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Kleinburg Village Core is undergoing drastic change...

How do you want to see the village evolve? KARA wants to know.

Development is coming to the Kleinburg core. What you see today, with the condos going across from the school and the development to the north of the school is only the beginning. KARA is aware of 8 new possible developments in the main core of our village:

- The 2 currently under development - across from the school and just north of the school
- 1 on Stegman's Mill - the 3 residential properties on the south side
- 1 on the north side of Stegman's Mill, involving the subdivision of a lot there
- 1 behind the Bell building, beside Kleinburg United Church
- 1 at Hwy 27 and Nashville Road
- 1 immediately west of the Royal Bank
- 1 at the north end of the village, on the east side of Islington, abutting the storm management pond



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KARA advocates that all development in our area evolve in accordance with the Vaughan Official Plan for our area. For more information on the official plan, see the articles on page 2. One of the primary objectives of Kleinburg's official plan is to maintain the heritage character of Kleinburg. How strongly do you want KARA to hold the city to its official plan? Come out to our Annual General Meeting on Thursday March 26th in the Kleinburg Public School Gym (doors open 6:30 pm, meeting begins 7:00 pm) and have your say. Learn about new development that is coming and to what degree the residents of Kleinburg, through KARA, can affect this.

Notice of KARA's 39th Annual General Meeting

Thursday, March 26th, Kleinburg Public School Gym - doors open 6:30pm, meeting begins 7:00pm
Pizza and refreshments will be served - have dinner with us!

The agenda will include:

- **Traffic and Development - what is coming in Kleinburg**
- **Presentation by our MPP, Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca**



All KARA members and Kleinburg, Nashville and Area residents within our boundaries, are invited to attend KARA's 2015 Annual General Meeting. Your support makes all the difference. We accept new members at the meeting, however, in order to vote at the AGM, an individual must become a KARA member at least 7 days in advance of the AGM.

** Please bring photo ID for registration.*

KARA's 2015 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee presents the following six nominees to stand for election as KARA Directors with a three-year term, at the upcoming Annual General Meeting of KARA to be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015:

- Mary Anne Arthur
- David Brand
- Jerry Celenza
- Iain Craig
- Lily Polemidiotis
- Guido DiFranco

To replace vacancies left by retiring directors, the committee also presents the following nominee to stand for election as a KARA director with two years left in their term:

- Ray Venditti

No further nominations have been received by the KARA Board as of February 26, 2015. The Nominating Committee wishes to thank directors **Anna Bortolus**, **Morena Pizzimenti**, and **Sid Preece** for their service and commitment to the KARA Board. You will all be missed.

Vaughan Official Plan

What is an Official Plan?

The Official Plan is a legal document approved by the City of Vaughan and the Region of York, which describes policies and objectives for future land use. It reflects a community vision for future change and development.



The Province requires that a municipality's Official Plan be updated every 5 years to conform to current provincial policies. Regular updating of the Plan ensures that the guidelines, objectives, and vision for City planning stays responsive to current issues and conditions. The City of Vaughan undertook an ambitious three-year project to create a new Official Plan as part of the City's integrated Growth Management Strategy. On September 7, 2010, Council adopted a new Official Plan, it addresses all elements of effective, sustainable and successful city-building, while managing projected growth to 2031. The former Plan had over 600 amendments that needed to be combined into one simplified document based on a clear and concise vision.

Vaughan's new Official Plan will provide guidance for the physical development of the municipality to the year 2031 while taking into consideration important social, economic and environmental issues and objectives. The Plan provides a policy framework that will guide the following:

- Where new development can locate;
- How existing and future neighbourhoods will be strengthened;
- How Vaughan's environment will be enhanced;
- What municipal services, such as roads, water mains, sewers and parks, will be provided;
- When and where Vaughan will grow.

The Vaughan Official Plan 2010 was adopted by the City of Vaughan Council on September 7, 2010 and endorsed with modifications by the Region of York on June 28, 2012. It was appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and has subsequently received partial approval by the OMB. For more info, visit vaughan.ca/projects/policy_planning_projects/official_planning_2010/Pages/default.aspx.

(excerpt from www.vaughan.ca)

What does the Vaughan Official Plan say for the Kleinburg core?

The Vaughan Official Plan has a specific section dealing with the Kleinburg core. Your KARA Board had input to this plan and was integrally involved in its development.

The Kleinburg Core Area includes both existing "mainstreet commercial" development located on Islington Avenue and Nashville Road, together with existing residential development

on the main streets, and "village residential" neighbourhoods located on side streets (e.g. Napier Street., Kellam Street, John Street and Bell Court). Also located within the Kleinburg Core Area is the McMichael Gallery, the Kleinburg Public School and the Rotary Seniors development.



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One of the plan's objectives is to retain the mainstreet commercial heritage character, its pedestrian friendly form of development, and its compatibility with the existing building form and residential areas and uses within the Village. There are detailed development standards addressing scale and size, yard setbacks, height, maximum floor areas, parking requirements, landscape standards and other matters. These standards ensure that any new development meets the plan's objectives. One specific guideline of importance is that no building should exceed 9.5 m in height.

The plan also identifies Strategic Sites which are properties that warrant special design treatment because of their location and visibility. These sites have the potential to strengthen and improve the quality of the public realm. The treatment of the architecture, building materials, size and appearance should reinforce their location as a gateway to the Kleinburg Core Area.

For more information on the specifics of the Official Plan for Kleinburg, visit vaughan.ca/services/business/official_plans/OPA/OPAs%20600%20-%20699/OPA%20633.pdf

and

vaughan.ca/projects/policy_planning_projects/General%20Documents/Official%20Plan%20Vol%202/Volume%202%20Chapter%2011%20October%202014%20Office%20Consolidation/VOP%202010%20Chapter%2012%20-%20Oct.30.2014%20Consolidation.pdf



Help Kleinburg Celebrate Earth Day Wednesday April 22, 2015



Earth Day was started in the United States in 1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson to create awareness for the Earth's environment and to encourage conservation efforts. In 1990, Earth Day was taken international, and today, more than 500 million people in 175 countries observe Earth Day!

This year we are encouraging the residents of Kleinburg/Nashville to participate in Earth Day!

We are fortunate to reside in a community that is heavily populated with an abundance of forests, wildlife, ravines, nature trails, waterways and beautiful landscaping.

During the month of April, several of our merchants in town (Hawthorne House, Bon Bons & Brittle) will be selling green ribbons for \$5.00. We ask that a ribbon be tied around a tree in front of each home or business to celebrate this special day!

All proceeds from the sale of these ribbons will go to a non-profit group called "Trees for Kleinburg" that is working diligently with the City of Vaughan towards improving and enhancing our streetscape along Islington Avenue with beautiful trees, perennial beds, etc.

Let's paint the town green on Earth Day! Tie a ribbon on to support this wonderful cause!

For further information, please e-mail Mark Inglis at yorkurbanist@gmail.com.

Receive *The Spirit* via email... it's easy!

If you don't already receive *The Spirit* via email and would like to, you can sign up here: <http://eepurl.com/XMytT>.

All P.O. Boxes in Kleinburg Post Office, as well as the rural route, continue to receive the printed version of *The Spirit* (except those not accepting unaddressed mail).



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The KARA Board generally meets on the third Thursday of each month in Kline House, 8 Nashville Road, at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, or make a presentation, this can be arranged with the courtesy of a request in advance to KARA@kara-inc.ca.

Local organizations are invited to submit material for publication in the Community Events and Community Clubs sections. Please include the name and phone number of a contact for follow up. Material will be edited to suit the newsletter and cannot be returned.

Do you have community news? Let us know and, if space permits, we will include it.

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McMichael Canadian Art Collection

Exhibitions:

- **Vanishing Ice: Alpine and Polar Landscapes in Art, 1775-2012**—Jan 31 to Apr 26 2015
- **Northern Narratives**—Feb 14 to May 17 2015

Festivals & Special Programs:

- **Artists' Talk with David McEown and Daisy Gillardini** (Sunday March 15, 1:30 pm) *Photographer Daisy Gillardini and watercolourist David McEown have visited and documented some of Earth's most remote and fragile ecosystems. Included with gallery admission.*

- **Speaker Series - Vanishing Ice, Revealing the Underwater History: The Franklin Expedition** (Saturday March 28, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm) *Few people would realize that the latest exciting discovery of the lost Franklin Expedition was made possible due to climate change. Ryan Harris, senior underwater archaeologist with Parks Canada, will tell the story of this recent famous discovery and comment on other searches in the region being investigated by his team. Registration Required. \$29 general public. \$24 McMichael members. \$15 students.*

March Break:

- **March Break Madness** (Sunday March 15, and Wednesday March 18 to Friday March 20) Family art activities and entertainment - included with gallery admission.

To register for programs, call 905.893.1121 ext 2209 or visit mcmichael.com for gallery hours and more info on exhibitions and programs.

Rotary Club of Kleinburg,

Nobleton, Schomberg - The Club meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at Longchamps Pub. Interested members of the community are always welcome and new members are even more welcome. **Don't forget to "save the date" for our spring Lobsterfest - it will be May 30 2015, 6pm at Nobleton Arena.** For more information, please contact contact Roy Vokes, President - 905-558-3070 (B) or rotary@agorafinancial.ca.

Community Events & Clubs

Take 5—For over 45 years, Kleinburg moms have met on Wed mornings to share a cup of coffee and have a chat with others from the area. Please join us for a relaxing break at the Kline House. Babysitting provided for children. Call Megan O'Connor at 705-427-2559 or megangilbert@yahoo.com for info.

Kleinburg Leo Club - Looking to volunteer and build your leadership skills? Look no further because the Kleinburg Leo Club is recruiting members 18-30 years old who are committed to serving and aiding the community! To join the club please email kyarecruitment@outlook.com. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @kleinburgleos.

Kleinburg Bridge Club—The Kleinburg Bridge Club has moved back to the newly renovated Kleinburg Library. Anyone interested in playing bridge on Thursday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm (at the library) should call call Ann Wood 905-880-0251.

Humber Valley Heritage Trail

Association - HVHTA will hold its **Annual General Meeting** at Cornerstone Church (180 Nashville Rd, Kleinburg) – NW corner of Nashville & Hwy 27, on **Tuesday April 14, 2015 at 7pm.**

Members of the Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association lead hikes through natural forests and meadowlands in and around Kleinburg and Area. Hikes are usually two or three hours in length and of moderate pace and difficulty. Non-members are welcome. There is no charge. For more information about each hike see our website at hvhta.ca or email us at hvtak@gmail.com.

Mar 7 - Trails at Hal Jackman Forest (6 km, 2 hrs)

Apr 25 - Palgrave to Bolton (8/15 km, 2.5/5 hrs)

May 9 - Spring Wildflowers, Boyd Park (2-3 km, 1.5-2 hrs)

note: all hikes start at 9:30 am

Kleinburg Tennis Club - Kleinburg Tennis Club will hold its **Annual General Meeting** at **Kline House** (8 Nashville Rd, Kleinburg) – white building beside RBC on **Saturday February 28, 2015 from 10am-12pm.**

Welcome to existing and prospective new members as we review our previous season and plan for an exciting 2015 outdoor season. For more information, please contact Phu-My Gep at president@kleinburgtennis.com