INSIDE AURORA: Aurora Quiz - Part 5

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It's once again time to find out how well you know the Town in which you live with our fifth Aurora Quiz.

As usual, the questions are a bit challenging, but to make it easier, all of them provide a 50% chance of being correct.

- 1. True or false; Aurora's average annual temperature is only 6.8C.
- 2. According to the 2016 Census, what language was reported as being more frequently spoken at home in Aurora; French or Russian?
- 3. Are there more or fewer than 7 cell towers within the Town of Aurora?
- 4. Was The Holland River, which flows northwards through the east side of Town, named after a country or a person?
- 5. Does a location have to have a door in order to participate in Doors Open Aurora?
- 6. If you need a replacement tree on the boulevard in front of your property, is one of your options a spruce?
- 7. The proposed new theatre in Library Square will seat around 200 people. Does the Council Chamber at Town Hall seat this many?
- 8. There is a famous Disney princess whose name is Aurora. Do we know her better as Sleeping Beauty or Snow White?
- 9. True or false; Aurora's current official Town Crier lives on a street called ?Town Crier Lane??
- 10. There's been increased talk lately about the importance of continuing to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine. What percentage of the Town of Aurora is located on the moraine; more or less than 20%?
- 11. What's interesting about ?The Aurora Site?, a sixteenth century Huron-Wendat village located along the East Holland River: despite its name it is not located in Aurora, or it was discovered by an 11 year old on his way to school in 1923?
- 12. True or false; there are streets in Aurora named after 5 of the 12 months of the year.
- 13. How many items are borrowed annually from the library; more or less than 500,000?
- 14. True or false; the old Post Office building on Yonge Street, built in 1915 and currently the home of The Auroran newspaper, was the Town's fourth post office.
- 15. Which of these institutions is older; the Aurora Lawn Bowling Club, or St Andrew's College?
- 16. Which town's Councillors have a higher annual salary; Aurora or East Gwillimbury?
- 17. Aurora's coat of arms features a plough. True or false; in a nod to its roots, Aurora's Swedish twin city Leksand's coat of arms features an axe?
- 18. Who was Annie Dunning; an 1800s resident thought to haunt a restaurant on Yonge Street, or Aurora's first female firefighter in 1958?
- 19. True or false: one of the reasons that the Aurora Tigers hockey team recently updated its tiger themed logo is that the previous one depicted a mountain lion.
- 20. What happened in Aurora on July 29, 2015; the first wedding ceremony was conducted at Town Hall, or all time attendance over ten years at the Concerts in the Park reached 100,000?

Answers below.

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Answers:

- 1. True, even if it is hard to believe based on recent temperatures
- 2. Russian 1,115 speakers to 275 who spoke French
- 3. More ? at least 20 used by Bell, Telus, Rogers and other companies
- 4. A person ? it was named in 1793 after Major Samuel Holland, Surveyor General of Upper Canada
- 5. No, various open air locations have been featured over the years including the Farmers' Market, the garden at Merlin's Hollow,

and the Aurora Cemetery

- 6. No, conifers aren't on the list of 42 different species that the Town allows to be planted on residential boulevards, only deciduous trees
- 7. No, the Chamber only accommodates 120 people
- 8. Sleeping Beauty
- 9. True ? it's located in Markham, where he is also that municipality's Crier
- 10. More ? the moraine underlies about 55% of the Town
- 11. It's not located in Aurora, but in Whitchurch-Stouffville
- 12. False ? only two so far: April and October
- 13. More ? in 2016 over 685,000 items were borrowed digitally or in hard copy
- 14. True ? it was replaced by the one on Wellington Street East, which became the fifth and final one before it too, was closed
- 15. St Andrews, which opened in 1899. The Lawn Bowling Club was established 15 years later in 1914.
- 16. East Gwillibury's elected officials at over \$44k a year make about 50% more than Aurora's Councillors, who make just under \$29k
- 17. False? it depicts a key
- 18. The ghost of Annie Dunning has been reportedly seen several times over the years in the building that currently houses The Filly and Co.
- 19. False ? of course it was a tiger!
- 20. The first wedding

Scoring:

- 0 5 You're not from around here, are you?
- 6-10 Not bad you're obviously a local
- 11 -18 Well done you've been reading The Auroran
- 19 -20 Congratulations, you must have been a Citizen of the Year