

NEWSLETTER

Ward 4 News from Councillor Mary Asselstine

Hello From Mary

Dear Friends,

This past summer has been very eventful, taken up with learning opportunities and dealing with community matters. I was privileged to attend two conferences. Both provided workshops dealing with policy, strategy and legislative interpretation. It was enlightening to hear about the experiences of other municipalities and to think about how I could use that new-found knowledge for King. The Ontario Heritage Conference focused on indigenous perspectives which is something I have always been curious about given the colonial nature of heritage. Several Provincial Policy announcements were made at the AMO conference and I was particularly excited to hear about the renewed support for solar and wind projects.

Traffic seems to be the number one problem for King Township. As a response, the Township has launched a new program called "Safe Streets Start Here". Every week in September a street safety topic will be highlighted. Residents can pick up a lawn sign which are available at the library. For more information, go to: www.king.ca/safestreets. Several traffic calming studies/projects are in progress in Ward 4. If there is a traffic issue in your neighbourhood I encourage you to go to www.King.ca/trafficalming and discover what you can do.

Because of new provincial legislation, "Our King", the Official Plan that sets the vision for the Township, needs a significant update. This opens up the opportunity to look more closely at population targets for our communities, employment lands, and affordable housing while protecting our small town and rural character and pristine environments. If you care about the future of your community I urge to be involved in the process. To be added to the project mailing list please email policyplanning@king.ca. Alternately you can watch for updates on www.king.ca/speaking.

I am honoured to serve as your representative for Ward 4 and am available at any time to discuss your ideas and concerns.

Mary

Upcoming Events

SCHOMBERG MUG RUN

Sept 21, 3:00pm - 12:00am
Schomberg Fair Grounds

BIRDWATCHING

Sept 21, 9:30am
Cold Creek Conservation Area

GROWING UP WITH TREES, SCHOMBERG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Sept 24, 7:30PM
Schomberg Community Hall

SCHOMBERG COMMUNITY RUN

Sept 28, 9:00am
116 Church Street, Schomberg

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION INDIGENOUS EVENTS

Sept 30, 5:30pm - 8:30pm
King Heritage and Cultural Centre

LAUNCH OF SCHOMBERG SCARECROWS

Oct 6, 12:00 - 2:00pm
Schomberg Community Farm

KINGTOBER FEST

Oct 19, 5:00pm - 10:00pm
Cold Creek Conservation Area

SCHOMBERG TREE LIGHTING

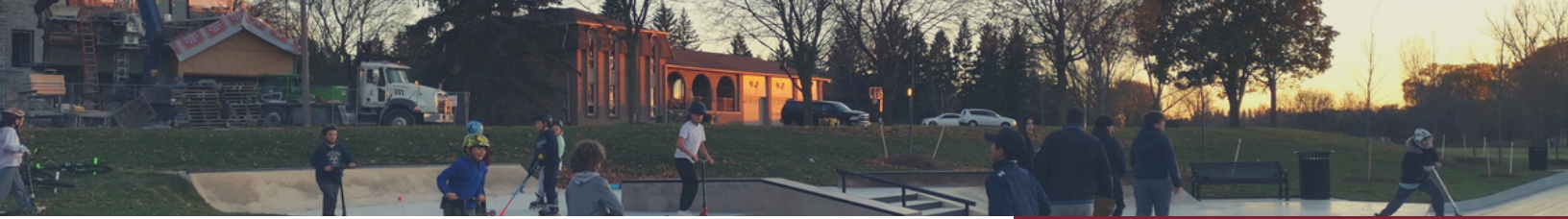
Dec 1, 5:00pm
Main Street Schomberg

A MAINSTREET CHRISTMAS

Dec 7, 3:00 - 9:00pm
Main Street Schomberg

Check out the Library
Calendar for more!

[KING LIBRARY CALENDAR \(LINK\)](#)



Stand Up and Be Counted

As your voice on Council I want to encourage you to become more informed and engaged in your local government. This is important as decisions made at the local level affect your day to day life.

Over the last two years, I have been feeling increasingly uneasy about the stability of our democracy, and I have come to realize that we are losing our checks and balances. For example, did you know that Provincial Bills 23 and 185, remove a community's right to appeal decisions made by Council with regard to development applications? Gone are the checks and balances! I have concerns with this loss of democracy and need your input to accomplish what is best for our communities.

I acknowledge that our communities seem to be more and more polarized, and trust in government appears to be failing. Staff and Council are working continuously to enhance communication and provide opportunities for public input. It's not a perfect system but if residents fail to get involved there is no conversation. The easiest way to keep up to date is to subscribe to the King bulletin at www.king.ca/kingbulletin. Stand up and be counted. Support democracy. Council will listen.

Climate Corner



- **King Climate Action Plan:** I am very excited to announce that the King Community Climate Action Plan has been approved by Council. Staff will be initiating projects to help you take meaningful climate action in your homes, work and communities. One of the first actions will be to launch a toolkit for homeowners. For more information go to : www.king.ca/climatechange

Community Campaigns

September is Road Safety Month! The Safe Streets Start Here campaign is ongoing. Watch for social media posts on road safety suggestions and tips! Pick up your Safe Streets lawn sign at the library!

Saved By The Beep! Township of King Fire and Emergency Services is asking you to save lives and test your smoke alarms on September 28.



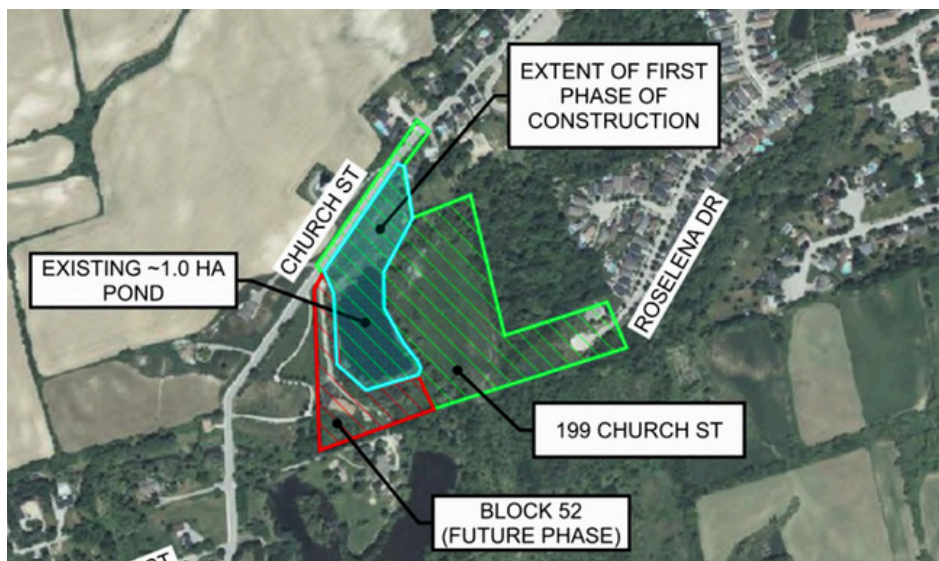


Whats Coming Up

326 Main Street: This 6 story condo development proposed for Main Street Schomberg will be considered by Council sometime this fall. I encourage you to be informed and take the time to let your opinion be known. Watch for notices on when you will have an opportunity to speak to Council, or keep tabs on the Council agenda at: www.king.ca/meetings. For more information you can speak to staff by setting up a meeting at: www.king.ca/AskKingPlanning.

Forestbrook Hills (Roselina Extension): Construction of a 51 single family residential project located at the end of Roselina Drive at 199 Church Street has begun with the draining and filling of a pond. Truck traffic for this work is routed west on the 19th to Rebellion Way and east along Church Street. This phase will continue to December followed by construction of a bridge. The bridge work will continue through the winter. Construction of houses will begin at the end of 2025. During construction vehicles will access the site entrance on Church Street. The working hours will be Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 7:00pm.

For more information the proponent is hosting an information session at the Schomberg Community Hall at 7 pm on Friday September 20.



Community Highlights

- **Senior Snow Removal:** Final date to get your snow removal request in is Oct 18. Visit: king.ca/SnowRemoval
- **55+ Club:** The 55+ club is township wide and has an active Schomberg branch. Join at: king.ca/seniors
- **Head to SPEAKing.ca:** to find out what projects and programs are happening in your community!

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