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A message from Tony

Summer is finally here, a summer I am sure we have all really looked forward to with much anticipation. Summer means so many different things, but I think freedom and an easy more carefree lifestyle is part of that definition. So I fully understand how much this summer means to us. But at the same time, lets stay smart. Lets enjoy our summer but practice what our health leaders advise. Lets stay true to what has taken us to a much better place than where we were just a few months ago!

I am proud of the work our government has done to support Canadians. I am pleased with how governments and political parties came together to make sure we stayed strong through the pandemic. I also want to salute communities, organizations and businesses for their tireless efforts at making communities safe.

Recently our government presented Canadians with a fiscal snapshot. For many, the debt we have incurred fighting this pandemic might seem staggering. I ran on a campaign of fiscal responsibility, yet still believe the measures we took to ensure our well being were, and continue to be, the right decisions.

COVID-19 has been the greatest challenge many of us have ever faced. I have seen firsthand its dramatic impact on lives, communities and businesses, and am proud of how quickly and effectively we have responded. Measures to flatten the curve in Canada are working, and efforts are underway across the country to safely and gradually reopen the economy. I am heartened by how we have invested in Canadians to ensure that our country remains strong, healthy, and poised for recovery. And I will be with you, doing my part, to build an even better, more inclusive Canada as we overcome these challenges.

We can do this.

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In the Community



Helping fund attainable, high-quality rental housing

On August 4th, I was pleased to welcome the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development to Newmarket-Aurora to announce a \$79 million investment to build 216 residential units at 195 Deerfield Road in Newmarket.

We know that housing is a foundation for building better lives and sharing in the prosperity of our community. I am pleased to see our federal government partnering with the Rose Corporation to provide hard working families in our community with a safe place to call home.

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Community Champions



Newmarket Chamber of Commerce

The Newmarket Chamber of Commerce (NCOC) reacted quickly to the first signs of shutdown. Among their long list of programs and initiatives are the "one stop" Business Assistance Concierge support hub, a Mentorship Assistance program, and a variety of online networking sessions and weekly webinars.

The NCOC has also created an online marketplace and an e-commerce platform to help businesses continue driving revenue during these challenging times. And to connect them with consumers, the NCOC has created a series of "What's Open" Guides, along with a Guide to Reopening for those shut down by the pandemic.

Find out more about this Community Partner.

[Read more](#)



Aurora Chamber of Commerce

The COVID-19 pandemic demanded swift action, and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce (ACOC) was out of the gate quickly with a local survey, followed by personal calls to more than 300 businesses to determine their needs.

The ACOC was the first York Region Chamber to launch a Shop Local website – ShopFromHomeAurora.ca – and they developed the Shop Local marketing plan, which included the launch of ExploreAurora.ca. Online events are also key, with virtual networking breakfasts, "After 5" socials, and others keeping members connected.

Find out how the ACOC has been making a difference to the Aurora business community.

[Read more](#)

Helping our community



Newmarket Food Pantry

The Newmarket Food Pantry is run almost entirely by volunteers. Find out how you can help nourish our neighbours.

[Website](#)



Aurora Food Pantry

From food drives, volunteering your time and making donations, there are a number of ways to help the Aurora Food Pantry.

[Website](#)



Inn From the Cold

You can help Inn from the Cold support people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless by volunteering your time, donating needed items, sponsoring an event and more.

[Website](#)



NACCA

From time to time the Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association needs volunteers to help at events, with projects and organization work. Learn more about opportunities.

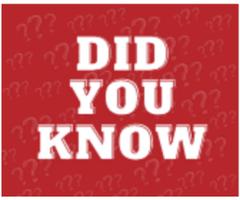
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Bluedoor

There are many ways you can help Blue Door provide safe and supportive emergency housing, housing services and supports for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

[Website](#)



Tony's Fast Facts

Did you know that prior to 1950, Davis Drive was sparsely settled out to Yonge Street. The north side of Yonge was open farmland to the town limit and on the south side, a parcel of land of about 10 acres belonged to Amelia Rogers with a lovely red brick 19th-century dwelling and lane on the east side entering the farm of Robert Millard.

Ernest Crossland bought the estate in 1947 but lived there only a short time before it was sold to developers. The Millard farm became a huge subdivision and the lane became Parkside Drive.

The acreage became Newmarket's first "shopping plaza" and, in 1953, construction was completed for eight stores including an I.G.A., hardware, restaurant, and other convenience outlets.

On the east side of Parkside, the five-acre property of Stanley Janes was sold to Chas. Boyd, a local realtor. The rough-cast house and nearby barn and stable were demolished and replaced by a Shell service station and a garage showroom facing onto Davis, while Deerfield Plastics on Deerfield Road occupied the remainder of the lot.

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"The NEWMARKET History Hound"

Do you have an interesting fast fact to share?
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