

# Ian, you are the toast of the Towns!

Happy Birthday Ian... Best wishes for many years of success to come!

**Bill Fisch** - Chairman and CEO, York Region

Ian... Many happy returns and best of health and happiness.

**Lina Bigioni** - Director, Government Relations, York Region

Ian - Word on the street, you're celebrating six decades of being you. Now that's a headline worth sharing. Happy 60th birthday!

**Frank Scarpitti** - Mayor, City of Markham

Dear Ian, as you celebrate your 60th birthday and take some time to reflect upon your life just know that you have made a difference to more people than you can ever imagine. The purpose of life is to give of oneself to causes that are bigger than yourself and you have done just that! Happy Birthday!

**Maurizio Bevilacqua** - Mayor, City of Vaughan

Happy Birthday Ian. You have accomplished so much and helped so many people in so many ways. In regards to your support for the arts in York Region - Celebration of the Arts and your support for arts organizations and artists will affect York Region and the GTA for years to come and ripple out to provide increased numbers of performers, music teachers, visual artists and a more engaged arts audience and engaged community. We're Proud to work with you.

**Joan Sax and Philip Trow and all your friends, at Opera York.**

On behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Georgina, we would like to offer best wishes to Ian Proudfoot in celebration of your 60th birthday! Wishing you many happy returns!

**Robert Grossi** - Mayor, Town of Georgina

Ian's passionate support of the arts has always impressed me. For years, he has provided a platform that inspires young people to hone their craft and showcase their talent for all of us to enjoy. Thank you, Ian, and on behalf of Bradford West Gwillimbury council, I send our best wishes.

**Doug White** - Mayor, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

Congratulations Ian! We are so fortunate to have a dedicated, caring, compassionate and committed leader in our community. Wishing you a memorable 60th birthday!

**Tony Van Bynen** - Mayor, Town of Newmarket

Ian happy birthday to a great man and a great community leader all the best for your birthday

**Sara Jane and Bart Card**

Happy Birthday Ian, don't worry, 60 is the new 40.

**Dave Barrow** - Mayor, Town of Richmond Hill

On behalf of Aurora Town Council and our Residents, it is my pleasure to offer Ian our best wishes on his birthday.

Ian is a dedicated community leader, and it is a privilege to have this opportunity to celebrate him. Cheers!

**Geoffrey Dawe** - Mayor, Town of Aurora

60 is young - if you're a tree. Ian, you've accomplished much in 60 short years and, I know, the best is still to come.

Your friend always, Ron Lenyk.

**Ron Lenyk** - CEO, Living Arts Centre of Mississauga

Here's to a community leader with community vision! Happy Birthday, Ian.

**Annabel Slaight** - Ladies of the Lake

On behalf of Members of Council I want to wish Ian a very HAPPY Birthday and I wish him good health and happiness in the years to come.

**Wayne Emmerson** - Mayor, Town of Whitchurch Stouffville

Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive that is 'you-er' than you. There is no one I know that is as community as you. Thank you birthday boy, for all you do.

**Daniele** (with help from Dr. Seuss) - United Way of York Region

Happy 60th Birthday Ian. You have just turned another page. In the over twenty years I have had the pleasure of knowing you I consider you a true professional, a man of his word and a pretty darn good golfer, too. You're on the back nine now my friend. Enjoy the day.

**Garry Sleep and the team at Highland National Leasing**

Happy 60th Ian glad you've made it this far... by the way, "You buying lunch"?

**John Slessor**

Now that you are much older, you will need to play more golf and we look forward to being in your foursome.

**Eddie Wong & Rob Brown** - Alta Nissan Group

Ian, best wishes on YOUR day! You've recognized so many community opportunities, filled so many voids, mentored, mastered golf. You're a great family man, a visionary, an entrepreneur and have complimented all the boards you served on...so what are you going to do for the next 20 years?! Great to know you and very best wishes from,

**Kathy, Daniel, Kyle and Gary Foch**

Congratulations, Ian, on the occasion of your 60th birthday. Wish you much health and happiness in the years ahead.

**Ian Oliver** - President, Metroland Media

Happy Birthday Ian.

Through your leadership, you have made a positive difference to the arts in York Region and enriched the lives of many. Thank you for all that you do and for your inspiration, guidance and friendship. Wishing you a wonderful celebration!

**Nancy Bodi** - Executive Director, York Region Arts Council

With heartfelt gratitude for all that you do for others, please allow us this time to salute YOU Ian, on this special day. Have a wonderful birthday. Make the celebration last a month!

You've earned it! Sincerely,

**Sheryl Thomas** - STAR Productions/Marquee Theatrical Productions

Happy 60th, Ian! Getting to know you over the course of my 11 years at York Region has been an absolute pleasure and privilege. You are a credit to your profession and community.

**Bryan Tuckey** - President and CEO, BILD

Ian, a person whom we have come to know and respect for his dedication to his family and to our community. We wish you a special day filled with laughter, family, and friends, continued success and much happiness.

Happy Birthday,

**Betty and Paul Durocher**

The number of Artists that count Ian's support as a significant contributor to their success surpassed his age long ago. Today the Arts in York Region celebrates one its greatest patrons.

**Anthony Leo** - Resurgence Theatre

Celebrating your birthday is great fun! Looking in the rear view mirror, we have great memories that have been shared with you. Memories that have made so many people smile, filled hearts, completed dreams, started new roads because of the gift of personal support that you have always given.

Yes, looking in the rear view mirror at your life as a business professional, a family man, and a friend to many should give you great satisfaction. You have touched countless people in a positive way in your life thus far. Looking in the front view mirror, well let's just say that the smile lines are well earned. Keep up the great life, friend.

**Doug Pettigrew**

Ian, as a fellow resident of East Gwillimbury, I wish you a very Happy 60th Birthday on behalf of the entire community. As a friend, I extend best wishes for a happy 60th and hope you celebrate the big day in style!

**Virginia Hackson** - Mayor, Township of East Gwillimbury

Our community is so fortunate to have the inspirational leadership of Ian Proudfoot. The true coureur de bois of publications, Ian has spread his influence throughout York Region and beyond, moving through towns and bringing excellence to everything he touches. Ian's passion for Southlake Regional Health Centre is unrivalled. Having a community leader like Ian Proudfoot invest so much of his vision, passion and personal time in our hospital is so energizing, and makes us all want to work even harder to continually improve the delivery of health care at Southlake. Our hospital's transformation is a result of his commitment and of the many, many people he has mobilized to support us over the years, and our community is richer for his efforts.

**Dr. Dave Williams** - President & CEO,

Southlake Regional Health Centre

**Nella Poscente** - President & CEO,

Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation

Congratulations Ian on this milestone.

Your support of our Character Community work over the years is reflected in your own personal character shown by your ongoing and unwavering community work by both yourself and your staff.

**Karen Addison** - Executive Director, Character Community Foundation of York Region

Some people are involved in their community. As the Publisher of significant local newspapers, you literally help to define and shape our community.

Your commitment to informing the residents of York-Simcoe about local current events and news has helped to create and build a sense of community.

Congratulations on this special day and best wishes for many more enjoyable years. You are an important part of York Region and York-Simcoe.

**Hon. Peter Van Loan** - MP York-Simcoe

Happy Birthday Ian! Your support both personally and through the YRMG to non-profits like CHATS, Southlake, Character Community, the Arts and so much more define your many years of commitment and dedication to our community! It's sincerely valued and appreciated.

**Tim Jones** - Director of Development CHATS  
Community & Home Assistance to Seniors

I have known Ian for over thirty years through his involvement in many community events. I got to know the kind heart behind the serious face; he is the sort of man that gets involved with total conviction to support a worthy cause. I would like to congratulate him on his many accomplishments, career and philanthropy also as a great family man.

Ian, congratulations on your 60th Birthday! May it be a blast!

**Joe Persechini**

Congratulations and best wishes, Ian. Take a moment (or two) to feel the justifiable pride in your leadership of the York Region Media Group and your contribution to the arts as we celebrate the 13th Annual Celebration of the Arts.

**Julia Munro** - MPP York-Simcoe

Congratulations Ian, I hope your birthday celebration will make a great story!

**Steve Pellegrini, CMO** - Mayor, Township of King

Heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to you Ian on this milestone in your life. You have achieved many accomplishments in the competitive world of media, but your legacy will be in the lives you have touched and inspired through your tireless efforts on behalf of countless community causes.

**Frank Klees** - MPP Newmarket Aurora

Newmarket Chamber of Commerce's tag line is "Leading Businesses and Leading Communities"™. Ian Proudfoot exemplifies this every day in both his business and personal life. Congratulations!

**Debra Scott** - President & CEO

Newmarket Chamber of Commerce

Congratulations Ian on your 60th Birthday. Newmarket and its business community are especially fortunate to have the benefit of your leadership and dedicated community involvement. As a local business owner I have been fortunate to receive excellent input and advice since setting up shop here. Best wishes to you and your family on this momentous occasion from the Royal LePage York North family!

**John Lusink, CCIM** - Broker Of Record/Managing Partner, Royal LePage York North Realty, Brokerage, Independently Owned & Operated

Ian, Wishing you a very Happy Birthday ...

**Evan and Cathy** - The Village Grocer

You have been an incredible asset to our community for years. I am not sure where the years have gone... what I do know is you look fantastic!! Sending you my warm wishes for a happy 40th Ian ;)

**Vivian Risi** - Broker of Record Royal LePage Your Community Realty, Brokerage Independently owned and operated

Happy 60th Ian!

And thank you for your tremendous commitment and leadership over so many years to York Region in support of the Arts, Education, Economic Development and the United Way. You are making a real difference to our broader community!

**Charles Beer** - Counsel Public Affairs Inc

For your leadership, kindness, positive outlook and your ability for making everyone feel like they are the most important person in the world. Thank you.

**Judy Marshall** - Chief Executive Officer, Aurora Chamber of Commerce