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Women throughout history spent Mother's Day weekend stating their case before The Goddess. For a Who's Who in the Temple, please see Page 10.  
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## All are worthy in The Temple of Fame

By Brock Weir

All are worthy of claiming their place in history.

That was the message brought home to Aurora audiences by over two

dozen remarkable women, representing millennia of remarkable achievements, and each brought to life by local actors, this past weekend as the Aurora Museum & Archives re-staged The Temple of Fame to mark its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The stage was set at Trinity Anglican

Church as women ranging from Helen of Troy (Cerys Ford) to Elsie McGill (Sara Weiss), from Mary, Queen of Scots (Sonetta Duncan) to Mother Teresa (Najma Kausar) each came before the Goddess (Alison Collins-Mrkas) to state

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## Ontario Votes 2018: Wynne hits both of Aurora's ridings in first week of campaign



Liberal leader Kathleen Wynne speaks with patient Brian Gould at the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre on Thursday afternoon. It was the second of two stops Wynne made in Aurora's two ridings the first week of the campaign. For full election coverage, see Pages 12 - 15.  
Auroran photo by Brock Weir

By Brock Weir

The Provincial Election is well underway and party leaders looking to fill Ontario's top job are criss-crossing the province looking for your votes.

In the first week of the campaign, Liberal leader Kathleen Wynne hit both of Aurora's ridings meeting with local candidates, supporters, and members of the health care sector.

The second official day of the

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# Aurora mom develops fresh solution with "Poopsy Daisy"

By Brock Weir

There are certain advantages to living in Australia, from the generally warmer weather to the abundance of sandy beaches, but, for Angela Sacco, there was another area where the land down under had a leg up on Canada: taking care of baby's business.

As a young mom raising her kids in Australia, she became accustomed to "nappy sacks," disposable diaper bags designed and scented to neutralize odours. So, when she moved back to Canada, Ms. Sacco decided she was going to show Canadian moms just what they have been missing.

The result is "Poopsy Daisy", a new line of lightly scented disposable diaper bags that are biodegradable and environmentally friendly.

Now available in boxes of 200 bags, getting the odour-neutralizing product to market has been a passion project for Ms. Sacco.

"My husband is Australian and I lived there for five years, and two of our girls were born there," explains Ms. Sacco, now a mom of three to young son Gabriel. "In Australia, the UK and in Europe, they call them 'nappy sacks' and you can find them in any grocery store or major pharmacy chain. When we moved back here, we had two girls in diapers at the time and couldn't find anything like it, so I told my husband I was going to make my own brand. He thought I was crazy, but I had the name trademarked in Canada and said I am really going to try and make this work because I want Canadian parents to have the same convenience I experienced."

It was a significant shift of gears for Ms. Sacco, 34, who came into the project with a background in hospitality and tourism, but she took what she learned in her college's entrepreneurship class and got down to business.

She contacted different companies

that manufactured plastic bags, eventually sourcing manufacture to China. She retained the services of a trademark lawyer when the family was still living in Sudbury, taking the long trip to Toronto every time she needed to advice.

"There were a lot of phone calls, a lot of research, a lot of dealing with shipping companies and border consolations, but we figured it out as we went," says Ms. Sacco. "My husband was there for supper and he helped me with the financial aspect of it because he is good with numbers – I am more the creative."

Admittedly, it was a huge undertaking going up against similar competitors, but it was a matter of educating the consumer on why her product stands apart. It was very important to her to develop an environmentally friendly option, she says.

"The very first thing my sister said to me when I told her my idea was, 'Why do you want to make more plastic bags? Don't we already have enough?,' but I told her my intent was to [make them] biodegradable and if it comes to reordering them, I want to make the next batch even more compostable so they are even more friendly to the environment.

"I really want Poopsy Daisy to be a household name across the country for people, like Kleenex. I really want that brand recognition and I am hoping to get into some stores, maybe some baby stores and pharmacies so people can access it. One year from now, I really want to try to target the day cares within the GTA and York Region at least and expand from there across Canada so they can be able to use them in daycare centres as well."

"I am a mom of three, I have been there, I have done the diaper changes, and I want [moms and families] to know there is a better way out there. Hopefully they can try it for themselves and they can see the difference it makes



Aurora mom Angela Sacco shows off Poopsy Daisy with her son Gabriel.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

in their households."

200-packs of Poopsy Daisy are available online for \$5.99 per box. Product and samples are available online from lessmesssolutions.com or by calling 647-325-BAGS (2247).

Different product lines are available for different needs, from the standard 200 pack for households, to customized boxes designed for day care centres

and public baby changing areas.

Now that Ms. Sacco is on maternity leave with her young son, she is redoubling her focus on getting her product to market.

If it takes off, she hopes to develop smaller packets of bags for moms on the go and a further line of environmentally friendly household products.

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

AURORA TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Special Council Meeting to review the findings to date of the Stable Neighbourhood Study.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow Council to consider the comments received to date and to provide next steps, specifically scheduling a future Public Planning meeting.

The future Public Planning meeting will consider amending the Zoning By-law to make changes to the building height, lot coverage, setbacks and requiring site plan approval for new housing and major additions.

This is also an opportunity for residents to provide additional comments to Council related to the Stable Neighbourhood Study.

**LOCATION:** Aurora Town Hall, Council Chambers, 100 John West Way, Aurora Ontario

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 29, 2018

**TIME:** 7 – 9 p.m.

**STUDY AREA:** Refer to the attached map

**Note:** An interim control by-law (ICBL) was enacted by Council on January 2018 to prohibit any building or structures to be built upon, enlarged or expanded beyond the provisions and regulations of the existing Zoning By-Law for a period of 1 year. The intent of the ICBL is to allow Staff to conduct a study to further examine the Town's existing policy, zoning provisions and a review of the best practices undertaken by other municipalities.

Any inquiries should be directed to Planning and Development Services at 905-727-3123 extension 4226, Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Comments may also be mailed to the Planning and Development Services department at the same address or emailed to planning@aurora.ca prior to the meeting.

To stay updated please visit [aurora.ca/stableneighbourhoodstudy](http://aurora.ca/stableneighbourhoodstudy).

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# Assault charges against Steve Hinder withdrawn by Court

By Brock Weir

Aggravated assault charges levelled against Magna's Steve Hinder last month were withdrawn by the Court on Tuesday morning with the Crown concluding there were no grounds.

Mr. Hinder, a former Aurora councillor and current manager of Magna's Neighbourhood Network, was charged with aggravated assault on April 10 in the midst of a long-running Civil case brought against him by local business owner Anthony Pullano, a Council candidate in the 2014 municipal election.

The ongoing Civil matter has been working its way through the courts since February of 2015.

In his \$5 million Civil lawsuit against Mr. Hinder, Mr. Pullano alleges that on the evening of March 20, 2014, he was confronted by Mr. Hinder at a political event for Newmarket Councillor Jane

Twinney, who was acclaimed that evening as the riding's Progressive Conservative candidate in the 2014 Provincial Election.

He alleges Mr. Hinder approached him at the event and struck him on the chest with his fist where his Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) is located. As a result, Mr. Pullano alleges he suffered injuries and damages, including going the next day to Southlake Regional Health Centre "to deal with the pain and discomfort" near the ICD "as a result of the assault."

An infection resulted, he goes on to claim, leading to a "deterioration" in health including "loss of heart function, loss of sexual function, a loss of right hand function, and chronic pain and inflammation in his right hand and/or right arm."

Mr. Hinder has strongly denied the claims from the outset and the claims have not been proven in court.

In his defence, lawyers for Mr. Hinder

say he was indeed at Ms. Twinney's event, but he merely approached Mr. Pullano, shook his hand, asked him who he was supporting that evening, and "ceased interacting with the plaintiff."

As such, Mr. Hinder subsequently launched a \$1 million counterclaim against Mr. Pullano – \$500,000 for general damages for libel, and a further \$500,000 for punitive and aggravated damages – and a permanent injunction restraining Mr. Pullano for "directly or indirectly" spreading what they allege are false statements against Mr. Hinder. The counterclaim cites upwards of 40 Tweets and other social media posts made by Pullano describing Hinder as a "racist, a "bully", a "thug", a "cheater", claiming that he had engaged in "smear campaigns" against candidates, all of which is denied in the counterclaim. "Mr. Hinder pleads that the statements made by Pullano were made with malice, with the intention of harming Mr. Hinder, his reputation and his professional associations," reads the claim. "Pullano has acted irresponsibly and negligently." It is alleged Mr. Pullano "instigated a campaign" to malign Hinder's reputation and to have him removed from a number of community boards on which he sits, or with which he is affiliated.

In the meantime, however, Mr. Pullano's claims against Mr. Hinder jumped from the Civil court to Criminal court earlier this spring after Mr. Pullano filed a pre-enquête motion, which brought the matter before a Justice of the Peace to determine whether charges should be laid against an individual following a private complaint.

As such, Mr. Hinder was charged with Aggravated Assault and the case was held over to give both the Crown and the Defence an opportunity to review the relevant material.

The results of that review were made clear on Tuesday morning and the charges ultimately withdrawn.

"I have reviewed the matter," the Crown told the court, noting that this review included "private information" from Mr. Pullano.

"For the record, in the course of the review, it became apparent that this matter had also been reported to the York Regional Police," the Crown continued. "The York Regional Police did a complete investigation. They consulted with the Crown, that is to say one of my colleagues. The conclusion of that investigation and that consultation was that there were not sufficient grounds to arrest Mr. Hinder for either aggravated assault or assault. I have reviewed that entire investigation again with the assistance of the officer in charge. I agree with the original conclusion."

"I have also reviewed the material that is before the court along with this private information. On the basis of the entire review, Your Honour, I have come to the conclusion that there is no reasonable prospect of conviction in this case on the charge before the court or included offences. Accordingly, I am asking that the charge before the court be marked withdrawn."

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR****Councillors need to take responsibility for JOC budget**

I've been following with some dismay the deliberations/post mortem of the Aurora Town Council regarding the fiasco surrounding the construction of the JOC. At least \$2,000,000 over budget.

The April 19 Auroran story covered what appears to have been a lengthy discussion of the recently completed audit, which was highly critical of the entire project and how it was managed.

The subject was addressed again by The Auroran in the May 10 issue.

As I read it, and quite frankly, it was rather obvious not long after construction began, the project was over budget almost from day one.

In an effort to cover up the fact it was decided to remove +\$2,000,000 in budgeted and likely quite necessary work so it could be said the project was "on budget."

Now, who was responsible for all of this?

To read the two Auroran accounts of Council's discussions, the Council had absolutely nothing to do with it.

Speaker after speaker spoke in a somewhat detached manner as if some mysterious outside power had mismanaged and covered up.

In addition, they were all ever so grateful, even if somewhat distraught, to learn about this and would certainly seek ways to prevent such an occurrence in the future.

Unbelievable, not the slightest indication of taking responsibility.

If the Council members are not prepared to take responsibility, then I certainly hope Aurora voters take this into account come November and think long and hard before voting for any incumbent who chooses to run again, whether for a seat on council or for Mayor.

John Sullivan  
Aurora

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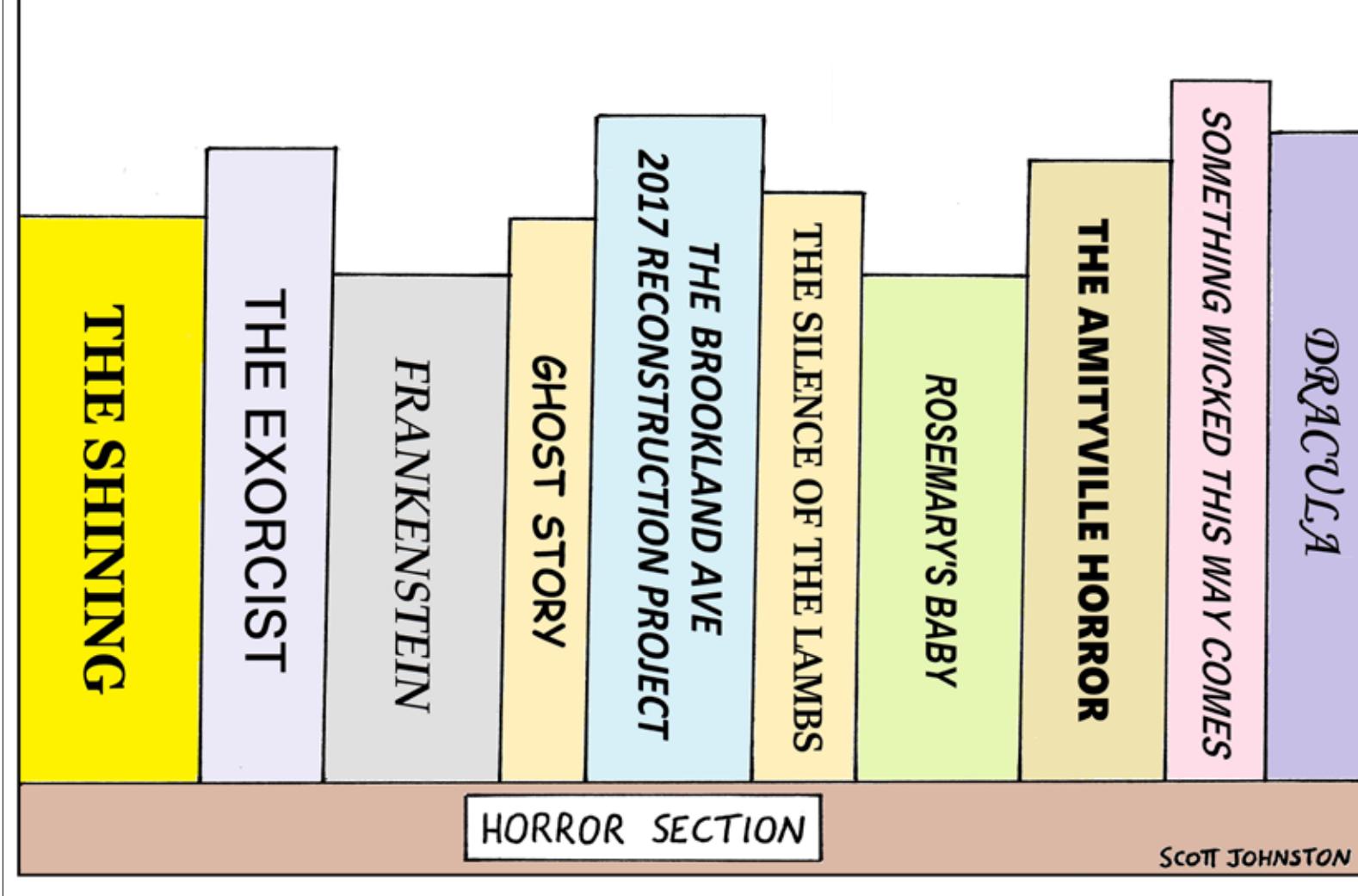


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Brock Weir

Visits to Canada, the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 and the subsequent Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

It may have taken me 27 years, but by the time the Queen marked her 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the throne that year, I felt like I was finally all caught up.

Now, much of the world appears to be going through the same bout of excitement, a bout of excitement I imagine came very close to what used to be called "the vapours," over the Royal Wedding set to take place this Saturday at Windsor between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Over the past week or so, rarely a day has gone by without some tidbit of information coming out about the ceremony to fuel the public's imagination, from the cake details, where the bride and groom will be staying the night before the wedding, who is and who isn't on the guest list, and the kids that will come to make up the bridal party.

So much, so standard – but this wedding seems to be anything but.

I think it's a generational thing: as interested as I am in the Royal Wedding – and I am, really, trust me – I find it hard to muster the same amount of enthusiasm I had for this one, and the last one between the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, as I did for the one Royal Wedding I experienced and the two previous close calls. They're my contemporaries, so maybe that lustre just isn't the same, but this is a very different royal wedding.

And it was clear – even before the official outset – that this was going to be a Royal Wedding not quite like any other.

Prior to the engagement itself, when Ms. Markle's name was known to few outside of her professional career and gossipy mentions about a budding relationship with Prince Harry that may or may not have been anything but speculation, any doubt was removed with a pointed message released on the Prince's behalf, addressing

fevered speculation, with some of it focused around his girlfriend's African American heritage.

"His girlfriend, Meghan Markle, has been subject to a wave of abuse and harassment," said the Kensington Palace statement dated November 8, 2016. "Some of this has been very public – the smear on the front page of a national newspaper, the racial undertones of comment pieces; the outright sexism and racism of social media trolls and web article comments. Some of it has been hidden from the public – the nightly legal battles to keep defamatory stories out of papers; her mother having to struggle past photographers in order to get to her front door; the attempts of reporters and photographers to gain illegal entry to her home..."

And on and on it went.

Since then, we have seen a couple continue to weather the storm of intense public scrutiny, working to strike the balance between personal and professional in their public lives, weathering storms created by unfortunate familial hangers-on, and, most importantly, turning an otherwise routine Royal Wedding – well, as routine as far as these things can possibly be – into a very personal affair with offshoot benefits to the people and causes that are very close to their hearts: the Children's HIV Association, the Crisis homelessness charity, the Myra Mahlia Foundation for women's empowerment in Mumbai, charities for bereaved children of servicepersons in the Armed Forces, charities that use sport to empower young people, and various causes with an environmental focus.

Over the years, Prince Harry has shown himself to have a passion and commitment for the causes closest to his heart, with no hesitation to speak out on the issues that matter to him. This same sense of commitment has been evident in Meghan Markle over the past two years, and going back even further in her own career.

Together, this seems almost like uncharted territory and I am excited to see the impact these two will have both on the Monarchy and Commonwealth, but also the world as a whole.

That, in itself, might be lustre enough.

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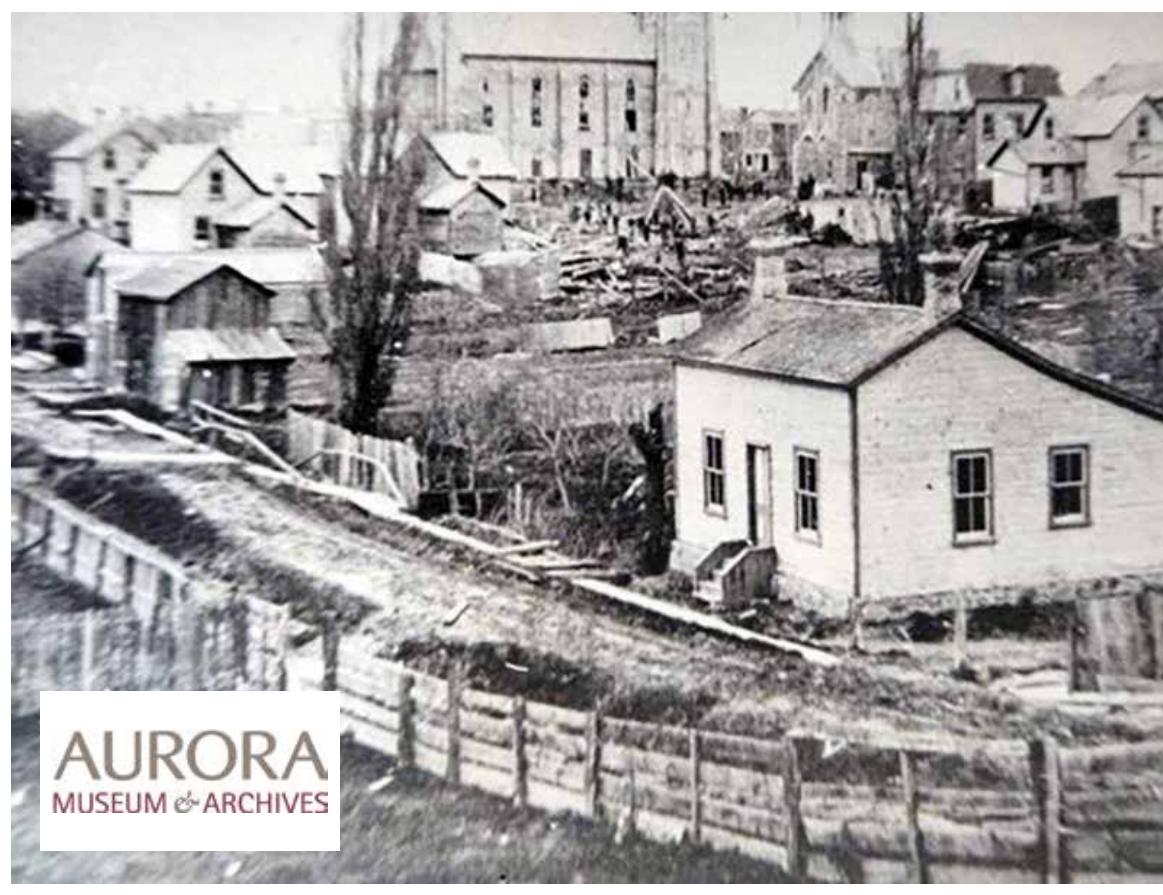
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Head of rail! May 16, 1853 must have been an exciting day in town when Ontario's first "revenue" railway train, carrying fare-paying passengers and freight, arrived in Aurora from Toronto. You can read about it on the plaque in the tiny parkette at the station. Then have a seat on a bench and look over at the building on the north side of Wellington, hard up against the east side of the tracks.

It was hoped that the railway would be a boon to local business and thus to the village as a whole. Landowners on the north and south sides of Wellington Street between the railway and Yonge Street subdivided their properties into village building lots in anticipation of a growth in population.

Among the early purchasers on the north side was John Kirsopp, a farmer. He was not going to farm on his new property: it was only half an acre in size (one fifth of a hectare) and was closely bordered on the west by the railway tracks and on the south by Wellington Street. On this site he erected the Railroad Hotel, which he would own for twenty years although it was often managed by others.

The hotel's main entrance was on the west side, just steps from the tracks, and its outline can still be seen. A second floor gallery, long gone, ran the length of the same side. Anyone old enough to remember the terrifying thrill of being enveloped in a cloud of steam from a pre-diesel railway engine might wonder who would want to sit on that balcony, but it was by no means unique among rail-side hotels.

Who stayed at a hotel like this? Commercial travellers were a prime source of revenue for small station hotels: think of the opening scene of the film "The Music Man" in which the travelling salesmen talk to the beat of the clickety-clack of the train on the track.

There were three further owners of the Railroad Hotel following Mr. Kirsopp. The third was Frank Button, who bought the property in 1881.

Mr. Button's wife, Dinah, died suddenly in 1887, aged only forty-eight, and this loss may have hastened his decline and fall. He was already suffering financial problems and his mortgage was in default.

There were also problems with the law, which came to a head about a year after Mrs. Button's death. Frank Button was found guilty of selling whisky without a licence. He could not pay the fine and would have gone to jail had a son not paid for his freedom. The editor of the local paper commented: "It seems somewhat strange that this den at the east end cannot be shut up. It is without doubt the worst place inside the corporation."

The hotel was sold after nine years in Button ownership. Although the next owner dutifully applied for a liquor licence, it was denied. The Railway Hotel became a boarding house, and later a private home, and for a long time now has accommodated small businesses. Still, its sturdy, well maintained, and perfectly respectable presence takes us back to an important moment in Aurora's, and Ontario's, history.

## THIS WEEK'S POLL

Are you following the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle?

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Previous poll results

Who do you think won Monday night's leaders debate?

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## INSIDE AURORA

Scott Johnston

great. Maybe not quite like the original version, but a close facsimile. Some described it as the new jewel in Aurora's crown.

The only thing not sorted out was the answer to the question of what purpose it would serve.

Various ideas were floated; wedding venue, tourist information centre, tea room, daycare, and Sports Hall of Fame, amongst others. Implementation of any of these was hampered at the time by the unfortunate lack of plumbing, electricity, flooring and proper climate control.

I guess these were considered out-of-budget extras, and shows that Aurora was well versed in not including everything in project budgets well before the more recent example of the Joint Operations Centre.

Four years later, Petch House still looks good, but continues to suffer from a lack of users, not to mention plumbing and other infrastructure, so a whole new bunch of ideas have come forward on what to do with it. Actually, they're all pretty much the same old ideas as last time, but at least they're in

the spotlight again.

One that's being seriously considered that caught my attention is to use it as a storage building.

That's right; the Town will have invested hundreds of hours of debate and study over almost 15 years, not to mention \$120,000, to turn a 170-year-old building into a glorified shed, something that one could order in the same size from a home renovation store for less than a tenth of what the Town has poured so far in the original.

Council has asked staff to provide yet more reports detailing what additional funding it might take to retrofit Petch House to be a wedding venue, or something more than just a roof over the Town's out of season Christmas decorations, or whatever storage we apparently desperately need.

I'm not excited about spending even more money on this structure, but we've come this far, so if it's within reason, we owe it to our Town's history, and all those who have put so much into this project, to invest a bit more to make this building live up to its potential.

Better that Petch House be the jewel in Aurora's crown, not the box the crown is stored in.

*Feel free to e-mail Scott at: [machellscorners@gmail.com](mailto:machellscorners@gmail.com)*

## NEXT GENERATION VENDOR



### MARKET MUSINGS

Jan Freedman

worked in restaurants as hostess and a frontline employee, but found that it wasn't for her. Following in her mother's footsteps, she was motivated to start her own company, selling pre-packaged meals with healthy grains and legumes and its own unique blend of herbs and spices.

Maia's vision was for a company that provided customers with healthy, flavourful food at an affordable price. Her inspiration developed out of her relationship with her mother. While growing up, Maia spent lots of time cooking alongside her mom and, as she grew older, she took over most of the cooking. The motivation for each dish arises from Maia's love of food. She visits restaurants specializing in different cuisines, discovers a dish she loves, and tries it at home using healthier and more affordable alternatives. She loves testing different flavor combinations to see how they bring a unique twist and flavor profile to her creations.

When not in the kitchen, Maia is a student at the University of Toronto, majoring in Philosophy and Anthropology. She is also a RYT 300 yoga teacher. Maia is both passionate

and dedicated to providing her students with an environment in which they can connect the mind and body through yoga, building both mental and physical strength, and reaching their full potential collectively in class.

"Maia's World of Flavour" aims to provide you with the healthiest of organic grains and legumes as well as authentic Italian food products. Each product from the pasta sauces is made from her family's recipes, her risotto packages and even the olives have their own unique herb and spice blends that invite you to "travel the world through taste". Everything is packaged with an abundance of love and health in mind.

Please visit Maia's booth in the park. She will be happy to describe her ingredients and recommend how best to prepare her packaged meals. I have already tried a number of her products which has served to whet my appetite to try more!

Please join us on Saturday, May 26 for our first Special Event, our GRAND OPENING. We will have an awesome band playing, The Therapy Seekers, some amazing door prizes as well as a few surprises. There will be some short speeches by local dignitaries at 11 and lots of fun activities, including the usual arts and crafts for children. We hope that you will join us.

*See you at the Market!*

# Queen's York Rangers to receive permanent honour at Town Park

By Brock Weir

The Queen's York Rangers regiment's time at Town Park might now be just a memory, but it is a memory that is now ensured to live on for many generations to come.

Last week, Council voted to rename the path that bisects the historic downtown green space "Queen's York Rangers Lane" in honour of the reserve regiment that called the historic Aurora Armoury on the park's northeast corner home for well over a century – from the 1870s until 2012.

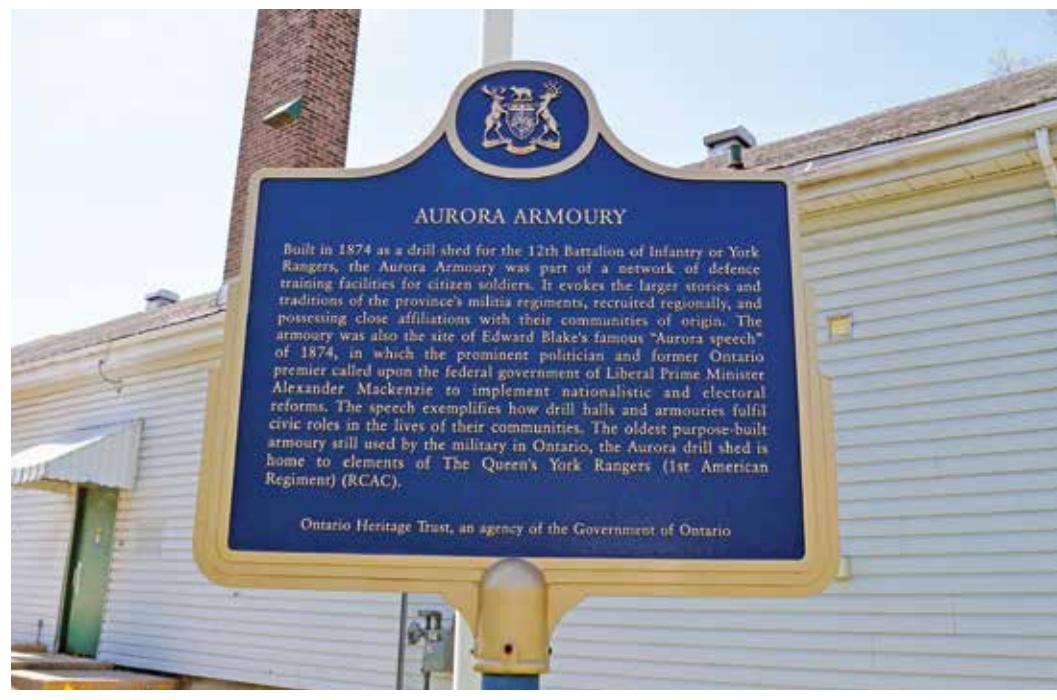
The move came at the suggestion of Mayor Geoff Dawe who put forward a motion after consultation with Regimental leaders.

In his motion, Mayor Dawe underscored the historical significance of the Regiment, which is now based at the Lt. Gov. John

Graves Simcoe Armoury on Industrial Parkway South, formerly the home of Aurora Hydro. At the time of the historic Armoury's closure, he said, it was the longest-serving active Armoury in Canada, a testament to its place as an "important gathering place and community hub" in Aurora's history.

The Mayor's motion, which was approved unanimously by Council, called on staff to investigate naming the pathway from Wells Street to Larmont Street in honour of the Regiment and for the old Armoury to be given the honorary address of 1 Queen's York Rangers Lane.

"We were discussing some other way to acknowledge the presence of the Queen's York Rangers with the change of purpose for the Armoury," said Mayor Dawe on talks with Honourary Colonel Darrell Bricker on the Armoury's transformation into a campus for Niagara College's



A plaque outside the Aurora Armoury is one of the only reminders of the building's storied history – at least for now. But that is about to change.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

Canadian Food & Wine Institute.

"We originally came up with a street naming concept [but] given there are no real streets coming up, especially in short order with respect to naming opportunities, I bounced the idea off the Colonel of calling the pathway through Town Park as Queen's York Rangers Lane. He felt that was quite appropriate, certainly given the proximity to the Old Armoury. There is an incredible tie-in between the Queen's York Rangers, the Armoury, Town Park and even Niagara College, so I think it would be a great fit and I would certainly appreciate my colleagues' support on this."

That support came very quickly, with Councillor Wendy Gaertner calling it a "great idea."

"I do think we have to honour the Queen's York Rangers and everything they have meant to our Town for so many years," she said.

Councillor Harold Kim added such a move would help remind people of the area's ties to the regiment.

"Given that we were going through the process of [branding the Armoury], one of the suggestions for one of the logos was

to remember the history of the Armoury and its prior usage," said Councillor Kim. "Certainly the naming of this name would help rekindle some of the people's memory of what the Armoury is or was."

Also throwing in his support was Councillor Michael Thompson who said that once the naming was formally approved, an official event surrounding the naming should be considered. This idea received the support of Councillor Sandra Humfries who suggested such a ceremony would be a good fit with the Aurora Farmers' Market, which is now largely configured around the laneway in question.

"This is another great opportunity to honour the Queen's York Rangers," said Councillor Jeff Thom, who seconded Mayor Dawe's motion. "They make up the fabric of Aurora, and this is a great idea. When the Mayor came to me, I thought it was a great idea and I think this is a really nice way to honour Aurora's reserve regiment."

Councillor Tom Mrakas said it was a great idea as well, adding: "I look forward to walking on Queen's York Rangers Lane."

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## Brookland reconstruction resulted in hit to businesses, environment: Councillors

By Brock Weir

The reconstruction of Brookland Avenue has been branded as a "horror story" by one Councillor, but the Town should step up to make a gesture to local businesses – and give a helping hand to environmental damage, according to Councillors.

More concerns with the lingering impact of the controversial road reconstruction project on Brookland Avenue were aired around the Council table this week, this time with local lawmakers focused on the negative impacts the prolonged construction had on local business, as well as the negative impacts it had on the local environment.

"There was a lot of inconvenience caused to local residents and businesses," said Councillor Wendy Gaertner, reiterating some of the issues she raised at the previous week's General Committee meeting.

She asked whether or not it would be appropriate to put something out through the Town's various communications channels that they

"regret the inconvenience" the construction had on local shops.

At the time of the construction, Aurora encouraged patrons to visit local businesses through those same channels, said Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications for the Town of Aurora, letting patrons know that the entrances to the local plaza and LCBO were not impacted by the road construction.

Nevertheless, Councillor Gaertner said more should be done.

"I would like to acknowledge the businesses we might have effected," she said.

These concerns were shared by Councillor John Abel, but his issues were more focused on the environmental damage wrought by the construction, including the "removal of vegetation along culverts" and how that might have impacted area run-off.

"We do try our best to mitigate any removal of vegetation, but I believe [the Director] explained that they had to address the slope and, therefore, it required the removal of vegetation," said Councillor Abel. "There are a lot

of things we could learn from this going forward, and not all projects are of the same scope and easy. This is, in my two terms, one that is at the extreme of how things cannot add up and it just seems to accumulate in a long project that we don't normally see."

"I appreciate some of the communication and management comments that were gleaned from this situation and hopefully weather cooperates, and challenges on culverts are understood and we're able to meet the challenges of dealing with it."

Councillor Gaertner, on the other hand, was less conciliatory about the matter.

"We need to bring this down to a level of reality for everybody," she continued. "What we actually did was destroy habitat of squirrels and skunks, and we took down trees with hollows that were resting places. But those places to nest and live are becoming more and more rare. I don't think that this had to happen, but we are going forward."

"To bring it down even to a closer level, a friend of mine lives on the fourth or fifth floor of that apartment building and she actually had a squirrel make a nest in the bag of earth that she left out over the winter because there was no other place. That is a pretty dire consequence to have a squirrel climb up to a four or fifth floor balcony, find a bag of earth and make a nest. Going forward, we really do need to take more care with our natural environment."

According to Marco Ramunno, Aurora's Director of Planning, design

drawings for the Brookland project identified, through an arborist's report, a number of trees and plots of vegetation that had to be removed as part of the culvert placement. There is, he stressed, a replanting program in place and that replanting will take place sometime this spring or in the early summer.

At the end of the day, however, Councillor Tom Mrakas said the primary consideration has to be the business impact.

"We have talked about this one a lot and there has been a lot of issues, but the thing that we need to be mindful of, and what I think is most important to us, is the disruption to our businesses and to our residents," said Councillor Mrakas. "I think that is what we have asked our staff to look at moving forward and to be proactive and minimize that disruption. I think our CAO has heard us loud and clear and I think when we looked at this specific project there [were] some communications problems between departments and we have been assured that has been taken care of."

"Moving forward, we're going to make sure that doesn't happen. I think there are a lot of things that have been identified that we could have been proactive, regardless of the weather. We all know the weather is unpredictable and it can cause delays, but if we put the proper measures in place, I think we can do a better job to minimize that disruption to our residents and businesses."

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# Accessibility advocate Abas is first to join Council race



Matthew Abas, the first Aurora resident to put their name forward for a Council seat this fall, is pictured Thursday at Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park, Aurora's first fully accessible park and playground.

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**By Brock Weir**

Accessibility advocate Matthew Abas, 20, is the first person to make a bid for the 2018 – 2022 term of Council.

Mr. Abas, a graduate of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School, formally filed his nomination papers on Thursday afternoon.

"I have lived in Aurora for 20 years," said Mr. Abas in a statement. "I have watched the Town grow and develop. I am proud to call Aurora my home, but I believe there is room for improvement and I feel a change in Council is needed to drive forward our Town and get a younger, fresh perspective."

"I am a strong supporter for accessibility and inclusion. I feel Aurora needs to be more accessible with power doors on smaller retailers,

wider sidewalks for persons in wheelchairs, better control of grades on ramps so persons with handicaps or a caregiver with a stroller won't fly down a ramp into traffic or into parked cars. The Town also needs more accessible parks, including picnic tables that will accommodate a wheelchair and playground equipment that will allow a child with a disability to play in the park."

Over the years, Mr. Abas has racked up a number of awards from Magna's Give Back Awards to the John West "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship from the Town of Aurora, to the Champion Award, an honour created to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

He also received a Community Recognition Award from the Town in 2016.

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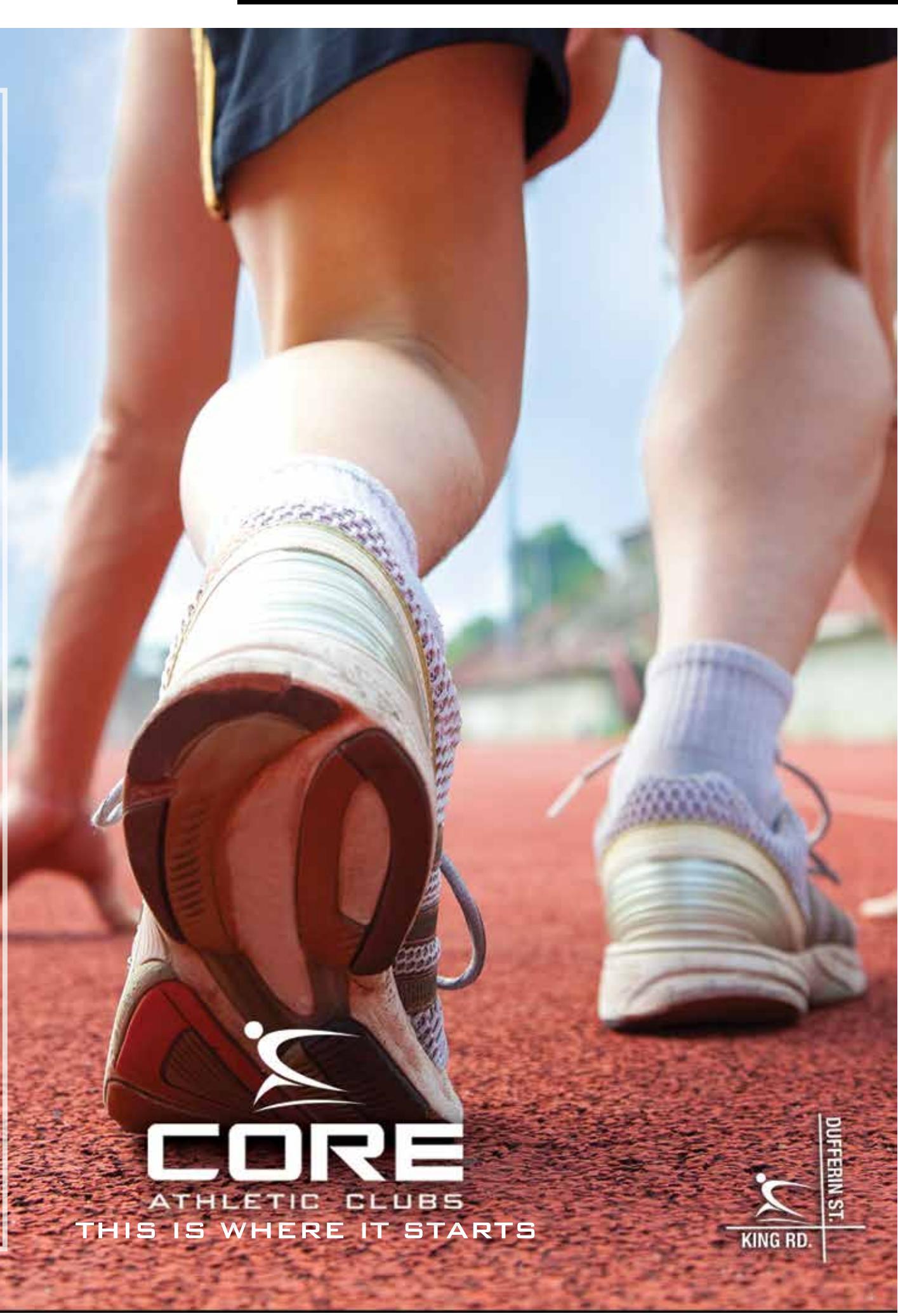
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## All are worthy in landmark restaging of The Temple of Fame

### From page 1

their case on why they should succeed her to the top job.

First staged by Aurora women in 1900 and again in 1918 as part of the war effort,

the 2018 edition of The Temple of Fame was revised and updated by Aurora writer Corrie Clark based on original scripts uncovered from the 1918 production.

"I am absolutely amazed because I

tried to generate interest in this about 20 years ago," said historian John McIntyre, a native Auroran who came in from Nova Scotia for Friday's opening night.

Mr. McIntyre's grandmother was involved in the 1918 production. Her scripts and notes, lovingly preserved by her grandson, were instrumental sources in bringing the play back to life.

"I remember her talking about this when I was growing up," Mr. McIntyre continued. "I sensed this stuff was important and passed it along to Shawna White (Curator of the Aurora Museum and Archives) and never figured she would look at it and think it can be revived. My grandmother would be spinning with delight in her grave."

The original scripts were stilted in tone, and Mr. McIntyre said he was particularly interested to see how Ms. Clark refreshed the script so it is relevant to twenty-first century audiences.

The Temple of Fame, directed by Sara Moyle, was staged over three days, each with a specific theme.

Saturday's evening performance was preceded by a reception hosted by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce where Sheryl Thomas of Marquee Theatrical Productions was honoured with the Chamber's award for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts in Aurora.

Sunday's matinee on Mother's Day was held in conjunction with the Aurora Historical Society, which hosted a high tea for all attendees.

Friday's opening night, however, was hosted by Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond

Hill MP Leona Alleslev, who delivered a powerful message on the themes within the Temple of Fame.

"The Temple of Fame play represents more than simply a re-enactment of a historical production in the community of Aurora," she said. "In essence, it asks us to reflect on the progress of women's rights over a century ago and challenges us to consider if we have yet arrived at where we think we should, as a society be. If the answer is, 'we're not there yet,' then what should we be doing and how should we be getting there?"

Ms. Alleslev said it is an issue particularly close to her heart because of her "non-traditional" career path, which began as an air cadet at the age of 12. From there, she attended Royal Military College, served as an officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force, before moving into the private aerospace sector with IBM and Bombardier.

"I did not know when I chose that career path that I was going to have a challenging time because I was a woman," she said. "I didn't know before I choose my career path that women couldn't do math! I didn't know that I wasn't worthy of a promotion because I was going to have children! I didn't know that wearing pants was going to send the wrong message in an executive meeting. I didn't know that my ability to serve my country and to be successful was going to be constrained because of my gender."

Now we stand today and I would like to see for our future a future where no one, male or female, is ever constrained from the contribution they want to make to society in the best way that they can, simply because of their gender. I think that should be perhaps the aim that we strive for as Canadians and as a nation.

"I would like to challenge everyone to remember that we have been entrusted with the sacred responsibility of furthering the contributions made by the women who came before us and to inspire the women who will come after us to vision a bold future and to stop at nothing to realise it and claim their place in history."



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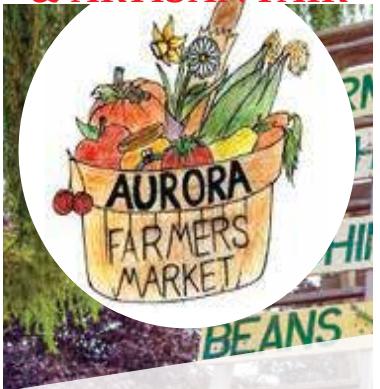
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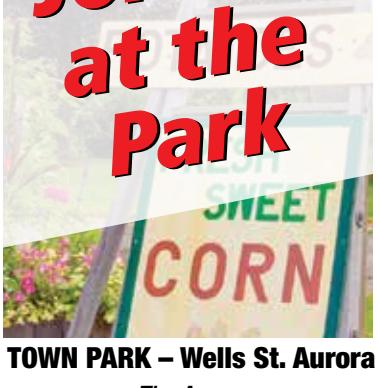
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# Retirement home construction clatter roots out problem in noise bylaw

By Brock Weir

Sundays mornings are usually quiet on Aurora streets – and this was the case in southwest Aurora until fairly recently when the Aurora Retirement Centre decided to grow.

But complaints over construction and on-street parking from that construction has found a shortcoming in local noise bylaws – there is nothing the Town can do, right now, to mitigate noise for area residents, even on weekends.

This could change, however, after these concerns were raised around the Council table once again last week.

"This is the second, or possibly third Sunday where construction has been occurring," said Councillor Tom Mrakas. "It is my understanding that construction was not allowed without an exemption. We allow construction Monday to Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. We hear

that all the time at Public Planning I am just wondering how it is and why it is they keep working on Sunday?"

Municipal staff, however, sent mixed messages on just why this work is continuing.

Planning Director Marco Ramunno, for instance, said he has asked the owner of the Retirement Centre, which is also known as Kingsway Arms, to notify their subcontractors that they shouldn't be working on Sundays.

"We have had some success with the developer down south of Ridge Road and we put the same call into the owner and developer of the seniors' addition at Seaton and Murray, so I am sure they will respond accordingly."

But, if they did respond accordingly, they wouldn't necessarily be required to, added Techa Van Leeuwen, Aurora's Director of Corporate Services – at least as things stand.

"Our noise bylaw does regulate

construction noise," she said. "However, our noise bylaw only regulates construction noise in a residential zone and commercial zones. This is an institutional zone and our noise bylaw is silent on institutional zones as well as other zones such as rural zones and open space zones. We don't have any enforcement tools in this space. Unless there are other provisions and an agreement elsewhere, our noise bylaw does not apply in this situation."

From the perspective of Council, this

was, in the words of Councillor Mrakas, "a big loophole that we need to have fixed immediately."

"I don't understand how construction could be happening on a Sunday, especially since we sit here at Public Planning all the time and we constantly hear, when residents [ask] when construction will be happening, we always say 'Monday to Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.' ...That, to me, is a big loophole and something we

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## "I have never lost my way," says Kathleen Wynne after debate question

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campaign took Ms. Wynne to Southlake's Stronach Regional Cancer Centre, accompanied by Newmarket-Aurora Liberal candidate Chris Ballard.

Coinciding with National Nursing Week (May 7–13), Ms. Wynne met with medical care staff as well as patients receiving treatment in the Newmarket facility.

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday night, Ms. Wynne, a native of Richmond Hill, was back on home turf. She spent the eve of the writ drop holding a rally with Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill Liberal candidate Naheed Yaqubian at her Oak Ridges campaign office.

Arriving to chants of "Care Over Cuts!" from the sea of red-wearing supporters, this was a theme Ms. Wynne stuck to as she rebutted points made by Progressive Conservative leader Doug Ford in the

first televised leaders debate held the night before.

"It was a good opportunity to be able to show that contrast between what we believe is right, what we know is needed right now, which is more care in our communities, whether it is support for people who are looking for mental health treatment, mental health assessment, whether it is child care...or an investment in seniors care...what we believe is government exists to do those things that people can't do themselves," said Ms. Wynne.

This is in "stark contrast" to Mr. Ford, she said, who offers "Let's cut taxes, let's help the very richest in the Province, and let everybody just fend for themselves."

"If he is allowed to do that, to take \$6 billion out of the services that we deliver to each other in this province, education and health care will be cut," she continued.



Wynne was joined at the campaign office of Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill candidate Naheed Yaqubian (left) by fellow Liberal candidates Dr. Helena Jaczek, Chris Ballard, and Amanda Yeung Collucci.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

"There is no way around it. Last night, we had a chance to see that contrast. He also turned to me at one point and said, 'So, Kathleen, when did you lose your way?' That was just after he said he liked my smile, whatever that meant. Whatever that had to do with anything! So, I answered him last night and I talked to him about the policies we've put in place and I am proud of the work we've done, full day kindergarten, building 24 hospitals, the Greenbelt, the Oak Ridges Moraine, and I grew up in Richmond Hill. I grew up in this community and I know how important that green space is, I know how important that land is to all of us. I digress.

"But, then you know how at 3:30 in the morning you come up with the really good answer? Yeah, well, I did that. At 3:30 in the morning I thought, I want to answer that question more directly because the direct answer is I haven't lost my way. I have never lost my way. My way is to go straight into delivering the needs and delivering the care that people need. That way is rooted in what I learned as a kid growing up in this community, and that is we have a responsibility to each other.

"We have a responsibility to make sure that little baby with those very cute pigtails, has the very best shot. That she has the very best chance at the best life in the best

province in the best country in the world. My way has always been to look at ways to make our society more fair; work that you have done all your professional life, to make sure we have justice and fairness and support to people who need it. That is what my way is and that is what our way is when we go into this election."

But then there is the issue of financing all this, an issue which has dogged the Liberal leader well before the campaign began. There are those, she said, campaigners will encounter asking about "investing in the future financial health of the Province" and Ms. Wynne insisted the budget is balanced and the economy is growing.

"To suggest somehow that not investing in GO stations, not investing in the transit that we need, not investing in people, and what they need, that somehow that is not part of the economy is just wrong-headed. All of that is about the economy. Fighting climate change is about the economy, a strong health care system is about the economy, making sure newcomers to this province have support, that is about the economy. Our way is about an inclusive economy, about a society that understands that caring for each other makes us strong and that sets us apart from Mr. Ford, absolutely and finally."

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# Local candidates hit the campaign trail with message that someone has to go

By Brock Weir

The Provincial election is now officially underway and local candidates have hit the ground running with a similar theme: someone has to

go. But whether that someone needs to be Liberal leader Kathleen Wynne or PC leader Doug Ford depends on who you ask.

"We know we can't afford four more years," said Newmarket-Aurora Progressive Conservative candidate



(Main) Newmarket-Aurora PC candidate Christine Elliott, right, was joined at her Newmarket campaign office opening by PC leader Doug Ford and Councillor John Abel. (Inset) Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill candidate Michael Parsa opened his office in Oak Ridges on Saturday morning.

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Christine Elliott at her recent campaign office launch, which was also attended by Mr. Ford and fellow PC leadership candidate Caroline Mulroney. "We have to toss them out and bring in a majority Progressive Conservative government on June 7. We keep hearing from the Liberals that they are the only ones that care and that is why they are spending these millions and millions of dollars. What I say, saddling our children and grandchildren with the debt that grows by every day that is going to be close to \$400 billion in the next few years, that is financially irresponsible."

"With three 27-year-olds, I just can't look at myself in the mirror and let that go on. We have to stop it and we have to stop it now. They are spending money we don't have and that would be something maybe if we were getting better services as a result of this increased spending – but we're not. Do we have better health care? No. Do we have better education? No. Do we have better infrastructure? No. I think the answer is pretty clear. The government has to change and we're the only ones who are going to be able to do it."

Ms. Elliott, who previously served as Member of Provincial Parliament for the riding of Whitby-Oshawa said she is "thrilled" to be a candidate in Newmarket-Aurora.

"It is a fascinating riding," she continued. "I have learned something about it – some things are very similar to where I came from. It is a quickly growing area. There are concerns with a lot of people who need to travel downtown to get to work. We need to have more public transit options, we need to make sure that people can move goods and services and be able to be home with their families too. We need to make sure the social services continue to grow as infrastructure continues to grow... Those are the things I am learning and want to continue to learn."

Ms. Elliott then introduced Mr. Ford, who told the gathering of supporters that hydro costs remain a top issue for Ontario voters.

"We announced we're going to reduce the hydro rates by 12 per cent and that would be a start. 12 per cent equals about \$178 in people's pocket," said Mr. Ford. "I know it might not seem like a lot to some people, but when you criss-cross a province and people come up to you literally in tears, I am not exaggerating, in tears talking about they can't afford their hydro bill, or they can't afford their rent, or they can't afford to put food on their table, it is as real as I am standing here. It goes to your heart and you see how people are struggling across this Province, you see how businesses are struggling."

One such business he's encountered, he said, was in Cornwall where he said businesses are being courted across the river to New York State where hydro is half the cost and there is no carbon tax.

"We are getting rid of the carbon tax, we are lowering the hydro rates, and together we will make this a very business friendly Ontario," he continued. "We remember saying that we were the engine of Canada and now we're a have not province. I can assure you that through Christine's leadership and the rest of the great team we have, we will be the engine of Ontario once again."

"Together, we will turn this Province around. Together, we will get rid of Kathleen Wynne."

Newmarket-Aurora candidate Chris Ballard, on the other hand, said together voters will get rid of Mr. Ford. This message was echoed by his fellow Liberal, Minister Michael Chan, who is not running for re-election.

Mr. Chan joined Mr. Ballard for his campaign office opening where he took aim at Mr. Ford's record, including efforts to get rid of rent control and cut libraries.

"What Minister Ballard is going to do is get rid of Doug Ford," said Mr. Chan. "One day Doug Ford is going to get rid of Doug Ford."

But Mr. Ballard had a more positive message than his colleague at the opening, which took place just days

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# PC candidate Parsa promises "positive message"

By Brock Weir

Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill PC candidate Michael Parsa is promising to take a "positive message" to voters ahead of the June 7 election.

Mr. Parsa was joined by a host of dignitaries on Saturday morning as he officially cut the ribbon on his Oak Ridges campaign office, which is located on the northeast corner of Yonge Street and King Road.

"I see the excitement in this room now and I see the excitement at the doors and I see it all across this riding and the Province," Mr. Parsa told supporters. "A lot of it has to do because of not just our base, but great leadership at the party now thanks to Doug Ford. It is very important to note he has been leader just under two months and came in under very difficult times, he took the party and now it looks like we went through no issues. Everybody is united, everyone is focused and we are all going out every single day to make sure that we give Ontarians a better choice after June 7."

"I know these are exciting times, these are good times, it is great to be a progressive conservative these days. I just have to point out to you guys: it wasn't like this a long time ago. I mention that to you because I want us to remain humble, I want us to work hard every single day and not take anything for granted."

A similar message was delivered by former Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees, who was on hand to formally introduce the candidate at Saturday's launch.

Speaking of PC leader Doug Ford, Mr. Klees said the leader is a man with a key understanding of Ontarians.

"He knows what it is like to have people and family who have challenges and social challenges and medical challenges," said Mr. Klees. "He was a man who always stood with his family. He is a man who stands with his community. As he is going across the Province talking about the need to return accountability and transparency and passion to our Province and to government, I can tell you it is resonating. It doesn't matter if it is Northern Ontario or South West Ontario, Doug is making an impact. That is why there is hope for our great province."

This hope, added Mr. Parsa, can already be seen.

"When we knock on doors we're hearing these messages, whether they are traditional Liberal supporters, whether they are New Canadians voting for the first time, and whether

## Ballard stresses Moraine

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after Mr. Ford's video promising to open up chunks of the Greenbelt was released.

"We know that this government has done remarkable things for the people of Ontario, whether it putting just in the last year \$15 million into the hospital, new GO train service to Aurora and Newmarket, a new train station coming to Newmarket, new schools in this area... On top of that, we have OHIP+. if you have little ones, we have OSAP, free tuition, low cost tuition, the list goes on and on," he said.

"As of last week, we were talking about something that is really near and dear to the folks in Newmarket-Aurora and that is preserving the Oak Ridges Moraine and preserving the Green Belt. In my time at Queen's Park, I have never had my emails light up the way they lit up when we showed the world the true Mr. Ford, the fellow who does backroom deals and has more backroom deals lined up to launch on us, if the people of Ontario give him that mandate."

"It is care, not cuts, and with your help, we're going to be a very effective voice in this community."

they are supporters of our party: all of them are unhappy and all of them are looking for change," said Mr. Parsa. "The reason they are looking for change is we now have a government that has been in power for 15 years and, quite frankly, as the leader posed to the premier, she lost

her way. She lost her way because they have forgotten what public representation is all about. They forgot that when you go into office it is about representing the people, and your friends, your insiders and filling their pocket.

"This Premier has not done

anything about the average citizen and that is what we're going to change. We are making a promise to the people that we are going to listen to you, I am making a pledge that I will listen to you, every single one of you, and we are going to turn this province around, I promise you."

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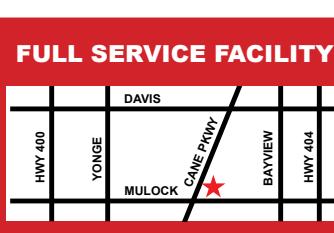
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## Jays drop opener to Creemore Braves

Devin Wu throws out a pitch in his first loss of the North Dufferin season when the Aurora Jays fell 11 - 5 to the Creemore Braves on Sunday.

Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte



## Aurora FC women snag first win of League 1 season



The Aurora FC men fell 2 - 1 to Vaughan Azzurri in League 1 Ontario action on Sunday.

Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte

By Jake Courtepatte

The Aurora FC women's side is off on the right foot.

After failing to find the back of the net in their League 1 season opener in late April, the women charged back to Stewart Burnett Park on Saturday for a commanding 3 - 0 win over the Toronto Azzurri Blizzard.

Aurora dominated the play through the opening minutes against the winless Toronto squad, scoring the game's first goal at just the three-minute mark when Markela Bejleri was set up perfectly inside the box.

Returning from the half still up 1 - 0, it was Bejleri again who notched the game's second goal in the second's opening minute, finishing off the play from six yards out.

Samantha Murphy found the top right corner late in the match to secure

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the victory, a one-sided match that saw a shot differential of 10 - 4 in favour of Aurora.

Veteran goalkeeper Meghan Phillips earned her first clean sheet of the season.

"Proud to get our first win of the season," said Phillips. "Great way to come back after a hard-fought loss in our first game."

While Toronto freefalls down the women's ladder with their third-straight loss to open the season, Aurora moves to 1-1-0 to stay competitive in the expanded thirteen-team league with three of a possible six points.

They next face the new Hamilton United Elite on the road on Saturday, one of two teams that remain undefeated through three games.

The men's side of Aurora FC remains in search of its first win of the season, squandering a late second half lead on

By Jake Courtepatte

A pair of multi-run long balls were the kickers in the Aurora Jays' road loss to the Creemore Braves on Sunday, dropping the North Dufferin Baseball League contest by a score of 11 - 5.

Veteran pitcher Devon Wu started for the AA club and was tagged with the loss, giving up a two-run homerun to Creemore's Bryan Post before another two-run shot from Bryce Watson put the game away for good.

Brad Crosby came in in relief of Wu midway through the fifth frame, after a ten-run pair of innings. Crosby allowed a pair of runs on 1.1 innings.

Hoping to build off a 2017 season that saw the Jays finish third in the regular season standings with an impressive record of 21-6-1, Rettie said some new and old faces alike will have to step to the plate to keep them at the top.

"We're looking for a couple players to step up this year, to make up for the veteran players that we lost last year," said Rettie. "We're confident with the guys we have that we can still make the playoffs and make a run for the championship."

The Jays returned to the mound on Tuesday following press time to host the newly-named Midland Mariners, and go into a week's break before hosting the Bolton Dodgers at Lambert Willson Park next Tuesday.

First pitch is set for 7:30 p.m.  
For stats, schedules, and more information, visit [www.ndbl.ca](http://www.ndbl.ca).

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# Canadian Premier League set to kick off in York Region

By Jake Courtepatte

There is always room for more footy

in the soccer hotbed of York Region.

That was the thought process of the York Sports and Entertainment organization when they announced last

week the formation of "York 9 FC", the first of eight clubs that will kick off the inaugural Canadian Premier League season.

"I have spent my whole life in here. The time is right for York Region to develop its own identity," said Jim Brennan, part owner of the team and past president of the Aurora FC. "This is a booming area that is diverse, youthful and passionate about football. It is our goal to ensure that when York 9 FC steps on to the pitch, it will reflect what our community is all about."

Brennan joins local housing developer Carlo Baldassarra, owner of Grennpark Group, and businessman Preben Ganzhorn in creating the first club to bring together each municipality of the region under one emblem.

Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, and Whitchurch-Stouffville are all represented by the bars in York 9 FC's vibrant green emblem, which symbolizes York Region's forests. The charcoal grey and black-on-black close out the logo's colour pallet and represent the Black Creek River.

"Our club, York, is about the nine municipalities," said Brennan. "We want to create a culture where everyone in York Region looks and says, 'This is our pro club.' If they still want to support Toronto FC, absolutely, of course, it's a fantastic club...but we really want people in York Region to understand this club is all about the community and York 9 represents every single municipality."

The fledgling club is the first to debut its colours among the eight that are expected to compete in the first CPL season, joining Hamilton, Calgary, Winnipeg, and Halifax as established locations.

Edmonton and Ottawa are widely expected to be confirmed as locations in the next few weeks, while a group based in British Columbia have yet to choose a landing spot.

Expected to sit one level below the top-tier Major League Soccer on the North American system, CPL Chairman David Clanahan is hoping to fill a gap between youth sports and

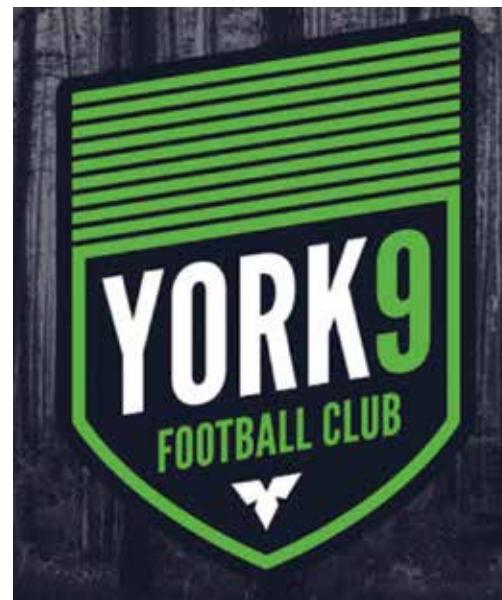


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pro soccer without forcing athletes to go overseas.

"It's unconscionable to think a country the size of Canada, the 10th largest economy in the world, does not have a premier league," Clanahan said. "And we're the only country in the top 10 that does not have a premier league."

According to Stats Canada, soccer is the fastest growing sport in the country, with more than ten-percent of Canadians playing at least once a week.

York Region has close to 60,000 registered soccer players.

"The demand's here, the support's here," Brennan said. "The one thing we were missing in the Region was actually having a pro club. And now we've been fortunate enough to bring one here."

York 9 will play their inaugural, and most likely second, seasons out of the York University Stadium, though Ganzhorn said the organization will be looking for a location in York Region to build a 12,000-15,000-seat stadium, similar to those in Europe or Central America.

"We've already had a bunch of meetings with different parties in the region," said Ganzhorn. "We've looked at some fantastic places where we can build stadiums, but it's a work in progress right now to figure out where we want to build, what the infrastructure is like in the area."

## Aurora FC women snag first win of League 1 season

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Sunday despite a long man advantage against the Vaughan Azzurri.

Aurora keeper Ryan Collins stood on his head throughout the first half, making a number of key saves including a penalty kick in the 43rd-minute to keep the game scoreless at the whistle.

Going the entire first half without a shot on net, Aurora took advantage of a Vaughan red card early in the second to drop their team down to ten men, with Jordale Byers opening the scoring for Aurora.

Down a man for the remainder

of the match, Vaughan's decision to change formation paid off in notching the tying goal only a few minutes later, before putting home the winner past Collins with just over ten minutes to play.

Despite failing to record a win so far this season, Saturday's match was Aurora's first loss of the year, previously putting up a pair of ties.

They bring a record of 0-1-2, good for two points, into their next match against the Oakville Blue Devils at Stewart Burnett Park on Sunday.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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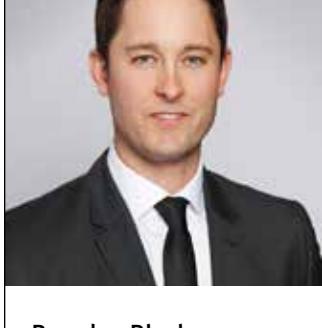
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**BEING BEAUTIFUL** – Local models strutted down the catwalk this month in Be Beautiful, an evening at Oakridge Outfitters celebrating mothers, friends and fashion with special guest and expert CityLine stylist Lynn Spence. Proceeds from the packed evening will directly support parenting and personal development programs at Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers.

Auroran photos by Glenn Rodger



## Town summer camps now eligible for child care subsidy

By Brock Weir

Aurora families relying on child care subsidies will soon be able to enrol their kids in Town of Aurora summer camp programs.

This new eligibility comes through a new agreement between the Town and the Region of York.

According to John Firman, Manager of Business Support for the Town of Aurora, York Region provides a Child Care Subsidy to low income families to help offset the costs of child care for kids up to the age of 12, but this subsidy has previously been ineligible for municipal summer camps.

"Historically, the Town has not met the established criteria to be deemed a licensed child care provider by York Region and has therefore not been eligible to receive Child Care Subsidy payments," said Mr. Firman. "This has meant Aurora families who are eligible for and rely upon Child Care Subsidies to enrol their children in summer camps have not been able to register in Town camps as the Town was not licensed to receive these funds. Staff have worked with York Region to resolve the licensing issue and have now been granted approval to enter into a Child Care Services Agreement, thereby making it possible for families in receipt of the Child Care Subsidy to enrol in Town camps."

Councillor Wendy Gaertner said she was "thrilled" a deal had been struck between the Region and the Town, but questioned why the Town was not previously able to come to terms with the Region on the Child Care Subsidy. She also clarified whether or not this would have an impact whether families can use the

subsidies to enrol their kids in after school and weekend programs.

"There are certain requirements to the regulations of the number of children, the types of programs, supervisory care for a child, [and] the day to day activities the child would be participating in," said Robin McDougall, Aurora's Director of Community Services. "It comes around more to the child care provisions of looking after a child: what is in our facilities? What is available to that child, and the support staff that provide that opportunity.

"It is an opportunity as it relates to the Region. The Region has a PLAY program, which is more generic about recreational play programs, that is more generic about recreational services. It doesn't define it as child care; this expands into the child care genre, the child care element of support for our family. It is very specific for those with low income. The Region will be the one to define who qualifies. The municipality is not part of that assessment."

For Councillor John Abel, it was a matter of accessibility and whether children with disabilities would also be eligible under the new criteria.

"Similar to our other opportunities working with the Region, there is another opportunity for inclusion support for individuals that might need support, whether it is with physical disabilities or mental disabilities, they can come into our programs. We can work with the Region to support it in a different way. With childcare service, we certainly can accommodate the participants for that need, but certainly it isn't necessarily homed in on that opportunity. There is another method for us to support those individuals."

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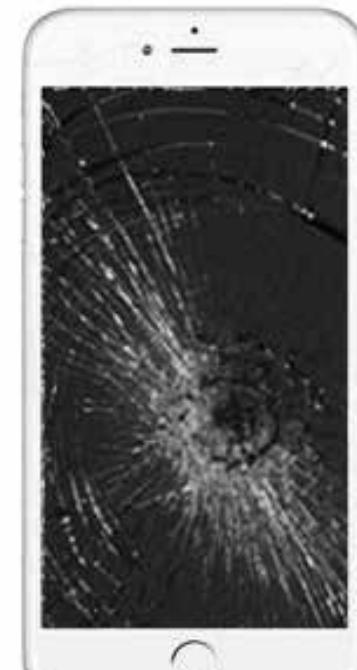
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By Jake Courtepatte

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The third annual PAWS event, run by the Town of Aurora for dogs and dog-lovers alike, went off without a hitch in its first-ever indoor production.

Well-timed to coincide with “Responsible Pet Owner Month”, organizer and Town of Aurora Facility Coordinator Louise Dyer said the decision to move the event inside seemed to pay off for the dozens of vendors and hundreds of participants.

“Holding it at the arena gives us the chance to not only allow our vendors ample space, but to show off the events sponsors, who are instrumental in putting an event like this together in the first place,” said Dyer, pointing out the Pfaff Motors vehicles on the arena floor.

Using the vehicles to show pet owners how to get their dogs in and out of the car, Dyer said it was key to marry the ideas of sponsorship as well as the ultimate goal of orientation in the event.

“It's all a key part of pet ownership. Canadian Tire is also a huge sponsor, as well as getting the names of local pet businesses out there through the vendors and sponsorships.”

Dyer said she was “thrilled” about the turnout for the event.

“Even though it's technically the third year of the event, we are



Dogs from New Tecumseth's RuffSports Training kept the hundreds of guests entertained at the first indoors PAWS at the SARC event on Saturday. Auroran photos by Jake Courtepatte

considering this our first year.”

With an initial goal of procuring twenty vendors, the organizing team, which included Dyer and Animal Control Officer Brad Dewar as well as dozens of volunteers, was able to round up 44 vendors in total to fill the floor.

This year also marked the first year of partnering with RuffSport, a travelling training and agility company based out of New Tecumseth. Their team of dogs kept guests entertained with live demonstrations of racing, jumping, and obedience throughout the day.

“We interviewed a handful of animal organizations,” said Dyer. “These guys were hands-down the best. We're hoping to expand upon



that idea next year.

If all goes well, according to Dyer, next year's event will have two separate, but connected facilities,

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