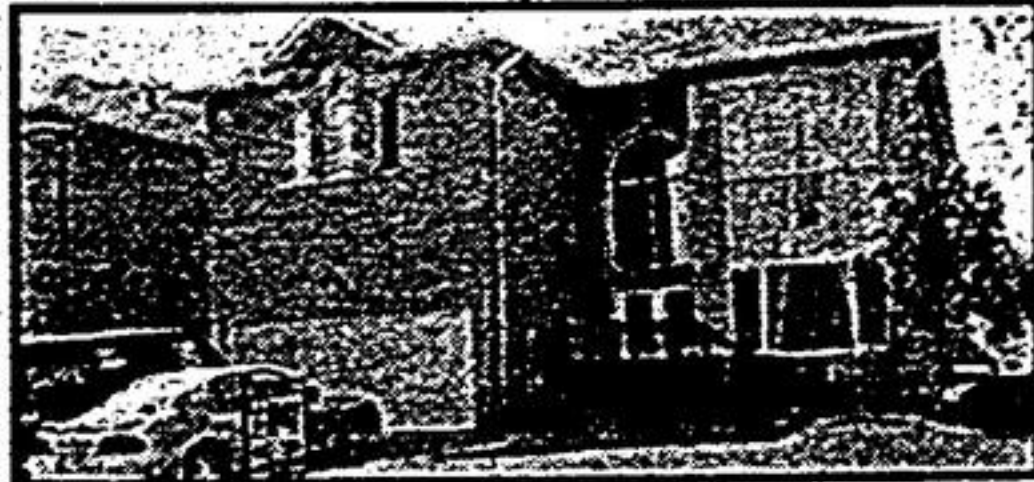


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Eldred King Day proclaimed Nov. 27

Regional chair: 'An outstanding public figure who's made an enormous contribution'

A series of events to honour the Region of York's longest-serving chair is being planned upon the retirement of Eldred King.

At its meeting Thursday, regional council passed a motion to declare Thursday, Nov. 27 as Eldred King Day in York Region.

Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson and Markham Regional Councilor Carole Bell won support for their motion to recognize "an

outstanding public figure — an individual who has made an enormous contribution to the citizens of York Region" ... and given "tireless service to both this corporation and the residents of The Regional Municipality of York."

Activities planned include proclamations of Eldred King Day by each of the nine municipal councils and a reception with

regional and local municipal politicians at the regional headquarters Nov. 26 from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

As well, on Nov. 27 there will be a retirement dinner for King at the Premiere Ballroom and Convention Centre on Leslie Street in Richmond Hill.

King's tenure as regional chair covers the second half of the region's 26-year history.

He was elected regional chair in September of 1984 to complete the term of then-chair Anthony Roman of Markham, who became a federal MP.

King, who lives Stouffville, was elected to successive three-year terms since that time.

For tickets to the retirement dinner, call Karin Price at regional headquarters in Newmarket at (905) 895-1231 ext. 1201.

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Diana Kirkland opened DOK's in July because she recognized a need for a retail outlet that sells and rents medical products.

"The demand is here. Hospitals are closing and more and more people are having to look after themselves in their own home. People are becoming more educated — not only on equipment and supplies that brings relief to medical conditions, but the prevention of ailments as well," said Kirkland who has been a registered orthotic fitter for the past six years.

Location, Location, Location

Located in a medical centre, a two-minute drive from Markham Stouffville Hospital, Kirkland said the location of her store is partially due to the store's early success.

"The store is in a prime location. Patients do not want to drive very far for special care services," she said.

Despite the geriatric connotation to a store that sells home health care supplies, DOK'S is not only for seniors, but for people of all ages.

The store carries a variety of braces and appliances for those with sports injuries as well as rehabilitation supplies and orthopaedic supports for those suffering from back pain.

Those who stop by the store not only receive quality products, but are treated by a friendly staff who are able to answer questions and give advice on the products in the store.

Kirkland employs a registered nurse and a registered practice nurse who are capable of addressing all your home health care needs.

Most of DOK's customers are referred by doctors and therapists from the local medical community, as well as the staff at Markham Stouffville Hospital.

The majority of the products DOK's carries can be purchased over-the-counter, while some items, such as surgical compression garments have to be prescribed by a doctor.

If there is a product that customers require that is not in the store inventory, DOK's is able to order it in, sometimes even for the next day.

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For details call 472-0866 or drop by the 6633 Hwy. 7 E. store Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and Wednesdays from 9 am to 7 pm. Other evenings are by appointment only.

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