

FRONT PORCH PERSPECTIVE: My Top Pet Peeves

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Six years ago your writer produced a column entitled, "The top ten reasons why I love Aurora and my pet peeves?". Three years ago I updated this list.

Although Aurora is a wonderful community in which to raise a family, your friendly scribe does have a list of things that drive me to distraction. I have pared down my initial published list from nine to five items and also modified it somewhat.

So, with the appropriate apologies to David Letterman, my top five pet peeves are:

5.) The traffic at the intersection of Yonge & Wellington. I'll bet the amount of green house gases spewing from the idled cars during the rush hour period is just about as much as that emanating from the Town Council Chamber on a typical Tuesday evening. The only good thing is that driving southbound along Yonge Street we get to look at the mural while we wait to turn eastbound.

4.) Those of you speeding through the various back streets of Aurora "slow down, as there are lots of small children around. And while you are at it, please turn down the music "especially after 11 pm on a weeknight.

3.) Slow play on some of the local golf courses. When the course is busy, please do not spend ten minutes looking for your ball in the trees; drop another ball and play on.

2.) Continuing lack of customer service in some of Aurora's retail outfits. While I have written about a good many positive experiences with diverse retail companies in Aurora, I have also chronicled some less than stellar (to say the least) local customer encounters. Remember the simple adage: "A happy customer means a customer that will be coming back."

And my number one pet peeve is "our communities' collective voting record. Only fifty-three percent voted in the 2014 provincial election and 68% in the 2015 federal election. The next federal election is scheduled for the fall of 2019 while the next provincial election is scheduled for 2018. Let's show that we can do better!

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