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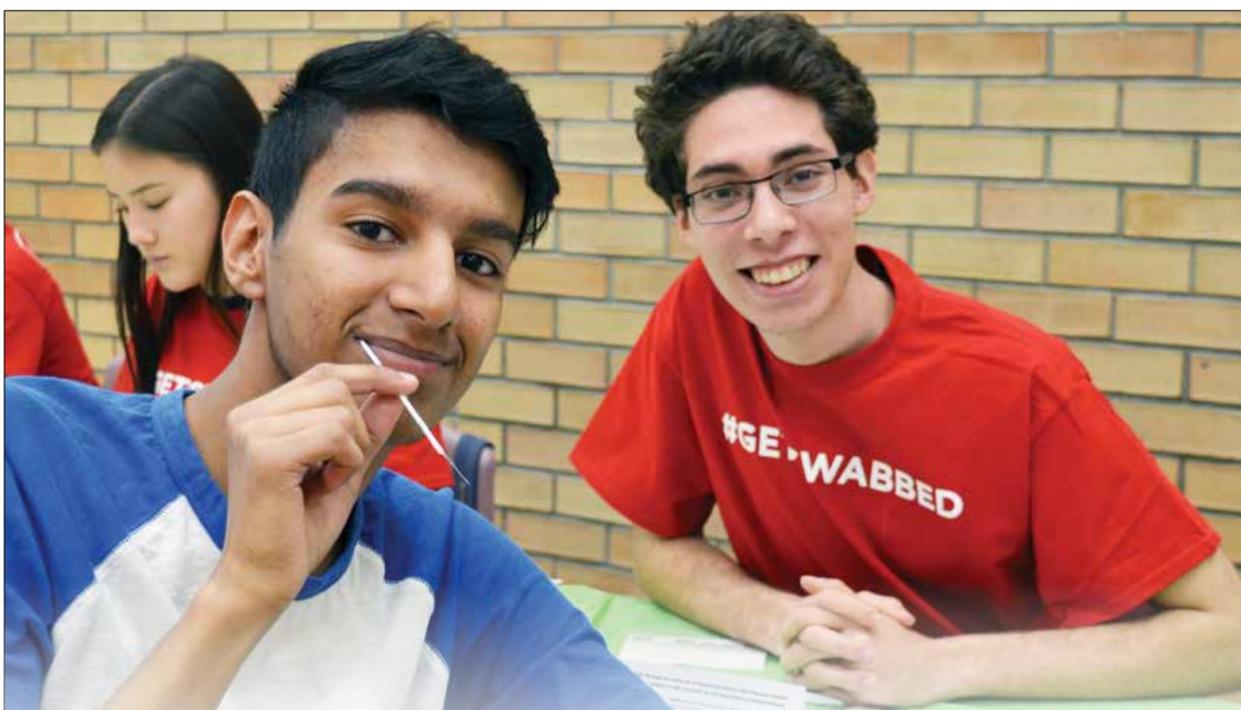
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CHEEK TO CHEEK – Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School student Sahal Siddiqui swabs the inside of his cheek as student volunteer Felipe Rivera-Marinan looks on at last week's "Swabbing with the Stars" event at the school. The yearly event, spearheaded by Williams' Peer Mentor team, aims to sign up as many people from the community as possible to the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry, carrying on the legacy of young Sarah Watkin, who lost her battle with leukemia.
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Residents demand action to curb speeders on Kennedy & Mavrinac

By Brock Weir

Dismal feedback from surveys conducted by the Town almost led to a pilot project to install speed cushions on five traffic problem areas being kicked to the curb, but residents turned out in droves calling for action.

"This is democracy in action," said Councillor Wendy Gaertner at last week's General Committee meeting, responding to several residents who came forward demanding the pilot project go ahead.

In the end, Council – in a decision that is set to be ratified this week – rejected staff recommendations to bin the pilot

project in favour of going ahead with the project on Kennedy Street West and leaving the door open to more streets in the near future, including Mavrinac Boulevard.

"It is basically a runaway from Bathurst to Yonge Street," said Gilberto Pesegi, a resident of Kennedy Street West, who delegated to Council with an extensive list of signatures from his Kennedy Street neighbours in favour of speed cushions. "According to my neighbours, they have tried numerous times to have speed bumps installed and that has been turned down by the Town. For what reason, I have no idea."

After speaking with many

Councillors, Mr. Pesegi said he went door to door, contacting every resident of Kennedy Street with his petition reaching what he estimated was 98 per cent of the community.

"Everyone I spoke to was in complete agreement that speeding was a problem on our street and something had to be done," he said, addressing why there might have been a poor response to the Town's survey as well as to a public open house which staff noted brought out just two Aurorans. "They said it was a lost cause for them, like it as a waste of their time. Some of them have been there for 30 or 40 years and

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Collaboration is key for working moms and "Dreams Yo!"

By Brock Weir

There must be something organic in Aurora that nurtures artists, opine photographer Angela Durante Dukat and painter Meredith Blunt.

When each woman moved to Aurora with their families, neither of them had any idea there were "dozens and dozens" of artists each working out of their homes, waiting for the occasional yearly group art show to make connections and get beneath the surface of what makes each other tick.

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Yonge Street parking proposal hits roadblock

By Brock Weir

A pilot project championed by Mayor Geoff Dawe that would have tested out a new on-street parking system for Yonge Street from Wellington in the north to Kennedy Street in the south, hit a significant road block last week.

Councillors, sitting at the Committee Level, voted down the plan, which would have seen this section of Yonge Street reduced to a single lane in each direction with the remaining lane on either side dedicated to on-street parking.

The intent of the proposal, said

Mayor Dawe, is to create "a people-friendly space" to change the streetscape, but the majority of Council said they had too many questions for it to continue. Their decision to nix the plan is set to come forward to Council for final ratification this week.

"If you look at some of the concepts of people-friendly cities, it is people, transit, bicycles and cars," said Mayor Dawe, outlining the potential of the plan, which would have provided "bumpouts" onto the sidewalks for area businesses, particularly restaurants and cafes, to have patio areas dotting

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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location	Meeting
Tuesday, May 24	7 p.m.	Likeland Room	Accessibility Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Joint Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 1	8 p.m.	Likeland Room	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Thursday, Jan. 2	7 p.m.	Holland Room	Environmental Advisory Committee

Council meetings are open to the public and can be seen on Region 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/go/live



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Summer Family Fun Day - Sunday, June 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the waterfront. Activities include water games, face painting, and more. www.aurora.ca

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Notice to Participate in Home Open House

The Town of Aurora is currently holding a Home Open House to gather feedback on the proposed changes to the Aurora Water Change Program. The open house will be held on Tuesday, May 24, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Likeland Room.

For more information, please call the Town of Aurora Customer Service at 905-709-1234.

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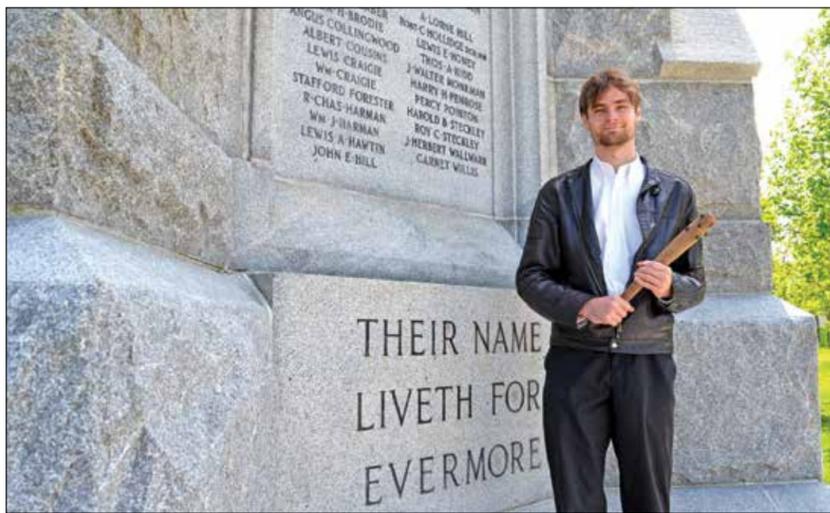
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Young Aurora historian prepares to retrace Canada's steps in the World Wars

By Brock Weir

24-year-old Robert Revington gets a certain charge whenever he takes one particular wooden club in his hands.

Too small to be a baseball bat and but just too big to fit in a pocket, it is fairly non-descript except for a few black studs dotting the head that catch the light just so.

Cracked due to age, you might not notice it, but it is an object rich in family lore: it is a club used by his great-grandfather, Ben Johnston, during trench raids while fighting at the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

A soldier who was lucky enough to survive the decisive Canadian victory before being wounded the following August and coming back home, his story just might have planted a few seeds in the mind of his great-grandson, who is now studying for his Masters in History at McMaster University.

Now these seeds have germinated with Robert preparing to leave Canada for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as just one of 12 Canadian students selected for this year's study tour hosted by the Canadian Battlefields Foundation from May 27 through June 12.

The Canadian Battlefields Foundation was founded in 1992 to raise awareness of Canada's role in the Second World War and each year students from a variety of universities are selected to visit these historical steps and highlight soldiers who have served King and Country.

"It was very exciting when I got the phone call," says Robert, a graduate of Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School. "I am certainly lucky McMaster has a great history program because it is

a very competitive process. You have to have good references for a trip like this. Part of the interest is my great-grandfather and grandfather both served – my great-grandfather in places like Vimy and my grandfather [Stuart Revington, who turned 90 last year] and visiting places where he was. It was an opportunity to see family history and learn a lot."

Robert highlighted this family history during the application process, as well as some of his own life experiences. Over a year ago, he had the chance to study abroad for one semester, spending his time in Jerusalem and living just across the street from the British cemetery for those killed during the First World War.

"It left quite an impression on me and it made me more interested in the Canadian context," says Robert, who, as part of this program's learning component, will focus on the life of Canadian Victoria Cross recipient Frederick William Hall, one of three VC recipients hailing from Winnipeg's storied Valour Road. "We will be going to Vimy, Dieppe, Ypres, the Somme, and Passchendaele, but one of the most exciting parts of it is we get to participate in ceremonies on Normandy Beach on June 6, which is a great opportunity.

"It is hard to say what might go through my mind without actually doing it, but it is one thing to read about particular battles in books; to see the sites themselves makes it feel real in a way that you can't get from a classroom."

For more about the Canadian Battlefields Foundation, visit www.cbffcc.ca.

Robert Revington, who is completing his Masters in History at McMaster University, shows off the club wielded by his great-grandfather during trench raids at Vimy Ridge, ahead of his departure this week for Europe.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

Briefly

CELEBRATE 10th ANNIVERSARY OF EVERGREEN CHOIR

Aurora's own Seniors Evergreen Choir will mark its 10th anniversary this Saturday, May 28, with a special concert at the Aurora Seniors' Centre. "Keep On Singing", the 10th Anniversary Concert, gets underway at 2:30 p.m. Doors open at 2 p.m. at 90 John West Way. The Choir, under the direction of Dr. Richard Heinze, with accompanist Hadara Jacoby invite the entire community to come out for the afternoon. Tickets are \$5, and children under 14 are free but need a ticket. For more information, call 905-726-4767.

REGION INVESTS IN SOUTHLAKE

York Regional Council approved over \$14 million to fund local hospital construction last week, over \$2 million of which will go towards Southlake Regional Health Centre. This capital funding is determined annually and is based on forecasted population growth and the hospital's ability to reduce patient-offload delays, or the ability to reduce the time required for paramedics to transfer patients into hospital care, said the Region. "York Region is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Canada and we must do everything we can to ensure that quality health care is there for everyone, where and when they need it," said York Region Chair Wayne Emmerson.

SPRING FOREST FESTIVAL

If you'd like to take a walk in the woods this weekend, head east to Whitchurch-Stouffville where York Region will host the annual Spring Forest Festival. Events get underway on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine, at the Hollidge Tract (16389 Highway 48). Activities include a tour of a new eco-building, horse drawn wagon rides, snakes and free tree seedlings. For more information, visit www.york.ca/forestevents.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fort Mac concert raised over \$3,600 for Red Cross

On Monday, May 16, the York Regional Police Male Chorus held a fundraising concert on behalf of the Fort McMurray Wildfire Victims at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School in Aurora.

There were approximately 150 that attended and a total of \$3,675 was received in donations.

The donations have been turned over to the Canadian Red Cross.

Our chorus would like to take this opportunity to thank the following: the Administration and Caretaking staff at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School for their generosity in allowing us the use of their auditorium on such short notice; Bob Ince, the General Manager of The Auroran newspaper for an advertisement to make the community aware of the concert; 88.5 "the Jewel" radio station for announcing the event and the results the following day; York Regional Police for their support by printing posters on short notice, the members of the Male Chorus for their participation in the event and most of all those from Aurora and surrounding communities that attended.

It was a great feeling for our members to be able to help our fellow Canadians in western Canada as they now prepare to rebuild their lives!

Superintendent Lowell McClenny (Retired)
Volunteer Supervisor
 York Regional Police Male Chorus

Let's look at the whole anthem

(Re: Brock's Banter, May 12)

I'm a 34 year resident of Newmarket but grew up in Toronto.

Now retired, I was in high school when the Flag Flap was in full swing.

I strongly supported the call for a new flag then and like the current flag, but I preferred the version with the blue side bars.

As a country, we survived the change in flag and maybe now is the time to support a change in the national anthem.

The Maple Leaf Forever is not only a much better piece of music, the title and recurring chorus words absolutely match our nation's Flag.

And...while the words may need some work, the existing words definitely reflect our history and why should any Canadian be ashamed or slighted by our history?

Lester Pearson had the guts and vision for a new flag, I wonder if our current PM would take on the Anthem.

Chuck Miller
 Newmarket

Members of Parliament Vote on Liberal Budget

The Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) has issued his full analysis of the Liberal government's 2016 budget, confirming that the former Conservative government left the Liberals with a budgetary surplus.

The PBO also confirmed the Liberals broke their election promise of borrowing *only* \$10 billion this year. They will indeed borrow much more. In the meantime, the Liberals have also been manipulating their numbers. These PBO findings show that the Liberals just can't be trusted with Canada's finances.

Immediately after the release of the report, Members of Parliament convened in the House of Commons for a vote on the Liberal budget. Conservatives took a strong stand and voted against it.

However, as you may know, your Member of Parliament, Kyle Peterson, voted in favour of raising taxes on families, students and small businesses. They also voted in favour of running massive deficits with no plan to return Canada back to

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Machell's Corners



The championship circle



BROCK'S BANTER

Brock Weir

Growing up in what was once the wilds of Newmarket, we had a fairly common weekday routine.

During the winter months, the alarm would go off while it was still dark outside, one would trundle downstairs for a bowl of cereal in front of the TV before getting ready for school.

Cereal was always the order of the day and the diet on TV was just as steady: the potent combo of Bewitched and I Dream of Jeannie, followed by Care Bears and the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. Yes, it was eclectic fare, but it always seemed to work to provide some get-up-and-go for someone too young to drink coffee.

From the time I was a kid, there was one episode of Bewitched that stuck out in my head. In this particular episode, Samantha takes on one of Derwood's clients, joining other local mothers in a battle to save a local park from development.

It wasn't the plot that stuck with me, but the mantra from the women Sam had to overcome: "you can't fight city hall."

Even at that age, I questioned why that phrase seemed ubiquitous in our culture. It didn't seem likely, yet as I grew up and became more conscious of the municipal, provincial and federal spheres, I saw with increasing alarm that people still held that adage to be true.

It was a disappointing realization; after all, we as residents elect our representatives.

Therefore, it is our fight. We pick our team and send them out, dukes up, to tackle the issue of the day. As the collective team captains, we theoretically had the ability to send our players into the corner, bench them, or give them a pat on the back.

As an observer of the municipal realm, I am glad to see the "you can't fight city hall" state of mind is, in some respects, giving way to grassroots activism.

This is in evidence fairly often in the Council chamber, particularly when it is an issue that hits close to home, such as issues related to the safety of children, the ease in which one can get around Town, and, with the exception of budget meetings, how a particular decision might impact their bottom line.

However, if last week's General Committee meeting is any indication, there is still a fair bit of work to be done in order to consign the "you can't fight city hall" mindset into the annals of history where it belongs.

"They said it was a lost cause for them, like it is a waste of their time," said Kennedy Street resident Gilberto Pesegi on why his neighbours did not readily come forward to advocate for speed cushions, or any other form of traffic calming measure, on their busy southwest Aurora street. "Some of them have been there for 30 or 40 years and nothing has been done."

This insight into the attitudes apparently permeating the neighbourhood were concerning on several fronts. First, Kennedy Street West was just one of five streets being examined for a speed cushion pilot project with the balance representing just about every growing neighbourhood in Aurora and a public meeting on the subject brought out a whopping two residents.

Second, what Mr. Pesegi said is true, the apparently resigned attitudes of his neighbours is likely a reason as any why residents weren't exactly breaking down the doors of Town Hall to say whether or not they wanted speed bumps, humps, or cushions to control traffic on their streets.

But, going door-to-door, Mr. Pesegi said he found that the appetite for change on Kennedy Street was indeed there. When he went house to house with his petition he found there was a significant buy-in from his neighbours. Yet, surveys conducted by the Town demonstrated otherwise.

In the eyes of the Town's Department of Infrastructure, by going door-to-door, Mr. Pesegi has become what is termed as a "community champion" to lead a survey process bringing information forward to municipal staff for further action. What he was able to do by going door-to-door, achieved far more than a letter mailed out to residents in the area with a survey to be filled out and submitted back to Town Hall.

His results indicated the buy-in from the community far exceeds the 70 per cent threshold maintained by the Town that is the litmus test on whether or not such proposed changes have the required backing from the neighbourhood.

"If there is a local champion who can comply with policy requirements and provide those thresholds of 70

per cent of the requirements, then that provides us with additional information that we don't have available to us."

But, at the end of the day, why should projects such as these be contingent on residents like Mr. Pesegi to take time out of his or her workday to conduct surveys to affect change with an issue that is already winding its way through the halls of government?

It has been demonstrated decisively, time and time again, that these survey mail-outs just do not work, and they haven't in my over six years of covering municipal politics in the Town of Aurora. Yet, staff keep going back to the well, dusting off the old methodology, and relying on Canada Post and residents taking the time – and finding the time – to complete a survey and send it back in order to gauge the pulse of the community.

If the old methodology is not working, it is not a matter of reinventing the wheel; it is a matter of dusting off an even older methodology: going out for a few hours, knocking on doors, ringing bells, and making the effort to have face-to-face interactions with the people who potentially impacted the most by whatever project hanging in the balance.

It shouldn't be left up to the residents to become "champions" for a cause that has been put in motion by Council.

Councillor Tom Mrakas summed it up well last week:

"We all go door-to-door and we all know how difficult it is to go door-to-door," he said. "We all do it. We talk about communications and everything and I just think [by] sending out a letter, we're failing. It doesn't take long to pick a street, go out there, have staff go out there for one day for a couple of hours. I do it. It is not that long. Get the actual responses from the residents, come back here and we can have a true response of what is going on."

By the end of last week's discussion, Councillor Gaertner pointed out that their decision to cast aside the recommendation to nix the speed cushion pilot on Kennedy Street and forge ahead with it was "democracy in action" and that is indeed the case. Hopefully, this success is taken to heart by the residents of Kennedy Street, and dispels views held by so many and that you can indeed fight city hall.

But it's not the neighbours who should be entering the ring.

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POLITICS AS USUAL

Alison Collins-Mrakas

GO...down the middle

Politics have always been a bit of a family affair in my house.

Having an opinion is expected, as is being able to defend that opinion.

My dad and I have near-weekly spirited debates (if one is polite) on all manner of topics. We are most often on opposite sides of the debate given that my father is a diehard NDPer and I am most definitely not. However, one issue we are in absolute agreement is the need for better transit options in the GTA.

York Region is Canada's fastest growing region. And yet, as anyone who had tried to get from Aurora to Toronto can tell you, getting around by any mode of transport is a difficult proposition. There are days when I think that a horse and buggy would get me there faster, but I digress.

Buses are not efficient. They are too often held hostage by the vagaries of Toronto traffic. We need trains. Lots and lots of trains. Residents have been clamouring for more transit options for years and it seems that their plaintive cries have been heard. The Liberals have announced an enormous transit boost to take effect over the next decade, with literally hundreds more trains on the tracks to service commuters in the GTA. Yippee!

But there are a few roadblocks that are a bit troublesome: the most problematic to my mind is the fact that Metrolinx doesn't own the rail lines upon which the GO trains run. CN and CP still own approximately 25% of the tracks, which means that any increase in service will have to be negotiated around the freight train routes that currently operate on the same lines.

The trains have to go somewhere. So, either more tracks have to be laid or all day service on all GO lines will remain something of a pipe dream.

And that's where my weekly discussions with my dad factor in. He had an interesting idea that I hadn't thought of: why not run a rail line down the middle of the 404? There's a sizeable grassy north/west divider that could hold an elevated rail line that could whizz commuters back and forth from Barrie to Union, without need for using existing tracks.

At first I thought, well, that's just crazy. But as I was sitting in bumper to bumper traffic on the GO bus this weekend, I looked out at the grassy median and thought, why not? Could it work? How much would it cost? Has anyone even considered it?

I did a quick search of Metrolinx documents and found nothing. In fact, I have not found anything about considering an alternative to purchasing or negotiating access to existing CN or CP rail lines.

When we were looking for a house after we got married, transit options were a key consideration. I hate being reliant on a car to get around.

Driving anywhere is not an option for me. Aside from the fact that it is inefficient and less than environmentally friendly to drive around in a car all day, it is a tremendous waste of time. If you are driving, you can't (or shouldn't) do anything else but drive, but on the train, you can read, catch up on work emails, knit, do a crossword, learn Finnish. Lots of different things. You can use your transit time for something other than simply sitting in traffic.

NEW AURORAN POLL

Does last week's so-called "Elbow Gate" altar your opinion of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau?
Yes No Unsure

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Affordable housing, climate change, electoral reform, and more ...

With houses in the area averaging close to \$1 million and York Region homes jumping more than 13 per cent in value in the past year, many homeowners are excited at their good fortune.

But anyone looking to buy or rent in the area knows the dark side of the surging housing market.

Not too long ago, it seemed affordable housing wasn't on the minds of many in Aurora, but that has changed. I now hear from many residents who, while enjoying rapidly escalating house value, are concerned at the lack of quality rental or entry-level accommodation for their children. "It's too bad my children can't afford to live in the town they were born and raised in," is a common phrase.

As a Town Councillor, I was acutely aware of the pending affordable housing crisis. There are a number of contributing factors, a significant one being that the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), must absorb almost 100,000 new people each year. These are people moving here from other countries, other provinces, and from within Ontario.

That's about the same number of people who live in Kingston. Imagine the planning, work and expense of building amenities in the GTHA equivalent to Kingston. And it has to be done each year – roads, transit, schools, hospitals, recreation, business, and more...

In a significant step to address the affordable housing crisis, the province recently introduced the Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016 that, if passed, will amend four provincial acts to help increase the supply of affordable housing across the province and modernize existing social housing.

The proposed act will allow municipalities to implement inclusionary zoning, which mandates affordable units be included in new residential projects in willing municipalities; make secondary suites in new homes less costly to build by exempting them from development charges. (Secondary suites are a potential source of affordable rental housing and allow homeowners to earn some extra income from their property); and give York Region government more



View From Queen's Park

Chris Ballard, MPP
Newmarket-Aurora

flexibility administering and delivering social housing, which will help reduce wait lists and make it easier for local residents to access a range of housing options.

I've always believed in allowing secondary suites in established neighbourhoods across the Region. We know they are being built in almost every neighbourhood – and I fear too many are being built without proper municipal inspection to ensure they meet both building and fire codes.

Making secondary suites legal would not only increase the amount of rental accommodation we have in the area, it would make it safer. And, it would generate additional tax revenue for things like municipal services, schools and transit.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Ontario has finalized the rules for its new cap and trade program to limit greenhouse gas pollution, reward innovative companies, generate opportunities for investment in Ontario and create jobs while moving to a low-carbon economy.

A cap and trade program is a proven way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fight climate change by giving polluters an incentive to cut emissions. It creates a price on carbon emissions by limiting the amount of greenhouse gas pollution that can come from the economy (the cap) and then allowing those covered by the cap to trade among themselves (the trade) in a flexible and cost-effective way.

The final regulation reflects feedback from extensive consultations with industry, the public, environmental organizations, indigenous communities and others.

Protecting children and students
Ontario is re-introducing legislation

Aurora Minor Tigers Rep Hockey Banquet

A couple of weeks ago, the Aurora Minor Tigers Rep and House League hockey players held their season ending banquets at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary school.

There was pizza and pop for everyone and the Aurora Minor Hockey Association did an amazing job staggering the Division banquets throughout the day.

It was quite a sight to behold as there must have been 200 players and parents in the gym. This particular hour recognized all rep teams in the Tyke through Midget divisions.

The House League and Rep Banquets are a wonderful ending to the hockey season as the Aurora Minor Hockey Association recognizes the players and coaches with various awards and celebrates another year of learning, playing, competing and enjoying the game of hockey.

Each team recognizes players for play and sportsmanship. Encouraging to witness was the number of "special" awards presented at the end of the hour.

Most of these awards are dedicated to the memory of a player or volunteer who spent time in the Aurora Minor



FRONT PORCH PERSPECTIVE

Stephen Somerville

Hockey Association. They are donated by family, friends or the Hockey Association.

These players and volunteers were dedicated to the game of hockey and either played or volunteered to provide a competitive yet inclusive atmosphere for all to play, learn and excel in hockey.

My wife Julie and I were asked to attend the Rep Banquet to present the Inaugural Pauline Hubble Award for Most Dedicated Player for one of the Tyke division teams.

This award was in tribute to Julie's mother, Pauline Hubble, who had passed away after a short illness in April 2015. Ms. Hubble was the volunteer Registrar

to protect children and students by making the disciplinary process for the province's educators more clear and transparent.

If passed, the Protecting Students Act and subsequent regulations would improve the Ontario College of Teachers' investigation and disciplinary processes, reduce the potential of conflict of interest and help protect children, students and teachers by: ensuring a teacher's certificate is automatically revoked if he or she has been found guilty of sexual abuse or acts relating to child pornography; requiring employers, including school boards, to inform the college when they have restricted a teacher's duties or dismissed him or her for misconduct; allowing the college to share information with the school board or employer if the subject of a complaint poses an immediate risk to a student or child; requiring the college to publish all decisions from its discipline committee; and improving timelines for the investigation and consideration of complaints.

Ban child care wait list fees

Ontario is proposing a regulation that would ban licensed child care centres and home child care agencies from charging fees to join a waiting list for child care programs as of September 1, 2016.

Around town

I was pleased to meet two fine young people this week from the area who have been selected to sit on the Minister of Education's Student Advisory Council. Thank you Jack Dukart of Terry Fox Public School and Matthew Abas of St. Maximilian Kolbe for your interest and commitment.

Sixty students in grades 7 to 12 from across Ontario sit on the Council and will provide advice to the Minister on the issues and topics that matter to them and their peers.

I invite you to contact me on any issue. Please call my community office at 905-750-0019, or visit my website at www.ChrisBallardMPP.ca. My email is: cballard.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

I look forward to hearing from you.

for Aurora Minor Hockey for the past thirty-four years.

Congratulations to the first-ever recipient of this award and to all award winners and congratulations to all players, coaches and volunteers!

The smiles of the children and parents as they celebrate the successes at the end of the season also help to remind all of us in the community of not only the value of healthy competition, but the importance of dedication and sportsmanship to the game of hockey, and life.

It encourages new players and volunteers to uphold the values of those players and volunteers that have gone before us.

Countless volunteer hours are needed to make our Town's sports organizations run and Aurora Minor Hockey is no exception.

Thanks to the Aurora Minor Hockey Association and all the volunteer organizations that make Aurora a great community to live in.

Downtown parking restrictions set to widen

By Brock Weir

If you live in Aurora's downtown core, it might soon be easier to find a place to park outside of your own house.

On the other hand, if you are a GO

commuter, it might soon become a lot harder for you to find a place to park within walking distance of the Aurora GO Station.

Councillors are set to get tough this week with on-street parking in

the southeast quadrant of Yonge and Wellington. Should their decision made at the Committee level last week be ratified at Council, weekday parking on all streets bounded by Centre Street to the north, Dunning Avenue to the south, Edward Street to the east and Yonge Street to the west, will be limited to three hours.

Councillors went into last week's meeting facing a recommendation of allowing 15 parking spaces surrounding Town Park to be allocated by permit to GO commuters, as well as expanding two-hour daytime parking limits to Harrison Avenue, Connaught Avenue and Edward Street.

They rejected the permitted spots and said limiting parking on these three streets would simply create more problems elsewhere.

"The best thing to do now is just cast a much wider net," said Councillor Michael Thompson. "We need to have a stronger deterrent, otherwise they will just find another street to congest. We have heard it loud and clear from the residents in that area: it is impacting their quality [of life] so I think it is reasonable for us to include a number of streets to ensure this issue doesn't come back a third time."

Casting a wider net for many members of Council includes putting the pressure on Metrolinx, the Provincial body which oversees the operation of GO Transit. For several lawmakers sitting around the table, Metrolinx has created the problem by not providing adequate parking spaces and alternate ways to get to their stations and it is Metrolinx's problem to fix.

"They have a service they are providing and they cannot accommodate all of the commuters," said Councillor John Abel. "That becomes this neighbourhood's problem. It can be coined as a nightmare. It is an infringement on the residential property rights, in my opinion, and we have to find a way to solve this."

"This shouldn't be our problem. It has to take into account neighbourhoods. If they want to put GO service right in the heart of the heritage district, they have to provide people a place to park."

During the discussion, Councillor Abel renewed his calls for public transit to provide a shuttle service for commuters

looking to catch the GO.

Councillor Tom Mrakas said he agreed alternatives need to be found and Aurora needs to ramp up the "pressure" as it creates a "burden the Town, the taxpayers and the neighbourhood" need to address.

"Why are we taking responsibility for Metrolinx's issue?" he questioned.

But, he said, addressing the issue through further on-street parking restrictions and additional permitted parking at Town Park almost puts downtown area residents at a disadvantage compared to other neighbourhoods around Aurora.

"On most streets in Aurora, you can park for 24 hours in the summertime," he said. "Almost every other municipality has a three hour limit on most streets. The fact that we are doing that in this area to curb GO parking is creating two levels of service between. It is unfair to a resident who happens to live near the GO and is not allowed to park on the street outside of their house for more than three hours but someone who doesn't live in the area can go and park for as long as they would like. I think if we're going to have a policy, it should be consistent and I personally like the fact we can park on our streets because it provides residents with options when family and friends come to visit."

It is a concern that needs to be addressed, agreed Mayor Geoff Dawe, but a balance has to be struck. The GO Parking garage provides nearly 840 parking spaces, he said, along with 624 spots on the surface and he hears concerns from both sides of the issue.

"I get the emails from those people who can't park there and I probably get as many emails from people who can't park there as emails from people who are annoyed at commuters parking there," he said. "Apparently, you are doing well when you [have] almost equal sides. You're treading the line somehow. We don't own the streets in front of our houses. That is owned by the Town. It is not a popular point, but it is reality."

"All of our directors have been meeting with Metrolinx on a regular basis. They are aware of our issues and they are working on it. The problem is they are successful."

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St. Jerome C.E.S. remains “ten years strong”

By Brock Weir

In the fall of 2005, Aurora’s St. Jerome Catholic School opened its doors as the first eco-certified school in the York Catholic District School Board.

It blazed a trail for the over 50 eco-friendly schools that have followed in the subsequent decade but St. Jerome is not content to rest on its laurels. As teachers, students, and community members past and present gathered at the school last Thursday to formally mark its 10th anniversary, they carried on their environmental stewardship with the dedication of a new outdoor classroom.

Designed with input from the students, the outdoor classroom incorporates trees, vegetation, and rows of seating on a series of flat-top boulders.

“[Your] enduring commitment to the environment is now reflected in the school’s outdoor classroom, and this unique classroom will provide students with opportunities to learn, surrounded by the beauty of the nature God created,” said Opiyo Oloya, Superintendent of Schools for the YCDSB following the classroom’s blessing by Fr. Frank McDevitt of Our Lady of Grace.

The theme of nature was the common thread throughout last week’s anniversary celebration.

St. Jerome’s motto is “knowledge, faith and courage” and Principal Michele Reaume said when the intermediate students sat down to come up with a theme around which to build the party, they came up with “10 years strong” and what better way to symbolize this strength than with a tree – or trees?

Each class contributed to the design of their own tree, which was framed and hung around the gymnasium and will remain in the school as a permanent reminder of the school’s first 10 years.

“10 years, a decade of time – how do we measure 10 years of time together? In pencils? In ice cubes? In Band-Aids? In sheets of paper?” asked Ms. Reaume. “Perhaps we measure it in paint strokes, in Play-Doh, snow forts or blocks of Lego.

“We have shared 10 years of laughter,

tears, heartache, triumph, challenges and successes. Pope Frances recently tweeted: “to form a family is to be part of God’s dream, to join him in building a world where no one will feel alone. We at St. Jerome have contributed to this dream.

“We have been there for each other through it all. We are a family and each of us has played a part. For 10 years, we have been a part of something together: We have built and nurtured our school family and, in doing so, we have ensured that each of us feels a sense of belonging to something greater than ourselves, to the whole that is St. Jerome.”

Added Fr. Frank: “Today, we gather with one heart and one voice as we ask for special blessing on St. Jerome School in recognition of our tenth anniversary. We are thankful for the stories we have shared, from memories of those important moments that have shaped us together. Here, we have learned to celebrate the unique and special gifts



Student James leads Fr. Frank McDevitt and a host of other dignitaries from the dedication of St. Jerome’s new outdoor classroom, which was inaugurated last week as part of the school’s 10th anniversary celebrations.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

each of us brings to our school community. Help us to shape our world in the days ahead so the story of our lives may always give witness to your saving glory.”

When St. Jerome was opened, it was designed to serve the growing communities in northeast Aurora. Upon opening it welcomed 355 students and within six years had to add a new wing not only to incorporate a growing number

of students, but also full-day kindergarten programs. They are now 620 students strong.

“A lot has happened in those intervening years,” said Brad Coates, Catholic School Council Chair. “We have seen St. Jerome become the focal point not only for our children’s education, but become a centrepiece for our families and our communities.”

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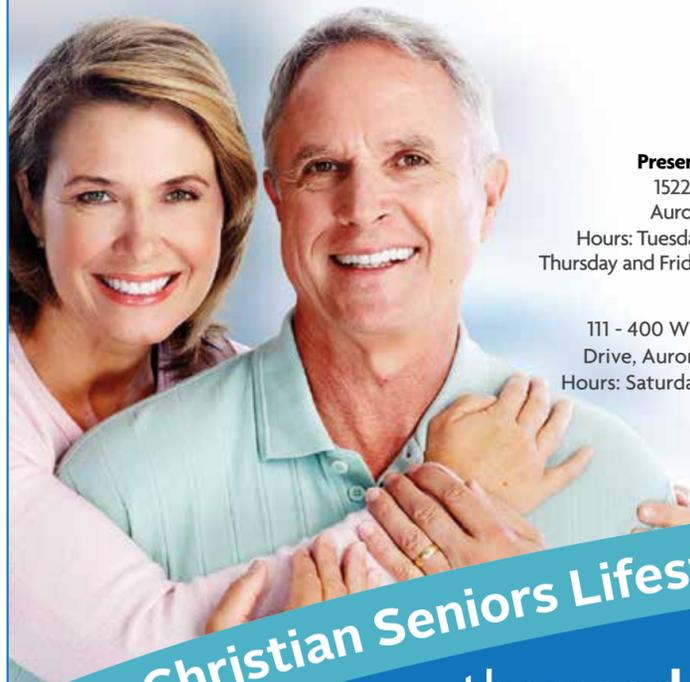


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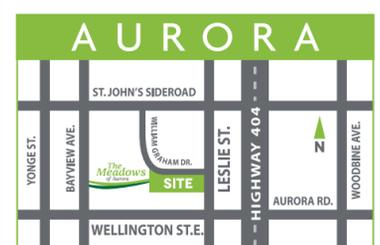
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Ten-year financing mulled to pay off Joint Operations Centre

By Brock Weir

Municipal workers have begun the process of moving into the Town's new Joint Operations Centre (JOC) on Industrial Parkway North and with the \$20 million project complete, now comes paying off the debt.

Council approved a budget of \$20,385,589 with the majority covered by development charges and the sale of municipally owned land, including the former public works yard on Scanlon Court made surplus by the construction of the new facility.

Officially marked as "complete" last month, over \$4.4 million has been funded by the sale of land, \$4.3 million from development charges, with the remaining \$11.7 million financed through a construction line of credit. Now, the line of credit must be paid off and the Town proposes refinancing the line of credit with 10 year amortization.

"As the funding sources were not fully in hand, but had a reasonable expectation of being collected within a 10 year time frame, Council authorized that funding shortfalls be financed in the interim by a construction line of credit to a maximum of the full budget amount until that project was completed," said Town Treasurer Dan Elliott.

"Predicting the exact timing of the receipt of the remaining funding sources through DCs (Development Charges) or sales of land parcels is difficult. There remain several parcels of Town-owned land that are available for sale, including the tentative deal to sell the two existing Scanlon Court operations facilities once the Town vacates when moving into the new JOC. One of those two Scanlon Court properties is expected to transact this summer, while the other may take over a year to close due to required site remediation and soils work."

Of the municipally-owned lands on Leslie Street earmarked for business,

four parcels are still in place, Mr. Elliott noted, and a sale of a double parcel of land is expected to close this summer with another deal for another parcel also on the horizon. Once those deals are one, one 10-acre plot will be all the Town has left to move.

"Further, where the development of the Town seems to be peaking and may soon begin to wane, it is difficult to predict exactly when the anticipated remaining development charges will be received to fund this project," Mr. Elliott concluded. "Staff believe 10 years is a reasonable period to expect the outstanding DCs and sales of lands to fund the JOC to be collected, and accordingly recommend a financing period of a maximum of 10 years."

"Having seen a lot of recent activity in the Leslie Street lands, and having tentative deals on both of the Scanlon Court properties, staff recommend using two successive five year terms, allowing for land sales proceeds and interim DC collections to reduce the overall cost of borrowing to the Town through a mid-point payment."

Councillors were to tackle the recommendation at last week's General Committee but the matter got bumped for time constraints. Don Iafrate of One Space Unlimited, however, was still on hand to provide Council with a status update on the JOC.

Mr. Iafrate told Council that he expected the move into the new digs to be complete by the end of June with an official opening for members of the public set for this fall.

Among the amenities he highlighted were use of natural light, a public viewing area for the Aurora Community Arboretum, a bio-swale to collect all storm water diverting it into cisterns for use within the on-side greenhouse and filtering the rest before it goes into the municipal system, and a 5,500 square foot "shell space" on the top floor to allow for future growth within the building,

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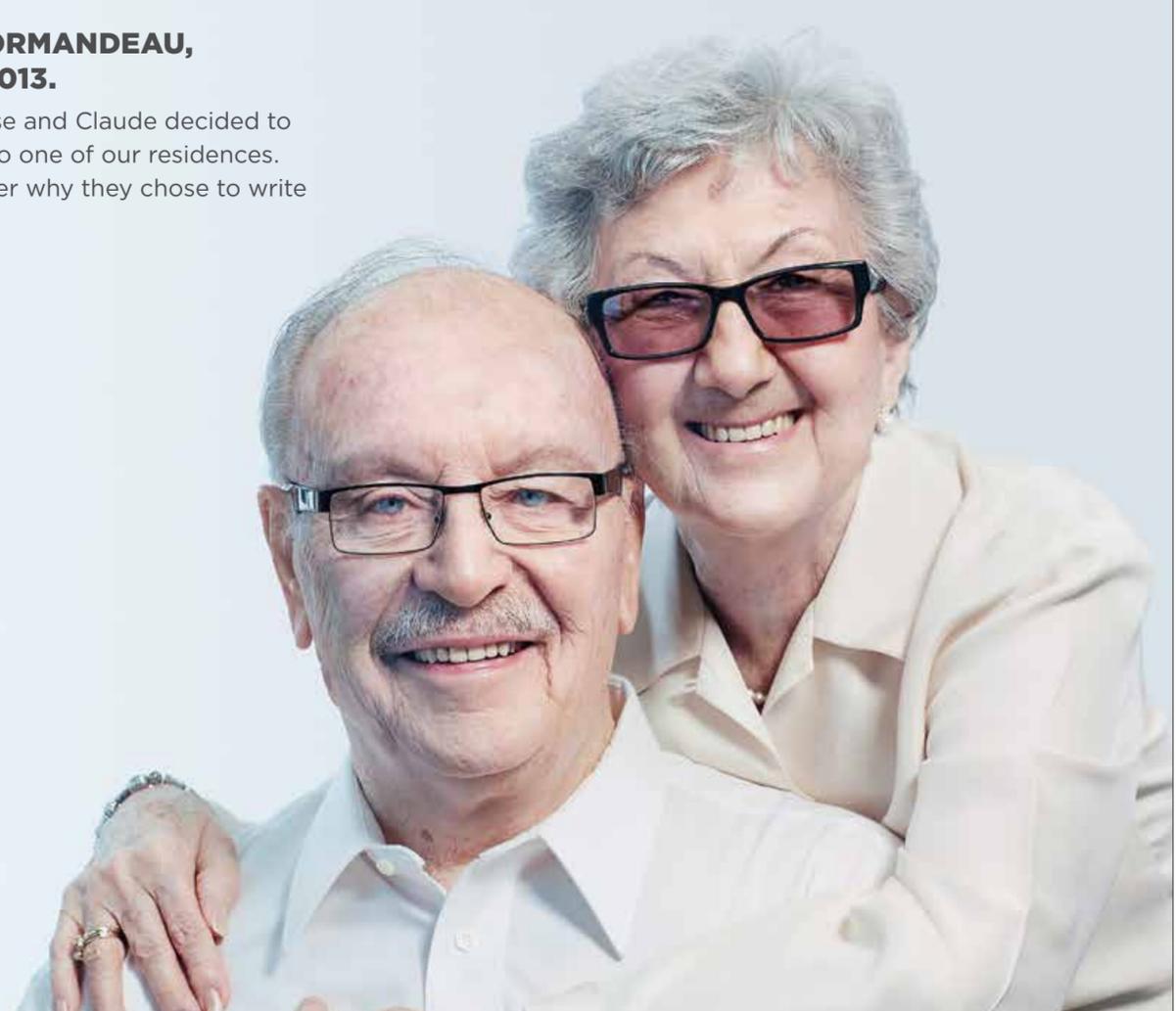
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Federal grant will help Aurora tell the history of Town Park

By Brock Weir

For nearly 150 years, Town Park has been a magnet for the Aurora Community.

It has provided a backdrop to countless community celebrations, a place for the community to gather to give the boys going overseas in the First World War a proper send-off, and the scene of at least one definitive speech in Canada's history.

It has a storied history and now these stories will be told thanks to a grant from the Federal Government.

The Aurora Museum and Archives has received a \$10,000 infusion from the Virtual Museum of Canada's Community Memories Investment Program to develop an online exhibition turning the spotlight on Town Park.

Announced earlier this month by Councillor Paul Pirri, the Town announced how the money would be used last week.

"This investment from the Virtual Museum of Canada will enable the Aurora Museum & Archives not only to share historical stories relating to Town Park in a compelling format, but also to document the continuing narrative of this special place from current residents," said Shawna White, Curator of the Aurora Museum and Archives in a statement.

The project was also welcomed by Mayor Geoff Dawe.

"I am pleased to receive this federal investment that will help highlight one of the oldest treasures in Aurora," he said. "This funding not only showcases an important piece of Aurora's history, but also focuses on the importance of the past and how it relates to the future. Thank you to the Virtual Museum of Canada for recognizing this

important piece of history in our Town."

This important piece of history is one of the many facets of Downtown Aurora currently being examined by the Aurora Museum & Archives in their ongoing exhibition focusing on the Town's proposed Cultural Precinct. The online presence, however, will focus specifically on this one important section of the precinct from its establishment in the middle of the 19th century to its place in the Aurora of today.

"As part of the research process, the Aurora Museum & Archives will be hosting a series of story-sharing events with their project partners: the Aurora Public Library and the Aurora Historical Society," said the Town. "These events will provide individuals with an opportunity to contribute their own personal Town Park stories and memories.

"Aurora's Town Park is a remarkable example of an intentionally planned green space that, throughout its history, has been bordered by a mix of residential, industrial and commercial buildings. The activities and events in Town Park have changed over the years, but its function as a community space has been constant."

The exhibition is expected to launch in June of 2017.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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budgetary balance.

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Phil McColeman
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Did you know, there could be some underlying health reasons why your body is choosing to store fat and calories as opposed to burning it for fuel and energy?

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Did you know, there could be some underlying health reasons why your body is choosing to store fat and calories as opposed to burning it for fuel and energy. Our hormones govern everything in our bodies from our mood to how we eat, sleep, drink, and even breathe. Consider your energy levels; do you struggle with low sex drive, getting to sleep at night or even waking up in the morning? Ever feel that 3pm energy crash, or do your food cravings control your day? These factors all point to an underlying hormone imbalance that is undeniably keeping you fat!

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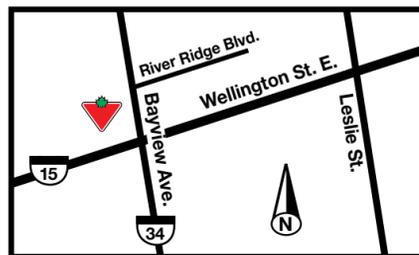
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THE AURORAN ARTS & CULTURE

Artists, moms, team up to show the world what lies beneath

From page 1

Last year, however, Meredith and Angela found kindred spirits in each other and were united by a feeling – a shared sense that they had to collaborate. But, how do a portrait photographer and an artist with a passion for “digital painting” collaborate? By working on shared surfaces to bring out what lies beneath.

Or, to quote Meredith, “Dreams, Yo!” Okay, so “Dreams, Yo!” might be something Meredith has left in her brain as someone who went through high school in the 1990s, but it is the name of their collaborative art exhibition which opens in Town Hall’s Skylight Gallery on June 3.

Dreams, Yo! Combines Angela’s fine art portrait photography and Meredith’s

digital painting to create a vivid depiction that goes far beyond skin deep.

“We had no idea at the time how we could possibly work together,” says Angela, outlining some of the ideas they scrapped before landing on this particular vision. “Fantastical is something that characterizes our work. I want my photography to be a little bit fine-arty and a little bit magical.”

“You have this really lovely focused, realistic vision,” interjects Meredith, pointing out a splashy portrait of a young blonde woman dressed in a vivid pink silk kimono. “Angela was hesitant to put our model in the kimono in the first place because it is so pink, but then it just happened. It was a really organic evolution [stumbling upon the idea of] what is unseen that needs to be seen? There was this layer I would see in it that really wasn’t there yet.”

As a digital painter and a digital photographer, there is one basic principle that unites them, they agree: pixels.

The more they collaborated on the project, the more they realised, however, this meeting of the minds – and creative vision – goes far beyond a series of tiny digital squares. Angela is a planner, says Meredith, while she is an “eleventh hour last minute magic kind of person,” whatever works as moms with a son and a daughter apiece.

“Yes, we are full-time working artists, but we are also full-time moms,” says Angela. “We do kind of live on the fly because that’s what life with kids is like. It is not really that different when you are producing art. Being a mom, being around the house, and working from home can sometimes really weigh women down. We know this because we talk to a lot of other women who are home and trying to run businesses and do things. Very few people are at home with their kids full time, solely. Many of us are juggling lots of other things. I think it is important for kids to see that creativity doesn’t get lost when you’re older; it doesn’t get lost when you’re a mom.”



A TASTE OF THINGS TO COME – a portrait of painter Meredith Blunt, left, and fine art photographer Angela Durante Dukat, enhanced with Meredith’s digital painting. The duo will show eleven collaborative pieces beginning next week at Town Hall’s Skylight Gallery.

Submitted photo

Meredith says she agrees, and all four of their collective children make significant appearances within the eleven pieces of art ready for display in the Skylight Gallery. One, another vivid pink feature – a favourite colour of Meredith’s – features Angela’s daughter blooming out of a rose that has its roots in her pink ballet tutu. Another image features the children asleep, their bed being carried away into the sky by their dreams.

“It is important children understand that you’re more than just a mum, you are a human being who does stuff as well as parent,” says Meredith. “With my two, there was a lot of shushing and a lot of late nights until 4 a.m. because they were in bed and that was my creative window where I could hear myself think

and focus on the images. It is a sacrifice happily made for a project that, in my biased opinion, looks as fantastic as this one does.”

“We want people to have fun when they look at images and see the levels that are there. If you just want to stay on the surface where it is pretty and fun, awesome. If you want to go a little bit deeper and wonder about the stories behind each image, they are there too.”

Adds Angela: “I want to challenge people to think about how collaborations can bring about new innovations. How can it lead to greater compassion and creative exploration? I believe that if you stand long enough in front of these pieces that when you leave, the neuro-patterns in your brain will have changed if you allow the process to take you over.”

Stage is set for the annual Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival

By Mark Pavilons

The party of the season is quickly arriving.

King’s annual Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival takes place Saturday, June 11 at the King City Memorial Park, behind the arena.

It’s a day filled with good eats, great beverages and live entertainment. It runs from noon to 9:30 p.m. This year’s event features 12 craft breweries, up from the nine who were on hand last year. The enthusiastic support from the industry helps kick off Craft Beer Week that runs June 10-19. Providing the food will be 13 gourmet trucks, offering everything from burgers and nachos to pasta and Mexican food.

According to Councillor Cleve Mortelliti, they had to increase the number of spaces for the food trucks due to the demand. They had 25 applicants for the 13 spots.

“The event has gotten very popular and the food truck industry has caught onto that, so we had to make some tough choices in turning some really great trucks away,” he said.

The headliner this year is

Hollerado, hitting the main stage. Other performers on tap include Justin Parsons, Stacey Renee, Phil and John, Samara York McLean & Vassos, Rhymes with Hits, The Clearing, Funky Funk Band and Krista Ferguson.

Tickets are \$10 online and \$15 at the gate. For the music event, tickets are \$5 both online and at the gate. Entry into the event includes access to food trucks, breweries, and live music, a 6 ounce collectable glass (first 1,500 attendees only), 3 drink tokens (additional tokens can be purchased on site for \$1-\$2 each). For \$25, you can get the Lions Combo Pass (19+) and receive everything included in the Craft Beer Event pass plus one automatic entry into the King City Lions \$15,000 charity draw. The draw will take place at the event at 6 p.m. and the top prize is \$2,500.

As well, the Lions will be holding a raffle for a high-end Weber BBQ, which combines charcoal and gas. Tickets are available at the event only.

It’s an event that’s not to be missed. For more information, contact Tasha Veer, King’s special events and marketing coordinator, at 905-833-5321 ext. 5223 or events@king.ca

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Calling all country singers: applications now open for Hoedown Showdown

By Brock Weir

The hunt is on once again for Canada's next country star.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Hoedown Showdown.

The annual competition, hosted by Magna International, is open to all aspiring amateur singers 13-years of age or older, and will give participants the chance to showcase their talents in a variety of local venues – and, if they go the distance, before an audience of thousands at this September's Wild, Wild West Hoedown.

"It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me," said King resident Sarah MacRae, 25, the winner of last year's Showdown. "Every level of the Showdown process got more and more exciting, and it is just such an inspiring event to be part of. On Friday night [of last year's Hoedown] there were just so many new experiences to me, being on stage in front of thousands of people, which gets your blood going, you're so excited – you feel like you're getting spoiled and the stars are aligning."

This year's Hoedown Showdown winner will receive, in addition to that feeling of being on that famous stage, a grand prize valued at over \$20,000, including a Yamaha guitar, mentorship, and professional studio recording time courtesy of Metal Works.

Online applications will be collected through July 28 and, from there, the applications will be whittled down to a Top 40. Preliminary rounds of the Top 40 performers will get underway on Thursday, August 11 before the Top 40 is halved. The semi-final round of the Top 20 performer will take place on Saturday, August 27, as one of the highlights of Aurora's annual Rib Fest and the Top 10 will move onto the finals.

Following Ribfest, the Top 10 will spend September 12 to September 15 in a Mentorship Week, featuring one two-hour session with a celebrity coach and the Showdown Band, and one 30 minute rehearsal before the masses gather in the Magna Corral for the main events on September 16. There, the Top 10 will perform two songs with the eventual winner being selected by a panel of judges.

But, there can only be one – and that one will take the stage September 17, performing at York Region's biggest party ahead of event headliner Paul Brandt.

"Because we have had such success with the Showdown, we have been fortunate enough through Magna and through our Showdown sponsors to up the prize pack once again," said Erin Cerenzia of Magna for the Community, who is helping to spearhead this year's Showdown. "Our grand prize this year is actually valued at over \$20,000 and this includes amazing opportunities for aspiring country music singers, a \$2,500 cash prize, a beautiful Yamaha guitar and case. Of course, it is a fantastic opportunity to perform at the Magna Hoedown on Saturday night. We call it the ultimate artist package: the opportunity to work with talent mentors and people who are in the country music and music agency and industry to have performance styling, coaching, mentorship, and come up with song writing and new songs, which they will then have two full days to record in studio at Metalworks."

Ms. Cerenzia touted this year's prize pack at Hoedown's official launch earlier this month. There, before Ms. MacRae performed some new music, Ms. Cerenzia said performers like her are what the Hoedown Showdown is all about.

"It is really special that we have a showdown winner who truly embodies what the Hoedown is and what the Hoedown means to us," she said. "Sarah truly cares about the community. She cares about people. She is so compassionate and so kind and it really is a privilege to have a winner who not only is as incredibly talented musically as she is, but someone who embodies that Hoedown spirit we try and share with the community."

"She is a great reason why we Hoedown and Magna is always looking to support the community in different ways, not just by supporting organizations but by supporting arts and culture and that is what Showdown

does for us."

For more on this year's Hoedown,

including information on this year's Showdown application process, visit www.hoedown.ca.



King's Sarah MacRae, winner of the 2015 Hoedown Showdown, speaks at this month's Hoedown launch before performing.

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Speeding on Mavrinac has become “progressively worse”: neighbour

From page

nothing has been done. A lot of the people are seniors, people who can't get out of their house very easily and can't attend those meetings.

“We moved onto Kennedy Street for one reason and one reason only: we love the beautiful nostalgia of it. It had so much history and so much prestige. I was fully aware of the traffic on the street. What I can't handle is the speed in which these vehicles are travelling. It is not fair for myself. It is not fair for my wife who has to pull out of her driveway every morning to take my kid to his functions, and it is not fair for my child who is eventually going to be playing on these streets.”

This was a point driven home by young Jean-Luc Bouffard who came to the podium joined by his mother.

“I don't want to lose any of my friends being hit by a car,” he said. “Imagine losing one of your best friends being hit by a car. That is really sad.”

According to Dr. Beverley Bouffard, the safety of children in the area should be a paramount concern.

“My son's friend was hit at the intersection,” she said of Kennedy Street and Corner Ridge Road. “However, the car sped by. He didn't have any injury and he didn't know what to do. In 2011, we were here and a Council member told us, ‘why don't you just try to park your cars on the road to divert traffic? Well, a resident on Kennedy Street actually did and guess what? Her car got damaged. None of these ideas are very smart or safe.”

Complaints, she added, have been launched with the York Regional Police, resulting in some monitoring on the part of the police force, but, she said, it is not their job to be “sitting permanently” at the intersection. It is the “Town's burden” to fix.

“Placing the burden on the residents to repeatedly road watch is both impractical, unethical and inefficient,”

she said.

While the Kennedy Street contingent was strong, newer sections of Aurora were also well represented at the meeting, particularly Mavrinac Boulevard. Delegating to Council, resident Brian Wilson said in the four years he has lived on Mavrinac, speeding has “gotten progressively worse.”

“Pretty much every single day I am on the road I have someone come right up behind me and ride my bumper the entire way either from St. John's or from Wellington right to my house,” he said. “I have lost count of the amount of times on Mavrinac where people have gone around me and passed me. I even had one incident where I thought I would be a little courageous and try to prevent the person from passing. I wouldn't do it again because it infuriated them to the point where they actually got out of the car and started threatening me.”

Staff recommended the speed cushion pilot not go ahead because many of the streets surveyed failed to reach a 70 per cent response rate. Mr. Wilson said this was a lofty goal as municipal elections don't even crack a 40 per cent voter turnout.

“Part of your mandate is to protect the citizens and help them and keep them safe,” he concluded. “I am hoping you will look to do what's right and do something in the area to protect the citizen. At some point in time, something will happen. Someone will get hurt, I can guarantee it.”

COMING EVENTS

MAY 26 - 29

The 166th Schomberg Agricultural Fair celebrates “new beginnings” this year. Admission ranges from \$7 to \$12 for adults and youth, and \$3 to \$5 for children 5-10. Parking is located at the Brownsville Junction Plaza and a shuttle bus will be provided on Saturday only. For more, visit www.schombergfair.com

SATURDAY, MAY 28

The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Choir, under the direction of Dr. Richard Heinzle, with our accompanist, Hadara Jacoby, warmly invites you to come to our Tenth Anniversary Concert: “Keep on Singing” with singing, decorations, refreshments, guest artists. Tickets: \$5.00 (children under 14 are free, but need a ticket. Tickets are now available at the Seniors' Centre Reception Doors open at 2 p.m., concert starts at 2.30 p.m. at the Aurora Seniors' Centre, 90 John West Way, Aurora. For more information, call 905-726-4767 Sponsored in part by: Chris Ablett of BoomerConnect and Royal LePage Realty Inc.

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SUNDAY, MAY 29

Partagez le Français! This free French language conversation group welcomes adults from francophones to beginners looking to put their French language conversation skills into action. Francophones and stronger speakers are encouraged to share their French language skills with less strong speakers. 3 - 5 p.m. at Country Style Deli and Bistro (14980 Yonge Street).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

Devins Drive Public School, 70 Devins Drive, presents the Fourth Annual Spring Fair today from 5 - 8 p.m., featuring bouncy castles, obstacle course, slide, exotic animals, games, DJ, face painting, fire truck, as well as a BBQ, sno-kones, cotton candy, popcorn and bake sale. Tickets and food can be purchased on site. For more information, please email tturriff@penguinrandomhouse.com or marybclowater@gmail.com.

The Aurora Public Library's Economy Talk\$ series continues tonight at 7 p.m. with Which Markets: TSX or USA? Which Securities: Stocks or ETFs. This free informal monthly discussion/education group is to share unbiased knowledge in economics and financial planning. Presentation followed by group discussion. For more information and to register, call the Library's Adult Information Desk at 905-727-9494 x275.

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The Aurora Community Band presents “Oh, Canada!” a concert to celebrate the work of Canadian composers and arrangers. Enjoy Robert Buckley's Portraits of the North, along with Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah and much more. Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, beginning at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults or \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the door or by contacting auroracommunityband@gmail.com.

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The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, presents We'll Meet Again: A Community Sing-Along. Join us in song as we honour those who have served with favourite tunes from the eras of WW1 and WW2. Song sheets provided - complimentary cake and coffee following the event. Fully accessible building; elevator entrance at the north glass doors. Event starts at 2 p.m. with complimentary admission. For more information, call 905-713-1818 or visit auroraculturalcentre.ca.

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Survey says: speed cushion pilot outreach fell short

By Brock Weir

Council is set to take another look at a pilot project that would see speed cushions installed on Kennedy Street West, Mavrinac Boulevard, Conover Avenue, McMaster Avenue, and Stone Road this week following concerns raised by residents.

Lawmakers went into last week's General Committee meeting set to tackle a recommendation from municipal staff rejecting the pilot project outright because area surveys in each neighbourhood fell short of the 70 per cent threshold of support. But, they voted to go ahead with the pilot for Kennedy Street asking for further information on other proposed streets to take a further look at this issue down the line.

"The policy states that a 70 per cent support of all area residents will be required in that order to satisfy the installation of the speed cushions in the street," said Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure, in his report to Council.

According to the report, 128 letters were mailed to homes in the Conover Avenue neighbourhood, receiving just 30 responses and 26 of those household responding in favour of the speed cushions. While that represents 87 per cent of those responding being in favour of the program, it is representative of just 29 per cent of the entire area.

412 letters were sent out to the Kennedy Street area, receiving 205 favourable responses representing 44 per cent of those mailed out. Out of the 327 letters mailed to the Mavrinac area, 83 responded, 47 per cent voting in favour of the pilot, with 196 set to McMaster and 36 out of 54 responses giving the plan a thumbs-up while over on Stone Road, 65 of the 115 respondents (out of 451 mailed out) gave the go-ahead.

This raised some alarm bells among Councillors who said the responses were not what they could have been because they also surveyed streets connecting to the ones in question and the results were not necessarily reflective of the immediate issue.

"In the past when something like this is done [the survey] is only done on the street," said Councillor John Abel, who proposed the pilot project last fall. "When the scope was broadened, I could have easily predicted that the results would be diluted and those in the surrounding areas would not appreciate the impact of those who were immediately impacted. I am very disappointed, especially [for] those who are concerned about speeds in which people go in their neighbourhoods. We all live in this community. People are bound by their cars and often drift quickly in their fast moving vehicles and a reminder to slow down with a speed hump is an easy way to bring them into residential conformity with safety."

Councillor Paul Pirri said he shared these concerns

"I foresaw this problem," said Councillor Pirri. "I sent an email suggesting we should be tracking this additional information so we are aware of what the residents on the street would like to see. If there are two streets where 70 per cent of people on those streets want bumps put in place, I think it makes sense that once Mr. Simanovskis has that information for us, [we can] put forward one motion at the right time and move forward with those two streets. The residents like it, the residents want it, so it will move us along in the right direction."

From the perspective of Councillor Sandra Humfryes, extending the survey to the surrounding streets was a problematic move that achieved predictable results.

"Speeds outside of the ones who aren't

really concerned don't want speed humps because they are the ones using those streets," she said. "Really, it is a shame it went this way but I think we can recover quickly, take a look at [Kennedy and Mavrinac], move forward on the traffic safety of those streets, and then carry on."

But, for other Councillors, there is not a one-size-fits-all solution. Councillor Michael Thompson, for instance, said he did not think speed cushions were necessarily the right solution to a street like Mavrinac, which already has roundabouts. An "incremental approach" to those streets, he said, might be a better option in continuing to monitor speed and look at alternatives.

"I think we need to do something," he said. "I just don't know if speed humps in

all five are the right solution."

On the other hand, Mayor Geoff Dawe said what happens on one busy street does have an impact on those that connect to them.

"One of the issues we constantly run into is when we make a decision about one street it affects the street on the other side," he said. "We have to be careful about what we do here. There is no real alternative from going from Bathurst to Kennedy. As soon as the people in the other streets hear what happened tonight, they will be here in two weeks asking for their street."

Added Councillor Humfryes: "Whatever we do on the street for safety impacts all streets around, and people all want their streets safe."



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ALL SMILES – Anna of the new McDonalds Restaurant on Pedersen Drive, left, teamed up with Sarah Dame, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of York earlier this month for McHappy Day. Local politicians, dignitaries, and community leaders fanned out throughout the day to raise awareness and collect money for Ronald McDonald House.

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Baseball teams come together for tournament to honour slain officer

By Jake Courtepatte

Const. Garrett Styles loved to play baseball. He was a seasoned pitcher, playing with the Newmarket Baseball Association for many years.

But in the early hours of June 28, 2011, Styles was killed in the line of duty following a routine traffic stop in East Gwillimbury.

Only two months later, Styles' home of York Region came together for the inaugural Garrett Styles Memorial Baseball Tournament – a tradition that continues today, with thousands of dollars raised by friends, family, and even complete strangers travelling from all over Canada and the United States.

"It makes me feel really proud, really happy," said retired Constable Garry Styles, Garrett's father. "I look forward to it every year and that they come here and support my family, my community."

This year's incarnation of the tournament came last week over the areas of Aurora and Newmarket, with two schedules hitting four different fields.

In the high school tournament, Sacred Heart won a tiebreaker with the powerhouse Saint Andrew's College Saints to meet Anderson in the final at the fairgrounds in Newmarket. There

they spread their offence over four innings to win the championship 4 – 1. Brad Aldred threw a no-hitter for the Raiders.

King City went 0 – 2 in the tournament, dropping a close 5 – 4 game to Our Lady of the Lake.

"In a tournament like this it's more than just baseball," said OLL's Mike Tomlinson. "It's people rallying together for a good cause, the baseball is just extra fun."

Styles was pinned under a rolled-over van after attempting to take the keys out of the ignition of the stolen vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle, who escaped from the wreck a quadriplegic, is currently serving nine years of "conditional supervision" for the incident he caused as a 15-year old.

Toronto Police Constable Ryan Gourds, who also played in the tournament last year, had similar sentiments to Tomlinson.

"A day like this is much more than just baseball," said Gourds. "When you hear the story of Garrett, and his young family...it just makes you want to do something about it. It's a good way to remember."

Meanwhile, the senior tournament was also underway, with a battle between emergency service departments from as far away as the United States. It was an



The York Blue Sox were the big winners of the Garrett Styles Memorial Baseball Tournament over the weekend around York Region, winning the final 11 – 1 over TPS Baseball. **Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte**

all-Canadian final, with the York Blue Sox beating Toronto Police Services 11 – 1 on Friday to capture this year's title.

Proceeds from the tournament go to

Canadian Tire's JumpStart program, helping children in York Region whose parents have trouble affording organized sports.

Men's United shut out for third straight game, women earn a draw

By Jake Courtepatte

It has been a tough month for the budding semi-pro Aurora United Football Club, still searching for the organization's first win.

While the women played to their second 1 – 1 draw in three League 1 games, the Aurora men were blanked for their third straight game, bringing their record to 0 – 4 on Monday in Kingston.

The first goal came off of a clearing attempt from Aurora goaltender Youseff Mahrady sixteen minutes in, the second coming just minutes later on a penalty after a hard tackle inside the box.

Aurora actually had the better of the play in the moments after kickoff in the second half, but it was Kingston who struck again at the 50' mark with Patrick Vanbellegem tucking it under Mahrady.

With that, the men are goalless since game one of their first season in the semi-pro league, but are yet to host a game on home turf. The first

opportunity will come this Saturday, when they host the Woodbridge Strikers at Sheppard's Bush.

Kickoff is set for 7p.m.

Meanwhile, the United women were in action at Sheppard's Bush on Saturday, pulling in a 1 – 1 draw with North Mississauga SC.

North Miss opened the scoring at the 39' mark, taking advantage of a scramble close to the Aurora box. Kylee Bertrand tied the score shortly after the start of the second half, with a hard strike off of a corner kick.

Aurora goalkeeper Marissa Zuchetto made some key saves the rest of the way to secure the draw.

"The girls gave a great effort, gave one hundred-percent, followed instructions," said Aurora head coach Ramin Mohammadi.

"They're tired, but defensively they did very well. North Miss is a great team, we know the players and they are great individuals, very technical. But our girls did great, stayed together

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St. Max students cycle for a cause

By Jake Courtepatte

The gym at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Aurora was filled with princesses, ducks, Hawaiian skirts and football players last week: all riding stationary cycles to support a worthy cause.

Students and faculty dressed up in costume for The Inside Ride, a national touring fundraising campaign fighting

childhood cancer.

Sponsored by the Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation, St. Max was one of over one hundred Ontario stops on the agenda this year.

“Our goal is to live in a world where no one has to hear ‘your child has cancer’”, said Jenn Davies, Program Manager of The Inside Ride.

Now in its fourth year, the tour is



St. Maximilian Kolbe students cycled in the school gym last Tuesday for the Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation at the annual Inside Ride event.
Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte

Canada’s first and only national indoor cycling challenge.

Davies said the funds are divided into the areas where they see the greatest need, such as funding of oncology camps, family support programs, survivor scholarships and other areas that ease the burdens of a family experiencing childhood cancer.

“Everyone has been touched by cancer at some point, somehow, some way. We can all relate.”

Together, the students of St. Max raised approximately \$12,000 for their ride. 100-percent of proceeds goes to the foundation.

Teams of six took turns riding stationary bicycles for ten minutes at a time, with prizes at the end going to the team that “rode” the farthest.

But, it seemed that most participants in the 35 teams were more into the team spirit and cheering than they were the competition.

“Some students take it seriously, but for most the whole event is about spirit and having fun,” said organizing teacher Laura Franciosa. “It’s a good time for all the students, and the teachers ride too, and we raise money at the same time.”

“Medals also go out to the best costume and most spirited team, which are often difficult to choose,” said Davies. “It really brings people together, not so much for the competition but for the nature and excitement of it.”

Organized by Grade 12 students, the event was high-spirited and loud for its entirety.

“With the music bumping, and all the dancing, and everything, it really makes fundraising fun,” said Davies. “The kids are having fun, the teachers are having fun, and money is being raised, which is of course the end goal.”

“Hawaii Six-O” topped the donation pool, with the team bringing in \$400 to the cause. Teams “Miss Universe” and “The Mathletes” rounded out the top three, contributing over \$300 each.

“Everyone did an incredible job of raising money for a good cause,” said Melton Moyo, Vice Principal of St. Max. He was especially proud of the excitement he saw in the students – and not just because they weren’t in class.

“I’m proud of our entire student body today. Everyone deserves a pat on the back.”

For more information on the foundation, check out www.theinsideride.com.

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16. Autonomic nervous system
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20. Small tactical munition
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31. A renowned museum
32. One hundred (Italian)

33. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
38. Calendar month (abbr.)
41. They bite
43. The Mets played here
45. About opera
47. Wings
49. I (German)
50. Sportscaster Brett
55. Wild mango
56. The woman
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28. Shock therapy

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40. Helps kids
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United women meet Kingston

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defensively, very compact. We thought they did very well.”

“It’s a recurring issue for us: last couple of games, umpteen chances, same today,” said North Miss technical director Trevor Bertrand.

“I thought we deserved the win to be honest, our keeper blundered and they capitalized,” he added.

“Kudos to them, but there were so many opportunities for us to put the ball in the net and it just couldn’t be done. Frustrating, but we will go back to the drawing board again.”

With a record of 0-1-2, the United women sit tied for fifth place in the nine-team League 1 table. They host Kingston at Sheppard’s Bush this Saturday, a 4 p.m. kickoff with both sides searching for their first win of the season.

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Remaining questions halt Yonge Street parking plan

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what is traditionally Aurora's main street. "The idea is to create an area that is more friendly. [Aurora Public Library CAO Jill Foster] says, 'I don't like walking on Yonge Street because the traffic is too fast and it is not a comfortable environment.' I have talked to a number of people who say, 'You can park on Yonge Street' and they say, 'I don't feel comfortable parking on Yonge Street because the traffic is simply too fast.'

"It seems counterintuitive, but it actually does improve traffic flow because people are not diving in and out [which] a number of merchants I have spoken with up and down Yonge Street identify as a problem. It brings a little more order to that traffic flow and quite frankly, if you look at Yonge Street at almost any time of day, it is one lane because people park there.

"By providing perhaps a more structured area, it creates what I think is a much more friendly streetscape in the area, far more people-friendly, and part of what this Council overall agrees is a challenge that we're trying to deal with right now, which is to work with those businesses to create a more friendly environment."

While Councillors agreed that is a challenge that needs to be addressed this, they said, was not the right way to do it. Councillor Michael Thompson, for instance, said he had ongoing questions about what was hoped to be accomplished in the pilot. Similar programs in municipalities like Barrie and Burlington have approached their plans differently, including tackling liability concerns, leasing out sidewalk space for restaurants, and related issues.

"This has been in front of us for a year-and-a-half and these are the questions I continue to ask: What is the goal? How are we going to do it? How are we going to implement it? What are the details? It seems to be a challenge

to get these details on how the program is actually going to be implemented and run. It is crucial to understand the liability and lease agreements."

Similar questions were raised by Councillor Tom Mrakas who said questions he had been asked previously on the impact such a plan would have on emergency services were still unanswered. He likened the "bump outs" in the plan to "chicanes on a main arterial road" and said claims in the staff report that the majority of those attending the open house were in favour of the plan were inaccurate.

Others, such as Councillor John Abel, said they were concerned this plan was moving too fast through the system, while others such as Councillor Harold Kim said they were worried about the ripple effect limiting traffic to one lane would have on surrounding neighbourhoods.

"I love this idea in theory, but I find it a little bit scary, in fact," said Councillor Wendy Gaertner. "A lot of people have spoken to me and the idea is wonderful, thanks to the Mayor, but we already have a problem on this strip. It is going to cause more of a problem. We know this is a transit corridor and the Region wants to do these dedicated bus lanes and at some point they are going to get around to doing it. One of the worst things, if we did this for a few months and residents really like it, is [the Region coming to us saying] you can't cut it down because we need that second lane for transit. For me, that takes priority."

Some members of Council were in favour of the plan, however, with Councillor Jeff Thom citing Markham's main street as an example that works, if Aurora proceeds with caution.

"We keep talking about revitalization and bringing people back to the core," said Councillor Sandra Humfries. "We keep saying all this stuff, we have

some great ideas, but nothing has been done. I am looking forward to this and we can see it. It might cause chaos, it

might not. It might cause some great economic development in our Town and we can just build on it."



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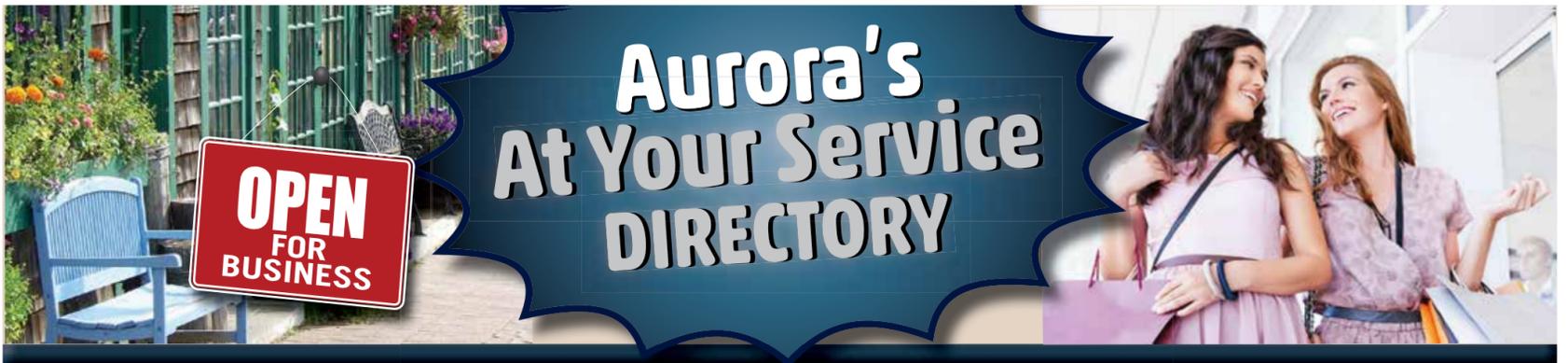
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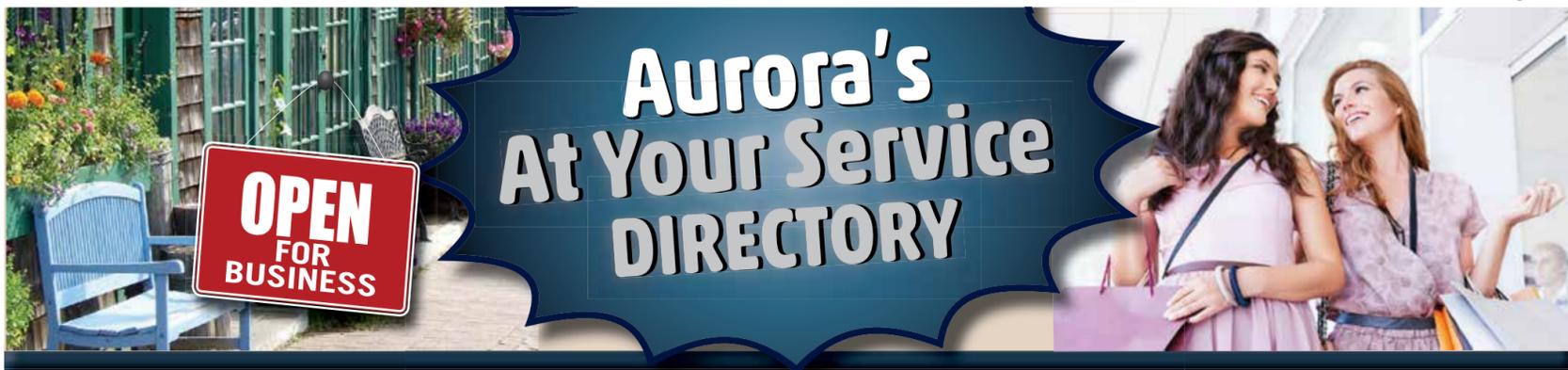
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