

**Christ the King Jaguars** won their first-ever Halton Tier 1 title. Team members are front row (from left) Adam Dechnik. Tucker Johnson. Justin Baechler, Sam Wallace. Back row: Meaghan O'Brien, Mike Korzeniewski, Martin Peric, Jayson Tate, Ben Basilio, Evan Chenier, Nic Basilio, Christian Buchan, Carla Favero.

Photo by Rabia Ballan

## CtK Jaguars win GHAC title; off to the Provincials next week

Having won their first-ever Halton Tier I title last week, Christ the King's Jaguars are wading further into uncharted territory after capturing the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference boys' volleyball championship Thursday on home court.

Jaguars' coach Meaghan O'Brien didn't know what to expect in the best-of-5 GHAC matchup against Hamilton's St. Thomas More Knights, but the home side jumped out to a comfortable early lead and achieved another milestone for the 13-year-old school, qualifying for next weekend's provincial finals in Windsor.

CtK swept away its opponents 25-13, 25-10, 25-22 in a little more than an hour to trigger a raucous celebration in the gymnasium.

O'Brien noted that all 11 players saw action in Thursday's contest, consisting of five Grade 12s, five Grade 11s and a Grade 9 student.

The Jaguars are seeded 12th out of the 20 teams participating in the OFSAA AAA tourney.



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by Eric Connolly



#### What Municipal Approvals will I Need to Build My Project? Can an Architect Help?

There is a large public misunderstanding with respect to obtaining "Approvals" to proceed with a Building Project. "Approval" entails two distinct but related issues, "Land Use" and "Building Permit". A Client, may pursue answers to one issue but will not be aware of the other.

Land Use" issues deal with Zoning By-laws as set out by the Municipality and Planning Law as set out by the Municipality, the Region or the Province. This may also include meeting the requirements of Conservation Authorities, the Ministry of the Environment, and

"Building Permit" issues, deal with "construction" (as defined under the "Ontario Building Code Act"). Building Permit issues deal with the Ontario Building Code, and the Ontario Fire Code, Electrical Safety Act, and other Acts and Construction Standards.

A lot to know! Most Clients do not know the questions that need answers or who they should ask!

An Architect can provide Clients with potential sources for answers as well as the implications on a Clients Property or Building Project. I would not advise utilizing "off the cuff" remarks regarding Permits

from friends, Realtors or Contractors. Clients should consider utilizing the services of an Architect who can provide continuity on behalf of the Client through the Design, Approval and Implementation of the Project.

Should a Minor Variance be required for a Project that may not meet Zoning Requirements, an Architect can assist with necessary Drawings, Applications and Hearings.

Should Site Plan Review and Approval be necessary, an Architect can assist in assembling a Team of professionals including Planners, Site Engineering, Cost Control and Landscape Architecture. Architects can also assist Clients with obtaining other Permits as necessary for Conservation Authorities, MOE and others.

Needless to say the Approvals process is complex and "Shark Invested Water". I advise caution and care – and allow for lots of time for the process to unfold!

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When we find ourselves in a constant state of "fight or flight", chronic stress takes its toll on our health. The body's stress hormone Cortisol elevates, blood pressure increases and our immune function is suppressed. Over time, these symptoms become worse and can develop into anxiety, depression, fatigue, digestive problems, and tension headaches.

Research explains that acupuncture reduces stress and its ill effects by releasing natural pain-killing chemicals in the brain called endorphins. In addition, acupuncture improves circulation of blood throughout the body, which oxygenates the tissues and cycles out cortisol and other waste chemicals. The calming nature of acupuncture also decreases the heart rate, lowers blood pressure and relaxes the muscles. Acupuncture is extremely effective at down-regulating an over-stimulated nervous system.