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Tuesday, October 7	9:30 a.m.	Newmarket CC	Joint Council Committee (CYFS)
Wednesday, October 8	7 p.m.	Holland Room	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Thursday, October 9	7 p.m.	Video Conference	Committee of Adjustment
Tuesday, October 14	5:45 p.m.	Holland Room	Council Closed Session (if required)
Tuesday, October 14	7 p.m.	Council Chambers	Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, October 15	7 p.m.	School House Mtg Room	Aurora Cultural Centre Board
Wednesday, October 15	7 p.m.	Aurora Public Library	Aurora Public Library Board
Monday, October 20	7 p.m.	Holland Room	Environmental Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 21	5:45 p.m.	Holland Room	Financial Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 21	7 p.m.	Council Chambers	Public Planning
Thursday, October 23	10 a.m.	Video Conference	Aurora Appeal Tribunal/Property Standards Committee (if required)

\*Committee of the Whole, Public Planning and Council meetings are available to the public in-person and via live stream on the Town's YouTube channel.

What's Happening

NATIONAL DAY FOR  
Truth and Reconciliation  
September 30, 2025

Aurora Town Square • 50 Victoria Street

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Everyone is welcome to participate in the  
Town of Aurora's - Truth Reflection Ceremony  
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5:30 p.m. in the Outdoor Square

FEATURING  
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Elder Pat Floody

This gathering is intended to create a  
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aurora.ca/TruthAndReconciliation

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**Colours  
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Aurora Town Park, 49 Wells Street

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# National Day for Truth & Reconciliation to be marked with community gathering, film screenings and more

BY BROCK WEIR  
EDITOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

September 30 is National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and there are several opportunities for Aurorans to observe this poignant day of reflection.

A ceremony and community gathering will take place this coming Tuesday at Mirkopoulos Plateia, Aurora Town Square’s outdoor gathering space, led by Anishinaabe Grandmother Kim Wheatley, Elder Pat Floody, Ancestral Knowledge Keeper Raiden Levesque, and spoken word poet Sarah Lewis.

“This evening gathering focuses on remembering the children who did not come home, those who lived as survivors and their families,” says the Town of Aurora on the observance, touching upon those impacted by the residential school system. “It is important to recognize and commemorate the difficult history of residential schools, their ongoing legacy, and the trauma experienced by so many. This evening will provide the opportunity to learn, to have a safe space for meaningful reflection, and a sacred fire starting at 5.30 p.m.”

Ahead of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, the Aurora Public Library (APL) will host the first of two film screenings on Sunday, September 28 – Ninan Auassat: We, the Children.

APL describes the film, which was shot from a “child’s eye view,” as “powerful,” representing the hopes, dreams and hardships of children from three different Indigenous Nations: Atikamekw, Eeyou Cree and Innu.

“This documentary reveals the dreams of a new generation poised to take flight.”

The screening will take place in the Library’s living room space from 2 – 4 p.m., and will be followed by a virtual screening on National Day for Truth & Reconciliation itself of The Stand, which will be available for streaming throughout the day.

“Drawn from more than a hundred hours of archival footage and audio, Christopher Auchter’s riveting new feature recreates the moment when the Haida Nation took a stand for the future.”

“We very strongly feel that we have an important part to play in education for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation,” says APL’s Polly Ross-Tyrrell. “It’s a very conscious decision on our part that we’re open on that day so people can come and learn and explore. We try to create meaningful spaces where people can reflect and learn, and where they can engage with Indigenous history and learning. We want to celebrate it all together and explore the meaning together.

“It is intimidating and it is sometimes hard for us to know how to begin the

journey of learning, of reconciliation, and we’re just here to try and make it a little easier.”

The programs offered by APL are part of their broader Indigenous Teachings program, which showcases many Indigenous-related programming opportunities and a curated list of Indigenous, Inuit and Metis authors whose works can be found on APL shelves.

As part of the initiative, a Reading Challenge featuring these works is an ongoing engagement opportunity for APL year-round, not just in the lead-up to September 30.

“We tried to go through multiple perspectives because you’ve got Métis perspectives which are going to differ from First Nations perspectives, which are going to differ from Inuit perspectives, like they all have such unique histories and face completely different challenges throughout Canada’s history,” says APL’s Shelby Brown on bringing the reading list together. “You want a broad spectrum because Canada’s a big country. We’ve got a lot of different cultures and just within the Indigenous communities as well, there’s so much that people can learn from and so many different perspectives.”

The perspectives offered through film as well are coming to APL courtesy of the National Film Board of Canada.

“We wanted a film that we could show in person on a weekend, and then we wanted a film that could be available all day on the actual day itself,” says Ross-Tyrrell. “We chose Ninan Auassat – We the Children, [as our] in-person film. It made me cry in the best possible way. It’s a child’s point perspective of the dreams and aspirations of three children of very different Indigenous backgrounds, what they think about the world, and how they’re going to change the world. It’s a really, really moving film. The Stand is about a moment that many of us will remember when the Haida Nation decided to stand for the future and not give up to stand for the children who are in the other film. We very much hope people will join both experiences, because it’s two very, very different perspectives. But they’re both wonderful films and I highly recommend them.”

Both films taken together represent the past and the future, she adds, a deliberate choice as many people see the issues related to National Day for Truth & Reconciliation as rooted in the past, but they also very much inform the future.

“There’s a lot of people who maybe tend to think of Indigenous people as being in the past, and they’re not. They’re right here, right now, and that’s what the film about the children really says,” says Ross-Tyrrell. “I want people to connect with the

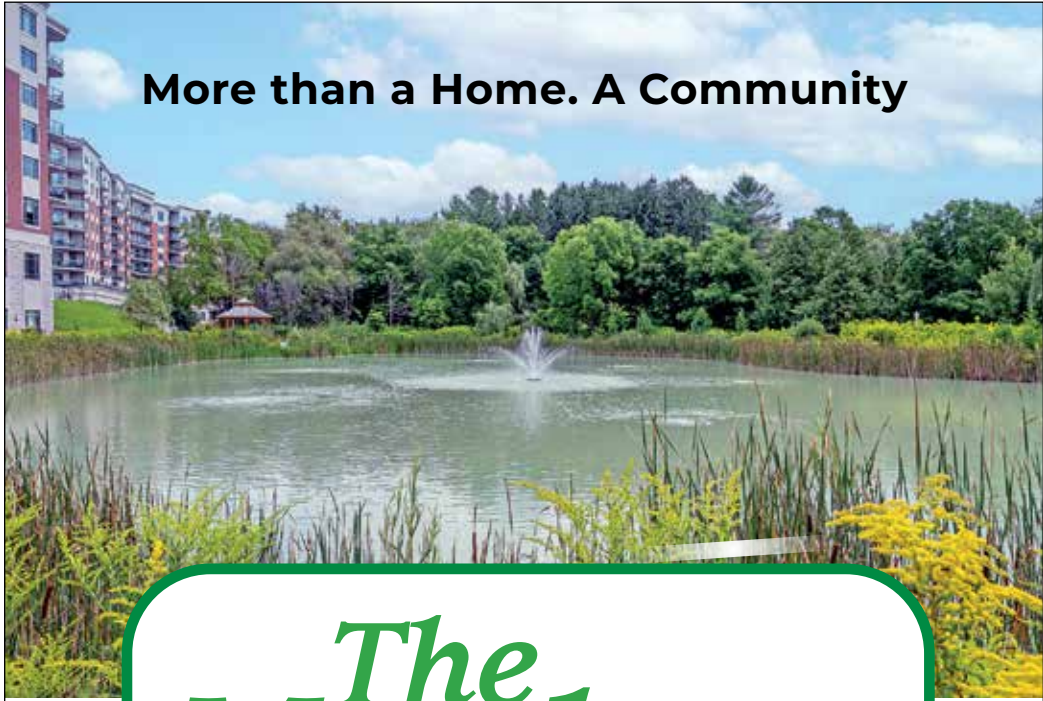
people in these films and see that we are all human beings with dreams, with thoughts of the future. We may be very, very different, and some of the differences are not at all the responsibility of the people who are most affected by them, but we’re all people hopefully working together for there to be a future for the children. I want the world to be a good place for all of them and I think both films show really clearly that Indigenous people are in many ways way ahead of us in thinking about the future generations.”

Elsewhere, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be marked by the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region & South Simcoe with a screening of the film

Walking Through the Fire, by the Sultans of String.

This collaboration of Indigenous and non-Indigenous artist and musicians will unspool at Newmarket’s NewRoads Performing Arts Centre on September 30 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6.30. The free screening will be followed by a 30-minute Q&A with filmmaker Chris McKhool, and Indigenous artists Shannon Thunderbird and Marc Meriläinen.

For more information on the Town of Aurora’s community gathering, visit [www.aurora.ca/recreation-arts-and-culture/specialevents/truth-and-reconciliation](http://www.aurora.ca/recreation-arts-and-culture/specialevents/truth-and-reconciliation). For a complete list of programs as part of the Aurora Public Library’s Indigenous Teachings program, visit [indigenousteachings.ca](http://indigenousteachings.ca).



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# NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, September 30, 2025





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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Celebrating culture in Aurora

The 2021 Census reported that the place of birth for immigrants in 2021 was 55.7% in Asia, 20.7% in Europe, 16.4% in Americas and 6.8 % in Africa.

The three most common countries of birth for immigrants, other than Canada, are India (1.2 million), China (830,980), and the Philippines (757,410).

Immigrants often face racism and language barriers when trying to assimilate into the Canadian mosaic. Canada has responded to these problems by providing educational classes such as ESL classes.

The Town has developed “Culture Days” to offer art, culture and heritage programs.

For example, SOYRA will have exhibits of art at the Town Hall. The Pine Tree Potters Guild will present shows at the Aurora Public Library. Lastly, there will be music and dance programs at the Cultural Centre’s Brevik Hall.

The Town of Aurora is developing a Cultural Action Plan for 2024 to 2028. There have also been independent small businesses in Aurora, such as the Royal Rose Gallery, which has developed a month of cultural and community celebration by organizing an Italian Heritage Month.

The Multicultural celebrations at the Town Park and at the Town Square in September illustrated the talents and the cultural symbols of the different cultures of our society.

Jim Jackson  
Aurora

Region marks National Forests Week

On behalf of York Regional Council and the residents of The Regional Municipality of York, I am proud to recognize National Forest Week, taking place from September 21 to 27, 2025.

Each year, National Forest Week is celebrated across Canada to raise awareness about our forest heritage and the importance of this valuable and renewable resource. Forests are fundamental to our economy, culture, traditions, history and future. Families, communities and individuals depend on them for their livelihoods, health and way of life.

This year’s theme, Roots of Resilience: From Seed to Canopy, highlights the critical role forests play in sustaining healthy ecosystems and resilient communities. In York Region, we are proud to be home to the York Regional Forest, spanning more than 2,600 hectares with 22 public tracts and 150 kilometres of scenic trails, including nearly seven kilometres that are fully accessible.

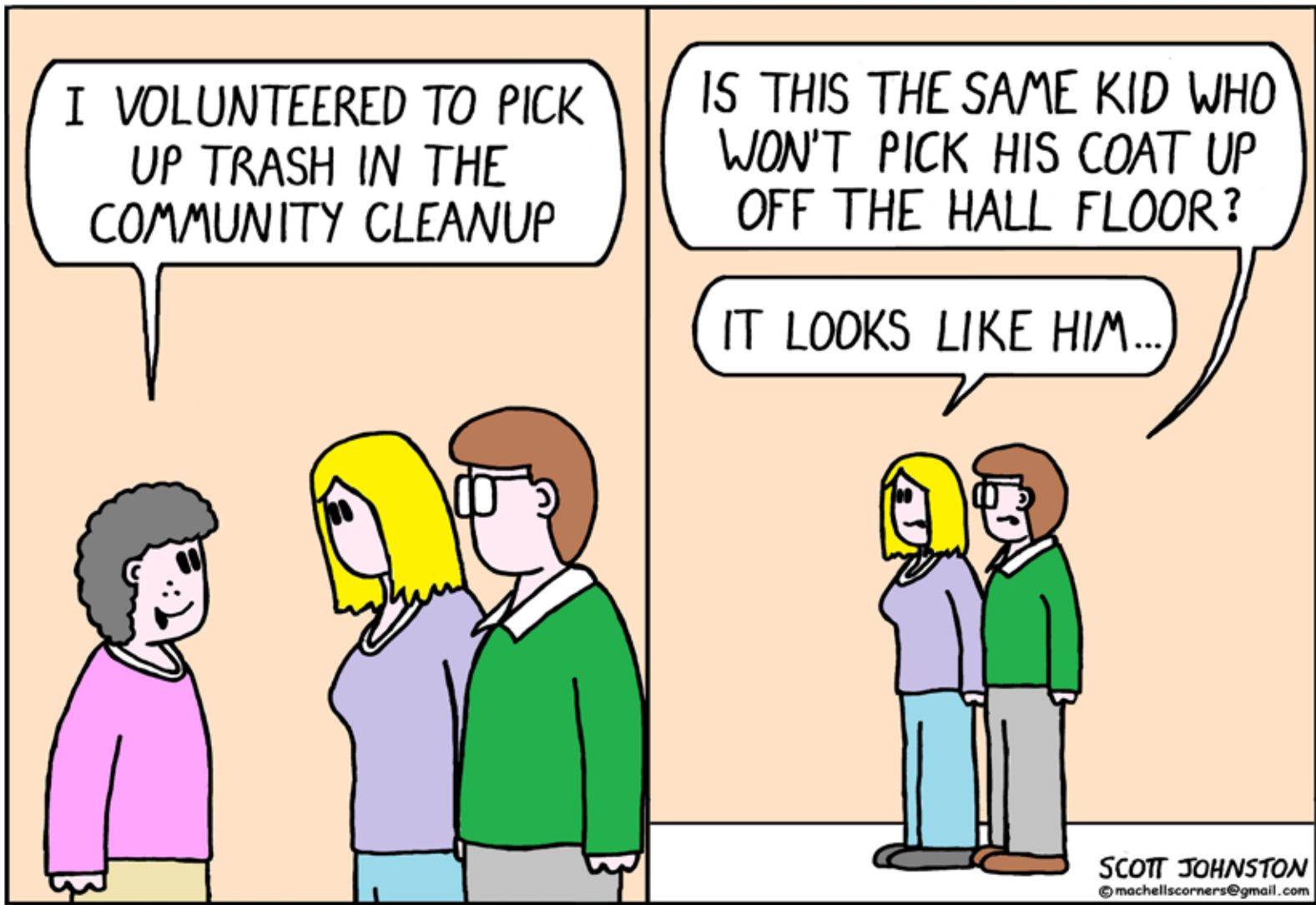
The York Regional Forest is a source of pride and a cornerstone of our commitment to sustainability through programs like It’s In Our Nature – Management Plan for the York Regional Forest and York Region’s Greening Strategy. These efforts ensure the long-term health of our natural environment, while offering free access for residents to connect with nature every day of the year.

As we celebrate National Forest Week, I encourage all residents to take time to enjoy our forests and reflect on the vital role they play in the health of our communities, our environment and our shared future.

To learn more about York Region’s forestry programs and events, visit [york.ca/ForestEvents](http://york.ca/ForestEvents)

Eric Jolliffe  
York Region Chairman and CEO

Machell’s Corners



High-Octane Words



BROCK’S BANTER

Brock Weir

As a writer, I’ve always been conscious of the power of words.

It’s a lesson that’s hard to avoid.

You learn it fairly early on as a kid when you find yourself on the giving or receiving end of a good old “Sticks and stones...” lecture when certain words struck a certain chord on the playground or in the classroom.

If you’re from a certain generation, perhaps your precocious word choice got you a mouthful of Ivory Soap if what you said proved particularly crass or controversial.

There are more avenues than ever before to learn this valuable lesson. Yet, looking back, to hear my mother tell it, my first lesson in this regard started off in a particularly innocent and potentially unavoidable way.

Family lore records a rather ordinary visit to a convenience store when I was about three years old. Apparently, there were a bunch of much older kids hanging out in front of the shop, shooting the breeze, having a good time, and apparently using what the Brits sometimes like to call “fruity language.”

We went in, got what we set out to get, and went home. End of story.

But not quite.

A short time later, my mom asked me to do something that has been lost to the midst of time. Evidently, however, it was something I didn’t want to do because, despite my age, my response was “F\_\_\_ off!”

I guess there’s something to the adage of “little pitchers have big ears” because, when the initial surprise wore off and she had the wherewithal to ask where I had picked up such a word, my simple response was, “At Becker’s!”

I guess the store was serving up more than dairy that day and I wanted to milk it before it was too late!

Her reaction was a curious mix of surprise and slight annoyance and, in hindsight, more than a couple of snickers she tried to hide. That melange underscored from that early point that words can indeed make an impact, depending on how you use them.

I’m not going to lie and say that the lesson was so powerful I never swore again – nobody who knows me would be able to keep a straight face if they read any words of mine suggesting it – but, in addition to the power words hold, it also instilled a curiosity in how simple combinations of letters can be so divisive.

There is one word, an adjective that has sadly been directed over the years at certain individuals or groups thereof, that was rightly, in my view, consigned to the

historical dustbin as an inappropriate relic of a bygone era. Yet, in certain groups, it has sadly made an alarming and astonishing comeback.

I like to push back on it whenever it flies out of the lips of someone with whom I’m conversing. When I do so, I can sometimes see the speaker’s back straighten just slightly as they really lean in and try to justify it, with varying degrees of anger at being called out or pleasure at knowing that what they said got under someone’s skin.

A common refrain in this situation is, “I can say what I want!” as if that was the proverbial hill they wanted to die on. Yet, when I reply that I too can say what I want, and that was it, it’s often met with astonishment and confusion that speech and the freedom thereof can be a two-way street. Who knew!

I’m writing this on Tuesday morning with just hours to go before comedian Jimmy Kimmel is due to return to the airwaves on his eponymous late-night show after what has been, I think we can all agree, a week that has prompted many to take a deeper dive into what freedom of speech and expression means in this highly-polarized day and age.

“Last Wednesday, we made the decision to suspend production on the show to avoid further inflaming a tense situation at an emotional moment for our country,” said The Walt Disney Company on Monday, explaining its decision to reinstate Jimmy Kimmel Live! “It’s a decision we made because some of the comments were ill-timed and thus insensitive. We have spent the last days having thoughtful conversations with Jimmy and, after those conversations, we reached the decision to return the show on Tuesday.”

It will be interesting to see what the results of these “thoughtful conversations” might be this evening, and, indeed, whether his monologue will throw water or gasoline on last week’s embers. Will he apologize

for his words, double down on sharing his perspective, or walk a delicate tightrope down the middle?

Whichever way you slice it, he’s in an unenviable position.

And whether you agree or disagree with his comments, the debate that has taken place since his suspension has, I believe, been a valuable one.

Regardless of where you might fall on the political spectrum, there seems to have been a collective wake-up call on just how precious freedom of speech and expression is and has always been – but also how fragile it is, how it can be snatched away, how it can be undermined by the usual suspects, and, as evidenced last week, some surprising ones as well.

It has also caused many people to consider the words Kimmel used, evaluated them against the facts, and come to, one can only hope, an informed view point.

One can also only hope that some have also embraced the idea that while freedom of speech and expression is of the utmost importance, it needn’t be a free-for-all and the words that you use can have the power to hurt and cause harm.

My mother, as a woman who embraces “fruity language” herself and really had no real ground to stand on feigning offence when I dropped my first “F-bomb” (without even knowing what an F-bomb was, mind you) brushed it off pretty easily – but I can only imagine it’s a bit more of a challenge when one is on the receiving end of an outmoded, ridiculous, and inflammatory term that has been taken out of that historical dustbin and given a spit-polish out of, at best, ignorance, or, at worst, malice.

Freedom of speech and expression, as mentioned above, cuts both ways. No one person or group has the monopoly on it, but without being conscious of the words we use, and how we use them, it can be more fragile than we’d ever like to think.

THANK YOU

I’d just like to end this week’s column by thanking all those who took the time to reach out last week with birthday wishes. It was heartening to hear from so many of you and it made turning forty all the sweeter. Thanks also to the anonymous individual who sent in a very generously-loaded coffee gift card. While it’s getting harder and harder to find genuine milk from Becker’s to brighten up the coffee a little bit, rest assured it will be well-used, whoever you are, and, as autumn has now officially arrived, I’m thinking something in the pumpkin spice family might hit the spot. Wait, that too is a divisive choice. But, if you disapprove of my beverage choice, I hope you defend my right to drink it!

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The Aurora Museum & Archives is commemorating...  
**The 100th anniversary of the Aurora War Memorial**



The last contingent to go to the Great War from Aurora, October 1917. Aurora Museum & Archives (2006.1.1)  
In 1914, Aurora was home to just 2,000 people. The loss of 24 local men in the First World War was devastating. Nearby King Township mourned 44, and Whitchurch, including Stouffville, lost 33. These were tight-knit communities and every death was personal. Soldiers departed to cheers and brass bands, but the excitement quickly faded. Mechanized warfare brought staggering loss, and grief settled over towns like a heavy fog. After the war, communities looked for ways to honour those who had died, and building memorials became an important part of helping people cope with the terrible impact of the First World War.

**Note:** As we near the 100th Anniversary of the Aurora War Memorial and Remembrance Day, we'll be regularly sharing excerpts from our exhibition In Their Memory: The Story of the Aurora-Whitchurch-King War Memorial, now on view at Peace Park. Join us at the Aurora War Memorial on Friday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m. for the 100th Anniversary Ceremony and Re-dedication, followed by a reception at the Aurora Legion.



**INSIDE AURORA**  
Scott Johnston

**Waste Not**

The fall colours may be starting to catch the attention of local residents, but it seems it's trash that is on people's minds these days.

Down in Toronto, word is that of all of the waste put daily into the city's 10,500 public bins, much of it into compartments clearly labeled "recycle", none of it actually gets recycled.

This may explain the other big news item from the city, that the landfill near London where it deposits all its trash is quickly filling up and will need expanding or replacing within 10 years.

That's not an issue for Aurora, as its garbage is incinerated at the Durham York Energy Centre in Courtice.

However, Aurora is still conducting a waste collection review, with an open house September 24, at which folks were set to be asked what's working and what could be improved for the areas of waste and organics disposal, which are the responsibility of the Town.

For those who missed it there is a survey available online in which they can provide feedback. Interestingly, the majority of the survey consists of questions regarding the potential introduction of automated waste pickup in Aurora and the rest of the Northern 6 communities.

This is not a surprise as Aurora is getting automated pickup starting January 1 for our Blue Box program, which is not a responsibility of the Town, but of a group called Circular Materials, which in 2026 will begin collecting recycling across Ontario.

This will result in changes that will impact all Aurorans. First, our current smaller blue bins, which have about a 14-gallon capacity, will be replaced with 95-gallon wheeled carts. This will allow them to be picked up in mechanically by the garbage trucks, eliminating the need for waste staff to empty the bins by hand into the trucks.

Note that you may need to do a bit or reorganizing, as understandably a bin almost 7 times as large as the one you have now will take up a bigger footprint in your garage. If the Town also adopts this method for waste pickup, the separate blue and waste bins may take up so much space that you'll need to start parking your car on the street.

Perhaps that explains the parking review the Town is also conducting right now.

The other recycling process change we'll all need to get used to is that because the new bigger bins hold so much, pickup will go from weekly to every two weeks.

Hopefully, the lids seal really tightly to keep smells in when temperatures climb into the upper 30s for long stretches next summer.

A final waste-related subject that is on folks' minds these days is the Annual Fall Community Cleanup. Being held the morning of Saturday September 27, this will see volunteers spreading out across Town picking up debris from our parks and other public spaces.

It inevitably results in hundreds of bags of garbage and many miscellaneous oversized pieces (furniture, shopping carts, tires, street signs, etc.) being picked up across Town. Many thanks in advance to those who are volunteering for this.

As for the new recycling program and waste review, I'll be curious to see where this all ends up. But I guess at the least to keep ahead of things I'd better start clearing some additional space in the garage.

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**DIALOGUE WITH DAWN**

By Dawn Gallagher Murphy  
MPP, Newmarket-Aurora

Last month, I shared with you a tip about waking up earlier to start the day with more calm and focus. Well, I put it into practice—and on the days I managed (when there weren't late-night events in the community!), it worked incredibly well. That extra time in the morning gave me a chance to gather my thoughts, prepare for the day ahead, and even enjoy a little quiet before the hustle began. Sometimes it's the small habits that make the biggest difference.

Speaking of making a difference, I am very proud to share some important news about community safety in Aurora. In March of 2024, at my first Community Safety Town Hall, residents told me that more CCTV cameras were needed to help deter crime and improve safety in our neighbourhoods. I took that feedback to Queen's Park, and now I am thrilled to announce that Ontario is investing \$255,000 through the Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program to support York Regional Police. This funding will allow police to expand and upgrade video surveillance systems across the region—helping to prevent,

investigate, and deter serious crimes such as gang activity, drug trafficking, and human trafficking. Community safety is the foundation of strong, thriving neighbourhoods, and I will always advocate for the tools we need to keep Aurora safe.

Another area where our government is delivering results is health care. I recently joined the Southlake Academic Family Health Team to announce \$848,500 in new funding, which will connect up to 2,500 residents in Newmarket-Aurora with primary care. This investment means more nurse practitioners and interprofessional health providers working right here in our community. It's part of Ontario's Primary Care Action Plan, which will create over 300 new primary care teams across the province, ensuring that everyone has access to a family doctor, nurse practitioner, or primary care team by 2029. Access to health care close to home is vital, and I am proud that our government continues to strengthen these services for families.

Looking ahead, another issue that impacts every single one of us is energy security. Ontario recently hosted the Connecting Canada – Building an Energy Superpower Summit, where provinces and territories came together to discuss building a clean and reliable energy future. A key part of this is nuclear power—something Ontario has been a leader in for decades. Nuclear energy is clean, affordable, and reliable, and it will play a central role in meeting the growing demand for electricity. By expanding our nuclear capacity, Ontario is not only securing its own energy future but also positioning itself as a supplier of clean power across Canada. This means jobs, investment, and long-term energy security for families and businesses here at home.

As we move into October, I want to take a moment to wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving. May it be a time of joy, gratitude, and connection. And as always, remember that my office is here for you. Whether it's a question, a concern, or an idea, we are only a call or email away.



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Tom Mrakas

What a day!  
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A big thank you to the organizing

committee for once again putting on an incredible event, and to everyone who came out and supported — your generosity makes all the difference.

Shoutout as well to our amazing local businesses — Wicked Eats Kitchen + Bar, Food In Motion, Duke's Castle Barbershop, Sweet Dutchess Kitchen + Cafe, Casa Carbone, Aurora Whiskey Society, Cigar Vault Inc, Athletify, Serpa Automotive, Slabtown

Armoury— and, of course, St. Andrews Valley Golf Club for being such great hosts.

Thanks also to GIP — from the cannon to the beverage cart — and to Glenn Rodger Photography and Lynnette from Neighbour Aurora for capturing the day so perfectly.

This event is all about what makes Aurora so special — community, connection, and supporting each other.

Thank you again to everyone who made this year's Charity Golf Classic such a success. Can't wait to see you all again next year.





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# Timpson served as Mayor from 1977 – 1982



Mayor George Timpson  
Town of Aurora photo  
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with St. Paul’s Anglican Church and was Cemetery Board Chair and instrumental in publishing their newsletter – The St. Paul’s Chronicle.

“Though we grieve his loss, we also celebrate his legacy: a legacy of public service, commitment and compassion. His example reminds us of the importance of putting people first, listening to every voice and working together with humility for the greater good.”

Timpson was Aurora’s youngest-elected Mayor when he first topped the polls in 1977.

He emphasized the power of teamwork when he donned Mayoral

Chains for the first time, and he underscored that once again in his final inaugural speech as Mayor in 1980, an election in which he ran uncontested.

“Personally, I want to thank the electorate of the Town of Aurora for the confidence it has shown in handling of the Town’s affairs over the past two years by allowing me an acclamation,” he told his Council colleagues at the inaugural meeting of the newly-elected Council on December 3, 1980. “I consider the acclamation to be an indication that the electorate is satisfied with the actions of Council, and I can only promise, personally, that I will do my best in the next two years to continue to deal with our Town’s business to the best of my ability.

“In previous inaugural addresses, I have said that ‘Government is the vehicle by which citizens achieve their desires through the actions of their elected representatives.’ There is no better way to be able to identify those desires than to be involved actively in an election campaign where one is meeting a very large number of the general public. When one has received an acclamation in an election in which there were few, if any, real issues, it is more difficult to learn first-hand just exactly what people are thinking; thus, one has to look at circumstantial events in order to gain some insight indirectly.

“One such event that must be

considered is the fact that those incumbent Councillors who chose to seek re-election did very well in the electoral process. To me, this means that I, if I can call myself the Captain of the Good Ship Aurora, must do my best with the teamwork of good crew members, or Councillors, to continue to direct the future of our Town in the same heading, more or less, as has been followed in the four years I have served as Mayor. This, I assure you, will be done.”

Looking back at his previous term as Mayor, he said it was hallmarked by “the spirit of coordination, rather than confrontation” and the fruits of that teamwork could be seen all around Town.

“No person exists as an island alone,” he concluded. “We, as members of Council, need the support and understanding of each other, as well as the constructive comments of approval or disapproval of the general public whom we represent.”

In the days following Timpson’s passing, past colleagues and today’s leaders also paid tribute.

“George Timpson’s years of public service, both as Mayor and as a long-serving Councillor, were marked by dedication, integrity and a deep commitment to his community,” said York Regional Chair Eric Jolliffe in a statement. “He played a vital role in shaping the Town of Aurora and contributing to the work of York

*“No person exists as an island alone. We, as members of Council, need the support and understanding of each other, as well as the constructive comments of approval or disapproval of the general public whom we represent.”*

Region, always focused on listening to the people he served and working collaboratively for the greater good. His leadership and commitment will be remembered and acknowledged for years to come.”

Former Aurora mayor Tim Jones, who was first elected to Council while Timpson was Mayor, remembered his predecessor as “dedicated to the job.”

“I know he lived every hour of it,” said Jones. “He aspired to greater things, trying to unseat our Provincial member the day, Bill Hodgson. I did his nomination speech in my first year of politics and I was scared silly! Unfortunately, he was soundly beaten for the nomination by Bill, who subsequently lost the election.

“George saw Aurora through some fast growth and I remember he and [mayoral predecessor] Evelyn Buck getting into some great debates! I will value George for his support and friendship through my political career.”



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# Provincial funding helps YRP bring 22 more CCTV cameras to York Region



York Regional Police Deputy Chief Paulo Da Silva and Newmarket-Aurora MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy are pictured at Monday’s announcement. **Auroran photo by Brock Weir**

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\$255,000 in funding at the YRP’s Aurora headquarters on Monday morning, noting the cameras are intended to “protect the community against crime and the threat of gun and gang violence.”

Funding will allow for the placement of 22 cameras in addition to the 16 that were installed by the York Regional Police last year.

The cameras will be equipped with licence plate-reading technology that will be used to identify stolen vehicles on York Region roads.

“We all know that the safety of our neighborhoods is the foundation of a strong, thriving community. When people feel safe in their homes, on their streets, and in their workplaces, our entire community flourishes,” said MPP Gallagher Murphy. “In March of 2024, I held my first community safety town hall here in Aurora. One of the messages from the community was loud and clear: the need for more CCTV cameras to be strategically positioned in the community to increase safety. That is why I am so

pleased to announce today that our government is investing \$255,000 through the... CCTV Grant Program to support York Regional Police. This funding will help extend and upgrade video surveillance systems across the Region, providing officers with the tools they need to better prevent, investigate and deter serious crimes, including guns and gang violence, drug trafficking, and human trafficking.

“Through initiatives like this, our government is making sure that police services have the resources they need to keep pace with the evolving threats and to continue the outstanding work they do every day to protect the people of York Region.”

The CCTV Grant Program, she noted, was launched by the Provincial Government in 2020 as part of Ontario’s Guns, Gangs, and Violence Reduction Strategy.

YRP Deputy Chief Paulo Da Silva said Monday’s announcement marked “an important step in making York Region safer through new technology and strong partnerships.”

Placement of the cameras

throughout York Region is determined by a “data-driven approach” that will have the “greatest impact on public safety” and new technology being rolled out by partners at Axon Fleet will be able to identify the licence plates of stolen vehicles “in real time” allowing Police to move quickly “and make arrests before criminals can commit their next offense.”

“We know stolen vehicles are often linked to other serious crimes – home invasions, car hijackings, robberies and thefts. This new technology gives our officers a powerful new tool to stop these crimes before they happen,” said Da Silva. “We have already seen success. Compared to last year, we have seen a reduction in violent crime within a 1 km area of CCTV locations by more than 6 per cent.


“The message is clear for criminals: if you come here with a stolen vehicle, we will find you and arrest you. We have heard overwhelming support from our residents at town halls and community safety meetings. People want us to leverage CCTV to keep our neighbourhood safe. With this funding

and this technology, we are better equipped to detect, deter and arrest those who commit crime, helping us protect our community and better serve the people of York Region.”

The investment in CCTV cameras was hailed by Ontario Solicitor General Michael Kerzner in a statement.

“CCTV surveillance systems are an important part of local police work to detect, prevent, and deter criminal activity, especially in areas of gun and gang violence and other serious crimes,” he said. “Through this grand program, our government led by Premier Ford is ensuring police services have the tools and resources they need to help protect their communities and keep Ontarians safe.”

Among the locations where CCTV cameras have been and will be installed are Yonge Street at Wellington Street, and Yonge Street at Dunning Avenue.



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# BUSINESS & FINANCE



## Reimbursement program explored for winter windrow pilot

BY BROCK WEIR  
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Efforts to extend Aurora’s pilot windrow snow removal program into the 2025-2026 winter season continue as Council explores a reimbursement program for eligible residents who hire a private service.

That was a recommendation going into this month’s Committee of the Whole meeting from Matthew Volpintesta, Manager of Parks & Fleet. In his report, Volpintesta recommended Council greenlight a pilot financial assistance program offering reimbursement to eligible residents, but Council held off making a decision pending potential further funding models.

“A financial assistance model is aprecedented option to help seniors and residents with disabilities cover snow removal costs while delivering a program which reduces risk and offers greater user satisfaction,” said Volpintesta in his report, noting that such a model is currently used by East Gwillimbury and beyond York Region. “Under this model, a resident would secure their own private contractor and provide proof of service to the municipality at the end of the season to qualify for the grant.

“To minimize financial uncertainty to the Operating Budget, this program could be implemented with a participant cap. For example, a cap of 500 residents, at \$150 per address, would result in a maximum program cost to the Town of

\$75,000. On average, private contracting services are estimated at \$15 - \$20 per event, which would be around \$120 total if measured for the eight events that were incurred last season.”

Looking at last year’s numbers, had such a model been put in place ahead of the winter of 2024-2025, costs to the Town would have been \$76,600 to cover the program versus the actual \$91,154.

Should Council adopt it, the report noted residents would be able to customize the service to best suit their needs, but lawmakers expressed doubts that private contractors would take on clients to solely tackle the windrows.

“I would gather that for the cost of someone to have a private contractor come in and clear a driveway and a windrow is probably between \$800 and \$1,500 a driveway just in today’s market. If we were to subsidize that, it would actually put the residents in a worse economic situation,” said Ward 2 Councillor Rachel Gilliland.

While she said the recommendation was not a bad one, there was “a lot more work to be done to explore that” including the exploration of partnerships, and issuing an RFP with a private company so the Town can ensure a subsidized rate and residents aren’t “taken advantage of.”

“It would be kind of an exclusive external company that would provide this service to where individuals could qualify for that subsidy program, so I do think there is some potential there, but I’m just not really quite sure what this looks like. I honestly don’t know if we’re ready for that type of partnership at this stage where we are in the season.... I don’t want to leave people on the hook at the last minute now. I know companies are already taking bookings for their winter season now, and it would be leaving a lot of people on the hook, not knowing how to budget themselves for the season, knowing that this pilot project is here.”

The Councillor put forward an

alternative included in the report which would carry on with much of last year’s pilot program as it was, but with an increased program fee of \$250 – but, she said, this figure was still too high for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Ward 1 Councillor Ron Weese said he agreed a subsidization program could see abuse, but said he wanted to explore ways to make the windrow removal program cost-neutral to taxpayers.

“I don’t know why a lot of our taxpayers who take care of their homes and maintain their homes correctly should be on the hook for other people, unless they are disabled and can prove that, and they are financially disabled and can prove that,” he said, noting staff exercise “due diligence” to make sure the program is being used only by those eligible.

“I think that our taxpayers would be quite happy to help the most vulnerable in our community. Nobody wants to see a medical circumstance.... I am more interested in the revenue-neutral nature of this because I believe that homeowners should be taking responsibility for their home if they’re financially able and physically able to do it, and it shouldn’t be subsidized by other taxpayers who are doing their own job.”

Ward 3 Councillor Wendy Gaertner suggested the subsidy program could have potential in Aurora, but preferred a model where the Town would provide eligible residents with a list of potential contractors in an effort to reduce some of the guesswork for seniors.

“I think it’s worth a pilot program for one year,” she said. “Unfortunately, it’s all about the money and I’m sorry to anybody who is listening or [reading] the article that might be reported on this, but we need people to share with us the cost for us to do it. How much they have to share, we’ve been debating that, but I wouldn’t mind trying this model and see if it works.”

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## Support for firefighter survival training announced at CYFS headquarters

BY BROCK WEIR  
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A \$746,000 investment in survival training for Ontario’s firefighters was announced by the Province of Ontario at the Chief Ian Laing Headquarters of the Central York Fire Services on Wednesday by Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini.

The investment will go to the Ontario Professional Firefighters Association (OPFFA) to “help ensure Ontario’s frontline heroes are equipped with the skills and tools they need to keep communities, and themselves, safe.

“Since its launch in 2021, Ontario has invested \$1.5 billion through the Skills Development Fund Training Stream and Capital Stream to help train more than one million workers,” said the Province of Ontario in a statement. “As announced in the 2025 Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario, the government is investing \$1 billion more through the Skills Development Fund over the next three years, bringing the total to \$2.5 billion, to support key industrial sectors and help train even more workers.”

Minister Piccini noted the Province will “always stand shoulder to shoulder with the brave men and women who have our backs when we need it the most.”

“By investing in advanced survival training, we’re protecting our firefighting heroes by providing them with the skills they need to stay safe in the most dangerous scenarios,” he said.

The funding announcement was greeted warmly by leaders at the Provincial and Municipal levels of government, including local MPPs Dawn Gallagher Murphy (Newmarket-Aurora) and Michael Parsa (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill).

“Our firefighters put their lives on the line every day to protect families across Ontario,” said Gallagher Murphy in a statement. “By investing in advanced survival training through the Skills Development Fund, our government is equipping these brave men and women with the tools they need to stay safe while safeguarding our communities.”

Added Parsa: “Our government is proud to invest in Ontario’s firefighters through the Skills Development Fund to ensure they have access to the crucial training





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# Kitchen Party helps raise more than \$23,000 for local mental health programs



(LEFT) Off the Rock kept audiences entertained at Thursday night’s Newfoundland Kitchen Party, held at the Salvation Army’s Northridge Community Church to support their community mental health programs. (RIGHT) Pastor Fred Reid, a native of Newfoundland himself, led the crowd in a lesson on island slang.

Auroran photos by Brock Weir

BY BROCK WEIR  
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Northridge Community Church, the local hub for the Salvation Army, offered maritime flavour on Thursday evening as they hosted a traditional Newfoundland Kitchen Party – and more than 150 people raised tens of thousands for local mental health programs in the process.

The Salvation Army’s headquarters on Leslie Street, just north of Wellington, was practically packed to

the gills on September 18, as attendees enjoyed traditional Newfoundland food, live music courtesy of Off the Rock, a tribute to Great Big Sea, and lined up to kiss the cod and be sworn in as honorary Newfoundlanders.

As the Kitchen Party was an alcohol-free affair, Purity Syrup subbed in for the high-octane rum that is part and parcel of the Screeching In ceremony. If kissing the cod wasn’t your thing, there were still plenty of fun to be had – including a chance to play the spoons along with the band, indulge in some

retail therapy, and learn more about the Salvation Army’s work in Canada’s most easterly province.

All told, the event raised an estimated \$23,774 for Northridge’s community mental health programs.

Welcoming guests to the Kitchen Party were Northridge lead pastors Fred and Carolyn Reid.

Fred, who hails from Newfoundland, gave attendees a run-down of why they were there through humour – leading guests in a brief lesson in the nuances of “Newfie” slang.

“A kitchen party is where the best stories are told, where the best music gets played, and where everyone leaves with a full heart and a full belly,” said Fred. “Tonight, we’re here for more than a good time. This is a fundraiser for the mental health work and programming that we offer here at Northridge Community Church. We believe that mental health matters and, with your participation tonight, joining in the music and bidding on the silent auction, sharing in the food and the community that we foster in this place, you are helping us to continue to offer hope and care and support to those who need it most.”

Carolyn noted Salvation Army Northridge offers subsidized mental health support in York Region “to the tune of over \$130,000 annually,” which equates to more than 1,400 individual mental health support sessions each year, in addition to hundreds of hours of group support sessions as well.”

“What our mental health team is able to do here, because of your partnership, because of the funds that we receive in our community, is to meet that great need that we see across York Region,” Fred added. “Thank you very much for partnering with us through your attendance, through your generosity, and through your support this evening of this wonderful cause.

“There’s another phrase that we have [and] it’s one we use to really convey a sense of blessing on one another, a sense of, ‘Boy, I hope you really do well,’ and it’s fitting that at sort of the end of my time here [this evening] that I would say it over twice: long may your big jib draw.”

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OPINION

# Art lights up our brains and ignites action

BY DAVID SUZUKI

When we think of solutions to the climate and biodiversity crises, we often imagine technologies, government policies or new infrastructure. But sometimes the most powerful tools are far older and more human: stories, songs, images and performances. Art doesn't just decorate our world; it shapes how we see it.

Neuroscience offers evidence for this. When we encounter art — whether it's a painting, dance, music or story — our brains engage networks tied to emotion, memory and empathy. Studies have found that aesthetic experiences activate the brain's reward system, much like food, exercise, hobbies, spending time in nature and social connection. Experiencing art literally lights up our neural pathways, making us more open to new ideas and more likely to activate them.

That matters when it comes to rewilding — restoring ecosystems and their processes and reconnecting people with the natural world. Too often, conservation discussions rely on numbers and warnings. But facts alone don't always move people. Art is an affecting way to bridge the gap between data and action.

That's why the David Suzuki Foundation and Rewilding magazine launched the Rewilding Arts Prize. This national prize celebrates artists in Canada whose work reimagines our relationship with nature and community. The inaugural prize, launched in 2022, drew more than 550 applications. The winners' work spans textiles, sculpture, installation, photography and sound. It's on view at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa until October 2025 and is the first major

exhibition in Canada devoted entirely to rewilding-themed art.

Walking through the museum, you arrive at Amanda McCavour's embroidered garden of 500 poppies suspended above, fragile yet immersive, transforming the gallery into a rewilded ecosystem of thread and brilliant colour.

Natasha Lavdovsky's moss and lichen-inspired work blurs the line between art and science, inviting us to see rewilding as a partnership with often overlooked organisms that stitch ecosystems together. Amber Sandy's birchbark and hide works honour Indigenous knowledge and relationships with the land, rewilding cultural connections alongside ecological ones.

These works aren't just beautiful; they also change how we perceive the natural world and how we imagine rewilding our communities.

Science backs up what visitors feel. An abundance of research shows that nature-themed art and place-based aesthetic experiences can strengthen ecological identity and inspire stewardship. Art grounded in environmental contexts nurtures empathy, deepens our connection with nature and motivates pro-environmental attitudes and behaviours.

In other words, art doesn't just make us think; it makes us care, and caring leads to action.

A 2025 study shows that strengthening human-nature connectedness is essential to addressing climate change and biodiversity loss, and art is uniquely positioned to catalyze that bond.

An earlier study, from 2024, notes that environmental professionals often point to artworks that shaped or reinforced their

values. Psychologists even describe the "awesome solution" — art that ignites the strongest emotional and cognitive responses, opening people to new perspectives and action. Art doesn't just reflect our world; it can help us reimagine it and move us to protect it.

The Rewilding Arts Prize was built on this understanding. By elevating artists who draw attention to the fragility and resilience of ecosystems, we're helping shift culture. And culture change is at the heart of environmental progress. Laws and policies may set the framework, but people need to envision different ways of living. Art opens that door.

This fall, the David Suzuki Foundation is launching the second round of the Rewilding Arts Prize.

Through November 18, artists from throughout Canada can apply. Five winners will each receive \$2,000 and join the Rewilding Arts Collective — a

growing network of artists advancing ecological awareness through creative practice.

Alongside the prize, there will be a Toronto art show, a panel in Montreal discussing rewilding and art and a national webinar to showcase art's role in advocacy and community building.

The science is clear: Healthy ecosystems are essential for our survival. But facts and numbers alone can't tell the whole story. We need artists to spark wonder, shift perspectives and help us envisage a more just, biodiverse future. If we are to rewild our landscapes and communities, we must also rewild our hearts and minds. Science shows us why this matters, and art shows us how.

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**DRUMHEAD SERVICE** – Young piper Cruz Necovski was among those who took part in the Royal Canadian Legion's annual Drumhead Service, paying tribute to veterans who lay at rest at the Aurora Cemetery. Participating in the observance were MPs Sandra Cobena and Costas Menegakis, MPPs Dawn Gallagher-Murphy and Michael Parsa, Mayor Tom Mrakas and members of Council.

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# Respect, communication in focus as Council returns and election looms

BY BROCK WEIR  
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The democratic process was in the spotlight when Council returned from its summer break as it considered two motions from Ward 2 Councillor Rachel Gilliland.

The motions came forward at this month’s Committee of the Whole meeting, with one calling for Council’s endorsement of the Elect Respect Campaign, which aims to keep debate “focused on public policy, not individuals”, while the other called for Councillors to have control over their own microphones during Council and Committee meetings.

“A healthy democracy thrives

when all individuals can participate safely, equitably, and meaningfully in public life,” said Councillor Gilliland in the first motion. “Aurora, like many municipalities across Ontario, is witnessing an erosion of civil discourse and growing hostility in the political arena, both in person and online. Elected officials at all levels, particularly women and those from equity-deserving communities, are experiencing increased threats, harassment, and toxic engagement that deter civic participation.

“Social media platforms, while powerful tools for engagement, have contributed to a climate of disrespect and polarization that discourages individuals from seeking

or maintaining public office. Inclusive and respectful governance results in better decision-making and stronger representation, especially when voices of diverse genders, identities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities are present at Municipal Council tables.”

The campaign, she noted, was first brought forward last year by elected officials in Halton Region, which, in turn, inspired a further movement with the launch of a Parliamentary Civility Pledge “to promote conduct among elected officials.”

The Councillor’s motion called for Council to commit to the spirit of the Elect Respect Pledge, including “treating all individuals with respect in every setting – public, private, and digital; speaking out against harassment, intimidation, and personal attacks; keeping debate focused on ideas and public policy, not individuals; fostering an environment where people of all backgrounds feel safe and supported in seeking and holding public office; urging relevant authorities to ensure the safety and protection of elected officials facing threats or abuse; and demonstrating leadership through integrity, accountability, and mutual respect among colleagues and constituents.”

“As we do approach the next election, it’s crucial we uphold respect in all our interactions,” she said at Committee. “Let us commit to fostering a culture of civility and inclusivity, not just among ourselves, but also towards all members of the public and other candidates. This way we can ensure a more positive and constructive political environment for everyone. I think it is very timely and I really hope that everybody will support this and hopefully we will all

lead by example.”

That support came and was endorsed by Committee before final ratification expected at Council this week.

At the meeting, Ward 6 Councillor Harold Kim questioned whether the motion included municipal staff with respect to Council, and Councillor Gilliland said the intent was to “include everybody, including staff.”

“I agree with the intent of this motion, but I do think it’s important to recognize that...words on paper are only as strong as the actions behind them,” said Councillor Kim. “If you want the community to take this seriously, then we need to live this commitment every day in Council, in the community, and yes, on social media. Otherwise, this pledge risks being seen as symbolic only.”

## SHOULD COUNCILLORS CONTROL THEIR MICROPHONES IN CHAMBERS?

The second motion from Councillor Gilliland called for a staff report on changes that could be made to the audio-visual system in Council Chambers that would allow each elected member to control their microphone during the debate, while also maintaining the Meeting Chair’s ability to keep order.

“The principles of democratic participation, equitable speech, and transparent governance are foundational to effective municipal proceedings,” said the Councillor in her motion. “The current practice of centralized microphone control may inadvertently restrict or delay a member’s ability to respond to discussion, raise a point of order, or contribute meaningfully to debate.

“Granting members operational autonomy over their microphones does not diminish the Chair’s authority under the Municipal Act, 2001, and the Procedural By-law to maintain order and decorum.”

While Councillor Kim supported the motion as it simply called for a report, he expressed his doubts over whether moving in this direction would indeed maintain the Chair’s authority.

“The Municipal Act requires us to have a Procedural Bylaw and that bylaw vests the Chair with the responsibility to manage, debate, and recognize speakers,” he said. “If we move to autonomous microphones, we risk undermining the Chair’s ability to maintain control of the meeting and enforce the rules consistently.

“For me, it’s about preserving fairness, structure and respect for the process.”

In response, Councillor Gilliland said several municipalities allow autonomous microphones, and this was a viewpoint shared by Ward 5 Councillor John Gallo.

“For context, we at this table, before the new (A/V) system had the ability of turning on and off our microphones as we saw fit and one of the other municipalities, our friendly neighbours to the north, Newmarket, functions perfectly well and they have autonomous microphones in their Chamber so I really don’t see an issue with this.

“If only for the fact that as Councillor Gilliland has mentioned, there are many more viewers online and perhaps even we want to review meetings just to get a better sense of what the discussion was in the future and it’s unfortunate if the microphone is off, it doesn’t capture anything and that’s not fair. If someone is speaking and it’s not captured, that’s not right and it will never be captured because nothing else will capture it. So, if nothing else, for that reason alone, we should have control of our own microphones and I will be voting in favour of this.”



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# Multicultural Festival is vivid start



Aurora's Multicultural Festival unfolded Saturday in two locations – Aurora Town Park and Aurora Town Square – celebrating not only the various cultures that call Aurora home, but also the start of Culture Days, a three-week Ontario-wide celebration. (Top Row) Chinese dance opened afternoon programs at Town Square, and among those enjoying the spectacle were Andrew, Julia, and baby Aurora. (Second Row) Inside Town Square, fresh flavours were served up by volunteers, including Alissa; while the Treasure Hill bridge offered a feast for the eyes. (Third Row) Cultural performances took place throughout the afternoon in the outdoor square.

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# to three weeks of Culture Days



(Top Row) The Town Park Band Shell was the scene of a dazzling array of music and dance, representing the cultures of Spain, Mexico, Ecuador, Hawaii, China, Nicaragua, and the South Pacific. (Second Row) Enjoying the show were Mae and Alina; while Sandy Bundy and Bonnie Robertson served as the morning's emcees. (Third Row) As the show continued, so did the Aurora Farmers' Market, as enjoyed by Richard, Alysha and Syllas. Also taking part were (Fourth Row) David Heard and Antonella; (Fifth Row) and Sydney; while a corn roast featuring an array of international spices was grilled up by Rob, Harold and Theresa of the Optimist Club of Aurora.

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# Doors Open Aurora returns, shining a light on heritage and culture



After a long absence due to a number of factors, including the Global Pandemic, Doors Open Aurora made a triumphant return on Sunday as more than a dozen locations and attractions welcomed visitors. Among the attractions were (Top Row) Hillary House National Historic Site, with Julie; Gabby, Cadence and Emma, who welcomed guests to St. Anne's School on St. John's Sideroad; (Second Row) the studio of the Pine Tree Potters Guild, where members offered a number of clay-throwing demonstrations; (Third Row) the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 148, with Anthony Wayne, and Valerie; the William Rowland House on Spruce Street, with Rocco; and the Aurora Museum & Archives itself at Town Square, where guests were welcomed by Alex and Stephen.

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## Stouffville storms into first place with 7-2 win over Aurora Junior A Tigers



Aurora resident and Spirit defenceman Nate Windle (14) keeps Tigers' Captain Simon Howard (10) in check. Stouffville beat Aurora 7 - 2 in OJHL action.  
Aurora photo by Jim Stewart

BY JIM STEWART

Hudson Armstrong and Evan Breckles scored two goals each to pace the surging Stouffville Spirit to a 7-2 win over the Aurora Tigers at the ACC on Saturday night.

With the decisive victory against their regional rival, the Spirit (5-1) moved into a share of first place in the OJHL East Conference while Aurora (3-3) fell into sixth place.

Before most fans had settled into their black and gold ACC seats, Armstrong one-timed a shot past Tigers' goaltender Rafael Defina to give Stouffville a 1-0 lead thirty-eight seconds into the contest.

The Spirit—averaging six goals per game so far this season—are a force to be reckoned with in the OJHL and their offense was showcased in the first period of play. Sixty-one seconds after Armstrong's marker, speedy Stouffville forward Zackary Corte stole the puck at his own blue line, flew down the left wing, and snapped one off the pipe and past Defina from the left faceoff circle to make it 2-0. It was the sharpshooter's seventh of the season.

Decked out in their white Blackhawks replica jerseys with the classic red and black stripes, the Spirit rolled to a three-goal lead with brilliant tic-tac-toe passing on the power play.

Breckles fired a high shot stick side past Defina from the left dot at 6:42 to finish a feathery feed from Keiran

Litterick who had been given the puck in space by Lucas Manikis as the skilled trio broke down the Aurora PK.

Stouffville made it 4-0 in less than fourteen minutes of play when Elijah Chavez—off the right wing – roofed one under the bar and over the shoulder of a shell-shocked Defina.

The four-goal outburst by the visitors facilitated a goalie change by Aurora Head Coach Darcy Roy as Defina was replaced by Jayden Rhee at 13:47.

The strategy settled the Tigers and Rhee's reflexes repelled all but one of Stouffville's shots for the balance of the first period and most of the middle frame.

The puck that eluded Rhee was Breckles's second tally of the game.

The sturdy Stouffville forward stripped the puck from a Tigers' defender in the neutral zone, created a breakaway off the right wing, and although his shot was partially blocked, it knuckled between Rhee's skates and slid into the net to give the visitors a 5-0 lead with 8:05 left in the second period.

Playing 4-on-4 to start the third period, the Tigers capitalized on the open space.

Luke Howard finished a nice pass from Anrijs Bundzenieks to get Aurora on the scoreboard thirty-five seconds into the final frame. It was the smooth-skating defenseman's third goal of the season. It was Bundzenieks's team-leading sixth assist.

Howard's goal seemed to strengthen

the Tigers' resolve and only a trio of spectacular saves by Spirit goaltender Hayden Sabourin kept Aurora from reducing their deficit.

Despite the Junior Tigers' valiant pushback, Armstrong lit the lamp off the left wing when his wrist shot bulged the twine behind Rhee. Armstrong's second goal of the game restored Stouffville's five-goal lead at 8:53.

Rookie Tigers forward Marcus Carter blasted a puck high stick side from between the circles to make it 6-2 with four minutes to go, but the explosive Spirit offence responded when Litterick chipped one past Rhee for Stouffville's seventh goal to close the scoring at 2:30.

Aurora resident and veteran Spirit defenseman Nate Windle offered reasons why first-place Stouffville is off to such a strong start with 37 goals in six games.

"Our leadership group brought in all the new guys to our systems we have right away. Everybody's contributing and we don't skip shooting pucks."

The steady defender—in his third season with Stouffville—commented about the play of Evan Breckles and Zackary Corte who had outstanding games on Saturday night.

"Once Corte puts his jets on, he has some slick finishing ability. Breckles has been in the league for years—he's a fast player who understands the game."

Windle also lavished praise on his goaltender Hayden Sabourin who has backstopped Stouffville in five of the team's first six games and turned away 23 of the 25 shots he faced versus Aurora.

"He's a really calm goalie. He's really easy to communicate with on the ice. Hayden made some great saves tonight when the Tigers were pressing us."

The Tigers host the Pickering Panthers (4-2) on Friday, October 4 and the Cobourg Cougars (0-5) on Saturday, October 5. Puck drop for both games at the ACC will be 7 p.m.



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# Aurora Hearts’ Mike Globocki fires second half goal to salvage 1-1 tie with Toronto Celtics in battle for first place

BY JIM STEWART

As the southbound 9 p.m. GO Train sped along the tracks past the Aurora Soccer Club, the green and white-striped Toronto Celtics took to the Highland Park turf to strengthen their precarious hold on first place in the MPE division of the Ontario Soccer League.

The undefeated Toronto club—sporting a record of eight wins and four draws—held a two-point lead over Aurora (8-2-1) with the Hearts holding a game in hand. The evenly-matched teams tied 1-1 on May 27 in Toronto to kick off the regular season and the Celtics and Hearts fought to another 1-1 draw on Friday night in Aurora.

Mike Globocki saved the day and salvaged the tie for the Aurora squad when he fired a 30-foot bullet along the turf and through a crowd past Celtics’ goalkeeper Ian Giltinan with less than five minutes left in the match. Globocki described the importance of the showdown with the Celtics: “Everybody was hyped for the game. We’ve been battling with them for first place all season. This tie was extremely important. It’s now up to us to win both our two remaining games so we can finish in first.”

Globocki, one of the younger players on a strong Hearts club this year, described his timely tying goal that kept the Hearts in the hunt for first place: “I crept up from centre back position and luckily the ball found my foot on a deflection. I had to hurry and I got the shot off quickly. As my dad used to tell me, ‘Stick to the ground to the net’ and the ball stayed low and I saw it go in the net.”

It was Globocki’s second goal of the season.

The big crowd on the north sideline of Highland Park erupted when Globocki’s shot rattled into the net because the home side trailed for most of the second half. The outcome looked doubtful, especially after the Hearts banged two off the crossbar on clear cut scoring opportunities in the final twenty minutes of play. Frustrations boiled over in the back half of the contest as two yellow cards were meted out to the rambunctious Celtics.

During a scoreless first half in which the teams played as evenly as the score would indicate, the goaltenders—Aurora’s Filip Ljubevski and Ian Giltinan turned in all-star, athletic performances to keep the opposition off the scoresheet.

Ljubevski leads the MPE division



Mike Globocki fired the tying goal in Aurora Hearts’ 1 – 1 draw with Toronto Celtics.  
Auroran photo by Jim Stewart

in shutouts with 3 while Giltinan had earned two clean sheets. Both goalies made five saves in the first half.

Despite Ljubevski’s heroics, the Celtics opened the scoring less than a minute into the second half.

Division-leading scorer Cal Sheehy kicked a low shot past the athletic Hearts goaltender from fifteen feet in front of the net to give the visitors a 1-0 lead. It was Sheehy’s 18th goal of the season and he is running away with the MPE scoring race. Sheehy’s closest pursuer is Ethan Ray of Barrie PE who has notched 12 goals. Cooper Grimes leads the Hearts in scoring with 9.

In the final minute of play, Globocki

distinguished himself on defense. He foiled the Celtics with a sterling vertical play to repel the Toronto club’s final scoring opportunity. Not only did Globocki score the tying goal, but he prevented the Celtic’s best scoring chance to preserve a precious point in the standings.

The Aurora Hearts’ next home game is on Wednesday, September 24, when they host Pamir PE. Kickoff is at 9:30 p.m. at Highland Park at the Aurora Soccer Club. The Hearts close their regular season on Sunday, September 28 when they play Pamir to complete the home-and-home series at 8:30 p.m. in Concord.



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# Dancing with the Easter Seals Stars marks 10th anniversary with million-dollar goal

BY BROCK WEIR  
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Daniella Altieri still recalls the feeling that she could do anything she wanted. With the help of dedicated counsellors, she felt a whole new world open up to her while attending Easter Seals camps as a youth. She made new friends, enjoyed the great outdoors, and even discovered the joys of sledge hockey, which she played for more than five years, and now the former Easter Seals Ambassador and Early Childhood Educator is set to help pay it forward for children who were just like her as she prepares to hit the dance floor for Dancing with The Stars Aurora Newmarket.

The popular annual event, which is marking its tenth anniversary this year, will take place Thursday, October 9, at the Royal Venetian Mansion.

Joining Altieri in bringing star wattage to this year’s party are Kitchen Table CEOs founder Tracy Smith; restaurateur Martin McQueen; Phil Rose, Manager of Cultural Services

for the Town of Aurora; lawyer Jay Wilmot; entrepreneur Shabi Monzavi; Aurora Black Community Association founder and president Phiona Durrant; and business owner Samantha Buckley.

Since Dancing with the Stars Aurora Newmarket was first established by Easter Seals, with expert dance instruction from the owners of Aurora’s Artistica Ballroom Dance Studios, the event has raised just shy of \$1 million for the organization, which aims to send kids like Daniella to camp and provide mobility supports to youth in need.

Andrea Prentice-Peterson of Easter Seals tells The Auroran they need to raise just over \$150,000 this year to hit that impressive \$1 million mark and they know they can get there thanks to the dancers and community members who step up to purchase tickets and support the stars along the way.

“This event has become a staple in the community and I think this is one of the most anticipated events that happens every year because everybody is always looking out to see who will be dancing,” says Prentice-Peterson. “Every year, it’s



Artistica Ballroom Dance Studio instructors and co-owners Kelly, Anastasia and Patrick struck a pose with some of this year’s DWTS contestants at their Industrial Parkway South base on Monday night.  
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a different cast of people, it’s a different theme, it’s a different set of songs, and people are always packing in to watch it. The fact that we’re trying to make it a little bit bigger and a little bit better this year just makes it that much more enticing!”

This year’s theme is A Night of the Silver Screen, and contestants are hard at work with Artistica instructors Anastasia, Kelly, Patrick and Sarah to bring some iconic moves to iconic movie music.

A long-time spokesperson for Easter Seals, Altieri has attended many of the Dancing with the Stars events, but it was only after last year’s extravaganza when she approached the Artistica team to hit the dance floor herself.

“Ever since then I’ve been practicing for this, I’m over the moon – I’m so excited,” she says. “You’re helping kids be kids. You’re helping kids know that just because they have a disability they can still do anything they want to. I’m trying to raise awareness that people with disabilities can do anything they want to do if they just think about it. You’re helping kids be kids, you’re helping a wonderful organization do that and I think that’s just so beautiful.”

It’s a cause that resonates strongly with the assembled cast of celebs as well.

“Easter Seals is definitely an amazing cause and once I knew the goal of the event was raising funds for kids with physical disabilities in Ontario, it is an amazing reason to push yourself,” says Smith, before chuckling, “I need to practice, practice, practice – period. I’m just trying not to embarrass myself out there, make my instructor proud, my friends and family watching it, and just giving it my all.”

Also looking to give it her all, and not worry too much about the dance moves themselves, is Durrant.

First approached to participate in the event in 2022, she signed up this year – sure in the knowledge that, with the right song she has some good moves, but she wasn’t quite anticipating being asked to bust out a cartwheel on October 9. She hasn’t quite mastered it yet, but the

event itself might be a different story as she hits the gymnastics studio to get it done.

“The whole point of this is fun,” says Durrant. “I was practicing at home one day and just started bawling because it got so emotional, knowing that here I am worrying about being perfect and getting it right, when I remember going to the (Easter Seals) camp, one of the campers’ testimonies. [She said] the first time she stood up was when she was in the pool. Here I am, I have two feet, I can run, jump, and even have the ability to try, and some of them would never have that opportunity to stand up and dance on their own two feet, but here I am being picky about whether I’m doing it right. Just go, have fun, raise your funds, and show up for the community.”

“I was more comfortable to not so much worry about how many different moves I need to remember, but just remembering the impact this is going to make.”

The collective impact is what “sealed the deal” for Rose after he too visited an Easter Seals camp.

“They were all just excited to have a space where they can become independent, they can socialize, they can be themselves where they can’t be 51 weeks out of the year,” he says. “For me, it was just an easy way to say yes to a really important organization. This is just about providing independence and autonomy for children with disabilities by giving them the programming and also the tools they need to live a full life.”

“This is one of those fundraisers where you know that the money you’re putting into this is going to go directly to support and improve the lives of children with disabilities. Whatever the cost [to attend] is, it’s well worth it – and, on top of that, you get a night of good food and community, a chance to meet some people, and hopefully have a few laughs along the way!”

*For more information about this year’s Dancing with the Easter Seals Stars Aurora-Newmarket, including tickets and how to support individuals Stars on their fundraising journey, visit [eastersealsdancing.org/newmarket](http://eastersealsdancing.org/newmarket).*

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- Gas usage measurement
- Muslim mystic
- Towards the mouth or oral region
- Monday (Spanish)
- Frame for a coffin
- Rub out
- John \_\_, English educator 1467-1519
- Small round particle
- Chilean seaport
- News service
- Pay for dinner
- Glamorous city
- Subway rodent
- “The Raven” author
- Buddhist festival

**CLUES DOWN**

- Large hat covering
- “From what is earlier” (Latin)
- Celtic
- Retirement region
- A way to change posture
- Touches
- A small island
- Rubbish
- A citizen of Laos
- A place to dance
- 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- Mild expression of surprise
- 17th letter of Greek alphabet
- Descriptions
- Men’s fashion accessory
- Thieves of the sea
- Prohibit
- Card game
- French and Belgian river
- Underling
- Downwind
- Type of medication
- German city
- Animal disease
- Martini ingredients
- Get away from
- Stuffed (French)
- Type of precipitation



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Representing the York Curling Club’s U12 development program, Vienna was invited to face off against the best young curlers from across Ontario during the Ontario Curling Championships in Cobourg, where she registered the highest overall score in her age division—securing her first provincial win.

Then in July, Vienna took to the field as the goalie for the Newmarket Redbirds U13 Rep Women’s Field Lacrosse team as they clinched the provincial gold medal in Oakville. She was also awarded “Teammate of the Year” in lacrosse for her positivity and encouragement both on and off the field.

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
The Aurora Farmers' Market returns to Town Park today from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
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Rockin' for Reconciliation will take place at the Aurora branch of the Royal Canadian Legion (105 Industrial Parkway North) this evening at 8 p.m., featuring live music by Aurora's own Tangent, with all proceeds benefitting the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Request tickets at the Legion Bar, by calling 905-727-5642, or by emailing [office@auroralegion.ca](mailto:office@auroralegion.ca).

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
The Aurora Farmers' Market returns to Town Park today from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
The Aurora Historical Society's Speaker Series continues this evening at 7 p.m. with Pickering & the 1837 Rebellion with Katrina Pyke. Held at Hillary House National Historic Site and virtually over Zoom. Tickets are \$10.50 for AHS members, or \$12.50 for non-

members. "Explore the events that lead to the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837. Join Katrina as she shares an interactive exploration of Pickering's involvement in the uprising and challenges you consider if you would have risked your life for liberty as Pickering's fated rebel, Peter Matthews, did." Katrina Pyke has worked in the museum field for over 30 years. She has an MA in Public History and a passion for researching and sharing fun and exciting aspects of our storied past. Tickets can be purchased on at [www.aurorahs.com](http://www.aurorahs.com) or by calling 905-727-8991

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
York Symphony Orchestra Presents: A Symphonic Hallowe'en. Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria St. The first concert of the YSO's new season features music famous for its invocation of the spooky spirit of the season, including the final catastrophic movements of Berlioz' Symphonie Fantastique, and Mussorgsky's very scary Night on Bald Mountain. Also featured is pianist Elly Hung playing Rachmaninoff's beloved Second Piano Concerto.  
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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
The Aurora Historical Society's Speaker Series continues this evening at 7 p.m. with Barn-Raising, Threshing, & Quilting Bees: The Stories that Farm Diaries Tell with Cathy Wilson. Held at Hillary

House National Historic Site and virtually over Zoom. Tickets are \$10.50 for AHS members, or \$12.50 for non-members. "Cathy Wilson shares her recent book, Being Neighbours, about barn raisings and quilting bees in Ontario. She takes the audience into families' daily lives to uncover the subtle social politics of mutual dependency, the expectations neighbours had of each other, their relationships, and ways of managing conflict and crisis. Catharine Wilson is a Professor Emerita of History at the University of Guelph and Founder and Director of the Rural Diary Archive." Tickets can be purchased on at [www.aurorahs.com](http://www.aurorahs.com) or by calling 905-727-8991.

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Support for firefighter survival training announced at CYFS headquarters

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they need. This \$746,000 investment will equip firefighters with the skills and tools to stay safe in the line of duty, while continuing to protect the communities they serve across Ontario."

It was fitting the announcement was made at the CYFS' Ian Laing Headquarters as the fire station on Earl Stewart Drive also serves as a training facility for firefighters from many parts of the GTA, not just the Aurora and Newmarket communities the CYFS serves.

"I want to thank the Ontario Government for investing in Aurora through the Skills Development Fund," said Mayor Tom Mrakas. "This support helps firefighters here in Aurora and across Ontario build the advanced skills they need to stay safe and protect our communities. It's an investment in their careers, in our community's safety and in a stronger, more competitive Ontario."

The Fire Ground Survival Program, added Greg Horton, President of the OPFFA, will equip firefighters with "lifesaving training they need to keep communities safe."

"It is critical that firefighters across our Province have continued access to the tools, training and equipment necessary to protect our communities," he said.

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