All renderings are Artist's concept.

-THE AURORAN- Arts & Culture

Aurora chef to compete in nutrition challenge

By Angela Gismondi

Aurora chef Lye Fung Wong is a finalist in Sunrise Senior Living's second annual Senior Eats Nutritional Challenge.

The Aurora resident and head chef at Sunrise of Aurora is competing in the finals this week, which will take place at a The Fairfax, a Sunrise Senior Living community in Virginia. Each finalist will cook their signature dish, which will be judged by local Sunrise residents.

Chefs from close to 300 of Sunrise's communities across the U.S. developed their best healthy, creative and delicious recipes that meet the unique nutritional needs of seniors, while embracing local flavors and ingredients. Only five finalists were selected as the most innovative chefs of their kind.

Fung Wong's original recipe, Baked Spinach Turkey Meatballs earned her a spot in the competition. She is the only Canadian chef selected to be in the finals. The other finalists are from Brighton Gardens of Dunwoody, GA, Sunrise of West Hills, CA, Sunrise of Wilmington, DE and Sunrise of Burlington, MA.

"It is an honour for me to be one of the finalists in this nutrition competition and I'm really excited," said Fung Wong. "I'm representing a great team and I want to make them proud."

Her recipe meets all the requirements for the competition - low sodium and low fat, about 200 to 500 calories per serving and includes Vitamin E and C.

"It's very nutritious for our residents," she explained. "We get a lot of great feedback from our residents and they really love it. Our residents are always commenting on the great food and the great flavor of the meals they receive every day."

Raised in China, Fung Wong's love of food began at a young age. When she was just seven years old, she began helping her parents who owned a restaurant.

"I knew I wanted to be a chef one day," she said, adding her parents currently own a restaurant in Trinidad specializing in Caribbean and Chinese food. "My parents are my inspiration."

Fung Wong completed all her chef training at Humber College in Toronto. As one of the top culinary students, she was selected to travel to Europe to study different types of cuisine.

"It was a life fulfillment for me and I learned a lot

from top chefs," Fung Wong explained.

She worked at restaurants, hotels and golf clubs before she eventually settled at Sunrise Aurora where she has been working for two years.

"I truly love working at the retirement home," said

Fung Wong. "I love working with seniors because they are so appreciative of everything you do for them."

She prefers working at Sunrise to working in a restaurant.

"A restaurant is more hectic and there is no room for socializing with clients," said Fung Wong. "With so much hustle and bustle, you never get any feedback. It (Sunrise) is also more flexible and allows me to have a life outside of work."

As the head chef at Sunrise Aurora, she is in charge of cooking three delicious meals a day plus providing snacks and organizing socials for the residents.

"There is a lot happening in our community," said Fung Wong.

She is always learning new things and recently

graduated from the Canadian Health Care Association's food service and nutrition management program. Her food selections promote cognitive function, memory and heart health in senior citizens.

"I love to cook with a lot of flavours, fresh herbs and spices to enhance the flavor of the food," said Fung Wong adding she tries to incorporate family recipes shared by the seniors into the menu. "All our desserts are homemade but we try and keep down the sugar to accommodate all different types of diets. Being a nutritionist I love promoting healthy eating for residents."



Lye Fung Wong Supplied Photo

Culture Days at the Aurora Cultural Centre

By Jane Taylor
Program Coordinator,
Aurora Cultural Centre

The Aurora Cultural Centre is pleased to offer a vibrant Culture Days celebration on Saturday, September 27, with music, art, dance and food taking centre stage.

The public is warmly invited to this free, all-ages event, which takes place between 12 - 4 p.m. throughout the Centre.

From 12 noon to 2 p.m. in Brevik Hall, we're celebrating Persian culture!

The Centre has partnered with a variety of performing artists who will present a roster of Persian classical, dance and pop music. Enjoy a classical music trio featuring Mahmoud Parhami, Mehdi Yousefian and Ahmad Shahanaghi, who together will present music on the tonbak (a goblet-shaped drum), tar (a long-necked stringed instrument) and daf (a large frame drum).

Guests will then enjoy contemporary Iranian pop music, followed by a presentation of classical piano. Shohreh Haghiri will present a vocal program highlighting classical and folkloric music from Iran, followed by a short folkloric dance presentation. To enhance the experience, guests are also invited to sample tea served the traditional way in a samovar, and enjoy traditional sweets.

Volunteers from York Culture magazine will be on site that afternoon to showcase the work of their new publication.

The Centre is proud to present this complimentary performing arts

presentation on Culture Days as part of the "One Book One Aurora" community read project.

Guests are invited to meet our exhibiting artists that day from 1 - 4 p.m. as we launch their new fall exhibitions.

Longtime Aurora High School Visual Arts head William Lottering presents Parchment Pieces, a moving large-scale exhibition in the Great Hall that addresses topics of passages and justice. Working in various mediums, Lottering's pieces are presented as visual documents that contain notes, ideas and images - always retaining the dusty, earthy appearance of historic artifacts.

In the Meridian and Blue Galleries, Jane Geard, SCA, OSA and Christine Kim present their unique collaboration Cutting Edge, an exhibition in paper featuring solar etchings, paper-cut collages and collagraphs, a collage printmaking technique. Paper dresses, shoes, large-scale, intricately-cut panels - this surprising exhibition brings to mind a paper labyrinth. Remarks will be made at 1.30 p.m., and complimentary refreshments will be on hand.

Guests of all ages are welcome to drop by as part of the wider Culture Days celebrations today - look for your Culture Days Passport in today's edition of The Auroran to plan your day!





ONTARIO NEW DRIVERS
Aurora

\$99 course discount with this ad only

905-713-3733

• MTO Licenced & Approved Course Provider

Jerry Collins, Owner/Operator
www.ontarionewdrivers.ca



We Accept Insurance Plans

Packages Specials

Silver Treatments

- 1 Pedicure
- 2 Manicure
- 3 Full Arm Waxing
- 4 Upper Lip & Chin Waxing
- 5 Full Leg Waxing
- 6 Full Face Waxing
- 7 Eye Lifting Treatment (30 mins) include machine
- 8 Microdermabrasion Treatment Facial (40 mins)
- 9 Deep Moisturizing Treatment Facial (40 mins)
- 10 Collagen Treatment Facial (40 mins)
- 11 Parafine Wax (Hand or Feet)
- 12 Relaxing Body Massage (30 mins)
- 13 Ear Candle & Lymphatic Drainage
- 14 Anti aging Treatment Facial

45 Minute Massage & Microdermabrasion Facial

\$99.00

WAXING

50% OFF

50% OFF

any service

with the purchase of another service.

14800 Yonge Street, Unit 115
(Aurora Shopping Centre)
Aurora ON L4G 1N3 • 905-503-8688
Check In-Store For More Specials



Your New Destination

- *Formal & Business Casual Apparel
- *Weekend Attire
- *Outerwear

+ Shop at Home Service

Let Mike Rathke assist YOU!

N

YONGE ST.

WELLINGTON ST.

CHURCH ST.

MR MENSWEAR

"DOWNTOWN AURORA" 15117 Yonge Street | 905 713 1501

DOWNTOWN TASTE COMES NORTH



TRY OUR FAMILY COMBO!

- 1 Whole Chicken**
- PiriPiri Sauce**
- 4 Medium Sides**
- Choice of:
 - Rice Pilaf
 - Parisienne Potatoes
 - Tomato & Cucumber Salad
 - Creamy Coleslaw
 - Chick Pea Salad
 - French Fries
 - Caesar Salad
 - Sauteed Vegetables

only \$34.95



The Chicken Place
PORTUGUESE BBQ

1 Industrial Parkway South
905-900-0019

www.thechickenplace.ca

Save time and call ahead to place your order.



ALLURE
AT THE GATES OF AURORA

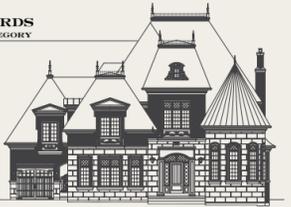


GATED CUSTOM RESIDENCES AVAILABLE

2014 BILD AWARDS
BILD WINNERS LOW RISE CATEGORY

HOURS OF OPERATION
Mon - Tues 1pm - 6pm
Sat - Sun 12pm - 5pm
By Appointment Call: 905-727-6122

BEST MODEL HOME
Golden Home, Award at the
2014 BILD Awards, The Golden
- PIN Design, Lancelotti
Marketing & Design



13777 YONGE STREET, AURORA, ON CANADA L4G 3G8
Prices, sizes and specifications are subject to change without notice. E. & O.E.

CASTEL HOMES

"We hardly use our dining room for formal entertaining and I feel like the space is just sitting empty. Do you have any suggestions on how to repurpose the room?"

Many people entertain more casually and don't have the use for formal dining and living rooms anymore. Some sit empty and others collect dust on the existing formal furniture.

"I always, *always* tell my clients to design your home based on your lifestyle. The more thought and planning you put into the layout and space, the more benefit you'll reap. Now that you've decided to repurpose your formal dining room (or living room) you should start this important planning stage. What do you wish you had more room for in the house? Do you find yourself complaining about the layout of a certain room? What is it that you don't like about it? Are you using the kitchen island as a food prep zone/office/craft station/place to hang out with your family? Do any of those activities require their own area? Would you be happier if there was a delegated area for this? Below are some creative ways to redefine your spaces:

With school and work back on and in full swing, many of us struggle to find the time to relax. Why not create a reading room? Add some bookshelves and a comfy chaise to curl up on. If you're looking for another way to relax, design a meditation or yoga room in your home. Creating a space specifically to slow down and unwind will do wonders for renewing your mind and body after (or at the start of) a long day. If yoga isn't your thing, build an exercise room or dance studio. You can use this space to stay fit and healthy.

A play room is another fun idea for your space. Some people don't love having the kids in the basement while they are upstairs. Adding some storage and a bright, funky rug is a simple and affordable way to breathe some new life into the room. Accessorize with colourful lamps and make your kids feel like mini Picassos by hanging some of their favourite projects on the wall as art. While the room is kid friendly, it doesn't have to be a kids-only room. Make it an all around games room! Add a games table and some floor cushions, gather around and have a board game night as a family.

Playrooms aren't just for children anymore. One of my team members is working on converting a dining room to a man cave for a bachelor who just bought his first home. They replaced the dining table with a foosball table and a traditional sideboard with a bar. To keep the space from looking like a frat house they added an area rug and some beautiful lighting. Framed records and dartboards make for interesting and functional wall art and are great conversation starters. Another route to consider is a lounge. Add some leather club chairs and some martini tables to make your home feel like a VIP club where everyone knows your name and no membership is required.

Some people really love their formal dining room but just hate the thought of it sitting empty most of the time. If you're not quite ready to fully commit to a fresh room makeover, leave the dining table and remove all but 1-2 chairs. Voila! You now have an office. Store your papers in the buffet or sideboard. If you don't like the idea of seeing the office clutter then consider installing some French doors. When you have company, add



ASK THE DESIGNER
JEAN BISNAIRE

Repurposing Your Formal Dining or Living Room

the chairs back in and you have a fully functioning dining room again.

Whatever new purpose you find for your dining or living room, make sure that you take some time to really think about what you want, what you need and what will make the most sense for you and your family. A solid plan is the secret to designing a smart space that you will love to come home to.

Feel free to send me your comments or questions to askjean@nichedecor.ca

Stay Connected with Us!

- nichedecor.ca
- askjean@nichedecor.ca
- Nichedecor
- Nichedecor
- Niche_Decor
- @nicheunionville



RE-ELECT GEOFF DAWE
AURORA'S MAYOR

LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY, STABILITY

905-751-0734 www.geoffdawe.com

CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER

Monday, September 29
7pm - 9pm

King Richard's Pub

15570 Yonge St. Aurora

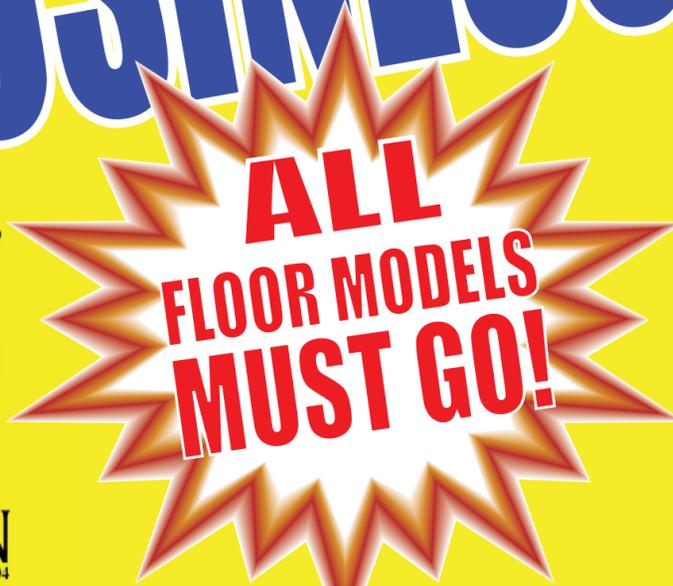
RSVP: info@geoffdawe.com

Let's show our support for Aurora's Mayor - see you there!

PUBLIC NOTICE



GOING OUT OF BUSINESS



SALE HOURS:

Mon.- Fri. 10-9
Saturday: 10-6
Sunday: 11-5

SALE HOURS:

Mon.- Fri. 10-9
Saturday: 10-6
Sunday: 11-5

ASHLEY! DECOR-REST! KROEHLER! BRENTWOOD!
KINGSDOWN! ASHLEY!

UPTOWN FURNITURE LOCATED AT: COME EARLY! CROWDS WILL BE LARGE!
17255 YONGE ST. NEWMARKET WWW.UPTOWNFURNITURE.CA

*Service You Deserve,
Someone You
Can Trust*

b 905-833-0111
c 289-221-4564



Maria Ongaro

Sales Representative,
Trends Realty Inc.

12967 Keele St., Unit 1, King City
maria@trendsrealtyinc.com

AURORA  TOYOTA'S

CELEBRATE TOYOTA'S 50TH
BUY OR LEASE
 ANY NEW TOYOTA IN-STOCK AND RECEIVE A

\$500
PRE-PAID GASCARD

*GAS CARD PROVIDED UPON DELIVERY.
 THIS THURS., SEPT. 18TH, FRI., SEPT. 19TH & SAT., SEPT. 20TH ONLY.

2014 COROLLA

LEASE FROM

\$84*

PLUS HST
 SEMI-MONTHLY

@**0.9%**

FOR 60 MONTHS
 WITH \$0 DOWN



2014 RAV4

LEASE FROM

\$135*

PLUS HST
 SEMI-MONTHLY

@**0.9%**

FOR 60 MONTHS
 WITH \$0 DOWN



 **TOYOTA**

HAPPY

50th

EVENT



FINANCE FROM

\$163*

HST INCLUDED
 BI-WEEKLY

@**0.9%**

FOR 84 MONTHS
 WITH \$0 DOWN

2014 CAMRY LE



FINANCE FROM

\$220*

HST INCLUDED
 BI-WEEKLY

@**0.9%**

FOR 72 MONTHS
 WITH \$1000
 INCENTIVE APPLIED

2014 SIENNA

*LIMITED TIME LEASE AND FINANCE OFFERS AVAILABLE FROM TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES ON APPROVED CREDIT.



AURORA  TOYOTA

669 WELLINGTON ST. E., AURORA
 (905) 727-1948 1-866-979-3635

www.auroratoyota.ca

N Wellington Street	Wellington	Bayview Ave.	Hwy # 404
	Vandorf Side Rd.		
	Bloomington Rd.		



New Roads
KIA of Newmarket



17415 YONGE ST. 905-898-3661
kiaofnewmarket.com

THE AUROREDIAN

SPORTS

See Crossword 18 • Teen Zone 20 • Hoedown 21
Classifieds 24 • At Your Service 25



New Roads
Richmond Hill Subaru



11645 YONGE ST. 905-883-3555
RichmondHillSubaru.com

Vol. 14 No. 46 905-727-3300

theauroran.com

FREE Week of September 18, 2014

Jays hoping for a victory after championship series tied up at 2

By Jake Courtepatte

The North Dufferin Baseball League Championship is shaping up to be a marathon, with the Aurora Jays and Ivy Leafs tied at two wins apiece through four games in the best-of-seven series.

After falling into a hole early in the series by dropping game one in Ivy, the Jays were ready to host the Leafs for the next two at Lambert Willson Park in Aurora.

The Jays evened the series with a 5-3 win on Tuesday, backed by a strong offensive outing. Dan Lehmkuhl, Ted Beadle and Jake Pinnegar each picked up two hits in the game as the Jays logged ten in total.

Andrew Bukovec picked up the win, pitching a complete game for the Jays, giving up three runs over five hits.

Brent Owen took the mound for the Jays two days later, having gone 5-0 on the season for the Jays.

Owen quickly sat down the first two batters he faced, bringing up Ivy slugger Todd Gowan after a couple of easy fly outs. Gowan, who led the NDBL in home runs over the regular season, sent the first pitch he saw over the wall to give the Leafs an early 1-0 lead.

Centre fielder Ryan Lewis was inches from making a spectacular highlight



The Jays are tied 2-2 with the Ivy Leafs in the best-of-seven NDBL finals, looking for their first ever championship. Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte

grab on the home run, which barely cleared the fence.

"I put my foot on the fence, it was just at the wrong angle," said Lewis. "But I was right there."

Some hard work by Chris Bloom in the bottom of the first quickly tied the game, as he came in to score on an Ian Rettie single after having stolen second base.

Owen came back out in the second

inning determined, giving the Jays a three up, three down inning including two strikeouts.

He would cruise the rest of the match, giving up only one more run and three more hits while fanning eight.

Meanwhile, the Jays' bats continued to light up, picking up twelve hits in what would be a 3-2 victory.

In a series overrun with scheduling

conflicts, last Saturday's game four was moved to Sunday due to wet conditions at the Ivy park.

The change caused a number of key players to miss the game for the Jays, and it showed in the first inning as the Leafs lit up starting pitcher Ian Milne for five runs. Jeremy Uylenbroek hit a three-run home run in the first-inning drubbing.

Brad Crosby gave the Jays some life in the second inning, bringing in two runs on his first home run of the season to cut the deficit to three.

However, Gowan would come to the plate in the bottom half of the inning to hit his own two-run shot for his third home run of the series.

Milne allowed seven runs on five hits through five innings in the loss.

At press time, the next game of the series will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Ivy, with game seven to follow the next day at 2 p.m. in Aurora, if necessary.

For playoff schedules and stats, visit www.ndbl.com.

Aurora Tigers continue preseason winning streak ahead of Friday's home opener

By Jake Courtepatte

Stouffville Arena was packed last Saturday with fans young and old to kick off the 2014-2015 OJHL season with a matchup between the Aurora Tigers and Stouffville Spirit.

The Tigers came roaring out of the gates looking to impress after having finished first in the OJHL North Division last season.

Cameron Morrison put the Tigers on the board early, picking up a Todd Winder rebound in the slot and tucking it under the Spirit goaltender for the 1-0 lead less than two minutes into the season.

Tigers goaltender Andy Munroe was not challenged much in the first period, apart from stoning Stouffville's Matthew Dunlop on a shorthanded breakaway.

However, the Stouffville squad would not back down, killing off an extensive five-on-three powerplay to start the second.

The Spirit got their chance halfway through the period when Aurora's Matthew Bernard earned a double-minor penalty for high-sticking.

Kyler Challis would capitalize on the opportunity for the Spirit, going bar-down on Munroe over a sprawling Eric Williams to tie the game at one.

Liam Neuman would put the Tigers back on top five minutes later off a pretty pass by Keaton Ratcliffe. The Tigers took the lead to the dressing room, up 2-1 after two periods.

Early in the third, the Tigers would put up an early contender for goal of the year after Sam Quaranta was tripped up behind the net for a Tigers powerplay.

Breaking into the offensive zone, Daniel Mantenuto would split the defencemen, feeding Ratcliffe on the



Andy Munroe made 31 saves on 33 shots in last Saturday's win over the Stouffville Spirit. Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte

right side of the net. Ratcliffe picked up his second assist of the night, when he sent a one-time cross-crease pass to Nicholas Erb, camped out in front to double the Tigers' lead.

Michael Laidley would add some insurance a few minutes later when the puck squirted out to him at the Tigers' blue line creating a 2-on-1 with John Curran. Laidley would hold, roofing the puck over the goaltender's glove.

Nick Thomakos gave the Spirit some life only thirty seconds later, picking up his own rebound before going five-hole on Munroe to cut the deficit to two.

However, the Tigers would ride Munroe's solid backstopping the rest of the game, making a couple of desperation saves to spoil the Spirit's season home opener.

Stouffville outshot Aurora 17-6 in the third period.

The Tigers will be holding their home opener Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Aurora Community Centre. Aurora will host the Hamilton Red Wings, who failed to make the playoffs in the 2013-2014 season.

For player stats, schedules, and more, visit www.auroratigers.pointstreak.com.



FALL REGISTRATION

Contact the Club
to arrange for
registration

- Canskate offered Mondays and Saturdays
- Prepower / Power offered Fridays
- STARSkate begins Sept. 8th
- CANSkate begins Sept. 22nd



Please visit our
website for more
information



www.nobletonskatingclub.com
905.859.4943



Get Fit & Have Fun

Speed Skate

Recreational and Competitive
speed skating for all ages and skill levels.

Try speed skating for
FREE!

NOBLETON ARENA
Tuesdays - Sept. 23 & Sept. 30, 7pm
Thursdays - Sept. 25 & Oct. 2, 5pm

Register today,
Skates Provided

Extra night
of skating
now
available



KING SPEED SKATING
www.kingspeedskating.com
905.859.0056 EXT 5232

Alliston • Aurora • Beeton • Bolton • Bradford • Caledon • King City • Kleinburg • Maple
Nobleton • Oak Ridges • Richmond Hill • Schomberg • Tecumseth • Tottenham • Woodbridge



PROUDLY SUPPORTING LOCAL SPORTS



New Roads
Automotive Group™

Coming Events

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The Aurora Community Arboretum will host their annual Shoreline Cleanup today beginning at 10 a.m. Interested volunteers are asked to meet at the gazebo near the Aurora Soccer Dome on Industrial Parkway North. For more information on the cleanup and other activities, contact the Arboretum at 905-727-3492 or email trees@auroraarboretum.ca.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Eating Disorders of York Region's Riverwalk Wellness Centres presents: Recovering from Eating Disorders: Tools and Techniques for Individuals, Family and Friends with Marilyn Reisz and Megan Fearnley from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at 15213 Yonge Street, Suite 11, Aurora. This workshop is designed to provide individuals with eating disorders with information, tools and techniques to help recover from disordered eating. \$20 per person. Registration is required. Visit www.edoyr.com/support-programs.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Garden Aurora! Our gardens need some TLC prior to the onset of winter. Karl Kohlen of Black Forest Garden Centre will help us prepare in the fall for the upcoming winter months. Join Karl and the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society for "Putting the Garden to Bed." The meeting will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion (105 Industrial Parkway North) at 8 p.m. For more information, call 905-713-6660 or visit www.gardenaaurora.com.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

The monthly meeting of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Aurora-Newmarket takes place this evening at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion (105 Industrial Parkway North, Aurora) with Jeffrey Cheung speaking on Chinese Calligraphy. All are welcome. For more information, call 905-895-8713 or visit www.cfuwauroranewmarket.com.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Aurora's Animal Rights Advocates invite you to a vegan potluck and movie night this evening at the Aurora Public Library. Feature film: Cowsspiracy: The Sustainability Secret. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and a potluck begins at 6:50 p.m. Movie rolls at 7:30 p.m. Please bring your favourite vegan dish (no meat, eggs, dairy or honey). Cover charge: \$3. For more information and registration, email aurorasanimalrightsadvocates@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Eating Disorders of York Region will host a series of events today to mark tomorrow's Culture Days Celebrations, including an Art Gallery Open House at 15213 Yonge Street, Suite 11, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and three film screenings at 12 noon, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Aurora Seniors Association welcomes you to the annual Country & Western Dance from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Aurora Seniors' Centre (90 John West Way). Come and dance to the sounds of the Dustaleros

Big Band for only \$10 a ticket. All ages welcome. Refreshments will be available and there will be a cash bar. Tickets are on sale now at the Aurora Seniors' Centre. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Aurora United Church invites the community to its former site at Yonge and Tyler for a special celebratory barbecue to give thanks for the support received by the church following their devastating fire. Celebrations get underway at 2 p.m. with free food, live music and face painting.

The Aurora Cultural Centre presents a celebration of Culture Days with free events from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Celebrate One Book One Aurora with a lively celebration of Persian Culture - dance, music and tasty treats from 12 - 2 p.m. at no charge. Discover new art exhibitions with Parchment Pieces, a solo exhibition and sale by William Lottering, and Cutting Edge, a collaborative exhibition and sale by Jane Geard, OSA, and Christine Kim. Artists' Reception from 1 - 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

The Aurora Public Library presents Money Talks: Developing Your Personal Investment Plan, this evening from 7 - 9 p.m. This informal monthly discussion and education group is intended to share unbiased personal experience and knowledge in financial planning. No financial products or services will be offered or sold.



CARRYING ON THE LEGACY

Hundreds turned out Sunday morning for the annual Terry Fox Run at Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area on Industrial Parkway South. Setting out from the soccer fields, the event was open to runners, walkers, and even those riding bikes, cruising in wheelchairs, or taking their rollerblades for a spin. Since the Terry Fox Run was established 34 years ago, the campaign has expanded across the country, reaching nearly 250 communities in Ontario alone, inspired nearly 4,000 school events raising nearly \$12 million for cancer research.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Bob's Plumbing Service
EST. 1972

• RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL
905-727-3210
www.bobsplumbing.ca

FAMILY LAW LAWYER



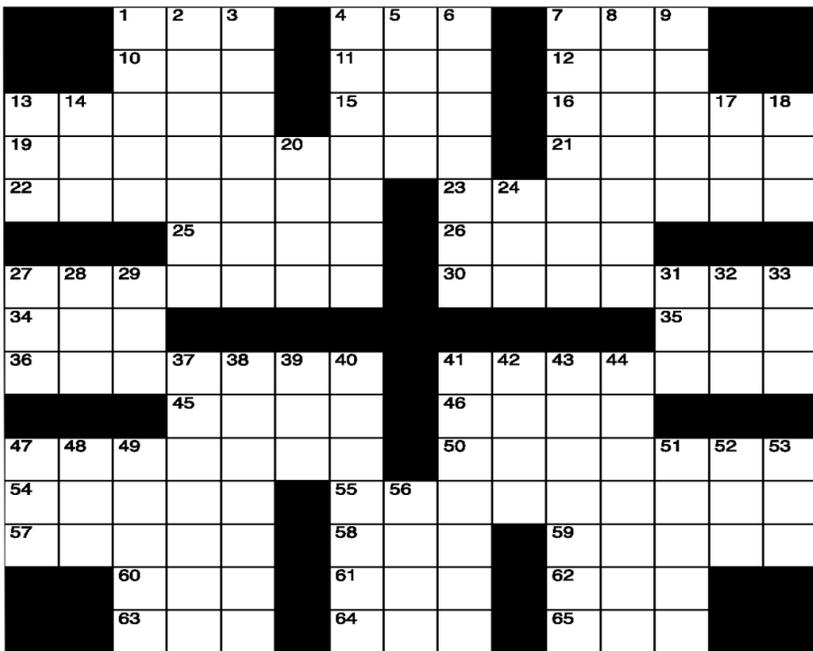
Patrick M. Gaffney

Practicing all aspects of Family Law to resolve parenting, support, and property issues arising from separating families. A practitioner of Collaborative Family Law - a client controlled, lawyer assisted, out-of-court-process focusing on achieving mutually acceptable solutions.

- 1/2 hour free consultation
- Accepts Legal Aid

16610 Bayview Avenue, Suite 211, Newmarket
PH: 905-953-0023 FX: 905-953-0093 e-mail: patrick@pmglaw.ca

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

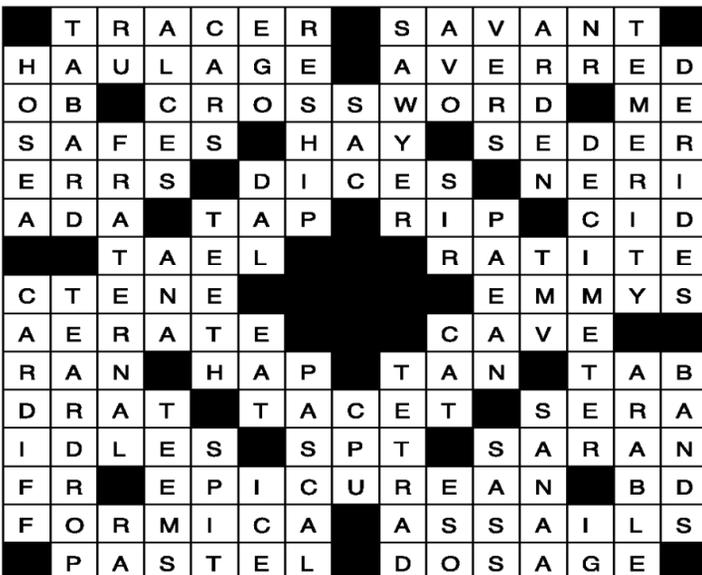
- Time unit (abbr.)
- Semiliquid infant food
- Pacific Standard Time
- Unitary
- Brew
- Language of Laos
- Higher up
- Toupee
- A love affair
- Exaggerated emotional play
- Hadith
- Used to one's advantage
- Ancient Persian governors
- Surrender possession
- Carbamide
- Can't move
- ___ Institute, Santa Barbara
- Helps little firms
- Consumed
- Plural of index
- Of the African desert
- Part in a play
- Famous British School
- Paragon of chivalry
- Given
- Set to end
- Daily TV drama
- Line used to haul up leeches
- Product of human creativity
- Equip with weapons again
- Car mechanics group
- ___ Bo - martial arts exercise
- Computer key for cancelling
- Outcome
- Doctor of Education
- Ethiopia (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- Slang for money
- Itemized bill
- Pine leaves
- Processions
- Medical astringent
- Winged horse
- Wall & ceiling coating
- Japanese warrior
- Chinese mahogany genus
- Doctors' group
- Am. soprano ___ Sills
- Atomic #105 symbol
- British astronomy org.
- Interpret
- Something curved in shape
- The 23rd Greek letter
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Radioactivity unit
- Golf score
- School organization
- 1/100 yen
- A citizen of Iran
- Treated with indulgence
- ___ Lilly, drug company
- Sensory
- Calmed by drugs
- At the peak
- Esteemed recipient
- Reverse dactyl
- Drinking establishment
- Shower month (abbr.)
- Rental contract
- Educate
- Make a mistake
- Obstruct water
- Toward the mouth

Last Week's Puzzle Solution

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ORGANICS LIVE

Certified Organic | Sustainable | Locally Focused Grocery Delivery

Organics Live Weekly & Bi-Weekly Produce Boxes Feature 100% Certified Organic Fruits & Vegetables Delivered to Homes & Businesses for Less Than The Cost of Shopping Retail.

CUSTOMIZABLE AT NO EXTRA COST
100% CERTIFIED ORGANIC
LOCAL, SUSTAINABLE & SMALL SCALE PRODUCERS

GIVE US A TRY AND RECEIVE **\$10 OFF YOUR FIRST DELIVERY.** USE PROMO CODE AURORANIO AT CHECKOUT.

ORGANICSLIVE.COM OR CALL 289.203.1736

FOOD STANDARDS CARBON PARTNER MEMBER

We're Hiring

Upper Canada Child Care is looking for qualified professionals with a passion for education and child care to join our team. Our centres are conveniently located in the Aurora area.

We offer competitive wages, health & dental benefits, split shift incentives, professional development, child care discounts, long-term service appreciation gifts, and opportunities for advancement.

For more information check us out online at www.uppercanadachildcare.com or send your resume with a cover letter to hr@uppercanadachildcare.com.

Education
Health & Nutrition
Quality Child Care

Barbecue will be time of celebration and exchange on church's future

By Brock Weir

Since the end of April, the northwest corner of Yonge and Tyler Street has been little more than an open field, sprouting steadily increasing blades of grass.

Next Saturday, however, it will be the centre of celebration and dialogue as the Aurora United Church hosts a free barbecue to give thanks to a community that has embraced it following their devastating spring fire.

Celebrations will get underway at the former site of the church on September 27 from 2 – 5 p.m. It will feature a free barbecue, live music from Glenn Marais and Delayne Drive, face painting, and a special tribute to Central York Fire Services.

The event is being spearheaded by a group of women who aren't newcomers to celebrating Aurora United Church. The annual "Right Back At Ya" bash to raise money for the congregation and its programs was their brainchild and doing something special for the community in this is a natural extension of that spirit, according to Shannon Clark.

Ms. Clark, a member of the Aurora United Church for the past eight years, says the outpouring of support from the community was "unbelievable" following the fire and a primary driver of this event.

"Nobody expected Aurora to stand by and say, 'Wow, that is our church,'" she says. "Even if people have not gone to church for 15 years, they were baptized there, their children were married there, or they had funerals there. It seemed like everybody came out of the woodwork and took ownership of the church. It was just so unbelievable that we knew we had to thank people."

But this feeling of "ownership" should extend into the future, she says. To this end, organizers hope this will spur a dialogue on what the congregation, and the community as a whole, would like to see as part of the Aurora United Church. It might be they would like to see a gymnasium as part of any new structure, banqueting spaces, or even a theatre space.

"We're hoping that people will really feel like they have some say about what a new church would look like," she says. "We will have a big scroll of paper with

crayons there [for people to say] what their Aurora United Church looks like. We need people to come out and say what they want from the church [because] it really is the centre of Town. So many people in the community have taken part [in it] in some way, shape or form with the church. We want people to have a say in that and maybe it will bring them back."

Having a party on the site that was the scene of such destruction just a few short months ago might bring a mixed bag of emotions for some members of the congregation and the community at large, but Ms. Clark says it will help those people who have been "staying away" from the site to come and share in the celebratory atmosphere.

"I am hoping there will be warmth and fellowship and people won't feel intimidated by the church," she says. "Sometimes big, old denominational churches can be intimidating and we are hoping those walls will be broken down and anybody can come in and feel like they can be a part of something."

To underscore this point, Ms. Clark shares a post-fire exchange between Reverend Andy Comar and congregant Keith Scott, both of whom are Scout leaders in groups that used to meet at the church. After the fire, the group told Reverend Comar they wanted to do something to help "your church" get back on the ground, a term which Ms. Clark says he found "bewildering" as it was "everybody's church."

"That is what I want to come from this whole thing – people wanting to feel ownership of something that is so important in so many ways, more than just faith-based," she says. "We want people to really speak up and say how you could benefit from having a new church that can really support a community that is as great as the Town of Aurora."



Glenn Marais, pictured above performing at Ribfest this month, brings his talent to the community celebration planned by Aurora United Church.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

wanting to feel ownership of something that is so important in so many ways, more than just faith-based," she says. "We want people to really speak up and say how you could benefit from having a new church that can really support a community that is as great as the Town of Aurora."

MARKET MUSINGS

From page 8

tortured, just for defending human rights. They are the peaceful protesters, the oppressed, the displaced, the victims of death by execution and stoning, the people who are persecuted because of their race, religion, gender or beliefs.

For over a third of these political prisoners, a real difference is made as a direct result of Amnesty's campaigning: e.g. they are freed, acquire access to a lawyer or doctor; are finally allowed family visits or are granted a retrial. After release, many have said that Amnesty letters and support gave them the strength to carry on during their darkest days of despair.

Once a human rights abuse has been identified and verified by Amnesty, the organization will publish reports, inform the media and notify its members. The worldwidenetworkthengenerateshundreds of appeal letters to Governments on behalf of individuals at risk. Amnesty provides clear guidelines as to how to word letters and emails respectfully and effectively.

Founded by a British lawyer in 1961, and with three million supporters in over 150 countries, Amnesty International is the world's largest grassroots human rights organization. It has renowned credibility as it is independent of any Government, political ideology economic interest or religion.

It does not support or oppose any particular Government or political system, nor does it accept money from any such groups. It is answerable only to its membership.

Amnesty International was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for "having contributed to securing the ground for freedom, for justice, and thereby peace for the world". The Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides the bedrock for campaigns.

Intense public pressure from around the globe CAN bring about justice and freedom for the oppressed. Whether you have 10 minutes or 10 hours, you can help: You can join the Newmarket-Aurora group which meets monthly at The Rectory (house behind Trinity Anglican Church at 79 Victoria St., in Aurora. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Renee and Len at 905-713-6713 or

reneeandlen@rogers.com.

Visit www.amnestyca.com or [www.aito.ca\(GTA\)](http://www.aito.ca(GTA)) to learn more. Receive e-newsletters about local events and find ways that you can help from home.

The Urgent Action Network (www.amnestyca.com/urgentaction) allows you to customize how often you wish to be notified regarding urgent appeals. There is also a special subgroup known as Lifesaver for 10-15 year old writers.

Students who are interested in starting an Amnesty group at their school can find ideas at www.amnestyca.com/youth/get_involved.

Please be sure to visit their booth at the Market this Sunday to find out more about the wonderful and necessary work that Amnesty does and perhaps sign up to become a member.

The next Special Event at the Market is on September 27 and is our annual and popular celebration of Culture Days, our Culinary Arts Day. This year, our six Market chefs will be preparing dishes featuring squash and pumpkins celebrating their own ethnic and cultural heritage.

They will be preparing their dishes at the Market for you to watch and, of course, to sample. Most of the chefs will also provide recipes. So, be sure to be there so you don't miss this extremely popular Market event.

The Aurora Community Band will be playing from 10 – 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 to 12 noon. As usual, there will be crafts for kids, a scavenger hunt and a draw for a market bag full of goodies at 12 noon.

As the Town ramps up to full election mode, the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair reminds all candidates for political office that we are a politics and campaign-free zone.

We respectfully request that there be NO active campaigning or handing out of campaign literature or buttons while you are visiting the Market. We thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

See you at the market!

POLITICS AS USUAL

From page 5

are, but it's DoFo not RoFo. So, a whole different ball game. While Doug Ford does not have his brother's personal demons, he also has none of his brother's charm either. So, I don't think the Ford name will carry him very far. But stranger things have happened!

Regardless of what transpires in Ford camp in the coming days, this is going to be one heck of a crazy ride for the next five weeks.

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

GATEWAY LANES

Register now for:

Adult Leagues

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights

Day Time Senior Leagues

Also New

Children's League

(ages 5 - 12)

5 Pin League

Youth 10 Pin League

(ages 9-18)

Sat morning 9:30 a.m.

September Free - Kids & Youth only

Starting - Saturday 6th

Professional Instruction

Call for More Information

210 Edward Street | 905-727-2900
www.gatewaylanes.ca

KELLER WILLIAMS
REALTY CENTRES
BRANDS: INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

Call or email for a complimentary & confidential Home Marketing Analysis & Professional Home Staging Consultation...I'll also outline my unique Decorating Works! bonus package.

Terry Eckert
Sales Representative
905-727-7048
terryeckert@bell.net
www.terryeckert.ca

Community Appreciation BBQ

AURORA UNITED CHURCH would like to thank the people of Aurora for their love and support since the fire.

Live Music by Glenn Marais and Delayne Drive
Face Painting • Fire Trucks
FREE BBQ!

Saturday, September 27, 2014
2:00 – 5:00 pm
To be held on the church site on
15186 Yonge Street

AURORA UNITED CHURCH

IT'S A DANCE!
A FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF THE AURORA CULTURAL CENTRE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014 8PM

FEATURING THE THURSDAY NIGHT JAM BAND

SILENT AUCTION
CASH BAR
19+ EVENT

GENERAL ADMISSION \$30
FRIENDS OF THE CENTRE \$25

PURCHASE TICKETS IN PERSON OR OVER THE PHONE
22 Church St. Aurora 905 713 1818

EVENT SPONSOR Apple Suites

Registered Charity No. 808239693RR0001
Proceeds will help support projects, programs, free exhibitions and events at the Centre.

TEEN ZONE

WHERE TEENS CAN LEARN, TEACH & GROW



School can be easier.

Correct the root of the problem.

Call 905-853-3363
learningability.org



By
BY RENATA GELLER
AURORA
HIGH STUDENT

Immortalizing a Monster

Have you ever been listening to a song when suddenly caught completely off guard by a lyric? Recently, this happened to me. However, I was a little more than just taken aback; I was offended. Katy Perry's single "Dark Horse", although topping charts all over the world, made a brief yet disturbing reference to Jeffrey Dahmer, a cannibalistic serial killer whose name still, after twenty years, sends chills down spines, hauntingly resonating in the back of people's minds.

I'll be honest, when I first heard the song, I liked it; it was catchy. However, due to my age and the generational gap between the present time and that of Dahmer's crimes, I hadn't actually recognized the Dahmer reference until someone pointed it out. My first thought was "why would anyone immortalize a serial killer?" All families of victims have no choice but to live, thus they must try to move forward despite its seeming impossibility. But when you have Jeffrey Dahmer's name repetitively played on every radio station, the eternally grieving individuals are constantly reminded of the monster who took the lives of their loved ones. Why victimize these individuals, making them relive that bitter pain time-and-time again? Other than the families, no one remembers the victims' names. No one honours their memories in any way, much less through music. But one song-writer decided that Jeffrey Dahmer's name was worthy of mention, thus glorifying his cannibalistic nature. What is most offensive to me is the music industry's disregard for the innocent and impressionable children, who with great ease chant a cannibal's name.

Over the summer, I worked as a camp counsellor with girls between the ages of six and eight. We were at a musical activity when I heard one girl enthusiastically rap Jeffrey Dahmer's name. I was shocked, disturbed and thoroughly annoyed that the music industry would directly or indirectly play on the ignorance of children to convey a message that remains unclear to me. As a singer, I love music because it carries a meaning and tells a story. That's the beauty of lyrics. Now, when I hear "Dark Horse", I feel a gut wrenching disgust and switch the radio station because the industry's blatant disrespect and lack of compassion for those who were directly and indirectly affected by this monster continues to evade me.

Although the music industry consists of many professionals, the songwriter, the singer and the producer, just to name a few, there is also the audience, without whose demand there would be no supply. However, the song is written long before it ever reaches the audience, thus the responsibility rests with the music industry.

Even though the freedom of expression is embedded in the constitution, do you believe that it should be at the cost of human morality?

BEING A PAGE

at Aurora Public Library

Aurora Public Library has over forty staff that make the library the place it is today. There are currently nine Pages working at the library, six of which are high school students along with three adults.

"We do not have separate summer jobs for students" said Reccia Mandelcorn who is the Manager of Communications and Collaboration at Aurora Public Library. They expect students to work throughout the school year as well as through the summer. Their hours are adjusted for school.

Being a Page at the library is an entry level position that has the following expectations; put all library material back on the shelves by following the dewey decimal system, put books and other library material on trucks and push the trucks around the library to their proper place.

"The Pages must have strong alphaneumeric skills" said Mandelcorn. "We get the kids who love to read".

In order to become a Page, you must be fourteen years of age or older and have good customer service skills as well as be in good shape to push the library trucks around the library. This is a student's first exposure to employment within the Library.

The library also has teen volunteers (from grade six to grade 12) that work as reading buddies with a literacy program that can be used for younger children who are E.S.L. The library matches the students up and from there the teens can earn their hours that go towards community service.



There is also a program at the library where younger children get a teen or high school pen pal who has volunteered their time and they write back and forth. The younger children will write a letter, then the older teens will write back and the communication continues within a private format.

The teens assist in so many different ways and help to encourage the skill of reading and writing throughout the Aurora community. These efforts are well received at a time when a good percentage of youth are glued to their hand held devices.

This past year, some of the Pages at the library were involved in a program called the Book Banter Series. Videos were created for

this program and are available through the library's website. The Book Banter Series has discussions around topics such as "books that made me cry", "books and their movie adaptations" and "books that deserve more attention". These videos are book reviews where teen Pages discuss many different books that they have read. These discussions are enlightening to say the least, as they sometimes agree, sometimes disagree, but they always express emotion and passion for just simply reading them.

The Aurora Public Library is a place that encourages youth to be involved in their programs today and moving forward.

■ WRITTEN BY CHRIS MCGOWAN

The Youth at Aurora United

It has been a very busy year for the congregation of Aurora United Church which also has an active youth community. Although they have been displaced from their home base since the fire, the congregation along with the youth have remained strong. The church has approximately 600 members which is made up from 350 households. The youth groups range from grades 6 - 8 and they also have second generation high school students. Their group at the church is called "Youthful Spirits".

For now, the church holds service at Trinity Anglican and is in the process of visioning their future. A missional group and a property group are working together along with the congregation to determine where to go from here.

They are meeting to discuss where they sat in church, what they need to build and what it will look like along with everything that is important to them for a new build. These talks include youth in the congregation as well. The church has taken care to understand the impact of the fire on the congregation. "The youth voice is extremely important" said Reverend Andy Comar, Minister of Faith Formation and Pastoral Care. There are 25 - 30 active youth members at Aurora United Church. The number varies depending on the event they participate in.

The fire that changed the landscape for the Aurora United community took place on April 11th of this year, but there is no going back, they are moving forward. There is no set time as to when a new church will be built yet. There is a great deal of work that is still yet to be done, but the work has started.

"Our Youth Group is a pretty lively bunch" said Reverend Comar. The youth that have been confirmed in the United Church, usually youth between grade eight and grade nine will have a vote on what the new church will look like. "The youth in our congregation is

not just our future, they are a part of today as well" said Reverend Comar

The traditional activities continue and the church is having a youth retreat at Kettleby Camp on the 17th to the 21st of September where they will have fun and bond with the two youth leaders in the church, Carmen Harany and Steve Falk along with parent representation. They would also like to do some activities with the Trinity Anglican youth group in the near future.

The congregation of Aurora United is holding a free community appreciation barbecue on September 27th at the church site at 15186 Yonge Street from 2 - 5 p.m. It is their way of saying thanks for all of the support and love they have received since the fire.

■ WRITTEN BY CHRIS MCGOWAN



DRIVER TRAINING FOR LIFE

NEXT COURSES START:
September 27 - 4 Saturdays



YOUNG DRIVERS
www.yd.com

905-726-4132

CUSTOM HOME AUDIO

Noize Boyz

CAR AUDIO AND VIDEO
REMOTE CAR STARTERS
from
\$169.99
INSTALLED

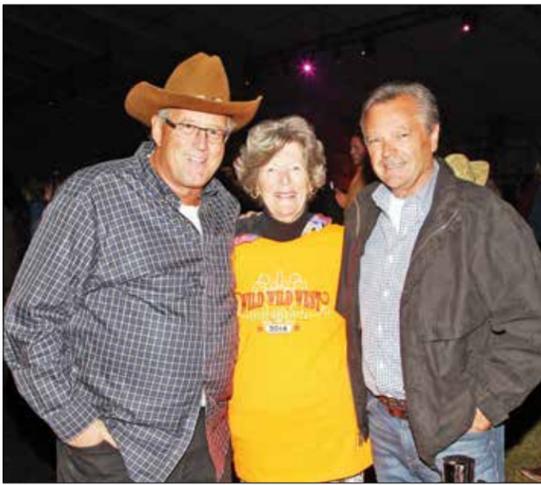
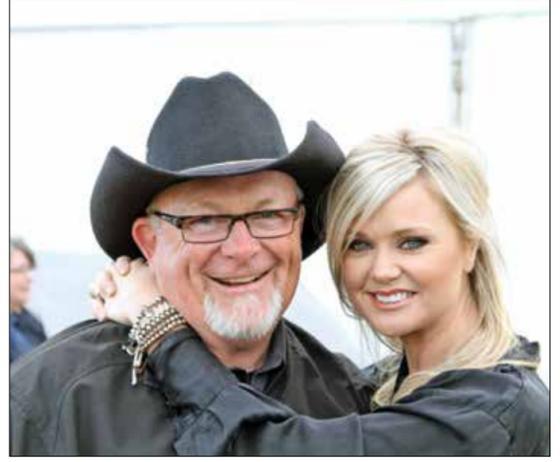
www.noizeboyz.com
905-751-0626
265 Edward St. Unit 16, Aurora

BECAUSE
Eating well. Good food. Chatting with friends. Sharp minds. Crazy ideas. Agreeing. Disagreeing. Going for a hike. Riding a bike. Going for it.
MATTERS.

If it matters to you, it matters to us. Your future. A path to a career you love. Pursuit of your passion. Whatever it is, it's all here. Seneca has the programs, professors and an abundance of learning opportunities to help you succeed.
becauseitmatters.ca

Seneca
Because it matters.

YORK REGION'S BIGGEST PARTY RETURNS FOR MORE!



(Top Row, from Left) Gabriella Caruso, winner of Friday's Hoedown Showdown, performs at the main event on Saturday night. Courtney places racks of chicken on the barbecue to feed the masses. Hoedown organizer Steve Hinder with host Beverley Mahood. (Second row) Tammy hit the keyboards as Wolfcreek performed an eclectic array of music on Friday and Saturday. Friday's headliner was award-winning singer Tim Hicks. Belinda Stronach speaks on behalf of her family, joined here by host Ken Shaw. (Bottom Row) Tim Jones of CHATS and former MPP Frank Klees greet Beverley Wood, Aurora's 2014 Citizen of the Year, who volunteered at the event on behalf of Welcoming Arms. Julie wows people lined up at the "Saloon" with some of her drink mixing tricks. MPP Chris Ballard and wife Audrey. Auroran photos by Brock Weir

Hicks, Lonestar, and local talent wow the crowds at 26th Hoedown

By Brock Weir

15 community charities are each \$33,900 richer this week following last weekend's successful two-day Hoedown.

Hosted by Magna International, two days of revelry, culminating in Saturday's Wild, Wild West Hoedown headlined by Lonestar, raised \$463,000 which will be shared entirely by its community partners.

"We started this Hoedown 26 years ago in our back yard after two guys approached us to hold a party in the back yard to benefit the local Leisure Complex," said Belinda Stronach. "We said, 'Sure, why not?' and we had 700 people in that first year. Since then, we have just been doing it again and again and the reason it is so successful is because of all of you, everyone who comes out to support it, and we have about 600 volunteers here. Volunteers are the ones who make Hoedown happen."

Thousands of people dressed in their cowboy boots and hats, and some in head-to-toe denim, descended on the "Magna Corral" on Wellington Street for two days of celebrations.

Friday night's party was the grand finale of the Hoedown Showdown, an opportunity for aspiring country singers to put their voices forward for a chance to sing before thousands, gain some valuable recording time, and win a Yamaha guitar in the process. Attracting over 90 applicants from across Ontario, this number was eventually whittled down to a Top 40 who performed at Theatre Aurora this summer. From there, the Top 20 where eventually worked down to a manageable Top 10 contestants at this month's Ribfest. On Friday, it was time for the Top 10 to shine.

Although Aurora residents Jessica

Joerges and Shannon Beresford made it to the final round, the top prize ultimately went to Gabriella Caruso, who wowed the crowd with her renditions of Tammy Wynette's "Stand By Your Man" and Patsy Cline's "Crazy."

"It was a lot tougher this year than last year," said country singer Chris Seldon, who judged the competition alongside Magna CEO Don Walker, Steve Hinder, and Ms. Stronach. "Many of them never performed live on stage and it is pretty nerve-wracking. We are proud of everyone who entered the competition, participated, and made it here tonight."

While each contestant had their share of fans in the audience, many came to see event headliner Tim Hicks perform, just days after bagging the Rising Star Award at the Canadian Country Music Association Awards. Saturday's show was headlined by Lonestar, who brought the house down.

While the 2014 cheque was significantly lighter than the \$567,000 raised in 2013, this year's benefiting charities will ultimately each have a larger share of the pot. These community partners include the Aurora Youth Soccer Club, Aurora Minor Hockey Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, the Queen's York Rangers 2799 Army Cadet Corps and Welcoming Arms.

"I want to thank you for your generosity in coming out tonight and for spending a lot of money," Mayor Geoffrey Dawe told the crowds after unveiling the cheque with his counterparts from King, Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, and Georgina. A sincere thank you to the Magna Corporation and the Stronach family. We are so fortunate to have a corporate citizen like Magna. Very few communities can make that claim."

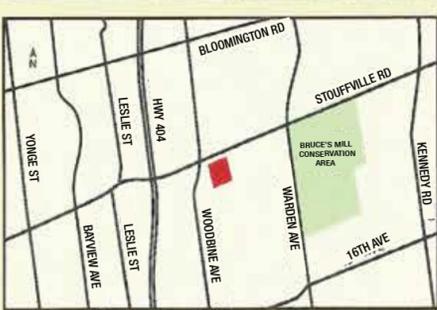
LEONA

STONE & BUILDING SUPPLY LTD.









COME VISIT US AT OUR NEW YARD

QUALITY & SERVICE SINCE 1971

WE MOVED! NEW LOCATION
2379 STOUFFVILLE ROAD
GORMLEY, ON L0H 1G0

(905) 773 - 4251
WWW.LEONASTONE.COM

Caps should be looked at in how much Town's insurers can cover in a lawsuit

By Brock Weir

With insurance premiums involving ongoing lawsuits with current and former members of Council coming in just under \$1 million over the last seven years, it now might be time to look at capping just how much support individuals can get from Town insurers.

So argued members at last week's Council meeting following a presentation from BFL Canada on why Aurora's insurance premiums have been on a swift incline.

"We can conclude there were specific claims that are driving up your premium to a certain extent," said BFL's Vice President Chris Sinardo in his presentation last week. "It is a bit of an intangible, but if I do the math and think on it, and use my experience working with municipalities for the last 35 years, I came to the conclusion that about 35 per cent of your liability premium would have been saved had your losses been significantly less than they are. It just makes sense that if you're asking the insurance company to pay, or has paid, \$265,000, but you're only putting \$177,000 into it, they are losing money and they are going to be raising."

In the presentation, BFL crunched the numbers on many lawsuits still outstanding involving the Town which have garnered significant headlines over the past five years - totalling \$998,934.

The largest hit to the Town's insurance premiums comes from Councillor Evelyn Buck's lawsuit against former Aurora mayor Phyllis Morris, incumbent Councillors Wendy Gaertner and John Gallo, as well as former councillors Stephen Granger, Evelina MacEachern and Al Wilson. The defendants in this case are covered by Aurora's insurance premiums as it was launched against them while duly elected officials.

Councillor Buck's multimillion dollar lawsuit claims her reputation was damaged by the defendants stemming from a 2009 statement from Councillors published in local newspapers, relating to Councillor Buck and what was then Aurora's Code of Conduct.

So far, the lawsuit has racked up \$845,000 on the Town's insurance bill.

Two lawsuits involving Ms. Morris also racked up a heavy bill. Although the report doesn't break down the particulars of each case, both the lawsuit unsuccessfully launched by Aurora resident George Hervey alleging Ms. Morris violated the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act in participating in discussions that led to her 2010 defamation lawsuit against three local bloggers, as well as Ms. Morris' subsequent lawsuit against the Town of Aurora for her own costs related to the lawsuit, have continued to increase, currently standing at \$153,932.

Although they couldn't get into the specifics of the case in the open Council session,

Councillors Buck and Gallo questioned broader details relating to the case they are embroiled in. Councillor Buck, for instance, suggested "all the reasons" for the insurance premiums going "sky high" were not being brought out, while Councillor Gallo questioned the impact on insurance premiums if the defendants being covered by the Town's insurance were ultimately successful in their defence.

"If any one of these that are before the courts [and] the Town were to be successful and recover funds, how would that affect insurance premiums?" he asked.

Mr. Sinardo said premiums could be reduced by up to 30 per cent.

For those not tangled up in lawsuits, they questioned what could be done to prevent matters in the future from accumulating some substantial numbers.

"Since these costs are ultimately being borne by the taxpayer, are there not limits?" asked Councillor Michael Thompson. "We have some that are approaching a significant [sum] and theoretically could keep going."

A similar view was put out by Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, who said he heard comments over the previous week characterising the numbers as "an obscene amount of money" being paid out, questioning who is "watching the piggy bank."

"This has gone on for a number of years and if it was to go on for another four, five, or six years, would the claims just keep racking up?" he asked. "This is all going to come back and hit our tax rate. I don't understand why, generally speaking, we can't have capping. In my opinion, if there was a capping mechanism there, people would be more prone to settle. There would be far more impetus to settle and move on, as opposed to letting this thing drag on. It might help focus people."

SAC to dedicate new arena Saturday

St. Andrew's College will officially open their new La Brier Family Arena on Saturday afternoon.

The grand opening of the new facility is one of the highlights of Spirit Week and Saturday's Homecoming.

Events begin at 10 a.m. with soccer, volleyball and football games, along with children's rides and activities, a vendor's marketplace, and a bake sale under a tent on the quad. Following the arena dedication at 2.50 p.m., SAC's Varsity Football Saints will take on the Upper Canada College Blues on Yuill Field. At the end of a busy day, the brand new arena will host three alumni hockey games.

For more, visit www.sac.on.ca.

Contamination on tannery site will be fixed, say developers as demolition nears Council

From page 1

On hand to address some of these concerns was Joanne Barnett, Vice-President of Charlieville Developments, a division of Kerbel Group. According to Ms. Barnett, the Collis building serves "no useful purpose" to the community and "will never serve a useful purpose again" as it stands now. Before the land was sold by Maple Leaf last year, a full environmental analysis was undertaken to see how it could be remediated "in the public interest."

"The approach was that there were certain isolated areas of contamination where remediation had to occur," she said. "It is not significant; about 3,000 cubic metres of material have to be removed from the site in accordance with [provincial regulations]. Those areas have been isolated by the consultant with Maple Leaf Mills and the areas are known, test bits have been dug, sampling has occurred. The water course has been sampled, the water course is salvageable, the site can be remediated and risk assessed and can become useful again, and it can become environmentally sound again."

"The issue revolves around how one remediates the site. Without the demolition of the building, the site cannot be remediated. There is a considerable investment in remediating the natural aspects of this site that we are prepared to do."

While Ms. Barnett's group has successfully tackled a number of remediation projects, this one is unique for them in that this is a brownfield which also happens to be listed for heritage.

"If this site remains listed and we don't get the demolition permit, then we won't be able to invest in the cleanup and the status will stay quo and we will consider what our options are. Working together with the Town we can do better than what is there today, but it doesn't involve doing something with this building that is not doable. It is just not possible."

If Council ultimately approves their demolition application, all contaminated materials will be removed from the site with clean fill brought in to "cap" the site. On top of the new clean fill will be a slab at grade townhouse development where rather than traditional houses with basements and deeper foundations, homes will be built on newly poured slabs so as not to "disturb" anything underneath. This is also necessary for the area since the land itself is so low, added Ms. Barnett.

In considering the application, HAC members weighed the considerations put forth by Ms. Sinclair in finding the right balance between environmental and heritage concerns. Ultimately, after a lengthy discussion, they decided their mandate is to speak strictly to heritage matters and leave environmental issues to others. The Collis Leather Building scored 52.5 in a heritage evaluation completed after a site visit earlier that day. From that end, they felt obligated to "encourage" the retention of that building, despite some misgivings over York Regional

Police using the building to train officers on forcible entry, leaving it in a further state of disrepair.

"We're not dealing with a building sitting on some land that may potentially have a couple of barrels on it," said committee member David Heard of the contamination. "I think we're dealing with a land that operated in the community for a long, long time with a lot of questions and a lot of concerns. The documentation is quite substantial [and] I think we need to know what we're dealing with."

Historian Jacqueline Stuart said she had mixed views on the application. On the one hand, she disagreed with the suggestion the buildings have no cultural or heritage value, considering their architecture, but on the other hand she saw "no practical future for the building."

"Sometimes I think we try to look back too far for interest," she said. "I think the Collis Leather building has, perhaps, some of the very best examples of late 1940s and 1950s industrial architecture in Aurora."

Councillor John Abel, on the other hand, made his feelings quite clear.

"I think it should be delisted," he said. "Let the neighbours get that blight off their street. It is a contaminated site. I can only see good things coming by developing it. If I was a homeowner there and you said you were going to clean this up and put some residential units there to complement the street, I would say 'great!'"

Marie's Hair Design
\$20 OFF

- Colour • Cut • Hilight • Hair Extension & Perm
- Relaxer & Braid • Keratin Hair Straightener
- Wednesday is Senior's Day • Kid's Haircut - \$15

TO ALL MY CLIENTS,
 I invite you to visit me at my new location.

CHAIR FOR RENT, BE YOUR OWN BOSS!
 15504 Yonge St. To make an appointment call:
 Aurora, ON. L4G 1P2 905.503.5010 OR 416.797.6427

NORTHEAST CONSTRUCTION
 DESIGN + BUILD + RENOVATE
CALL US FOR A QUOTE
905.758.7877

TAKE A SHORTCUT TO THE BEACH



Now at your local LCBO.

Hockley
www.hockleybeer.ca

DAIKIN
 COMFORT FOR LIFE

Get Cool. Get Comfortable. Get Daikin!

Enhance your home's level of comfort and lower your energy bills too. Simply ask a Daikin Comfort Pro. It's that easy. And be certain to ask about our Comfort Promise.

Exclusive Dealer:

OLIVER HEATING & COOLING
 Service You Can Trust - Since 1924

DAIKIN COMFORT PRO

136 Wellington St. E.,
 905-727-4258
www.tholiver.com

DAIKIN COMFORT PROMISE

Our continuing commitment to quality products may mean a change in specifications without notice.
 © 2013 DAIKIN NORTH AMERICA LLC Houston, Texas - USA - www.daikincomfort.com

THE PERFECT INVESTMENT

NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Buy for your kids, parents or for renters

Affordable prices, great location and luxurious living make Centro an amazing investment. Whether you're looking to rent, get a place for your kids to start out, or find a home for downsizing, Centro is the place to be.

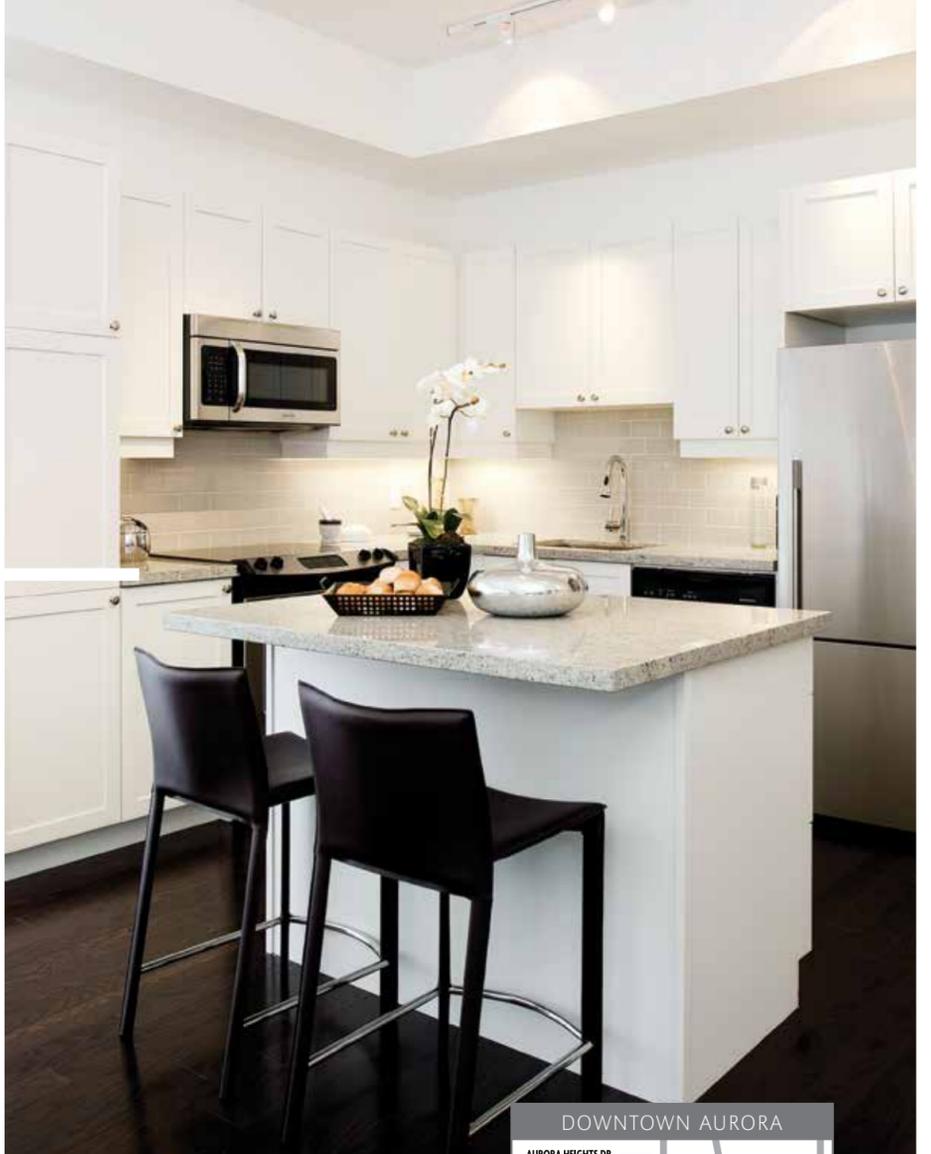
- ✓ Premium finishes and luxury features
- ✓ Close to GO train
- ✓ Close to shops, restaurants, parks & entertainment
- ✓ Own for just 5% down!

FINAL RELEASE

OF SUITES FROM \$289,990

MOVE IN BY DECEMBER 2015

BUY WITH ONLY WITH 5% DEPOSIT*

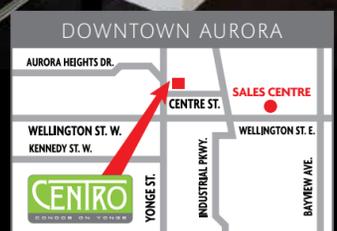


KAITLIN CORPORATION
905-503-2063

For more information, visit our website at **KaitlinCentro.com**

SALES CENTRE ADDRESS:
300 Wellington St. E., Suite 5
Aurora, Ontario. L4G 1J5

SALES CENTRE HOURS:
Monday to Wednesday:
1 pm - 7 pm
Closed Thursday & Fridays
Saturday & Sunday
11 am - 6 pm





WALK FOR HOPE

Walkers and volunteers gearing up for the annual Walk for Hope benefiting ovarian cancer research didn't let rain and unseasonably cold weather on Saturday keep them from their appointed rounds. Crowds gathered at Town Park to head out into the community from the Farmers' Market to get many steps closer to a cure. Volunteers were joined by crews from the Central York Fire Services, above, as well as MP Lois Brown and emcee Andy Frost.

Auroran photo by David Falconer



Vanessa

"Looking for a great service at a great price? Visit the talented staff at **CQ Hair Studio!**"

Walk-ins Welcome
OPEN SUNDAYS
Aurora Village Plaza
cqhairstudio.com
905-503-0803

—THE AURORAN— CLASSIFIEDS

Deadline: Friday, 4 pm, week prior to publication. 905-727-3300 Open: Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HELP WANTED

RESIDENTIAL CLEANERS WANTED

Do you enjoy physical work?

- demonstrates quality work ethic
- commitment to support of staff professionally and personally
- must be bondable • no evenings or weekends
- competitive wages • kilometers paid
- drivers and non-drivers needed

Aurora Newmarket area
Please call SPAR-CLEAN 647-333-7397 and leave a message

EXPERIENCED MEAT CUTTERS and LABOURERS wanted. Cutting and deboning poultry products an asset. Labourers, \$11-\$14/hr. Butchers with minimum two years experience - \$16/hr. Apply to Abate Packers Ltd by email at: jobs@abatepackers.com or by fax: 519-848-2793.

GARAGE SALE

HUGE GARAGE SALE NEW & USED ITEMS
SEPT. 20-26 DON'T MISS IT!!!
6605 HIGHWAY #9 JUST WEST OF HWY #27

FREE
CLOSET CLEANING WITH ANY NEW WINTER STORAGE SERVICE

The Gardenists
ReDecorate • ReCover • ReClaim
ReStrap • ReFresh • RePaint • RePair

Winter Storage & Repair
905-910-0435
info@thegardenists.com
www.thegardenists.com



FULL/PART TIME POSITIONS

Paint Chemist—B of Sc. A must
Millwright (Lic.) - Woodbridge
\$25.00/ hr.
General Labourers - 12 positions
Assemblers - Full time Tottenham - 10 positions
Accounts Payable - Jonas a must
OTL Insurance Administrator
Buyer—Advanced SAP - Metal Fabrication Plant--\$50K
Senior Contract Administrator - New Homes \$55K
CNC Operators - Mills, Lathes, etc.
Plumbing Apprentice - In home installations
Forklift Operators
Farm Machinery Mechanic

- Resumes only, no phone calls
- Only qualified persons will be contacted

DaveG@motivatedstaffing.com
905-951-6300 Tel/Fax
866-274-7231 Toll Free



bulk barn

POSITIONS AVAILABLE
AT BULK BARN FOODS LIMITED
New Corporate Offices located at Wellington St. E. & Hwy 404, Aurora

Full-time Distribution Centre Assemblers

Duties include loading, unloading and moving products and materials by hand or with basic material handling equipment, picking orders and stock, wrapping and stacking goods.

This role is hands-on and labour intensive involving a fast-paced environment, repetitive tasks, handling heavy loads, manual dexterity, hand-eye co-ordination, and attention to detail.

Vehicle/equipment experience required (dollies, hand trucks, pallet lifters, and tow motors). Physical requirements involve weight handling up to 45 kg (100 lbs).

Please email your resume to corporatejobs@bulkbarn.ca. No telephone calls, please.

Canada's largest bulk food retailer and more...
bulkbarn.ca

LOST PUPPY



Bailey was last seen on Sunday, August 17th at around 4pm, at St. Andrews Valley Golf Course in Aurora. She is a 10 month old Boston Terrier wearing a red collar. She is tan and white. Bailey is a very friendly dog who loves exploring, loves children and other dogs.

Please call or email:
Margherita or Peter Capraro
416-816-9239
pcapraro@bell.net

SERVICES

MICHAEL'S YARD MAINTENANCE, Grass Cutting, Gardens, Yard Cleanup, Window Washing, Eavestrough Cleaning, Interlock... and much more. 905-235-6253.

A1-RAINBOW, SPECKLED & BROWN TROUT (8-10-12'+) for stocking (\$1.49-3.49). Pond fountains/aerators, windmills, \$999 & up. www.silvercreekponds.com. Erin 519-833-2559.

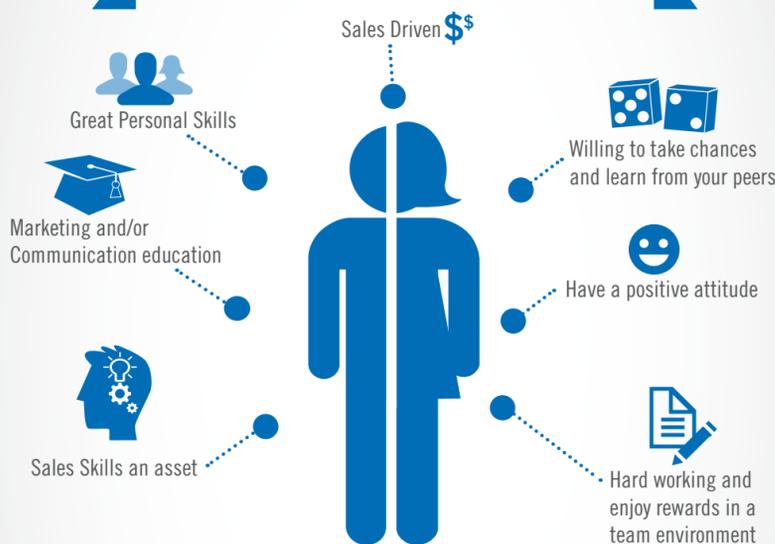
helpUpaint
Quality Custom Work
416-606-4662
ON TIME • ON BUDGET

Not everyone needs your services all the time but, if you want to be there when they do, advertise in THE AURORAN Classifieds 905-727-3300

Think you have what it takes?

Come join a dynamic, fast paced, growing entrepreneurial company looking for enthusiastic sales representatives. A rewarding, lucrative opportunity for the right candidate.

OUTSIDE SALES REPRESENTATIVE



DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Sell advertising in our local community newspapers across numerous regions for maximum growth
- Be part of an ever growing team, developing new verticals and supplements for new revenue and income opportunities

COMPENSATION: Base + Commission

Let's Talk.



EMAIL RESUME FOR CONSIDERATION:

Karin Rossi
Vice President Sales, Marketing,
Business Development
karin@lpcmedia.ca

Students Welcome

CALLING ALL CARRIERS!



The THE AURORAN is currently seeking newspaper carriers to deliver once a week.

Route D-16
Temperance Street,
Reuben Street, Ransom Court
- 63 houses

Richardson Drive - 108 houses
Route D-28a
Davidson Rd, Bailey Crescent
- 49 houses

(3homes), Ardil Cres., Underhill Cres.
- 89 houses

Route D-27
Patrick Drive,
Webster Drive,
Hutchinson Road,

Route G-8
Tamarac Trail

Route G-9
Tamarac Trail (46 homes), Albery Cres., Milgate Pl.
- 96 houses

Call Céphise 416-505-2770 or email: cc@cephisecuming.com

ELECTION 2014

Growth will be top of mind if Thompson is re-elected to Council

By Brock Weir

Michael Thompson came into municipal politics from the business world where decisions are, more often than not, made at a much quicker clip and, for him, that was something of an adjustment to make in his first term on Council.

That being said, that did not deter him in the slightest when considering his re-election bid earlier this year and, in fact, might have galvanized his decision even more.

"If I were talking to a resident and they were asking me about [delays, and items referred back to staff and deferred to a different day] I would say that sometimes it is better to err on the side of caution, to make sure you have all the information in front of you and all the facts before making a good judgement," says Thompson. "Sometimes it takes looking at it from a different angle to ensure you are going in the right direction."

"The problem is we have meetings every week or every second week, so it does impose a lengthy delay [but] one of the things I look for is having more information in those reports that can help us make faster decisions. Those are some of the things we will talk about going forward in terms of better performance metrics, better reports, and more background."

But that will be up to Aurora voters. In weighing his decision to seek re-election, he says he considered whether his work was comfortable with him continuing on as a Councillor, as well as his family. For him, it is all about striking the balance between all his roles and responsibilities, whether it is around the Council table, in the workplace, or at home.

When he was first elected to Council in 2010, Thompson says he didn't fully grasp everything the job entailed. Despite talking to some incumbents along the way, it is something he says one can never fully grasp until they are there in the thick of it.

"You want to be a good ambassador for the Town, and I enjoy getting out to the events and supporting them as well, so the time commitment is more than you would expect, but it is such a rewarding endeavour," he says. "Sometimes I wish I had more time in the day to give to the Town, to get out to events and support the different initiatives that are out there."

Looking back over the past four years, Thompson says he has found the re-establishment of the Aurora Museum, currently being worked on for the Aurora Room at the Aurora Cultural Centre,

particularly rewarding. Not everything, however, has been rosy. Among some of the bigger challenges this Council has encountered, in his opinion, is that slower decision-making process, as well as what he describes as discussions around the Council table where "it doesn't appear that we are all working towards the best interests of the community."

"At times, it seems decisions are sometimes made based on other factors," he explains. "I think everyone has noticed that there seems to be some that vote against everything and others that are trying to move the business of the Town forward. I think we can look at most of the major decisions that came before Council this year, whether it be the discussions around facilities, discussions around the Church Street School agreement, even sometimes with the budget discussions."

"There were discussions about not approving the budget based on specific examples. To me, if you have an issue with one particular thing, you look for a solution, but to reject the budget as a whole [is] something I have trouble with."

In hindsight, discussions around the recently approved Joint Operations Centre could have been handled better, with more public engagement to better explain "the need and the cost". An open house intended to do that seemed to work for some people, but it didn't quite go far enough.

Accounting for the future growth of Aurora is something Thompson says he will keep a keen eye on if re-elected on October 27. With population set to grow extensively through 2021, that will put "tremendous pressure" on infrastructure and facilities to meet the needs.

"There will always be a need to ensure we're providing great value for the taxpayer," he says. "We started the service level review process, we talked about discretionary and mandatory spending, and I want to see us dig deeper into the discretionary aspects to make sure spending is needed, and wise."

"From the first moment of being elected and getting immersed into the role, I treasured it. I feel very honoured to have been elected and I have always wanted to continue to pursue it. In terms of commitment, there is an expectation that each week when you're sitting in front of the Council table you are properly prepared, educated, and understand the issues, working towards a resolution or decision that benefits the community as a whole. I think we all have that responsibility to come ready and prepared."

A Dean, a college campus, a community: A look at Seneca's King Campus

Tina DiSimone has watched King Campus grow and evolve over the years. With a focus on programs relating to health and wellness as well as cross-disciplinary and work-learning opportunities such as co-ops, internships and placements, King graduates are career-ready. The Dean of the Faculty of Applied Arts and Health Sciences and Campus Principal says it's the interrelated programs and sense of community that make King Campus so different from traditional post-secondary campuses. As we enter a new school year, we caught up with DiSimone to find out more about her and what makes Seneca's King Campus so special.



Tina DiSimone
Dean of the Faculty of Applied Arts and Health Sciences

Q: What do you find most rewarding about your job?

A: Our programs are focused on health and wellness and watching students exceed expectations is really wonderful. After seven years with the College, I still really enjoy hearing about the creative ways our faculty engage learners and, in turn, how our students engage each other and our community partners.

Q: What do you think makes Seneca's King Campus unique?

A: Located on the former Eaton family estate, Seneca is the largest land owner on the Oak Ridges Moraine. With approximately 700 acres of provincially significant wetlands, the College takes stewardship of the property very seriously. To this incredible physical environment, you add a combination of programs each linked to one another with a focus on community services, health and wellness. The icing on the cake is a faculty with expertise in these 'helping professions' and a student population drawn to these careers – it's a lot of like-minded people making educational choices that contribute to the development of great communities...the communities we want to live and raise our families in.

Q: Since all the programs at the King Campus are related to applied arts and health sciences, is there collaboration happening between them?

A: Our focus on cross-disciplinary

learning is a testament to Seneca's leadership in recognizing that none of us works in isolation and our graduates are no different. For example, we had a great project a couple of years ago where Environmental Landscape Management students worked with Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) to create a 'nature-based play space.' We also have an outdoor classroom fully equipped with solar power that was the result of a project between students working at our Outdoor Centre and students in our Environmental Landscape Management program.

As we add new programs to the mix the opportunity for this kind of cross-disciplinary learning continues to grow. It's about identifying intersections between programs that might not be obvious – that's where the magic happens.

Q: What are some of the partnerships/relationships that the programs and people at King Campus have with community businesses and agencies?

A: With more than 3,600 students at King Campus, our partnerships include all hospitals, community agencies, recreational facilities, early learning centres, social service agencies, family centres, emergency services settings and animal health clinics in King City, York Region and across the GTA. Any agency that works with individuals and families is likely connected to Seneca and we're proud to be a part of this community.

AT YOUR SERVICE

A directory of who does what in your community

AIRPORT LIMO

ECO-LIMO (AURORA BASED)
Eco-friendly hybrid vehicles
Hire an eco-friendly Lincoln Hybrid for your next airport or downtown transportation. Very competitive rates from \$79.00
Call Alan @ 905-727-8600 or 416-992-3811
e-mail: eco.limo@icloud.com Website: greenlimousines.ca

DENTAL

Aurora Gateway
DENTAL Care
NEW PATIENTS AND EMERGENCIES WELCOME
905.503.CARE (2273)
www.auroragatewaydental.com

GARDENING

The Well Dressed Garden
289-264-3964 janet@thewelldressedgarden.ca

- Spring & Fall Clean-up
- Garden Renovations
- New Plantings
- Garden Maintenance
- All-Natural Products

CLEANERS

CRYSTAL CLEANING
Commercial/residential
...any day any time
FREE ESTIMATE
905-392-1589

MAID TO SHINE
Professional cleaning with a personal touch
~Serving Aurora for 15 years~
Insured & Bonded • Owner Operated
Call for an in-home consultation
905-713-5636

LANDSCAPING

MFC LANDSCAPE
CONTRACTING

- interlock/pavers
- decks/fences
- retaining walls
- natural stone
- flagstone
- bobcat services

Office: 905-859-1046
Cell: 416-676-6641
WWW.MFCLANDSCAPING.COM

PIANO LESSONS

PIANO LESSONS IN YOUR HOME
All levels, for study or pleasure
Raymond Lorenz
905.727.9659

MOVING

A&G Moving & Storage Ltd.
Moving Families & Businesses Since 1986

- Heated Units
- Packaging & Storage Supplies (Buy or Rent)
- 24 Hr Monitored Security
- Video Surveillance
- Indoor & Outdoor Storage

905.775.6363 • 1.888.332.3438 • Cell: 905.252.2406
www.acmovingstorage.ca

Why take a chance... go with who you know!

MOLLY MAID (905) 841-6243
www.mollymaid.ca

MONUMENTS

GRANITE & BRONZE MEMORIALS
NATURAL ROCK ENGRAVING
SCHNEIDER IMAGING.COM
905-859-1836

PAINTER

S & S PAINTING
TOP QUALITY GUARANTEED
20 yrs. experience
FREE ESTIMATES
905-841-8949 416-520-6252

HANDYMAN

HANDYMAN SERVICES
For all your household needs.
Call Tom: 905-717-0517

CREMATION

SIMPLE CREMATION™
Dignified. Respectful.
Complete cremation service for \$1,960.55.
This service is provided by Roadhouse & Rose Funeral Home
www.simplecremationaurora.com | 905.895.6631

GARAGE DOOR & ELECTRIC OPENERS

AURORA OVERHEAD DOOR INC.
Since 1978
Your full-service garage door and garage door opener experts serving York Region and surrounding areas!
40 Industrial Pkwy S 905-727-1382

WATER

BENEFITS OF A REFINESOFT WATER SOFTENER
Removes harmful chemicals & calcium build-up
Removes chlorine, prevents stripping hair colour & dry skin.
FREE WATER TEST
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (905) 505-0840

OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEKEND

FROM 12PM TO 4PM



ACTUAL MODEL PHOTOGRAPHY



THE BEST NEW HOME VALUE IN AURORA TODAY!

30, 60 & 90 DAY MOVE-INS!

BUY WITH 5% DOWN!

TOUR A MODEL OF EVERY HOME DESIGN BEFORE YOU BUY!

- 5 free appliances
- Free window coverings
- Free ROGERS® Bundle for 1 year
- 2 car parking*
- Air conditioning
- Daniels quality construction

2 STOREY - 2 & 3 BEDROOM DESIGNS FROM THE MID \$300,000s

FULLY-BUILT CONDO TOWNHOMES IN 2 GREAT LOCATIONS!

FirstHome™ Aurora at John West Way is located on John West Way, south of Hollidge Boulevard.

FirstHome™ Aurora at Lewis Honey is located at Bayview Avenue and St. John's Sideroad.

RSVP today! Space is limited

905-821-0822
danielsfirsthome.ca

Daniels

love where you live™
Official Developer of TIFF Bell Lightbox



SEMINAR LOCATION:
FIRSTHOME™ AURORA
PRESENTATION CENTRE
15917 BAYVIEW AVE., AURORA

PRESENTATION CENTRE HOURS
Monday to Wednesday 12 - 8PM
Closed Thursday and Friday
Saturday and Sunday 12 - 6PM

* 2 car parking is only available on select homes. Some homes include lot and parking premiums. See Sales Representative for details. Prices, programs and specifications are subject to change without notice. Brokers Protected. E.&O.E. All brand names, logos, images, text and graphics are copyright of the owners, The Daniels Corporation, and reproduction in any form, without prior written permission, is strictly prohibited.