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Dora will explore Aurora

Dora the Explorer is coming to Aurora.

Dora will appear at the Aurora Home Show Saturday, April 23, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

This presents an opportunity to take your child's photograph with this favourite TV personality.

Cost is included in the price of adult admission to the Home Show (children under 12 accompanied by an adult are free).

But there's a catch. The photo is limited to the first 600 children.

Meanwhile, there's plenty of activity planned for this year's show.

One highlight is set for Sunday, April 24 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., when a 35-minute highly engaging, highly entertaining, delightfully hilarious Magic Show will occur.

The price of admission will also give you a chance to win a three-day cruise for two on Carnival Cruise Lines (excluding air fare and alcoholic beverages).

The Home Show covers both ice surfaces at the Aurora Community Centre, just off Aurora Heights Drive, west of Yonge Street, and opens Friday, April 22.

More than 700 runners took part in the fourth annual Bob Hartwell Challenge starting from the Town Park in Aurora Sunday morning. In the main event - the half marathon - Paul Leduc of Ajax was first with a time of 1.14:14. Auroran John Pratt finished fourth under seven minutes later. Only eight participants took part in the half-marathon walk, won by Gabrielle Manski of Whitchurch-Stouffville. In the half-marathon relay, Robert and Micheal Logue of Newmarket finished first in 1.15:39, while Cameron Lynch and Tyler Pettes of Aurora were second at 1.19:15. Aurorans finished second in both male and female categories of the five-kilometre run. Mike Reid finished in 16 minutes, 23 seconds, while Stephanie Smith took the runner-up post in 18 minutes, seven seconds. For the first time since the race began in 2002, organizers were greeted by perfect weather conditions.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Mother's Day luncheon served at Hillary House

Here's a chance to treat your favourite mother to an elegant luncheon in the ballroom at Aurora's historic Hillary House on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8.

Luncheon will be served from noon until 2 p.m., featuring soup, chicken volauvent with vegetables, salad, dessert, tea and coffee.

Proceeds will help the Aurora Historical Society as it continues to restore and preserve the landmark property at 15372 Yonge Street, two blocks north of Wellington.

Built in 1862, Hillary House is plaqued as a National Historic Site and recognized as one of Canada's best examples of Victorian Gothic Revival architecture.

It is owned and operated by the

Aurora Historical Society.

Now a museum, it is furnished with the possessions of the Hillary family who lived there for three generations.

Among its unique features are the consulting room and dispensary used by Dr. Robert William and his son, Dr. Robert Michael Hillary.

Guided tours of the house will be available.

The focus on May 8, however, will be upstairs in the ballroom, authentically restored to its original appearance, featuring elaborate plaster mouldings, tall windows and intricate woodwork.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$15 per person and must be purchased by Wednesday, May 4.

Call 905-727-4015 or 905-727-8991 for reservations.

Town gets fire grant cheque

The money's in the bank.

The Town of Aurora has received a cheque for \$155,000 from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to assist with firefighting training.

While Aurora does not have its own fire department, the money will be forwarded to the Central York Fire Services, a combination of former Aurora and Newmarket fire departments.

Since the grant money was apportioned according to population, there is a chance a second cheque went to the Town of Newmarket, but the Auroran could not confirm that at press time.

It is believed, however, that Newmarket received \$175,000.

The money was part of a \$30 million grant provided by the ministry to be used to beef up firefighting training.

Representatives from MPP Greg Sorbara's Vaughan-King-Aurora office called earlier to announce that Aurora firefighters had been awarded the grant.

This unconditional grant is intended to be used by fire departments for new initiatives relative to the provision of fire services to the public.

Minister Monte Kwinter said in

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Aurora resident upset with town's new budget

Aurora resident Al Wilson appeared before the town's general committee last week to present his views regarding the 2005 budget adopted a week earlier with a 7.9 per cent increase.

He objected to the budget process as poor and flawed through lack of public input, and repeated his previous criticism about reducing contributions to reserves instead of reducing

expenditures.

He pointed out that staff projections for 2006 indicated a tax increase of 19.6 per cent and a 22.9 per cent increase in 2007.

He added that council has approved expenditures for a new recreational centre, seniors' centre and fire hall.

He also noted salary increases that put seven employees above \$100,000 annually.

And, he said, the town will add 17 new positions, without considering the overall impact on the taxpayer.

He was critical of council spending \$25,000 to develop a new town logo and \$14,000 for a community survey.

He questioned some of the proposed expenditures in the budget such as \$500,000 for legal expenses, including \$250,000 for exter-

nal legal advice and said the town spent as much on lawyers as it did on waste management.

Wilson suggested many budget cuts that could have been made to bring the increase down to five per cent and pointed out that the budget had increased more than 40 per cent over the past few years.

In response to Wilson's comment about lack of opportunities for citizen input, Councillor Nigel Kean pointed out that all Saturday meetings were open to the public but few citizens attended.

In addition a special evening public meeting was held on the budget and only three citizens had made submissions.

The general committee received his presentation without further comment.



Judy MacFadyen from Aurora's Alutron Modules took first prize in the female competition of a "mad hatter" networking breakfast held by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at Jonathan's Restaurant last Wednesday morning. Scores of people showed up for the event sporting a wide variety of hats. John Sargent of the NutriWell Group took top honours in the male competition. Next on the busy list of activities for the Chamber is next week's annual Home Show, which opens at the Aurora Community Centre Friday, April 22.

Park concerts resume in July

The annual concert series to be held on a weekly basis in the Town Park will begin July 13 and continue to August 17 this year.

Concerts run from 7 to 9 p.m. and an exemption to the noise bylaw was approved at last week's general committee meeting.

Exemptions were also recommended for the Town Park on June 30 from 7 p.m. to midnight for the start of the Canada Day Celebrations.

As in previous years, door-to-door notices will be distributed to all residents living in the vicinity of the Town Park to inform them about the events.

Concerts in the Town Park date back to the early 1970s and were originally held on Sunday nights.

At that time they were partially paid for by a grant from the Music Performance Fund, created and financed by the recording industry and administered by the Toronto Musicians Association.

The City of Toronto used the fund extensively for summer concerts in various parks.

Then Mayor Dick Illingworth heard about the fund through his brother who led the Jack Denton Orchestra.

If Toronto could do it, there was no reason why Aurora couldn't do the same and an application was made to the Toronto Musicians Association, which was approved and Aurora became the first

small town in the area to take advantage of the fund.

The Music in the Park series got underway in 1972 with Ron Bagnato and his band of 16 members, followed by the Jack Denton nine-piece orchestra.

The last concert of the series featured Aurora's Ross Sully orchestra.

Music in the Park Sunday night concerts continued over the years featuring the best in big bands, military bands and small groups and included many local performers.

In 2003, the Sunday musical evenings were switched to Wednesday nights in hopes of drawing a larger audience.

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Heritage Fair set for Apr. 19

The build-up to the Aurora Community Heritage Fair has been overwhelming, according to one organizer.

Sue Walmer, who is helping with the organization of the event, set for Tuesday, April 19 at the Aurora Legion, told The Auroran reaction from students has been amazing.

Skits and presentations have been held in several schools, and selected events will go to the Legion event for judging.

The fair will open at 10 a.m., awards presented between 6 and 6.30 p.m. and the event will be open to the public from 6 to 8 p.m.

A pancake supper will be available for purchase at the Legion from 6 to 7 p.m. for the general public.

During the public sessions, officials have organized an evening of storytelling by Dorothy Clark McClure and Bruce Carmody, re-enactments by Whittaker's Warriors and other community members, displays and presentations by the Aurora Legion Branch, Aurora Museum, Queen's York Rangers, Air Cadets, Girl Guides of Canada and the Aurora Optimist Club.

"It's a chance to share our unique Canadian culture and expression of pride in being Canadian," Ms. Walmer said.

The event is sponsored in conjunction with the Historica Foundation and the York Region District School Board.

For further information contact Ms. Walmer at swalmer@aci.on.ca.

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Poor Richard

New blood needed on Aurora Council

*New blood is needed on council,
At the next municipal election;
Electors should be made aware,
In order to make the right selection!*
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

The next municipal election will be held Monday, November 14, 2006.

If ever there was a time for Aurora to need new blood on council, it is now.

Aurora is well known for having local politicians with strong opinions and there is nothing wrong with that.

If a person has difficulty making up his mind and doesn't have strong opinions and the ability to express them, he might as well forget it.

Over the years there have been some excellent debates on council over issues of the day, but they were based on policy and principles, not personalities.

Once the debate was concluded and the vote taken, the majority position became the council position, and whether a member of council won or lost, it was the position of council and it was supported.

Unless new information came to light and council voted to reconsider the issue, the debate was over, not continually re-introduced as it is today.

A quorum of council is five members and five members form a majority. Just because a member of council was absent for the debate is no reason to re-introduce it.

When absent from a meeting, members of council abdicate their right to express an opinion, unless they submit a letter to the clerk with their thoughts which members of council may consider or not in arriving at their decision.

Municipal politicians normally pride themselves on being independent, free-thinkers, not being tied down to party discipline that is so obvious in federal and provincial politics.

Yet more and more they seem to be drifting into informal cliques to debate issues and become the Gang of Four or the Gang of Five in their voting.

Parliamentary procedure and the rules of debate are forgotten as members interrupt each other even though the other member has been recognized by the chairman as "having the floor".

Any sense of respect for each other appears to have been lost and everyone seems to have a personal agenda to advance, not always in the best interests of the municipality.

Now that council meetings are telecast to bring the meetings to a wider audience, some members of council forget they were elected to serve the people, and play to the TV cameras.

Those are some of the reasons we need new blood.

If you have ever considered running for municipal office this could be the term.

But the time to start is now.

Discuss it with your family. To do a good job on council and committees is time consuming and you need the cooperation and support of your family.

If you are employed, it's a good idea to discuss it with your employer. Although most of the meetings are held in the evenings, there is a need for some flexibility in your work hours.

So if you decide to throw your hat in the ring let the world know that you plan to be a candidate.

Call a press conference and start to build your campaign team.

Appoint a campaign manager and a finance chairman for a start.

Later you can appoint a sign chairman and door-knockers or telephone callers.

But most important, start attending council and committee meetings so you can become familiar with the issues facing council.

There is nothing more embarrassing at an all-candidates' meeting to be asked how many meetings you have attended if you have to answer none.

Also start attending as many community events as possible to meet people and let them know you are a candidate.

Even if you don't get elected the first time out, keep interested and run again.

New blood is needed and you may be the winner. It's worth trying!



Taken on the front steps of the historic Church Street School, once known as the Aurora Public School, this photograph shows a class of children, and that's all we can tell you. Anyone know when it was taken? Anyone recognize anyone? We really need help with this one.

Letter to the Editor

Details behind hydro sale

An open letter to residents and hydro ratepayers of the Town of Aurora

The purpose of this letter is to provide to the residents and hydro ratepayers of Aurora the municipal council's perception and chronology of events leading up to the sale of Aurora Hydro Connections Limited to PowerStream Inc.

In May, 2004, a Joint Utility Executive Team consisting of representatives of Aurora Hydro Connections Limited and Newmarket Hydro Ltd., prepared and submitted an Amalgamation Assessment Report to the Councils of Aurora and Newmarket that recommended proceeding with a merger of the two utilities into a larger organization to provide "a better opportunity to influence and to participate in the electrical distribution industry".

In order to ensure objectivity in the conclusion of the Amalgamation Agreement Report that the utilities merge, a professional electrical utility consulting firm (Navigant Consulting) was retained by the Joint Utilities to undertake a third party review of the Report's findings with the consultant's conclusion that Navigant believed "that management's expectations and the forecasted savings for the merger of Aurora Hydro and Newmarket Hydro are realistic and achievable"; and Navigant went on to state that it "believes that a merger of Aurora Hydro and Newmarket Hydro will be beneficial to the communities, ratepayers and municipal shareholders of both utilities, and concurs with management's (Hydro) recommendation to proceed with the next steps in merger discussions".

To this end both municipalities appointed representatives to a Joint Merger

Team comprised of municipal councillors, utility board members and senior staff of both towns and hydro utilities.

The mandate of the Joint Merger Team was to consider and explore and, if feasible, negotiate a merger understanding between and among the joint municipal representatives that could be presented to the two shareholders (the Town of Aurora and Newmarket) for formal consideration of an amalgamation of the two electrical utilities.

The merger discussions and deliberations that took place were primarily focused, but not limited to, issues of governance, proportionate share structure, guaranteed dividends (both current and future) all of which left the Town of Aurora in a somewhat protected, but none the less minority shareholder position (63%-37%) vis a vis the Town of Newmarket; a not unexpected situation given the relative size of both the utilities and the expected profitability of the existing utilities.

It was recognized throughout the merger deliberations that Aurora could benefit "down the road" from the merger but that a "status quo" minority position would have to be endured over the next few years at least to 2007.

Overshadowing all the merger deliberations were two overriding factors; first, that the activities of a newly merged entity were totally regulated under the Provincial Electricity Act and that there was a pervasive environment of uncertainty throughout the process as to whether or not the existing operating rules for utilities would be maintained by the Province or would there be "new" regulatory rules established that would take away from any of the under-

lying principles and assumptions that were being agreed to by the Joint Merger Committee to the detriment of one or the other, or both, of the merging entities.

It was recognized and accepted, by both parties to the deliberations, that once the merger took place and a new governance structure was put in place neither shareholder (Aurora or Newmarket) would retain any effective influence or control over the newly merged body which would be operated completely as a regulated utility under the Act.

The second significant driver to the discussions was the fact that under the Provincial guidelines the merger agreements and an application to merge had to have been submitted to the Ontario Energy Board prior to March 28, 2005, or the transaction would be subject to a 33% Transfer Tax Assessment by the Province which would financially not be affordable by either the shareholders or the merged utility. A significant pressure factor.

The Joint Merger Committee met regularly until mid-March, 2005; an Aurora Public Meeting with a presentation on the pros and cons of the Merger Option was held on March 8, 2005, and the Joint Committee was prepared to formally put the issue of merger before their respective municipal councils for consideration...Newmarket on March 21, 2005, and Aurora on March 22, 2005.

Prior to the formal presentation, however, the Town of Aurora received, on March 7, 2005, a written draft offer from PowerStream Inc. to purchase all of the outstanding shares of Aurora Hydro Connections Limited, the Municipality's Local Distribution Company.

The offer was formalized on March 14, 2005, and immediately forwarded to council.

The Chair and President of Aurora Hydro were also advised of the offer. The PowerStream Offer to Purchase was considered by members of council, in private session, on the evening of March 17, 2005, at which time council members heard and considered representations from PowerStream Inc. on its

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**Mayor's Report
By Tim Jones**

Walk for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

On Thursday, Feb 24th, I represented Aurora at the corporate kickoff for the Walk to Cure Diabetes.

Having not been involved in this cause before, in addition to supporting the work that they do, I wanted to learn more about what this was all about.

As well, the Community Chair is Police Chief Armand La Barge, a leader in our community I have a lot of respect for, and a person who actively participates in so many events and causes in addition to his job of ensuring York Region has the best policing possible.

I learned that this Walk has a goal of raising \$275,000 this year.

Many of those who attended the kickoff and who are associated with this event have family members who must live with diabetes every day.

Living with diabetes is not easy, especially when it involves a juvenile or child.

A young girl by the name of Candice described how, four to five times a day she must prick herself in the finger to draw blood to check her sugar count; how she must have four injections a day of insulin; how she must regulate what she eats, when she eats and what she does in the way of activity, all so that she can keep her blood sugar in check.

To look at her, she looks no different from any other young girl her age, but the responsibilities she must maintain to keep her health in check are huge.

The event itself is scheduled for June 12th at Seneca College, King Campus, with registration commencing at 8.30 a.m. and the Walk beginning at 10 a.m.

It was evident from the monograms on the jackets that Monarch Development Corporation has played a large role in the success of their past fund raising efforts.

Representatives were also obvious from the York Region Police Service, the Bank of Montreal and Deloitte & Touche.

I am advised that more than 2.25 million Canadians have some form of diabetes with 60,000 new cases diagnosed every year, many of them children.

Complications of diabetes include blindness, kidney failure, nerve damage leading to amputation, heart disease and stroke.

Diabetes is the underlying cause of 50 per cent of all heart attacks.

Seventy-five per cent of people who suffer strokes have diabetes. Diabetes and its complications cost the Canadian economy more than nine billion dollars a year in health care, absenteeism and lost productivity.

The Walk to Cure Diabetes is a community based fundraising event occurring in 28 communities across Canada with the Seneca King Campus event the base for Aurora and surrounding municipalities.

More than 1,000 participants are expected to run, walk or rollerblade. This event is in its fourth year and the funds raised will rely on pledges from company employee teams, family teams as well as corporate sponsorship.

Family teams are usually comprised of those who have been touched by diabetes and they provide a substantial source of support.

Family teams in York Region last year raised more than \$56,000.

If you are interested in entering a team or sponsoring this event as there are a number of different sponsorship levels, I would encourage you to call Lynn Conforti at 905-953-7860 or e-mail yorkwalk@jdrf.ca.

You can also register directly on line at www.jdrf.ca.

If you are registering or sponsoring as a result of having

read this column, I would ask that you let them know.

Mary Tyler Moore is a spokesperson for Juvenile Diabetes and is convinced that a cure is close at hand.

All those associated with the foundation are trying very hard to work themselves out of a job once a cure is found.

I would encourage anyone with a direct or indirect reason to participate to do so on Sunday, June 12th, at Seneca College - King Campus.



**Cathy's
Corner**



Lost and found...and lost

For years, I have been pinning all hope of ever retrieving my overworked sanity on a book called: "Meditations for Women Who Do Too Much", by Anne Wilson Schaefer.

I truly believe that Anne can save me.

The trouble is...I lost the book.

I looked everywhere for it. I have had nightmares about looking for it. I even went to R & R Revisited looking for it...or maybe I just had a nightmare on Mary Street?

Then, one night, I couldn't sleep. I couldn't sleep because my feet hurt.

It would have helped if someone who loves me enough to rub my feet for me had rubbed my feet for me, but all the people who love me enough to rub my feet for me could sleep, so they were sleeping.

I knew that if I woke someone who loves me enough to rub my feet for me, they might immediately cease loving me enough to rub my feet for me because I woke them...at 2 a.m.

So I didn't wake anyone. At least I didn't mean to wake anyone.

No, really - I didn't wake anyone! The dog did.

I just wanted my feet to stop hurting enough so I could sleep, so I went looking for the bottle of arnica gel that I keep in the bathroom...in case my feet hurt.

I don't know why I took my cup of tea with me. It was a bad idea.

I tiptoed quietly up the stairs. In the dark.

I made it successfully to the top, then, turned towards the bedroom. That's when I tripped over the dog.

Jake didn't like the warm herbal bath. He liked being trampled even less.

He started to tell me how he really feels...out loud! Very loud.

Damir woke up, Tim woke up, and most of Aurora woke up and wrote a letter to the editor about some train whistle.

Oops...I didn't mean to, really!

I tried to explain, but Damir just couldn't understand how giving the dog a herbal bath at 2 a.m. was going to make my feet feel better.

It occurred to me that now he was awake, I could ask him to rub my feet for me, but I decided that I'd rather stay married.

So, I cleaned up my mess, got my arnica gel and headed downstairs again.

Having slathered my feet with gooey gel, I couldn't go anywhere or do anything without sliming a path through the house. That entailed the risk of slipping and falling.

And I didn't want to take that risk because Jake wouldn't come anywhere near me, so my chances of a soft landing were down to nil.

With nothing else to do, I decided to update my "do list". It was a bad idea.

Counting items on a "do list" is not like counting sheep. It's like asking Freddy Kruger to sing you a lullaby.

I didn't fall asleep. I had an anxiety attack, wiped my feet, and got started on my spring cleaning.

That's when I found it. My book.

Meditations for Women Who Do Too Much: Daily meditations to help women break the cycle of doing too much - for workaholics, rushaholics, and careaholics.

That's what it says on the back cover.

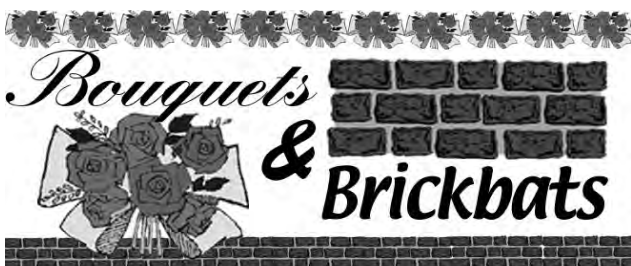
For nearly two decades, I have been pinning all hope of ever retrieving my long lost sanity on this book, so I decided to get started. I flipped to April.

"The mark of a true workaholic," it says, "is cleaning house in your underwear."

I feel much better now - normal, even. Because who the heck cleans house without their underwear?

Thanks, Anne. I knew you could save me.

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at laughingmatters@aci.on.ca**



Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Tigers Peewees on winning their second Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship in as many seasons, qualifying them to play in the Ontario Hockey Federation championships.

BRICKBATS to the weatherman for playing tricks on the people, by dumping a load of wet snow on the local area after fooling everyone with a week of mild weather. But as Aurora climatologist David Phillips says "Till April is dead, change not a thread". Only two Aprils in the last 68 years have been free from flurries.

BOUQUETS to Aurora/King/Whitchurch-Stouffville York Catholic District School Board Trustee Elizabeth Crowe on being elected board chairperson for the seventh consecutive year.

BRICKBATS to Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan for suggesting that her dog Emma become a kind of unofficial mascot for the federal Liberal Party. This was after she met the so-called first dogs of U.S. President George Bush. Obviously Canada is really going to the dogs.

BOUQUETS to the McGuinty Liberal government for finally coming to their senses and restoring the cost of physiotherapy for seniors, young people, residents of long term care facilities and anyone on the Ontario Disability Support Program just minutes before the termination was to go into effect.

BRICKBATS to the federal Foreign Affairs Department for knowing about the torture, rape and death by beating of Canadian journalist Zahra Kazemi in an Iranian jail for five months before the news was released by an attending physician and doing absolutely nothing. Foreign Affairs Minister Pierre Pettigrew should resign in shame!

BOUQUETS to Geoffrey Dawe on moving up from Vice-Chairman of the Aurora Library Board to Chairman and to Tom Connor on being elected Vice-Chairman.

BRICKBATS to members of Aurora Council for requiring staff to prepare a status report each month of items of unfinished business which had been brought up by citizens or a member of council, referred to staff and then never bothering to take any follow-up action.

BOUQUETS to Deborah McGrath of Aurora, a member of the Towns of York Toastmasters, for placing first in the evaluation contest of the annual international speech and evaluation contest for area Toastmasters. She's off to the next level of competition. Best Wishes!

BRICKBATS to the Aurora Council process for the lack of action on comments, suggestions and questions introduced by citizens during Open Forum. It's listed as part of the council meeting but no record is kept in the minutes and unless a member of council picks up the issue, which rarely happens, the comments are ignored. Why invite citizens to participate when nothing happens?

BOUQUETS to the management and staff of Toppers Pizza on Yonge Street, opposite the hotel, for providing pizzas to many local organizations such as the Yellow Brick House and other charitable groups to assist in their fundraising, plus the town's Movie Nights for the youth.

BRICKBATS to the five federal MPs who plan to spend \$200,000 of taxpayers' money touring European and U.S. brothels on a junket to study how those jurisdictions deal with sex trade. What a waste of public funds!

Letters to the Editor

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offer and the Chair of the Board of Directors of Borealis Hydro Electric Holdings Inc. (the company holding shares of Aurora Hydro Connection Limited) on the merits of an amalgamation of utilities with the Town of Newmarket.

The consensus of members of council following this meeting was to pursue further exploration of the sale option, and to present additional information on this option to the previously scheduled Special Council Meeting of March 22, 2005; and further to provide further notice to the public of the possible consideration of a sale of the local utility to PowerStream Inc.

Throughout all the private sessions of council on both the merger and sale options the members of council had at their disposal the professional advice and counsel of legal representation from the firm of Borden Ladner Gervais and the financial analysis and due diligence advice of the consulting firm K.P.M.G.

At the Special Public Council Meeting of March 22, 2005 the council and public heard a further representation from Borealis Hydro Electric Holding Inc. with respect to not selling but retaining the Utility as well as a presentation on the potential pros and cons of the Sale Option.

In addition, and at this meeting, council was presented with a second Offer to Purchase Aurora Hydro submitted by the Town of Newmarket. The council

recessed into private session to allow the Town of Newmarket and Newmarket Hydro to make a formal submission on behalf of its proposal to purchase Aurora's Utility.

The merger option was not discussed.

Council concluded its deliberations of March 22, 2005, by enacting in open public session and a recorded vote a resolution to sell all of the outstanding shares of Aurora Hydro Connections Inc. to PowerStream Inc.

On Thursday, March 24, 2005, after having fulfilled the requirements for the emergency meeting process council met in Special Session, as the Shareholder, and made the Shareholder declarations necessary to enable all appropriate authorizations to be made to allow for the filing of all the documentation necessary to complete the sale transaction and make the prerequisite Application for Approval of the Sale to the Ontario Energy Board, all prior to the expiration of the Transfer Tax Assessment Deadline.

It is the council's strong belief that the decision it made to sell Aurora Hydro to PowerStream Inc. was and is in the overall best interests of the residents and hydro customers of the Town of Aurora and further council believes that it is accountable...not to PowerStream, not to the Town of Newmarket or either of the two local distribution companies that originally constituted the merger

deliberations...but to the people and ratepayers of the Town of Aurora and it was in the name of the citizens of Aurora that the decision was made.

A number of considerations shaped the council's thinking and beliefs during the whole range and scope of the considerations, consultations and deliberations:

"Of primary importance was a continuous and reliable source of electrical supply to the homes and businesses within the Town. Notwithstanding the forecast future earnings accruing to a merged entity with Newmarket the fact remained that both Newmarket Hydro and Aurora Hydro have gone on record during the Hydro One Corridor upgrading debate(s) that our area would require additional power source(s) by the year 2007. The merged utility could not, of itself, provide assurances that Aurora's power would not be interrupted in 2006/2007. They would have to rely on third parties, Hydro One, Northland Power etc. to provide this needed additional power. PowerStream Inc. in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale has assured the Town that, subject to OEB approval, it will construct three (3), 44 kv power lines from the south, into Aurora, to provide the Town with a reliable, clean and continuous supply of electric power into the future";

"Of secondary importance is the effect that either a merger or a sale would have on maintaining the lowest possible rates, in a regulatory environment, to the homes and businesses of the Town. Once again, subject to regulatory approval, PowerStream Inc. has ensured, through the Purchase and Sale Agreement, that it will provide, on average, one million dollars per year for 10 years, in rate stabilization efforts that will ensure Aurora's hydro rates are the lowest they can possibly be in the current regulatory regime in Ontario. The potential merged entity could not have matched this

guarantee";
"Thirdly, PowerStream Inc. has agreed to provide the Town of Aurora input to the Board of Directors of PowerStream Inc. through the creation of an Aurora Community Advisory Committee to the Board; notwithstanding that Aurora will not have representation on the Board of Directors";

"Fourthly, given the prevailing and emerging regulatory regime in Ontario, the management and operation of Hydro utilities is no longer a core service of local government and with the passing, through regulation, of local control to corporate boards, the local council's accountability to its residents and customers no longer prevails";

"Fifthly, a larger combined PowerStream Inc. utility can provide expertise and economies of scale for operational and technical system problem resolution which allows responsiveness to Aurora's growing and increasingly complex industrial and commercial requirements";

"And finally, on the issue of price the \$34.5 million, plus adjustments, to be paid to the Town for the purchase of Aurora Hydro is anticipated to accrue +/- \$35.3 million to the municipality and represents a premium of some 30% over the base value of the utility as it currently stands. Given the uncertainty of Ontario's current regulatory regime and OEB approval processes the merger option did not provide the long term assurances of future value(s) for the merged utility notwithstanding that every best effort was made by the Joint Merger Committee to project future revenues, cost savings and returns. The sale price is a known tangible, quantifiable figure whose return can be more accurately forecast off into the future, and results in immediate cash that can be invested by the municipality in the very best interests of all the ratepayers of the Town of Aurora.

**Mayor and Council
Town of Aurora**

Pensioners better off to apply as refugees

To the editor,

I just found out that the federal government provides a single refugee with a monthly allowance of \$1,890 and each can also get an additional \$580 in social assistance for a total of \$2,470.

This compares very well to a single pensioner who after contributing to the growth and development of Canada for 40 to 50 years can only receive a monthly maximum of \$1,012 in old age pension and Guaranteed Income

Supplement.

Maybe our pensioners should apply as refugees!

Let's all write to Ottawa (postage free when addressed to any member of our parliament), so we can all show our indignation and maybe we can get the refugees cut back to \$1,012 and the pensioners up to \$2,470 and enjoy some of the money we were forced to submit to the Government over the last 40 or 50 years.

**Lise Boily
Aurora**

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Three who made business happen

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

The heritage of a town is not only buildings and events, but the business-people and the entrepreneurs who make things happen.

Aurora has been fortunate over the years to have several such persons.

One was Lees Owram, President of Collis Leather from 1951 to 1979 when he retired.

Collis Leather was part of the economic heart of Aurora and the building is still standing on the south side of Tyler Street between Temperance and George Streets.

Collis Leather opened for business in 1911 by the two Collis brothers. Much of the early leather was shipped to the United States for shoes.

In 1932, during the depression, the United States placed a trade barrier on leather from Canada, which virtually wiped out the tannery's export trade.

By this time Arthur Bonisteel, former secretary-treasurer of the company, had purchased Collis. Then in 1936, Canada Packers purchased the plant and continued operations until it closed March 25, 1988.

Owram started work at Collis Leather in 1937 as

a 24-year-old just out of college. This was when the company had turned its attention to the United Kingdom and the domestic market. He served in the Canadian Navy during the Second World War.

Following the war he travelled extensively in Europe seeking business opportunities for export.

Fashion had become important, fine leather was used for clothing and there was a demand for all colours including white. At that time Collis was the only tannery producing fine calfskin leather.

With a decline in the kill of calves and a steady increase in the import of shoes from other countries with cheap labour, the handwriting was on the wall.

With the introduction of plastic, the bottom fell out of the leather trade resulting in the closing of the plant and the loss of 110 jobs.

Another businessman and company contributing to economic Aurora was Doug Richardson and Hart Manufacturing located on Cousins Drive at Edward Street. The building is still standing and occupied by a number of businesses.

Richardson started with the firm when the plant opened in Aurora in

1947. He was promoted to assistant general manager in 1963 and vice-president and general manager in 1965. He left the firm in 1970 to join another firm in Toronto.

Hart Manufacturing, an American firm, had opened a plant in Toronto to manufacture electric switches and thermostats prior to the Second World War.

Following the war with a growth in business, it was decided to move to larger quarters in Aurora. Jack Bowser, a local builder, constructed the plant for Hart Manufacturing.

Richardson commuted to the Toronto plant for a few months until the Aurora plant opened. A native of Aurora, he was a graduate of the Radio College of Canada and a veteran of World War II.

He was very active in the Aurora community and served as chairman of Aurora's Centennial Committee in 1967.

Due to the shortage of trained tool room workers, Richardson was successful in arranging an apprenticeship program at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School (then Aurora and District High School).

Most of the workers had been hired locally, but when the business

became Oak-Hart Manufacturing, the plant changed.

In 1970 it went from a private business to a corporate business, and in 1973 it became Harper-Oak, a subsidiary of an American firm.

It all came to an end March 31, 1978, when the Aurora operation closed with the loss of 125 jobs.

Another firm that contributed to the economic heartbeat of Aurora was Sisman's Shoes.

Thomas Sisman took up the shoemaker's trade in 1851 at the age of 12. He immigrated to Canada in 1876 and continued to work in the trade.

In 1889 he decided to strike out on his own, and in partnership with Fred Underhill opened a shoe plant in Markham, moving to Aurora three years later.

The town gave the new firm a \$10,000 grant to entice them to Aurora plus free water and a tax exemption for 10 years.

In 1912 the Underhill-Sisman partnership dissolved with Underhill retaining the original plant on Berczy Street just north of Mosley Street, and Sisman around the corner in a new plant, which was later demolished to make room for an expansion to Attridge Lumber.

Sisman was helped in getting his new shoe business underway with 28 local businessmen buying shares in the company.

Herb Lennox, MPP for the area, was the first president.

In 1916, Sisman purchased the shares and the company became private. Aurora resident and former Mayor Ross Linton took over as president and was able to turn the company around so that it could survive.

In 1966, the company

was sold to Kinney Shoes, a subsidiary of the Woolworth Store chain, but in 1976 the plant closed with a loss of 130 jobs.

Ted Rowe, with the aid of some old time employees purchased the ailing business.

But their operation was short-lived and Sisman's died in late 1984 when the Bank of Nova Scotia placed the company in receivership.

Three firms, three histories, and three men, all part of Aurora's history.

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Lucille Sequeira, left, and Irene Stone from the Aurora Seniors' Centre finished first and second recently in the Stratfield Intermediate-Novice bridge tournament games at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Letter from town library irks committee member

Last month the town's Accessibility Advisory Committee noted the lower bookshelves throughout the library presented a physical barrier to the handicapped as they couldn't see the book titles.

It was recommended the lower two shelves be replaced with pull out drawers to enable all library users to review book spines while standing.

Council agreed to adopt the committee recommendation and forward it on to the library but without a commitment to provide

funding.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Library Board at last week's general committee meeting.

The letter pointed out that the board was pleased to assist the town in implementing its Accessibility Plan and had already planned to investigate means of improved access to library services for people of different abilities.

The letter also noted that board members had concerns about both the feasibility and safety of the action.

Councillor John West,

chairman of the Accessibility Committee, said he found the letter offensive and disturbing.

He noted the board resolution had been passed after he left the meeting.

He said at a previous meeting he had asked library staff to investigate the possibility of replacing the two bottom shelves with drawers through the library associations, but no action had been taken.

He added that the Accessibility Committee had included the suggestion in the committee's recommendation and it was obvious the board took offence at what he said, although he hadn't been mentioned by name.

He said he consid-

ered resigning from the board.

Councillor Evelyn Buck, also a member of the library board, defended its actions.

She said council had reduced the library board budget, yet asked the board to install the drawers with no indication of where the money was to come from.

She also mentioned the safety aspect with people forgetting to close the drawers after use.

Councillor Damir Vrancic interjected that the general committee was not a meeting of the library board and that as an accessibility audit was to be carried out which included the library, the letter simply be received and committee members agreed.

Aurora Cable selects partner for proposed phone service

Aurora Cable Internet (ACI), a provider of cable television and high-speed Internet service throughout Aurora and Oak Ridges has selected FCI Broadband as its strategic partner for the deployment of its new telephone service.

The new service will complement Aurora Cable Internet's existing suite of communications products and be made available to both residential and business customers.

"We are very excited about the potential that telephone service has for

our industry in general and for Aurora Cable Internet in particular," said Walter Weckers, Executive Vice-President of Aurora Cable Internet. "Bundling has become very important and Aurora Cable Internet has now positioned itself to compete aggressively in its marketplace."

FCI Broadband will serve as Aurora Cable Internet's

major gateway to the public switched telephone network in the Greater Toronto Area.

The two companies are already interconnected with fiber optics that carry various high-quality data services and Internet traffic, and will expand this connectivity to support telephone traffic between the new Aurora Cable Internet telecommunications platform and FCI Broadband's network.

"FCI Broadband is extremely pleased that Aurora Cable Internet has chosen us to be their partner for telephone service," said Nick Melatti,

President and CEO of FCI Broadband. "Our ability to customize a unique product will certainly deliver value for both organizations."

Aurora Cable Internet's Platform is expected to be operational by July 1.

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Town gets cash for fire service

From page 1

a letter to Mayor Tim Jones that the provincial government was making good on an election promise "to provide fire safety technology and equipment to Ontario fire services".

"We are aware that in these times of fiscal constraints and increasing demands on emergency response services," he wrote, "some municipalities, particularly small and rural ones, require additional support to be able to provide basic fire protection services."

Central York fire chief John Molyneaux noted the money was a one-time

grant and "the fire marshal is requiring fire chiefs to report the spending in order to provide information to the Ontario Government for decision on any possible future grants".

Among the possibilities for using the money is to assist in the construction of a training facility that could be used by firefighters, police officers, emergency measures personnel and Seneca College.

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Molyneaux was not available for comment Monday.

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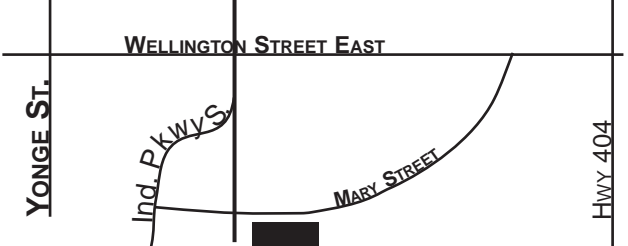


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This is the last you'll see of this action in Aurora until next season as the Aurora Tigers Provincial Junior A hockey squad was eliminated from further playoff action last week by the Georgetown Raiders. Tigers gave up a 3-1 series lead to lose out in seven games. However, their performance this year shocked many fans who didn't expect the team to even make the playoffs.

Tigers hang 'em up

The "dream series" isn't going to happen.

Aurora Tigers Provincial Junior A hockey coach Jerome Dupont told The Auroran before the start of the Georgetown series, that winning it would "be a coup" but "the dream series would be against St. Mike's."

St. Mike's is ready. Aurora isn't.

After holding a commanding three-one game lead in the Georgetown series, Aurora dropped three contests in a row last week to be eliminated from further playoff action in seven games.

But, hey, they weren't supposed to be there in the first place.

After their powerhouse team of last year - that went all the way to the Royal Bank Cup and a national championship - became overage, Tigers were left with nothing...including owners.

Only three members of last year's team returned, and after a considerable hiatus from Aurora, so did former NHLer Dupont.

Pundits speculated he would be lucky to get his team into the north division playoffs, but Dupont had different ideas.

"He gets more out of his players than any coach I have ever seen," said one Tiger fan at a recent game.

And Dupont did that...bringing his young chargers to a first place finish in the north division of the Provincial Junior A league, and three rounds of playoff victories before meeting the rugged Georgetown squad.

Last Monday, at the Aurora Community Centre, the Raiders forced the seventh game with a 7-4 victory

and sending the series back to enemy territory.

And there, in front of a packed full house, Georgetown peacefully put

Aurora to rest with a 2-0 victory, scoring singles in the second and third period to win the series, and advance to meet St. Mike's. On

Monday, Aurora got a pair of goals from Jeric Agosta, while Craig Carlyle and Jeremy Whelan added singles.




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Peewees win house league Orillia tourney

When a house league team goes out of town to play hockey, it's not a house league team any more.

But when the team is entered in a house league tournament, the rules are different.

Aurora's peewee house league contingent, sponsored by McAlpine Ford, enrolled in the Orillia House League March tournament for the second time.

And second time lucky, it was.

The squad, playing superb hockey, brought a gold medal back to Aurora.

In preliminary round robin play, the team went undefeated.

Backstopped by goalie Aaron Morrison and a defense corps made up of Connor Murray, Iain Briscoe, Cameron Meikle, and Scott Ashbourne, the team only

gave up seven goals in the four games of the tournament.

The success continued into the semi-finals with a 6-1 win over Penetang.

Forwards Anthony Marsillo, Michael Wyper, Gianni Episcopo, Adam Colacitti, James Chappell, Nicholas Orsatti, Matheus Vloet and Brett Weeks scored a total of 28 goals during the tournament. In

the championship game, Aurora faced a determined team from Bolton.

Late in the third period Aurora trailed 3-2 until Michael Wyper scored to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, Scott Ashbourne led an end to end rush to score the game winning goal in a thrilling 4-3 overtime victory.

The squad plans to return next year to defend its title.

Baseball summer camp happens here this year

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

Calling all future Blue Jays. This summer, Aurora will have a camp just for you.

Futurestars will be run at the Aurora Leisure Complex between July 4 and August 26 and will offer a full-day camp experience for kids aged five to 14.

Campers will be divided into five age groups, and will receive baseball skills training as well as the chance to play in a live game each day.

There will also be side trips to Blue Jay games and

even the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Principal owner Wes Pollock, who is the rep convener for Aurora Minor Baseball, sees the camp as a chance to develop Aurora as the centre of baseball in York Region.

"It will be the flagship baseball facility and program for York Region," he said.

"Since we are drawing kids from both York Region and Toronto by offering a bus service with full pick up, many kids and parents will be com-

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504 CAA CENTRAL ONTARIO 6: Matthew Brutto 1G, Zachary Marcelline 1G, Tanner Brewer 1G, Alex Hayes 1G, Chase Riddell 1G, Scott Sturges 1G, Brandon Lalonde 1A, Jordan Fena 1A. **509 DOMINION 2:** Stephen Newby 1G, Brett Richardson 1G, Spencer Palmer 1A, Wes Seminara 1A.

510 THE BACKYARD POOL & SPA COMPANY 8: Sean Halley 4G 1A, Dylan Jolivet 1G 1A, David Gillies 1G, James Phillips 1G 3A, Jay McConnell 1A. **508 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 1:** Alex Dunn 1G, Charlie Still 1A.

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606 Aurora McAlpine Ford 10 vs Orillia T1 - Automotive 2

Anthony Marsillo 5G, Michael Wyper 3G 1A, Gianni Episcopo 1G 1A, Adam Colacitti 1G, Scott Ashbourne 1A, James Chappell 1A, Nicholas Orsatti 1A.

606 Aurora McAlpine Ford 8 vs Collingwood Don Cherry's 1

Anthony Marsillo 3G 1A, Michael Wyper 1A, Gianni Episcopo 1G 2A, Adam Colacitti 1A, Scott Ashbourne 1A, James Chappell 1G 1A, Matheus Vloet 2G 1A, Brett Weeks 1G, Connor Murray 1A.

Semi Finals

606 Aurora McAlpine Ford 6 vs Penetang 1

Anthony Marsillo 2G 1A, Gianni Episcopo 1G, Adam Colacitti 1A, Ian Briscoe 1A, James Chappell 1A, Matheus Vloet 2G 1A, Brett Weeks 1A, Cameron Meikle 1A, Nicholas Orsatti 1G 2A.

Finals - OT

606 Aurora McAlpine Ford 4 vs Bolton's Ken's Lawnmover 3

Matheus Vloet 2G, Michael Wyper 1G, Scott Ashbourne 1G, Anthony Marsillo 1A, Adam Colacitti 1A.

Rep Results

Innisfil 3 Novice A 2

Paul Neophytou 1G, Logan Blaser 1A, Nathan Nealon 1G, Erik Balkovec 1A, Connor Cowl 1A.

Whitby Wildcats 12 Novice A 4

Austin Persaud 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Harrison Smith 1A, Scott Kostin 1G, Paul Neophytou 2G, Connor Cowl 1G, Erik Balkovec 1A, Brett Thiessen 1A.

Novice A 2 North London 0

Liam Beresford 1G 1A, Erik Balkovec 1G 1A, Scott Kostin 1A.

Novice A 6 Port Perry Predators 4

Liam Beresford 1G 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1G, Nathan Nealon 1A, Connor Cowl 1G 1A, Brett Thiessen 1G, Paul Neophytou 1A, Harrison Smith 1A, Scott Kostin 1G 2A, Erik Balkovec 1G 2A.

TNT 3 Minor Midget A 2

Connor O'Grady 1G, Drew Jenkins 1G, Chris Blom 1A.

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Winning Master Duck team after swimming their way to a championship, did what was expected...they headed for water to relax. The whole team was in this hot tub at the John Rhodes Community Centre in Sault Ste. Marie at the end of the meet.

Swimmers splash their way to gold

After an exhausting bus trip to Sault Ste. Marie, 36 members of the Aurora Master Ducks swim team put their road weariness behind the win the 2005 Ontario Masters Swimming Championship last week.

The contingent beat out the home town Sault Ste. Marie Masters Aquatic Club to score the win.

In addition to winning all the marbles, the Ducks presented an \$11,000 cheque to the Heart & Stroke Foundation from funds raised during a recent 24-hour marathon in Aurora.

Throughout the competition, the team set a total of 38 club records and nailed down numerous gold medals as it swam its way to victory.

The team sent many 'first timers' and all raced in their respective age categories.

In the end, the Ducks beat out the Soo by fielding numerous relay teams that dominated race after race.

It was a team effort peppered with individual performances of note.

Leading the medal

parade were team veterans Dave Wilkin and Wendy Duck with six golds each. However, it took the entire team to amass enough points to close out the other 22 teams and all contributed to the medal parade and points total

Following is a brief look at how the Aurora swimmers did:

Women

Susan Allen 4 gold, 1 silver; Kim Carr 1 silver, 1 bronze, 2 top 5; Kit Carrothers 2 top 5; Carol Chappell 2 silver, 1 bronze, 2 top 5; Wendy Cimarno 3 gold; Terri Corso 1 bronze, 3 top 5; Sue Deacon 1 gold, 2 silver, 2 bronze, 1 top 5; Wendy Duck 6 gold; Tania Edwards 1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze 1 top 5; Lori Haws 4 gold, 2 silver; Judy Iannucci 2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze, 1 top 5; Casey Jacob 3 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze; Janet Mitchell 1 gold, 4 silver; Gwen Norkus: 1 silver, 3 top 5; Judy Norwell: 3 gold, 2 top 5; Lena Pederson 2 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze; Taina Sodonis 2 silver, 2 bronze, 1 top 5; Lori Strong 2 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze, 1 top 5;

Cheryl Walker 1 bronze, 1 top 5.

Men

Lloyd Brown 4 gold, 2 silver; Todd Childerhose 1 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze; Tyler Clair 2 gold, 3 silver; Chuck Cundari 2 bronze, 3 top 5; Michael Doyle 2 top 5; Eric Gordon 1 silver, 1 bronze, 2 top 5; Bill Jenkins 2 bronze, 2 top 5; Andy Mitchell 1 gold, 2 silver, 2 top 5; Jim Moultray 1 bronze, 4 top 5; Brian Purves 3 silver, 3 bronze; Joe Rizzi 2 gold, 3 silver, 1 top 5; Marcus Sandhar 1 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze; Colin Simpkin 3 silver, 2 top 5; Frank Sodonis 4 gold, 2 silver; Jim Talbot: 2 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze; Dave Wilkin, 6 gold.

Coach Nancy Black expressed her pleasure with the team's performance and said the win is a great forerunner to the National Championships in May.

That meet will be held in Etobicoke.

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Joan Macmillan and Hannah

Uninsulated attics kept furnace active

As the Kyoto Accord takes effect in Canada, The Auroran is profiling locals who are taking the One Tonne Challenge to reduce greenhouse gases and living the credo, "think globally, act locally."

For Joan Macmillan, conserving energy is as natural as breathing.

So, when she and her family purchased a century home in old Aurora three years ago, Joan was more than ready to start applying her energy saving habits.

"I've been this way since the 70s," she said. "I keep the thermostat low, drive an energy-efficient vehicle, water plants with leftover water from the tea kettle - I even have a compact fluorescent bulb from the 70s that still works!"

The Joseph Davis home, built in 1886, proved a challenge for this experienced environmentalist. The house was extremely inefficient and Joan recalls that the furnace "hardly ever turned off" when they first moved in.

For unknown reasons, the home's three attics were never fully or properly insulated.

"That was obviously our first job. Installing insulation in all three attics resulted in an immediate 40 per cent energy reduction," she said.

As well, a little history lesson came out of the attic explorations.

"They were literally nailed shut, so going in was a little scary," Joan said. "We found, among a lot of dust, some Collis Leather shavings, which were used

at one time as a form of insulation."

After getting the attics in shape, Joan and family applied for an Energuide for Houses evaluation, from the Windfall Ecology Centre, and made more changes such as sealing cracks in all baseboards, windows, door frames and electrical outlets.

The result was a savings of 1.435 tonnes of greenhouse gases and a government rebate of \$452. "Our rating went from 51 to 60, which, for a house this old, is about as good as it gets," Joan said.

In addition to the rebate, the monthly heating bills have taken a welcome nose-dive.

"Our highest bill, during the coldest winter months, was less than \$300," she said.

Joan credits the staff of Aurora's Home Hardware for helping her reach the One Tonne Challenge. "Russ Barfitt and staff are great. They are always there to help with the best energy-efficient supplies and products," she said.

To contact the Windfall Ecology Centre about government rebates and the One Tonne Challenge, call 1-866-280-4431, or visit their website at www.windfallcentre.ca.

For Joan Macmillan, helping the environment is an old way of life that is reaping new benefits.

Note: If you are an Aurora resident who owns and drives a hybrid vehicle, please email woodley@aci.on.ca about a future profile.

RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

Council meeting lasted nearly six hours

Aurora Council has been burning the candle at both ends recently with long council meetings, many of them "in camera", or private, sessions after regular council meetings.

But the record for the longest council meeting at least in modern times was in June, 1972.

It started at 7.40 p.m. with Open Forum prior to the 8 p.m. council starting time.

Adjournment was at 1.05 a.m. the next day for a record of five-and-a-half hours in open session.

During the meeting, council dealt with 131 items of correspondence, heard three delegations, discussed nine committee reports and adopted four bylaws, including the 1972 budget.

In those days, it was council that dealt with the majority of issues, especially correspondence, whereas today much of it is left to staff members.

In addition bylaws were given three individual readings, the first two at one meeting and the third and final reading at the next council meeting to provide councillors with a period of sober, second thought and for citizens to comment.

Today, bylaws are rushed through with the three readings lumped into one at the same meeting.

A legislative function has become an administrative one.

AREA CODE CHANGES

Today we are quite familiar with referring to Toronto as 416ers and the remainder of the Greater Toronto Area as the 905ers.

Prior to October 4, 1993, the whole area was Bell Canada's 416.

It was divided and the new 905 code introduced to serve the 1.5 million Bell Canada customers outside Metro Toronto, as Bell was running out of numbers.

And today, even 905 shares its area code with yet another number: 289. The main reason for the increase in area code numbers is the popularity of the cell phone.

HORSE AND DEER CROSSING SIGNS

In September, 1989, Councillor Gail McIntyre tried to convince council to erect horse and rider and deer crossing signs on St. John's Sideroad west of Yonge Street, but her proposal was rejected by council.

Although residents in the area had requested the signs as a warning to motorists, other council members argued the signs would create visual pollution because of too many road signs.

It was also argued that if council approved signs for that area, requests would be received from other areas of the municipality.

BUYING A HOME IN 1983

In 1983, real estate agents said there was a long list of serious home buyers as real estate prices had dropped to a realistic level from the astronomical prices of two years earlier.

The price of a three-bedroom single family dwelling in Aurora was \$78,000 to \$82,000 whereas the same home sold for \$85,000 to \$95,000 in 1981.

That amount of money wouldn't buy you much today.

ABOUT GROWING OLDER

Eventually you reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

The older you get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

When you get dissatisfied and want to return to your youth think of homework and algebra.

Being young is beautiful and exciting, but being old is com-

fortable.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft, today it's called golf.

Finally, if you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you get old.

TEMPERANCE WAS RE-ENACTED

In April, 1985, the Aurora and District Historical Society presented a good old-fashioned temperance meeting, complete with cheerful songs and stirring speeches about the evils of liquor, tobacco and profanity.

Providing the music was the Willowdale Band of Hope, a group of professional and semi-professional musicians who have appeared at many historical functions.

The earliest known non-religious anti-booze group in Aurora was the Sons of Temperance founded in 1850.

The meeting coincided with a new museum exhibit, "The Cold Water Army", dealing with the history of the temperance movement.

The display included the charter documents of the Sons of Temperance.

GOLDEN GRIDDLE SIGN

It was in May, 1985, when construction was complete and the St. Andrew's Shopping Centre opened with a bang.

The unique Victorian appearance of the centre received considerable attention and citizens waited for it to open.

From the attractive clock tower with the proud unicorn standing guard to the towering gazebo in the centre court and the babbling man-made brook, St. Andrew's offered all the charm and beauty of a medieval European village.

But the charm and beauty was marred with the arrival of a tall, glowing, bland, white illuminated sign advertising the opening of the Golden Griddle Restaurant, which took over five units in the mall.

The Golden Griddle didn't last very long and both the restaurant and the sign disappeared, but the village never regained the magic of its dreams.

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When the lights came on in Aurora

The supply of electrical power is currently a very controversial issue in Aurora and area and the town's sale to PowerStream Inc. is still being heavily discussed.

How the sale will affect the future of the Hydro One transmission corridor and transformer site to ensure an adequate and uninterrupted electrical supply remains to be seen.

However, there are still residents living adjacent to the corridor from Markham to the transformer station on Mulock Drive in Newmarket who have health and property value concerns and aren't convinced of Hydro One's intention when they put the expansion project on hold.

Aurora residents didn't have these problems back in the 1880s when on November 23, 1888, the first five electric street lights were lit for the first time.

Before that the Chief Constable lit oil street lamps every evening.

The use of hydro in Aurora grew from a glimmer in the eye of a man named George Phillips.

He operated a sash and door factory in Aurora and received delivery of a 25 horsepower engine and 37 horsepower boiler.

Once he put the engine and boiler in operation to run his plant, he realized he could also supply power for streetlights in the evening when the plant wasn't in operation.

Near the end of October, 1888, he approached council about the possibility of supplying four streetlights, 50 feet above the street at an annual cost of \$300, which was the budgeted amount of operating the oil lamps.

Council gave him permission but asked for five lights, 45 feet above the street. (Sounds similar to today's hydro controversy).

Once the lights were in operation the citizens asked for more.

But Phillips had his problems, as the plant was plagued with breakdowns, plus breakdowns in the lines to the street lights.

Council renewed the contract for 1890 but stipulated

that \$3 would be deducted from the \$300 annual payment for every night the street lighting was not satisfactory.

By 1892, Phillips was supplying power for 10 streetlights at an annual cost of \$450 for 225 nights.

It was agreed council would designate 214 nights according to the schedule of the moon, with the other 11 nights to be named by the person appointed by council for that purpose.

Then in May, 1893, a cyclone ripped through Aurora demolishing the smokestack of the Phillips planing mill located on Tannery Creek on the east side of Yonge Street.

Phillips was unable to get up steam to operate the plant.

He fell on hard times and the equipment was sold at public auction at the Queen's Hotel in October, 1893, for just over \$1,000.

The Royal Electric Company canvassed the town late that year to see who wanted electric lights.

Power was to be supplied at a flat rate of 2.5 cents per 16-candlepower lamp per night, from dusk to midnight every night.

In January, 1894, council entered into an agreement with Walter Machell of Royal Electric to light the town with two arc lights of 2,000 candlepower and 23 incandescent lights of 32 candlepower at a total cost of \$400 per year.

One arc light was placed at Yonge and Wellington Streets and the other on Yonge Street near the Methodist Church, now Aurora United.

Machell built his powerhouse on Tyler Street on what was later to become the Collis Leather property with W.D. Murray as general manager.

The power came on in April, 1894.

In July, 1894, Murray lit the grounds of the Methodist Church for an evening garden party and people came from miles around for the gala occasion.

The arc lights came in for considerable criticism as citizens claimed the incandescent lights were more effective.

Murray was willing to make the change, but the company

stepped in and said if the lights were changed, the contract with the town would be broken.

By October, 1900, Royal decided to close its generating plant and suggested council call a plebiscite on creating a municipal system.

Council of the day decided the company couldn't dictate to them and the lights went out November 19, 1900.

Kitson Incandescent System of Street Lighting offered to set up two lights on a trial basis and they were used until 1906 when they were replaced with 10 smaller incandescent lights.

More lights were installed at a cost of \$760 for a total of 63 lights which operated from dusk to 1 a.m. nightly.

Power was also supplied to houses with one to four lights costing \$7.80 each per annum, with a lower rate for additional lights.

In 1911, council authorized the Aurora Electric Light Company to apply to the five-year-old Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario for an estimate of supplying power to the town.

By this time, Mr. Birchard, owner of the local electric company, was anxious to sell his operation and council asked a Hydro engineer to provide an estimate of the value of the utility.

The engineer provided an estimate of \$13,736 but Birchell offered to sell the operation to the town for \$10,000 and the purchase was made in December, 1912.

About the same time the Toronto and York Radial Railway had established a power plant at Bond Lake and advised the town they had power to sell to municipalities at a lower rate than the Hydro Electric Commission.

Council signed a five-year contract with the railway company much to the annoyance of Ontario Hydro.

The town started to receive power in April, 1913, at a rate of \$25.50 compared with a price of \$28.03 quoted by the Hydro Commission.

The use of electricity grew quickly and by 1920 the Hydro Electric Commission took over

the generating capacity of the street railway.

In order to obtain a lower rate from the Commission, it was necessary for Aurora to become a hydro town by creating a local hydro commission.

When the vote was taken only 97 electors, about 10 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots with 82 in support of a local commission.

But Aurora didn't become a hydro town until 1943 with Ross Linton, Nixon Fisher

and Charles Sparks as members of the local committee.

Charles Copland, of Harriston, was hired as hydro foreman in 1944 at a salary of \$40 per week. A. Bunn was the only other hydro employee at the time.

In 1944, Ross Linton was elected Mayor and George Baldwin and F.C. Babcock were elected as Hydro Commissioners and the three formed the Aurora Hydro-Electric Commission.

Until the provincial govern-

ment deregulated Ontario Hydro and required local utilities to change from non-profit to for-profit with an appointed board of directors, Aurora Hydro was governed by two elected Hydro Commissioners and the Mayor of the municipality.

The use of electricity in Aurora has come a long way since the days of George Phillips, but today faces many challenges unknown to those early pioneers.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING LEAVE FOR POWERSTREAM INC. TO PURCHASE SHARES IN AND AMALGAMATE WITH AURORA HYDRO CONNECTIONS LIMITED

Particulars of the Application

On March 24, 2005, PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream") and Aurora Hydro Connections Limited ("AHCL") filed an Application with the Ontario Energy Board seeking leave for PowerStream to acquire all outstanding shares in and subsequently to amalgamate with AHCL, and for related orders. Both PowerStream and AHCL are licensed electricity distributors.

PowerStream is indirectly owned by the City of Vaughan and the Town of Markham. Currently, the Town of Aurora indirectly holds 100 percent of the outstanding shares in AHCL.

Upon approval and completion of the proposed transactions, the City of Vaughan and the Town of Markham would indirectly hold 100 percent of the outstanding shares in AHCL.

Copies of the Application are available for inspection at the Board's offices and at the local offices of PowerStream and AHCL, at the addresses indicated below.

How to Participate in the Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with the Application by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for holding an oral hearing instead of a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons as to why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board within 7 calendar days of the date of publication of this Notice.

If you wish to participate in this proceeding you must forward three copies of your written submissions to the Board Secretary and one copy to each of PowerStream and AHCL at the addresses below. All submissions must be received no later than 14 days after the date of publication of this Notice. If either PowerStream or AHCL wish to respond to the written submissions, such response must be received by the Board no later than 21 days after the date of publication of this Notice. All submissions must quote file no. ED-2005-0254, clearly state the sender's name and address, and be received by the Board Secretary by 4:45 p.m. on the required dates.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OBJECTING TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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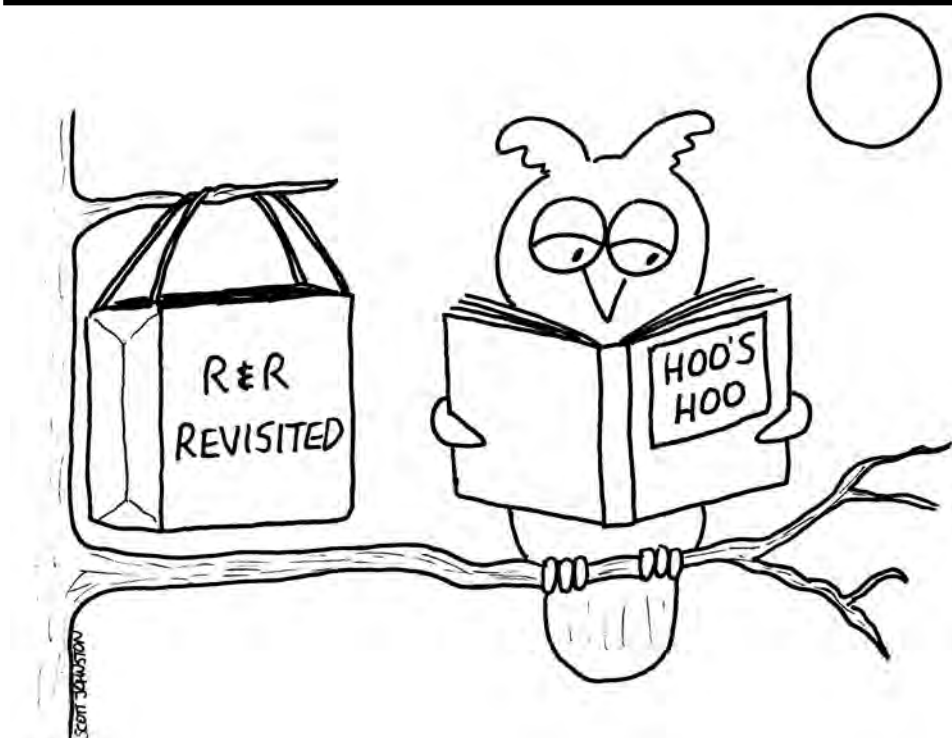
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Congregation knew minister they wanted

By KATE REVINGTON

Rev. Matthew McKay brings much more than a fresh face to the church that spent two years searching and preparing for just the right minister.

Once members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Aurora, met McKay and heard him preach last December, they knew who they wanted as minister.

With nearly 90 percent of people on the church rolls voting, they "called" the 26-year-old candidate, just finishing his Master of Divinity training at Knox College, Toronto, to serve, and were chosen in turn.

But in the Presbyterian tradition, being chosen is not enough.

Before McKay could call the congregation, based at Mosley and Victoria Streets, his, he had to be ordained by his home congregation in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Then, at a special Sunday night service in February, Rev. McKay was inducted as minister of St. Andrew's, Aurora.

He and his wife, Rachel, an elementary school teacher, have since moved into the church manse.

Rev. McKay, or Matt, is glad to be in Aurora.

"St. Andrew's, Aurora," he said. "Wow! That's a church with some potential!"

One thing that drew him to the Aurora church was the congregation's interest in the local community. "We spend our money outside ourselves ... the people are great."

He said the congregation's understanding of growth also impressed him.

Since assuming the pulpit, Rev. McKay has shown a much appreciated ability to clearly explain biblical scriptures and some public practices that tend to be taken for granted.

"I try not to make any assumptions," he said. "Even the most seasoned Christian still has questions."

Rev. McKay is the first to



Rev. Matthew McKay

say there is more to Sunday morning than preaching.

He wants to help the congregation rediscover its roots in the Reformed tradition, set by such sixteenth-century theologians as Martin Luther and John Calvin.

"Worship is more than a glorified lecture once a week," he said. "Our lives are more than words, and so should our worship be more than words. Word and sacrament belong together."

And what else belongs together?

Rev. McKay, the son of a Presbyterian minister, grew up in a place where faith "was in the air" he breathed, and he learned some precepts from his father, Rev. Jim McKay.

Religion should not have any "dour seriousness." Faith must never be without fun, and fun must always have room for faith. "We need to show that there's a different face on religion."

We're a movie location

Take a bow, Aurora

In October, 1979, the late Frank Caruso was approached by a movie agent to find out if he was willing to get rid of his old three-ton 1965 GMC truck, which had been used to bring vegetables to his Yonge Street store.

It seemed the wheel base of the truck was exactly the same as that of a Brinks security truck.

It wasn't long before the truck was stripped down and transformed with a steel gray body for use in the movie "The Kidnapping of the President", being shot in Toronto.

In one of the final scenes of the movie, the former fruit and vegetable truck was blown apart by dynamite, a spectacular end for a truck that had served the Caruso store for 15 years.

It was the start of Aurora in the movies.

By September, 1982, Aurora looked like Hollywood North with two film productions underway.

On Kennedy Street West, a CBS made-for-TV movie was being filmed and on Yonge Street the CTV program Littlest Hobo was being filmed at Thompson's Furniture store, with both interior and exterior scenes.

In April, 1985, four Aurora firefighters, Les Stewart, Jim Allen, Art Bellar and Brian Patrick, appeared in a movie being made in Toronto.

But the featured attraction was the department's 1926 International, the town's first motorized fire vehicle, still on display at the Edward Street station.

The action took place in a scene from a mini-series "Kane and Abel" based on a Jeffrey Archer best seller.

The Toronto Fire Department had been asked to provide three antique fire vehicles for the movie but only had two.

Someone remembered that Aurora had an antique vehicle and the call went out.

The four Aurora firefighters were outfitted in the uniform of the day in Chicago in the early 1930s.

In June, 1986, Attridge Lumber was selected by TV Ontario to be the scene for a segment of a new series on energy efficient homes.

The series was produced by the Ministry of Energy and was designed to assist builders and tradesmen.

Director of the series was Doug Clark, a resident of Oak Ridges, who spent much of his time as a youth in Aurora as his grandfather was the late Harry Jones, former Aurora Fire Chief.

When the script called for a lumber store, he remembered Attridge Lumber.

In October, 1988, film crews arrived on Centre Street in Aurora to film scenes for the movie "The Gate II".

Film crew officials said the particular section of Centre Street close to the railway tracks had the very qualities for the residence of one of the film's central characters.

The movie crew returned in November to film some classroom scenes at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School using students as extras.

Then in October, 1995, Tornado Productions came to Aurora to film several scenes for the Family

Channel production "Tornado".

It was a movie based on a true story of a Nebraska family who survived a night when four tornadoes touched down in their hometown.

All the filming was done on Kennedy Street West with one scene showing two teenagers cycling home.

The wind starts to pick up, announcing the impending storm. To create the wind effect a fan with blades five feet in diameter was used, out of sight of the camera.

The next scene showed one of the boys riding up to what was supposed to be his home. A large crane was used to elevate a light to simulate moonlight and a large water tank truck provided the rain.

In August, 2001, an American flag flew over St. Andrew's College for the filming of the movie "Cadet Kelly".

St. Andrew's was selected as the film site for the George Washington Military Academy.

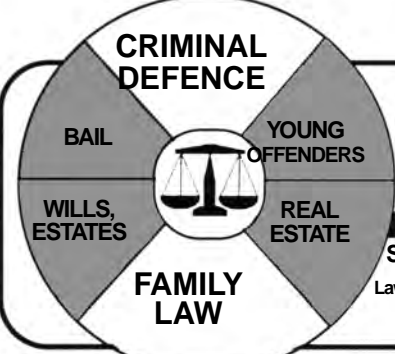

Movie and TV viewers may believe they are watching scenes and events in other times and in other places, but in some cases, the sets were right here in Aurora.



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Aurora women are honoured

Six Aurora women and the area's Member of Parliament will be honoured later this month at a gala Markham ceremony.

The annual "In Celebration of Women" event, slated for La Parc, will honour the following Aurora women in various categories:

Sarah Langford Kyle, director of the Aurora Opera Company - Classical Performing Arts.

Susan Walmer - Community Services.

Reverend Nicola Skinner, Trinity Anglican Church - clergy.

Wendy Treacy - fundraising.

Flo Murray, Aurora Seniors' Centre - volunteer.

Nancy Black, Aurora Master Ducks - sports & recreation coach/management.

In addition, Newmarket-Aurora Member of

Parliament Belinda Stronach will be honoured for her work in youth achievements and initiatives.

Diane Humeniuk is founder and director of the In Celebration of Women Association, which annual-

ly pays tribute to women who live or work in York region.

Proceeds from the event's silent auction support the Ontario breast screening program at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

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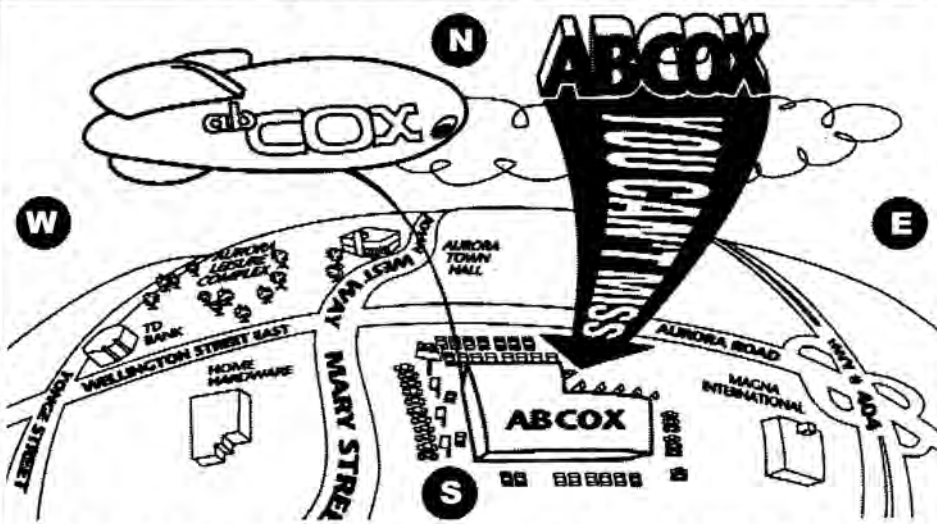
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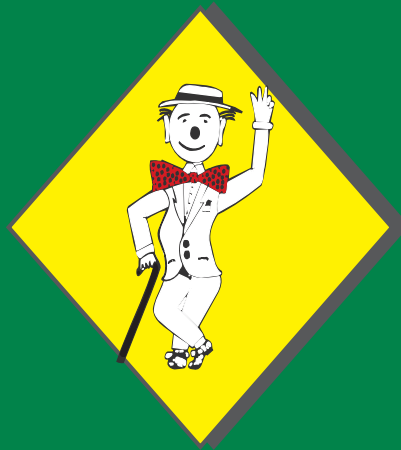
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