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Volunteers were ready, willing and able Sunday as Hillary House hosted its annual Christmas party at the historic location on Yonge Street. Waiting for the throngs are, in the rear, left to right, Kathi Legge, Sydni Legge and Carol Wake. Up front are Crystal Inrig and Trisha Melnik. Christmas events continue at the house next week. See the coming events on Page 2. Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

Collins Cres. likely to be repaired a year earlier

So many streets, so little money. That's the problem facing Aurora Council as members try to decide on the capital road reconstruction program for the next 10 years.

Several delegations have attended recent meetings complaining about the condition of their roads.

Last week, council endorsed a staff report that Henderson Drive be reconstructed from Yonge Street to Lee Gate and Child Drive in 2003.

The Henderson Drive project includes an extension of the trunk watermain to provide for the west water zone pressure to be joined with the east pressure zone at Yonge Street and Industrial Parkway.

Due to pressure from residents of Collins Crescent, council agreed to reconstruct the crescent along with Ottawa Court in 2003 with funds borrowed from a reserve account to be repaid a year later.

Originally, Collins and Ottawa had been scheduled for recon-

struction in 2004.

During the Open Forum portion of the meeting, Rebecca Beaton told council members that 20 years ago council had agreed to review traffic flow and safety on Richardson Drive.

She said council had carried out a traffic study in July, 1985, and nothing had been done since then.

Council referred the issue to the Traffic Safety Advisory Board to review the history of the road.

Jim Day, a resident of Ridge Road for the past 17 years, appeared before council to complain about the condition of that south Aurora street.

Staff provided a series of options ranging from full reconstruction in 2003, to leaving the road alone.

The report also noted that Ridge Road was not included in the 64 projects listed in the proposed 10-year capital road reconstruction program.

Day said residents had only asked for a phased program.

It was finally agreed staff would

complete the design for the reconstruction of Ridge Road during 2003 with possible reconstruction in 2004.

Motorists entering Aurora from the south on Yonge Street are greeted by a large water tank with the name "AURORA" painted on the side.

Not for long.

The landmark is about to disappear as it is no longer in service and the demolition permit was issued recently to Priestly Demolition Inc. of Aurora with a low bid of \$55,484.85.

Vic Priestly told The Auroran the huge tank would likely come down in a week or two.

With the rapid growth of Aurora

Started at 17.7%

Garbage shift brings budget hike to 9.3%

An \$800,000 transfer of funds from Aurora to the Region of York helped councillors shave budget increases from a proposed 17.7 per cent hike down to under 10 per cent Saturday.

The money had been earmarked to cover costs of picking up garbage in Aurora, but that service is being assumed by York Region.

Councillors agreed taxpayers will still pay for the service, but it will show up on a regional bill rather than a local one.

The nine-member council met in the day-long session to have its first look at the town's proposed 2003 budget, and before the session was over, had removed more than \$1 million worth of items, including the \$800,000.

More than \$100,000 was taken from the library budget as councillors, in a narrow 5-4 vote, elected to keep the new library closed on Mondays.

Councillors, facing a 9.3 per cent increase in the town's tax bill, sent treasurer Allan Evelyn back to his calculator with instructions to attempt to bring the figure down another three points.

They will find out if he was successful when they tackle the budget's second draft January 14.

Money is expected to be found within the Central York Fire Services budget and the Leisure Services budget.

The fire department, entering its second year as a combined service involving Aurora and Newmarket, will cost more than \$10 million, of which more than \$4 million will be charged to Aurora.

It was noted that had Aurora remained as a "stand-alone" department, the bill would have topped \$5 million.

Town staff may dip into reserve funds set up for that purpose to bring the proposed tax increase to the line requested by councillors.

Once the second draft has been approved, the budget is expected to go to council's general committee in February.

Taxes are based on the assessment of your property. Residents probably received their new assessments in the mail last week.

If it went up in the neighbourhood of 10 per cent, it's probably close to being accurate. If not, there are ways to question it.

See the story on Page 3.

South end landmark will soon disappear

in the late 1950s and early 1960s due to the development of Regency Acres and the Sterling Drug plant, there was a need to improve the town's water distribution system.

Constructed by the town in 1958 the tank held half a million gallons of water. The water was pumped to the tower from wells near the Community Centre.

The tank provided floating storage for daily fluctuations in demand and emergencies and the weight of the water produced the pressure in the pipes.

With the coming of regional government the wells and the water tank along with an underground reservoir on Orchard Heights Drive were transferred to the region.

With changes in the water distribution system and the construction of a new tank on Ridge Road, the Aurora tank was taken out of service a few years ago.

Regional officials have assured the town that the demolition of the tank will have no effect of summer water restrictions in the town.

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DECEMBER 7

Watch the film "Mr. Deeds" on a big screen and munch on a pizza at Dinner and Movie for all 11-14-year-olds, at the Aurora Community Centre from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost \$3 per person. Call 905-727-3123 extension 528 for details.

DECEMBER 7/8

Theatre Aurora sponsors the CBC dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' classic "Christmas Carol", with music, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newmarket December 7 at 8 p.m. and the Factory Theatre in Aurora December 8 at 2 p.m. Maureen Brosnahan, Mary Lawless, Ken Lloyd and Mayors Tim Jones and Tom Taylor are the readers. The Voices of Joy Community Choir and the Hill Top Bell Ringers will provide the music. Call 905-898-3000 for ticket information.

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The Hillary House Players present a concert of readings and music and a chance for you to sing at 7.30 p.m. Call 905-727-8991 for tickets at \$10 each.

DECEMBER 8

Art Auction, hosted by the Bereaved Families-York Region and Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers, at St. Andrew's Valley Golf Course, 368 St. John's Sideroad in Aurora. 12.30 p.m. Further information at 1-800-969-6904; 905-853-5514; or 905-727-8228.

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Meet artist D. R. Laird and view some new releases at Biggs Gallery on Yonge Street, next to the Trio Restaurant, from 1 to 3 p.m. Winter scene paintings on view include "Last Minute to Play", "Sleigh Ride", "Ice Dancer" and "Winter Splendour".

DECEMBER 9

Aurora Seniors annual Christmas Tea and Gift Exchange at noon. There will be a variety of savory sandwiches, cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, pickle tray, variety of cookies, Christmas cake, hot apple cider and tea and coffee. Cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members.

DECEMBER 12

Enjoy the Christmas displays of Aurora by joining the Aurora Seniors and tour the town starting at 7 p.m. Bus leaves from and returns to the community centre where cookies and hot cider will be waiting. Fee is \$2 and seating is limited. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

DECEMBER 13

Join the Aurora Seniors to catch the Christmas spirit as they travel to Buffalo to enjoy the Living Singing Christmas Tree. Depart at 2 p.m. from the Community Centre returning around midnight. Cost for members \$68 and \$73 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

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Christmas Luncheon Buffet at the Legion, 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.. \$12 per person. Reservations will be accepted for parties of six or more.

DECEMBER 13/15

Carols by Candlelight, Aurora United Church. 7.30 p.m. Wheelchair accessible; nursery and toddler care available.

DECEMBER 13/14/15

The Aurora Opera Company will perform the Canadian premiere of the musical stage version of Frank Capra's timeless Christmas story "It's A Wonderful Life". Joe Likuski plays the lead role of George Bailey, the part made famous by Jimmy Stewart in the movie version. With a cast of 55 from the Aurora area, the company was unable to find suitable accommodation for the production in Aurora, so it will be staged at the Newmarket Theatre. For ticket information call 905-953-5122.

DECEMBER 17

Last issue of the Auroran before Christmas. Publication will resume with the issue of January 7, 2003.

DECEMBER 21

Adult Christmas Party at the Legion. 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 22

Legion Members Family Day Christmas Party. 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Complimentary lunch at noon. Santa arrives at 3 p.m.

Step into a Christmas past at Hillary House

Imagine a December evening in a magnificent Victorian house, aglow with candles and oil lamps, decked with cedar garland, alive with story and song, and filled with the tempting aroma of Christmas baking.

Such an evening awaits as Hillary House National Historic Site presents a program of Christmas stories and music, Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Hillary House is located at 15372 Yonge Street, north

of Wellington, in the heart of Aurora.

Seating is limited and must be reserved in advance by calling 905-727-4015. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes refreshments.

This year's program will feature a trip back in time to 1913 as Dr. and Mrs. Hillary discuss the presents they have purchased for each of their eight children.

Music by piano and violin, along with carol singing by the audience, will help set the mood for a memorable

Christmas.

All proceeds from the evenings' entertainment will help the Aurora Historical Society in its continuing

restoration and operation of Hillary House, one of Canada's finest examples of Victorian Gothic Revival architecture.



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Aurora property owners should now be in possession of their updated property assessment notice.

All Ontario properties were reassessed as of June 30, 2001.

The notice shows the estimated value of your property and your school support designation.

Property owners should take

a good look at the assessed value and the information that comes with the notice.

If the assessed value is close to what you would have expected your house to sell for in June, 2001, you will likely be content.

If it isn't, you might want to contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to request reconsideration of your assessment, but you should have a good reason for doing so.

You may want to check with neighbours who own similar type homes or engage an independent appraiser to provide an estimate of the value of your home in June, 2001, and compare the value with the assessed value.

On average, property values increased 13 per cent in York Region from a high of 14.8 per cent in King to a low of 10.4 in Newmarket.

Aurora is the second lowest at 10.9 per cent.

All municipalities rely on the

assessment roles to set municipal taxes for each property, and each property class has its own tax rate.

The value shown on your assessment notice may result in an increase or a decrease in property taxes for 2003, depending on the needs of the municipality.

If you are still unhappy with your assessment, you may wish to file a formal appeal with the Assessment Review Board.

Both the MPAC and the property owner will be asked to attend the appeal hearing and the board's decision is final.

Appeal deadline is March 31, 2003. There are specific application forms and associated fees in the appeal process.

To find out more about your assessment, call the MPAC toll-free at 1-866-296-5722. For further information on the appeal process call toll-free 1-800-263-3237 or 416-314-6900.

Volunteers are needed for kettles

As the Christmas season approaches, the call goes out again.

Volunteers are needed in Aurora to handle the Salvation Army kettles at various locations throughout the town.

And once again - has it really been 18 years? - Councillor John West is coordinating the kettle drive in Aurora and he needs an hour or two of your time to assist in this worthy cause.

It's the time of the year when the Salvation Army more than ever needs the participation of all Aurorans to contribute time, material offerings and caring for families in need.

Volunteers are needed for every Friday and Saturday from now to Christmas and the Monday and Tuesday prior to Christmas.

To volunteer, call the Town Hall at 905-727-1375 and ask for the Mayor's office.

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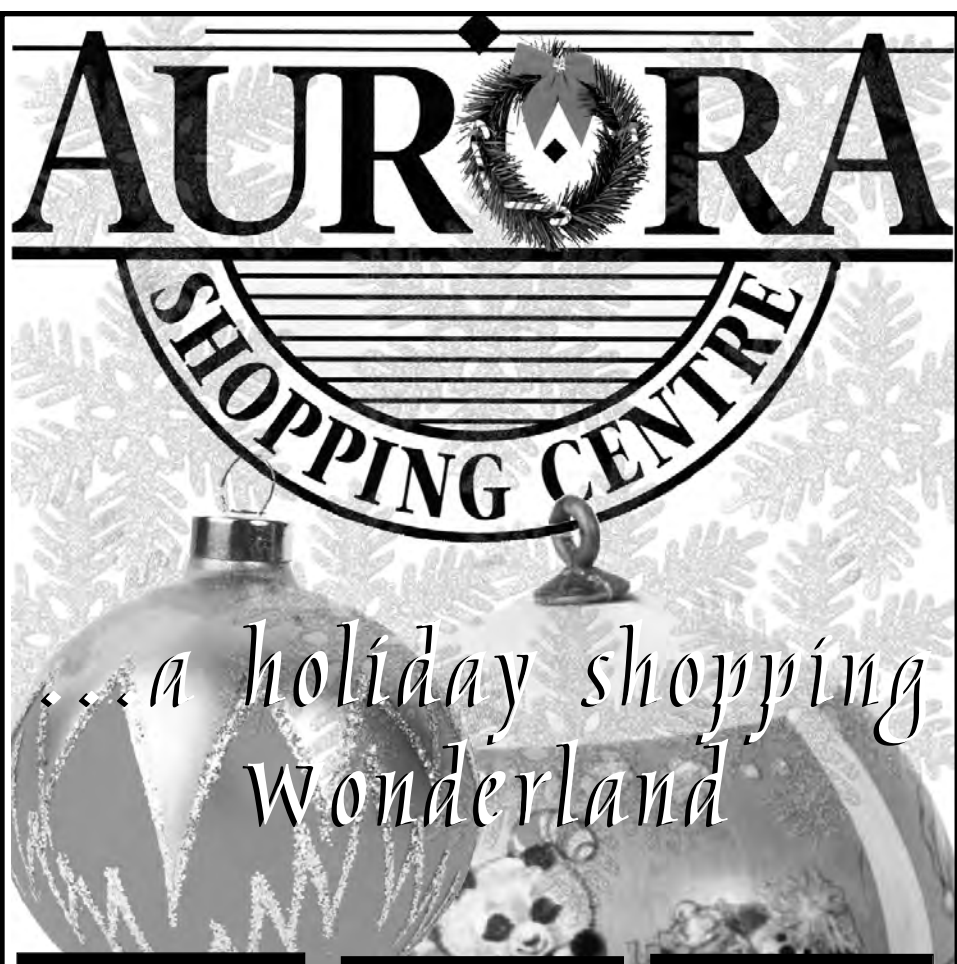
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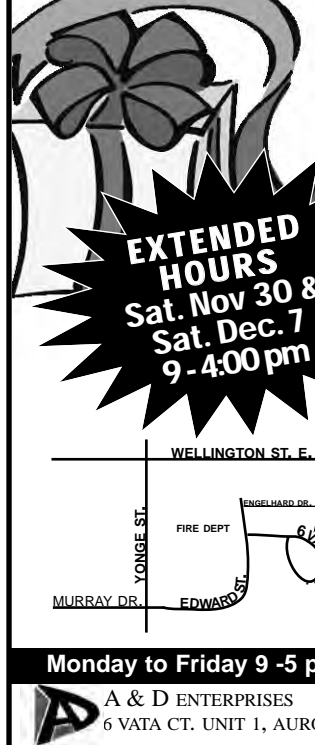
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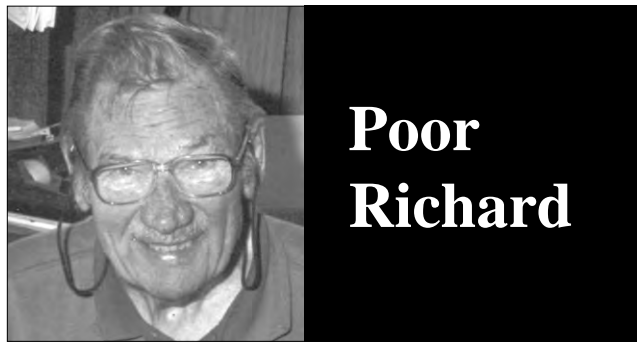
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Poor Richard

Trees disappear but who cares?

*Trees are important to people,
As they help to clean the air,
But they are cut down all over,
And very few seem to care.*

-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Just recently two mature trees were chopped down on Yonge Street in front of the Liquor store.

The reason given was so that people could find the store, as if that was needed. We're of the opinion that if the store was at the bottom of Lake Ontario, people would find it.

A promise has been made to replace the trees in another location, but that remains to be seen.

A few years ago a similar wanton destruction took place on Yonge Street in front of the new Canadian Tire store when a row of mature trees were destroyed.

Other than a couple of letters to the Auroran about the loss of trees in front of the Liquor store, the incident was soon forgotten.

This included members of council, as the issue wasn't even raised.

During the preparation of the site plan for the addition to the Resthaven Nursing Home, there was some discussion on council about saving trees, but that was after some trees had been destroyed prior to the approval of the site plan.

Granted the trees were on private property and property owners should have some rights, but consideration should also be given to the streetscape and the public good.

Just recently in Newmarket a developer chopped down a tall pine tree in the interests of development, without notice to the town or with the town's approval.

The area residents rose up in dismay at the destruction of the tree and went to council.

Newmarket councillors listened and admitted the tree should never have been chopped down, but said there was little they could do in preventing a developer from destroying trees to make way for homes.

The town's planning application with the builder clearly stated that no trees were to be chopped down, but the builder, with the recommendation of a professional landscape architect, decided the tree should come down.

Newmarket staff is looking at ways to add teeth to a local tree bylaw now being prepared that would work in coordination with the region's tree bylaw.

It's based on a model bylaw recommended by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Residents are concerned that while the town is working on its tree bylaw, developers will take the opportunity to destroy other trees that may be in the way of development.

The town plans to hold a public meeting after a 60-day comment period before passing the tree bylaw and a form of a permit system.

At least it's a start and that's more than Aurora is doing.

On November 28, 1991, York Regional Council adopted a tree bylaw to protect the cutting of wood lots on private property, and we wonder why they bothered.

The regional official plan calls for 25 per cent forest cover but in 1985 it had dropped to 14 per cent.

There have been no recent reports as to the percentage of forest cover in the region and with all the growth, young children will be lucky to see a tree.

In July, 1993, the Cardinal Golf Club submitted the first application for an exception to the tree bylaw.

King Township, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority had no objection to the cutting of three acres of trees from a 15-acre woodlot to enlarge the golf course.

Regional Council granted its approval following a public meeting for what they claimed was a minor exception to the bylaw.

Other exceptions were granted to golf courses, but applications from Georgina farmers, who wanted to reclaim land for farming, had their applications rejected.

Finally after considerable discussion, on June 27, 2002, regional council agreed to review the region's tree bylaw to determine if it discriminates against farmers. The committee has not yet reported.

The review should be much more extensive and should include all municipalities.

But that takes political will and that's the one ingredient that is missing.



Bet you a nickel you can't guess where this band was set up when this photograph was taken. Before we get to the answer, here are the members: Don Gilkes (piano); Norm Storey (bass); seated at rear, Charlie Williams, Ray Ouran, Bill Ransom and Richard Eaton. On drums, Lloyd Gilkes. The three seated at the front are, left to right, Jim Willis, Lee Barwick and Dave Johnson, son of our good friend, Ada Johnson, who lives on Connaught. Location? Hang on - it's the Graystones Restaurant on Yonge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honour to serve vets: student

To the editor,

Re: Week of November 19th, 2002, Marlene Parkinson letter

My name is Lindsay Hunter. I am 17 years old. I attend Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School.

I have been volunteering for the Legion for the last six years. I have sung at the cenotaph and dinner. I, myself feel the same way as you, Ms. Parkinson.

Winners should show some honour and compassion to the veterans who served us during the wars.

In closing I would like to say, It has been a great honour to volunteer my time and devote myself to the war veterans.

**Lindsay Hunter
Aurora**

ED. NOTE: Winners responds. Read on.

Winners offers every charity equal options

To the editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to address statements published in The Auroran regarding Winners support of the Aurora Legion's poppy drive.

Winner Merchants International (WMI) receives requests from numerous charitable organizations to display donation boxes in the Winners stores.

Rather than choosing one charity's donation box over another, we offer all charities an alternative option to raise funds and awareness.

Volunteers are welcomed to stand in front of the Winners stores to speak to customers as they enter and exit the store in an effort to generate donations.

During the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day, this is the opportunity we offered to Legions across Canada, including the local Aurora Legion.

We were happy to support Aurora veterans and cadets on Saturday, November 9th, as they sold poppies in front of our store.

The associates of the Aurora Winners also pooled their own funds

together and presented the local Legion with a store donation.

At the Winners Merchants International home office, poppy boxes were distributed throughout the building, generating further corporate donations.

Winners Merchants International prides itself on being an involved corporate citizen.

Our corporate giving program is an investment in our communities, in our children, and in our future.

WMI's corporate contributions are dedicated to assisting families, women and children in need.

As such, we are an official corporate sponsor of Sunshine Dreams for Kids, Fashion Cares and The Cure Foundation.

In addition, WMI has contributed to a variety of local initiatives across Canada including the Aurora Christmas Parade.

I deeply regret any misunderstanding over our corporate policy.

We are proud to be a member of the Aurora community and are dedicated to being a good neighbour.

**David Margolis
President,
Winners**

Christmas Fair was a success

To the editor,

The Catholic Women's League of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Aurora, wishes to thank you very much for your coverage of our Seventh Annual Christmas Fair and Artisans Crafts Sale on November 16.

We know that we can always count on your newspaper to publish com-

ing events in Aurora so completely and satisfactorily.

Our "Fair" was very successful in every way and we appreciated your letting the public know of our event as there are many Christmas bazaars being held at this time of year.

**Sheelagh Reynolds
President**

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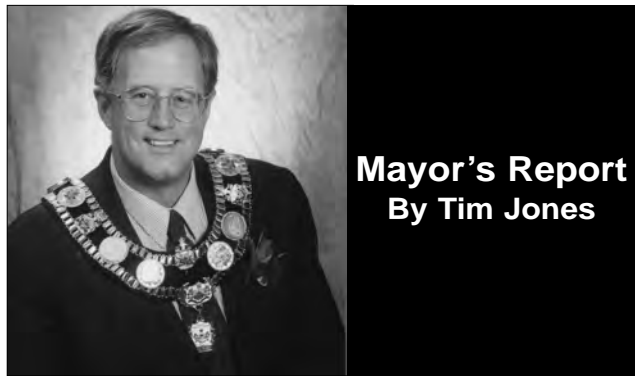
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Machell's Corners



Mayor's Report
By Tim Jones

Statistics suggest prosperous Aurora

Recently, Council, through the Economic Development Committee, received a report from our Economic Development Officer, Dino Lombardi, updating the committee and Council on the Town and the Region's business and industry statistics.

As of October, 2002, employment growth in Aurora had reached 17,156. Since 1991, Aurora has increased its employment base by 5,600 jobs, a 34 per cent increase.

Employment projections in Aurora include the following growth projections: 2006 - 19,000; 2011 - 22,000; 2016 - 26,000; 2021 - 30,000; 2026 - 33,000.

As Aurora grows, we need to concentrate on our business growth to be able to offer our residents the opportunity to live and work in their home town.

Other statistics of interest include:

* while York Region's population growth was 2.6 per cent in the first six months of 2002, Aurora's population grew by 1.4 per cent.

* - demographics of our population show:

Age	York Region	GTA	Canada
0-5	7.3%	7.5%	6.8%
6-21	22.6%	20.7%	21.4%
22-34	18.2%	20.3%	18.2%
35-54	34.4%	31.8%	31.6%
55-64	8.5%	8.6%	9.4%
65+	9.0%	11.2%	12.6%

These statistics demonstrate a younger population which translates to higher demands in family types of facilities and amenities.

However, trends suggest that by 2026, the Region's senior population will increase four times over 2001.

This will have a critical effect for services including health, community and social services.

* Within the context of the GTA, Toronto makes up 47 per cent in population, while Peel has 20.1 per cent and York stands at 15 per cent. Durham (9.9) and Halton (7.4) make up the balance. York is the seventh largest municipality in Canada.

* Compared with Aurora's employment growth, in spite of the economic slowdown, York Region has realized 5,000 new jobs in the first half of 2002.

* Small business is strong, both in Aurora and in the Region. Approximately 95 per cent of the businesses in York Region employ fewer than 50 employees.

* Aurora is proud to be home to some of the top private sector employers in the Region with companies like Magna International, the top employer in the Region with 10,200 employees, and Quebecor World, the twelfth highest employer at 1,200 employees.

* The Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC) estimates York Region's unemployment rate in June 2002, at 6.3 per cent. This is lower than comparable rates of Ontario at 7.0 per cent and Canada at 7.6 per cent.

* A total of 8,237 job vacancies were advertised through HRDC during the first six months of 2002 compared with 16,387 in the same period last year.

* House sales in Aurora remain constant from 2001 (303) to 2002 (295) from January to June, however the average house sale price has gone from \$315,290 to \$359,907. The average house price across the Region went from \$309,200 to \$344,936.

It is interesting to note that in all other dwelling re-sales types, Aurora was lower in cost to that of the Regional average:

There are a number of other interesting statistics that can be found in the mid-year Economic & Development Review for 2002 available through York Region.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wording may be poor, but the intent was clear

To the editor,

The more that I read and hear about my failed attempt to review Aurora's Code of Ethics the more I know that perhaps my wording of the motion could have been better.

As Dick Illingworth states, "It was poorly worded and inflammatory". Poorly worded, Yes, inflammatory, hardly.

Yet the second motion made was asking for a review of the Code of Ethics by a committee made up of residents.

This motion was not poorly worded.

When the Code of Ethics was originally passed in

1997 it was stated that a review should be done periodically.

Mr. Illingworth has also stated that my motion was inflammatory and that "MORE or LESS" I suggested that current and past councillors and staff were unethical in their dealings with developers.

Nowhere did I say that nor did I intend that anyone would think that.

When the words "MORE or LESS" are used by Mr. Illingworth to me he is using his interpretation of what I said.

Perhaps he could have said "Perception" yet in his statements referring to Councillor Damir Vrancic's

statements at the same council meeting he states that in the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act nowhere is there reference to "Perception" as a conflict.

Also, nowhere did I ask that Election Campaign Donations should be banned.

I simply asked that if a member of Council accepts such a donation from a developer or company that does work for the Town and an item appears on the Council agenda dealing with that developer or company that the council member should declare a conflict of interest.

Lastly, I "do not see evil in everything that Council

does" and I believe that Mr. Illingworth's statement is inflammatory to myself and Councillor Vrancic.

For me to ask questions at Council meetings is a councillor's right and was part of the reason that I was elected.

These questions have in some cases been asked of me by the residents of Aurora and they would like the answer.

Does that mean that these residents "see evil in everything that council does"?

Again, I admit that my wording was poor but the intent was not.

Nigel Kean
Councillor

Great parade, but messy

To The Editor;

You were right about the whole population of Aurora showing up for last Saturday's parade, and they left all their trash behind them!

I have lived all my life in this town and cannot believe the way it is being treated lately.

I took a walk up Yonge St. with my dog early Sunday morning, the day after the parade and was shocked at the amount of garbage the spectators left behind them.

I saw everything from coffee cups and candy wrappers to mini pizza boxes and flyers everywhere.

It has been obvious over the last few years the Town has not kept up to the

increasing population in regard to trash cleanup; one just has to walk around town, or stroll through our parks to see that!

I guess with that many people out you have to expect litter, most people are too lazy to look for a trash can. I don't understand why they cannot hang onto it long enough to get rid of it properly.

There seems to be more than enough waste baskets around town, and I don't really believe that more would do any good anyway. It is more a problem with attitude. You care enough about your environment not to litter it, or you do not.

This problem has been getting worse and I do not see the Town responding

with the appropriate level of service. These basic services are what people see and judge us by.

If the Town will not properly manage this problem then we will have to act ourselves.

When I am out at the park with my dog I regularly pick up trash left lying around, it would be a much cleaner

Bayview extension "intrusion"

To the editor,

RE: Bayview Avenue extension.

My husband and I are saddened to see the opening of the Bayview Avenue extension.

This permanent intrusion into wildlife and onto land could have been, and should have

town if more would do the same.

I hope people will think about that before they toss their trash on the ground.

That is the only way things will change, if we all stop and think first before we act.

Michael Dickie
Aurora

been, left undisturbed.

A great debt of gratitude is owed to residents and environmentalists who fought long and hard to protect this area from human consumption.

Thankfully, most of their efforts have been achieved.

Mary Swan
Aurora

Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to the anonymous woman who sent a \$500 cheque to the Aurora Legion after reading in The Auroran that some poppy fund boxes had been stolen.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Tigers hockey team for providing excellent Junior A hockey to Aurora fans. To date the team is unbeaten in 21 games and holds a solid lead in the North Division standings.

BOUQUETS to 10-year-old Amy Tahmizian of Aurora on coming first in all but one of the track and field events at Aurora Heights Public School last summer. She placed second in the standing long jump.

BRICKBATS to members of the Aurora Leisure Services Advisory Committee for failing to attend meetings without notice or vacating the meetings early leaving the committee without a quorum and unable to make recommendations to council. As council appoints committees, they can unappoint the members who regularly miss meetings.

BOUQUETS to Ken Elmer of Aurora for his letter to the Auroran of his memories of Aurora, while he was growing up. He recalled how active the downtown was in those days and listed several retail stores that were located in the downtown core. His letter will bring back a lot of memories for old-time Aurorans.

BOUQUETS to Peter Miller and all the gang at McDonald's for continuing McHappy Day to raise funds for Ronald McDonald Children's Charities of Canada, and to all the community leaders and celebrities for volunteering their time and to all the generous McDonald customers.

BRICKBATS to members of Regional Council for unani- mously approving a request to the province to grant Vaughan one more regional representative due to growth. It will bring their membership to four, while Aurora has only one representative, along with three other municipalities. A complete review is to be carried out next year, but the review should have been carried out before approving increased membership in isolation.

BOUQUETS to Newmarket Mayor Tom Taylor for being the only representative on regional council making a spirited objection to what he termed a "band-aid" approach to the representation issue. He suggested a complete review and only approved the Vaughan request when he received assurance from regional council for a complete review next year.

BOUQUETS to Mike Ingrassio, the genial innkeeper of the Tuscany Banquet Centre in Aurora for having his bountiful curly hair cut off to raise \$1,000 for the Sick Kids Hospital. A customer challenged Mike to do it for \$500. Mike replied if he made it \$1,000 he would do it, and he did.

Part Two

Old phone book provides a history trip to the 1950s

By KEITH KINCAID

NOTE: Last week, former Aurora resident Keith Kincaid began reminiscing after he purchased a 1955 Aurora telephone book at a nearby auction. His story continues this week.

I guess I was not very good about things when the war ended in Europe. When the shooting stopped on May 8 I figured there would be celebrations of some sort up town so I skipped Grade 5 to see what was going on. Not much, as it turned out; the celebrations were to come later.

But on returning to school I was scolded by Miss Genevieve Robinson and held in detention after class. Duty obviously included taking no shortcuts of the sort I did.

The high school cadet corps and its marching trumpet band were a focal point of after-school activity, perhaps more so in Aurora than in other small towns.

Long after the war the cadets remained front and centre. The three most senior teachers, principal Jack Knowles, vice-principal Norm Johnson and history teacher Wilf Adams, were all veterans of the First World War and perhaps pulled rank on use of available spare time.

This created barely-hidden conflict with teachers who coached sports teams and expected equal access to the students.

The new high school on Dunning Avenue, opened in 1952, had a rifle range in the basement although I do not recall it being used very much while I was there.

C Squadron of the Queen's York Rangers was located in the armouries in the town park and the cadets had a loose association with that reserve army group.

Periodically there would be an inspection by an officer of the Rangers. Every summer a dozen or so cadets went off to Camp Ipperwash. C squadron was always looking for recruits among the older students, offering pay for parades a night or two a week. I signed up both for camp and the militia.

The town was a very law and order place. There simply wasn't much crime, whereas these days the pages of weekly newspapers in many rural towns are sprinkled with stories of local burglaries, car thefts and some violence.

In the early 40s, Aurora had one policeman, Fisher Dunham, and I don't recall him having much to do.

In the town's dry days there were several bootleggers, including one on Temperance Street, of all places, but they seemed to be tolerated as a convenience to local imbibers.

And it would have been unthinkable that a town lawyer of the 1940s would proclaim on his office window that criminal law and young offenders were his specialties.

The 1955 phonebook shows that Fish Dunham was still on the job and the force had grown to a total of four, home numbers posted for all.

Bill Langman was second in command and I recall his annual visits to the high school. He would wave a copy

of the Criminal Code and let us know that although he wasn't familiar with every subsection he could look them up fast enough if we ever got in trouble. That was good enough for me.

As the war years passed, the town became more relaxed. The Korean War came along and Canadians served there, but that conflict was not a matter of defending the homeland of a large section of the Canadian population. Louis St. Laurent and Dwight Eisenhower, with their laid-back styles, were in charge.

The town and province hung on to its British heritage with considerable vigour even as the population was undergoing change.

In 1956-57 I was editor of the student newspaper at the University of Western Ontario when it carried an editorial questioning the value of the monarchy in the Canadian political system. This was newsy enough that it made the Toronto daily newspapers.

The reception from the Aurora townsfolk was frosty when I returned briefly during a school break. What sort of poisonous education was I getting?

The one person who thought it somewhat amusing was history teacher Adams who was prepared to cut a little slack for free-thinking youth. (Aurora Monarchists no doubt would have been pleased to hear that in London the local Birks store returned fire by cancelling its campus advertising.)

As to my views on that subject now, I don't really have any. I find more important subjects to write about when I fire off e-mails to my MP.

Editor's note: Keith, hearing his piece had been divided into two parts, assumed it all ran last week, so he sent another installment to act as Part 2. In reality, the next installment will become Part 3 and, we believe, there is enough to carry through to Part 4. Stay tuned. Keith spent his adult career with The Canadian Press (CP) news agency, retiring seven years ago after 18 years as president. A year later he ended his "moonlighting" activity as chairman of the International Press Telecommunications Council. He can be reached at keithkincaid@atcanada.ca

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Code of Ethics: The Auroran should print whole silly thing

To the editor,

Once we had a councillor named Ron Simmons...a very irreverent fellow.

With a big fat cigar stuck in his face, he drove around town collecting mail. He delivered package mail as well.

During elections, if you had a package delivered you would receive a campaign leaflet from Ron...if not...no leaflet.

Ron was also a butcher. Every year (pre-union) the town would give their employees a turkey at Christmas.

We had two butchers in town then.

The purchase of the turkeys alternated between the two businesses.

The town employees were also, in the main, the town's volunteer fire brigade.

There was no secret about the turkey purchase. It would be pointedly discussed in council.

Ron would abstain from voting.

Except for the occasional disparaging comment by an employee's wife about the town's fowl generosity, the fact that Ron Simmons would get some business from the town was never, to my knowledge, questioned by any citizen.

Nor should it have been.

Last week, I obtained a copy of the Oath of Office to see

what if anything had changed in the way we govern ourselves.

It hasn't.

It says: "I solemnly promise and declare that I will truly, faithfully and impartially, to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the Office of Councillor to which I have been elected in this municipality, that I have not received and will not receive any payment or reward, or promise thereof for the exercise of any partiality or malversation or other undue execution of such office, and that I will disclose any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, as required by and in accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act."

Councillors-elect cannot take their seats until they have sworn that Oath before a Commissioner of Oaths and witnessed usually by a ceremonial gathering of citizens.

Given the force of law behind it, it is hard to know how the public could be better protected from malversation (corruption) amongst their elected officials.

I visited Owen Slingerland, York Region's former Medical Officer of Health, in his office once. The walls were covered with posters bearing wise old sayings. The one that stuck in my memory...I am paraphrasing...it is not corruption you

have to worry about...it is stupidity. I believe that.

I picked up a copy of the Town's Code of Ethics. I thought if I was going to argue with anyone about its merits I ought to at least know what it says.

It is five pages long. I never got past the preamble.

I think The Auroran should print the whole silly thing so that the community can see what occupies the attention of some members of council.

While we pay millions of dollars in taxes to Toronto where we have no representation, while we are "fined fifteen million dollars in taxes" by the government whose work we do at the municipal level, while the same government makes a total screw-up of the Ontario Hydro Service which was the arguably the best in Canada, and while they spend money advertising the injustice of the federal government dumping on the provincial government, we have people occupying seats on council who have nothing more on their minds but how to clear the field for the next election.

There is nothing in the law that says a person in business, having been chosen to represent the community on council, should suffer financial hardship as a consequence.

The Oath says 'shall disclose any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect'.

It doesn't matter if Ron or Rosemary publish this paper...so long as he discloses his interest and abstains from voting, he is not breaking his oath.

A few years ago Jag Bhaduria was elected to the federal Parliament.

After a few events came to light he was expelled from the Liberal Party and the government benches. Some wondered why he was not removed from office.

The reason is simple. He was neither hired, appointed nor commissioned...he was elected by the only people who had the authority to elect him...that is by the people on the voters' list for that election.

Subsequently he was unseated...through another election.

Simply put...the law does not allow any interference with the rights of the voter.

Even the conflict of interest act places the onus on a complainant to take court action against an elected councillor. and pay for it, too. It is hardly encouragement.

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Ron Wallace has worked in this business in this community

for more than 30 years.

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My reading of the oath of office is that one cannot make money by accepting bribes...selling favours...or be paid for voting in favour of a particular project...that would be malversation for sure.

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Aurora rejects Vaughan request for new member

York Regional Council has started the process to ask the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to approve granting the City of Vaughan an additional representative on regional council.

Aurora Council rejected the proposal last week.

Five of the area municipalities must support the region's action in order for the government to consider the region's request.

Aurora councillors made it clear they weren't interested.

Council supported a motion by Councillor John West that the province be asked to carry out a complete review of all representation on regional council due to growth over the years and deal with the many imbalances that currently exist.

The Town of Georgina, for example, has fewer people than Aurora but has two sitting members

on Regional Council, West said.

Mayor Tim Jones is Aurora's only representative on the regional body of 19 people.

West described the many attempts made by Aurora to gain an additional representative without success, while Markham has added two representatives and Vaughan one prior to last week's Vaughan request.

West expressed concern that if growth was

the criteria for gaining extra seats, future councils could be like Toronto with 44 council members, based on the projected population of the region.

He suggested that a formula be developed in which each area municipality have a minimum of two and a maximum of four members on regional council.

Mayor Tim Jones said he had arranged a meeting with the mayors of King, East

Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville, all of whom have one representative like Aurora, to discuss the whole issue of representation on regional council and he would take the Aurora resolution to the meeting.

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Part 2

After a tough start Big Brothers soars

Following a difficult eight years since the Aurora Rotary Club brought the Big Brother movement to Aurora in 1969, the group expanded to cover York Region.

It went from a part-time operation to a full-time and then back to part-time due to lack of financial support.

In March, 1977, Laurie LeBlanc was hired as part-time executive director. At that time the agency was located in two rooms in the Church Street School with a part-time secretary and two part-time counsellors.

There were about 80 matches with several young boys still on a waiting list.

In 1978, LeBlanc was appointed full-time executive director and planning was initiated to put the agency on a sound footing to handle the growing needs of the region.

The annual "Bowl for a Boy" was expanded to other regional bowling alleys and became the agency's major fundraiser.

Other events were arranged during the year for Big and Little Brothers, such as curling tournaments, barbecues and picnics.

In June, 1980, Yvon April of Thornhill was named Big Brother of the Year. It so happened the date the honour was announced was his Little Brother Darwyn's 13th birthday.

Maple Leaf hockey star Ron Ellis was in attendance at the awards luncheon at the Aurora Highlands.

Towards the end of 1981, both Big Brothers and Big Sisters of York were experiencing financial difficulties.

Dr. David Ruegg, Big Brother of the Year, appeared before York Regional council to seek aid for both agencies.

He said Big Brothers was facing a budget deficit of \$6,500 and Big Sisters \$6,000.

Appeals were also made to area municipalities. The request to the municipalities was based on the number of Little Brothers and Little Sisters in each municipality.

Fourteen young boys and 11 young girls from Aurora were involved in the programs, and the request was based on percentage of the total number in the region.

As a result, Aurora was requested to grant \$867 for

Big Brothers and \$1,737 for Big Sisters.

Council denied the grant on the basis the agency received funding from the region, although regional funding had been greatly reduced.

By December, 1982, Big Brothers of York were in financial difficulties. All recruiting was halted and the part-time secretary was let go. Counsellors were put on restricted hours. At the time the agency had 102 matches and 33 boys on the waiting list.

For awhile it appeared the agency would have to return to a part-time operation. Although corporate donations were down, the 1983 bowl-a-thon, with the Good Brothers as honorary chairmen, and individual donations enabled the agency to continue on a full-time basis.

The events in Newmarket and Richmond Hill raised \$21,000 for the agency.

Big Brothers hosted bingo games in Richmond Hill to help the agency out of their financial difficulties.

Over 13 Saturdays the agency averaged \$1,000 a

night, enabling the re-hiring of a part-time secretary.

The Aurora Tigers hockey team declared December 18, 1983, as Big Brothers Night and in addition to the attendance of Big and Little Brothers, Aurora citizens were invited to be a Big Brother for a Day and take a Little Brother on the waiting list to the hockey game.

By the 14th annual meeting in April, 1984, it was announced that the agency had bounced back from the financial difficulties and LeBlanc was given a standing ovation for his work for the organization.

Much of the success was attributed to the weekly bingo in Richmond Hill, a golf tournament and the annual Bowl for a Boy.

The agency also received a \$15,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to assist in a recruiting campaign.

In 1985, the local location for Bowl for a Boy was changed from Newmarket to the Aurora Bowl. Between the Aurora Bowl and the Markham Bowl a total of \$21,000 was raised.

Something different was tried during school break in March, 1985, when Big Brothers and Big Sisters in partnership with Upper Canada Mall sponsored a table tennis tournament including several challenge matches, of which one was Aurora Mayor "Overhand Smash" Dick Illingworth against Newmarket Mayor "Topspin" Ray Twinney. The score was kept secret.

Since then, Big Brothers of York, still an Aurora based agency, has never looked back.



Aurora residents Sheila and John Clarke received an early holiday gift this week with a cash windfall from Ab Cox Pontiac Buick GMC in Aurora. Having just finished signing a deal on an automobile, things got a lot better when John and Sheila netted \$2,000 by dialing into the "Ring In & Win" hotline. Plans for the windfall? That's easy, said Sheila, "Christmas shopping". The "Ring In & Win" program runs to January 13, 2003.

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Aurora promoted via CD and video

Aurora Council received a report from the Economic Development Committee last week without comment or debate.

The town's video is being updated with revisions suggested by committee members.

A copy for reviewing is expected in the near future. It is proposed to obtain 30 to 40 copies as well as the DVD format for

future copying purposes.

The committee recommended the production of a new promotional CD as a priority in next year with appropriate funding included in the 2003 budget.

Meanwhile, the committee noted, York Region Transit is carrying out a survey of employers for the purpose of following up on key transit concerns.

A meeting with employers

will be arranged on the completion of the survey.

Lack of transit along the Industrial Parkway has been an ongoing concern for most major employers.

The committee also agreed to take a more proactive role in promoting Aurora to the film industry as a suitable location for filming, in conjunction with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

Breakfast with Santa

No more cookies and milk for Santa Claus. Now it's pancakes.

The 1st Oak Ridges Pathfinders (a division of Girl Guides) is raising funds for an upcoming international trip, and part of the program will include a "Pancakes With Santa" breakfast.

The event will be held Sunday, December 15, at the Aurora Legion, with two sittings, the first at 9 a.m. and the second at 11.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four. The group will also accept donations for the food bank.

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This Auroran in the hunt for gold

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

Aurora's Mark Heese wants to turn Bronze into Gold.

The beach volleyball player won a bronze medal in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and has one singular goal: a gold medal in Athens in 2004.

Heese, 33, who has lived in Aurora with his wife and two children since last year, makes his living on the Beach Volleyball pro tour, travelling to tournaments and qualifiers throughout the year.

At home, he trains at Timberlane's fitness facilities and makes countless appearances at schools, award ceremonies and promotions for the Canadian Olympic Committee.

The medal, an obvious source of pride, is something Heese loves to share.

"I see it as an opportunity to inspire," he says. "I smile when I think of the looks on children's, and even adults', faces when they see it and touch it. That's what it's for - to share and to give inspiration to people."

So, how does a Canadian get involved with Beach Volleyball?

Heese chuckles, and admits he gets "Jamaican Bobsled Team" comparisons and jokes all the time.

"I was a canoeist in my teens and one day while I was paddling at the



Mark Heese

Beaches in Toronto I looked over and saw a group playing volleyball on the beach. I said to myself, 'now there's what I really want to do'."

One game led to another, and soon Heese had partnered with John Child and qualified for the 1996 Games.

As good luck would have it, the sport was named an Olympic event just as Heese and Child were climbing the world ranks.

Heese is quick to point out the support system

necessary to allow him the time and money needed for training and preparation.

Volleyball Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee and a private facility called Beach Blast provide support, along with Timberlane in Aurora.

But the most intangible, but meaningful, support comes from his family.

"I have two young children, and tournaments mean I'm away four

months of the year. I couldn't do this without the support of my wife, Janet, and my children."

To help the kids understand what Dad's up to, Heese takes digital home movies and e-mails them home.

"My son, Mitchell, who's almost four, really loves watching them," Heese says.

To limit his travel stints to three weeks, Heese made five trips back and forth to Europe this year.

Clearly, Aurora is a refuge for this Olympian.

"We chose this town because we got such a good feeling when we drove through the first time. Then, when we visited Town Hall to get some more information, (Mayor) Tim Jones was there to meet us. That was it - we'd made up our minds!"

So what's ahead between now and Athens?

Lots of training, both physical and mental, including lots of time on the sand to gain his "sand legs".

And more appearances and promotions, school visits and medal showings.

Mark Heese is busy, but make no mistake - he's totally focused on his goal. And, while the bronze medal makes him proud, he can't wait to show it along with a gold.

Parking banned in Bathurst area

If for some reason you're in the habit of parking on Bathurst Street between Highland Gate and Kennedy Street, don't do it in the future.

York Regional Council has imposed a No Stopping Anytime Zone on both sides of this section of the street.

Bathurst Street, in that neighbourhood, carries an average of 16,170 vehicles per day, and the posted speed limit is 80 km/hr.

Between Kennedy and

Highland Gate a local vegetable stand operates seasonally on the crest of a curve creating a safety hazard as cars park on both sides of the road.

The Town of Aurora and the Township of King have asked the region to implement the zone to address traffic safety issues.

Enforcement of the bylaw will be the responsibility of Aurora staff for the east side of Bathurst and King Township on the west.

Skating results

Aurora Skating club members achieved the following results at KIS competition in Keswick last weekend:

Pre-Preliminary 2 Ladies B - Allie Sutton 2nd (fl. 2), Amy Thompson 1st (fl. 1).

Pre-Preliminary 1 Ladies B - Ariel Kwan 2nd (fl. 9).

Pre-Preliminary 1 Ladies A - Emma Slimkovich 3rd (fl. 3), Jordana Goldman 4th, (fl. 4).

Pre-Preliminary 2, Ladies A - Maya Goldman 1st, (fl. 2).

Pre-Preliminary 1 Men - Caden Armstrong 2nd, (fl. 2).

Preliminary Ladies B - Amanda Jamieson 3rd, (fl. 2), Jacqueline Miklovich 2nd (fl. 4),

Jaime Stephenson 4th (fl. 3). Preliminary Ladies A - Meaghan Jones 5th (fl. 7), Ruby Lee 3rd (fl. 8).

Pre-Juvenile Ladies - Chelsea Kerr 5th, (fl. 3).

Pre-Juvenile Men - Tavish Armstrong 4th, (fl. 1).

Junior Bronze Ladies A - Amber Bowman 6th (fl. 4), Emma Hayzelden 3rd, (fl. 6), Sara Gray 4th (fl. 5).

Junior Bronze Ladies A Elements - Emma Hayzelden 2nd (fl. 1).

Senior Bronze Ladies - Erin Thomas 7th, (fl. 3), Jenna Porteous 6th, (fl. 6), Lauren Cooper 1st (fl. 4), Carolyn Armstrong 2nd (fl. 5).

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Incredible hockey team stretches streak

Make it 22.
The Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey team added two more victories to their lengthy unbeaten streak over the weekend, by virtue of a 6-4 win Friday night over Pickering and a 4-3 come-from-behind victory Sunday afternoon in Orillia.

The squad has lost only two games so far this season, and in their streak, 21 of those 22 games are victories.

Sunday, the Tigers met the Couchiching Terriers who were determined to break the streak Aurora has been riding and to try to get back into a winning way for themselves.

Aurora's Lance King, playing his second complete game in goal since Chris Whitley sprained his thumb two weeks ago, was solid when he needed to be.

The Terriers opened the scoring late in the period with a power play goal, but that was quickly answered by Steve Downie. Only 15 seconds remained in the period when Downie scored the tying marker.

The Tigers outshot the Terriers 13-11 during the period.

Aurora seemed to turn on the jets during the second period, coming up with a number of excellent scoring chances.

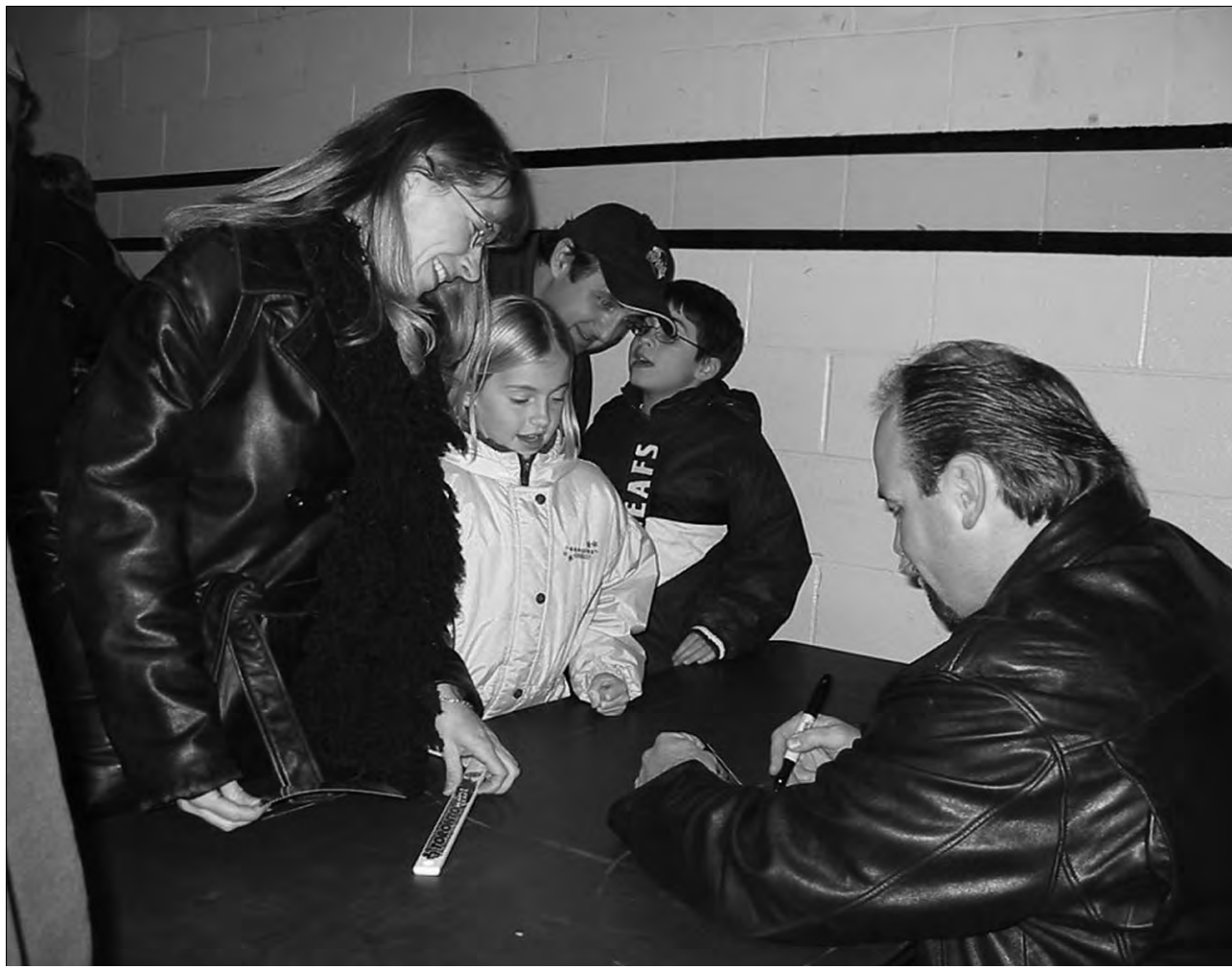
Mike Thomson, playing net for the Terriers, was without a doubt the big difference in this game, making some incredible saves to keep it close.

Aurora jumped into a 2-1 lead on a power play goal scored by Jamie Minchella, set up by Derek Doucette and Matt Bahen but the Terriers tied the game on a power play goal near the halfway mark of the period.

Couchiching went ahead 3-2 before the end of the period, even though they were outshot 20-8.

Aurora kept the same type of intense pressure on the Terriers throughout the third period, outshooting them 22-8.

Scott Goheen's goal set up by Jeff Gilbert allowed the



Wendel Clarke signs autographs for fans in Aurora Friday night.

Tigers to tie the game early in the frame.

Just as the game was winding down and the local crowd was looking forward to overtime, Rob Godfrey managed to find the back of the twine on a beautiful shot from Matt Christie at the point.

Friday night, the Tigers welcomed former Toronto Maple Leaf Wendel Clarke to the ACC as he dropped the official puck for the game between the Tigers and the Pickering Panthers.

Clarke, honorary chairman of the Children's Safety Village Committee, spent the entire time between the first and second periods signing autographs.

Meanwhile, police and fire officials were on hand to support the village, soon to be constructed at the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, southeast of Aurora.

The Tigers also welcomed newcomer Scott MacDonald who was picked up from the

Streetsville Derbys earlier that day.

Aurora was looking to get some revenge on the Panthers, as they are one of two teams who have defeated Aurora so far this season.

A nervous Lance King, again replacing Whitley, found himself down a goal only 41 seconds into the game as Pickering capitalized on a goalmouth scramble.

Tigers managed to tie the game on a goal by Jeff Gilbert, set up by Scott Goheen and Sam Skwarchuk, before the period ended.

It was a different story in the second as the Tigers were all over the Panthers, outshooting them 16-3.

A power play goal by Rob Godfrey, set up by Scott Goheen and Derek Doucette, gave Aurora a slim 2-1 lead after 40 minutes of play.

The floodgates seemed to

open in the third, with Pickering taking the game to Aurora.

The Tigers went two up on a goal by Jamie Minchella, set up by Scott MacDonald and Jeff Gilbert, then extended the lead to 4-1 on a power play goal by Scott Goheen, set up by Sam Skwarchuk and Matt Christie.

Pickering added their second goal of the game before Scott Goheen's second goal of the game and his fourth point of the evening gave Aurora a 5-2 lead.

Two quick power play goals by Pickering closed the gap to 5-4, but an empty net goal by Jordan Brenner, set up by Sam Skwarchuk and

Jesse Olden finished the scoring and gave the Tigers the win.

The Tigers welcome the Couchiching Terriers Friday for the second game of a home and home series.

Game time is 8 p.m. at the Aurora Community Centre.

This will be the first of a three-game weekend, which will see the Aurora travel to Huntsville Saturday night before heading to Vaughan Monday night to play against the Vipers.

**TIGERS 6
PANTHERS 4
1st Period**

PICK: Gilbert (Gaden, Chandler) .41
AUR: Gilbert (Goheen, Skwarchuk) 3.06

2nd Period
AUR: Godfrey (Goheen, Doucette) 11.48

3rd Period
AUR: Minchella (MacDonald, Gilbert) .23
AUR: Goheen (Skwarchuk, Christie) 4.07
PICK: Gilbert (Hampton) 5.39
AUR: Goheen, (Minchella) 14.18
PICK: Franklin (Hampton) 16.27
PICK: Gilbert (Wright, York) 16.51
AUR: Brenner (Skwarchuk, Olden) 19.20

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In the Brampton game, Aurora got two goals from Christine Hartnoll, while Christine Bailkowski and Kate Robinson added singles.

Natalie Vibert contributed three assists, and Laurissa Kenworthy had two.

In the tie, it was Bailkowski's turn to score a pair of markers and Darcie Jarvis added a single.

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Minor Bantam	Bill & Brenda Jenkins@Re/Max York Group
	Realty Inc
	Duckworth Insurance & Financial Services
Minor Peewee	Astech Solutions Inc

Exhibition Games

Tyke (2) vs Georgina (2)
Stefan Lazzar 1G Burke Whit 1G Daniel Jones 1A Eric Archibald 1A Liam Killops 1A Keifer McIntosh 1A

League Games

Minor Atom (4) vs Ajax (0)
Dylan Skelton 1G Michael Nonnewitz 1G, 1A Tyler Jensen 1G Daniel McConnell 1G Kamran Karamchi 1A Matthew Miller 1A Mitchell Sziraky 1A Adam Reid 1A Jonathan Poulakos 1A Evan Carisle SO

Minor Atom (3) vs Richmond Hill (0)
Michael Nonnewitz 1G Kamran Karamchi 1G Daniel McConnell 1G Scott Sturgess 1A Matthew Miller 1A Dylan Skelton 1A Jonathan Poulakos 1A Michael DiVincenzo 1A Myles Blaser SO

Minor Peewee (2) vs Pickering (1)
Matthew Scrimmes 1G Curtis Hough 1A Nicholas Dinallo 1G Greg Buchner 1A

Minor Peewee (1) vs Newmarket (4)
Brandon Giniotis 1G Ethan Shore 1A Andrew Mangialardi 1A

Minor Bantam (4) vs Whitby (2)
Drew Jenkins 3G, 1A Torrey Duckworth 1G, 1A Jimmy Lee Hastings 1A Sam Warden 1A Cameron Harris 1A

Minor Bantam (7) vs Newmarket (2)
Drew Jenkins 3G Jimmy Lee Hastings 2G Steven Horan 1G, 2A Anthony D'Antonio 1G Sam Warden 2A Mike Curci 2A Cameron Harris 2A Chad Roberts 2A Torrey Duckworth 1A Kevin Mayne 1A Alex Ginther 1A Bryen Turco 1A

Minor Bantam (2) vs Ajax (4)
Jimmy Lee Hastings 1G Chad Roberts 1G Mike Curci 1A Kevin Mayne 1A

Minor Bantam (5) vs Markham (0)
Alex Ginther 1G Steven Horan 1G Memo Nafarrate 1G, 1A Andrew Rowan 1G Cameron Harris 1G Anthony D'Antonio 1A Mike Curci 1A Kevin Mayne 1A Eddie McLaughlin 1A Sam Warden 1A Jimmy Lee Hastings 1A Bryen Turco 1A

Minor Bantam (3) vs Oshawa (1)
Memo Nafarrate 2G, 1A Torrey Duckworth 1G, 1A Alex Ginther 2A Sam Warden 1A

Rep Teams	
Sponsors	
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League Games

Novice A (0) vs Georgina (2)

Novice A (2) vs Newmarket (5)
Ethan Benson 2G Eric Perrin 1A Jody Nonnewitz 1A Reid Sisson 1A Ryan Hughes 1A

Novice A (6) vs Bradford (1)
Matthew Roy 3G Ryan Hughes 2G Ethan Benson 1G Dylan Woyslaw 1A Jody Nonnewitz 1A Graeme Allison 1A Eric Perrin 1A Marshall McGaffey 1A

Novice A (0) vs TNT (2)

Novice AA (1) vs Barrie (3)
Mitchell Harris 1G Jesse Bentolila 1A Kyle Spicer 1A

Novice AA (1) vs Uxbridge (7)
Brett Wilson 1G Taylor Chick 1A Dylan Sikura 1A

Novice AA (1) vs Georgina (4)
Taylor Chick 1G Brett Wilson 1A

Minor Atom A (5) vs Bradford (0)
Matthew Mears 2G Josh Beaton 1G Brandon Pedersen 1G Spencer George 1G Blair Cuthbert 2A Eleeza Cox 1A Jamie Hawkins 1A Brett Matthews 1A Daniel Howie SO

Minor Atom AA (6) vs Richmond Hill (0)
Taran McGowan 2G, 1A Christopher Smith 1G, 1A Ben Hanlon 1G Kyle McCreedy 2G Dylan Kovacs 1A Jamie Cherutti 1A Graeme Goodfellow SO

Atom AE (1) vs Newmarket (3)
Matthew Pelegrini 1G Michael McGolrick 1A

Atom A (4) vs Orillia (4)
Louis Lamanna 1G Corey Jeffery 1G, 1A Dylan Cross 1G Evan Casselden 1G Geoff Gianopoulos 1A Nathan Brown 1A

Atom A (2) vs Bradford (4)
Jeffery Sanderson 1G Justin Brown 1G Michael Delplavignano 1A Louis Lamanna 1A Paul Keilty 1A

Atom AA (2) vs Georgina (3)
Dillon Cappell 2G Kyle Murphy 1A Shawn MacEachern 1A Andrew Whitley 1A

Atom AA (5) vs Pickering (3)
Jordan Tripp 2G, 1A Max Lerner 1G, 1A Taylor Nuttall 1G, 1A Jesse Cappell 1G Dillon Cappell 2A

Atom AA (7) vs Newmarket (2)
Luke MacLeod 2G, 1A Max Lerner 1G, 1A Dillon Cappell 1G, 1A Jesse Cappell 1G Taylor Nuttall 1G Jordan Tripp 1G Andrew Whitley 2A JJ Lam 1A

Atom AA (6) vs Oshawa (4)
Kevin Zacharuk 3G Dillon Cappell 1G, 1A Taylor Nuttall 1G Max Lerner 1G Stephen Dinallo 3A Jordan Tripp 2A Spencer Arkell 1A Luke MacLeod 1A Sean Ellison 1A

Minor Peewee A (8) vs Georgina (2)
Matthew Joynt 1G Carter Hassard 1G, 2A Andrew McDonald 3G Michael Morson 1G, 1A Anthony Ranieri 1G Darrell Evans 1G Tyler Rundle 2A Trevor McCartney 2A Quenton Hunt 1A Ben Mulholland 1A

Minor Peewee A (5) vs Barrie (5)
Andrew McDonald 1G Anthony Ranieri 2G, 1A Quenton

Hunt 1G, 2A Matthew Joynt 1G, 1A Michael Morson 1A Luca Ghegin 2A Lucas Boyd 1A

Minor Peewee A (4) vs Richmond Hill (3)
Carter Hassard 1G Brett Dutchyshen 1G Matthew Joynt 1G Andrew McDonald 1G Michael Morson 1A Darrell Evans 1A Cory Blom 1A Lucas Boyd 1A

Peewee AE (5) vs Nobleking (0)
Nic Epworth 2G Derek Sweeting 2G Mark McCrudden 1G Kevin Wheeler 2A Brandon Simon 2A Eric King 1A Chris Wong SO

Peewee A (4) vs Nobleking (6)
Steven Keane 1G Josh Meron 1G, 1A Curtis Robinson 1G, 1A Ethan Davenport 1G, 2A Jeremy Cohen 2A

Peewee A (2) vs Georgina (1)
Jeremy Cohen 1G Ethan Davenport 1G Jesse Coote 1A Chris Finlay 1A

Peewee A (5) vs Georgina (9)
Ethan Davenport 2G Jeremy Cohen 1G, 2A Ross Pizzurro 1G, 1A Josh Meron 1G, 1A Ryan Finlay 2A

Minor Bantam A (2) vs Newmarket (0)
Jonathan Adams 1G, 1A Ryan Kesteris 1G Robert Cote 2A Sam Mulholland 1A German Tsutsura SO

Minor Bantam A (3) vs Barrie (3)
Ryan Jones 1G Anthony Simone 1G Colin McCullough 1G Damian McGovern 1A Chris O'Connor 1A

Minor Bantam A (2) vs Markham (2)
Colin McCullough 1G Ryan Jones 1G Robert Cote 1A Alex Fodey 1A Jonathan Adams 1A

Minor Bantam A (3) vs Nobleking (1)
Anthony Simone 1G, 1A Bryan Sturgess 1G Robert Cote 1G Damian McGovern 2A

Bantam AE (2) vs Barrie (7)
Sandy Craig 1G Tim Gerrits 1G Mike DiNallo 1A

Bantam AE (7) vs Orillia (0)
Scott Daly 1G, 1A Brent Gallagher 1G, 1A Brandon Polsinello 2G, 1A Zach Andrews 1G Kyle Fitkin 1G Sean Fodey 1G Matt Kerr 1A Mark Whiting 1A Corey Berube 1A Mike Bentley 1A Adam Jakovina SO

Bantam AA (2) vs Newmarket (4)
Cal Simmonds 2G Nolan Rundle 2A

Bantam AA (0) vs Ajax (5)
Minor Midget A (2) vs Orillia (2)
Corey Hopkins-Straker 1G Ryan Kines 1G Jason Zemanovich 1A Ryan Murphy 1A Craig Waites 1A Reed Neagle 1A

Minor Midget A (7) vs Newmarket (2)
Reed Neagle 2G, 2A Ryan Kines 2G, 1A Craig Murphy 1G, 1A Corey Hopkins-Straker 1G, 1A Keith Mitchell 1A Ryan Murphy 1A Kari Paivio 1A Jamie Marton 1A

Minor Midget A (7) vs Newmarket (1)
Adam White 3G Kari Paivio 1G, 1A Jason Zemanovich 1G, 1A Reed Neagle 1G, 1A Ryan Kines 1G, 1A Matt Cundari 1A PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1A Andrew Jamieson 1A Craig Waites 1A Jamie Marton 2A Keith Mitchell 2A

Midget A (2) vs Bradford (3)
James Morgan 1G Steve Black 1G Sean McCartney 1A

Midget A (6) vs Newmarket (7)
Chris Amato 1G, 4A Mark Johnson 2G, 1A Ryan Angotti 2G, 2A Sam Battaglia 1G, 2A Jason Lupo 1A Trevor Williams 1A

Midget AA (2) vs Uxbridge (1)
Geoff Campbell 1G Ian Gabel 1G Joey Leo 1A Andrew Robertson 1A Mark Scriver 1A Mike Keon 1A

Midget AA (2) vs Richmond Hill
Mike Keon 2G Ian Gabel 1A Geoff Campbell 1A

Midget AA (4) vs Markham (2)
Mark Smith 2G, 1A Mike Keon 1G Mark Scriver 1G, 2A Peter Nykyforchyn 2A Joey Leo 1A

Tournaments

Atom AE (16) vs Shelburne (0)
Miles Curtis 2A Sean Agostino 3G, 2A Tyler Tisdale 3G, 4A Michael McGolrick 1G, 3A Conor Sheridan 1G Chris Tillsley 1G, 1A Andrew McKay 4A Matthew Semerday 1G, 3A Evan Jones 1G, 1A Matthew Pelegrini 3G Oliver Boettcher 4A Johnny Haralampopoulos 2G, 4A

Atom AE (0) vs Twin Centre (3)

Atom A (3) vs Lindsay (2)
Derrick Hamner 2G, 1A Paul Keilty 1G

Atom A (1) vs Port Perry (2)
Derrick Hamner 1G

Atom A (10) vs Bancroft (0)
Division Champions
Geoff Gianopoulos 1G Paul Keilty 2G, 1A Derrick Hamner 2G, 3A Corey Jeffery 1G Dylan Cross 2G, 2A Evan Casselden 1G Michael Delplavignano 1G, 1A Justin Brown 2A Jake Boyle 2A Kyle Marren SO Wesley O'Bierne SO

Midget AA (3) vs Oshawa Solar Bears (2)
Mark Svrivier 1G Jared Pignataro 1G Mike Keon 1G MarkSmith 2A Peter Nykyforchyn 1A

Midget AA (1) vs Richmond Hill (5)
Mark Smith 1G Mark Scriver 1A

AMHA Information	
Coming Events	
Tigerware Days	Sat Dec 14, 2002
AHPA Bake Sale	Sat Dec 14, 2002
Showcase Tournament	Dec 27 - 31, 2002
Atom/Bantam Tournament	Jan 2-5, 2003
AMHA TV Auction	Sat Feb 22, 2003
House League Banquet	Mar 29/30, 2003
Rep Banquets	Apr 26, 2003



Rumours & Rumblings

You could visit an Aurora racetrack in 1934

The year is 1934, the fourth year of the Great Depression and while it was a year of economic hardship for many, some enjoyed a few luxuries.

The chairman of Aurora's relief committee was assaulted by a beneficiary after the chairman claimed the beneficiary could house and feed his family on the \$2.40 per day he received from the town.

Canada's General Governor General Lord Bessborough visited Aurora to hunt with the local club.

The Royal movie theatre opened on Centre Street and a horseracing track was established on the Cousins farm. The track actually was built on land which today is occupied by Cousins and Dunning Avenues.

Everyone in Aurora, it seemed, wanted a picture of the Dionne quintuplets, born in a farmhouse in Corbeil, just outside North Bay.

NO MONEY SO NO MOVE

Back in the early 1980s the Ministry of Transportation driver licence examination centre was located on the west side of Yonge Street opposite the old arena site.

With additional traffic on Yonge Street and an increased number of driving tests being carried out, the area became clogged with traffic and after several complaints to Aurora council, the ministry was asked to relocate their testing facility.

Ministry officials said that as long as provincial funds remained tight they would remain at their Yonge Street location.

Council rejected a ministry proposal to the town for the driving centre to be located in the community centre.

Later when the province took over the former Pine Ridge as a mini-Queen's Park, the driver examination centre was moved to that location.

SHINNY TOURNAMENTS

The 12th Annual Kiwanis Shiny Ball Hockey Tournament was held in May, 1983, at the community centre.

Four teams started the event in the parking lot of the community centre. Over the years the tournament grew to 32 teams, with games played inside the centre in later years.

The games began as an attraction to the Kiwanis Sportsmen Show and improved year after year.

Along with junior and senior divisions, girls and mixed teams entered to make the tournament more popular and interesting.

The Aurora Kiwanis Club has disappeared as has the Shiny Tournament. Nobody was willing to pick up the challenge to keep the tournament alive in Aurora.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

If you owned a bicycle in Aurora back in 1979 you were required to obtain and pay \$15 for a licence. Butchers were required to pay \$5 to sell meat.

Other categories of licences included \$25 for livery stables, \$5 for public baths, \$3 to sell cigarettes and \$10 per day to hold a waxworks exhibition.

Whether through lack of manpower or inclination, town officials in the past had turned a blind eye to many of the town's 64 licence and permit categories.

In November, 1979, the town administration committee instructed bylaw enforcement officer John Insley to clean up the categories, eliminating the out-of-date categories and suggesting increased prices for the rest.

IN CASE YOU WONDERED

If you have wondered why the federal and provincial governments work on a fiscal year starting April 1st rather than a calendar year, it's all due to the pre-air conditioning era, as politicians had to swelter in the summer heat over government spending estimates.

In 1906, it was proposed to start the government's fiscal year on April Fool's

Day, as it was impossible to get the male members to remain in the House of Commons and take part in an intelligent interest in the discussion on the estimates.

Prime Minister Sir Wilfred Laurier agreed with the proposal for the new fiscal year and the earlier tabling of the estimates.

As a result municipal government is out of step with the federal and provincial government as they are still on the calendar year.



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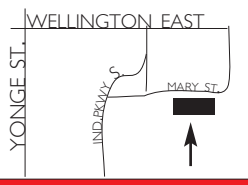
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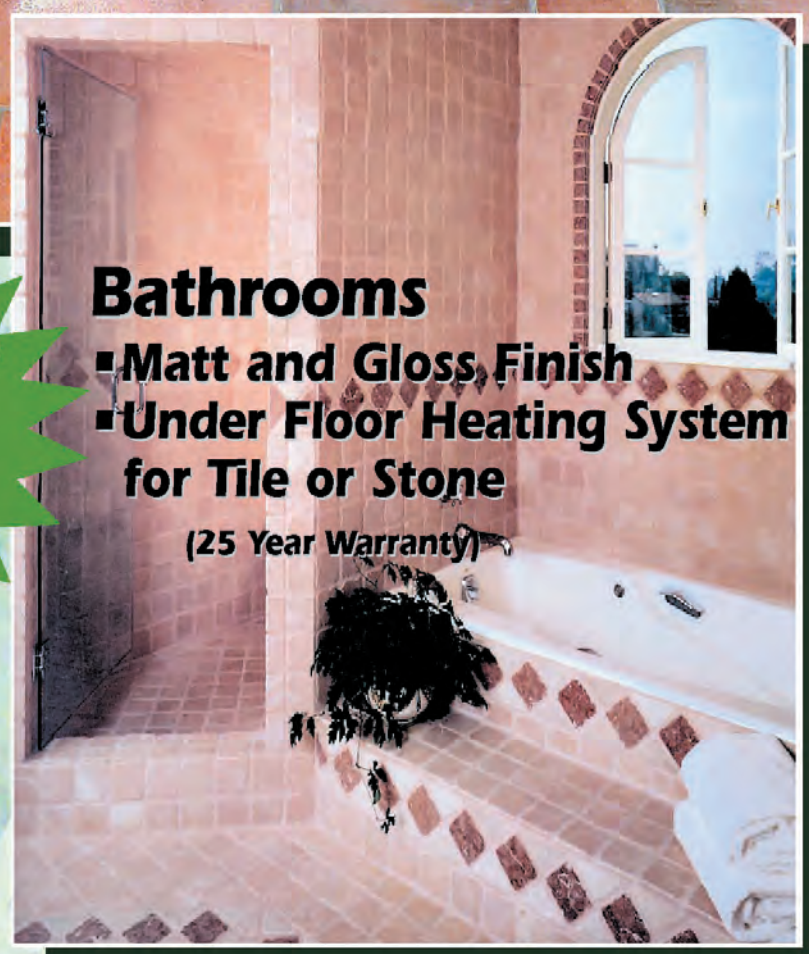
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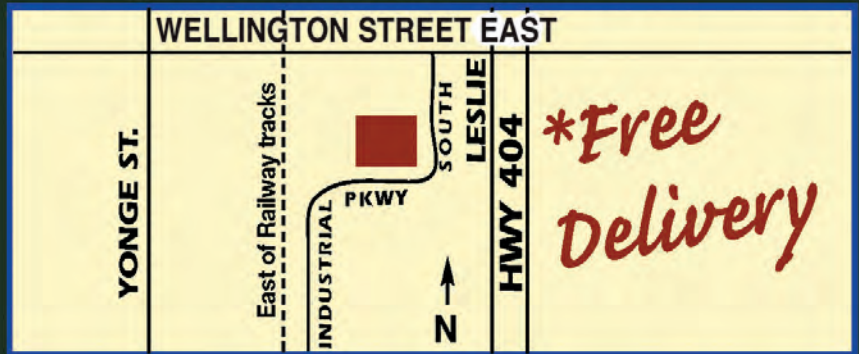


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